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## Peace talks between United States, Taliban fall apart following Kabul attack



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Peace talks between the United States and the Taliban were both created and destroyed in a matter of weeks following a car bombing in Kabul which killed one American soldier.

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On Sunday, September 8, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that President Donald Trump had ceased peace negotiations with the Taliban, citing the cause as a “[failure] to live up to a series of commitments they had made.” However, despite the result, he suggested that

they could still pull American troops from Afghanistan.

President Trump planned a secret meeting at Camp David in Maryland, which would follow months of negotiations that had been going well with Taliban leaders and Ashraf Ghani, the president of Afghanistan. Both parties were close to reaching a potentially-monumental peace agreement that would have ended an

18-year-long war in Afghanistan.

After the announcement, the president tweeted that the Taliban admitted to using a suicide car bomb attack to murder one American soldier and eleven others in Kabul the previous Thursday, thus prompting Trump to cancel the meeting and cease all negotiations.

According to the New York Times, the Afghan government did not favor the potential deal

for reasons related to security and Ghani’s upcoming election. The same source also states that the decision surprises many experts on American politics, as Trump promised to withdraw American troops from an 18-year “aimless boondoggle” throughout his campaign and the ceasing of discussions stemmed from the death of one American.

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## Candidates spar over healthcare, immigration in third Democratic primary debate

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Ten candidates took the stage for the third televised Democratic presidential primary debate on Thursday, September 12, hosted by ABC on the campus of Texas Southern University in Houston. ABC reporters David Muir, George Stephanopoulos, and Linsey Davis, along with Univision anchor Jorge Ramos, moderated. Based on Nielsen’s “Fast National” ratings, the debate drew 14.04 million total viewers.

After opening statements, the debate followed the format of one

minute and 15 seconds for direct responses to questions and 45 seconds for responses and rebuttals, including instances when candidates were invoked by name. Topics raised over the nearly three hours include healthcare, gun legislation, climate change, criminal justice, and education.

Flanked by Sen. Elizabeth Warren to his left, and Sen. Bernie Sanders to his right, former vice president and current front runner Joe Biden was subjected to a barrage of attacks from all sides over the issue of healthcare. During the same exchange, former Housing Secretary Julian Castro accused

Biden of contracting himself only minutes earlier, seemingly attempting to raise concern over the 76-year-old’s mental acuity.

In a discussion on healthcare, Mayor Pete Buttigieg raised the notion of “Medicare for All Who Want It,” arguing that if Sander’s plan is indeed the best, the American people can be trusted to arrive at that conclusion on their own terms by wholly opting in. Warren dodged a question on whether she would raise middle-class taxes to afford Medicare for All, instead framing her answer in the context of the non-financial costs families already pay being

denied necessary treatment by their current insurance providers.

Former Texas Rep. Beto O’Rourke delivered a standout performance, passionately arguing for the mandatory buyback of assault rifles in the wake of the August mass shooting in his hometown of El Paso. O’Rourke’s statements were met with praise from other candidates on stage, including Biden and Warren.

During the first commercial break of the prime-time debate, ABC drew criticism on social media for the decision to air a

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# Taliban: Bolton out as national security advisor for Trump

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However, the Times states that this was not the sole reason behind the cease talks, as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Advisor John R. Bolton debated on the actions that President Trump should take during meetings in the Situation Room. While Pompeo argued that a peace deal would allow them to withdraw troops with an anti-terrorism commitment from the group, Bolton believed they could bring soldiers home without striking a deal with people who have killed Americans.

## Debate: Policy and electability questions continue in the third Democratic party debate

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political advertisement which depicted a photograph of New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez set aflame, prompting the hashtag “BoycottABC” to trend on Twitter. ABC has yet to issue a statement addressing the controversy. As Biden prepared to deliver his closing remarks, chants of “We are DACA recipients! Our lives are at risk!” interrupted the debate, forcing the former vice president to pause until the protestors were escorted away. According to Vox, they were from the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, or NAKASEC, wearing shirts that read, “Abolish ICE,” “Citizenship for All,” and “Defend DACA.” The chants were reportedly unplanned, with one of the involved individuals instead citing emotion as the catalyst for

the demonstration, expressing that they felt compelled by the lack of conversation surrounding immigration during Thursday’s debate. On Friday, the Democratic National Committee announced that the next debate will be held Tuesday, October 15 in Westerville, Ohio on the campus of Otterbein University, co-hosted by CNN and The New York Times. According to The Times, CNN anchors Anderson Cooper and Erin Burnett, as well as paper’s own National editor, Marc Lacey, will moderate. To be eligible, candidates must have 130,000 unique donors and register at least two percent in four qualifying pools by the end of the day October 1.

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Photo courtesy of TIME. Several islands in the Caribbean region have been left devastated in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, with thousands of people still missing and dozens dead.

in the administration and public by surprise. The Afghan government placed the blame on the Taliban and the Taliban claimed that the decision would only affect the United States negatively. Two days after the president’s public disclosure of the failed negotiations, he announced that he had fired Bolton. The national security adviser, the third in Trump’s presidency, had disagreed with the leader on how to work with Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and other nations, thus prompting the firing. Bolton, who had worked with

Trump for 17 months during his presidency, says that he resigned without a push from the commander in chief. Bolton’s former deputy, Charles M. Kupperman, will serve as interim national security adviser until Trump announces an official replacement this week. Following an eventful week in national politics, it remains clear that Bolton is no longer a top adviser and the war in Afghanistan will continue without an end in sight.

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Photo courtesy of Win McNamee/Getty Images. Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren were in conflict for the majority of the debate, primarily on the issue of healthcare policy, which they adamantly disagree on.

## Damage from Hurricane Dorian continues to impact the Bahamas

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Over a week after Hurricane Dorian left the Bahamas and moved on to North Carolina, thousands of people are still stranded and struggling to acquire the basic human needs. According to CBS News, the death toll has risen to 50, although thousands are still missing. The islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama were hardest hit by the storm and essentially leveled, leaving around 70,000 people homeless. NPR reporting states that in one neighborhood, fondly referred to as “The Mudd,” there is reportedly not a single building left standing. Residents of the islands have been fleeing en masse to the Bahamian capital, Nassau, and Florida. Shelters in Nassau are being forced to turn away hurricane survivors due to their already overflowing

capacities according to AP News, and more than 2,000 of the 5,000 people that have arrived in Nassau during the past week are staying in shelters, while others have found accommodations with family, friends, or kind strangers. To make the situation more devastating, many of the residents of Abaco island were refugees who fled Haiti after the 2010 earthquake and whose lives have now been uprooted by a natural disaster for the second time. The dramatic levelling and damage done to the infrastructure of Abaco and Grand Bahama is making delivering supplies and other aid efforts difficult. Christy Delafield, a member of the aid group Mercy Corps told NPR, “Anywhere we could put a warehouse has been destroyed by floodwaters and may not be safe for see DORIAN, page 3

# China, U.S. continue to battle in trade war despite economic impact

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On September 5th, the US and China announced a new round of trade talks in Washington in October. This is the 13th round of trade talks and the situation is not satisfying to either side.

The new talk may signal a positive progress of the two biggest economies to conciliate, but in which degree both sides will compromise is still vague. President Trump just officially carried out a further round of tariffs of 25 to 30 percent on 250 billion dollars of Chinese imports. This measure is a sanction against China’s new retaliation on \$78 billion US goods on August 23th. The rest of the 300 billion dollar imports from China will also be charged 15 percent, increased 5 percent point, announced on September 1st. The trade war has been in motion for more than one year and does not show signs of stopping during the Trump presidency. It started in 2018 by the first move of US charging particular tariffs on Chinese imports. According to the timeline provided by China Briefing News, The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) began collecting a 25 percent tariff on 818 imported Chinese products valued at US\$34 billion – giving effect to the first round of tariffs, which were revised and announced on June 15, 2018. In the next month, the US kept placing trade penalties over Chinese products. This series of measures corresponded to the talk President Trump had in March 2018. Trump said the tariffs would be imposed due to Chinese theft of U.S intellectual property. Trump said his planned tariffs on Chinese imports would make the United States “a much stronger, much richer nation.” The official sanctions made some sort of trade war inevitable and China retaliated quickly. Chi-

na’s Ministry of Commerce announced a reciprocal 25 percent additional tariff on US\$16 billion of US exports to China, effective August 23, 2018. This was the beginning of the rounds and rounds of economic penalties taken by the two largest economies in the world. China, as the same time, filed a complaint with the World Trade Organization (WTO) claiming that the US’s pertinent regulations damaging the Chinese’s trade benefits and international economic environment. The WTO ultimately failed to carry out any substantial improvements or make conciliation between the two sides so the war has continued. In the later half of 2018, there were a couple of rounds of US-China trade talks arranged to solve the serious trade problems, which had already influenced negatively in the global community. However, not once have the two sides managed to have a

long-term agreement. On December 1, 2018, the US and China agreed to a temporary truce to de-escalate trade tensions, following a working dinner at the G20 Summit in Buenos Aires. According to the agreement, both the US and China will refrain from increasing tariffs or imposing new tariffs for 90 days (until March 1, 2019), as the two sides work towards a larger trade deal. This was a temporary truce and was the first time two countries showed a gesture to make a deal. However, as we know at present, the trade talk failed. When the US Department of Commerce announced the addition of Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd and its affiliates on its “entity list,” which effectively bans US companies from selling to the Chinese telecommunications company without US government approval in May 16, 2019. The Huawei company has been seen as one of the most hi-tech companies in China. This announcement no doubt aroused hostile emotion in China against the US and escalated the level of trade war not economically but also popularly. In August, the Chinese currency (RMB) is officially devalued into 7 per US dollar - it’s lowest in 11 years. It is a responding measure to drop its goods’ prices, which is quite efficient. Now in September 2019, the 13th round of trade talks is scheduled for October and the tension between the US and China has not been mitigated. This war is seen as a battle for who will be the most powerful and influential economy in the next decade. Whether the two nations can make a deal on the bargaining table or let the fight continue damaging both countries’ commercial relations is yet to be seen.

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Photo courtesy of Shutterstock. Several attempts to resolve the United States’s trade war with China have been unsuccessful. The continued economic conflict threatens to impact the world economy in addition to the national economies of both countries directly involved.

## Dorian: Fate of some communities remains uncertain in wake of hurricane

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storing supplies. Communications are down; electricity is down. Any of the things you would normally do in a response are going to be 10 times harder because the systems that support them do not exist anymore.” Despite the difficulties, airlines and cruise ships continue to deliver supplies and transport Bahamians to safety. Amidst the large-scale evacuation happening, the treatment of over 100 Bahamians aboard a ferry bound for Florida drew scrutiny across the media. On Sunday, after waiting for

hours at a terminal, hurricane survivors told a news reporter they have been told that they would be allowed into Florida if they had their Bahamian passport and a copy of their criminal record. However, minutes before leaving the dock, all passengers without a U.S. visa were forced off and left behind. U.S. Customs and Border Protection released a statement in which it said they were “Notified of a vessel preparing to embark an unknown number of passengers in Freeport and requested that the operator of the vessel coordinate with U.S. and Bahamain government

officials before departing the Bahamas”. The ferry company, Balearia, and CBP are now blaming each other, with CBP calling it a misunderstanding. President Trump shared his views at a campaign rally in North Carolina, claiming that the U.S. needs to “be very careful” and make sure everyone has proper documentation “because the Bahamas had some tremendous problems with people going to the Bahamas that weren’t supposed to be there,” and he doesn’t want to allow those people into the U.S. He went further to say that some of those people were

“very bad people and some very bad gang members and some very, very bad drug dealers.” On the other hand, during a tour of the hurricane’s aftermath, the Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Minnis addressed a group of survivors on a dock, saying, “All of you, all of you will be treated with respect, so do not be afraid of my government. All of you will be treated equally. There is no discrimination here. We are all one.”

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Contributing Writer Commentary

First-year on importance of college newspaper, journalism

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At a glance, student journalism may seem like an obsolete concept. After all, social media has made access to information very easy. Almost all information about school events or guest lectures are emailed to us. Clubs promote their events on their Instagram and Facebook. If we want to learn more about certain policies, we can look at a web page. Seriously, who needs to read paragraphs nowadays?

However, it is my opinion that Student Journalism still has a place in our lives, especially in a small liberal arts college like Franklin & Marshall. Here are a couple reasons why:

First, student journalism is one of the few ways that we can take an in-depth look at someone who we may know. This is particularly

true in a school as small as Franklin & Marshall, where one can almost always put a face to a name. Unlike Facebook or other digital platforms that presents only transitory information (location, event, or an outfit) about a person, an interview or even a well written article details a person’s skills, ambitions, and histories. In other words, student journalism promotes empathy and connect-edness among school members.

Second, related to the first point, student journalism (or just any other type of writing) is an initiator for critical thinking. We live in a day where information is constantly bombarding us. Whether it be a documentary on seals or Buzzfeed list of the 10 best-selling frozen yogurt flavors, we need a moment of calm to process all the information we gather. For most of us, who are constantly stressed by the workload,

it is not an easy process to start. However, reading or writing an article about something one cares about is a good way to start this process of introspection.

Lastly, I believe that student journalism serves as a platform to react to the world around us. Every community’s response to the same events slightly differ, and Franklin & Marshall is no exception. Student-ran papers are a good place for us to express ourselves in this regard. For instance, a student interested in LGBT Pride movement may write about whether out school’s policies are adequate for people of LGBT community. As racial tensions grow in the country, a student may talk about his or her own experience on campus. As a response to the Amazon forest fire, a student can examine our own sustainability policy. Whatever the case is, it is always good to examine how

major political, ecological, and social movements are intricately related to our lives.

So, after all, I do not think that student journalism is outdated—it is a great tool that encourages us to pause and examine the world around us. However, it is also a hard-to-deny fact that number of people who read a periodical or a paper--professional or student-ran—are decreasing. After all, sometimes it’s just nice to turn on Netflix. It’s something I am guilty of as well, even as I write this article. So, perhaps, the most difficult task that we face is simply to find joy in thinking. I carefully say that writing for College Reporters is not a bad place to start.

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Writer shares mixed feelings regarding Martin library time changes

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I’ve always been fond of the phrase “Don’t let your memes be dreams” to be quite compelling, and several F&M students recently took this maxim to heart, posting a series of dank memes on the Protest Tree regarding recent changes in the hours at Martin Library of the Sciences. Before this semester, Martin would close at 2 A.M., and now that closing time has been moved to 12 A.M. A quick search of my email inbox shows no all-student communication from any College official regarding this change. Naturally, the memes of production kicked in, and the Protest Tree was adorned with comics blaming the College’s \$8 million budget crisis for this abrupt change.

The Diplomatic Congress held a hearing on the issue this past Thursday, September 12th on the issue, where College Librarian Scott Vine and Vice President & Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett both provided insight into the issue.

A point of emphasis in Mr. Vine’s commentary was that this change has nothing to do with the budget crisis; it doesn’t save

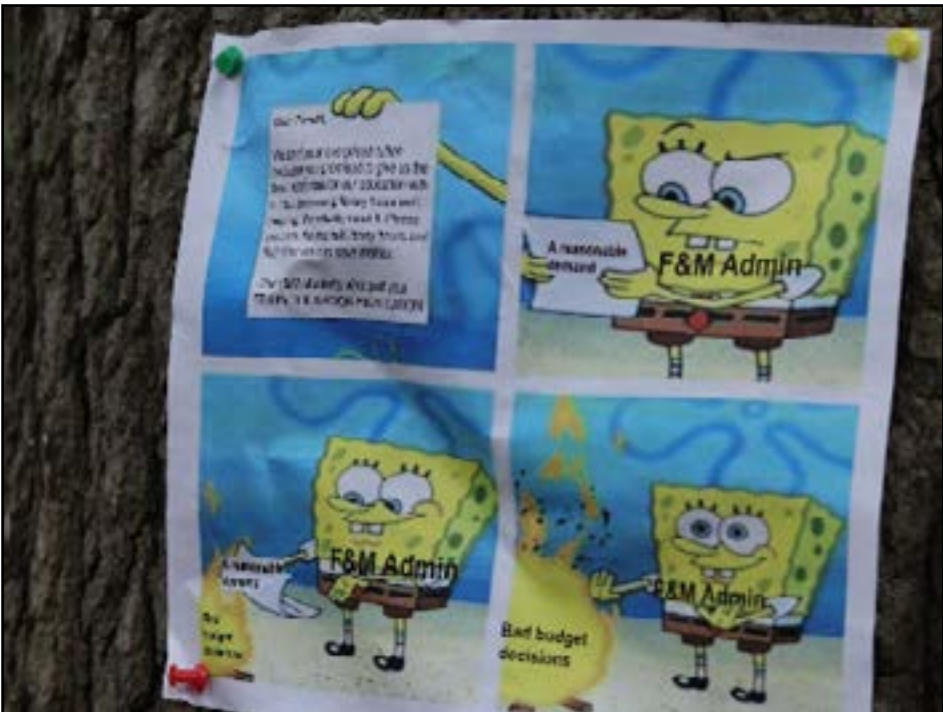


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The meme above was posted on the portest tree in response to library hours reduction

very much money. Mr. Vine humbly and rightly took ownership of the lack of communication to the student body at large, while noting that orientation teams and tour guides were informed of the change to pass the information along. The main reason for this change, Mr. Vine says, rests on two prongs: first, the issue of unanimity across College facilities was important, as the 2 A.M. closing is a leftover from the

1990’s College schedule; second, the issue of student wellness and the question of true productivity after a certain hour. Dean Hazlett doubled down on the wellness argument, with both administrators highlighting an ongoing debate in higher education on this point.

Now that the facts are laid out, you should know that I serve as Parliamentarian for the Diplomatic Congress. The perspective that follows is mine and mine alone,

improve their presentation in order to truly be able to beat Trump. Though improvement was seen in all three, Biden drove home the run with the most presidential attitude. Throughout the debate Biden showed his dominance over the two in his experience, confidence, and understanding of what can and cannot be achieved in his presidency.

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An overview of third democratic debate, how Joe Biden got in lead

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All across the country Democratic Debate viewers like me were awaiting the fight of the year on our televisions, as Sanders,

Warren and Biden, the top three democratic candidates were set to face off on Thursday night. Their performance over the first two debates was evenly bumpy and each of the three candidates needed to

improve their presentation in order to truly be able to beat Trump. Though improvement was seen in all three, Biden drove home the run with the most presidential attitude. Throughout the de-

bate Biden showed his dominance over the two in his experience, confidence, and understanding of what can and cannot be achieved in his presidency.

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demands these hours of work, and we must be given the resources necessary to maintain it. As one public commenter during the Diplomatic Congress’ hearing stated, there is a question of student autonomy and choice in how and when they study. Is this enough to stop students from making bad choices?

On the other hand, there are genuine concerns regarding student health and wellness. Is keep-

ing Martin open those extra two hours actually enabling that unhealthy culture of overwork at F&M? To me, this seems a move from the College meant to send a message of self-care and wellness in good faith. Is this choice, while seemingly difficult to rectify on the surface, actually one in the best interest of the student? In my opinion, the answer is yes. While I value the ability of the individual students to set their

own schedule, the Monster Energy-fueled binge of calculus may not be the healthiest thing, and this may be a first step in helping to end that. But perhaps, if this is truly the main reason for the change, the College needs to be doing more. As was discussed in the Diplomatic Congress hearing, we need to address this issue as a student body. Whether that happens via different buildings having extended hours, or partial

hours in the library meetings, this is an open conversation.

So, to the College community at large I pose this question: what say you? Submit feedback to administration, Diplomatic Congress, and your friends in the dining hall. This is your issue, always. Take ownership of it.

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Debate: Writer asserts that the top three candidates remain unchanged in Houston

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Former Vice-President Biden came in strong with his introduction, as he built on John F. Kennedy’s catchphrase “We refuse to postpone.” He was one of the only candidates who truly tried to focus on uniting the nation without losing focus. His dislike of the sitting president was shown to the public, without wasting time on anti-Trump rants. His use of language and overall confidence on stage proved his eligibility.

The Pennsylvania native continued the strong performance as he discussed healthcare. The former vice-president questioned the plans proposed by Warren and Sanders, as the two refused to comment on the tax raise expected to come with the Medicare-for-all program. Biden used relevant data to dispute the claim that ridding of the private option will be economically beneficial for all. For the three past debates Warren has avoided stating that taxes for the middle class would increase, but the Vice President called attention to the 30 trillion dollars unaccounted for in the senator’s plan.

Unlike during the previous two debates, Biden seemed to be better prepared for the attacks from other candidates, and questions from moderators. During the question of gun control, and his alleged inability to do anything after Sandy Hook, Biden highlighted his leadership in passing the Brady Bill. He stayed true to his centrist posi-

tions instead of getting swayed by the majority on stage, and showed strength of character when speaking of his son and wife.

Senator Sanders opened with a “blunt” statement that President Trump is the most dangerous President the nation has ever elected, but quickly returned to discussion of policy. Although Sanders took a better path than most, he still filled the introduction with empty promises and sprinkled some classic 1% phrases. He continued the anti-oligarchic protests throughout the debate, called for elimination of out of pocket expense, and once again mentioned his low NRA rating. Overall, Senator Sanders left less than a memorable impression post-debate. His behavior during the debate seemed condescending at times with his body language suggested anxiousness and anger, rather than calmness and stability sought in a presidential candidate.

Senator Warren took the safe route of relating to the audience present by describing her ascendance into the middle class and her experience of the American Dream. She focused on her and her brothers’ experiences, rather than discussing policy, possibly in response to being called unrelatable and unexciting prior to the debate. Throughout the debate she avoided direct answers to questions and similarly to Sanders took on an offensive attitude.

While the three candidates are



Photo courtesy of rollingstone.com

The third democratic presidential debate took place in Houston, Texas. The main topic of debate for the candidates was focused on Medicare.

viewed as the best by most political scientists, a high level of qualification was also shown by Pete Buttigieg and Beto O’Rourke. Although the two have little experience in high level governmental positions, both showed their strong sides during the debate.

Mayor Buttigieg shined during the Iraq question stating that he would go against what is recommended and remove all troops.

Beto O’Rourke moment of fame came when he argued for full confiscation of AR15s and AK47, without fear of being to liberal in his attitude. Many candidates also noted his work with El Paso post shooting.

The two showed themselves to

be great public speakers and presidential candidates who simply need to become more well known in their fields. It is rather likely that we will see both of them ranking high in the 2026 presidential election.

The third presidential debate showed new sides to many of the candidates and gave a chance for all to give voters a better understanding of what is to come. Despite the strength of many of the participants, it seems that the top three will remain unchanged, with Biden in the clear lead.

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New York City’s 9/11 memorial sparks conversation about gun violence

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Every year on 9/11, New York City turns into one giant funeral. The city that never sleeps becomes quiet, and every person around you, no matter if you know them or not, becomes your closest friend. It is on this day that I miss my home the most.

If you ask any person in New York City, over the age of twenty, they can tell you exactly where they were; what kind of bagel they

were eating, who they called first, who they knew that was there, the choices they made that day that could have changed the course of their lives. I was only one when the planes crashed into the twin towers, killing over 3,000 people. I don’t remember the event clearly, but I know where I was. I was in the park with my mom, near our house. My father was at work, but they were soon evacuated because of fear that they could be next. Every year we are reminded how lucky we are that

we weren’t there, that we were in the right place at the right time. Others were not as lucky.

On 9/11, family members who lost loved ones stand at the World Trade Center and read the names of those whose lives were taken by the event. This tradition is always the hardest to watch, as these people face the place where their loved ones were lost. This year, a woman used her time at the podium to not only honor her brother, but to defy gun violence: “and this country in 18 years

you would think that have made changes to bring us to more peace however gun violence is on the rampant.”

The insane amount of mass shootings that have been occurring as of late has been an especially large topic of conversation, but on a day like 9/11 it puts these killings into a different kind of perspective. 9/11 is a day where Americans join together



# Memorial: Family members of victims criticize lack of gun control

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under one clear understanding: that these people should not have had to die. So, why can't we use that same understanding when it comes to the issues we have today? On 9/11 we were attacked by an outside force, but now we have become a country that attacks itself. According to Gun Violence Archives, there have been 295 shootings and 39, 537 total incidents of gun violence in 2019 alone. This has resulted in 10,443 deaths total. We are a country murdering ourselves.  
On 9/11, I often find myself reflecting on my own life, find-

ing what I'm grateful for and how much I could have lost had one of my family members have been in the wrong place. I know that is what so many Americans now feel every single day: that they too could end up in the wrong place.  
So, I would like to join in this woman's plea, whoever she may be. Because she knows what it is like to lose someone to destruction, to anger. And no one wishes to experience that.  
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Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a law that allows for a moment of silence in New York public schools in honor of 9/11 remembrance.

## Alternative late-night study spaces are discussed after library hour reduction

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This semester, the Martin Library will close 2 hours earlier. Now, it closes at 12am, same as the Shadek-Fackenthal Library and many other buildings. Noticing the controversy caused by this change, The College Reporter interviewed College Librarian Scott Vine. We tried to contact the author of the posters too, but the effort failed.

Posters on the Protest Tree imply that the administration made this decision under the pressure of the budget. According to Inside Higher ED's report in February, our college faces an \$8 million budget deficit, and President Altmann announced her intent to address the ¾ gap within this academic year. However, Vine states that lower building use over time, staffing overlap, and student and staff wellness concerns drive this decision. He also emphasizes that "there are no significant savings from utilities."

On the other hand, Lancaster Online has reported that F&M decided to cut around 40 staff members due to financial reasons. It is questionable if the "staffing overlap" is caused by the staff cut plan. Besides, Spokesman Gregory Wright said the average financial aid package awarded to a student is \$50,500. Although our nominal tuition is 7th highest in the nation according to the protest posters, how much remains after subtracting the huge financial aids which still is increasing fast?

Responding to the concern of education quality, Vine says that the college libraries have added a lot of new resources, spaces, and technology, and the Q&SC has more available tutoring hours, which "are used well many days and evenings." Vine shows that the statistical data over several semesters depicts a daily average of 10-50 people

who stay in the library at 11:30 pm, and 3-15 people remain in the library at 1:30am, depending on the day and month. This data implies that only a few people need the library after midnight. However, just because 3-15 people remain in the library then doesn't necessarily mean only 3-15 people have visited the library at that time. Students indeed may not study post-midnight all the time, but it is not true to say they don't study past midnight at all. Everyone might encounter some unexpected emergency that forces them to stay up late. In fact, at the Diplomatic Congress meeting last Thursday, almost everyone raised their hand when President

Sneath asked "who ha[d] studied after midnight at least once last semester."

For students who want to study late, the school provides other options. "All of our e-resources - hundreds of thousands of e-books, scholarly databases, online journals, and streaming films remain available all the time at library.fandm.edu," Vine says. If you need a space to study, LSP and Stager Hall are open to students overnight. Nevertheless, those options don't make students satisfied. Some people prefer to read paper instead of screen, and as one representative at DipCon meeting argues, studying in those spaces is less comfortable

than studying in the library. Vine also mentioned that the college has talked about finding a way to create a small, unstaffed 24-hour study space either in one of our libraries or elsewhere on campus, but safety concerns and a growing awareness of health and wellness are issues often brought up in conversation.

After all, The DipCon asked our school to open a small space for studying after midnight. Vine agreed, and the detail will be discussed later. We will continuously report the progress.

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As of now, changes to Shadek-Fackenthal library hours have not been made and are not likely to occur as closing time has always been 12:00 AM

# Campus Life

## Photo Story: Eddie S. Glaude Jr. discusses racial politics at Common Hour

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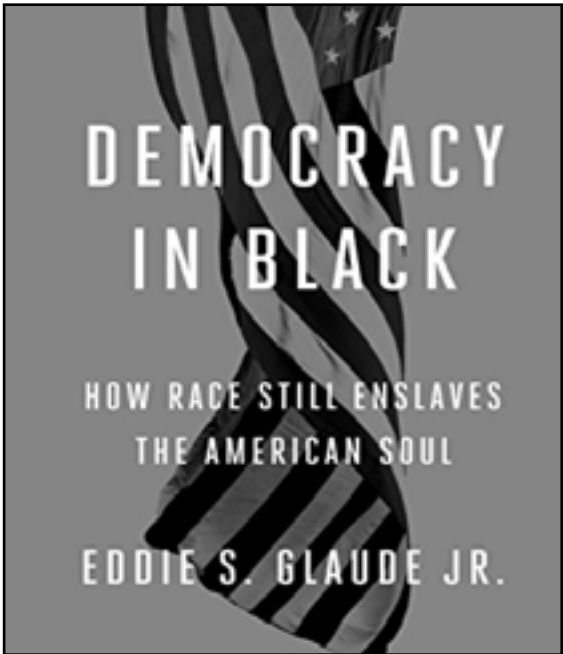


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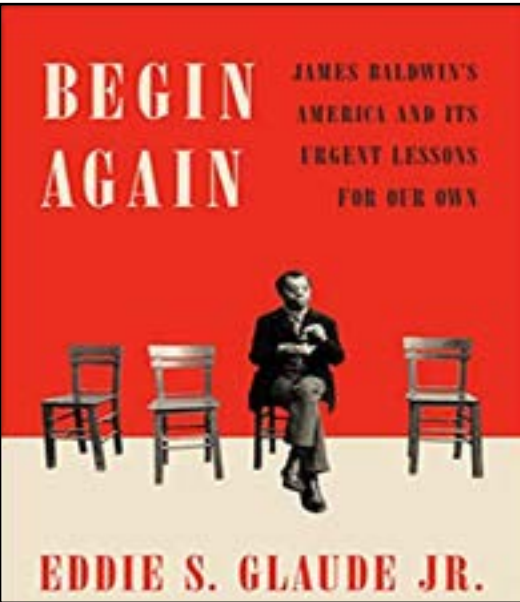


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Eddie S. Glaude Jr. visited Franklin and Marshall's campus to be a Common Hour speaker. His talk, "Pragmatism in a Deep Shade of Blue: John Dewey and the Question of Race in the United States", discussed his research in American pragmatism which focuses on black communities. As a professor of religion at Princeton University, Glaude is one of America's top scholars on literature, politics and race, and African American religion. Glaude referenced many of his books when giving his talk and how each them while focused on different topics all share a similar vein of American pragmatism.

Glaude is a commentator on MSNBC and has also written columns on publications like Time Magazine. His frequent radio guest spots have been noticed on shows such as the 11th Hour, Democracy Now!, and Morning Joe.

Townpeople, faculty, and students packed into Mayser Gymnasium to hear Glaude discuss race and politics. He won the crowd over with his deep knowledge and passion for his research and his dry witty sense of humor. Glaude's talk concluded with a standing ovation with raucous clapping to celebrate and appreciate his devotion and passion towards his academic research.

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## FULL STAFF OPINION

BY TCR EDITING STAFF

With the fall semester at F&M underway, homework and stress are starting to pile up and, with that, sickness around campus as well. In order to prevent yourself from getting sick, the College Reporter Staff has some advice on how to stay healthy and sickness-free this fall semester:

1. Wash your hands often and thoroughly
2. Cough or sneeze into your arm/elbow to prevent the spread of germs
3. SLEEP! Getting at least 7-8 hours of sleep a night helps to keep your immune system strong!
4. OD on vitamin C! Whether through oranges, orange juice, or oral vitamins, make sure to get enough vitamin C each and everyday!
5. Reduce stress by practicing mindfulness and doing things you enjoy
6. Don't be afraid to reach out to the F&M Student Wellness Center if you or someone else is sick. The Wellness Center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. To make an appointment, call (717)

544-9051.  
The College Reporter Editing Staff wishes everyone a healthy and sickness-free semester! If you or your friends have other tips on staying healthy during the fall, email them our way to reporter@fandm.edu!

The College Reporter would like to recognize that the article, "First-Year student shares their impression on Franklin & Marshall food", contained certain factually incorrect information. This information has been eliminated and the article has been modified on the website. We would like to thank Yoni Weiss, yweiss@fandm.edu, for his attention to detail and dedication to The College Reporter. Please note that the Reporter does not condone the use of factually incorrect information. Reach out to reporter@fandm.edu with any questions concerning this issue.

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# Arts & Leisure

## BBC television show “Fleabag” is a masterclass in humor, heartbreak

BY KATHERINE COBLE  
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The audience knows her only as Fleabag: a deeply angry (and deeply sad) woman attempting to cope with past trauma through humor. She is perhaps best described in her own words: “a greedy perverted, selfish, apathetic, cynical, depraved, morally bankrupt woman who can’t even call herself a feminist.” And yet Phoebe Waller-Bridges (who both writes and stars in the show) makes her title character so much more than this list of fatalistic adjectives. Fleabag is equally endearing and repulsive; hypersexual and lonely; brave and scared. Fleabag is all of us, and she is a tour de force.

Originally aired on BBC Three and now available in the US on Amazon Prime, “Fleabag” offers just twelve half-hour episodes spread over two seasons. Waller-Bridges’ genius as a writer and actress is her ability to take this short amount of screentime and make it count. “Fleabag” moves quickly; never stalling, never boring. It is a constant whirlwind of dark humor and situational awareness: a story of devastation which feels like a comedy until the screen goes to black and you realize it has been a tragedy.

dy all along. “Fleabag” is certainly not for the faint of heart. Nothing is too taboo for Waller-Bridges to tackle, and tackle it she does. “Fleabag” is about the worst of humanity, and the best, but both are handled unflinchingly.

The second season introduction of Andrew Scott as a character known only to the credits (and, indeed, to Twitter) as “Hot Priest” is a revelation in itself. Waller-Bridges works well with any actor she’s placed alongside, but her chemistry with Scott—sexual, comedic, and dramatic all at once - truly stands out as one of the better television performances of the past few years. Fleabag and her Priest are so different, yet so similar—two people struggling to figure out their humanity and their happiness. The groundwork laid in season one pays off tenfold as Waller-Bridges and Scott explore their lives and each other. In both their bigger moments and their smaller ones, “Fleabag” never misses an opportunity to allow these actors to shine.

The bigger moments may be what “Fleabag” is most remembered for (or most talked about because of.) But the smaller moments are where its genius as a piece of art truly lie. Fleabag’s use of break-



Photo courtesy of theatlantic.com  
Phoebe Waller-Bridge wrote and stars in the two seasons of “Fleabag,” which originally aired on BBC.

ing the fourth wall is ingenious and established early, remaining an essential part of her character as well as a tool for great humor. Fleabag becomes more than just a character, but a friend, and the audience serves as her confidant. Only we see Fleabag for who she really is. Everything in “Fleabag” serves its purpose: from angles to framing to small moments of tension. This is just another way Waller-Bridges makes the short running time of “Fleabag” count.

One almost wishes that there was more to this story: that Fleabag,

like seemingly every successful television show on a streaming service today, would continue to churn out incredible content following this remarkable character in the next phase(s) of her life. And yet somehow the finality of “Fleabag” season two is what makes it so satisfying as a work of art. “Fleabag” - both the show and the character—teaches us how to let go, even when it hurts.

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## Contributing writer reviews “Cherry” song, music video by band Chromatics

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In 2012, an American electronic band named Chromatics released a single titled “Cherry.” The song begins with a mellow tune that instantly grabs the listeners’ attention. After initially hearing just the introduction, I was compelled to find the song it belonged to. An electronic beat drop follows after a few seconds and suddenly the song goes from being one you would listen to on a rainy day to something you can dance to alone in your room. The mellow essence remains, however, and the duality this song holds makes it quite interesting. It has an upbeat tune, but once the raspy voice of the lead singer reaches your ears, you will be consumed with a wave of sadness. While listening to this song, I cannot tell if it makes me feel like I have loved someone or if I have lost someone. The power that the singer has to make you feel anything like that at all is actually mind-blowing.

Throughout the song, she sings of a love that she can no longer “see the light at the end” for. It is a story of a dying love

with a partner that makes her feel “blue” and like she has to “keep running all of the time.” She was waiting for her lover to feel her love, but they have not felt it and she knows that there is no way she can continue on. Ruth Radalet, the lead singer, has a voice with a similar vibe to that of Morrissey from the Smiths, which makes the singing feels like someone is laying your head on a silk pillow and whispering the bittersweet story into your ear. As the song comes to a close, the electronic beat slowly gets stripped away, causing a unique fading effect.

The video for “Cherry” is just as captivating as the actual song. It starts off with a pink background that seems to be filmed on some sort of vintage camera. The light moves around and as the music kicks up, we get a glimpse of Ruth Radalet being painted with the blue and hot pink lights. Once the beat drops, the camera shows different shots of the band playing. You see the keyboard and the drum set, all of which have those neon lights shining on them. The entire music video consists of shots from



Photo courtesy of ticketfly.com.  
Chromatics is an American electronic band, who released the captivating single, “Cherry” in 2012.

different angles of the band playing and of Radalet singing. Despite being made in 2012, the music video is comparable to an 80s rock or pop video. The neon lights, the type of camera used for filming, and Radalet’s voice all work in perfect cohesion to create an image that will almost have you hypnotized. It is like you are looking into a kaleidoscope with different colors and images that you can just barely

make out. After listening to and watching the video, it is almost certain that the catchy tune and mind-bending visuals will have you in love with this song. I highly recommend giving it a listen. Whether its on a long drive or just in your room, this song is guaranteed to fit that mood.

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Katherine Coble discusses California’s Fair Pay to Play Act. Read more below...

# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## The NFL’s 100th season kicks off with exciting matchups in Week 1

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With preseason and the summer coming to an end, the NFL’s much anticipated first week kicked off on September 5th in Chicago, with the Packers defeating the Bears 10-3. 2019 is a special year for the National Football League as it marks its 100th season. Over the next few months, the league has events planned to celebrate the occasion, most notably the rollout of “fantennials”. During the course of the season, each team will host a three day celebration called “fantennial weekend”, which will include a local high school game on Friday night, a fan festival on Saturday night, and conclude with a home game on Sunday (operations.nfl.com).

In Philadelphia, Eagles veteran DeSean Jackson returned after five years away from the team, proving his skill on Sunday with two receiving touchdowns of 53 and 51 yards. Quarterback Carson Wentz also enjoyed a successful second half, leading the offensive push that resulted in a Philly victory over the Redskins with a score of 32-17.

In a matchup between the Jaguars and Chiefs, Patrick Mahomes managed to finish with 378 passing yards and 3 touchdowns, even with the loss

of Tyreek Hill to a shoulder injury in the first half. Another major injury came out of Sunday’s game in Florida, seeing former Eagles’s quarterback Nick Foles taken off the field due to a broken clavicle. After the game, Foles shared of the injury: “It’s not the way you want to start your time here” (ny-times).

In the Cardinals and Lions game, Arizona started their rookie quarterback and number one draft pick Kyler Murray who lead the cardinals to a comeback tie of 27-27. Meanwhile, after the Baltimore Ravens’ 59-10 victory over the Miami Dolphins, Lamar Jackson was praised for his performance in the game, which included five touchdowns. The Patriots established themselves as favorites for the upcoming week with a 33-3 win over the Steelers. The Titans also benefited from a 43-13 victory over the Browns.

The NFL’s first week back was a success across multiple platforms, with the games resulting in the most touchdowns ever scored in an opening week and over 109 million viewers across the country tuning for the sport (nfl.com).

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Photo courtesy of nbcsports.com.  
Carson Wentz and the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Washington Redskins 32-17 in their first game of the season. Wentz threw two touchdown passes to DeSean Jackson.



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In his first game as a Jacksonville Jaguar, former Eagles quarterback, Nick Foles, was taken off the field in the middle of the game due to a broken clavicle.

## California State Assembly passes Fair Pay to Play Act with unanimous vote

BY KATHERINE COBLE  
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On Monday, the California State Assembly passed the Fair Pay to Play Act with a resounding 73-0 vote. The bill, a version of which has already passed in the state senate earlier this year, has the potential to shake up the collegiate and amateur sports worlds. Now these two versions must be reconciled and signed by Governor Gavin Newsome within thirty days. Newsome has indicated that he would be open to signing the bill into law.

According to ESPN, the law would make it illegal for a university to remove a scholarship as punishment if that athlete profits from his/her name, image, or likeness. Its goal is to give collegiate athletes an avenue to negotiate with third party organizations over the use of their image in advertisements. In an interview with ESPN, the original proponent of the bill, state senator Nancy Skinner, described it as “fundamental fairness...California law basically gives each of us the right that no one can use my name, market my name or make money off of my name, or my photo, without my permission, or without sharing that revenue with me.” Currently, NCAA student-athletes are any exception to this law, but this would change under the Fair Pay

to Play Act.

The new bill would not go into effect until 2023, but would surely face contentious legal battles in the meantime. The NCAA has even threatened to remove California schools from their championships if it goes into effect - but an NCAA without powerhouses like UCLA, USC, Stanford, or Cal Berkeley is difficult to picture.

The crux of the NCAA’s pro-amateurism argument is that it protects athletes from the dangers of professional sports gambling. They claim that a major goal of the NCAA is to further the education of collegiate athletes, and paying athletes as employees would distract from their education.

At the same time, the NCAA makes more than \$1,000,000,000 a year. Much of this money comes from advertising the names and images of their student-athletes. March Madness alone generates \$900 million for the organization. Many argue that these student-athletes are the employees of this business and deserve to see a share of the profits. The average NCAA scholarship is \$18,000 a year - often not enough to cover the total cost of university attendance, even for in-state public schools. Surveys released by the NCAA also indicate

that their division one student-athletes dedicate the same hours to their sports as they would a full-time job. NCAA football, men’s and women’s basketball, and baseball players reported spending more than 37 hours a week in athletic activities in 2010.

In recent years some of the most famous Olympic athletes, like swimmer Katie Ledecky and gymnast Gabby Douglas, have rescinded their amateur status in order to benefit from professional sponsorship and endorsement opportunities. California’s Fair Pay to Play Act would prevent student-athletes from having to make the choice.

Lebron James has come out in favor of the bill, tweeting that “California can change the game. This is

only right waaaaay overdue.” He has long been critical of the NCAA and their policies regarding amateurism. Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders also chimed in, saying “College athletes are workers. Pay them.” Another presidential candidate, Andrew Yang, has suggested he would add this issue to his campaign platform.

For now the politicians, athletes, and onlookers involved must wait and see what the future holds for the Fair Pay to Play Act and its potentially enormous implications.

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The Fair Pay to Play Act would prohibit third party organizations from using a collegiate athlete’s name or image without the athlete’s permission.