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Jamal Khashoggi confirmed killed, international community reacts

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The Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was confirmed dead on Friday evening after a two-week disappearance that sparked an international diplomatic crisis.

Khashoggi, 60, had a long and storied background as a Saudi Arabian journalist, at one point serving as an advisor to the royal family. He became more critical of the royal family after the rise of its current Crown Prince Mohammed, who was previously praised by the West for his modernizing efforts but has resorted to violence in order to consolidate his power. At the time of his death Khashoggi was in self-imposed exile in Virginia and working as a contributing writer for The Washington Post. His final opinion piece, received by his editor two days following his disappearance, was entitled "What the Arab world needs most is free expression."

Khashoggi went missing on October 2, 2018 after entering



Photo courtesy of independent.co.uk

Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi was a former editor-in-chief of Al-Arab News Channel. the Saudi embassy consulate in Istanbul. He was there to pick up documents required to marry his Turkish fiancée, PhD student Hatice Cengiz. She immediately reported him missing and Turkey authorities began an investigation in earnest despite Saudi opposition. In the days immediately following Khashoggi's death, it was revealed that a team of 15 Saudi security operatives, some specialized in body disposal, had entered Istanbul the morning of Khashoggi's disappearance and left later that same day. Later the Turkish officials claimed to have audio recording of Khashoggi's torture, in which his fingers were severed, and his death and dismemberment. Despite mounting evidence

to the contrary, the Saudi Arabian government insisted that Khashoggi had left the consulate and alternatively suggested he had been the victim of a rogue killing. They changed their tune in the middle of the night on Friday, conceding that Khashoggi had been killed after a fight in the consulate led to his strangulation. Then, officials say, his body was given to a "local collaborator", thus explaining why the Saudi regime does not know where the body currently is.

This version of events has been rejected and ridiculed by the Turkish government as well as the international community. The CEOs of companies like Ford, J.P. Morgan, and Uber have announced they will not attend a business conference held in the Saudi capital of Riyadh later this year. American lawmakers from both parties have demanded more information and pleaded with President Trump to take action against the Saudi regime.

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College Reporter interviews F&M alumna about Teach for America program

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This year, 16 Franklin & Marshall College alumni join a diverse network of more than 56,000+ leaders nationwide, who will be serving as Teach for America corps members. This puts F&M amongst the top small colleges and universities who contributed graduates to the 2018 group of Teach for America leaders.

Founded in 1989, Teach for America is a non-profit organization that trains college graduates and then assigns them to classrooms in underprivileged school districts. "Teach For America is a leadership development organization that supports young leaders to

use their talents to end educational inequity in our country. Our approach to doing this is to develop and harness the collective impact of our nation's highest potential leaders so that they are best positioned to lead our country towards the systemic-level change needed to eradicate educational inequity. During the corps, your alumni will develop their leadership skills through teaching and make an immediate impact on kids and communities," said Isabelle Shanafelt, an employee of TFA.

Teach for America provides a wonderful opportunity for graduates looking to make an impact on children's lives, who might not want to immediately go to graduate school. In order to apply for

TFA, applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.5. If accepted, corps members commit to teaching for two years. They are put through extensive training and coaching, then assigned to a classroom of students in a K-12 of one of the 52 low-income communities that the organization serves. Students are considered faculty of the school and are paid standard teaching salaries.

Becca Jacoby, class of '18 is one of the 16 members from last spring's graduating class who joined TFA. Becca was recruited to Teach for America and was placed in Memphis, Tennessee, where she is now teaching a class of third-graders.

"I decided to do TFA because the mission of all kids deserving a good education no matter what their ethnic, racial or socioeconomic background really spoke to me. I am a firm believer that education really is the most powerful tool anyone can arm themselves with," said Becca.

Many people join Teach for America in order to gain experience in the education field as for future teachers or educators. But in order to do TFA you don't necessarily need to have plans to be a teacher. For Becca, learning about education as a system is something she's looking forward to as

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Khashoggi: Saudi prince denies knowledge of journalist's death; Trump claims to remain supportive of Saudi Arabia

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Trump himself has largely supported Saudi Arabia in the wake of the gruesome killing, initially saying on Twitter that Crown Prince Mohammad "totally denied any knowledge of what took place in their Turkish consulate" in a conversation with him. He has alternatively said that if there was evidence to the contrary, some sort of action would be necessary, but has been vague as to what that action would be. Following Saudi Arabia's admission that Khashoggi is dead, Trump called the Saudi's statement

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well. She "hope[s] to gain a better understanding of what education looks like in our country and specifically where deficits exist." But, along with creating fantastic educators, Teach for America participants have gone on to be senators, circuit judges, journalists, education commissioners and more. As F&M grads continue to do Teach for America,

and several arrests "good first steps." Later the administration announced the Treasury Secretary, Steven Mnuchin, would travel to Saudi Arabia in order to repair the economic ties between the two countries. International backlash is expected to continue in the coming weeks as information continues to emerge and national governments continue to respond to Khashoggi's slaying.

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we see F&M continue to produce our future educators and leaders. Seniors interested in TFA are encouraged to meet with F&M's on campus recruiter, Ibrahim Morton. The next upcoming deadline to submit applications is December 5th. Sophomore Ruby Van Dyk is a layout assistant. Her email is rvandyk@fandm.edu.

Russia, Turkey establish DMZ in Idlib province amid escalated tensions

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The situation in Syria was momentarily stabilized at the beginning of this week when on September 17th, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Vladimir Putin announced the establishment of a demilitarized buffer zone in Idlib Province. The zone is 14-19 kilometers wide, and it has both Russian and Turkish patrolling the perimeter. Heavy weapons, as well as any presence of rebels, are to be removed from the area.



Newly displaced Syrians arrive at a refugee camp in Idlib on September 17. Photo courtesy of Reuters.com

Idlib is a northern Syrian province in which thousands of rebel soldiers have held control over from the Assad Regime for the last seven years. Home to 2.9 million people (including one million children), Idlib and hundreds of thousands of its residents live in overcrowded conditions while lacking basic services and resources. In the article titled "Staving off Slaughter", The Economist described how some residents "had stocked crude underground shelters with pickled vegetables, even though many already struggle to find enough food to eat." Syria under the rule of Bashar al-Assad has left the region, and the world, a much more hostile and dangerous place. From the revolution's inception in 2011, the country has suffered catastro-

CRIME WATCH

- Friday, October 12, 3:00pm - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a report of a bike stolen outside Weis College House between the 8th and 10th
- Saturday, October 13, 2:41am - DPS received a loud noise complaint on College Row
- Saturday, October 13, 10:40pm - DPS responded to a fire alert at Bonchek College House
- Saturday, October 13, 11:45pm - DPS received a loud noise complaint on North Charlotte
- Sunday, October 14, 12:30am - DPS received a loud noise complaint on North Charlotte
- Sunday, October 14, 2:09am - DPS received a loud noise complaint at Lancaster Ave
- Monday, October 15, 5:45am - DPS received a loud noise complaint on College Row
- Monday, October 15, 11:10pm - DPS cited a student for drug possession
- Tuesday, October 16, 2:11am - DPS responded to a report of suspicious activity at Bonchek College House
- Tuesday, October 16, 11:00am - DPS received a report of a Title Nine violation that occurred on the 13th
- Tuesday, October 16, 4:53pm - DPS received a report of a bike theft outside Schnader that occurred between the 13th and 16th
- Wednesday, October 17, 4:46pm - DPS cited student in Buchanan Park for possession of a controlled substance
- Wednesday, October 17, 9:59pm - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint at North Charlotte

Damascus and in the country's South. Or, worst case scenario, a Russian-backed assault in Idlib could result in a direct confrontation with Turkish troops, where thousands of opposition soldiers and millions of citizens would be caught between the crosshairs. Currently there is a split in approval over the buffer zone among the opposition groups, with Jihadist groups rejecting the deal while some embrace it. On Sunday, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) published statements from both the Turkish-backed National Liberation Front and the jihadist group Hurras al-Din concerning the deal struck between Ankara and Moscow. SOHR earlier reported that Hurras al-Din, Ansar al-Tawhid, Ansar al-Din, Ansar Allah, al-Furqan Gathering and Jund al-Quqaz, along with other jihadist factions operating within Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham, have all refused to withdraw from the buffer zone—nor will they part with their weapons. The United Nations has warned that any form of assault on Idlib province could lead to "the worst humanitarian catastrophe of the 21st century." This is a developing story. First-year Max Sano is a staff writer. His email is msano@fandm.edu

Staff Writer Commentary

A swift response: new voters register after Taylor's Instagram post

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Social media allows people to connect with celebrities in a way that was never dreamed possible 20 or even 10 years ago. Today, we face the effects of this immediate ability to connect with influential people in many ways—especially politically. Taylor Swift wrote a long Instagram post on October 7 explaining that she wanted voters in Tennessee to "educate [themselves] on the candidates running in [their] state and vote based on who most closely represents [their] values." She said this after spelling out her (long-withheld) political beliefs, which include supporting the LGBTQ+ community and helping to support an end to racial discrimination. Taylor Swift in particular has been under fire in the past for her beliefs on what feminism is, so I think it's brave that she is now coming out with support for Democrats.

Her persuasive post then contributed to a significant spike in online voter registration. However the next question is, will this result in an increase in voter

turnout? The 18-24 year old demographic usually has the lowest turnout, and that is probably the demographic that Swift has influenced the most. These people historically have been working and supporting themselves on voting day, so it's logistically harder for them to leave work and get to the voting booth.

I think the problem comes in with the same concept Americans have been dealing with since the Industrial Revolution and even more so today: instant gratification. Yes, more people registered to vote online, but even that does not guarantee more people will vote—even if Swift's post was convincing and had good points. Viewers of Swift's post were probably touched in the moment and wanted to do something right then and there to show that support, but I have a hard time believing that they'll actually show up on voting day.

What I liked about Taylor Swift's post was her use of technical and specific voting results that her state representatives chose in the past. She didn't just say to vote for Democrats because

she likes them; in fact, she did not say that at all. She stated her beliefs and that she wants others to follow their beliefs; the core message was to VOTE!

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Photo courtesy of @taylorswift via Instagram

In early October, popstar Taylor Swift published this lengthy Instagram post that elaborated on her political views, which resulted in an increase in voter registration.

Layout Assistant analyzes aftermath of Nikki Haley's resignation from United Nations position

BY ISABEL PARIS
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As of October 9, Nikki Haley resigned from her position as US ambassador to the United Nations. She had assumed the office in January of 2017 and had since then created a positive name for herself on both sides of the aisle. An April 2018 poll from Quinnipiac found that Haley had an approval of 55-23 rating among Democrats and 75-9 amongst Republicans (Vox). Especially in these ideologically polarized times, it is surprising that one of President Trump's most trusted allies could possess such high favorables. Haley is different than the many other resignations that have flown out of the Trump administration because of her outspoken attitude towards human rights and her well-known contempt for Russia. Her willingness to speak her mind has landed her a central role in the international community. However, her resignation came as a surprise to all.

President Trump praised Haley's work following her announcement saying that "she's done a fantastic job" (Vox). Compared to all the other people who have left this particular administration, this has been possibly the best send-

off from President Trump. This shows just how trusted she was by the President. Haley has been able to channel the voice of the public by repeatedly calling out Russia for its indiscretions. Regardless of what President Trump thinks, Haley has constantly condemned Russian human rights abuses in Syria and the war in Ukraine. In an untraditional GOP presidency, Haley was a traditional voice that lent an ear to the extensive rights of people.

Now without Nikki Haley, what will the relationship between the US and the UN become? Did Haley leave her position to run for the presidency? It would make sense considering that she has high approval ratings, kept out of the public sphere, and has strong support within the Republican party. Suspicions about the new Ambassador to the UN have been Ivanka Trump, Richard Grenell, who is currently the US ambassador to Germany, and Dina Powell, who is a former Trump official (The New Yorker). Only time will tell who President Trump chooses and if Haley has her eyes set on the Oval Office for 2020.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo (above) and Vanity Fair (below)

Nikki Haley's resignation from her position as UN ambassador has come as a surprise to many, but analysts believe that Haley may have her eyes set on the presidency.

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Campus Life

Binh Danh, Robert Shultz present on Walt Whitman-inspired art exhibit

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Binh Danh and Robert Schultz presented at last Thursday's Common Hour on their collaborative art installation titled, "War Memoranda: Photography, Walt Whitman, and Memorials." This photography and poetry partnership used Walt Whitman as a guide to memorialize the experience of war through portraits of soldiers shown in the flesh of leaves. This traveling installation is currently in the Phillips Museum of Art here at F&M.

Danh is Professor of Photography at San Jose State University. His photography is interested in the collective memory of war and his works are in the collections of the National Gallery of Art, the Corcoran Art Gallery, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the George Eastman House.

Schultz is a John P. Fishwick Professor of English Emeritus at Roanoke College. He is author of multiple collections of poetry, including *Ancestral Altars*, *Vein Along the Fault*, and *Winter in Eden*, as well as a novel, *The Madhouse Nudes*, and a work of nonfiction, *We Were Pirates: A Torpedoman's Pacific War*.

Danh and Schultz first met in 2006, when Schultz encountered Danh's work and reached out to him about it. They quickly learned that they had common interests and Schultz gave Danh his copy of Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. They got to discussing Whitman, civil war, and their connection to current events, and their art collaboration was born.

Through this project, they wanted

to memorialize the experience of war through the faces of soldiers. In the U.S. today, there is increasing controversy about the fate of public monuments surrounding the Civil War. For example, in Charlottesville, the "Unite the Right" rally formed over plans to remove the Robert E. Lee statue, which resulted in the death of Heather Heyer by a self-proclaimed neo-nazi, who ran his car into a crowd of counter-protestors.

The people at the rally chanted "you will not replace us" and "Blood and Soil," which is a Nazi slogan that claimed that Aryan blood gave the white race ruling status. This sort of idea, of course, led to the Holocaust.

Whitman witnessed the Civil War and had much to say about American blood in American soil in *Leaves of Grass*, which talks about "the beautiful uncut hair of graves." For him, the grass was a sign of democracy and basic human equality. To Whitman, American blood on American soil rises everywhere, making "the land entire" a living memorial better than any statue. This idea inspired Danh and Schultz to pursue portraits of Civil War soldiers on leaf prints, using specific leaves from trees from places where battles took place. Their art "asks us to contemplate the cost of the war," Schultz said.

Danh talked about including photos of war monuments and their settings along with the portraits. They wanted to focus on the people who fought and suffered, not well-known leaders, who are already memorialized by history. Instead, the portraits include individual common soldiers



Photos courtesy of robertshultz.com

Binh Danh and Robert Shultz gave this past Thursday's Common Hour talk on their art installation, currently on display at the Phillips Museum of Art.

and their loved ones. Shultz noted how the portraits are all reflective, allowing the audience to see themselves in the faces of the soldiers, with the idea of "hope overcoming fear when we look one another in the face."

Danh discussed the different methods he used that tried to capture the type of photography that would be used during the 19th century, while photographing people reading Walt Whitman. In addition to the photographs, the collection also includes poems by both Whitman and Shultz.

The combination of these photos and poems allows Whitman's voice to come to life in the present moment. For the portraits, Danh and Shultz used a type of technology they deemed chlorophyll print by digitally

scanning the original tint types and putting leaves over them to feature just the faces. Portraits like these, as well as other portraits that memorialize dead soldiers, remind us that death in a war is not just a casualty, but the loss of a life. Because the photos in their exhibit are reflective, the audience can see their own reflection "mingled with the photographic object," Danh said.

Shultz spoke on his belief that art, whether it's a poem, novel, essay or portrait, has a role to play in bringing humans together to promote empathy. He hopes "our exhibition can do its part to move us toward peace."

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Past Common Hour speaker Katie Meyler resigns from CEO position amid rape scandal

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Former Common Hour speaker Katie Meyler, founder and CEO of the nongovernmental organization More Than Me, temporarily resigned after a rape scandal within her organization.

About two years ago, Meyler visited campus to talk about her organization, highlighting the progress they had made toward educating girls in Liberia and helping out during the Ebola crisis.

She spoke on how she had received support from the Liberian president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, to build the first tuition-free all-girls school in Liberia. Since then, she went on to become TIME person of the year in 2014, and has had support from numerous influential people like Oprah Winfrey and former president Barack Obama (BBC).

Now, More Than Me is in the spot-

light for a different reason. ProPublica and Time magazine revealed abuse reports, causing Meyler to step down from her position as CEO.

Back in 2013, when More Than Me opened its first school, a local man, Macintosh Johnson was hired to recruit vulnerable girls for the school. The report says he raped several of them. He later died in prison from AIDS, and one girl has since tested positive for HIV (BBC).

Johnson was a local person in charge of organizing in West Point, Liberia. Girls ten years old and up were victims. According to the girls that testified in court, he took advantage of his power over them, threatening to take away their scholarship if they told (NPR).

At the time, Meyler had been made aware of his sexual abuse, but when she asked the girls, they denied it, and nothing was done (NPR). The board of directors of More Than Me claim the only one to blame is Johnson,



Photos courtesy of propublica.org

Past Common Hour speaker Katie Meyler stepped down from her position as CEO of More Than Me this week amid a rape scandal within the organization.

and that they took immediate action against him. The board stated, "It is beyond disheartening and extremely sad to see ProPublica depict the organization in such a decidedly one-sided, biased and inaccurate manner, and we vigorously deny their characterization of our actions, or lack thereof" (BBC). They also extended an apol-

ogy and emphasized their dedication to continuing their support for the survivors as well the surrounding community in Liberia affected by these events (BBC).

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Arts & Leisure

Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, announces first pregnancy before royal tour

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After weeks of speculation and rumors, Kensington Palace announced Monday, October 15th that Meghan Markle is pregnant with her first child, due in the spring of 2019. The time at which the Duke and Duchess of Sussex decided to announce the fact of the pregnancy is fairly interesting: before their royal tour of Australia, Fiji, Tonga, and New Zealand.

Because of this, the royal couple has received many baby gifts while traveling. These gifts, according to the British newspaper, the *Daily Express*, included a stuffed kangaroo from Governor General Peter Cosgrove and his wife, Lady Lynne Cosgrove, while in Sydney, Australia. They were also given fleece Ugg booties from the couple.

However, there is a royal gift policy, as noted in the *Sunday Express*, stating that presents can be accepted and used only if the gift is worth less than £150—around 200 United States dollars. If the item does not fit these qualifications, it can be put into storage for up to five years, given to charity, or thrown out. Besides the Governor and his wife, well-wishers in the Sydney crowd attempted to give the couple baby gifts ranging from teddy bears to stuffed hippos.

Megan and Harry, married

for five months, have mentioned wanting children for some time now. When interviewed by BBC last November, Harry said that it is "one step at a time [for the couple] and hopefully [they'll] start a family in the near future."

Family members of the royal couple are reportedly "delighted," including Markle's mother, Doria Ragland, who is "very happy." The Queen, is reported by the *Express* to have been "beaming" about the pregnancy when she attended a Royal Air Force Club event—the first after the couple's announcement of the upcoming birth of her eighth great-grandchild. Overall, this year has been an eventful one for the royal family, including the birth of Prince Louis, Meghan and Harry's wedding and now pregnancy, and Princess Eugenie's wedding that just occurred on the 12th of this month.

There were rumors flying around in the royal-crazed sections of the internet that the Princess' and Jack Brooksbank's big day, a ceremony pushed back to accommodate for the wedding bells of Meghan and Harry five months ago, was overshadowed by the couple's baby news. While, according to *Vanity Fair*, "the pregnancy news was almost definitely a major topic on the day of Eugenie's wedding," Eugenie may not have minded. However, some believe

that her mother, Sarah Ferguson, certainly did mind—with her Twitter spree about the wedding. Some speculate that Ferguson did this to keep the focus of the royal fans on her daughter's wedding instead of the pregnancy, which was announced at the same time. However, Eugenie herself waited until the day after the announcement to post anything about her wedding to her own Instagram account, perhaps showing respect to Meghan and Harry in the initial 24-hour news cycle of their pregnancy announcement.

According to sources including *Vanity Fair* and *Elle*, the reported "drama" ended when Eugenie, the only royal of her generation with a public Instagram account, liked a picture of Markle on an Instagram fan account for the Duchess.

While Meghan and Harry waited until the Duchess was 12 weeks along to share the news, there is belief that some clues were dropped along the way. *People Magazine* suspects that Meghan took "a page out of her sister-in-law Kate Middleton's royal book" and changed her hairstyle before the announcement to distract from her pregnant belly. Middleton has an ongoing pattern to get bangs before announcing a pregnancy. Another clue was that Meghan wore an oversized Navy coat to Princess Eugenie's



Photo courtesy of people.com.

Meghan Markle announces first pregnancy.

wedding. Because of this, the magazine wrote that "even if she was starting to show, nobody would be able to tell under clothes like that."

As for baby names, Meghan reportedly said that "we've been given a long list of names from everyone, we're going to sit down and have a look at them" while on tour.

British oddsmakers are already beginning to predict the name with bets on Victoria, Alice, and Elizabeth. Albert, Arthur, and Alexander may also be likely options. Other than these, the names Charles and Diana are also in the running after Harry's parents—but his mother, in particular, who passed away in 1997.

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Full Staff Opinion

Homecoming and Family Weekend is fast approaching, and we at The College Reporter recommend that students take full advantage of the opportunities that this weekend has to offer. Also known as True Blue Weekend, Homecoming falls this year on October 26th-28th and will feature important events like the Autumn Research Fair, our Homecoming football game, and the inauguration of F&M's first female president, Barbara Altmann. If your family can make it, we encourage you to welcome them to campus and see all we have to offer. However, even if your family cannot attend, there are so many opportunities even just with your F&Mily! Attend events to make connections with other families and alumni. Cheer on our football team in the new Shadec Stadium, which will be followed by a performance this year from our A Capella groups as well as a fireworks display! Don't miss out on an opportunity to feel the sense of pride and community with your peers by coming out and sharing these special moments that you will likely remember long after you graduate.



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Arts & Leisure, continued...

Singer-songwriter Lady Gaga displays multifaceted talent in her debut film *A Star is Born*

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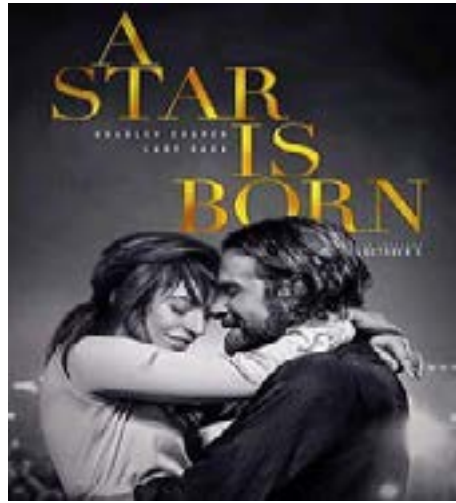


Photo courtesy of metacritic.com.
A Star is Born, starring singer Lady Gaga, marks her movie-star debut in a film by first-time director Bradley Cooper.

"make it" in the music industry, his work is all the more impressive.

Still, it's first and foremost a love story, one that begins when immensely famous and talented yet troubled country star Jackson

Maine (Cooper) first hears the angelic voice of Ally (Gaga) when he stumbles across a drag bar after one of his gigs. They end up spending the rest of the night exploring and conversing, eventually leading to Ally humbly revealing her incredible songwriting talent in a convenience store parking lot. Jackson realizes in that moment just how much potential Ally has, though she doesn't believe it herself. At

Jackson's next gig, he lures her onto the stage to perform that same parking lot song, catalyzing their massive success as a musical duo and their passionate, unrestrained, complicated and tragic love affair.

While on tour with Jackson, Ally meets Rez (Rafi Gavron), a record producer who makes all her crazy fantasies come true by saying, "The question is, what do you want?" Ally signs the record deal and begins working with him, but the direction that he takes her in is much more glam, mainstream, and synth-driven: far from the intricate piano, electric guitar, and belting vocals that characterize her performances with Jackson, which is where Ally truly shines.

Their love for one another does not waiver once, but that doesn't mean that it's uncomplicated. Jackson's undeniable love for her is shown when his frustration only stems from Ally's divergence from her raw artistry, not from her growing worldwide fame and acclaim. Most poignantly, Jackson's enduring struggle with addiction and Ally's persistence and patience with him is profoundly moving and an important story to tell.

Musically, the first half of this film is completely and utterly mes-

merizing. When Ally pulls off the enormous choruses, it ignites a physiological electricity that almost mirrors what it's like to be on a massive high. It is undeniably insane how brilliant Lady Gaga is. Bradley Cooper is just as captivating and extremely convincing, even in the vocal department. The music's quality tapers off towards the middle during Ally's pop era, but the choice to make the pop songs a bit dry and repetitive is important to the film's theme of remaining authentic. The plot can drag on a little in the second half with a run time of two hours and fourteen minutes, but both actor's performances continue to be excellent and each scene relevant to the story, so this length is entirely justified.

A Star Is Born is truly a cinematic experience that will likely remain relevant for long after its premiere. It's receiving massive awards buzz and the soundtrack is topping the iTunes charts: and rightfully so. Similar to how the two characters fell for each other, you'll fall for the technical excellence, but more importantly the spirit, of this film.

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Five scary fall movie picks you need to watch this October before Halloween

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1. *Down A Dark Hall* (2018): New Release

Down a Dark Hall is a thriller with some fantasy sprinkled in that was released this past August. The film is based on the young adult novel by Lois Duncan, the author of the novel that inspired the film, *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. *Down a Dark Hall* recounts the story of troubled teenager Kat (AnnaSophia Robb) whose parents send her, kicking and screaming, to a remote boarding school whose mysteriousness only grows as the plotline unfolds. Watching her four other classmates be driven to madness by their new abilities and experiencing it herself, Kat is forced to investigate what is happening to them. At first when I watched this movie, I felt that Kat's attitude and the boarding school setting had been done before, but as the film progressed, the story grew many more layers and became completely unique from any other thriller I had seen before.

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2. *As Above, So Below* (2014): Intriguing Plotline

As Above, So Below is a found footage-style horror movie. The majority of the movie takes place in Paris, down in the Catacombs, the framework of tombs built under the city that holds millions of corpses dating back to 1786. The protagonist, Scarlett (Perdita Weeks), is an archeologist who is on the hunt for the Philosopher's Stone that is believed to grant eternal life. Scarlett, along with her friend George (Ben Feldman), cameraman Benji (Edwin Hodge), and three others head into the Catacombs to find the stone. On their hunt, they start to face obstacles and see things they can't explain. What sets this film apart from other horror movies is the extremely well-developed, intriguing plotline and characters, as well as extensive hidden allusions. When you turn off this movie, it will stay on your mind for days.

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3. *Oculus* (2013): Hidden Gem

This nail-biting film revolves around siblings, Kaylie (Karen

Gillan) and Tim (Brenton Thwaites), who obtain an antique mirror that was in their childhood home when their parents went mad. Kaylie, convinced that the mirror has a supernatural force, sets up a trap to catch the mirror's power on film, meanwhile trying to convince her unwary brother of the mirror's power. The plot switches from present day to the past, when the characters were growing up. Brilliantly done, this movie has so many cringe-worthy scenes, you will be on the edge of your seat throughout the whole movie.

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4. *All The Boys Love Mandy Lane* (2006): Twist Ending

All The Boys Love Mandy Lane follows Mandy Lane (Amber Heard) who returns from summer break as the object of everyone's attention, causing a group of high-schoolers to invite her to a secluded ranch for the weekend. However, as soon as they arrive, people start dropping, one by one, and they soon realize there is a killer in their midst. If you look past a few cliches, this movie is

generally well-done, entertaining, and ends with a huge twist that will make you rethink the whole movie.

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5. *Halloween* (1978): Classic

If you haven't seen this classic scary movie, you are missing out! In *Halloween*, Michael Myers (Nick Castle), who is in prison for murdering his sister fifteen years earlier, escapes and hunts out his next target, babysitter Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis). Even though it's dated, this movie is still scary due to its violence and suspense. It is one of the only scary movies that actually revolves around Halloween, so it's a great one to see right around the holiday that will really get you in the Halloween spirit. The recent sequel (one of many) is out in theaters right now, so it's a good chance to get caught up on the series before seeing the new one. Whether you're watching it for the first time or the 20th, this story remains entertaining, spooky, and timeless.

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Layout Assistant discusses the upcoming championship for volleyball. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

Editor shares update on National Hockey League, Golden Knights

By GABBY GOODWIN
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Just this past Friday, Alex Tuch signed a seven-year, \$33.25 million contract with the Vegas Golden Knights. The 22-year-old forward will get \$4.75 million per season.

Tuch hasn't played a game this season because of a lower-body injury. However, he had NHL career highs in goals (15), assists (22), and points (37) in a total of 78 games last season. During the Stanley Cup Playoffs, he had 6 goals and 4 assists in 20 of the games, helping Vegas reach the Stanley Cup Final, where they unfortunately lost to the Washington Capitals.

"...I've worked really hard to get to this moment. Now it's all about the Golden Knights and being a part of this great franchise for a really long time. This is where I stated my full-time NHL career, and seven years is really special, and honestly, I'm just really grateful," (www.nhl.com).

In the final season of a three-year, entry-level contract with

the Minnesota Wild, Tuch was injured in a preseason game against the San Jose Sharks on September 30. He had one goal and 5 assists in three preseason games playing on a line with Max Pacioretty and Paul Stastny.

The Golden Knights acquired Tuch in a trade with the Wild June 2017, under the condition that Vegas would select forward Erik Haula in the 2017 NHL Expansion Draft. Selected by Minnesota in the first round of the 2014 NHL Draft, Tuch has 37 points in 84 regular-season games.

As far as the Golden Knights' rivals are turning out to match-up this season, the Washington Capitals play the Canucks on Monday, October 22nd. Wing Jakub Vrana scored a goal and an assist in their 6-5 OT loss to the Florida Panthers on Friday. Vrana has two goals, one assist, 18 SOG, and 5 hits through 7 games. He is skating on the second line with center Nicklas Backstrom and right wing T.J. Oshie. With his exposure to Backstrom and Oshie, he is worth consideration in both DFS and season-long formats (www.nhl.com).

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Right now, the Golden Knights are 3-4, while the Washington Capitals are 3-2-2. Neither team at the top of their division right now, we shall see what the NHL season holds for Tuch, Vrana, and

their respective Stanley Cup Final teams.

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Photo courtesy of deadspin.com
This past Friday, Alex Tuch signed a \$33.25 million contract with the Vegas Golden Knights, pictured above. The 22-year-old forward will get almost \$5 million per season.

Dramatic last stretch for Women's Volleyball Centennial Conference game

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The battle to earn one of the top four spots first to make the Centennial Conference playoffs is coming down to the wire in the final stretch of the volleyball season. Franklin & Marshall and Johns Hopkins are both eyeing the number 1 seed, while Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, McDaniel, and Gettysburg are all in reach of securing the 3 or the 4 seed.

Franklin & Marshall is currently in first place in the Centennial Conference. With only two conference matches left to play the Diplomats are undefeated with an 8-0 record against Centennial Conference competitors. The Diplomats have been unfazed by many of their conference opponents, sweeping two teams in only three sets and defeating four teams 3-1. Franklin & Marshall also showed impressive grit and persistence in its two come-from-behind victories against Swarthmore and Gettysburg.

However, the ride to first place is not obstacle-free for the Diplomats. Johns Hopkins, the 2017 Centennial Conference champions, is currently in second in the conference with a 7-1 record. The two teams have been neck-and-neck in the fight for first

place from the beginning of the season. Going into the month of October, both teams were undefeated with a 4-0 record. However, the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays lost their first and only match of the season so far on October 3 in a surprising upset to the now seventh place team in the conference, Dickinson.

Johns Hopkins has 2 conference matches left to play. They first must face-off against Gettysburg, a tough competitor that had defeated Dickinson early on in the season. Then, in their last match of the regular season on October 27, the Blue Jays will compete against the Diplomats, a must-see.

If Franklin & Marshall defeats Bryn Mawr, currently the last place team in the conference, on October 20, then they will be going into their final match against Johns Hopkins 9-0. If the Blue Jays defeat Gettysburg on October 4, they will be going into the match against the Diplomats with an 8-1 record. Therefore, this final match could end up determining the seeding of these top two teams.

Muhlenberg and Swarthmore, the current third and fourth place teams, respectively, are both 5-2 in the conference. With 3 conference matches left to play, Muhlenberg must face-

off against McDaniel, Swarthmore, and Washington College. The match against Swarthmore on October 24, could determine whether the third or fourth place seeding for these teams.

Both McDaniel, fifth in the conference, and Gettysburg, sixth in the conference, could make a run for the four seed. McDaniel is currently 5-3 with two matches left to play against Muhlenberg and Dickinson. If McDaniel can pull off the upset against Muhlenberg and can defeat Dickinson, they may have a chance to squeak by into the playoffs if Muhlenberg also loses their match against Swarthmore.

Gettysburg's path to the playoffs may be a little more difficult though

not impossible. With close 3-2 losses against F&M and McDaniel, Gettysburg has proved they have been able to battle with tough competitors. However, in order to earn their spot in the playoffs they must battle and ultimately defeat tough competitors including Swarthmore, Johns Hopkins, and Dickinson.

Teams must compete at their best in their final two to three conference matches as these matches may crucial as to who gets the chance to fight for a Centennial Conference Championship.

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The battle to earn one of the top four spot to make the Centennial Conference playoffs is coming down to the wire, F&M and Hopkins are both eyeing the top seed.