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## Government comes to a solution on budget deal, avoids extended shutdown

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Congress passed a budget deal early Friday morning that raises the debt ceiling until March 2019 and keeps the government funded for the next two years.

The deadline to keep the government funded and functioning was midnight on Thursday. The previous spending bill passed on January 22 following the first Government Shutdown of president Trump's administration. The bill was set to expire on February 8th.

The main reason for the first shutdown was DACA and the lack of any solution to the Obama-era program that protected children who have come to the US as minor immigrants. The new package that passed both the Senate and the House, and was signed by President Trump this morning, does not include anything on immigration. However, the bill raises budget caps by \$300 billion, provides up



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The government shut down for eight hours on Thursday but was restored after a sweeping budget bill was approved in Congress and signed by Trump.

to \$90 billion for disaster-relief and raises the debt ceiling until March 2019. Previously, the debt ceiling would have been reached in March this year. In that bill there are around \$165 billion and

\$131 billion that would go to the Pentagon and non-defense programs respectively. And while specific spending is to be determined by the appropriations committees, there are \$10 billion for

infrastructure investment, \$2.9 billion for child care, and \$3 billion to face the opioid crisis.

However, the process did not go without drama. The reason for the short shutdown this time around was Senator Rand Paul (R-KY). Thursday evening, while almost all Senators were ready to move with the final vote on the bill, Senator Paul took the floor several times to question the grand spending proposed. As procedure warrants an unanimous agreement to move on the final vote, Senator Paul effectively delayed the process until after 1 a.m.; in other words, after the deadline. According to CNN, his main issue was the lack of fiscal restraint and the lack of an open and fair procedure. Even so the Senate finally passed the bill 73-26. Additionally the Kentucky Senator faced some backlash from his own party, with Senator John Thune (R-S.D.) say-

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## Trump calls Democrats 'treasonous' following State of the Union at rally

BY JOSHUA CROPANZANO

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At a rally in Ohio shortly after the State of the Union, Trump complained about the behavior of the Democrats present at the speech. He referred to their activities - including checking their phones during the speech, refusing to clap, not standing when he entered the room, and so on - as 'un-American' and 'treasonous'. Immediately, these comments came under extreme scrutiny. Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) tweeted that she, and other Americans, were alarmed by these remarks. Search attempts for the definition of 'treasonous' increased 5900% in the wake of the story according to Merriam-Webster.

In recent days, Democrats have

returned fire at Trump. Joe Biden called Trump 'a joke' in response and many other Democrats have called them troublesome, stating that they show an authoritarian pattern in Trump's rhetoric. Some Republicans, such as Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ), also criticized these remarks, tweeting "Mr. President, treason is not a punchline." However, Trump has faced little backlash from the Republican party establishment or his own base. Republicans which have criticized these comments tend to be ones which have already tilted against him, such as Jeff Flake. Historically, unpopular remarks by Trump would often get attacked by persons like Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, such as the

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## Stock market crashes, Dow sees its largest intraday point drop in history

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On Monday February 5th, the stock market took an unexpected dive.

The Dow Jones Industrial (DJIA) faced its largest intraday point decline in history, falling by 4.6% and plummeting over 1,000 points in one day. S&P 500 also had one of its worst days on Monday since 2011, dropping by 4.1%. However, while there were only two stocks in S&P 500 that were up that day, all of Dow's 30 futures fell. Following Monday's events, on Tuesday the Dow once again plunged 567 points, sinking into correction territory all too briefly before roaring back to life. A correction is what occurs when there is a 10% decline in stocks from a recent high. For Dow, that recent high was just a couple of weeks ago

when the index closed at a record high of 26,616 points. This rebound didn't last very long, however, as the stock market officially plunged into a correction as of Thursday, February 8th.

Monday's market crash not only affected the US, but the event sent ripples throughout the global market as well. Stocks in both Asia and Europe subsequently took a tumble. The Nikkei Stock Average in Japan declined 4.7% on Tuesday, it's largest daily point drop since 2016 during the UK Brexit vote. Hong Kong's Hang Seng also encountered its worst point decline since 2008. The UK's FTSE 100 and the Stoxx Europe 600 went down approximately 2% as well.

Needless to say, it's been a hec-

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# Congress: Government comes to budget agreement in early hours of morning

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ing that the shutdown was a “colossal waste of time,” and Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) calling him a Don Quixote for “tilting at windmills.”

Congress took up the bill at 3:21 a.m. There House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi took the floor to argue for immigration and its ob-

vious absence from the bill. However, as Politico points out, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan were generally on the same page for the deal. As such, there was not much House Democrats could do to stop the bill. Republicans had taken a firm stand against any talk on immigration,

focusing the bill on the debt and budget. In the end, Congress voted 240-186. On the Republican side, 167 voted for the bill, and 67 against; while Democrats were split 73-119. At 5:32 a.m. the bill passed the House, and it was left for the President to sign it.

President Trump took to Twitter just after he had signed the bill: “Just signed Bill. Our Mil-

itary will now be stronger than ever before.

We love and need our Military and gave them everything - and more. First time this has happened in a long time. Also means JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!”

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## CRIME WATCH

- Friday, Feb. 2, 7:33pm** - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to a loud noise complaint at 441 College Ave.
- Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:57pm** - DPS performed a medical assist for an underage intoxicated student at 526 N Charlotte St.
- Sunday, Feb. 4, 12:21am** - DPS performed a medical assist in Steinman College Center for an underage intoxicated student.
- Sunday, Feb. 4, 12:21am** - DPS performed a medical assist for an underage intoxicated student in Buchanan Hall.
- Sunday, Feb. 4, 1:46am** - DPS responded to a noise complaint at 608 W James.
- Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1:37pm** - DPS responded to a hit and run on the 700 block of College Ave. No one was injured.
- Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8:24pm** - DPS received a report of a theft from a vehicle.

# Economy: Wall Street fears the rise of inflation and interest rates

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tic week for investors everywhere and many are asking why the crash occurred when it did. The answer to said question is that Monday’s plunge wasn’t caused by anything blatantly pivotal. What caused these major averages to tumble had nothing to do with a particular piece of news or crucial event. Experts’ best guess is it was caused by a fear of inflation. Stocks have been steadily on the rise since the election, which mainly has to do with the strength of the economy and unemployment has been at a historical low. Yet, despite the growing strength of our economy, inflation has remained suspiciously stunted. The Federal Reserve counters inflation by raising interest rates. However, they’ve been unable to do so for the last decade due to the risk that it could hamper economic recovery and cause prices to fall. So with no viable explanation regarding the lack of inflation, those on Wall Street worry that it will suddenly spike and that the Fed will have to raise interest

rates quick and steeply in order to keep up. Their fears may very well be warranted, as the central bank had recently noted that inflation looked to be on the rise.

As far as the severity of Monday’s crash, though it may have been significant, stock market analysts say that’s its nothing to get panicked over. In fact, they wonder why it took so long for this crash to occur. Stocks have been rising in a straight line since November 2016, which isn’t exactly good. Analysts believed that the market was long overdue for this 10% correction. They argue that a cooling off period makes stocks cheaper and more attractive to investors, especially if the underlying companies are continuously successful. So the fact that the market finally came down to Earth last week was more of a relief to stock market analysts.

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**Donald Trump delivered controversial remarks during a speech to supports in the Rust Belt community of Blue Ash, Ohio following the State of the Union.**

# Trump: Comments on Dems during Ohio rally raise eyebrows, cause controversy

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backlash he faced following his proposal on Muslim immigration. The absence of this seems to indicate that Trump has gained more legitimacy as the head of his party and gradually becoming immune to criticism.

Of course, it is also true that many top Republicans maintain that these comments were a joke, and not to be taken too seriously. After all, Trump frequently uses bombastic rhetoric at campaign rallies, such as when he used expletives to describe his strategy against ISIS. Additionally, several have pointed out times when top Democrats referred to Republicans as treasonous. For instance, Cory Booker (D-NJ) said that the release of the Nunes memo “could be viewed as treasonous.” While not as direct as Trump’s comments, they appear to have the same message. However, Democrats have responded by saying that these comments merely leave open the possibility and are a far-cry from a sitting president referring to his opposition directly as treasonous. Addition-

ally, the gravity of declassifying a controversial memo compared to refusing to applaud is immense. Even more so when one considers that the opposition party sitting stone-faced and unenthused throughout the State of the Union is time-honored, if childish, tradition in American politics. Compared to other outbursts at the State of the Union, such as when Representative Joe Wilson yelled “You lie!” at President Obama, the behavior of the Democrats was far from terrible.

A few have theorized that these comments were a ploy to deflect from other news. It is true that these comments were made following the stock market downturn, and Trump may have simply wanted to distract from the bad press with some off-hand remarks. All the same, these remarks have startled some. Whether they are serious bellwether of future policy or simply one of many Trump gaffes remains to be seen.

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**Wall Street panickied after the stock market fell into a 10% correction after the Dow Industrial Average plunged by 4.6% and over 1,500 points.**



## Staff Writer Commentary

## Nunes memo was a failed attempt by republicans to smear the FBI

BY RUBY VAN DYK  
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On February 2nd, House Republicans released a memo alleging FBI bias against President Trump. The credibility of the FBI, according to Representative Jeff Duncan of South Carolina, would be “shaken to its core” by the memo.

Heightened rhetoric by Duncan and other Republicans garnered attention and prompted speculation about what the memo contained. In response, the FBI voiced that they “have grave concerns about the omission of material fact that fundamentally impact the memo’s accuracy.”

When the memo was finally released on the 2nd, it fell far short of the bold claims that Republicans had been making.

The memo didn’t cast doubt on the special counsel’s investigation into the Trump campaign’s Russia ties, nor did it produce any earth shattering exposure of the Bureau.

The memo focused on the surveillance of Carter Paige, a former foreign policy adviser to Donald Trump during his 2016 presidential campaign. Paige had business ties with Russia as well with the Kremlin.

But, the key allegation within

the memo is that the FBI did not get properly authorized to surveil Paige, and that the surveillance may have been politically motivated. In the summer of 2016, Paige traveled to Russia to meet with Russian officials. This, was troubling to the DOJ and FBI, so the FBI put together an application to request surveillance permission with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC). The court approved the application.

The memo argues that the application for surveillance was biased, and that it relied on the Steele Dossier, a document written by former British spy Christopher Steele, who alleged conspiracy between Donald Trump and the Russian government during his 2016 presidential campaign.

Steele’s research was partially financed by the Clinton Campaign, which the Republican memo alleges is a significant problem.

The Republican charge of bias is problematic for several reasons. First, although the approval of the application may have relied on some of Steele’s findings, it doesn’t necessarily mean that the approval was illegitimate. Secondly, without having acce

ss to the other intelligence that the surveillance request was based

on it is difficult to evaluate this claim. The writers of the memo could have easily chosen to only highlight the fact that Steele Dossier was involved, and excluded all other compelling intelligence.

At most, the memo exposes a possible violation of Carter Paige’s privacy, and the fact that it may be much too easy for the FBI to surveil people.

But this isn’t new information. In the last 33 years, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) has rejected only 11 out of over 33,900 requests from the government to surveil citizens. Is this a problem? Possibly. But this

was known much prior to the release of the memo.

Most troubling and frightening is that Republicans seem to be trying to discredit and politicize the FBI.

While it is crucial to hold the FBI to a high standard, this is not what the Republican party is doing. This memo was simply an effort to smear the reputation of the FBI, and in doing so weaken the investigation of a Republican President.

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Photo courtesy of MSNBC

**Republican Representative from California Devin Nunes was instrumental in releasing an FBI memo with intentions to tarnish the reputation of the FBI.**

## Editor shares opinion on the importance of North Korean inclusion in Winter Olympics

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The 2018 Winter Olympics began this week in Pyeongchang, South Korea and like many events these past few years, it has been enveloped in political turmoil. And due to the ongoing war between the South and North since their unresolved conflict in the 1950’s that left the Korean Peninsula divided along with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un’s reluctance to end his nuclear program, many believed that the South and the Games would be threatened.

However, instead of causing disruption to their neighbors to the Olympic Games and their neighbors to the South, North Korea has, in a rare occurrence, extended an olive branch to the South by agreeing to send a team to the games made up of 22 athletes, which will compete in unison with the Southern athletes, and a 500+ member delegation, including the highest ranking North Korean official to ever travel to the South, Kim Yong-nam, thereby creating interaction between the two countries in a type of sports diplomacy.

In recent years, the North has been testing nuclear weapons, including

ones that supposedly have the power to reach the United States, which has left many on the international stage on edge.

President Trump, however, has done little to decrease tensions between North Korea and the rest of the world and attempt to use diplomatic means to end North Korea’s nuclear program.

For instance, in early January, President Trump childishly tweeted that he has a “bigger and more powerful” nuclear button than Kim Jong-un. While many times Trump’s tweets aren’t taken very seriously, it is dangerous that he tweets with such a war-mongering spirit.

Especially when considering a country like North Korea where most of the world does not have any idea what’s going on in the insides of their government and in the head of Kim Jong-un, Trump’s careless tweets and comments can be viewed as a threat to the unstable country and their dictator, thereby potentially sparking more nuclear tests or a serious attack towards the United States and their allies.

North Korea’s participation in the games in union with South Korea is significant in that it opens a door for a possible peace agreement and reunifi-

cation of the Korean Peninsula in the future.

Even during the opening ceremonies, athletes from both the South and North walked together under one flag which donned a blue, unified Korean peninsula over a white background.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in dubbed this year’s Games as the “Peace Olympics” and said this is a “precious opportunity” to further a diplomatic solution to the issues that have plagued the Korean Peninsula for years, thereby instilling greater hope for a unified peninsula.

Rather than tweeting, threatening, and provoking North Korea, President

Trump should instead take advantage of this rare opportunity to communicate peacefully and diplomatically with government officials in the North in order to finally make progress in this delicate world issue.

While the Winter Games are just starting to heat up this week, already success has been made for a stretch in world peace with the inclusion of North Korea into the games, proving once again how the power of sports can truly change the world.

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**In the Olympics Opening Ceremony in Pyeongchang, both North and South Korean athletes marched under the same flag, signifying new hope for a unified Korea.**

# Campus Life

## Jackson Katz addresses the widespread affect of rape on college campuses

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This week’s Common Hour, featuring author, scholar, and activist Jackson Katz, focused on violence against women, an issue which he argued is one of the most prevalent on college campuses and in our broader society today.

More specifically, Katz addressed and rejected the common narrative that domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape are “women’s issues.”

While women are undoubtedly and profoundly impacted by these issues on every level, these are men’s issues too.

Katz warned the audience early on that he would say some provocative things.

Referring to these problems, for instance, Katz explained that men are the overwhelming perpetrators of such crimes.

He continued that men have been raping women, children, and other men for thousands of years. But there were never 800 numbers for people to call, until female leaders made it happen. Just as women have been on the forefront of combating sexual violence for decades, Kats contended, now it is time for men to step up and take on a leadership role.

According to Katz, more of a focus needs to be placed on holding offenders accountable; helping their victims is not enough. He contended, for instance, that society should spend less time asking “how many women have been assaulted on college campuses” and should ask, instead, “how many men have assaulted women.”

According to Katz, the use of passive language in the former question shifts accountability

away from the perpetrators of the crimes.

Establishing that violence against women is a bad thing that happens disregards the matter of who is committing the violence against them. Katz asserted, “it’s not anti male to be accurate and honest.”

Katz pointed out a misconception about efforts to prevent or lessen sexual violence: women have benefitted from such efforts while men have either not been affected or may have even been hurt by those efforts.

Refuting this false belief, Katz cited the effects of domestic violence on children.

For instance, the experience of a child witnessing their mother being raped is deeply traumatic. Boys who have been abused are something like 10 times more likely to be abusive themselves, explained Katz, as abusive behavior is part of a defense mechanism they developed early in life.

“Domestic violence is a pervasive problem in our society and it spills over in so many ways,” Katz said.

To demonstrate this fact, Katz offered the case of mass shootings, fifty seven percent of which that have been committed recently in the US have been related to domestic violence.

Katz took issue with the narrative that feminists are man-hating “feminazis.” He affirmed that “overwhelmingly men are the perpetrators of sexual assault, but they are also the victims.”

And indeed, the first people to open up the space to talk about men as victims were feminist women. But men need to be more involved and need to assume more leadership roles. Sadly many people haven’t heard men say this,

according to Katz.

Furthermore, calling these issues women’s issues allows men to tune out and not think about it. He explained, “I as a man am going to do whatever I can as a man...to not be silent [in the face of men’s sexism].”

Katz expressed, “the reason I’m saying [these things] strongly is because I have the microphone and because I’m a man.”

He advised the audience to “take seriously the fact that you have certain advantages in life,” whether those advantages be in terms of one’s gender, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or otherwise.

Katz described the process by which all discussions of gender and racial problems, among other societal ills, are tilted in favor of the dominant group.

“In each case the dominant group is not paid attention to, as if white people do not have a racial identity...this is one of the ways that dominant groups maintain themselves and their dominance.”

He continued, “often the dominant group is rendered invisible” so that they aren’t even involved in the conversation as if they do not need to be.

One reason men should take these problems seriously, according to Katz, is that they are “the primary victims of all violence besides sexual violence... And the same system that produces violence against women produces violence against men,” that system being one in which men are taught from birth to behave aggressively and that their poor behavior will be dismissed.

Another reason to care, Katz explained, is that “it is so preventable... You need to think

about what you can do in your sphere of influence” to improve these issues “not because you’re a nice guy helping out women but because you’re a leader.”

Katz advocated for a paradigm shift in the way we view sexual violence, as something that is perpetrated by so called normal people.

“This makes people uncomfortable because [they] wish that the typical perpetrator was some monster.”

Katz acknowledged that confronting peers or friends about their bad behavior is challenging. At the same time, his approach has been to encourage bystanders to speak up and create an environment where everyone around says certain behavior is not okay. “The standard you walk past is the standard you accept” is another way to put it; “in other words, your silence is viewed as consent or complicity.”

Quoting Martin Luther King, Katz expressed, “in the end what will hurt the most is not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.”

Katz asked, “don’t we know that men’s attitudes towards women have a direct impact on men’s actions towards women? ...And can you imagine [living] in a society where hearing male leaders [speaking out on these issues] was normal and not extraordinary?” Katz argued that as a society, “we need to raise the bar” since “just saying I’m not a rapist is not particularly [a high standard].”

At the end of the day, according to Katz, “we need people with integrity to step up.”

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## Sociologist Professor Rachel Sherman presents research on wealthy americans

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The sociologist Rachel Sherman, who is an associate professor of sociology at the New School for Social Research at Eugene Lang College, came to F&M this past Monday to present her research on the wealthy people of America. She also published her findings in her new book—Un-easy Street: The Anxiety of Affluence.

Movies like The Wolf of Wall Street, and reality TV shows like the Real Housewives series often depict the rich as materialistic, entitled, morally corrupt, and su-

percilious. These popular media shapes people’s perceptions of the rich and how they live. However, Sherman found that there wasn’t a lot of sociological research done on the wealthy, which inspired her to start her own project. She interviewed 50 elite people living in New York city, with yearly household incomes ranging from 250,000 dollars to millions. They are all middle-aged, highly educated and politically liberal. The range of the subjects’ yearly income and net value is wide, but they all are in the top 5 percent range in America.

Sherman interviewed these people and had them talk about their

consumption choices. She wanted to find out how the wealthy grapple with their privilege and wealth while American income inequality widens, and how inequality is naturalized—made acceptable and invisible—for the rich and the general society.

She finds that, far from the stereotypes traditionally associated with the elite, the elite are highly aware of their privilege and feel conflicted about it. They keep their consumption choices very secret; one interviewee says that talking about how they spend money is even more private than talking about sex. Another subject always rips the tags off every-

thing she buys so the housekeeper would not find out how much she spent on everything. They are aware of potential judgement of their spending, so they don’t like to talk about it. Despite the guilt and shame they feel, Sherman finds that they have no desire to give up their way of life and attempt to justify it in many ways.

One way in which they justify their lifestyle is striving to be morally worthy.

When interviewed, many talked about how hard they’ve worked to earn their money,



Wealth: Professor Rachel Sherman presents research on wealthy Americans

subscribing to the idea that they live in a meritocracy that rewards them fairly.

When talking about their spending habits, they tend to highlight the instances when they have been figural—instances in which they can afford better but choose not to. When they do talk about their large spending, they frame it in the way of “treating themselves,” “special occasions” or “family oriented.” For example, when the women buy expensive clothes or handbags, they will say that it’s a treat, or it’s because they have to go to a formal event. And all of the wealthy parents spend a lot on their children’s education and extracurricular activities. They feel completely justified in doing so because they believe that their children deserve the best. They talk about how they are especially careful to plant good morals in their kids, teaching them to be grateful instead of entitled. They also say that they don’t care much for the luxury they have now, that they can live without it at any moment. Or they say that they don’t take their expensive lifestyle for granted, but really appreciate what they have in life. They also frame their spending in the New York City context, saying that they have to spend so much because they live in the city. None of their rhetoric change the fact

that they indeed spend an obscene amount of money by common standards, but it does help them frame their consumption in a morally acceptable way.

The interviewees also place a lot of emphasis on how much they are just like everyone else. They talk about how they eat dinners at home instead of at fancy restaurants, how they don’t have a second house in the Hamptons, even though the majority of them do own a second home, and how their kids help with house chores just like any other kid. When talking about their lives, Sherman finds that they always compare themselves to people who are wealthier than them, saying that they are not like those people, but are more “normal.” Like the general public, the rich interviewees also have a distorted, fictitious view of how rich people live and behave. They compare themselves to their overblown view, and deem themselves to be more “normal” than “rich.” They skew their own perception of themselves to be closer to the “middle class,” even though their large spending does not fit the middle-class reality.

Overall, Sherman finds that the elite’s internal landscape is more conflicted and nuanced than most people would think.

However, they like to frame themselves as “not that rich”



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Rachel Sherman, associate professor of sociology at the New School for Social Research at Eugene Lang College presented her research on the wealthy people of America.


rich people, and “good, deserving” rich people. They distance themselves mentally from the “undeserving rich” in the public imagination, without confronting the hard question of “can anyone deserve so much money, moral or not?” Not just the wealthy themselves, the public in general like to group rich people into deserving and undeserving.

They give a pass to who they perceived as deserving rich people, such as the beloved billionaire writer J.K. Rowling, and deem other rich people as lavish and corrupt.

This takes attention away from confronting the system that makes such astonishing income gap possible.

Instead of passing judgement on an individual rich person, Sherman wants us to think about what keeps inequality normal and invisible, and how we could reverse the widening American income gap.


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# Arts & Leisure

## *This is Us* captivates the hearts of the American public, after premiere in 2016

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*This is Us* premiered on NBC in September of 2016, and hooked people immediately. The premise of the show is alternating periods in the lives of two parents and their triplets. Jack and Rebecca met in the 70s, falling in love quickly and being married by the 80s and having their three children. Both unfortunately and fortunately Rebecca and Jack lose their third child, and end up adopting an abandoned baby in the hospital. The show then switches between the fully grown triplets, teenage triplets, pre-pubescent triplets and baby triplets. The show has gripped the hearts of people all around the country.

The show is so captivating because it is able to create characters and stories that align with the average family. The creator of the show, Dan Fogelman, was able to make a show that had relatable characters, stories and conflicts that speak to the public.



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*This is Us* premiered on NBC in September of 2016 and currently is in its third season.

The characters are a charismatic father, Jack Pearson; a loving, all giving mother, Rebecca Pearson; the actor and former football star with an addiction, Kevin Pearson; the self-deprecating, singer with an eating disorder, Kate Pearson; and an over-ambitious, overworked corporate man, Randall Pearson. The show is not scared of making their characters' flaws apparent and the difficulties that one faces in life apparent.

The biggest plot point and

much of the show's narrative delay is surrounding Jack's premature death. The show does not hide the fact that he dies prematurely, or that it has completely affected his family. The show alludes to possibilities for Jack's death multiple times in a season; from driving drunk to an undiagnosed terminal illness. On Super-Bowl Sunday we found out that Jack dies saving the family dog from a fire started in their home from a finicky crock pot. There is a fear that because they re-

vealed how Jack died, the show would lose its appeal. However, the genius of the show stems from its ability to not only create real, well rounded characters but also its structure of the revolving timelines to hopefully by the end give the audience a complete image of the family.

With the season just ending for the winter, there are plenty of unanswered questions that remain. There is the matter of how Rebecca ends up with Jack's best friend, Miguel. Kevin is also a struggling drug addict, clearly still dealing with how his last interaction with his father went. Kate is struggling with her guilt over her father's death. Randall struggles with his identity and his need to make sure his mother survives after Jack's death. The show works to keep the audience invested in each character, even those that are auxilliary.

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## Cancelled show, *Will*, portrays life of young William Shakespeare in London

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Since it was first penned, William Shakespeare's plays have been the inspiration for a variety of interpretations, stagings, and films. Shakespeare's own life has also been used in conjunction with his plays to produce such films as *Shakespeare in Love* (1998) and *Anonymous* (2011). This fascination with Shakespeare's plays and life continues with the TNT bio-drama of William Shakespeare, *Will* (2017). This adaptation, like those before it, looks at Shakespeare's life through a modern lens in an impressive combination of historical and current context, telling a timeless story with updated language. What ultimately makes this dramatization of Shakespeare's life such a success is the balance it maintains between light and dark, the alluring dichotomy of the London of opportunity and adventure and the London of fear and violence.

*Will* (2017) includes an impressive attention to the political climate of England during the 16th century as well as the threat of the black plague. The series begins by establishing the prevalent tension between Catholics and Protestants by casting Shakespeare as a Catholic entangled with his brother Father Southwell, a Catholic in hiding fighting for religious freedom. With

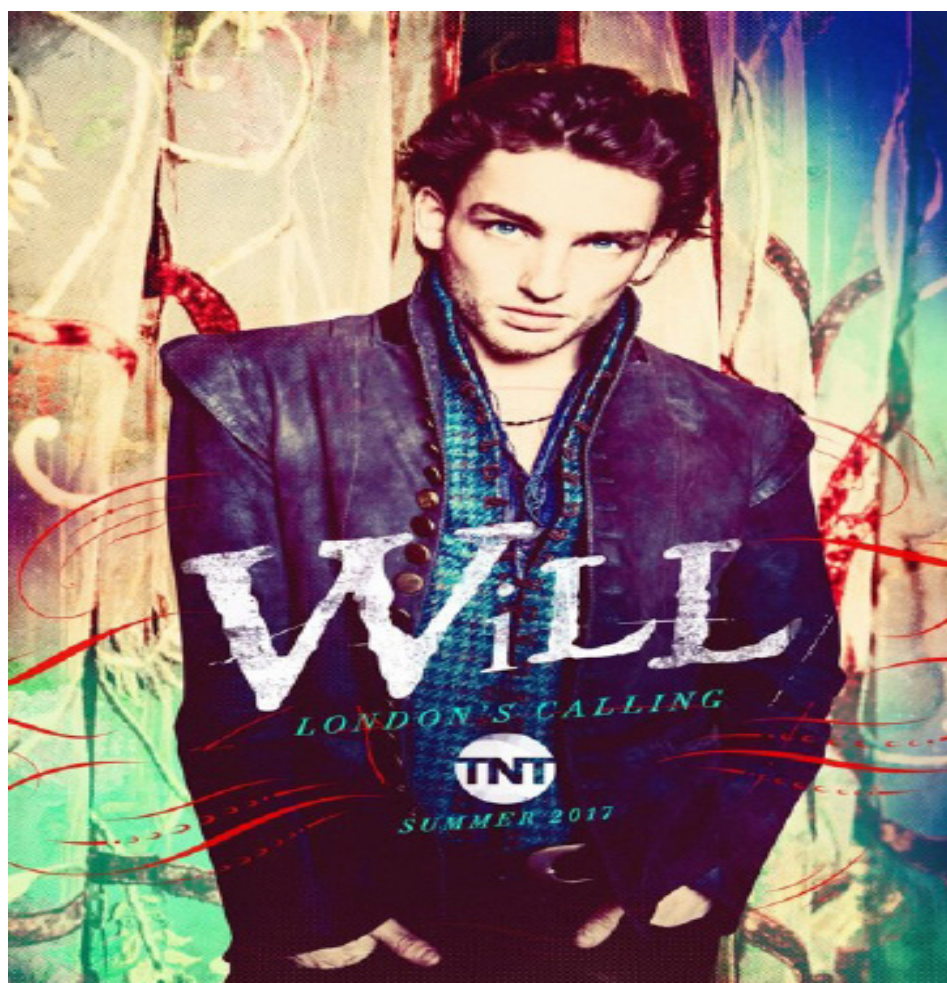


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TNT Drama, *Will*, starring Laurie Davidson as William Shakespeare was cancelled.

the character of Topcliffe, the series calls further attention to the threat towards Catholics, the near unilateral power of Church and State, and the fear with which political and religious authority then regarded theatre as a result. Topcliffe himself remarks throughout the series on his distaste for theatre, calling it immoral and sinful in nature, alluding to the banning of theatre for this very

reason in 1596. The series also calls attention to the horror of the plague through the tragic death of Richard Burbage's childhood friend and fellow actor Autolycus, a disease which swept through England and was virtually untreatable. With the abruptness of Autolycus' sickness and death, the series highlights the suddenness and poignancy of such a painful end, particularly amidst such

a lively and colorful city.

This dark historical picture of 16th century London is juxtaposed with a New York-like atmosphere of opportunity and innovation, a modern edge to a historic setting. This nearly punk-rock city edge shines through in a scene in which Will is out at a bar with this acting troupe and enters into a lyrical exchange with an actor from a rival company. As onlookers bang their tankards on top table calling for a faceoff, Will enters into an improvisational contest which calls to mind a modern "rap battle." This scene is most probably the most impressive of the entire series, taking the Shakespearean sonnet form and updating it, staging it so that it can be relatable to an audience acquainted with a different lyric form. Will thus echoes a familiar image of a young man trying to make it in the arts. Indeed, Will's move to London in the hopes of making it as a famous playwright, his grandiose dreams of fame, are comparable to the common trope of the young artist moving to New York, the big apple, to pursue his or her dreams. Even the choice to abbreviate William Shakespeare to Will makes him more accessible to us, making the viewer's relationship with the character more intimate and familiar.

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Managing Editor Joe Giordano offers a recap on the Eagles historical Super Bowl LII win. Read more below...



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# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## Philadelphia Eagles defeat NE Patriots in historic Super Bowl LII win

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The wait is finally over for the city of Philadelphia! After a nail-biting, back and forth Super Bowl this past Sunday, the Eagles won their first Super Bowl in franchise history. After defeating the reigning champion Patriots 41-33, the city of brotherly love finally has a football title to claim.

While both teams were the top seeds in their respective conferences going into the big game, with both teams going 13-3 on the season, very few gave the Eagles a legitimate shot to win. While the Eagles were certainly a very talented team on both sides of the ball, the Patriots had the great equalizer, Tom Brady.

Brady, the owner of 5 Super Bowl rings, had been there and done that many times. One of those wins even came against the Eagles in the 2005 Super Bowl. All this coupled with a Carson Wentz injury had things looking bleak for Philly.

Back in week 14 of the regular season, the Eagles were rolling. There was little to no doubt that they were the top dogs of the NFC. However, the doubts started to creep in when their star quarterback Carson Wentz suffered a knee injury, sidelining him for

the rest of the season. This led the team to have to rely on backup Nick Foles.

While Foles was a solid option as a backup, the question became whether or not he could carry the load of Philly's Super Bowl aspirations. The short answer: Yes.

Foles helped the Eagles roll through the NFC playoffs and came up even larger this past Sunday. Foles threw for 373 yards and 3 touchdowns in the Eagles' victory and even caught a touchdown pass from Trey Burton at the end of the first half of the game.

In what can only be described as a gutsy performance from Foles and the entire team, the Eagles did the seemingly impossible. They took down Brady and the mighty Patriots. However, it is not as though Brady and the Pats rolled over.

Brady threw for an incredible 505 yards and threw 3 touchdowns of his own. Brady, through his performance, showed he is without a doubt the greatest quarterback of all time and that time hasn't quite caught up with him just yet.

Going forward the Eagles will face the dilemma of what to do with their now Super Bowl winning quarterback Nick Foles. While he is under contract for

another season, the impending return of Wentz leaves Philly with many questions of whether they should test the trade value of Foles or keep him under contract for the next season until Wentz fully recovers from his injury.

Despite these impending decisions, the city of Philadelphia can now celebrate knowing they won the Super Bowl. Both teams de-

serve all the credit in the world after an exhilarating Super Bowl and season.

The world is now waiting for the Eagles to defend their title and see what surprises and great moments next season will bring.

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Philadelphia Eagles win their first Super Bowl in franchise history against five-time Super Bowl Champions the New England Patriots.

## F&M Women's Squash defeats St. Lawrence on Senior Day, falls to Dickinson

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On Senior Day this past Friday, the F&M Women's Squash Team beat No. 23 St. Lawrence by a dominating score of 8-1. The team's three seniors, Andreina Benedith, Lauren Johnston, and Sherilyn Yang, were all honored before the start of the match.

The Dips earned sweeps at each of the top four positions, with Yang (No. 1) Johnston (No. 2) and Benedith (No. 3) each coming out stronger than ever on senior day with impressive 3-0 wins. F&M's Ellen Verry at No. 4 also had a 3-0 win.

Four additional Diplomat wins came from Clare Tompkins (No. 7) and Katie Anderson, both of whom battled back from 1-0 deficits to win three consecutive frames, each totaling final scores of 3-1.

F&M has now won 10 straight against St. Lawrence, dating back to the 2007-08 season.

With a quick one-day turnaround, the Dips faced off against Dickinson this past Saturday.

Coming up just short in a tough 5-4 loss to the Red Devils, the contest marked the final regular-season match of the 2017-18 season.

Coming out strong, F&M had success at the top portion of their ladder with 3-0 sweeps from Yang

and Verry and No. 1 and No. 4., respectively. The difference in the match came towards the bottom of the order, with Dickinson winning the No. 7, 8, and 9 contests.

Overall, five individual matches went past three games with four being pushed to five.

F&M Women's Squash returns to action this upcoming Friday, Feb. 16th at the CSA Team Championships, hosted by Harvard.

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F&M Women's Squash crushes No. 23 St. Lawrence 8-1 in Senior Day match this past Friday. With a quick one-day turnaround game on Saturday, the Dips fall short to the Dickinson Red Devils and close out their regular season.