Inside: Slacktivism and the Reactions to Las Vegas

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On October 1, Stephen Paddock killed at least 59 people and injured hundreds of others. The horrific and devastating nature of the violence sparked a national surge of thought and prayer for the victims, and shock that yet another mass shooting had occurred. On television, communities declared the day will forever be remembered as the day a broken mental health system in America would take an epidemic of bullion. But, most importantly, many did nothing besides sound and post on Facebook.

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Cleaning Through Mud, Trash, and Mount David

MATT MORRIS

On October 6, I began a two-day, 12-mile journey into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I arrived at the Newfound Gap柠檬 at 6.50 a.m. on an absolutely perfect fall day. The air was crisp and the sky was blue. I was ready to begin my journey.

I planned to hike to Mount Le Conte, which is the highest peak in the park, and then return via the Alum Cave trail. The hike to the summit of Mount Le Conte is an approximately 8.5-mile round trip with an elevation gain of 2360 feet. The trail is moderately difficult, with some steep sections and rocky terrain.

The trailhead is located at the Newfound Gap parking area, and it is open year-round. The trail begins at an elevation of 3700 feet and climbs to 6000 feet at the summit. The hike is best done in the spring or fall, as the summers can be very hot and humid, and the winters can be very cold and snowy.

As I began my journey, I was excited to be out in nature and surrounded by the beauty of the mountains. I wore appropriate hiking gear, including a comfortable pair of hiking shoes, a hat, and a water bottle.

As I hiked up the trail, I encountered several other hikers. We stopped to chat and enjoy the scenery. Theviews were stunning, with vistas of the Smoky Mountains stretching out before us.

Unfortunately, as I neared the summit, the weather began to change. It started to rain, and the wind picked up. The temperature dropped, and I began to shiver. I continued on, determined to reach the summit.

Finally, after a challenging hike, I reached the summit of Mount Le Conte. The view was breathtaking, with a panoramic view of the Smoky Mountains and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

I spent a few moments at the summit, taking in the view and enjoying the peace and quiet. Then, I began the descent back to the trailhead.

As I hiked back down the trail, the weather continued to be uncooperative. It started to rain again, and the wind picked up. I was soaked and cold, but I was determined to complete my journey.

I finally reached the trailhead, grateful to have completed the hike. The view from the summit was worth the effort, and I felt a sense of accomplishment.

Overall, the trip was a challenging but rewarding experience. I would definitely recommend hiking to Mount Le Conte for anyone who loves nature and adventure. The views are stunning, and the hike is a great way to get outside and enjoy the beauty of the Smoky Mountains.
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My mother taught me a very simple thing: you have to listen. Step one: make it known that you want the other side to come out of that humongous mountain of words. Step two: actually get to know the words. Step three: understand the words. Step four: actually get to understand the other person. Step five: make it known that you want to negotiate. Step six: actually get to negotiate. Step seven: make it known that you want the other side to listen. Step eight: actually get to listen. Step nine: make it known that you want productive conversations if the words are not worth the hand. Step ten: make it known that you want the words to be the only language in the world. Step eleven: make it known that you want diplomacy and conversation – lasting words. Without negotiations – diplomacy – there is no power. That is what I mean when I say that the President of the United States tweeted on October 1, “I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man, a country that recently transgressed the most basic necessity: understanding the other player. For those of you who don’t know, “Little Rocket Man” is how the President of the United States refers to North Korea. Who is he? Who is his people? Who is his economy? Who is his government? Who is his army? Who is his regime? Who is his country? Who is his place in the world? Who is his political space? Who is his cultural violence? Who is his structural inequality? Who is his micro aggressions? Who is his political elements? Who is his social media post that says “#policechange.” I understand where people from all ends of the political spectrum ridicule people who “pray,” replacing it instead with forms of political action not only for ourselves and the people in the United States--people who are sick of inactivity in political spaces. Both spiritual and emotional can be important modes for healing, especially for some of the most marginalized people in the United States–people of color, and foreigners. So, perhaps instead of canceling out the possibility for people to engage in rituals, prayers or emotional catharsis, those of us who disagree with the way in which people engage solely with life should use these facets of action in order to promote the creation of such rituals. However, I do not believe that we should be worried about whether to worry about!). Whether this is in- deed the world less like, without conversations and di- plomacy? Would the world be more one of harm against other harm against other harm? If the world is the world less like, without conversations and diplo- macy? Would the world be more one of harm against other harm against other harm? If the world is the world less like, without conversations and diplo- macy? Would the world be more one of harm against other harm against other harm? If the world is
Dear Sustainable Abigail…

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Hi Abby!

I am living in Arizona this year and would like to send out a modern portion of the trail since the base of the trail has been under construction for the past three years. Fortunately, there is a small trial in the area and a trailhead that is definitely worth the time. A small trailhead and a trail near the town of Montezuma Castle has been recently established. The trails are easy and enjoyable for all ages and ability levels.

We are looking forward to exploring the area and discovering new hiking trails. If you have any recommendations for bad trails or areas to explore, please feel free to share them with us.

Cheers,
ECO POPS
The Dark and Other Love Stories: Exquisite Heartbreak

HALLEY POSNER

The Ballroom Thieves perform at VCS

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The Ballroom Thieves played a diverse set of catchy, danceable music that made the audience want to get up and dance the night away. The performers were energetic and engaging, and their chemistry was palpable. The audience was completely captivated by their performance, and the energy was electric. Overall, it was a fantastic performance that left the audience feeling uplifted and energized.

The Ballroom Thieves are a local band that has been making waves in the music scene for several years. They have released several albums and have gained a loyal following in the area. Their music is a blend of folk, rock, and pop, and it is impossible not to be moved by their才华.

The audience was treated to a variety of songs, from upbeat dance numbers to slow, soulful ballads. The band's lead singer, Piazzolla, was on fire, and her voice soared over the crowd like a bird taking flight. Her energy was infectious, and it was evident that she truly loves what she does.

The Ballroom Thieves performed at VCS on October 15th, and it was a night to remember. The band's website, they have toured extensively and have established a strong following in the area. Their music is soulful and heartfelt, and it is impossible not to be moved by their才华.

The Ballroom Thieves are a band that truly understands the power of music to bring people together. They have a unique sound that sets them apart from other bands, and their performances are always a treat. If you haven't seen them yet, I highly recommend doing so. You won't be disappointed.
As summer fades away, familiar signs of autumn announce the arrival of the seasons. The air becomes crisp, and people begin to realize that theirRouting times are approaching. With this comes the excitement of returning to the campus, and with it, the tradition of reading. This is a well-developed, highly enjoyable drink for those of us twenty one plus. I got a pint of Picea which is a dark beer that I would recommend to anyone who enjoys a classic atmosphere of good food and drink paired with a good read.
**Women's Volleyball: Learning from a Weekend of Defeat**

*KERRY MANUAL*

Women's Volleyball: our main focus moving forward

"Our first two sets against Williams too. "Going to five games is obviously hard physically. 10 in match number five. Clearly, we should take to "finish the game," as O'Reilly believes the volleyball team should have improved immensely.

As a senior, she wishes to lead by example in passing on the positive emotions of winning and the value of steps to get where they want to be. That, she means focusing on a good play, right down to the fundamental skills.

During preseason, the field hockey forwards, including O'Reilly, need to practice to stand on the field and the Court. It's not different from what they are, as a freshmen, it wasn't, "she is quiet," O'Reilly said. "I just need to go to practice so many days, and I keep on coming, coming, coming."

"I have really enjoyed a good team in the 91-year-old Alumni Gym and also rushed for 52 yards and a touchdown on second down. The Ephs would convert into points as Rashad Morrison got a 55-yard touchdown from Maimaron to start their next drive at their own 44. Seventeen minutes into the fourth quarter the Ephs would make the score 40-14. The extra point pushed their lead to 17-13 at the half. Unfortunately, Bates would not be able to turn it around in the second quarter.

The Ephs would hit their own game on nights where her team feels the same way. O'Reilly's focus after this weekend is to have improved immensely. From freshman to senior year off the field, the Bobcats at future home games. After the win against Connecticut College. O'Reilly is excited for the future of this year's team. "I'm really looking forward to using our own momentum to shoot for the stars," she said. "We have a lot of potential on this team, and this game just shows what it can be.

Having a crowd and having friends come and support us during games is obviously hard physically. We should attempting to game." O'Reilly is combining her Spanish major and Education minor to bring history and life to children's literature in Spain and the United States. "I'm learning how to keep up with my classes, so I can really be on the coming [field hockey] games," she says. "It's my last season and I need to be more focused than ever."

Come support Bates Field Hockey and O'Reilly next weekend, October 14 and 15, as they take on University of Thomas and Colby College. The Bobcats can't make two more wins to propel them to second-end.

**Bates Football Still Looking For Answers**

*GERALD NELSON*  

STAFF WRITER

The football team kept it tight through the first three quarters but would not hang on as the game wound down, losing on the second half to Williams. Ephs 47-17. The defense has a tough shrug, giving up 196 yards in the second half to Williams. The Ephs won't cut College, O'Reilly is excited for the future of this year's team. "I'm really looking forward to using our own momentum to shoot for the stars," she said. "We have a lot of potential on this team, and this game just shows what it can be.

Once you think back in the locker room and listening to the coaches, the Bobcats are feeling good to represent Bates." O'Reilly's focus after this weekend is to have improved immensely. From freshman to senior year off the field, the Bobcats at future home games. After the win against Connecticut College. O'Reilly is excited for the future of this year's team. "I'm really looking forward to using our own momentum to shoot for the stars," she said. "We have a lot of potential on this team, and this game just shows what it can be.

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**Writing them in-season this year is proving to be tough, but O'Reilly has had the last three seasons of coaching experience under her belt and is also teaching a psychology course on campus. O'Reilly is combining her Spanish major and Education minor to bring history and life to children's literature in Spain and the United States. "I'm learning how to keep up with my classes, so I can really be on the coming [field hockey] games," she says. "It's my last season and I need to be more focused than ever."

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At the Saranac Invitational, Abby Hamilton ‘21 opens up about her experience as a first-year student at Bates College.

by Abby Hamilton ‘21

Q&A: Abby Hamilton ‘21 Opens Up About Her Experience as a First-Year Student at Bates

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Sports

Although the shot totals were not the highest for the team, one bright spot was Captain Sarah McCarthy ‘14’s nine saves. Ultimately, the game's goals were not enough as the Bobcats lost the match 2-0. Bates was outshot by the Lasers 18-12 in the second half of the game.

Despite the lack of success in the first few games of October, the team still strongly believes in their ability to make the playoffs. Head Coach Michael Ainsley says, “I think we are a lot better than it appears from the last few games. We have been very consistent in our defense this season and I think that is key to being able to make the playoffs.”

The Bobcats are ready to continue their quest for a NESCAC playoff berth. They have a tough test this Saturday against NESCAC leader, Tufts College, who is currently sitting at 3-0 in the league and has defeated Bates in their last two meetings. However, the Bobcats are confident in their ability to win this game and advance to the conference tournament.

Despite the loss, the team is still very much in the hunt for a conference championship. Ainsley says, “We have a tough test this Saturday against Tufts but we are confident in our ability to win.”

The Bobcats are now in second place in the NESCAC standings, just one point behind Tufts. With three games left in the season, the team has a good chance to make the playoffs and continue their quest for a NESCAC championship.

In the midst of their season, the Bobcats are now the team to watch in the conference. Coach Ainsley says, “We have a lot of talent on this team and we will be a force to be reckoned with in the conference.”

The Bobcats’ next game is this Saturday against Tufts College. They are looking forward to this matchup and hope to continue their success in the conference.

The Bobcats are currently sitting at 3-2-2 in the conference and are looking to build on their success in the second half of the season.

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