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Wolf to give Commencement Address after Honorary Degree Committee review

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Tom Wolf, governor of Pennsylvania, will deliver F&M's Commencement Address on Saturday, May 7. In addition to his speech, Wolf will receive an honorary degree alongside Rick Gray, mayor of Lancaster, his wife, Gail, and Nilaja Sun '96, an actress and playwright.

"I am honored to be delivering Franklin & Marshall's 2016 Commencement speech," Wolf told *The College Reporter*. "Throughout my time as governor, I have made education at all levels a priority. I look forward to joining the Class of 2016 as they celebrate their hard work and begin a new chapter in their lives."

Wolf assumed the role of governor—his first elected office after a long career as a businessman and civil servant—in 2015. While



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Tom Wolf, governor of Pennsylvania, will deliver the Commencement Address on Saturday, May 7 for members of F&M's graduating class.

not an F&M graduate, Wolf has a connection to the school through his wife, Frances Wolf '96, who is now a vice-chair of F&M's Board of Trustees after becoming a member in 2004.

The Commencement speaker and recipients of honorary degrees are selected after review and consideration by the College's Honorary Degree Committee (HDC). The HDC's meetings

are closed and its deliberations are confidential; additionally, the HDC considers candidates for the following year, so Wolf was evaluated in 2014-2015.

"The purpose of the [HDC] is to consider nominations for honorary degree recipients at Commencement that have been solicited from the F&M community at large," said Fronefield Crawford, associate professor of astronomy and chair of the HDC when Wolf was evaluated. "After deliberation, the [HDC] presents the president with a pool of recommended candidates for consideration with some background and justification for selecting the particular set of candidates."

Aside from Crawford, the HDC consisted of several other faculty members: Marco Di

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F&M to begin construction on Shadek Stadium, projected to open by Fall 2017

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Beginning in June of 2016, Franklin & Marshall College will start construction for Shadek Stadium, a multipurpose facility that will be located on what is now Armstrong Fields behind the College Reporter Apartments. According to the projected timeline, the stadium will be open for use during the Fall of 2017.

According to David Proulx, F&M's vice president for Finance and Administration and Treasurer, the facility is designed in order to "serve the entire college community." Although it will mainly function as home field for football, and men's and women's lacrosse, it will also be equipped in order to host men's and women's soccer matches as well. In addition, the facilities will be open to several intermural and club sports, as well as being available for activities such as large-scale movie screenings

and concerts.

The preparations for the stadium began several years ago, when the college selected HKS as the architect for the project. The company has extensive experience in designing and building athletic stadiums, including their work with the Philadelphia Eagles' and Dallas Cowboys' stadiums, among numerous others.

For the Shadek Stadium, their design includes, "improved seating and playing surface, environmentally friendly design, congregation spaces for students, faculty, staff, alumni and the public, and adequate spaces for the student-athletes and the staff to prepare for and participate in events," says Proulx.

The project was initially put into motion by a generous \$5 million donation from Trustee Larry Shadek '72 and the Shadek Family

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Wolf gives press conference on campus outlining ethical government reforms

BY STEVEN VIERA
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Speaking from the Patricia E. Harris Center of Business, Government & Public Policy, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf called for a series of ethics reforms in government. During his remarks, Wolf referred to a "trust deficit" between politicians and the public that he sought to close.

Dan Porterfield, president of the College, introduced Wolf to the small gathering of students and faculty, and he expressed enthusiasm for the latter's upcoming Commencement Address. Then, taking the podium, Wolf explained his plan to curb political favors.

"We need to make sure that we have a government that the people who we work for can actually trust," he said.

The plan includes a ban on members of the administration accepting gifts of any kind in their capacity as public officials, requiring the disclo-

tures of outside income earned by public employees and campaign contributions from companies seeking state contracts, increased lobbying oversight—as of now, Wolf pointed out, the Department of State only audits three percent of lobbying disclosures—and campaign finance reform.

"The goal is to create a government in Harrisburg and in Pennsylvania that people can believe in," Wolf said

Wolf also responded to a question regarding students' perceptions of politicians and how they might receive his message; Wolf pointed out that today's students are disaffected as a result of distrust in politics.

"It's a disaffection we deserve," he said, then expressed his hope that students would take a greater interest in politics and called for a new wave of student activism.

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THE HUNT FOR CRIME

Friday, Mar. 25, 9:01 a.m. – Officers from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a report of vandalism on the 600 block of North Mary. Bottles were being broken in front of the property.

Friday, Mar. 25, 11:13 a.m. – A vehicle was keyed on North Charlotte.

Friday, Mar. 25, 1:50 p.m. – DPS received a report of a theft of an F&M bike on the 500 block of West James.

Friday, Mar. 25, 10:23 p.m. – DPS responded to a noise complaint at 446 West James.

Friday, Mar. 25, 10:56 p.m. – DPS responded to a noise complaint in Thomas. They recovered false identification from a student present.

Friday, Mar. 25, 12:49 a.m. – Disorderly conduct was reported on W James St; a student was urinating in public.

Saturday, Mar. 26, 2:54 a.m. – DPS received a complaint of underage drinking complaint in the Thomas Hall common room.

Saturday, Mar. 26, 3:54 p.m. – DPS responded to a noise complaint on the 300 block of N Charlotte St.

Saturday, Mar. 26, 8:48 p.m. – Disorderly conduct was reported at Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Saturday, Mar. 26, 10:19 p.m. – DPS responded to a report of underage drinking on the first floor of Marshall Hall in Brooks College House.

Sunday, Mar. 27, 12:12 a.m. – DPS received a complaint of loud music at 520 N Charlotte St.

Sunday, Mar. 27, 1:51 a.m. – DPS received a complaint of underage drinking in the basement of Thomas Hall.

Sunday, Mar. 27, 1:17 p.m. – DPS performed a well-being check in Ware College House.

Sunday, Mar. 27, 2:43 p.m. – DPS received a report of suspicious activity on College Ave.

Sunday, Mar. 27, 4:46 p.m. – An alleged drug violation was reported.

Sunday, Mar. 27, 10:24 p.m. – DPS responded to a noise complaint on the third floor of Thomas.

Monday, Mar. 28, 4:21 a.m. – DPS assisted an emotional person in Rauch Hall in Ware College House.

Monday, Mar. 28, 12:41 p.m. – DPS performed a medical assist in the Ben Franklin Dining Hall.

Monday, Mar. 28, 3:06 p.m. – A student was found with phony driver's license in the West Parking lot. The student received a citation.

Monday, Mar. 28, 5:22 p.m. – DPS received a complaint of loud music on Race Ave. The noise was coming from the practice field.

Monday, Mar. 28, 11:11 p.m. – DPS performed a medical assist on at the Office of Public Safety on a student who had walked in.

Tuesday, Mar. 29, 1:06 a.m. – DPS received a loud music complaint in Bonchek. Upon arrival, officers did not find any loud music.

Tuesday, Mar. 29, 1:22 p.m. – Someone off campus reported losing their wallet.

Tuesday, Mar. 29, 4:45 p.m. – A student reported that their car was keyed at College Hill.

Wednesday, Mar. 30, 1:59 a.m. – DPS detected the smell of marijuana at the Sustainability House.

Wednesday, Mar. 30, 7:09 p.m. – Suspicious activity was reported at College Square.

Wednesday, Mar. 30, 10:08 p.m. – Suspicious activity was reported at College Row.

Thursday, Mar. 31, 2:29 a.m. – A campus alert was issued for gun shots being fired on 300 block of West Lemon.

Thursday, Mar. 31, 5:04 a.m. – A person was having a possible heart problem at Old Main.

Thursday, Mar. 31, 10:17 p.m. – DPS assisted someone in finding their car in Williamson parking lot.

Hunt's Advice

Lots of noise complaints this week, F&M! Keep it down if possible—especially if you have things you would rather Public Safety not find if they come to your room (like your fake ID...).

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Shadek: Primary donors to new stadium include parents of student athletes, alumni

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Foundation. From there, the college began further fundraising in order to cover the costs of construction. Currently, there have been over 250 donors, with their gifts totaling to roughly \$10.4 million in support of the stadium. Many of the donors who made the project possible are alumni athletes or parents of current student-athletes.

Proulx goes on to explain that since 2005, F&M has hoped to transform Armstrong fields into "an athletics precinct that would have the stadium, baseball and softball fields, tract, etc. developed over a

long period of time." By constructing Shadek Stadium, the college also intends to reduce overuse of current facilities, such as Tylus Field, along with eventually opening up what is currently Williamson Field for a new academic facility and additional green space.

Although the stadium will take up a portion of the Armstrong Field property, upon its completion in Fall 2017 there will still be remaining fields open for use.

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Sexual Misconduct: Questions and Answers

Question #21: Why does F&M not use the third-party advocacy program as offered through the YWCA of Lancaster? Would using this program reduce institutional bias?

Students who file a complaint or are named as a respondent in a complaint may choose anyone they wish as an advisor. The YWCA advocacy program is listed on the yellow Sexual Assault stickers that are posted on bathroom mirrors around campus, as well as in all campus publications about sexual misconduct response and in the College Sexual Misconduct Policy. Students are also informed of this option by the SART team. The College offers a panel of trained administrators to serve as advisors to students. These advisors volunteer their time, which is considerable, to make the investigation and adjudication process as fair and impartial as possible. The advantage to students of using one of these trained advisors is that they are familiar with the process, the campus culture and with student life. In addition, these advisors are aware of the accommodation that can be granted to complainants by the College and can access them easily. Each student is encouraged to make their own choice of the best advisor for their circumstance.

Commencement: Lancaster mayor, his wife, alumna actress to receive degrees

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Giulio, assistant professor of Hebrew language and literature, and Amanda R. Merryman, assistant professor of organization studies. The HDC also included four students and several ex officio members who provided logistical and administrative suggestions.

"The HDC starts with the list of candidates that have been submitted by the community at large, and then produces a select pool," Crawford said. "The HDC tries to select candidates that have demonstrated an outstanding level of contribution in their area of focus, as well as an alignment with the ethos and mission of the college. In addition, the HDC tries select a diverse set of candidates."

Rick and Gail Gray, two recipients of honorary degrees this year, are noted for their work in the Lancaster community and the arts community, while Sun—the other honorary degree recipient—has been celebrated for her work in theater in New York City, where

her solo-piece "No Child..." earned her an Obie Award. According to [this article](#) on F&M's news website, Sun has won myriad other awards, including two NAACP Theatre Awards, been recognized as NOVA's "Artist of the Year," in 2010, and starred in television and film roles on productions such as *Madame Secretary*.

"It is a privilege to present such a distinguished group of honorees to our students, their families, and other guests at this year's Commencement," said Dan Porterfield, president of the College, in the F&M news article.

Echoing Porterfield's comments was Crawford, who also expressed enthusiasm for Wolf's eventual selection as Commence-ment speaker.

"I am pleased that F&M was able to secure a prominent and accomplished national figure for graduation," he said. "It is especially nice that he has a connection with F&M through his wife, who is an alumna and a member of the Board of Trustees."

Staff Writer Commentary

Citizens have a duty to vote, no matter the election

Writer urges students to remember voting is their right, responsibility

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Please forgive the platitude, but I believe that voting is your right and duty. This presidential election, the pundits say every four years, is the most important election of our lifetime. For this year, for 2016, this may very well be the case. It may not be. I remember many in the media saying that 2012 and 2008 were pretty important elections. Yet, whomever the nominee is for the Democrats, it is essential that Donald Trump does not become president of the United States. I do not know what will happen, what he will say, and what he will do if he becomes president. It's a chance we cannot afford to take.

On a lighter note, as we anticipate the Pennsylvania primary election this month, we have our own elections to look forward to, here at F&M. The House Parliaments are having elections, which are a good way to ensure that you are represented in your own housing system. Whatever you think about our college's housing system, it is a good way to ensure that it works the best for you, and as best as it can for everyone.

It is worth noting that our Diplomatic Congress is having elections for its officers as well. While most of the positions will be uncontested, there is one that will be competitive: that of the Diplomatic Congress President.

While it is not my place here, I think, to tell you which candidates would be better served for the positions on Dip Con (and our House parliaments) I will say this: I feel that, overall, the Diplomatic Congress is somewhat self-isolated and self-contained.

I believe, personally, that fresh blood is needed, people who don't want to put something else on their resume, but people who truly want to make a difference, as much as they can with the limited power the Diplomatic Congress currently has. But, with good leaders, we can have a better Dip Con, which will help directly lead to a better campus.

Franklin & Marshall College has stood the test of time, and has been around for centuries. In the grand scheme of things, you may think that our next Diplomatic Congress, or our next House parliaments, or even our next college presidents or board of trustees may not matter very much. But here's the thing: you never know. You can never know for sure. And how do I know this? Just by looking at what's been happening in the Republican primary.

If you haven't been paying close attention to the ugliness of the hatred and ignorance of the Republican base, to the vocal members who are less afraid of being openly racist and bigoted, then you may not have seen Donald Trump, and his remarkable success, coming. This presidential election could determine whether or not he becomes our president. Please, think about this for a moment. Then take some time to consider that our nation has a very low voting rate, struggling to get to 60 percent of possible voter participation.

One may be disillusioned with politics, or think that it's not important enough to warrant your attention, energy, or time. But, if you are apathetic, you cannot complain (too loudly, at least) about the direction of our country,

or your policies, or what a potential Trump administration does. If you do not vote in your local elections, whether for governor, senator, Congressperson, for your mayor or for a precinct chairman, or even school elections, you will forfeit your right to vote. You will forfeit your opportunity to improve things or prevent a decline. I end with another cliché: you have the power, the right, even the responsibility to vote. I urge you to use it, and use it with wisdom.

Full Staff Opinion

It's the final countdown Editorial board takes stock of spring events in the autumn of our time

You know what we realized today? We, as a staff, really hate April. We really do. It always seems that this month is the most stressful, heavily-programmed time of the year. It's too easy to get bogged down by all of the events and talks, all of the sunshine and last-minute spurts of nostalgia. Throw a couple of twenty-page papers in the mix, and you know there's going to be some angst. Yet we want to stymie your woes, F&M. Do not despair. We are here to tell you that though April may often feel like the autumn of our days—quite literally, even, if this most recent weather forecast is to be believed--we have so much to look forward to!

The Emerging Writers Festival: If you haven't been to the Emerging Writers Festival yet, you are really missing a gem. We mean, this week has everything: up-and-coming writers, astonishingly talented people, and so many fabulous things. After all, the end of the year is a perfect time to celebrate the intellectual and artistic accomplishments of your peers.

Spring Arts Festival: Yeah, you knew this was going to be on the list. As the weather gets nicer, take some time to relax out on the green. Get out of the library and de-stress with free food and good music before those finals rear their ugly heads.

Senior Week: After four years of hard work, you seniors deserve one last hurrah. Get together with your classmates, reminisce on your most embarrassing freshman year moments (pics or it didn't happen), and just enjoy spending these last few weeks together.

Explore Lancaster: Get off campus! Go! Yes! Explore! You won't be here for another three months--or, in the case of you graduating seniors (sorry to remind us all), for who knows how long. Lanc is trendy! Take some time to get into the city, go to Central Market, try out a new restaurant, or check out some of the galleries downtown. Take advantage of the city while you can!

These are all four great ideas, not to brag or anything. But as you well know, this campus and this city are chock-full of even more great things. Go to them. This campus was great once, and it can be great again.



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Campus Life

David Embrick, Ph.D, talks the meaning of the word diversity in “color-blind” world

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This week’s Common Hour featured David G. Embrick, Ph. D, associate professor of sociology at Loyola University in Chicago. His presentation, “What Does Diversity Mean in an Era of Color Blindness?: Diversity Ideology in the 21st Century” dealt with the problematic ambiguity of the term “diversity” when applied to institutions such as corporations and colleges. Embrick is published in a wide variety of journals including *Current Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, *Issues of Race and Society*, and much more. He is the editor of the journal *Humanity and Society* and a co-founding editor of the journal *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. In addition, Embrick has authored nine books dealing with race, racism, and inequality and he edited (or co-edited) five volumes.

Embrick spoke of two ways in which “we care about diversity” based on his 15 years of research. The first part is that diversity is a part of the mission in colleges, businesses, and most institutions. He pointed out that even Franklin & Marshall’s mission statement talks about diversity. Secondly, he noted that institutions are committed to diversity, and we hear about this when a controversial event occurs surrounding diversity. He quoted Ellen Berrey, who said, “commitment to diversity is an enigma,” to which Embrick agreed.

As part of his research, Embrick interviewed managers, officers and other positions of leadership in institutions and asked them questions about diversity. He found that there “hasn’t been drastic or any improvement” in corporate America concerning representation of minority groups. According to Embrick, African Americans are one percent of the CEOs in the Fortune 500, and this has decreased. He also noted that women are half the work force but constitute much less representation in higher positions of power. Embrick said there are more of these types of trends through looking at salary, hours, access to resources, training, and more.

Embrick hopes that presenting his research through looking at real people in America, besides just the numbers, gives a better visual of how diversity works. Embrick said there is a disparity between what institutions say and what they actually look like. His first example was Merrill Lynch, which, at the time of his study, made it known that they cared about diversity and had won diversity awards. Stan O’Neil, the former CEO, was one of the few African Americans in that position, as well as one of the few interviewed that spoke about race and ethnicity when talking about diversity. However, on the executive board, thirty out of thirty-four of

them were white men, three were women, and one was a black man.

A second example was Bank of America, whose website claimed “diversity and inclusion is the foundation of who we are.” Embrick believed this was a big statement, especially since the board of directors looked much the same as that of Merrill Lynch.

Embrick decided to look at younger companies like Google as part of his research to see if there was any difference in diversity. Google was voted as the number one place to work by *FORTUNE* in 2013, and has named diversity and inclusiveness as some of their main ideals. Again, he saw that board of directors and executive officers were not greatly diverse based on phenotype.

Embrick said his research became “tiresome,” with finding the same situations within most institutions. He wondered how in 2016 institutions are still able to get away with excluding women and minorities in positions of power in the work place, and in places that claim they are already diverse. He said that there is a “potential danger in the language.” People do not really know what diversity is or what it actually means. Embrick noted there is a “big difference between what we say we care about and what we say we’re committed to and the stark realities.” Although diversity is a term that feels good and makes

people happy, Embrick believes it is still ambiguous, which makes it problematic. According to his research, no real change is occurring while institutions are claiming that they are committed to diversity.

Embrick suggested instead of talking about these terms like diversity, tolerance, and inclusivity, people should be talking about specific issues. Embrick emphasized that he is not against diversity, but only has a problem with the way the word is being used, which seems to cover up issues like a band-aid. He is “in favor of specificity”, and having people decide what they are going to actually do to combat problems such as racism and others that fall under the umbrella of diversity.

According to Embrick, it is easy for institutions to have a diversity office or claim diversity and say everything is good.

“People are complicated,” he said, and everyone has their own stance on what needs to be done, and the umbrella only gets wider. Embrick says taking the discussion beyond diversity, and talking about issues like gender and race will carry more meaning and accomplish more towards improving corporations, colleges, and other institutions.

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First Lady of Pennsylvania Frances Wolf ‘96 visits F&M holds discussions with students

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On March 29, Frances Wolf ‘96, the First Lady of Pennsylvania and a Trustee of F&M, visited campus for an intimate discussion with students, and discussed topics ranging from her activities as First Lady to how her previous work experiences affect her public service priorities.

Wolf is the daughter of American diplomats, and grew up in Iran, Germany, France, Pakistan, and Great Britain. Wolf holds a degree in South Asian History from the University of London, England. She holds a second BA from F&M in Studio Art and History of Art. Wolf is a painter, whose work has been shown in galleries and museums throughout Pennsylvania. Wolf has also been actively involved in civic and community life, serving on the boards of multiple non-profit organizations and community groups.

Wolf credited her background in community service in helping her to prioritize the projects she emphasizes as First Lady. She said that she uses her posi-

tion to support the initiatives her husband, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, is promoting.

“I’m straddling the space between the job my husband has and the position the job puts us in,” Wolf said. “[I ask myself] ‘How do I help and reinforce the issues that his administration is about?’”

Wolf said she sees her work as First Lady as an extension of what she did in the community before her husband took office.

“With my background in community involvement, public service is a natural world,” Wolf said. “I look at my position as a type of ambassador for what the administration is doing that I feel strongly about.”

Wolf has held leadership positions on the boards of the York County Community Foundation, the York County Planning Commission, Atkins House, a halfway house for female offenders, the Women’s Giving Circle of York, and serves on F&M’s Board of Trustees.

Wolf’s husband just finished his first year as governor, and Wolf said she has used that time to

increase her knowledge of public policy issues and her confidence in her position as First Lady. Her husband had not served in public office before being elected governor, and Wolf said she has had to adjust to being in the public spotlight.

“For me, it has been very much a year of learning,” Wolf said. “This is a world that is not my strength, so I am learning about being out there. It has been a wonderful experience, but not what I am used to.”

Wolf uses her position to facilitate public outreach and events. She enjoys welcoming visitors to the governor’s mansion, and cited receptions for education reform advocates, female veterans, and breast cancer survivors as some of the upcoming events she is hosting. Wolf and her husband also regularly invite legislators from positions in Pennsylvania government to join them for dinner, as a way to casually get to know each other and facilitate good will.

“The governor’s residence is a safe place, and it belongs to all of us,” Wolf said. “There are no politics there.”

Wolf also spoke fondly about her time at F&M, where she enrolled when she was 40 years old.

“I came here to recharge myself,” Wolf said. “F&M gave me a second chance and changed my life dramatically; I am forever grateful to this institution.”

She credited the range of classes she studied at F&M for expanding her mind and presenting her with new ideas and thoughts. Studying at the College deepened her understanding of complex problems, decision-making skills, and analysis of issues.

Wolf encouraged students to join public service, saying that people who work in politics or public policy can help others and make a difference.

“A good way of starting in the [political] world is to get involved,” Wolf said. “At the very least, start voting. Read about the issues... All of us being involved makes a difference, whether we realize it or not.”

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History, government professors hold panel, attempt to unravel “Trump Phenomenon”

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This Wednesday, professors from the Government and History departments hosted a panel discussing what they deemed “the Trump phenomenon”—that is, presidential candidate Donald Trump’s surprising and enduring campaign success—and its effect on the upcoming presidential election. The panel included Chair of the History Department Van Gosse, Professor of History and Chair of Africana Studies Maria Mitchell, Professor of Government Stephen Medvic, and Professor of Government Kerry Whiteside. The panel was hosted from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Lisa Bonchek Adams Auditorium and was open to the whole F&M community and the public.

The panel began with each panelist answering a different question about Trump, based on their particular discipline of study. Mitchell began the talk by offering her opinion on whether or not Donald Trump could be fairly called a fascist.

“Every news outlet has entertained this question,” Mitchell said.

She went on to say that about half of all Americans believe that Trump’s campaign exhibits fascism. Mitchell mentioned that Trump’s “cult of personality,” encouragement of violence and violent rhetoric, and endorsement of torture, especially with regard to the terrorist attacks in Brussels, resonate with many as seemingly fascist.

However, Mitchell disagreed, and said that Trump can not be accurately called a fascist.

“The scholarly consensus, with which I would concur, is no,” Mitchell said. “He has not proposed

in any serious way invading other countries, overthrowing American democracy, or scraping the constitution. He does not have a paramilitary organization.”

Mitchell stressed that it is important to use the term “fascist,” as well as comparisons to Mussolini and other fascist leaders, judiciously in honor of those who have been victimized by fascist and fascist leaders who started wars and enacted systematic genocides.

Next, Whiteside addressed the rhetoric of Donald Trump, and whether or not it undermines democracy.

“People who don’t like Donald Trump tend to hate him,” Whiteside said. However, Whiteside stated that whether or not individuals agree with Trump’s ideology, there is danger in simply “writing him off” or claiming that Trump undermines American democracy.

“Democracy isn’t always pretty. It’s not always what I want,” Whiteside said.

He mentioned that the quality of the arguments of democratic candidates has rarely ever been the deciding factor of democratic debate.

“It’s the mobilization of passions and interests,” Whiteside said. “The objective of marches and banners and oratorical appeals is always to demonstrate personal intensity and numerical strength.”

“I would argue that democracy is more than mobilizing more people,” he said. “Democracy has certain values and certain premises that are used to make it work.”

Whiteside said these values include equality and good communication. In his opinion, Trump does not bolster these values.

“I think he uses a type of rhetoric

that too frequently relies on the insult,” Whiteside said. “In a country built by immigrants, he engages in gross negative generalizations about people who are criminals or rapists as a group.”

Whiteside continued by saying that Trump’s objectification of women and exclusion of Muslims further undermines the democratic value of equality that he has identified.

“I think he has single-handedly ratcheted down the quality of civil debate in this country, and especially in this debate, on ways that I have never seen in a Presidential debate in my lifetime,” Whiteside said.

Next, Gosse addressed whether or not Donald Trump’s success is unique to American politics, and how new “Trumpism” really is.

“There is a habit of lawless contempt for government in our history mixed up with advocacy violence which Trump strokes.”

Gosse touched on comparisons of Trump to Andrew Jackson, who was accused of “Caesarism” back in 1818.

However, Gosse points out that this comparison is limited.

“There’s nothing military about Trump at all. He’s a playboy,” Gosse said.

Finally, Medvic discussed the types of voters who are most attracted to Trump’s campaign. In other words, who are Trump’s supporters and why do they support him?

“In some ways, he doesn’t appeal to many people,” Medvic said, mentioning that Trump only has 37 percent of the Republican vote as the frontrunner in that race and only 31 percent of the vote nationwide, and is losing to Clinton head to head in every poll.

Medvic pointed to a “vacuum”

left by the Republican party’s inability to rally around any other candidate.

Medvic mentioned that there is widespread anti-political sentiment sweeping the country, and that many Trump supporters say that they like him simply because he is not a career politician, which Medvic called dangerous and contradictory.

“Trump is, in a way, a caricature of a politician on steroids,” Medvic said.

Medvic noted that Trump fulfills many of the qualities that people say they do not like about politicians, including dishonestly, egotism, negative campaign strategies, and empty promises.

Additionally, he mentioned that most Trump supporters find him appealing because they are suffering from economic distress, and believe that as a successful business man, Trump may be good for the economy.

Medvic said that there is a portion of Trump’s supporters who are attracted to his exclusionary rhetoric, as there is a dangerous growing phenomenon of “racial resentment” in the country. Although, he stresses that he does not believe that all Trump supporters are racists.

Following the panelists opening talks, the panelists took questions from the audience. If you are interested in hearing more about the “Trump Phenomenon” or the presidential race in general, consider attending a discussion on the Pennsylvania Primaries hosted by Ware College House on Wednesday, April 13th.

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Colleges Against Cancer hosts Relay for Life to benefit American Cancer Society

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On Friday, April 1, F&M’s Colleges Against Cancer held the annual, internationally known event, Relay for Life.

The purpose of this event is to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society, which is a community and volunteer-based health organization that focuses on helping people with cancer and works toward finding a cure.

The American Cancer Society provides transportation to families and to patients fighting cancer, as well as conducts cancer research in the hope of creating a world without cancer. All of the donations collected during Relay for Life are given to the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is a fundraising event that can last for up to 24 hours. Team members camp out around a track with the aim of

walking for 24 hours straight. This event is held overnight because it symbolizes the sun setting and rising and how that relates to a cancer patient’s journey. When the sun sets, this symbolizes a cancer patient’s diagnosis because they are going through a dark time in their life. When the sun rises, this represents the light at the end of their tunnel. The sun rises to millions of people in over 20 countries who are walking together in support and in honor of those who are fighting, those who have survived, those who have devoted their time towards being caretakers, and those who have lost their lives to cancer.

F&M’s Colleges Against Cancer organized a luau-themed event that included events such as the Survivor’s Lap, the Luminaria Ceremony, limbo, basketball games, musical chairs, a live DJ, and an A-Capella concert.

The Survivor’s Lap consist-

ed of cancer survivors walking around the track in the ASFC to the sounds of applause and cheering from the many supporters who attended the event.

Volunteers also gathered together to donate at least eight inches of their hair to Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths program, an organization that has partnered with the American Cancer Society, which uses this donated hair to create wigs for women fighting cancer.

The Luminaria Ceremony, the more emotional and reflective part of the event, featured speaker Kristian Frank, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma in June 2011 and Melanoma in 2014. He spoke about his painful journey with cancer and how he has seen the disease affect many of his loved ones.

In the weeks leading up to the event, members of the committee were stationed in the College

Center where people could come and design a Luminary (a small paper bag) in honor or support of someone in their life who has been affected by cancer. During the event, these Luminaries were illuminated with glow sticks and were placed in a circle around the track. The volunteers then walked a lap around the track in silence, as a way to reflect on all the lives that have been touched by cancer.

“The Luminaria Ceremony is particularly special to me because I think that it serves an important reminder of why we all relay and gives us a moment to reflect on our experiences with cancer,” said Danielle Moloney ‘18, a member of Colleges Against Cancer and a member of the Luminary Committee.

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Arts & Entertainment

In latest film, Superman takes on a darker, nihilistic tone *Superman flick shows the character's humanity, personal flaws*



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A scene with an angry, troubled Superman from *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*, which is currently in theaters nationwide.

Film Commentary *Batman v. Superman*

by Tom Fogel-Burlan

It should be obvious that Superman is a good character.

He's not motivated by fear, or sadness, or a past failure of any type. He's a boy from Kansas that believes in the value of every human life, and not an anxious alien afraid of human reactions to his power.

It's something that Zack Snyder fundamentally misunderstands. *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice* finds its genesis not in any particular love for the characters, but in a desire to see its titular characters smack down with each other in a manner that most comic fans grow out of around the ninth grade. And though Snyder is a self-professed comic fanatic, I could never understand his directorial choices in *BvS* and *Man of Steel*, its predecessor.

But upon hearing that Snyder planned to adapt Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*, suddenly it all clicked into place: Snyder's Superman is an objectivist. Rand's philosophy of Objectivism places selfishness and rational self-interest as the ultimate form of moral good in the world. Howard Roark, *Fountainhead's* protagonist, refuses to compromise on his architectural vision to the point where he blows up a building that alters his original design slightly.

You know, the way that life alters initial plans. Meanwhile, MoS sees Superman afraid of his power, choosing to hide until his own self interest is threatened in the form of Earth's destruction, and nearly gives up protecting Earth in the face of heightened criticism in *BvS*.

And herein lies the problem: the true Superman is not selfish. In fact, he borders on socialist. Rather than use his great power to further his own gains, he believes that everybody is his equal, if not more important. Because he rather arbitrarily has such great power, it is his clear obligation to protect those who cannot protect themselves. A product of the Great Depression and conceived by two Jews immediately prior to the Holocaust, Kal-El from the comics and earlier films represents the great potential that mankind has to care for one another. This is why his archenemy, Lex Luthor, is a ruthless wealthy industrialist, constantly seeking to further his own individual wealth and gains. We may fall and hurl insults and stones, but the *Man of Tomorrow* shows that we can look out for each other, no matter who and no matter what.

When Superman starts to care about and potentially fear how people might react to him, it removes any motivation he has to protect somebody unconditionally and it changes his character for

the worse. No longer is the last son of Krypton an ideal to strive towards, a goal where everyone can feel safe. Instead of embodying our hopes and dreams for the future, he becomes emblematic of our fears of today. And adding insult to injury, this new Kal-El offers no way to potentially overcome these fears, but instead reacts with his gut, unthinking. When General Zod shows up on Earth, he and Superman engage in a punching contest smack-dab in highly populated areas. This of course, leads to casualties and collateral which furthers the distrust of Superman by the world population and culminating in one explosive scene in *BvS*. Snyder's Superman decides it's best for him to simply disappear for a while because he can never convince people that he's a force for good. This is the most nihilistic interpretation of the character, ever, and makes for a real downer of a film.

Nihilism does not suit Superman well. It may fit his co-star, Batman, like a glove, but even that interpretation requires years of character gymnastics and mythology-altering to reach such a conclusion. Perhaps the reason it stings so much is it simply doesn't make any sense. Superman could have just as easily embarked on a crusade to clear his name, or spoken out on the importance of justice, or simply continued to save

people regardless of what others believed because he understood it as the right thing to do. But we are saddled with this character, who glowers and broods without performing much superheroics.

I want to be clear that I don't think cultural icons should remain the same over time. If they are reflections of our society and ideals, then surely they must reflect the times they exist in. Superman needn't remain static. He does not need to be a patriarchal oaf, who remains dismissive of women, or a brutal vigilante attacking petty thieves. But characters with long cultural resonance strike chords with audiences for good reasons. People love Superman because they know he will save the day in the end. They know that no matter what horrors are perpetuated in reality, the *Man of Steel* will prevail, and justice will be served.

In our troubling modern times, full of paranoia and xenophobia, perhaps an optimistic Superman could be precisely what the doctor ordered. We could have had a Superman that embodies the best of mankind's ideals and hopes for greatness, to each other and to the Earth. But we are stuck with a figure that falls prey to the worst of human fears. That's not Superman; that's a travesty.

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Lack of recognition for sports teams on campus leads to unequal share of spotlight. Read more below...



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The NCAA Tournament has produced many memorable moments this year. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

Students at F&M must have an appreciation for all athletic programs

BY JOE YAMULLA
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Franklin & Marshall College isn't the only collegiate institution guilty of this. That said, as a student and sports journalist on this campus, I feel it necessary to write about this topic in relation to our school. It's no secret that sports are a vital part of our lives and the campus community. The environment to cheer on our basketball team in the Centennial Conference Championship was electric. Our powerhouse Division III soccer program always reaps in popularity and support. The F&M football program is also recognized well around campus. However, there is a serious epidemic at hand in which student-athletes spend hours and exhaust themselves training for a sport that is less socially visible on campus and gets far less recognition than they deserve. I'm certainly guilty of it. I haven't given teams like Rugby and Rowing, both men's and women's teams, the spotlight they deserve. Our wrestling program is Division I, and many times the general sentiment is that students don't even know when the team competes. This article is intended to take the time and effort

to recognize the sports teams that unfortunately aren't in enough of the public eye, and share the great things they have accomplished in 2015-2016.

Day in and day out, men and women both on the Rugby teams devote hours of physically exhausting activity training and practicing for matches. The Rugby program has grown immensely over the years and the respect they earn on campus as athletes should reflect that. The team is hosting a tournament next week on Saturday, April 9th where seven other colleges will send their Rugby Clubs. I will be covering the event and students should take the afternoon to enjoy some great games and show some love to our Rugby players.

Then, of course, we have our Diplomat rowers. This group is up at the crack of dawn almost daily to workout or row before classes start. While the rest of F&M is cozy in bed, the men's and women's crew teams are either working out or on the water by 5:30 am. There is strong sense of commitment in these young men and women. Men's crew itself has no collegiate division. So, when our rowers go out

there, they're not just battling it out with schools of similar size such as Gettysburg, Dickinson, or Swarthmore. They're out on the water going toe to toe with the bad boys of collegiate rowing, the big time programs. Recently, they competed against schools like the University of Virginia, Boston College, and Temple University. I never rowed competitively. However, I'm fascinated by the competitiveness, grit, and also the beautiful sense of unity that goes into each and every boat. Our women's team just on Saturday won all of the three races that they participated in. In the Philadelphia event, they went head to head to defeat schools like La Salle, Philadelphia University, and Washington College. Clearly, the early, cold, and sluggish mornings have been paying off for both of our teams here at F&M.

We had one of our fellow students, Rick Durso, compete at the biggest collegiate wrestling event, the NCAA D1 Wrestling Championships. Not only was this the event, but it also was at Madison Square Garden, arguably the most famous mecca for indoor sports like basketball, hockey, or wres-

ling. To me, as a lover of sports and this campus, it's mind boggling that we had an F&M athlete competing in the same arena as the New York Knicks and New York Rangers, and there was no campus-wide effort to support Rick.

Sports can do so much to unify and bring a campus together. It's beautiful to see all of the student body come together in unity. No one can deny the social and cultural divisions at this school. It's a problem and leaders here are doing a fantastic job to make changes.

So, maybe I'm a bit biased but I think that coming together as a campus and supporting all of our athletes is a great first step to making this college a better place. We have so much talent at this school, it needs to be recognized, and we need to embrace all of it. It doesn't matter if a program is Division III, Division I, or division-less. Let's give all our athletes the support and attention they truly deserve.

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NCAA tournament provides upsets, drama, a clash of great programs

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In a purely hypothetical situation, picture this. Someone walks up to me a few weeks ago and says the following: "I bet you one million dollars that the following things will happen in the NCAA Tournament: First, heavily favored Michigan State will lose in the first round to an unknown Middle Tennessee. Then, Stephen F. Austin will beat West Virginia, who was a lock on many people's brackets to the elite eight. In addition, Arkansas Little Rock will defeat Big Ten powerhouse Purdue after a buzzer beat sent them into overtime and number 11 seeded Northern Iowa will defeat Texas on a half court buzzer beat. Lastly, Syracuse, a team who barely made it into the tournament, will make a final four run." Jumping for joy at the prospect of an easy one million dollars, I would have taken it in a heartbeat (even though I don't exactly have one million dollars to spare). Fortunately for me, this is a hypothetical circumstance because after an improbable three weeks I would be out one million dollars had I taken the bet. The events of the past three weeks of the college basketball tournament can only be described as one word: Mad-

ness.

Whenever March rolls around, I become very excited at the prospect, like so many others, of filling out a bracket for the tournament. As a college basketball fan, I spend a large amount of time (more than I would like to admit) examining the bracket top to bottom and every year I feel like I have just found the answer: the perfect bracket that must be correct. Everything seems too perfect; every upset seems right and the champion I have chosen seems unbeatable. I head into the first day oozing confidence that I will take home the prize in the pools I have entered. Then, one by one things start to

go wrong. The sure-fire upset doesn't go right. The team all the experts picked to win loses outright in the first round and the brilliant sleeper pick I had going to the elite eight loses to a team they should've beaten in a close game. I proceed to throw my hands up in the air and say, "How can this happen? This isn't possible!" While I sit there in frustration about losing to my Mother who picks the games based on which mascot she prefers, I sit there and think, "Wow, this is the greatest time of year." Even I, who watches college basketball all the time, cannot predict what will happen any better than my Mom who has no idea what

she is doing. This is March Madness. No one can predict it. No one understands it. And that in itself is the true beauty of March Madness.

This year has certainly produced its share of amazing moments and has added to an already legendary history of the tournament. Christian Laettner's buzzer beater, Gordon Hayward's shot bouncing off the front of the rim, and Jim Valvano running around the court with no idea where to go are some of the iconic moments in the history of the sport and are immortalized through this showcase each March. While others may have their preference on other sports, in my opinion, nothing compares to watching college basketball players put it all on the line each March. This tournament showcases passion, determination, will to win, and most importantly: Madness. This tournament will come to a conclusion Monday night as the Villanova Wildcats will take on the North Carolina Tar Heels for the right to call themselves champions. I suggest you all tune in to TBS and see what college basketball is all about.

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On Monday night, the North Carolina Tar Heels will take on the Villanova Wildcats for the NCAA Championship. These two teams have outlasted 66 others and now face off.

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