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A NOTE FROM HEAD COACH JOE SUSAN

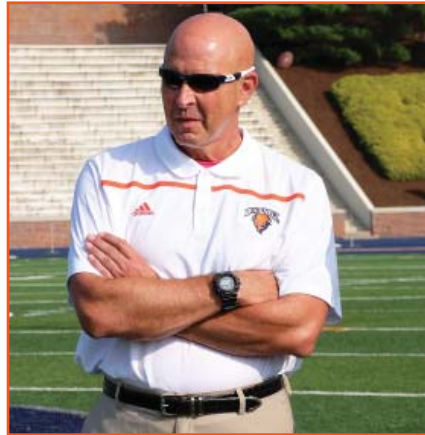
Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends of Bucknell Football,

I hope you are well. We have transitioned from our recruiting season back onto campus and our staff is aggressively working on the High School Class of 2017. Recruiting only shifts gears; all of them at full speed.

It is great to be back on campus with the student-athletes on our team. It is amazing that the semester is at the halfway point. Always the optimist, we have half of the semester left. Our players are working four days a week in the weight room and two early mornings in the Fieldhouse. Our preparation for spring ball is progressive in nature.

We are focused on improving in all that we do. There is a fine line between winning and the other thing. Our task as coaches is to take our players where they would go on their own. We challenge each of them to; "SET YOURSELF APART".

I would like to thank you for your continued support of our program. The demands of our team are constant. We have expanded our recruiting footprint in order to bring the best and the brightest student-athletes into our program. We are excited about the class that we just signed and look forward to them being a part of our team.



In order to take this program to where it should be we need your continued support. It is greatly appreciated and we frequently remind our players of the many good things they have. The most important thing they have is that they are Bucknell. It will echo through their lives.

My best to you.

Take care,

Joseph G. Susan Jr.
The Bob Odell Head Football Coach
Bucknell University



2016 BUD RANCK-TOM GADD MEMORIAL KICKOFF CLASSIC JULY 23

Bucknell alumni, parents and friends of Bison Football are invited to attend the Bud Ranck-Tom Gadd Memorial Kickoff Classic for a day of great golf, a chance to reunite with friends and teammates, and the opportunity to support the football program.

The Ranck-Gadd event is the program's biggest and most important fundraiser and the one time during the year when hundreds of former Bison players come together as one.

The event will be in its second year of a one-day format that debuted last summer. It will take place on the second-to-last Saturday in July. Two rounds of golf will be available, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, JULY 23

8 a.m. - Bud Ranck Flight Shotgun

1 p.m. - Tom Gadd Flight Shotgun

6-7 p.m. - Registration/Reception
(Terrace Room)

7 p.m. - Dinner/Evening Program

Registration Information

The deadline for registration is FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016 for tee time considerations. If you would like to register or have any questions please contact Kelly Pastuszek at 570-577-3067, or e-mail kelly.pastuszek@bucknell.edu.

Costs

Dinner: \$25

Golf Tournament: \$175

Golf Tournament and Dinner: \$200

For the complete Bud Ranck-Tom Gadd Golf Tournament brochure, visit the football page on BucknellBison.com this spring.

2016 RECRUITING CLASS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
Mike Balzofiore	WR	5-9	180	Holmdel, N.J./Red Bank Catholic
Justin Bethea	WR	6-1	190	Sanford, N.C./Lee County
Aaron Brown	SAF	6-0	180	Silver Spring, Md./St. John's College
Mike Caruso	CB	5-8	175	Rumson, N.J./Rumson Fair Haven
John Chiarolanzio	QB	6-3	190	Florham Park, N.J./Delbarton
Sam Chitty	LB	6-0	216	West Linn, Ore./West Linn
Justin Falcone	OL	6-5	250	Haddonfield, N.J./Haddonfield Mem.
Blake Fletcher	DE	6-2	220	West Linn, Ore./West Linn
Jon Fox	SAF	5-11	195	Wyomissing, Pa./Wilson
Chad Freshnock	RB	6-1	215	Middletown, N.J./Middletown North
John Hunt	DT	6-0	298	Braselton, Ga./Mill Creek
Erik Lukner	OL	6-2	280	Sedro Woolley, Wash./Sedro Woolley
Stefone Moore-Green	WR	5-8	160	Sicklerville, N.J./Paul VI
Sean Naiman	DE	6-3	215	Little Silver, N.J./Red Bank Regional
Dillon Paprota	LS	6-0	220	Forked River, N.J./Donovan Catholic
Zack Quilty	DE	6-2	210	St. Petersburg, Fla./Tampa Jesuit
John Reedy	TE	6-4	225	Wyomissing, Pa./Berks Catholic
Chuck Sanders	OL	6-0	265	Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny
Noah Stephenson	OL	6-3	285	Palmyra, N.J./Palmyra
Sam Trapuzzano	P/K	5-7	160	Washington, Pa./Trinity
Jake Wilson	QB	6-3	205	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
Josh Yoder	OL	6-3	260	Paxinos, Pa./Southern Columbia

* Complete bios of recruits are available on BucknellBison.com.

SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Bucknell head football coach Joe Susan invites supporters of the program and Bison fans to attend any upcoming spring practice session. Spring practice begins Tuesday, March 29, and concludes with the spring game on Friday, April 29, at 6 p.m.

Bucknell Football Spring Practice Schedule (schedule subject to change)

Tuesday, March 29: 7-9 p.m.
 Friday, April 1: 7-9 p.m.
 Saturday, April 2: 3-5 p.m.
 Sunday, April 3: 3-5 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 5: 7-9 p.m.
 Thursday, April 7: 6:30-8 p.m.
 Sunday, April 10: 3-5 p.m. (controlled scrimmage)
 Tuesday, April 12: 7-9 p.m.
 Thursday, April 14: 7-9 p.m.
 Sunday, April 17: 4-6 p.m. (held at Graham Field)
 Tuesday, April 19: 7-9 p.m. (controlled scrimmage)
 Thursday, April 21: 7-9 p.m.
 Sunday, April 24: 3-5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 26: 7-9 p.m.
 Friday, April 29: 6 p.m. (spring game)
All practices at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium unless otherwise noted

2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	at Marist	TBA
Sept. 10	at Duquesne	TBA
Sept. 17	CORNELL ^	TBA
Sept. 24	VMI &	TBA
Oct. 8	at Holy Cross*	TBA
Oct. 15	COLGATE *	TBA
Oct. 22	LAFAYETTE * %	TBA
Oct. 29	at Charleston Southern	TBA
Nov. 5	at Lehigh*	TBA
Nov. 12	at Georgetown*	TBA
Nov. 19	FORDHAM *	TBA

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

* Patriot League game

^ Football Alumni Weekend

& Family Weekend

% Homecoming Weekend



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JIM HISLOP '79



Jim Hislop '79 came to Bucknell from Tequesta, Florida, joining his older brother, Tom. After playing fullback as a freshman, he moved to offensive guard and was a two-year letterwinner for the Bison.

Q: Where has your career path taken you since graduating from Bucknell?

A: After graduation, I began a career in investment banking at Merrill Lynch in New York City. I married a Bucknellian, Missy Schroth Hislop '78, in 1982. We have three children, Emily (BU '11),

Ryan (Middlebury '15) and Allison (BU '16). In 1997, I left Merrill Lynch to co-found a private equity firm with one of my clients focused on the transportation industry (www.trpfund.com).

Q: What skills that you learned as a student-athlete at Bucknell have helped you become successful today?

A: We have an expression in our family we like to use: "It's Game Day!" This means whatever challenge is in front of you, get it done. The concept of "game day", for me, was born out of my Bucknell Football experience. Bucknell football players all remember the feeling of coming out onto the field on game day. The preparation was over, we were all strapped into those (too) tight-fitting game day uniforms and for some reason, all of the scholastic problems and old pains seemed to go away for the next four hours. Being part of a team in an all-consuming "game day" effort was a great thrill for me.

Q: What are some of your fondest memories of your time wearing the Orange and Blue?

A: Clearly the Lehigh wins in 1975, 1976 and 1978 created the best moments for me. They were Bucknell's big rival. It was a real thrill going into revered Taylor Stadium, underdogs, jammed into the visiting team's locker room and leaving victorious!

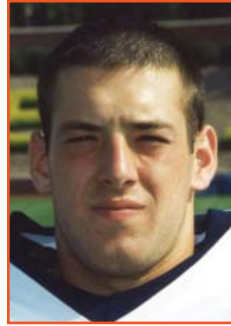
Q: What advice would you give to the current football players in the program?

A: Preparation is first and foremost. I certainly wish I was better prepared physically entering camp each year. The expression "Effort = Results" holds true in sports and in life. Second, I would say is "simplify". By this, I mean find out what the coach wants and give it to him. This is the best way to get on the field. Third, would be to have fun. If you're not having fun, why bother doing it? Lastly, don't quit. If things aren't going your way, find a way to contribute. I know several people who quit sports at Bucknell and, I believe, 100% of them regret doing it.

Q: You are a leadership level donor to the Bison Football program. Why do you feel it is important to give back to Bucknell's football program?

A: Bucknell Football positioned me for the financial support that helped me go to college. It also played an important role in my personal formation. I consider it a high priority to give back to the University and the athletic program that supported me. Also, I believe that, in most cases, successful athletic programs support the "winning institution" image of colleges and universities nationwide. Bucknell Football needs financial support so it can build on the progress it has made over the years and help contribute in a very meaningful way to the positive sports legacy of our University.

JUSTIN LUSTIG '01



A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Justin Lustig '01 was a four-year starter in the Bison defensive backfield. He totaled 266 career tackles and his nine career interceptions place him in a tie for 12th on the program's all-time list. Lustig was tied for 21st nationally with six interceptions as a senior in 2000.

Q: Where has your career path taken you since graduating from Bucknell?

A: Upon my graduation I accepted a job at Christopher Newport University (Newport News, Virginia) with my college position coach Dave Legg. I fell in love with coaching at CNU,

and I am now going into my 16th year as a college football coach. I have certainly followed the nomadic lifestyle of a football coach since my graduation from Bucknell. My family and I have made seven moves and have lived in five different states, at schools from the Division I, II and III levels. Our time in southern Louisiana was probably the most unique, we really enjoyed the Cajun culture. I am currently the head coach at Edinboro University.

Q: What skills that you learned as a student-athlete at Bucknell have helped you become successful today?

A: While at Bucknell, I learned things in the classroom, on the field, and FIJI and SIG. It would take too much space and time to list all the skills that I picked up. I majored in English and history and had some great academic experiences while in college. Playing football at Bucknell really helped me develop skills in communication and time management.

Q: What are some of your fondest memories of your time wearing the Orange and Blue?

A: Some of my best memories come from time with my teammates and coaches. My senior class was the most successful in the history of the school, but it's not the games that I most fondly remember. My best memories are of little anecdotes, funny sayings, or crazy things me and my teammates did.

Q: What advice would you give to the current football players in the program?

A: Everything matters. Take great pride in all that you do, whether it's your effort in the weight room, attention span in class, or relationships with teachers, coaches, and teammates. Reach your potential in all aspects of your life. Bucknell offers such great academic, athletic and social opportunities, make sure you take advantage of all of it. And also know that the relationships you are building at Bucknell will stay with you forever. Work hard at being a good teammate and friend.

Q: Why do you feel it is important to give back to Bucknell's football program?

A: Giving back to Bucknell is a way to show how proud I am of my alma mater. I want to see the University grow and become more and more successful. Also, I am grateful for the long-lasting impact Bucknell has had on my life. Giving back is a way to show my gratitude, and to help student athletes who are experiencing the same things I did.



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For more information on the Gridiron Club or to join, contact Todd Newcomb, Senior Associate Director of Athletics/External Affairs and Bison Club, at 570-577-1771 or tnewcomb@bucknell.edu.

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