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## Porterfield addresses need to improve STEM programs at White House workshop

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Dan Porterfield, president of the College, spoke at a White House workshop on Monday, Sept. 22, where he discussed the need to strengthen programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and improve their accessibility to students from around the nation.

Held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, the STEM Education Workshop hosted four speakers: Russell Moore, provost of the University of Colorado, Boulder; Rebecca Blank, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison; Jo Handelsman, associate director for science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP); and Porterfield. The four gave speeches and participated in sessions addressing STEM education at the college level.

Porterfield also addressed the topic of STEM education at the White House's Higher Education Seminar last January, where he discussed F&M's ongoing efforts to recruit and maintain STEM-interested students from all backgrounds.



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Dan Porterfield, president of the College, recently spoke at a White House workshop on the subject of science education and student success.

"The White House invited me to represent F&M's STEM efforts and speak on our progress on the commitments we shared in January," Porterfield said. "I was honored to be able to share with some of the nation's most eminent

thought leaders and policy makers the progress F&M has made in knocking down barriers, providing opportunities and supporting successful outcomes for our students in the STEM fields."

In his speech, mentioned sta-

tistics surrounding students who study in STEM fields, particularly students from minority backgrounds, but also presented a more human element to his remarks.

"Isn't it a tragedy to imagine the cure for Alzheimer's locked in the mind of a 5th grader who won't take science in college because we haven't built a robust STEM pipeline?" he asked.

Porterfield also discussed measures F&M is taking to attract students from all backgrounds while improving its STEM programs, such as opening the Quantitative & Science Center (Q&SC) to offer tutoring services to students taking STEM classes and changing the curriculum to include Connections courses to focus on teaching basic skills.

Another major initiative is F&M's partnership with the Posse Foundation, which offers a cohort of ten students full-tuition for four years, with a new cohort recruited each year. In 2011, F&M became the first liberal arts institution to agree to host a STEM Posse, and students from that program are drawn from Miami, Florida. Each

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## Hong Kong protesters seek democratic process, free elections, autonomy

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Since Sept. 26, protests in support of democratic process have been taking place in Hong Kong, People's Republic of China. The protests focus on genuine elections in 2017 and the resignation of Leung Chun-ying, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Recently, the Hong Kong government attempted to pass a law that would require all candidates running for the position of Chief Executive to be pre-approved by a committee friendly to the Chinese Communist Party, according to CNN. Critics of the law argue that

it impedes democracy by allowing the government to decide who can or cannot run for office, with many Hong Kong residents of the opinion that they should be able to elect their own leaders without interference from the government in Beijing.

Initially, students began protesting peacefully before taking to the streets in response to the proposed law. Protests began on Sept. 26 and quickly swelled into demonstration encompassing thousands of people. On Sept. 28, Occupy Central with Love and Peace, a pro-democracy civil disobedience group, became involved with the protests.

Shortly after the protests began, local police attempted to disband participants, leading to more people protesting in response to the police's tactics.

*The Boston Globe* reported that the police have used pepper spray to repel protesters. Protesters now use umbrellas to not only block the sun, but also to stop the police from hitting them with pepper spray. This has led some to call these protests the "Umbrella Revolution."

Recently, the Hong Kong government announced that on Monday, it would forcibly clear all protestors from the streets to end the demonstrations, according to

an article in *USA Today*. Protesters did not give any indication or comment that they would submit to the government's claim.

Organizations and governments such as the United Nations, the United States, Britain, France, and more have called for a peaceful solution to the protests.

In 1997, Hong Kong transitioned from British control to part of Chinese rule. Hong Kong operated as a port and center of commerce for many years, entrenching a capitalist system.

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Riemann’s Crime Watch

**Friday, Sep. 26, 12:30 a.m.**—Officers from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to the report of an underage intoxicated student on the second floor of New College House (NCH). The student was transported to Lancaster Regional Medical Center (LRMC).

**Friday, Sep. 26, 12:35 p.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm at 437 College Ave. The detector was found to be faulty.

**Friday, Sep. 26, 9:30 p.m.** – DPS responded to the report of an odor of marijuana in Building 1, fourth floor, of College Row. Residents said the smell was entering their room through the air vents. DPS was unable to find the source.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 1:54 p.m.**—DPS responded to the report of a suspicious male wandering on the second floor of College Square. The suspect was not present when DPS arrived.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 2:53 p.m.**—DPS responded to a noise complaint of loud music at 605 College Ave.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 3:00 p.m.**—A non-student reported that someone had taken her purse out of the front seat of her unlocked car in the parking lot behind College Row.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 4:17 p.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm on the 500 block of West James St. The fire alarm had malfunctioned.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 5:10 p.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm on the 500 block of W. James St. During the inspection drug paraphernalia was found and determined to be the cause.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 5:50 p.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm on the 500 block of West James St. The fire alarm had malfunctioned.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 6:30 p.m.**—DPS responded to a request for medical assistance on the fourth floor of Thomas. A friend transported the student to Lancaster General Hospital (LGH).

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 7:30 p.m.**—A non-student reported the loss of a wallet at Harrisburg Pike and Race Ave.

**Saturday, Sep. 27, 8:45 p.m.**—DPS responded to a report of the odor of burnt marijuana on the fourth floor of NCH.

**Sunday, Sep. 28, 1:07 a.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm on the 500 block of W. James St. The source was not found.

**Monday, Sep. 29, 1:27 p.m.**—A student reported he left his wallet in Shadek Fackenthal Library. The wallet was returned to the student but he reported it was missing \$130.

**Monday, Sep. 29, 3:19 p.m.**—DPS responded to a report of the odor of marijuana on the first floor of Buchanan Hall. Paraphernalia was found.

**Monday, Sep. 29, 5:00 p.m.**—A student reported vandalism in Bonchek College House. Someone had written on the student’s white board.

**Monday, Sep. 29, 7:50 p.m.**—DPS conducted a well-being check on a student in N. Schnader Hall.

**Monday, Sep. 29, 11:30 p.m.**—DPS responded to the report of a suspicious female non-student on the porch of 444 W. James St. DPS concluded that the woman who lives across the street was intoxicated and confused about where she lived.

**Monday, Sep. 29, 11:30 p.m.**—DPS responded to a request for medical assistance at the Alumni Sports and Fitness Center (ASFC). The student sustained a facial injury and was transported to a hospital.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 2:51 a.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm at 437 College Ave. The detector was found to be faulty.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 10:11 a.m.**—DPS responded to a report that someone had urinated in a trashcan in Schnader Hall.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 1:17 p.m.**—DPS responded to the report of retail theft at the CVS on Harrisburg Pike. The suspect had left the scene.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 2:33 p.m.**—DPS responded to the odor of marijuana in Buchanan Hall.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 5:00 p.m.**—A student from NCH reported loud music coming from the football field.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 11:30 p.m.**—DPS responded to a 911 hang-up call from the 600 block of College Hill. The issue went unresolved.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30, 11:51 p.m.**—DPS responded to the report of two people sleeping in a car behind the CVS on Harrisburg Pike.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 9:58 a.m.**—DPS responded to the report of a burglar alarm in Gibraltar. It was a false alarm.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 11:44 a.m.**—A found backpack from the 700 block of N. Pine St. was turned into DPS. The backpack did not belong to a student.

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 9:51 a.m.**—DPS responded to a harassment report from a male faculty member on the third floor of Harris by his ex-girlfriend.

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 5:08 p.m.**—DPS responded to a fire alarm on 433 College Ave. The detector was malfunctioning.

**Friday, Oct. 3, 1:24 a.m.**—DPS responded to the odor of marijuana on the first floor of Klein Hall. The student claimed it was from his roommate who had been smoking earlier.

**Friday, Oct. 3, 1:55 a.m.**—A student was seen by security slumped on a bench in the NCH entrance. The intoxicated student was transported to LRMC and the fake ID he presented to the officer was confiscated.

Riemann’s Advice

Alright everyone, this is a little excessive. I have no words for you. Let’s start with changing the batteries in your fire detectors, keeping track of your wallets, and smoking stuff that’s a little less pungent...

Workshop: Porterfield discusses Posse, other STEM-focused programs at F&M

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year, F&M receives \$100,000 to continue to provide full scholarships to Posse students.

“None of our first 19 STEM Posse students have dropped out or taken a leave of absence,” Porterfield said in his remarks. “After four semesters, our first STEM Posse cohort has earned a higher GPA in a science- and math-heavy curriculum than their class as a whole.”

Porterfield also discussed the work of Donnell Butler ’95, senior associate dean of the College, who works to ensure that all students have a smooth, successful transition to college life, as well developing ways to assess student progress and achievement to continue

improving the student experience.

“Talented students come from all socioeconomic backgrounds, and from every type of community, across the country and around the world,” Porterfield said. “We believe that top colleges and universities—whose graduates comprise the overwhelming majority of leaders in many fields—have a responsibility to educate the full American mosaic. It improves the education of every student on campus to have the range of experiences and perspectives as part of our learning inside and outside the classroom.”

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Common Wheel encourages use, awareness of bikes in Lancaster

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The Common Wheel, a Lancaster organization founded by resident Chris Caldwell, hopes to promote bicycle use and make Lancaster a more bike-friendly city. The idea for The Common Wheel came about when Caldwell learned of the community bike shop model to provide low-cost bikes to community members.

“[Caldwell] started working on the idea last October, and The Common Wheel was quickly born,” said Natalie Micozzi, business operations intern at The Common Wheel. “We started working on rehabbing the old pump-house in Reservoir Park in March and officially opened for business in July.”

The Common Wheel has two full-time staff members, and benefits greatly from the use of volunteers and interns to help the organization continuously grow.

“We need to recruit more volunteers to help us expand our reach in the community,” Micozzi said. “Social and traditional media have played a large role in our growth so far. We have also partnered with many groups to help grow awareness and are working on attending and hosting events throughout the community.”

The Common Wheel believes that bicycling can be a fun and rewarding experience and can also reduce a community’s carbon footprint.

“Our mission is to encourage bicycling in Lancaster by creating a fun, welcoming space where we provide access to hands-on education and tools to all members of the community,” Micozzi said. “Ultimately, our goal is to get more people on bikes, more often.”

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Staff Writer Commentary

The New Giant of Indian Politics

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Though the United Nations General Assembly attracted a significant amount of attention, the presence of one world leader seemed to dominate the American media earlier this week: the state visit of India’s Narendra Modi, who recently culminated his maiden Prime Ministerial trip to the United States.

After the bloody carnage of the religiously-motivated riots in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002, in which at least 1,000 people (mainly Muslims) were killed, Mr Modi, then Chief Minister of the State, was banned from traveling to America. American officials called him a monster, a demagogue and a fanatic. Earlier this week, they shut down the streets of Manhattan for him.

After the Prime Minister’s

highly publicized appearance at Madison Square Garden (a venue typically associated with the likes of the New York Knicks and Jay Z) in front of 20,000 screaming Americans, Modi has cemented, in the collective consciousness, his status as one of the world’s most dynamic and vibrant statesmen. As he sat beside President Obama on Tuesday, exuding a confidence and self-authority unheard of in Indian statesmen of the last decade, his message to the American government was clear: I have constituents in your constituencies.

To the throngs that packed the Garden earlier this week, Modi symbolized one thing: hope. He is, as is commonly believed, their Lee Kuan Yew, a man who will take the beloved and impossible homeland that they left and turn it into a real success, one that does not depend on the hyperbolic whims of the

Western media for affirmation of its worth.

Modi’s visit comes at a time when millions in India have felt overlooked by the Obama administration, a government weighed down by burdens in the Middle East and other pockets of the Asian continent. It is just this that makes the pragmatism of his government so significant. Though it is widely presumed that the prime minister’s personal relationship with the United States is wracked with distrust and antagonism, his eagerness to put the trappings of history behind him bode well

for all those that believe in the inherent value of democracy, a system that is seen in contemporary times as inferior to more effective, authoritarian means of governance.

It is the relationship between these two democratic powerhouses, arguably one of the world’s most important bilateral relationships, that seems as if it is finally undergoing a U-Turn. During the visit, significant strides were made in the fields of business, intelligence, defense, and national security. All that being said, however, a number of critical issues were

not addressed: namely climate change, nuclear energy, and human rights.

The global prevalence of democracy, the only political framework that allows individuals to truly shape their own destinies, depends enormously on the relationship between the world’s largest democracy and its greatest and most powerful one. It is in our interest to watch and hope that the future trajectory of the US-India bilateral relationship proves to survive the travails of global geopolitics and flourish for years to come.

Full Staff Opinion

Embrace Local Food

Trying fare outside one’s comfort zone is vital to F&M experience, supporting Lancaster businesses

One of the amazing things about attending school in Lancaster is the fact that Franklin & Marshall College is surrounded by farmland, meaning there are tons of different opportunities to support local businesses and buy fresh, local, and organic food. Central Market, the oldest continuously-running indoor farmer’s market (which was recently ranked one of the best farmer’s market in the country) is a mecca of local produce. The market, specializing in regional, Pennsylvania Dutch fare and international cuisine, is located downtown and easily accessible by students, either by walking downtown in the nice weather or by taking the Lancaster Loop shuttle on the weekend, which stops on Prince Street. Shopping at Central Market, in many ways, is significantly cheaper than buying groceries at Giant or Weis—plus you’re supporting local business.

Can’t make it to Central Market? Lemon Street Market, located on West Lemon Street, not far from West James, is a small market boasting local, regional, and world-sourced food. The shop is open every day and even has a small café nestled in the back, which features paninis, drinks, and a rotating selection of seasonal selections.

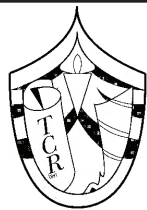
By supporting local businesses, the local economy will surge. There are so many small cafés, restaurants, and food stores that maintain a commitment to serving local and organic food. Instead of going to Starbucks, head over to Mean Cup, which is close to campus and a quiet space to do homework on the weekend. Having a Panera Bread craving? Try Skinny Park Juice instead, located on North Mulberry Street, where sandwiches, salads, juices, and smoothies are completely organic.

Downtown Lancaster’s food scene is thriving; options with a focus on farm-to-table cooking, mom and pop restaurants, and cafés keep on opening up downtown, and it doesn’t seem to be stopping anytime soon. Take a break from the library and grab brunch at On Orange or Pour or Aussie and the Fox. Don’t know where to take your parents for dinner during Homecoming Weekend? Try Maison on Prince Street, or John J. Jeffries in the Lancaster Arts Hotel instead of going to Iron Hill yet again.

It might be way easier to head over to a corporate grocery store like Giant to shop for groceries (and yes, let’s face it, there are some items that can really only be purchased from a large corporation), but, next time, head over to Central Market to buy your produce. You won’t be disappointed.

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# America Will Lose Iraq, Syria

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While this is not taught very much in schools here, there was a point in time where America was a global empire: colonizing and subjugating peoples and nations in the name of “freedom” and “democracy.” Whether we still live in those times, I leave to the reader.

The United States has a history of intervening in other nation’s affairs.

A little-known fact about the Revolutionary War is that we attempted to “liberate” Canada from Great Britain. While that attempt was unsuccessful, since then we have stolen land from Mexico (through the Mexican-American War) and Spain (through the Spanish-American War). We overthrew the Kingdom of Hawaii and annexed it. We brutally crushed a rebellion in the Philippines (Philippine-American War). We occupied many Caribbean and Pacific nations, usually against the consent of the people living there, and we still control a few of them. We have interfered in Chinese and Russian politics, and have had a heavy hand in international affairs since World War II. During the Cold War, we did many things that still echo today, some of the consequences being worse than others, among

them was our involvement in the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, our war crimes in Vietnam, and supporting brutal dictators in Iraq, Chile, and many other “anti-Communist” nations. And I cannot express in words the horror we inflicted upon Native Americans.

Do not misunderstand me: I do not mean to say that America is evil, or that all we do is bad. It was probably a good idea to intervene after Iraq invaded Kuwait, when Yugoslavia collapsed, and our most justified large-scale military operation was our involvement in World War II. America may not be perfect, but when we have the right intentions, and the right strategy and tactics, we are usually successful in helping the world become a better place.

Even so, we struggle to learn from the mistakes of our past. It is important to note here that in the complex world of international politics, it is difficult to make the right decisions needed to preserve global stability and peace. We must also remember that history never repeats; it tends to rhyme.

America has recently lost a war in Asia, but I do not refer to Iraq or Afghanistan. I speak of course of Vietnam. Vietnam was divided into the Communist North and Capitalist South, and America was concerned that the

North would overrun the South, which was of necessity our ally in the Cold War. We sent many troops there, and many did not return. Despite our superior technology, we failed to gain the hearts and minds of the people, and could not win in the end.

History tells us that only a ruthless and brutal dictator can win wars without earning the trust of those whom he is invading. Otherwise, the foreign troops merely stand on the ground without being in proper possession of it. This is because you cannot control a state unless you control the people of the state, whether through brute force or some form of softer power, such as economic development and nation-building.

Unless we plan on destroying Iraq and Syria, and rebuilding them from the ground up, we will not win the wars against the terrorists there with pure military force, whether it is our own troops or whether we hire them.

We have killed many tens of thousands of Iraqis, so it is understandable why they would not trust us. The government we installed there has alienated the Sunnis and to some extent the Kurds. The new premier of that nation is attempting to fix it, but the damage is done, and barring a miracle the state of Iraq has failed, and is likely to split into

several states, be split amongst its neighbors, or some combination of the two. Syria is likely to collapse similarly. The people of Syria have little reason to trust us as we never retaliated (Obama’s “red line”) against the dictator Assad after he used chemical weapons against his own people. If we had retaliated though, the terrorists may be ruling Damascus today; international politics is incredibly complex, more than anyone can fathom.

I will beat around the bush no longer: we have probably lost both Iraq and Syria. What we need to do is minimize the damage that the Islamic State/ISIS and the other terrorists groups can do to both those nations and the surrounding ones. The Islamic State is most dangerous in this regard, as it has threatened to overrun much of the Middle East, and one day the world. There is every reason to believe they would do this, if they could (but they can’t, so let’s not overreact).

We are bombing targets in Iraq and Syria now, and we run the risk that this will alienate the people there further from us, and perhaps increase their sympathy with the terrorists. Unless we wish to engage in perpetual war, we should avoid civilian casualties: greater care is needed. I know this is extremely difficult, but it always is. We must defeat

and destroy these terrorists, but we must do it intelligently and carefully. At the very least, we must avoid escalating our involvement to the point where we are killing civilians at the (previous) Iraq War levels. Perhaps more importantly, our main mission must be political reconciliation in Iraq and Syria, as far as it is possible. I fear, however, that we are too late: there is almost no chance the Kurds, so long deprived of their nation, will give up their dream when they are so close to realizing it. Only through smart warfare and diplomacy can we defeat the terrorists.

Although we hold the moral ground over the terrorists, we must take every act to avoid increasing the general hatred of America and the West there. Otherwise, we should not bother in this mission: we may defeat the Islamic State, but a worse threat may emerge from the same place, whether it is a victorious and vengeful Assad, an anti-Israel, quite possibly anti-Western Islamic State of Syria controlled by the “moderate” rebels, or the rise of another obscure terrorist group.

A nation that does not learn its own history may repeat it, *ad infinitum*. It does not have to be this way.

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# Some Anecdotes about George Eliot

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On Sept. 23, 1856, after a few days of a distracting headache and toothache that prevented Marian Evans Lewes from writing articles on Belles Lettres, she began to write “The Sad Fortunes of the Reverend Amos Barton,” the first story in “Scenes of Clerical Life,” which later became one of her most praised novels both in her time and in ours. The successful attempt to write fiction was by no means the first. She had written a very descriptive introductory chapter that showed her admirable qualities belonging only to those who were reputed to excel in describing rural life but was discouraged to continue the story by thinking herself “deficient in dramatic power.”

The turning point came when her lover and husband, George

Henry Lewes, a literary critic and philosopher not without merit, struck by the beauty of the detailed description in that introductory chapter, said to her “you have wit, description, and philosophy.” He encouraged her to try to write a story, though he too bore in mind that she might lack dramatic power. But it turned out to be an illusion. Mrs. Lewes’s ability, demonstrated in “The San Fortunes of the Reverend Amos Barton,” to construct good dialogue and plot that delicately incorporated the element of pathos dispelled any doubt both in herself and Lewes. So Mrs. Lewes decided to send the manuscript to John Blackwood to publish the first part of “Scenes of Clerical Life.”

One important event should be noted here before going on to say what happened after publishing the stories. Mrs. Lewes had to choose a male *nom de plume*

(George Eliot!) to conceal her female identity, because she thought it would give her “all the advantages without the disagreeables of reputation.” Her husband thought a male pen name would “get the book judged on its own merits, and not prejudiced as the work of a woman.” Though it is not clear whether Mrs. Lewes ever thought of the male pen name such as would give any pecuniary advantage to her, but it is certain that it did.

After George Eliot’s work was published, it received wide praise. Charles Dickens admired its “extraordinary merit and said that if he had the honor to be acquainted with the author it would be “a very memorable occasion” to him. James A. Froude remarked he had “found [in it] something extremely different from general magazine stories.” Thackeray “thought highly of the series.”

At the same time, many conjectures arose as to the sexual identity of the author. The wise Dickens said, “I should have been strongly disposed...to address the author as a woman. I have observed what seemed to me womanly touches in those moving fictions...” George Eliot noted in her diary that Mrs. Owen Jones and her husband “both have detected the woman.” But others thought the author was a man. Thackeray said with possible vehemence, “they [the stories] are not written by a woman.” Although Froude thought, “Mr. Eliot’s strength lies in depicting female character,” the possibility of George Eliot being a woman never occurred to him.

George Eliot felt very motivated by those compliments, and later wrote they gave her “grounds for hoping that her writing may succeed and so give value to her life.” She also felt “

a deep satisfaction in having done a bit of faithful work that will perhaps remain like a primrose root in the hedgerow and gladden and chasten human hearts in years to come” and “a great capacity for moral and intellectual enjoyment.” The year of 1857 in which she made her first move toward being a professional fiction author witnessed her “advancement in work and in heart,” giving birth to a great Victorian novelist who had brought not only delightful moment to readers but philosophical influence on them. “So goodbye, dear 1857!” she wrote in the diary, her heart teeming with hope, like a childish girl, looking earnestly forward to the bright future, and still had no idea how great she would be in the hearts of those who loved her brilliant novels.

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# Campus Life

## Common Hour panel discussed various forces ruling Lancaster



photo by Emma Brown '17

At this week’s Common Hour, panelists including faculty members and local officials discussed the different entities contributing to the city of Lancaster’s laws.

**BY SAMANTHA GREENFIELD**  
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Terry Madonna, director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at F&M, served as a moderator in the panel discussion at this past week’s Common Hour. To begin, Madonna introduced the more narrow questions the panel would focus on in order to get to the bigger question of “Who Rules Lancaster?”.

The questions were “Why should students care about local government? About the larger local community? Why should you get involved? How should you get involved? But even more than that, how can you apply what you have learned here at F&M to the real world with this assortment of messy challenges?”

The panel that had the job of answering these questions consisted of two members of the school faculty: Antonio Callari, professor of economics and the director of the F&M Local Economy Center, and Stephen Medvic, associate professor of government. The panel also sat two locally-elected officials from the

Lancaster community: Danene Sorace, Lancaster City Council member, and Candace Roper, board director of the School District of Lancaster.

Medvic answered the first question, that asked what his opinions were on the topic of whether or not students should vote. He, first, expanded upon the topic of students and spoke about how new restrictions are making it harder for everyone to vote. The voter ID laws that require photo ID largely affect student’s ability to vote. In several states, a student ID is not an acceptable form of identification. The proposed benefits of these laws are that they restrict the type of voters that are able to vote, attempting to keep uneducated and uninformed voters out of the system. So even though they are not targeting students, students feel the consequences.

Medvic argued that students, in fact, are usually extremely informed. Students in college live in these communities eight months out of the year for four years.

“It’s a really long time to live in a community, and the local government

affects them in very important ways,” Medvic said.

Medvic also presented the fact that voting is habit forming, so if students start voting in college, they will most likely continue to vote. He says that developing the democratic habits to vote should be seen as part of the educational mission of the College, and students should see it as part of their education.

Returning to the main topic of the Common Hour, Callari was asked to answer the question of “Who rules Lancaster” from his economic perspective. He did not focus on the elected officials but instead the larger forces that rule Lancaster.

Callari presented numerous slides of data showing that Lancaster County has a lower rate of education than the surrounding regions and than Pennsylvania as whole. As a result of this, business owner’s pay lower wages in Lancaster County than in the surrounding region.

The business owners keep wages down in order to make more profit, and the lack of education allows for this to be perpetuated. The business owners would rather pay their employees less and have them be less skillful than invest in educated employees. So Callari argues that the business owners rule Lancaster due to the lower level of education they perpetuate.

The next question was posed to the two elected officials, asking them why they came into politics. Roper explained she is still surprised that she was elected for the position on the school board as she was elected with little demonstrated interest in politics.

Sorace explains how she was motivated by civic duty; however, she really developed an interest in politics when she became involved with a woman whose husband was the associate director of communications in the Kennedy Administration.

When Sorace made Lancaster her permanent home she got involved in an initiative for green infrastructure, about which she initially knew nothing. She explained how Lancaster is responsible to cleaning up the bodies of water that the runoff from Lancaster streets and parking lots pollute and how her job is to come up with plans and policies to address this.

“[It has been] a steep learning curve since January,” Sorace explained.

Sorace, when given the chance to respond to any of the comments that had been made, addressed Callari’s argument that business owners rule Lancaster. She argued that state elected officials have a large role in deciding where investments and funding go. It is not only the business owners at a local level but also those who work in Harrisburg for the state of Pennsylvania.

Sorace, as a mother of a third grader at a Lancaster school, has seen inequity in funding from state level governance. She says that members of the school board often do not know how much money they are getting until the last minute.

Sorace believes that this is a fundamental reason why Lancaster has lower rates of educational achievement. The audience applauded Sorace for taking this stance.

Madonna then asked the panel the question of “Why should students get involved with the local government?”

Medvic argued that, while national governance is more widely covered by the media, things that happen at the local level are the things that affect our quality of life.

“Local government and local politics matter tremendously,” he said.

When people are disengaged in local politics, bad things happen, Medvic argued. He points to the recent events in Ferguson to highlight this.

Madonna, addressing the two elected officials, asked about the importance of civic and other community engagements in effecting what they do. Roper talked about how programs such as the arts, which are not government mandated, oftentimes take the hits from budget cuts. Community partners play a huge role in continuing to support these programs through donations. For example, Lancaster General Hospital donates one million dollars a year to the school district.

The last question the panel was asking regarded how valuable the economic research that students here at F&M do has been to the community of Lancaster.

Callari argues that it is extremely valuable because it has become more than the educational experience of being in a classroom.

“[These students] develop a sense of what it means to take on a project and nurture it over the long term,” Callari said.

Being involved in the community through this research is something, he argues, that helps them grow and mature.

So as the panel members elaborated on the question of who rules Lancaster, the audience of this week’s Common Hour learned that there is no clear answer.

From an economic standpoint it is the business owners, and from the view of locally-elected officials one can see the huge role the state level government plays. One can glean from this panel discussion that local governance has many facets and also many forces at work that effect it.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Maroon 5’s newest album, *V*, offers nothing new *Band’s music emphasizes electric style, reminiscent of Jackson 5*

### Album Review

*V*

Maroon 5

by Preman Koshar

Maroon 5’s fifth album, *V* (pronounced “five”), is, at the same time, something new and something old. The album was released Aug. 29, a little over two years after the band’s last album, *Overexposed* (2012). *V* has since been met with mixed reviews, with a Metascore of 55/100. While *Rolling Stone* gave the album four out of five stars, *The New York Daily News* called the album “so annoying, you won’t be able to scrub [it] from your mind.” Some have praised it for sticking with the band’s contemporary pop-rock feel, while others have said that the whole album is unoriginal and completely forgettable. My opinion falls more in the middle of the road.

The first single from the album, “Maps,” was written primarily by the group’s lead performer, Adam Levine. The song, like everything Levine has written, is catchy and enjoyable—yet completely unremarkable. Every one of the 11 songs in the album blend together easily, and the only way to tell them apart is their lyrics. The beat, rhythm, and general pacing of each of the songs is very similar to every other song Levine has written. If played



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**Lead singer Adam Levine is a judge on NBC’s *The Voice*. Last year, Levine was voted *People* magazine’s Sexiest Man Alive.**

quietly, it’s unlikely many could tell the difference between “Maps” and “Animals,” for instance.

But the album is also a step forward for Maroon 5. The songs, while unremarkable, are more original than in past albums. While the feel is similar throughout the album, it has a much more 80s feel to it. I don’t know how else to describe it. The songs are the closest pop-rock has ever gotten to the Jackson 5 since, well, the Jackson 5—but it’s still very much Maroon 5’s music. It is rather appropriate, though, that Maroon 5’s fifth album, *V* is a la the Jackson 5—though nowhere near the quality.

It’s this mimicry that saves Maroon 5’s new album. No other major

pop-rock group is currently trying to sound like any group from that time period, much less the Jackson 5. So while their music is nothing particularly new for Maroon 5, it is at least distinctive from much of the pop out there today. I also wish that the group could have come up with some topics other than love for their songs. Every single one of their songs has to do with love in some way. And, while love is an important thing to sing about, a little variety in song topics never hurt anyone.

The only other complaint that I have about the new album is that it relies a lot more heavily on electro music—that is, some of the songs could almost fall into the category

of electro-pop-rock. While some people might welcome this change, I certainly do not. When people think of Maroon 5, they think of a soulful, rather repetitive but still unusual, pop-rock band. They do not think of anything remotely like Skrillex. While *V* is a long way away from becoming Skrillex, if Maroon 5 keeps heading in the direction they seem to be, they’re going to change genres completely, and I just don’t think the artists are talented enough to pull that off with finesse. Maroon 5 should stick with rock-pop, if the band knows what’s good for it.

Overall, *V* is one of Maroon 5’s better albums, but, in the world of music, it is nothing special. I enjoyed the nod at the Jackson 5 and 80s music in general, but otherwise it is really nothing worth listening to twice. Maroon 5, and more specifically Adam Levine, needs to step up its game if the band is going to keep up with an increasingly diverse audience.

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### Review Rating:

C

While *V* is not particularly remarkable, it’s 80s-theme makes it worth a listen.

## Lady Antebellum’s new album rocks charts, maintains unique style *747’s catchy new songs lack depth, incorporates pop feel, appeals to fans*

### Album Review

*747*

Lady Antebellum

by Julia Chirls

Lady Antebellum fans eagerly waited until Sept. 30 for the country band’s album release. The careers of the band members began early when they joined together for the release of their first album, *Lady Antebellum*, in 2008. The country rock album instantly hit #1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart. It contained several number one singles including “Love Don’t Live Here” and “I Run to You.”

Since 2007, Lady Antebellum produced country music and most recently debuted its sixth studio album, *747*. The fourteen-song track list is destined to please its long-time, ever-growing audience. The band began the production process of *747* in 2013 and released two singles, “Long Stretch of Love” and “Bartender.”

The song that kicks off the album is the first single, “Long Stretch of Love.” This track tells the story of a couple that has a constant up-and-down relationship. However, they are hopeful that one day they will uncover unforgettable memories.

“We kiss, we fight, make up our mind / You’re a blessing and a curse / And I don’t ever want to break this



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**Lady Antebellum’s Hillary Scott was named SESAC’s songwriter of the year in 2008, 2010, and 2011.**

chain / I don’t ever want to walk away / Cause I ain’t ever gonna find another lover / Who will ever make me feel this way.”

This tune is the first by Lady Antebellum to incorporate a pop music sound. The addition brightens the mood for the emotional rollercoaster that the lyrics convey.

Lady Antebellum maintains its unique style while varying the beats, rhythms, and sounds of each song on the track list. The second song on the album and the second single,

“Bartender,” has a constant tempo with varied ranges of notes. In the fourth tune, “Freestyle,” however, the band returns to its country roots.

Moving along the track list, the sixth song is “One Great Mystery.” With a slow beat and rhythm and lyrics that will immediately grab you, this tune speaks of a woman who wonders why she is loved.

“I keep searching for the answer desperately / Tell me, tell me baby, tell me please / What did I ever do to make you fall for me?”

The background music is slightly gloomy but just the right amount to fit the mood of the lyrics. Nonetheless, I could not stop replaying the song in my head. After a while, towards the end of the song, the listener could lose interest only because the storyline does not quite go any further than the wonder or beyond the mystery. Granted, “One Great Mystery” is the name of the song. Perhaps there is a good reason for this!

After the song ends, the listener gets a chance to wonder and create his or her own ending to the story.

“I’ll keep asking through eternity / What did I ever do to make you fall for me?”

The possibilities are endless. The 10th song on the album, “747,” explores a story of commitment, using a 747 plane as an analogy. The song talks about a man who

is desperate to save his relationship; he would do whatever he can to save it, even fly a plane.

“Man I wish that I could fly this thing / give a little more gas a little more speed / This 747 can’t go fast enough, fast enough.”

The way the lyrics are sung puts an image in my head of the man desperately waiting on the literal plane. The beat and tempo also add to this picture, portraying every move that the man is making and every thought that is running through his head.

I highly recommend this album, not just to Lady Antebellum fans but also to anyone who loves to listen to music. The lyrics draw you in, and the rhythms make you want to sing along and even dance a little.

Lady Antebellum travels on tour from the United States to the UK to Mexico, and finally, to Australia until March 2015. *747* is currently available for purchase on iTunes for \$13.99.

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### Review Rating:

A

747 is a unique and catchy addition to Lady Antebellum’s body of work.



# NBA: Suprises in offseason result in much excited speculation



The Lakers start the season again with the return of a healthy Kobe Bryant, but he is supported by a young team. This results in many questioning the Lakers ability to compete this year.

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machine and very well coached team that can make deep playoff runs.

Kevin Durant is coming off winning the NBA MVP award, and is leading an Oklahoma Thunder team which definitely has the talent top to bottom to win the Western Conference. Durant and teammate, Russell Westbrook, will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the NBA this season. Look for the Thunder to be one of the top three teams in the west.

It will also be very interesting to see how the Miami Heat respond to losing their superstar LeBron James. The team still has all-star and NBA champion veterans Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. Newcomers Luol Deng, Danny Granger, and rookie Shabazz Napier will have to step

up and fill the huge void that James left behind. The Heat still have a roster that can lead them to the playoffs, and a Miami vs. Cleveland matchup would definitely be something to see.

Out in Los Angeles, the Clippers will continue to have a strong team. Chris Paul, Blake Griffin, DeAndre Jordan, and Jamal Crawford are a dynamic nucleus to a contending team under head coach Doc Rivers. The Lakers, on the other hand, have their work cut out for them. Superstar Kobe Bryant should be healthy this season, however, his supporting cast is very young and not yet very seasoned. Still, it has been seen in the past that if Kobe Bryant is healthy, he can do some special things, regardless of who is on his team. The Lakers just may surprise some people out there who

do not believe that they can contend this season.

The Indiana Pacers have been title contenders for the past couple seasons, led by all-star Paul George, David West, George Hill, and Roy Hibbert. However, they got gutted back on August 1st. During a scrimmage for Team USA in the FIBA Basketball World Cup, Paul George suffered a gruesome compound fracture of his tibia and fibula in his right leg. Doctors say that George will miss all of the 2014-2015 season, but he should return 100% once he is fully recovered after a year. For this season though, it is a mess for the Indiana Pacers. The team's president of basketball operations, Larry Bird, has a full plate of decisions to make on how to structure his team without his best player, Paul George.

There are plenty of teams with a lot of young talent coming off playoff runs as well. These teams include the Washington Wizards, Charlotte Hornets, Golden State Warriors, Houston Rockets, Portland Trailblazers, Toronto Raptors, Memphis Grizzlies, Brooklyn Nets, and the Atlanta Hawks. Each of these teams has the ability to return to the playoffs this year and make a lot of noise. It is definitely worth keeping an eye on them.

The not mentioned teams who did not make the playoffs and are looking for rebound seasons are, the New York Knicks, Detroit Pistons, Boston Celtics, Orlando Magic, Milwaukee Bucks, Phoenix Suns, Minnesota Timberwolves, Denver Nuggets, New Orleans Pelicans, Sacramento Kings, Utah Jazz, and the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Philadelphia 76ers are coming off a tough 19-63 season, but the future is bright under head coach, Brett Brown. The Sixers' point-guard, Michael Carter-Williams won Rookie of the Year. Rookie center, Nerlens Noel, is starting his NBA career after an ACL tear postponed it last season. If their first-round draft pick, Joel Embiid, can stay healthy, Philadelphia should have an incredibly strong basketball team within the next few years.

The offseason truly was filled with unexpected surprises that created a lot of buzz for fans to get excited about. Opening night is October 28th and there will definitely be a lot to watch in the NBA this year, so buckle up and get prepared for another great season in the NBA.

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# Soccer: Team's hopes high for remainder of regular season play



Men's soccer has roughly six games left in the regular season, but they team has hopes for post-season play and NCAA playoffs.

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"This is a huge conference win for us," said Matt Landy '15, "Both us and Muhlenberg were undefeated and for us to square off so late in the season is a big deal. With Bomba

scoring so late in the game it really shows our mental toughness and ability to come out with a victory."

The win, while important, is just one in a string of important games that the men must win in order to

continue their season in the playoffs and possibly, the NCAAs.

Landy has conflicting feelings about playing his last season of soccer but wants to go out with a strong finish.

"It's double-edge sword to be doing so well in your last season of soccer," said Landy, "It really incentivizes you to extend the season as long as possible, not only for my fellow seniors but also for the rest of my team. We really are a special group of guys and I want to make this ride as memorable as possible."

The Diplomats have a lot of potential this season and if their wins thus far are any indication, there is a good chance their season will extend well past the remaining 6 regular season games.

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PAST WEEK OUTCOMES
<b>MEN'S SOCCER</b> 9/30 vs. Ursinus* 2-1 W 9/27 vs. Muhlenberg* 1-0 W
<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> 10/5 vs. Bryn Mawr 1-0 L
<b>FOOTBALL</b> 10/4 vs. Dickinson 27-14 L
<b>FIELD HOCKEY</b> 10/1 vs. McDaniel* 4-1 W
<b>MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY</b> 9/27 Salisbury Don Cathcart Invitational 7th out of 20 Teams
<b>WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY</b> 9/27 Salisbury Don Cathcart Invitational 8th out of 15 Teams
<b>*= Centennial Conference Competition</b>



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# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## NBA season kicks off amid controversy over roster changes



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The NBA kicked off the season with training camp last week. The season is beginning with uproar over LeBron James' decision to leave the Miami Heat to return to the Cleveland Cavaliers. This decision alters many people's expectations for the season.

**BY JOE YAMULLA**  
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The NBA season officially kicked off this past week as teams reported to training camp. Every season is highly anticipated by basketball fans. However, this past offseason has been filled with dramatic headlines that created hype and enthusiasm in the sports world early on.

Perhaps the most dramatic occurrence in the offseason had to deal with LeBron James' decision to leave the Miami Heat and return to play for his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers. Not only was this a headline story for the NBA, but also one of the best stories in recent sports history. Prior to the 2010 season, LeBron James was the poster boy of the NBA. He was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, and played his entire career with the hometown team in Cleveland that drafted him. After coming up short for seven seasons in Cleveland, James decided to leave the Cavaliers and

join an incredibly talented basketball team in Miami. This move, obviously, made LeBron James the player that everyone loved to hate and root against. After spending four seasons and winning two championships in Miami, James made the dramatic and unexpected decision in July to return to Cleveland and attempt to win a championship for the city that drafted him right out of high school. James issued a powerful letter describing why he is returning to Cleveland

with the dramatic conclusion of, "Our community, which has struggled so much, needs all the talent it can get. In Northeast Ohio, nothing is given. Everything is earned. You work for what you have. I'm ready to accept the challenge. I'm coming home." In doing so, LeBron James has mended a lot of hurt that was caused when he left the Cavaliers, and also created an incredible amount of excitement to see him wear the #23 Cleveland jersey once again. It would be an incredible story if LeBron James can win a championship for a city who has needed something to cheer about for a long time.

Lebron James is a huge contributor to the excitement for this NBA season, but he, of course, is not the sole factor.

The San Antonio Spurs, the team that beat James' Miami Heat in the NBA Finals is returning strong this season. Many expected 38 year-old veteran center, Tim Duncan, to retire after winning the championship. However, he wants to come back and have a chance at repeating his victory. The Spurs definitely have the roster to accomplish this task. Along with Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Tony Park, and the young cold-blooded Kawhi Leonard are all back for San Antonio this season. Coach Gregg Popovich and the Spurs are always a well oiled

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## Men's soccer defeats Muhlenberg to continue undefeated season



photo by Emma Brown '17  
Men's soccer narrowly defeated 21st ranked Muhlenberg College in double overtime Friday. This win improves their record to 10-0-1 overall.

**BY SOPHIE AFDHAL**  
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Men's soccer continued what has been a strong, undefeated season with a 1-0 win against the also undefeated Muhlenberg College

in double overtime. The win ups F&M's record to 10-0-1 in Centennial Conference play.

This matchup was an important one for the Dips. The men are currently ranked 8th in the country and Muhlenberg is currently 21st. In the home stretch of the season, with roughly 6 games until the end of the regular season, this win separates the Dips from the rest of the Centennial Conference pack.

It was not an expected win and the men battled through every minute of play. The team held more shots on goal 14-10 as well as corners by a 10-4 margin.

Despite their higher shot ratio, it wasn't until 5 minutes from their second tie of the season that F&M was able to get one past the Muhlenberg goalie. Janse Schermerhorn '18 sent the ball sail-

ing to Jared Bomba '15 who shot from the left side and sunk the goal for the win.

Bomba has once again proved himself to have the ability to come through for the team. This goal was Bomba's seventh and gives him possession of the 3rd place ranking for the all-time scoring list. The first place ranking is held by Ben Beaver who scored 20 goals during his F&M career.

Goalie Trevor Britton '16 continued the strong season he has been having. He had three saves to give him his seventh shutout of the season. Despite their loss, the Muhlenberg goalie performed very well and had two impressive saves.

This win increases already high team enthusiasm.

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