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New F&M Poll indicates waning support for Wolf amidst budget battle

BY STEVEN VIERA
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Tom Wolf, governor of Pennsylvania, is beginning to lose support from his constituents as a result of the state's inability to pass a budget four months after the deadline, according to the most recent F&M Poll. In addition to gathering data on statewide issues, the Poll explored Pennsylvania voters' attitudes toward presidential candidates from both major parties.

Pennsylvania's constitution requires the passage of a budget no later than July 1—the start of the fiscal year—or the state is forbidden from spending money or making payments. As of press time, the state has not yet passed a budget.

"There isn't any doubt now that the failure to reach a budget agreement has significantly raised the angst of voters in the state," said G. Terry Madonna, director of the F&M Poll and F&M's Center for Politics and Public Affairs, in [this](#)



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Facing difficulties passing a state budget, Pennsylvania voters have begun to lose faith in Governor Tom Wolf's ability to lead the state.

[article](#) on F&M's news website.

According to the poll, 51 percent of voters blame the state legislature for lack of a budget while only 32 percent blame the governor. Similarly, 43 percent of voters trust Wolf to make decisions about the budget compared

to only 38 percent trust in the legislature, reflecting the public's greater faith in the governor.

However, even though a plurality of voters trust Wolf to handle budgetary matters, only 36 percent of voters—down from 39 percent in August—think that he

is doing an "excellent" or "good" job. Furthermore, the poll results indicated that 62 percent of voters think that Pennsylvania is on the wrong track, whereas only 54 percent of voters felt that way in August.

"People were thinking it was the Legislature's fault that the budget has yet to be passed, but now they are starting to blame the governor," said Berwood Yost, chief methodologist of the poll and director of F&M's Center for Opinion Research, according to the F&M news article.

Various proposals to increase taxes may be a reason why a deal has not been achieved. Wolf wants to tax natural gas extractors in the state—and enjoys the support of 67 percent of the voters on this issue—but faces opposition from Republicans. Voters also support tax increases on smokeless tobacco and cigarettes but oppose

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Ryan elected House Speaker following Boehner's resignation announcement

BY STEVEN VIERA
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Last Thursday, Paul Ryan (R-WI) was elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Ryan secured 236 votes to win the speakership, winning the votes of all but nine members of his party, while Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) won 184 votes; she remains the House Minority Leader. His ascension follows the resignation of former Speaker John Boehner (R-OH).

Upon his election, Ryan—who is the youngest Speaker of the House since 1875—delivered a speech expressing his admiration for the potential good the House of Representatives is capable of, while he simultaneously condemned its current state of partisan gridlock and impotence and issuing a call to action.

"But let's be frank: The House is broken," he said. "We are not solving problems. We are adding to them. And I am not interested in laying blame. We are not settling scores. We are wiping the slate clean. Neither the members nor the people are satisfied with how things are going. We need to make some changes, starting with how the House does business."

He went on to advocate for greater agency to be turned over to rank-and-file representatives rather than congressional leadership. According to [this article](#) in *The Wall Street Journal*, the Freedom Caucus—a group of about 40 conservative hardliners in Congress—supported Ryan on the basis that he would empower

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Former web-based software server to be retired, replaced with new services

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According to [this article](#) on F&M's website, the College is retiring its 11-year old web-based software server by the end of the year. The article noted there are no longer any resources available at the former address of the software server, software.fandm.edu, and that address will refer people to new resources.

F&M's Information Technology Services (ITS) has spent several months establishing a service via Google Drive that would allow members of the community to learn about the various technology resources available.

The article indicates that there are two versions of the technology resources online: The worldwide tech resources available to all

members of the F&M community, including alumni, prospective students and parents, and former faculty and professional staff, and another resource available only to current students, faculty, and professional staff; the latter requires that community members enter their F&M log-in information and password in order to access the service.

These resources offer guidelines that explain each service offered through ITS, including background information, where to get training, and where to go for help using the particular service.

Both of these technology information portals are available [here](#).

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Viera's Crime Watch

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Sexual Misconduct: Questions and Answers

Question #14: We've talked about sexual assault, but how can the College do still more about stalking?

The proliferation of electronic communication has greatly increased the incidence of stalking; however, electronics have also made it easier to identify stalkers and electronic communication leaves a trail making it easier to prove. The first step is for victims of stalking to identify what is happening to them as stalking.

The definition of stalking in the F&M Sexual Misconduct Policy is, "A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his or other's safety or to suffer substantial emotional distress." Electronic stalking via phone, text, email or other web-based means is considered to be stalking as well.

When a student reports stalking, there are numerous options. A No Contact (NC) order can be issued by the College to prevent the stalker from contacting the victim in any way. Violations of the NC order will result in sanction that could include suspension or expulsion. In addition to the NC order, the College can change the stalker's living situation or class schedule so that they are not near the victim. If the stalker is not an F&M student, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) can issue a Defiant Trespass order to prevent the stalker from being on campus. Violations of this order can result in the arrest of the stalker. The College can, in extreme circumstances, assist a student in getting a Protection from Abuse Order issued by the courts. DPS can also assist students in filing a complaint with the Lancaster Police Department.

Speaker: Ryan faces problems uniting a divided Republican Party, funding government

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individual representatives at the expense of a central authority, a move that critics like Harry Reid (D-NV) have criticized as detrimental to the health of the nation.

Ryan's predecessor served as Speaker of the House for nearly five years, since 2011, and served as a representative from Ohio for over 20 years before that. As Speaker, Boehner faced challenges from factions within the party, such as the Freedom Caucus, that undermined his speakership and ultimately led him to resign; he announced he would be leaving Congress in a surprise announcement on Sept. 25, 2015. The likely favorite to succeed Boehner was Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) according to [this article](#) in *The New York Times*, but—citing a lack of confidence in his ability to unite the factions of the Republican Party—he abruptly withdrew, prompting Ryan to jump in the race.

Aside from fostering unity



Paul Ryan (R-WI), left, was elected Speaker of the House of representatives following the resignation of John Boehner (R-OH) in late October.

within the Party, Ryan will have to deal with a number of problems early in his tenure. First and foremost is the debate over funding the federal government: While Boehner, in his final days as Speaker, did manage to pass a resolution to raise the debt ceiling, Congress did not actually make a decision on funding the government for the coming year

Poll: Pennsylvania voters choose Clinton, Trump as favorite presidential candidates

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increases to income taxes and sales taxes.

Another point of political contention is over the resignation of Kathleen Kane. Kane, the state attorney general, was charged with perjury after she allegedly leaked confidential documents and lied about it under oath; last month, the state Supreme Court suspended her law license. According to the poll, 51 percent of voters think she should resign.

Politicians and the government, according to the poll, have surpassed education as voters' chief concern facing Pennsylvania.

With regard to national politics, Pennsylvania Democrats favor Hillary Clinton (52 percent) over Bernie Sanders (18 percent) while Pennsylvania Republicans support Donald Trump (23 per-

cent), Ben Carson (22 percent), and Marco Rubio (13 percent).

"Pennsylvania looks like it could be another bellwether state," Madonna said in the article on F&M's news website.

The most recent poll reflects data collected during surveys conducted at the Center for Opinion Research on F&M's campus from Oct. 19 to Oct. 25 with 614 Pennsylvania voters: 303 Democrats, 213 Republicans, and 80 Independents, and responses were weighted based on gender, region, and party affiliation. The interviews were conducted under the direction of Madonna, Yost, and Jacqueline Redman, project manager. The Poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.9 points.

For more information, the full results of the poll are available [here](#).

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prestigious Committee on Ways and Means. In 2012, Ryan was the vice-presidential candidate on Mitt Romney's unsuccessful campaign for president.

Since assuming his new role, Ryan has addressed a number of issues, such as the government defunding of Planned Parenthood.

"I don't think Planned Parenthood should get a red cent from the tax payer," he said, according to [this article](#) from CNN.com. However, when pressed as to whether or not he would defund the organization, he said, "I think being an effective opposition party means being honest with people upfront about what we can and cannot achieve."

Additionally, Ryan expressed that he would not work with President Barack Obama toward immigration reform.

"I think it would be a ridiculous notion to try and work with a president we simply cannot trust on this issue," he said on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

Staff Writer Commentary

Jeb Bush is on the brink of ending his presidential run

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While watching the Republican Presidential Debate in the College Center this Wednesday, I noticed at least two things. The first thing I noticed is that the F&M WiFi could be much improved. The second thing I noticed is that Jeb Bush probably just blew whatever remained of his chances of becoming president.

Jeb Bush should be crushing everyone else in the field right now, rather than leaving Donald Trump and perhaps Ben Carson as the frontrunners. He has a ton of money and a number of endorsements. He is the establishment candidate. For Republicans and Democrats, the candidate who is favored by the establishment of the party tends to become that party's presidential nominee. Only when that establishment candidate does very poorly is this not the case. That was the case for Hillary Clinton in 2008 (though it is too early to see if history will repeat for her). It also seems to be the case for Jeb Bush.

One would think that, because he is closely related to two still-living presidents, Bush would have the connections he needs to win. Bush definitely has connections. But perhaps Donald Trump, Ben Carson, Marco Rubio, and Ted Cruz have better ones? But if Bush's people are doing the best they can do, it's not good enough. I'd even venture to say that the WiFi connections at F&M are better. (But enough of that for now, the joke has worn out, just like the WiFi did at the College Center on Wednesday.)

People are talking about how poorly organized and managed the CNBC debate was. And it was. Candidates talked over the moderators, went over their allotted time, and even

shouted back at and insulted them. Of course, the crowd went wild every time that happened, relishing any attack on the supposedly "liberal" media. The moderators did poorly, and the questions were often silly and not substantive (I agree with Chris Christie: why ask questions about fantasy football when there are far more important things going on? Questions about the influence of money in our politics, growing Russian and Chinese military activity, and climate change would have been much more appropriate.) Yet, Bush managed to do worse.

Nate Silver, of the legendary FiveThirtyEight website, agrees that Bush performed poorly. Worse, this may signal the end of his campaign, which I have predicted for a while. Silver says something particularly interesting that I think is worth quoting here: "before the debate, major Bush donors were fretting openly to reporters (not just swiping at Bush anonymously) that his campaign was in a 'death spiral.' Those concerns may grow larger and louder now" (<http://53eight/1094VJ>). This is critical to Bush, because he was never running on his charisma, his temperament, his ideology, or his family name (for better or worse). He was running as the establishment consensus choice, as an inevitable candidate with enough money to outspend all his competitors. But, like with Hillary Clinton in 2008, when you don't have an advantage with money, and the establishment support you have is growing nervous and starting to crack, you lose your inevitability as the nominee, and eventually the nomination itself.

Jeb Bush and his advisors, like Hillary Clinton in 2008, thought that he would have the race locked up, and it would be his to throw away. And throw it away he has. Donald Trump always accused

Bush of being low-energy, but I think that's just part of the problem. I think his heart isn't in it, he doesn't have the fire in his belly or the need (not merely the desire) to become president. Voters picked up on this, along with his family legacy and actually good immigration sensibilities, and came to loathe him as a candidate. He's losing not merely because he's a bad campaigner, but also because

he's alienating voters, who sense he doesn't really want to win all that badly. The voters want a serious candidate who's an angry fighter (like Donald Trump). Bush's poor campaigning and his worsening relationship with the voters reinforce each other in a positive feedback loop. He may have the money, but he's likely blown his chance to connect with voters. This is why he will likely drop out soon.

Full Staff Opinion

Two assaults in last week rattle student body, shake confidence in on-campus safety

The Franklin & Marshall community is shaken after two students were assaulted on campus. Both instances occurred on areas of campus frequently occupied by students busting along to fulfill their daily routines. This has brought students to doubt whether F&M and Public Safety is doing all that it could to keep its students as safe as possible.

We have a small campus. Every F&M student would be able to name off the top of his or her head which roads surround campus and how to access entrance. With these recent assaults happening in a short period of time, it's clear that something is wrong with the methods Public Safety is instilling to promote student safety.

It would not be difficult to keep a Public Safety officer stationed at each section of campus parking lots, and in areas where student traffic is the most dense. This is not a concern that is raised only when it is a weekend and students are out and venturing off campus. It is one that is relevant and needs to be considered with daily F&M life. Every night, it is inevitable that several F&M students will be making the walk back to their dorms or apartments between 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. In our experience, and when asking others, seeing a Public Safety officer positioned near pathways and sidewalks is truly a rarity. The second instance of assault occurred near the Williamson lot and LSP, which is definitely one of the most central hubs of campus. It's become a general consensus around the student body that Public Safety's efforts have been inadequate.

As we mentioned before, we do not have a large campus in which there are miles of campus territory and thousands of students to accommodate. This campus is small and our student body consists of roughly 2,400 students. It's a shame that two students had to be victimized for progress to occur, but let's hope that Public Safety makes a positive change that will lead to a better sense of safety and security throughout campus as a whole.



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Campus Life

Pulitzer Prize winner Nazario talks immigration, supporting refugees

BY ELLIE GAVIN
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This week's Common Hour was led by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Sonia Nazario. Nazario is best known for her work writing for the *Los Angeles Times*, and was the youngest writer ever to be hired by the *Wall Street Journal*, which is where she started her career. In 2003, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing.

Nazario spoke about her work reporting on the issues that immigrant communities face in the U.S. today and why she has become an advocate on behalf of the cause.

In 2006, Nazario published her first book, *Enrique's Journey*, which follows 17-year-old Enrique on his difficult and dangerous journey from Honduras to the United States to be reunited with his mother.

Nazario focused her Common Hour speech largely on this issue regarding the growing number of young children making the journey to America by themselves, and the extreme risks they face in doing so.

"I discovered a small army of these children coming north from Mexico and Central America," Nazario said. "They were coming with no parent by their side, entering the United States unlawfully. Back then I calculated 50,000 children coming in this way in one year."

Nazario explained that these children were most often fleeing abusive situations in their home countries.

"When I went back to Honduras 15 months ago, the only child welfare system was shutting down because it was found to be sexually exploiting children," Nazario said. "This is not something you want the child welfare system to be doing."

Nazario says that like Enrique, the protagonist in her book, many children are seeking to be reunited with their parents, who have come to America in search of a better life.

Enrique, whose mother left him for America when he was five years old, set out to find his mother 11 years later.

"All he had, and all most of these children have, are these little scraps of paper with his mother's phone number written on it," Nazario said. "They'd hide that slip of paper in the sole of their shoe, or the waistband of their jeans, and wrap it in plastic so that when it rained or when they

crossed rivers hopefully that precious number wouldn't smudge."

Nazario explained that because most of these children are so poor the only way they can make it from Mexico to America is by illegally traveling on the top of trains.

"They grip onto the tops and sides of these freight trains that travel up the length of Mexico," Nazario said.

Nazario explained that there are children as young as seven years old making this treacherous journey by themselves.

Nazario describes the journey of yet another young boy, Dennis, who at age 12 traveled across four countries to be reunited with his mother in the U.S.

"I think at [that age] your parents wouldn't let you go to the grocery store here in Lancaster alone, right?" Nazario said.

While traveling alone to America, Nazario says that these children are heavily persecuted. They are often robbed, raped, killed, or deported.

"They are hunted like animals all the way as they travel north through Mexico," she said. "Most of them, despite the numbers we've heard [that arrived] at our borders this summer, they don't get that far."

Nazario said that some of the perpetrators of these crimes are corrupt police forces, who persecute these children, often finding them on trains and robbing them, sometimes raping the girls, and then deporting them across the southern border.

According to Nazario, in 1996 the United States toughened its laws against immigrants who committed DUIs and drug offenses and deported over 300,000 criminals to Central America. Many of these gangsters now contribute to the persecution of migrants on their way to the United States.

Nazario says that while the migrating children face so much violence and brutality, she has also seen many acts of kindness and generosity, often from the poorest Mexicans who struggle to feed themselves and their own children.

Nazario said that when the train would slow down, people would run out of their huts with bundles of food in their arms.

"They'd all start madly waving and smiling and shouting to these migrants on top of the train," she said. "They would throw bread, tortilla, whatever fruit was in season... No food? Well, then you'd give what you had—tap water.



photo by Emma Brown '17

Sonia Nazario, journalist and Pulitzer Prize Winner, came to F&M and spoke about her experiences covering the child migrant crisis in central and south America.

And if they didn't have that, I'd watch them line up and they'd put their hands together and they'd say a silent prayer for these migrants as they passed by."

Nazario explained that if and when these children make it to the U.S., they are subjected to an unfair judicial system, and they have trouble advocating for themselves so they will be allowed to permanently stay in the country.

"A judge will give you a week to show up with a fully developed asylum claim, which most lawyers will tell you takes a year, minimally, to do effectively," Nazario said.

Even though most of these children qualify to stay in the U.S. legally as refugees, seven out of 10 immigrant children cannot afford a lawyer. Since they are not American citizens, Nazario says, these children are not assigned public defenders, and young children are often forced to stand up in court and attempt to defend themselves.

"It's terrifying for them. I've seen toddlers pee in their pants, children clutching teddy bears in court, anything can send them hurtling back to the danger that they just fled," Nazario said.

With a lawyer, seven out of ten children claiming asylum win their case. Without a lawyer, only one out of ten do.

Nazario believes that we need to get past "the same three-tiered approaches" of dealing with immigration reform, which she defines as extreme border enforcement, mass deportation, and guest worker programs. According to Nazario, none of these have worked.

Instead, Nazario suggests that we solve the problem at its source so that migrants don't have to leave their homelands, where she says most of them would rather live. Nazario believes that if Americans work hard enough and put enough pressure on their leaders, a system can be created that better life for migrants and Americans alike.

"I know if we push with the determination that I see on top of these trains, we can give these refugee children a measure of justice that they deserve in this country," Nazario said.

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Senior Class hosts first annual "Halloween on the Green" Event



On Saturday, Oct. 31st, the Senior Class Caucus hosted the first annual Halloween on the Green event. Students enjoyed music, a pumpkin carving contest, and free food.

Photos courtesy of Anne Dolan



Alumna Stein discusses race, masculinity during Women's Center talk

BY ERIN MOYER
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On Wednesday, Melissa Stein '99 delivered a lecture entitled "Measuring Manhood: Race and the Science of Masculinity, 1830-1934" in Stahr Auditorium in Stager Hall. Stein, a professor at the University of Kentucky, examined how race and masculinity were constructed and conceptualized in the 19th and early 20th century based on what was at stake in that moment.

Stein was introduced by Maria Mitchell, Professor of History and Chair of Africana Studies. In her introduction, Mitchell touched on Stein's time as a student at F&M, joking that they were keeping her just as busy as a guest speaker—speaking in several classes, speaking at this event itself, attending several events the next day—as she was when she was a student. Mitchell also spoke to the "organic interdisciplinary" bent to Stein's work: Stein's book, Mitchell said, seamlessly incorporates American Studies, Biology, Biological Foundations of Behavior, Scientific and Philosophical Studies of the Mind, History, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Science in Society, and more, into its analytical framework. The intersectionality of Stein's work, Mitchell continued, is perhaps both proof that she attended a liberal arts college, and is further evidenced by all of

the on-campus organizations who came together to bring her back to F&M. Organizations like HIVE, the Alice Drum Women's Center, the Black Student Union, and the Biology Department, among others, worked in tandem to host Stein as a speaker.

After Mitchell's introduction, Stein then began her lecture by discussing two recent examples of genetic shortcomings being attributed to women and minorities from two men in higher education: a dean at Rutgers, and a dean at Harvard. These comments, Stein argued, are eerily similar to arguments made 100 years ago against minorities earning full citizenship, or against women attending college for fear it would "redirect the blood away from their womb and into their brain." It just goes to show, Stein said, how mainstream biological determinism is in relation to race and gender. Stein said that this belief that race and gender are biological has never entirely disappeared; on the contrary, it has arguably resurged.

Stein then turned her attention to the crux of her research, the ways in which race was conceived by scientists to institutionalize a hierarchy of political difference. Stein argued that in the mid-19th century, scientists positioned other races as neither male nor female to justify their exclusion. These gendered

ideas of race took root. Her work, Stein said, seeks to unpack how this scientific racism is still embedded in our history, with headline news surrounding discoveries like "the female brain" and "the gay gene." Some cases of this nineteenth century biological determinism may seem bizarre and clearly biased today, Stein said, but they have clearly had an impact on American consciousness.

Stein cited the work of John van Evrie, a 19th-century man who self-published material revolving around beards as a sign of manhood. Evrie felt it was no accident that white men could grow full, lustrous facial hair, and black men could not. Since non-Caucasian bodies failed to conform to white definitions of sex, as one can interpret Evrie's designation, they therefore could not be part of gender. Since Caucasians were the only bearded race, they could be assured of total intellectual superiority. White men were the standard by which others were measured. This attention to beards, Stein said, was not an aesthetic preference; on the contrary, paying such close attention to a secondary sex characteristic as evidence of manhood was a political move.

One's manhood was closely tied to their capacity for citizenship. Manhood and citizenship went hand-in-hand, Stein said, and

Evrie grounded his claims in "other" bodies themselves by putting them forward as evidencing total, intellectual failures. According to Stein, scientists like Evrie presented Black men and women as sharing similar intellectual inadequacies, thus removing them from any remote inclusion in citizenship or politics. The binary of the era was that if you were a man, you were a citizen.

After the Civil War, continued Stein, this binary was presented with a challenge: if Black men were no longer slaves, did that mean they were citizens? White ethnologists thus rallied to the cause of maintaining a racialized definition of citizenship; though Black Americans were no longer slaves in the wake of the Civil War, ethnologists and scientists marshaled several arguments proving why newly-free African Americans shouldn't get the vote. Post-bellum ethnologists put African Americans in a physiological middle-ground to keep them from becoming full citizens, Stein argued. Stein concluded that race, gender, sex, and sexuality mutually informed the construction of citizenship. Non-Caucasian bodies were the site for socio-political exclusion.

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Arts & Entertainment

Fun Home shows how tolerance has progressed over generations Michael Cerveris' acting stuns, is supported by a stellar cast, fluid score

Play Review Fun Home

by Preman Koshar

Last weekend, I had the great privilege of seeing the Broadway show *Fun Home* for free, thanks to F&M alumnus James Lapine '71 (who also happened to write a little book/movie called *Into the Woods*—you may have heard of it). Last Sunday, I hopped aboard a bus bound for the wonderful City of New York (also free—did I mention that James Lapine is a pretty darn cool guy?), and, a few short hours later, I was walking down Broadway.

Fun Home was directed by Sam Gold, and performed in the Circle in the Square theater, which, appropriately, consists of a circular (really more oval, but whatever) stage, surrounded by a square of seats. It was an unusual setup, but I liked it, and it worked surprisingly well. *Fun Home* tells the story of Alison Bechdel (Beth Malone), a lesbian cartoonist reflecting back on her childhood, particularly her relationship with her closeted gay father, Bruce (Michael Cerveris). *Fun Home* is the first major Broadway play to feature a lesbian protagonist, which is surprising considering the general liberality of the New York theater scene.

Fun Home is a musical, and was, of course, filled with songs. At first, I wasn't sure I liked the songs, simply because they felt a little awkward within the play. But as the show went on, I realized that



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Michael Cerveris has won two Tony Awards, one for his performance in *Assassins* in 2004, and one for *Fun Home* in 2015.

that was at least partly intentional, as it was meant to convey the awkwardness of childhood, of growing up, and of life in a repressed and secretive household. Not only did the songs make more sense as the play went on, but they also seemed fuller and richer somehow—perhaps I'm reading too much into it, but I suspect that this was meant to convey how Alison was figuring out who

she was and what she was meant to do.

The acting was truly top-notch, with Gabriella Pizzolo playing a remarkable and opinionated young Alison, Emily Skeggs playing a "Medium" college-age Alison who is just discovering herself, and Beth Malone playing the adult Alison trying to figure out what it all meant. They all come together to form a

fascinating, deep individual that you can't stop thinking about. All of the other actors and actresses did a fantastic job, but in particular Michael Cerveris, as the father, was astounding. He somehow perfected the role of the conflicted, kind-hearted father struggling with his own desires and shortcomings.

His internal pain was excruciating and felt very real. He deserves all of the awards he received and more. The actors also deserve another commendation for performing so well in the round, which can be more difficult than on a normal stage. The dialogue in the play was quick and sharp and got its point across effortlessly. It never felt rushed or overdone or out of place.

The script was excellent. The score flowed well with the songs, increasingly so as the play progressed. In short, *Fun Home* is a masterpiece of American theater that highlights the struggles that so many gay Americans have faced, internally and externally, for generations. It shows us how the world has changed, and that, through tolerance and time, there is hope.

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Fun Home stuns with powerful acting performances and a beautiful score.

TDF's *Hair* brings the hippie lifestyle to the stage

On last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, as well as on Sunday afternoon, *Hair* revolutionized F&M's theater scene and advised everyone to protest for what they believe in. *Hair* was sponsored by the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film and featured an entirely student cast.



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Roethlisberger: Fans fail to examine NFL's ethics, policies

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"[Vick] should be the one buried under that house" instead of the dogs, rumor has it, that died as a result of his dogfighting ring. As *Salon* contributor Marissa Landrigan wrote in August, this "racially-coded language" reminds us all how easily black men are plastered with role of criminal, and how difficult that label can be to shake off.

I grew up in an Eagles household, and I remember how my family felt shortly after Vick was released from prison and joined Philly's favorite team. I know that Vick's conviction can present a complicated dilemma for people. Some are clearly still too uncomfortable with Vick's crimes to see him on their hallowed sidelines.

But here's my point, Steelers fans: You guys have an alleged rapist on your team, and no one seems super upset by that. I'm happy people are getting themselves worked up and ready for a talk about morality and justice and all, but is no one else picking up on this self-righteous fury of hypocrisy? When you already have a purported criminal playing first string, and you are not actively upset to see him in that jersey, can adding a dog-fighter to the list really make you angry?

Michael Vick was convicted of dog-fighting, I know. I don't want to invalidate that crime. But I find it absolutely infuriating that Ben Roethlisberger is allowed to have a place in the National Football League.

And what's even more infuriating is that he plays for a team whose fan base is more prepared to be morally outraged when Vick, not Roethlisberger, takes the field. Both men maybe did

very bad things. You should be upset to have both of them wearing that jersey.

How short a memory we all seem to have. Now that Roethlisberger has a wife and a kid and has managed to stay "out of trouble," we're fine with him? We're back to normal? He gets to be called "mellowed-out?" As though that whole "attacking women" thing is just an ugly phase an unruly, angsty bachelor might go through?

Here's what's worse, though: I don't really know of any football fans who were ever not fine with Ben Roethlisberger. Granted, this all happened five years ago, but I don't remember any grand disavowals of the Steelers posted on Facebook. I don't recall Roethlisberger being scorned and dragged through the mud after the accusations surfaced. I don't think anyone felt the Steelers acted injudiciously in keeping him on. On the contrary, I think most fans were pretty willing to stand by him through his, uh, "legal trouble." I think most fans—and certainly, the Steelers franchise itself—were pretty willing to side with Roethlisberger, and not his two accusers.

And let me be clear: again, I am aware that Roethlisberger was never charged with anything. In a pure, legal sense, he's clean. That is quite true. But you would think that the accusations against him alone might be enough to shake the fan base a little bit. You would think having a player accused of such violent acts might be enough to make a franchise think about distancing itself from said player. You would think people might take even a whiff of these crimes seriously.

So my sweeping question to all Steelers fans is this: How are you just fine with this? Honestly, this is alright with you? Your team is represented by a man with two different assault allegations from two different women levelled against him, and you are not angry and upset? That doesn't concern you? You don't think of that every Sunday as you don your Steelers jersey and cheer on ol' Big Ben? No? This should bother you.

As I've said, the fact that this man has kept his post at all is disturbing to me. But the fact that he has people behind him, wearing his name on their backs and egging him on, is worse. This is rape culture, you guys: The guy who ran a dog-fighting ring, who has been convicted of hurting defenseless animals, is panned as an embarrassment to have on the team.

Okay, fine. But God forbid anyone think of taking Roethlisberger's accusers seriously. God forbid anyone worry about being associated with that guy. Hey, he plays well sometimes. He makes the franchise money. He was never actually charged with a crime. What's there to worry about?

Speaking of charges, furthermore, I haven't even gotten into the hypocrisy of Roethlisberger's case versus that of Le'Veon Bell and LeGarrette Blount, two Steelers players who were found with 20 grams of marijuana last year and suspended for a game or two each. Though I'm gratified that Bell and Blount's punishments weren't steeper, this comparison really has troubling implications: Okay, so the NFL is seemingly more offended by possessing less than an ounce of pot than they are by suspected rape? Good to know.

And of course, all of the above is really only one glimpse into the NFL's abysmal pattern of handling player misconduct. Roethlisberger only has accusations against him, it's true. This is somewhat more of a gray area than, say, Ray Rice being filmed actually physically beating up his fiancée. Remind me what happened there? Even after being charged with aggravated assault in March of 2014, Rice was initially only suspended for two games in July. His contract with the Baltimore Ravens was only terminated in September, five months after he was indicted for assaulting his fiancée, now wife. If the NFL is holding anyone accountable for hurtful behavior, it's certainly not their players.

Ultimately, the League and the Steelers have got their minds on their money, and their money on their minds. Accusations of assault, brutal testimony and evidence, elevator videos of abuse? There's not much room in their business model to deal with those.

How do women fit into the NFL's business model, anyway? Well, it would appear marginally: They have us on the sidelines as cheerleaders, as trainers, as reporters, and now, whoa, as one or two lady refs! Equity! And hey, they will sometimes even dress their players in pink sneakers to raise awareness of breast cancer, aww! As though any woman ran the risk of forgetting about it? It's also doubly sweet because men don't normally wear pink, you know?! Ugh, such nice guys!

Can these tokenistic showings pass as warm-hearted, generous progressivism when this organization lets someone like Roethlisberger play? Are these lackluster gestures enough to convince us that the NFL respects women when they let a Ray Rice back into the league? Should this be enough to make me feel supported and safe? I am not so convinced. And it bothers me that other, more sanguine football fans seem to differ. Here's what this all comes down to: The Steelers and the NFL need to figure out how to handle player crime and sexual misconduct. These organizations need to understand their influence, and hold their players to actual standards.

Let's preference integrity and respect, ethics and decency, over a quiet out-of-court, back-in-uniform settlement. If that all seems like too much to ask, well, hey; I said I wasn't into sports.

So wave that Terrible Towel proudly, Steelers fans. It matches the NFL's other terrible things.

Baseball: Mets trying to battle, stay alive in Series

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Late Saturday night, the Mets held a 3-2 lead going into the top of the 8th. However, a three-run rally by the Royals led to them getting a crucial win at Citi Field. The Mets are facing a tall task of coming back now, but this team is certainly capable. Many counted out the Mets after falling down 2-0, but the Mets have battled back and made this an exciting series.

The possibility of three more games has all baseball excited and made the World Series must-watch television. Will the Royals hold on to secure their spot at the top of baseball or will the Mets battle back? The answer to this may be unknown, but one thing is for sure: this is what baseball is all about.



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In order to win their first World Series since 1986, the Mets have to be perfect and win three straight games. The challenge is tall, but the Mets see it as very possible.

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The NFL has demonstrated a sense of acceptance towards rape culture. Read more below....



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The World Series is concluding the Royals look to close it out. Read more....

Franklin & Marshall Sports

Roethlisberger's esteemed place in NFL reflects rape culture

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I am not “into” sports. Let’s start there. I do not “follow” the NFL. I am not “aware” of which teams are doing “well.” I do know who won last year’s Super Bowl, but that knowledge is really mostly rooted in a longstanding thing I have for Tom Brady and Giselle (And while I’m at it, I’m really happy #FreeTom was such a success). But all of that said: I am from Pennsylvania. There are just certain things that I cannot not know. And unfortunately, one of those things is Ben Roethlisberg-

er, quarterback to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Can we talk about Ben Roethlisberger, Steelers nation? Because I have sincerely been dying to. I have been quietly stewing about Roethlisberger’s place in the NFL for years, and with an amount of ire and tenacity that seems to surprise people. I fly into swift and consuming rages on those rare occasions his name comes up. Writing this article might be cathartic for me, honestly. The thing that upsets me most about Ben Roethlisberger, I think, is that other people aren’t upset about Ben

Roethlisberger. Roethlisberger’s place on the Steelers and in the NFL, shows both organizations’ failures to take sexual misconduct seriously. And it should bother you.

For those of you who have not been burning with this rage since you were in high school, let me break this all down: Ben Roethlisberger has twice been accused of sexual assault. The first accusation came in 2008 and the second in 2010. Roethlisberger’s defense team reportedly employed character assassination to discredit his first accuser, who eventually

dropped the charges out of fear she’d lose her job. His second accuser, a college student in her early twenties, was so intoxicated that, as reported by one club patron, she was “dragged into a back room” of a nightclub.

The accuser was later taken by her friends to the police, and eventually to a hospital, where doctors found “bruising and bleeding in her genital area.” (My source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/sports/steelers/2010/04/13/Grow-up-DA-tells-Roethlisberger-while-announcing-decision-not-to-prosecute-rape-case/stories/201004130163>)

Neither of Roethlisberger’s accusers went on to file criminal charges. In spite of the publicly-circulating victim testimony, Roethlisberger has never been charged with any crime. And for some, it would appear that this is proof enough of his innocence. The district attorney’s advice to Roethlisberger, after his 2010 accuser decided not to prosecute the case? “There was too much drinking going on. If he were my son, [I would say], ‘Ben, grow up.’”

Anyway, I was reminded of all of this recently when Michael Vick, the former Atlanta Falcons quarterback who was convicted of dogfighting, joined the Steelers’ squad in August. Some fans were very upset to see the convicted Vick join their team. How could someone who hurt innocent animals play for our team? How could the organization do this? Is Michael Vick even sorry? I saw fans hurl around words like “thug,” or go as far to suggest that see **ROETH LISBERGER**, page 7



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Pictured above is Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Big Ben has become an icon in Pittsburgh and in the NFL as a whole. However, he has been accused of sexual assault twice in his career. It is a continued controversy as to why he still plays.

The Royals are just one win away from a World Series title

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The 2015 World Series teams have been very evenly matched throughout the first four games of the series, and baseball fans everywhere are hoping the action continues throughout the end of this baseball season.

Through four games, the Kansas City Royals currently lead the series three games to one against the New York Mets. The first game was a back-and-forth contest that was decided after five hours, nine minutes, and 14 innings. The game began with a first pitch inside the park homerun hit by Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar, which set the tone for what would be a wild and entertaining game. After seven

innings and the score at 3-3, a crucial error by Royals first basemen Eric Hosmer allowed Mets center fielder Juan Lagares to score and take a four to three lead late in the game.

With just two outs remaining before clinching a crucial game one win, the Mets surrendered a ninth inning home run to Alex Gordon, which tied the game at four. After four more innings of scoreless baseball, the Royals were finally able to scratch across a run during inning 14 on an Eric Hosmer sacrifice fly, effectively making up for his crucial error earlier in the game. As game two rolled along, the Royals kept the momentum going from their 14-inning battle the previous night. A four-run

fifth inning and a three-run eighth inning provided Royals’ starting pitcher Johnny Cueto with all the run support he would need on the night. He threw a dazzling nine innings, only allowing two hits and one run on his way to a masterful pitching performance and 2-0 series lead for the Royals.

This crucial win against two of the Mets’ top pitchers, Matt Harvey and Jacob deGrom, left the Mets in a must-win situation heading back to Citi Field for a must-win game three. The Mets turned to 23-year-old phenom Noah Syndergaard to turn their luck around, and he didn’t disappoint. Syndergaard set the tone early delivering a 98 mile per hour fastball up and into leadoff hitter Alcides Escobar

and let the Royals know he meant business on the cold October night.

After surrendering three runs in the first two innings, Syndergaard was lights out for the rest of his appearance and pitched six quality innings. The Mets captain and team leader David Wright delivered a homerun in the bottom of the first inning and Curtis Granderson delivered a 2-run homerun of his own in the third inning to give the Mets a 4-3 lead. After that, they never looked back. They tacked on five more runs over the course of the game and won by a final of 9-3. In such a high-pressure game, the Mets found a way to win and bring the series to 2-1.

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