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Sexuality and Gender Alliance, DipCon, bring first Queer Visibility Week to F&M

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This week a historic event is coming to Franklin & Marshall—the college's first ever Queer Visibility Week. The Sexuality and Gender Alliance has partnered with the Diplomatic Congress in conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Writer's House, and the Alice Drum Women's Center to provide a full slate of events related to queer activism and awareness surrounding queer issues.

The programming begins on Saturday, October 22 at 11 a.m. in the Writer's House with an Opening Brunch to celebrate the week's commencement. On Monday, October 24 at 7 p.m. there will be a lecture titled "The B-Side: Gay Rights After Gay Marriage" by Dr. Suzanna Walters in Stahr Auditorium. Tuesday, October 25 will celebrate the reopening of the Allies Resource Center with a ceremony at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of College Center. The final event of

the week will be on Wednesday, October 26 with a discussion on "Queer Life & Meaning: Blessing and Challenges of Coming Out" in the reading room of the Writer's House from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Throughout the week, students are encouraged to sign a pledge of support in the atrium of College Center. The event came to be after Diplomatic Congress President Wyatt Behringer approached the Sexuality and Gender Alliance organization about putting on an

event for National Coming Out Day, which is held every year on October 11, but quickly realized F&M students were on fall break at the time. "We decided, 'Let's do a whole week of things after we get back, because October is actually LGBT History Month' and that's where the project was born," says Behringer. He says the executive boards of both the Diplomatic Congress and SAGA have been working "relentlessly" to put together an interesting and varied

collection of events in partnership with spaces and groups across campus that will raise awareness about LGBT activism.

The organizers of Queer Visibility Week aim to put LGBT issues in the spotlight through the week's programming. "I think that this week is important because our LGBT+ community [at Franklin & Marshall] has historically not had much visibility," says SAGA co-chair Ethan Crans. "It means a lot to prospective students, to students who are closeted, and to students who are out to see this whole campus coming together and affirming support for LGBT issues." Though gay marriage was notably made legal throughout the United States in the Supreme Court's landmark Obergefell v. Hodges decision in June 2015, queer activists point out that marriage is just one facet of life. Gender and sexuality remain important and complicated factors impacting countless segments of public and private life. SAGA and

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Photo courtesy of Queer Visibility Week at F&M Facebook page

In honor of National Coming Out Day, Wyatt Behringer worked with several departments to organize a week-long celebration to raise awareness for the LGBTQ+ community.

F&M Women's Volleyball team champions first sustainable uniform to away games

BY BRIDGET JOHNSTON
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This fall, the F&M Women's Volleyball team made strides to help the college become an ambassador for sustainability. Senior volleyball captain Ellie Ezekiel and Nicholas Auwaerter, chair of the College Sustainability Committee, headed the movement to create volleyball uniforms made entirely from recycled water bottles.

The project began after Sarah Dawson, director of F&M's Center for the Sustainable Environment, came across Nike's recycled uniforms, which were showcased by the U.S. Women's National Soccer team. Dawson gave Ezekiel and Auwaerter the job of creating similar uniforms for one of F&M's own teams. However, after a few phone calls, the pair realized that



Photo courtesy of fandm.edu

Ellie Ezekiel and Nicholas Auwaerter led campaign to bring sustainability to athletics by creating sustainable jerseys for the Women's Volleyball team.

Nike only created the original recycled uniforms as a publicity stunt.

Still determined, Ezekiel and Auwaerter spent almost a year contacting different clothing companies to find a way to create a truly functional and sustainable athletic garment. They finally reached out to Atayne, a clothing company who was able to not only turn water bottles into clothing, but, according to Ezekiel, created a product that "did more than just look good, but was also functional." In fact, she assures everyone that these new recycled uniforms are even more comfortable than some of their older jerseys.

Ezekiel, Auwaerter, and all their supporters are very proud of their final product in part because the jersey accomplished see SUSTAINABILITY, page 2

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CRIME WATCH

Saturday, Oct. 15, 12:05 a.m. - Responded to College Row noise complaint
Saturday, Oct. 15, 1:50 a.m. - Responded to Schnader Hall noise complaint
Saturday, Oct 15, 5:39 p.m. - Responded to New College House fire alarm caused by burnt food
Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m. - Responded to drug violation at 520 North Charlotte
Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:13 p.m. - Responded to Bonchek drug violation
Sunday, Oct. 16, 12:05 a.m - Responded to Lancaster Ave intoxicated student
Sunday, Oct. 16, 12:09 a.m. - Responded to Marshall Hall intoxicated student
Sunday, Oct. 16, 12:24 a.m. - Responded to Williamson Lot public drunkenness
Sunday, Oct. 16, 12:59 a.m. - Responded to 526 North Charlotte intoxicated student
Sunday, Oct. 16, 1:32 a.m. - Responded to 500 Block of College Ave intoxicated student
Between Saturday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 16 - Responded to report that someone broke into vehicle in 600 Block of Lancaster Ave
Monday, Oct. 17, 3:50 p.m. - Responded to complaint filed that solicitors by the bookstore were stopping students about the election
Monday, Oct. 17, 8:01 p.m. - Responded to report of someone damaging a vehicle at the corner of College Ave and James Ave, and they were arrested for criminal mischief
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. - Received a student report ongoing harassment
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2:30 p.m. - In the college bookstore, someone stole textbooks
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:15 p.m. - Responded to public drunkenness reported at Race Ave and Harrisburg Ave
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2:07 a.m. - Responded to Bonchek drug violation

Sustainability: Volleyball praised as first to compete in sustainable jerseys

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one of their long-term goals by bringing sustainability to athletics. Auwaerter points out, “The athletic department is one of the more visible parts of campus,” and by specifically creating away jerseys, F&M can be a visible spokesman for sustainable living at each game the volleyball team attends. Ezekiel and Auwaerter have received nothing but support from the volleyball team and other figures around campus. Ezekiel explains, “it’s great to be the team to represent [the jerseys]. [The team] has done a good job in providing feedback as well as showing [the jerseys] off to the rest of campus.” Since the final product was released at the start of the fall season, several news outlets have been

in contact with Ezekiel and Auwaerter, as well as other interested colleges. According to Auwaerter, “The board of trustees is very excited, and one man even asked for a jersey on the spot. They loved that it was both student influenced and run.” In the long term, the pair plans to continue working with Atayne to create lines of jerseys for other sports on campus. They hope that by putting sustainability at the forefront of athletic events, they can begin to change the public mindset about recycling and other forms of sustainable living. They are currently working with five other F&M teams as well as designing sustainable home volleyball jerseys. *Junior Bridget Johnston is the News Editor. Her email is bjohnto@fandm.edu.*

Visibility: Queer Visibility Week encourages campus-wide thought, activism

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the Diplomatic Congress hope to raise awareness and boost levels of support for a wide variety of queer issues that impact students at Franklin & Marshall.

“Especially after Day of Dialogue, we as a club realized that people want to be involved with us,” says SAGA co-president Lee Scaralia of the logic behind putting on Queer Visibility Week. “We want to be receptive to that... We want to give people a space to show their support.” Members of SAGA and the Diplomatic Congress are additionally making a push for the executive boards of other campus clubs to raise related LGBT topics up in their own meetings. Queer Visibility Week will come and go, but everyone involved in putting it together hopes the discussion and increased awareness of queer issues remains. SAGA co-chair Ethan Crans stresses that SAGA can only have one weekly meeting in a space of limited size, but LGBT issues are broad, varied, and require in-depth dialogue to produce change. “There are so many levels at which discomfort or discrimination are possible, and we are really trying to work with all of them.” This is a big job, and those involved in putting Queer Visibility Week together hope that this is only the beginning.

The goal for SAGA and the Dip-

lomatic Congress is to have Queer Visibility Week become an annual event, 2016 being the first of many years where queer issues are brought to the forefront. For now, they are focused on encouraging their fellow students, regardless of sexuality or gender orientation, to express their support for queer activism and participate in what Queer Visibility Week has to offer.

“I want people to get involved at whatever level they are able to,” Crane says. “I know that F&M students are very busy. I’m very busy! But coming out [for these events] is activism. It’s helping other students out. And it’s making F&M a better place.”

The Diplomatic Congress is Franklin & Marshall’s student-run governing body. They convene every Thursday night from 6-7p.m. in LSP and put on a wide variety of programming throughout the academic year. SAGA, the Sexual and Gender Alliance, meets every Tuesday night at 8p.m. in the Allied Resource Center in the ground floor of College Center. One of their biggest events open to all students, the annual Gender Bender Ball, will be held later this semester.

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QUEER VISIBILITY WEEK

Sponsored by Sexuality and Gender Alliance,
Diplomatic Congress, OMCA, Writers House,
Alice Drum Women's Center

Sat. 10/22

Opening Brunch

Writers House,

11am

All Week

Sign the pledge

of support!

College Center Atrium

Mon. 10/24

The B-Side: Gay

Rights After Gay

Marriage

Lecture - Stahr Aud. 7pm

Tues. 10/25

Re-Opening of the

Allies Resource

Center

Groud Floor SCC, 7pm

Wed. 10/26

Queer Life & Meaning: Blessings and Challenges

of Coming Out - Discussion

Writers House Reading Room, 5:30pm

Questions? wbehiring@fandm.edu

Photo courtesy of Queer Visibility Week at F&M Facebook page

In light of the discussions during the Day of Dialogue, Queer Visibility Week offers several events in order to continue discussion and thought about diversity.

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Contributing Writer Commentary

Changes to F&M counseling services' payment system undermine confidentiality, detrimental to low income students

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In the last year, F&M has switched from including the cost of health services in tuition to passing the cost onto the student through their private insurance. This is an unprecedented move; no other colleges of our caliber have imposed this burden on their students. Two major problems have arisen as a result of this transition: the accessibility and the confidentiality of counseling services have been reduced. Prior to the transition, F&M included the cost of counseling in tuition costs, so it was automatically made accessible to all students, and automatically included in financial aid.

By partnering with Lancaster General Health, F&M has increased the quality of care provided to us, but in doing so has dramatically reduced its accessibility. Through our unique and admirable recruitment strategies, F&M has made a commitment to create conditions of success for its diverse student body. However, the barriers in place of accessing counseling are undermining that. As concerned students, we have found this unacceptable; we love F&M, and we need it to be a place where the resources are provided so that all students can thrive. Anything else is not in our character.

Most of the barriers to access exist in the cost. I've outlined the

existing health insurance options in more detail below, but our current system can be boiled down to three options: buy a second insurance plan through F&M, use private insurance, or pad your private insurance plan for a \$300/semester fee.

Many students cannot afford additional insurance, so students are left with the cost of their unique copays and deductibles for each visit. The bill for services typically goes to the primary insured (usually a parent, as we can stay on our parent's employer's insurance until we're 26). If a student needs to access counseling for issues relevant to life at home, sexuality, violent tendencies, or anything else they don't want their parents to know, they can request confidentiality from their counselor. If the counselor agrees confidentiality is warranted, the college will cover the cost of care so that parents are not notified. However, students feeling less than their best are often not savvy enough to take advantage of this option—instead, they just don't go.

All the while, the college has used heavy rhetoric about—and received national attention for—our efforts recruit a diverse student body. This is an incredible initiative, and the praise is deserved. However, F&M is actively disadvantaging many of those those students with this payment structure. Most students simply cannot afford adding a \$1800/semester insurance plan, an

extra \$300/semester fee, or their co-pays and deductibles (which are usually extremely expensive unless you have a really excellent health insurance plan, as few people do) when the payment structure exists outside of financial aid. This marginalizes students from backgrounds that do not value mental health, from difficult economic situations, or who are dealing with issues that must be kept from those at home. This puts some of our most at-risk students in an unnecessarily disadvantaged position.

Right now, there are some resources available for students who cannot afford counseling. There is a fund controlled by the office of the dean of the college which has money for students who cannot access counseling on their own. However, this is a finite fund, and accessing it involves incredible value judgements on the part of the school.

The school gets to decide whose financial need is “strong” enough and whose confidentiality is the most important. This leaves us in a sticky situation where only students with good insurance and supportive families can access counseling freely, a small amount of students are able to access aid, and all the students in the middle are ignored. We can do better than this.

None of the arguments we've discussed have been enough to persuade the administration to change the system. However,

there are more “practical” reasons we need to make a change. As access to counseling continues to diminish, graduation rates are going to drop, the college ranking is going to drop, the school will not be as attractive to talented students, and the value of our degrees will decrease. Faculty have watched for the last year as students fail to complete their classes-- overwhelmingly-- for mental health related reasons. Without providing an environment conducive to student success, F&M will fail to achieve its mission to educate “young people of high promise and diverse backgrounds.”

There has been a small group of students and faculty that has worked with the administration for the last year on shifting the system to eliminate the barriers to access. The administration has argued that because counseling must be paid for through insurance, as we are now part of the Lancaster General Health/Penn Medicine network, there's no way they can universalize a plan for all students.

We have proposed working the cost of insurance into tuition—it wouldn't cost F&M very much, but it would eliminate confidentiality issues and allow healthcare to be included in financial aid. However, these solutions haven't been accepted, as they have suggested that insured parents would object to paying a student health

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Professional staff member criticizes Common Hour Committee email on etiquette

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To the Common Hour Committee:

When I first read your recent e-mail concerning proper Common Hour etiquette, I was overcome by powerful indignation, and set out to thoroughly critique your argument and its basic premise.

I intended to point out, for example, that but the briefest research on the question of public performance etiquette paints a complex picture that cannot be boiled down into simple commandments. For example, [The New York Times](#), [Town and Country](#) and the [Emily Post Institute](#) offer contrasting views that embrace ambiguity and are at times mute on the question.

Moreover, it seemed to me that your premise, that student behavior at Common Hour embarrasses



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the College, flies in the face of the intellectual culture of which your event purports to be a vital part. We claim to be an institution that fosters dissent, and welcomes and encourages difference.

Students who found Mr. Abdul-Jabbar's performance lackluster are not wrong, any more than are students who found Mr. Charles' subse-

quent talk more engaging, or students who choose to ignore Common Hour altogether. We each contribute a valuable perspective to the intellectual community, or so we are told.

What's more, I thought, by denying the right to leave early, you are cutting off a basic mode of student expression. How can students voice their displeasure with Common

Hour? Not going isn't getting the point across. If students are unsatisfied with the product they are consuming, should they be barred from leaving? Are students also forbidden from dropping classes, changing majors, leaving clubs and organizations, or quitting sports teams?

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Contributing Writer Commentary

Counseling: Petition to pressure administration into reforming flawed mental health system circulating in F&M community

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fee. The financials surrounding healthcare at F&M are complicated, and the administration has been working hard to navigate the new system and student concerns.

However, students are still struggling with the barriers in place, and to my knowledge, there is no immediate plan for making changes to the system. We are excited for LGH and F&M to provide options that can resolve these issues. With faculty and student support, we hope that LGH and F&M will prioritize and expedite a solution.

In a different vein, we would like to question the assumption that counseling must be a part of medical care. There is no reason that basic counseling with a trained professional must exclusively be part of a medical network.

We can provide counseling for F&M students without having to deal with insurance. Most students were provided with basic free counseling in their high schools; it is unthinkable that an institution like F&M, which prides itself so much on student wellness and achievement—as well as tremendous academic rigor—does not provide them.

Throughout this process, the school and Lancaster General have argued that many of the challenges we have outlined are not *real* barriers, they are merely *perceived* barriers. However, perceived barriers often function as real barriers, especially in situations as delicate as mental health. There is no reason for the system to only be accessible to students with in-depth knowledge of the inner administrative functionings

of F&M. In the situation that they need to access mental health services, fear that their parents will be notified or that they will be unable to afford care is sufficient to keep suffering students from getting help.

Accessible and confidential counseling will be expected by incoming students for the foreseeable future. Because *all* of our peer institutions provide it, it may become a deciding factor in whether or not students choose to attend F&M, and it has undeniably become a factor in whether students can stay here.

We love F&M; there's way too much that makes this school remarkable to allow its seeming disregard for our mental health to undermine it. But if the administration does not address these issues, the consequences we have described will continue to happen.

Please continue to pressure the F&M administration to reform this system in such a way as to make it accessible and confidential for all students. We all have the same goal: a healthy and successful student body at F&M, and accessible counseling is intrinsic to that vision. If you are concerned about this situation at F&M, please sign our petition. We can let the administration know, quantitatively, how much we care about this. As this article goes to print, the petition has been signed by 665 people I cannot communicate how overwhelming and humbling it has been to watch the F&M community support one another, voice their concerns, and share their stories.

You seem to understand what the current system does not: we can't let each other fall through the cracks.

Sign the petition [here](https://www.change.org/p/franklin-marshall-college-make-counseling-accessible-and-confidential-at-f-m?recruiter=613808261&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share_email_responsive) (https://www.change.org/p/franklin-marshall-college-make-counseling-accessible-and-confidential-at-f-m?recruiter=613808261&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share_email_responsive)

If you're interested in learning more about the technical details behind the new system, I've included a short description of them here. If you're wondering why you haven't seen this laid out so clearly before, it's because the system is remarkably confusing, even in the official literature.

The information posted on the F&M website is 19 pages of legalese. I am a licensed insurance professional, and it took me and another agent hours to really figure it out. Right now, we have three options when accessing counseling. We all start out by paying a \$50 student health services fee as part of our tuition, but that does not provide us with any services. On top of that, we must choose one of these three plans:

One: We can use our **private insurance**. (Usually our through our parent's employer's plan, which we can access until we're 26). This usually involves paying a copay for each visit we access, just like if you were accessing a doctor anywhere else. However, using private insurance is cumbersome and prohibitive both for financial and confidentiality reasons; copays are simply too expensive for most students to afford for regular counseling through the semester. The visits also show up on the parent's insurance, and in situations where students don't want their parents to know that they're using counseling, this can

be enough to keep students from accessing services.

Two: We can buy the **insurance plan** co-developed by F&M and Lancaster General Health. This is a \$1,800/semester plan, and it's a really awesome insurance package. However, it only applies *in network*. This means if you live outside of the LGH network—as most F&M students do for half the year—your care will be much more expensive. Essentially, you'll be paying for two insurance plans—the plan you already have and this one. It's notable to mention that this is a great plan if you don't already have insurance and mostly hang around this area of PA.

Three: We can buy the **complementary care package** (\$300/semester), which essentially pads our private insurance with enough counseling and medical services access to make it through a semester. This option makes the most sense for most people, as it's the cheapest option if you access 7 or 8 counseling sessions a semester, as is the average. The sessions are also confidential. However, an additional \$300 simply isn't affordable for many students. Even for families who can afford it, adding on an extra \$300 when one already has insurance makes little sense, and can be especially problematic if the student comes from a background where mental health is not valued.

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Common Hour: Distrust of top-down, nearly-mandated events fuels writer's analysis of CHC

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I even imagined that many of you have listened to academic and professional speakers who have overstayed their welcome.

You must, I thought, have seen speakers run over, or fail to keep your interest. You must have experienced truly excruciating Q&As, where audience members use their microphone time to share with others the joy of hearing the sound of their own voice. Surely you have walked out on talks before.

I even took umbrage at your personal attack on our students. True, not every student is an unquestioning yea-saying devotee of College policy, religiously attending every Common Hour while still making time for the

myriad enriching and resume-building activities that broaden the college experience. But I have the privilege of interacting with many of our students, and they are far from lacking etiquette, respect, or intellectual curiosity. And, they know that they aren't in high school anymore, even if you do not.

But, instead of writing that editorial, I spoke with students, faculty and professional staff, and alums. These conversations left me with more questions than answers. I put these questions to you. Why is the Diplomat Strength Center closed during Common Hour? To "encourage" student participation? Why stop there? Why not close the ASFC? And the libraries? In fact, since the pizza at Common Hour is not meant to bribe

students into attending, but is rather a gesture of goodwill to anyone who might miss lunch, why not close more campus eateries? Why not really "encourage" people?

Also, if your attitude toward those who leave early is truly that they should not attend at all, do you accept the consequences of that on attendance? Just how many students have been attending Common Hour? And don't answer me with the general admission number. How many of the people attending your event are actually students? And what percentage of the student body is that? Isn't engaging the students one of the key purposes of Common Hour? How successful has that been?

Speaking of the purpose of Common Hour, how well is it meeting the

goal to alleviate the congestion of conflicting evening lectures? Has the number of such lectures been quantifiably reduced? I still get so many e-mails about them; it has been hard to keep count.

I appreciated your e-mail. It encouraged me to step back from my fervent distrust of a top-down, nearly-mandated event, and stop questioning whether it generates enough student interest and attendance to be worth the cost. I hope the questions I've raised here can launch a much more productive conversation instead.

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Campus Life

Strick presents Wilhelm Reich history of science project at Common Hour

BY CHRISTA RODRIGUEZ
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This week's Common Hour featured F&M Professor James Strick, who presented his talk, titled, "Sex, Lies and Bookburning: How Does a Scientist End up Getting His Books Burned by both the Nazis and the U.S. Government?" A member of the faculty for 14 years, Dr. Strick is a professor in the Department of Earth and Environment and the Chair of the interdisciplinary program Science, Technology, and Society. He is the recipient of the 2016 Bradley R. Dewey Award for Outstanding Scholarship.

He has also published many works on the history of ideas and experiments on the origin of life, and he is the editor of two collections of primary sources. In his presentation, he discussed his recent history of science project, which led to his book, *Wilhelm Reich, Biologist*.

James Strick told the story of Wilhelm Reich, a scientist and psychoanalyst who was jailed, his scientific books and journals burned by the Nazis and later by the United States. Strick worked for 25 years to answer questions he had about Reich's story. Though Reich was an important innovator and a social and political theorist, his work was still considered pseudoscience. As Strick noted however, Reich took his science seriously and even conducted experiments and kept intensive laboratory notes.

Wilhelm Reich was a Freudian psychoanalyst and was well-educated. For part of his career, Reich looked into Freud's libido theory. Reich did clinical research and discovered that people who had neurotic symptoms (like shell shock, or what today is called PTSD) found gratification in their sex lives. Strick said Reich's found that "if libido was dammed up and not discharged" it would cause neurological problems.

Reich was a political leftist and even supported Marxism. As a German-Jewish scientist, Reich began to face hostility in his work environment and was soon under direct

threat of persecution. In April 1933, he was forced to flee Germany. Harald Schjelderup, a Norwegian professor, invited Reich to carry out his libido experiments in the University of Oslo. Reich concluded that libido was bioelectrical energy, and began to ponder if this would apply to all living things.

Reich also conducted bion experiments, and collected and systematized knowledge about substances that affect the nervous system. Strick noted that in 1930s, there was a common experiment to combine chemicals to see what might have led to the origin of life, which Reich built off of. In the University of Oslo, he performed many experiments, and developed his own microcinematography setup to take pictures over time. Reich looked at cancer cells and saw that tissues low in energy, low in oxygen, or subject to carcinogens, formed cancer cells.

Reich's experiments were important for understanding the origins of life and understanding the genesis of cancer, but went against existing scientific and religious beliefs. Others confirmed his findings, such as a Professor at a French university that actually replicated most of his experiments.

Strick showed handwritten notebook pages from Reich's journals, noting of scientific notes in general that: "You get a feeling for the personality of the scientists." When Strick was doing his research, there were challenges to reading scientist's handwriting, especially in German. Reich's handwriting was sloppy, but, according to Strick, not as hard to decipher as the writing of other scientists.

Otto Lous Mohr, a Norwegian doctor and professor at the University of Oslo, as well as an advocate for certain rights such as legalized abortion, birth control, sexual education in schools, had much in common with left-leaning Reich. However, Mohr still opposed him, saying his experiments were absolute nonsense, even though he never tried replicating them himself. Mohr wanted to distance himself from Reich as Norwegian socialists turned against Trotsky, and Reich was



Photo by Emma Brown

Dr. Strick gave this Thursday's Common Hour talk based on his book, *Wilhelm Reich, Biologist*, about a scientist and psychoanalyst whose books were burned.

a Trotskyite.

More opposition to Reich's work was evident in September 1937, when a proto-Nazi cartoon was published in a German newspaper, making fun of Reich and calling him a Jewish pornographer.

Leiv Kreyberg, a researcher on the genetics of cancer in mice, had connections with Mohr. Reich did not know this, and asked Kreyberg for help. Kreyberg declared that Reich's work was flawed, which gave more credibility to the people who opposed Reich's work.

There was an independent assessment 15 years later, now available in U.S. State Department archives, on whether scientists in Oslo thought Reich was a competent scientist. They found difficulties involved with assessment. Reich's sexual theories, Marxist politics, and Jewish origins might be off-putting to a lot of people, which would cause many people to discredit to his work. They found that Kreyberg was hasty in his judgments, and often his emotional reactions appeared to override his scientific objectivity. They assessed other critics of Reich's work as well.

Because of this widespread opposition, Reich could not get funding for his work, and could no longer stay in Norway, so he emigrated to the United States. He was later badly treated by the U.S. government as well. Strick said that Reich's work "didn't really get a fair hearing from the scientific community." According to Strick, the FDA's disapproval of Reich's findings was inadequate because they were already biased going in. Therefore, his work was known as pseudoscience. Imprisoned for contempt of court, his books were burned and he died of old age in U.S. prison.

Strick suggests it is worth re-opening his case. Was he really just a pseudoscientist or was his work overlooked and dismissed due to the prejudice of his time? If Reich was wrong it would lay to rest the claims against him. If he was right, Strick said, it would be well worth the time to replicate his experiments, giving helpful insight into the field of neurology and cancer research.

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Comedian Bill Santiago performs on politics, religion, Spanglish

BY SHIRA GOULD
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This past Tuesday, October 18, comedian Bill Santiago came to the Brooks House Great room for a three-hour performance on topics ranging from politics, religion, and Spanglish.

The event was sponsored by the Department of Spanish and Linguistics, the Department of History, the Department of American Studies, Brooks College

House, and others. Santiago is a Puerto Rican comedian whose jokes are based on the humor of Spanglish, the dialect created by mixing Spanish and English.

He has performed on *The Late Show with Conan O'Brien*, and has published articles in news publications such as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Miami Herald*.

The room was filled with Spanish students and comedy enthusiasts. First-year Spanish student

Robert Maze attended the show and reported, "It was pretty funny. Everything had an inappropriate touch to it. It was appropriately inappropriate."

The rest of the audience seemed to agree; they would burst into laughter punch line after punch line. He began the show by asserting that Spanglish originated in America.

"You people don't know your own history," he said. To illustrate this point, he told a fictional story

about the founder of Chicago. According to Santiago, the founder's wife refused to leave him.

Finally, the founder had enough and said, "chica, go!" And thus, Chicago, and Spanglish were born.

According to Santiago, people use Spanglish to emphasize humor or to mask vulgarity. He also joked about his experience with his children's Spanglish.

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F&M Professor Lawless talks gender in political campaigns

BY SARAH FRAZER

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The United States of America ranks 95th in the world for women represented in government. Only 20% of Congress is female, and the numbers get more disappointing when one looks at the percentage of governors, 12%, and state legislators who are women. According to Jennifer Lawless, there is no structural reason women are less successful when running for positions in government, contrary to popular belief. Why, then, is the U.S. still so embarrassingly behind when it comes to having women in government?

This week the Government and Women, Gender, and Sexuality departments hosted Jennifer Lawless, an acclaimed professor and political scientist, to speak on the topic of women in politics and, specifically, the obstacles they face. She addressed the question of what biases, if any, do women face when running for political office in the United States; this question is also the central topic of her new book, *Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in a Polarized Era*. This work, along with other books of hers, has been used in Government classes here at F&M.

To answer the question posed in her presentation and her book, Lawless studied U.S. House elections for the years 2010 and 2014 and analyzed how female candidates fared compared to their male counterparts. Her research was based on local reporting of each House race, as well as interviews with voters and campaign strategists. Her reason for using data from these particular elections has to do with the nature of the elections. They are campaigns for the House of Representatives, meaning they are not as publicized as, say, presidential or even gubernatorial races, but they are still relatively high profile elections. Lawless studied midterm elections, those without a presidential nominee at the top of the ballot, so that a voter's pick for House Representative would not be skewed by his choice for president.

The results of Lawless' research will be surprising to most Americans, as they go against the conventional wisdom about gender discrimination in politics. In fact, Lawless found that women running for office win at the same rate that men do. Moreover, they are able to raise money at equal rates and the media reports on them in the same way it does men.



Photo by Brielle Stander

Professor Jennifer Lawless spoke on the lack of women in American politics based on her book, *Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in a Polarized Era*.

Lawless explained the gender equal conditions of elections by citing the increase in party polarization of the electorate and the lack of novelty of female candidates. She argues that the vast majority of people vote based on party identification, no matter who the particular candidate of the party is. And since women participate in politics, even if they are underrepresented, a female candidate is no longer newsworthy. This point, however, may not apply to the presidential election, where a female major party nominee still is unprecedented. Another reason the media reports on men and women equally is the lack of coverage House races receive, in general.

With their limited room, journalists do not want to waste space reporting much else besides candidates positions on issues. Thus, while 60% of Americans think that the media focuses too much on women's appearances and some 50% say that women need to be more qualified to receive the same position as a man, women do not actually face sexism in the voting booth.

Lawless' findings have a number of important implications for the future of women in politics and government. If women are not discriminated against in elections, there must be some other reason there are so many fewer women in government. According to Lawless' research, not as many women hold political offices because women are significantly less likely to run for office. The reason this is the case is because they perceive that it will be much harder for them to win, and campaign recruiters assume the same thing. The commonly held belief

that women have to work twice as hard to get half as far deters many potential candidates. Women also tend to have more familial and household responsibilities, meaning that running for office is much more complicated for them. They may delay running, if they run at all. Women on average hold politicians and elected officials to a higher standard, so that they are less likely than men to think themselves qualified to hold office. On the other hand, even men who self assess themselves as being unqualified for office will often run.

Lawless' experience running in a House race herself informed her presentation and research, as a whole. One particularly useful insight she shared is that female candidates can distort the reality of a woman running for Congress by telling people all the times they faced sexism, even if those times are few. As Lawless admitted, she can only remember five, yet she has told them to other women, who may have been deterred from running in the future.

Lawless proposed a solution to the problem of women being underrepresented in government. She determined we first need to correct the false assumptions about sexism in campaigns and elections, of which there is actually quite little. Next, we need to start instilling in women earlier, at the high school and college levels, an interest in politics and a desire to hold those offices. Only then, will we have gender equality in our national legislature and elsewhere.

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Santiago: Comedian talks controversial topics, political sensitivity, after three-hour performance

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He asserted that when confronted by a question that he does not want to answer, the best answer is always "porque, because." The audience got a kick out of that joke, so he continued with a call and response set.

He posited to the audience, "Why did the chicken cross the road?"

"Porque, because," we shouted back.

Following his performance, Santiago took questions from the audience. One student asked him if he typically addresses political issues in more detail in other shows. Santiago responded that he used to.

He used to enjoy provoking the audience with controversial jokes, but now tries to avoid it. It isolates half of the audience, he says.

He used to begin his show by asking if there were any Republicans in attendance, to whom he jokingly would yell at to leave the building.

Apparently, the Republicans who attended his shows did not like that, and it can be damaging to begin the show in such a divisive manner.

However, Santiago does not shy from political discussion, which he says is important to have. He asserted that one of the main problems in American society is that the news is meant more for entertainment than practicality, and thus often ignores some major events and issues in the world.

Santiago's performance was well received by the audience. Whether the audience agreed or disagreed with his religious, political, or other opinions was irrelevant.

People were able to set aside their preconceived ideas for a few hours of pure humor.

They were able to interact with a comedian who addresses a unique aspect of American-Hispanic culture, and they were able to do it in a low stakes, low stress environment.

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Arts & Entertainment

Affleck, Kendrick, Simmons appear in latest O'Connor action thriller

The Accountant though entertaining, offers nothing new to genre, industry

Film Review

The Accountant

By Preman Koshar

The Accountant, directed by Gavin O'Connor, is one of those films that, while it doesn't bring anything really unique or new to the table, is still pretty darn entertaining. *The Accountant* essentially tells, in its flashback-filled parts, of a young man growing up with an unusual combination of autism, savant-level math skills, and a military Colonel of a father who trained him from a young age to be a deadly fighter. The modern day story, however, reflects the young man as an adult (Ben Affleck), who has become a skilled accountant for the world's most dangerous people, and occasionally indulges in killing sprees if those people personally violate his moral code.

The cinematography in the film is above average, especially considering it falls into the action genre. There are several well-shot scenes of landscapes, and interesting close-ups of characters. While not astounding, it is certainly a step above what most action films get. The score was also above average—it was interesting without being too obtrusive, which is a good mix. It also reflected some of Affleck's character's sensory struggles; this enriched the film significantly. The acting was also above average, though nothing special as well. Affleck did a good job, but that



Academy Award winner Ben Affleck plays Chris Wolff in the Gavin O'Connor directed action thriller. He stars along side award winning actress Anna Kendrick and Academy Award winner J.K. Simmons.

was mostly because his character is largely unexpressive. The girl (Anna Kendrick) he meets (isn't there always one in these types of films) is boring and whiny, and not really developed as a character. No one else besides Affleck is really developed, though one of the treasury chiefs (J. K. Simmons) comes close to being empathetic. The plot was interesting as a whole, though a bit predictable. I could see the plot twist about half an hour before it was actually revealed. The fighting scenes were unique, however, often involving strange implements such as a belt and a flash bang, which made those segments not as boring as they are in most action flicks. The dialogue was also above average, with Affleck having some notably funny lines.

A lot of the success here is due to the screenwriters being completely okay with having extended awkward scenes that, while a little painful to watch, were truly reflective of autism. This area was a little dulled by the fact that the treasury investigators had to throw in a lot of pseudo-formal police-y jargon and posturing catchphrases that were just silly and ridiculous. I don't know when filmmakers are going to realize that police and other people with titles don't usually talk to each other by referencing each other's titles—it's just weird and makes me realize that I am watching the work of some Hollywood executive, as opposed to a brilliant screenwriter telling a powerful story.

All in all, *The Accountant* is a

decent standalone film that broaches the topic of autism in an unusual and celebratory way. It has a hero and action scenes reminiscent of the Jason Bourne films, matched with some of the intellect of a Coen Brothers film. It has significant flaws, and fails to be truly unique, but it's still a good film for a rainy day.

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Review Rating:

B+

The Accountant, though amazingly entertaining, does not offer anything new to the film industry or the genre itself.

Full Staff Opinion

TCR supports petition for F&M mental health care reform

There has been plenty of discussion about the changes to the F&M health policy, as highlighted by Allison Renna in this edition of *TCR*. The staff is extremely proud of those who contributed to this cause, and those who continue to make a difference. Mental health is something that can never be overlooked or undermined, especially in a collegiate environment. F&M and colleges everywhere are proud to boast the accomplishments of its students on their pamphlets and publications. But it's hypocritical for the administration to deny its students accessible healthcare and mental health accommodations. Franklin & Marshall College has done great work over the past few years to become an institution for everyone, not just those who are financially privileged enough to go here. This mindset can not and will not be fully effective without fundamental amenities working in the same ways. Now, we understand that college financial details and contracts are complicated. But, F&M must do better. Free counseling offers students a sense of comfort. For any who have gone to sessions on campus, they realize that they are incredibly healing and beneficial. Those tasks, challenges, or even dark times in a student's life become less daunting. When a student is ready to give up, counseling and it's confidential support gives him or her strength. A student's success truly depends so much on his or her state of mind. Regardless of one's academic strengths, no one can succeed without being in a healthy state of mind. This is not just about one person, and this article reflects much more than one voice. This is about us, as a campus, and as a community. We hope that our voice will be heard. F&M has shown to look out for its students in numerous ways before this. Let's hope the college continues that trend and once again includes confidential counseling in academic tuition.

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The F&M Football team delivered a huge win during their homecoming game. Read more below...


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The NFL has been criticized for their use of fines on their players recently. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

F&M Football team delivers huge win during Homecoming weekend

BY GABBY GOODWIN
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One of the most characterizing aspects of Homecoming and Family Weekend is the annual football game. On Saturday, October 15, F&M Football faced McDaniel for one of the most attended games of the year, defeating the Green Terror with a score of 25-7. F&M dominated the entire game, capitalizing on an early opportunity to connect on a 32-yard field goal halfway through the first quarter by F&M’s own Billy Zwicharowski, giving F&M an early 3-0 lead to work off of. Nearly over a minute into the second quarter, F&M’s Vincent Moffett picked off a pass by the Green Terror and, three plays later, F&M’s Zachary Bradley found Taa-lib Gerald for a 10-yard touchdown. The 10-0 score quickly turned to 11-0 within a matter of seconds by F&M’s Fortunado Perri, who capitalized on the two-point conversion. Bobby Keys led the Diplomats to an 18-0 lead, with the help of Gerald who completed 44 yards on

the ground before Bradley connected with Keys to score the second touchdown of the game. The third and final touchdown of the game was complete by Gerald who completed at 25-yard pass from Bradley, bringing the Dips to a score of 25-0. McDaniel scored 7 points in the fourth quarter, but their effort wasn’t enough to offset the Diplomats’ victory. Gerald was undoubtedly the MVP of the game, totaling 192 all-purpose yards with two scores, to bring home the Homecoming win. He rushed for 119 yards on 21 carries, added another 41 yards on three catches, and picked up 31 yards on a kickoff return. Gerald was assisted in the defeat by Dave Shellhamer and Bradley who, together, contributed a total of 245 yards and three touchdowns on a victorious afternoon for F&M.

The team continued their recent momentum by capturing a 24-17 win over Moravian College and extending their winning streak to 5 games. They travel to Susquehanna next weekend in what will be a crucial game in the hunt for the Centennial Conference Championship. *First-year Gabby Goodwin is a staff writer. Her email is ggoodwin@fandm.edu.*



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F&M running back Taalib Gerald had a monster game against McDaniel in the Homecoming game this past weekend. He totaled 160 all purpose yards. Zach Bradley and Dave Shellhamer also were major contributors to the win. They have now won 5 in a row.

NFL lives up to nickname ‘No Fun League’ due to recent fines, penalties

BY JOE GIORDANO
Sports Editor

Much like when you buy tickets to a Broadway show, people going to an NFL game expect to be entertained. Sure the entertainment should be primarily between the lines of the playing field, but many of the fans pay for the experience of watching their favorite players enjoy themselves on the field. Fans of the Redskins and Saints love to watch Josh Norman and Brandin Cooks shoot a fake bow-and-arrow after an interception or touchdown. 49ers fans come in waves to watch veteran Vernon Davis shoot the football over the crossbar after a touchdown. Fans of the Steelers love Antonio Brown’s flamboyant cleat selection and touchdown celebrations. However, recently the NFL has attempted to put a stop to all celebratory behavior from the players. Over the past few weeks, the NFL has been handing out fines to players, like those listed above, in order to stop this kind of conduct. Commissioner Roger Goodell recently said in an interview with Mark Maske of the Washington Post that: “It comes down to balancing a lot of issues, the professional standards that we want to uphold. We do believe that our players

are role models and others look at that at the youth level. So that’s important for us to hold that standard up.” While many understand the sentiment expressed here, it seems as though the NFL is really starting to live up to its reputation as the “No Fun League.” It is the job and the responsibility of successful professional athletes to provide true leadership and guidance to the younger generation of players who will one day follow in their footsteps. However, the correlation between celebrating a touchdown and being a bad role model is unclear. For example, Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown was fined \$9,000 for wearing blue cleats in their season opener this year and later attempted to wear shoes with his children’s faces on them and was resultantly almost ejected from the game. In addition, Redskins cornerback Josh Norman was fined \$10,000 for a fake bow-and-arrow touchdown celebration. Norman and Brown, among others in the NFL, take it upon themselves to not only play hard each and every week for their teams, but also to entertain the fans in attendance. By fining the players who entertain the fans, they are only hurting themselves and their fan bases. They are essentially asking that each player sit on their hands and simply play the game of football with no passion. Not

only will ticket sales begin to drop if this trend continues, TV ratings will as well. Yes, celebrating can be interpreted as showing up the other team, but these are professional athletes who know they have millions watching them who are expecting to be entertained every week. They sacrifice their blood, sweat, and tears in order to do so. Is it actually negatively impacting anyone? Or is it really just a nice way of tying the players to their fans? The celebratory outbursts allow the players to express individuality and to stand out in a brief moment of victory from the sea of helmets and identical uniforms. It allows the players and fans alike to share in a minute of excitement and pride. These fines could potentially smother the most positive aspects of the American football culture. To me, this just seems like another scheme by the NFL and commissioner Roger Goodell to put more money in their pockets. However, if they keep it up the money will stop flowing in from fans that are tired of the unfair and unjust treatment of their athletes. The NFL needs to change their ways, otherwise people will take their money elsewhere and there will be no more money to take from the athletes they are already exploiting. *Junior Joe Giordano is the Sports Editor. His email is jgiordan1@fandm.edu.*



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Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown has been a recent target of the NFL’s fines. He entertains fans, yet gets fined on a weekly basis due to the NFL’s strict regulations.