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Porterfield discusses improving diversity, inclusivity within F&M community

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On the first day of the new semester—January 12, 2016—approximately 500 F&M students, faculty, and staff gathered in Mayser Gymnasium during the Uncommon Hour to hear Dan Porterfield, President of the College, deliver an address on efforts toward greater diversity and inclusivity on campus.

After a brief introduction from Raheem Charles '19, Porterfield took to the podium.

“As the new semester starts, I thought it would be helpful to provide my thoughts formally on the single garment of destiny that we are working to weave at Franklin & Marshall College,” he said. “Much good has happened since November. I think there’s a value in my offering a perspective today to frame the work ahead of us—why it matter, which is where I’ll start, and then I’ll reflect on where we are and where we can go.”



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Dan Porterfield, president of the College, delivered a speech in Mayser Gymnasium in which he addressed diversity and inclusivity on campus.

Porterfield shared some of his life experiences in which diversity made a positive impact and the need to encourage further diversity and appreciation of it on campus. He also listed a number of efforts already in place to empower students of all backgrounds, including F&M College Prep,

F&M’s continued participation with POSSE, the work of Donnell Bailey '95, senior associate dean of the College, and more.

However, despite these initiatives, Porterfield noted that there is still more to be done.

“We must keep going with the logical next stage of work and

create more inclusivity,” he said. “Justice demands it, our student body deserves it, we can do it, our success will improve the school, and the nation will notice.”

He outlined three major points to bring the F&M community closer together and foster diversity and inclusivity: enhancing inclusiveness, integration, and community in co-curricular programs; promoting diversity and inclusiveness in academic programs; and enhancing campus policies, resources, and procedures.

So far, the College has selected nine student leaders to assist with Promoting House Diversity (PHD) in addition to the efforts of College House governments to increase diversity-oriented programs. Additionally, the College has selected and is in the process of training 14 Diversity Change Agents (DCAs) to hold educational workshops and encourage

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Superstorm Jonas produces significant snowfall, disrupts weekend operations

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Beginning the evening of Friday, January 22, Superstorm Jonas struck the East Coast, leaving many areas—including Lancaster County—blanketed beneath several feet of snow. In response to the adverse weather conditions, the College altered or shut down some of its normal weekend operations.

According to [this article](#) from *Lancaster Online*, as of 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, some areas of Lancaster County received 26.7 inches of snow—the greatest snowfall in nearly 20 years, but not quite enough to break records.

In Lancaster City, many businesses were closed in response to the weather and a travel ban was put in place, forbidding any

non-emergency vehicles from using the roads. Snowplows worked to clear the streets but some side streets were left untended; according to a city official, all streets should be clear by Monday morning.

No major injuries or deaths were reported in the county as a result of the storm.

On campus, members of Facilities & Operations (F&O) worked to shovel out walkways; these crews remained active until about midnight on Saturday night and resumed service at approximately 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 24. F&O also issued a mandate that all cars parked in the Race Ave parking lot move out by Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with the suggestion

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Bloomberg considers presidential run due to frustration with Trump, Sanders

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Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City who served for an unprecedented three terms, is considering a run for President of the United States. According to [this article](#), Bloomberg is expected to make a final decision sometime in March.

Furthermore, [this article](#) in the *New York Times* reported that Bloomberg—the founder, president, and CEO of the financial software, data and media company, Bloomberg L.P.—is willing to spend up to \$1 billion of personal funds in his campaign.

Sources close to Bloomberg say that he is frustrated with the heightened polarization within both the Republican and Democratic races and that his views do

not necessarily align with those of either party. He commissioned a poll to explore how he would perform as a third-party candidate against Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, the frontrunners for the Republican and Democratic parties, respectively.

“He’s the opposite of me in many ways,” Trump said of Bloomberg in the *New York Times* article.

Aside from Trump’s rise, sources also report that Bloomberg is concerned by Bernie Sanders’ momentum within the Democratic race in the face of stumbles by the Clinton campaign.

Internal polling, according to the CNN article, revealed that Bloomberg would take more

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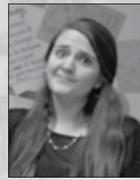
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Friday, Jan. 15, 12:35 p.m.—Officers from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to the odor of marijuana in Buchanan Hall.

Friday, Jan. 15, 10:13 p.m.—DPS responded to a noise complaint in Schander Hall.

Friday, Jan. 15, 10:35 p.m.—DPS responded to a noise complaint on the 500 block of West James Street.

Friday, Jan. 15, 10:53 p.m.—DPS received a report of a drug violation in Ware College House.

Friday, Jan. 15, 11:00 p.m.—When responding to a fire alarm, DPS found drugs in a residence on the 400 block of West James Street.

Friday, Jan. 15, 11:43 p.m.—DPS received a report of an underage intoxicated student in Ware College House.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 4:25 p.m.—DPS received a report of criminal mischief in Mull Hall in Ware College House. Damage was done to the men's bathroom.

Sunday Jan. 17, 12:42 a.m.—DPS responded to an underage intoxicated student in New College House.

Sunday Jan. 17, 12:58 a.m.—DPS responded to a call at Chi Phi fraternity where an individual not on the guest list was refusing to leave.

Sunday Jan. 17, 1:00 a.m.—DPS responded to a noise complaint in Weis College House.

Sunday Jan. 17, 3:50 a.m.—DPS received a report at 520 North Charlotte that someone had taken a snow plow tractor out of the garage and moved it across the street.

Sunday Jan. 17, 6:09 p.m.—DPS responded to the odor of marijuana at Weis College House.

Wednesday Jan. 20, 7:50 p.m.—DPS responded to a burglary at the 600 block of Lemon Street.

Thursday Jan. 21, 11:00 p.m.—Phi Kappa Tau fraternity reported vandalism done to their fence. It occurred sometime between Jan. 20 at 11:00 p.m. and Jan. 21 at 3:00 a.m.

Thursday Jan. 21, 7:51 p.m.—DPS responded to a drug violation in Thomas Hall.

Hunt's Advice

A bit of a vandalism spree this week, huh F&M? Just remember: It's only funny until it's YOUR bathroom. Keep that in mind the next time you get the urge to stir up some trouble.

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Sexual Misconduct: Questions and Answers

Question #19: How does the process's requirement of confidentiality interact with either party's need to gather support and advocacy from peers and advisors?

This is tricky. It is important to be able to confide in others. I usually advise complainants to choose one or two trusted friends with whom they share their situation. Because of the small student body, most students are aware that news travels fast and it is to the advantage of any complainant to limit the number of people who know the details. The complainant is not, however, bound to confidentiality. That said, respondents have a right to privacy until any allegations have been proven. If a formal complaint is not filed and an investigation and hearing are not pursued, there will not be a finding of responsibility. In other words, the allegations will not have been proven. Complainants should be aware that they could be held accountable for things that they may say about the respondent, not by the College but by the respondent. Title IX prohibits retaliation by the respondent when a complaint has been made. This means that the respondent is prohibited from retaliation as soon as the College becomes aware of the complaint. Discussing the complaint with people other than parents or College administrators can easily result in rumors and retaliation by those with whom it is discussed. For that reason respondents are advised to keep the complaint confidential. Respondents can be held responsible for retaliation by their associates.

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conversations about diversity and inclusivity for F&M's student organizations.

At the faculty level, Joel Martin, provost of the College, recently formed the Provost's Advisory Council on Faculty Diversity and Inclusion to explore how F&M can recruit a more diverse faculty. Also, professors will have the opportunity to attend workshops in an effort to foster conversations on diversity and inclusivity inside classrooms.

Furthermore, Porterfield has asked Margaret Hazlett, dean of the College, and Pierce Buller, general council, to review the College Life Manual and examine whether changes are necessary, in addition to other reevaluations of college policy.

"This is a strong, coherent, and well-aligned action agenda for the spring semester," Porterfield said. "Of course, this is one act of a multi-year play and not the whole production. The door is wide open for additional steps

Snow: Services expected to resume usual schedules on Sunday after clearing efforts

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that those cars move to the West Lot of the Alumni Sports & Fitness Center (ASFC).

Most campus services maintained their normal hours of operations on Friday but closed early, if not entirely, on Saturday. Dining services in the Steinman College Center and Zime closed completely on Saturday, although the Dining Hall remained open and sold meals to students without a meal plan for the price of \$6.40. The Steinman College Center

and projects."

Much of Porterfield's speech referred to conversations on race and inclusivity stretching back to the Fall 2015 semester, including an open forum co-hosted by Porterfield and Donnell Bailey '17, president of the Diplomatic Congress, last November.

He ended this speech with a call to action.

"It's going to take our best minds to move forward," Porterfield said. "It will test us. We have to be optimistic and determined. Cynicism is available but it's not a viable option. Change may take a long time, but surely, the best tool we have is education and the best form of education is the liberal arts. We are all called to create that destiny and you who are young will someday be its leaders—in work and worlds we hope to ready you for, well beyond the borders of this campus."

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Campaign: Bloomberg also considered running in previous presidential elections



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Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City, is considering a third-party run for president and is willing to spend \$1 billion of his own money.

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votes from Republicans, although this may change as the campaign proceeds.

Bloomberg's announcement, if he is to run, will likely come in late March so that he can still

make it on the ballot in all 50 states in time for the election.

Bloomberg, who reportedly had meetings with New York Democrats to gauge his interest in a run, considered a presidential bid in both 2008 and 2012.

Staff Writer Commentary

Bernies Sanders is a trustworthy candidate for president

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Well, Hillary Clinton may not be quite so inevitable after all.

As a student of political science, I understand the importance of "conventional wisdom" in politics. I understand people saying, "OK, this time, Hillary Clinton is definitely inevitable, definitely going to win."

I suppose, in my heart of hearts, I didn't think Senator Bernie Sanders could win. At least, not at first. But, over the Summer and as he's spread his message, he didn't just convince me to support him; he already had my support, and my vote, no matter how well he did in the polls. What happened was that he began to change the minds of other Democrats, many of whom had been settling for the former Secretary of State.

"Ready for Hillary" was seen everywhere, but who was excited for her? Who wanted her? She may have some die-hard supporters, but many of her supporters are more enthusiastic about her because she is a woman than because of her politics. I don't want to elect someone in order to make history. I want to elect someone who will be a great president and leader. And, I think the rest of America is starting to see the light.

Hillary Clinton, time and time again, has demonstrated she would not be a good president or leader. She and her Clinton Foundation accept money from governments which are decidedly anti-women (<http://cbsn.ws/20jR3jk>). She says she supports women's rights, but it may be less of a priority for her overseas if it is in her economic interest to ignore them.

That is what is most troubling about Clinton: she represents what people hate about politicians. She is in the game for her ego and to make money, not to help the nation become

better and finally recover from the Great Recession. If you take out what would be an interesting historical footnote: "Hillary Clinton, first female president of the United States": what do you really have? Do you truly have a fighter for your interests?

As I am not a woman, it is fair to say I may not fully understand the former Secretary's appeal. But, I think it is safe to say that Bernie Sanders would also be a strong fighter for women's issues and rights. As a progressive, a liberal, and yes, a democratic socialist, he is strong on every issue of interest to men and women, to our young and old, to our soldiers and veterans, to our workers and businessmen.

This is because Bernie Sanders knows that to fix our other problems, we need to fix our government. We do this by getting big money out of politics so that the wealthy can't hide their taxable income overseas, so that companies create jobs here at home, so that college students can afford their education without going into exorbitant debt, so that you can raise a family working only one job. That's what Bernie Sanders stands for.

As for Hillary Clinton, who knows? She makes millions of dollars from the wealthy and powerful, who use their influence to corrupt our government, our society, and our economy to accrue ever-more wealth and power to themselves. This is unsustainable, and eventually it will lead to the collapse of our nation. Even the mightiest empires fall when their emperors bleed their subjects dry. And this isn't big government, this is corrupt, bad government. If elected, Bernie Sanders will reduce or eliminate the influence of Wall Street and other corrupt interests as much as possible, so we can then focus on other pressing issues, such as combating global warming, making sure our police don't get away with

murdering people, and making health care available for everyone. Bernie Sanders will fight, no matter how "hard" or "politically impossible" it is. Hillary Clinton won't.

She shifts with the political winds. When gay marriage became popular, she decided to "evolve" on the issue, many years after Bernie Sanders knew that marriage equality should be the law of the United States. She opposes a single-payer health care system, which almost every other developed nation has, because she's afraid of a fight with the GOP and the health care lobby (she wouldn't want to lose campaign donations from the insurance lobby, after all). She opposes getting big money out of politics, and is paid handsomely by

Goldman Sachs for maximum Wall Street influence in government, at the expense of the rest of the nation.

Bernie Sanders will fight when it isn't easy or a guaranteed victory. He won't be beholden to interests that devastated America financially in the Great Recession and continue to do so by keeping health care and education prices artificially high. He'll crack down on corrupt bankers and police, lead the fight against global warming, pass common sense gun control safety measures, and he will be the person who will make America greater than it was before.

You can trust Bernie Sanders to fight for you. On the other hand, you can trust that Hillary Clinton will fill her pockets and abandon her principles and promises for the highest bidder.

Full Staff Opinion

Franklin & Marshall & Martin, oh my! College should reconsider how it marks holiday

Our campus was just confronted with several feet of snow. But now, we're all confronting another, equally bitter-cold truth: we will probably, against all seeming odds, be back in class tomorrow. These colors don't run, after all; we all know the drill. We all know better than to hope for a snow day. No, F&M will have class. F&M will always have class.

F&M even has class, as we trust you all remember, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Yes, there is some programming in place: morning breakfast, day-long readings in the College Center, and so on. For most of our community, though, the day seems to move along as any other. People can attend the readings, but answer us this: how many of you actually do? No, for the most part, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at F&M is just another mid-winter Monday. Our offices are open, and our classes are in session.

We're here to be students. This is true. F&M is a private institution, and it may do as it pleases. This is also true. But what worries us about F&M keeping Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a "day on," as opposed to a day off, is that it becomes far, far too easy for the holiday to get lost altogether. Most of our campus may just get away with forgetting there's anything special about January's third Monday at all. At a College so infamously marked with apathy, so rightly concerned with diversity and racial tension, it's remarkable to see a day like Martin Luther King, Jr. Day slip almost seamlessly through the cracks.

We aren't necessarily saying that the thing for F&M to do is just cancel classes altogether. We all know how a total, extra day free of classes goes here, and they normally play to the tune of sleeping and binges, both Netflix and drinking. But there must be some better way to mark Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on this campus. After all, what's really worth preferencing: the class or the cause?



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How F&M's Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Failed Black Students

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Last November, in response to repeated instances of racially-inflammatory statements on the social media app Yik Yak, F&M hosted an Uncommon Hour conversation on race, racial discrimination, and racial tension on campus. The conversation began with a brave African American male student who recounted his experiences of being called racial slurs by members of F&M's Greek Life community on multiple occasions. As he relayed the dehumanizing experiences with "little or no" repercussions for the Greek life members who mistreated him, I began to wonder: Why were these members not punished for their cruel and discriminatory behavior? Didn't these incidents flagrantly break the College's Title VII Anti-Discrimination commitments? And most importantly, where was F&M's Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life during all this?

These questions led me on a several months-long journey of face-to-face email and telephone interviews where I garnered a number of anecdotes which undoubtedly point to the conclusion that F&M's Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life has repeatedly and blatantly failed the college's black students since his arrival in 2013.

In the Spring of 2014, despite audible negative comments, Cayla Young '15 stood solemnly in the Steinman College Center holding a neon sign, which read: "F&M Fraternity yells Racial Slurs...but it's not about race." Her sign was in reference to an unpublicized instance in which a fraternity member reportedly hurled racial slurs at an African American first-year student. While there were multiple discussions about the incident amongst the school's community of color, there was no official campus-wide response to the incident. As a result, Young decided to protest the injustice by staging a silent protest during the Black Student Union's (BSU) Civil Rights Week display that year. Soon after, pictures of the Civil Rights Week display, which included Young's protest, were posted to the BSU's Facebook page. Many people responded with concern and understanding, and one alumnus commented, "So sorry this is happening," while another person commented, "it's still like that on campus[?]. Keep fighting, change is going to come."

There were also several negative responses from students. Multiple students, several of them members of the Greek community, personally messaged Young, demanding



Photo courtesy of F&M BSU's Facebook Page
Cayla Young '15 stood in the Steinman College Center in the spring of 2014 in a silent protest after a fraternal member reportedly attacked an African American first-year student with racial slurs.

she take the picture down. In one email, an alumnus and past fraternity member debased Young, stating the picture was "incredibly offensive" and accusing her of "generalizations," "push[ing] outdated and frankly incorrect stereotypes" and "slander." He further demanded that the picture "be taken down as soon as possible."

In short, it appeared that multiple students were upset that a student of color would dare raise her voice to protest what was clearly not only an incident of overt discrimination, but also an incident which caused many students of color to question the inclusivity of this College. When the electronic abuse that Young received was brought to the attention of the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, his response was not to discipline the students responsible for the harassment or to attempt to put a stop to it. Instead, he stated that he had also shared the BSU's picture and that he "too had received" some "negative responses" asking him to "take it down."

Based on the information relayed to me, nothing was done to apologize to Young, nothing was done to stop students that were attempting to silence the voice of a woman of color, and no campus-wide statement was made by the

Director of Fraternity or Sorority Life to address the issue.

In the weeks that followed, the incident and the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's lack of a response weighed heavily on the minds of many students of color, and the belief in an inclusive campus community was clearly questioned. In response, a group of concerned black students, myself included, held an open BSU meeting on March 3, 2014 where students were asked to state if they had, or knew of any other students who had faced discriminatory events involving members of Greek Life. Though members of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) were personally invited on February 28, none chose to attend.

Below are select responses from the open BSU Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014, which were overwhelmingly negative:

"[IFC members'] lack of even showing up shows how much they care about the minority voice. They don't. They weren't respectful enough to even reply to the invitation or send even one member."

"Greek Life will protect its own, at all costs. The emails and comments all show that. They want us to take the photograph down? Ridiculous. We shouldn't have a right to say

anything? It's obvious they don't care about the [incident] at all" (in reference to the Civil Rights week protest).

"They are so focused on protecting their own but there is no talk about consoling the person who was victimized. They don't care."

"I was at a fraternity, when a drunk brother actually grabbed me and mentioned he had never been with a black girl."

"You will face at least one racist thing happening to you here in your four years. Freshman year a group of my friends and I, all of us black, had to wait outside of [a Fraternity] because they were 'full.' Meanwhile, all these [other students] were going in and out. I finally asked why we can't go in and he said your group can't come in right now. I have been called racist remarks by sorority girls, that's why I didn't join one."

"My freshman year, a group of us went to [a fraternity], and a brother stepped on one of my friend's toes, and [my friend] said—'Hey man, you just stepped on me,' and the brother said, 'Well you don't belong here anyway so you should leave.'"

On March 5, 2014, the entire list of responses was sent to the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, who then forwarded the list to the Panhellenic Council and the IFC. In response, the IFC held an in-house meeting to discuss the incidents. Seeing that no students of color had been present at the IFC's meeting, on behalf of the BSU and other concerned students, I emailed the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life asking for the then IFC president's email so I "could set up a time for a forum or meeting... because having a conversation on minority representation in Greek life, with no minorities or expecting the voice of one minority student to represent the thoughts of all the minorities on campus, is faulty."

At the prompting of the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the IFC and Panhellenic Council presidents reached out to the group of concerned students and held a meeting with them on March 6. The Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life was not present at this meeting. Although the parties involved came up with a list of several initiatives to improve relationships between the campus' Greek Life and minority groups, none of the initiatives discussed were ever implemented.

I was also personally affected by the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's actions and I chose to debrotherize from my fraternity in April of 2014. In an email sent on April 9, 2014, I noted that I was leaving because "the liberal use of

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Greek Life: Student calls for inclusive Greek life community

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were racially insensitive by members of the brotherhood, the constant misogyny and at times homophobia were just unacceptable." I continued to note, "I refuse to be a part of a group that finds homophobia, misogyny, or racial insensitivity OK." When I met with the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life to discuss my decision, his response was to put me in a position that would cast doubt on my own perception of events.

He asked me multiple times if I was "sure my brothers weren't joking" [when they made insensitive comments], and then went on to recall an anecdote from his own fraternity experience where his brothers had made homophobic statements at a meeting despite a gay brother being present. He noted that his brothers had simply not realized how hurtful their comments were. Needless to say, his unkind comments and his justification of the incidents that had occurred were not well received and I left unappeased.

The Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's apathetic attitude toward issues concerning the community of black students continued in his responses to students' constant push to bring a historically black fraternity to F&M. Since 2014, RaeVaughn Williams '16 has continuously approached the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life to begin the process of beginning a colony of a historically black fraternity at F&M, but his responses have not been particularly helpful.

After months of contacting the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and very little progress being made, the BSU held a meeting to discuss bringing a Divine Nine (the collective group of historically black Greek organizations) to campus. The Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life attended this meeting and made several arguments about why such

an organization could not be started. He stated that these organizations had "a history of hazing" and were "on moratorium." He continued to note that F&M's Greek organizations were open to everyone, implying that students of color should seek to assimilate into the pre-existing organizations, rather than starting their own.

Here again the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's comments were problematic. By consistently focusing on the "violent hazing" and the "moratorium for hazing" of historically Black Greek organizations, the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life has been complicit in the continued spread of the false narrative that Black Greek organizations—and by extension black people—are inherently more brutal, more prone to violence, and more aggressive. This is despite the fact that statistics report incidents of hazing at significantly higher rates at non-historically black organizations. Interestingly, the conversation on the introduction of a historically black fraternity was indefinitely placed on hold. That is until the afternoon of November 17, 2015, when the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life reached out to Williams after he publicly commented on the lack of inclusivity in the pre-existing Greek organizations and the ongoing fight for the introduction of a historically black fraternity at the campus town hall.

The Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's failure to protect the interests of F&M's black students has not been limited to incidents related to the college's fraternities. In the most recent sorority recruitment, after an African American female student failed to receive any bids, and the Director's response was both insensitive and extremely problematic. Although the student

made no mention or allegation of race or racial discrimination, the director callously stated that the student "did not receive a bid" because "rushing is a numbers game—it's not a biased system," implying that she thought she was rejected because of her race. As the conversation progressed, the Director continued to make references to race, despite the fact that the student had made no suggestion that racial discrimination was involved. The Director assumed that simply because the student was African American, she must have thought her race played a part in her not receiving a bid, revealing an extremely ignorant and narrow view. To add insult to injury, the student was later jokingly told by a sorority member that she might have received a bid if she had "straightened her [natural/unprocessed] hair."

At the beginning of this semester, Dan Porterfield, president of the College, delivered a speech where he documented F&M's new initiatives to foster diversity and inclusion on campus. Notably, he mentioned that members of the IFC and Panhellenic

council have had "initial meetings to develop interactive programming and dialogue about inclusion, power, and privilege, facilitated by an outside expert." Such initiatives are extremely important, and the members of Greek organizations who participated should be commended, because this is an important first step forward.

Despite this, the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life's history of insensitive comments and actions cannot be easily forgotten and his contribution to the decimation of an inclusive campus culture cannot be ignored. As F&M moves forward on its journey toward an inclusive and diverse campus, behavior and attitudes such as those displayed by the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life must be abandoned if the College is to successfully "weave a single garment of destiny."

Editor's note: The Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life is Stuart Umberger. The College Reporter has invited Umberger to respond to this Opinion in an upcoming edition of the newspaper.

It's time to take action to prevent rape and sexual assault

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We are experiencing an epidemic of rape and sexual assault on college campuses. This epidemic is not new. Sexual assault has always occurred on college campuses, it was simply never talked about. What is new is that survivors of sexual assault are now speaking out.

"Two of us were sexually assaulted before classes even started. It was at a party... I got pulled outside, banged my head against a wall, and was raped. He grabbed my hair and slammed my head against the bathroom tile, it didn't stop. I couldn't move, I could hear laughter outside the door, people dancing... Does nobody see me? When you're scared, when you don't know what's happening to you, you just stay there and hope you don't die."

At colleges throughout the U.S., when survivors of sexual assault have told college administrators they were raped, responses have frequently been inadequate: "rape is like a football game and if you look back on the game, what would you do differently; I just want to make sure you don't tell anyone about this; I suggest you drop out until everything blows over." Responses to sexual assault also often involve victim blaming.

Colleges have made progress and new programs have been implemented to address sexual

assault, but more must be done. In order to stop campus rape, we as a nation must address and mitigate the issues that encourage a culture of sexual violence and silence assault victims. Statistically, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men will be sexually assaulted while in college. Furthermore, it is extremely common for people who commit rape to have other rape charges or allegations against them. The 2014 White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault has put several schools across the country on notice to be investigated for their record on responding to sexual assaults. Schools have improved some of their current policies, but overall have not improved the general campus atmosphere or the ways in which reports of sexual assault are handled. Schools are only legally required to disclose reported incidents of sexual assault, and it is believed that more than half of rape victims in college do not report their assaults. Students may be too scared to report assaults because of the doubt and blame other students who reported have have received in the past. Consequently, college administrations are creating the presumption that rape crimes will not be properly handled.

In addition, many universities ignore the problem of sexual

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assault on campus. *The Huffington Post* reports that less than one third of college students found guilty of sexual assaults were expelled. Even though dozens of college administrators and attorneys agree, “someone who rapes another student should be expelled,” in four cases at the University of Kansas, Michigan State University, and the University of Toledo, a student was found guilty of sexual assault but was not expelled from the college. Colleges with prestigious reputations portray their campuses as safe and where rule-breakers are punished. So, when individuals call the campus unsafe, often college’s rush to protect their reputations rather than investigating claims of assault. Colleges say they want to protect their students, but many administrations are not willing to damage their reputations in order to change the current system.

Social stigma that leads to disgust and thus victim blaming is another element that impinge on culpability and perpetuate rape culture. There is a tendency to hold victims partly responsible for the rape, implying that they could have prevented it themselves. The common stigma placed on victims are “boys will be boys; she asked for it; she should have fought him off; and girls cannot rape guys.” It is important to note that legal consent is saying “yes” to someone, and that consent cannot be given while intoxicated. Moreover, only about two percent of reported rape cases are actually false and more than half of victims do not report the event. However, because the stigma surrounding sexual assault is so powerful, individuals can perpetuate rape culture by doubting or dismissing victims.

Although these problems persist, there are signs of improvement. The Obama Administration created the White House Task

Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, a group aimed at improving the way sexual assault is handled at both the federal and national levels. This program increases the number of resources available to universities when dealing with sexual assault. Officials in the University of California system have used these resources to install a sexual assault advocate at each of the 23 campuses across California. Similarly, Amherst College has taken responsibility for the inhospitable atmosphere on their campus and has promised to implement new policies to aid survivors. F&M has made progress as well; the College has created numerous committees to help spread awareness of sexual assault, implement new policies, and improve the treatment of victims.

Our country is moving in the right direction, but the stigma surrounding sexual assault still exists. Though colleges have

begun to accept responsibility for their actions, survivors are still treated unfairly. The continued victimization of survivors and victim blaming deter reporting of sex crimes. These stigmas do nothing to create a hospitable atmosphere on college campuses. This atmosphere was recently exposed both in abhorrent racist comments and threats of rape on social media. Although the two may seem unrelated, when you encourage discrimination in one form, you move the line of what is socially acceptable. Is F&M really doing enough? Are we proud of the progress we have made?

In order to bring about positive change, students, faculty, and the administration must reject the current stigma surrounding sexual assault and stop victim blaming. This is a large order, but at F&M it is not only possible to accept one another, dispense with prejudices, and head towards righteousness, it is about time.

Economic crisis in Saudi Arabia looms over Middle East

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Unfortunately,” said Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on Friday, “the Saudis have had the illusion that backed by their Western allies, they could push Iran out of the equation in the region.” Although Saudi Arabia has never vocally objected to the global deal that restricted Iran’s nuclear program whilst shaking off the yoke of Western sanctions, it is hard to fathom that its royal authorities would have accepted the subsequent consequences without protest. It is evident that Zarif’s administration has grasped this nuance; as the Minister went on to decry the Saudis for “panicking over the potential for reduced tensions between Tehran and the West.” The Saudi Arabian stock market fell seven percent as of the week of the Jan. 17; a cascade that saw billions of dollars wiped from its markets. The gradual reintegration of the Islamic Republic into international oil markets heralded a critical shift

in the fate of the Tadawul; dealing a hefty blow to the Saudis at a time when the record low price of oil is already taking a heavy toll on the Kingdom’s economic fortunes.

Saudi’s fiscal deficit has given rise to sociopolitical strains such as growing inequity as well as enhanced tensions between the Kingdom’s local Saudi Population and its 10 million member expatriate labor force. Quite naturally, a clumsy slew of announced reforms were to ensue under the Kingdom’s new Deputy Crown, heralded by many observers as the power behind the Saudi Arabian throne. Among the more notable policy shifts include one toward austerity, from a state known for lavishing generosity upon its citizenry—be it money, utilities or status through kafeel, a Persian Gulf social contract.

Although these economic woes are already a significant existential threat to Saudi Arabia, a country which Nassim Nicholas Taleb labeled as the “most fragile (in the world) for a lot of reasons (notably

demographic, political and existential),” there also exists a fear that the Islamic Republic will be emboldened to expand its influence in an already turbulent and violent region, and thereby enhancing a dangerous geopolitical vacuum. In the words of Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al Jubair, “Iran is the single-most-belligerent-actor in the region, and its actions display both a commitment to regional hegemony and a deeply-held view that conciliatory gestures signal weakness either on Iran’s part or on the part of its adversaries.”

The hostility has deep roots. Rivalry between the sovereign states is intertwined with dual animosities, between Arabs and Persians, as well as between the Sunni and Shia sects of Islam. This is especially concerning for the Gulf nation in context of the current state of its bilateral relationship with Iran, one which has fallen to a historic political and diplomatic low following Saudi’s execution of Nimr al Nimr, a Saudi Arabian

Shia ayatollah in its majority Shia Eastern Province. The execution sparked a well-documented spark of national outrage in Iran, culminating in Persian protesters storming the Saudi Embassy against a backdrop of the Ayatollah announcing that “divine revenge” was on its way to Saudi Arabia’s doorstep. In response, the Saudis severed diplomatic relations, an action echoed later on by Arabian Ottomans of the Kingdom, such as neighboring Bahrain and Sudan.

Saudi Arabia does have good reason to fear a resurgent Iran pursuing its expansionist policies across the Peninsula unhindered, threatening the established post World War Two regional order, but a patch in the quilt of American hegemony. It is on this basis that the trajectory of this growing crisis should assume a higher pedestal in our collective global imaginations, for it has the potential to permanently transform the world we live in domestically, regionally, and internationally.

Campus Life

Sternberg discusses ethical implications of genome editing at Common Hour

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In this week’s Common Hour, Sam H. Sternberg, Ph.D. presented his research surrounding the ethics and processes of genome editing. Sternberg earned his B.A. in biochemistry at Columbia University in 2007 and received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, where he researched DNA-targeting with CRISPR and genome editing. In addition to his work’s publication and coverage in news outlets such as *The New York Times* and *Science*, Sternberg has presented his research internationally.

At the beginning of his speech, Sternberg showed a clip from the 1997 science fiction movie, *Gattaca*, in which future parents are able to select the sex, the physical characteristics, and the personality traits of their future child in order to create the “best” possible version. Even though these concepts seem far-fetched, Sternberg highlighted how many of these ideas have become a reality and are no longer science fiction. In 2013, two percent of all births in the United States were conceived through in vitro fertilization, a process where an egg is manually fertilized by sperm in a laboratory. In 2015, China began editing human embryos that could not be naturally implanted.

Sternberg’s research is centered on gene editing, which is the targeted modification of DNA inside living cells and organisms. Yogurt companies discovered repeating DNA sequences in yogurt bacteria called CRISPR, an acronym for Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats. These repeating DNA sequences were hypothesized as a way to boost the immune system and to prevent viruses from spreading into cells. It was uncovered that CRISPR

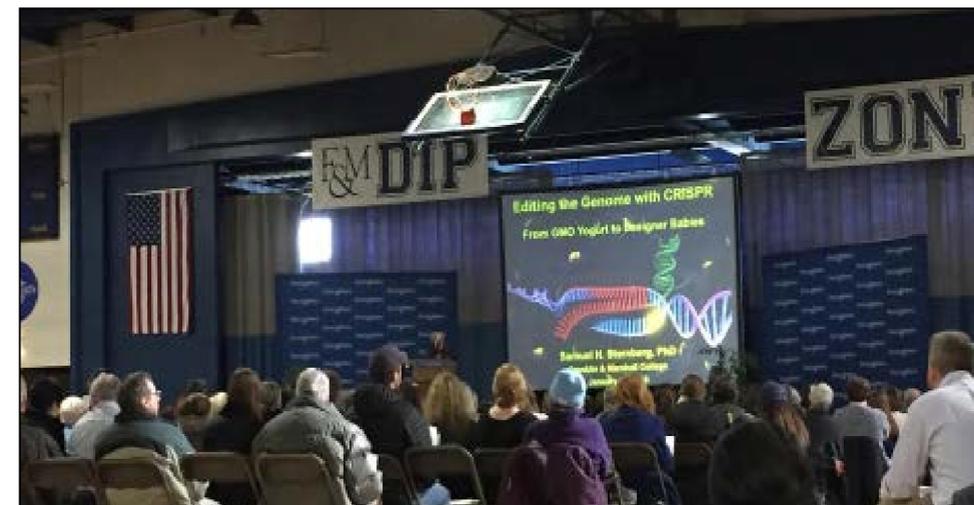


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Common Hour speaker Sam H. Sternberg, Ph.D. gave a talk at at F&M entitled, “Editing the Genome with CRISPR: From GMO Yogurt to Designer Babies.” His talk focused on the processes and ethical issues surrounding genome editing.

recognized “repeat offender viruses” from previously stored information, so CRISPR could prevent these repeat viruses from continuously affecting cells. Sternberg described CRISPR as a “molecular scissor machine” that targets and cuts DNA to separate the virus, making the cells and organisms immune to this virus.

CRISPR has worked to prevent viruses in many species, from mice and dogs to plants and fruits. This discovery led to the research surrounding genome editing. If the molecular components of CRISPR found in yogurt bacteria are transplanted into human DNA, the human genes could be edited as a way to improve the genome. Gene editing has been used as a basic research tool, which has led to significant discoveries in understanding treatments for cancer, HIV, hemophilia, liver disease, and muscular dystrophy. While these uses of CRISPR are

positive, Sternberg highlighted some controversial applications of gene editing. For example, CRISPR has been used to spread traits in the wild. In 2003, CRISPR was used to create a malaria-proof mosquito. Although the concept of this breakthrough seems promising, as malaria kills many people in Africa and South America every year, it is difficult to predict what would be the consequences of irreversibly releasing these traits into the wild. Another disputed use of CRISPR, Sternberg explained, is through the gene editing in plants and animals. Sternberg referred to pigs as his case study. In China, genetically modified pigs called micropigs are being sold as pets. Pigs are also being humanized so that their organs can be used for human organ transplants. Additionally, pig genomes are being modified to make them grow 20 percent more muscles, which would pro-

duce an improved source for human consumption.

Sternberg further described the types of gene editing that could be done on human genomes, making the clip he showed from *Gattaca* at the beginning of his lecture to be more fact than fiction. Somatic cells, which are all the cells in the human body that do not lead to reproduction such as nerve or muscle cells, can be edited in adults as a way to cure HIV positive patients. This type of gene editing would provide a single, month-long treatment for an otherwise permanent disease. Gene editing in germline cells, which are egg or sperm cells, can be used for disease prevention if both parents have a disease that could be passed on to their future children and it can be used for genetic enhancement.

However, there are many arguments against the gene editing of germline cells because some view this as extremely unnatural and almost as if the scientist is “playing God.” Additionally, some see this as immoral because the future children who would be affected by this genome editing are not able to give their consent. Also, not everyone has access to CRISPR technology and the outcomes of gene editing can never be fully predicted.

Sternberg’s lecture was centered on the ethics behind gene editing. While some view this process as highly controversial, others see this as a huge step forward in the scientific community. Sternberg’s perspective is that we should all “follow our curiosity” about biology as a way to keep discovering, innovating, and changing the world. Few would have expected research on yogurt to go this far.

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As a part of his Common Hour talk, Sternberg spoke about the 1997 Science Fiction film *Gattaca*, which explores the possibility of genome editing and the concept of designer babies. Sternberg pointed out that many of these concepts have become realities.

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F&M's V-Warriors host annual period party to benefit Clare House

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Thursday night, F&M's V-Warriors hosted a Period Party in the College Center Atrium from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event featured games, prizes, and performances from a number of on-campus groups. All proceeds and donations to the event support Clare House, a women's shelter in downtown Lancaster.

The Period Party is named with the intent to, as V-Warriors president Ceci Plaza '17 explained, spark conversation about periods. "Period Party 2016 is so named in an attempt to start dismantling the stigma around menstruation, both in our community and around the world," Plaza said.

Plaza said there are many consequences of that stigma for girls and women. This includes time lost at work and school, a lack of education about women's bodies and reproductive health, and a dearth of conversation about reproductive health and sexuality in general.

The V-Warriors hope that the Period Party will become an annual event and fundraiser that supports the mission of the group, which includes raising money for local charities.

"We have consistently donated \$2,000 a year to charities downtown for the past few years," Plaza said.

The Period Party is an addition to the main event V-Warriors holds each year, *The Vagina Monologues*. Thursday's Period Party was a fundraiser for the Clare House, which is a women's shelter located in downtown Lancaster.

Clare House will also be the beneficiary of the proceeds from *The Vagina Monologues* and V-Warriors are attempting to exceed last year's donation total.

"[The Clare House provides] lodging for women and children in transition who may be experiencing homelessness, unemployment, or domestic violence," Plaza said. "They also run job training programs, child care programs, counseling, and other initiatives to help these women and their families get back on their feet."

In order to attend Period Party, attendees either paid a one dollar entrance fee or donated an essential women's health item, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, or soap.

The Party included performances throughout the night as well as food, games, and raffles. Merchandise like t-shirts, stickers, and cupcakes were sold along with red fruit punch, free of charge. The three games were

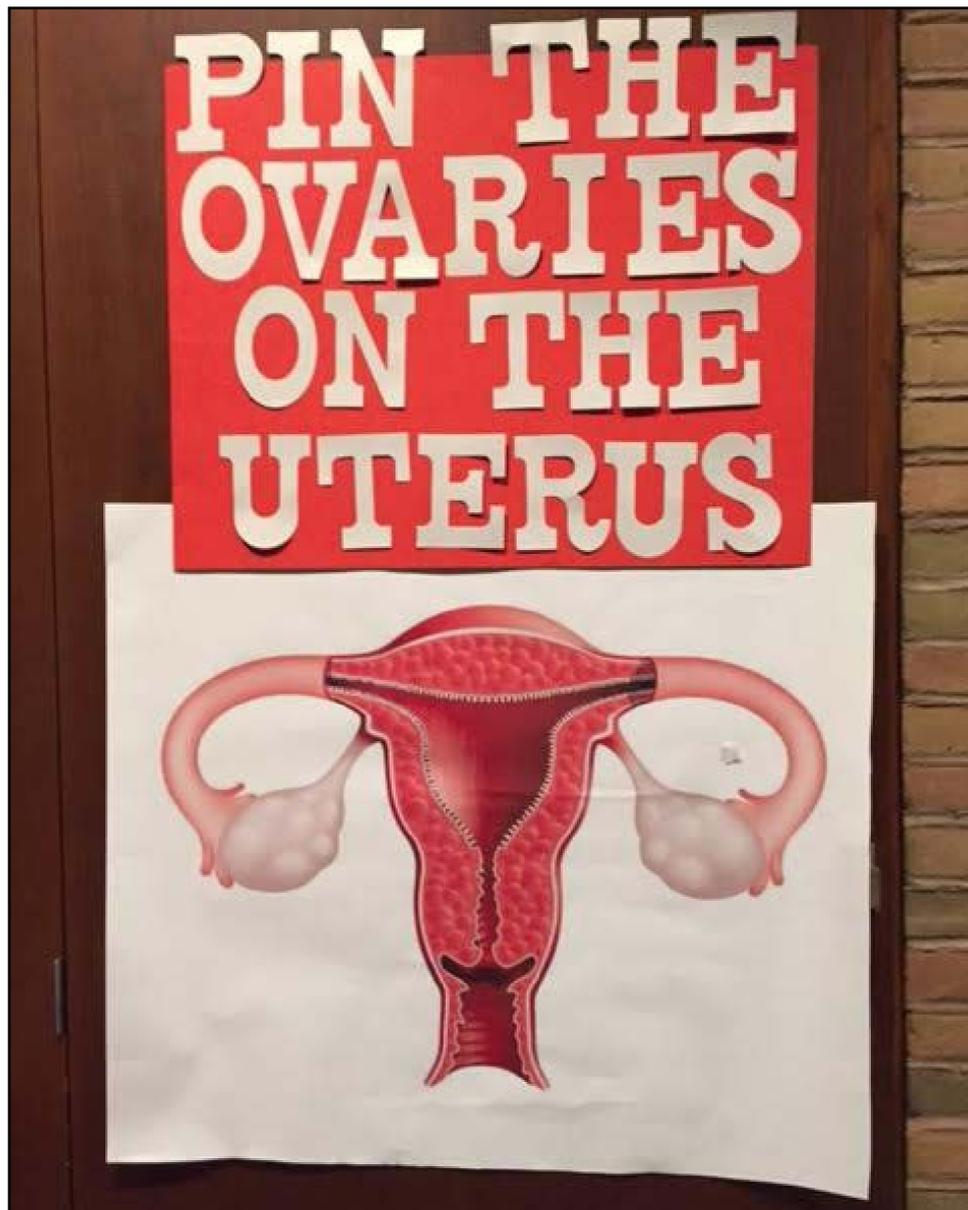


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One of the games at Period Party was "Pin the Ovaries on the Uterus," a version of Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Those who successfully pinned the ovaries were awarded raffle tickets. In addition to being fun, the game aimed to combat stigmas about menstruation.

Pin the Ovary on the Uterus, Period Bingo, and Menstrual Trivia, all of which gave raffle tickets to winners.

People could also share their own or other's embarrassing, strange, or silly period stories in order to win a raffle prize. The prizes included gift cards, t-shirts, or tickets to *The Vagina Monologues*, which will be performed on February 18 to 20 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Green Room Theatre.

There were multiple performances throughout the night from different on-campus groups and individuals, both male and female.

Some performances were serious and others were more comical and they all centered around similar themes of menstruation, relationships, and women's issues relevant both close to home and around the world.

LIFT kicked off the night with several monologues and poems. Then The Rumspringas, F&M's improvisational comedy troupe, followed with a bit of comedy. A group of students from IMPACT performed as well, followed by several individual volunteer performances. Sweet Ophelia ended the night, singing "Riptide" and "Harder to Breathe."

"The Period Party was a great event that highlighted issues women face especially as it pertains to their menstrual cycles," said Sarah Frazer '19, who attended the event.

"I really enjoyed the LIFT performances and thought the poems and the whole event were very well done. And I like that it was for such a great cause."

Plaza hopes the Period Party will educate and encourage conversations around campus.

"By starting a dialogue on taboo subjects like sexual education, menstruation, rape culture, and domestic violence, we can start to build a community that is safer for and more supportive of those who may experience gendered discrimination, sexual violence or harassment, and misinformation surrounding healthy sexual relationships," Plaza said.

She believes that although F&M has implemented many important support resources and safety measures, it remains essential for everyone to learn about ways to prevent gender-based violence. The Period Party and *The Vagina Monologues* can help achieve this goal and eliminate negativity surrounding women and their bodies.

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Arts & Entertainment

Popularity of *Gilmore Girls* emphasizes need for feminist television Television show validates, promotes the value of female relationships

Commentary *Gilmore Girls*

By Julia Cinquegrani

The holiday season started early for scores of *Stars Hollow* fans, when on October 19 news leaked that *Gilmore Girls* will be revived on Netflix this year. Throughout 2016, the series, which originally ran from 2000 to 2007, will be brought back in four 90-minute long episodes set in the current year.

Last autumn, *Gilmore Girls* enjoyed a resurgence in popularity and gained a new wave of young fans when the series was released on Netflix in its entirety. Since then, I am not embarrassed to admit that I have re-watched the series in its entirety at least three times (well, perhaps a bit embarrassed).

The show follows the story of Lorelai Gilmore, who had her daughter, Rory, when she was 16 years old. Lorelai has managed to escape from the oppressive expectations of upper-class Connecticut society and build a life on her own terms. Her daughter Rory is ambitious, independent, extremely well-read, and plans to have a career as a journalist covering international affairs. *Gilmore Girls* focuses on the relationship between Rory and Lorelai, which is more than that of best friends than mother and daughter, and their relationship with grandmother Emily, with whom Lorelai has always had a frosty relationship.

My love affair with Emily, Lorelai, and Rory began during early high school when I would watch the show

religiously at 5:00 p.m. every day. Re-watching the show this year has only reaffirmed my love of it. *Gilmore Girls* is the only show I found during my teen years that presented relatable, complicated, realistic female characters whose worries and triumphs were similar to my own and those of my friends.

The show places special emphasis on Rory's teen years and treats potentially cliché teenage concerns, like her first boyfriend and fights with her mother, with compassion, intelligence, and complexity. The show's serious treatment of intelligent female teenagers is unmatched in other shows, then or now.

As I have re-watched the show over the years, its complexity has enabled me to identify more clearly with different concerns the characters face at different times in their lives. While I was in high school, Rory's concerns about college applications and SAT scores rang true to my anxieties. Now, watching Rory struggle to lead her college's newspaper and decide on a career in her last undergraduate semester holds special relevance to my life.

The show presents memorable and eccentric feminist characters and storylines that few shows before or since have been able to match. As my own awareness of feminist causes and political issues has expanded, I appreciate even more that Lorelai and Rory's ambition, wit, and intelligence are constructed as their best qualities. Lorelai proposes to her boyfriend and starts her own highly successful business; Rory turns down a marriage propos-

al because she wants to focus on her career and has Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and Gloria Steinem stickers hanging in her college dorm room.

In addition to the three *Gilmore* women, Rory's high-school-rival-turned-college-roommate, Paris Geller, is a feminist force of nature. Paris is extremely intelligent and driven, and her friendship with Rory presents a serious and complex model of teenage female friendship. Paris's demanding and often brusque nature serves as a foil for the shyer and more cautious Rory, and their friendship strengthens as they serve together as student council members and newspaper editors. More significantly, their arguments stem from clashes in power and ambition when leading these organizations, not through popularity contests or crushes on the same boy. Their troubles stem from legitimate differences in opinion and personality types, not from demeaning, teenage girl tropes.

This show allowed female relationships to matter. It elevated the status of female friendship, strength, and love for each other as the central hallmarks of the show and their characters' lives. While boyfriends come and go, women's friendships and familial relations are long-lasting and fulfilling. Rory learns from Paris's bold, brash, and unapologetically intelligent nature. Paris knows when she is right and will accept nothing less than own her high level of competence from the people with which she surrounds herself. She is the self-confident, determined, unstoppable feminist leader that I aspire

to be.

The characters and the show itself takes women, their feelings, and their ambitions seriously. Rory is admirable because she is quick-witted, loyal, and cares deeply about her academics. For female teenage and young adult viewers, there is a dearth of relatable characters like her with which to identify.

That I feel so powerfully about this show and these characters simultaneously demonstrates the triumph of *Gilmore Girls* and my displeasure that there are so few shows which actually present women as realistic, fully-formed people. Few television shows, especially ones geared toward teenage girls, have female role models like Rory, Lorelai, Paris, and Emily. Consequently, these characters will continue to be important for years and generations to come.

At its heart, *Gilmore Girls* is essential television because it allows women to be complex and flawed. It presents women at different stages of life and with various world views clashing with and learning from each other. Over the course of the series, the women grow and mature, just as I have during my years of re-watching the show. I wish that there were more television shows and movies that presented these types of realistic, imperfect female characters and relationships. But until there are, at least I know that I will always have the *Gilmores*.

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The new *Star Wars* is a blast of nostalgia for fans Latest installment's dark side is the unoriginal plot, remake feel

Movie Review *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

By Preman Koshar

This review is now several weeks late, due to winter break and the delayed start of *The College Reporter*, but here it is, what you've all been waiting for: the *Star Wars* review. I will do my best to make this yet another spoiler-free review, but I'm making any promises—fair warning. Here we go.

If I could sum up *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* in a single word, a single adjective, it would be this: nostalgic. The movie positively oozed nostalgia. Every scene was reminiscent of at least one of the original trilogy films, and old favorites, like Han Solo, Leia, R2-D2, and Chewbacca are thrown into many shots, while there are wonderful reveals and nods to other classic aspects (I'm trying to be a bit

vague here) that—I won't lie—almost made me cry on more than one occasion. The reveals and the subtle nods are expertly done. The acting is very good, though nothing special, but, to be honest, it didn't really matter. As long as Hayden Christensen didn't make an appearance, I was happy.

The cinematography, however, is a significant step up for the series. Abrams gave *Star Wars* the panoramic vistas that it deserved long ago. The cinematography's effect is especially magnified due to the significant advances in special effects since the last film. Together, they really help to make the galaxy seem real and alive. The score, of course, was fantastic, absolutely nothing to complain about there. The dialogue was also excellent—very faced-paced and well-timed. There were also a ton of lines that were surprisingly funny—especially for fans of the original trilogy.

Somebody did a very good job there; there a few lines that I'm sure will go down in movie history as some of the funniest lines in all of *Star Wars*.

The one big flaw with the film, however, involved the plot. The plot is very similar to that of Episodes IV and VI. Scarily similar. Like, nearly the same movie, if you go by plot summary alone. I think this was done in a misguided attempt to dredge up even more nostalgia from the fans, and possibly make new fans more acquainted with the original trilogy, but it was just boring. Somebody did not do a very good job there. I knew, only maybe 25-50 percent of the way through the film how it was going to end. Sure, there were a few plot twists and new character lines, but, ultimately, it was the same story—the same story, mind you, that had already been told twice: once in Episode IV, and once in Episode VI.

In the end, though, it really was thoroughly enjoyable, and there was enough quality nostalgia to keep me interested. While the plot was boring, everything else was pretty darn fun. Luckily, now that Abrams has played the nostalgia card to the max, he cannot play it again in the next film. That means the writers will actually have to come up with an original plot. Once all the elements of this film are paired with a quality plot, then we might very well have a truly magnificent film on our hands. In the meantime, though, this will suffice.

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Review Rating:

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Star Wars largely adds to the saga, but has an unoriginal plot.

Coach Robinson has finally reached the historic milestone and has achieved 900 wins. Read more below...



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Franklin & Marshall Sports

F&M Basketball Coach Glen Robinson finally reaches 900 career wins

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History has been made on the Mayser court this season. It's official. F&M's men's basketball coach, Glenn Robinson, has reached the 900-win milestone. With this feat, Robinson has become the coach with the most wins in NCAA Division III history. Robinson now sits alongside fellow coaching legends Mike Kryzewski of Duke University, Herb Magee of Philadelphia Uni-

versity, and Bob Knight of Indiana University as the only coaches in the NCAA to achieve 900 wins.

F&M may be a small school, but the scale of this accomplishment is as grand as it gets in sports. It is very rare that you see a coach begin his or her job somewhere, find great success, and stay committed to that program for an entire career. For many, coaching is seen as a job that requires stepping stones. For example, Mike

Kryzewski, or 'Coach K', is often regarded as the greatest coach in the history of basketball, NBA or NCAA. However, he began as an assistant coach at Indiana University under Bob Knight, and then stepped up to being head coach at the United States Military Academy. Finally, he landed himself the job at Duke, where he's been coaching since 1980. However, Robinson never left F&M. He remained committed, passionate, and enthusiastic about his job

and life here in Lancaster. This devotion he had to the program and school clearly paid off as he's built a legacy.

This milestone has brought Robinson national attention. An article talking about it was headlined on the front page of ESPN.com. Kryzewski even acknowledged Robinson and all he has done for the Diplomat basketball program.

"Surpassing 900 victories is an incredible accomplishment for any coach and beyond the tangible wins, I congratulate Coach Robinson for sustaining excellence for more than four decades at Franklin and Marshall," Kryzewski wrote. "He has served as a tremendous role model for our profession as his players consistently achieve not only on the basketball court, but in the classroom and community as well. He certainly means a lot to basketball in the state of Pennsylvania and beyond."

These are extremely high words of praise coming from one of the most respected basketball minds in the world. But not only has this season been special for Robinson, it has also been special for the team. In addition to being a part of a historical moment, the team is playing some great basketball. After 16 games so far, the Diplomats stand strong at 13-3, with an 8-1 record in the Centennial Conference.

Their most recent win came at Washington College on Jan. 16 with a final score of 82-72. In their most recent game Jan. 20, they fell to Gettysburg College 73-57. However, the boys are right back at it this week. On Monday, McDaniel College comes to F&M to take on Robinson and his team. Wednesday the men's basketball team is at Dickinson College, and Haverford College is coming to F&M on Saturday.

Robinson has a great shot at leading his team deep into the Centennial Conference playoffs this season. He has the talent necessary to continue to win and chase the elusive goal of not just 1,000 wins, but also a National Championship.



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Shown above, Glen Robinson coaches his team to one of his 903 career victories. Robinson has been leading the men's basketball program since 1971 and has shown extreme dedication to the school and to the players he's coached. He is the winningest DIII Coach.



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Coach Robinson has been fostering a culture of success on and off the court since 1971. For Robinson, it's important for players to work hard in the gym and win games, but what is also just as important is what they do in the classroom. He reflects all F&M values.

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