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Campus groups gather to celebrate F&M's second annual Queer Visibility Week

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Franklin & Marshall's second Queer Visibility Week took place on campus last week, an expansion upon the previous year's event. Each day of the week featured a different lineup with activities ranging from education to recreation.

The week kicked off on Sunday, October 15 with a well-attended brunch in the Writer's House that included a wide variety of breakfast food and "mocktails." The programming continued the next day when history professor Marc Stein visited campus. Stein, a scholar of sexuality and social movements at San Francisco State University, was in attendance at a luncheon held at the Alice Drum Women's Center early in the day. He then gave a talk entitled "Students, Sodomy, and the State: LGBT Campus Struggles in the 1970s." According to the hosts of Queer Visibility Week, the



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The second annual Queer Visibility Week kicked off with a brunch in the Philadelphia Alumni Writers House and included events hosted across campus.

talk covered "the litigation that occurred in the 1970s after more than a dozen public colleges and universities in the United States denied official recognition to LGBT student groups."

On Tuesday the activities turned to film as SAGA, the Sexuality and Gender Alliance, hosted

a screening of the film *Moonlight* in the Writer's House. *Moonlight*, the 2016 winner of the Academy Award for Best Picture, depicts the life of a young black boy as he deals with his sexuality and coming of age. Following the screening, SAGA hosted a discussion in the Allies Resource Center, locat-

ed in the basement of the College Center. The discussion of LGBT film and art included discussion of other popular LGBT depictions including the graphic novel and musical, *Fun Home*.

This week's Common Hour was also a part of Queer Visibility Week programming. The College hosted famous performance artist Kimberly Dark, who performed her piece "Things I Learned from Fat People on the Plane," an exploration of movement, sexuality, body, and gender. Dark was also present for a Craft Talk in the Writer's House following her event.

Queer Visibility Week closed on a happy note with the Queer Mixer, a celebration held in the Alice Drum Women's Center with food, drink, and a photobooth. On Saturday the LGBTQ Alumni Council held an informal meeting in the Center for the Sustainable

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Future of Iran nuclear deal in question following comments by President Trump

BY RUBY VAN DYK
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Last week, President Trump made a speech in which he disavowed the Iran Nuclear Deal, accusing Iran of spreading "death, destruction and chaos around the globe." Trump then went on to suggest that it is in the United State's best interests to reevaluate the deal and possibly remove itself entirely if it cannot come to a consensus on what to change. This has sparked major controversy, with many Americans expressing concern over the possible dissolution of the deal and its implications. As the Iran deal continues to be a topic of contention, it is important to understand how it was formed and what it entails.

Prior to the nuclear deal made by the international community with Iran in 2015 under the Obama administration, the relationship between the United States and Iran had been in a deep freeze. This freeze dates back to 1979 when the Iranian Revolution had occurred, resulting in a long period of no direct, bilateral communication between the two countries. During this time, Iran was developing its nuclear capabilities and establishing itself as a nuclear state. The president of Iran at this time, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, was speaking candidly about Iran's program and the international community began feeling nervous about the rate at which Iran's nuclear program was

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Series of wildfires in California result in death, illness, property loss

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Wildfires are an annual problem in California, however this year they have been particularly destructive. The death toll from these fires has just risen to 42 according to state officials, making this year's wildfires the deadliest in the history of the state of California.

Firemen and First Responders have been working non-stop trying to contain these fires, whether on foot or by air. However, California has been in a severe drought for several months which makes water very limited and allows fires to spread more quickly than usual. The fires in California are not in just in one location but in many areas of the state, in-

cluding the Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Butte counties in northern California and areas around Los Angeles in southern California.

So far the strength of these fires has caused over one billion dollars in damages and officials anticipate these numbers will grow. The energy of these fires has destroyed over 7,000 homes and structures in Northern California alone.

Initially, because of the strength of these fires, over 100,000 people were evacuated from their homes. Many of these people are now returning to homes that are severely damaged or even destroyed. Because most of the structures in the path of these fires have been destroyed, the pieces of

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CRIME WATCH

Friday, October 13, 11:42am - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a report of theft from vehicle on the 600 block of Lancaster Ave.

Friday, October 13, 11:30pm - DPS received a noise complaint at Phi Kappa Psi fraternity on W James St.

Saturday, October 14, 11:43pm - DPS performed a medical assist for alcohol on Bonchek Hall.

Saturday, October 14, 11:59pm - DPS performed a medical assist for alcohol on W Frederick St.

Sunday, October 15, 12:50am - DPS received a report of a disturbance on W Frederick St.

Sunday, October 15, 1:36am - DPS received a report of a disturbance at Chi Phi fraternity.

Sunday, October 15, 2:26am - DPS responded to a loud music noise complaint on W James St.

Sunday, October 15, 7:11pm - DPS received a report of a vehicle break-in on N Charlotte St.

Sunday, October 15, 9:07pm - DPS responded to a loud music noise complaint on College Row.

Monday, October 16, 11:36pm - DPS received a report of harassment via communication in Marshall Hall.

Thursday, October 19, 2:35am - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint in Thomas Hall.

Thursday, October 19, 4:13pm - DPS received a report of theft at the Alumni Sports & Fitness Center.

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Environment to help LGBTQ students and alumni connect as part of Homecoming Weekend. This wide range of events allowed students from all walks of life with all interests to participate in Queer Visibility Week in one way or another. Because students were not required to attend every event but instead focused on the ones that most interested them, every student's experience with Queer Visibility Week was customizable.

The second rendition of Queer Visibility Week was well-received and well-attended, with

student organizations displaying LGBTQ pride flags in their spaces or hosting discussions about LGBTQ issues during their general meetings. The project was truly a collaborative effort involving dozens of people and several organizations ranging from SAGA to DipCon to the Women's Center and beyond. The weeklong event is quickly becoming a prominent feature in F&M's fall semester and is predicted to continue for years to come.

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The Alice Drum Women's Center hosted several events during Queer Visibility Week, demonstrating the intersectionality of the week's activities.

Iran: Complex policy between two nations in question during Trump presidency

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expanding. The U.S. and other Western countries began to be convinced that the program was geared towards nuclear weapons, although the Iranians insisted it was peaceful. Because of this, President Obama began to work to rally the international community towards putting together a deal with Iran that would limit their nuclear capabilities and program. The Obama administration began to work with the International community to enforce sanctions on Iran in order to send a message that there was a clear separation between the Iranians and the rest of the world.

As this leverage began to take hold, the United States was left with the problem of how to

approach negotiations and conversation with Iran. The lack of established diplomatic relations between the two countries made this difficult, and forced the U.S. to think outside of typical negotiation protocol. The United States landed on the idea of setting up a diplomatic channel through a third country, Oman.

Oman is a small country nestled on the Persian gulf with a population of about 4.5 million. The United States approached Oman as its third country for the diplomatic channel because Oman had managed to maintain good relations with both the U.S. and Iran. Both Oman and Iran agreed to the idea in 2012 and the channel started to become authorized. In the beginning, this channel was kept extremely

secret amongst members of the U.S. government and was not until 2013 that the existence of the private channel was revealed to the public. The talks that were taking place through this channel continued for over a year, and were then extended by months in November of 2014. Then in April 2015 the United States and the rest of the international community announced that Iran had agreed to a long term nuclear deal that would limit their nuclear capabilities. In exchange for Iran putting brakes on its program, the U.S. alleviated sanctions and allowed for Iran to do business more widely.

Now in 2017, President Trump's criticisms towards the deal have to do with the fact that he believes that it doesn't do enough to prevent the country from developing its own ballistic missiles or repress terrorist groups. But many supporters of the deal believe that without it Iran might be free to pursue its nuclear program completely unchecked, which could lead to nuclear war. In the weeks to come, President Trump's actions will be crucial to the future of the deal.

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Fires: California residents grapple with consequences of multiple wildfires

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metal, wood and other materials are releasing out toxic chemicals such as asbestos. Because of this, many homeowners aren't able to go back to their homes and grab their personal belongings.

Homeowners are not the only ones at risk due to the fires. Students and tourists are in danger as well. One of the fires in Santa Cruz had firefighters battling the fire near a college campus as well as a popular beach destination.

Another issue is smoke inhalation in these areas. The fires in Northern California have burned over more than 182,000 acres, exposing people across the state to potential smoke inhalation issues.

Authorities are still determining the cause of the wildfires. In the coming weeks more information about these fires will likely come to light.

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First responders in California have been working tirelessly attempting to stop the wildfires causing property damage across the drought-prone state.

Editor Commentary

Editor shares opinion on F&M’s annual Forum on Sexual Misconduct

BY ALEX PINSK
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On October 4th, F&M hosted its annual Forum on Sexual Misconduct. This forum is an event for faculty to inform students about school policies and for students to ask questions regarding those policies. Sitting on the panel were Jan Masland: Title IX Coordinator, Dean Hazlett: Dean of the College, and Pierce Buller: General Counsel. The panelists each individually explained their roles in the process and defined sexual assault and Title IX for the audience.

Generally, I would say the purpose of this forum was to be informative. We were provided with many hard facts with regard to sexual discrimination, such as how one might go about filing a complaint, who on campus is a mandated reporter, and statistics about consent,

hearings, sanctions, etc. Overall, I did come out of the forum with more information than I came in with, especially concerning the legal piece involved. However, there were definitely portions of the forum that left me concerned.

Of particular interest to the student body seemed to be the trial process and the distribution of sanctions. According to the school’s policy, when an incident is brought to trial, there are three possible outcomes of said trial. The alleged perpetrator could be deemed “responsible,” “not responsible,” or it could be noted that there is “insufficient evidence for finding responsibility.” None of these instances provide specific sanctions. In other words, if a student is found guilty of rape, the rapist is not automatically (or necessarily) expelled from F&M. The administrators explained that one has to take in mind the conditions

involved—in other words, each incident is circumstantial. F&M cannot, apparently, produce a list of sanctions for various acts of sexual assault and misconduct because a list like that could potentially get the college sued. However, the panelists seemed to contradict themselves, saying first that the school does not follow any chart when issuing sanctions and saying later that the F&M basically follows Dickinson’s list of sanctions that can be found on the Dickinson College website.

Following the information piece of the forum, there was an extensive “Question and Answer” session. Students asked various questions, namely those regarding the school’s hesitance for expelling rapists and other proven perpetrators. One student asked why F&M seems to pride itself on being ahead in so many areas but is behind regarding sexual misconduct. The general feeling

amongst the student body seemed to be frustration. While perhaps the administration cannot fix the obvious issues associated with assault, they have the greatest influence on amending the process. Barring legal obligations, Franklin and Marshall College is a private institution and, therefore, is not required to follow all education laws sanctioned by the state. It would be helpful if students knew precisely which laws were state-sanctioned and which laws F&M’s policies can depose.

While the forum was frustrating with regard to policies and sanctions, I, personally, was less concerned with those aspects than I was with who attended the forum. Statistically, there is a greater percentage of women who are affected by sexual misconduct than men. Yet, there were almost exclusively female students in attendance at the forum. If we are trying to prevent sexual assault on F&M’s campus, we must first educate students. Everyone should care—not just victims, not just the friends of victims.

As a school, F&M needs to go to greater lengths concerning sexual assault and misconduct. It is all to prevalent, and we seem to be getting so wrapped up in the legal issues that we fail to see the fatal implications that are to be involved if the school does not step up.

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Violation	Standard Sanction Range
Sexual Assault (Related to Intercourse)	One-Year Suspension to Expulsion
Sexual Assault (Not Related to Intercourse)	Probation to Expulsion
Sexual Exploitation	Probation to Expulsion
Stalking	Probation to Expulsion
Harm to Others	Stayed Suspension to Expulsion
Harassing Conduct	Warning to Stayed Suspension
Retaliation	Probation to Expulsion
Complicity	Warning to Stayed Suspension

Photo courtesy of dickinson.edu

Dickinson College publishes a chart in conjunction with its Sexual Misconduct Policy. This chart provides an idea of possible sanctions for various acts of sexual misconduct. F&M refuses to implement such a chart due to legal reasons. However, if Dickinson is able to provide a chart like this, why can’t F&M?

Donald Trump’s twitter acts as main source of manipulation, deflection

BY JOE YAMULLA
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Despite the tumultuous and unpredictable nature of Donald Trump’s presidency, I can at least be certain that the president will exercise his right to tweet. I’ve been struggling to understand why the President of the United States feels the need to attack others, make bold criticism, or defend himself with 150 characters. I’ve come to realize that Donald Trump is a master of deflection, and his Twitter is his most valuable resource. Donald Trump has successfully manipulated the American people. Instead of giving our complete attention and criticism to the pressing issues we face right now, specifically Puerto Rico, North Korea, and climate change, we’ve been drawing our attention to Donald Trump’s ridiculous stunts on social media. Yes, it’s so tempting to criticize the president’s tweets, especially when he attacks American athletes’ fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression. However,

it’s vital that Americans see Trump’s tweets for what they really are, an outlet to deflect our attention from the profound issues that need our efforts.

Puerto Rico, who has been over-

looked and disregarded by America for decades, is still in shambles. Whether conservative politicians wish to recognize it or not, they are American citizens who lost everything. Much of the island is still with-



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Since being elected president, Donald Trump has been using social media, namely Twitter, in repressive ways. As difficult as it is, citizens need to disregard his hurtful words.

out power and necessary resources. I found myself as frustrated as any when Donald Trump attacked NFL players on twitter for their statements made during the National Anthem. However, we can’t let our frustration feed into the Trump administration’s master plan of deflection.

American citizens are living in a unique era. We have a president who is recklessly taunting North Korea on social media; be sure to remember this story for your grandkids. Furthermore each day, we also see the growing consequences of climate change through threatening weather patterns, and the daily threat of losing our health care. We are facing major danger as a nation. Regardless of what the president tweets, Americans need to devote their entire attention to what really matters and no longer feed into Donald Trump’s strategy of deflection through social media.

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Campus Life

Kimberly Dark addresses body size, societal standards at Common Hour

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Award winning storyteller Kimberly Dark performed at this past Thursday’s Common Hour, opening up a discussion about perceptions of body size in our culture, and, more broadly, how our appearances and identities influence our experiences in the world. Dark is also a sociologist and writer. Her talk, titled, “Things I Learned From Fat People on a Plane” was part performance and part lecture, interweaving the storytelling throughout.

Her opening lines “Hey fat kid” and “you are so much more than your body” directly addressed anyone who has felt that their body was wrong, especially due to weight. Her use of the word “fat” she later addressed as a neutral descriptive term that has in our culture been turned into an insult. For the purposes of her talk, she would use that term in this neutral way. After the first performance, Dark spoke candidly about her own experiences of feeling disrespected on an airplane because of her size. She wore an airplane seat belt extender as a belt, and jokingly said she wears it so she doesn’t have to ask for one every time she goes on a flight. She explained her experiences of her airplane seatmates feeling like they had bad luck when they saw her in their aisle. She understands that some overweight people dehydrate themselves to avoid trying to fit into the small bathrooms on airplanes and some even forgo seatbelts because the standard belt on the plane doesn’t fit them and they are too ashamed to ask for an extender. Dark pointed out the

obvious health and safety risks for these people that are trying to use their right to travel, but with a culture that produces airplanes made with only slim people in mind.

Dark also talked about learning to stay still as a heavy person. In another storytelling segment of her talk, she spoke about riding her bike at eight years old. This connects to her current state of movement, as she has always been an active person, engaging in exercise activities more than most slim people. Thin people were always telling her to lose weight, and that she was graceful and strong “for a fat woman,” which stuck with her. Even though there are famous heavy olympic athletes and she herself leads an active lifestyle, there is still this stigma that overweight people are unhealthy, instead of simply having that size naturally. Because of this stigma, Dark stated that some bigger people don’t move their bodies at all for fear of ridicule. “I don’t choose stillness,” she said.

While people of Dark’s size experience a society that has negative views of larger people, romantic relationships is yet another realm to navigate differently than others. She deemed this experience as “coming out fat.” In society, being big is usually seen as the antithesis of hot. Showing your partner your nakedness may cause them to see you differently. Regrettably, she said, “there are things about you that might make people question how lovable you are.” By “coming out,” Dark meant having a conversation about her partner’s feelings about her size, especially when the partner was a slim person with “tall pretty people privi-



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Kimberly Dark spoke at Common Hour last Thursday, incorporating storytelling throughout to discuss how our identities, specifically body size, affect our experiences.

lege.” She said that when she is alone with a partner, there is no comparison to other people or the judgement of society. It is just the two of them. Fat as a problem, Dark stated, is largely social. Being stigmatized as “fat” can stigmatize one’s lover too.

The notion of thin privilege is apparent to Dark as she is oppressed because of her weight. Having a body people are socialized to hate is detrimental in terms of gaining opportunities in society. Dark said that in this world, calling a woman “fat” knocks her down a peg. When she asks for a seat belt extender in an airplane, the airline staff hand it to her like a drug deal. In this society, “an air ticket is one size fits all.” Even though Dark is active, she wonders if she would be seen as less worthy of comfort or respect as a human being if she wasn’t active. Furthermore, focusing on

the heavy passenger takes the anger away from the airline, which is good for business - another way in which heavy people experience systematic oppression.

The good news, according to Dark, is that no part of human culture is not created by humans, which means humans can change themselves. She ended her Common Hour talk by having the audience practice different ways of responding to negative comments about people’s weight. The idea is that whenever you hear a comment about a heavy person or dieting in your daily life, you consciously come up with a different way of responding that does not support putting down other people.

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Homecoming Weekend Features Opening of Shadek Stadium



Homecoming 2017 included the grand opening at Shadek Stadium. On Saturday, 21 October, the Diplomats played against the Dickinson Red Devils for the first time on the new field. Diplomats won 59-0.



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Arts & Leisure

Harvey Weinstein’s sexual assault scandals shed light on culture of silence in Hollywood

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Sexual harassment has always been a prevalent issue; every day, new people are victimized and made to feel less than. So many people fall victim to rape and sexual harassment without us ever knowing because they are afraid to speak up; however, there are times when even if they do, nothing is done or no one believes. In a place like Hollywood where paparazzi run rampant and star’s private lives are spread out in magazines, one sexual predator was left hidden from the world’s eyes. Although recently reported, Harvey Weinstein has been treating his female workers like property for almost thirty years without any consequences.

For such a recent story, so much has been released over the past couple of weeks, tracing these sexual advances back to 1990. On October 6th, the *New York Times* conducted an investigation and since, approximately 30 women have come forward that they were sexually abused by Weinstein. Among them are notable celebrities including Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie who’s accusations brought the case a lot of attention. There is evidence, according to the *New York Times* on October 11th, that many of these women did report Weinstein, but received payouts for their silence on the matter that began in 2015. While Weinstein’s board denies knowledge of these payouts, according to the *New York Times* on October 5th, employees were forced to sign a “code of silence” that forbid them from speaking out about anything that could interfere with the reputation of the company. Over these past weeks, numerous pieces of evidence have been revealed that lead to Weinstein’s guilt including a recording with an Italian model, Ambra Battilana, being encouraged by Weinstein to watch him take a shower. Although

Weinstein says that this recording was a “setup,” the stories of women who have come forward, match up with the recording almost exactly; Emily Nestor and Ashley Judd were both invited by Weinstein to his hotel room in the Peninsula hotel where he said he would massage them or they could watch him shower. Weinstein was able to sway these women against their judgement by promising them fame and fortune in exchange for sex. Since these recent findings, Harvey took a temporary “leave of absence,” which later turned into his ultimate expulsion by the board of the Weinstein Company. The board released a statement, quoted in the October 6th *New York Times* article, saying, “As Harvey has said, it is important for him to get professional help for the problems he has acknowledged.” Despite being fired from the Weinstein Company, he has not been charged with any crimes.

With the amount of victims and information piling up everyday, one has to ask why this took so long to be revealed to the public. Although Paltrow and Jolie did not seem to report about their own experiences with Weinstein until the *Times*’ published their information, many women had come forward with their own allegations long before. One was a woman named Lauren O’Connor who was an assistant of Weinstein’s that, like the rest, was invited up to his hotel room where she was forced into giving him a massage, naked. O’Connor reported to the board what happened to her in a detailed memo. This letter was sent to executives that worked for Weinstein, yet nothing was ever mentioned about it, except for a settlement offer that made O’Connor rescind her letter and offer her “thanks” to Weinstein instead. The board was covering for Harvey and that they did nothing to prevent any future sexual harassments.



Photo courtesy www.nydailynews.com
Harvey Weinstein, a prominent film producer, faces a litany of sexual assault allegations.

It seems like this same situation keeps happening: a rich, powerful, male is covered for by those that need him to further their own careers. Weinstein, being this successful producer and director, has a lot of people that rely on him for work, which is why they would never give up any information to get him into trouble. It was not until word finally got out about these sexual allegations that the board was forced to let Weinstein go to save themselves. Although they had obviously heard of O’Connor’s case as well as probably several other women that attempted to report Weinstein, they released a statement saying, “in light of new information about misconduct by Harvey Weinstein that has emerged in the past few days...” None of this information is new, it was simply covered up by people that would rather keep up their business than admit to Weinstein being a sexual predator. Yes, this new information does point to issues with sexual harassment and rape culture, but it also points to an issue with men feeling that they are so powerful that they have the ability to get away with anything. It calls into question the value of money we have and what some people will do in order to get it.

What fascinated me most of all was a statement from Ms. Bloom, who had been advising Weinstein

on gender and power throughout the past year. Why Weinstein having an advisor on gender and power would not lead anyone to suspicion is concerning, but her description of Weinstein being, “an old dinosaur learning new ways,” in the October 5th *New York Times* article, is an even more concerning one. There should be no excuses for this; it does not matter that Weinstein is older or that he is famous. Weinstein’s popularity does not excuse him from what he has done to these women. These stories happen way too often and they are often uncovered way too late; it is important for women to have reliable people to go to, to report being raped or sexually harassed. After the NYPD got Ambra Battilana to record her and Weinstein’s interaction, nothing was done about the situation. Had there been other actions taken, numerous women could have been prevented from falling victim to Weinstein’s sexual harassment. The goal should be to protect the victim, not the predator. I hope that Weinstein will no longer be known for his accomplishments in the film industry, but for how he has treated these women and the entitlement he felt that enabled him to do it.

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The Onion Dip:

The College Reporter’s new satirical column

Male student refuses to wear bra until Trump is out of office as a form of feminist solidarity

BY KT THOMAS
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Life can be trying for women in today’s political climate. Feeling oppressed, silenced, and insignificant are all too common these days, which is why we are lucky to have allies like Mark Genoa supporting the Feminist cause.

Genoa, ’18 is a Physics major with a French minor at Franklin & Marshall College, and he can proudly say that he’s visited the Women’s Center before, albeit on his way to extract money from the ATM in the College Center basement. Although he’s never actually ever worn a bra, Genoa noticed a few of his lady friends protesting Trump by foregoing

bras. Under the astute assumption that this wasn’t simply a new fashion trend, Genoa hopped on the bandwagon and followed suit to try an affect change.

When asked about his motives for this action, or lack thereof, Genoa said, “It’s the least I could do. I mean I can’t just ignore the problems. I’ve got a little sister... and a mom. Plus, those

things are hard to take off!”

On the way to class, Genoa now feels assured that he’s done his part. He says that he pats himself on the back daily for not wearing makeup or shaving his legs too.

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Franklin & Marshall Sports

Shadek Stadium opens, F&M Football shuts out Red Devils 56-0

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Homecoming--a weekend that is filled with family, friends, good food, and, for many this past Saturday, football. After the long and anticipated wait for the opening of Shadek Stadium, Saturday marked the start of a new era for the future of F&M Football and the school as a whole.

As parents, alumni, students, and spectators came to watch and tailgate Saturday afternoon, everyone was in awe at the beauty of the new stadium. Striped turf, a huge jumbotron, and a sky box with incredible views--a stadium that set a new precedent for DIII

school's around the country. And while Shadek Stadium has now set F&M apart from many other DIII colleges, the F&M Football team, however, has similarly set themselves apart from their competition.

Clenching a 56-0 win over the Dickinson Red Devils, F&M showed no mercy as they fed off the energy from fans. Within minutes of the game, F&M took a 7-0 lead, moving 58 yards on 10 plays, when F&M's quarterback Tanner Erisman ran in from four yards out to set the tone of the game. With touchdowns from F&M's Pietro Gaspari, Jeff Leone, and Erisman, again, the Dips totaled a score of

28-0 at the end of the first quarter.

At the start of the second, F&M's Taalib Gerald continued to bring the Diplomat heat with three touchdowns in the stanza. He scored on runs of 19, four, and six yards, bringing the Dips into the half with a 49-0 lead--the most first-half points in Centennial Conference history.

F&M's Eric Harris added one more to the board in the fourth, with a 10-yard run that closed the day with a score of 56-0 and a Red Devil shutout.

Defensively, F&M gave Dickinson a run for their money. The line held the Red Devil offense to only 11 yards and four first

downs, with an astounding minus nine yards on the ground. With five sacks, two fumble recoveries, and two interceptions, the F&M defense was led by Joe Granahan who totaled seven tackles and 1.5 sacks in the game.

Keeping control over the Conestoga Wagon Trophy for the second straight year in a row, the Dips improved their overall record to 6-1, while the Red Devils dropped 2-5. The Dips return to action next Saturday at Moravian at 1:00 PM.

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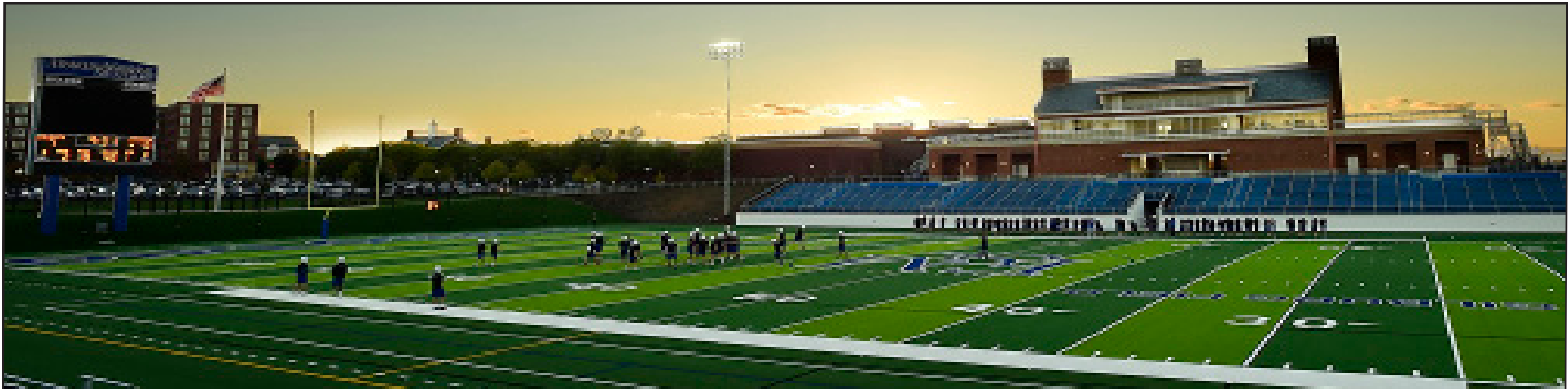


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As the highly anticipated Shadek Stadium opened for F&M Football's homecoming game against Dickinson this weekend, fans came to rally around the Diplomat's Red Devil shutout 56-0 this past Saturday. The day was filled with family, friends, tailgates, and football as past and present alumni and students came together for Homecoming weekend.

U.S. Men's National team fails to clench 2018 World Cup qualification

BY ANNA GOOREVICH
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The United States is in a time of crisis. And no, I'm not talking about the current political or economic situation, but more importantly, the disastrous state of US Soccer. For the first time since 1986, the US Men's National Soccer Team (USMNT) has not qualified for the World Cup this summer in Russia, as confirmed by the team's 2-1 loss to Trinidad in Tobago on October 10, thereby inciting arguments of a complete upheaval of the US Soccer program.

In what is being called by Sports Illustrated's Grant Wahl "the most embarrassing failure in US Soccer history," the USMNT's loss to Trinidad and Tobago was a result of lackadaisical play not only on October 10, but also throughout the qualifying period, as losses earlier on in the qualification to both Costa Rica (twice) and to Mexico left the USMNT in a vulnerable position.

It had become evident throughout the matches that the team grew too dependent on young starlet Christian Pulisic, who scored seven goals throughout the qualifying period and was involved in many others. The United States defense was careless

in their defending, and made many crucial errors throughout the game. Defender Omar Gonzalez tapped in an own goal, which let Trinidad and Tobago have an advantage early on in the game. Soon after, Trinidadian player Alvin Jones lifted a far-out shot over USMNT goalkeeper Tim Howard's head, thereby doubling their lead in the 37th minute. The US reinstated some hope early in the second half after a Pulisic goal, but dreams were crushed at the final whistle and it was confirmed that the US had not qualified for the World Cup.

There was an outpouring of anger across the soccer community in response to the USMNT's failure, leaving many to question if the US Soccer Federation (USSF) is developing the program in the most effective way. Many believe that the USSF needs to take accountability for the team's failure. It was evident that Coach Bruce Arena approached the game wrong in every way possible, especially tactically. Area resigned from his head coaching position days after the Trinidad game.

Additionally, many are calling for USSF President Sunil Gulati to step down or not run for reelection next

February. At the time of writing, Gulati still remains president and there is no word yet on his future plans.

The USMNT's failure to qualify for the World Cup highlights the need for a restructuring of US Soccer. Currently, youth soccer development in the US is not able to match the high level that exists in many other parts of the world, which leads to the lack of success that the US has in international competition.

One possible solution is for US Soccer to invest more heavily into youth soccer programs, especially in order to make high level soccer development more accessible and affordable to children in lower socioeconomic statuses.

Another area that the USSF should focus on is improving the coaching quality among youth soccer teams through increased availability of

coaching and development education. Currently, the notion of the parent-coach is popular among youth soccer, which has evidently hindered the advancement of youth soccer. Having more professionalized soccer coaches with a true focus on skill development at younger ages is crucial in order to increase the overall quality of play among Americans, which will pay dividends in the future.

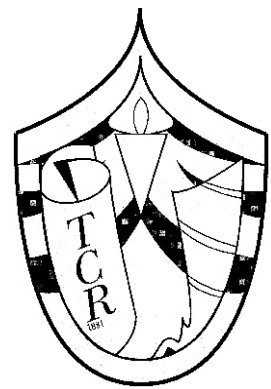
At this point, the path to US Soccer redemption is still largely unknown. However, as the USMNT now sets their sights to the 2022 World Cup, it is essential that leadership in the USSF uses this failure as a wake-up call to make fundamental changes to the flawed system of US Soccer.

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The U.S. Men's National Team failed to clench a spot in the 2018 World Cup this upcoming summer. They now set their sights on a 2022 spot as they look towards the future for the U.S. and the men's soccer program.



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Full Staff Opinion

As students at a prestigious liberal arts college, we tend to get wrapped up in our lives as “perfect students”. We want to do well in our classes, join as many extracurriculars as we possibly can, and still maintain an avid social life. We are put under pressure from our families, peers, professors, society, etc.

With all this stress, it is understandable that we tend to feel overwhelmed. We have a lot to juggle. Further, we are often encouraged to try new things and dabble in a lot of different activities so that we can find out what we truly are good at and enjoy. This isn’t necessarily bad advice, but it can lead to us overcommitting ourselves.

The pressure to have a well rounded resume and a variety of extracurriculars fosters an environment where we overcommit and give less than our full attention to the matters at hand.

The lack of commitment, time management, and patience not only affects the quality of work we produce, but the relationships and networks we are creating suffer too. It is unfair and disrespectful to others when people bail on something that they have previously committed to because they feel overwhelmed. In fact, bailing on a project or activity is just as much a disappointment to us as it is to the person or people on whom we are bailing.

We are all stressed, and sometimes the best way to manage it is to decide what our priorities are. If we have no time to dedicate to a certain club or organization, the best decision might be omit it from our schedule. This does not make us “quitters”, rather, it makes us smart in being able to recognizing our limits.

Instead of spreading ourselves thin, we should focus on dedicating ourselves to a manageable amount of activities that we feel passionately about.



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