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Get to know Grossman House

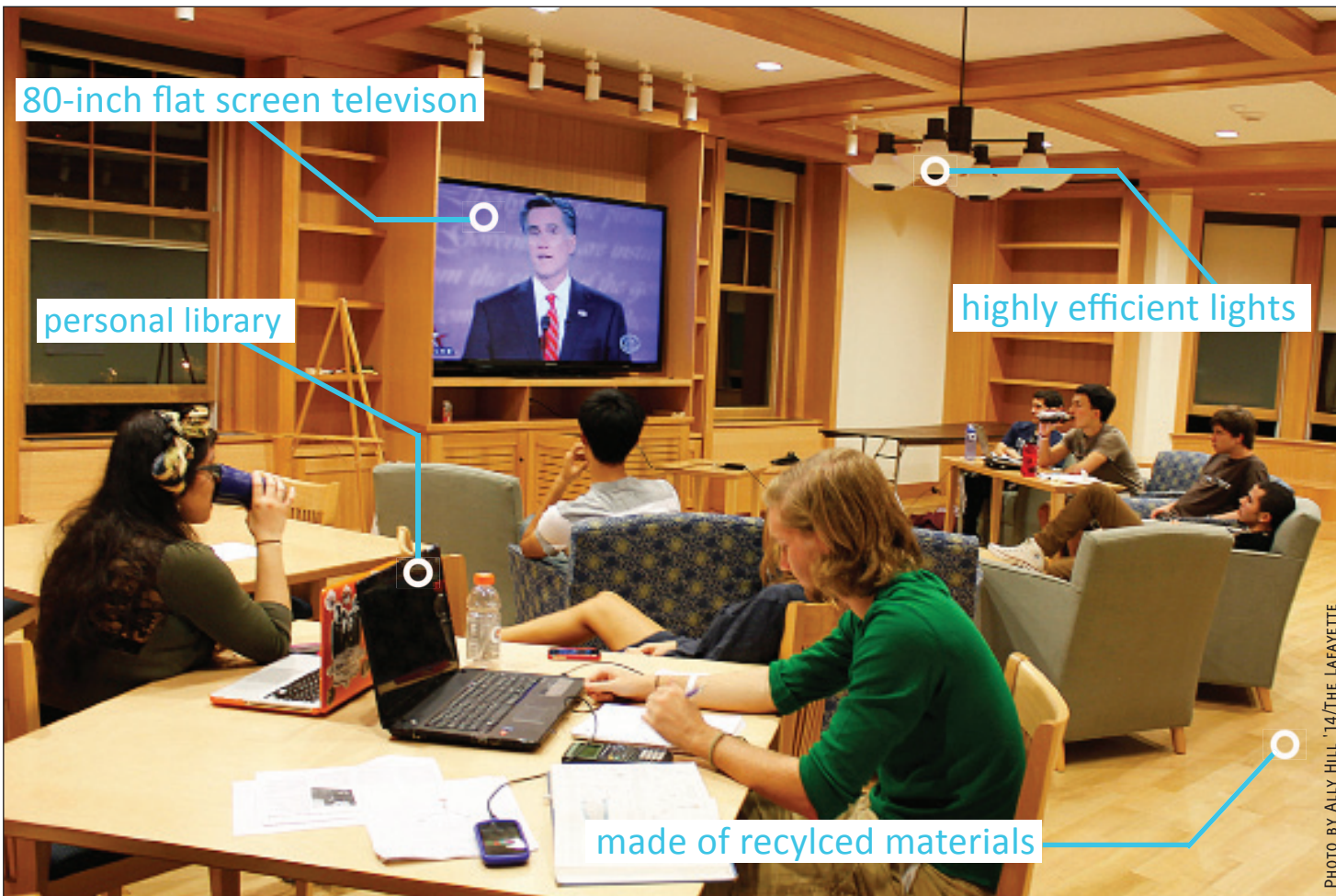


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Students study and hang out in the living room of the new Grossman House for Global Perspectives.

By Anda Totoreanu '15
& Shay Gingras '16

The 80-inch flat screen may have turned you green with envy. Or perhaps it was the indoor bike racks that piqued your fancy. Either way, this renovated residence, formerly home to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, is raising the standards for Lafayette dorms.

The Grossman House for Global Perspectives is a "new initiative to create an intimate community with a deep co-curricular anchor in globalization," according to the Office of Residence Life website. The house was made possible by a donation from Trustee Richard Grossman '64 and his wife, Rissa.

The inaugural group of 25 students—one-third international, one-third with experience abroad, and another third

without—is getting the ball rolling.

"I think one of our advisors put it well [when he said that] this whole idea of globalization that we stand for is more like a 'greased pig,'" said Steve Allaico '15. "So we're still trying to pin it down ourselves and try to see where that takes us."

Last weekend, Grossman held an open house. Many attended, visiting five suites that focused on five different regions of the world. Visitors could sample food, listen to foreign music, admire costumes and even speak a little Swahili.

Many suites ran out of food early and had to cook more.

"There were a lot of people who came and seemed to enjoy it," Ivy Dewitt '14 said. "But now we're trying to be more low-key and build up internally by having discussions about globalization and what it means to us and then build off of that

for some bigger events later in the year."

"We are in the process of cementing our plans and as soon as we have [then], we will let the whole campus know especially for external events," Raymond Macharia '15 said. "Being the first such group, we have no previous record to go on, so we're really inventing the wheel here."

But everyone involved believes that Grossman House is a necessary addition to the campus.

"The reason I take time away from other things important to me is that it's going to strengthen the school, and improve what we do here," said Associate Professor of Anthropology and volunteer house adviser William Bissell. "We're trying to be more sophisticated in a global domain; connect residential life to curricular efforts, bridging different aspects."

The students of Grossman recognize

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For college couples, is marriage on the table?

By Sabrina Mastronardo '15

For Donovan and Tori Hayes, college romance blossomed into marriage. But, according to a national study, this couple is bucking a trend.

From 2009 to 2010 alone, marriages between people aged 18-24 dropped 12.5 percent, according to Pew Research Center Analysis of American Community Survey. In 1960, the average marriage age was approximately 21 years old; today, it is 27, according to Pew.

Here at Lafayette, many students said marriage takes a backseat to independence and career advancement. Some also feel they are missing out on the "college experience" by staying committed to just one person.

However, for a select group of Lafayette students, marriage is a real option.

Meet Anna Pellecchia '13 and James Rippeon '13, both Lafayette students who met in a political science class. They have been inseparable ever since. Rippeon proposed this summer.

Although engaged, both feel they have not "missed out" on college life. Rippeon is the president of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and Pellecchia the president of Pi Beta Phi



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Madame de Lafayette revealed

By Michelle Oertner '16

When the mysterious silhouette of Madame de Lafayette was revealed on September 24, it marked the first series of its kind. Considering its newness, many people still do not know exactly what it is all about. According to Jessica Silverman '14, head of the Madame series, the series is a way for Lafayette's six sororities to become more involved with the rest of the campus, including faculty, administrators, other campus organizations and non-Greek students.

Several different departments and organizations are involved in making this month-long series happen. The sororities worked with the Women and Gender Studies Department, the Psychology Department, QuEST, Landis, the Athletic Department, and the Martial Arts Club, among others, to develop the different events and programs that Madame de Lafayette has brought to the campus.

Silverman said that the events in this series are meant to "frame what it means to be a woman in the twenty-first century, from many different aspects." These events range from an inspirational speaker to a self-defense class

to a day of speaking with women from a local jail while having lunch. Other events include a comedian, movie screenings, and a day of celebrating one's own body.

The Madame de Lafayette series was initially inspired by last spring's Greek Town Halls, led by Celestino Limas, John McKnight, and the IAGGL, along with the school's calls for more interaction between the sororities and the rest of campus. It is not only meant to be about what it means to be a woman, but also to show that Lafayette as a whole can come together on a collaborative project.

sorority and Varsity Cheerleading Captain.

Upon hearing the news, Pellecchia's friends were happy for her but a bit skeptical.

"They did think it was a little soon, since the [engagement occurred] only after nine months of dating," Rippeon said. "A lot of my friends were questioning it at first. They did not really understand my motivations for [becoming engaged] until I told them why." Other students are more wary of getting married so soon.

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DNA damage discussed

By Ariana Giorgi '13

If you are wondering whether Lafayette will prepare you for an education beyond a bachelor's degree, Dr. Barry Sleckman, '83, may have a few encouraging words. Sleckman obtained his M.D. and Ph.D. at Harvard Medical School following his undergraduate years at Lafayette. He is currently a professor in pathology and immunology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and the Director of the Division of Laboratory Medicine, overseeing clinical labs.

Interested students and professors alike crowded into Kunkel 102 last Thursday to learn about the opportunities for developing new cancer theories. Sleckman described the types of damage DNA can undergo, how the body makes multiple efforts to prevent the progression of bad cells and how the body attempts to repair the cell. The double strand break, Sleckman said, is the most dangerous kind of break and is most commonly associated with cancer.

Sleckman uses these findings to construct new ways to explore cancer therapies and

plans to continue to further educate himself on other topics during his sabbatical beginning in January. "Right now we treat cancer based on the organ," said Sleckman, reflecting on research to come. "I think what is ahead of us in the next 10 to 20 years as we learn more... is the development of therapies that are based on specific pathway defects in cancer cells."

During an interview following the presentation, Sleckman attributed his interest in immunology and cancer research to the late Lafayette biology professor Mary Claflin Bradford's course in immunology. When asked about how students at Lafayette pursuing medical school can promote their applications, Sleckman explained that three things are most essential.

"Two are pretty obvious: one is decent grades and the other is decent MCAT scores. But the third is passion," Sleckman said. "You need to show people that when you're committed to something, you can do good things with [that commitment]."

Inviting Sleckman to campus was Professor Robert Kurt in the biology department. Kurt currently is doing research with students on campus in tumor im-

munology and studying how the system responds to cancer. Kurt said that he asked Sleckman to return to Lafayette because he is a successful Lafayette alumna, has done incredible work, and believes it is important for students to see the research being done at larger universities (Washington University in St. Louis has about 14,000 students).

"[Dr. Sleckman] is a big name in the field," Kurt said.

Within the audience was Melroy D'souza '13, a neuroscience major, who was surprised to learn how multi-faceted a problem cancer can be. D'souza explained that Dr. Sleckman's visit also encouraged him to consider a career in lab science more seriously.

"I spoke with Dr. Sleckman prior to the lecture, and he advised me to do some research prior to medical school," said D'souza. "I think it's impressive that someone who's been so successful is willing to come back... [and] just sit down, talking to students to give them advice," Kurt added.

Sleckman's success is an inspiration to for students to be propelled by their passions, and then, maybe one day, return to Lafayette and share their stories.

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that their mission overlaps with the mission of other groups like ISA and Amnesty International, which also explore globalization and emphasize diversity.

"I think Grossman's mission is to not overtake anyone else but it's more of a collaboration thing because we're really new and we're still getting our footing," Dewitt said. "We think by understanding and collaborating with other groups it improves our quality and the quality of other organizations."

Residents are pleased with Grossman's facilities. Each suite comes with a shower, a full kitchen and a large living space. In addition to a library, the house is green. It is made partially of recycled materials and uses highly efficient lighting.

"The generous donation, which made this happen, has gone a long way into emphasizing Lafayette's international outlook," said Macharia. "Through such meaningful investments, Lafayette clearly proves that is not all talk."

Students to host election night

By Matthew Mitterhoff '16

This year on Election Night, November 6, Lafayette will host a live broadcast covering the election and student reactions.

The broadcast, called "Fifty States of Grey," is part of Professor Mark Crain's Economics 373 class, called "Election Night."

The name of the broadcast is a play on words from E.L. James' romantic, erotic novel *Fifty Shades of Grey*. "In politics, there's no black or white," Producer Austin Denesuk '14 said. "There are so many problems in politics right now, so many shades of grey."

"The whole point of it was to try and find a way to make politics interesting to kids our age." Alison Dally '13, another producer, said. "It's something that everyone understands—it's a pop culture phenomenon."

The broadcast will be divided into political and entertainment segments. The night will start with a pre-show, featuring music by campus groups. Farion Atrium will be turned into makeshift television studio, complete with a professional production company.

Political teams of different students will cover election results as they come in. Ed O'Brien '16, a Democratic Analyst for the program, will

cover the democratic response to the election results. Student anchors will give commentary as others demonstrate the election's outcomes on a green screen, changing states from grey to red or blue.

The production will also feature students discussing different issues. Pre-taped modules discussing different sides of the

election will also be shown.

Tune in to Ed O'Brien on Mondays from 5-6 on WRJH to listen to 60 Minutes of Grey for more information on the election and the broadcast, and tune in on the night of Tuesday, November 6 to watch the "Fifty States of Grey" on televisions all over campus.



CRIME LOG

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9/24/12 Theft

A female reported the theft of cash from her wallet at South College. She noticed the money missing after a party on September 15 at approximately 2300 hrs. Student did not wish to pursue charges. Referred to Dean of Students. (J. Meyer)

9/26/12 Criminal Mischief

At 3:01 p.m., male student reported a male student entered his unlocked room at McKeen Hall and urinated on the floor and fled area. Incident under investigation. (T. Miller)

9/26/12 Poss. of Controlled Substance

At 8:20 a.m., while assisting Forks Twp. Police Detectives, a student was found in possession of a small amount of marijuana in his room at Easton Hall. Referred to Dean of Students. (J. Meyer)

9/28/12 Criminal Mischief

At 8:42 a.m., employee reported an exit sign damaged at Kamine Hall third floor. Incident under investigation. (M. Free)

9/29/12 Theft

At 12:51 a.m., a female reported a male removed a directional sign from the temporary construction area at McKeen Hall. Incident under investigation. (J. Hughes)

9/29/12 Criminal Mischief

At 2:15 a.m., officer reported a ceiling light fixture damaged at Kamine Hall third floor. Incident under investigation. (J. Hughes)

9/29/12 Criminal Mischief

At 10:25 a.m., student reported a broken exit sign on the first floor of Kirby House. Incident under investigation. (M. Free)

9/30/12 Purch., Consume., Poss., Trans. of Liquor

At 12:32 a.m., officers responded to a medical assist at South College for an underage male who had consumed alcoholic beverages. Due to the Good Samaritan policy no charges will be filed. Referred to Dean of Students. (T. Miller)

9/30/12 Poss. of Controlled Substance

At 2:30 a.m., a student was found in possession of a small amount of marijuana in his room at McKeen Hall. Referred to Dean of Students. (J. Hughes)

9/30/12 Criminal Mischief

At 2:53 a.m., female student reported a broken window in the third floor hallway of McKeen Hall. Incident under investigation. (K. Heil)

9/29/12 Criminal Mischief

At 12:43 a.m., male student reported criminal mischief to the bathroom on the second floor and a damaged exit sign in the basement of McKeen Hall. Incident under investigation. (W. Brantley)

9/30/12 Littering

At 12:51 a.m., female student reported someone had knocked over a recycling can on McCartney Street (200 blk) and there was broken glass in the roadway. Incident under investigation. (K. Heil)

9/30/12 Harassment

At 6:10 p.m., female student reported being harassed by a male student via e-mail and on campus. Referred to Dean of Students. (C. Hallock/ AD Meyer)

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