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## Teacher walkout in West Virginia continues; schools remain closed statewide

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Beginning Thursday, February 22nd, teachers in West Virginia walked out of schools and marched en masse to the state capitol in order to protest for higher wages and stronger benefits. The teachers' demands included salary increases, a permanent fix to their healthcare plans, and an end to education reforms which remove seniority protections for public teachers. West Virginia ranks 48th in the country for average teacher pay and 41st in K-12 educational achievement. However, West Virginia ranks 23rd in the country for cost of living. In this regard, the cost of living of the state is not proportional to the teachers' salaries.

While Governor Jim Justice (R-WV) signed legislation granting teachers a 2% pay increase this year with an additional 1% increase in the following two years, this did not meet the demands of the West Virginia teachers' unions. Citing concerns such as that the pay in-



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**Teachers gather outside the West Virginia statehouse to demand higher wages. Schools statewide have been completely shut down due to their strike.**

creases wouldn't cover increasing cost-of-living expenses in the state, the teachers' unions set a target of a 5% increase. Research collected by the *New York Times* also helps illuminate the economic situation

for these teachers. In an attempt to quantify the cost of living more accurately, the *New York Times* calculated that West Virginian teachers make, on average, about five times the average monthly rent in income

per month. Compared to other states, this is actually rather typical. In fact, states like California and Florida compare far worse, with only three months of average rent per month in income.

Many members of the Republican-controlled state government have called the strike illegal, including the Attorney General Patrick Morrisey. While this may be so, it appears that the state government has elected that preventing the illegal strike would cause more harm than it would prevent. Other members of the state government seem more sympathetic to the cause of these teachers, however. In a formal statement made ahead of the strike, the West Virginia superintendent of schools, Steven Paine, said that he agreed that the teachers "deserved more," although he was careful to add that "the economic realities of our state may not allow everything teachers deserve to take place im-

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## Trump announces controversial new tariffs to fulfill campaign promises

BY NICK STOLTE

Staff Writer

President Trump has announced significant tariffs on both steel and aluminum in a move meant to fulfill early campaign promises to enforce strict trade regulations to protect American workers. The president intends to officially sign the measure next week, which will enforce a 25% tariff on steel and a 10% tariff on aluminum. The White House is still deliberating which countries the tariff will apply to, as some in the administration prefer narrow tariffs that only affect China while others support broad tariffs that will apply to American allies.

The president justified his controversial decision at a press conference on March 1st, explaining, "We have the big aluminum companies in the United States and they've been very unfairly treated by bad policy, by bad

trade deals by other countries." He also anticipates manufacturing jobs being created as a consequence of his new policy. "Steel and aluminum will see a lot of good things happen. We're gonna have new jobs popping up." The Trump administration has contemplated this move for months, but was unable to come to a decision due to disagreement over the tariffs in the administration. Secretary of Defense Mattis has advocated killing the tariffs, but he has lost that fight to fair trade advocates like Peter Navarro in the Trump White House.

As the details have not yet been finalized, the economic ramifications of the policy are unclear, although the Dow Jones dropped 500 points in the immediate aftermath of the President's announcement. Trump has already

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## Apple begins moving iCloud data to China, raising concerns over security

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Apple has now decided to move its Chinese iCloud data and iCloud encryption keys to China.

The change is a result of new governmental regulations. Last June Beijing introduced a new cybersecurity law, which forces data to be stored within the country. Prior to that, Apple traditionally stored all of its users' data in the US along with the encryption keys. However, last month the US firm confirmed that by the end of February, the Chinese Guizhou-Cloud Big Data (GCBD) would be taking over the management of local data. Additionally, Apple has agreed to move their Chinese encryption keys to China.

While this does not affect any

users other than Chinese registered ones, the decisions

has raised international concerns about human rights and privacy.

"The changes being made to iCloud are the latest indication that China's repressive legal environment is making it difficult for Apple to uphold its commitments to user privacy and security", is what Amnesty International claimed in a statement February 27th. What allowed Apple to have more control and ensure privacy for its users is that the data was stored in the US. In other words, if the Chinese government was interested in accessing any information, they would have to go through

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# Strike: Teachers continue protest after State Senate refuses 5% pay increase

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diately.”  
The West Virginia state legislature meets for only 60 days out of the year and legislation must pass its chamber of origin by at least day 50, a deadline which would pass on February 28th. The West Virginia state house did approve a 5% pay raise, a move which Governor Justice has

come out in support of. According to the *New York Times*, the teacher’s originally considered a rolling strike. This was rejected in favor of a total strike, likely in order to put pressure on the state government before the day 50 deadline. In this regard, the union was successful.  
However, although many state senators have affirmed their commitment to the pay increase, they

ultimately voted to give the teachers a 4% pay increase rather than a 5% increase. On Saturday the teachers’ unions announced they would continue to go on strike until their original demand is met, meaning schools across West Virginia are expected to be closed again on Monday, March 6.  
It appears this protest has motivated other teachers, specifically in

Oklahoma, to begin to strike. As of Saturday night, teachers in Oklahoma have begun to use social media to coordinate a movement, with over 25,000 people joining the related Facebook group, ‘Oklahoma Teachers Walkout - The Time Is Now!’  
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## Apple: Security concerns raised following move of data to China

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an international legal process and then have to comply with US law. According to Ronald Deibert, director of the University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab, which investigates the intersection of human rights and digital policy, the move allows the the Chinese government to avoid these processes, since all the data and encryption keys will be in their jurisdiction.  
However, Apple is not the first company to be forced to alter its data storage behavior according to CNN. Amazon and Microsoft are already storing their Chinese data in the country. According to Beijing the regulations were put in place to allow the state to prevent crime and terrorism, and ultimately protect Chinese citizen’s privacy.  
A spokesman for Apple informed CNN that their “choice was to offer iCloud under the new laws or discontinue the service.” However, this also underlines the complicated ethical situation the firm is in. It is unclear whether Apple will be able to resist pressure from the government if Beijing asks for a “backdoor.” In December 2016, when the terrorist attack

of San Bernardino occurred, the United States asked for a way into the iPhone of the one of the terrorists. Then, CEO Tim Cook claimed that it would be too dangerous to set that precedent and allow people’s data to have a “backdoor.” Thus, Apple publicly fought against a US court’s order for such an option. However, Apple presented its case on the privacy rights that exist in the US. Since those rights do not exist in China, it is unclear how can Apple protect its data against a state request.  
Last year Apple, under different Chinese regulations, was forced to pull all VPN applications from their App Store, which also raised international backlash. Both cases, however, illustrate a firm’s struggle to maintain and protect consumer rights abroad, while also staying within the bounds of the law in a given country. The size of the Chinese market makes it difficult for firms to simply collect their services and leave the country. Thus, the future ramifications of this policy remain unseen.  
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## CRIME WATCH

- Friday, February 23, 12:53am** - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to a noise complaint at 602 N Charlotte St.
- Friday, February 23, 7:46pm** - DPS received a loud noise complaint at 608 N Charlotte St.
- Saturday, February 24, 2:22am** - DPS performed a medical assist in Bonchek College House.
- Saturday, February 24, 9:20am** - DPS responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at 526 N Charlotte St.
- Saturday, February 24, 5:56pm** - DPS received a loud noise complaint on the 500 block of W James St.
- Saturday, February 24, 11:13pm** - DPS responded to a fire alarm and subsequent drug violation at 441 W James St.
- Sunday, February 25, 1:01am** - DPS performed a medical assist for an intoxicated student in Marshall Hall.
- Sunday, February 25, 1:44am** - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint and drug violation at 608 N Charlotte St.
- Sunday, February 25, 10:58am** - DPS received a loud noise complaint at College Row.
- Tuesday, February 27, 10:44pm** - DPS responded to a report of suspicious activity on the Baker Campus.
- Wednesday, February 28, 12:07am** - DPS received a report of suspicious activity at Bonchek College House.
- Wednesday, February 28, 11:02pm** - DPS responded to a sexual assault in Buchanan Hall by a non-student. The suspect is being held in Lancaster City Police custody.

## Trump: Announced tariffs on steel and aluminum create controversy

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implemented tariffs on solar panels and washing machines, but his recent announcements reveals the President intends to pursue more protectionism. Economists fear these tariffs could lead to serious retaliation, such as when the European Union imposed 2.2 billion dollars worth of retaliatory after George W. Bush implemented a similar steel tariff. The Bush administration eventually abandoned the tariff as the European response was too damaging the United States economy.  
The president is also receiving criticism from his own party on the tariffs, just one day after the NRA called the president’s position on gun control “bad policy.” Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas expects retaliatory tariffs to hurt the agriculture industry in his state, and Representative Mark Meadows, the chair of the House Freedom Caucus, said Trump’s decision “ignores reality” and expressed his fear that manufacturing will be hurt, not

helped by the president’s decision. Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska, who also had harsh words for the president on gun control, made the most aggressive statement, “Let’s be clear: The President is proposing a massive tax increase on American families. Protectionism is weak, not strong. You’d expect a policy this bad from a leftist administration, not a supposedly Republican one.” Increased tensions between the President and congressional Republicans could derail any future legislative plans of the Trump administration. It remains to be seen if the conflict within the Republican Party will alter the president’s plan. Democrats are sure to be pleased by the Republican infighting, though their focus is expected to stay on gun control where they remain optimistic about the opportunity for serious legislation on the issue.  
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**Donald Trump’s announcement of new tariffs on steel and aluminum have been poorly recieved within his own party despite fulfilling a campaign promise.**

## Staff Writer Commentary

## Contributing writer voices concerns about gun store near campus

BY JOSH FRIEDMAN  
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On Wednesday Feb. 28, I almost bought a gun. Well... not really. I went to Gun Gallery inc. — a local gun store that just recently opened up — to learn a little more about the gun purchase and ownership process. What I found was alarming.

CEO Brian Buecker was attending to another client when I arrived. When he turned to me I introduced myself as a local non-gun owner who was interested in learning more about purchasing a firearm for home defense. We spoke at length and decided that with my needs, I should be in the market for a handgun. He showed me an array of options ranging anywhere from \$180-\$1100 dollars. I made it clear that I was browsing on that occasion but did not want to wait very long to purchase.

Buecker told me time would be no issue. If I wished, I could have him run a mandatory background check ranging anywhere from a few seconds to three hours, depending on what was found, and with a valid drivers

license, I could be a gun owner that very same day. Seeing as I assume my background check would come back without any red flags, I could even walk in and leave with a gun and ammunition in the same hour.

In 2016, the Citizens Crime Commission of NYC published a startling study on the rise in shootings on or near college campuses since the 2001-2002 school year. The study looked at 190 cases from 142 colleges where at least one person (excluding the shooter) was intentionally shot in each case. “Unsurprisingly, the increase was most profound on colleges in states with increased access to guns,” author of the study Ashley Cannon said. Buecker’s business is down the street from campus on Dillerville Road, just passed the Waffle House and Wendy’s.

If I so wished to, I could walk over to Buecker’s shop, pass a background check, buy any gun of various calibers and magazine sizes, and walk back to campus armed. This frightens me.

To be honest, I am worried about having weapons so readily available near my college campus. I am con-

cerned that with the size of a handgun, a student could walk to class, to lunch, to the library or a common hour with a loaded firearm in his or her backpack, and not a single person present would know. I am concerned that when I go to my classes on the second or third floor of a building, a random person could walk in through a door and I would be at his or her mercy. I am trying to play devil’s advocate with myself, but I can’t find a reason to call this an irrational fear.

Buecker intends to install a gun range in the back of the building as soon as he can get the necessary permits. He intends to use it for firearm safety and operation training as well as target shooting. I have no issue with this. At this moment, Pennsylvania is a open carry state where an individual not only doesn’t need a permit or training to own a gun, but also does not need a permit to carry one. An inexperienced gun buyer who may have never held a gun is just as eligible to purchase a handgun as he or she is to buy an AR-15 from Buecker’s shop. If Buecker intends to educate his customers on proper gun ownership and,

then I support that pursuit.

Dean Margaret Hazelett sent out a campus wide email expressing the schools disapproval of the establishment’s location. “The College was not consulted about this, and has taken immediate steps to let the local zoning authorities and property owner know of our objections. President Porterfield will speak at a local authority meeting to express the College’s concerns,” Hazelett said. I am in full agreement with the stance of our administration.

As students, it is our responsibility to communicate our support for our administrators and their advocacy for our continued health and well-being. The school has taken a clear initiative to promote our safety and it is vital that as empowered students, we do our part to help in this effort.

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## 1971 alumnus submits an opinion on redistricting, judges and the “political thicket”

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*With thanks to the late Professor Emeritus, John H. Vanderzell PhD, with whom I had two challenging semesters of constitutional law*

It is a lesson taught in classes on the basics of American government and civics: the judiciary is one of the three “co-equal branches” of our government, established in the Constitution; which is the law established by the people.

Like the other two branches, the executive and legislative, the courts’ authority is a grant from the people. But, unlike the other two branches, that authority is not granted directly by the people in elections, but is conferred by means of a nomination and confirmation by the elected authorities, president, and Congress.

Also unlike elected representatives of the people, the federal judges’ terms of office are for life. So by the method of their selection and term of office, they are thought to be simultaneously accountable to the people, but also separated and protected from partisan political influence and the vagaries of changing public opinion.

But judges are sometimes brought into politics and public policy, because they are invited to referee inherently political contests; most famously, in the case of the U.S. Supreme Court, slavery and segregation.

Sometimes, as in the case of slavery, they get it wrong and are eventually “over ruled” by the people. In the

case of segregation, they got it right; and their decision stood, if over the grudging acceptance of some of the people.

That grudging acceptance was the product of what scholars call “deference.” The American people have been willing to accept, to “defer” to the court’s judgments, because the justices are seen as fair, impartial and — most important — removed from the politics of the day.

The role of the courts in the United States is established in the Constitution and not likely to change. But the deference that underpins the courts’ authority is more subject to popular opinion and can be withdrawn. The elected authority, the legislature, can remove a particular judge.

That remedy to enforce political will on American justices has been used only rarely in the more than 230 years since the Constitution established by “We the people” has been the law of the land. But it is being talked about now, in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Why?

Judges have been regularly straying into and getting entangled in what the eminent U.S. Justice, Felix Frankfurter so wisely urged them to avoid: “the political thicket.”

In Pennsylvania, the court has inserted itself into the super-charged partisan issue of how to draw the boundaries of the state’s U.S. congressional districts. This is like stepping into a knife fight, let alone a thicket of thorns.

There are calls for impeachment. And it may happen. The elected rep-

resentatives of the people in their legislatures are the ultimate power. The president and governors cannot impeach a legislator or justice. The justices cannot impeach a legislator or president. But the legislators can remove both.

And right now, a majority of the Pennsylvania lawmakers are hopping mad at the self evidently partisan judges.

The old map of the boundaries of Pennsylvania’s congressional districts was a work of “gerrymandering” art. Some boundaries twisted this way and that, cutting through counties, cities, townships, and boroughs, running down the middle of main streets to give Republicans an advantage. It had to go.

The new map the Pennsylvania lawmakers drew did a good job of keeping municipalities intact and in one congressional district. The governor rejected it and the court hired an “expert” to draw another map which the justices approved. This map also did a good job of not slicing through municipalities.

But if the map submitted by the GOP majority in the General Assembly did the job of keeping counties and municipalities together, why is the court’s idea any better? What is the standard which the map the General Assembly sent to the governor failed to meet? Why did the court step in?

Politics.

The PA Supreme Court, like only eight other in the nation, is an elected body. Those elected get there the same way as all other Pennsylvania politi-

cians — with campaign contributions and partisan political support. And it shows.

At the same time as the justices in Pennsylvania, federal judges have been routinely setting aside the lawful actions of the president and laws of the Congress, to overturn the policies of cities, states and the nation with which they disagree; and trotting out a Constitutional fig leaf to cover their naked power grab. This is risky business for the federal courts.

In Pennsylvania, the judges stepped into the redistricting battle for good cause, and like the referees in a football game, threw a penalty flag and demanded a fairer game. Well enough. But when the partisan governor did not like the results of the next play, the judges took matters in their own hands. This is like the ref, after calling the penalty, deciding who gets the next touchdown.

Hopefully, the U.S. Supreme Court will reverse the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, remind those Pennsylvania justices of the danger to which they have exposed the judiciary and send the matter back to the elected representatives of the people.

Otherwise, the owners may step in to decide how the political game is played and remove some of the refs; a precedent that would be every bit as far reaching as any court ruling.

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## Contributing Writer Commentary

## News Editor reflects on safety of students on campus, suggests improvements

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It is safe to say our campus community, particularly F&M's female population, has been shaken by the events of last week. A 47-year-old Lancaster resident, recently released from jail and registered as a sex offender under Megan's Law, followed a first-year member of our student body into the side door of Brooks College House and attempted to rape her in the stairwell. Students from the first floor of Buchanan Hall intervened after hearing the student's cries for help and the perpetrator was found on the other side of campus shortly afterwards by Public Safety. I applaud the quick thinking and hard work of everyone involved in this horrific act of violence.

However, as an underclassman woman and a longtime resident of Brooks College House, I must be frank and say that what happened on March 1 could happen again tomorrow. It could happen again tomorrow, and maybe no one on the first floor would hear, and maybe Public Safety would not be able to catch the perpetrator within minutes. It is clear to me, as I continue to enter and exit through the stairwell where a fellow F&M student was traumatized and abused by a stranger, that my home is no longer as safe as I pretended it was before. It is also clear to me that Franklin & Marshall has a responsibility to its students to take immediate and active steps to ensure a violation of this kind cannot occur on our campus again.

Since I became a student at F&M, I have spent significantly more time living on campus than in my "home" back in Virginia. I increasingly feel that Lancaster is my home and this campus is the place that I return to every night to feel comfortable. My little shoebox room in Brooks is meant to be my safe haven, a place where I watch Netflix and do laundry and avoid studying. I have spent more nights under this roof than any other in the past two years. This is where I belong. My dorm is not meant to be a place where I look behind my back every time I open or close a door. It is meant to be my home.

However, it would be remiss to categorize this as solely an issue of comfort. Psychologists have known for decades that excessive stress has a physiological impact on the body. On top of the regular stressors of homework, extracurriculars, employment, and attempting to become full-fledged adults, F&M students must now cope with the stress of feeling unsafe. This issue of physical safety is also an issue of psychological harm, which our student body must carry collectively knowing one of our own was hurt inside her own dorm. We must also face the individual burden of heightened awareness. We are unable to go about

our daily lives if it happens to be dark outside or we cannot find someone to walk home with us. This is another psychological stressor that F&M students must carry with them on a daily basis.

I have three specific recommendations to the administration in light of these issues: to increase the amount of lighting on campus, to update doors throughout college housing, and to increase the amount of cameras within the interior of campus. These are concrete steps that the administration can take to show their dedication to the safety of F&M's student body, particularly its female population. However, I hope they will be only the beginning of an increased attentiveness to the needs of F&M's female students and a renewed commitment the quality of life Franklin & Marshall provides.

My first recommendation is that the College install more light features throughout campus, especially on the fringes of campus. I think this is an obvious and relatively simple step the administration can take to improve the safety of F&M students. It is also not without precedent. The College has taken similar measures in the past - for example, increasing lighting in the Williamson parking lot in prior years due to a spike in assaults and robberies there. Last week's assault occurred on the edge of campus bordering a Lancaster public park with less than ideal lighting. Installing one or two new lamp posts on the fringes of campus would make students feel safer and potentially reduce the chances of this kind of attack happening again.

My second recommendation is that the College improve the quality of doors throughout campus. In my opinion the administration has not made student housing a priority. Aside from the amenity-rich housing of New and College Row, most students live in incredibly old buildings. Even if they have new furniture and carpeting, their physical structure leaves much to be desired. This is specifically an issue when it comes to doors. As the writer of The College Reporter's Crime Report, I am well aware of incidents in which students (sometimes intoxicated, sometimes not) have physically ripped off door handles or forced their way through doors in certain campus housing. They can do this because the door itself is so weak. This is absolutely unacceptable. The College needs to invest in better infrastructure for college housing. If we are to be a residential campus and require students to live in campus-owned housing all four years, students should not feel as though their College-issued door can be pulled off its hinges.

Furthermore, many of the exterior doors to the college houses including



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**Brooks College House, pictured above, was the location of the attempted assault on campus last week.**

Brooks do not close automatically after a student has fobbed in. It is physically impossible for a student to take the safety precaution of closing the door behind them to prevent a stranger from following behind. This is also unacceptable. The College must find a way for its doors to be handicap accessible without sacrificing the safety of its students. It is incredibly frustrating to me that one of the most important preventative measures a student can take - ensuring no one follows them into their home - is incompatible with how our dorms have been built. As I mentioned earlier, it is ridiculous for the College to require that students live in campus-owned housing if this housing itself does not allow us to look out for our own safety.

My final recommendation is that F&M increase the amount of security cameras on campus. We are lucky that the cameras currently installed aided Public Safety's efforts to swiftly locate and apprehend the perpetrator of last week's assault. However, I feel there is not a strong enough camera presence on the interior of campus, and I question whether the perpetrator would have been caught as quickly if he had decided to escape through the interior of campus rather than the fringes. This increased surveillance will help F&M students feel more safe and give Public Safety even more resources to assist our campus community. I once again believe this is a relatively simple way for the administration to demonstrate its commitment to student safety.

I think it is important to acknowledge that the incident last week was an exception to the norm of sexual violence on college campuses. According to RAINN, 7 in 10 perpetrators of sexual violence are known to their victim. This means that what happened last week is not representative of the majority of sexual violence occurring on F&M's campus. However, I believe that this incident provides the administration a valuable opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the safety of F&M's female students. Investing in the safety measures mentioned above is a first step to showing

this dedication.

I believe that the College making female health and wellness a priority will assist our entire campus community in crafting a culture of safety. F&M women need to feel heard and their concerns need to be addressed. I am giving my administration, in a public manner, an opportunity to take this step and listen to what their female students are saying. The women of this campus are committed to making our home safer, but we need to know that we have the administration's support. This requires more than platitudes and town halls and saying that certain suggestions will be looked into. It requires concrete action responding to student feedback, an area I think our administration could do well to improve in.

We live in a world where 1 in 4 undergraduate women have experienced rape or sexual assault. Franklin & Marshall has been under investigation by the federal government for its mishandling of sexual assault cases since May of 2014. This means the current class of seniors will have entered, attended, and graduated from a school that was under Title IX investigation for the entirety of their time here. I am giving the administration concrete ways to respond to violence on our campus and the concerns it has raised among the student body.

F&M's female students are currently living and learning in environment which has threatened to take away their agency and ability to thrive. It is essential that the administration renew their commitment to these students in a way that gives back this agency. I will no longer be satisfied with the creation of committees or the promises that my concerns will be looked into eventually. I demand a tangible policy change by F&M's administration. The College has a responsibility to its female students which can no longer be pushed back or ignored. Our livelihood is at stake.

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# Campus Life

## Colleges Against Cancer club hosts annual Relay For Life event in ASFC

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This past Friday F&M’s Colleges Against Cancer club (CAC) hosted F&M’s 10th annual Relay for Life in the ASFC. The purpose of the event, which ran from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am Saturday morning, was to raise money for cancer research. The message: everyone has been affected by cancer; everyone knows at least one person or multiple persons who have had cancer. It is a disease that takes millions of lives every year, and we all must be united and committed to finding a cure.

The activities during Relay for Life included the opening ceremony at 6:30 pm, during which everyone was welcomed and reminded of the origin of Relay. In 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt ran a track by himself for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society (ACS). Thus, the Relay for Life movement began. Co-Presidents of CAC spoke, ex-

plaining the purpose of Relay for Life and informing guests of cancer statistics. Some of the things the ACS does includes lobbying lawmakers, providing aid to people currently undergoing treatment, and working to make medicine more affordable, in addition to funding cancer research.

Next on the agenda was the Survivorship ceremony, which consisted of an address from Sam Graffman, a survivor who relays frequently, and a survivorship lap to honor cancer survivors and caregivers. During the evening, people played games, walked around the track, listened to music, and enjoyed the bouncy house obstacle course.

CAC Co-President, Christa Rodriguez, explained the purpose of Relay in greater detail and what it means to her. “Relay for Life’s ultimate goal is to make it so we don’t have to have any Relay for Life events ever again because cancer will be a thing of the past. I am a survivor and I think that no



Photo by Kelly Minard

**F&M’s Relay for Life was held to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The night included laps around the track, as well as games, performances, and ceremonies.**

one should have to go through the loss of family members or friends ever. I think it’s really important that people come together to try to eradicate this disease.”

At 9:00 pm, attendees participated in the Luminaria ceremony. During this ceremony, everyone held a tea light and listened to a moving speech from Rebecca Theriaque. Theriaque wears many hats at the ACS, including being the Community Development Manager. She has been a volunteer for ten years with the Look Good, Feel Better program and a legislative ambassador with the ACS’s Action Network. Having been diagnosed with terminal cancer herself and having lost both parents to cancer, Theriaque understands as much as anyone the terrible impact cancer can have. At the same time, she remains dedicated to helping others whose lives have been affected by cancer. After Theriaque spoke, everyone walked a silent lap around the track, which was lined with luminaries with tea lights in them, in remembrance of those who have lost their lives

and those who have survived cancer.

Following the Luminaria ceremony were performances by Sweet Ophelia at 10:00 pm and the Poor Richards at 11:00 pm. In between, students got haircuts to donate their locks to cancer patients who have lost their hair. About ten students donated their hair, each giving at least eight inches.

In total, Relay for Life raised approximately \$10,000.00 for cancer research. In addition, the event raised awareness in the F&M community about cancer and provided an opportunity for people to come together to focus on fighting the disease in the hope of someday eradicating it from our society.

If you would like to donate to ACS or another cancer charity, you can go to the American Cancer Society’s website or contact someone in Colleges Against Cancer.

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Photo by Kelly Minard

**After the Luminaria ceremony at Franklin & Marshall’s Relay for Life, around ten students cut eight inches of their hair to be donated for cancer patients in need of wigs.**

## Tom BK Goldtooth talks indigenous people, the environment at Common Hour

**BY CHRISTA RODRIGUEZ**  
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This past Thursday, Common Hour speaker Tom BK Goldtooth, the Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network, gave his talk titled “Ecological Justice: Indigenous Peoples, Mother Earth and Father Sky.” He discussed the significance of Standing Rock and the people that came together to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline. He mentioned that indigenous people around the world, such as in Brazil, with no knowledge of English, knew the saying of the protesters: “water is life.”

Goldtooth also emphasized that he lives on “occupied territory,”

touching on the history of the United States, which was destructive to the indigenous peoples that were here. He reminded the audience that ideas like Manifest Destiny and colonizers acting on blessings from the Church caused them to label indigenous people as pagans and less than human as justification for taking over. He noted that colonization and militarization go together. “There was a process of making people feel ashamed of who they are,” Goldtooth stated. The next generation of indigenous people is starting a movement to reclaim their culture and language. They are raising questions, such as how U.S. energy policy impacts its people.

Goldtooth asked, “Why are we at war against mother Earth?” Part of the goal of Indigenous Environmental Network is to fight the detrimental effects of “environmental racism” and capitalism. The negative environmental impacts of companies and policies affect everyone, especially the indigenous people who depend on the land. “So we are in this dilemma in this moment where we need to challenge ourselves and we need to do it together,” he said. He concluded his talk the talk with a song in his native language.

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# Arts & Leisure

## Assistant Editor discusses Carmen Maria Machado’s *Her Body and Other Parties*

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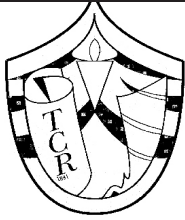
Carmen Maria Machado, born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, is writer most notable for her short stories. Machado received an MFA from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop and is currently an Artist in Residence at the University of Pennsylvania, a private Ivy League research university located in Philadelphia. Machado’s work has been published in Granta, the New Yorker, Guernica, and Tin House amongst other publishers. Machado has additionally been a finalist for the Nebula and Shirley Jackson Awards as well as the Bard Fiction prize. Due to her increasing literary reputation, Carmen Maria Machado was selected as the 2018 Jerome Irving Memorial Short Story Contest Judge at Franklin & Marshall College. Machado popularity and

name recognition continues to grow with the publication of her collection of short stories *Her Body and Other Parties*, for which she was a finalist for the National Book Awards Fiction Prize in 2017. Machado’s book *Her Body and Other Parties* is quickly gaining popularity amongst the literary community. A collection of short stories dealing with issues of gender and sexuality, this book blends science fiction, fantasy, and horror into something entirely new and aesthetically unsettling. With disturbingly vivid language, Machado describes the female body, childbirth, and the act of sex all with the aim of addressing one question: who is in ownership of the female body? Machado attempts to answer this question with unsettling stories of women with mysterious ribbons, a catalogue of a woman’s sexual encounters, a mother’s

disorienting experience, and other unorthodox tales. These eight stories thus address issues of sexual violence and other encounters on the female body, revealing the harsh reality of female physicality and psychology through a combination of reality and the supernatural. The first installation of the novel, a short story about an unnamed woman with a ribbon around her neck, draws the reader into Machado’s fantastic and contorted world. In this story of a woman’s coming of age, the protagonist finds herself quickly falling in love with and marrying the strapping boy next door. The description of this young woman’s heady desire and bold advances create a character feminist in her shameless expression of female desire. The protagonist is not without reservations, however, denying her suitor and later husband nothing but that he not touch her

“ribbon.” This young woman is not alone in having a ribbon, for the reader encounters one woman with a ribbon around a finger, another with one encircling her ankle. With these ribbons, Machado introduces an element of speculative fiction, taking the real world and adding a dimension of supernatural mystery. As their relationship grows, the young woman and her husband live a happy life except for the husband’s unquenchable need to discover the purpose and function of the velveteen green ribbon which surrounds her neck. With this ribbon, Machado calls the reader’s attention to the nature of desire as well as the fragility of sexual boundaries and the female body, the disturbing temptation to violate and consume.


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## Full Staff Opinion

As Spring Break 2018 nears for students at Franklin & Marshall College, everyone is counting down the days until they get out of the cold and stressful environment that is F&M currently and travel home or somewhere hopefully warm to enjoy some time off. With the final push through midterms comes not only stress, but an immense amount of necessary focus to stay on task and prevent procrastination. While such a time is mentally straining, The College Reporter is here to give you a boost to make it through to Friday. Exams, papers, presentations--when all of these assignments are being thrown at you, it is easy to forget to practice simple things such as self-care and meditation to give your mind a break from all it is forced to take on. Study breaks, such as going to get some food or simply talking to friends, are important ways to help you relax your mind and start up your studying again focused and refreshed. There is light at the end of the tunnel and after this week is done and over with for some, a rewarding break of relaxation and fun will be awaiting your arrival. Just remember that you are stronger than you think! You got this!

F&M Ice Hockey wins DVCH Conference with a 4-1 win over Gettysburg. Read more below...



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NCAA DI basketball undergoes FBI investigation regarding player incentives. Read more below...

# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## F&M Ice Hockey closes out season, DVCH Conference Champions

BY GABBY GOODWIN  
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While throughout the 2017-2018 seasons, the Diplomats have been notorious for Centennial Conference Championship wins, Diplomat Ice Hockey followed suit last Saturday when they won the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference. As the 2016-2017 Champions, the Dips reclaimed their trophy in a back-and-forth championship game against Gettysburg. Sophomore forward Dan Jussaume, now part of two back-to-back conference titles, says that it was “a great year and it was awesome to go undefeated in the league.”

Dominating the game from the start, the Dips came out strong with a slap shot from F&M’s Billy Bauckham just 4 minutes into the game. While slow play proceeded to follow, a shot from F&M’s Collin Bailey at 9:53, followed by a follow-up shot from F&M’s Sam Schroeder seconds after sparked a push toward goal for the F&M Ice Hockey team. One close shot after the next, the Dips seemed unable to finish, until a goal from Bauckham at 6:39 gave the Dips a 1-0 edge.

Gettysburg came back out strong and got a shot off at 5:58, just seconds after a Diplomat goal. However, F&M’s goalie, Luke Groff, was not about to let the Bullets tie it up. With an amazing save on a breakaway with

just 16.5 seconds left, Groff closed out the period strong for the Diplomats.

At the start of the second, nearly one minute in, the Dips showed that they were not here to settle. A goal by F&M’s Pete Reinhardt at 18:57 gave the Diplomats a 2-0 edge. In the following minutes, just falling short of their opportunities, a breakaway shot by Bauckham went just wide, followed by a slap shot from Collin Bailey at 15:46 that rolled across the net, and was unable to be finished by Reinhardt.

A Gettysburg transition into the Dips half was strongly matched with the determination to not to let the Bullets concede. Despite their efforts, however, Gettysburg scored off a slap shot at 13:01, bringing the match score to 2-1.

Minutes later, a Diplomat penalty from Jussaume at 11:12 forced him to serve some time in the box; however, F&M was able to stand their ground with just 5 players until Jussaume got back. To close out the period, a great sequence of events, consisting of a turnover and a fake to the right, on Gettysburg at 2:58 by F&M’s Harmar Rappoport, resulted in a saved shot, but a great play for the Dips.

In the third, the Dips came out strong with a pair of shots at 18:47. Obtaining control of the puck shortly after, however, the Bullets attempted

at a shot on net, that was blocked by F&M’s Kevin Dwyer, given back to the Diplomats, and produced a Bailey goal at 17:50 to make the score 3-1 for F&M.

A shot from F&M’s Sam Appleby was matched with a reaching save by the Gettysburg goalie at 13:36. However, with Bullet control of the puck, determined to score, F&M faced a lot of trouble in their half until Gettysburg’s #24 got a penalty at 10:40. Capitalizing on a Bullet five-man defense, F&M’s Andrew Dzenis

brought the Diplomat score up to 4-1 with a goal at 8:26.

Near-end play consisted of three consecutive saves by the Gettysburg goalie, one timeout, and a great save by Groff with just 1:08 left in the game. While the season may be over for F&M Ice Hockey, come out and support them next season to see what the Dips on ice are capable of.

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Photo courtesy of Dan Jussaume.

F&M Ice Hockey closes out their near-perfect season, going undefeated in the league, with a conference win over Gettysburg last Saturday to win the DVCH Conference.

## Recent FBI probe implicates many top NCAA DI basketball programs

BY JOE GIORDANO  
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The entire world of college sports could be turned on its head following a recent FBI probe into many of the top programs in America. After the FBI obtained documents from a former agent, over twenty programs and twenty-five players have been implicated in a massive recruiting scandal. Many top-tier programs including North Carolina, Kentucky, Duke, and Michigan State have been named in possible violations of improper gifts and monetary compensation for players and their families. The findings in this probe could very well change the very nature of college sports.

Some of these athletes, specifically Arizona center DeAndre Ayton, have been given up to \$100,000 to play for the programs they were recruited to. These monetary payments and gifts are directly against NCAA regulations. However, the issue is not with the payments to the players itself but the system as a whole.

According to a USA Today article, it is reported that NCAA president Mark Emmert made over \$1.9 million dollars in 2015. That is \$1.9 million

more dollars than the student athletes who actually play the games made. This is extremely unfair and the system as a whole needs major changes.

The student athletes who put their blood, sweat, and tears into each and every game and provide incredible entertainment for each and every one of us each March for the NCAA tournament do not see a dime of the profit. The TV deal for broadcasting the games is worth millions of dollars in profit for the NCAA but those who are actually responsible for the games can’t see any benefit.

The NCAA oversees every single aspect of funding coming in, ensuring that they can milk every single dollar out of the students and that is all supervised so that they don’t miss out on a payday. The student athletes, who see their jerseys being sold and worn in arenas across the country, won’t ever see the benefit.

Imagine you are working on a very difficult project at work and put in all the work and effort into it. After presenting the project to the company, the company simply gives you a pat on the back and the CEO takes all of the profits of your hard work. Every

dollar that you brought in because of your work on this project goes directly in the pockets of the people running the show. This is similar to what is occurring in college sports.

The NCAA needs to figure out a way to properly compensate players for their hard work and dedication so that these scandals become a thing of the past. While there is no easy solution, the players deserve to be com-

pensated for the millions of dollars they are single handedly bringing in. These FBI probes just bring to light the unfair and unjust system that is currently in place. One can only hope that one day the student athletes will be seen as equal to those who run the organization.

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Alleged player payment by top NCAA Division I basketball programs has sparked an FBI investigation of top-tier programs such as North Carolina, Duke, and Kentucky.