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## Delta Sigma Phi faces year of restrictions following policy violations

BY STEVEN VIERA

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The College recently imposed a set of regulations on Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity (Delta) following its violation of several of the administration's policies. The regulations require Delta to remain substance-free for one year and attend several seminars on responsible behavior.

"[There were] some violations of our hazing policy and underage drinking," said Margaret Hazlett, dean of the College, speaking of the violations committed by Delta last semester.

According to John Ancona '15, president of Delta, the College began an investigation of Delta's new member education program in October; at that time, no written warning or prohibition was issued—however, a representative warned the fraternity that they should cease having social functions. Ancona stressed the fact that communications between the College and Delta were strained.

In November, Delta held an off-campus, unregistered, formal event without the permission of



photo by Krissy Montville '14

**The brothers of Delta Sigma Phi protest their current situation. After violating administration policies, Delta will remain substance-free for one year. The brothers will also be attending educational and safety-centered seminars.**

the administration, which prompted action from the College.

During Winter break, the College's administration and Delta's executive board engaged in a conversation along with Delta's alumni; Jessica Haile, Delta's

adviser, from the Office of International Programs; F&M's Greek Alumni Council (GAC); and representatives from Delta's national organization. In late January, the College announced its final decision to Delta's

membership.

"They're giving us a one-year mandate of no alcohol within our chapter house, at social events on-or-off campus," Ancona said.

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## F&M professor explores post-war implications for refugees, veterans

BY SHIRA KIPNEES

Staff Writer

David Kieran, visiting professor of American studies, organized and moderated a panel entitled, "When the Wars End: Healing & Justice After a Decade of War in Iraq" last week. The discussion centered on the after-effects of the Iraq War on both Iraqi civilians and American veterans and featured members of the Right to Heal advocacy group, which is an organization dedicated to publicizing continuing issues with Iraq War-related consequences.

Kieran organized the panel in connection with a seminar he teaches, "After War." The class takes the po-

sition that people need to think about what happens to veterans and refugees after wars end, and that people often talk about what happens during the war, but not its aftermath. In fact, as part of the class, students must prepare digital stories of Iraqi civilians or soldier's experiences from oral histories.

"Thinking about veterans' and refugees' experiences has been important, and the Right to Heal folks give us both concrete examples of what those experiences have been and also an opportunity to study how different groups are responding to the needs of

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## Quantitative and Science Center opens in Martin, provides tutoring

BY LAYTH ISMAIL

Contributing Writer

The Quantitative & Science Center (Q&SC) opened this semester in Martin Library of the Sciences to help students with quantitative elements in any course they may be taking, not only in math or the sciences.

According to the Ellie Rice, interim director of the Q&SC and visiting professor of biology, the center and its tutoring initiative have developed through consultation with faculty members over the last two years. People at the center employ a responsive and flexible approach driven by department-specific concerns, which, according to Rice, is still undergoing

revision.

"For the near future, we are entering a pilot phase where we welcome feedback on the plans we put into action," Rice said.

The center broadly supports development of quantitative, scientific, and problem solving skills in the F&M community.

"Our first initiative is to broaden and strengthen peer tutoring for science and quantitative disciplines," Rice said. "The overall goal is to improve student learning outcomes through peer-to-peer guidance."

In order to achieve its goals,

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# Viera's Crime Watch



**Friday, Feb. 7**—A theft from a vehicle that occurred on Feb. 4 was reported. A GPS was taken.

**Friday, Feb. 7, 1:48 p.m.**—A college-owned vehicle hit a sign in a parking lot.

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 2:15 a.m.**—A student was found urinating outside of New College House.

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 4:39 p.m.**—Students reported the theft of a fraternity blanket from a common room in Thomas Hall.

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 11:30 p.m.**—There was a noise complaint at a location on the 500 block of W. James St. Officers from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) issued a verbal warning to students, and the students then shut down the party.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1:45 p.m.**—A student reported harassment via communication from another student. The offending student was issued a no-contact order.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11, between 2:10 p.m. and 2:25 p.m.**—A student reported the theft of his or her backpack containing textbooks from the Patricia E. Harris Center for Business, Government, and Public Policy.

**Wednesday, Feb. 12, 12:25 a.m.**—There was a noise complaint in Bonchek College House. DPS issued a verbal warning to students, who then turned down their music.

**Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1:32 p.m.**—The theft of a power cord was reported in Goethean Hall.

**Thursday, Feb. 13, 3:40 a.m.**—Suspicious activity was reported

## Viera's Advice

What's up with all of the theft this week? Minimize your risk of having belongings stolen by always locking your doors and keeping valuables stored in locked, safe places.

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# War: Kieran discusses violence, other continuing issues related to Iraq War

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people living with the effects of war," Kieran said.

While many people want to help the veterans, Kieran explained there is also significant evidence showing that veterans are not getting the care they need for various reasons: cultural stigma surrounding mental health issues, the availability and costs of proper treatments, and the redeployment of mentally or physically ill personnel, which creates even more trauma in the military.

Kieran also explained that, while many Americans want to think of the Iraq War as over because of media influence, there are many lasting issues that continue beyond the end of active military engagements, including continued violence in Iraq.

"Wars don't simply end and everyone carries on with their lives as they did before people have to live in the aftermath of the conflict, and that includes living with long-term physical wounds and psychological issues, living in an environment that has been devastated and permanently damaged by years of war, and, for many people, being displaced or orphaned by of the violence of the war," Kieran said. "It's natural to want to think of wars as having a clean beginning and end, but the effects of war last a long time and continue to affect people's lives for a long time."

The issues of U.S. veterans are not better publicized because many Americans are sick of the war and want to think of the war as done, according to Kieran. Also, the U.S. avoids discussing and confronting the issues around damage done to both Americans and Iraqis.

"I think that there is a lot of silence around the damage that this war has done to Americans and Iraqis, and to confront that damage would lead to a kind of reckoning with larger questions about the war that the nation seems, at least at the moment, determined to avoid asking," Kieran said. "There's even more silence about the impact of the war on Iraqis, of course, because Americans tend to focus more on the war's impact on veterans and less on what the actions of the U.S. military have meant for people living in the country that the United States invaded and occupied."

Kieran noted there are ways for college students or average Americans to help veterans or bring awareness to the issues facing both Americans and Iraqis after the war, such as staying informed on the issues and thinking critically about what the issues mean. College students can also help by choosing which organizations and causes to support, for which political issues to advocate, and how to vote.

"The most important thing is raising awareness and not allowing the issue to fade into silence and obscurity," Kieran said.

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# Tutoring: Center offers study help for students of various majors

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the Q&SC is launching new programs—quantitative fellows, individual tutoring, and supplemental instruction—in addition to supporting their existing drop-in tutoring. Students work one-on-one with a quantitative fellow to solve problems for courses across F&M's curriculum. In individual tutoring, students work directly with a tutor or in groups to ask questions and receive help. Lastly, supplemental instruction tutors run voluntary work-sessions to help students master study skills. Drop-in tutoring is available in biology, chemistry, math, computer science, physics, and astronomy.

There are about 30 tutors working in the Q&SC in addition to another 12 available in Stager Hall, who work on math and computer science. Additionally, according to Rice, the center is looking to hire tutors for 2014-2015.

There currently exists some coordination between the Q&SC tutoring and tutoring offered by the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs (OMCA).

"OMCA tutors are also Q&SC tutors; they hold hours in both locations," Rice said.

Drop-in tutoring hours are from Sunday through Thursday from seven

to 10 p.m., though specific subjects are only available on certain days. Moreover, individual appointments are scheduled at a mutually convenient time for the student and peer tutor. These appointments are scheduled by filling out an application to request a tutor. Then, students are matched with

a peer tutor by the Q&SC.

Students can get involved by visiting the center for assistance and by applying to be tutors for next year.

"Faculty and students can help the center by spreading the word to students who are seeking help in any of the supported courses," Rice said.

For more information on the Q&SC, visit <http://www.fandm.edu/academics/quantitative-science-center>.

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photo by Yao Li '16

F&M students make use of the new Quantitative & Science Center, located in Martin Library of the Sciences. Tutoring will be provided for students in all disciplines, not just science or math.



# First-year, sophomore male students explore fraternity membership

**BY JEFFREY ROBINOWITZ**  
*Staff Writer*

Last week, F&M’s fraternities conducted the annual Spring Rush Week to allow potential new members the opportunity to join male Greek organizations. This year, a new pre-registration policy took effect which required students interested in rush to sign up via an online system.

The pre-registration system was implemented to give the College, as well as the fraternities on campus, information on potential rushes.

“All men looking to rush [were required] to fill out a survey with general questions such as graduation year, extra-curricular activities, and interest in specific fraternities,” said Hunter Citrin ’16, vice-president of membership recruitment for the Interfraternity Council (IFC).

Once registered, rushes were free

to attend any event at any fraternity.

According to Citrin, the IFC—which serves as a governing body for F&M’s fraternities and helps to plan Rush Week—faced issues picking a week to conduct rush.

“It seemed every week we chose, at least one fraternity would be missing executive members due to retreats and other commitments,” he said.

Eventually, the IFC chose the week of Feb. 10 to 14, as it was the only week that all fraternities would have their presidents, vice-presidents, and risk-managers present.

For the first four days of Rush Week, rushes were invited to attend events at one or more of the fraternity houses on campus so that they could meet brothers of that organization and decide if they wanted to join. On Thursday, the fourth night of Rush Week, brothers of each fratern-

nity met to decide which rushes they wanted to extend bids of membership. On Friday, after receiving their bids, rushes had the option of accepting them by signing forms at the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

This semester, all seven of F&M’s social fraternities—Chi Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Tau, and Sigma Pi—were able to conduct Rush Week and have pledge classes.

“Hazing is a morally reprehensible act and has no business on our campus,” Citrin said, pointing out that the IFC takes allegations and incidents of hazing very seriously. To that end, the IFC took steps to ensure the safety of students who rushed, such as instituting a dry Rush Week, increasing risk-management education to officers of all seven social

fraternities, and meeting with every risk-management officer from each fraternity.

Citrin had many positive things to say about Rush Week, praising the creative work of the fraternities in hosting events for their rushes. Additionally, he spoke highly of Dan Porterfield, president of the College, and his increased involvement with Rush Week and the pledging process; according to Citrin, Porterfield took an earlier flight from a prior commitment so that he could deliver a speech to the new members of each fraternity.

“The administration has a strong support for Greek Life on campus,” Citrin said.

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photo by Krissy Montville '14

Last Sunday, following Rush Week, Dan Porterfield, president of the College, delivered a talk to the new members of each fraternity on campus encouraging fraternity members to practice responsible behavior at their social functions and be accepting of all members of the F&M community.

## Delta: Despite frustration, both parties pursue resolution of problems

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“Including that dry status, [the College] also mandated that we do three educational seminars—on alcohol education, sexual assault awareness, [and] new member education.”

Ancona emphasized the fact that Delta’s national organization did not find the chapter in violation of hazing violations.

Hazlett added that the new regulations will include greater involvement from Delta’s national organization and alumni. Furthermore, while they must remain dry, Delta is still permitted to have social events, conduct Rush Week, and have a pledge class.

Delta, a chapter of about 50 brothers, responded to the regulations with frustration, hanging a banner from their chapter house with the message, “Free Delta.”

“The guys living in the house feel as though they’re prisoners,” Ancona said. “They feel as though they’ve signed up to something they did not consent for, which is a non-social brotherhood.”

“They feel like the school is wrong-

fully punishing them; the crimes do not fit the punishment,” he continued. “They feel like they’re outside the system. The school, as a private institution, isn’t following any legal manners. They’re doing whatever they want. They’re attributing some things, they’re saying we did some things, then they’re throwing some punishment at us. And the guys in the house are [upset]. They’re blatantly [upset]. And I’m not going to tell them that if they feel like prisoners they can’t write on a [banner] ‘Free Delta,’ hang it on the chapter house, and do a little protesting. And I think that’s good.”

However, despite being angry, Ancona expressed understanding and respect for the College’s efforts.

“I want to be working with the administration,” Ancona said. “I’ve seen them work very hard for this. The easy choice for them is to say, ‘No fraternities’—not that that’s ever been an option for them—not that that’s something they’re considering, but the easy thing to do when they run into trouble with a Greek organization is just say, ‘Get out.’ They didn’t do that. They want to work with us.”

Stuart Umberger, interim director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, echoed that statement, asserting that by rehabilitating one Greek organization, all of the other Greek organizations will have an improved reputation by association. He did, however, note that the transition from Delta’s current to projected situation would require significant effort and change.

“This is change for a lot of people, but there’s nothing indicating that people don’t want to see them succeed,” Umberger said.

Hazlett agreed, adding that the College must help to make changes that

ensure the safety of fraternity members and guests, especially with regard to social events.

“I’m excited about Greek life,” she said. “The membership, the energy, the event, running a safe environment—it’s a lot of responsibility for [fraternities] to hold. So, [I ask], are we serving you all well? Are we equipping you with the tools you need to run effective programs, fun programs, and safe programs?”

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Staff Editorials

China raises questions of Pacific intelligence

Student perspective of the political situations arising in Asia

On Thursday, Feb. 13, the United States Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in South Korea to, as bystanders have put it, affirm to the world the validity of his nation’s long-held pivot to Asia.

This visit has taken place at a particularly trying juncture for American foreign policy in the continent. As Kerry has gone about shaking hands in the spanking technological hub that is Seoul, one thing the global press has not highlighted is the waves that the Chinese navy is making in the Pacific Ocean, where it is wielding its new global clout on a regular basis.

Earlier this month, Chinese warships passed between the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra on the way to the Indian Ocean, where they held military exercises. Long the preserve of the Republic of India, this pushing into the Indian Ocean seems to be a reflection of the Chinese dream of naval hegemony.

It is but one facet of a larger picture; The People’s Republic has long been trying to tilt the military balance of power in the Pacific Ocean, a region that has been dominated for decades by the blue water navy of the United States of America. Supported by almost all of China’s neighbors, the American military presence provided a hefty and stable counterweight to the awe-inspiring infrastructure of China’s naval arsenal.

It is undoubtedly this growing presence of China in the Pacific along with strong regional acrimony between Japan and South Korea that brought John Kerry to Asia; unsurprisingly, his visit precedes a presidential visit of Barack Obama to Asia this April. From Seoul, Kerry will be involved in discussions about improving the bilateral Korean-Japanese relationship, as well as how to increase cooperation between Washington and China, Japan and South Korea on North Korean nuclear negotiations.

With tensions in Asia riding at what is arguably a decade-long high, Kerry must walk a tight rope during his trip. He must keep the People’s Republic on board to help tackle major international issues where Chinese cooperation is necessary, primarily keeping Kim Jong Un’s actions on the Korean Peninsula in check. At the same time, the Secretary of State must reassure America’s Asian allies that the American navy is here to stay in the Pacific Ocean as a major power, while the Chinese navy grows more assertive in the region and in the world.

A crucial reason why Kerry’s trip is important is fundamentally due to the perception that there has been less attention paid to Asia under his purview than under the watch of his predecessor. Indeed, experts of geopolitics have critiqued that there has been an arguably irrational foreign policy focus on the Middle East from the present Secretary of State, one which is quite incongruous with the United States Presidents’ signal that he would make Asia a top geostrategic priority in his second term of office.

For those who understand the global stakes of these high-level meetings, the importance simply cannot be overstated. We must wait to see what results Kerry’s sojourn to the other key world players in the rising continent yields and understand that, whatever happens, this century, global politics will be shaped considerably by the push and pull of Asian geopolitics.

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To Russia, with (equal) love  
Kansas bill echoes Russian anti-gay legislation, brings to question American ideals

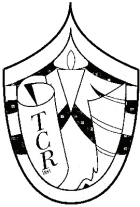
The 2014 Winter Olympics are now in full swing, and the world has been a captive audience as the top athletes in the world gather to see who among them is the greatest. However, almost as amazing as the Olympics itself are the actions of this year’s host nation, Russia, which has drawn widespread criticism for its recent anti-gay legislation.

Numerous world leaders, including President Barack Obama, as well as celebrities, Olympic athletes competing in Russia, and common men and women across the globe protested Russia’s homophobic laws that prohibit LGBT activism or simply saying homosexual relationships are equal to heterosexual ones. While many American protestors would probably like to believe that their nation is free from such bigotry, is that truly the case?

Most would like to think that the U.S. is much more tolerant than Russia on the issue of gay rights. Most would like to think that their nation would never pass legislation that would allow government officials, religious organizations, and businesses the right to deny services, such as marriages, adoptions, social services, employment, and more, to gays.

Most Americans, then, would not be familiar with Kansas’ proposed Bill 2453, which would do just that—and which passed a vote in Kansas’ House of Representatives on Wednesday, Feb. 12, according to CNN.com. Critics of the law claim it is an attempt to brand gays in Kansas as second-class citizens and calls to mind the days of segregation between caucasians and African-Americans.

Does Bill 2453 suddenly mean that Russia’s laws are any less discriminatory? Of course not. Both pieces of legislation are just as homophobic, limiting the rights of men and women for no other reason than their sexual orientation. But, it should cause the Americans protesting the persecution of gays in Russia to stop and take a look at what happens in their own backyard. Moscow might be an easy target—but the gay community is in equal need of help in Sochi, USA.



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Guest Commentaries

Legacy does not a good presidential candidate make

There’s little question that Kentucky Senator Rand Paul is running for president, like his father before him (former Texas Representative Ron Paul, if you didn’t know). There are many little hints, but one of the most obvious is his odd Monica Lewinsky diatribe.

It’s odd indeed that Rand Paul would dredge this up again, but it’s clear why he is: he wants to find an attack that’ll work against Hillary Clinton. But it’s interesting that he would choose this particular tactic, reminding us of a 16-year-old scandal that didn’t actually work that well against Bill Clinton. But why would he do this (if we assume his target isn’t actually Bill Clinton?) After all, no sane, rational human being would say the Lewinsky affair was Hillary Clinton’s fault.

An article in *The Atlantic* entitled "Why is Rand Paul talking about Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky?" has an interesting hypothesis: “Paul isn’t speaking to most Americans—he’s speaking to the Christian right.” It goes on to explain that Paul is going to try to appeal to socially conservative Republican primary voters who’ll help decide the GOP nominee for president in 2016. Arguing that Paul’s strategy is to “solidify his support” with a “Tea Party wing focused primarily on debt and the size of government” and to “mak(e) gains with” the social conservatives and a “party establishment that’s more hawkish on foreign policy and more willing to make the ideological compromises necessary to win.” They go on to give examples of him doing all of this, which would be necessary to win the primaries.

But I argue that the Atlantic article, in which the caption explains that “there isn’t much political logic to dredging the old scandal up—except as a move to shore up [Paul’s] credibility with social conservatives skeptical of libertarianism,” is only partially right. He is also maneuvering for the 2016 general election—he wants to attack Hillary Clinton, plain and simple, to damage her in any way possible so he can win. He wants to play dirty.

This is the beginning of a pattern: The Koch brothers, for example, are shelling out major cash to defeat , amongst others, two Democratic female Senators this year: Senators Kay Hagan of North Carolina and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. Far-right attacks seem to be successful in tearing Democrats down—they throw mud until they see what sticks, and if Rand Paul is the GOP nominee he will doubtlessly have enough money to bombard the airwaves with anti-Hillary ads.

As the Republicans continue their “war on women,” it shouldn’t surprise us that Rand Paul takes a cheap shot at Hillary Clinton through her husband’s indiscretions. This is just a taste on the 2016 campaign if Rand Paul is the Republican nominee, and I hope Hillary Clinton knows that he doesn’t play fair or nice.

It’s silly to focus on these things anyways, and hopefully voters will reject the spurious attacks whether from the GOP or Democrats, or at least concern themselves that contain substance rather than silliness. After all, it would be unfair for Hillary Clinton to go after Rand Paul for his father’s views, actions, career, or any sort of beliefs or projects. It would be ridiculous for Hillary Clinton to lambaste him for his son’s criminal record. Not to mention the fact that his own wife thinks—for whatever reason—he shouldn’t be the most powerful man in the world, the commander-in-chief of America.

Please, Mr. Paul, let’s focus over what we have control over. Such as your plagiarism, your ultra-conservative, far right political opinions and positions, the people you surround yourself with, and your own career, record, and all the details a presidential campaign will bring to light, such as how you were able to rise from an eye doctor to a Senator, all your financial backers, and why you are qualified to be our president.

Hillary Clinton may not be perfect, but there is no question she is qualified to be president of the United States. Can we truly say the same of Rand Paul, or must he tear a great stateswoman and politician down for what he believes should have been his father’s job? If we must have a dynasty, let’s at least choose the better one.

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Hillary Clinton should not be the Democratic Nominee

Commentators across the political spectrum have recently been wondering if there is a Democrat that can truly challenge Hillary Clinton for the nomination. And while it may seem almost inevitable to some, I’m willing to stand up and say, as a Democrat, I do not want Clinton as the nominee.

She is a centrist Democrat who not only is a divisive figure in American politics, but her positions on various important Democratic issues are far behind today’s mainstream. Because of this, I believe that the current Vice President, Joe Biden, would make a more ideal candidate both for this country and the Democratic Party.

I suppose it is important to compare the credentials of both candidates. Joe Biden served 35 years in the Senate, being in charge of both the Judiciary Committee and Foreign Relations Committee. Both allowed him to gain experience on the world stage as well as in the ability to influence the judiciary.

Hillary Clinton only spent less than a decade in the Senate with few notable accomplishments. Joe Biden, on the other hand, has passed numerous pieces of legislation, such as the Violence Against Women’s Act, and helped the 1994 Crime Bill get passed that instituted the Assault Weapons Ban and put 100,000 new cops on the street to lower crime rates across America.

On economic policy, Joe Biden represents more of the rank and file mainstream Democratic position. Joe Biden believes in expanded and improved rail travel, higher infrastructure expenditures, a higher minimum wage, and the clear understanding that you grow the economy by helping middle and lower-class Americans and not the upper crust of society.

Biden, unlike Clinton, during his interview with *Meet the Press*, pushed the administration and President Obama toward coming out in favor of gay marriage. Because of this, more and more Democrats are standing up for marriage equality, an issue that Clinton was lagging behind and only “evolved” after other major prominent Democrats came out in support.

But the most important reason for me to not want Clinton as the next president is because she will push the Democratic Party back. The Democratic Party is beginning to finally realize that issues such as minimum wage increases, more money for R&D, higher capital gains taxes, more infrastructure spending, and controls on carbon emissions, is the type of message that resonates with voters. It’s the idea that we shouldn’t be allowing major U.S. corporations to pay nothing in corporate taxes but ship jobs overseas. It’s the idea that increasing, not decreasing, union membership will bring a higher standard of living.

Clinton may at some point claim to believe in these ideas. but the evidence and past actions lead me to believe that she is at most a centrist Democrat. Her time as Secretary of State was neither bold nor eventful and the truth is her presidency would be no different. We need a nominee; we need a president who is willing to fight for the middle and lower class Americans.

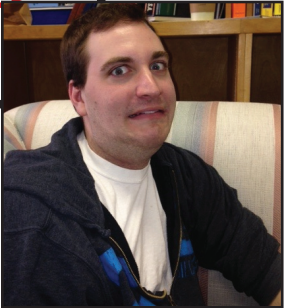
A man who has spent almost his entire life fighting for the common man, always on the side of the little guy; a person who truly understands middle class values and can truly connect with both blue collar union workers and leaders across the world. We need a nominee who will fight for a more equal and just society, both in our laws and in practice and that man is Joseph Robinette Biden.

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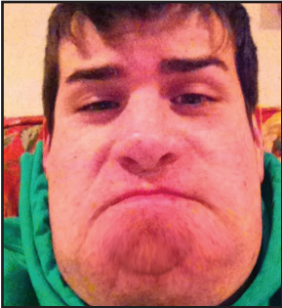
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# Campus Life

## Miles explains controversial cases of domestic violence

BY GEORGIANNA PISANO-  
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Staff Writer

Jessica Miles, assistant clinical professor and assistant dean of career services at Seton Hall University School of Law, came to F&M to give an informative talk, entitled “Controversial Topics in Domestic Violence and Law,” Tuesday. The event was canceled due to weather conditions, but Miles and her colleague, Gisele Joachim, dean of enrollment management at Seton Hall, were able to reschedule for this week.

The talk was one of many organized by Katie Schellenger, director of legal professions advising, to enhance the College’s pre-law program. There’s a plethora of events focusing on legal issues that pre-law students may attend over the course of the semester, including an alumni speaker series, a talk on the variety of majors that can lead to law school, a three-part preparation course for applying to law school, and a subsidized LSAT class for those planning to apply in 2015.

This presentation started the semester’s events off with an interactive and engaging speaker. Miles used a PowerPoint presentation that provided the details of various domestic law cases with which she is familiar. Before discussing each cases’ outcome, she asked the students in attendance to guess the results of each.

Miles explained that, when it comes to domestic law, the client is typically seeking a Final Restraining Order (FRO), but the amor-

phous nature of domestic disputes means that not everyone put in danger will be granted one.

In New Jersey, where Miles works, the client and lawyer must work to meet 14 predicate acts to be eligible for the FRO. This is slightly more difficult than getting a restraining order in Pennsylvania, for example. However, a FRO in New Jersey lasts a lifetime, whereas restraining orders in Pennsylvania only last three years.

According to Miles, clients and their lawyers often run into trouble on the following three points when trying to get an FRO: there must be an immediate need for the FRO, it cannot be an isolated crime, and there must be a future threat. Obviously, anyone with the ability to work through a slow trial is in a unique position in terms of “immediate need.”

Furthermore, if it was an isolated crime and the lawyer cannot prove future threat, then the client can still receive criminal charges against the perpetrator. However this means once the offender is out of jail, he or she may appear anywhere the victim is, and the police would not be able to do anything about it. If the victim had an FRO, however, the offender could be arrested for being near the victim. This shows the extreme importance of FROs.

Another aspect of the FRO requirements for domestic violence is that the person seeking the FRO had to be involved in a relationship with the perpetrator, Miles explained. In fact, New Jersey has developed a dating checklist to verify that the



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**Jessica Miles, assistant dean of career services at Seton Hall University, presented an array of domestic violence cases in Stahr Auditorium.**

clients were in a relationship. Miles shared one example of where this loophole in the law has hurt a domestic violence survivor. A young woman, on the first night of a trip to Israel, flirted and danced with a fellow young man on the trip whom she had just met. When he walked her back to her room, she decided not to kiss him and went inside alone. She was texted soon after by

a friend and went out to meet her.

Unfortunately, the young man was waiting outside her room and beat her. He served eight months in an Israeli prison but after was free to return to the States, where the young woman was living. She felt unsafe and filed for a domestic violence FRO, but, since they had not been in a relationship, her FRO was not granted.

This is just one example of several compelling cases Miles shared in her presentation. The advent of causal relationships, texting harassment, and many other contingencies of the modern relationship have quite literally impacted the policy-making surrounding domestic violence law. Many times, it is hard for judges and lawyers to decide where the line must be drawn, but these issues provide an engaging discussion for everyone interested in the law and individual and civil rights. These complicated nuances of the law are the topics on which Miles, and many other speakers coming to campus during the rest of the semester, are focusing their current research and will be discussing with interested F&M students.

Any F&M students interested in Seton Hall University’s law program should contact Gisele Joachim, dean of enrollment management, at gisele.joachim@shu.edu.

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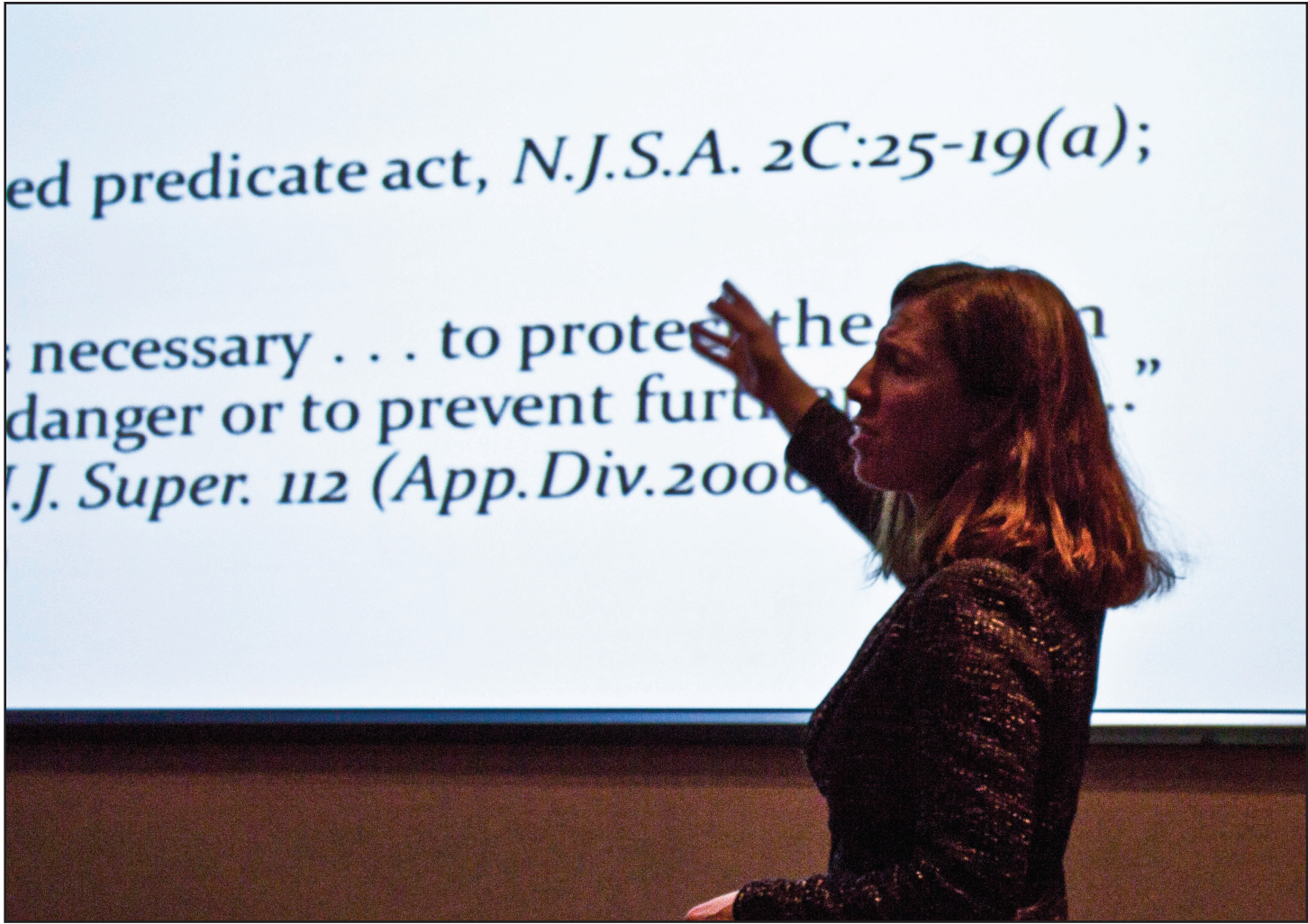


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**Miles engaged in a discussion with interested students and explained outcomes of domestic violence cases. She shared the context of these cases and the relationships involved to provide a better understanding.**



# Journalist Kane discusses time spent reporting on Beatles

BY ARIELLE LIPSET

Layout Assistant

Since Feb. 9, 1964, when the Beatles debuted on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, the band's tremendous presence in America and fans' reverence has not waned. This was exemplified by CBS's recent tribute to the Beatles, called "The Beatles: The Night That Changed America—a Grammy Salute," at this year's Grammy Awards.

Tuesday, just weeks following CBS's salute to the Beatles, journalist and author Larry Kane spoke to F&M students in New College House about the time he spent touring with the Beatles in 1964 and 1965. Kane has written many books on the band, including 2003's *Ticket to Ride* and *When They Were Boys: the True Story of the Beatles' Rise to the Top*, published in 2013.

Kane began his journalism career when he was only a teenager. At the age of 16, Kane worked in Miami for a small radio station. He covered politics during a tumultuous time, that included the assassination of President Kennedy and the escalation of the Vietnam War.

When Kane was first assigned to cover the Beatles, he did not think the band's appearances would be particularly newsworthy.

"I wasn't exactly thrilled with the assignment," Kane said. "I remember saying that they'll be here in September and gone in November. And that shows all you here at Franklin & Marshall just how good of a vision I had."

Although still doubtful, Kane pursued his assignment. He wrote a letter to Beatles' manager, Brian Epstein, to request an interview and eventually received a response.

"I got this letter a few weeks later from Epstein, inviting me to join them on their planes, in their cars, in their hotel suites, as an official member of the traveling party," Kane said.

Kane was provided with \$2,500 in travel accommodations and went from Miami to San Francisco on Aug. 19, 1964 in his journey across America.

Touring with the Beatles exposed Kane to the band's lifestyle, filled with excitement over its growing fame. Before he had the chance to meet a member of the Beatles, he had another encounter that caught him off guard.

"I went into the hotel, and I opened the door of my room," Kane said. "Lying on my couch was a woman, and she was beautiful. She said, 'Now Mr. Kane, I am here to make you so happy that you'll get me to meet the Beatles.'"

When Kane was eventually called to meet the band, he began his interviews immediately. From there, he shared his first impressions of them.

"Ringo Starr's in the corner," he said. "I started interviewing him. I



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**Journalist and author Larry Kane spoke about his experiences in 1964 and 1965 covering some of the Beatles' first American shows. He has also written several books about the time he spent with the band.**

asked him some serious questions, and I found out that he's the second most curiously intellectual person in the Beatles."

He found the band members quirky and developed relationships that would last years. Along the way, he learned the personalities of the individual band members.

"Paul McCartney never met a comb, a mirror, or an audience he didn't like," Kane said. "He was without a doubt the greatest public relations executive in history. He knew what to say, when to say it; he was a charming man."

Throughout his interviews, Kane concentrated on political and social issues. He questioned the Beatles on Vietnam, immigration in England, and racial controversies.

"It was said the band [members] wouldn't talk about their political views, but I got to know them and they talked extensively," Kane said. "I found out they were pretty open-minded. [They were] concerned with peace, love, and everything else of the time."

In addition, Kane stressed some of the lessons he learned about journalism and the importance of going after news.

"You need to realize no news story waits to find you," Kane said. "If you want to be in the game, you have to get up and play."

Through active pursuit, Kane gained perspective on the bandmates' meaningful relationships. He claims they valued personal connections and that their positive relationships with others helped increase their fame.

"The friends they had were amazing," Kane said. "One of them was

a fella named Bill Harry; he and his future bride decided to publish a magazine covering all the boy bands. They did a poll on who was the best band in 1961 and they rigged it; they just fixed it. They rigged the Beatles number one."

Kane also detailed some of the early conflict the Beatles encountered. Kane described the drama the band went through when the men decided to fire the original drummer, fan-favorite Pete Best.

"The other bandmates called him mean and moody, but he was the most popular Beatle living [at the time]," Kane said. "The day Pete was fired he went to a little place

Although today the Beatles' success is unquestioned, Kane noted this was not always the case.

"They went to a rehearsal at Decker Records in London, and the boss at Decker Records told them, 'Forget it. Boys with guitars will never succeed,'" Kane said.

Kane also admitted the irony of the originally disdainful outlook he had on his assignment to cover the Beatles. He said no one could have predicted the group's endless success.

Although Kane has interviewed every U.S. president from Lyndon Johnson to George W. Bush, he said that he is most frequently asked what the Beatles are really like, further showing the public's continued fascination with the band.

Continuing in his journalism career, Kane moved on to report on political projects and world events other than the Beatles. He eventually gained time to write about his experiences with the Beatles almost 30 years after reporting on their tour.

Today, Kane hosts a Comcast radio program, "Voice of Reason." He has stayed in touch with the band, interviewed the surviving Beatles for his recent novels, and continues his journalistic work with the insight he gained while on tour. Kane has been successful in making the Beatles come to life both in the pages of his books and, more recently, to fascinated F&M students.

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named Grapes and called Neil Aspinall, who was his best friend and the Beatles road manager. [After Best revealed the news], Neil Aspinall, for three days, said 'I'm leaving too. I don't want to be part of this band—you're my best friend.' Pete Best told him over and over to stay, finally convincing him to stay when his mother got involved."

Starr replaced Best as drummer, and Kane used this anecdote to advise students never to let go of their aspirations. He said friends can help guide one's path to success.





# Arts & Entertainment



## Church's unique style maintained on newest album The Outsiders *tracks range from upbeat to passionate, emotional*

**Album Review**  
*The Outsiders*  
Eric Church

by Julia Chirls

Eric Church fans eagerly waited Feb. 11, the day of the country musician's album release. His career began early and hit a milestone when he produced his third studio album in 2011. The southern rock album, *Chief*, was an instant Top Country Album and won a Country Music Award. It contained several number one singles, including "Drink in My Hand" and "Springsteen."

The talented singer and songwriter, who has been producing country music for nearly a decade, debuted his fourth studio album, *The Outsiders*. It is a collection of music that is destined to satisfy his ever-growing audience.

Church began the production of *The Outsiders* in 2012, releasing two singles, "The Outsiders" and "Give Me Back My Hometown." Both singles have generated so much attention that they have already sold nearly a half-million downloads combined.

The song that kicks off the album is a single of the same name. "The Outsiders" has an appropriate tempo and beat to convey the message of the song. Church passionately sings four minutes with a nitty-gritty voice as he tells the story of a "band of brothers, together, alone, the Outsiders." The lyrics describe them as bad boys.

"We're the bad news/We're the young guns/We're the ones that they told you to run from." A group of background singers focus on the chorus of the song, proving they are a "band of brothers."

Church maintains his unique style while varying the beats, rhythms, and sounds of each song on the track list. The second song on the album, "A Man Who Was Gonna Die Young," has a slow tempo with a constant guitar tune in the background. Included in the seventh tune, "Like a Wrecking Ball," is a slight echo effect to Church's voice.

Moving along the track list, the fourth song is "Roller Coaster Ride." With an upbeat rhythm and catchy lyrics, this tune speaks of a man who has lost his love. In my opinion, however, the music in the background evokes a tone of joy, which is quite opposite from the meaning of the lyrics.

Nonetheless, I could not stop replaying the song in my head. "That chain keeps dragging me up just to drop me down/I think I'm over the hump enough to see the other side/That's when another thought of you runs through my mind/Since you had to go, I've been on a roller coaster ride."

It then explores an emotional downturn in which the man must resort to drugs, pulling him down even more. This is a too-common theme today. Can't people learn to grow, mature, and find meaning in friendship before they become



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**In 2011, Church won the Top New Solo Vocalist award and Album of the Year award for album *Chief* at the ACM Awards.**

entangled in relationships that are unhealthy?

The ninth song on the album, "Dark Side," explores an issue of secrets. In the song, Church made a strategic choice to voice the lyrics at a low pitch with little musical accompaniment in the background, adding to the low-spirited mood.

The song talks about a man who has a secret side of him; a mean, nasty, troubled one, that remains inside of him at all times. "That man's dangerous as hell, a threat to himself/If he got out then there'd be hell to pay, and that's why my

dark side don't ever see the light of day/Is there a dark side in each of us, one that we must control in order to thrive?"

Church travels on his international tour until early August.

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**Review Rating:**

**B+**

*Talented singer/songwriter preserves style while branching out.*

## Aer expects equal success with sophomore album New album displays band's reggae roots and acoustic beats

**Album Review**  
*Aer*  
Aer

by Brien Miceli

The smooth hip-hop duo Aer released its third studio album entitled, "Aer." As a pair of guys fresh out of

college, David von Merling and Carter Schultz have not changed their sound an ounce. For anyone who has not listened to Aer, imagine Hoodie Allen and Jason Mraz's voices combined, with Jack Johnson hired to write the music. That is precisely how Aer sounds.

The new album continues to display Aer's smooth reggae roots and acous-

tic beats, and continues to show the lyrical influence of attending college and past relationships. Their last album "The Bright Side" achieved great success, making the Billboard's top 100 and hitting number one on iTunes at one point, and they expect similar success from "Aer". The singles include "Won't Laugh" and "Says She Loves Me".

There is an interesting dynamic between some of the songs. Many of the songs, including the two singles, are about meeting new girls and starting new relationships. Yet, some of the songs, including "Ex" and "I'm Not Sorry," are about break-ups and past flings.

Regardless of what the respective songs are about, they all have that distinct Fresh Aer Movement sound. The twangy guitar riffs, simple beats, and smooth rapping/singing of von

Merling and Schultz are very familiar and comforting territory. It's refreshing to find that Aer has found a style that works well and are sticking to that style.

I highly recommend checking out this album. Aer has the brilliant ability to write music that you can put on shuffle and listen to in any order for hours. Change in style can be good, but in Aer's case, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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**Review Rating:**

**A**

*Aer produces album reminiscent of Hoodie Allen and Jason Mraz.*



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**Debut album, *The Bright Side*, hit No.1 on the iTunes album chart and made its way onto the Billboard 200 chart.**





# Throwback of the Week



## Artist: Britney Spears

### Track: “Oops!...I Did It Again”



2000 A.D.: The world celebrated the turn of the millennium, Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia, and Sydney hosted the Summer Olympic Games. However, the most monumental event of the year occurred when Britney Spears changed the music world forever with her hit single “Oops!...I Did It Again.” Upon its release, this track received generally favorable reviews from critics, but was hailed by pop music fans as one of the most contagious songs of the year and stood out in Spears’s catalogue. It was nominated for a Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance and peaked at number nine on the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100. In summation, “Oops!...I Did It Again” is a masterpiece of the 21st Century, the likes of which even Nostradamus couldn’t have predicted, and fourteen years since its release, it remains not only her best song but also one of the best tracks of the new millennium.

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# S.H.I.E.L.D. returns this Spring

## Alexander reprises role as Lady Sif

### Television Commentary

#### Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

by Georgianna Pisano-Goetz

Marvel’s Agents of SHIELD has recently faced a lot of fire for its slow-burn (read: painfully boring) approach to the stories of several SHIELD agents working under movie funnyman (and Captain America fanboy) Agent Phil Coulson. The show runner’s response has been a new plot involving Thor sidelines player, Lady Sif.

Jaime Alexander will reprise her role as Lady Sif on the March 11 episode of SHIELD, entitled “Yes Men.”

SHIELD executive producer Jed Whedon (not a typo—it’s his brother) said this about Lady Sif’s visit:

“Lady Sif comes here on a hunting mission—sent by Odin—to find her arch-enemy Lorelei and bring her back to Asgard. It throws our agents for a loop when they find themselves in a fight right alongside this powerful woman from Thor’s world.”

A picture has been released of Lady Sif’s visit, which doesn’t do much to assuage concerns about the cheap-looking aesthetic of the show.

Will you be watching? *Marvel’s Agents of SHIELD* returns with new episodes Tuesday, March 4 at 8 p.m. on ABC.



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Jaime Alexander played the role of Lady Sif in both 2011’s *Thor* and 2013’s *Thor: The Dark World*.

# Dates released for new action films

## J-Law makes dramatic change in hairstyle

### Movie Previews

#### Batman Versus Superman & Mockingjay

by Georgianna Pisano-Goetz

In this week’s movie micro-news... *Batman Versus Superman* release date moved to 2016

The DC Trinity (Wonder Woman has been confirmed, although doesn’t share any title space at the moment) mammoth has moved its release date nearly a year past its original release date. A Warner Brothers executive explained the delay, saying, “We just want to do it right and need the time.” The new weekend of May 6, 2016 will have the release of *BvS*, *X-Men* the next weekend, and *The Amazing Spider-Man 3* the following weekend. We’ll see if any of those chicken out in the next year.

Jennifer Lawrence to wear wig in *Mockingjay Parts 1 & 2*

For those of you living under a rock,



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J-Law was the 2013 Associated Press’ Entertainer of the Year.

or who have somehow escaped the J-Law fascination, you may not have realized that the Oscar-winning 22-year-old recently got a pixie hair cut because her long locks were “fried from dyeing too much.” She confirmed that she’d be wearing a wig in both parts of *Mockingjay*, which is being filmed simultaneously. Let’s just keep our fingers crossed Katniss’ long wig braid is more *SNL* quality and less *Twilight*.

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## • New Releases •

### Week of Monday, Feb. 17

### Music

#### Tuesday, Feb. 18



Lake Street Dive  
*Bad Portraits*



Sun Araw  
*Belomancie*



Candice Glover  
*Music Speaks*



Cole Swindell  
*Cole Swindell*

### Movies

#### Friday, Feb. 21



*3 Days to Kill*



*Pompeii*



*Almost Human*



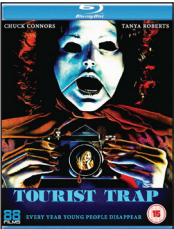
*Barefoot*

### Blu-Ray

#### Tuesday, Feb. 18



*Hellbenders*



*Tourist Trap*



*Afternoon Delight*



*Battle of the Damned*



# Hockey: Oshie becomes household name after shootout success



The action that unfolded in Bolshoy Ice Dome Saturday was unlike any in years. Both the U.S. and Russian men’s ice hockey teams proved to be teams worthy of medaling.

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of the Toronto Maple Leaves, told ESPN, “I knew he was our best going into the tourney and I would go back to him if the opportunity presented itself. After the second or third shot I told him to go again and he looked at me like, ‘Really?’ At one point I told him to go back with his best move, little did I know he had six or seven of them.”  
Oshie remains very humble, despite all the coverage and praise he was given this weekend.  
Almost immediately after the win, Oshie told CNN, “My hands are a little tingling, my feet are tingling. It was pretty nerve-wracking out there.”  
United States goalie, Jonathan

Quick, also cannot be left out for crediting the America win, as he was part of America’s front in the shootout, this time on the defensive side.  
Many compare this moment to America’s “Miracle” win over Russia in the Games in 1980, set in Lake Placid, NY—the only difference is this wasn’t fighting for the gold, this was merely a fight for placement. Not to belittle America’s accomplishment this weekend, but this makes quite the difference.  
“It was going to be hard to have a game that would live up to the hype surrounding USA versus Russia,” said Maxwell Polans ’14. “But after three hours of nail bit-

ing action, and eight rounds of skills competition that followed, it is hard not to say that it did not in fact meet and surpass any and all expectations that could have been set beforehand. The level of excitement rivaled any game I’ve ever watched, and to have it be on a worldwide stage in Sochi made it all the more thrilling.”  
The atmosphere in the arena, as well as in homes across the country, was electric.  
“It was the one of the most exciting U.S. sporting events I have ever seen,” said Sam Rubin ’14. “I watched the game with about 30 of my fraternity brothers who were all standing and chanting Oshie as T.J. Oshie went in for the winning shootout goal. After it went in, everyone started jumping and screaming, ‘USA, USA.’ It was a great time,” Rubin said.  
NHL.com reports similar findings in the arena.  
“It was loud, crazy, a circus-like environment,” NHL.com reported. “It was the Olympics at their finest.”  
The win does not entirely eliminate Russia however from reaching the quarterfinals of the Games and ultimately taking home the gold. As the host country, Russia

still hopes to come out with the big W.  
Speaking with CNN, Ilya Kovalchuk said, “Now we will be getting ready for the future.”  
As for the United States, we already have three big wins under our belt: Slovakia 7-1 on Thursday, Russia 3-2 on Saturday, and Slovenia 5-1 on Sunday. We are not out of the group stage and now comes our time to medal.  
The game Saturday gave the United States ice hockey team a newfound drive going into the rest of the games coming this week. The team has real potential to medal, particularly after the performance the team put on Saturday morning.  
Waking up Saturday morning was certainly worth it.  
“I know I’m looking forward to a rematch against Canada to avenge the loss in the gold medal game from four games ago in Vancouver, Polans said. “But even if they don’t win the gold, winning the game against Russia will be a moment I’ll never forget.”  
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## F&M wrestling takes on Bucknell, takes win in close battle

F&M wrestling took on Bucknell University in a heated battle that ended in the Diplomats’ favor, 23-21, at home in the Mayser Center Friday. This marked the end to a four-match losing streak, and advanced the team to a 6-6 overall record, and 2-3 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) record. Robert Ruiz ’15, Richard Durso ’15, Andrew Murano ’14, Colin Girona ’16, and Charles Kerkesner ’16 all came out with wins.



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Sam creates controversy as the NFL’s first openly gay prospect



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Michael Sam, the NFL prospect, recently opened up to media and come out as a homosexual athlete. He has transcended into a role model for the LGBT community.

Sports Commentary  
—Thomas Ross ’14

Over the course of a week, Michael Sam has ascended from a middle-of-the-pack draft prospect into a role model for many leaders in the LGBT movement across America. Sam has made it clear he is just a football player and that he does not intend to be a spokesperson for the LGBT movement.

However, sometimes actions speak louder than words, and what Sam has done will continue to break down walls in society that confine individuals with different sexual orientations. Sam’s confidence, bravery, and sheer bravado in the face of adversity are some things of which all Americans can be proud of.

Sam’s announcement comes at a tumultuous time for the NFL. His acceptance into the NFL may actually allow the league to repair its partially tarnished reputation in the aftermath of the Richie Incognito and Jonathan Martin bullying scandal.

This scandal revealed that Incognito and other former Dolphins teammates of Jonathan Martin used homophobic slurs along with other bullying statements in various conversations with Martin and at least one other Dolphin player. Their actions leave a black eye on the Dolphins franchise and cause the avid sports fan to wonder what truly does transpire in an NFL locker room.

The report put together by independent investigator Ted Wells revealed evidence of consistent harassment by Incognito, Mike Pouncey, and John Jerry. The findings were released on Friday, Feb. 14. The league is now reviewing the case, and it is likely punishments will follow. But, what does this all mean for Sam? Can he be accepted in an NFL locker room?

No one knows for certain if Sam will be accepted; however, if anyone can learn how to deal with all the media scrutiny and pressure

that accompanies being one of the few openly gay, professional athletes it is Sam, who does not exactly have a rosy upbringing.

He is the seventh of eight children, three of whom are dead, two more are in prison. Sam’s relationship with his family is strained, and, in interviews, Sam said he often sleeps at friends’ houses when he goes back home.

In Sam’s mind, coming out of the closet was easy compared to everything else he faced in his life. Sam’s relationship with his father came to the forefront of this story when Michael Sam Sr. was quoted as saying, “I don’t want my grandkids raised in that kind of environment.” Sam Sr. went on to say, “I’m old school, and I’m a man and a woman type of guy.”

These disheartening comments made my stomach drop. Family is supposed to support you when you need them most, not shun you away. This is sad, but there are backwards traditionalists who seemingly cannot adapt to the changing times. Will these people drive Sam out of an NFL football locker room?

I think not. A locker room tends to seek out the weak in terms of football ability, and, if Sam can compete, I think he will be accepted. Obviously, the Miami Dolphins went completely overboard and leadership in the team’s locker room failed to keep things under control. But to say this is how all locker rooms in the NFL operate would be unjust and a disservice to NFL football players.

The reason why NFL locker rooms tend to seek out the weak is in an effort to break those players down so they can be built back up and become stronger. This is a tactic used across the sports world and in various other professions. To think this will change over night is naive. Peter King reported shortly after Sam’s announcement that certain NFL executives did not think an openly gay athlete would be accepted in their locker

rooms. The men went on to compare NFL locker rooms in terms of their business culture to the 1950s. The men who spoke these words asked to remain anonymous in a gutless move.

Because the NFL is inherently different than any other workplace, the culture of an NFL locker room cannot be replicated in the business world. But even more than the barbaric nature of the sport, is the fact that a locker room consists of only men. It was not until the 1970s that women reporters were allowed into NFL locker rooms to interview players.

Since the 1970s we have seen many changes in the workplace environment and shall see these changes in the NFL locker room. Individuals will be scared because it is different, but that does not mean they are against an openly gay athlete being their teammate.

One thing I am sure about is that it will be extremely tough for whatever franchise decides to bring in Sam because of the media attention and scrutiny that comes along with being the first at anything, especially being an openly

gay athlete. I suggest the New York Jets stay clear of this one!

However, in the end, the NFL is about performance, and, production; if Sam helps his team win, I guarantee he will be accepted. That is not to say there will not be a learning curve. Everyone, including Sam, will be experiencing this for the first time with these players at the professional level.

Sam’s announcement to his college teammates that he was gay did not seem to affect the Missouri Tigers last year. The Tigers finished atop the SEC East, going 7-1 in the toughest division in college football. Along with the team’s success, Sam led the SEC Conference in sacks and tackles for a loss and, by doing so, earned himself the co-defensive player of the year honors alongside Alabama’s C.J. Mosley.

Only time will tell what lays ahead for Sam. But I believe America is ready for this to happen, and the NFL is much more ready than some executives believe.

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UPCOMING GAMES

MEN’S BASKETBALL		
Feb. 19	vs. Gettysburg*	8 p.m.
Feb. 22	@ Dickinson	4 p.m.
Feb. 26	CC First Round Playoffs	TBA
Feb. 28	CC Semifinals	TBA
March 1	CC Championships	TBA
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL		
Feb. 19	vs. Gettysburg*	6 p.m.
Feb. 22	@ Dickinson*	2 p.m.
Feb. 26	CC First Round Playoffs	TBA
Feb. 28	CC Semifinals	TBA
March 1	CC Championships	TBA
WRESTLING		
Feb. 21	vs. Millersville	7:30 p.m.
March 8	@ EIWA Championships	TBA
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING		
Feb. 21	CC Championships	11 a.m./7 p.m.
Feb. 22	CC Championships	11 a.m./6 p.m.
Feb. 22	CC Championships	10 a.m./6 p.m.
MEN’S SQUASH		
Feb. 28	vs. CSA Individual Championships	TBA
WOMEN’S SQUASH		
Feb. 21	vs. CSA Individual Championships	TBA
Feb. 22	vs. CSA Individual Championships	TBA
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK		
Feb. 22	@ Cornell Open	TBA
*= Centennial Conference Competition		



The men's wrestling team took down Bucknell University 23-21 Friday. See the exclusive photo story ... page 10




photo by Scott Onigman '15

Michael Sam becomes the first homosexual NFL prospect. Read about the many implications... page 11

# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## Women's basketball falls to Muhlenberg, highlights seniors



photo by Tyler Schechter '16

The women's basketball team fell to Muhlenberg College Saturday 70-58. The team is now 1-15 in conference play. The team will play Gettysburg Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**BY SIERRA BLAZER**  
*Contributing Writer*

Saturday's senior game, played in honor of Shea Costantino, Emma Lisle, Kristina McCarthy, and Sam Plunkett, served as an opportunity not only to reflect on the seniors' con-

tributions to the women's basketball program as a whole but also to look forward to their ambitions for their post-F&M lives. It also allowed the junior class to step up and fill in the leadership roles of the team.

Muhlenberg College responded to

a well-fought first half score of 33-33 by taking the second half with a score of 37-25, resulting in the 70-58 loss for the Diplomats.

All four seniors started the game, each making solid contributions to the team's offensive and defensive play. McCarthy led in shooting with 22 points, while Lisle notched 15 rebounds. Muhlenberg's Leanna Talamy and Leeann Lanza clutched only 20 points and nine rebounds respectively, but the Mules showed off the depth of their bench as their reserves sank an impressive 35 points.

In the pre-game introduction speeches, Kirsten Richter, head coach of the women's basketball team, gratefully acknowledged each senior's valued contributions to the leadership of the team.

McCarthy reflected on her past four years, "I wouldn't have done it any differently."

McCarthy is looking ahead to a career in marketing.

"I don't know what I'm going to do without basketball," she said.

She is excited for the upcoming final home game and for passing things down to the junior class, which will be playing in its own senior game before long.

"It's like a family of 15 girls; we drive our coach nuts," McCarthy said.

With a record of 3-20, 1-15 CC, the Diplomats hope to take down Gettysburg College in Wednesday night's Play 4 Kay Breast Cancer Awareness game.

Come out to the Mayser Center on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to send off the women's basketball team seniors with a great show of support, for not only their four years with the team but also for this final home game's cause.

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## U.S. men's ice hockey defeats Russia in shootout, millions of Americans celebrate



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T.J. Oshie, American forward of the NHL's St. Louis Blues, shot 4-for-6 on Russian goalie Sergei Bobrovsky. Oshie rose as hero of the game, and ultimately scored the winning goal for the U.S. team, defeating Olympics host country Russia 2-3. The team has now defeated Slovenia, Slovakia, and Russia, and looking to medal this coming week.

**BY MARK ROSSMAN**  
*Sports Editor*

The Olympics are already over a week in, and only five days remain. The United States has held its own, unsurprisingly, with a total of 16 medals so far: four gold, four silver, and eight bronze.

The XXII Olympic Winter Games have proven to be special. Firstly, the Games mark the first Olympics to be held in Russia since the U.S.S.R. disbanded in 1991. Secondly, this marks the most expensive Games in history, estimated to have cost a total of \$51 billion in preparations. Most importantly, this Winter Olympic Games

are special because of the competition, namely, America's men's ice hockey showdown against Russia, which took place Saturday morning.

Hands down one of America's most significant moments thus far in the Games took place in Bolshoy Ice Dome early Saturday morning. Millions of Americans—even college students—set their alarms early in the morning to watch the U.S. hockey team take on Olympic host, Russia, and—luckily for them—they were justly rewarded with quite the show.

The teams were all tied up 2-2 after standard 60-minute regulation time

with one minor hiccup. Russia scored what would have been her game winning goal, but referees deemed it illegal because, before the shot went in, the "net had been moved off its moorings." While Russians may still roll their eyes at the call, this was good news for America.

Then it was overtime. Overtime proved to be relatively uneventful and ultimately ended with neither team coming out with a goal, which lead to the shootout.

T.J. Oshie, American native and forward of the NHL's St. Louis Blues, stepped up to the goal and scored

4-for-6 on Russian goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, who is also the goalie for the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.

Americans will agree Oshie will be identified as the hero of this game and many would say hero of the week.

Joe McDonald of ESPNBoston.com said, "T.J. Oshie became a household name Saturday."

Oshie is known to rise to the occasion come shootout time.

Scott Gordon, head coach of the U.S. team and assistant coach of the U.S. team and assistant coach