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## Student protests against racism show no sign of stopping in wake of recent events

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Student protests show no sign of stopping after several student-athletes posted images to social media wearing racially offensive Halloween costumes two weeks ago. The incident has served as a catalyst for protest among the student body, raising bigger concerns about a culture of racism at F&M and a lack of resources allocated to multicultural organizations on campus.

Since breaking, the story has been picked up by several media sources including Inside Higher Ed, the York Daily Record, Pennlive.com, NextShark, LNP, ABC 27 News, and WGAL Lancaster. It has also received attention from student newspapers at nearby Millersville University and Dickinson College.

Student protests kicked off with a professors-organized rally held on Friday, November 8, in which both students and faculty expressed their dissatisfaction with F&M's response to the incident thus far and demanded institution-wide change. This was followed by a statement against racism, signed by more than 200 F&M faculty and professional staff members. Later that Friday, students sat in on the first men's basketball game of the season - a direct protest against the two men's basketball players involved in the incident. Hundreds of F&M students and several faculty



Photo courtesy of Kayla Cottiers.

Students sit in on men's basketball game in protest of racist costumes worn by players.

members quietly walked to the court following the National Anthem.

After roughly ten minutes, the game was canceled, much to the anger and frustration of parents from both F&M and York College. Records of the game no longer exist on either York or F&M's men basketball schedules, and it is unclear whether the game will be made up at a later date. Student leaders have indicated their intention to protest every men's basketball game of the season until some sort of punishment against the student-athletes is involved. The next day, students protested an Admissions Open House. They also protested at the men's soccer game on

Tylus Field - a Centennial Conference championship game against Johns Hopkins, which was ultimately played and lost by the Diplomates 3-2.

On Tuesday, November 5, "Uncommon Hour" was dedicated to a student forum to discuss action steps taken by the administration. The forum was, again, attended by hundreds of F&M students and many faculty members. Students appeared to leave the forum frustrated, feeling that too few specifics were laid out.

The following day President Barbara Altmann send out an email entitled "Response to the community", which included an attached document detailing extensive

changes including the implementation of a bias reporting system, racial awareness training, and increased transparency across the board about issues related to diversity and race.

At a Diplomatic Congress meeting on Thursday, November 7, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett fielded questions from students about the document attached in the "Response to the community" and about school policies more broadly. Students expressed frustration with the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMCA) staffing and resources in particular, deeming its current operations ineffective. Rachel St. Louis '21 denounced the meager budget allocated to OMCA and the Alice Drum Women's Center as "egregious" and offensive, to which Dean Hazlett agreed. A proposal to make the Black Student Union, Mi Gente Latina, the Asian-American Alliance, and the Afro-Caribbean Society voting agencies of the Diplomatic Congress was proposed but ultimately did not face a vote.

More than two weeks after the racist incident that first sparked outrage, students show no sign of stopping or reducing their protests and calls for change. It is clear that this time around, words will not be enough.

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## Protests in Hong Kong reach new levels of violence in clashes with police

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Since early April of this year, Hong Kong has been ridden with demonstrations from its inhabitants protesting the threat of greater Chinese influence on the island. The former British colony currently exists under the "one country, two systems" arrangement, granting it a judicial and legal system separate

from that of mainland China. After the territory was handed back to the said country in the year 1997, the Hong Kong Basic Law came into effect, a constitution that established for the land a distinct governing body and independence from mainland overreach.

Under the current arrangement, Hong Kong manages the majority of its affairs internally and applies the Basic Law within its autonomy,

however, China's parliament does oversee policies relating to defense and foreign affairs. Hong Kong notably guarantees its citizens freedom of assembly and speech under the law. Although these protections are additionally included in the Chinese constitution of 1982, the mainland often violates these terms by persecuting those who exercise said freedoms in opposition to the government in order to

"protect the state." The Basic Law is set to expire in 2047, leaving the status of the island's independence at that time uncertain.

According to BBC News, last spring an extradition bill was introduced, proposing that under particular circumstances criminal suspects in Hong Kong be extradited to the mainland. The protestors

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## Hong Kong: Lawmaker stabbed, man set on fire in recent escalation of recent protests

fear that China would use this bill to punish activists openly speaking out against the nation's government, subjecting them to unjust trials as well as violent treatments at the hand of the mainland's authority. Since then, thousands of Hong Kong citizens participated in protests outwardly condemning the bill, which led to it being tabled for further discussion. However, these individuals remain fearful that the bill will soon be revived and allow China to extend its influence into the protected realm of Hong Kong's dual system of governance. Resultantly, these demonstrations have become more frequent and aggressive to ensure that lawmakers clearly receive their message.

In July, an angry throng stormed Parliament so that their collective outcry might more directly be heard. In August, protests at the Hong Kong International Airport resulted in hundreds of flights being canceled. In response, the extradition bill was retracted in September, followed by 1 October, one of the most violent days in the territory's history. Most recently, this month, a pro-Beijing lawmaker was stabbed, and another man set on fire by anti-government protesters. These objections have been growing increasingly violent, leading to a growing concern within

all parties involved on the subject of the next logical step for Hong Kong and its autonomy.

The protestors have vocalized "five demands, not one less." These commands are characterized by the following: the individuals calling for change wish not to be referred to as "rioters," and for their concerns to be taken seriously. They demand amnesty for protestors who have been arrested, universal suffrage, an inquiry into alleged police brutality, and a withdrawal of the extradition bill, which has already been achieved. The effects of the Hong Kong protests have rippled globally, as rallies are now taking place in the United Kingdom, Australia, France, Canada, and the United States. Though many are advocating for the demands of the demonstrators, oftentimes these rallies are confronted by pro-Beijing activists. The future of Hong Kong and its relationship with both the island's citizens and mainland China appears to be one of increasing conflict with regard to the desires of each party, and will likely take much deliberation to resolve.

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## Bolivian president Evo Morales resigns following protests, leaves power vacuum

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Evo Morales was first elected to be the President of Bolivia in 2005 and stepped into the position in 2006. Morales was the first president coming from the indigenous population, giving hope to the underrepresented population of the Bolivian citizens. While during his presidency the socialist leader made advances in fighting high unemployment rates and stabilizing the economy and tripling the GDP of the nation, in the past couple of years, the Bolivian people have been disappointed with where the nation was going. The country recently moved back into deficit, and those who supported Morales before are now speaking out on him overstepping the boundaries, especially in running for the fourth term of presidency in this past election.

Based on the results Mr. Morales had won the election, Organization of American States, a continental organization that promotes democracy in the western hemisphere, claimed that Morales's win was statistically unlikely. Morales agreed to a fresh vote, but his rivals and the chief of the armed forces made statements encouraging him to step down. Understanding that he had little support in the government, Morales resigned. Soon after his resignation Morales

sought asylum in Mexico, and in an interview revealed that he believed there was a military coup against him in Bolivia, which threatened his life.

Bolivia, similarly to the United States, has been experiencing high levels of polarization amongst its politicians. A large part of the reason Maduro was forced to leave office was his socialist beliefs. There is a fear of socialism in South America at the moment, leading the right-wing parties to become more conservative than before. The divide within the nation and frustration with the government have caused people to pour out on the streets of Bolivia and agitate for better politics.

In order to lower the frustrations Jeanine Añez, the Senate Vice President quickly filled the gaping hole left by Morales. The senator was next in line of succession, therefore her declaration of being the interim president was approved by the constitutional court of Bolivia, as well as U.S., U.K., Guatemalan, Columbian, and Brazilian governments. The Senate meeting at which Añez made her proclamation was boycotted by the Socialist Party, which holds the majority in both houses of Congress and is still backing Morales's presidency.

Añez has made a statement declaring that fair presidential elections will be held in proper time,

### CRIME WATCH

All reports this week were initiated by witness rather than self-initiated by DPS employees on duty.

**Friday, Nov 8, 11:12 pm** - The Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a loud noise complaint at College Row Building #1.

**Saturday, Nov 9, 1:09 am** - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint in Thomas Hall.

**Saturday, Nov 9, 1:30 am** - A fire alarm went off in College Row.

**Saturday, Nov 9, 10:17 pm** - DPS responded to a loud noise complaint in Thomas Hall.

**Sunday, Nov 10, 1:40 am** - DPS received a complaint of underage drinking in Weis College House.

**Sunday Nov 10, 2:09 am** - DPS cited a student for a drug violation following a report of marijuana odor in Ware College House.

**Monday, Nov 11, 3:33 pm** - DPS responded to a general complaint of a person with a bow and arrow at the Baker Campus.

**Wednesday, Nov 13, 9:32 am** - DPS responded to reports of suspicious people looking into vehicles in the Facilities & Operations parking lot.

**Wednesday, Nov 13, 10:00 pm** - DPS received a loud noise complaint at 534 W James St.

**Thursday, Nov 14, 11:43 am** - DPS responded to a drug violation in Buchanan Hall.

**Thursday, Nov 14, 1:14 pm** - A fire alarm went off in Shadok-Fackenthal Library.

**The Department of Public Safety reminds students that anonymous, non-emergency tips can always be reported at the following link, also located on the DPS website: <http://bit.ly/2MZcqGQ>.**

which is in the 90 day period after resignation, but until that time passes she will remain in power. These statements have caused a new wave of protests to arise, now calling for the return of Morales. The protests have recently turned aggressive as La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, has flooded with clashes between the military and the protesters.

On Thursday, November 14, Añez made a statement barring Morales from ever running for the presidency again.

In the past couple of weeks, the world has seen multiple protests. Chile, Bolivia, Hong Kong, and

Algeria have been blowing up with revolts calling for change. Now, more than ever, it feels like the world is falling apart, but there can be positive outcomes. These protests mean that people want change and are ready to fight for it. It means that maybe the people are actually capable of standing up for what they believe in, instead of being passive about their surroundings. These events, no matter how tragic they are, are also hopeful.

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Both supporters and opponents of Morales took to the streets of La Paz to protest.

Staff Writer Commentary

## Understanding racism through eyes of F&M philosophy students

BY ANONYMOUS COALITION  
OF PHILOSOPHY STUDENTS  
Contributing Writers

**To anyone who is confused about the climate on campus:**

Following the racist Halloween incident, we've heard a lot of people saying things like "they didn't know it was bad." However, this appeal to ignorance left many people unsatisfied.

Let's be clear; there are different types of ignorance. It is one thing to be unaware that your Halloween costume choice will hurt your fellow students. It is another thing to be aware that this costume is offensive and will hurt others and yet fail to understand why.

Such ignorance extends beyond an isolated Halloween incident. This failure to recognize the issue of racially offensive Halloween costumes is only one example in which some members of our campus community fail to see the problem due to their privileged social standing.

The culprit?

Philosopher Gaile Pohlhaus deems it "willful hermeneutical ignorance."

You might be thinking, WTF is that???

Willful hermeneutical ignorance is the intentional rejection of the marginalized perspective, which leads to the continual misinterpretation of reality. Here's how it works.

Pohlhaus distinguishes between "dominantly" and "marginally" situated "knowers."

Dominantly situated knowers are people who have any one of the social identities privileged in our society (being white, male, cisgender, straight, middle or upper class, able-bodied, neurotypical, etc.) Marginally situated knowers are those whose social positions are relatively less privileged in one or more contexts. For example, in contemporary US society, a white queer woman

could be privileged as being white, but also vulnerable for being a woman and queer.

One of the advantages of the dominantly situated knowers is getting to determine what counts as "common" knowledge and which terms we use to express knowledge. Those in a marginalized position, in turn, are forced to engage with the world on those terms.

Another advantage of dominantly situated knowers is the luxury of not needing to attend to the issues that marginalized knowers face daily. Over time, we develop habits of attention, or inattention, based on the unique perspectives our social identities provide us. Men, for instance, don't grow up conscious of dressing provocatively or needing to walk in groups and protect their drinks. Likewise, white people generally grow up comfortable with law enforcement, without fearing violent force as a potential outcome of their interactions.

This lack of awareness inevitably causes conflict. In times when the dominant narrative has no means of expressing a certain lived experience, marginalized people and their allies often create the necessary terms. This is where terms like "sexual harassment," "homophobia," "heteronormativity," "white privilege," "date rape," "mansplaining," "microaggressions," and yes, "cultural appropriation," come from.

The "willful hermeneutical ignorance" comes when people in a dominant position, intentionally or not, reject or distrust these marginal views and terminology. We'd like to apply Pohlhaus's concept of willful hermeneutical ignorance to the ongoing dialogue regarding racial bias on campus.

Dominantly situated knowers might think that protests and demands are overreactions to the racist acts of a few students.

## Student questions why F&M athletic department remains silent

BY SOJIN SHIN  
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Last Friday morning, the temperature dropped just below 32, and flurries of snow began falling. Wind blew hard, and leaves shook. It felt like the start of winter, and, for the campus, the start of something entirely different.

In this near-freezing weather, faculty and students gathered to form a large circle in front of College Center. Members of administrative board, namely Dean Hazlett and Provost Wesson, were present as well. Not only that, Dan Wagner, the soccer coach who supposedly supported the athletes who wore racist costumes, attended the rally. He even spoke later on, although he left with the words

"I won't let myself get ripped apart" when the students decried him.

After the administrative staff spoke, e-board members of various student organizations (BSU, AAA, ACA, MGL, S.I.S.T.E.R.S, and Impact) voiced their frustration. Individual students also took the microphone and shared personal anecdotes, condemning F&M's indifference toward struggles that students of color face. Their voices were filled with anger, despair, and most importantly, longing for change. It was a monumental moment in which students spoke out about their discomfort and constant sense of threat that pervaded their lives.

Following the rally, F&M administration was quick to act. President Altmann sent out two separate updates

However, a dominantly situated knower only sees the isolated hateful acts of a handful of students. The marginally situated knower sees more: a pattern of injustice on this campus. This isn't just about Halloween costumes. It's about a culture of racism. It's about the underfunding of cultural organizations, a lack of representation in our classrooms, and a broad pattern of daily interactions that people of color constantly endure.

If you are part of the dominant group, you might not have noticed these things- or other issues, whether they pertain to race, class, gender, or sexuality. This ignorance contributes to injustices and allows it to go unchecked.

In the face of unchecked injustice, marginalized knowers are our assets. Like bloodhounds of social injustice, they clue us into offenses that are invisible to dominant knowers.

Don't get us wrong.

It is not the responsibility of the marginally situated knowers to "teach" the dominant group. Rather, it is the responsibility of the dominantly situated knowers to go out and seek this intel themselves. Dominantly situated knowers have to trust that marginalized people have experiences that they do not.

Let's say I stepped on your foot and you said "ow, that hurts!" I wouldn't say, "I didn't feel anything, so what's the big deal???"

Clearly, there are two different standpoints here.

Similarly, let's say, hypothetically, someone dresses up in a racist Halloween costume. The target of racism might say, "that's hurtful." A person in the dominantly situated group shouldn't say, "No, I didn't feel anything, so what's the big deal???"

Even if we "can't understand" it, lacking the relevant experiences and conceptualizations of the marginalized knowers. Even if we don't like

it. Even if it means admitting we were wrong.

This task is extremely difficult for dominantly situated knowers. For them, it is counterintuitive to question their own judgments, especially those that systematically advantage and empower them. Still, it is unacceptable to remain comfortable in a dominant perspective.

So, what does that mean in practice?

Recognize situations in which you are a dominantly situated knower.

Question yourself: whose voices are you not hearing (and we mean truly hearing) in this situation?

Take a genuine interest in the position of those who are marginally situated. Attend to their experiences and understandings. This involves trust and concern for others. Try to understand their perception of the world. Try to see what you are missing. Ask!

If you are a dominantly situated knower, be an ally. Respectfully call out other dominantly situated knowers and work to affirm the perspective of the marginally situated individuals.

Yes, it will involve making some mistakes as you are trying to become more attuned with the world. And yes, you may be called out for making these mistakes and it's not going to feel great. But carefully attending to these mistakes and trying to correct them will ultimately lead you to see a more objective reality. These mistakes will pale in comparison to the mistake of failing to know what the world really is.

Sincerely,

**Five female philosophy students**

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seeming indifference toward one of F&M's core values, dialogue, is disconcerting. The department has not made any official statement or apology the way administration did. It did not send a recognition of adverse climate. No representative spoke at the townhall meeting. Even though President Altmann relayed that Student Athlete Leadership Council will attend 2020 NCAA convention, the department themselves remained silent.

And for me, that is the most disappointing aspect of this incident. On one end, I can understand why we should try to view the students' full humanity. Because, although I cannot believe that the students were completely oblivious

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## SILENCE: Commentary on F&M Athletic department response to racist costumes

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to the degrading nature of the costumes, I understand that the students may have not been aware of the magnitude of the damage they might cause. So, perhaps it is possible that these students are “good people,” as coach Wagner so adamantly claimed on that day of the rally. In that case, I feel bad for them,

### Athlete discusses experience at F&M, new outlook on current events

BY AHMED ABUKWAIK  
Contributing Writer

My name is Ahmed Abukwaik. I am a Palestinian-Pakistani Muslim, and I was recruited here to play the sport I love. I had to quit because I couldn't stand being insulted. During a practice, I was hit in the nuts and fell to my knees when MY OWN teammate came next to me and used Arabic/Islamic phrases to mock the sajud position (when you're on your knees to pray). For the first three weeks of pre-season, a teammate said “Allhuakbar” along with a bomb exploding motion whenever he saw me. I had my legs kicked out from under me during a practice, and once I was kicked down, I refused to shake a teammates hand. What was I told? - that I, the victim of a physical assault from my teammate, possess bad character. All of this done by white students. When I expressed to the coach that I felt like an outsider on the team, because of my race and faith, I was dismissed. I was told it had to be something else and that, “you are a sensitive guy”. That's only a taste of how I've been treated on campus as a minority student. None of the incidents I encountered were cultural appropriation; the way I faced racism on campus is another form and different from what someone who is Mexican or Chinese faced this past weekend. However, most people who face racism know what it's like to be dismissed. I know I do. My only solution was to quit

### Student discusses numerous benefits that sororities can provide

BY HANNAH ROBINSON  
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I have to be honest, my experience in joining a sorority here at Franklin and Marshall is nothing like I expected. I have always been someone that loves the idea of being a part of something. I was never an athlete but I loved the cheering section of sporting events. I loved the rush of adrenaline I would get when I performed on stage in high school.

Humans thrive when we are in a tribe. It makes us feel encouraged, as if we have people in our corner. Prior to coming to F&M, I attended a private, all-girls school in Massachusetts. The transition was a shock, to say the least, and I missed the sisterhood I had come to depend on as my support system. Because of this, it was no surprise that I decided to go through the formal recruitment

because it seems to indicate a severe lack of mentorship and education.

Yet, the argument that this should be turned into a teachable moment is not so appealing when the athletic department, a community that governs a significant time of these students' day, seems to show no willingness to pursue the virtues of education, re-

the team and stop doing what I came here to do. The response to the complaints that were brought up as a result of cultural appropriation enacted by the five athletes this past Halloween weekend sounded all too familiar for me. Let's make a list: Lack of POC faculty - check! Administration not caring about students - check! Changing who we are because of where we are - check! Last year I wouldn't grow my beard out, out of fear people would associate me with terrorist groups in the Middle East. Oh, and my name? I've had two people say my name correctly on campus.

There was a point during the town hall meeting when one student noticed that the direction of the comments were getting further away from the boys who were responsible for causing it. There is a reason for that: these boys are not the entire issue. The students involved in the incident brought to light that our administration is a major facilitator in how the student dynamics on campus go. The college administration controls student admissions, resource distribution, and more. The students involved are simply a reflection of our campus community, and society at large.

Does that mean we have to defame the school at an open house? For a temporary high, feeling like we've won something? If we don't like something, we need to take impactful actions that better the place we are in.

process in my freshman year. That fall I had struggled to connect with people on the campus, only feeling close enough to open up to my roommate. And then I felt that I was limiting her growth because I was so afraid to step outside my comfort zone. I knew that I needed to branch out, but I was the kind of person that needed to be “pushed off the cliff”, metaphorically speaking. I needed to be thrown into the deep and see what happened--and that's exactly what I did.

Coming back to campus to go through a formal recruitment was simultaneously thrilling and terrifying. My palms were just as sweaty as the smile was big on my face. One of the best parts about my experience during the formal recruitment was meeting my MEW group leader, Sammy. She was so open, understanding and excited to

spect, and dialogue. It's not like we are asking them to tie down these students to chairs, interrogate them, and live-stream it through Instagram. Rather, what we are calling for is a statement, a recognition, and promises for important changes to be made in the future. For now, it appears that all we are getting is silence, a sicken-

A student who works for admissions mentioned that we should be willing to risk what we have for our own betterment. I agree. He mentioned shedding light on the realities of the campus to visiting students. I agree. But imagine showing that there are problems, and WE are addressing them IN A POSITIVE way. Showing them that this is a place where a minority can come and make a change. That could be one of the most inspirational things we can do.

At the town hall, I used the word “cancel.” I said we should not “cancel” them. I meant, that canceling the perpetrators won't solve issues that we and the future generations of minorities will face. There are instances where people should be canceled, but this is not one. These are the kinds of people that put me through hell, and I would still argue that they are not the ones to be canceled. I would say that by canceling them we have won a battle but lost the war. Our anger SHOULD NOT and CANNOT be contained. My comments were not an attempt to dowse it. I'm arguing that we should aim our anger somewhere that will make a change for the long run along with the students being held accountable. Nothing wrong with winning the battle and the war.

This incident makes me think of how I.M.P.A.C.T was formed. This year, when Joaquim Hamilton came in, he was shocked by the sheer numbers of minorities. He said himself that he never believed that what hap-

pened to him and the small actions he took then, would lead to an amazing brotherhood like I.M.P.A.C.T. I believe there is a better way to use the energy and noise we created in response to this past weekend to make an everlasting IMPACT the same way Joaquim Hamilton did. I'll conclude with this: it's not that these students should be exempted from deserving consequences. They SHOULD 100% be held accountable for their actions. A student from the BSU did an incredible job in explaining how even with the very little amount of resources allocated to minority organizations, they do such an AMAZING job in giving students the opportunity to be educated on the cultures they decide to ignorantly and disgustingly appropriate for a party. My point is that this community is strong and we can demonstrate that by demanding the administration reprimand the students and implement policies to hold future students accountable. We can grow as a community through multiple steps and actions. There isn't ONE way, but I truly believe this is a perspective we should incorporate in our conversations with hopes to make a difference that lasts past our years here at F&M.

In Solidarity,  
Ahmed Abukwaik

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ing silence that is exactly what F&M was supposed to fight against. It is no wonder that many students of color, and those who support them, still remain unsatisfied and frustrated.

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deeply and met friends who I will always share a passing smile with. The real reward of a sorority, and the real reason anyone should join one, is the personal connections. It is beautiful if you imagine zooming out of each friendship, and seeing the beautiful web of friends that make up our sisterhood. We are all connected to each other in one way or another, or at least we are always bound by our love for our organization. Sororities are not just about the big crowds and the “tribe” mentality: they give you the opportunity to meet individuals you wouldn't have met otherwise and create rewarding friendships. These small things are what have made my experience so incredible.

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# Campus Life

## Commentary on “Activism to Action,” Townhall elicits some disappointment

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Today, November 12th at 11:30pm, the F&M Administration held a Town Hall meeting, “Activism to Action,” open to students, faculty and professional staff of the College. The Forum was held in Maysyer gymnasium and was attended by a huge portion of the student body and staff of F&M. Speakers at the Town Hall included Barbara Altmann, President of the College, Griffin Sneath, Diplomatic Congress President, Margaret Hazlett, Vice President & Dean of Student Affairs, Cameron Wesson, provost, Ryan Trainor, Assistant Professor of Physics, and Amy Mulnix, Director of the Faculty Center. The Town Hall was meant to address the “Open Letter to F&M” published in The College Reporter just yesterday and the demands addressed within that letter. The letter was written by Sandra Sanchez, senior, and Marcy Pajares Berger, junior, and was crafted on behalf of a multitude of student groups on campus and reflected the concerns, realities, and demands of much of the student body. The letter can be found here: <http://www.the-college-reporter.com/2019/11/10/open-letter-to-fm-concerning-incidents-of-racism-need-for-change-in-administration-steps-that-can-be-taken/>.

The Town Hall began with President Altmann addressing the crowd. Altmann claimed that what needs to be fixed is greater than just Halloween costumes. The College is behind on diversity, equity, and inclusion—behind other colleges and universities, behind high schools. The issues that we are encountering now are not new, rather, they have been pressing for a long time. Altmann noted the exhaustion, fear, and frustration that has been present among students and agrees that we can no longer simply make quick fixes and throw “bandaids” on the wounds created. Systems and structures need to be changed for the long hall. Altmann affirmed that she received the letter, noting it as a “living document” and explaining that its contents are a huge step yet still do not encompass the range of issues that need to be addressed. She announced that the Town Hall was meant to address immediate action steps that will be taken.

Griffin Sneath, Diplomatic Congress President  
Following President Altmann, Griffin Sneath spoke about the role of the Diplomatic Congress in the issues at hand. He first stated his support for the student body and commitment to the work of student activism. He acknowledged his privilege in the institution and Dip Con's place in the

process. Dip Con is currently working on the expansion and funding for multicultural clubs and organizations at F&M. On Thursday, November 14th at 7:30pm, Dip Con will host its weekly meeting and will address proposed changes in policies for the student code of conduct and potential change in the code of the dean of students. The topic of allowing different multicultural groups and clubs on campus to be voting members on the congress and have more funds through the student activities fee will be discussed at this meeting. The meeting is open to everyone.

Dean Hazlett, Vice President & Dean of Student Affairs

Following Griffin Sneath, Dean Hazlett addressed some specific requests made in the Letter. Dean Hazlett mentioned that F&M is dedicated to making F&M a more inclusive community and is energized to continue working and making the community stronger. First, she addressed programming with respect to diversity and reporting. Orientation, beginning Fall of 2020 will implement new programming, working with HAs. This will go hand in hand with rethinking the office of multicultural affairs. The college will continue to diversify counselling options and do a better job of making referrals outside the wellness center. While the counselors at the Wellness Center are highly qualified, more diversity in staff and accessibility for students could be found. With respect to the student conduct process, Hazlett confirmed that all students go through the same student conduct process outlined in the Student Life Manual. The athletic department has its own student athlete code of conduct; however, athletes are not exempt from the overall outlined process. The office of the dean hopes to be more transparent about the conduct process moving forward and made some clarifications today to jumpstart that process.

Q&A: Listed below are a few of the questions asked of the Administration by members of the student body. (These Questions and Answers are not verbatim but should encompass the statements made.)

Q: What are the specific dates at which we plan to have these new policies enacted? Please address the tangibility of these dates and changes.

A: In the spring feedback from the student conduct committee will be addressed, January will be a time to launch reform.

Same question asked again because no concrete answer was given:

Q: What are the numbers and

dates? Please respond and let us know, because we believe that you know, and it is important that you make us aware of when all of these changes and new policies will be enacted.

A: Programming will be identified by the end of January 2020. In March there will be revisions of the committee of student conduct. By June there will be data through the committee of bias reporting. By March 30th, athletics will renew their code of conduct.

Q: What will the college do to eliminate the communication barrier between domestic and international students?

A: F&M will be looking more closely at how international students are introduced to F&M's community, examining how the college house system can contribute to fixing this barrier and exploring more meaningful ideas from within the community. The Administration plans to take better advantage of living spaces and work with house deans, dons, and HAs. Perhaps international students eventually will be able to participate in other pre-orientation programs as well.

Q: What clubs will be receiving funding for being minority based or multicultural groups?

A: All clubs are currently funded through club council. There are conversations happening about agency status in Dip Con. There is an institutional role in the advocacy work and the way that student government happens on campus, so there will be more discussions about how agencies need to be added to the Congress. There will likely be an increase in the student activities fee that will help with the funding. As far as which specific clubs, Griffin Sneath and Dip Con are meeting with individual clubs and will meet with Sisters.

Q: An ex-Department of Public Safety officer resigned from his position at F&M because the university ignored reports of people of higher socioeconomic status due to their social standing. “Whistleblower” complaints occurred, if you will.

A: “It pains me to hear that” (Hazlett). The College intends to hold everyone to the same standards across the board. The College means to be equitable and treat everyone equally. Whenever there is enough evidence to move forward on a report, F&M will do so for those incidents.

Ryan Trainor, Assistant Professor of Physics

Ryan Trainor addressed the Bias Incident Reporting System and the role of the reporting team in its ability

to run smoothly. Trainor explained that both students and faculty are involved in the process and that it is just “one piece of the larger puzzle.” There are certain pieces of bias reporting that will be addressed well and certain pieces that will need more time and work. The reporting system will go live by the first day of classes in January and feedback regarding the functioning of the system will be welcome. The goal of the reporting system is to be informational and address issues that cause unequal and unsafe places on campus. The system will receive reports and act on that information. The idea is that the students and the college will better understand the nature of the incidents reported and how they impact the campus community. This information will become publicly accessible and the system will address point by point notes written in the letter from the students to the administration and the student body. The website will soon have a detailed explanation of the process. The team trained to review and address these issues will work in conjunction with student groups on campus. Trainor also mentioned that the Campus Climate Survey is an important tool to figure out what exactly is going on that is of concern.

Cameron Wesson, Provost, Dean of the Faculty

Cameron Wesson first addressed his email that was sent to the faculty last week. He asked the faculty to be lenient, compassionate, and understanding with students, acknowledging what exactly is going on with respect to campus climate. There was some concern about how faculty response to the issues at hand would impact tenure promotion. Wesson made it clear that all faculty know and understand that no action will be taken to harm any faculty member's position. A joint letter from professional standards says that no faculty involvement in the recent events will take away from tenure promotion.

Mulnix, Director of Faculty, addressed the ways in which the faculty are working toward demands set out in the letter. She said that the College will do so in a few ways. F&M faculty and administrators sit in on sessions for diversity, equity and inclusion in mind, hold workshops, collaborate with the library, and are addressing issues of Ableism, International student success, sexual harassment, and first generation student success—to name a few. Dr. Johnson will come in on January 17th to work with senior administrators for three hours in the morning and afternoon, in order to help them find respect and value for members of campus. Additional details and ideas from stu-



dents for future work in this area are welcome, according to Mulnix.

Altmann addressed these issues of space with in the BCC house. She mentioned that within the next three weeks a tour will be done of the House to address students concerns. The search for a director of diversity, equity, and inclusion will be soon underway. That position will be filled by Summer 2020.

**Q&A:** Listed below are a few of the questions asked of the Administration by members of the student body. (These Questions and Answers are not verbatim but should encompass the statements made.)

**Q:** Within the Bias Incident Reporting System can other students see what is reported?

**A:** While the intent is to be as transparent as possible, there is a certain confidentiality that comes with reporting. It is important to protect people who report incidents of bias and those included in the reporting of bias. The goal is to ensure that there is clear information about what has occurred and what the follow up was.

**Q:** Does the Bias Incident report-

ing system involve reports against faculty/professional staff?

**A:** No, faculty misconduct would go directly through the Provost.

**Q:** It would be helpful if the new director for diversity, equity, and inclusion was a person of color. This is necessary in order that the representative not only be empathetic but also feel on a daily basis that which students of color feel here at F&M. Can we make this happen?

**A:** There will be a community search committee, and students will have input as to who is selected for this position.

**Q:** Why was Ryan Trainor asked to speak on behalf of hate Bias Incident Reporting System?

**A:** Trainor answered and said that he was the only faculty member on the committee.

**Q2:** He is not tenured. Why did he speak rather than a faculty member in a more protected position. A tenured faculty member should have addressed these issues, not someone who has the potential not to gain tenure.

**Q:** Why were the soccer players that were involved in the racist cos-

tume incidents allowed to play on sunday?

**A:** The students involved are going through the process, and the outcome is confidential. All outcomes of the student conduct process are confidential.

**Q:** Why does administration ask minority students to come up with all of the solutions? Our job is to be students and scholars, that should be our primary position on campus—not fixing what should have been fixed a long time ago in order to ensure that all students feel safe.

**A:** We understand that you're trying to balance everything, we want to know where you want representation. Altmann says that she is here to do the work and wants to do the work. She just wants to know how she can help and what she can do.

**Q:** What is being done to deal with the issues/incidents that happened this semester as opposed to just the future?

**A:** Closure will soon be brought to the racist epithet in Schnader. Discussions are happening about the new incidents brought to the attention of the Administration. The conduct prog-

ress is ongoing.

**Q:** How about another answer other than pending investigation!? Discusses an incident when DPS conducted an "investigation" freshman year which yielded no results. Someone yelled the n word in a dorm, and the student asked for help and support in feeling safe on campus and in her dorm. Nothing was done about this.

Dean Hazlett concluded that tonight up on website there will be specific point people and dates and accountability measures.

Overall, students were disappointed with the results of "Activism to Action." Some deeming that the forum was a "waste of time" and that responses to students questions were "vague." Some have called for another Town Hall to re-address these issues. While there was controversy over this forum in particular, this was also just the beginning of the conversation with the administration, one that many students feel should have begun long ago.

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## Author Sandra Cisneros divulges her secrets to success in writing novels

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When the opportunity arose to learn from Sandra Cisneros, the world-renowned author of *The House on Mango Street*, I nearly fainted from excitement. Her revolutionary bildungsroman novel about a young Latina navigating the titular street and the characters that inhabit it has become a staple in classrooms across the world. In the master class, Cisneros proved to be both bubbly and down to earth. Her energy saturated the entire lecture hall. She spoke similarly to her beautiful poetic prose that fills the pages of *The House on Mango Street*.

To start, Cisneros explained the origins of her dream to become a writer. As a child reading was her form of escapism as she would sit in the library for hours and just read. Cisneros would find a book in the library catalog cabinet not by title, but by texture. She would search for the thinnest, most delicate card, describing it as so soft she could blow her nose on it. At 12, she would never tell anybody that her dream was to be that author on the softest card with the most read book.

Cisneros made it clear that 'success' is not immediate or easy. Writing within itself is challenging, especially finding the right topic to write about. She described finding a topic as an endoscopy, a painful procedure to look at the interior of the body. Despite the discomfort, the endoscopy has the power to reveal

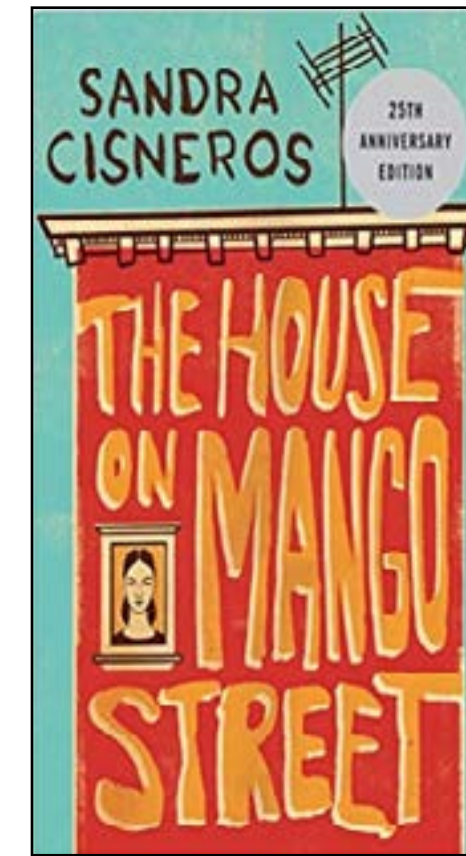


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Cisneros alludes to different styles of writing in her previous works.

your spirit and the demons that haunt it.

To her, "writing transforms demons into light" and without expressing your trauma properly "the demons transform you." Cisneros notes that society doesn't teach people how to feel. We are all living in our own feelings, some with an inability to express themselves. She describes the ability to transform your own demons as a gift.

A gift that comes with the consequence of hypersensitivity. A hypersensitivity to both living and nonliving entities, for Cisneros believes everything has a spir-

it, a soul.

Besides searching for a subject to write about, Cisneros gave advice about working as a writer. She gave us 3 musts:

Earn your own money. Being financially independent gives you ability to control your destiny.

Control your fertility. As a teacher, Cisneros' witnessed young mothers and fathers sacrifice their education and dreams to support their families.

Solitude is sacred. It's important to nurture both yourself and your creativity. Solitude is your time to understand yourself and your needs.

She added that the most important thing to remember to 'succeed' is that if you make anything with

love, on behalf of those you love, with no personal agenda, you will succeed. She redefines that success is not purely money, but the ability to make your dreams and your ancestors proud.

At the end of the lecture, I gave myself a little pep talk to go and talk to her. I tucked away the introvert that arises in every big social setting and asked for an autograph. Her signature, full of energy, marked up half of my page with the only pep talk I will ever need: ¡Adelante con esperanza!

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Author Sandra Cisneros speaks on her tips for success and finding fulfillment in what you love to do.

## Sandra Cisneros shares stories of those calling for immigration reform

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This past Thursday, novelist, short story writer, poet, essayist, and activist, Sandra Cisneros spoke during Common Hour. Sandra Cisneros is the 2019 Mueller Fellow and is best known for her first novel 'The House on Mango Street,' along with her subsequent short story collection *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*.

The chair of the Spanish department, Profe Ruiz-Alfaro, introduced Sandra Cisneros to the stage and recognized Cisneros' fantastic work. Sandra Cisneros came on stage, bringing along her fantastic presence and what she deemed as her essentials: pens, water, handkerchief, and glasses.

Cisneros' speech was in regards to her new book, 'A River of Voices: Documenting the Undocumented.' Cisneros' speech was her first time presenting the material to an audience, a special treat for the Franklin & Marshall community. She recognized the scariness of reading something new that had never been read outloud and thanked the audience for listening, as listening is honoring the words of who is speaking.

A River of Voices contains more interviews than the six that Cisneros spoke about on Thursday; however, she said she wanted "to give us a stream, rather than a river" in the forty minutes she had the microphone.

The first interview Cisneros discussed was Bill, a retired businessman, who spoke about breaking the law, the consequences of the

law, and the concept that politicians would rather keep immigration as an issue to discuss during elections, rather than solving the problem.

The second commentator she included from her book spoke on why the immigration bills of 2006, 2007, and 2013 failed to be taken up by the house, indicating that politicians care more about re-election and their own standing than the important bills that need to be passed.

Jason was Cisneros' third person to interview. An anthropologist from Chicago and Professor at UCLA expressed his opinions to Cisneros about the legality of immigration. From his perspective, illegal immigration has been happening a long time, starting with the European entrance into native American territory. He told Cisneros that if Americas truly thought this was a crisis, they should stop consuming food grown by illegal immigrants. To Jason, the concept of illegal immigration is simply a smoke screen to avoid conversations about racial equality.

Rather than putting up a wall, the United States should implement legitimate immigration reform by granting amnesty to people here so they can live without the fear of deportation, along with ceasing the provision of weapons to Mexico and eliminating the American consumption of Mexican drugs like cocaine. Jason went on to her tell her that considering that the United States is reliant and intertwined with Mexico, it is perplexing as to why America treats Mexico as inferior.

Jorge vocalized opinions to Cisneros similar to that of Jason; however, focused more on the push and

pull factors of immigration: the push factors as fleeing violence and gangs while the pull factors are the opportunity to be with family and have opportunities that are unattainable in Mexico. The pull factors will continue to entice people to cross the border, wall or not. The solution is not the wall, it is comprehensive immigration reform that recognizes that humans are not illegal therefore they should not be treated as such.

The fifth person to be interviewed told Cisneros that the current economic system is not properly regulated by governmental structures. The result of NAFTA was the displacement of 3 million Mexican corn farmers yet Americans wonder why Mexicans cross the border looking for work. The competition is not fair: American agriculture is subsidized and politicians are owned by farm lobbyists, therefore they are in control of that aspect of American politics.

A more productive trade agreement would decrease pressure and create a more peaceful exchange on the border, along with allowing border officials to focus on criminals and drug pushers. According to the person being interviewed, a productive trade agreement would include the freedom to travel across the border with a work visa where people could remain in the United States as long as they were working, along with a hemispheric minimum wage. If there was a regional safety net for Mexico, workers would not have to leave in pursuit of better wages as they could survive off the salary in Mexico.

The final person Cisneros discussed

was the only undocumented immigrant whose interview was shared on Thursday. She dropped out of ninth grade to begin work at a factory as a sixteen year old. After nine months of assembling the plastic apparatuses used to pierce ears, she made the decision to cross the border in hopes of better opportunity. Her ultimate goal was to be a lawyer yet in Mexico, that dream would never become a reality for her as her parents could not afford the 'voluntary' fee needed for her to attend school. In America, she worked in a restaurant, sending money back to Mexico for her sister to attend school, and eventually obtained her GED online, learned English, married, and raised two children.

She said that in America, she was able to be independent and work for herself, while in Mexico, she would have been dependent on her family and stuck in a system with no potential opportunity. Her final point was addressing the politicians: immigrants living in the United States deserve the ability to stay here. Everything that she and others do is for the future of their children and in the hope that future generations will have better opportunities for education.

Sandra Cisneros was able to engage and connect with the Franklin & Marshall community by providing first hand accounts and perspectives of the current immigration situation in America. At the conclusion of Cisneros' speech, she was honored with a standing ovation.

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## FULL STAFF OPINION

BY TCR EDITING STAFF

It has been quite the semester, hasn't it? Midterms have been graded, and everyone has gotten in the perfect groove of things. It feels like an endless cycle of classes, work, papers, and tests. Though it seems so far away, the semester is actually reaching its end. Being in this rough spot of the year feels like crawling through a cold, dark tunnel with one singular light illuminating our faces: Thanksgiving break. The time where we get to escape campus and the grim reapers looming over us with deadlines. We'll be home with family and stuffing our faces with so much food we'll sleep until 3:00 pm the following day. The break is arriving at our doorsteps like an adorable girl scout with a tray full of sweet cookies. It is something we all desperately need in order to stay mentally and physically healthy. No more all-nighters or alarms blaring for your 9:00 am class. This is why we must keep holding on to our last bits of academic strength for nine more dreadful days. Then, we can escape the grasps of Franklin & Marshall's talons and let our brains rest. Nothing is better than a recharge before finals. Look forward to it.

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## Arts & Leisure

### For Memoir Writing Month, News Editor shares recommended memoirs

BY KATHERINE COBLE  
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November is a big month for writers. It's NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) and National Memoir Writing Month. This week I decided to look back on my favorite memoirs of the past few years, and here they are for you to enjoy! Whether you're participating in NaNoWriMo or just like a good book, I hope this list gives you some inspiration for what to read next or how to approach your next memoir.

**"Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved"**  
By Kate Bowler

"Everything Happens for a Reason" is a sucker-punch of a book, and if you read anything on this list, I hope it will be this one. Kate Bowler was a typical 35-year-old, a new mother and a professor of Christian-

ity at Duke University. Her research specifically focused on the "prosperity gospel" - the evangelical concept that God rewards the worthy alone. It was at this moment that Kate Bowler was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer.

Bowler's memoir is a heartbreaking, stunning exploration of grief and love and life, which begs the question: *does* everything happen for a reason? If not, how do we cope? Although short and sharp, Bowler's work strikes where it hurts and articulates emotions many of us are too afraid to confront. It is her feeling that she has nothing left to lose that gives Kate Bowler her power.

**"Becoming" by Michelle Obama**

"Becoming" has topped the best-seller charts since it was first published in November 2018, and according to BBC News, sold more copies than any other book published

that year. If any memoir deserves that popularity, "Becoming" is a strong candidate. Obama's second book is split into three sections: Becoming Me, Becoming Us, and Becoming More. Through these sections, she takes the reader through her life, from a child of Chicago's South Side to a graduate of Princeton and Harvard, and eventually her experience as the wife of a politician who would later become president for eight years.

Obama's book has something for everyone: drama, nostalgia, and inspiration. Political junkies will appreciate the descriptions of campaign life and campaign decisions. Other chapters focus on the daily life of the Obamas in the most unusual family home possible - the White House. Michelle Obama has a strong story to tell, and she does not disappoint in "Becoming."

**"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And**

**Other Lessons from the Crematory" by Caitlin Doughty**

"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" is perhaps the most whimsical memoir on this list, and certainly not for the faint of heart. Doughty, best known for her fascinating YouTube channel "Ask a Mortician" shares her witty observations from her first job after college - as an assistant at a crematorium. But it's not all guts and gore. On the contrary, Doughty explores the meaning of death, why we are so afraid of it, and the 'culture' of the funeral industrial complex - the American tendency to act as though death never happened, or cover up the truth of what it does to our bodies. Her book is full of observations that will stick with you long after you finish reading it.

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### Green Room Theatre Club puts on comedy, murder mystery, *Drop Dead!*

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Snow, shrieks of terror, and lots of laughs filled the packed theater as the Green Room Theatre Club put on *Drop Dead!*, a comedy/murder mystery this past weekend. The play follows a group of actors that are rehearsing for a murder-mystery play, when actual murders start occurring to the actors. The show was directed by F&M student, Shelby Kaplan, with the original script written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore. All the proceeds from the show went to a non-profit organization that is funding research for angiosarcoma.

*Drop Dead!* begins with the start of the play the actors are rehearsing; however, the audience is unaware of this "play-within-a-play" aspect until the take is cut. The play's story fo-

cuses on a family whose father was murdered, causing his grown children, Alexander (Zach Rubin) and Bette (Caitlin Geller), to come home. Alexander brings home his fiancée, Penelope (Cheyenne Hughes), and they are both greeted by the butler (Andrew Rosica) at the door. We soon meet the detective (Lauryn Harper) who is investigating the father's death, and the mother, Lady Barrington (Liliana Noble). Everything seems to be going wrong in the rehearsal, such as Brent Reynolds, who plays Alexander, not being able to pronounce his fiancée's name, and Constance Crawford, playing Lady Barrington, missing her cue to enter the stage because she couldn't hear the other actors.

When the play is cut, the audience gets a feel for the actors themselves, and meets the overzealous, emotionally-invested director, Victor Le Pewe

(Skyler Rella) and obedient stage manager, Phillip (Paolo Caglioti). We meet P.G. Banks (Sam Lippi), the producer, who is involved with Penelope's character, Candy, as well as the playwright, Alabama Miller (Emma Hawkins), who is horrified to see the play she wrote performed as it was. Strange things start happening when a sand block falls from the ceiling and P.G. Banks is found dead. Everyone involved in the play becomes a suspect.

The play continues to be run through, and the murderer in the play is revealed to be Bette, who admits to killing her father because he wouldn't share his cheese with her and her mother because of her jealousy that everyone else in her family had someone and she was alone. The drama escalates in real life too, when the playwright, Alabama, is killed as well as

Constance Crawford, who plays Lady Barrington. Candy is finally taken and held at gunpoint by Phillip, who is revealed to be the killer.

It was overall, a dramatic, fast-paced play with comedic, over-the-top characters. All of the acting was great. Liliana Noble garnered many laughs from the crowd as Lady Barrington with her inability to hear the other actors, causing them to scream loudly, and her constant confusion of the butler with her son. She even came out in a headset, set up to hear her lines read from backstage. The two months of hard work F&M students put into the production paid off to make a hilarious, entertaining, and well-done show.

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### Following the closing of Fresh Farms Cafe, some students seem unaffected

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Fresh Farms Cafe, located on 621 Harrisburg Ave, has recently been permanently closed.

Fresh Farms is a relatively healthy and casual joint whipping up salads, soups, sandwiches, and various other options. Fresh Farm's appeal is its effort in attaining high quality and organic ingredients for their menu items. This closing came as a shock to me, because of its sudden nature. My reality shifted as I was used to seeing the restaurant open and running every time I was in that area, which is in close proximity to campus, to out of nowhere seeing it with the lights shut off and a sign that reads "closed." Last year, as a Freshman, Fresh Farms was a place

that I would frequent on a semi-regular basis. I was not in love with the food options on campus (and am still not so fond) so I looked to other offerings. I used to get the blackened chicken cobb wrap or the tomato soup. Something about the bright interior and home-like environment made me feel at ease. In the area that Fresh Farms is located, there are really only a few options for food, (Iron Hill, Oka, Steel Peel) so to see this go makes me notice that now there are even fewer options sadly.

In light of this confusing and somewhat disheartening news, I looked to my friends for solace and a consensus. First off, I asked them if anyone had heard the reasoning for the sudden shutdown. No one knew for sure, but one friend mentioned how they heard a rumor that

the store was told to pay \$80 for the electrical bill and could not or would not cough up the money. This seemed suspicious to me, but crazy if true. I decided to do some research on my own. To my surprise, it was extremely hard to find any reasoning for the closing. At this point, the rumor was seeming more believable. I was still overtaken by one emotion: confusion.

My friends, however, were not confused as to why it would close. Sophomore student Stephanie Greene commented, "I liked the oatmeal and the soup, but otherwise, the food was mediocre. Hopefully, something better goes in its place." Another sophomore student, Maddie Huelbig noted, "I don't know. I never really liked it. It was expensive and reminded me of an off-

brand Panera." I was definitely taken aback when hearing these fellow classmates' unadulterated opinions. These opinions were contradictory to what I had thought the student populations' mentality was regarding Fresh Farms. I wonder if other students share similarly unaffected reactions, but my guess is that my friends' opinions are close to what others believe, given the lack of discussion happening in terms of its closing. If this is the case, then, as I always say, "everything happens for a reason," and maybe it is for the best that Fresh Farms has closed. I can't wait to see a better store or restaurant take over that space.

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Jamie Belfer recaps F&M Field Hockey's victory against Hartwick College. Read more below...



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LSU Tigers defeat Alabama in an offensively dominated game. Read more below...

## Franklin & Marshall Sports

### F&M Field Hockey to Sweet 16, Coverdale achieves historic goal

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After a fantastic regular season of 15-2, the F&M field hockey team earned an at-large bid for the NCAA tournament. On a cold Wednesday afternoon, the Diplomats battled against the Hartwick College Hawks in the first round of the tournament.

The Diplomat offense came out firing as they got off four shots, and forced one penalty corner, in the first five minutes of the first quarter. These first five minutes foreshadowed what was to come, a dominant Diplomat performance throughout the entire game. In the remainder of the quarter, the Diplomats took four more shots and forced two more penalty quarters, but were ultimately unable to score.

The Diplomats once again took offensive control in the second period. Coverdale made the Hartwick goalie work as she fired four shots on goal in the first five minutes of the period. A flurry of additional shots came from Ellie Piage, Darby Klopp, Melissa Gula, and Lily Mynott, yet the Hawks fought to prevent the Diplomats from scoring. The Diplomats finally scored their first goal twelve minutes into the period.

Caitlin Morissey assisted Mynott for the first goal of the game and her 22nd goal of the season. The Diplomats used this momentum to score another goal as Coverdale's shot swooped into the left side of the net, putting the Diplomats up by 2 goals to none. Coverdale was assisted by Mynott. With that goal, Coverdale tied the all-time record of career goals (Laura Kramedas 1976-1978) in the F&M program with a total number of 53 goals. By the end of the first half, the Diplomats had out shot the Hawks 23-0.

To start off the third quarter, Mynott scooted in her second goal of the game, assisted by Gula. Hartwick finally got off their first shot five minutes into the third quarter. However, F&M goalkeeper, Christina Serry, made a nice save to keep the Hawks scoreless. The Diplomats countered with seven more shot attempts; however, they failed to score any additional goals in the third period.

After the Hawks forced a penalty corner eight minutes into the fourth period, they were able to score for the first time of the game, creeping closer to make the score 3-1. The Diplomats held steady and quickly retaliated less



Erin Coverdale scored two goals against Hartwick College. Her second goal earned her a spot at the top of the F&M all-time career goals list with a total of 54 goals.

### LSU football defeats Alabama, dealing them their first loss of the season

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The University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team faced their first loss last weekend by the Louisiana State University Tigers in a stunning 46-41 game. The loss marks the Crimson Tide's first defeat at home in 32 consecutive games and was perceived by many to be an upset despite LSU's college playoff ranking of #2 at the time. Prior to last weekend, LSU had lost eight consecutive games against the rival Crimson Tide.

The game was played out in front of a crowd of nearly 102,000. Bryant-Denny Stadium is one of the largest stadiums in the United States, and both Alabama and LSU fans showed up in droves to support their teams. Perhaps the most famous couple in attendance was President Donald Trump and his wife Melania. Just weeks after he was booed by fans at a Washington Nationals World Series game, Trump received a much friendlier welcome by the crowd at Bryant-Denny. The quality of the football, however, made Trump's appearance more of an afterthought as soon as the game kicked off.

The game was depicted before it

began as a match of two quarterbacks. For the University of Alabama, there was Tua Tagovailoa, a Heisman Trophy runner-up and Hawaii native who was essential to the Crimson Tide's 2018 National Championship win. Tagovailoa suffered a high ankle sprain in an October match against the University of Tennessee, and this match against LSU was his first since undergoing surgery.

Much of LSU's hopes lay on the performance of their own quarterback, Joe Burrows. After being passed up for starting quarterback after two years at Ohio State University, Burrows transferred to LSU in May of 2018. The game against Alabama was perhaps his biggest test thus far as LSU's starting quarterback. Ultimately, for both sides, this game would be a very offensive one.

The game started off strong for LSU, with an interception and a touchdown just six minutes into the first quarter. Alabama responded with a 77-yard touchdown on a punt return as the quarter came to a close. An aggressive back-and-forth with strong offensive moves from LSU (and an interception with just seconds to go in the second quarter) left them in the

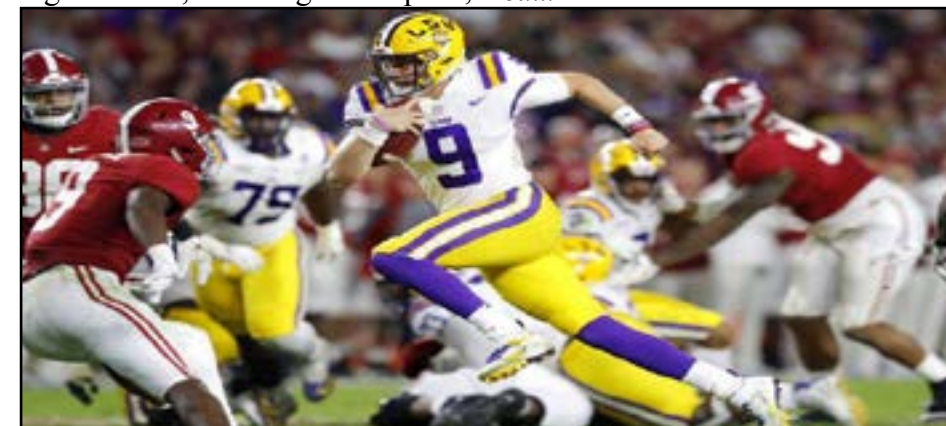
lead at halftime, 33-13.

However, Alabama was not ready to give up just yet. The next twenty minutes of play brought an Alabama interception and two touchdowns. With ten minutes left in the fourth quarter and a botched second-down conversion from LSU, their Tiger's lead had narrowed to twelve points with a score of 39-27. In the grueling minutes that followed, both teams played their hearts out. Ultimately Alabama's second-half push - including an 85-yard touchdown with two minutes to go - was not enough to secure a win over their rivals.

The game was dubbed by many organizations, including CBS Sports,

as an "instant classic" and perhaps the greatest game of the 2019 season. It also helped to push LSU to the #1 spot in the College Football Playoff rankings while Alabama dropped two spots down to #5. The other teams in the critical top four positions are #2 Ohio State, #3 Clemson, and #4 Georgia. The final ranks and pairings for the playoffs will be announced in less than three weeks, on December 8, and are sure to be the source of either celebration or displeasure for all football fans, depending on their affiliation.

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The LSU Tigers defeated Alabama last weekend, shaking up the College Football Playoff rankings. Joe Burrows, LSU quarterback, led the Tigers to a 46-41 victory.