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Writer comments on the upcoming presidential candidates for 2020 election

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A little over two years into Donald Trump's time as President of the United States, several politicians and public figures-both Democrats and Republicans alike-are preparing to potentially take him on in the 2020 Presidential election.

The field of Democrats who are seeking the nation's highest office is starting to become crowded with many contenders officially announcing their runs, launching exploratory committees, and expressing interest in participating in the race.

Already in the field is the most diverse array of Presidential candidates in United States history, as several women, two African American Senators, a Latino mayor, and a homosexual mayor vie to take Donald Trump on in the general election.

Just last Friday, February 1, Cory Booker officially announced that he is running for President. Booker, a U.S. Senator from New Jersey, received the verbal support

of Former President Jimmy Carter following a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event and will campaign around bringing a "revival of civil grace" into American politics.

One of the first Democrats to formally express interest was Elizabeth Warren, a Senator from Massachusetts. Once an academic who specialized in economics, the Senator released a video on New Year's Day that informed the public of her exploratory committee. If she ultimately ends up running officially, Warren will focus on economic reform within the country.

Another high-profile candidate is Kamala Harris, a California Senator known for her work as a District Attorney and California's Attorney General, as well as her viral statements from tweets and talk shows.

Harris announced her presidential run on "Good Morning America" on January 21, raising \$1.5 million in her first 24 hours as a candidate.

Julian Castro, the mayor of San Antonio and Barack Obama's Secretary of Housing and Urban



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Senator Elizabeth Warren recently announced her intentions to run during the 2020 presidential election. She has served as senator of Massachusetts since 2013.

Development, also made his candidacy official in the past couple weeks. Castro delivered the keynote address at the 2012 Democratic National Convention, something that Obama also did prior to running for President.

More recently, Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, launched an exploratory committee. Thirty-seven years old and openly gay, Buttigieg promises to offer fresh ideas and would become the first openly gay U.S. Presidential nominee if he were to emerge victorious from the primaries.

Others who have either made their candidacies official or who have expressed serious interest in running are New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Hawaii Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, former Maryland Congressman John Delaney, Washington Governor Jay Inslee, and New

York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. While there are numerous politicians who have made their intentions of running for the nation's highest office clear, there are even more who are on the fence.

One of the more prominent figures is former Vice President Joe Biden, who changed his mind about running in 2016 at the last minute and is now considering campaigning once again. However, a recent New York Times report that he gave a paid speech in 2018 that praised Michigan's Republican Representative Fred Upton, who ultimately defeated a Democratic opponent in a tight race, is hurting his chances of winning in the eyes of many experts.

Biden is not the only staple Democratic figure who is contemplating a run, as Vermont

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Republican candidate, Jeff Flake has been senator of Arizona since 2013.

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Senator Bernie Sanders has not denied his considerations for a second campaign for the position. He lost to Hillary Clinton in the 2016 primaries, but could run once again. Other potential candidates include Sherrod Brown, a Senator from Ohio who is “very seriously” considering a campaign launch, John Kerry, the former U.S. Secretary of State, John Hickenlooper, a former governor of Colorado known for his bipartisanship, and Eric Garcetti, the mayor of Los Angeles. However, Democrats are not the only ones who are not ruling out a run for the office. Jeff Flake, a former Republican Senator of Arizona, originally denied but later contemplated running against Donald Trump. Known for his criticisms of the current president, the conservative politician says that he needs

a break, but does believe that someone should challenge Trump this election season. John Kasich also refused to deny that he may be running for President. When asked if the Ohio governor would consider running to hinder Trump’s chances of winning again, Kasich replied, “I’m only interested in running if I can win. I’m not interested in running to damage somebody else.” He later clarified that he would not “rule out” running as a third-party candidate “if approached.” As 2019 continues on, more politicians will announce their candidacies, and clearer frontrunners will begin to emerge. Until then, it is unclear who will challenge Donald Trump for the presidency in 2020.

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CRIME WATCH

Saturday, January 26, 12:49am - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to a loud noise complaint at College Row.

Saturday, January 26, 3:36am - DPS cited an intoxicated underaged student in Ware College House.

Saturday, January 26, 4:05am - DPS cited students for underaged students carrying fake IDs and playing loud music at Ware College House.

Saturday, January 26 - DPS received a report of a hit and run that occurred sometime between the 25th and the 26th in College Row parking lot.

Sunday, January 27, 12:52am - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint at College Row.

Sunday, January 27, 1:59am - DPS cited a underaged student for intoxication.

Sunday, January, 27, 3:15am - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint and cited students for underaged drinking and furnishing alcohol to a minor.


Sunday, January 27, 5:47pm - DPS assisted the city with theft of services. A middle-aged man posed as a F&M student to get a cab and left without paying.

Wednesday, January 30, 8:00pm - DPS received a report of trespassing at 437 College Avenue.

Thursday, January 31, 8:44pm - DPS received a report of harassment through communication.




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Full Staff Opinion

As we leave January behind and turn to February, Lancaster finds itself under a layer of snow. With higher temperatures on the horizon, expect this snow to melt away, rain to fall, and grass to begin peaking through. The College Reporter encourages students to prepare for the elements by carrying an umbrella, putting on a raincoat, and maybe even pulling out those rain boots that’ve been stuffed in the back of your closet. Campus can quickly turn disastrous as rain makes streams of what would usually be walkways and the green turns swampy and muddy. Nothing’s worse than trudging all the way to class only to have to sit through an hour twenty minute block shivering and dripping wet, so do your best to plan ahead. For those of you with work study jobs, try asking your supervisor if there’s an umbrella you can borrow when you go off to deliver something to another department or pick up the mail, chances are there’ll be one on hand for general use and you won’t have to worry about shielding what you’re carrying from building to building. If you were hoping to get off campus and get dinner with friends, try staying closer to campus and try one of the restaurants along Harrisburg Ave. by the Campus Crossings at College Row apartments. Stay dry Franklin & Marshall!

Staff Writer Commentary

Eid, Common Hour speaker, sparks much needed campus debate

BY BETTE SCHER & ANNA GOOREVICH
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Last Thursday, the words, “Bassam Eid is a traitor” hung on the protest tree for all of F&M’s campus to see. Who is Bassam Eid? Why is he a traitor? F&M had many questions—not only about this week’s speaker, but also about the complicated socio-political and historical conflict between Israel and Palestine dating back over fifty years. Because of this, Eid’s arrival to F&M was the catalyst to increased amounts of debate, conversation, and the immersion of complicated international politics into the discourse of daily life. A key point of contention, though, among those who are familiar with Bassam Eid and his political affiliation, was the weight of having someone haphazardly labelled as a “traitor” come to F&M in the first place.

Bassam Eid is a pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian activist who grew up in Shuafat, a United Nations refugee camp outside Jerusalem. As a native Palestinian, Eid has been exposed to the Israeli-Palestine conflict for his entire life, as well as the human rights violations in the Gaza strip area. As someone who has been on the ground, seeing the scope of authoritarian devastation, he has come to a unique political position: abandoning the idea of a nationalized “homeland.” Instead of his opinions strictly supporting nationalized politics, he has offered years of neutral criticism, both to Israel and Palestine, criticism that has received enough media attention to warrant threats of brutal violence, and even death.

The Common Hour itself lived up its high anticipation, garnering an attendance that was unusually high. As Eid began to speak of the Israeli-Palestine conflict, his highly controversial opinions forced the air within the Mayser Gymnasium to turn still. It could be easily felt how attentive the audience was to Eid’s sharpened words, taking vigorous notes, as if everyone was trying to absorb as much of Eid’s presentation as possible.

Throughout the presentation, Eid illustrated the highly complicated conflict between Israel, Palestine, the surrounding Arab states, and other international entities. However, instead of focusing on the nature of the con-

flicts themselves, Eid offered a unique perspective through a pacifists’ lens. In a thunderous voice, he abandoned the idea of “homeland” as central to identity. Instead, he proclaimed that human rights, the abuse of the people, both in Israeli and Palestinian lands, is the problem most paramount. Eid sternly stated, “In my opinion, the majority of the Palestinian people these days are people who are seeking dignity, rather than identity.” Additionally, Eid commented on the public perception of the Israel/Palestine conflict. “In my opinion, pro-Israel means to be pro-Palestinian, and pro-Palestinian means to be pro-Israel,” continuing, “Because ‘pro’ means that you are seeking really a good solution for both sides.”

As is Common Hour tradition, students were encouraged to ask Eid questions at the end of his presentation. Almost immediately, many F&M students rushed to the microphone, anxiously awaiting the chance to speak with the revered yet controversial speaker. The staff running Common Hour

had to actually dismiss the Q&A, cutting off some students, because time had run out.

The fact that students so passionately participated in the Q&A session, as well demonstrated pre-presentation hype through the posts on the protest tree is incredibly important. The example set at Eid’s Common Hour means that F&M students want speakers who present pressing, high-stakes issues to campus. The students want to engage in political discourse, want to be challenged, not only by the academics in which we undertake, but also in the discourse of everyday life, with Common Hour as a main fixture.

However, high-stakes discourse, like the kind presented by Eid’s talk, doesn’t happen all the time at F&M. More often than not, Franklin and Marshall’s campus can tend to err apolitical, straying away from the heat, preferring to remain comfortable and safe within social acceptability. Critical conversations on international politics, racism, sexism, xenophobia, and other seemingly uncomfortable topics have select

days where they are normalized, with Day of Dialogue as a principled example.

Students need to take responsibility in making sure that the knowledge gained through our studies don’t live and die in the classroom. Conversely, F&M should not shy away from the opportunity to engage in critical conversations on pressing issues. A lot of the dialogue surrounding politicized issues begins with the introduction of a controversial speaker. Without a person coming to F&M to spark interest and conversation, crucial issues remain just theoretical. Theory isn’t enough for an institution as prestigious as F&M. Theory isn’t enough for students who all have the capability to make real, lasting change.

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This week, F&M’s Protest Tree included comments on Eid’s Common Hour presentation. While controversial, Eid sparked much-needed campus dialogue.

Campus Life

Common Hour speaker presents talk on “The Plight of the Palestinian People”

BY SARAH FRAZER
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For Common Hour this past week, Bassam Eid, a Palestinian Human Rights Activist, spoke about what he sees as the biggest obstacles to peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. According to Eid, the Palestinian Authority and Hamas have been barriers to peace since the leaders of both groups benefit economically from a prolonged conflict. Eid’s talk was not without controversy though, as students questioned him about his lack of acknowledgement of Israel’s role in the conflict.

The crux of Eid’s argument is that the Palestinian people are suffering because of the Palestinian Authority, Hamas, and the Egyptian government. He explained that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon decided to withdraw from Gaza in 2005, which was one of the major steps towards peace between Israel and Palestine. However, four months later, Palestinians held elections and awarded Hamas 2/3 of seats in Parliament. Hamas gained popularity because they claimed responsibility for the withdrawal. At this point, Eid said that Hamas decided to occupy Gaza, and he considers their leadership of Gaza an occupation.

Eid explained that there are four actors in Gaza: Hamas, the Palestinian Authority, the Egyptian government, and Israel. According to him, the Egyptians and the Palestinian Authority have destroyed the Gaza strip. For its part, Egypt view Hamas as a terrorist organization and, therefore, believes that the only way to get Hamas to leave Gaza is by placing more restrictions on them. The Palestinian Authority want to regain authority for Gaza. Eid claimed that, in contrast, Israel would like to see more reconstruction in Gaza for economic reasons.

He elaborated, “Today, in my opinion, the Gazan people are much more upset and angry towards the Egyptians than towards the Israeli government.” The Egyptians closed a passage between Gaza and Egypt “on the demand of the Palestinian authority in the West Bank.” At this point, according to Eid, “some of the Palestinians in Gaza are not considering [those in] the West Bank the Palestinian people,” which shows how divided the Palestinians are and how much trust they have lost in their leaders. Eid

explained that it seems like the Palestinians are seeking a “three state solution for two peoples.”

According to Eid, reconstruction of Gaza has been delayed because Hamas wants resources to go to its tunnels and military capability while Israel wants reconstruction efforts to go to rebuilding houses and other facilities that were destroyed. Eid claimed that the Palestinians are “seeking dignity rather than identity.” In Palestine, “nobody is talking about settlements. Nobody is talking about the wall,” he said. No one is even talking about the foundation of the Palestinian state. Instead, they want dignity which they will get through economic prosperity.

A few times during his talk, Eid suggested that the Trump administration could solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, or at least that they were taking steps in the right direction. Eid asserted that the two most important issues in the conflict now are Jerusalem and refugees. According to Eid, Trump’s statement that he would move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was helpful since there is no conflict if Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and if there is no right of return. So, if America can solve the issue of Palestinian refugees, “I believe that the next day the conflict will be solved,” Eid expressed. He said that the Trump administration is, indeed, working on the refugee issue, as the US is working to convince countries like Lebanon and Jordan to recognize refugee populations in their countries.

The reason that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has not been resolved, Eid explained, was economic in nature. If the money that is coming to the conflict would stop one day, “probably the next day we will find a solution between ourselves.” Eid argued that the leaders of the “Palestinian government in the West Bank want to keep the status quo” because at the end of the month they are receiving money which will pay their workers. “If there is a Palestinian state tomorrow, who will pay the \$100 million?” Eid asked rhetorically. “Corruption is eating us from within,” he said, and “who is benefitting from that cash money? Only the leaders.” With so much money flowing in, “Israelis and Palestinians became experts in how to manage the conflict rather than to solve it.”

Similarly, Eid said that “the international community became a



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Bassam Eid spoke at last Thursday’s Common Hour on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which sparked controversy among F&M students attending the talk.

part of the conflict, rather than a part of the solution.” According to Eid, Arab countries today are willing to pay many hundreds of millions of dollars to keep the conflict going. Qatar sends \$15 million every month, yet not one house has been built in Gaza. According to Eid, “nobody is helping us and everyone is using us.” Eid argued that “it looks like we [Palestinians] are selling ourselves here.”

Eid’s presentation provoked controversy among students. One student noted that someone had posted a sign on the protest tree, which called Eid a “traitor;” according to the student, it was the first time a Common Hour speaker had been protested on campus. Two students, during the question and answer period, remarked that it was nice to finally have a pro-Israel speaker on campus, which they said had never happened in their three and a half years at Franklin & Marshall. However, F&M has not really had any speaker come to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in one way or another.

Other students challenged Eid’s arguments. The first questioner asked him how he could claim to be a human rights activist when he only spoke about Palestinian violations. Eid argued that he does talk about violations on both sides, and, he said, one of the major problems is the media, which refuses to report any violations committed by the Palestinian Authority. In contrast, Eid asserted that violations committed by Israelis are covered on the front page. According to Eid, the Pales-

tinian people and the international community appreciate him. He continued, “I [have fought] for the rights of the Palestinians for 26 years.”

Another student asked what Israel would give up if Eid wanted the Palestinians to give up both their identity and their right of return. Eid responded that some Jewish people have called for the right of return of Jews to Arab countries since most Israelis arrived to Israel from Arab countries. So, Eid contended, if one wants to invoke the Palestinians right of return, we should go and give everyone around the world the right of return. Eid then explained that he was not suggesting that the Palestinians had to give up that right, but we need to find a solution. If Palestinians will accept some kind of compensation instead, then we should go with that.

Eid’s response to critics is that, as a Palestinian, it is his job to criticize Palestinians, in the same way it’s Israelis’ job to criticize Israel. Eid reiterated that he didn’t think the media would ever report what he said in his presentation. But he needs to tell the international community what is going on inside Palestine. Eid said, “in my opinion to be pro-Israel means to be pro-Palestinian. And to be pro-Palestinian means to be pro-Israeli.” Thus, he said he was pro-both sides, although not everyone interpreted his presentation that way.

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Arts & Leisure

Upcoming film causes controversy over potential romanticizing of a killer

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When the trailer for *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile* launched, people were shocked by the decision to cast beloved *High School Musical* star Zac Efron as notorious, ruthless serial killer Ted Bundy. Although Zac Efron shouldn’t be limited by his previous roles, people need to be cognizant of how his presence in a film will be perceived and the audience that he will attract. Because of Efron’s looks and cult following of enamored women, Ted Bundy’s character can quickly shift from unsuspecting killer to charming, sexy “bad boy.”

The trailer seemed to lack the seriousness and sensitivity that this topic deserves. With upbeat background music, Efron is seen ripping open Lily Collin’s shirt. Bundy was clearly portrayed in an overly-charming way, practically smiling and winking throughout the entire trailer. It could be that the trailer doesn’t accurately represent the movie, but these scenes suggest a certain amount of romanticism of Bundy - and not much else. A *Daily Beast* article by Kevin Fallon, who saw the film at the Sundance Film Festival, wrote that the film



Photo courtesy of consequenceofsound.net.

Actor Zac Efron stars as serial killer Ted Bundy in upcoming film *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile*, a controversial film detailing horrendous acts of violence.

fails to offer “insight into Bundy and his psyche aside from his narcissistic desire for attention, and talent for grabbing it.”

Serial-killer movies have been around for a long time, and they continue to be released because of their contemporary popularity. Whether this stems from a curiosity about the psychology behind these killers or the law enforcement processes for catching them, these movies can easily end up glamorizing the killers unless they

are done carefully. The trailer for this upcoming film suggests that this movie seems to lack the depth or angle necessary to eliminate the romanticising of a serial killer. This, paired with Zac Efron’s overt attractiveness, makes for a glamorized Ted Bundy. The fascination with serial-kill

er movies leads to a deeper issue in our society: the sensationalism of violence. The more violence we see in movies and television, the less it starts to affect us. When

we watch something on a screen, we become spectators and tend to be unphased by what we see; we simply sit back and watch for entertainment. We need to be conscious viewers, critical of what we are watching and maintain the sense of empathy and ethical standards that we carry with us in the real world. In this case, we can be mindful of Ted Bundy’s real victims - the over 30 women that Ted Bundy brutally raped and killed - and the kind of person he actually was. He is not a character to lust after, but an example of real-world violence to be wary of.

Movies put forth a message or lesson to the public. It’s unclear what the creators of *Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile* had intended, but we can watch it with a critical eye and try to glean a lesson from it. This is what Kathy Kleiner Rubin, survivor of a Ted Bundy attack, said she wanted for the movie in an interview with TMZ. Rubin expressed that, “hopefully [the film] will make women be more aware of their surroundings and be cautious” of tactics used by predators, an important lesson for women everywhere.

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Staff Writer from rural Wyoming attends Billy Joel concert in New York City

BY ABIGAIL DOTTERER
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If you told me a year ago that I would go to Madison Square Garden to see Billy Joel with a girl I’ve only known for a few months, I probably wouldn’t believe you.

Why? I’m from Wyoming, a place which is a distinct opposite from New York City. My state has the lowest population rate in the country and a common stereotypical misconception is that we still use horses to travel everywhere. We have tons of land that we don’t know what to do with. Before this, I had only been to New York once before on a day trip. I don’t consider myself to be a claustrophobic person but while there I realized just how much space we have in Wyoming. Personal space is definitely a thing there.

Either way, the biggest city I’ve been to, even for a night, has been Denver, Colorado. The last time I was there was for the latest concert I saw before going to go see Billy Joel: Paul Simon at the Fiddler’s Green Amphitheater. My first concert before that was Elton John in March 2017 at the events center where I

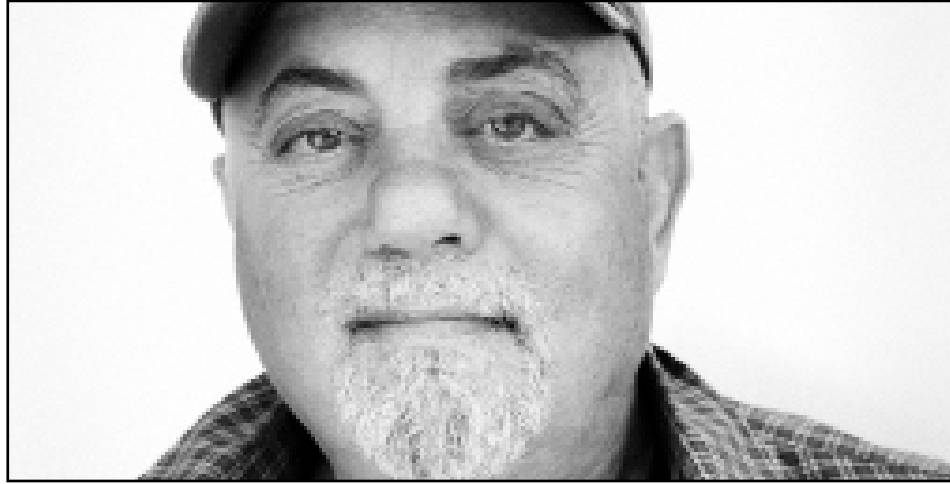


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Billy Joel continues to be a musical icon, performing live in major cities around the world.

live. Who would have thought of someone as big him going to perform in a Wyoming town of all places?

If you hear these three names, you can see a trend. I have never listened to music deemed typical for my age group. This has been the case since I was young. It began with my first love when I was five years old. His name was Elvis Aaron Presley. From that age until right about sixteen years old, I was completely obsessed with all of his music. Eventually, I grew out of it and became interested in the other artists I’ve since seen in concert.

A slight problem with the music I like: it’s all primarily from the 1960s

to the 1980s. This means that the musicians I listen to and hope to see in concert could either stop touring before I get a chance to see them or could pass away. It still breaks my heart that I’ll never be able to see musicians like David Bowie, Prince, and George Michael on stage. Aware of the ticking of time, I have to take every chance I can to see these artists live while I still can. Living in Wyoming, my chances to see my favorite performers live were limited, but since living in Lancaster for my first year of college, I can already see the increase in opportunity.

But I didn’t expect my first concert that I went to while going to F&M

wouldn’t be in Lancaster. I remember seeing the announcement for Billy Joel’s 100th-and-something concert at the Garden and didn’t think it would happen. So my mom would be reassured that I wouldn’t end up being hurt in New York City alone, I asked one of my new (ish) friends to go with me.

As the trip came closer, I didn’t think it could actually happen, it was too good to be true. Something would get in the way and I would have to sell my tickets and stay on campus. A girl from Wyoming doesn’t just go to New York City to see *Billy Joel*. But she did go, and it was absolutely amazing with his timeless voice and ever-so-wonderful piano skills. Even though our seats weren’t ideal (we were in the nosebleeds of nosebleed seats), I had an incredible time. Tears streamed down my face as he played my favorite song (“Vienna” in case you’re wondering), Hearing all the iconic songs I’ve listened to over the years played live was an incredible experience and the notes of “Piano Man” lingered long after the show came to a close.

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Jamie Belfer recaps F&M Women's Basketball game against Gettysburg. Read more below...


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New York Rangers clutch 4-3 win over New Jersey Devils this past week. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

F&M Women's Basketball fall to Gettysburg, record drops to 10-10

BY JAMIE BELFER
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Franklin and Marshall women's basketball looked to score a big victory by taking down the first place team in the Centennial Conference, the Gettysburg Bullets on Wednesday, January 30. With a win against the Bullets, the Diplomats would have a winning record in the conference of 8-7. Coming off a great win against Swarthmore, the Diplomats were optimistic as they made the one hour trip to face-off against Gettysburg. Although the Diplomats remained battled closely against the Bullets throughout the first half, the Bullets ran away with the victory in a dominant second half.

To start the game, the Bullets took the lead with a quick three pointer. Assisted by Sarah Pisani, Kenna Williams scored the first bucket of the game for the Diplomats. F&M was able to keep within two to three points of Gettysburg for the majority of the first quarter. With about four minutes left in the quarter, the Diplomats went on a 10-0 run. Haley Pilone's three point shot gave the F&M their first lead of the game with a score of 14-13. With two points from Sarosha Parsons and four more points from Pilone, the Diplomats led the Bullets 20-13 with one minute left in the quarter. However, the Bullets had a 5-point surge to come within two points of the

Diplomats (20-18) at the end of the quarter.

Franklin & Marshall maintained steady control through the first five minutes of the second quarter with Williams and Kristin Hamill leading the offensive charge. However, the Bullets went on a 6-0 run to retake the lead, making the score 26-29. Pisani kept the Diplomats close with two made free throws. However, with a combination of three point shots and layups, the Bullets forged ahead to go up by seven points, making the score 31-38 with one minute left in the half. The Diplomats continued to fight for the final minute and were able to end the half with a score of 37-40. The half ended on a thrilling three-point buzzer beater by Pilone.

Missed shots plagued the Diplomats at the start of the third quarter, allowing the Bullets to take advantage and go up by seven points, making the score 37-44. Their offensive surge forced the Diplomats to take a timeout and regroup. The Diplomats continued to struggle to find the net, but were able to hold Gettysburg to within 10 points for the first four minutes of the quarter. However, the Bullets were red-hot with their shots were were able to increase their lead to 14 points, making the score 44-58. While a slew of missed free throws hurt the Diplomats, the Bullets kept piling on

points. At the end of the quarter, The Bullets led the Diplomats 46-64, their largest lead of the night.

Gettysburg made two free throws to start the fourth quarter. F&M began to find their shot and cut the lead to 16 points. A flurry of missed shots from the Bullets and a three point shot from Pilone brought the Diplomats to within twelve. With two minutes left in the game, the Diplomats brought the deficit down to 9 points and took a timeout. However, they were unable to battle back and were ultimately defeated 66-77.

The Diplomats drop to 7-8 in the Centennial Conference, 10-10 overall. However, they still have five more conference games left and could make a miraculous run to earn their spot in the Centennial Conference playoffs.

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Photo courtesy of godiplomats.com.
F&M Women's Basketball have strong first half against Bullets. Struggling to find the net in the second half, the Bullets run away with a 66-77 victory.

New Jersey Devils fall short to New York Rangers 4-3 in back-and-forth game

BY GABBY GOODWIN
Editor-in-Chief

This past Thursday, January 31st, the New Jersey Devils faced off against the New York Rangers at the Prudential Center for a regular season game. With 4:36 left to play, NY Rangers' Mika Zibanejad capped his second career hat trick with a winning goal to beat the Devils 4-3. Zibanejad also had an assist on a goal by Chris Kreider and Mats Zuccarello had three assists, including the backhand pass that set up Zibanejad for the game winning goal.

For New Jersey, Nico Hischier, Marcus Johansson, and Egor Yakovlev all scored. "Losing is tough," said Brian Boyle, who had a last-minute tip stopped by Lundqvist. "There was some self-inflicted stuff but it's always disappointing. This was a big one. This was a big game for us. I think we had pretty good control of it but we're still a work in progress" (espn.com).

Kreider gave the Rangers a 3-2 lead early on in the third period with a shot from the right circle that Kinkaid failed to stop. Ya-

kovlev got his second career goal after being set up by Johansson less than a minute after Kreider scored.

The Rangers were able to make a comeback when they controlled play in Devil territory for more than a minute and got the puck to Zibanejad. Zibanejad got his first goal on a deflection with two seconds left in the first period to cut the Devils lead to 2-1. His second goal of the evening came with 3:24 left in the second period when he one-timed a pass from Zuccarello into the top corner of the net.

Hischier gave New Jersey the lead with a shot from the left circle 5:10 after the opening faceoff and Johansson made a head-first dive to poke a loose puck into an open net.

The way the line of Mika Zibanejad, Chris Kreider and Mats Zuccarello is going, the New York Rangers still have a shot at the playoffs. While the Rangers (22-22-7) lost to the Lightning 3-2 this past Saturday, they have a chance to make a comeback on Monday with a 7:00 PM against

the Los Angeles Kings.

The Devils (20-24-7), on the other hand, clutched a 3-2 double OT win over the Canadiens this past Saturday and face off against the Los Angeles Kings this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

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New Jersey Devils and New York Rangers go back-and-forth in regular season game this past Thursday, January 31st. The Rangers ultimately clutch a 4-3 win over the Devils.