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Gunman kills 20, injures 26 in the rural Texas town of Sutherland Springs

BY KATHERINE COBLE
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The rural town of Sutherland Springs, Texas - population 600 - was devastated on November 5 after a gunman entered the First Baptist Church and opened fire. 26 churchgoers were killed and 20 were wounded in the attack. It is the deadliest mass shooting in state history and the deadliest shooting in an American place of worship in modern history, surpassing the racially-motivated Charleston, South Carolina church shooting in 2015.

The shooting began around 11:20am on Sunday, November 5, when the masked gunman parked outside a gas station across from the First Baptist Church and entered wearing a black mask and carrying a semi-automatic rifle. He then opened fire on the crowd of churchgoers, screaming obscenities and often returning to shoot at crying children who had previously been injured, accord-



Photo courtesy of theblaze.com.

People pay their respects to the 20 victims of the Sutherland Springs church shooting. The shooting has left the small rural town shaken.

ing to eyewitness reports. Among the killed were a pregnant woman and her unborn child, the 14-year-old daughter of the church's pastor, and a 77-year-old man and his wife of 44 years. Nearly half of the victims were children and eight belonged to the same extended family. The shooting last-

ed seven minutes and was captured on video by a camera set to record the services and air them on the church's website. Law enforcement have reviewed the video but have so far declined to announce whether or not it will ever be publicly released.

The shooting came to a close

after the gunman left the church of his own accord. He was then confronted by a local named Stephen Willeford. Willeford, a former firearms instructor for the National Rifle Association, shot the gunman twice before he could enter his vehicle and flee. The gunman was found by law enforcement in a neighboring county. He had called his father to say goodbye before killing himself with a self-inflicted shot to the head.

The gunman in question has been identified by police as former U.S. Air Force member Devin Kelly, a 26-year-old white man from New Braunfels, Texas, a small city north of San Antonio and a 50-minute drive from Sutherland Springs. Kelly was convicted five years ago of domestic assault charges for assaulting his wife and fracturing his stepson's skull. He made death

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Eight killed, 12 injured after truck drives down bike path in Manhattan

BY ALEXANDRA D'ANGELO
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On October 31, 2017, Manhattan experienced an act of terror that many will never forget. Eight people were killed and twelve more were injured when a man by the name of Sayfullo Habibullaevic Saipov ran down all these people by driving his truck on a busy bike path. Not only did this deplorable act occur on Halloween, it all happened very close to the World Trade Center bringing back memories of the day we will never forget 16 years ago.

New York City mayor Bill de Blasio commented right after the attack occurred, stating, "This was an act of terror, and a particularly cowardly act of terror, aimed at innocent civilians, aimed at people going about their lives

who had no idea what was about to hit them."

When police were able to stop the vehicle and gun down the suspect, authorities found a note near the truck stating that the attack was made in the name of ISIS. Police shot Saipov and wounded him. He had surgery and is now in police custody. However, there is no word yet if Saipov has confessed anything to authorities.

President Donald Trump tweeted after the incident stating, "looks like another attack by a very sick and deranged person." Trump also wrote in a later tweet, "My thoughts, condolences and prayers to the victims and families of the New York City terrorist attack. God and your country are

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Catalan leaders face charges in Spain; Puigdemont turns himself in

BY RUBY VAN DYK
Staff Writer

About 2 weeks ago, Catalonia, formerly a region of Spain, declared independence from the country of Spain. The declaration came after a highly disputed referendum in October. In reaction to the declaration Spain quickly began to dissolve Catalonia's established Government, as well as declared direct rule over the region. Spain also called for new elections in December. As this all took place, the ousted President Carles Puigdemont fled to Brussels to escape. Many of his foreign ministers remained Spain and were put in jail there.

On November 4th, a Spanish judge issued an international arrest warrant for Puigdemont. According to The Associated

press, "Puigdemont and the four others are being sought for five different crimes, including rebellion, sedition and embezzlement in a Spanish investigation into their roles in pushing for succession for Catalonia."

At the time that the warrant was issued, Puigdemont was actually on a Belgian television show giving an interview. He stated that he would comply with Belgian justice and police, but believes that Spanish justice is extremely politicized. On November 5th, Puigdemont turned himself into Belgian police. Following this, Puigdemont was granted conditional release by a Belgian judge, according to his lawyer Paul Bekaert. Puigdemont

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against the Air Force officers who charged him and, according to interviews with his first wife, repeatedly made death threats against her and her family following their divorce in 2012. Kelly

was additionally investigated for sexual assault and rape against his then-girlfriend, although no charges were filed and he eventually married the girlfriend. He was convinced of cruelty against animals while they lived together in Colorado in 2014 and was the

subject of a protection order from an El Paso, TX resident in 2015. Kelly's second wife occasionally attended the First Baptist Church and they were estranged at the time of the shooting. Although his second wife was not in attendance on the morning of the shooting, her grandmother was and she died in the attack.

Federal laws make it illegal for anyone to sell or give a gun to someone who has been convicted of domestic violence against their child or spouse. Kelly should not have been able to purchase firearms because of his 2012 conviction regarding his first wife and her step-son. However, the U.S. Air Force has said that this information was not entered properly into the National Criminal Information Center database, which is

used to run background checks on potential gun-owners. Consequently, Kelly passed four separate background checks and was able to purchase a firearm each time. The Air Force is now looking into the loophole and attempting to resolve it.

President Donald Trump reacted to the shootings in a press conference by saying that Kelly was "a very deranged individual, a lot of problems." He repeatedly insisted that the shooting was not a "gun situation" and that "there would have been no difference" to the death toll if Texas or federal gun laws were stricter.

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CRIME WATCH

Friday, Nov. 3, 12:07am - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) performed a medical assist on an intoxicated underage student at College Hill.

Friday, Nov. 3, 1:59am - DPS responded to a noise complaint in Thomas Hall.

Friday, Nov. 3, 2:28am - DPS received a report of damage to a closet in Kaufman Hall.

Friday, Nov. 3, 12:14pm - DPS received a report of a drug violation in Thomas Hall.

Friday, Nov. 3, 2:55pm - DPS responded to reports of a juvenile damaging a vehicle in Williamson Lot.

Friday, Nov. 3, 9:38pm - DPS responded to a report of harassment on the 500 block of W James St.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 12:35am - DPS received a loud music complaint at 445 College Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 8:04pm - DPS received a loud music complaint at 534 W James St.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 12:15am - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint at 608 N Charlotte St.

Monday, Nov. 5, 1:22pm - DPS received a report of damage inside a bathroom in Thomas Hall.

Monday, Nov. 5, 1:29pm - DPS responded to a report of a vehicle striking the gates behind the ASFC.

Monday, Nov. 5, 6:45pm - DPS received a report of a theft of a coat in the Williamson Lot.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1:01am - DPS received a loud noise complaint in Bonchek Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 4:48pm - DPS received a report of verbal harassment on N Charlotte St.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 8:15pm - DPS arrested two juveniles for breaking into vehicles in the College Row parking lot.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 12:43am - DPS reported a drug violation at the 600 block of W James St.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 11:50am - A student was scammed of money while walking down Harrisburg Ave.

Spain: Catalan leader involved in extradition process in Belgium

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is due in court in the Brussels in the next 10 days.

Puigdemont's release comes with a condition: he must stay in Belgium until his appearance in court in Brussels later this month. The extradition process is most likely to take months rather than weeks, and there is a chance that Puigdemont's presence in Belgium could possibly cause the country's government some serious difficulties.

At the same time, protests continue in Barcelona as pro-independence citizens continue to demonstrate their support for Catalonia. They carried signs that depicted the former minis-

ters who were jailed as political prisoners. The outrage continues towards the Spanish government, which continues to claim that it is preserving democracy by punishing leaders who broke the law when they held the illegal referendum, and then continued on to declare independence.

It will be crucial to pay attention to the outcome of these trials, along with the treatment of other Catalan officials as Spain attempts to regain control over the state.

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Photo courtesy of nydailynews.com.

New York City residents attend a prayer vigil in remembrance of the eight victims of the terror attack that rocked the city on October 31, 2017.

Manhattan: Worst terror attack in New York since 9/11 kills eight on street

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with you!" Also after the incident, New York governor Governor Cuomo ordered that One World Trade Center be lit in red, white and blue in honor of democracy and freedom.

The suspect rented a Home Depot truck to carry out the attack. Saipov hopped the curb on West Houston Street and drove south on the west side of the West Side Highway in lower Manhattan, and he did this for several blocks. After driving for several blocks, he crashed into a school bus, Saipov then left the vehicle. At this point he was shot and taken into custody. 6 people were declared dead at the scene and two more were pronounced dead at the hospital.

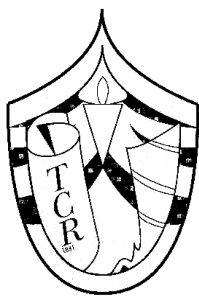
Five of those that were killed were a group of Argentinians. They were a group of friends celebrating their 30th anniversary of graduating from the Instituto

Politécnico Superior in Rosario, Argentina.

One witness, Eugene Duffy, had just left work at Pier 26 and was waiting to cross the street when he saw the incident take place. Duffy says in a statement, "I look down and I see a white pickup truck a couple of more blocks down in the bike path. Automatically, I knew something's wrong. Then, as I go down more toward where the girl is screaming, I see two gentlemen laying there and they have tire tracks marked across their bodies. You could tell they both weren't here."

This incident is truly heartbreaking. It is the common hope that authorities will be able to get Saipov to confess in order to gather information and prevent future attacks.

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FULL STAFF OPINION

“A week and two days”--a common maxim that you’ll hear from F&M students everywhere this upcoming week. As Thanksgiving break approaches and students inevitably start drowning from eight page papers, two hour exams, and extracurricular demands, it’s hard to stay motivated to make it through the “week and two days” that seems more like a decade. Sickness plagues the campus, sleep-deprived college zombies roam the halls of Martin, and late night Blue Line coffee fixes have become a thing more than ever. While staying motivated is hard and getting enough hours of sleep to stay awake in your 8:00 AM chem class is nearly impossible, there are a few things we can all do to make it through to Thanksgiving break.

Prioritize: Prioritize homework, prioritize sleep, prioritize anything and everything that you need to get done in order to minimize stress for the next week and a half.

Exercise: Being active doesn’t necessarily mean hitting the gym.



The weeks before Thanksgiving Break are often among the most stressful and busy of the semester. It is important that F&M students have the skills to deal with this stress effectively and succeed in their academic pursuits.

While some people run, lift, or bike, getting exercise in can be as easy as playing soccer with some friends in the ASFC for 30 minutes as a quick study break. Being active allows you to have fun, break a bit of a sweat, and

return to the books focused and ready to go.

Enjoy: Enjoy the late night study sessions in Martin with your best friends. Enjoy the campus as the leaves are changing and the weather starts to get

colder. Enjoy a trip to a restaurant downtown this weekend.

And enjoy the feeling you will have when you turn in your paper before you leave for Thanksgiving break.

Contributing Writer Commentary

Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination executive board writes letter to administration discussing new, harmful third-party security

An Open Letter to the Franklin and Marshall College Administration was written by the entirety of The Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination Executive Board. If you have any specific questions or comments regarding the content of this letter, please email Junior Emma Kapner at ekapner@fandm.edu or Senior Lauren Peeters at lpeeters@fandm.edu.

An Open Letter to the Franklin and Marshall College Administration:

To Whom It May Concern,

Earlier this week, Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination (SAVE) hosted an open meeting to discuss newly-instated policies regarding social life at F&M, specifically the mandate that fraternities sponsor third-party security at certain parties. As a result of the discussion at Monday’s meeting, SAVE’s executive board feels that it is necessary to address the concerns raised by our members and a plethora of F&M students. While we understand that these policies were instituted to keep Franklin and Marshall students safe, in reality these new rules have had the opposite effect.

Although third-party security officers were brought in to make fraternity parties safer, they have proven themselves to be a direct threat to the safety and comfort of F&M students—particularly female students. Our executive board was stunned by multiple accounts of these security officers—all of which are men—inappropriately grabbing and ogling female partygoers.

Some examples include blatantly leering at women’s breasts, pushing, shoving and dragging female students out of parties, swearing at students, and publicly berating a young woman on West James Street until she was in tears. Moreover, a student recounted a situation wherein a male security officer followed her and a friend into a separate room they had gone to for privacy and watched as she adjusted her friend’s blouse. Another member of our organization overheard two security officers mocking an obviously intoxicated woman as she left a party with a female friend. These officers did not ask the student in question if she required medical attention or an escort to make sure she got home safely. Due to these behaviors, it seems clear to us that the role of these officers is not to keep students safe, but rather to ensure that underage women do not have access to Natural Lite Beer.

Instead of making fraternity parties safer for all in attendance, these officers are creating additional barriers for students to have fun without putting themselves in danger. As SAVE is a group comprised of primarily female

students, we fear that the rising tensions between fraternities and the administration—represented by the issue of third-party security—put us at a much greater risk than ever before. Fraternities on our campus have proven time and again that they are willing to call for help when guests at their parties have had too much to drink, feel sick, or get injured. However, with these stricter and stricter sanctions against Greek-hosted social events, fraternities have more to lose than ever for reporting incidents to the Department of Public Safety.

Another unintended consequence of this policy is increased instances of “pregaming,” or students drinking unsupervised in their rooms before going out. The College Reporter’s “Crime Watch” November 6th edition reported ten alcohol-related incidents in the past week alone. Multiple freshman at the forum recounted stories of themselves or their peers drinking so heavily before going out that they blacked out or were ill. When underage students know that they will not have any access to beer while at parties, they are more likely to

consume an excess of hard liquor by themselves. This activity is much more dangerous, because hard liquor can have an alcohol content of anywhere from 20% to upwards of 80%. On the other hand, Natural Light Beer has an alcohol content of only 4.2%.

Furthermore, the lack of accountability for these outside security officers is reprehensible. Unlike Public Safety officers, they are not required to wear name tags or identify themselves or the company they work for in any way. As a result, many students do not how to report the inappropriate behaviors they have witnessed and experienced. This creates a toxic atmosphere of distrust and suspicion. These officers have no connection to F&M or its students, and have therefore felt completely comfortable blatantly mistreating us. One possible solution our organization has considered is replacing third-party security officers with Public Safety officers. We feel that Public Safety officers are a much better option because they are an integral part of the Franklin and Marshall community and have taken strides to establish positive relationships with students on our campus. However, even with Public Safety as an alternative form of security, we feel that it is more appropriate for any kind of security officers to regulate students from outside of fraternity parties as opposed to on the dancefloor. The presence of security guards inside social gatherings is invasive and uncomfortable, especially given the pattern of mistreatment and abuse F&M students are reportedly experiencing.

It is highly unlikely—and perhaps impossible—to prevent underage drinking on college campuses, and the current policies at F&M are not conducive to safe drinking practices. The number of hospitalizations has spiked as a direct consequence of these untenable policies. We are extremely concerned that this situation will only get worse, and that the eventual consequences will be even more severe. Our board would love to meet with you at your earliest possible convenience, so that we can sit down and discuss all of our concerns and work towards solutions that truly ensure the safety of all Franklin and Marshall students.

Sincerely,

The Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination Executive Board



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The Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination Executive Board discusses issues associated with third-party security. Student may, ultimately, be safer without the new third-party security in place. This letter is written to the administration in hopes of changing this new, harmful policy.

Contributing Writer Commentary

Contributing writer discusses issues associated with celebrating Christmas early

BY AMANDA SEMERJIAN
Contributing Writer

Every year, Christmas seems to start earlier and earlier. It's as though before Halloween is even over, I walk into the grocery store and hear all the Christmas classics playing over the speaker systems, turn the TV on to see commercials for Christmas sales, and walk into the mall only to see that decorations are already up. Now, I love Christmas as much as anyone, maybe even too much, but I

believe there is a time and a place for everything, and in this case, that time is most definitely after Thanksgiving. I feel as though celebrating and enjoying Christmas two months before the holiday takes away from the magic of it—Christmas time is definitely the most wonderful time of the year as the saying goes. Not only is it personally annoying to hear nothing but Christmas music non-stop wherever I go, but I also feel as though there is something else

we neglect to notice about this premature celebrating. Christmas is not the only holiday that occurs in the month of December. If I am bothered by it, I can only imagine how genuinely annoying it must be for people who do not celebrate Christmas to have the holiday surround them for two months wherever they go. The joy that can be felt during this time is universal, but the fact that Christmas is not a holiday associated with every religion means that we who cel-

brate it should be respectful and ensure that others do not feel as though Christmas is being forced on them unwillingly.

This only furthers my point in that the second the weather drops below sixty degrees, we should not immediately jump to put up the Christmas lights. Now, I realize that in claiming that it is annoying to celebrate Christmas too early, I may seem like a Grinch, I would like to argue that I am actually the opposite. I love Christmas, and I love the holiday season, as it truly is a magical time filled with family, friends, and fun celebrations that bring people together in the best way. The best movies come out at Christmas, and I am known to sing my absolute heart out whenever I hear the first note of "All I Want for Christmas Is You" on the radio. With my love for the Christmas season in mind, let us recognize a key phrase: Christmas Season. It feels as though we exhaust the holiday and only focus on the material aspects, rather than the happiness that it is meant to bring to people all around the world. Having Christmas thrown at me as early as the end of September ruins it in a way, because personally, my favorite time of the year is Christmas time. I hope I am not the only one who feels this way and that my love for Christmas and the desire I feel to keep it from becoming exhausted before the day it even arrives is one that others can relate to as well.



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People have started celebrating the holiday season sometimes as early as Halloween. While Christmas is an exciting holiday to celebrate, there is a time and a place for decorating, caroling, etc. That time may not be before Thanksgiving.

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Weekly Question & Answer With the Title IX Coordinator, Jan Masland

How can we make people better aware of the sexual misconduct process.

A. This is a frequently asked question. There are a multitude of efforts by students and administrators alike to inform the College community of the process as well as of bystander strategies and safety measures. There are frequent awareness and prevention efforts as well. There is a student and administrator committee to promote bystander intervention; the Bystander Intervention Committee or BIC. A student group, Sexual Assault Violence Eliminate (SAVE) which grew out of a merger of the former Women's Center Committee, also named SAVE, and Men United Against Sexual Assault (MUASA.) There is a Committee on Sexual Misconduct which includes members representing faculty, staff and students. The Committee is responsible for, among other things, the Sexual Assault Awareness

website which is populated with information on awareness, prevention, response, the College Policies, safety, the adjudication process and help for survivors. There is an annual Sexual Misconduct Forum (from which this question arose) at which Dr. Porterfield, Dean Hazlett, the College General Counsel, Pierce Buller and the Title IX Coordinator, Jan Masland answer questions from students about all parts of our policy and process. It is very poorly attended. Part of my response to this question is to ask the questioner for suggestions. What would be most effective in getting this information to the student body and encouraging its attendance. Is there a better way?

How is the feedback that F&M will be giving to the Department of Education about the Betsy DeVos changes to Title IX decided?

In their 9/22/17 press release the

the Dept. of Education had this to say about the comment period:

"In the coming months, hearing from survivors, campus administrators, parents, students and experts on sexual misconduct will be vital as we work to create a thoughtful rule that will benefit students for years to come. We also will continue to work with schools and community leaders to better address preventing sexual misconduct through education and early intervention," DeVos added.

An extensive internet search did not produce any way to comment on the guidance from OCR and the College has not received notice of a comment period. It appears that OCR has not yet issued a request for comments. In the quote above, students can see that the comment period will be open to all. I strongly encourage students to take advantage of that and submit their questions individually. However, students are also welcome to send

their comments to the Title IX Coordinator

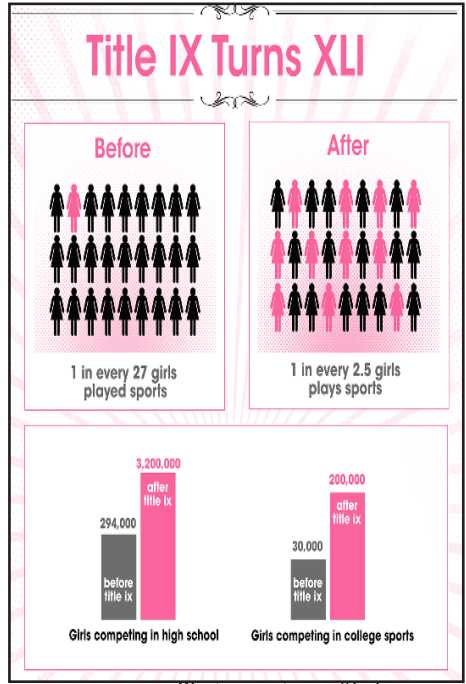


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Title IX has made a significant difference in the lives of so many citizens. The weekly column is meant to help students understand policies--both school-wide and nation-wide--regarding Title IX.

Campus Life

Lori Marino provides perspectives on whale sanctuaries at Common Hour

BY CHRISTA RODRIGUEZ
Campus Life Editor

This week’s Common Hour presentation was given by Dr. Lori Marino, President of The Whale Sanctuary Project. Her talk, titled “Captive Whales and Dolphins: Life Beyond Concrete Tanks,” focused on the lives of captive whales and dolphins and how captivity is not conducive to a thriving life for these animals.

She discussed marine sanctuaries as a healthy alternative to the issues at hand. Marino was featured in the film *Blackfish* (2013), as she is internationally recognized for her research and extensive knowledge on the evolution and behavior of dolphins and whales.

Before getting involved in The Whale Sanctuary Project, she was a professor of biopsychology for 18 years at Emory University and founded the Kimmela Center for Animal Advocacy.

At Common Hour, Marino first introduced the evolutionary history of dolphins and whales. Interestingly, the evolutionary ancestors of dolphins had hooves, living on both the land and sea, which suggest that they are related to other hooved animals. Dolphins then transitioned to solely aquatic

“[Captivity in concrete tanks is a] disaster for these [whales and dolphins] animals.”
-Lori Marino

animals, adopting this lifestyle 55 million years ago. However, the dolphins that resemble the ones we see today have been around for about 15 million years.

In her presentation, Marino described the different traits of dolphins and whales. The first characteristic was that they are smart. She demonstrated this by showing a picture of an orca brain next to a human brain. While the orca brain was slightly larger than a human’s, it is actually 2.3 times larger than expected for its body size.

Dolphin’s brains are the closest to humans in terms of relative brain to body size ratio. Whale brains also have an expanded neo-cortex, which is evolutionarily the newest part of the brain. This demonstrates that whales have complex, intricate brains. In fact, the adult orca brain is the “most convoluted brain on Earth.”

Marino noted that humans tend to pride ourselves with the size and amount of wrinkles in our brains, signifying how smart we are. If that is the criteria for intelligence, she suggests we must also apply this to orcas.

With the evidence she showed as to size and complexity of the orca brain, orcas could be even smarter than humans. Of course, as Marino pointed out, one cannot compare species in this way, as each have their own adaptations.

Marino also noted that whales and dolphins love to travel and dive, going long distances at a time. She additionally commented on the social lives of these animals. Orcas, for example, live in strongly bonded social networks shaped by learned cultural traditions. Their cultural traditions, such as greeting ceremonies requiring communication, reflect complex social connections and cooperation.

Beluga whales are “master imitators of sounds and behaviors.” In one case, a beluga even imitated human speech. Marino played a video clip that demonstrated sounds made by orcas in British Columbia. Belugas can also manipulate objects, such as creating bubble rings, and take care of each others’ calves in the community.

According to her, there has never been a single encounter where humans have been deliberately attacked and killed by an orca in the wild – something that happens with orcas in captivity.

Marino proposed a question to the audience: Can beings like this thrive in concrete tanks? Today, there are around 3,000 whales and dolphins in captivity. The film *Blackfish* captured the public’s attention in 2013, which called out Seaworld’s practices in keeping orcas in small concrete tanks.

At Seaworld, Marino demonstrated that the orca would have to swim a circumference of their pool 1,400 times to match the distance reached in the wild. Orcas may also be alone for years at a time, and lack any stimulation or challenges that they would normally encounter in the wild. In captivity, there are failed efforts to form artificial social groups, while they separate families or leave animals in complete solitude.

The impacts are grave. As Marino stated, captivity in concrete tanks is a “disaster for these animals.” The effects include chron-



Photo courtesy of fandm.edu.

Lori Marino, President of The Whale Sanctuary Project, spoke on the effects of captive whales and dolphins. Marino was featured in the documentary *Blackfish*.

ic stress; psychological issues; diseases such as pneumonia, yeast infections, and cancer (diseases they would not get in the wild); and behavioral stereotypies, such as pointless circling or self mutilation. They display emotional distress, depression, and poor parenting. They demonstrate hyper aggression, which has contributed to many deaths of trainers.

Besides death, there are more human impacts. Seeing these creatures in concrete tanks reduces people’s concerns about animals, which is suggested by current research on the subject. Children seeing these creatures behind the glass circling around also affects what we are “telling them about our relationship with other animals.”

Instead of placing these animals back out into the wild, where they do not have the necessary tools to survive, Marino proposes sanctuaries as a better alternative. There are permanent sanctuaries for all kinds of animals, except for cetaceans. She revealed the concept for the whale sanctuary, saying

she wanted the whales to not only exist, but thrive.

The Whale Sanctuary Project looked at different sites with 65 to 70 acres or more, significantly larger than the largest tank at Seaworld. She stressed that the sanctuaries, although primarily concerned with the well-being of the whales, will also help create a better relationship between our children and these animals.

The sanctuary will differ from captivity in concrete tanks due to the promotion of choice and autonomy for the whales and lack of breeding practices. They have currently narrowed their search down to three sites: one in British Columbia, one in Washington State, and one in Nova Scotia.

The Whale Sanctuary Project plans on picking a place by next year and gaining their first residents by 2019 or 2020. For more information, visit whalesanctuaryproject.org.

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Arts & Leisure

Fascination with celebrity couples stems from society’s need for escape

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On November 2nd, pictures flooded the internet when paparazzi caught pop superstars, Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber, riding bikes down the street together. The couple has been on and off since 2011, but have not been seen together in about a year since Selena Gomez began dating, singer, The Weekend. So, when pictures surfaced of the pair seemingly back together, everyone’s Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook feed went nuts; it was like the entire world had been waiting for the moment when this couple would get back together. Everyone posted their reactions of happiness and hopefulness for the couple, like it was their own relationship; even I have to admit that I was excited by the news. Amidst all of this hubbub, I began to question why people have such a fascination and love for celebrity couples. Why do we become more engrossed with their relationships than with our own?

Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are certainly not the first celebrity couple to evoke this frenzy in the media; each generation has their own couple that they fantasize about. For some, it was Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake, two major superstars that had known each other since they were on the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse together in 1990. People fell in love with their long awaited love story and fell apart when they broke up. Timberlake’s song “Cry Me a River,” is reportedly about the break up and speaks to the broken heart Spears left him with. Then there was Chris Brown



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Pop sensation Selena Gomez, on left, pictured with former boyfriend Justin Bieber, on right, riding bikes in her neighborhood.

and Rihanna, a match made in music heaven. However, their love story was short lived after Chris was arrested for assaulting Rihanna on the side of a road. Beyonce and Jay-Z continue to be the ultimate power couple and have been married since 2008, with some cheating allegations made through Beyonce’s songs. Although there are plenty of other celebrity couples, there are selected ones the people become obsessed with.

Growing up, my obsession always lied with Hilary Duff and Jesse McCartney. Not only were they aesthetically pleasing together, but they were both pop icons during my childhood and they appeared to me like a prince and princess. I remember searching for pictures of them on the internet and hanging up pictures of them in my room. I can even remember the day they broke up; I can’t remember some of my own birthday parties, but somehow I can remember the day I got the news that Hillary Duff and Jesse McCartney had broken up. When that relationship dis-

sipated, I found a new relationship to depend on: Miley Cyrus and Nick Jonas. They were only fifteen, but my friends and I were sure that this was the most perfect relationship: Hannah Montana and a Jonas Brother joining together was Disney Channel heaven. I remember watching interviews as they shrunk down in their chairs and smiled when they mentioned the other. I can remember listening to Miley’s break up song, “7 Things,” and feeling like I had lived their breakup with them. And then, I too became victim to the Gomez and Bieber relationship, and I am still not quite sure why.

I think it all goes back to that term: “power couples.” They are not just celebrity couples, but celebrity couples of significant fame that match up with each other. We idolize them because of how they compliment each other seamlessly. They appear to us, like a real life fairytale couple. We look at them as an escape from our lives and relationships that seem boring in comparison. However, these

glamorous relationships are certainly not what they seem and most express their desire to date in a normal fashion, without the cameras and talk shows intervening on every aspect of their lives. It is no wonder why most of these beautiful couples end up not working out; they are pounced on by the public and held up to this impossible standard of being a couple right out of a storybook. It took me a lot of time to realize that these couples I was reading about in magazines and online, were not as perfect as they seemed. We do not just get wrapped up in their relationships, but we get wrapped up in their breakups: the songs, public fights, and snap remarks. It’s not just the relationships that keep us invested, but the breakups that come after. We do not just look towards these relationships to escape from our own lives, but we look to them to feel better about our own.

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The Onion Dip:

The College Reporter’s satirical column

Rates of Addiction Skyrocket in German Shepherds Following ‘Drug Detection Dog’ Training

BY KT THOMAS
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We often consider the effects drugs have on mankind, but what happens when mankind’s best friend gets hooked? For years, Detection Dogs, otherwise known as Drug-Sniffing Dogs, have been aiding our forces in the search for illicit substances and harmful contraband items. Confiscation of materials such as these is vital to the public’s safety, and this practice

has been very successful, until now.

Officer Jameson of the Lancaster Police Department recently reported the unusual behavior his Detection Dog, Sergeant Waggles, was exhibiting to the precinct. Jameson stated, “It all started when he refused his dinner after a coke bust. He was acting all jittery and wouldn’t quit humping my leg. I had just gotten the pleats right on my uniform after the last bust, and now this?”

After a mere two weeks of pon-

dering and sixteen trips to Duck Donuts, Jameson put two and two together when he concluded that the white residue on Sergeant Waggles’ nose had to be something suspicious because Duck Donuts was out of powdered donuts that day. Countless other officers have come forward, reporting agitation and dilated pupils in their German Shepherds in recent months. This new epidemic could be the result of frequent exposure to cocaine in order to condition the ani-

mals’ nose to pick out the scent, and may be much more widespread than anyone could have anticipated.

Luckily, Franklin & Marshall College will be holding a philanthropic fundraiser to spread awareness for this cause next semester, with the slogan, “Let’s make butts the only thing these boys sniff.”

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The various Fall sport's teams have found much success in conference play this year. Read more below...



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An editor reflects on the thrill of winning a conference championship. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

Diplomats dominate Centennial Conference, win championships

BY ANNA GOOREVICH
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Last weekend was a memorable one for the Diplomats as both Men's Soccer and Women's Field Hockey snagged Centennial Conference (CC) Championships in Baltimore on November 5.

The Field Hockey team, which is ranked 13 in NCAA rankings, secured the title after a 2-1 win against Johns Hopkins. This marked their first conference championship since 2012. The Diplomats took the lead early on in the game after a fifth minute goal from senior Annie Horsley. Soon after, Lily Mynott double the Dips' lead in the fifteenth minute. Overall, F&M out-shot Hopkins 11-7.

Senior Sarah Schannauer was honored after the game with the CC Tournament MVP award after her impressive performance throughout the tournament which consisted of one goal, one assist, and three defensive saves, which brought her career tally up to 17 defensive saves, which is the program record.

It was also announced this past week that F&M had an impressive showing on the All-CC Team lists, after five players were recognized. Firstly, sophomore Erin Coverdale earned the Offensive Player of the Year award after a memorable season where she notched 15 goals, the

most in the league. Coverdale was also included on the All-CC First Team list. Additionally, Horsley was also named to the All-CC First Team.

Schannauer also earned All-CC Second Team recognition due to her strong defensive performance throughout the season. She was joined on the list by two other teammates: senior forward Sydney Cole, and junior goalkeeper Ilianna Santangelo.

Field Hockey's title winning season granted them an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament where they defeated Misericordia 2-0 on Wednesday.

The team moved on to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament where they played #9 Montclair State on Saturday and won 2-1 in a thriller. They will now move onto the Elite Eight to take on Kean University.

The Men's Soccer team also brought the CC Championship back to Lancaster after a 1-0 win against Dickinson in a closely-fought match.

The game was held in gridlock until senior Zach Colton came to the Diplomats' rescue after scoring in the 66th minute off a penalty kick. Although outshot by Dickinson 13-11, the Diplomat's defense held strong to secure a title win.

A valuable part of that defense was sophomore goalkeeper Chris

Amoruso who notched seven saves in the final, earning him recognition as CC Tournament MVP.

Many players also earned All-CC recognition following Sunday's win. Seniors Jason Tonelli and Wyatt Fabian were included on the First Team, while senior Ben Draheim garnered Second Team honors. Junior Ryan Fincher and sophomore Ryan Corr were also added to the Honorable Mention list.

After winning the CC Championship, the Diplomats earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament where they faced Drew University, ranked 12th in the country, on Saturday, where they dropped a closely contested 3-2 game.

In terms of F&M's Volleyball team, the Diplomats were eliminated from the CC Tournament after a first round 3-2 loss to McDaniel.

However, freshman Grace Maggioro was named to the All-CC Second Team while sophomore Grace Polisano was received Honorable Mention.

Women's Soccer also had a strong showing on CC All-Team lists with senior Reanna Leoni earning a First Team spot, sophomore Nicolette Runko being included on the Second Team, and freshman goalkeeper Gabby Panayotakis being recognized on the Honorable Mention list.

With the Football team adding another championship this past weekend, the fall was a highly successful season for Diplomat teams who hope to continue this success into the Winter and Spring seasons.

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The Women's Field Hockey team was one of the many teams to capture a conference championships this season. The rest of the teams had similar success.

Editor reflects on the thrill, joy of winning a Conference Championship

BY GABBY GOODWIN
Sports Editor

With Centennial Conference wins in Softball, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Spring Track and Field, Men's Soccer, Field Hockey, and Football, 2017 has truly been the year of the Diplomats.

Key wins against rivals such as Gettysburg, Dickinson, and Johns Hopkins have kept team and school moral high as the Diplomats have continued to secure Centennial Conference tournament victories time and time again. Because of the competitive nature of the Centennial Conference, winning against such rivals takes determination, hard-work, and focus.

However, as seven teams on campus this year have experienced, the feeling of winning the Centennial Conference is a feeling that is hard to come by. The elusive sensation of accomplishing something in your life that you have worked so hard for throughout the season is an amazing one. Every game, every

practice becomes about giving it your all and playing not only for yourself, but those around you. This is the feeling of winning the Centennial Conference.

To hold the trophy in your hand, smile arm in arm with your teammates, and accept the praises of congratulations from family and friends, it's a feeling that we wish we could experience all the time. And thankfully for the Diplomats, we have sought to accomplish this feeling time and time again, with each win, the feeling never ceasing to diminish or get old. Diplomat spirit is high at this time of the year, especially with the opening of the new Shadek Stadium, and, with it, the bond Franklin and Marshall students alike have shared and formed. While you do have to be an F&M athlete to win a Centennial Conference, you don't have to be one to have a strong sense of Diplomat and school pride.

While we preach the beauty of the liberal arts education and Franklin & Marshall's commitment to diversity at the school,

we should also begin to preach the beauty of the Franklin & Marshall community--a community that comes together to support one another and feels a collective sense of accomplishment for others' endeavors.

This is Franklin & Marshall,

and the Diplomats. This is the school that we are all proud to be a part of. And this is why every day is a great day to be a Dip!

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The Softball team, shown above, started F&M's winning ways this year. While they won their championship in the Spring, many Fall teams have followed this trend.