



# The College Reporter

First Class Mail  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Lancaster PA  
Permit 901

THE INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

<http://www.the-college-reporter.com>

VOLUME 54, ISSUE 21

## Budget Priorities Committee holds open forum on budget for faculty, staff, students

BY NINA KEGELMAN  
*Staff Writer*

Tuesday, April 17, the Budget Priorities Committee held a Forum on the College Budget in the Bonchek Lecture Hall during Uncommon Hour. Led primarily by Bennet Helm, Chair of Philosophy/NSP, and Paul Mutone, Vice President of the Office of Finance and Administration, the forum was open to the entire F&M community. Though the auditorium was packed with attendees, most were faculty and staff while few students were present.

Helm began by noting that the college is in fact in a better place now than it was years ago in terms of the realization of the goals listed in the mission statement. These goals include having a diverse and high quality student body, being an academically innovative institution, maintaining and



Photo courtesy of fandm.edu.

The Budget Priorities Committee held an open forum on the past, current, and future of the F&M budget this past Tuesday in a packed Bonchek Lecture Hall. The committee responded to many comments from staff and faculty as well as several students.

creating community spaces, and having a committed faculty of distinction. F&M has notable strengths that meet these goals,

seeking and enrolling great students from a variety of backgrounds, incorporating a College House System, having

a AA- credit ranking, and maintaining a rigorous curriculum. However, the path the

see BUDGET, page 2

## Matteo Salvini's Northern League comes up with plurality in 2018 Italian election

BY BORIS ZYUMBYULEV  
*Staff Writer*

Italians went to the polls to vote for a new government on March 4, 2018. The general election was electing the 630 members of the Chamber of Deputies, and the 315 members of the Senate of the Republic. The previous Parliament was dissolved by the President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella on December 28, 2017.

The parties that came up on top according to the results were Matteo Salvini's Northern League, which won a plurality of seats in both the Chamber and the Senate, while the used-to-be fringe Five Star Movement, led by Luigi di Maio, became the party with the largest number of votes. The former ruling party, the Democratic Party, led by former Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, came in third, having lost a considerable amount of votes and seats.

Given the splintering of the vote, the result is a hung parliament with no clear coalitions.

The build-up to this election stated with Matteo Renzi's proposed constitutional reform, which failed a national referendum (59% to 41%). The reform aimed to change the makeup of the Senate, which arguably would have helped differentiate both chambers, and ease the political process of ruling governments. Following the lost referendum, Matteo Renzi resigned, and was replaced by the interim former Minister of Foreign Affairs Paolo Gentiloni.

The Northern League, traditionally a separatist party, with ideas about seceding North Italy from the rest of the country, re-elected Matteo Salvini as its leader. His aims coming into the position focused on Euroscepticism, opposition to immigration, and general populist policies. One of his goals, was to

re-model the party to pro-Italian nationalist party, and as a result of that, in December, the League dropped the word "North" from its electoral logo in December.

Several months after Salvini's re-election, the Five Star Movement changed leadership, from founder Beppe Grillo to Luigi di Maio. The Italian comedian Beppe Grillo had founded the Five Star Movement as an alternative to establishment parties (Berlusconi's Forza Italia, Renzi's Democratic Party, and to an extent Salvini's League).

Prior to the dissolution of the parliament, forces on the left had some developments as well. Forza Europa, the Italian Radicals and individual liberals created a new project called More Europe (+E), led by Emma Bonino, a long-time leader of the Radicals. However, they did not fare as well as the League

and the Five Star Movement.

At the election, there were three main forces: the centre-left coalition, the centre-right coalition, and the Five Star Movement, which stood on its own. The center-left included More Europe, and the Democratic Party as the main players; the centre-right had Berlusconi with Forza Italia and Salvini's League.

In the Chamber of Deputies, the centre-right coalition has 265 out of 630 seats, the Five Star Movement got 227, and the centre-left got 122, which is a 223 seats decrease from the previous Senate.

In the Senate of the Republic, the centre-right has 137 out of 315, the Five Star got 112, and the last 60 are held by the centre-left.

As the numbers show, there is no clear majority by any of the parties or coalitions. Since the election in March, the par

see ITALY, page 2

### Inside this Issue...

**Opinion & Editorial**  
First-year perspective on housing lottery, limited options  
page 4

**Campus Life**  
Layout assistant interviews Dr. Porterfield on leaving F&M  
page 6

**Arts & Leisure**  
Kanye West releases philosophy book via Twitter  
page 9

**Sports**  
F&M baseball sweeps McDaniel in conference play  
page 10

## CRIME WATCH

**Friday, April 13, 12:24am** – The Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a loud noise complaint at the Phi Kappa Psi house.

**Friday, April 13, 12:35am** – DPS performed a medical assist at 611 College Ave.

**Friday, April 13, 3:02am** – DPS performed a medical assist in Marshall Hall.

**Friday, April 13, 7:30pm** – DPS responded to a noise complaint at 615 College Ave.

**Friday, April 13, 8:50pm** – DPS responded to a report of suspicious activity at College Row.

**Saturday, April 14, 12:15am** – DPS received a noise complaint at 606 W James St.

**Saturday, April 14, 1:15pm** – DPS responded to a noise complaint at 415 W James St.

**Saturday, April 14, 1:22pm** – DPS received a noise complaint at 446 W James St.

**Saturday, April 14, 2:08pm** – DPS responded to a noise complaint at 446 W James St.

**Saturday, April 14, 4:20pm** – DPS performed a medical assist at College Row.

**Saturday, April 14, 4:53pm** – DPS performed an alcohol-related medical assist at the Steinman College Center.

**Saturday, April 14, 6:20pm** – DPS responded to a report of a disturbance in the Steinman College Center.

**Saturday, April 14, 10:00pm** – DPS received a loud noise complaint in Ware College House.

**Saturday, April 14, 11:35pm** – DPS responded to a loud noise complaint 614 N Charlotte St.

**Sunday, April 15, 3:08am** – DPS performed a medical assist at New College House.

**Sunday, April 15, 11:30pm** – DPS responded to a hit and run on Harrisburg Ave.

**Monday, April 16, 9:47am** – DPS received a report of a drug violation in Ware College House.

**Tuesday, April 17, 3:35 am** – DPS responded to a disturbance in Ware College House.

**Wednesday, April 18, 10:49am** – DPS received a report of criminal mischief at the Hackman Physical Science Laboratories.

**Thursday, April 19, 1:05am** – DPS received a report of a disturbance at 605 College Ave.

**Thursday, April 19, 9:39am** – DPS responded to a loud noise complaint at 608 N Charlotte St.

**Thursday, April 19, 10:45 pm** – DPS received a disturbance call on Hartman Green.

## Italy: New forces emerge in 2018 election; repercussions for country still left unclear

continued from page 1

ties have been discussing how to form the government, but the talks have not been successful so far. The current prime minister is still Paolo Gentiloni in his power as an interim. It is up to the president of Italy, Sergio Mattarella to choose the next one. However, as Parliament is hung and there's still no sense of direction, or any form of a grand coalition, it is unlikely that Mattarella will make a decision soon.

Given that the election saw new forces come into the spotlight, and establishment parties were pushed to the side, I thought it would be important to bring to light some of the Italian voices Franklin & Marshall has on campus. Not all possible peo-

ple are presented here, largely due to the author of this article.

Given the current political climate, many F&M students care deeply about American politics. However, in our increasingly globalized world, it is important to understand and pay attention to other countries' governmental structures and political issues. For more information about Italian politics and personal accounts of the Italian political climate, see interviews from Professor Fognani, Professor Lerner, and Italian citizen and F&M first-year, Enrico Calvanese.

*Sophomore Boris Zyumbyulev is a staff writer. His email is bzyumbyu@fandm.edu.*

## Budget: Community questions, concerns addressed during recent forum on budget

continued from page 1

college is on, unfortunately, is not a sustainable one, Helm revealed. The Budget Priorities Committee recognizes the need to create a more transparent process of communicating information surrounding the college's budget and priorities and are actively seeking ways to do so. This forum was the beginning of such a solution.

The 2018 revenue budget is about 124.6 million dollars and is supported largely by the cost of tuition, room, and board, which makes up over 70% of F&M's financial resources. The endowment, gifts, private contributions, and other sources of income make up the minority of the revenue. 63% of the college's expenses go towards personnel via salaries, wages, and benefits for faculty and staff. Other main expenses include the cost of operating, maintenance, and debt service. Specific challenges arise between the revenue and the expense budgets.

Starting with revenue, a main concern is the increase of tuition. As many F&M students already know there is an expected increase in tuition for the coming year, which is part of a trend of increase in recent years. However, Helm pointed out that without this increase, the college would lose approximately 2.1 million needed dollars.

Another problem is the college's tendency to draw too heavily from the school's endowment, using about 6% of this revenue when the recommended percentage is about 4.5%. While the college has succeeded in increasing revenue earned through fundraising as a result of a recently launched "capital campaign," the steadily rising cost of tuition and strain on the endowment threaten the school's economic stability.

Problems with expenses, on the other hand, also make evident a difficult financial situation. First, after being compared to that of other top 50 liberal arts colleges in the country, the salaries of F&M faculty are below the median with an increasing gap each year. At the same time, it is difficult to evaluate whether staff are being compensated properly due to a lack of similar data as a reference point.

This means that the faculty are being underpaid, while the college has essentially no benchmark to determine whether other staff, like librarians, athletic directors, and maintenance workers, are being paid fairly.

The college also wishes to

maintain a level of financial aid of up to 49% discounted tuition in line with the initiative to seek high quality, diverse students. Mutone emphasized a lurking issue of deferred maintenance, as well, stressing that the college has not been allocating enough of its resources over time towards repairs and upkeep of the grounds. This adds up dramatically to a backlog of about 135 million dollars worth of lacking funds for emergency repairs or maintenance.

Helm finished by underscoring the need for greater, more inclusive community participation in the dissemination of this information and cooperation in finding solutions, as there is a growing need to determine the college's priorities in order to address coming challenges. An online suggestion box will be available soon so as to reach more members of the community for proposals about both budget issues and ways to make these decisions more inclusive.

After the budget presentation, Helm opened up the meeting up for questions and discussion.

Some faculty spoke wanting to clarify that the budget challenges the college is currently facing did not arise in a vacuum, but were the result of the pursuing of certain strategies and tradeoffs that were unfortunately made without much participation from the wider community. One student noted that despite being the primary source of the college's revenue, students were vastly underrepresented at this meeting and in the decision-making process. Evidently, more work needs to be done in order to reach students and bring this discussion to them. The heavy reliance on tuition to fund the school is also questionable, as enrollment can be quite unpredictable. Even a slight error in the projected first-year enrollment could result in dramatic consequences for the school's revenue over four years.

Going forward, there is concern over the extent to which these budget challenges will impede any innovative efforts for the coming president. How the college will reconcile its idealistic and equalizing mission with the current strain on its resources has yet to be explored, but strong interest and participation demonstrated with this forum is certainly a step in the right direction.

*First-year Nina Kegelma is a staff writer. Her email is nkegelma@fandm.edu.*

## President Trump announces strike on Syria in coordination with France, UK

BY JOSHUA CROPANZANO  
Staff Writer

On April 13th, the United States, in coordination with the UK and France, launched a targeted strike against Syria in response to a chemical weapon attack in Douma which killed more than 40 people. This strike destroyed a chemical weapons facility but is unlikely to do long-term damage to the regime's military capabilities. Trump's strike on Syria is not surprising. Such a strike was conducted last year, almost to the day, following the gas attack in Khan Shaykun, which killed at least 58 civilians. Although neither strike has done serious damage to the regime, Trump has maintained that they act as a deterrent for future strikes. This is a dubious proposition as the strike in 2017 failed to prevent a gas attack this year.

In an interview with Vox, Jennifer Cafarella, a Syria expert at the Institute for the Study of War, called Assad's strategy a "siege, starve, and surrender" campaign. As part of that, the town of Douma, occupied by the rebellion, was surrounded by Assad forces. For months, Assad had attempted to drive the rebels out of the town with little success. After months of bombardment from artillery and air power, the town had turned into a sort of "rubble fortress." Following Assad's chemical weapons attack, however, the rebels were forced to surrender to the regime and the town was taken.



The strike against Syria was launched in response to reports of chemical weapons attacks by the Assad regime that killed several dozen citizens in the city of Douma.

Assad's chemical weapons have a checkered history. Beginning in the 1980's, Syria, with the help of Egypt and the Soviet Union, set about constructing the third largest stockpile of chemical weapons on the planet, following the United States and Russia. French intelligence from September of 2013 claimed stockpiles included Yperite, VX, and "several hundred tons" of sarin. At the time, Syria was one of a handful of states which had not signed the Chemical Weapons Convention, the CWC.

Obama announced his infamous "red line" in Syria in 2012, where he promised to intervene in the conflict for humanitarian reasons if Assad began "moving or utilizing" chemical weapons. As the conflict grew more dire for Assad, the regime calculated that the use of chemical weapons

was necessary in order to prevent its own defeat in the war. In the fall of 2013, rebel forces pushed into the capital, Damascus, and commenced a street-by-street battle for the city. Two blocks from the Old City, the regime stopped the rebel advance and began to rebuke them from the city. To hasten the process, Assad unleashed a barrage of five separate chemical attacks between the 21st and 25th of August which killed at least 1,000 to 1,300 people. This attacks were crucial to his success in defending Damascus, and ultimately allowed the regime to push the rebels out of the majority of the capital.

Following the catastrophe, Obama looked to enforce his red line. However, public and Congressional support for military intervention was untenable. Instead, Obama sought a

diplomatic approach which would destroy the chemical weapons stockpiles. This was apparently successful, but ultimately Assad was revealed to have either successfully hidden chemical weapons or able to produce more.

Trump has chosen to enforce Obama's red line, but has only done so in limited, targeted strikes. Trump's newest national security advisor, John Bolton, pushed for a larger bombing raid which would do "ruinous" damage to the Assad regime, according to the Wall Street Journal. John Bolton wrote heavily about the geopolitical incentives the United States had in toppling Assad, which some have criticized for not focusing on humanitarianism strongly enough. The lack of a sustained, robust bombing campaign against the regime suggests that Trump has no intention of toppling the Assad regime or committing to a sustained intervention in Syria. These strikes were unsuccessful in acting as a deterrent when they were used last year, and so it is dubious how successful they will be now.

Much of Trump's current strategy in Syria remains mysterious and unclear. With the induction of his new Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, the administration may choose a new direction in Syria. The direction this administration will choose to take is still unknown.

*Sophomore Joshua Cropanzano is a staff writer. His email is jcropanz@fandm.edu.*

## FULL STAFF OPINION

As the semester draws to a close and we publish our final edition of Spring 2018, The College Reporter editing staff would like to recognize and thank our writers. Writers—without your articles, interviews, and photo stories, we would not be able to successfully publish a new edition each week. We are constantly looking for new story ideas and writers for years to come. Whether you are a current writer or just a student at F&M, you have a voice. Writing for The College Reporter is a great way to vocalize any opinions, comments, or concerns that you might have. It is also an opportunity for students to write about things that simply interest them such as sports, arts, and activities or events that happen on campus. At F&M we are lucky enough to have many opportunities available to us, and expressing thoughts and or insights about these opportunities in The College Reporter is a great way to have a voice.



We have had an incredible semester reporting the news and sharing opinions here at Franklin & Marshall. If you are interested in joining our team and contributing to the paper next year, email reporter@fandm.edu.

If you have any interest in writing, editing, or photography, please email reporter@fandm.edu for more information. If you have any thoughts or questions for the editors regarding The Col-

lege Reporter staff or any articles written this past year, please connect with us as well. We would love to hear any ideas or suggestions that you might have. Thank you so much to our 2017-

2018 writers and staff. We are lucky to have such dedicated writers and layout assistants who consistently help to make the paper the best it can be. Look out for our next issue to be published in the Fall of 2018.

Staff Writer Commentary

## First-year perspective on housing lottery, limited rooming options

BY JOSH FRIEDMAN  
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of fandm.edu

Rising sophomores are limited to living in either sophomore residential halls or their own college house, such as New College House, pictured above

What a year it has been. As expected, a first year like me realized just how much of a wake-up call college would be. In the second semester, I picked up on some of the basics and was coasting into the final weeks of the school year. With nearly two semesters down, it was time to consider where and with whom I would want to live in the Fall of the coming semester. I made my decision—a humble one, as my time was the last available lottery time—and I prepared for a double in Schnader.

As a Warian, I had grown accustomed to the spaciousness of the Ware doubles. I had assumed that I would be able to room again in Ware, but no such luck. The college housing system has a rule that rising sophomores can only room in their freshman college house if their roommates were from their same house.

I don't criticize this goal in its theory, only in its execution. The school has such a large incoming freshman class, and there needs to be room for everyone. While it is rumored that a new college house is in the process of being established, it will not be available to accommodate the incoming class of 2022. To provide room, the school needed to limit the number of sophomores in freshman dorms.

I wasn't worried. While smaller, I did not have a problem with a double in Schnader. I had assumed that it would be the only thing left by my lottery time anyway. In my mind, any available rooms in Thomas would be the first to

go, followed by singles and suites in the college houses, and then doubles in Schnader. I may have been right, but it didn't matter.

When the school restricted the available housing to rising sophomores, the remaining housing in Thomas and Schneider flooded. There was some available housing in the freshman college houses, but not enough individuals from the same house wanted to room with one another. More than three hours before my lottery time, there were no more available rooms. Nervous of course, I continued to check the housing portal regularly without change.

The issue that I pondered was whether or not this meant I was going to end up with a random Warian for a second year in a row.

While random roommate assignment worked out well for me my first year, I didn't like the idea of having to take a gamble again. Not to mention, Ware had trip-les available. I could have ended up with two random roommates.

I had no choice but to do the same as so many others, I had to waitlist my housing choices and hope I lucked out. For the past couple of weeks, I have been nervous. I have no idea where I will be living next semester.

The Deans and Dons of the college houses are meeting with Director of Housing Lori Foust to discuss a resolution to the housing problem, and it appears there may be a way to place students into housing in or adjacent to their preferences. For the time being, it seems the best option for us waitlisters is to just sit back and see how things play out. Besides, as exams approach, we have more important things to worry about.

First-year Josh Friedman is a Staff Writer. His email is [jfriedm2@fandm.edu](mailto:jfriedm2@fandm.edu).

## Contributing writer argues armed guards in schools should not be implemented

BY ETHAN BELLER  
Contributing Writer



Photo courtesy of US News and World Report

After recent mass shootings there has been debate over whether or not armed guards in schools would reduce the rate of gun violence. Contributing writer Ethan Beller argues that armed guards would not contribute to a more secure society.

In today's heavily contentious political climate, arguably the most divisive issue is gun control. Those on either side of the issue agree on almost nothing. Gun Control advocates accuse those on the other side of being violent radicals or idiots who cannot understand simple facts and reason. Gun Rights advocates claim that their opponents are attempting to steal their guns and are fascists who are attempting to remove guns to institute a martial law. The one area of agreement amongst these two rivals resides in the notion that something must be done regarding mass shootings.

The National Rifle Association

see **GUARDS**, page 5

## Opinion & Editorial

Contributing Writer Commentary

## Anonymous writer talks experience reporting assault, calls for more meaningful solutions

Due to the personal and private nature of this piece, the Editor of The College Reporter is protecting the author's anonymity. Naming victims of sexual assault or publishing anything that makes them clearly identifiable without their explicit permission would also violate The College Reporter's policy regarding sexual assault victim privacy. If you have questions about the piece or would like to respond journalistically via 'letter to the editor' please do so by contacting The Editors at The College Reporter at [reporter@fandm.edu](mailto:reporter@fandm.edu).

A few weeks ago, a student was assaulted near Brooks College House by a known sexual predator. In response to this assault, DPS took the opportunity to attempt to open a discussion with students about this issue. The only outcome of this meeting, however, has been to provide more lighting and extra video cameras around the school. Sounds great...sounds "safe."

This solution, however, is seriously problematic. Our society depicts rape as a violently painful act committed by an unknown man with a gun in a dark ally. I was raped on this campus by my friend. someone i trusted, someone I cared about, and someone who "cared" about me.

I was raped on this campus by a student of F&M. I couldn't even acknowledge it until MONTHS later when someone mentioned in passing rape can occur between people who know each

other. I blamed myself. i denied it. i was conditioned by a society that assumes consent, that victim blames, that refuses to acknowledge rape culture. I have to live with the fact that someone RAPED me every single day for the rest of my life. and F&M put up lights and cameras

We need to talk about how "Men ages 18-24 who are college students are approximately 5 times more likely than non-students of the same age to be a victim of rape or sexual assault" (RAINN). We need to talk about how "Women ages 18-24 who are college students are 3 times more likely than women in general to experience sexual violence" (RAINN).

We need to talk about how "21% of TGQN (transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming) college students have been sexually assaulted, compared to 18% of non-TGQN females, and 4% of non-TGQN males" (RAINN).

## Guards: Contributing writer encourages safety procedures that exclude armed guards

continued from page 4

tion's President, Wayne LaPierre, has famously stated that "the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." The NRA has taken this ideology to inform its solutions to the mass shootings issue and has proposed that armed guards be placed in all schools to keep students away from shooters. This strategy has been endorsed by the President of the United States, and some schools already had or recently have instituted armed guards.

Armed Guards should not be placed in an institution meant for learning. The idea of any educational institution is to expand the students' minds and ideas; however, the constant fear of death by firearms does not facilitate learning. While we must be aware of the dangers of mass shootings they do not need to constantly be presented to us.

Franklin & Marshall has a vast amount of preventative measures available that allow us to be safe and protected while also not filling our place of learning with weapons that remind of us of the violence our education intends to

prevent. The school has a large amount of CCTV cameras and a dedicated public safety team. Around campus are many objects that protect students from violent vehicular attacks, which have become more and more common.

As a country, as a state, and as a community we need to work to institute more gun laws that prevent what the National Rifle Association would refer to as "bad guys with guns" from getting guns in the first place. This does not mean removing guns from the hands of honest law-abiding citizens, but it does mean that we should institute stronger restrictions on those who can initially obtain weapons. Things such as universal background checks, the boyfriend loophole, and the gun show loophole allow guns to get into the hands of dangerous individuals with histories of violence.

The possibility for armed guards at school would only encourage or even increase the presence of firearms in educational institutions, which ultimately does not contribute to a more secure society. First-year Ethan Beller is a Contributing Writer. His email is [ebeller@fandm.edu](mailto:ebeller@fandm.edu)

We need to talk about how "84% of survivors who were victimized by an intimate partner experience professional or emotional issues, including moderate to severe distress, or increased problems at work or school" (RAINN).

I live in fear of society's complacency with this issue. I live in fear because the change our school made does not address rape culture. I live in fear of a society that assumes consent I live in fear of my rapist. And F&M put up lights and cameras

We need to talk about how "American Indians are twice as likely to experience a rape/sexual assault compared to all races" (RAINN).

We need to talk about how "7 out of 10 rapes are committed by someone known to the victim" (RAINN). We need to talk about how "57% of perpetrators are white" (RAINN).

I live in anger how dare someone take my agency from me. how dare the school put up lights and call it a day in attempt to address the issue of sexual violence. how dare we allow rape culture to continue. how dare someone violate me and receive NO punishment. And F&M put up lights and cameras

knew none of these statistics until after i was raped and looked them up. We need to talk about this instead of adding more lights and cameras to campus.

I feel let down by our school's title IX office, which left me feeling like it wouldn't be worth the trouble of reporting what happened to me because no punishment would be administered to my rapist anyways. by the obvious lack of respect for female bodies in the media, which dehumanizes them to objects that are available for possession. by America's education system, and its reluctance to educate people on our bodies and our rights. and F&M put up lights and cameras

NOTHING could be more disrespectful to victims of sexual assault than more lights and more cameras on this campus. how many more rapes will it take. give me a number.

I want administration to look into student's eyes and tell them how many more assaults before they decide to make a change. One? Twenty? One hundred?

It is time we see reform, and that starts with education. Let's fucking talk about this. Enough is enough. Most of all, though, we live in silence.



Photo courtesy of US News and World Report

After recent mass shootings there has been debate over whether or not armed guards in schools would reduce the rate of gun violence. Contributing writer Ethan Beller argues that armed guards would not contribute to a more secure society.

# Campus Life

## Medea Benjamin, activist, founder of CODEPINK, argues against militarism

BY SARAH FRAZER  
Staff Writer

This week's Common Hour, entitled "Preventing the Next War: Creating an Effective Inside/Outside Strategy," featured Medea Benjamin, an activist, author, and founder of CODEPINK for Peace and of Global Exchange. CODEPINK is a grassroots movement using creative and non violent means to end war and militarism. Benjamin described how and why it was formed and their efforts to protest war. The organization's name came to be as a response to President Bush's use of different color codes to tell people how afraid to be. It started as a "part of a huge anti war movement" following the decision to invade Iraq.

In terms of CODEPINK's tactics, Benjamin explained that "it was important to go where the cameras were...[to confront] people like Condoleezza Rice, who was part of the administration's lies." Members of CODEPINK smeared red on their hands to represent the blood of the Iraqi people, over one million of whom have died because of the invasion in 2003, according to Benjamin. CODEPINK members do hunger strikes in offices of their congressional representatives.

They protest the killing of innocent people by US drone strikes. They protest in Republican and Democratic offices, as Benjamin explained, "This is something we did yesterday...Jamie Raskin," whom she noted is a progressive champion on many issues, "we saw that he

had just been in Israel but he would not speak out on the excessive use of force" of the Israeli government in response to protests in Gaza.

The group uses other tactics as well. "When we are in a very confrontational situation we often burst out into song," said Benjamin. They use humor, such as when they proclaimed, "Invest in America; buy a congressman." Benjamin described the ways CODEPINK tries to energize and involve the community, including young people, by "doing clever things like 'hoops not bombs' outside the White House." At the Republican Convention, CODEPINK brought the message of the Statue of Liberty that the US should welcome refugees.

Benjamin said, "We thank our Congressmen when they do the right thing." CODEPINK works on many fronts. They go directly "to the places where the weapons are being used," such as in the Nevada desert. They meet with drone survivors and "hear their stories." The organization has built playgrounds in Gaza and has "brought in all kinds of aid to Gaza." Benjamin explained, "We have been working with people of South Korea who have desperately been trying to make piece with the North."

Benjamin explained that she sees a disconnect today between those fighting the wars and those making the decision to wage them; many veterans and even some veterans' groups work with CODEPINK and disagree with military actions taken by the US govern-

ment. Benjamin underscored that her organization is anti war, not anti-the-people-fighting-the-wars.

As for Iraq, Benjamin sees its prospects as not much better. According to her, the US took a country that was governed by Saddam Hussein, a harsh dictator, granted, and made it even worse and more divided. Benjamin described the situation in Iraq before the US invasion as one where Sunnis and Shias lived side by side and even in the same household since there was intermarriage between the two groups. Once the US invaded, greater divisions began to form in Iraq; Benjamin quoted one person from Iraq as having said to her, "You know what the Americans taught us? They taught us to hate each other."

Benjamin noted that, we have not gotten rid of terrorism in the several years following 9/11; in fact, there are more terrorists groups, namely ISIS. She described how now, we are contemplating further intervention. According to her, Trump is getting us deeper into the war in Syria and is possibly going to take actions in regards to Iran and North Korea.

She criticized the United States' support for Saudi Arabia, one of the most oppressive regimes in the world and the top purchaser of US weapons. Benjamin explained that the Saudis are using these weapons to devastate Yemen, where one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world is taking place.

Benjamin argued that the United States, or at least US weapon man-

ufacturers, are profiting from the conflict in Yemen. Benjamin noted that "Israel gets three hundred billion dollars in military aid" from the US, "and where are the Israelis using their weapons right now? The people [of Gaza] have been living under a terrible siege... They have been peacefully protesting to try to awake the worlds consciousness." The Israelis, she asserted, have responded with terrible force, murdering these innocent Palestinians.

In discussing this topic, Benjamin also raised the question of who benefits from all of these wars. She said, "It is certainly not the US military... and it is not the American people." Benjamin continued, "So much of our tax dollars are being sent to the Pentagon," which is where "54% of discretionary spending" in our budget goes. Often times, according to Benjamin, it is corporations who benefit. Specifically, the big five weapons manufacturers, all of whom smartly make every little piece of their weapons in different congressional districts, "so it becomes an issue of jobs." They also give money to campaigns of congressional candidates, which, Benjamin asserts, "most people would call bribery." This is called the Military Industrial Complex, about which President Eisenhower warned the country. He said, "the only way to stop it is an alert and knowledgeable citizenry."

Junior Sarah Frazer is a Staff Writer. Her email is [sfrazer@fandm.edu](mailto:sfrazer@fandm.edu).

## Layout Assistant interviews current President Dan Porterfield on leaving F&M

BY RUBY VAN DYK  
Layout Assistant

This past week, I had the opportunity to sit down with President Dan Porterfield to conduct his final interview for The College Reporter as he completes his final semester at F&M. Dr. Porterfield came to F&M in March of 2011, and over the last 7 years he has spent his time working to promote the democratization of higher education through F&M's talent strategy, as well as to establish F&M as a national leading liberal arts college. During our interview, he discussed his decision to leave Franklin and Marshall and become President of The Aspen Institute, what he will miss most about F&M, and of course, the fate of his famous ice cream freezer. The impact that Dr. P has left on F&M not only as an institution but as a community is immeasurable, and he will be dearly missed. Best of luck, Dr. P!

Ruby Van Dyk: Many of us don't

really know the story of how you came to F&M, your background, etc. Would you mind sharing a little bit about how you ended up here? **Dan Porterfield:** Prior to coming to F&M I was senior vice president and English Professor at Georgetown University, as well a faculty member living in residence. I was at Georgetown for fourteen years, and for the last eight I lived with my family in one of the Residential dorms. We raised our kids at Copley hall, and for those eight years we were known as the family in the building. During my time at Georgetown, I was responsible for strategy. The administrative work that I was doing at Georgetown was similar to the work I've done here at F&M. But as well, directly teaching and living with students allowed me to develop a skill set that was relevant for leading a liberal arts college as president. A liberal arts college is a complex institution with financial concerns, legal concerns and it needs to develop a strategy for its future. But

on the other hand, it's an intimate place where student-faculty relationship is prized and where the growth trajectory of each and every student is crucial. I had a background both in institutional leadership but also in undergraduate education. So, just as there is currently, there was a search process for F&M's next president that included students, faculty, alumni and members of the board of trustees. They interviewed candidates, and I was offered the position. I started on March 1st, 2011. **RV:** When you first came to F&M, what were your goals. Do you feel like you have accomplished them? **DP:** I feel great about my time at F&M, the people that I've worked with, the students and alums I've gotten to know, and the impact we've made together for our students and society. I don't think that any work is ever done, we are always trying to get to the promise land but the day you think you are in the promise land, you aren't. When I first came to F&M, I focused a good deal on a lot of listen-

ing sessions with every department in the school, academic, administrative, extracurricular, open meetings with students and alumni, and conducted a full-scale research project to understand what those who loved F&M thought about its strengths along with what it could improve. We deemed it a Strategic Positioning Research Project. I really recommend anyone who comes into a new position at an institution to do this, I'll be conducting one at The Aspen Institute. From there, we developed a strategic plan which was named "Claiming Our Future"; we've been implementing that plan ever since. Among other things, the plan consisted of developing a national recruitment strategy, a robust financial aid budget, developing our career center into a full-service center for students, as well as reconstructing our student health center. In the ways that I listened at the start of my time at F&M, I heard loudly and clearly from everyone involved that **see PORTERFIELD, page 7**

## Porterfield: President Porterfield offers final thoughts before leaving F&M for DC

they wanted F&M to be a leading national liberal arts college. How? In ways authentic to F&M, empowering to students, relevant for tomorrow, and sustainable for generations to come. That sentence unifies so much of the work we've been pursuing. If you look around at the student body, virtually every student wants to be attending a top liberal arts college. These kids are who want high intensity, who value their education, want to grow, have ideas about changing the world, and want to leave an impact on this campus and the world. That is powerful. I have a slogan, "We create the education we seek" and that's what we've been doing, recruiting students and faculty who want to do that. I'm sure with the next president, a new set of goals and strategic plans will develop, in order to enhance what we offer our students, and society. **RV:** Is there anything that you regret not instituting or completing during your time at F&M? **DP:** I would say every opportunity to serve, requires us to make choices and it's hard to do it all. There are some things I miss doing. I had to give up classroom teaching which I really miss. Secondly, we are building a game changing visual arts center that will allow the arts to have an absolutely stellar place. I was integral of the selection of the architect, the planning, and fundraising, but am going to miss opening that door. Thirdly, I have been writing a lot and have been drafting a book during my F&M on meaning making, in the setting of Franklin and Marshall college. The book has six essays that look at students as discoverers, creators, collaborators, mentors, change agents and then the last chapter focuses on the future of our country. Although I've made a lot of progress, I would have loved that book to be released while I was still here. But as I said, every leadership opportunity requires us to make choices, so do the best you can, and then pick up that project from the next opportunity you have. **RV:** What is your fondest memory

from your time here at F&M? Is there something that stands out in particular, or perhaps a ritual that you will miss? **DP:** My fondest memory is a compilation of a thousand memories shared with students, as I either observed what they were making and creating, partnered with them to come up with an idea, or mentored them at an important decision point. Those have been my favorite moments. My favorite ritual is the moments when I'm sitting in this office, and I hear the rustling of footsteps in the vicinity of my ice cream freezer. **RV:** That is also a pressing question, will the ice cream freezer remain in the president's office? **DP:** I think there is a chance the ice cream freezer could end up in either the Admissions office, or in the office of Christina Diaz and Dr. Donell Butler, Office of student Success. I don't want to impose it on them, but it is theirs if they want it. I left my white freezer at Georgetown, now I have my sort of Porsche-like black freezer here which I will leave behind, and I am planning on getting an F&M blue freezer for The Aspen Institute. **RV:** What are some of the factors that led you to decide to move on to the Aspen Institute? **DP:** It is a very painful decision to leave an experience before you are ready to leave it, especially one that you love. That is exactly what happened at Georgetown. I loved living in that dorm and teaching my classes. But the chance to be a President of a college spoke to my desire to be a difference maker. I knew that F&M was an outstanding academic institution, so I thought, "I am going to leave behind something that I love in order to find another way to make an impact, to work with people that I don't know, to serve kids in society." I have loved the almost seven and a half years that I have spent here, because of who the people are and what the mission of the school is. When the Aspen Institute search committee called me and told me they'd like to discuss me possibly becoming their President, I went

through a period of reflection. I tried to discern what would be my calling for the next phase of my life, and ultimately what made me excited to join the Aspen Institute was that I felt like I could advocate for the values of Franklin and Marshall college and young people in general on a national platform. I also felt that our country in some ways is moving in a dangerous direction. Our society needs to invest in the young, in education, health care, in job opportunities, and if we don't, we will be very sorry. I think one way to invest in the young is to work directly at a college, with students and faculty directly like I've been doing here at F&M. But now, I'm going to leave something I don't really want to leave, in order to try to make an impact on the national level with my voice and my organizing ability. I feel in order to honor what we're doing at F&M, I have to go out and advocate and fight in other arenas. That's what I'm doing, I'm not leaving it, I'm bringing it with me. I am also excited about the ways that The Aspen Institute will overlap with F&M. Two F&M students have internships with Institute this summer in Colorado, where I will also be this summer. There are also two F&M graduates who received scholarships to come to one of the summer programs through Aspen called Spotlight Health. I'm very excited that there will be many opportunities for me to stay connected with F&M students. For example, there is this big project called the American Talent Initiative. This is the name of the work we've been doing here at F&M, in which we use our aid policy to recruit from the full American mosaic. When we first implemented the initiative during the first few years I was here we experienced rich success, and other institutions and journalists took notice. From there, The American Talent Initiative was developed, funded by Michael Bloomberg, we set an initiative along with other liberal arts schools to get 50,000 more Pell Grant students enrolled in any school with

a 70% graduation rate by 2023. The initiative now consists of 100 schools, is Bloomberg funded, and F&M led, but the entity that is funded to run it, the staffing, is the Aspen Institute. Before I even knew I'd ever end up working there, I picked the Aspen Institute as the staffing vehicle to run the initiative. So, all things come together. I will still be part of the steering committee of that initiative, and F&M will remain one of the central players. **RV:** What advice would you give to the next president of F&M? **DP:** I think the most important advice is to engage. Get to know student, staff, faculty and alumni. Be a first-hand witness whether it be in student government, college houses, or theatrical productions. This is a deeply engaged student body, powerfully and passionately invested in meaning making. Joining these faculty and students and participating in that meaning making will have richness and joy that will far transcend the expectations one has for a job. **RV:** What do you consider to be your legacy at F&M? What would you like to be most remembered for? **DP:** I don't actually have that as a goal. For me, my goal is to always be able to draw upon in my future work the friendship and excellence of members of the F&M community, so I can enjoy the feeling of continuity and an ever-widening circle of friends and difference makers, with F&M at the center of that circle. So, for me, the most important thing is what is the legacy of F&M in me, and for me it's going to be the richness of these relationships, the earnestness and desire of this community to make a difference, and the all-around excellence in education that F&M stands for. Dr. Porterfield has had a significant impact on the F&M community. If you have any more questions or would like to learn more, you can contact him via email at [dporter@fandm.edu](mailto:dporter@fandm.edu)

First-year Ruby Van Dyk is a layout assistant. Her email is [rvandyk@fandm.edu](mailto:rvandyk@fandm.edu).

## Staff Writer interviews F&M professors about 2018 Italian election, politics

BY BORIS ZYUMBYULEV  
Staff Writer

Professor Arianna Fognani is an Italian professor here at Franklin & Marshall college. She is an Italian citizen from Tuscany, Italy. She has lived in the US for 9 years. **From your perspective, what do you think about the parliamentary election in Italy?**

"From my perspective the results of the current election were not surprising. They were quite similar to what happened in February 2013, where the results were really fractured. They were 3 dif-

ferent parties getting around the same amount of votes. This time, what we consider the traditional leftist party was completely destroyed. The two winning parties are new forces, and one of them is the Five Star movement. I think the new thing that they are bringing in, could be a new ethical component to politics. According to their campaign promises, they want to reduce the stipend that parliament and senators get, and what can be an incentive for people, for voters, to understand that politics is not just about making money, but helping and solving issues in the country.

On the other hand, I am aware

that this people are not competent, they are not real politicians. And even though they got the votes to enter parliament with good ideas, with a good project, they will need to negotiate many of their proposals with the rest of parliament, with senators, with people who have more experience in the political field than them.

**What can we expect from the government?**

They just elected the president of the parliament and the Senate, but we still don't have a government. Many say that the candidate of the Five Star Movement could be the Prime Minister, but he's really young, and he needs

the support of the coalition Lega Nord and probably Forza Italia. I really have no idea what is going to happen.

**Can the Five Star movement be pushed to an opposition party, even though they won the most votes?**

They have to make a compromise if they want to sit in parliament. They ran on their own, they didn't make any coalitions, but at this point, they really don't have the numbers to sit on both chambers, so they'll have to make compromises. It'll probably, ab-

see Q&A, page 8

## Q&A: Staff Writer discusses Italian politics with F&M professors, first-year

continued from page 7

solutely, be with Lega Nord. An interesting aspect of this would be to see and understand the role of the Democratic (leftist) party, because they were almost destroyed in this election. So what would their role be in Parliament? Would they be a real opposition; would they try to negotiate on some proposal to get their ideas supported and promoted in parliament; or would they sit back and leave the other two parties lead the country.

*The Five Star Movement swept the Southern rural regions, while Lega Nord had majorities in urban areas. If they do manage to form a coalition, wouldn't it be interesting to see how both the rural and urban vote work together?*

It'll absolutely be interesting not only for that reason, but also because while the Five Star Movement had a majority in the south, Lega Nord had strong support in southern cities. So that could be an interesting balance to see how they try to resolve issues. I looked at a map the day after the election, but I can't remember which part of the country had more votes for the Five Star Movement. I remember the northern part of Italy being blue, meaning Lega Nord, Berlusconi and other right-wing parties. And my region, Tuscany, and Trentino-Alto Adige still voted with the Democratic party. And the southern part of Italy was almost entirely yellow, meaning the Five Star Movement. But within the southern parts there were cities that supported Lega Nord. Which culturally is interesting, because Lega Nord traces its origins back to the idea of seceding North Italy from the rest of the country. But if you dig a little deeper, and you check out Lampedusa, the little island to the south of Italy, where all the migrants come to first, the mayor of that city for many years has been a member of Lega Nord. So there are frictions within the rural and the more urbanized and modernized regions of Italy.

*Professor Scott Lerner is a professor here at Franklin & Marshall College who teaches both Italian and French.*

*How do you think the government is going to look like, given who has been elected?*

Immediately after the election, the newspapers were filled with all of these possible combinations, and none of them really made any sense. The most surprising would be combining the Five Star Movement with the Northern League. Then you

would have a very strong domination of anti-conventional parties. The only problem with that is that they have a lot that is not in common between them. And who would be the leader of that, and where would they go. I find that a very alarming prospect. I am not sure it is going to happen. Another prospect is having one of the more traditional parties form a coalition, a government, with the Northern League. And then the question is again, who leads that government. It wouldn't be the first time. Berlusconi had a coalition government with an extremist right party on several occasions, but they were always minority players. What is different this time is that if you look at the numbers, they would be a majority player, and potentially Salvini would be the head of the government. I suspect the president still hasn't asked anyone to be a prime-minister, because this situation is very worrisome. And if you look back in history, there was another time, when, it wasn't a president, it was a king, who had the task of asking someone to form a government. The king was Victor Emmanuel III, and the leader, the potential leader, was Benito Mussolini. He marched on Rome in 1922, and there was a moment, where it wasn't clear whether he'd be asked to form a government. It wasn't a moment as legal as it is today, where now it is completely legal. But anyway, the head of state, the king started supporting Mussolini. And the king was a very weak figure. I don't think he was a bad king, but he was a very weak man. And so he thought he should just go with the strong man Mussolini. And I very much hope that is not what happens now. The President, who has a certain amount of power, he doesn't have the power to govern, but he has the power to choose the government, and to help the country sort out who is going to govern the country, or what is the government going to be in terms of cabinet. So I hope the president will help sort out this situation in some way, and not simply go right to Salvini, and tell him to form a government. Because of he does that, it seems to me that Italy is really headed to a very bad situation. And it took a long time for Italy to recover from fascism.

Given the track record of Italian governments to not last a long time, even if Salvini is chosen to head the government, or another worrisome combination assumes power, what is the chance there won't be another election in 8-10 months?

If we were betting people, or speculators, I think it is always a safe bet that an Italian government, after World War II, will be short-lived, and new elections will be forthcoming. And the very recent history of Western Europe tells us that when leaders want to be bold, and want to propose something that can really make a difference, like Matteo Renzi's proposals, his reform proposals, and David Cameron's Brexit vote, they risk everything to strengthen their positions. And both of them lost. In retrospect, those risks were very unfortunate decisions, because if they hadn't gone to referendums, and they had rested within the legal elections, those two leaders could have led their countries elsewhere. Maybe they wouldn't have been able to do what they wanted to, but they could have stayed in power and do something. You can have a referendum, you can have vote of no-confidence, which they have all the time. I think one thing people can certainly agree on is that the current situation after this election is extremely unstable and unpromising, in the sense that there is no strong party or strong direction. Nobody really has a mandate. The only thing they proved is that they want all the bums out. And so how long it will last, and whether the nation will come to its senses, and move in another direction, which I think is likely. But I do think it is always possible, like we saw in 1922, for a moment like this to be a beginning of something that becomes very deep-seated, and very, potentially, very damaging, and very long-lived. I am not saying that there is no chance that will happen, but I think if I had to predict I would say no, they will get through. It would be a lot worse if the Five Star Movement or the Northern League had gotten 70 percent of the vote. But since, they are all minority positions right now, and they don't really agree with each other, hopefully it will be just a mess for a while, and they can try again.

*Enrico Calvanese is an Italian citizen, who is currently a first-year at Franklin & Marshall College.*

What do you think of the Italian election that happened earlier in the year?

I think the results are very concerning, because they show the rise of parties that I was hoping would not rise again, like Silvio Berlusconi's, who was an Italian prime-minister, who pretty much ruined our international figure. And it is even more concerning that he's coming back with other

alt-right groups that are against the acceptance of refugees. I am not in favor of accepting everyone that is coming to Italy, but I think there should be a sound systematic way to deal with the problem, not by simply denying them access. I also think that euroscepticism is bad, that some parties, who are getting majority votes, are incorporating into their platform. I am pro-European Union, which places me with the previous party in power, the Democratic Party, however, they also lacked during their governance, and so that's why I didn't vote for anybody at this election.

*Do you think this government will last longer than usual?*

I'm hoping Italians, after this fiasco, will pressure the parties, the alt-right parties to resign. However, it seems that the two parties that used to be in opposition, and had previously said they would not get together in a coalition, are now considering this possibility. And that would be the worst situation in my opinion, the Northern League and the Five Star Movement. And I think the Five Star Movement is appealing because they have a lot of young people in their ranks; however, I do not like their euroscepticism. They seem to have a methodical, logical approach to the migration question, not simply denying access to people who need to migrate, but consider the pros and cons of people entering Italy from Africa. But I do not enjoy their euroscepticism, and the European Union, which seems to be facing a crisis with the UK leaving, should stay intact.

*Do you think the rhetoric has changed since the results came in, and do you think there might be some silver lining to the parties that were elected?*

Well, I might disappoint you a little bit, because I have lived most of my life outside of Italy, and I know what I know from the news only essentially. But yeah, the rhetoric seems to have gone down a notch, but that is a result of the election. Because they are hoping to appeal to more voters. But it is also a concern, because you don't really know whether they are toning the rhetoric down only as a means of propaganda, while their intentions remain unchanged. So it could be that they are trying to appeal to more people, while trying to apply whatever they wanted in the beginning. That is a big concern I have.

*Sophomore Boris Zyumbyulev is a staff writer. His email is bzyumbyu@fandm.edu*

## Arts & Leisure

### Arts & Leisure Editor reviews local Lancaster sandwich chain Isaac's Restaurant

BY ABIGAIL SOKOLSKY

Arts & Leisure Editor



Photo courtesy of exercise4weightloss.com.

Isaac's Restaurant serves grilled sandwiches, located in downtown Lancaster City.

Walking into the Isaac's Restaurant located in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, I was greeted by a bright and colorful interior. The restaurant had both a takeout counter and sit-down area reminiscent of the more well-known Panera Bread, an American owned and operated restaurant chain. While Panera Bread has around 2100 locations in the United States, Isaac's is much more niche, with only 19 locations limited to Pennsylvania and headquarters in Lancaster County. This limited outreach, however, seems to be intentional. On the about page of their website, founder Philip R. Wenger answers the question of "why don't we sell franchises or stock and grow Isaac's into 100s or 1000s of locations, like all the other large chain concepts," reminding customers that "Isaac's is a different kind of company," one that focuses on "authenticity and commitment to their communities." Wenger believed that to uphold this brand promise "to create fanatical cus-

tomers, to engage our employees, to connect to our community" Isaac's had to avoid being a company hindered by shareholders or investors, remaining free to pursue this goal of remaining a community-oriented company.

When my sandwich arrived and I took a bite, it became clear both why people often asked why Isaac's was limited to Pennsylvania and why Wenger was staunchly against expansion. The sandwiches offered, all named after different birds, were simple and incredibly delicious, a basic lunch option done absolutely perfectly. I had the Twisted Chicken,

a grilled chicken sandwich with melted cheddar, spinach tomatoes, Dijon mustard, and mayo on a pretzel roll. A soft pretzel enthusiast and frequent customer of Auntie Anne's Pretzels at Park City Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, I was not disappointed. I was pleasantly surprised by how well cooked the chicken was, far better than any other chain restaurant I'd tried. I was even more impressed with what the menu called Isaac's Famous Pepperjack Tomato Soup, a cream of tomato soup with pepperjack cheese and flavored with garlic, Worcestershire, and sugar, garnished in croutons.

The flavor of the pepperjack was subtle and complemented the smoothness of the tomato very nicely, making the whole thing taste very authentic and ideal for the slightly chilly days which have been lingering on through April here in Lancaster County.

Looking around, it was impossible to miss the large tropical portraits of a variety of birds on the walls. This coupled with the bird-named sandwiches on the menu (Gooney Bird and Pterodactyl among my favorites) created a fun and off-kilter atmosphere. This goofy décor and menu theme arose from the original logo of the chain, a flamingo wearing roller skates. The choice of the roller skate wearing flamingo was inspired by a cult movie of Wenger's youth, John Water's film *Pink Flamingos*. An appreciation for the film coupled with a good sense of humor lead to the fun and eclectic bird names found on the menu today.

*Junior Abigail Sokolsky is the Arts & Leisure Editor. Her email is asokolsk@fandm.edu.*

### Kanye West releases philosophy book via Twitter titled *Break the Simulation*

BY JESIKA ISLAM

Senior Editor

The Kardashian Clan has been really active in the past few months with Kylie, Kim and Khloe's new babies, another drop of Kylie and Kim's makeup line and Kendall and Kylie's clothing line. All eyes have been on the Kardashians because of the three pregnancies that were all announced this past year and had coinciding births.

Moreover, each birth was particularly special. For Kim, this pregnancy was her third child with Kanye and they used a surrogate because Kim has had complications with pregnancy in the past. Kylie had her first child with Travis Scott, only revealing her pregnancy after the birth and a nine month social media blackout. Finally, Khloe gave birth to her child while the videos of her baby daddy, Tristan Thompson, cheating surfaced.

During all of this, Kanye West has been hard at work.

Kanye reinstated his Twitter on April 13th, 2018. Immediately after returning to Twitter, he called out Nike for copying the style of his Yeezy Boost 700 Wave Runners, the Nike Monarchs having a similar clunky style. He later deleted that Tweet. He then went on to tweet about the philosophy book that he is writing called *Break the*

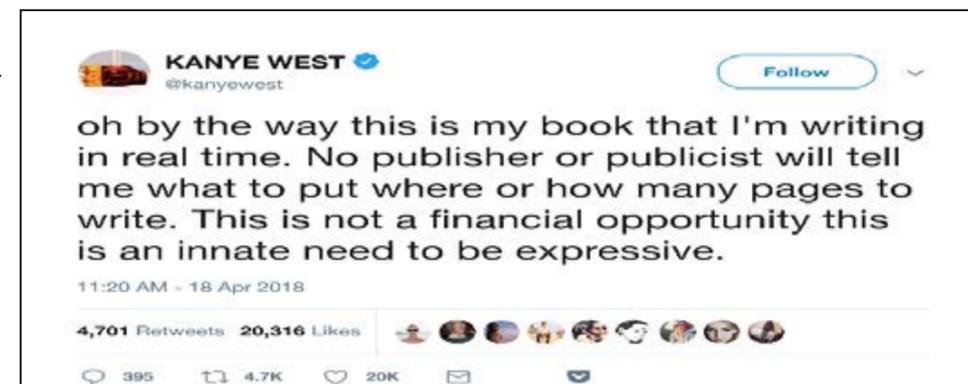


Photo courtesy of www.timesheraldnews.com.

Kanye West reinstates Twitter to publish philosophy book online, written in real time and free of outside editorial input.

*Simulation*. This book would have been highly anticipated with people intrigued on how the genius Kanye West thinks and lives his life. He later revealed in another Tweet that "oh by the way this is my book that I'm writing in real time. No publisher or publicist will tell me what to put where or how many pages to write. This is not a financial opportunity this is an innate need to be expressive."

Kanye revealed that his book would be published on Twitter, accessible to the masses and completely under his own control. He then tweeted a series of thoughts like "if you wanna see the true character of person watch the way they treat someone who can't do anything for them," "don't trade your authenticity for approval," and "in

life, we are all trained actors. When we're born we're ourselves and then one of the first things we're thought is how to act. If you see a kid screaming at a restaurant because he feels something and can't express himself in a conventional manner." Some of his tweets are more profound than others but he keeps true to his character and philosophy because he explains how to break convention, create one's own path and how to be true.

Kanye has always been unconventional in everything he does, revolutionizing music, fashion, and now even philosophy and publishing. Kanye's use of Twitter as the form of his book is seemingly silly and stupid but it shows the true artist that Kanye is. He does not produce for the fame or

for the money, he produces because he has an innate need to create and to share with the world. Kanye's book would have sold easily, and the book tour would have been packed but instead he chose to make sure that everyone could see his unfiltered thoughts and that everyone could see it.

Finally on his Twitter feed, Kanye revealed that his next album will drop June 1st, his new music group *Kids see Ghosts*, his album with Kid Cudi drops on June 8th, Teyana Taylor's on June 22nd and Pusha T's on May 25th.

He also then revealed prototypes of his next fashion collection. Summer 2018 is Yeezy Season.

*Senior Jesika Islam is a Senior Editor. Her email is jislam@fandm.edu.*

Senior Editor Joe Giordano recaps the start of the NBA playoffs. Read more below...



photo courtesy of decalxextremeonline.com

F&M Baseball swept McDaniel this past Saturday in a CC double header. Read more below...

# Franklin & Marshall Sports

## Start of 2018 NBA playoffs has been nothing short of action-packed

BY JOE GIORDANO  
Senior Editor

The beginning of the NBA playoffs has been nothing short of action packed. Between dominant performances by the powerhouse teams of each conference and surprising upsets, it has a little bit of something for everyone. There are many intriguing storylines to keep our eye on as the playoffs progress.

The most eye-catching is certainly the early struggles of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Heading into game 4 of their series, the Indiana Pacers have surprisingly taken 2 games from the defending Eastern Conference champions. Victor Oladipo and company have come out and delivered a proverbial sucker punch to the mouth of LeBron James and his team. While King James is always dangerous, this is obviously not the ideal start to the playoffs for him. These struggles will only fuel the fire that is LeBron leaving in free agency.

One possible destination for LeBron has to be the Philadelphia 76ers. After only winning 10 games two seasons ago, the Sixers, led by Joel Embiid and rookie of the year favorite Ben Simmons, went on to win 52 games this season and capture the Eastern Conference three seed. These Sixers

are not the typical "Trust the Process" teams of the past. This team is loaded and has all the tools to compete for a conference championship. Former developmental league player Robert Covington has come into his own as a force in the league and has been aided by the addition of Croatian forward Dario Saric. The Sixers have jumped out to a commanding 3-1 series lead against the Miami Heat early on in their series. The possibilities and ceiling for this team seem limitless and the young core is only getting better and developing, which is a scary thought for the future of the Eastern Conference.

Out in the West, the Rockets seem to be running away with the conference. The early season addition of point guard Chris Paul seems like a god send for a team already containing perennial MVP candidate James Harden. The Paul-Harden combo, coupled with Clint Capela and Trevor Ariza has been a seemingly unstoppable force all year long. Their offense is seemingly unstoppable and no one has seemed to have an answer for it all season long. They are undoubtedly the favorites in the West and most likely the entire league.

However, a team from Golden State might have something to

say about this. With former MVP Stephen Curry sidelined with an injury, the defending champions have almost flown under the radar headed into these playoffs. These Warriors are not to be underestimated knowing what they are capable of. With a commanding 3-0 series lead without Curry against the Spurs, the Warriors are anxious and believe that a Curry return puts them right back in the hunt for the title. A potential Western Conference finals between the Rockets and Warriors has the entire league

salivating and could be some of the highest quality basketball the league has seen in a long time.

With so many question marks going into the rest of these playoffs, how can anyone decide which storyline to focus on? As a fan of the league, the best option may be to watch them all and enjoy the best players in the world displaying their skills.

Senior Joe Giordano is a Senior Editor. His email is [jgiordal@fandm.edu](mailto:jgiordal@fandm.edu).

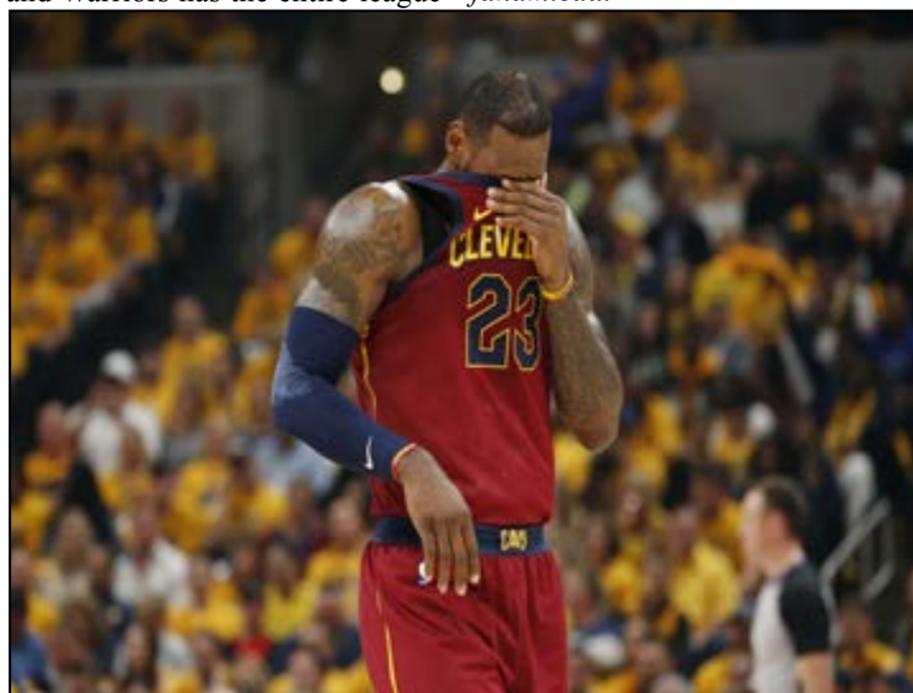


Photo courtesy of frshoopz.com.

With NBA playoff season in full-swing, Eastern Conference teams such as the Cleveland Cavaliers have faced struggles early on in the playoff series.

## F&M Baseball sweeps McDaniel Green Terror in Centennial Conference play

BY GABBY GOODWIN  
Sports Editor

In a baseball-filled Saturday, this past weekend, F&M Baseball traveled to McDaniel and swept the Green Terror 14-1 and 9-5 in the double-header games. In the first game of the two, the Dips jumped on McDaniel from the start, scoring runs in each of the four opening innings. F&M's Dan Marano got the scoring started in the top of the first with a sacrifice fly, sending F&M's Kengo Kawahara home from third.

In the second, three runs on four hits, including a two-RBI double from Kawahara and an RBI double to left center from Marano, gave F&M a 4-0 edge only at the top of the second. In the fourth inning, the Dips truly cracked down on the bats to take a 9-0 lead over the Green Terror. With four runs on four hits, F&M's Kyle Ebert clenched a two-RBI double and F&M's Max Schwartz ended the inning with a two-out, RBI double.

F&M added three runs on three hits in the seventh, and F&M's Connor Green drove in two more with a single to left field in the eighth.

Marano finished the game 3-for-

5, with four RBIs and a run scored. Kawahara and Schwartz also finished 3-for-5, with three runs scored and two RBIs from the leadoff spot and two runs scored from Schwartz. F&M's Dan Baroff went 2-for-2 from off the bench, and F&M's shortstop Andrew Poirier went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. F&M's starting pitcher, Jack Buckley, only allowed just one earned on six hits, and struck out six in his seven-inning performance.

In game two of the series, tied at 5-5 in the top of the seventh, F&M's Jimmy Whelan led off the inning with a double to right field, followed by a single from Marano to right, placing runners on the corners with no outs. Baroff grounded into a double play at second, however, the distraction was enough to send Whelan across the plate to take a 6-5 advantage.

In need of some insurance runs in the eighth, two singles in the inning put the Dips out in front by two, followed by an RBI double by Whelan and a bases-loaded walk from F&M's Dan DiLoreto to seal the deal, adding two more in the ninth.

Marano finished game two with a 3-for-5 effort and one RBI. Kawa-

hara was 2-for-3, scoring three runs, and leading off the game with a home run in the top of the first. Whelan went 3-for-4, with three runs scored and two RBIs, and Blugis went 2-for-5 with one RBI.

F&M's reliever, Jared Schott, earned the win with two innings of work, and DiLoreto picked up his second save of the season by striking out one and throwing three scoreless final innings.

With a great day of conference play all around for F&M Baseball, they improved to 15-13-2 overall and 8-5-1 in conference. Today, F&M faces off against Elizabethtown for a 4pm game in some non-conference play at Caplan Field.

Sophomore Gabby Goodwin is the Sports Editor. Her email is [ggoodwin@fandm.edu](mailto:ggoodwin@fandm.edu).



Photo courtesy of godiplomats.com

This past Saturday, F&M Baseball swept the McDaniel Green Terror on their home turf, clenching 14-1 and 9-5 wins in some Centennial Conference play.