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Administration holds well-attended open conversation on campus security



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Campus safety has been a hot-button topic on campus for several weeks now, especially following the firing of M Protective security company, which was formerly mandated to provide security services at fraternity events. The administration plans to find a new security company for the following semester's social events.

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On Tuesday, April 10th, a forum on campus security & safety was held in the Weis Great Room. The event was sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, and the Office of the Dean of the College. The open conversation was held to discuss issues regarding third-party security that have emerged

over the course of the last few weeks, including the firing of M-Protective, the third party security company the college had been using to regulate fraternity parties in the past two semesters.

Some of the administrators present at the forum included Dean Hazlett (the Dean of the College), Barry Bosley (the Associate Vice President for Administration), Dean Flores Mills (the Senior Associate Dean

of the College), Stuart Umberger (the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life), and both the President of Panhellenic Council, Emily Neckes and the President of the Interfraternity Council, Davin Eugenio. The forum drew a large amount of students, both Greek affiliated and non-affiliated. Students were packed in tightly to the room and some even overflowed into the hallways, eager to discuss the issues at hand.

Dean Hazlett began the forum by addressing the concept of third-party security in general, separate from the specific issues at hand with M-Protective. According to Dean Hazlett and the College, the college policy states that at locations where College funds are used (which includes campus housing and fraternity houses) all events must

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Paul Ryan announces intention to retire from Congress at the end of current term

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Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) announced April 11th that he has decided not to seek reelection. Despite this announcement, Speaker Ryan intends to serve out the remainder of his term as the Speaker of the House. Ryan claimed he has decided to not to seek reelection strictly so he could spend time with family, though many speculate that he stepped down to avoid the midterm election,

where the Democrats have a very good chance of taking the House of Representatives from the Republicans. Ryan reflected on his time as Speaker by saying "I think we've achieved a heck of a lot. We all know that I did not seek this job, I took it reluctantly but I have given this job everything that I have." Ryan celebrated his accomplishments, mainly the recent tax reform bill signed, and lamented he was never able to achieve entitlement reform.

Ryan took over the Speakership in 2015 after John Boehner

(R-Ohio) retired due to hostilities with the House Freedom Caucus, a conservative coalition that opposed significant portions of Boehner's agenda. After the Republican Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-California) was unable to gain enough support to succeed Boehner, Ryan was chosen as a compromise candidate. His tenure was largely overshadowed by the ascension of Donald Trump to the Presidency, and due to Trump's unpopularity the Democrats have a seven point lead in the generic congressional

ballot. Ryan is one of many high profile Republicans to retire, including Trey Gowdy, Jason Chafetz, and Darrell Issa. If more high ranking Republicans retire, the Republicans will have a very hard time holding onto the House.

Despite the Republican precarious position Ryan received praise from across Washington. President Trump complimented Speaker Ryan on Twitter: "Speaker Paul Ryan is a truly good man, and while he will not be seeking re-election, he will leave a lega-

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Forum: Students face uncertainty regarding student life, safety; administration holds panel to address questions, concerns



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The forum was held on-campus in Weis College House and was incredibly well-attended. Students packed the building including overflowing into the hallways to hear what Dean Hazlett, Dean Flores-Mills, Barry Bosley, and Stuart Umberger had to say.

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be BYOB (Bring-Your-Own-Beverage) and the use of third party security has begun to make sure these rules are being enforced at fraternity parties in particular.

Dean Hazlett stated that this not unique to Franklin & Marshall but is rather part of a national push, which includes national fraternity organizations starting to require their chapters to use third party security.

As a result of an increased desire to enforce these BYOB policies, the college started to require third party security for a certain amount of fraternity events a month beginning in the Fall of 2016 and continued the requirement Spring of 2017. Then, according to Hazlett, it seemed to be working fine. They were only requiring organizations to use third party security about once a month and issues were minimal.

However, in March 2017 a pledge at the Penn State state chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity pledged died from excessive drinking. Many of his brothers were charged with involuntary manslaughter and other criminal offenses. This, according to Dean Hazlett, led to more pressure

Ryan: Political world reacts as Speaker of the House Paul Ryan says he will not seek re-election

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cy of achievement that nobody can question. We are with you Paul!" Nancy Pelosi (D-California), the House Minority Leader gave kind words for Ryan as well "Despite our differences, I commend his steadfast commitment to our country." Pelosi is seeking to take back the Speakership in November, and many Democrats celebrated Ryan's

retirement hoping he is just the first Republican casualty of the so-called "blue wave" to come.

Talks of who will replace Ryan as the highest-ranking Republican in the House began immediately after his announcement. Kevin McCarthy, the current Majority Leader, is seen as the favorite, and has the support of the White House and Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-Louisiana).

Speaker Ryan has offered his support for McCarthy as well. After the debacle in 2015, it is unclear that McCarthy will have the votes to replace Ryan, and there is a chance Scalise may take the position instead.

The House Freedom Caucus will likely use the chaos to gain leverage in negotiations, as they seek to push the Republicans in the House towards their

tea party ideology. Despite this, McCarthy remains confident. McCarthy remains a close friend and advisor of President Trump, and it is unlikely the Freedom Caucus would seek a fight with the President.

that accusations of harassment from their own students should have been enough for the college to take further action even if there was a lack of concrete evidence. Students also questioned the administrators about their lack of transparency in dealing with these issues. One student asked about the lack of communication between administrators and the non-greek affiliated portion of the student body, and how this could be improved. Other students stated that they felt as though the college was much more invested in safe legal practice and a safe reputation than the current physical safety of its students. Dean Hazlett responded that the safety of students is the administration's top priority, and claimed that when instituting these policies "what drives [her] is the safety and futures of students." Other students were concerned about the future of social events for the rest of the semester, particularly seniors who only have three weeks left of their final semester at F&M.

Sam Kay, President of Phi Kappa Tau, discussed the difficulties in working with third-party security and argued that the administration, presidents of Greek organizations, and the new security company should all sit down and "make a plan." The administration listened to all the comments from students and responded respectfully. They appear to be working on developing concrete solutions on how to address the bigger problems of transparency and safety as a whole. The high attendance of the forum and high volume of student comments proved that the student body is very upset and concerned about this situation for a multitude of reasons. School policies and student opinion is likely to change and shift over time in response to forums like this one.

The forum was then opened up to a discussion period where students were able to make comments and ask questions. Students criticized the administrators for not taking action against M-Protective when their own students had accused them of harassment, but only when the offensive views of the security group were revealed. To this, Dean Flores Mills responded that they had facilitated an open dialogue with the women who have been subject to the harassment, but the information had been unclear. To this, Jessica Rile '19, a member of a sorority organization, replied

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Staff Writer Commentary

First-year shares opinion, perspective on campus safety dialogue

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On Tuesday, I attended the open conversation on security and parties on campus. As a first year, I was curious to see the members of the administration who I had been hearing from through streams of emails for the past couple of months and the way in which they would address our questions and concerns in person. I had questions of my own that I wanted answers to: what had happened in the last couple of months to make administration hire third party security? Why weren't there background checks placed ahead of time? How much of my college experience would be placed into jeopardy because of these new rules? Did I come into this school at the wrong time? However, my doubts and worries were met with comfort when the small common room of Weis was soon filled with students who were not afraid of making their voices heard.

Perhaps the administrators chose the small Weis common room because they didn't think many people would show up—

that's so, boy were they wrong. Those present were not just members of sorority and fraternity life, but students from all different organizations, clubs, and sports teams on campus.

For those who were not there, here's a quick rundown; Dean Hazlett explained the background of where MProtective came from and also the reasons for hiring a third party security system in the first place, stemming back to their concerns with safety of students at parties. This section of the meeting took a backseat to the numerous students that came forward, some with thoughts already written down on their phones, some with previously researched statistics on social culture, and some who told of their own experiences with the new face of this college. Most of the people that spoke were upperclassmen who, unlike myself, knew what the college was like before these rules were put into place and felt perfectly safe without them. These are the people who have the most experience on this college campus and can attest to the drastic

changes being made, not for the better.

I left this meeting feeling a sense of power, of pride for the people in my school. Each comment in the room was met with snaps or applause. Those who spoke up were met with comforting pats by their friends, encouraging them to not be afraid and to keep speaking up. As a first-year, I am experiencing life on my own for the first time and am more aware than ever of the opportunities I have to make a difference. There was a lot of talk about the definition of safety at this meeting, but what was not addressed by the administration was the presence of the student body, and the determinacy to make this school better than it is right now.

What I want the school to take away from the forum is this: I am, like my fellow classmates, the kind of person that wanted a small college because of the accessibility it would give me to express my beliefs and be heard by administration and faculty. This sets us apart from schools like Penn State and should enable our

ability to solve problems more efficiently with more transparency. We obviously want to be involved in the decision making process, and we are the ones being directly affected by these changes, so why not just ask us what we think?

With the school testing out new security systems now, we hope that they prioritize our safety and nothing else.

What I would like the college to think about is the kind of environment it wants to create at this school. If the school keeps making it harder for fraternities to host parties, then those parties will be held elsewhere in significantly less safe conditions. I would like the school to keep in mind the word, "safety," and how it wants to make every student feel safe in every capacity, not just during parties. My hope is that this forum will show that we, the students, are not going anywhere and that our thoughts and concerns will not be swept aside.

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Grade deflation breeds culture of stress, inequality at Franklin & Marshall

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"Try not to worry too much about your grades" – this is the classic line our professors spoon-feed to us in the name of education. "To know thyself," as the ancient Greeks once said, is infinitely more valuable than academic praise or the material payoff of an undergraduate degree. However, what happens when this belief is extended too far? What happens when well-meaning professors and faculty members undermine the importance of grades only to leave their students struggling to get into graduate school or secure a post-graduate job? What happens when students sacrifice their health and happiness for grades they didn't earn, all while being prompted to become more "mindful?" Unfortunately, this is a problem I believe has plagued the F&M community.

A quick glance at F&M's profile on College Confidential will quickly alert one to the fact that this problem has not gone unnoticed by prospective students and their families. Many prospective students have commented that during campus tours and visits, the academic rigor of F&M is constantly showcased, so much so that the rigor of F&M's academics is discussed more than academics themselves. For instance, some students and faculty believe

that that F&M students outwork Harvard students. The truth is, if we have to work that hard, it would be nice to get the prestige that comes with that hard work. Instead, we are rewarded with a false sense of superiority, one that does not translate to genuine academic success. If we want to continue to recruit a diverse and talented pool of students to F&M, we must show them that this is an institution where hard work is valued by professors and assignments aren't merely assigned for the sake of accumulating tasks about which to brag.

The issue of grade deflation at F&M is also inextricably linked to the growing dialogue surrounding mental health. While the Student Wellness Center has now enabled students to receive eight free counseling visits per academic year and implemented a robust mindfulness program across campus, this is for naught when students are forced to stay up day and night only to receive grades that do not accurately reflect their intellect. If the campus community truly wants to become more "mindful," then perhaps they should also become mindful of the fact that grades do impact an individual's life. Grades have an important bearing on being a competitive candidate for jobs and internships, and for securing funding to attend graduate school. When

good students are rewarded with poor grades, and thereby are unable to do these things, this makes F&M look bad, not good. It also leads to depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem, feelings that are all too common on this campus. This issue is even more pressing for first-generation college students, 69% of which choose to go to college to help bring economic stability to their families (NCBI). First-generation college students face unique psychological challenges, as their parents may view their desire for education and upward mobility as a rejection of their upbringing. This coupled with the fact that first-generation college students often come from impoverished public school

districts is a recipe for disaster. As a first-generation college student myself, I know first-hand the troubles that come with feeling as if you do not deserve to be on campus because you are not rewarded for your hard work.

Ultimately, if F&M wishes to continue to be known as a diverse and equitable campus, I believe there needs to be a department-wide examination of student grading policies. We cannot continue to brag about "rigor" while leaving the health, wellbeing, and happiness of our students in the dark.

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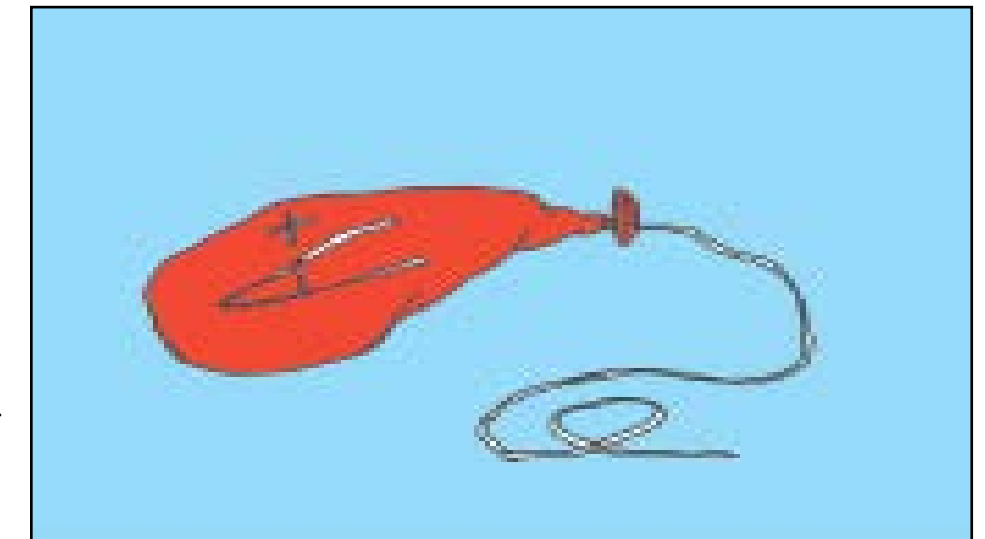


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Grade deflation may have more of profound impact on the F&M community than students and staff realize, especially in regards to mental and emotional health.

Contributing Writer Commentary

Editor discusses conduct at campus safety protest, suggests changes

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The “Take Back Our Campus” protest was meant to be a silent sit-in outside of Old Main to demonstrate the importance of safety on F&M’s campus. It was meant to be a chance for F&M students to stand in solidarity with their peers and demand more from our campus leaders. It was meant to be an opportunity for growth, change, and progress.

It was none of these things. I was frustrated when the calls of women to have a moment of silence were rejected by men who demanded we chant something instead. My frustration turned to disgust when the chant these men selected was “Hey hey DFM / Make our campus fun again.” I watched in silence as a gaggle of predominantly white men, some wearing their fraternity letters, began chanting while women looked on in annoyance and awkward silence.

Make our campus fun again? Is that what matters most? At a school under Title IX investigation for years, where a student was recently the victim of attempted rape in a stairwell, where fraternities have been placed under probation for the number of sexual assault allegations against their brothers, fun is what matters? Fun in the form of

fraternity men hosting parties without restriction?

My disgust bubbled into anger as the chants shifted to “Pray for Colgate! Pray for Colgate!” referring to Dean Flores-Mills’ new employment opportunity in New York - as though a single administrator has anything to do with our campus culture. Chanting “Pray for Colgate” made a mockery of the event - and the women who showed up to support it. Don’t pray for Colgate. Do something to help your own female peers, who have repeatedly told you that they feel unsafe and that something must be done about it.

To rub salt into the wound, when women began chants about safety, many of the men fell silent. It became even more apparent that some of male students at the event viewed it as an opportunity to get their beloved fraternity parties back, not to improve student safety or protect F&M women. They weren’t there for safety! They were there for fun.

How out of touch can certain members of our campus community be? How offensive to every single woman on this campus who has been inappropriately touched, coerced, or abused? How dare you speak over us. How dare you make this about parties when our livelihood is at stake. These men owe every survivor on this campus an

apology.

I’ll wait.

If the goal of the sit-in was to show student concern for female safety, it achieved the opposite. I now see quite clearly how little some men at F&M care about their female peers and their wellbeing. I understand that throwing a fun party apparently matters more to you than safety. I call on these people -

and they know exactly who they are - to do better, work harder, and take responsibility for their contribution to F&M’s rape culture.

The women of this campus see where your priorities lie, and we will not forget.

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Photo courtesy of Anna Zwirn

The “Take Back Our Campus” protest was originally meant to highlight issues of campus safety, however some students believe that the message was lost.



As spring approaches and the weather gets nicer, it is important to take time to consider the impact that we have on our environment. On this campus, many people do make an effort to maintain an environmentally conscious lifestyle. Our campus is free of plastic water bottles, and bike rentals encourage students to avoid driving whenever possible. The sustainability center encourages students to eat local produce at the Fair Trade Cafe, and new pre-orientation programs like GROW encourage first-years to come to campus with an environmentally conscious before their first day of orientation. However, there is still more that we could be doing! College Center and Blue Line still utilize straws, paper plates, and non-reusable utensils, and facilities on campus often leave lights, computers, and other electronics running when they are not in use. Blue Line could encourage students to bring their own coffee mugs by offering a discount like Mean Cup and Starbucks. However, we as students can also take it upon ourselves to ensure that we do all that we can do to lead sustainable lives. Climate change is one of, if not the most important challenge we will face in coming years. Take advantage of the campus garden, walk downtown rather than drive, and encourage your friends to do the same. We can’t solve every problem on our own, but developing good habits and being mindful of our impact on our earth is an important first step.

Campus Life

Common Hour speaker Lisa Wade talks hookup culture on college campuses

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This past week’s Common Hour talk, titled “The New Culture of Sex on Campus,” was brought to us by Lisa Wade, the Associate Professor of Sociology at Occidental College and the author of *American Hookup: The New Culture of Sex on Campus*.

Coming to college, many students initially find the prospect of sexual exploration and casual hookups exciting, but as time goes on, they start to dislike sex on campus. Wade questions why this happens and finds four reasons that cause the change—sexual assault, unequal pleasure in sexual encounters, bias and exclusion of less attractive students, which are often racially driven, and the emotional distress, trauma, and disappointment that comes with hookups.

After studying 101 journals of students with diverse races and sexualities, visiting 70 universities big and small, collecting more than 300 accounts of hookup culture in college newspapers, and reading hundreds of research studies, Wade found that the problem is not the hookup, it is the hookup culture.

There are three broad characteristics of hookup culture. One is that sex is no longer an option, it is an obligation in order to do college “correctly.” The second is that students view the idea of waiting to have an emotional connection before a hookup as boring and old-fashioned. Students are more likely to be shamed for being “prudes” than being “sluts.” The third is that nobody wants to seem “desperate.” Students do everything they can not to show that they want or need anybody.

In today’s campus, it is widely accepted that college is a place to have fun, with sex as part of the “fun” on campus, and women should have “fun” just as much as men. However, these ideas were not always the norm. When colleges were first established, they were exclusive to men who were studying to become ministers. It was a place of tight schedules and rigorous study, not a place to have fun at all, let alone sexual fun. But in the 1930’s things started to change. Colleges started to open up to more people who were not prospective ministers. A new population formed on campus—a group of rich boys with the means and desire to have fun. These wealthy boys formed private social organizations that were dedicated to having fun. They invented the idea of college fun, and this became the iconic and standard way of “doing college.”

These men were the first fraternity brothers. Frat boys had always had sex in

college. They had sex with women in town and with sex workers—women with less power than them. But when colleges became co-ed, affluent, well-educated women with equal social standing began to arrive, and sex became competitive. It became a game among the frat boys to extract sex out of women who were their equals, who were usually sexually conservative, and who had the power to say no. Sex became exploitive and a means to achieve status. Women became the sexual objects that men “take” to gain status among their peers.

This one-sided exploitation began to change in the 1970’s with the second wave of the feminist movement and women’s sexual revolution. Women demanded access to men’s spheres of life and to masculinity. This included the right to enter male-dominated professions like medicine and law, the right to have typically masculine hobbies and personalities—such as being tough, fixing cars, and having casual sex.

Feminists also wanted female spheres of life and feminine qualities to be valued by society. This means that female-dominated professions such as education and nursing are not deemed less valuable, nor will typically feminine characteristics such as being tender, nurturing, and in tune with one’s emotions be deemed as weak and unacceptable. The feminists wanted both, but only got the former. Women feel pressured to be like men. Society encourages women to be leaders and shames them for being housewives. Women wouldn’t feel pressured to be like men if being a woman is valued just the same. The perceived superiority of masculinity is what keeps men and women at different levels of the power hierarchy.

Because of society’s value on masculinity, women think being a strong woman is to be like a man. Thus, they take on the stereotypical male approach to sex. Sexual liberation means doing it the men’s way. In hookup culture, there is a script to the masculine way of hooking up. The script helps students enact “casualness.” There are four strategies for “doing casual.” First is to be drunk. Drunk sex is symbolically different than sober sex. Drunk sex is fun, sober sex is present and emotional.

The second strategy is to “be hot, not warm.” Hookup sex is supposed to be crazy and hot, but it is not supposed to be tender and sweet. This means no kissing or hand-holding. Neither party wants to lead each other on to thinking that they want something more; neither party wants to seem desperate. Hookup sex is supposed to be completely meaningless. In contrast, anything that is not sex, such as a kiss on

the forehead, hand-holding, or even the choice of not having sex seems meaningful by comparison.

The third strategy is “be cool.” After a sexual encounter, both parties will intentionally be aloof, less friendly, even mean. This is to send a clear message that the sex is meaningless and they don’t want anything more. The sexual participants have to suppress both positive and negative emotions towards the sexual encounter because showing emotions means making the sex a bigger deal than it is meant to be. However, it is distressing for both the actor and the receiver of such aloofness, especially if they used to be friendly towards each other. It feels bad to treat coldly and be treated coldly.

The fourth strategy is to “cap your hookups.” You cannot hook up with someone too many times since this implied that you are interested in a relationship.

Since its goal is to avoid emotions, such a script is hard to follow. Human beings are innately emotional creatures, making emotionlessness hard to execute. Moreover, when women perform casualness, it’s less believable than men. Women are always assumed to be wanting a relationship, that’s why they perform extra hard. And since Men assume that women always want to trap them into the relationship, they also perform casualness extra hard. Neither party wants to show that they care more than the other person, so interactions become cooler and cooler, eventually becoming something hurtful and uncomfortable for both.

Because the culture of hookups is competitive, sex becomes a competition to who can extract sexual prowess from the most desirable partner. Everyone wants to tell their friends after a hookup: “you know that guy/girl, yes, the hot and popular one, I scored that.” The nature of such an exploitive, competitive, and status-driven culture leads to assault.

People under the influence of hookup culture are likely to be assaulted or become assaulters themselves. Because sex is about getting something from somebody to benefit oneself, it is not about consent and mutual pleasure. Women often receive unequal pleasure in a hookup. Men are presumed to get an orgasm; women are lucky if they get one. In hookups, caring is off-script, so caring for the other partner’s pleasure is also off-script. This often results in less satisfaction for women.

Since hooking up is also about status, people avoid hooking up with people their friends wouldn’t approve of, which includes those who are not attractive or have low status. This



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Lisa Wade spoke at Common Hour, exploring the topic of hookup culture.



leads to discrimination against black people and other racial minorities, who are often considered less attractive due to America’s racially biased beauty standard.

Wade says that what we need now is a cultural change. First, we need to recognize that feminine aspects of sexuality are also valuable—this includes being more emotional, vulnerable, and tender during sexual encounters. We should think about sex from a cooperative angle instead of a competitive angle. Instead of one person extracting sex out of the other, sex should be status-neutral and cooperative with a focus on mutual pleasure, discovery, and care.

We should also make institutional changes that distribute power more equally on college campuses. In American college, fraternities can host parties with alcohol most easily. Colleges often turn a blind eye towards them because they provide social life and entertainment to students. On the other hand, it is hard for sororities to host parties with alcohol. Additionally, most multicultural organizations don’t have housing, and, if they do, their parties are more closely monitored or more quickly shut down. Since parties are the place where hookups usually happen, and fraternity houses are where the parties are located, fraternity members get to determine how the parties are run and what the hookup culture is. This results in rich, white, heterosexual men having more power than anyone else to influence social and sexual life on campus.

Wade suggests that to change this hookup culture—currently 75% of students report being unsatisfied—we need changes both in our mindsets and in the institutions. Students should be honest about what they want, and more students should be able to influence the culture of hookups.

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Students organize protest in front of Old Main in response to safety concerns

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This past Tuesday, April 10th, students held a protest outside of Old Main that was in response to what they viewed as insufficient concern on the college's part for the safety of its female students. In the words of Anna Zwirn, one of the organizers, "the protest was in direct response to the administration's lack of concern for female students who were reporting assaults done onto them by MProtective officers."

MProtective was hired by F&M in an attempt to make parties safer for students; however, many students argue that the security service has had the opposite effect due to the misbehavior of some of its officers. The response to these reports has many unsatisfied. Zwirn argues, "the firing of MProtective occurred only after students with the privilege to be heard conducted an investigation into specific social media posts created by MProtective officers. Along with numerous clubs such as S.A.V.E., individual students have written to the administration with their concerns about the collective safety of the student body, all of which were immediately silenced. This protest was meant to serve as a space where, regardless of privilege, students could be seen standing in solidarity around an issue that we care deeply about: safety."

According to Zwirn, "Franklin & Marshall seems to consistently silence groups of women, LGBTQ+ students, and students of color. This consistency is alarming, and not a part of the institutional description I was fed on my campus tour as a prospective student. I do not want our administration's lack of concern for any student to be elusive anymore. Because of this, and because I was tired of participating in static conversations that focused on the problems with our campus, I decided it was time to try and create some solutions."

The protest was "cultivated through conversations that occurred in my Sociology of Sexuality class," Zwirn explained, adding that "in planning the event, no other groups on campus were consulted, as it was not meant to be led by any one person or persons, but rather the momentum of current discourses regarding safety were supposed to be carried through each individual student."

And many individual students showed up. Zwirn estimates the number of students in attendance to have been about 120. She was unsure about how many students would show up. On the event's Facebook page, "around 300 students signed up as either 'going' or 'interested,'" so the turnout was expected. Tuesday's protest was directed at the entire administration, and "no one specific

administrator was meant to be targeted," says Zwirn.

In terms of the specific goal of the protest, Zwirn explains it "was to stand silently, in order to allow the voices of marginalized groups, voices that lack privilege, and voices of those who are continually silenced, to be recognized and validated."

According to Zwirn, the event leading up to the protest spanned months: "The discourses occurring among students regarding security, safety, and transparency have grown in the last few months. In response to these discourses, this protest's goal was to combat our institution's continuous support of an oppressive, racist, marginalized, silence-promoting, victim-shaming, and sexual assault perpetuating environment."

Zwirn continued, "many female students came forward to the administration about their concerns regarding how the college handles cases of sexual misconduct, specifically with issues of assault that occurred with MProtective Security. After silencing many groups (females, non cisgender members of our community, students of color - this list is by no means exhaustive) a myriad of times, the administration has made evident to me, and to others, that they do not place the safety and security of its students as its top priority, as they so proudly advertise." In response to the lack of concern she saw, Zwirn took action.

This action includes discussions with members of F&M's administration that occurred prior to Tuesday's demonstration.

Zwirn "[has] met numerous times with President Porterfield, Dean Flores Mills, and Dean Hazlett regarding the issues of safety on this campus over my 4 years. These issues ranged from sexual violence and assault, to the lack of available escorts for students returning from libraries, to the sheer absence of lighting. I have also had extensive talks with the chief of Public Safety regarding the lack of protocols set in place for an active shooter scenario. The school actually prevents public safety officers from running drills in vacant dorms over winter, spring, and summer break. Why? Safety is simply not this administration's priority. Every meeting I had with these administrators ended the same: I was told that the issues would be taken under advisement, but immediate action would have to wait, as there were more pressing issues that needed to be dealt with. I find it hard to prioritize a 'more pressing issue' than student safety and security."

In terms of the success of the protest, Zwirn views it as a "step in the right direction. The duration was only about 15 minutes, which is understandable due to class schedules and prior commitments. But I



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Phi Kappa Sigma hosted their first Seder in honor of Passover for their Jewish brothers. The event welcomed all members of both the fraternity and the community.

do believe that the simple fact that around 120 students attended shows our collective need to be heard." In terms of next steps, Zwirn is hoping that underclassmen will carry on the work of those graduating in May. She stressed again that "no one, regardless of race, privilege, or how they identify, should feel silenced by an institution that claims to value ALL voices. I have personally spoken to a few dozen alumnae, who are outraged by the current campus climate. Many have agreed to pull donations until they see real, concrete action from the administration." Ultimately, Zwirn says, "from an institutional perspective, I hope to see the administration enact a zero tolerance policy for students who are found guilty of sexual assault."

Zwirn urges students to look at their own behavior as well. She explains, "moving forward, I hope that our students, both current and alumnae, can continue to question not only the choices made by our administration, but also our individual choices and how they affect our campus climate. Many students target their anger at the administration; however the larger and more systemic issues come from the students themselves. Before placing blame at an institutional level, we need to take a look at how we perpetuate the very things we are trying to change. We need to ask ourselves, 'are we holding each other accountable?', 'are we actively working to create the inclusive spaces we frequently discuss, but rarely do anything about?', and 'are we willing to accept responsibility for the lack of change in these spaces?'"

This issue matters personally to Zwirn, who since her freshman year, "[has] personally known four women who have been raped at Franklin and Marshall. Each of their cases was brought under the internally handled sexual misconduct advisory board, and in each case, the four perpetrators were found guilty. After being dismissed for one semester, the perpetrators were allowed, after reapplying to the college, to return to

campus, equipped with, among other things, their victim's class schedule (the explanation for this is to prevent them from signing up as the same classes as their victim). Not only were my friends not alerted to the fact that their attackers had returned, some ended up living in the same building as their assailants. After countless questions I, along with others, have posed to the administration at various forums regarding the process of reporting and following through with a sexual assault claim, the answers have been opaque. As one administrator put it, [it is] 'too difficult for me to understand.' What I understand, very clearly in fact, is that my education is valued just as highly as someone who has been found guilty of rape. And that is not something I can sit quietly with. How can anyone be proud of an alma mater that expels students who plagiarize, but not students who rape?"

Zwirn "actively encourages" other F&M students to continue to [voice] their concerns loudly and unapologetically." According to her, "we are a small campus community. Just being an active bystander and speaking up when you know something is wrong, can make a world of difference. Blending in and cowering behind the institutions that hold power does not make an individual any less culpable. Let your frustration with the current systems motivate and push you to speak out not only for yourself, but also for those who do not have the privilege or the voice to do so." She contends that "we, as a student body, should no longer stand behind an institution that refuses to acknowledge the consequences of their uninformed decisions. We should no longer accept current forums where ideas are proposed, but no solutions are created. Instead, we should strive to expand our campus discourse and refuse to tolerate any and all injustice done onto us not only by our administration, but also by each other."

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Senior Editor reviews Netflix show *A Series of Unfortunate Events* based on book

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Season two of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* just dropped on Netflix. The show is based on *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket. The book series was made for children to read. The books are a little darker, filled with vocabulary and grammar related clues, hints and jokes. The books are funny, mysterious, and educational.

The books follow the lives of three siblings who lose their parents in a mysterious fire. They are bounced around from one miserable relative to another, all of them disappearing or dying under mysterious pretenses.

The Baudelaire family, the three orphans, begin their journey with Count Olaf. Count Olaf is an actor with a questionable history, whose plots to steal the Baudelaire fortune are the driving conflict in the series. Count Olaf has no boundaries he will not cross to steal the fortune and it becomes apparent that he had issues with the Baudelaire parents and the secret organization they were a part of.

The Netflix series dedicates two episodes to a book, and works hard to keep the books exactly as they appear. The show is incredible, because of how accurate it is, the settings, and the cast. The show stars Neil Patrick Harris as

Count Olaf, Mallina Weissman as Violet Baudelaire, Louis Hynes as Klaus Baudelaire, Presley Smith as Sunny Baudelaire, and Patrick Warburton as Lemony Snicket.

The show uses many guest actors like Nathan Fillion and Joan Cusack for the roles of the relatives that host the Baudelaire family for a short time or members of the secret organization, the VFD. The sets are meticulous in depicting how Snicket describes in the books, capturing how truly nice or terrible they are. Count Olaf's home filled with dirt and grime juxtaposed to the Judge's home with the grand library and vibrant colors. Each episode is thoughtful and particular.

The show has an amazing 97% rating on Rotten Tomatoes and deservedly so.

The episodes echo the books completely. They are nostalgic in how they work. The setting, the acting, the dialogue, the characters' mannerisms are all part of the show's charm, and perhaps what was missing in the Jim Carrey films.

If you read the books earlier, especially as a child, you should watch the show because it just forces you back into that world, where reading and language was how one could survive the world.

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Season 7 of comedy show *New Girl* premieres on FOX with some fun twists

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This past Tuesday marked the premier of the final season of *New Girl* on FOX. This comedy television series first began in September of 2011 and has since run for seven seasons, starring Zooey Deschanel, Jake Johnson, Max Greenfield, Damon Wayans Jr., Hannah Simone, and Lamorne Morris as the primary cast. *New Girl's* appeal undoubtedly stems from this versatile group of stars, appealing to all genders and age groups alike.

The series follows quirky and bubbly Jess Day (Zooey Deschanel) as she seeks a new apartment post breakup, finding a place in a loft with three single guys (Jake Johnson, Max Greenfield, and Lamorne Morris). Throughout her time living there, Jess becomes friends with her roommates and faces the challenges of pursuing a career

as a teacher, finding love, and becoming an adult alongside them, bringing us to the present season.

The last episode of season six left off with Reagan (Megan Fox) and Nick (Jake Johnson) broken up. Upon hearing the news that they're no longer an item, Jess finds herself unsure about whether she should confess to Nick that she still has romantic feelings for him. Meanwhile Cece finds out that she's pregnant and Aly (Linda Cardellini) discovers the phone number of Winston's absent father and Winston agonizes over calling him.

The episode ends with Jess running to the loft and telling Nick that she loves him, closing on the two kissing in an opening elevator.

The first episode of season seven thus begins with a recap of the ending of the last, showing Jess and Nick kissing in the elevator. Entitled "Three Years Later," the episode then jumps forward three years

to where each of the characters are now, starting with Jess. Though the show opens on Jess linking arms with another man, it quickly becomes clear that he is a friend and that Jess is still happily with Nick. The show then turns to Schmidt and Cece, who are planning a birthday party for their daughter. Next enters Winston and a very pregnant Aly who complains of being treated a certain way because she's pregnant.

The episode is entertaining and full of twists, beginning by suggesting that Jess may have an engagement ring on her finger but later revealing that she is in fact in a finger splint from a Vespa accident during Nick's European book tour for Nick's *Pepperwood Chronicles*. All in all, the episode was a success, teasing the audience with the question of whether Nick will finally propose to Jess and leaving us with the appearance of an ominous notice of a new apartment manager.

The return of Russell (Dermot Mulroney) as a character in the first episode of the final season also raised some questions. Though Russell's presence is explained by his infant son being in the same class as Schmidt and Cece's daughter, it seems that his primary focus is finding a way to get closer to Jess rather than merely enjoying a child's birthday party.

Russell goes as far as to show up at the loft unannounced to offer Jess a job running an education nonprofit that he founded. Watchers were therefore left wondering if there's perhaps more motivation to giving the job to Jess than merely thinking she'd be well suited to it, and that maybe "fancyman" is throwing his hat into the ring as a prospective love interest once again.

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The Onion Dip: The College Reporter's new satirical column

Silent protest quelled with water balloons thrown from old main

BY KT THOMAS
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Some say it was the overcast, chilly day. Others blame the stress of making it to class on time. But, inside sources state that the silent protest, known as "Take Back Our Campus" was halted early on Tuesday by the faculty's own immature acts. With its growing traction on Facebook in the prior weeks, "Take Back Our Campus" was deemed to be the biggest campus demonstration since 2006, when students rose up against the administration to

protest the squirrel infestation on Hartman. However, when the clock struck 11:35am and the first bright blue water balloon hit the pavement, students were seen fleeing from the towering Old Main in a panic.

One of our reporters strategically got a quote from a faculty member said to be at the site.

"It was quiet. Eerily quiet for a Tuesday during passing time, so I looked out my window from Old Main, and low and behold... a protest!

Now, you can understand my shock, and as a veteran I did what any sane person would do and

started filling up the excess balloons from that '100 Days Until Graduation' party with water, cold coffee, and whatever liquid I could find in the break room fridge. The rest of the staff was quick to help when they saw an opportunity to silence some students."

What followed was a deluge of multicolored orbs, exploding and splashing students left and right. Fully drenched and even more confused, students swiftly departed the scene, muttering all the while about such an inappropriate response to the seemingly rational request for better campus safety.

Retaliation from the students was swift, however, coming in the form of a large shipment of whoopee cushions strategically placed in Old Main and in various faculty offices around campus.

When asked about the rationale, the student organizer responded, "We've tried meetings, we've tried protesting, but I guess silence isn't going to work, so maybe they'll listen to *this*."

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First-year Anna Goorevich recaps this week of Champions League quarterfinal events. Read more below...



NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs kicked off this past Wednesday. Read more below...

Franklin & Marshall Sports

Champions League QF, Barcelona stunned, Liverpool progresses

BY ANNA GOOREVICH
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As promised, the Champions League quarterfinals that were held the past two weeks have been nothing short of thrilling. There has been surprising wins, unexpected comebacks, and some of the greatest goals all packed into the month of April. Without further ado, let's recap all the action.

Like all Champions League match-ups, each team plays their opponent twice: one leg played at their home stadium and a second leg played at their opponents stadium. In order to determine who moves on to the semifinals, the scores of the two games are combined into an aggregate score. In the event of a tie, the team that scores the most goals at their opponents stadium wins.

To start off the action, Real Madrid dominated against Italian giants Juventus winning 3-0 after a Cristiano Ronaldo brace and another added on by defender Marcelo. However, what most people will remember about this game is not the score, but Ronaldo's overhead goal, or a bicycle goal, which many are calling one of the greatest goals scored in Champions League history.

On the same day, Germany's Bayern Munich defeated Spanish underdogs Sevilla 2-1 off of goals by Jesus Navas and Thiago.

First leg action did not stop there. One of the most anticipated match-ups was between two English powerhouses: Manchester City and Liverpool FC. Manchester City is currently dominating all of the competition in the English Premier League as they've nearly secured the Premier League title while sitting unopposed at the top of the table. Most people favored Manchester City to win, especially since they're 17 points ahead of Liverpool in the Premier League. However, Liverpool pulled off a miracle by winning 3-0, shocking many soccer fans around the world.

FC Barcelona competed against AS Roma and won 4-1 with the help from two Roma own goals. However, the drama stirring up between these two teams was only just beginning.

The second leg of games began the next week and competition started with Barcelona playing Roma. To everyone's surprise, Roma came back from a three goal deficit and won 3-0 this leg, which had the teams tied 4-4 on aggregate. However, since Roma had more away goals than Barca, Roma moves forward to the semifinals while Barca is eliminated. Undoubtedly embarrassed by their lackadaisical performance, Barcelona, and especially their typically dominant strike force of Messi and

Suarez are receiving backlash from fans and critics alike. On the other hand, Roma fans were in hysterics over their unexpected win, with even a Roman newspaper suggesting the night was one of the "most beautiful nights in the history of Roma."

In another exciting match, Liverpool extended their lead against the distraught Manchester City team by winning 2-1 after goals by Salah and Firmino. Liverpool fans can be happy to know that their team will be advancing to the semifinals next month.

In the other match-ups, Bayern tied Sevilla 0-0 to secure their spot to the semifinals on a 2-1 aggregate.

However, more excitement ensued when Real Madrid encountered

Juventus again last week. Juventus nearly pulled off another Champions League miracle by defeating Real Madrid 3-1, however, Ronaldo presented himself as the hero of the night by burying a late penalty kick to secure Real Madrid's spot in the semifinals.

For the semifinals, Roma will play Liverpool while Bayern Munich will face off against Real Madrid.

With all the excitement that's been packed into the quarterfinals, the semifinals will be sure to please when they kick off at the end of April.

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In this past week in the Champions League quarterfinal, teams such as Real Madrid and Liverpool have progressed through a tough week of matches.

NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs kicked off this past week, many strong match-ups

BY GABBY GOODWIN
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This past Wednesday, the Stanley Cup Playoffs began, with two Canadian teams in action. Both Winnipeg and Toronto standing as legitimate contenders for the Cup, in a national hope to break a 25-year drought. Matchups for the week are numerous and highly anticipated for NHL fans throughout the country, because as we all well know, in the playoffs, anything can happen.

In the Eastern Conference, the Tampa Bay Lightning face off against the NJ Devils. Neither of the teams reached the playoffs a year ago, however, exceeded all expectations throughout the season. While the Devils were not even on the map, the Lightning were a popular pre-season pick to win the Stanley Cup because of their strong early start. Though the Lightning hold a 16-point advantage over the Devils, their defense might not be strong enough to withstand the Devils' attack.

Next up, the Boston Bruins versus the Toronto Maple Leafs. In the

NHL this season, Toronto was the 7th-best team; however, facing off against Boston, the 4th-best team league-wide, the Maple Leafs will be put to the test in the first round of the playoffs. In 2013, the Maple Leafs went 7 games versus Boston and ended up blowing a 4-1 lead and falling in overtime. This playoff season, Toronto refuses to let that happen again.

With the hopes of becoming the first three-peat winners since the Islanders in the 1980s, the back-to-back Stanley Cup Champions, the Pittsburgh Penguins, face off against the Philadelphia Flyers. In a city that has already won a Super Bowl and a NCAA basketball championship this season, Philadelphia will put their in-state rivals to the test. The last time these two teams faced off in the postseason was in 2012 in a 6-game series where goals were going in all over the place.

Finally, in the first round highlight of the playoffs, in the Western Conference, the Anaheim Ducks face off against the San Jose Sharks. The Ducks have reached

two of the past three West finals, and the Sharks got to the Cup final just two years ago. Injuries to key players from both teams (Anaheim's Cam Fowler and San Jose's Joe Thornton) have issued a call for to lean a little more on their depth. In the first matchup of the postsea-

son, either team has the potential to come out of the West, but will have to make it through a tough series right off the bat.

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This past Wednesday started the beginning of the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs. Matches, such as the Lightning versus the Devils, proved to be exciting for all.