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The Editors

D ear reader,

We are well into this semester, and you might be wondering why there' have not been any newspapers on *The Roar* newsstands around campus...

I know that, compared to the past, *The Roar* looks a little bit different this year than in years past. However, I am here to encourage you that it is still the same news reporting, feature storytelling, arts & entertainment reviewing, sports-loving, opinionated paper you've known - it simply has two new homes: online and magazine. New stories will be published daily on piedmontroar.com. And each semester, there will be a new edition of *The Roar* on newsstands — in magazine form.

This decision was not entirely an easy one, it took lots of planning, organizing and restructuring of all of the staff involved. However, it was time for our student media to change with the times, and the truth is not many people our age read newspapers. Now, you will have quicker and easier access for anything going on around campus. Plus, a more vibrant and colorful print edition of *The Roar* will last much longer than the old, thin, black-and-white paper.

The Roar is still written by and for the students. It's still where you can find your campus news, sports highlights and learn more about your fellow Lions. You can still rely on us for informed opinions about issues impacting students, as well as information on what to do on and around campus.

We may have a different style of delivery and design, but *The Roar* will still be reporting campus news with pride.

Sincerely,

A. Watson

Anna Watson, *Editor-in-Chief*



Hello Piedmont family,

I am Brett Loftis, *The Roar* Magazine Editor for the 2021-22 academic school year. I am a senior here at Piedmont University and will be graduating in the spring of 2022. This is my third year on *The Roar* staff. My previous roles have been staff writer and as the sports editor.

First things first, I know things look a lot different this year for *The Roar*. As for *The Roar* newspaper, that content will be posted online at piedmontroar.com. Online content will consist more of up-to-date and timely articles. The website will be updated daily with new content. *The Roar* Magazine will be published once a semester. The magazine will contain features and other articles about your peers at Piedmont as a whole. The Piedmont University family deserves to have a student-led voice that represents each and every one of us. This is how *The Roar* website and magazine will work together, hand in hand, doing this for the future. We want you to be represented but also have something to represent your time here at Piedmont.

With that being said, thank you so much for picking up this edition of *The Roar* Magazine and enjoy!

Sincerely,
Brett Loftis, *Magazine Editor*



Hey Lions!

My name is Emma Marti, I'm a junior mass communications major and I'm currently serving as the Online Editor for *The Roar*. In the past, I've been a staff writer as well as the Opinions Editor. Outside of *The Roar*, I'm the Historian-Reporter for Zeta Tau Alpha and a member of the cheer team. Going into college, I never thought I'd be as involved as I currently am. One day, I went out on a limb and decided to go to one of *The Roar* meetings, and the rest is history.

As the Online Editor, I am in charge of posting the content Piedmont sees daily. Throughout the week, our editors get stories together, upload them on our website and I am the final person to look over everything before it is published for you all to read! We know *The Roar* looks a little different than it used to, but since the world is changing and evolving, we decided it was time for us to make some changes to keep up! Just because we've changed our format doesn't mean anything's changed with our content.

We are still the student-run voice of Piedmont, and we want to make sure we are representing our student body with every story we post.

Sincerely,
Emma Marti, *Online Editor*





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Gym Tips and Tricks By Rowan Edmonds



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It is no secret that the student gym is overcrowded and sometimes hard to navigate. However, that's not going to stop people from going to work out. Whether you're working out for an athletics team or on your own, here are a few tips and tricks to remember when going to the gym:

Know the gym hours. The gym is opened from 6:30 a.m. to 11p.m. Monday - Friday and 11a.m. - 11p.m. Saturday - Sunday, and you can find more information on the athletics website.

If you're not sure about something, just ask.

The gym can be intimidating at times, but if you want to use something, don't be afraid to ask whoever is using that piece of equipment if they can share or are just about done - no one will think you are a jerk!

Be open to alternatives! If the machine you want to use is being used, there are other options available. Free weights are located by the mirrors, and there are more machines on the green track and extra equipment below the tack (on the basketball court).

Follow the rules! There are not many rules in the gym, but please be sure to follow them. Wear your mask, wipe down your equipment and re-rack your weights. Those in charge of the commons can be a stickler for the rules, so make sure you read all of them.

Speak up! When the school gives you the opportunity to speak your mind about the gym, please do. Surveys are sent out regularly where you can anonymously voice concerns or provide input to the SGA.

Try and go around the same time every day.

Creating a routine can be super beneficial. You'll know how busy the gym is going to be and you can start to establish friendships with the people who also go at that time. Plus, you'll know what should be available for you to use at those times.

Be respectful. At the end of the day, everyone in the gym is there for one thing: to better themselves. Working together and being respectful with one another is the most important thing we can do to support each other as fellow lions.

Most athletes are out of the gym by 6:30 p.m. everyday, and there are periodic breaks throughout the day when the gym is free.

Art on Display

By Anna Watson

If you're ever bored around campus, pick up a nice, warm cup of coffee at Temperance and then stroll next door to check out the latest exhibit at the Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art (MSMA). The museum is always filled with beautiful artwork on the upper and lower-level floors, often with a special exhibit located in the alcove on the right. Often highlighting the work of artists around the area, this exhibit changes periodically. So even if you think you've seen it all - you haven't.



Exhibits to See:

Oct. 7 - Nov. 24 Leroy Young: A Retrospective

Young passed away in 2020 after a life of dedicated work as a US Coast Guard officer and as an artist and teacher at Piedmont. Reflecting his life's narrative, the theme of this exhibit embodies the creative work and influence that Young had on his students.

Nov. 18 - Dec. 15 Jan Walker Presents: The Christmas Neeps

Following 42 years of committed work in the Cornelia area, Jan Walker is bringing a collection of pieces from herself and former students to put on display for the holiday season.

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Working "Overtime"

Students Win Silver Telly Award

By Olivia Justus

Piedmont University is the home to some award-winning filmmakers.

Mass communications majors Tyler Goins, Aaron Palmer, Caleb Rogers, Connor Creedon, Christopher Barker and theatre major Johnny Goodwyn all worked together on a short film named "Overtime."

This film took many hours to shoot, edit and produce for Associate Professor of Mass Communications Melissa Jackson. Not only did each student receive great grades for this assignment, but they also won a very prestigious award for their hard work.

"Winning a Telly Award is huge," says junior mass communications major Caleb Rogers. "I was surprised we actually won a silver Telly."

Jackson submitted the trailer of the short film "Overtime" to the Telly Awards. This organization honors excellence in video in all types of forms. This group of students won the Silver Telly Award in the General-Non-Broadcast Division for the trailer they released. For this contest alone, there were over 15 thousand entries, making it a very prestigious award to win. The trailer for "Overtime" was judged by nine different professionals who work for the most illustrious companies in entertainment, publishing, advertising and emerging technology such as WarnerMedia, NBC News, Framestore NY and Vimeo. "It was very exciting to hear," says senior sports communications major Aaron Palmer. "I felt so honored that something I helped create garnered this positive attention."



Junior mass communications major Caleb Rogers filming scenes for the short film "Overtime."

PHOTO // COURTESY CALEB ROGERS

"This group of students should feel extremely proud of winning such an amazing award especially during the year of the pandemic," Jackson said. "The time, effort and teamwork helped this trailer and short film create a huge example for other students to go by. We are super proud of these students for being excellent in and outside of the classroom."

What the Mont?

By Noah Aaron

While Mass Communication students get an opportunity to learn more about the world of podcasting, the rest of Piedmont's student body gets a weekly podcast about their University.

"What the Mont?" is Piedmont University's first internal podcast. It is almost entirely student run and an extension of Piedmont's newspaper, "The Roar". The goal of the podcast is to provide students with a weekly update on news, sports and anything Piedmont related.

The show consists of two new hosts each week that present the week's news in a comfortable and conversational format. The inaugural episode was hosted by junior mass communication and sports communication majors, Rowan Edmonds and Michael Thomason. Future episodes will be hosted by a wide variety of students ranging from soccer players and sports broadcasters to graphic design majors and news writers.

"What the Mont?" will be available every Friday at 4 PM. Be sure to tune in for the latest news from around Piedmont University.

Michael Thomason was extremely grateful to take part in Piedmont's first podcast. "Podcasting is something that has increased in popularity over the past few years, especially recently. I was definitely thrilled to do the first school podcast in history. I definitely learned a lot making it and most importantly, I enjoyed it."

"What the Mont?" was built from the ground up by Dr. Joe Dennis and his podcasting class. This semester is the first time that Piedmont's Mass Communications department has offered this class. "With podcasts being such a thriving medium now, it only makes sense that our department offers a podcast class". Dennis is the Chair of the Mass Communications department, and he has advocated for numerous advancements in curriculum and equipment.

With the addition of the podcasting class Dennis quickly got to work on a brand new podcasting studio. The studio has been equipped with the latest in podcasting and sound mixing technology. It allows for full creative freedom for the hosts.



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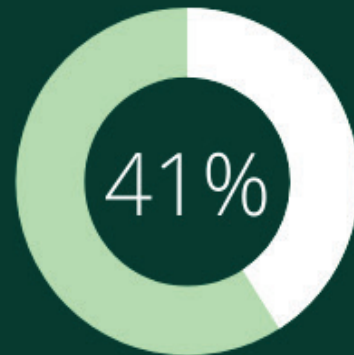




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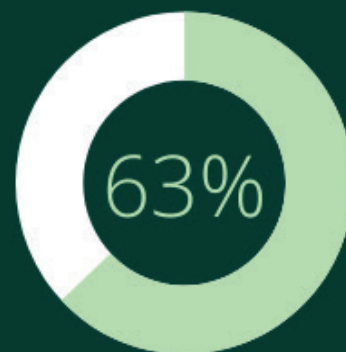
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Return of the Mask

By Hannah Osborne

Piedmont University's action against COVID-19 is back in full swing with its second vaccine clinic and the reinstatement of the mask mandate for all students, faculty, and staff.

As of July 30, Piedmont University planned to return to campus with the retraction of the mask mandate. The mandate had been limited to only unvaccinated students, while vaccinated students were only recommended to wear a mask. This drawback was only momentary. Five days later, as the first students made their return to campus, the protocol was reinstated that all students were required to wear a mask in indoor areas where social distancing was not possible.

On Sept. 1, the protocol was revised once more to enforce the policy in all indoor areas, regardless of ability to social distance. The new policy also required unvaccinated students to wear masks at all times when on campus (aside from personal living space). Vice President of Student Life and Leadership, Dr. Kim Crawford, leads the COVID-19 Taskforce.

The efforts made by the task force are for the benefit of the community, Crawford states, "We are trying to protect all of our campus community members and feel this will help slow the spread and keep our families safe."

The mask mandate and daily lion check are two ways the task force is working to achieve this goal.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Piedmont University hosted a clinic for students to receive the second dose of the now FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine. The clinic has provided the opportunity for any eligible student to receive their vaccine.

Dr. Julia Behr, Dean of Piedmont College Nursing and Health Sciences, voices her concern stating, "This is a public health emergency.



Piedmont University now requires masks be worn at all times indoors

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The vaccine is approved and is safe. Vaccination is not just an individual decision, it is also for the health and safety of those in our community."

For any hesitancy or concerns, Behr recommends visiting the CDC or WHO (World Health Organization) websites for reliable information regarding the disease and the vaccine.

Students attending the university are not required to be vaccinated, though it is, "Highly encouraged for both students and employees," by President Mellichamp. Between Aug. 2 and Aug. 27, 40 total cases were reported from the Demorest campus. This is a 100% increase from this time last year according to the "Living Like a Lion" newsletter. Behr comments on the fact that the "newest trend" with the illness is that "patients are getting younger and sicker," putting college students more at risk as they live in such close proximity to one another.

Schools across the country are all taking preventative measures in hopes that students will not be sent home and return to online learning once again.

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SPOOKY SEASON on Campus

By Anya Olson

The lights in your dorm room are off and you're getting ready for bed. That's when you see a shadow out of the corner of your eye but ignore it because it's probably just your roommate getting up to use the bathroom. But wait... your roommate has left for the weekend. You suddenly become increasingly curious. Did you actually see someone or is your imagination just in Halloween mode? But now you feel a strong sense that someone is watching you. Your heart starts pounding. Your thoughts start racing. What do you do?

Supernatural events on a college campus are not unnatural. Especially when college students study until the late hours of the night, running on little to no sleep. Old buildings creak and crack making one's mind wonder to of course the only possibility--- ghost! Old dorm buildings are perhaps the most haunted. Some buildings can be up to one hundred years in age, meaning logically, there had to have been something spooky happening within those years.

In the sleepy town of Demorest, Georgia, lies Piedmont University, a college founded in 1897. Piedmont is ranked as the #1 Safest Campus in America by Niche in 2021. Although the college may be safe from crime and substance, how safe is the campus from what is already inside their own walls? The first story we received about some paranormal activity on campus comes from two roommates who live in Wallace Hall, a dorm building that is among one of the oldest at Piedmont University. Built in 1959 and primarily a girls dorm, Wallace is a two-story building with 26 bedrooms. Each bedroom shares a connecting bathroom.

"My roommate and I believe that there are two ghosts in our bathroom, a male and a female. A few days after moving in, I heard a male's voice whisper the word "hey" in my right ear. My roommate has heard a female's voice singing every now and then when she gets close to the door. I've woken up a couple of times exactly at 3:33AM to a strong sense of someone's staring at me and have seen a figure standing in our bathroom door with the door cracked open. Every day we hear 3 knocks on our bathroom door every couple of hours as well."

No incidents have ever been reported in Wallace Hall to explain this paranormal activity. But in an attempt to make the situation lighthearted, these two roommates have decided to call their visitors Hanako and Nene from an



Getman Babcock Hall is not only the home to freshman, but many ghosts as well.

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anime about ghosts.

Our next stories come from the one student who has had many different spooky experiences throughout her years at Piedmont. Built in 1942, her first story is set in Getman Babcock hall (GB), the oldest dorm on campus. "My freshman year, when hurricane Irma hit, my best friend and I were packing to go home and we were in my dorm in the communal hall in GB. GB is notorious for being haunted, so this really didn't surprise me. My best friend walked out of my room and stopped dead in her tracks. I walked out and asked what was wrong, and she just told me to look at the fire exit door. There was a girl standing there, facing the door, standing completely still. We only know it was a ghost because of the fact that I was the only one in the communal hall that was still on campus.

My junior year, I lived in New Bedford. One day, I was in class and my suitemate was sick so she didn't go to class. She texted me asking if I was home from class yet, and when I said no, she said, 'I just heard someone open your door, put stuff down, walk into and out of the bathroom, and get in your bed.'

Last year, we were living in the Village, and one of my roommates was sitting in our living room. She was sitting super still, staring at our window, when I walked out of my room. I asked what was wrong, and she said she saw something run by our window, but didn't hear anyone talking, a door close, or footsteps."

Now that you've heard a few haunting tales, maybe you'll be more alert when you see a shadow at night or hear an unusual sound. After all, you never know what's been living in your room before you... happy spooky season.

Leaving a Legacy: Piedmont Athletics Rack up Awards

By Brett Loftis

Even through a pandemic, the Piedmont Lions athletics roared during the spring semester of 2021. Just as the Lions roared very loudly in the spring, the aftershock was felt long into the summer.

“Considering that it was our last year competing as Piedmont College and all the hurdles that COVID-19 presented, we had a historic year in the department,” said Piedmont Athletic Director Jim Peeples. “That couldn’t have happened without the commitment from our coaches, staff and student-athletes to navigate those challenges. We worked together as a family and worked through each challenge we faced.”

The Lions worked together and compiled a long list of accomplishments. On the court, the Piedmont Women’s Basketball team was represented by sophomore forward Nakiyah Washington on the D3hoop.com All-South Region second team. Piedmont Men’s Basketball also had a representative on D3hoops.com All-South Region Second team in the form of Sophomore guard, Ryan Jolly.

Imani Vincent, sophomore women’s tennis player, won the USA South Women’s Tennis player of the year. On the diamond, Piedmont baseball racked up the hardware. Fifth-year senior left handed pitcher Sam Carpenter was named a fourth-team All-American by D3baseball.com, a third-team All-American by ABCA and All-South Region First team by ABCA as well. Junior closer and center fielder Carter Ballstadt was also named a fourth-team All-American by D3baseball.com, All-South Region Second team by ABCA and won a Rawlings Division-III Gold Glove. Fifth-year senior second baseman, Jack Bartlewski also brought home an All-South Region Second team by ABCA honor.

On the other diamond, Piedmont Softball brought home a national award as junior outfielder Katelyn Perry was named to the NFCA First Team Atlantic Region team. Perry was also named the USA South Player of the Year, as teammates junior pitcher Martina Maloch and freshman pitcher Emma McBrayer won the USA South Pitcher and Freshman Pitcher of the year, respectively.

Out on the Piedmont Men’s Lacrosse field, fifth-year senior



Not only named fourth-team All-American, Carter Ballstadt also won a Golden Glove.

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goalkeeper Zach Czulada brought home the USA South Defensive Player of the Year.

On the golf course, freshman Josh Hebrink, sophomore Fred Roberts IV, senior Matt Leeman and fifth-year senior Ben Balen all were named to the PING All-South Region team by GCAA. Balen and Roberts were also named to the second-team and honorable mention PING All-American teams by GCAA, respectively.

Piedmont Track & Field was also recognized on the men’s and women’s side as well. Fifth-year senior Alvin Jacobs and junior Madison Cassidy were both named to the US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association South/Southeast All-Region teams. Piedmont also awarded a men’s and women’s senior student-athlete of the year award. The recipients of these two awards were senior men’s golfer Matthew Leeman and senior women’s soccer player Cassie Kirk.

USA South Coach of the Year 2020-2021



Jamie Jimison

PHOTO // KARL L. MOORE

Senior Student-Athlete of the Year Award 2020-2021



Cassie Kirk



Matthew Leeman

PHOTOS // KARL L. MOORE

awards are a reflection of excellence in the classroom, the fields of play and individual and team commitment to that pursuit of excellence.”

Student comes first in the name “student-athlete” for a reason. Piedmont Softball had two Academic All-District team members, elementary education major Martina Maloch and nursing major Katelyn Perry. Piedmont Women’s Soccer players junior Katelyn Smith, junior Amanda Weinhart, sophomore Sarah Fisher and senior Madison Hatfield were also named to the Academic All-District team. Hatfield was also named an Academic All-American. Piedmont Men’s Soccer player senior Cameron Earls was named to the Academic All-District and All-American teams. The Women’s Golf Association named three Piedmont Women’s Golfers, sophomore Carson Weiner, sophomore Morgan Calhoun and senior Sarah Hustey, as All-American Scholars.

“Our coaches are leveraging this in the recruiting process.

We are attracting new student-athletes who want to be a part of the culture we work so hard to cultivate,” said Peeples. “I also think that is evident with the majority of the transfers who also come and join our programs. Highly motivated people want to have the opportunity to be outstanding. We have been able to do that throughout our department.”

Jamie Jiminson, Piedmont Men’s and Women’s Track & Field Head Coach, was named the USA South Coach of the Year. Trey Martin, Piedmont Women’s Tennis Coach, and Terry Martin, Piedmont Softball Coach, were also named USA South Coach of the Year in their respective sports.

“I would love to give a special thank you to our athletic communications staff who do an amazing job nominating and finding all these tremendous postseason awards for our student-athletes and our teams,” said Peeples. “Without their work, none of these things would have happened.”

Using Taboo to Unify and Change, “Hair” Impresses

By Presley Field

The saying “history will always repeat itself” often has truth to it. It certainly was true in the main points of “Hair”. The cast took the themes of unified change and ran with it. The show, intended for mature audiences, was incredibly humorous and the taboo topics of drugs, sex, and war were handled very well. “Hair” had some similarity to today’s political climate and felt strangely familiar.

The three pronged trident performances of Garrett Smith, Jordan Hicks, and Carson Letner were fantastic. Claude, played by Hicks, had a huge decision to make after being drafted for the war. He had all kinds of influences from his parents as well as his friends. In Hicks’ performance, you could clearly see the internal conflict going on and the impact it had on Claude. Another performance worth highlighting was the musical talent of Brittney Wilder. Wilder played Dionne and showed off her singing talents throughout the entire show.

Before attending “Hair”, audiences know it takes place in the late 1960’s during the Vietnam War. The set reflected that of the late 60’s with the graffiti. The phrases of “freedom”, “no draft” really took audiences back to that time period. The other side of the stage promoted peace and love which was a huge part of the message that the hippie, anti war protestors stood for in this cast. The lighting was also great throughout the show, adding to the mood and setting in each scene.

The musical numbers for each act were fantastic. Piedmont Theatre is blessed with students that have amazing musical talent that make each musical that is performed, very enjoyable. I know some songs had more emphasis on the overall message but a personal favorite of mine was the number of “Hair” itself.



Johnny Goodwyn poses for a picture during the photoshoot held for “Hair”

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It was really great to see the cast connect back to a time period of war protests and look to make a difference. The last couple of years have been an interesting time for young people looking to navigate through life. “Hair” provided some inspiration and some hope that people’s voices do matter and people can make a difference. With the youth that comes with being in college, it was nice to have a reminder that we are the future and that we can make a difference and change things for the better

The Piedmont Theatre department put on yet another great performance and will look to continue this trend with “Walk Two Moons” directed by Kathy Blandin from November 18th to the 21st. You won’t want to miss it.

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WALK TWO MOONS



November 18-21, 2021

Swanson Center Black Box Theatre

Story by Sharon Creech | Adapted for the stage by Tom Arvetis | Directed by Kathy Blandin

Thursday-Saturday 7:30 PM | Sunday 2:00 PM

\$5 General Admission | Piedmont faculty, staff and students are free

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Deals Around Demorest

By Caden Nelms

Saving money is essential to fitting a college students' budget. Many students will look for places around their campus to visit that are cheap or give student discounts as a way to make their money last longer. As a freshman, transfer student or just someone who doesn't know Demorest well, it may be difficult to find good places to go to with friends. Oftentimes, restaurants or other places that do offer a student discount won't advertise it, so ask around your local shops and restaurants anyway, you never know who has a discount.

To give you an idea of places around Piedmont University that give student discounts, here is a list:

Zaxby's: When you order food, show your Piedmont student ID and you will receive 10% off each individual meal ordered. Zaxby's is located at 180 Cannon Bridge Road in Cornelia.

Temperance House Fine Coffee: When you show your Piedmont student ID at Temperance, you will receive a 5% off your order. Temperance is located at 551 Georgia Street in Demorest, right across from Piedmont University.

The Axe Armory: The Axe Armory lets Piedmont University students axe throw for \$15 per hour. Normal price is \$25 per hour. The Axe Armory is located at 121 Hodges Street in Cornelia.

El Patron Family Mexican Restaurant: El Patron gives Piedmont students 15% off when they show that they are a student. El Patron is located at 950 N Main Plaza Drive in Cornelia.

A to Zinc Health Store and Smoothie Bar: A to

Zinc gives Piedmont students 10% off when they show their student ID. A to Zinc is located at 204 E Louise Street in Clarksville.

Casa Bariachi Mexican Grill: Casa Bariachi Mexican Grill does not advertise their discount at all. They said to let them know you are a Piedmont student or faculty member and they will give you a discount. Casa Bariachi Mexican Grill is located at 107 Market Centre Drive in Cornelia.

Where do you like to go for Mexican food?

A) Casa B) El Patron C) El Jinete



See the results on
www.piedmontroar.com,
ending Dec. 1st.



Features

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Where the Lions Get Their Roar

By Connor Jelley

Since he was eight years old, Brett Loftis knew his passion lied within the field of broadcasting.

Loftis set foot on Piedmont's campus in 2019 as a freshman and quickly made a name for himself. Within a short year he was referred to as "the voice of the Lions," with his infectious enthusiasm generating rave reviews from parents and students alike.

"It's been great having Brett as our play-by-play commentator," said Piedmont men's basketball player, Aaron Palmer. "He's quickly become the voice of Piedmont athletics and has sparked energy throughout the department," Piedmont basketball player, Aaron Palmer said.

Loftis calls almost every sport here at Piedmont University, but baseball has always been his passion. While his broadcasts have propelled him to new heights, last season Piedmont baseball was in the middle of a defensive duel with Adrian College that would last 14 innings. One call during that game put Loftis on the map. It was a play that had many reminiscing the 2020 World Series (game 4) between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Tampa Bay Rays.

"It reminded me of that Randy Arozarena play in game 4 of the World Series," Loftis said. "I went bonkers because it was the first game back with fans and I just fed off that energy man."

His famous call ended with a saying that now lives on in Piedmont athletics lore, "Goodness gracious alive, where else would you rather be?" After that game Loftis received an incredible amount of love from players and parents

of Piedmont athletics. Loftis did not know just yet how much notoriety he had gotten.

"Danielle Percival, our sports information director, walks up to me and tells me I should check Twitter. And it had like 9,000 views, and 'D3 podcast' shared it and talked about me on there," Loftis explained.

The excitement and electricity Loftis calls the games with is infectious and has helped spark interest among Piedmont student athletes.



Senior sports communications major Brett Loftis found his passion in broadcast.

PHOTO // KARL L. MOORE

"Brett has been a huge addition to the Mane Event Broadcasting team for Piedmont baseball," said Amy and Jeff Ballstadt, parents of senior outfielder Carter Ballstadt and former Lion standout Brady Ballstadt. "His broadcasts bring a great combination of player and team statistics, fun facts and explosive energetic play by plays that engages both fans at home and in the stands."

As an athletic community that houses players from all over the country including California, Connecticut, Ohio and Indiana, Loftis' love for the

green and gold allows families to feel as if they are here at the Walker Athletic complex.

"His enthusiasm and passion for the green and gold is palpable and provides a tangible feel to a broadcast which puts our home athletic events in the homes of families across the country," Head coach of Piedmont's women's soccer team, Timmy McCormack said.

Loftis has left not only an impact here at Piedmont University, but also a legacy that will live on within the history of this institution. The Lions get their roar from the voice of Piedmont University athletics.

Piedmont's Deepest Root: Bruce Irving

By Matt Kodrowski

There are many students and faculty members at Piedmont who have attended this institution because their family members have also attended. Few families however have as many generations running through Piedmont as Bruce Irving, who is a Piedmont shuttle driver on the Demorest campus. Irving's family connection to the institution starts with his grandparents who met and were married while at Piedmont, and then his parents attended Piedmont. His family has continued to have their descendants attend the institution.

"They [Irving's grandparents] met back in the thirties," says Irving. "I graduated in 1980, my daughter went to school here in 1994, and so did my son, so we've had about a total of seven generations of our family here at Piedmont."

While Irving was a Piedmont student, he was a pitcher and third baseman for the baseball team. Even fifty years ago, Piedmont student-athletes were required to stay on campus. Because Piedmont was still a very small school, the only sports they had back then were baseball, basketball, and tennis.

"Back then we only played four games the whole season," says Irving. "Two of them were against the same opponent. Wallace used to be a dorm just for athletes, so that's where I stayed."

Irving's work with Piedmont does not stop with just driving the shuttle. He also served as a member of campus police for 2-3 years and with residential living for 4-5 years after that. This is not all too surprising considering Irving has lived in Demorest for about 20 years! Irving loves what he gets to do to serve the students at Piedmont, a place he loves and is well-rooted in.

"I love Piedmont, and I love the students," says Irving. "Driving the shuttle, you meet some new people here. I feel like I have a pretty good judge of character, and you get to know the kids, and it's almost like I want to help their parents in looking after them in making sure they get where they need to be."



Caden Nelms and Bruce Irving standing out front of the Piedmont Shuttle.
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Seeking Student Growth: Dr. Silber

By Emma Marti

Joining the Piedmont community in 2018, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Dan Silber understands the importance of teamwork as well as how each individual has a hand in the growth and overall quality at an institution.

After deciding he wanted to be a college professor, Silber headed to Kent State University where he taught for three years. Silber's next stop would be at Florida Southern College for ten years, which is also where he started his career in administration. After Florida Southern, Silber and his family moved to Missouri where Silber served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College at Culver-Stockton.

"I worked there for six years, but it just was not the most ideal part of the country for my family and me," said Silber. "Piedmont was located pretty ideally for my family and me, which was an important factor. I saw Piedmont had an opening as the Chief Academic Officer, which was a position I wanted to try. I think our priorities are the right priorities, it should be about students' education. All those things were really what attracted me to Piedmont.

Like every institution, Piedmont would not function without the help of everyone involved. At Piedmont, the Board of Trustees is above President Mellichamp, who oversees Athletics Director Jim Peeples, Campus Minister Reverend Tim Garvin-Leighton, Special Assistant to President and Board of Trustees Dr. Shahryar Heydari and Executive Assistant Erin Forester.

Next, there's the Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Brant Wright, the Senior Vice President and Provost of Academic Affairs Dr. Dan Silber, the Vice President of Institutional Advancement Craig Rogers, the Vice President of Student Life and Leadership Dr. Kim Crawford and the Vice President of Enrollment Management, a spot Piedmont is currently working to fill. All of these positions have their own teams and responsibilities they look over.

"Florida Southern is where I moved into administration," said Silber. "A lot of people who start off as an academic faculty member eventually move into administration, especially at smaller institutions. You find that there's just a lot of work that needs to be done to keep the institution going."

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to evaluate how we live our everyday lives, and education is an important aspect of that. Students and faculty have had to be more mindful of things they never had to consider. Classes that were typically hosted completely in person had to switch to an online format.

When the pandemic first hit and Piedmont was forced to go completely online, this showed that online learning at Piedmont was not only possible, but a plausible alternative to become a more accessible campus.

"Hopefully our online programs will continue to develop and mature and attract more students," said Silber. "We want to be able to meet the needs of non-traditional or post-traditional students who are looking for an opportunity to advance in their lives and careers. We've got a great team over in the office of academic technology, they develop these really great courses and programs."

In the spring of 2021, Piedmont College officially became Piedmont University. This not only means each academic school becoming a college and Piedmont as a whole becoming a university, but growth in the student body.

Mystic Hall is the newest residence hall being added to Piedmont and with plans to complete construction by the end of the fall 2022 semester, this new building is set to house almost 270 students. Growing Piedmont's numbers is a part of the strategic plan for Piedmont, as well as a personal goal Silber would love to see.



Looking to the future, Silber is excited to keep Piedmont growing in more ways than one.
PHOTO // MATT KODROWSKI

“Within the next five years, I would love to see us grow,” said Silber. “This is a part of our strategic plan, which we keep revising, but over the next three year timeframe we are really trying to increase our residential population up to a thousand.”

Housing is not the only thing that is required for the student body to grow, Piedmont also needs to stay up to speed with the increasing demand for different majors and academic programs.

“In order for us to reach our goal and grow, not only in the student body but as an institution, we have to have enough programs, as well as a diversity of programs, to make us attractive to that greater number of students,” said Silber.

If Silber’s goal is to become a reality, Piedmont needs to become a household name. Being well-known in the area is a part of this, but it also means recruiting students from different parts of the country.

“I’d like to see us get our name out more,” said Silber. “Piedmont is one of Northeast Georgia’s best kept secrets, which is great, but we shouldn’t be kept a secret. We should be known out there in the world. I think Piedmont’s best days are probably ahead of it and I’ve considered myself very fortunate to be able to contribute to that.”

A New Era for Women's Soccer:

Stephanie Lamm

By Anya Olson

"I want to take this winning team to a new level," said Piedmont University's new assistant women's soccer coach Stephanie Lamm. "My goal is to elevate every aspect of play and make this team unstoppable."

Stephanie Lamm is in her first season as assistant coach at Piedmont University. She comes to Piedmont with twenty-two years of soccer experience, since she started playing at the young age of four. Lamm, originally raised in Dallas, Texas but from Jefferson, Georgia also played collegiately at Emmanuel College. As a four year forward starter, Lamm totaled 11 goals and over 3,000 minutes at Emmanuel, a division two college in Franklin Springs, GA. After graduating, she was able to further her career in soccer by becoming a coach.

"I worked at Rockford College in Illinois as an assistant graduate coach," said Lamm. "I learned the dynamic of talking to the players and how to interact with them successfully."

Lamm coached at Rockford for two years while attending graduate school. She was able to gain experience coaching while also finishing her degree in Sports Management. As a player, Lamm knew how to interact with her teammates but being a coach calls for a different type of involvement.

"I never knew how much went into things like recruiting," Lamm said. "I got first hand experience watching game highlights, emailing and connecting with these players. I really learned how to be consistent and see new talent to build a successful team."

With the help of Rockford's head coach and Lamm's hard work, Rockford went from having a six person roster to a twenty-two player roster— during COVID. Lamm worked hard to make connections with new recruits that would last as they came into the college. After being successful at Rockford, Lamm decided to continue her coaching career closer to her family.

"I went to high school and college in Georgia so I feel extremely lucky to be able to coach here," Lamm said. "My family lives forty-five minutes from Piedmont too so it really feels like home."

The homey feel of Piedmont isn't the only thing Lamm loves about the college. Now as a Piedmont lion, Lamm has big goals for the team and the upcoming season.

"What I loved about Piedmont is that we have the facilities and the staff that other division 3 programs don't have," said Lamm. "We have every reason to continue to be a threat and a strong program."

All Piedmont athletic teams have access to the gym including a strength and conditioning coach as well as the athletic training staff. New turf has also been added to the Walker Athletic field which is used by women's and men's soccer and lacrosse. As for winning facilities come winning programs which is something the women's soccer team knows well.

"We come into the fall 2021 season as conference champions. We brought Stephanie in to help improve our attack and make the team's offense more dangerous."

-Head Coach
Timmy McCormack



Stephanie Lamm with the women's
soccer team
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Piedmont women's soccer are current conference champions of the USA South. After winning the championship game last spring versus Maryville College with a score of 1-0. Spring 2020 the Lady Lions went 9-6-1, 14-7-1 in 2019 and 17-5-1 in 2018. Lamm's main goals are to elevate the offense and their play.

"As a former forward I want to focus most on our forwards," said Lamm. "We are winning games but I want to win by even more of a goal difference. Instead of winning by one goal, let's win by three or four."

Lamm explains the aspects of the team that she would like to improve. Since she was a forward, she has the most knowledge in attacking play and how to convey these skills into the games.

"I have already noticed a difference in the way we are playing," said sophomore forward Madison Gallarelli. "I think the drills we have been doing in practice have given us more opportunity to score and get used to scoring."

Gallarelli comes to Piedmont from Orlando, Florida where

she was an active scorer on her club soccer team. She recalls beginning to do more attacking drills this fall season than last spring season. Lamm emphasizes the kinds of drills that she wants to focus on going forward.

"I will be doing a lot of transition drills for the offense which will help the forwards attack faster," said Lamm. "The best way to take the opposing team by surprise is to counter attack fast and get as many players up the field as possible."

Lamm will be getting the women's soccer team ready for their conference season which begins on September 25th versus Berea College on the Walker Athletic Field. Until the season starts, the Lady Lions will have four more preseason games to prepare themselves.

"The team has been extremely focused during practice," said Lamm. "I love seeing their hard work and I'm excited to see the results on the field."

Visit www.piedmontlions.com for the women's soccer schedule and information on how to support their games!

Home Away from Home

By Maria Allocco

Every year colleges have students around the world attend their institutions. Whether students are incoming freshmen, or rising seniors some students have to find a way to cope with being far away from home. Some people go to college right in their hometown, but others come from hours- or in some cases- days away.

For many people, they go to a college where it feels like home. The smell of the Georgia mountains, the pretty scenery, and being located in a small southern town is the definition of Piedmont University. In some cases, it is a student's home away from home. Jennifer Ewald, from Germany, is one of these cases. She is a senior double major in English and Pedagogy with aspirations to become a teacher.

"A direct flight is 13 hours, but having a layover it can take up to three days depending on the flight ticket you get," said Ewald. "You also have to keep in mind that there's a six hour time difference between the United States and Germany."

Being that far away from home has its own challenges. For Ewald, it's the first time she has been away from home or in a different country without her parents. "I don't get to talk to my parents often because of the time zone difference, so when I do get the chance, it's as if I have to catch up on the past couple of days that have happened," said Ewald.

However, through her college years, Ewald has found her niche within the Piedmont family. "People here are so nice, and the hospitality made me feel so welcomed," says Ewald.

"Since the luggage weight for flying is only 50 pounds there was only so much I could take here to school, so people offered to give me lots of stuff I would need once I arrived on campus. Some of those things were pillows, blankets, a comforter for my bed and even a couch for my room. I was beyond grateful."

Being so far away from home, Ewald isn't able to have a car on campus and has to rely on making friends to help her out when she is in need. On the flipside, there are also students who come to Piedmont that are less than an hour down the road. NaNa Eadds is a freshman Athletic Training major from Toccoa, GA, roughly 20 minutes away from Piedmont.



Originally from Germany, Jennifer Ewald is 4,657 miles away from home.

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She came to the university simply for the fact of being close to home and being able to be close to her mom and siblings. "I have five siblings and they're my everything," said Eadds. "I wouldn't know what to do if I couldn't go home every weekend to see them and my parents." Since Eadds is near her hometown, access to a car is no problem as opposed to Ewald's circumstance.

Eadds has grown up in Northeast Georgia her entire life. "For people who live far away from college, that takes a special kind of person," says Eadds. "You can't go home when you want, and I know everyone misses their parents- whether they want to admit it or not."

The 2021-2022 freshmen class for Piedmont is the most diverse class the institution has ever seen. There are students from Cameroon, Germany, Honduras, India, Peru, Greece, Jamaica, Equatorial Guinea, as well as 25 different US states.

For more information on the diversity on campus visit www.piedmont.edu/diversity-equity-inclusion/.

Student Activities to Vice President: Dr. Kim Crawford

By Caden Nelms

When Kim Crawford graduated from Reinhardt University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in English, her goal was to become a writer or an English teacher. However, when she couldn't find a job and started working in retail and paid her way through a master's program. Two years later, in 2009, she graduated from Georgia College & State University with a Master's of Arts in Teaching and Secondary Education in English. After the state of Georgia cut funding from education, she applied for any job and got a job in Student Activities at Piedmont University.

"I just started applying to any and everything," said Crawford, Vice President of Student Life & Leadership. "I ended up at a college working in Student Activities."

Starting at South Texas College as a Student Activities Specialist, Crawford quickly switched to the Academic Affairs side of the college and became the Director of Student Academies and Special Programs. Then, when coming to Piedmont in 2015, she did the same, started out as the Director of Student Activities before switching to the Student Affairs area of Piedmont. She was promoted to Associate Dean of Student Life & Leadership, But Crawford didn't stop there. Her dream has always been to be the dean, which she even said in her interview when applying at Piedmont. That dream became a reality when, in January 2020, Crawford transitioned to Dean of Student Life & Leadership, but, again, she didn't stop there. At the beginning of August 2021, she was throned Vice President of Student Life & Leadership. Being a Vice President at a university is not an easy feat, it does come with new responsibilities and roles.

"I have the opportunity to serve on the president's cabinet now," said Crawford. "That's kind of like his leadership team."

She not only oversees Student Affairs and student experience like before, but she also now oversees, OARS (Office of Accessibility, Resources, and Services), counseling services, career services and Title IX. Although Crawford has new responsibilities as a vice president, one thing hasn't changed, Crawford is still the voice of the students here at Piedmont and tries to ensure students are in mind when decisions at Piedmont are being made.

"I also have the opportunity to meet with [Dr. Mellichamp] bi-weekly with just the vice presidents," said Crawford.



Not only VP of student activities, Kim Crawford is a mother and wife too.

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"I have a voice at the table to truly advocate for students and be able to, I hope, make a difference for them so they can seek changes that they want to see or speak on their behalf."

Whatever Dr. Crawford is doing, she wants to have the best interest in the students and wants to build connections with all students, individually, and as the student body in its entirety. Dr. Crawford has an open-door policy for her office. If she's not in a meeting, she tries to keep her door open so anyone can stop in and say "Hello!", ask questions, get support or just talk.

You can go by Dr. Crawford's office in the Student Affairs Suite located upstairs in the Student Commons, office 244, or email her at kcrawford@piedmont.edu. You can also call her office at 706-778-8500 x1050.

Classroom and Community Leader: Dr. Dale Van Cantfort

By Brett Loftis

Leadership is not a taught behavior, but rather leaders are born. Dr. Dale Van Cantfort, Professor of Mass Communications, is a born leader. He was recognized as just that this past summer as he was awarded the 2020-21 David D. Stovall Habersham County Rotarian of the Year Award.

“DVC is a pillar in the community, but also here at Piedmont University,” said Dr. Melissa Tingle, Assistant Professor, Mass Communications Associate Dean and Co-Chair. “He is able to integrate his connections that he has with Rotary into the classroom for our students by providing numerous opportunities. Dr. Van Cantfort is able to work his connections with the Rotary to help provide students with real-life experiences in advertising and communications course.”

“DVC” as Dr. Van Cantfort is commonly known as by his co-workers and students, works for the people around him. This is shown through his work with the Rotary Club, as he has been involved with the organization for over four decades.

“Rotary is an international organization with clubs all over the world,” said Dr. Van Cantfort. “I have been a member of the Habersham County Rotary Club for over a dozen years now, but I have been a member of Rotary dating back 1975.”

DVC has been involved with a lot of different activities and events since joining Rotary. However, perhaps the one activity that he has dedicated most of his time to is the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

“When I think about Dr. Van Cantfort, I am very proud of him. He has dedicated a very large amount of time over the years to Rotary, especially when it comes to the Georgia Rotary Student Program,” said Dr. Janice Moss, Professor of Mass Communications. “Across the United States, they offer scholarships to international students for one academic year. Dr. Van Cantfort and his family have served as a host family for a number of our international students.

When most students first encounter DVC, they are intimidated. They fear that he is going to be one of the toughest professors at Piedmont and will never help them out at all. However, DVC is quite the opposite. He is one of the most respected, well-liked and cherished professors not only in the mass communications department, but at

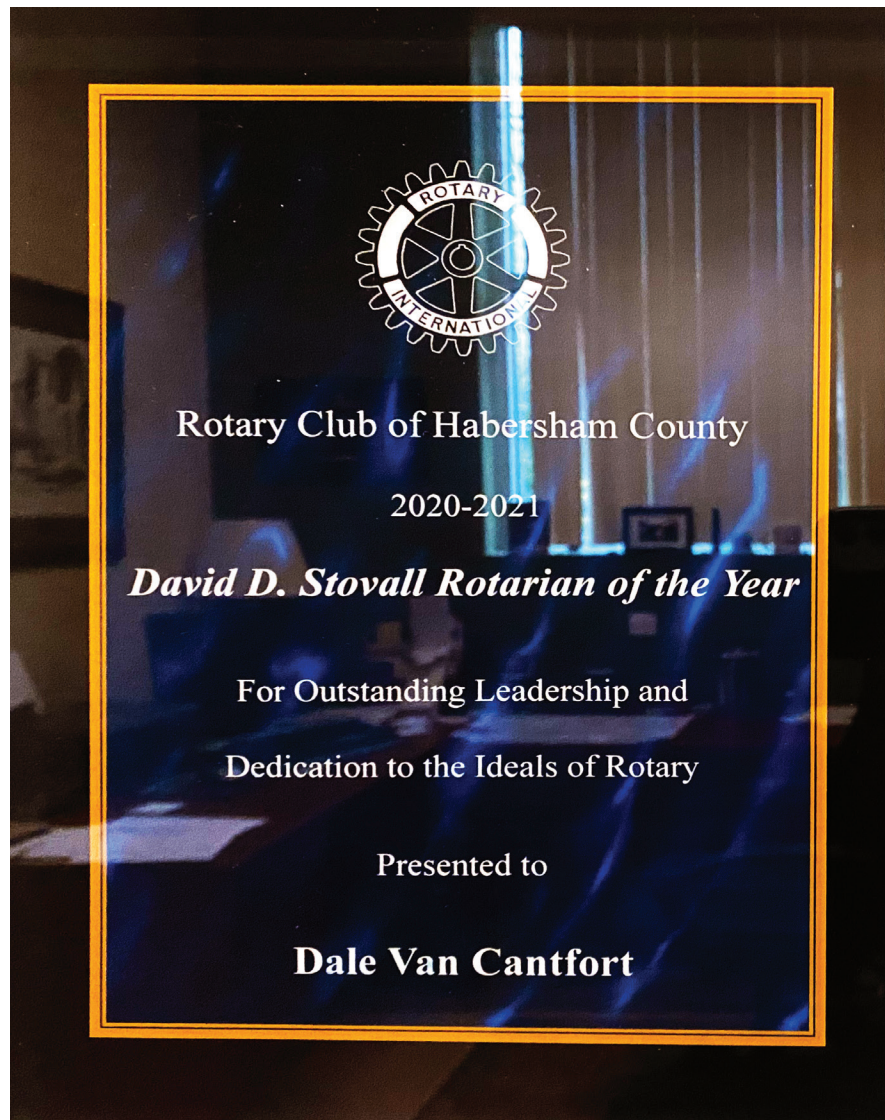


DVC with Rotarian of the Year Award.
PHOTO // BRETT LOFTIS

Piedmont University as a whole. However, how can a man appear as such an intimidating figure, yet be one of the most appreciated people in the entire Piedmont University community?

“DVC is no ‘paper tiger.’ He taught me that word. A ‘paper tiger’ is somebody who appears very tough on the outside, but is actually weak and ineffectual. He is a legitimate tiger,” said Dr. Tingle. “Here around campus he is a fantastic mentor, and he is one of the greatest advocates I have ever encountered in higher education. He is very well respected around here by his peers, the faculty, amongst the administration and by the students. I know when a lot of students first encounter him they are intimidated by him, but over time as they get to know him, they realize the heart of gold that he has.”

However, there was a time when Dr. Van Cantfort was not able to be involved with the Rotary Club as much as he would have wanted to. This time was when he first made the transition from the business world of owning local radio stations to becoming a professor here at Piedmont University. Yet, Rotary means so much to him, DVC had to change something where he could become more involved.



DVC's Rotarian of the Year Award plaque
PHOTO // ANNA WATSON

"When I first made the transition to Piedmont, I was not the department chair, I was just a member of the department. My department chair scheduled me for a class at noon on Thursdays. Well, Rotary meets at noon," said Dr. Van Cantfort. "So, there was a period of time where I was not involved in Rotary because there was that conflict. When I became chair, I rearranged my schedule on purpose so that I would be available on Thursday afternoons so that I would be able to attend Rotary."

The motto of the Rotary Club is "service above self." As a professor at a small private institution, they have to be able to work closely and well with other students, professors and administration. No one does this better than DVC. "I just have so much respect for him, the work that he has done and what he continues to do in the Rotary Club," said Dr. Moss. "We have our motto, 'service above self,' and he is definitely a testament to service above self. Even here at

Piedmont, he always thinks about us before his needs. To me, he will always be a living legend."

Usually, being involved means knowing all of the ins and outs of what is going on. This is each little known fact, well-kept secret and whatever else confidential information that is out there. Yet, there was one secret that the Rotary Club was able to keep from Dr. Van Cantfort.

"First off, it was totally unexpected and a very well kept secret. There were a number of other Rotarians who were as deserving if not more deserving of the award. The award is called the 'Rotarian of the Year' but it is usually given as a way to recognize someone who has given more than one year," said Dr. Van Cantfort. "They have put in a number of year's worth of activities, showing the consistency of being involved and putting service above self. I am humbled by it, and I am certainly very appreciative of it."

Shifting Perspectives

By Rowan Edmonds

Graduating from college means so many things to different people. Some people are lucky and land a job right out of college. Some graduated during COVID-19 and were unable to progress with their original plan. This was the case for Addison Mock.

Mock graduated in spring 2020, during the middle of the COVID-19 crisis. He planned to take some time off then go to med school to be a doctor; however, because the world was under lockdown, he had to re-evaluate that plan and shift his perspective to something completely different- weight lifting.

“I started lifting my freshman year of college because of baseball,” said Mock. “I officially started lifting to compete about two years ago.”

The style of lifting Mock does is called Olympic and Powerlifting. It focuses mainly on lifting very heavy and only a few times. Since he started focusing on the big lifts, he has almost perfected his form, and he keeps upping his weight every day. From COVID-19 to now, he can lift about 100 pounds heavier in nearly all exercises.

“I met a coach that got me into competitions,” said Mock. “I needed something after college to help get the competitive side out.”

Mock wants to eventually compete at the national level for both powerlifting and Olympic lifting. There are three main types of lifts for working out; powerlifting, Olympic lifting, and bodybuilding. Bodybuilding focuses more on aesthetics than strength. Olympic lifting is a lot more technical and is the kind of lifting you will see in the Olympics. Powerlifting focuses more on the explosiveness of a movement and using as much power as your body can produce in said movement. While Mock has dreams to take his lifting nationally, he still wants to focus on his medical school goals.

“My biggest advice for newly graduated college students, especially if they want to get into competing, is getting a coach,” said Mock. “I know it’s a little bit of a sacrifice for money, but the difference it makes who can look at you objectively is worth every penny.”

Mock has enrolled at Ross University School of Medicine and will be starting his medical school career on January 22nd. However, his love for lifting will never go away. He will continue to chase after his dreams, both academically and physically.



Welcome Piedmont's Quarantine Queen: Madison Smith

By Matt Kodrowski

Over the years, Piedmont University has introduced plenty of new faces to the students and faculty on campus. One of those faces is the new Director of Residential Living, Madison Smith. Before Piedmont, she spent some time working in housing for the Huntington campus of the University of Alabama. When the pandemic hit, she became in charge of isolating and housing COVID-19 positive students. Due to her valiant and organized efforts, she was crowned the noblest of nicknames: the Quarantine Queen.

Anyone who meets Smith quickly falls in love with the way she treats people. Her fun-loving personality is infectious, and she loves talking with the students and getting to know everyone around her. She is confident and truly embodies the positive aspects that make someone a queen.

"I went to Kennesaw State for my undergraduate and worked at Reinhardt University before my last three years at the University of Alabama," Smith said. "I was in my last semester and it was my first day of student teaching. When I came home that day, I just remember thinking I did not want to do this anymore but I had spent three years on this degree."

Smith recalls feeling stressed because she did not want to change her major when she was so close to graduating. While she was working as a student leader, she sought counsel from her boss in housing. Her boss suggested that Smith try housing since she would not need a specific major for that line of work.

"My boss had a Bachelor's in Biology and she was a hall director," said Smith. "I've also had friends who have been math majors pursue jobs in housing. You do not need a specific degree to do this, which is what I think intrigued me so much."

Smith explains the path she took to becoming interested in the housing department. But how does a Quarantine Queen go from working at one of the most well-known universities in the country to finding her way to a small town in Northeast Georgia?

"I knew of Piedmont. I knew Piedmont's



New Director of Residential Living, Madison Smith, poses with Leo the Lion during summer orientation.
PHOTO // BY MELISSA SCUDERI

campus fairly well and I liked the small private school feel, so I thought 'Why not? Let's try it,' and I got the job," Smith says, "I feel like there is a lot that can be done here. I was really excited about all the possibilities."

She knows her job interacts with and benefits the students now as well as the generations of students to come. Smith sees the importance in her job and strives to create a great atmosphere for the students.

"I have an opportunity to create a new culture and environment at the college. There are a lot of things that we can create by just listening to the students and constantly receiving input," Smith said.

She appreciates and is very open to student input. Smith wants the students to know she will be holding town hall discussions on what can be improved within the housing department.

"You guys have a voice, and I need to be listening to that," Smith said.

Meet the

Editors



Hey! I am **Matthew Kodrowski**

I am a sophomore Sports Communications major here at Piedmont University. I enjoy watching sports, playing video games, watching videos, spending time with my family and friends, and working my on-campus jobs. I currently work for the sportscasters of Piedmont Athletics, as a student help desk worker for the Mass Communications department and as a worker at the rock wall in the Student Commons.



Hello! My name is **Anya Olson**

I am the features editor for The Roar 2021-2022 academic year. I am a junior Mass Communications major at Piedmont University and I hope to use my skills to pursue a career in media. I have gained experience in journalism, graphic design and radio. I currently manage the Piedmont women's soccer team's Instagram. I have broadcasted for the men's soccer team and live-tweeted updates stats for basketball.



Hey! My name is **Presley Field**

I am the Sports editor for The Roar this year! I am super excited to be Sports editor given that I am also a Sports Communications major. I am a junior and have served on The Roar staff as the Arts and Entertainment editor and also a contributing writer. I am also a pitcher on the baseball team. As for my time off the field and outside the classroom, I currently work at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Lawrenceville.



Hello everyone! My name is **Olivia Justus**

I am a senior Mass Communications major. I will be graduating in December (woo!) in hopes of pursuing a career in public relations. I have the pleasure to be The Roar's A&E editor this year. I am also the executive senior on the Yearbook staff here at Piedmont University! I have had many different great opportunities since being at Piedmont and I am so proud to be a part of the mass communications family. I have met so many incredible people and the professors are the best. I will forever be thankful for Piedmont University for allowing me to prosper and grow into the person I am today.

Meet the *Designers*

Hey everybody! My name is Rowan Edmonds, and I am the co-designer of the magazine for The Roar 2021-2022. I am a junior mass communications major and have been a part of The Roar since my sophomore year. I am a very active person and love being outside with my friends. I currently work as a student help desk worker for the mass communications department, and I love it. I can see my friends and get outside of my comfort zone because of all the time I spend in the Swanson building.



For this semester's magazine issue, I am hoping to embody The Roar as a whole. Samantha Carvallo, the other co-designer, and I work as hard as possible to bring every page to life and represent what the writers are trying to say in their articles. I am so excited to see what everybody thinks of the magazine and be a part of this for the 2021-2022 year!

Hey! My name is Samantha Carvallo and I am the co-designer for The Roar for the 2021-2022 school year. I am a junior Graphic Design Major here at Piedmont University and am graduating in the spring of 2023. As a new member to The Roar staff this year, I am so excited to make new friends while also pushing my design skills to their limit working on each magazine with Rowan Edmonds. Some things I like to do in my free time are draw, paint, and spend time with my cross country and track teammates.



season to life and emphasize its effect on the university's campus and student life. I feel like this will have a great impact on catching our audience's eye while also conveying all the staff member's stories in an informative and beautiful way. Our goal is to give the Piedmont staff and student body the best magazine experience we can offer. I am really looking forward to hearing everyone's feedback on this edition of The Roar magazine and cannot wait to help create more in the future. Enjoy reading!

For this year's magazine issues, I really want to try to bring each



October

23rd - Art Reception: Leroy Young: A Retrospective

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art, 567 Georgia St., Demorest, GA 30535

31st - Louise Bass, Organ

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Chapel, 992 Central Avenue, Demorest, GA 30535



November

11th- Piedmont University Singers

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Chapel, 992 Central Avenue, Demorest, GA 30535

20th - Wind Ensemble Partnership

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Chapel, 992 Central Avenue, Demorest, GA 30535

18th- Art Reception: Jan Walker Presents: The Christmas Neeps ft. Her Students Old and Young

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art, 567 Georgia St., Demorest, GA 30535

21st-22nd - Walk Two Moons

7:30 pm, Swanson Center for Performing Arts & Communications, 365 College Drive, Demorest, GA 30535

18th -Instrumental Chambers Ensemble

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Chapel, 992 Central Avenue, Demorest, GA 30535

29-30 - 33rd Annual service of Lessons and Carols

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Chapel, 992 Central Avenue, Demorest, GA 30535

18th-19th - Walk Two Moons

7:30 pm, Swanson Center for Performing Arts & Communications, 365 College Drive, Demorest, GA 30535

December

2nd - Art Reception: Jan Walker Presents: The Christmas Neeps ft. Her Students Old and Young

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art, 567 Georgia St., Demorest, GA 30535

