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Workers' Advocacy lecture touches on labor, wage concerns, revisits successes

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Last Friday, Nov. 21, F&M's Workers' Advocacy Group (WAG) held a discussion on social justice and workers' rights entitled "Inequality, Power, and Resistance in Our Time" in the Joseph International Center, which was open to all students and faculty.

The talk partially focused on explaining the two phenomena of neoliberalism and globalization, as well as how they affect growing economic inequality in the United States and abroad. In addition, panelists—Rebecca K. Marchiel, visiting professor of history; Lianne Roncolato, assistant professor of economics; and Kate Goodman, representative of the advocacy group 15 Now—discussed ways in which people are resisting these forces in order to forge a more egalitarian world, with hopes that the audience will not only understand what caused the increase in inequality over the past four decades, but also realizing ways in which change can be affected.

In selecting panelists for the event, the WAG first approached Marchiel, whose work focuses on America's

relationship with the finance industry; she agreed to participate, and also recommended Roncolato, whose work focuses on global labor markets.

Lastly, the WAG approached Kate Goodman, a representative of 15 Now, who spoke about her experiences as an activist for higher wages. 15 Now is a nationwide grassroots organization founded by Kshama Sawant, a member of Seattle's City Council, which advocates for the immediate increase of the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by empowering workers and activists to unite.

The idea behind the talk was not only that community members should gain knowledge about inequality, but also feel empowered to act by learning about examples of resistance. The talk, according to the WAG, was intended to help illustrate the importance of the work that students in the WAG have been doing on campus in the context of global events.

In fact, within the past three years, the WAG saw the realization of several initiatives they supported and

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Senate rejects Keystone Pipeline bill majority of American public favored



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The incomplete Keystone XL Pipeline that would connect tar sands oil between Alberta, Canada and Nebraska failed to pass due to opposing votes.

BY STEVEN VIERA

News Editor

Recently, the United States Senate rejected a bill to approve construction of the controversial Keystone Pipeline. The proposed pipeline would directly link tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada to Nebraska, then link with existing lines running to Texas.

With all 45 of the Senate's Republican members—along with 14 Democrats—voting in favor, and the 41 remaining Democratic members voting against, the bill failed to secure passage by a margin of only

one vote.

The vote passed in the House of Representatives by the sizable gap of 252-161. The bill's sponsor, Bill Cassidy (R-LA), is currently facing a run-off election for Louisiana's senate seat against the incumbent, Mary Landrieu, who also supports construction of the proposed pipeline.

Republicans support the bill, arguing that, economically, the pipeline will create jobs, Democrats and environmentalists argue that the pipeline will add to the number of carbon

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Diplomatic Congress to hold forums on student issues, such as smoking on campus

BY STEVEN VIERA

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On Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m., the Diplomatic Congress will host its first of several public forums to gauge student opinion on issues that affect the campus at large. The upcoming session will focus on whether or not F&M should be a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus.

At the forum, members of a panel, including Margaret Hazlett, dean of the College, will speak, and students will then have an opportunity to ask questions. According to members of the Diplomatic Congress, in the future, the organization

hopes to be able to include a number of other members of the F&M community: club leaders, student government leaders, administrators, and possibly even members of the Lancaster community.

This series of forums represents a partnership with the Dean's Office. From the student side, Grace Jeong '15, the Diplomatic Congress' health and wellness chair, has been helping to coordinate this upcoming session. In the future, other chairs and members of the Diplomatic Congress will coordinate, organize, and promote forums and discussions to meet student need on



photo courtesy of Diplomatic Congress

Diplomatic Congress plans to address tobacco use on campus through forums, during which students can voice concerns about smoking in public.

other topics.

Upcoming forums will aim to provide an opportunity for students to share their opinions about campus on such topics as F&M's rela-

tionship to Lancaster.

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Riemann’s Crime Watch

Friday, Nov. 14, 8:55 a.m. — A student reported a bullet found in the sidewalk at College Square.

Friday, Nov. 14, 11:30 p.m. — Officers from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to a noise complaint at 437 College Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 12:50 a.m. — DPS received a report of underage drinking at 249 North Charlotte St. The student was cited.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 12:22 a.m. — DPS was called when a student activated a fire extinguisher in Bonchek College House.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 1:20 a.m. — DPS responded to a noise complaint at 603 Race Ave.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 6:50 p.m. — DPS responded to a report of public drunkenness at the turf field, where a student was found passed out in the bathroom.

Monday, Nov. 17, 12:37 a.m. — DPS responded to a noise complaint at 608 N. Charlotte St.

Monday, Nov. 17, 11:43 p.m. — DPS responded to the odor of marijuana on the 4th floor of New College House.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:50 p.m. — DPS responded to a fire alarm at the Joseph International Center caused by burnt food.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 9:06 a.m. — DPS responded to the report of vandalism on the elevator door on the 3rd floor of New College House.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 10:35 a.m. — DPS responded to a pulled fire alarm in Schnader.

Riemann’s Advice

Here’s a little bedroom tip: put a bag of popcorn in the microwave beforehand. That way, when you’re done, you have a treat!

Officer Johnston’s Safety Tips

If you are leaving for the Thanksgiving Break, secure your residence, and keep valuables out of sight.



Be sure to unplug unneeded electrical devices, and keep flammable items away from heaters to avoid fires.

If you are leaving a vehicle behind, make sure all valuables are taken out and secured.

Public Safety wishes everyone a great Thanksgiving Break!

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worked for on campus: the insourcing of both security personnel from Allied Barton Security Services and of custodial staff from Aramark Corporation.

“The talk hits close to home for all of our group members either because they are from countries harshly effected by neoliberalism, from working-class backgrounds, or have been involved in labor or

political groups tackling the issue of inequality,” said Jahanzaib Choudhry ’15, co-president of the WAG. “Also, it is something that directly affects the college and the Lancaster community due to the amount of low-wage labor present in both.”

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Judaic Studies department hosts talk, reading on Primo Levi’s work



Photos by Emma Brown '17

Last Thursday, Nov. 20, the Judaic Studies department hosted a reading and lecture entitled “Traumatic Memory and Irreversible History in Primo Levi’s ‘If Not Now, When?’” The reading and lecture were both held in the Klehr Center for Jewish Life.



Pipeline: Republicans newly appointed to Congress plan to re-vote on rejected bill

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emissions which contribute to global warming.

However, a new Congress will take office in January, mainly composed of Republicans elected in 2014’s Midterm Elections, held earlier this month. They have already announced their intention to re-vote on the bill and approve it, according to the article “US Senate narrowly fails to pass Keystone XL pipeline bill,” from the BBC.com.

And while President Barack Obama has taken a stance against that proposed legislation, he has not directly threatened a veto of it.

If constructed, the pipeline would pump 830,000 barrels of oil, mainly crude oil produced at the tar sand in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Nebraska, where it then travels to Texas on lines already in existence. The pipeline is identically named to a current pipeline, also called Keystone. However,

according the article, the proposed pipeline takes a 1,179 mile route that is much more direct. Additionally, the proposed pipeline has a wider pipe diameter than the existing pipe.

According to the article, a state department report released in February indicated that there were no pressing environmental concerns. The state department is involved in the matter as the pipeline crosses an international border between the United States and Canada.

The proposed pipeline is a privately-financed venture sponsored by, among others, TransCanada, an energy company based in Calgary, Canada.

According to a recent survey, co-sponsored by The Huffington Post, approximately 56 percent of Americans support construction of the pipeline.

These data is similar to other recent polls, which place opinion at about 60 percent (USA Today, Pew Research) in favor.

Staff Writer Commentary

Immigration Reform is Necessary, Amnesty is Preferable

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The United States of America is a nation of immigrants. Even the Native Americans had to cross the Bering Strait and settle on this land. The American people did not just rise from the ground; we came from elsewhere. We came here for a variety of reasons, whether because we were persecuted, sought opportunity, or just wanted a better chance at a better life. Whatever the reason, we or our ancestors moved here, and became American citizens. This continues today with the “illegal” immigrants of Latin and Central America, Asia, and other places.

The president just gave a big speech on November 20th on why we need immigration reform, and what sort of immigration reform we need. However, I have one great disagreement with him, for he said: “I know some of the critics of this action... (that being his “providing relief for an estimated 4.1 million undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and about 300,000 undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally as children”) call it amnesty. Well, it’s not... Amnesty is the immigration system we have

today—millions of people who live here without paying taxes or playing by the rules, while politicians use the issue to scare people and whip up votes at election time. That’s the real amnesty—leaving this broken system the way it is... What I’m describing is accountability.”

While one must praise the president for his eloquence and rhetoric, one must disagree with him on the facts. He went out of his way in his speech to denounce illegal (or undocumented) immigrants as criminals who should be punished for their lawbreaking, but as human beings who need help. Or at the very least, it is too inconvenient to deport all of them. But these people, in large part, are not evildoers, as his predecessor might say. They merely come seeking a better life, not to mooch of our health care or education. Why would one risk the humiliation of deportation, the indignity of being detained in the immigrant detention centers? Why would one accept the possibility of death as they transport themselves to America, sometimes in very dangerous conditions? For the same reason why we or our ancestors came to America: for a chance at a better life. They escape poverty, persecution or war (often some

combination, and many other serious issues their state cannot or will not deal with) to live with us. They will often be our friends and neighbors and help us build a better America.

Some will argue that there is a great difference between them and our immigrating ancestors: ours came here legally. And it should be noted that, especially among the conservatives, there are Americans who want us to deport all illegal immigrants, regardless of whether they are dangerous to America or not.

But our ancestors had a great advantage over most (illegal

or undocumented) immigrants coming here today: they were encouraged to come. There was a great demand in America for labor and workers. And we wanted white men.

We still want laborers today, and preferably cheap ones. Illegal immigrants are often willing to work below minimum wage, saving corporations great deals of money. Hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people living here are essentially indentured servants, except that the indentured servants of old had a better chance of acquiring freedom.

I understand that our borders should be secured. But the truth is, it would be unwise and unjust to throw out all of the immigrants who did not come here legally. The drug cartels and criminals, especially the violent ones who are currently destabilizing Mexico (and causing much immigration here), should not be allowed into our nation. We should not overreact on this issue: we need amnesty, and we need to keep in mind that immigration is only a huge problem if we make it one.

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Full Staff Opinion

Happy Thanksgiving!

Don't let classes ruffle your feathers! Enjoy the holiday and be thankful. It's almost break!



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F&M Winter Survival Guide

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In case you didn't notice, it's getting cold outside, and if you're a first-year fummer, you'll need to gear up if you plan on braving the frigid Lancaster winter.

A December in Lancaster, Pa. has an average high temperature of 42 degrees Fahrenheit and a low of 26 degrees Farenheit. However, last year we had over twenty days of sub-20 degree weather by Thanksgiving, and almost 11 inches of snowfall, and as we all know, it's already really cold outside.

I have survived many winters; this will be my fourth here in Lancaster. So, being the gristly well-weathered senior I am, I thought I'd share a few handy tricks I've learned before I head off to conquer new frontiers.

Survival Tip #1: Read Your Emails

Once you're a senior, you know that when it comes to free time, F&M students go into something of a hibernation during the winter months. Sure, it's fun to have a consensual snowball fight every once in a while, but when it comes to below-freezing merriment, most of it takes place indoors.

There are a lot of fun school-sponsored winter activities, and if you pay attention to your emails, a lot of them happen right inside your college house, (and often entail free hot beverages), so if that's where you live, you don't even have to step outside to enjoy some neighborly company in a cozy

setting.

That said, you still need to get to class, and the winter weather provides the campus landscape with a plethora of treacherous environmental hazards. Lancaster is flat, and therefore windy, and wind chill is a very palpable and unavoidable plight.

Additionally, it's going to snow sooner or later, and when snow melts a little in the sun, it usually freezes into ice when the temperature drops again at night. When classes are cancelled and the campus is hazardous to tread, you will get an email. Make sure you read it carefully, and follow all guidelines and suggestions provided by the faculty.

Survival Tip #2: Stockpile for an Apocalypse

Ok, so there most likely won't be an apocalyptic event this winter, (in 2012 I wasn't so sure), but it can't hurt to be prepared for one. Even if you have a car on campus, the less groceries, cosmetics, over-the-counter medications and school supplies you have to leave campus to purchase, the warmer and safer you will be.

I would recommend planning one big shopping trip to a wholesale store to buy enough supplies to last you through the end of finals week, (or even longer if you're staying on campus through the holidays). You can also do some online shopping, but try to keep that to a minimum to avoid paying shipping and handling.

If you're home for Thanksgiving break, consider taking Mom and Dad to a

nice dinner and a movie, then casually mention how cold it's getting in Lancaster county. If you play your cards right, they might be feeling generous and give you some help getting ready.

Regardless of your chosen method, you'll need to know what to get. Keep in mind that some of the most revolutionary inventions in human history were products of environmental disasters. The Industrial Revolution was an agricultural response to diminishing soil quality, the biplane to spread pesticides during devastating locust swarms, and sprinkler systems to humidify crop-withering droughts.

This is to say, human ingenuity has an impressive history of making hostile climates more livable. Now, in our 21st century, these technologies are a walk, click, or short drive away, and usually available for a fair asking price.

To further this convenience, I've compiled a shopping list of innovative products that I guarantee are worth the initial investment for inexperienced fummers:

1. Insulated comforter

A recent study performed by the National Center for Biotechnology Information showed that breathing cold air at night improves sleep quality and metabolic function in addition to decreasing your chances of developing Type II Diabetes. Sleeping in the cold is also economical because it saves electricity; needless to say, it's a good habit to get into,

and sleeping in a well-insulated bed is essential to keeping your body warm and cozy in a frigid atmosphere.

2. Water heater

Tea is better for your teeth, heart, and cognitive functioning in comparison to coffee, and several varieties have more caffeine as well. Hot cocoa is a winter classic, and if you buy an electric water heater, these deliciously hyperthermic beverages can be brewed in the comfort of your dorm room. A good thermos is also a smart accessory to consider.

3. Hand Warmers

Order a crate of them, stuff them in every pocket, and thank 17th century inventor Germain Hess for leaving his family of Swiss artists to study chemistry in the Republic of Estonia.

4. Petroleum Jelly

Dry cracked lips are painful and gross. There are countless petroleum-based lip treatment products on the market, and it's important to be able to identify the varieties best suited for Lancaster's winter conditions. Varieties often contain fragrances, flavors, sunscreen, and pain-relieving agents, but the common denominator is petrolatum, which is essential for chapped-lip prevention and almost all lip balms contain it. In my experience, simpler is better: just get a jar of original Vaseline petroleum jelly.

Survival Tip #3: Dress Like a Bear

This isn't to say you should gain approximately 100 pounds of adipose fat tissue and grow a thick coat of fur, but a warm

winter jacket with a hoodie and thermal underneath will save you from innumerable shivers. Here are a few clothing articles to add to that list:

1. Scarf

Scarves are a strategic and stylish choice for men and women alike. They're hip, they're handy, and most importantly, they keep your face and neck warm. Your upper-torso and head are the most temperature-sensitive areas of your body; wrap them up tight.

2. Bathrobe

The sleepy, grumpy, and grueling morning waddle to the shower can be the worst part of the morning during the coldest months of the year. A bathrobe and fuzzy pair of slippers make this necessary chore more bearable.

3. Fresh packs of socks

They prevent boot-related chafing and tend to get wet one way or another. It's good to have a lot of them. Also buy a couple pairs of wool socks-- they're indulgently warm.

Survival Tip #4: Live and Learn

I hope this has helped jump-start your F&M Winter survival, but I can't prepare you for every challenge the next few months will conjure up. Be brave, plan ahead, and above all, stay warm. We're here to learn, and this is part of the process. The Lancaster winter is lengthy and arduous, but never forget to be thankful that we're all in this together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Brutal Assault, Struggle for Justice

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It is held by several justice agencies that between 18 and 25 percent of women and between 1.4 and three percent of men will experience sexual assault in their lifetime, and only 12 percent of those women and an even smaller percentage of men report their assault to police. This lack of reporting certainly begs the question: why? A recent *Rolling Stone* article provides us with some answers.

The article begins with

the account of Jackie, a then-freshman at UVA in 2012. It starts with a date to Phi Kappa Psi, and proceeds to a brutal gang rape by seven men. "Grab its motherf***** leg," one shouted, "Don't you want to be a brother?" When Jackie found her friends, mixed reactions ensued. While one friend suggested she be taken to the hospital, another one announced: "Is that such a good idea? Her reputation will be shot for the next four years. She's gonna be the girl who cried 'rape,' and we'll never be allowed into any frat party again."

Rape culture is the concept that society supports hegemonic expectations of gender and sexuality to the point where rape is normalized and in some cases even excused. Common behaviors in rape culture include victim blaming and objectification. Rape culture could not be more apparent than on college campuses, and this article about UVA exists as proof.

How many times have you heard jokes about being "raped" by a test? How many people jump to the conclusion that the accusers of sexual assault

are lying, when at most, eight percent of reports are indicated to be false? How many times must we hear horror stories before we finally start to believe the victims?

The Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network estimates that three percent of perpetrators will ever spend a day in jail. Who are we, as Americans, to call ourselves "free" when thousands of men and women live everyday in terror of what someone did or will do to them? Who are we, as students of F&M, to ignore and excuse the experiences of so many of our

peers?

F&M, as many of us know, is one of 86 institutions of higher education being investigated by the U.S. Department of Education.

Our presence on that list is an example to all of us that justice does not yet exist for the survivors of the Franklin and Marshall community.

It is not too late for us to change the way we support our friends and peers.

I highly encourage the use of The Alice Drum Women's Center for future dialogue about this incredibly important issue.

Want to have your voice heard? Write for the Opinion and Editorial section. Email aschulma@fandm.edu.

Campus Life

Oceanographer, scientist Jackson challenges students to care about oceans

BY SAMANTHA GREENFIELD
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This week's Common Hour speaker, Jeremy Jackson, is a senior scientist emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution and a professor of oceanography emeritus at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Jackson began by telling the audience that this talk would be somewhat of a "reality check." He says the effects of humanity can be fixed, but people need to pay attention to reality instead of ignoring what is going on around them.

"Our record for actually changing things is incredibly bad," Jackson said. "At the very best, we are slowing down the rate of degradation of the planet."

Jackson explored the most consequential human impacts on the ocean and the results if changes are not made.

Humans are wrecking the ocean by overfishing, creating pollution, and contributing to climate change. Overfishing is a huge problem because there are few fish left. Jackson put up two maps showing fish population from 1990 and today. The map from 1990 showed huge areas heavily populated by fish indicated by the color red. The map from today had no red zones whatsoever. This change ruins the

ecological system of the ocean.

An example that Jackson presents is the overfishing of cod. Cod was so important that there were three wars over them in the 1700s. Now the cod are so much smaller and scarce that they no longer serve their ecological purpose. In response to that, there are explosions in populations of sea creatures that are not good for the ocean. Jackson called these species the "rats and roaches" of the ocean.

Near the end of the talk, Jackson pointed out that the ocean's ecological system is like "humpty dumpty". He said this in relation to when an egg is broken and very difficult to put back together. The restoration of the ocean, similarly, is extremely challenging. Jackson also pointed out, however, that there are ways to fix the ocean.

Sea level rise is happening, and so is acidification of the ocean. There is nothing speculative about this, and now scientists know the implications. So the only question is "how fast and how much," not "if."

Jackson showed maps of New Orleans, New York City, and Miami if the sea level were to rise a few feet. New York city is the least affected; but JFK and LaGuardia airports would be under water. New Orleans would be completely



photo by Emma Brown '17

Jeremy Jackson, senior scientist emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution, spoke at this week's Common Hour on the ocean's ecological system.

underwater, and so would Miami Beach.

Environmental change is happening a lot faster than the public would like to think. Temperature and sea level rise are both increasing much faster than was previously predicted. By 2100, the sea will have risen close to a meter. There is a five percent chance that it will have risen two meters by 2100 without even considering the melting of Iceland and Greenland.

There is this total disconnect between the way people think about

their safety in the immediate and the way they think about the reality of the future.

"What can we do as just one person?" a student asked.

"Vote for those politicians that will do something about these issues, Democrat or Republican," Jackson said. "Both parties have politicians that have this objective."

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GenderBender Ball fills College Center with costumes, performances



photo courtesy of Chris Alives Photography

Participants posed for photo-booth pictures during the GenderBender celebration in the College Center atrium. This was the sixth annual Ball.

BY FELIPE STORCH
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Organized by the campus Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgendered, and their Allies organization, LGBTA Club, the 6th annual GenderBender Ball filled the atrium of the College Center with women in suit and tie or drawn-on facial hair, men in skirts, dresses, and wigs, and everything in

between.

"The event is a night of fun and a great release from gender norms and stereotypes," said Jim Andrascik '16, co-president of the LGBTA Club.

The night started with the Chessmen performing three numbers in drag: "It's Gonna be Me" (N*Sync), "In the Still of the Night" (Boyz II Men), and

"Accidentally in Love" (Counting Crows).

Professional drag queen Kahmor Vixen, and her "drag daughter" Nevaeha Vixen, kept the crowd excited with performances including Nick Minaj songs and reference to the famous drag queen TV show run by RuPaul.

Students also showed their lip-sync skills and dance moves in the Ball's King & Queen competition.

After performing to "Sexy Back" (Justin Timberlake) and "It's Raining Men" (The Weather Girls), a King and a Queen were chosen by a panel of five judges from the co-sponsors of the event. The winners won gift baskets including \$50 gift cards. The over 300 people who participated could also have their photos taken by Chris Alives Photography.

This year's GenderBender Ball had the largest attendance ever since the event was first held in 2009.

The Ball garnered great support from Ware College House, The Women's Center, The Inter-Fraternity Council, F&M Options, Panhellenic Council, and the Office of the Chaplain.

To some people it's a night of

dress-up, but to others it's a release from the gender norms that society has programmed.

Amalya Levy '16, a participant, decided to be non-binary (neither completely male or female) and was happy to see other people doing something similar.

Levy thinks that events like this are an opportunity to learn about the wide spectrum of gender identities.

"I think that the GenderBender Ball is great because it's not just a fun party; it's a way that people can step into their shoes, even if just for one night," she said.

The GenderBender Ball is one of many activities organized by LGBTA Club, in addition to Day of Silence/Night of Noise in recognition of the National Day of Silence in the spring semester.

The club also holds weekly meetings on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. in the basement of the College Center in the Allies Resource Center. All members of the college community, whether LGBT-identified or otherwise, are welcome.

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Arts & Entertainment

Mockingjay takes flight, helped by Howard’s superb score

Next Hunger Games installment stumbles into same pitfalls as book

Album Review
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part 1

by Preman Koshar

The third installment of the Hunger Games series, “Mockingjay: Part I,” swoops in quietly, much like its name-sake, and reiterates everything the book did wrong. This time, however, there is a gifted director and crew to save it to the best of their abilities.

The film, directed by Francis Lawrence, continues telling the story of Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence), after she is rescued from the Games and escorted to District 13 (which isn’t supposed to exist). Alas, some of her friends, along with her whiny cake decorator — oops, I meant one true love — Peeta Mel-lark (Josh Hutcherson) get left behind and are tortured by the Capitol. This proceeds to unleash all sorts of untold and completely unnecessary drama; erstwhile the Capitol bombs and mas-sacres everyone who ever looked at them funny. The evil President Snow (Donald Sutherland) claims to be “moving chess pieces,” yet killing the masses is almost never a good idea in terms of securing power and stifling rebellion. His intelligence is ques-tionable, and this undermines him as a threat. And besides a few action-filled bombing and rebellion scenes, the only major plot point is a detailed rescue mission that was only briefly



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Jennifer Lawrence won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in *Silver Linings Playbook*.

discussed in the book. It is, suffice to say, disappointing.

The cinematography of “Mock-ingjay,” however, is surprisingly well done for an action film. While it isn’t going to win any awards, it is a step above most action flicks — a rarity for a series. The acting, particularly by Lawrence, is also above average. Her performance can come across as a stereotypical heroine, but a closer look reveals that her character is deeper and her acting more skilled than an average teenage protagonist. Within the two-hour-and-three-minute run-ning time, I saw her be angry, sad, happy, vengeful, relieved, confused, and desperate. Few characters ever show anything close to that range of emotion.

The score, however, is the film’s high point. It is never obtrusive, nor unobtrusive. It ranges from intense action-ready pieces to Katniss’ quiet and soulful song that becomes a man-tra for rebels throughout Panem. It is always perfectly timed and jibes with the scenes fluidly. The dialogue is not disappointing, but it is also not remarkable in any way. The plot is the downfall of “Mockingjay.” This is due to the book off of which it is based. I have read the book, and it is slow, too caught up in personal dy-namics, and, in the end, too concise with what matters.

The director, Francis Lawrence, can only do so much with this. The first half of the book, and ergo the film, consists mostly of Katniss’ in-ternal thoughts and dilemmas, most of which are deliberated over unnec-essarily. The first half of the book is, to put it bluntly, boring. I think that

Francis Lawrence did the best that he could with what he had. I was genu-inely surprised that I enjoyed the film, and that the plot was really the only major flaw.

“The Hunger Games, Mockingjay: Part I” is well directed, well acted, well scored, and has excellent cinematogra-phy for a blockbuster action flick. But that ultimately doesn’t matter all that much, because the plot stinks. This is not the director’s, or anyone else in-volved with the movie’s fault. This is the fault of the author of the book series, Suzanne Collins. Those who have read the final book in the Hun-ger Games trilogy truly understand how *not* to wrap up a series. The final book is, quite simply, a disgrace. This is especially disappointing as the first two books were top-notch. But none-theless, a decent movie has emerged from Collins’ ashes. This installment of The Hunger Games should not be entitled “Mockingjay”— it seems to be more of a “Phoenix” to me.

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Review Rating:

B

Mockingjay has a strong score, and impressive quality for its genre, but its plot is still disappointing.

Bob Marley’s name, visage to market marijuana

Marley Natural to be sold in states with legalized marijuana products

Commentary
Bob Marley

by Caroline Dorey-Stein

The world’s most famous reg-gae singer is about to be the face of Marijuana... legally. Marley’s fam-ily has collaborated with Privateer Holdings, a private equity group capitalizing on the legal marijuana market. A mass production of the claimed “heirloom Jamaican can-nabis strains” (strongly associated with Marley and his Rock and Roll Hall of Fame status) will be exclu-sively sold to states where weed is legal starting next year.

According to Rolling Stone News, the legendary singer’s name and image will be licensed to cre-ate a “special blend of herb dubbed Marley Natural.” Privateer Holdings already has ownership of Tilray, an enormous estate on Vancouver Is-land, British Columbia that is also the world’s largest marijuana grow-ing farm. But with the promising market growth of marijuana, strik-ing while the iron is hot is the pri-vate group’s motive to venture into the States.

The blend will not be available in the U.S. where pot is legal (now including Alaska and Oregon) until late in 2015. But this is still excit-ing news for Marley’s family and devoted fans. As Privateer Holdings



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In 2001, Bob Marley was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and his group was named the Band of the Year by Rolling Stone in 1976.

CEO Brendan Kennedy told NBC News, “Bob Marley started to push for legalization more than 50 years ago. We’re going to help him finish it.” And with this marketing, Marley will likely be equally, if not *more* well known, for his movement to le-galize weed.

Cedella Marley, 47, Bob Marley’s eldest daughter, agrees with her fa-ther’s role in the movement. “It just

spect for the power of nature to heal and inspire us.” As a bonus to serv-ing enjoyment to users, the product will stand for Marley’s belief in the benefits of cannabis and reflect ele-ments of the Rastafarian culture. The company, in addition to cannabis it-self, will offer hemp and cannabis-in-fused products such as sun creams and lotions.

The family and Privateer have been working since 2013 to bring the product to market. There has been a long brainstorming process regarding how to influence Ameri-can marijuana users to adhere to some of the Jamaican lifestyles.

This will not be the first time the Marley family has teamed up with big business to utilize the name of the artist who died in 1981. Hilco Brands formed a joint venture with the family in 2008 to promote prod-ucts including “Marley’s Mellow Mood Beverages” and the “House of Marley” headphones and audio. The former is a healthy, natural drink that is supposed to embody Bob Marley’s message of “Unity, Freedom, Peace, Empowerment, and Love,” as cited on drinkmarley.com.

By this time next year we will see whether the cannabis line was a pop-ular success in the United States.

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Nick Jonas’ new album is bold direction for young artist

Nick Jonas incorporates his unique sound into solo work, pleases audiences

Album Review

Nick Jonas

by Julia Chirls

Do you remember award-winning, teen heartthrob of the Jonas Brothers, now reinvented as solo artist, Nick Jonas? He released his second solo album, *Nick Jonas*, on November 10. After eight years in the music industry as a member of the teen pop band, Jonas has advanced on a career of his own, writing original music and touring worldwide.

Nick Jonas’ career began in 1999 when he starred in several Broadway shows. His singing talent was discovered after he wrote a song with his father in 2002, after which Columbia Records signed him to their label and released “Dear God” and “Joy to the World (A Christmas Prayer).” A solo album entitled *Nicholas Jonas* soon followed. This album featured his two older brothers, Joe and Kevin, and just three years later, the trio formed the band the Jonas Brothers.

During their time as a trio, Nick, Joe, and Kevin were successful, winning 52 awards for their music and trekking around the world on nine concert tours until they separated in October 2013. In 2008, they were nominated for the Best New Artist award at the 51st Grammy Awards and won the award for New Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards. To date, the Jonas Brothers have sold over 17 million albums worldwide.

After the Jonas Brothers parted ways, Nick joined Demi Lovato on her Neon Lights Tour, which ran from February to May of 2014. In an interview with *Rolling Stone* he said he was “overseeing video content, wardrobe, lighting, and staging.” He joined Lovato in performing “Stop the World,” “Here We Go



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Nick Jonas has won a total of six awards including the Young Hollywood Artist of the Year and Coolest Crossover Artist.

Again,” and “Catch Me.” In addition to his musical endeavors, he has appeared in several TV shows including “Navy St.” (renamed “Kingdom”) and “Hawaii Five-0.”

While Nick Jonas has matured as a person, singer, and artist, on *Nick Jonas*, there are still the distinct vocal elements that elevated him to fame ten years ago. His fans will appreciate that Jonas has maintained and incorporated his unique sound into his solo work. The music on this album, however, is styled very differently and, in this way, each of the 11 songs has a unique element to it.

Despite the short time *Nick Jonas* has been in stores and on iTunes, the album has already hit #6 on the US *Billboard* 200 chart. Jonas reached a milestone in his career when “Jealous,” the second single on the album, peaked at #10 on the US *Billboard* Hot 100, the artist’s highest charting single to date. The song has a nice rhythm and tune that will replay in your

head indefinitely. Along with another one of his most popular hits, “When You Look Me in the Eyes,” Jonas expresses his obsession with a girl and his desire to have her all to himself.

“Avalanche” is the 10th song on

the *Nick Jonas* track list and the second most popular song on the album, according to iTunes. The track features Demi Lovato, particularly known for her show “Sonny With a Chance” as well as her five studio albums including *Here We Go Again* and *Unbroken*. “Avalanche” has a slower beat, and the female and male voices harmonize perfectly for an easy listen. Featuring Demi Lovato adds a softer tone where it was fitting.

Nick Jonas is a breakthrough in Jonas’ solo career that is well worth listening to. Don’t miss a chance to remember a small part of your past and share in this career milestone!

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Review Rating:

B-

Nick Jonas is a step forward for Nick Jonas as a newly reinvented solo artist and has a distinctly different feeling.

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Week of Monday, November 23

Music

Tuesday, Nov. 24



5 Seconds of Summer
Good Girls



Katherine Jenkins
Home Sweet Home



Alfie Boe
Serenata



Andy Scott
Faith in Strangers

Movies

Friday, Nov. 28



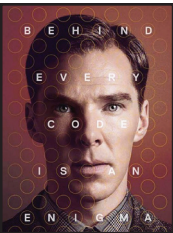
Horrible Bosses 2



Penguins of Madagascar



Before I Disappear



The Imitation Game

Blu-Ray

Tuesday, Nov. 24



The Expendables 3



November Man



The Giver



What If

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Throwback of the Week



Artist: Dave Matthews
Track: Gravedigger

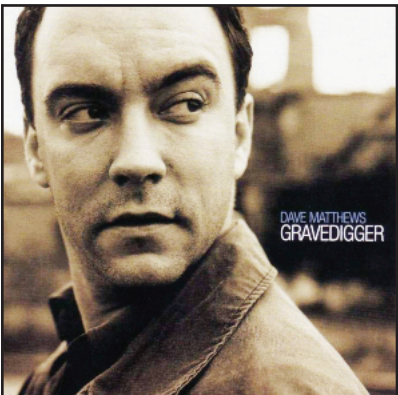


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On September 23, 2003, Dave Matthews, frontman of the hugely successful Dave Matthews Band, released *Some Devil*, the musician’s first of only two solo albums. “Gravedigger,” the third track off the album, was Dave Matthews’ first solo single. Though the song is incredibly dark, it has become Matthews’ most successful solo hit, even winning him a Grammy Award in 2004 for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance. Activist and country icon Willie Nelson recorded his own version of the song that appears on the album *Moment of Forever*, released in 2008. Though the single was written and recorded by Matthews alone, because of its popularity, it has been performed live multiple times at Dave Matthews Band concerts and tours, Dave Matthews & Friends concerts, and was also performed with Tim Reynolds.

Soccer: Diplomats' season ends with close, tough loss to Oneonta



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The men had a strong win in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Johnson & Wales during double overtime. However due to tough conditions against Oneonta State, they were defeated 2-1 to end a great season.

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to the excellent coaching of Dan Wagner, head coach. Wagner was enthusiastic about his team coming into this season, and he had reason to be. It is his 13th season as head soccer coach, and he is coming off another successful year last year. Last year, F&M won their first

Centennial Conference Championship, and advanced as far as the NCAA Elite Eight. Wagner has turned the program into a Division III national contender.

In the first round of the NCAA playoffs on Nov. 15, F&M beat Johnson & Wales 1-0 on a very cold night. The following day,

they took on Rochester in the bitter cold. Just like the day before, it was a close contest. The game was tied 2-2 and went into two overtimes. The Diplomats prevailed despite the adversity of being in another close contest. The team is prepared to go on the road on Saturday and take on Oneonta State

University.

F&M has only played Oneonta State two times in the program's history. The Diplomats are 2-0 against them, and beat them last season by a score of 1-0. Oneonta has also had a spectacular season. The Red Dragons go into this game with a record of 19-0-2.

Despite a hard fought game, the Diplomats fell in Oneonta by a score of 2-1. F&M's Ben Draheim was able to score the first goal of the game. However, the Diplomats were unable to hold off two consecutive goals from the Red Dragons. The outcome was disappointing for the team, however the Diplomats have nothing to hang their head about this season. They put together some remarkable performances and made the school proud as they advanced through the NCAA Tournament. Seniors, David Rosenfeld, Jared Bomba, Max Watson, Sam Lane, Chris Scott, Matthew Landy, and Derek Pawlush will certainly missed next year. It has been a great ride for F&M soccer in 2014, and the team looks forward to having another successful run next year.

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Swim: Men, women deliver strong group, individual showing



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Men's and women's swimming competed in both individual and group events, clinching multiple places. The women placed fifth out of 23 in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

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The participating schools included Mount Saint Mary's College, Washington and Lee University, Steven's Institute of Technology, Ramapo College of NJ, F&M, Millersville University, Kutztown University, Saint Vincent College, SUNY Oneonta, Widener University, and Montclair State University.

Gathering points through each event, the women were in fifth place with 77 points after the first day. They trailed behind Mount Saint Mary's College with 130 and Washington and Lee University in second with 126 points. The women opened the event with a

200-yard freestyle relay featuring a team of Jillian Albus, Courtney Collins, Bridget Dromerick, and Taylor Mateja. The team clinched the 5th spot out of 23 teams with a time of 1:40.19. They lost narrowly to Ramapo's team who secured a time of 1:37.40. In the individual 1650-yard freestyle, Mary Ann Robinson obtained 11th out of 32 swimmers with a time of 18:44.92, while Leeza Rojas got 14th place with a time of 18:49.29.

Moving into day two, the Lady Dips remained in 5th place, increasing their points to 212. Steven's Institute of Technology maintained a small point margin lead over Washington and Lee

University to hold first place. First-year Melissa Mullin performed well, securing second place in the 400-yard individual medley and fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Lady Dips have performed well thusfar and will finish the three day invitational with finals at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The men are also competing well this weekend. They completed day one of the invitational in sixth place with 74 points. Stevens Institute of Technology finished day one in first with 164 points. In their opening event, the F&M team competed in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a four person team of Ryan Caffery, David Burton, Dennis Chen, and Matthew Murphy. They placed 8th out of 17 teams with a time of 1:28.83.

The men also performed well in the individual events. Patrick Greaney competed in the 1650-yard freestyle and finished with an impressive time of 16:47.29. Reeves Connolly also placed with a time of 16:47.29.

The men have advanced 8 swimmers to the finals to occur on Sunday night. Most notably is Eric Lang who has advanced to the championship final of the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:00.41.

Regardless of how Sunday night's final turns out, the men and women's programs have giv-

en a strong performance thus far at this year's fall invitational.

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PAST WEEK OUTCOMES
MEN'S BASKETBALL 11/18 vs. Keystone 82-75 W 11/22 vs. McDaniel* 68-55 W
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 11/19 vs. McDaniel* 8-39 L 11/22 vs. York 77-37 L
WOMEN'S SQUASH 11/22 vs. Princeton 9-0 L 11/23 vs. Dickinson 9-0 W
MEN'S SOCCER 11/16 vs. NCAA Second Round 2-2 T 11/22 vs. NCAA Sweet 16 2-1 T
MEN'S SQUASH 11/22 vs. Princeton 6-3 L 11/23 vs. Dickinson 9-0 W
MEN'S SWIMMING 11/22 vs. F&M Swimming Invitational 6th out of 9
WOMEN'S SWIMMING 11/22 vs. F&M Swimming Invitational 5th out of 10
*= Centennial Conference Competition

The F&M swim program hosted its Fall invitational this weekend. Read on ... page 9.


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Men's soccer headed to the NCAA Tournament last week. For game coverage read on... page 9.

Franklin & Marshall Sports

Men's soccer ends run in third round of NCAA Tournament



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Men's soccer concluded its season after a run in the NCAA tournament this week. Over the course of 20 games the men have only given up a total of 9 goals to the opposing team while scoring 37 goals themselves.

BY JOE YAMULLA
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There has been a lot to cheer about lately at F&M. It has been an eventful past few weeks for the F&M men's soccer team—the Diplomats are headed to the NCAA Sweet 16 in Oneonta, New York.

The Diplomats came into this season with high expectations, and they put in the work needed to get to this position. F&M goes into the game on Nov. 22 with an impressive record of 16-1-3. None of these wins came easily. For ex-

Men's, women's swimming host Fall Invitational competition



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F&M men and women's swim programs went up against 9 and 10 other teams respectively this weekend, hosting the meet.

BY SOPHIE AFDHAL
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This weekend, F&M men and women's swimming hosted their swimming invitational at home and competed against teams from

all over the nation. The three day invitational hosted 11 colleges and universities in the women's division and 9 in the men's division.

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ample, during the game on Oct. 3, against Muhlenberg, F&M won 1-0 after playing through two overtime periods. All three of their ties came after two overtimes as well. Strong defensive play has been a

component that helped F&M get to the point that they are at. The Diplomats played five games before finally giving up a goal when they played Alvernia. They have now played a total of 20 games, and have only given up nine goals to the opposing team, while scoring 37. Their consistent and strong offensive attack, backed by their stellar defensive play, are some of the main reasons that F&M is in contention for a National Championship.

Trevor Britton has done an exceptional job as goalkeeper this season. He has a total of 53 saves, with a save percentage of .828. On the offensive side, Chase TenBrook leads F&M in goals with nine goals scored. Sam Lane is next, netting six goals in total. Jared Bomba has knocked in five. Meanwhile, the impressive freshman, Janse Schermerhorn, has scored four goals for the Diplomats this season. Bomba and Shermerhorn also lead the team in assists. Bomba has five assists and Schermerhorn has four. Chase TenBrook is the points leader with 21.

This season's success is also

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UPCOMING GAMES		
MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Nov. 25	@ Johns Hopkins*	8 p.m.
Nov. 29	@ Elizabethtown	3 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Nov. 25	@ Johns Hopkins*	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	@ Ursinus*	8 p.m.
WRESTLING		
Nov. 23	@ Sacred Heart*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	@ Mat Town	All Day
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING		
Dec. 5	Zippy Invitational @ Akron, Ohio	9 a.m.
MEN'S SQUASH		
Dec. 6	@ Yale	11 a.m.
Dec. 7	@ Penn	1 p.m.
WOMEN'S SQUASH		
Dec. 6	@ Yale	11 a.m.
Dec. 7	@ Penn	1 p.m.
*= Centennial Conference Competition		