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## Diplomatic Congress proposes simpler method for requesting funding

BY ALEX PINSK

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Diplomatic Congress is the central student government at Franklin & Marshall College. It comprises individuals who represent student groups throughout campus and, in many ways, is tasked with the responsibility of leading the student body. Diplomatic Congress members include an executive board, class presidents, a faculty advisor, and college house representatives/college house leaders. Representatives from agencies such as College Entertainment Committee, Club Council, and Creativity & Innovation, as well as those from on-campus committees such as Diversity Committee, Sustainability Committee, Academic Achievement Committee, Health and Safety Committee, and Community Outreach Committee, also serve on Diplomatic Congress.

The Mission Statement of Diplomatic Congress reads: "As the central student government of Franklin & Marshall College,

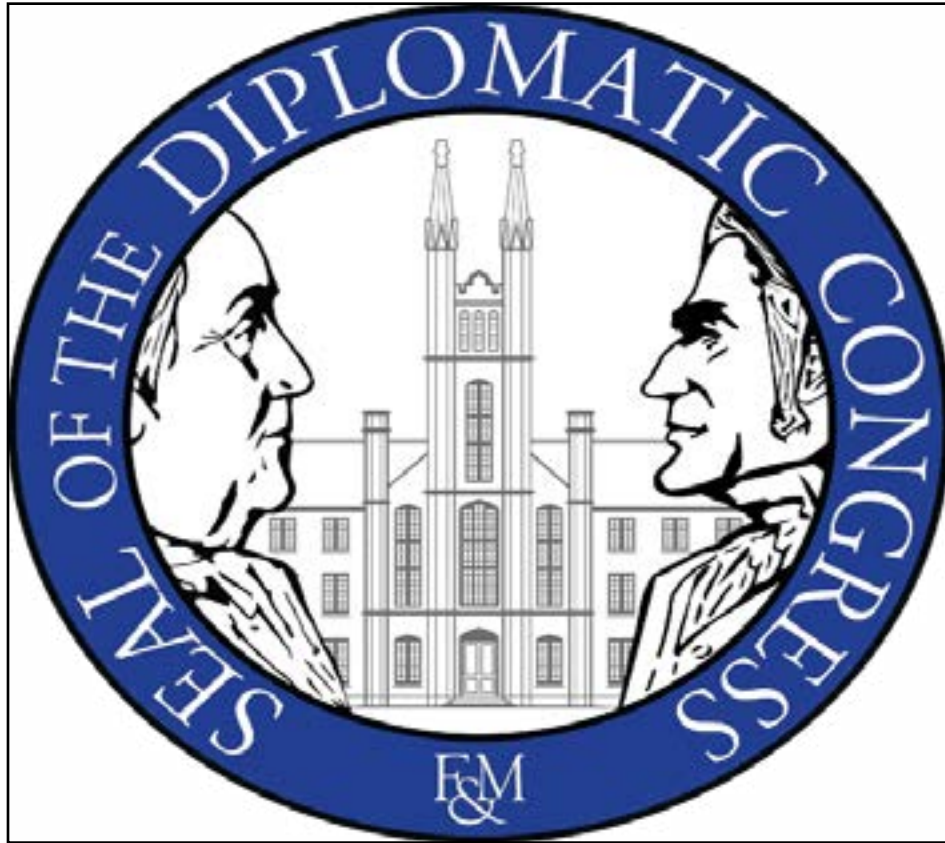


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the Diplomatic Congress unites student leaders from all facets of the community with the common purpose of promoting a diverse and engaging campus culture and improving all aspects of the student experience. To this end, The Congress is tasked with the primary responsibility

for all-campus event planning, for the funding and oversight of student activities, and for advocacy on behalf of students on all critical matters facing the college" ([fandm.edu](http://fandm.edu)).

Diplomatic Congress meetings include updates from members, discussions about upcoming

events, discussions about potential solutions to on-campus problems or qualms, a wide range of proposals concerning all areas of campus, and funding requests.

To speak to funding requests, many clubs and organizations as well as individual students require money from F&M in order to sponsor different events and activities. As Diplomatic Congress stands at the moment, the student government has some money—but not very much—to supply funding for these events.

The pool for the majority of that money stands with the College House governments. Bonchek Congress, Brooks Congress, New College House Senate, Ware Parliament, and Weis Assembly of Peers are the five college house governments at F&M. Their primary responsibility is to establish community through programing within their respective college houses as well as fund events for student organizations on campus.

Diplomatic Congress has devised a new proposal

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## 2018 Midterm results leaves Republicans maintaining control of the Senate

BY JEREMY MAUSER

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This past week, Americans voted in the 2018 midterms. After two years of the Republican party controlling both branches of the U.S. Congress, they managed to maintain a majority in the Senate while the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives.

Seats were open in both branches of the U.S. Congress, with 35 Senate positions and all 435 House of Representatives positions being up for grabs. Additionally, Americans voted for candidates to fill 36 governorship positions and hundreds of local legisla-

tive positions across the country.

Democrats needed a net gain of 23 of seats in the U.S. House to take control, and they were able to gain 30 total. However, the Republicans were successful in maintaining their Senate majority, looking to build on their 51 seats.

For comparison, Republicans gained 63 House of Representatives seats and 6 Senate seats in 2010, the first midterm election following Barack Obama's 2008 nomination to the President.

In contrast to the 2016 elections, Pennsylvania leaned blue as it re-elected incumbent Democrats Bob Casey and Tom Wolf,

U.S. Senator and State Governor respectively. Casey received 57.6% of the state's vote while his Republican challenger Lou Barletta acquired 42.8%, and Wolf beat opponent Scott Wagner with 57.6% of the overall vote in comparison to Wagner's 40.8%.

On a smaller scale, Democrat Jess King's grassroots campaign fell short to incumbent Republican Lloyd Smucker as he maintained control over Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, which includes Lancaster County.

In Western Pennsylvania, Democrat Conor Lamb pulled off a victory over Republican Keith

Rothfus to represent the state's 17th Congressional District. Lamb received national attention for his special election against Rick Saccone from the previous spring, in which President Donald Trump endorsed Saccone. Lamb and Rothfus each represented a different district until the redistricting of Pennsylvania, and Lamb will now remain in office after receiving 56.1% of the vote.

Across the country, several elected officials made history. For instance, Texas voted its first two Latina congresswomen into office, with Sylvia Gar-

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# DipCon: New proposal gets pushback from some of the College Houses; takes away their leadership and autonomy

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titled: “Simplifying Student Organization Funding,” which can be viewed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HSQ0KdyAznc74kwmqWABr6sPzikCbo8rPXSmTF7FLw/edit>. The majority of funding power, as it stands, rests chiefly with the house governments. With the current system in place, each funding request is presented to each house government at their weekly meetings. All members of these individual house governments hear funding requests and decide whether or to fund in full, fund partially, or not fund events at all. This requires clubs and organizations to send

a club member to each of the five house government meetings. The goal of the new proposal is to simplify the process for individuals to make funding requests. Rather than attending each house government meeting, those making funding requests will only be required to attend the Diplomatic Congress meeting, where the leaders of each house government will be present. In order for this proposal to work, house governments must cede some of their money to Diplomatic Congress. The pushback seems to be that some of the autonomy that currently rests with the college house governments would be taken away and their representation

will be limited because only one member of each house government will hear and be able to vote on the actual funding request at the Diplomatic Congress meeting. Naturally, this proposal—and the advantages and disadvantages that go with it—is more complicated and includes more details than have been presented here. Please visit the proposal in order to better understand Diplomatic Congress’ potential changes to the current funding system. This new proposal may be an easier, more efficient way to distribute funding across clubs and organizations, but it also takes away leadership and

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## MIDTERM: Trump brags about the gains of the GOP; Democrats gain control of House of Reps

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cia and Veronica Escobar being elected to serve in the House. Other first-time elections included Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar as the first Muslim women in Congress, Teri Johnston as Florida’s first openly lesbian mayor, Jared Polis of Colorado as the country’s first openly gay governor, Sharice Davids and Deb Haaland as Congress’s first Native American women, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. Several national politicians and public figures made appearances on the campaign trail in an effort to swing the vote. Former President Barack Obama abandoned the precedent set by George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, who removed themselves from politics following their respective presidential terms, by campaigning for and endorsing several Democratic candidates. On the trail, Obama pushed for more Democratic representation by telling voters

that President Trump was threatening America’s democracy and safety through a lack of checks and balances and too close of a relationship with Vladimir Putin. President Donald Trump also joined several candidates on the campaign trail, speaking on behalf of Governor candidate Scott Wagner and urging voters to elect more Republicans to support his Presidential agenda. Now that the overall results are known, President Donald Trump is warning of a more divided country and Congress. Although he acknowledged that there were defeats for his party, he focused on bragging about the gains of the GOP. With the ongoing Mueller investigation and rising discontent within Congress, including the Republican party, Democrats will attempt to scrutinize President Trump and attempt to hold him accountable for more actions.

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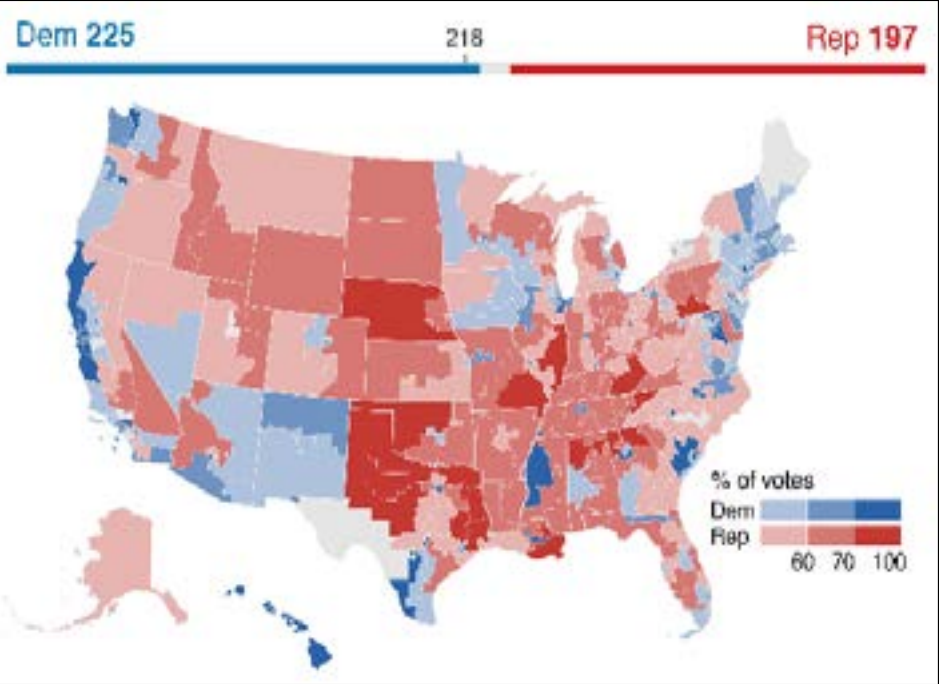


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Republicans maintain influence in the Senate; Democrats take control of the House of Reps

CRIME WATCH

Friday, October 2, 3:20pm - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a report of drug abuse at College Row

Friday, October 2, 4:46pm - DPS received a drug violation report at Ware College House

Friday, October 2, 9:57pm - DPS responded to a drug violation at Thomas Residence Hall

Friday, October 2, 10:10pm - DPS responded to a report of a non-student refusing to leave Shadek library after closing hours

Saturday, October 3, 1:07am - DPS received a loud noise complaint at 614 North Charlotte

Saturday, October 3, 4:48pm - DPS cited a student for public drunkenness on the 400 block of College Avenue

Saturday, October 3, 7:37pm - DPS responded to a trespassing violation on Baker campus

Sunday, October 4, 12:45am - A student reported being harrassed on the 400 block of Frederick

Sunday, October 4, 1:17am - DPS cited an intoxicated student for underaged drinking at Ware College House

Sunday, October 4, 1:41am - DPS cited an intoxicated student for underaged drinking at Ware College House

Sunday, October 4, 1:44am - DPS cited an intoxicated student for underaged drinking in Marshall Hall

Sunday, October 4 - Occurred on the 3rd, a student’s keys were stolen at College Row

Tuesday, October 6, 11:20pm - DPS received a loud noise complaint at 608 College Hill

Tuesday, October 6, 11:30pm - DPS responded to a hit and run at Baker campus

Tuesday, October 6 - Occurring between the 5th and 6th, a student reported the theft of their phone at Ware College House

Wednesday, October 7 - A student reported being harassed between September and October

Thursday, October 8, 1:50pm - DPS responded to a report of smoke coming from the apartments at 540 West James Street

Thursday, October 8, 8:28pm - DPS cited a student for a drug violation at Thomas Hall

Thursday, October 8 - Occurring on the 7th, a student reported their bike stolen at 405 West James

Staff Writer Commentary

## Writer argues for accessible automatic voter registration policies

**BY RUBY VAN DYK**  
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I’d consider myself a politically aware young person. I’m a Government major, I read the news regularly, I’ve interned for multiple politicians. So, this November I was more than excited to vote.

It wasn’t my first time voting; I’d voted in 2016 in my home state of Oregon. But it was going to be my first time voting in a state that wasn’t primarily blue, where races would be tight.

Because I was so excited, I decided to register early in September. I went online, typed in my address, scanned my signature and submitted my information. I got an email that my application had been received, and that was it, or so I thought. I never received any notification that my application had any problems.

In October I still hadn’t received my voter registration card, which seemed strange to me. So I found a place to check the status of my application online and saw the address had been rejected. There was no explanation of who to contact, no explanation of what was wrong with my address, just a rejection.

When I looked at the calendar I saw that it was October 10th, a day after the deadline to register. I didn’t understand why hadn’t been notified? Why didn’t I re-

ceive an email? What was wrong with my address? It left me feeling discouraged.

As I explained my dilemma to my friends, I realized I wasn’t the only one who this had happened to. Bette Scher, a sophomore and one of my closest friends, had experienced the same thing: “A month before the deadline of voter registration, I had taken it upon myself to sign up for voting in Pennsylvania. It seemed to be pretty easy. I went through the online steps and gave all the necessary information. I was told it went through on my confirmation email and never could have known that my voter registration would be denied, without my knowledge.”

As Bette and I chatted, we discussed the fact that voting should be easy, not a series of hurdles. If it was this difficult for politically active college students with free time, imagine how it might be for a single mother of three whose first language wasn’t English? Someone who worked 80 hours a week? It didn’t seem right. Registering to vote should be straightforward.

The process shouldn’t discourage those who might already feel hesitant about the whole political process, it should be easy. Luckily, I was still able to vote by absentee ballot in my home state of Oregon, but I was still left feel-

ing like my vote in Pennsylvania would have had more of a lasting impact.

A study out by the PEW research center indicates that a quarter of unregistered voters say that they want to vote, but they just haven’t gotten around to it yet. I found myself wondering why it had seemed so easy to vote in Oregon, but much more difficult in Pennsylvania? Others say the process is too complicated. I knew Oregon solely did vote by mail, which made it more accessible to vote, but as I researched, I realized that Oregon had enacted automatic voter registration a few years ago.

The law registered more than 225,000 new voters in 2016 based off of interactions they’d had at the DMV, like renewing a license.

The special thing about the Oregon system is that it’s opt-out, not opt-in. Citizens have to indicated if they don’t want to be registered, not if they do.

Since then, many other states have adopted automatic voter registration as well, including Nevada, Vermont and California.

To me this seems like something we should adopt nationally. If we did, turnout would go up, instead of having to re-register when we moved to Pennsylvania, Bette and my registrations would have just moved with us. We should be making voter registration as simple as accessible as possible, not trying to limit it.

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Photos courtesy of LancasterOnline.com  
Last Tuesday, voters in Lancaster, which included many F&M students, headed to the polls. However, the registratoin process is not as easy as many citizens hope.

## Thoughts on results, student involvement in post-election reflection

**BY GRACE LEWIS**  
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It’s election night, and I sit in my common room, attempting to do my Italian homework. However, I cannot focus and I’m constantly pulled towards my laptop to check and re-check CNN, MSNBC, and ABC every thirty seconds. The live coverage of the election is anxiety inducing. The numbers of Republicans and Democrats scrapping it out for the House of Representatives and the Senate is constantly fluctuating. With total unsettlement happening in the race, I kept following the tight and important elections across our country.

Eventually, two very significant things occurred. First of all, the Senate was kept in control by the Republican party. Before the Election, the Republicans held fifty one seats in the senate opposed to the forty nine held by the Democratic party. As of now, the Democrats have suffered an overall loss of seats, with the current numbers being fifty one Republican (the minimum needed to control the

Senate), and forty six going to the Democrats (CNN). This loss is disappointing and a difficult pill to swallow, but in truth the ability for the Democratic party to regain control of the Senate would have been incredibly difficult when considering the states that would have needed to flip parties, including Texas, Florida, and Missouri, which are typically red-leaning states. The loss of the Senate is heartbreaking in many cases as Republican control continues to allow for President Trumps antics in making lives difficult for so many different groups across our country and others.

As I stated already, the Senate is a tough loss, however the House of Representatives is a different story. The House of Representatives has been under control of the Republican party for 8 years. To put that in perspective, the Republicans have been in power since Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2 hit theaters and Kim Kardashian filed for divorce after her seventy two day marriage to Kris Humphries. So long

story short -- a fairly long time. However, this changed on Tuesday as the Democratic party has now taken control of the House, with two hundred and twenty five seats going towards the Democrats and two hundred even towards the Republicans (CNN). This victory provides a halt to Trumps total control of the American government. Winning the House protects and provides health care all across the country for millions of Americans, as well as many other victories.

The win of the House also comes with another victory in representation of diversity and gender. A record breaking number of women were elected into the House of Representatives. As rest of the votes are counted up, the number of women elected into the House is at least one hundred. Thirty five of them being new members, and sixty five were re-elected. This many women have never been elected into the House before, with the previous record being eighty five women as a total (CNN).

In addition to these grand

amounts of women, there were historic amounts of women of color. This includes two Muslim women and two Native American women ever elected into congress. There are many, many others and all these victories are huge for diversity and for womankind.

The final point that I want to make, is that whatever you voted for, if you did vote, I am proud of you. The turnout rate for young voters is still being calculated but those numbers are projected to be the highest they have ever been. We will not know for potentially months the demographic breakdown of the 2018 elections, but according to The New York Times, in some counties across the country, more people voted in this election than in the 2016 presidential election.

So whatever you believe in and whatever happened in your party, your vote matters and counted towards a future decided by us.

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# Campus Life

## Jerry Taylor discusses his altered view on Climate Change at Common Hour

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Jerry Taylor’s Common Hour talk on November 8th illustrated that deeply-rooted and seemingly eternal values can change.

Taylor spent most of his life firmly on the right side of the political spectrum: working under GOP senator Chuck Grassley after college and eventually landing a position at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank where he spent twenty-three years arguing against climate change action on television and in op-eds for major news outlets.

When he was assigned to energy and environmental policy at Cato, he did not have any prior experience in this sector. He acknowledged that the narratives he heard on climate change while growing up were a so-called “apocalyptic forecast,” in which fear that the planet was being destroyed was everywhere. Still, he spent those Cato years being “...absolutely convinced that the arguments for putting some temper on climate change action were very strong.”

One of the pivotal moments that eventually led to Taylor’s shift in perspective was during a television debate in which his opponent called out his misrepresentation of a climatology study. Taylor asserted that the warming that had taken place over time was much less than the study had projected, but he had only discussed the phase that was conducted before a set of emission regulations was passed, and that the second phase yielded results that have been almost spot-on

since 1988.

After taking this story back to Cato and faced with denial of the truth and dodging around the facts, he began to realize that he could no longer trust the information of the climate-skeptic community, and that he had made the mistake of ingesting and automatically believing the face-value narratives.

Taylor then moved on to addressing the argument that if climate change were to be taken seriously, it would ultimately lead to deindustrialization and the demise of capitalism.

He spent ample amounts of time searching for economists outside of Cato that would affirm this position, and ultimately could not find any reputable academics who would offer any solid reasoning as to why climate action shouldn’t happen. Taylor also acknowledged that he had a hard time finding any libertarians in his circle that would address the moral or ethical implications as well.

Despite the ample amount of scientific proof that climate change is legitimate, Taylor acknowledged that there is still denial: denial that results from three main reasons that are just as deeply-rooted as his former strict libertarian beliefs.

The first he described is a notion called “motivating cognition,” in which conservatives and libertarians “[use] all reasoning and intellectual ability to believe what they want to believe,” thereby distancing themselves from all perspectives from the left. If they adopted leftist ideas about what climate policy should look like, it would involve significant govern-



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Jerry Taylor, president of the Niskanen Center, and libertarian, spoke at Common Hour last Thursday about his new perspective on climate change as a former skeptic.

ment intervention and thereby derail deep-seated libertarian values. Taylor also acknowledges that most people fill their social circles with people who agree with them, because approval from friends ultimately gives one more personal utility than “being right.” Finally, Taylor highlights the importance messages from “political champions:” what your go-to news source or favorite political commentator has to say about a certain issue is likely what you will believe.

Taylor wrapped up by summarizing the overall purpose of his talk. “I wanted to give you an idea of what climate skepticism really looks like, why I believe it falls short, and it turns out why I think it is that the case for climate action might be even stronger than you realize.”

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## Full Staff Opinion

Dating back nearly 5 decades, the Protest Tree has served as a platform for stimulating discussion within the F&M Community. Members of the student body are encouraged to address any concerns or problems that they feel are pressing or noteworthy.

Recent activity on the Protest Tree has gone against its long and upstanding values. The purpose of the tree is not to promote prejudice or hateful ideas, but rather to encourage discussion and debate amongst the F&M community. This is not to say that the conversations sparked by the protest tree should not be controversial or difficult, but they should be constructive at the same time with hopes of improving the community of which we are a part of. According to the email sent by Diplomatic Congress sent last week “Messages that perpetuate hate, bigotry, racism, homophobia, xenophobia, or the marginalization of any groups or specific individuals are categorically unacceptable.”

The College Reporter stresses students to reclaim the tree as a place to improve our community by critiquing unacceptable behaviors, policies, issues or anything that impacts F&M whether they be inside or outside this campus.



Protest Tree from 1970, located beside Distler House.

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# Arts & Leisure

## The Last Laugh questions use of Holocaust, Nazism as material for comedy

BY ABIGAIL DOTTERER  
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I hardly knew what the Holocaust was the first time I heard a joke about it. The friend who laughed about Jewish people being shoved into ovens had to explain to me what happened and why it was funny. I didn’t laugh.

Joking about tragic events isn’t funny. It is awful to laugh at. They shouldn’t be socially acceptable. Show some respect to the survivors and the ones that didn’t make it. It isn’t funny. Don’t you know the number of how many people that died?

That is, at least, what I’ve thought for the longest time, especially when I hear 9/11 or Holocaust jokes. I didn’t see why comedians thought it was acceptable material for their skits. However, the screening of Ferne Pearlstein’s documentary, *The Last Laugh*, last week changed the way I looked at it all.

Overall, the 2017 film gets one to think about who is allowed to joke about the Holocaust and if even they are in the first place. While it is mainly focusing on the Holocaust, it touched on other sensitive topics like the AIDS crisis and 9/11.

For those in the entertainment industry, they all have varying degrees of which jokes are and aren’t allowed.

Filmmaker Mel Brooks says he can

make Nazi jokes but not ones about the Holocaust. He says that he “can’t go there,” according to Sharon Edelson in her article *Renee Firestone Has the Last Laugh*, the article from which the following comments originated.

To comedian Susie Essman, Brooks’ work with the topics of World War II and Nazism, she says, “by ridiculing the Nazis, he was taking away their power.” “The Holocaust is not funny. But *survival*—there can be humor in that,” says actor Rob Reiner.

Comedian and actor Gilbert Gottfried was told that “tragedy plus time equals comedy.” For him, though, he says “why wait?”

“It’s important to talk about things that are taboo, otherwise they just stay in this dark place and they become dangerous,” Sarah Silvermann said.

As for survivors of the concentration camps, the same goes.

The main survivor that the film follows is Renee Firestone, a 92-year-old who experiences Auschwitz. According to Women’s Wear Daily Magazine, she clearly states her position by saying, “It’s OK to make fun of the Nazis, but not about the killing. Making fun of the Nazis is OK with me.”

One survivor in the film says, “without humor, I don’t think we would have survived.”

After the screening, there was a



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Director Ferne Pearlstein questions the ethicality of Holocaust-based humor in *The Last Laugh*.

question and answer session with the director, Pearlstein. “It was really interesting, all of the cultural responses. In Germany, our European premiere... because of the war, because of different levels of free speech, you’re not allowed to laugh at a Holocaust joke there. I knew that before going in but didn’t know what to expect at the screening...it was silence during the Holocaust jokes... silence.”

As for her own stance on Holocaust jokes, Pearlstein said, “I’m not saying ‘yes it’s okay to make these jokes,’ no it’s not. I think it depends on who it is, who the audience is, what the intent is, what the context is— that’s what I wanted everybody to know. It’s all of those things and then you decide, if it’s okay, for you.”

Pearlstein views her film, overall, as oneabout“bad taste”butin“good taste.”

Honestly, after years of not knowing how to react to these jokes because if you laugh, you can look like an awful person. If you don’t laugh, you just feel a bit awkward. After seeing this documentary, I really do have to go after what Pearlstein said— it all matters about the manner and intent.

Although, it will never be good for me to joke about somethings like this. That is why I would align myself with Brooks—to be able to laugh and joke about Nazism but not the Holocaust, the deaths specifically.

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## Netflix releases new twist on 1996 sitcom *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* this October

BY DANIELLE RICE  
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Remember that 1996 sitcom with the talking cat, two crazy aunts and a bewitching girl? Well it’s back, but this time with a dark twist. Netflix released *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* on October 26, and it’s been getting a large amount of attention in the short time it has been out. The show came out as a sister series to *Riverdale*, because of how quickly it rose to popularity, and the plot reveals clear similarities. Both are originally based on comic books by Archie Comics.

This new Netflix rendition diverges quite a bit from the original sitcom, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*. With a darker tone, the plot contains less humor and tackles deeper themes than the sitcom did.

However, it still contains the same main characters, Sabrina, played by Kiernan Shipka, and her two aunts, Hilda (Lucy Davis) and Zelda (Miranda Otto). Disney channel star Ross Lynch plays Sabrina’s boyfriend, Harvey Kinkle. Half-witch, half-mortal Sabrina has the same struggle of being torn between her family’s



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Netflix original series *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* features Kiernan Shipka as Sabrina.

world of witchcraft and her friends and boyfriend in the mortal world. Unlike the sitcom where Sabrina starts at a new high school and doesn’t know anyone, in the Netflix series Sabrina begins with a strong group of friends and in a long-term relationship. With her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday fast approaching, she has to say goodbye to them and prepare to fully immerse herself into the witchcraft world by signing herself away to the dark lord.

While Sabrina is being forced to go to a new school, the Academy of Unseen Arts, she also starts finding out secrets about

her parents that have been hidden from her. When she arrives at the new school, she is confronted with a hostile environment and a whole new group of enemies.

Along with some plot changes, *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* includes demonic monsters, ghosts and some gruesome killings. The killings are very realistic, adding several levels of terror to the show, but the monsters seem unrealistic, somewhat akin to monsters in  *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, another older show. Although they are accompanied with special effects and sudden sounds, these effects took away from


the true horror-feel of the series.

Sabrina’s powers allowed her to be able to get revenge on people she wouldn’t normally have been able to, allowing for some interesting events. I often found myself rooting for Sabrina – and against whoever she was avenging.

Sabrina is a likeable character, but her character could have benefited from writers adding a little more complexity to her. Although she is dealing with some tough issues, she seemed to be a perfect, fully-formed character from the first episode, which is unrealistic for a fifteen-year-old and didn’t allow her any room for growth.

Overall, the plot was exciting, scary and enjoyable to watch. If you liked the feel of *Riverdale*, you will love this new series. There hasn’t been a witch show that has come out in a while, and none quite like this one. *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* is available on Netflix now, and if you’ve already binged season one, season two is confirmed and on the way!


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California wildfires impedes on Raiders' and Rams' practice and game schedule. Read more below...

# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## F&M Volleyball season comes to a close in first-round of NCAs

BY JAMIE BELFER  
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The Franklin & Marshall volleyball team had a tremendous 2018 season. They went 10-0 in the Centennial Conference and had a 23-6 record in the regular season to earn the number one seed in the Centennial Conference Tournament. Several players earned Centennial Conference and All-Region awards for their outstanding performance throughout the season.

Sophomore Grace Maggiore was named the Centennial Conference player of the year and was named to the All-Region team and the CC first team. Freshman Allison Franke was named Centennial Conference and All-Region rookie of the year, and was named to the All-Region team and the CC first team. Senior Barbara Kapustin was named to the CC second team. Junior Grace Polisano received Honorable Mention. In her sixteenth season as coach for Franklin & Marshall, Coach Salko was named both Mid-Atlantic Region and CC coach of the year.

While the Diplomats unfortunate-

ly fell to McDaniel in the semifinals of the Centennial Conference play-offs, their strong regular season play earned them a spot in the NCAA Division III volleyball tournament. In the first round of 64 teams, F&M faced off against SUNY New Paltz on Friday, November 9.

The Diplomats stayed neck and neck with the New Paltz Hawks in the first set. After falling behind 0-3, a service error and three consecutive kills from Allison Franke put the Diplomats up 4-3. After the Hawks tied the game up 10-10, New Paltz took the lead with 2 service aces by Taylor Cimillo. With some great kills and sets by Franke, Maggiore, Grace Polisano, and Lydia Budd, the Diplomats were able to tie the game up at 15-15 and eventually take a 17-16 lead. After tying the game up 19-19, the Hawks finished the set with a ferocious 5-0 run, ultimately defeating the Diplomats 25-20 with a kill by Kerri Neville.

The Diplomats jumped out to a 10-6 lead in the second set with the help of three kills from Barbara Kapustin, all set by Maggiore. The

Diplomats maintained a 2-3 point lead throughout the middle of the set. However, the Hawks were able to tie the game up at 19-19. The Hawks took their first lead of the game on a kill by Meredith Dignan. The Diplomats fought back with the help of two kills by Polisano, tying the game up at 25-25. The Hawks were able to win the second set 28-26 on a service ace.

Both the Hawks and Diplomats kept within four points of the opposing team throughout the entire third and final set. F&M fell behind 3-4, but battled back with kills from Kapustin, Polisano, Casey Marrow, and a service ace from Delaney Hahn to take a 12-11 lead. The Diplomats took their largest lead of the set (19-

15) after two kills from Franke. What seemed like a game in the Diplomats' control, the Hawks showed their grit and rallied back to tie the game at 22 apiece. The Hawks finished the game off and defeated the Diplomats 25-22.

Although the Diplomats hopes to advance in the NCAA tournament were stunted by New Paltz, their future looks bright. While F&M's two fantastic and impactful seniors, Barbara Kapustin and Lydia Budd, are graduating, the returning Diplomats will look to dominate the 2019 regular and postseason.

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In the first round of the NCAA tournament this past Thursday, the F&M Volleyball team lost to SUNY New Paltz and finished their season with a 23-8 overall, 10-0 CC record.

## California wildfires affect L.A. Rams', Oakland Raiders' practice schedule

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In lieu of recent wildfires in California this past Friday, the LA Rams were forced to cancel practice and the Oakland Raiders were limited to just a walk-through. With the utmost attention to the safety of Rams and Raiders players, coaches, staff, and families, practice conditions were not suitable as an estimated 75,000 homes have been placed under evacuation orders as a result of the Woolsey Fire.

Forty-five people in the Rams organization were evacuated from their homes, including 20 players and coaches. Meanwhile, affected by poor air quality from the Camp Fire in Northern CA, the Raiders were also forced to adjust their schedule from what was supposed to be a full practice.

The NFL issued a statement on Friday saying that they are "monitoring conditions in California and are in close communication with the clubs and local authorities," but Sunday's games are still scheduled to begin at their regularly scheduled times ([espn.com](http://espn.com)).

The Rams (8-1) are scheduled to play the Seattle Seahawks (4-4) at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum on Sunday. Located 55 miles southeast of the practice facility, the Coliseum is unlikely to be af-

ected by the fires or the subsequent poor air quality; however, teams executives have been in communication with the NFL in case the situation were to change.

Elsewhere, the San Francisco 49ers moved Friday's practice in Santa Clara up an hour because of the air quality being affected by smoke. The team remains in contact with the NFL ahead of Monday night's game against the New York Giants.

The devastating fires come

a day after a mass shooting that claimed 12 victims at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, which is just over 4 miles from the Rams' practice facility and 7 miles from the team's headquarters in Agoura Hills.

This past Saturday, the death toll in the Camp Fire in Northern California rose to 23. Saturday brought a break in the fierce winds (30 to 50 mph) that have whipped the three major wildfires in California that have destroyed

a record number of buildings and displaced more than 300,000 people.

Organization are on the ground with food, water and other relief supplies for all affected. Visit <https://publicgood.com/media/cnn/campaign/help-those-impacted-by-california-wildfires> to donate ([cnn.com](http://cnn.com)).

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