

# RIVALS AND MASCOTS FLEE THE STATE TO GET MARRIED

Samir Saeed recently discovers that Bucky's heart doesn't solely belong to Berkeley

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It was suspected by students for a while that Bucky was in a secret relationship. Contrary to his usual quiet demeanor, he was chipper and often caught smiling at the floor. Anna Cordell '19 of the Jolly Rogers said that Bucky often hummed to himself during important leadership meetings.

It became clear to many that Bucky was seeing someone. It wasn't until the varsity soccer game at Tampa Prep on Feb. 1 that it became clear who Bucky was seeing.

After the game, Cole Hoffman '19 noticed Bucky seemingly flirting with Tera, the Tampa Prep mascot, as the cheering crowd jostled him. "They were... canoodling. I didn't know pirates and turtles could canoodle," said Cole. "Also, our schools are rivals! How did they... I'm very confused."

While many students shared this confused mindset, Tampa Prep and Berkeley Prep administration were more or less horrified by the notion of their mascots dating each other. Within

a day of the sighting, rumors that Bucky had been banned from seeing Tera began to circulate campus. "I heard that admin wants to keep Bucky focused. Our sports teams depend on him showing up. He can't be distracted by a girlfriend," said Gabi Caldeira '22. But on February 14th, everything changed when a letter addressed to "The Armada" was found on a table in the Aye. Once opened, it was discovered that the letter was a farewell from Bucky, who had apparently decided to run away with Tera.

Over two weeks later, Fanfare senior investigator Samir Saeed '21 began his hunt for the missing mascots. "I started my hunt with a thorough investigation of Bucky's social media accounts. I was able to place him and the Terp at the same Mascot's Mixer (a social event for school mascots known for attracting singles) in December. It seems our Bucky and Tera have been engaging in close communication ever since," reported Saeed. "I made a real breakthrough a few days ago, when I was able to locate Bucky through Snap Maps. I was surprised to see he had traveled as far as Las Vegas."

According to a rep from the Fanfare, Bucky's SnapMap indicated he was staying at Caesars Palace. Over two thousand miles

of travel later, Saeed and his team had arrived in Sin City. "We considered it a rescue mission," said Saeed, who is a known supporter of the conspiracy theory that Tera kidnapped Bucky.

But all conspiracies were proven wrong the next day, when the Fanfare team followed Bucky from Caesars Palace to Rent-A-Tux, a Vegas-based tuxedo rental store. "We assumed, no, we hoped that the tuxedo was for a night out on the town," said Saeed. "Maybe Bucky was attending a nice dinner or one of Vegas' many shows. But as we followed Bucky down Fremont Street and into an Elvis-themed wedding chapel, we knew our worst nightmares had come true." At the same time, members of the Berkeley Community joined together to make video begging Bucky to come home. The video featured members of the Lower Division crying in front of the Seivold Center, the Mello Divas singing "Come Home" by One Republic and a clip of Mr. Jordan addressing Bucky from a podium, promising that he would be pardoned if he were to return. Bucky responded to the plea from the Armada via Instagram DMs, stating that as soon as he and Tera were done with their honeymoon to resume his duties as Berkeley's mascot.



Samir Saeed

MARRIED MASCOTS: Much to the chagrin of Berkeley and Tampa Preparatory students, their beloved mascots have gotten married and are currently embarking on a luxurious boat trip.

# THE MASTER PLAN: "PARKING IS PROGRESS"

Berkeley's Master Plan just got a major upgrade

BY KENDYL KIRTLEY  
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In response to the overflowing parking lots scattered around campus, Headmaster Joseph Seivold recently revealed the crown jewel of Berkeley's long-term renovation plan: a parking garage.

The plan is to bulldoze the mound and construct a multi-tiered garage that all Upper Division students can access. Each level is designated to a grade; seniors slide easily in and out of the first level, while the few freshmen who can drive are banished to the top, often facing Florida's torrential rain and intense heat that batters their cars. Sophomores and juniors are muddled in the middle levels.

"I can't wait until I'm a senior next year, when I can park on the lowest level," said Curran Seth '20. "The parking garage is way more organized than the old parking lots, especially for the junior class. The war against the sophomores for junior lot spots is officially over!"

According to the new plan, students will enter the parking garage through an extended

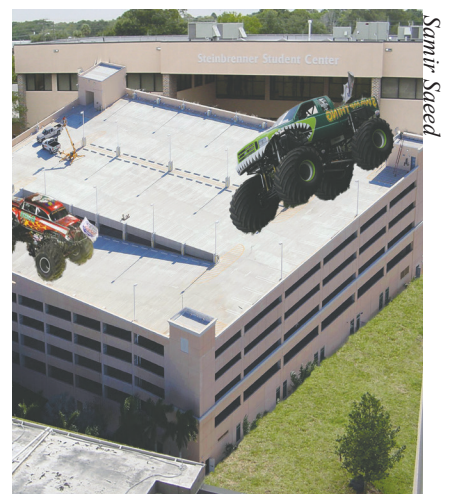
entrance ramp. But there's a hitch, and it will come crashing through the History Department--literally. Berkeley plans to renovate the history rooms above the pool to make room for the ramp. Students will drive from Bray Road onto an entrance ramp that soars over Casper Landis Buc Stop, through the classrooms above Dimmit Gym, and into the parking garage on the former mound.

World History and Honors United States History teacher Maggie Sullivan is merely one of the history teachers who will have to adapt to this new adjunct of the Master Plan. "It has definitely been an adjustment period," Sullivan said. "Teaching the Civil War as Range Rovers race through my classroom has been a challenge."

Ninth and Tenth Grade Dean Ronnie Williams is an advocate for a better parking system for self-serving purposes: he doesn't have to spend his afternoons waving student drivers through endless lines. "So we cut off our history department with the

new ramp," he said. "So what?! History is in the past. Parking is progress!"

Forget the school spirit tied to painting the rock and ceremoniously crossing the mound from lower division to middle division. Instead, picture no more seniors parking on Exter Way or lot spot wars. Dean Williams couldn't have said it better: parking is progress!



Samir Saeed

MONSTER TRUCKS AND MEIN KAMPF: The History Department has been forced to adjust to teaching subjects including Nazi Germany and World War II while Berkeley students whizz over the parking garage ramp through the history classrooms.

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# STUDENT FORUM JOINS COMMUNIST PARTY

**Beware the Red and Yellow**

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“И в этот день я объявляю наш студенческий форум членом коммунистической партии!”

“And on this day forth, I declare our Student Forum to be a member of the Communist Party.”

On March 21, 2019, the deed was done. The Student Forum, the face of the student body of Berkeley Preparatory School, had officially voted to join the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU).

Students and teachers alike were baffled by the sudden shift of allegiances among the Student Forum. Many were alarmed at the prospect of losing another important part of the Berkeley community to the CPSU (just two years prior, Andre Partykevich of Berkeley’s History Department had also joined the CPSU).

Although Student Forum sponsor Mike Van Treese declined to

make any comments regarding the decision of Student Forum, Penelope Grapsas ‘22 was able to sneak away and conduct an interview with the Fanfare.

Grapsas, a double agent for the Fanfare who had recently been elected into Student Forum at the beginning of the school year, was the only member of the board to abstain from voting. “I’m not going to lie... it was a very, very stressful few weeks leading up to the voting,” Grapsas said. “The Student Forum had been debating for the past year about the possibility of joining the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and it was finally decided that we would hold a vote during Spring Break. But I never realized just how much this issue would split the board.”

According to Grapsas, the board had been heavily divided over the agonizing decision. Student Forum president Alex Romanowski ‘19 was a huge

advocate of going Communist, while Vice President Melinda Lu ‘19 heavily disapproved. Their disagreements nearly led to some verbal sparring matches in place of their usual witty banter during convocation.

But that wasn’t all. During the Headmaster’s Challenge in January, Charlotte Graham ‘21 reported seeing Junior Female Representative Annie Merrill ‘20 making some shady dealings with members of Tampa Preparatory School in the parking lot. Although much of what she said was not heard, Graham distinctly remembered hearing several disturbing snippets of the conversation, including, “Help me...,” “I’ll pay you...,” and “Stop Edward from voting.”

Edward Kuperman ‘20, however, was not to be stopped. With both sides at an impasse when Spring Break finally rolled around, Kuperman ended up being the deciding vote.

“I’ve always been inspired by many of the subtle influences the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has had on our Berkeley community,” said Kuperman. “I mean, just look around. Mr. Torkilsen refers to the phone jail in CGI class as the gulag, which was a system of political labor camps back in the Soviet Union. And Zork - many of its rules Student Forum members use when discussing the game in convo come directly from Soviet propaganda speeches.”

What new changes can be expected to arise now that the

Student Forum has joined the CPSU? Kuperman provided the Fanfare some insight.

“I’m not 100% sure... there’s still a lot that needs to be discussed. We’re thinking about petitioning the English department to get Marx’s Das Kapital to replace The Great Gatsby in English 11, and we’re also trying to have a statue of Lenin carved out of Treasure Cove pop tarts.. but we’ll see. We’ll see.”

We shall see indeed. Get ready for the next school year to roll around, because we might just be seeing exactly how the CPSU will affect Berkeley.



Nina Pastore

Привет, RUSSIA: Members of the CPSU - Melinda Lu ‘19, Alex Romanowski ‘19, Edward Kuperman ‘20 and Nick Alexander ‘20.



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# DUCKS ABSCOND WITH LD PIRATE SHIP

**Fowls Foul Up Lower Division’s New Playground**

BY AUSTIN CAHN  
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The Lower Division’s memorable half-warship, half-playground was once the quintessence of the new Seivold Center for Early Childhood Education building, but students were greeted with a ghastly sight last week while entering campus: the remains of the ship floating on the pond. The Berkeley Administration was despondent in searching for the culprit, with their only clues being a handful of feathers scattered across the rubber mat and some broken railing where the ship was clearly heaved off the roof.

All seemed lost until a recent disquieting discovery: a heinous green mallard was caught speeding off with a wrench clenched in its bill, presumably to dispose of the evidence.



Samir Saeed

INVASION OF THE DUCKS: Over 15 species of ducks were found flocking to the LD Pirate Ship.

This scene may seem absurd to someone not up to date with the Berkeley community, but this is the most recent development in a long, strenuous relationship (at least according to the Administration and the Berkeley ducks). Our campus’ brisk expansion and the recent addition of an AstroTurf football field has led

the fowl fouls, the Bird Chapter of the Berkeley Wildlife Group to resort to desperate measures.

They began with intimidating waddles and nipping the heels of upperclassmen, but the ducks have tumbled down a slippery slope towards vandalism.

Administration is desperate to make peace and recover Lower Division’s beloved pirate ship, but these avians refuse to swim from the marooned shipwreck or respond to questions about the ethical dilemmas prompted by these egregious power plays.