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College implements new third-party security policy impacting fraternity parties

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Over the course of the last year, F&M has been working to implement new social policies that require third-party security at Greek social events. The new policy crafted over the summer, mandates that fraternities hire and pay a third-party security company (vetted and approved by the College) to assist with at least one of their social events every month. According to Dean Hazlett, many of these changes have come about in response to the death of Timothy Piazza at Pennsylvania State University last February, saying that Piazza's death marked a "new change in the landscape" because in the aftermath of the incident 26 brothers were charged with nearly 900 charges including involuntary manslaughter. The case is among the largest hazing prosecutions in American history. In light of these legal ramifications, many colleges and universities have been scrambling



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At the beginning of this school year the College began requiring fraternities to hire third-party security for one social event a month.

to re-evaluate their policies related to fraternity parties and reduce the liability risks of fraternity brothers during said events.

Dean of the College Margaret Hazlett and Senior Associate Dean of the College Maria Flores-Mills began working alongside Director of Fraternity and Soror-

ity Life Stuart Umberger to determine how the College could, in the words of Dean Hazlett, "continually assist our fraternity leadership in managing their parties safely for everybody, recognizing that they are increasingly facing significant challenges in hosting large gatherings".

Hazlett also acknowledged the increased scrutiny national fraternal organizations are putting their chapters under to ensure that the proper rules are being followed for liability and insurance purposes. After investigating "what many colleges and universities with Greek systems were starting to do" and examining how F&M's social scene operated, the College decided that "a combination of limiting the number of parties per semester as well as initiating third party security once a month" would "help our fraternity leadership manage these large gatherings" in order to "protect them and assist them."

When asked if student input was factored into the policy making process, Dean Hazlett said that because the policy was about "health and safety" decisions were made without student consultation. Hazlett also said that

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Current President Dan Porterfield announces departure in May 2018

BY KATHERINE COBLE
News Editor

Franklin & Marshall College president Dan Porterfield has announced his departure from the College this morning to take on a position as head of the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.

President Porterfield came to the college in 2011, the fifteenth president in Franklin & Marshall's history. Prior to being president at F&M, he worked at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. as its senior vice president for strategic development. He additionally previously worked as a senior aide to former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala during the Clinton administration.

One of President Porterfield's main initiatives during his term as president has been increasing the number of low-income students enrolled at the College and expanding the College's financial aid department. Other notable changes occurring during Porterfield's term as president has been the arming of campus police officers, the construction of Shadek Stadium, and a significant increase in the College's selectivity in admissions. In 2016 he was named one of eleven "Champions of Change for College Opportunity" by the Obama White House.

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Hundreds killed, more injured in Egypt during deadly mosque attack

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The death toll has climbed to 305 in the northern Sinai village of Bir al-Abed after a bomb and gun attack took place in a Sufi mosque there on November 24th.

According to Egypt's chief prosecutor, Nabil Sadeq, the attack was carried out by around 30 militants who arrived at the mosque in five all-terrain vehicles. They detonated a bomb in the crowded mosque, and proceeded to spray worshippers with heavy gunfire as they tried to flee. Several eyewitnesses stated that the terrorists stationed themselves at the mosque's three exits and deliberately attacked people

who tried to escape the building. They also torched seven cars that were parked outside the mosque and shot at passing vehicles. Out of the 305 fatalities were 27 children, and 128 more were wounded, making this one of the deadliest attacks in Egypt's modern history.

Though no one has officially claimed responsibility for the attack, the Egyptian government has placed the blame on ISIS, citing eyewitnesses who saw some of the militants wielding ISIS flags. The assault also bears the tactical hallmarks of a strike by ISIS, which upholds a position in the north of the Sinai Peninsula

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Safety was additionally not consulted in the crafting of the policy and were made aware of the policy in the fall at the same time as the student body, a decision she described as a “misstep.” However, student response - which Dean Flores Mills described as “not consistently positive” - has contributed to several adjustments to the policy’s enforcement. For example, third party security workers began wearing identifying name tags on December 1 to respond to student concerns over allegations of physical harassment by third party security and a desire to increase reporting of these incidents.

Although The College Reporter reached out to both the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council to hear their perspectives on the new policy, they declined to comment for this story. One former fraternity president agreed to speak on the record with the condition of strict anonymity. According to him, the administration dictated the third party security policy to the fraternity community and ordered them to comply or have their ability to host social functions to completely revoked. He expressed the view that this would have a detrimental impact on the fraternity’s ability to recruit new members and survive as an organization - although fraternities are about much more than social engagement, it is still an important part of the fraternity experience. “We’re not in a position where we get to say whether we like it or not,” the fraternity president explained. “We hate it. We absolutely hate it. But we have to tell the administration that we like it. It’s all fake.” He additionally said he “[doesn’t]

know if Greek life is going to be sustainable” under the policy.

One major criticism of the policy has been the financial burden placed on fraternity brothers. According to Dean Hazlett, the then-president of the Interfraternity Council was made aware of the policy in late August. By this point, the anonymous president pointed out, fraternities had already crafted their budgets for the semester and in some cases had already collected dues from their members. Consequently, the price of paying for private security is “coming out of people’s personal pockets” in at least one organization’s case. The fraternity brother expressed frustration that the cost of paying for security falls on fraternities while the mandate comes from the administration. Additionally, Dean Flores-Mills confirmed that only one Lancaster-area security company thus far has been willing to take on the liability of regulating fraternity parties and vetted by the school, leaving fraternity brothers with no options for which service they want to pay for. The anonymous president expressed frustration at the administration’s desire for F&M’s fraternity system to become more inclusive while simultaneously requiring an increase in financial commitment from fraternity men. He additionally questioned the sustainability of the policy, saying that the financial burden of hiring private security once a month may prove too great for certain fraternities to maintain.

A second criticism of the policy involves general student safety. Although Dean Hazlett, and Dean Flores-Mills stated that the primary function of the security officers is to make sure F&M’s pol-

icies about alcohol in fraternity houses are being followed. These include wristbanding students that are under 21, students under 21 not being allowed to drink, and fraternity parties themselves being BYOB. Some of these policies are also mandated by national fraternal organizations, such as having a strict guest list and checking IDs. When asked if the third party security officers are meant to merely enforce the rules or serve broader safety-related role, Dean Hazlett said that “first and foremost” their function is to enforce the policies required of fraternities and F&M’s fraternity life office - which in turn, she stated, leads to safer parties for everyone.

However, student organizations like F&M Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination have expressed concern that the third-party security is having an overall negative impact on student wellness. The Diplomatic Congress said in a statement that “the Congress believes in student safety across all of campus life, especially concerning the improvement of third party security. We look forward to supporting S.A.V.E in their efforts on holding a forum about this concern, introducing third party security name tags and evaluating third party security interactions with students.”

There is concern that the sudden changes to fraternity parties are pushing students into “the lofts,” which, due to their nature as privately registered parties outside of the limits placed on fraternities by their national organizations, are not going to be under scrutiny from third party security according to Dean Flores-Mills. The anonymous fraternity president argued that despite common stereotypes, he believes fraternity houses are “actually the safest places to go and have social events on campus. There’s no hard alcohol there, only beer, and there’s usually a brotherhood effort to keep people safe” because “if something happens at a fraternity, we know we’re going to get in trouble for it.”

The anonymous former fraternity president also expressed concerns about how drunk underage students are treated after they are removed from the party by third party security for violating the rules. “That’s the difference between us running the party and them running the party. When someone leaves our house, they don’t just leave our house. They get taken out and walked all the way back... that’s something you’ll never get with [security].” Dean Hazlett said that the third party security works with brothers to respond to situations on a

case-by-case basis and that their goal is to “help the brothers run safe parties.”

This semester the amount of underage students involved in alcohol-related incidents reported by Public Safety has nearly tripled compared to last semester. Some student organizations, such as F&M Sexual Assault and Violence Elimination, have expressed concerns that students are increasingly “pre-gaming” fraternity parties because they are aware that they will not consume alcohol after they arrive at the venue. However, as Dean Flores-Mills has pointed out, there is no way to prove correlation between the policy and an increase in alcohol violations, especially because certain periods of the academic year tend to have higher rates of these violations than others. Dean Hazlett also stated that more information needs to be gathered to determine what changes, if any, have been made to student drinking habits in the past semester. “This policy is about helping these men manage parties with large groups of people,” Hazlett said. “That’s number one to me. That’s most important.”

When asked if the new policy is meant to encourage a larger culture shift around drinking at F&M’s campus, both Dean Flores-Mills and Dean Hazlett stated that the administration is not accountable for the personal decision-making of students. Dean Hazlett said, “Did I do this to combat binge-drinking? No. That wasn’t the reason. We implemented it to look at how to help fraternities manage these large parties well.” However, the fraternity president takes a different view. “I think the school should care about [personal decision-making]... In some shape or form, F&M should be responsible for the personal well-being of their students. If a vast amount of students are making ‘irresponsible decisions’, then F&M, in my opinion, has some kind of obligation to step in.”

The future of the policy remains in flux: while Dean Flores-Mills stated that she doesn’t “anticipate it going away,” the school is still making minor adjustments and the policy will “continue to evolve” over time. There is additionally uncertainty over whether or not President Dan Porterfield’s departure from the College will have any impact on the College’s current policies. For now the entire F&M community must wait and see what is to come for the policy and for student life.

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The response to the College’s new third-party security policy has been “not consistently positive” according to Dean Flores-Mills.

Egypt: Government believes ISIS is responsible for deadly attack

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sula. ISIS inspires local Islamic extremist groups to take action despite the efforts of Egypt's security forces. Egypt's president, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, has vowed to respond to the massacre with "brute force." Since then, the nation's military has carried out several airstrikes on bases that are purportedly used by ISIS militants in the North Sinai region. As military spokesmen, Tamer Rifai stated, "The Egyptian Air Force pursued the terrorist elements, discovered and destroyed a number of vehicles that carried out the brutal terrorist killings, and killed all terrorists inside those vehicles."

Many question why this mosque was targeted specifically, as attacks on mosques are an uncommon occurrence in Egypt. To answer said question, it is important to understand how Sunni extremists view Sufism. Sufism is a strand of Islam that shuns materialism and puts an emphasis on searching for God within oneself. Its followers promote tolerance and pluralism, and are also to be credited for many of Islam's most well-known literature. The majority of Sufi believers are Sunni. However, theirs is an interpretation of Islam that radically differs from what Sunni extremists believe. They view Sufism as heretical, and often

lump them in with other "nonbelievers." Lately, extremists have been more willing to target Sufi mosques. Previously, organizations like al-Qaeda shied away from conducting attacks on Sufi believers, though they had been willing to destroy Sufi sites. But the Islamic State does not take after al-Qaeda in that manner. One of the Islamic State's top commanders in Sinai expressed his deep rooted hatred for Sufism. He specifically labeled Rawda—the district in which the massacre occurred—as one of three areas dominated by Sufis that he hoped to someday "eradicate." If ISIS was responsible for the attack, it could have also been their method of revenge against members of the Sawarkah tribe, to which most people in the district belong, as it has been cooperating with the Egyptian government in its campaign against ISIS groups in the Sinai province.

The Egyptian government had declared three days of national mourning beginning on November 25th in honor of the attack. President Sisi also ordered his armed forces to build a memorial to those who were killed at the mosque.

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The Sinai Peninsula has been a center of terrorist activity for several years, particularly by ISIS, as demonstrated in recent attacks.



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Daniel Porterfield has been president of Franklin & Marshall College since 2011 and will depart at the end of this school-year.

CRIME WATCH

Monday, November 27, 4:00pm - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a report of vehicle break-in at some point during the previous week 526 N Charlotte parking lot.

Tuesday, November 28, 8:33pm - DPS responded to a drug violation at the practice field by behind New College House.

Tuesday, November 28, 9:00pm - DPS received a report that vehicle was broken into and sunglasses were stolen behind the Writer's House.

Thursday, November 30, 9:26pm - DPS received a noise complaint at 608 College Hill.

Thursday, November 30, 9:40pm - DPS responded to a noise complaint at 602 College Hill.

Porterfield: Search for next president commences following announcement

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College at the end of the academic school year and begin his position at the Aspen Institute on June 1, 2018. The institute is a nonpartisan think-tank founded in 1949 with a focus on improving leadership and define the ideals that constitute a healthy and positive society. The Institute consists of more than thirty policy programs with focuses ranging from education to health policy to environmental challenges.

In an email from the Office of the President to the student body sent out this morning, President Porterfield explained that "[t]his decision was very difficult because of my love for the people and mission of F&M." He expressed hope that in his new position he will be "a strong national

advocate for equity in education, the expansion of opportunity for the young, the strengthening of democratic institutions, and collaborative problem solving on urgent issues."

Susan Washburn '73, the chair of the College's Board of Trustees, also emailed the student body confirming the announcement. She said that she would "write again soon to provide the campus community with more details about the process to identify our next president." The College Reporter will continue to report on this story and the search for President Porterfield's replacement in the coming months.

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Opinion & Editorial

Staff Writer Commentary

Writer shares opinion on Louis CK, accusations of sexual assault

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On December 14th, 2016, I was accepted into my one and only college. I collapsed onto the floor as I read the only word that mattered: “Congratulations.” After that, there was a haze of champagne and congratulatory phone calls that suddenly made it all feel so real. The night got better as I continued the celebration by meeting two of my favorite friends for sushi and a concert at Madison Square Garden. It was actually not a concert, but a standup show featuring comedian, Louis CK. When I opened up the newspaper last week, seeing the accusations of sexual misconduct spread across the New York Times, I couldn’t help but think about that night: How great it was and how I had laughed at the atrocious things Louis CK had said, thinking they were all for entertainment’s sake. I now can’t help but find that night slightly tainted by yet another male celebrity that thinks they are entitled to treat women as sexual objects.

On November 9th, five women came forward with disturbing sexual stories featuring Louis CK. Beginning in 2002, accusations were made by women in the same field as Louis, comedians who admired his work. All of the instances of sexual misconduct involve Louis asking the women if he can masturbate in front of them, sometimes doing so without a yes or no answer. Louis had not spoken up about the accusa-

tions until November 10th, when he issued a statement via the New York Times. He said, “The power I had over these women is that they admired me. And I wielded that power irresponsibly. I have been remorseful of my actions. And I’ve tried to learn from them,” (Louis CK, New York Times). He also said that he would take some time to stand back from his comedic career for the time being.

It seems like everyday I look at the front page of the newspaper and see a different male celebrity being accused of sexual assault. The list seems to be never ending: Harvey Weinstein, James Toback, Kevin Spacey, Roy Moore, Charlie Rose, Louis CK, Matt Lauer, and I’m sure there are more skeletons that will be revealed. I am aware that sexual assault takes place all too much, but to see so much of it be exposed in the media is astounding. These men are held with the utmost respect in Hollywood, making them untouchable. They have been serving as role models and in the meantime, they have been assaulting hundreds of women, in total.

Most of these assaults are not recent, but years in the making; these women have either tried to come forward or have been too scared to do so. It is sad that these women had to hide their experiences for such a long time. What we do have to wonder is: why now? After all these years, why this time to reveal these sexual allegations? I believe it has to do with our current presidency. Here, we are trying to keep sexual

assaulters off the streets and away from women, yet we put one in the white house. Mr. Trump has been accused by many women of sexual assault, and he has also been heard on tape, speaking about women as sexual objects in a rather crude and dangerous way. Seeing how far this man went in the election, being a sexual assaulter, must have instilled some sort of fear in these women, that if they did not come forward, these men could rise to a greater state of power. Trump’s presidency has ignited power in these women to feel comfortable coming forward and sharing their stories. Although it is sad and terrible to see these stories taking over every single day, it is also empowering to see these women finally speak up about their assaulters and get some kind of justice.

The Louis CK accusations ig-

nited an anger in me specifically because of the admiration my family and I have for him. We used to watch his show, “Louis,” all the time and had inside jokes based on the episodes. One was based on a tradition Louis had before he went on a diet called a “bang bang.” To bulk up before his diet he would go to two different restaurants, back to back, and eat everything on each of the menus. When his name appeared on the front of the New York Times, all of those pleasant moments went away and were instead replaced by a disgust I have for men’s manipulation of their power in society. It was then that I came to the sad truth that no man is safe, not even the ones that make us laugh.

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Louis CK, among other celebrities, has been accused of sexual assault. It is disappointing that so many known and beloved stars are being accused and found guilty of sexual misconduct.

Q&A with the Title IX Coordinator: Responses to questions from Forum on Sexual Misconduct

Q. 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 so that, when directions on how to comment become available, F&M’s General Counsel, Pierce Buller, Dean Hazlett and the Title IX Coordinator can incorporate them into the comments that the College will submit.

Q. With the Department of Education’s new guidelines are we always going to follow our policies currently in place or will we change our practices?

We have no plans to change our policies at this point. That said, the General Counsel and I review and update our policies annually, using what we have learned through reports, investigations and adjudi-

cations from the previous year, to make the policies as user friendly and responsive to the needs of students as possible. The rescinding of the Dear Colleague Letter by the Department of Education did not create new requirements or restrictions. It simply removed the guidance from the DCL. Colleges are free to continue to follow that guidance which F&M has chosen to do.

Q. If a student decides to go through the police how does the Title IX Coordinator role and the process change?

If a student would like to file a complaint with the police they may do that by going directly to the police or by speaking with our Department of Public Safety. Officer Anne Strickler at DPS is specifically trained in handling sexual assault cases but any officer can assist the student. If the student meets with

me and wants to file a complaint with the police I will refer them to Ofc. Strickler and, if they choose, accompany them to meet with her. Public Safety officers will arrange for a Lancaster City Police officer to come to DPS to interview the student. F&M’s policy states that the College will allow the police ten days to begin their investigation. After that the College will begin its own parallel investigation. Often the police request more time and F&M will comply if the student agrees and if there is no threat posed to the student or the College community by waiting.

The role of the Title IX Coordinator remains the same regardless of a criminal complaint; to insure that the College’s Title IX policy is followed. A police investigation and criminal complaint do not relieve the College of its responsibility to conduct its own investigation.

Contributing Writer Commentary

Professor Matthew Hoffman shares thoughts on recent speaker, Jeffrey Lord

This letter was submitted by Professor Matthew Hoffman, Professor of Judaic Studies and History at F&M. This letter is a response to the recent speaker, Jeffrey Lord, an alumnus who visited F&M on Monday, November 20th, brought in by the College Republicans to speak to students. Professor Hoffman shares his thoughts and concerns about Lord's talk.

To the Editor:

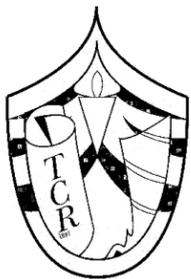
After attending the talk by Jeffrey Lord on Monday, November 20, I feel duty-bound as a historian to counter the patent falsehoods, historical inaccuracies, and partial truths that were presented as historical fact by Mr. Lord. His talk, especially the Q&A segment, was a disservice to all students present, no matter their political orientation. As part of the heated back and forth with the audience, Mr. Lord offered baseless, duplicitous, conspiracy memes as historical truth, many of them coming from the recent book by conservative firebrand and propagandist, Dinesh D'Souza, *The Big Lie: Exposing the Nazi Roots of the American Left*. As with D'Souza, Mr. Lord's talking points constitute a complete rejection of decades of historical scholarship and serve

simply as ideological propaganda against the putative evils of "the left." Mr. Lord repeated a number of fallacious assertions, easily disprovable by even the most basic historical research, alleging that socialism and progressivism are forms of fascism and Nazism. His argument that the Nazis were a left-wing socialist movement misconstrues basic facts about the Nazi ideology and movement in order to offer yet another version of partisan spin masquerading as historical fact. Mr. Lord also used partial historical truths to assert that the KKK is essentially a progressive democratic movement. He stressed accurately the pro-slavery and pro-segregationist nature of the Democratic party of the 19th and early 20th centuries and the fact that the KKK was mostly aligned with the Demo-

cratic party to imply erroneously that the KKK and the democratic left remain interchangeable to this day. In so doing, he ignored the exodus of especially southern Democrats to the Republican party over the course of the 20th century, particularly the realignment of the parties in the Civil Rights era of the 1960s, to assert that racism and white supremacy are the core features of the left. As a matter of fact, prominent KKK members and white supremacist leaders, most notably David Duke, are actually vocal Trump supporters, not left-wing Democrats. If I or any of my colleagues received a student paper in one of our history classes with a similar thesis, it would receive an "F." Mr. Lord, mostly parroting D'Souza and an earlier book, *Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Change*, by the right-wing journalist, Jonah Goldberg, used semantic tricks, cherry-picked quotes, de-contextualized historical half-truths, and omission of

any contradicting evidence to spin a fanciful, revisionist narrative in which left is right, up is down and night is day. No matter what one's political positions are, they can't be furthered by such a willful disregard for empirical historical reality. As an academic committed to educating young people in a way that privileges an honest search for truth using rigorous scholarly methods, listening to Mr. Lord made me feel like a doctor sitting in a surgery gallery watching a charlatan perform an organ transplant with a monkey wrench; it was educational malpractice of the highest order. I invite those students who mistook Mr. Lord's version of the past for reality to sign up for a History class at the College to learn more about the complexities of history and why scrupulous scholarship is crucial to understanding the past and how it can be manipulated.

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Campus Life

Professor Elizabeth De Santo talks protecting national Monuments at Now Hour

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F&M Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Elizabeth De Santo spoke at this week's Common Hour, which focused on protecting Monuments and the legal case behind it. De Santo is a human geographer with training in environmental law, history of international relations, environmental management, and marine zoology. This special version of Common Hour, called Now Hour, is proposed during the fall semester and offers a timely topic. Emily Lindback '20 proposed last Thursday's Now Hour.

De Santo introduced the 1906 Antiquities Act, which allows the President of the United States and Congress to establish Monuments, while only giving Congress the power to undo the designation. The requirements of the Monuments include having historical significance, but now the more recent areas are designated more for the protection of biodiversity, which some do not fit under the act. However, she disagrees, citing the scientific significance that is included under the act. She also argued that many of the marine areas under the act have been battlegrounds and graveyards for World War II, as well as military bases and areas of important testing for the U.S.

The executive orders given by the current administration to review the designations under the Antiquities Act puts several Monuments at risk for reduction or modification. As stated earlier, the President does not legally have the authorization under the act to get rid of these Monuments – only Congress does. She noted that past Presidents have set a precedent for reducing Monuments, but no more than that. Additionally, she has transparency concerns with the review process, as a list of ten national Monuments proposed for reduction and modification were leaked by to the media. To De Santo, this is a red flag that the administration is not being open about its actions concerning the Monuments.

De Santo spoke specifically about the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, the first and only marine national monument in the Atlantic Ocean, which has great biodiversity. She touched on the fact that protecting these ecosystems will also help the ocean deal with the effects of climate change.

There are several Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) that, according to De Santo, are like national parks for the ocean. Many are closed to fishing, mining, and extraction of oil and gas. Other countries have followed the lead of the U.S. and have their own MPAs.



Photo courtesy of fandm.edu

Elizabeth De Santo, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, spoke at Common Hour on the Monuments under review by the current administration for modification.

Under review, these areas are in danger of losing their protections.

De Santo commented that a big interest in reducing these protections involves the potential for oil and gas extraction, especially in the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument. But De Santo warned that even offshore oil and gas exploration can also be a threat to the ocean and the sea life in them. As an alternative, she pointed to offshore energy that can be renewable, such as the wind turbines currently off the coast of Rhode Island.

With these ideas in mind, De Santo

questions the appropriateness and legality of the review by the current administration. She ended her talk with a quote from Teddy Roosevelt: "Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

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F&M Dance Company presents Fall Dance Concert, dedicated to Lynn Brooks

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This past week the F&M Dance Company performed in works by Lori Belilove/Isadora Duncan, Jennifer Conley, Megan Curet, Martha Graham, Elba Hevia y Vaca, and Pamela Vail in the 2017 Fall Dance Concert. Before the curtain opened, the performance was dedicated to Professor Lynn Matluck Brooks for her accomplishments throughout her career at F&M as well as her assistance with the creation of two of the dances: *Pandora and the Furies* and *Panorama*.

Professor Brooks has been a professor at F&M since the founding of the F&M Dance Program in 1984 and will be retiring in the following year.

The concert then began with a performance of *Panorama*, choreographed and costumed by Martha Graham. This piece originally premiered on August 14, 1935 at the Vermont State Armory in Bennington, Vermont. The concert program included an original program note from 1935 explaining the dance's intended focus on

the imperial, noting that "In every country there are basic themes of thought and action. These themes are part of the national consciousness and form an inheritance which contributes to the present. Panorama endeavors to present three themes which are basically American." This piece additionally included a large hanging mobile designed after Alexander Calder by students in ART230, Papermaking and Casting, under the direction of Professor Virginia Maksymowicz and Jason Thompson.

The next two performances were titled *Troubling the Waters* and *New Order*. *Troubling the Waters* featured flowing movement and Spanish music, juxtaposing lively movement and moments of silence during short transitions. The end of this piece included a spoken component, the dancers repeating "everything's alright- yes" in what begins as a statement but becomes a question. The following piece, *New Order*, was a contrast in that it was more modern. Dancers appeared on stage in jeans in a group, continuing to alternately leave and join

the group and perform pulse-like movements.

The following dance was *The Traveling Tribe of the Wrinkled Skirts*, a dance aptly named for the wrinkled two-paneled black skirts which the three dancers onstage wore. This dance was performed to the pounding of deep drums, conveying intensity and strength as the dancer's each took turns as the central dancer, which the other two responded to. This dance, musically and through movement, was a combination of modern and tribal elements and conveyed an underlying tone of female strength.

It is therefore appropriate that the preceding dance, *Pandora and the Furies*, described in the program in a note from Lori Belilove, as "a powerful, grounded expression of female fury," a dance similarly dealing with the raw vitality of women through the Greek myth of Pandora releasing evil upon the world. This visual depiction of a classic Greek myth included boldly clad dancers in red who evoked the imagery of furies through hand movement, extending fingers with a talon-like

stiffness.

Next came *Ritmo Unido*, a dance which once again used a prop onstage. Just as *Pandora and the Furies* incorporated a Pandora figure carrying a box, this dance incorporated a water bowl. As the dancers mimed working under the hot sun, periodically they would approach a bowl filled with water onstage, revitalizing the dance before movements became more frantic under the oppressive heat once again. A leaf-like lighting pattern as a backdrop combined with tropical music enforced the image of a hot climate.

The final piece of the concert *Casting Light* also used objects on stage in the form of hanging light-bulbs which the dancers turned on and off. This piece was by far the most visually stunning of the concert with its bright lights and gliding steps. As the dancers stretched out on the floor as if to sleep, the lights were extinguished one by one, ending the performance on a strong note.

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Arts & Leisure

Blockbuster *Thor: Ragnarok* premieres in theaters geared towards all audiences

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It is no secret that the Marvel Universe has taken the world by a storm. The Marvel Universe has been around since 1961, adding The Fantastic Four, the Defenders and the X-Men to the world of superheroes and most recently the Avengers. The twenty-two film franchise began with the *Incredible Hulk* and proceeded to tell the back stories of many of the other characters. After all the back stories the characters introduced come together for the 2012 *The Avengers* movie that launches the highly anticipated series. Currently the Marvel Universe is working towards the end of the films of the Avengers characters as they are almost done building all the relevant characters and relevant backstories needed to create the Infinity Wars story arc.

The latest installment of the Avengers timeline is *Thor: Ragnarok*. This film is the last film of the *Thor* series, creating the path to the penultimate Avenger movie. The premise of the *Thor: Ragnarok* movie begins where *Dark World*, the second installment, left off with Loki impersonating their father, Odin. Thor returns from a battle against Surtur, who promises the bringing of Ragnarok, the end of Asgard. Thor, wrongly, believes he has prevented the end of Asgard and



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Thor: Ragnarok brings Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, and Mark Ruffalo back for the final installment in the *Thor* universe.

realizes that Loki has been impersonating Odin. Thor makes Loki take him to Odin, who has been spending his retirement in Norway. After a brief cameo from Dr. Strange, the two end up in Norway, where they find their father and find out that he is at the end of his life. While on his deathbed, Odin casually mentions that he has a first born that he had thrown into jail when she became too violent. Odin was the last barrier between Hela coming back out. He dies, and Hela reappears. After a battle, Loki and Thor are ejected to Sakaar, where Jeff Goldblum is the ruler. The society functions

around battling and scavenging. Thor finds that Loki is in the inner circle of the nobility, while Thor is a prisoner set to battle. He finds that he is battling the Hulk and they eventually work together to escape Sakaar. On Sakaar, they also meet some auxiliary characters and a main character, Scrapper 142, who used to work for the elite army in Asgard. This story line prefaces the huge battle that goes down between the people of Asgard and Hela's undead army.

This third installation of *Thor* melds perfectly the impending doom, ridiculous humor and Marvel's complex history that is

necessary in the Avengers films. The film is not novel or artsy in anyway but it accomplishes what superhero movies set out to do: make people feel good and make a blockbuster. Similar to the *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Thor* aims to have raunchier humor geared for a more adult audience while including the superhero elements necessary for children to enjoy their favorite heroes. The movie is perfect for a lazy night in or a family get together.

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The Onion Dip:

The College Reporter's new satirical column

American Families' Ancient Thanksgiving Traditions Explored

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Every year it's the same; you get out of bed at an unreasonable hour to appease your screaming parents, throw on the cleanest pair of rusty red pants you can find to avoid grandma's nagging, and pile into the car where you might be lucky enough to get 30 more minutes of sleep. Once you walk through the door to your uncle's house, though, you realize that working in the Vivarium to observe and question the behavior of monkeys may have actually affected you once you start to notice a few things about this holiday you had never really questioned-

1. Rainbow Jell-o Mold: What's white, red, and green with an unmistakable jiggle and

a whole lot of seepage that no one could have possibly requested again this year? Thanks, grandma.

2. Inviting "Aunt" Barb and "Uncle" Jeff every year: Literally WHO are they? I know we always refer to them as family, but I know for a FACT I've never actually seen them in a photo album, or heard them talk for that matter. In all honesty, Jeff just spends most of the night grunting in accordance with anything politically controversial, and Barb hovers around the dessert table, eyes fixed on her "infamous apple cake" no one ever touches. Can someone produce a birth certificate, stat?

3. The Kids' Table: I get it. It was cool back when all the adults needed a place to discuss whether my little brother needed



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therapy or not for drawing only weapons in pre-school art class, but c'mon! We're all over 19 years old now, and he can totally sense your fear from the other room anyway.

4. "What Are You Thankful For?" Chain: It's a nice thought in theory; going around the table and contributing something or someone you're thankful for, but somehow it's ruined by cousin

Suzy counting the dollar bills in her wallet and laying them out in stacks on the table, so she can be better prepared to Black Friday shop tomorrow morning. Oh, she's thankful she accidentally slept with the manager of Macy's in college? Shocker.

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Layout Assistant Anna Goorevich offers insight into this summer's World Cup matchups. Read more below...

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Managing Editor Joe Giordano interviews F&M Field Hockey senior on season. Read more below...

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World Cup 2018 group draw: Analysis on this summer's matchups

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Last Friday morning, all eyes were on Russia. However, at the same time as US investigations into Russia for influence in the 2016 election, the highly anticipated World Cup draw was taking place in Moscow, thereby determining the World Cup groups that the qualified teams will play in this summer.

For each World Cup, the teams are divided into eight groups of four, wherein round-robin play takes place. After the teams play the others in their group, the top two teams in each group will move on to the round of 16, where single-game elimination rounds begin.

Understandably so, the day of the draw causes anxiety for teams and fans around the world, as everyone wants to be placed in a favorable group to help ensure advancement to the next rounds during the tournament.

As an overview of how the groups are chosen, the 32 teams are separated into four pots based on their FIFA rankings. Next, one team is randomly chosen from each pot. The four teams chosen make up the group.

After the groups were determined on Friday, soccer analysts around the world went into a frenzy to try to predict what teams will move on to the elimination rounds. While no one

knows exactly what will happen this summer at the World Cup, the group draw allows insight into what teams are favored over others.

Now to the analysis: Group A consists of hosts Russia, Uruguay, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. While the Luis Suarez-led Uruguay are favorites to top this group, it will be fascinating to see which team will also move on. As hosts of the tournament, playing at home may give Russia an advantage. However, Egypt appears to be gaining strength, especially due to Mohamed Salah's impressive season so far at Liverpool FC.

Portugal, Spain, Iran, and Morocco, make up Group B. Spain and Portugal are the favorites to move on, with both teams stacked with globally-renowned players such as Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Spain's Sergio Ramos. However, anything can happen at the World Cup and we can't ignore the possibility of underdogs Iran or Morocco possibly getting ahead of Spain or Portugal.

Group C is made up of France, Denmark, Peru, and Australia. France is the dominant team with a squad full of young, vibrant players. It will be an interesting battle between the other three teams to move on to the next round.

Probably one of the toughest groups is Group D which consists of Argentina, Croatia, Iceland, and Ni-

geria. While Messi's Argentina is a natural favorite, they had a difficult qualifying campaign which exposes some doubts. Underdogs Iceland will come into the tournament hoping to make an impact on their first ever World Cup. However, both Croatia and Nigeria are strong teams that can also compete with Argentina.

Group E is dominated by tournament favorites Brazil. They are joined by Switzerland, Costa Rica, and Serbia. This group will seemingly consist of a battle for second place.

Germany, the World Cup champions in 2014, top the list in Group F, which also consists of Mexico, Sweden, and South Korea. Germany are favorites again to win the tournament, so it will definitely be a battle for the other three teams to compete for a spot in the round of 16.

Group G is another well balanced

group. Belgium and England are the two higher ranked groups and they'll compete against Tunisia and Panama. While we cannot count any team out, Belgium and England will expect to see themselves in the round of 16.

Lastly, Group H is a relatively even group that doesn't necessarily have an outright favorite. It will be intriguing to watch Colombia, Poland, Senegal, and Japan compete for the spots in the round of 16.

While in the soccer world there are always going to be teams more dominant than others, every World Cup brings a new round of surprises which ensures that no team can be overlooked. In the World Cup, truly anything can happen.

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2014 World Cup Champions Germany are favorites again to win in Russia this summer, especially after drawing a favorable group against Mexico, Sweden, and South Korea.

F&M Field Hockey advances to NCAA Final Four against Middlebury

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The Final Four. A team accomplishment that is only bestowed to the four best teams in the entire country. Of the over 400 Division III NCAA schools in America, our Field Hockey team was among the four best teams in the entire country. While they may have come up short in their quest for a National Championship, the journey to reach the Final Four is an achievement built in hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

The team certainly came into the season with high expectations and did not disappoint. Amassing a regular season record of 13-3 and securing the number 2 seed in the Centennial Conference tournament, the team looked ready to contend for a conference championship. After defeating Ursinus 3-1, the team looked to gain revenge over a Johns Hopkins team that had defeated them 2-1 just a week earlier. The team was determined and scored in both the 5th and 15th minutes of the game and held on to win 2-1 to capture the conference championship. While this a huge achievement, the team did not settle and

looked to set their sights on a National Championship.

After dispatching Misericordia, Montclair State, and Kean in less than a week, the team took a trip down to Kentucky to compete in the Final Four. After losing a super competitive 2-1 game to eventual National Champion Middlebury, their season came to an unfortunate end. However, the journey and accomplishments of the team will not soon be forgotten.

The team was anchored all season long by six Seniors who played their last game in Kentucky. One of those Seniors, Jill DeStefano, described her experience and her bond with her Senior teammates saying, "We've been best friends since day one Freshman year and it's going to be really hard not being in that same environment again, but we'll always have those amazing memories."

DeStefano went on to say that she also believes that the success of the team hinged on the trust and relationship she and her teammates had all season long stating, "I think that our team dynamic is what really made us successful this year in terms of trusting each other and caring about each

other. This really made us want to succeed for each other and keep working hard."

While DeStefano and her five Senior teammates may have played their final game, their contributions to both the school and Field Hockey program will not soon be forgotten. We as a

school community extend our congratulations and appreciation to the team for the unrelenting efforts on the season.

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The F&M Field Hockey team, after a successful season, advanced to the NCAA Final Four in Louisville, Kentucky where they fell to eventual champions Middlebury College.