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F&M Government Department prepares for presidential election on campus

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The hectic, unpredictable, and unprecedented election season of 2016 comes to a conclusion this Tuesday night, and F&M's Government Department is prepared. The department will sponsor an election night viewing party beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Steinman College Center. The event is held in conjunction with F&M Votes, the College Democrats, and the College Republicans. There will additionally be a 'brown-bag' discussion from 12 to 1 p.m. on Friday, November 11 in the Academy Room of Shadek-Fackenthal Library with Professors Steven Medvic, David Ciuk, and Elspeth Wilson to debrief the results of the election and its consequences.

News organizations call presidential races state-by-state, beginning when the the first polls close around 7:00 p.m. on the East Coast. Using their own metrics, models, and exit



Photo courtesy of the F&M Votes Facebook page

News organizations will begin to announce the election results on a state-by-state basis, beginning after the poles close around roughly 7:00 p.m.

polls, media outlets use as much data as is available to them to call states for one candidate or another. The process itself can take several hours because these news sources are hesitant to get calls wrong and rarely rush to an announcement.

While media coverage of politics and campaigns has

become increasingly more polarized in recent years, elections night coverage itself tends to have less bias. "I don't think [polarization] has a huge impact, because on election night, the results are the results", says Franklin & Marshall Professor of Government, Stephen K. Medvic. "Above everything else,

believe it or not, they are trying to be as accurate as possible in making these calls, because otherwise it is embarrassing for them."

Medvic points to the disputed 2000 election between George Bush and Al Gore as a turning point in how American media covers election night, attempting to get the call right instead of get the call first. "The networks learned a lot from 2000, and I think they've attempted to not make a call unless they are absolutely certain it's accurate... They lost a lot of credibility in 2000, and so now they do prioritize accuracy over speed."

Medvic, who predicts that Clinton will take the presidency and the state of Pennsylvania, but not Lancaster County, suggests viewers on Tuesday night look out for the results of specific swing states such as New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, or

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Professor of Biology Robert Jinks identifies genetic link involved in brain development

BY BRIDGET JOHNSTON

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Following years of work, Professor of Biology Robert Jinks and his team have made breakthroughs in their research at Franklin & Marshall College. His most recent paper, published in *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, identifies and examines the link between mutations in CRADD, a protein involved in removing unnecessary neurons in the brain, and Lissencephaly, a disease resulting in a thicker than average cerebral cortex. His paper has since become the third most read scientific paper currently within the journal.

In 2012, Jinks associated a mutation within the CRADD gene and the presence of Lissencephaly

in Mennonite children. Lissencephaly, while not a devastating disease, does cause substantial learning disabilities. Patients often cannot sequence or complete multiple basic tasks within a span of time, which hinders independent living. Additionally, children with Lissencephaly often have IQs lower than 70.

Jinks explains, "[The patients] can speak in sentences, however they just can't keep track of long stories."

In 2012, Jinks hypothesized that if the CRADD gene mutates, limiting the brain's ability to kill unnecessary cells in the brain, then the brain will be unable to develop properly, resulting in a too-large brain. Since then, other researchers have gotten in touch

with the professor and proposed examining different mutations within the CRADD gene. In particular, Jinks and his students worked with Carol Troy of Columbia University, Department of Pathology and Neurology, where she studies Alzheimers and is one of the foremost experts on the CRADD gene.

After partnering with other researchers in the field, Jinks had the opportunity to began taking and examining samples from patients, as well as running experiments with mice who were genetically engineered without a functioning CRADD protein.

After working together, Jinks and the team discovered similarities between Lissencephaly and smooth-brain disease, a disease

caused by limited brain surface area and often causes near vegetative states. Jinks explains, "[Lissencephaly patients] don't have smooth-brain, but they're approaching it. If they aren't able to kill off enough neurons, the brain will continue to grow, creating a brain that is far too large." A brain that is allowed to grow indefinitely, contrary to what some may think, does not result in a more intelligent person. Instead, an overly large brain often impedes general function.

The research into Lissencephaly has led Jinks to discover the key proteins and genes needed for proper brain development, including the way in which caspase-2, an amino acid created

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CRIME WATCH

Friday, Oct. 28, 1:34 a.m. - Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to disturbance at Phi Tau.

Friday, Oct. 28 - Reported to DPS that phone was stolen from backpack some time on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Friday, Oct. 28, 2:45 p.m. - DPS confiscated drug paraphernalia at 526 N. Charlotte St.

Between Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29 - DPS received report that someone’s basketball was taken from dining hall.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 4:51 a.m. - DPS responded to report of intoxicated student.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 9:27 p.m. - DPS received call about marijuana in Thomas Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 10:10 p.m. - DPS responded to intoxicated student on Manning Green.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 11:26 p.m. - DPS responded to noise complaint on West Frederick St.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 12:20 a.m. - DPS responded to intoxicated student in the West Lot.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 12:25 a.m. - DPS officer was assaulted by student.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2:15 a.m. - DPS responded to intoxicated student in Boncheck College House.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 10:24 a.m. - DPS responded to report of criminal mischief on West James St.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 11:50 a.m. - Lancaster City Police informed DPS of sexual assault.

Monday, Oct. 31, 6:25 p.m. - Local boy killed behind Alumni Sports and Fitness Center after bicycle accident.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 5:16 p.m. - DPS responds to stolen bike from the College Row bike rack.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2:05 p.m. - DPS received report of harassment.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 12:31 a.m. - DPS received separate report of harassment.

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Pennsylvania. “I would be watching for battleground states to see how they’re going, and if there are any calls that go against what we are expecting.” A candidate winning an unexpected battleground state can suggest a night in their favor, while a candidate losing a state they were polling ahead in (or even not winning by as large of a margin as anticipated) could be an omen of disappointment to come.

Though election night coverage may appear “boring” at first glance—calling states happens slowly and is rarely a dramatic affair—Franklin & Marshall students can gain a lot by watching a news organization’s coverage itself. The time in between calling the results is filled with debriefs and discussions regarding the current state of America, its political system, and the recently-run campaigns. There is frequently debate over the nuts and bolts of how presidential elections are run, such as the purpose of the United States Electoral College and the existence (or lack thereof) of voter

fraud. Election night coverage can be useful beyond its most basic purpose of informing citizens of the poll results. It can promote discussion, reflection, and deeper thought on U.S. political affairs.

Medvic hopes the brown-bag lunch discussion follows in this vein, as a way to help F&M students unpack all the intricacies of this one of a kind election season.

Though presidential campaigns and the election night results may provide entertainment and spark extreme emotions, there are plenty of questions left unanswered after all the results have been called. As Professor Medvic encourages, “I think it’s really important for us to think: What just happened? What are the consequences of that? Has it changed the way our campaigns are going to work? Has it changed our politics?”

“In some ways, the most important questions are raised after the election,” said Medvic.

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Jinks: Students in research lab are able to work independently on graduate level work

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by CRADD, functions in the cerebral cortex. Jinks explains, “We never really knew before what caspases-2 did in the brain, however now we understand that it’s very important in normal brain sculpting in order to get us to the point where we all have the same set of ridges and ultimately results in a consistently thick cortex in all humans.”

In the future he intends to work further with the patients’ cells in order to transform them into stem cells, and then again into neurons so that his team might be able to observe how the neurons are being eliminated and how they react to harmful stimuli. He also wants to find out whether the patients are retaining neurons that they shouldn’t by measuring their cells with a newer microscope.

Working with him in the lab are several F&M students, including senior Briana Krewson, junior Jessi Stover, Becky Willert ’12, Alison Shupp ’16, and Agnes Czeja ’16. These students became “co-principal investigators” and they each become developing ex-

perts on one or two neurological disorders each.

In order for the research to function, each student needs to comb through the scientific literature each week, this way the research can be as up to date and relevant as possible. The students also learn alongside Jinks in the lab, eventually becoming nearly independent while working on complex and high-end scientific questions. Many of the students intend to go on to med school programs in order to continue biomedical research.

Jinks explains however, “Unlike other biomed research, you might know [the patient] has cancer, but you haven’t met the patients. In some ways that’s how medicine is supposed to work, however we have the opportunity to interact with our patients and ultimately have much more insightful work in the lab.”

Jinks’ research is largely funded by the \$1.4 million HHMI grant, given in order to further scientific research.

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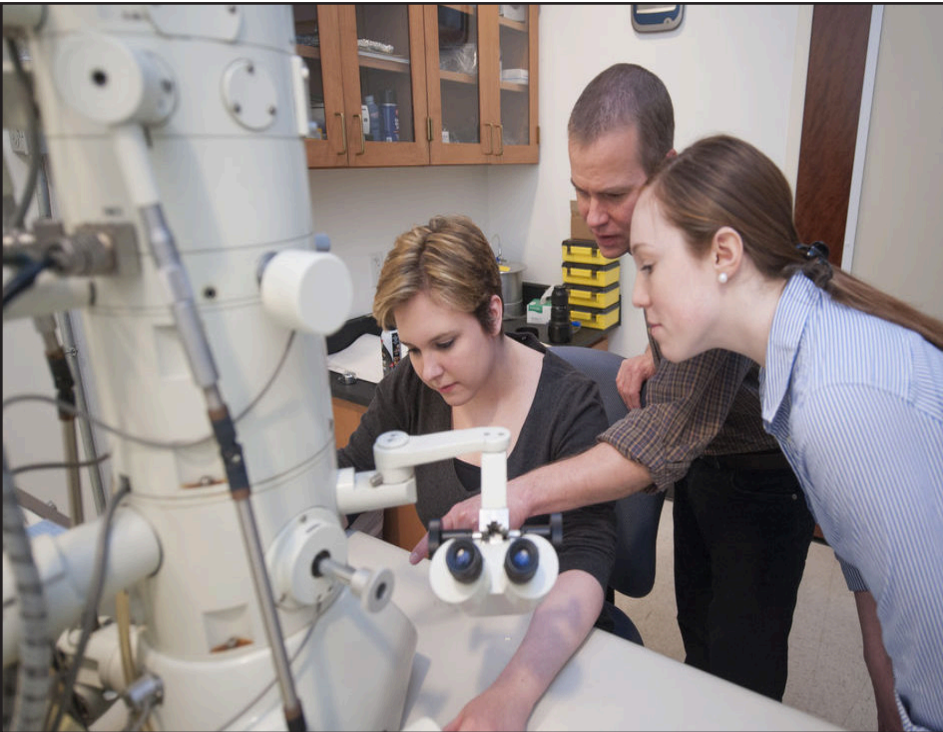


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Professor Jinks and students continue research on how mutations in the CRADD gene affect proper brain development both in patients and in mice.

Staff & Contributing Writer Commentary

F&M student voices opinion on campus culture, feelings of insufficiency

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It was a Friday afternoon and I found myself doing the same thing I did every Friday of my early sophomore year: crying on the phone, telling my mom I just couldn't do it anymore. It was Halloween weekend and I was heading to a dinner party at a friend's house. I should have been excited, ready to hang out with the people I loved. Instead, I stood in an empty parking lot on West James, venting to my mom about how overwhelmed I was feeling, and trying to cover my tear-covered face from the enthusiastic trick-or-treaters roaming around me.

Throughout my time at F&M, I have consistently struggled to make sense of feeling overwhelmed and inadequate on campus. I have always been an anxious person. However, my anxiety was not nearly as pervasive in my life as it has been at F&M; it never led to panic attacks or symptoms of depression. For a while, I understood my feelings of overwhelming inadequacy as a biochemical problem. This helped me realize that I should not blame myself for feeling the way I did. With help from counseling services, I learned to manage my stress and feelings of insufficiency with "coping skills" and, eventually, medication.

At this point, you may be wondering, So what? Why does this matter? I have come to the conclusion that, while "coping skills" and medication helped me manage my stress on cam-

pus, they served only as Band-Aid solutions to a problem that extends far beyond my biochemistry. Even on medication and with sufficient "coping skills," I struggle to slow down and to convince myself that I am enough. Based on my interactions with other students, I believe that I am not alone in this struggle. I am writing this because I think my experience (and possibly the experiences of others) is, in part, a result of F&M's culture. I have come to believe that my overpowering feelings of insufficiency have been able to reach such extremes because of particular cultural phenomena that exist on our campus and I am curious if other students feel similarly.

In this article, I want to touch on some of the ways in which I believe F&M's academic and social environments have made me feel overwhelmed and inadequate in order to start a dialogue about the various levels of such feelings on this campus. I want to try to understand how other students who feel this way make sense of their experiences. More specifically, I think it is necessary to think about the similarities and differences between our experiences to start to figure out if and how F&M's campus culture affects mental health and what we could do about it.

To begin, I believe that some of the feelings of extreme frustration I have experienced have stemmed from being overbooked. Academically, while I am not sure if this is the case, it seems as though some professors assign rigor for the sake of rigor, which

creates a heavy workload that is not always conducive to learning. I have also found it easy to convince myself that I always need to be working on something in order to get good grades or impress my professors. So, whenever I used to have free time, I would try to fill it by doing work. And when I wasn't doing work, I would feel guilty for doing something else. In this way, I would always feel anxious to get things done without ever feeling relieved from such anxiety when I accomplished a task.

Academics have not been the only reason I have felt overbooked at F&M. Socially, I have felt pressured to be busy. I have felt as though I would be missing out if I didn't join as many clubs and organizations as possible. Once I joined as much as I could handle, I felt the need to be the leader of at least one or two clubs. So, by sophomore year, I was in Frisbee, Dance Company, and Just Say Yes (a dance improvisation group), and was also the vice president of Frisbee and the president of Just Say Yes. If I wasn't going to class or doing homework, I was at frisbee practice, scheduling tournaments and events for frisbee, at dance, or trying to schedule rehearsal. I was so busy that I had to schedule time for my friends; I would literally put my friends in my calendar to force myself to make time for them. My panic attacks, I believe, were a symptom of this hyper-scheduling and my body's attempt to get me to stop going, going, going.

In addition to feeling overwhelmed and overworked, I think I have also

struggled with feeling insufficient on this campus. Unfortunately, I have grown up learning to value my worth by my grades. This only intensified in college. I found myself prioritizing grades over learning while completing assignments. For instance, when studying for exams, I would focus on memorizing the information in order to get a good grade, rather than actually learning and thinking critically about the material. As a result, I would either feel insufficient for not getting the desired grade or for studying so hard and not retaining any of the information after the exam.

Socially, I have felt insufficient in two ways. The first way goes back to overbooking. It was hard for me to cut back on my club involvement when everyone around me was so involved. This led to feelings of insufficiency when I started to feel overwhelmed. I would ask, "why can't I handle everything I'm involved in?" or I would think, "if everyone else can handle being involved in a million things, then I should be able to as well."

I also felt insufficient because I was struggling to figure out my social place at F&M. First, I felt like there was something wrong with me when I was hesitant to join Greek Life. I could not help wondering why I did not feel the desire to be in a sorority like other girls. I ended up rushing during spring semester of my freshman year and received a bid from Alpha Phi.

I remember bid day pretty vividly. We all got our invitations to become
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Presidential campaign is near its end, voters must make the responsible decision

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Each election, as it comes up, becomes the most important election ever. Usually, elections, although it can be said that they are important, are often overblown due to the melodramatic rhetoric of both parties. This year, though, I may say without hyperbole, may just be the most important election in not only American history, but human history. Trump can not become president.

Without belaboring the points of this excellent article: (http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/03/opinion/campaign-stops/trump-is-an-existential-threat.html?_r=1) I honestly don't know what more I can say about that alleged human being. Despite whatever he says or does, he rebounds in the polls, and as I type this, he seems to be inching dangerously close to a victory in the electoral college. I am not the only one who is worried. Despite the worries of the elite often not being of con-

cern to the masses, and their conventional wisdom often ridiculed or ignored, I think for once they should be acknowledged. They rightly fear a Trump presidency. Retired generals and admirals, almost every major economist, and prominent Republican politicians argue and ardently believe that a Trump administration would be disastrous for the world. Their warnings are going unheeded

by far too many.

Hillary Clinton was not my first choice for president. Or second. Or third. (I think I preferred her over former Senator Jim Webb). I think Bernie Sanders would have done (and would be doing) better in the campaign against Trump, and I think he would be a far better president than Hillary Clinton would attempt to be. Hillary Clinton is not perfect.



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Opinion & Editorial staff writer expresses his dissatisfaction with the Democratic Party's nominee, yet insists that a Donald Trump administration would be a disaster.

Her conservative, pro-Wall Street record concerns me, the fact that she views the wealthy and powerful as her benefactors and looks down on those who wish to reform our politics, and her hawkishness (such as in regard to a no-fly zone over Syria, which would prompt Russian retaliation) anger me. But I would vote for even someone like Ted Cruz or Dick Cheney before I would vote for Donald Trump.

The argument against Trump has been made by me, and by others far more eloquently, extensively, and effectively. But I will add: decent, patriotic Americans should not vote for this person, whom probably could not be more flawed in each and every single imaginable way. The only way to describe Trump and his personality is just a long stream of (perfectly accurate) insults, which I will spare you here.

I want to warn the people, holier-than-thou, who want to vote for a third party, on either side. Gary

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members of the sorority that was our “best fit.” There were girls screaming and hugging each other because they got into the sorority they wanted and others who were crying because they didn’t get into the one they wanted. I remember standing in the middle of it all just feeling pretty confused. All I had proven was that I knew how to fake it. I had proven that I knew how to compete through “girl flirting” and I really didn’t feel connected to any of the girls that rushed me or any of my “sisters.” This was another source of feeling insufficient; why didn’t I feel genuinely connected to this group like the other girls seemed to?

After about a week, I came to terms with the fact that the idea of sororities themselves made me feel uncomfortable and decided to drop. This was a hard decision. During that week I kept asking myself, what would happen if I dropped? Would I have friends? Would I feel supported? All

but one of the girls who I met during that first week seemed interested in being friends with me. To their credit, those first couple of weeks are jam-packed and you spend all of your time with the other girls, leaving little time to spend with people outside of your pledge class. I felt isolated from this group of friends that I could have had. On top of that, my friends that joined other sororities were also super busy.

All of this social tension made me feel incredibly insecure in my friendships and insufficient for not being able to stay in a sorority. Luckily, I have found community in Frisbee and Just Say Yes. I have found, however, that even the groups I am a part of perpetuate exclusivity in ways similar to Greek Life. It concerns me that it seems as though the only way to feel part of a community on this campus is through membership in some group.

This is how I feel as a white, cis-gender woman from the upper middle class, who is also a U.S. citizen. In a

lot of ways, I have it easy. I have had access to education and a variety of constructive social spaces since I was four years old. At F&M, I am able to focus on getting good grades and also reflect on campus culture, because of the privileges that I have. What concerns me is that this educational system is supposed to be built for people like me, yet the environment still makes me feel anxious and depressed. For a long time, I told myself: Get over it, at least you actually have access to higher education. But recently I started wondering, if this is how I feel, how do those who have had to work twice as hard as me just to prove they deserve a higher education feel within this culture? And what about students who feel that their safety is threatened on a daily basis at F&M? Why is it problematic that people like me feel overwhelmed? Again, I am choosing to share my experience in order to reach out to other students who feel overwhelmed and/or insufficient on this campus. I want to start a conversation: How do F&M students who feel this way make sense of their

feelings? Do other students feel as though F&M’s culture is a primary cause of their stress and self-doubt? What does this say about our culture? How do we, as students, produce and maintain the cultural phenomena that promote stress and feelings of insufficiency? Do these feelings prevent us from adequately self-reflecting on our experiences and the world around us? Do they prevent us from supporting others in our community? I think by answering these questions, we might start to understand why those with marginalized identities feel unsafe on this campus.

Additionally, to begin to understand some of these questions, I am conducting anthropological research on if and why students feel the need to be overbooked and how this busyness is connected to stress. If you are interested in participating in this research, please contact me at hgradus@fandm.edu.

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Voting: *Trump’s message is wildly deceiving*

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Johnson is a con-artist in his own way, and Jill Stein would not be a good president. I will not go into more detail on either side, except to say that Gary Johnson is proof that “ordinary” Americans should not always be in positions of power, and Jill Stein is not a true progressive: she attempts to win fame and notoriety, and aspires to be like Ralph Nader (who helped give us the disastrous George W. Bush presidency, who was a far better president than Trump could ever conceive of being, if he was a good person in any way).

Donald Trump would be a horrible president. How could he not be? His already innumerable scandals mount by the day, he treats even his friends and family like garbage, and he is only running in the first place to promote his brand (stay tuned, literally, for a Trump news network when he loses). He may launch a nuclear war because of a Twitter war, his “wall” and xenophobic attitude toward immigrants would risk conflict with not only Mexico and Latin America, but much of the world, and he would jail his defeated political opponent, just like a Third World tyrant. He doesn’t understand policy of any sort, he thinks that a trade war with China is a brilliant idea, and he lies about being able to bring back manufacturing jobs. He lusts over one of his own daughters, publicly doubted the legitimacy and Americanism of our first black president, and would appoint Supreme Court justices (such as the current empty one) with judges like him. His administration would promote open racism with stop and frisk nationwide, he would

violate the Constitution on demand, he continues to flirt with Vladimir Putin, and would likely be in the Russian dictator’s debt if he were to be elected. A man who does not respect women would be our president, representing us overseas. A man who demonizes Mexicans and Muslims would be our commander-in-chief, threatening Latin America and the Middle East with destruction if they do not control refugees fleeing conflict and hardship from impoverished and war-torn nations. A man who made his billions fraudulently would have a great influence over our budget, and, given his own record with debts, may decide that letting us default would be good. This man wants to personally profit from running for the presidency, and would likely not even take the office seriously if he were to be elected. All he would accomplish would be to make us more divided, hateful, xenophobic, and intolerant of others.

Donald Trump would not make America great again. He would make it a reflection of himself. And guess what? With Trump as president, who would stand up to him? Surely not the media. The Republicans, if they control Congress, certainly wouldn’t. He would get to appoint Supreme Court justices, and he would likely ignore the Court anyways if he felt like it. He would be commander-in-chief, and the military would be at his utter command: I seriously doubt they would mutiny. And, as commander-in-chief, even of a Democratic Congress (or perhaps only Senate) objected to him, maybe he would just ignore them too. The people may object, but he



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Writer believes Donald Trump has a shockingly realistic chance of defeating Hillary Clinton and stresses the importance of rational voting this Tuesday.

controls the military, and thus he controls them. He doesn’t seem like a big fan of the Constitution: he will take away our rights if he deems them inconvenient to his rule. And why would he stop with us? If he is elected, he would be poised to become the world’s most powerful tyrant: unchallengeable both at home and abroad. If you vote this man for president of the United States, you should know that you may as well be electing him to be King of Earth.

Vote Democratic, vote liberal, vote progressive; above all vote for the best candidate. This may very

well be a lesser of two evils election. Hillary Clinton is the lesser of those two evils. She will have my vote, and I hope she has yours. Only the morally bankrupt, or foolish, or both will vote for the Republican candidate this November.

Trump can not become president. Trump must not be president. Trump can never be president.

He would be our last: we would either not exist anymore, or he would assume control over everything.

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Contributing Writer Commentary

Writer shares frustrating experience with F&M administration following sexual assault

BY ANONYMOUS

In May of 2014, the federal government put Franklin & Marshall and many other top colleges under investigation for Title IX violations. Following the news, the school reacted quickly and replaced the existing Title IX coordinator. Many students saw this action as sign that positive change was coming to our campus and the way in which we handle matters of sexual assault. Unfortunately two years later, I have been forced to realize that the change we believed was imminent has yet to arrive. What follows is a letter I wrote to officials of the school detailing the terrible way in which my sexual assault was handled. My hope is that by reading this, students at F&M will step up and realize that if we are the strong community we say we are, action needs to be taken to protect the survivors:

To whom it may concern:

This letter is coming to you as a plea to change our campus views and practices on the handling of sexual assault cases. Since my freshman year here, I have heard various stories of classmates and strangers’ dealings with the administration after sexual assault incidents. Of course, hearing those stories I sympathized with the victims, but never went out of my way to hear the entire story or find out what happened to the students, until I became one of those students yesterday.

My rape didn’t happen on this campus, or even in this country. I was studying abroad last semester when a man chose to take advantage of me 12 minutes from my home by the side of a lighthouse. After the assault I ran to the police and was told since I didn’t know his name or where he lived they could do nothing. I shut down after that. I

told no one, except two close friends on my program and returned to the United States a month later. I thought I would grin and bear my pain until it went away.

But that’s the thing about trauma, it does not go away. It does not get easier. So finally, after living and working in Lancaster all summer, multiple panic attacks, two paralyzingly terrifying flashbacks, my friends convinced me to reach out and get the help I needed. I reached out to our campus counselors and finally found the help. After my first visit I was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression, and anxiety. To help combat these issues I was also started on several medications.

*The team I was working with at health services was incredible. They were always available to me and I felt that they genuinely cared. But even with wonderful treatment, this semester started slipping away from me. I lost interest in everything. I went from **(The College Reporter has redacted information here listing the activities and positions the author held on campus as it could lead to victim-identification which would violate the newspaper’s sexual assault victim policy. The author expresses here that they went from being a heavily involved student)**...to a woman neither me nor my friends could recognize. It was after one of my worst bouts of depression - inability to get out of bed and complete sense of helplessness - that I reached out to my therapist and asked for leave. I just couldn’t function at the level F&M required of me anymore.*

To be clear, leave was not my idea. My therapist brought it up as a last case scenario during one of our first meetings. I fought the idea all semester, even used it as one of my goals to get me out of bed in the morning. Until that moment, I had viewed leave as the cowards way

out. I felt it was my attacker’s final affront on me and the person I used to be.

But after making the decision, I realized that the strength it took to write that email and admit I was not OK and needed help, was the most I’d felt like myself since last May.

Unfortunately, since getting the school involved in my leave, I feel that all of my power has been stripped from me once again. This stems from a meeting I had with my Dean to discuss the process of extended medical leave. Instead of giving you a transcript of the meeting here are a few main highlights:

1) The process of coming back from leave is the same for every single student. So me, as somebody who is leaving the school to undergo intensive therapy for a trauma I did not ask for or cause, has to write the same letter to the school asking for readmittance that any person put on a disciplinary leave must write.

2) To go on leave, I must give access to the school to open my medical records. We cannot even start the process until I sign over my permission, which leads us to point three...

3) At the end of this meeting I was told by my dean who looked even more uncomfortable than I was feeling, that my assault would have to be officially reported because she was a mandatory reporter. I asked why this was necessary because I didn’t feel comfortable with it and her response was that they needed it so our Title IX coordinator would have more statistics. She then followed up by saying yes, the school probably couldn’t help me with anything since the attack happened internationally and in all honesty the Title IX coordinator wouldn’t even be reaching out to me. But since it was an official report, she or I would have to fill out the correct paperwork. She handed me the sheet to read over. The simple one page

document asked me about every single detail of my assault. And gave me six lines to describe the entire experience. Six lines?

I left this meeting shocked. The shock turned to pain, grief, and sadness, then anger, and has left me here writing this letter to all of you. Never in my life have I felt less human, boiled down to a simple statistic. As a school that prides itself on community and inclusivity, we have failed sexual assault survivors. We have a Title IX coordinator; yet we have not put in place a separate system for those survivors who want nothing more than to return to their lives at F&M.

Why do we require that every employee at this school be a mandatory reporter, if we do not give them enough training to not call a victim of sexual assault a “statistic”?

Why isn’t recognition from my treatment provider at home enough to get me back to school?

This isn’t an injury, or disease. And I did nothing wrong. I don’t believe we can designate all leave as the same.

Dealing with the school has only been the salt on my invisible wounds. I thought I would find solace, and I did not.

That does not mean the story can’t be different for anyone else. I hope this letter is a catalyst for change. I hope there is some discussion and some delegation to ensure this process stops with me and that no other survivor EVER has to deal with what I have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
(Redacted)

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Despite Franklin & Marshall College’s efforts to promote a healthy campus culture and atmosphere, there is a darkness that looms over Old Main. The administration has shown legitimate shortcomings and lack of sensitivity towards its students.

Editor Commentary

Faris-Kreisel Mindfulness Program offers an outlet to aid physical, mental health

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In lieu of recent discussions on campus and articles in our publication regarding student stress and mental health at Franklin & Marshall, *The College Reporter* would like to remind everyone of the Faris-Kreisel Mindfulness Program offerings.

The F&M academic culture is widely recognized for its rigor, however, no one outside the immediate college community

really knows of the looming expectations and its impacts on the student mind and body better than our alumni. Knowing how important the upkeep of physical health and mindfulness is to all college students, but especially students at F&M, is why Tony Kreisel '66 and his wife Dr. Kimberly Faris recently donated \$1 Million to aid this cause on our campus.

Though the program will take a few years to run completely in effect, students should still consider taking part in mindfulness practices, such as yoga or meditation

classes, joining de-stress discussion groups, and implementing everyday mindfulness into their busy schedules for the sake of remaining healthy, focused, and engaged in academics and in life. More discussions, classes, and mindfulness activities will be offered by this program in the future and students, especially those that are feeling overwhelmed, should look out for them and push themselves to attend in order to implement positive change for themselves and their overall success at this school.

The College Reporter supports mindfulness and carrying out respectful dialogues at Franklin & Marshall College.

We hope students and the entirety of the F&M community will be attentive to their mental health, consider practicing mindfulness, and continue a respectful, widespread dialogue through intellectual platforms like our news publication.

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Recently, there has been plenty of talk and numerous articles published about mental health at F&M, and the dangerous predicament in which students work themselves to the point of misery and major distress. Fortunately, the Faris-Kreisel Mindfulness Program has been established to offer students an outlet for their mental health.

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Full Staff Opinion

This presidential election has been polarizing to say the least. It is very rare to hear someone say that they really are fine with either candidate winning. Whether you're a Trump or Clinton supporter, one simple fact remains: we must be respectful. One of the greatest things about living in America is freedom of speech. This country was built on a democracy that allows every individual to express his or her opinions without fear of persecution or punishment. It's what makes our country great and Tuesday is a perfect example. Those of whom think Hillary Clinton would be the better fit to lead our country can cast their vote for her on Tuesday. Likewise, if someone thinks Donald Trump is the better candidate, they can vote for him in this election. Rather than getting caught up in political parties and contrasting viewpoints, we can view this election as a chance to have your voices heard. Get out and cast your vote and pick the candidate you feel is most likely to deliver your vision of how you would like the United States to be run. There are plenty of countries in the world that fight every single day for their right to have their votes and opinions heard. Because we live in a country where we are freely allowed to do so, we must take advantage and elect the best candidate for the 45th president of our great nation.

Campus Life

Common Hour features excerpts from music, dance collaborations

BY SHIRA GOULD
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This week's Common Hour was given by Doris Hall-Gulati, and her musical ensemble, Trio Clavino, Jennifer Conley, Lynn Brooks and Kim Jureckson with the Grant St. Dance Company. Through lecture and performance, they demonstrated an inherent connection between music and dance.

Trio Clavino, a musical group who wanted to merge dance with music, invited Franklin & Marshall dance students to perform with them. These students were responsible for the music that inspired the dances to be performed in this year's Fall Dance Concert. The group plays contemporary music by current composers and they have performed internationally. Professor Jennifer Conley has been acknowledged for her mastering of modern dance. Lastly, Kim Jureckson has served as artistic director of Grant Street Dance Company for the past 18 years.

Lynn Brooks began the talk by introducing the fact that even toddlers physically react when they hear their favorite song. They bounce, clap, or smile, indicating the effect of music on physical reaction. Brooks stated that the Ancient Greek Orchestra was a dancing ground where performers sang in order to connect actors to the audience. Additionally, she acknowledged the use of storytelling ballets. Such ballets are meant to give meaning to a musical piece through physical move-



Photo by Erin Hallenbeck

Thursday's Common Hour featured music and dance collaborations between Trio Clavino, Grant Street Dance Company, and F&M Dance Company. Both dance instructors and musicians presented excerpts from their upcoming performances.

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Doris Hall Gulati then explained her inspiration to contact Franklin and Marshall's Dance Company. She wanted to do a performance with dancers at the Ware Institute. Her group consists of violin, piano and clarinet, limiting the variety when it comes to the type of music they can play. They decided to play Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale."

Jennifer Conley spoke about the inspiration behind her dancers' performance. They began practicing outdoors with absolutely no music. Each dancer connected with different elements of nature, and created a movement to represent those parts. There was a representation of wind, fire and water, and two representations of earth. According to Conley, they were surprised by how well their movements matched the music.

Although they needed to adjust the timing of some movements, they did not need to use any counting until the waltz section. They danced two excerpts from their piece: the tango and the devil dance.

Kim Jureckson spoke about the difference between dancing to live music versus a recording. According to Jureckson, her company only practiced with Trio Clavino's live music once, which was nerve wracking to the dancers because each live musical performance can be slightly different. Thankfully, Jureckson explained, Trio Clavino's recording was entirely accurate to the tempo and pauses in their live sound. She also told the audience about Anna Sokolow, who was an American dancer born to Russian Jewish immigrants, who did not support her endeavors in dance.

She ended up creating the New Dance Group to establish dance as a method for social reform. She had dancers perform without music, and asked a composer to compose music relevant to the dance. These were the first modern dances to incorporate jazz music.

During the question and answers section, the dancers explained how dance makes them more aware of their daily movements. They explained that dance is an emotional outlet, but that particularly emotional compositions can also be draining.

Overall, they discussed that music and dance together creates a powerful combination that is emotionally expressive and charging.

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F&M political groups inform students, prepare for presidential election

BY SARAH FRAZER
Staff Writer

In the days leading up to the 2016 Election, F&M's political groups, specifically F&M Votes, College Democrats, and College Republicans, have been mobilizing students to get informed about the election and to vote. In order to accomplish these tasks, the groups have organized events for students on campus, both leading up to and on Election Day. Given the historic importance of this election, as well as the tangible impact millennials can have on it, student leaders from all of these groups feel it is a necessity for all eligible students to go out and participate by voting.

F&M Votes is a nonpartisan organization whose primary goals include registering students to vote on campus and making sure

that they do vote come Election Day. This semester alone they have registered 612 students to vote. They sponsor events related to the election, politics, and news. For example, F&M Votes helped sponsor Professor of Government Stephen Medvic's Common Hour talk on September 29 and the News Literacy Project on November 1.

F&M Votes also collaborates with College Democrats and College Republicans to host debate viewing parties and to support events where candidates have come to campus, all so that students will know the impact of their vote.

On Election Day, F&M Votes will be working with Squash Aces to let a younger generation of Americans, middle and high school students who are too young to cast a ballot, encourage

students to vote.

F&M Votes will have a table in the Steinman College Center to deal with any issues students may have while voting, hand out "I Voted" stickers, and answer any questions. F&M Votes will also have poll greeters at the polls throughout the day. According to Elizabeth Reed, F&M Votes student co-chair, voting is important because "as young people, our vote actually has the power to determine the outcome of the election" and "democracy doesn't work if you don't vote."

College Democrats and College Republicans have been gearing up for the election, too. The main focus for College Democrats over the past year, according to president Sean Hyland, has been "trying to build political enthusiasm" and get people on campus talking about politics. The College Dem-

ocrats have also made a concerted effort to connect students with campaigns for which they can volunteer, including Lancaster-native Christina Hartman's congressional campaign.

This past Tuesday, College Democrats organized an event for F&M students to meet Hartman, who is running for the House of Representatives, speak with her, and ask her questions. Hyland was pleased with the student turnout, explaining "there's a clear desire from students on campus to be engaged in a major way in the political process," as is evident in the questions that they asked. Hartman's race, and other down ballot races, are meaningful, Hyland contends, "because the candidates that you're voting for are the ones who really decide the laws in our society."

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As for how he thinks the races will turn out, Hyland “[doesn’t] want to jinx anything.” But if voter turnout is high, he says, Democrats will do well. More than anything, Hyland urges people to “Vote!” even if they have not completely made up their minds by election day.

College Republicans have had a bit of a different approach in preparing for the election.

According to president Nick Stolte they have been, “honestly, laying low because of Trump. Outside of that, it’s been a vitriolic election.” Given the top of their ticket, College Republicans have been focusing on down ballot races, in particular Robert Bigley’s race for the Pennsylvania State Legislature. Bigley, an anti-Trump Republican, came to F&M last Sunday, to address students and campaign for their votes.

According to Stolte, “he can resonate with people who don’t normally vote for Republican.”

Given that the district in which he is running is largely blue, this quality gives Bigley a real chance of winning. Bigley’s election prospects are largely dependent on name recognition, Stolte says, especially since he is running against an incumbent. Stolte explains that Bigley’s candidacy is critical since he “is a potential future for where the Republican party can go. It doesn’t have to be the party of Trump.”



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Different political groups on campus, including F&M Votes, College Democrats, and College Republicans have all contributed to informing students on the candidates and getting students to vote during this historically important presidential election.

On issues such as climate change or gay rights, “he’s a modern Republican,” but he is still fiscally conservative. No matter who is elected president, Stolte submits, he or she will be unpopular, so we need “candidates who will foster bipartisanship” and have principles.

Stolte urges everyone to vote for down ballot candidates, even if they do not like any of the presidential options, and, in general, to “vote your conscience.”

As F&M Votes, College Dem-

ocrats, and College Republicans are preparing for Tuesday’s election, most students seem to be longing for it just to be over already.

Indeed, this is an emotionally charged election and people have many different opinions of it. College Republican’s Nick Stolte wants it to be over, but is not content with either option for president. As he observed: “We’re in for four long years.”

On the other hand, College Democrats’ Sean Hyland is excit-

ed because “residents of Lancaster have the prospect of electing three women to public offices in seats that have never been held by women.”

For F&M Votes’ Elizabeth Reed, she is both excited for the election and waiting for the campaign to end. She predicts, “there will be tears regardless of the outcome.”

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Sexual Misconduct: Questions and Answers

Each year in the Fall, a Forum is held to give students the opportunity to hear from Dean Hazlett, the Dean of the College, Mr. Pierce Buller, General Counsel to the College and Jan Masland, Title IX Coordinator about the process of handling sexual misconduct reports on our campus. Mark Harmon-Vaught has recorded these questions each year. Each week Jan Masland will address one of the questions.

#23 Q.What is the College appeal process for either complainants or respondents?

A. Both the complainant and respondent have the right to appeal the decision of either an Administrative Review or a Panel Hearing. The policy is that the appeal must be filed with the Dean of the College, Dean Hazlett, or her designee, within 5 business days of notification of the outcome of the Review or Hearing. There are two grounds for appeal:

1. A claim of error in the hearing procedure that affected the outcome of the hearing;
2. A claim of new evidence, information or material that was not available at the time of the hearing and is relevant to the case. Before deciding on the appeal the Dean of the College or designee will meet with the Sr. Associate Dean of the College, Dean Flores-Mills, and with the Panel Chair and may meet with members of the Panel.

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Arts & Leisure

Contributing writer reviews summer hit movie *Sausage Party* *Sausage Party seems frivolous but provides a variety of cultural commentary*

Film Review

Sausage Party

By Vanessa Chen

Despite what my friends think, *Sausage Party* is indeed not an hour and a half of your life that you'll never get back. Yes, the humor in *Sausage Party* is raunchy and even vulgar at times, but it hardly stops at depicting sexually repressed sausages and a very douchey Douche (Nick Kroll). The humor in "Sausage Party" is a vehicle for social commentary on prejudice, sex and God.

Directed by Greg Tiernan and Conrad Vernon, and voiced by well-known stars such as Seth Rogan, Kristen Wiig, and Jonah Hill, the 2016 movie opens in a supermarket, where food items live in worship of the "gods"—human shoppers. In order to be "chosen" by the "gods" to go to the "great beyond," the foods have to keep themselves fresh by never getting out of their packages. Disaster ensues after Frank the sausage (Seth Rogan) and Brenda the hot dog bun (Kristen Wiig) slip out of their packages and "touched tips." This horrible transgression starts the foods off not on a journey to utopia, but to discover the "horrible truth" about their "gods" and themselves.

First of all I would like to address some controversy raised by the movie. Do a quick search on the internet and you will find people offended by the ethnic portrayals that go into some of the food characters. If the pipe smoking, face painting, spiritual-nonsense saying liquor bottle—Firewater chief (Bill Harder)—upsets you, then good, you should be. These "offensive" depictions are playing with your expectations. Many stereotypes are ingrained in our minds by the media we consume—news, novels, TV, movies, etc. We either fail to notice the media's influence, or are too ashamed to admit to it in a politically correct society. By unashamedly and outrageously depicting the stereotypes, the movie brings attention to how we perceive certain cultures and ethnicities. A joke is not a knife—it is a playful fist that knocks on the sore spots of society. The flabby lavash (David Krumholtz) with bushy eyebrows, a big beard and a big hook-nose is not poking fun at any Middle Easterners; it is poking fun at you.

The movie also plays with the conflict between what we believe and what the food items believe. We know that grocery shoppers are not "gods," and we all know what happens to food (R. I. P the



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Sausage Party, a hit summer comedy starring Seth Rogan, Kristen Wiig, and Jonah Hill, offers a more powerful message than may initially meet the eye.

donut I murdered at 1 am). Therefore we all realize that the food items' desperate attempt to keep themselves "fresh," abide by our rules, and appease our wrath is utterly ridiculous.

However, I find the moral of the story to be too clear-cut—there is no god and everyone should have sex to their hearts' content. I grew suspicious of the movie until I saw this scene—Frank the sausage (Seth Rogan) confesses that he does not have all the truth and apologizes for the obnoxious way he forces everyone to believe that the "gods" are evil. This scene solidifies *Sausage Party* in my mind as a brilliant,

self-aware movie that is at once provocative and humble.

It is a great comedy not only because it makes you giggle like a middle school kid while your friends silently judge you, but it also gives you insights and emotions that you wouldn't have expected.

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Review Rating:

A-

Sausage Party provides an unexpected and far-reaching social commentary but ultimately culminates in an unsophisticated message.

The Onion Dip:
The College Reporter's satirical column

Student steals totally "dope" road sign for his dorm room

Photo courtesy of indiaMART.com

By David Martin

LANCASTER—

Sources report that Franklin and Marshall College Junior Brendan Brandonburger stole the "dopest" sign in hopes of adding it to his dorm room's wall of stolen paraphernalia.

Reports have shown that stealing signs from the local community has become quite the rage for college students as of late. Brandonburger reportedly

came home to his fellow bros and unveiled the sign, which turned out to be a blue hospital sign with an arrow pointing to the right.

"Dude that will go so well with the Kate Upton poster and the no parking sign we stole last week," said his roommate, "our wall is going to look so sick."

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The NFL has been lax on punishments for referees missing important calls. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

F&M Men's Soccer team on the verge of a Conference Championship

BY GABBY GOODWIN
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With a 12-2-3 season record, the Franklin & Marshall Men's Soccer team was bound to make it into the 2016 Centennial Conference play-offs. Where exactly they would fall in relation to the other Conference teams however, was the question. On Saturday, October 22, the Diplomats faced off against Haverford in an edge-of-your-seat kind of game. They were able to secure a 1-0 win in a dramatic overtime thriller.

The Diplomats put themselves in prime position for a run in the Centennial Conference playoffs. F&M's Jeremy Levine, Conor Pellas, Matt Regueiro, Dave Reingold, and Ben Wild were all honored before the game on the Diplomat's Senior Day.

With a 0-0 deadlock in the first 90 minutes, the Dips entered overtime to secure the win for their seniors. Less than five minutes into overtime, a throw from F&M's Ben Draheim into the box caused chaos for the Red Devils. F&M's Wyatt Fabian sent a cross to Robert Maze who placed the ball in the center of the net for the 94th-minute goal that the Diplomats needed to secure the win.

Senior goalkeeper Dave Reingold added to the win with four game

saves to make up his sixth shutout of the season. While the Dips' Senior Day proved a promising future for the remainder of their regular season, this past Saturday, in a game against Dickinson, F&M faced defeat for the second time this year. Losing 2-1 to the Red Devils, Dickinson's upset caused the Dips to fall to the No. 2 seed in the playoffs, followed by Johns Hopkins as the

No. 3 seed, Washington as the No. 4 seed, and Dickinson as the No. 5 seed.

The Diplomats played against the No. 3 Johns Hopkins this past Saturday at 1:30 pm and won on penalty kicks 4-3 after two halves and over-times were not enough to settle the differences between the two teams. The Diplomats have had a fantastic season and the entire Franklin

& Marshall community is proud of their accomplishments this season. They face off with Haverford for the right to call themselves champions this Sunday and we hope they are able to bring home the title back to campus.

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The F&M Men's Soccer team will play Haverford with a shot at winning the Centennial Conference Championship. A crucial win against Johns Hopkins in the semi-finals has given them plenty of momentum heading into the championship game.

Quarterback Cam Newton leads charge for more protection for players

BY JOE GIORDANO
Sports Editor

At six-foot-five, 245 pounds, Cam Newton isn't exactly what we'd call a small quarterback. His hard-nosed nature of play and his willingness to take hard hits often makes him the target of linebackers and lineman looking to make a name for themselves. In addition, his on-field passion frequently rubs opposing players the wrong way and leads many to despise every touchdown celebration the Carolina quarterback makes. However, in recent weeks, and even the past few years, Newton has been on the other end of numerous illegal, and not to mention dangerous, hits from opposing defenses. While it is easy to say that he can defend himself at his massive size, the league needs to take more of a firm stance on protecting their athletes in general.

The most recent of these hits, and what brought this subject to light again, was an illegal, below-the-knees hit on Cam Newton by Cardinals defensive end, Calais Campbell. The play did not so much as raise a penalty flag from the officiating crew, much to Newton's dismay. After the

game on Sunday, Newton expressed his displeasure stating, "I don't think there's a person that can go through what I go through and still keep their heads... Hits to the head, that's one thing. But when you're not protected in the pocket, that's another thing." Many of the officiating crews that are responsible for these no-calls often use the excuse that the calls were simply missed, which is totally unacceptable. Unlike in many sports, like baseball for instance, where if you miss a strike call it causes no physical harm, missed penalties in the NFL can lead to serious consequences. Concussions and other long-term injuries can occur within the blink of an eye due to these hits, and if these calls are repeatedly "missed" by officials, the safety of all the NFL athletes is in grave danger.

Stricter protocol should go into potentially punishing referees who have missed these blatant and incredibly ugly hits on players like Cam Newton. Players are held to an extremely high standard both on and off the field and I believe the people appointed to essentially insure their safety should be held to the same standards. If no one is willing to protect the players, the players will not

feel as comfortable performing and it will not only impact the league, but also the entertainment value of the sport and fan-bases as well.

Newton later had a meeting with commissioner Roger Goodell, and shortly after Campbell was fined for the hit. Newton stated in a press conference later in the week that, "It was a great discussion; great talk. I got my point across. He got his point across." This is a step in the right direction for the league and they need to continue to make steps towards

progress in this regard.

The league should be out to protect players of all sizes, and that includes the mammoth Newton. The excuses that worked in the past cannot exist anymore and it is truly the only way to play a safe game. For both sides, one can hope that people work together to make safety their main goal.

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Cam Newton has been the target of many illegal hits in his games. His recent conversations with commissioner Roger Goodell have been a positive step for player protection.