

Father of Trayvon Martin to hold talk in King

Martin's appearance sparks discussion about race relations on campus

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Tracy Martin, the father of Trayvon Martin, will be holding a talk entitled "The Trayvon Martin Story" on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in King Concert Hall. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Union, the President's Office, the Ethnic Studies Program, the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; the Women's Student Union; and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Each week of Black History Month has a different theme, with social justice summing up this week's theme of events.

After losing his son in an altercation with neighborhood watch coordinator George Zimmerman in the winter of 2012, Martin has made it his mission to raise awareness about the importance of protecting children. This news comes in light of the shootings that have occurred within the past year — that have left a handful of black men dead and the topic of racism is front and

U.S. News and World Report rated colleges based on how diverse their student bodies are for the 2013-2014 school year. The closer a college is to 1 the more diverse its campus is. On the national level, Rutgers University scored the highest with a score of .76. The standards were based off of the probability that any two people chosen at random from a given school are of different races or ethnicities. Fredonia's ranking is placed on the northern regional universities, and it received a score

Despite its low score on US News and World report, Fredonia is part of the SUNY effort to increase diversity on all campuses. The minority population across all 64 SUNY campuses is 126,386 with a good part of it coming from a black population of well over 46,000.

"I have friends from a ton of different races on campus. I've never had an issue with anyone discriminating against anyone," said Harley Jones, a sophomore finance and accounting major.

"I see more diversity and acceptance of other people's cultures," said Omari Davis, a senior theater major.

While adding numbers to the diversity checklist is a great achievement, it's the level of comfort minority students feel on capus upon which students disagree.

"In the past year, I think I've seen a lot more minorities on campus mix together than before," said Jones.

"I do notice that certain races do tend to stick together. You always see groups of Asians together and African-Americans together. There doesn't seem to be a lot of integrating of races," said McCrady Magwood, a junior social work major.

While it is a great feat to have more minorities on campus, many of them feel as if a certain element is still missing.

"They expect me to know more about the Asian culture, how North Koreans are supposed to be," said Woo Jung, an international studies and political science major. "Two years ago there was that bomb threat by North Korea and people were asking me what we [South Korea] are going to do, and I didn't know because we weren't sure about what North Koreans were going to do."

Jung came to America her

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University sanctioned **FRED Fest** cancelled this year

JORDYN HOLKA Managing Editor

FRED Fest has been a hot topic of conversation since Dr. David Herman's visit to last week's General Assembly meeting on Feb.5 and his subsequent follow-up email to the entire student body this past Monday, Feb. 9. His message is clear: as far as the university is concerned, there will be no FRED Fest this year. See FRED Fest page A-5

Korean government puts end to 1+3 program

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represent students at Fredonia from Korea. Since Fall 2011, the 1+3 Program, led by Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) and Fredonia, has been sending students from Korea to Fredonia. This 1+3 Program is a Memorandum of Understanding between Fredonia and HUFS.

"SUNY Fredonia has signed an agreement with the Hankuk

University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) in South Korea that will ultimately bring 120 to 160 Korean students to the SUNY least a couple students chatting in November 2012. The numbers above Fredonia campus each year to in Korean. study for three of their traditional four years of college-level instruction," said Fredonia's press release in September 2010.

Students in this program receive one year of education at HUFS and three years of education at Fredonia, graduating with a bachelor's degree from

In February 2012, if

anyone stopped by Starbucks or universities that were running went to Cranston to grab a bite, that person would have heard at

But what happened? Now it's February 2015; Korean is barely heard anywhere.

This is what happened:

After the first students from Korea arrived in Fredonia to start their sophomore year, the Korean Ministry of Education and Science Technology (equivalent to the US Department of Education) ordered 20 Korean

either a 1+3 or 2+2 Program to stop and discontinue the program

Its reasoning was that what the Korean universities were doing was actually "cheating":

"The 20 domestic universities violated the Special Act on Foreign Country Education Institution by recruiting and managing students on behalf of foreign universities," addressed the Ministry of Education and Science in its statement See Korean exchange page A-3

Senior class to gift fountain

Announcement made during '100 Days 'till graduation' celebration

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If you have ever been to Cranston Marche, you are likely to have seen the large, stained glass windows that adorn the face of University Commons.

If you are more of a Tim Hortons enthusiast, the gazebo between the Williams Center and the residence halls has probably caught your eye more than once.

"When you walk around campus and you see the different gifts that the other classes have left [...] it just kind of gives you a sense of pride for Fredonia, a sense of what it means to be a Fredonian and just kind of embellishes all of the things that make you proud to be from this alma mater," said Senior Challenge committee member Antonio Regulier, a See senior gift page A-2



Men's basketball:

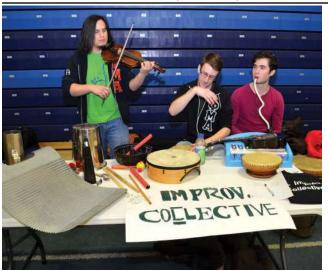
The high point of the men's basketball season may have come a week ago, when the team was able to pick up its first SUNYAC victory over Potsdam.

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Harper Lee's new novel:

Earlier this week, HarperCollins Publishers announced Harper Lee, the Pulitzer Prizewinning novelist of "To Kill a Mockingbird," is set to publish her second novel in July - 55 years after the first novel's publication.

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ACTIVITIES







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Top left: Improv Collective displays their improvisational talents right at their Activities Night table to acquire new members. Top middle: Premium Blend performs to an excited crowd at Spectrum Activities Night event.

Top right: Members of STEPS (Students Teaching Equals Positive Sexuality) pose in front of their Activities Night table. Bottom Left: Spectrum Entertainment E-board members pose proudly after executing a successful Activities Night event.

Bottom middle: Shelby Buckman, junior, gets interviewed by Fred Before Bed host, Brendan Hoare, Senior, about her involvement with STEPS.

Bottom right: Abbey Kracker and Director of Fredonia's Vocal Jazz, show off their display for auditions.

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senior social work and English double major.

This year's gift, which was announced at the 100 Days Until Graduation celebration, will be either a granite or cast iron outdoor fountain.

As senior class president and, therefore, head of the Senior Challenge committee, public relations major Anthony Mercedes leads the committee that was presented with the challenge of choosing the gift that the class of 2015 would leave to Fredonia.

"This is the whole point of the fundraising that the Senior Challenge committee does," said Mercedes. "We fundraise to leave our mark on this campus. So, I wanted to make sure that the gift would beautify the campus, instill tradition and at the same time, give back."

Mercedes and the 32 members of the Senior Challenge Committee set out to accomplish their goal with those three characteristics in

"Now,' we thought, 'since the fountain will beautify the campus, how can we make something that instills tradition," said Mercedes. "This is when we brought in the idea of making a wish. So, on the day of commencement, all of the seniors that are graduating will walk to the fountain and make a wish for what's to come."

After a discussion with Virginia President Horvath, it was decided that the new students arriving at Fredonia each year would also be included in

the tradition. When they gather as a class for the first time in King Concert Hall, President Horvath will suggest that the students make a wish in the fountain their four years at Fredonia.

"After that, we said, 'How can we give back?" said Mercedes. "That's when we came up with the idea of, once every semester, collecting all the money in the fountain and giving it to a local charity of our choice."

The committee members will choose their top three charities later in the semester. Every member of the senior class will receive an email with a brief description of each charity and will be able to vote for the one they would like to

In order to reach its goal of \$12,000, the committee held fundraisers both 200 and 100 days prior to graduation. Before the money they collected from the 100 Days Until Graduation event, which was celebrated on Thursday

"You have 100 days here. What are you going to do with those 100 days?,"

-Anthony Mercedes

Feb.5, the committee had already raised \$3,685.

In the past, the committee, along with the Foundation House, has held a phone-a-thon to raise money for Senior Challenge. This year, they decided to take a different approach.

"Parents have been asked to donate before, but this time we are asking parents specifically of the seniors to contribute toward the senior class project, which includes the fountain and also the

Thomas Dean scholarship," said director of Alumni Affairs, Patty Feraldi.

The committee will be sending out donation letters to the parents of the graduating seniors asking them for a donation of \$20.15 to contribute to the 2015 senior class

With unity the forefront fundraising, members of Fredonia community.

addition In the several events they have already hosted,

a Chiavetta's chicken barbeque fundraiser is in the works for later in the semester.

"We want students to feel a sense of family at Fredonia," said Feraldi. "The people that you are close with here, your good friends, will be your best friends for life. You'll be able to talk to them 10 years from now and it will be like you saw them yesterday."

A senior expo will be held March 24, from 5-6:30 p.m. in University Commons. Cosponsored by the senior class, Campus Life and the Alumni Office, the event will give seniors the chance to meet with members of the Career Development Office, purchase a cap and gown and meet with insurance agencies.

"It's an opportunity for the seniors, to help them transition back into real life," said Feraldi.

Even with the thought of leaving their Fredonia bubbles committee and entering the "real world" hanging over their heads, and commencement creeping closer by the day, the seniors hold near and dear to them the simple things that made them happy before they began their journey four - or maybe more — years ago.

> "I've got a lot of laundry and I'm starving," said Regulier. "So, I'm ready to go back to my momma's house before Sallie Mae starts calling for those loans."

But the students of the class of 2015 have some time left at Fredonia before they have to start worrying too much about repaying their debts.

honestly, it's breathtaking in all the right ways," said Mercedes. "It's one of those things that you just stop and you just start contemplating. You have 100 days here. What are you going to do with those 100 days?"

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notification.

No one was talking about this in Fredonia; however, it became a hot potato in Korea. Articles related to this issue were flooding newspapers and online news sites. Parents who had just sent their sons and daughters to Fredonia started calling them to see if everything was alright here. Friends in Korea contacted them asking if what they had heard was true.

As people started questioning, both HUFS and Fredonia had their hearing December sessions 2012 explaining what was misunderstood and what was true. Mary Sasso, former director of International Education Center, expressed her concern over the ministry's ruling and explained to the students that the 1+3 Program is legitimate within the U.S. higher education laws and students who are already in the program are not disadvantaged based on the ruling.

However, students who were already recruited by the 20 universities for the Spring 2012 semester asked for solutions since they had to wait for another year to take the national college entrance examination to apply for schools. The Ministry of Education and Science replied, saying, "This year's (2012) enrolled students will be able to finish their curriculum until

Dec. 12, which is the end date of the 1-year education at Korean university." For the students recruited for 2013, the ministry said they were going to assign study abroad business enterprises or third party education institutions to teach ESL programs.

What wasn't explained to them was where and how their money was being used. Although the students who participated

in the 1+3 Program studied their first year at the Korean university, they paid the state

university's out-of-state tuition fee — which is around \$20,000 a year — because they were considered exchange students to the state university.

According to a source related to private university personnel, Korean universities would receive 20 to 40 percent commission on each student, making a profit of millions of dollars. In 2011, HUFS made a profit of \$4.7 million from the 1+3 Program, half of which went to the school income according to the Ministry of Education and Science. For state universities, recruiting students from other states and countries is a huge profit, as well, because they pay

their tuition fees, which are two or three times higher than what a state resident pays. Especially in times like these when the state universities' financial situation is getting worse, the 1+3 Program could have been a great opportunity to fill the gap.

What's even funnier is that the ministry had already been aware of this issue since early 2011. It avoided this issue for two years and then suddenly

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Jong-ho Ahn, action officer of

University Support Division at

the Ministry of Education and

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Ho-seok Yang, the deputy

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director of Lifelong Learning Policy Division at the Ministry of Education and Science. "Foreign universities are making agreements with Korean universities to recruit students because they depend on international students since their tuition fee takes about 40 percent of the entire student body," said Yang.

"Rather than debating on the universities' action being

illegal or not, we need to think about whether the domestic universities performing a role as a study abroad broker by running

this program is desirable or not," emphasized Yang.

About a week after the Ministry's ruling, HUFS announced that they would discontinue their 1+3 Program on Dec. 9, 2012.

"We still believe that the 1+3 Program doesn't contain anything that is legally wrong, but violating the Ministry's order would result in illegality, so we have come to this decision," said HIJES

HUFS has also claimed they are different from the rest of the domestic universities because they are running as a headquarter after concluding an agreement with SUNY schools and that students who are recruited are considered as exchange students from SUNY schools.

However, the Ministry of Education and Science refuted HUFS' claim because they were also recruiting students for foreign universities — not their own — and had a private study abroad business enterprise as a middleman, which isn't much different from what other universities did.

Im, one of the recruited students at Chung-Ang University, filed a withdrawn lawsuit against the Ministry of Education but lost it at the first trial and was dismissed in the court of appeals in September 2014

Korean Higher Education Research Institute, an organization that analyzes the current condition of higher education from various aspects such as its condition, finance and policy, addressed that this whole scandal came from the ugly combination of money being the power and academic clique which is prevalent in Korean society.

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As the numbers show, after 83 students came to Fredonia in 2012, the number of students from Korea has plummeted to 0 in 2015.

The 1+3 Program is long gone. And now, so are Koreans.



···· POLICE BLOTTERS

University

Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

8:55 p.m. Contraband was turned in to a Grissom Hall Residence Assistant. The contraband was secured by University Police and a report was filed.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015

5:25 a.m. The burglar alarm went off at the Faculty Student Association Commissary. The area was cleared, everything was okay and a report was filed.

5:32 p.m. A cell phone was found on the sidewalk between Dods Hall and Mason Hall. A report was filed.

6:30 p.m. A bike was found in lot 9A. The item was secured and a report was filed.

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015

1:56 p.m. Charles Mussen, age 19, who was named a Persona Non Grata after getting arrested on a felony marijuana charge, was seen on campus with a forged drivers license. Mussen was promptly arrested.

12:56 p.m. A wallet was found in the Williams Center. A message was left with the owner.

4:02 p.m. A vehicle was struck in lot 10, and the offender left the scene. Pictures and a statement were taken and a report was filed.

7:35 p.m. The burglar alarm went off in the Foundation House. Nothing was found and a report was filed.

9:21 p.m. A ring was found in Steele Hall during Activities Night. The item was stored and a report was filed.

9:52 p.m. Persona Non Grata Charles Mussen, age 19, was reported attempting to enter Schulz Hall. This, being the second time Mussen was seen on campus, a request for a warrant/summons was filed, statements were taken and Mussen was Promptly arrested.

Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015

12:15 a.m. Brett A. Baker, age 18, was arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol after he was caught smoking in his room.

10:35 a.m. Glasses and a calculator were found in the Science Center. A report was filed.

Friday, Feb. 6, 2015

6:15 a.m. There was a third party report of harassment. The victim was contacted and wanted no action. A report was filed.

2:58 p.m. Matthew G. Garcia, age 18, Julian S. Brown-Priceman, age 18, Rene A. Sanchez, age 18, and Dean M. Calcaterra, age 18, were arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana in Chautauqua Hall. Evidence was collected and four appearance tickets were issued.

3:00 p.m. Car keys were found near McGinnies Hall. A report was filed.

6:40 p.m. A vehicle towed due to a crash on Ring Road.

 $8{:}06\ p.m.$ Keys and money were found on campus. A report was filed.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015

2:14 p.m. A FREDCard was found. A report was filed and the item was stored.

3:30 p.m. A vehicle was struck by an unknown source in lot 6. Pictures were taken and a report was filed.

3:53 p.m. Residence Director Eric Hotchkiss' car was damaged in lot 22. Pictures and a statement were taken and a report was filed.

5:37 p.m. The burglar alarm went off in the Faculty Student Association Office. A report was filed.

8:42 p.m. Visitor Ethan T. Morgan, age 22, was acting disorderly in Steele Hall. Morgan was arreseted for open container and a report was filed.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015

1:42 a.m. Visitor Daniel J. Mattle, age 19, was found urinating in lot 16. A report was filed and Mattle was issued an appearance ticket for violating the sewer ordinance.

2:24 a.m. Christopher T. Bove, age 19, and visitor Connor J. Cougle, age 19, were hanging onto the back of the Coach bus when the bus was in motion. Both were in possession of fake licenses and were arrested. A report was filed.

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Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

4:40 p.m. Rebecca G. Hoth, age 22, was issued two traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and an expired inspection.

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015

6:40 p.m. Jessica L. Reynolds, age 22, was held on \$250 bail for criminal mischief in the fourth degree and harassment in the 2nd degree.

Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015

11:25 a.m. Imre A. Ulici, age 22, was issued two traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and having no insurance.

Friday, Feb. 6, 2015

1:33 a.m. Jamie M. Brooks, age 22, was issued a traffic ticket for disorderly conduct.

3:30 p.m. Evan P. Kicman, age 21, was issued a traffic ticket for using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.

8:40 p.m. Bradley Perkins, age 27, was issued an appearance ticket for unlawful possession of marijuana, and a traffic ticket for speeding in zone.

Desean L. Cruz, age 19, was issued an appearance ticket for littering.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015

1:24 a.m. Harper S. Marcella, age 20, was issued two traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and inadequate headlamps.

11:42 a.m. Joseph Tedesco, age 21, was issued an appearance ticket for open container.

11:42 p.m. Sarah N. Busch, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for underage possession of alcoho, open container and littering.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2015

Andre Jacquez, age 23, was issued an appearance ticket for violating the sewer ordinance

Jared N. Yackiw, age 21, was issued a traffic ticket for operating a motor vehicle while using a cell phone.

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Inefficiency of flu vaccine causes high number of deaths

CONNOR HOFFMAN

Staff Writer

It's that time of year again; everyone's coming down with colds and the flu. And while one common way to keep illness at bay is getting a flu shot, there has been some controversy lately over the effectiveness of the vaccination.

The problem, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is that a new mutation in the dormant flu vaccine has been discovered. The flu already kills anywhere from 3,000 to 50,000 Americans a year.

According to the CDC, this mutation has caused the vaccines to be only 30 percent effective. The mutation to blame is called H3N2, and, according to the CDC, previous seasons in which this mutation of the flu existed have had very serious illnesses. Sixty children have already died this year from

"Every year it's a gamble as to whether or not the flu shots [are] going to cover. What happens is they do all the testing and everything. And then, this year, a strain of the flu came out after the testing was done. So yes, the flu shot only covers about 23 percent of the viruses that are out there now, and it's not the main one that is causing everyone to have the flu," explained LoGrasso nurse practitioner Debbie Dibble.

Dibble added that this sort of thing happens about every 10

"You do testing and you do testing and there's a point where you have to put a shot out and hope there's not a virus that comes out there that's not going to be covered by it," said Dibble.

According to Yahoo News, the main reason the flu vaccine has become so inefficient is that the flu viruses constantly mutate. The government picked the recipe for the vaccine last February, and tons of vaccine manufacturers then began to make millions of the vaccine to distribute.

According to Yahoo News, because of the mutation, this year's version of the flu vaccine is only about 23 percent effective compared to the usual 50 or 60 percent of previous

By March, the CDC had noticed the beginning of the mutation. This mutation began to rapidly spread over the summer. By September, this mutation accounted for half of the strains in a global count. According to Dr. Anne Schuchat, the Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, it was too late to change it, as the shots were just

arriving on pharmacy shelves.

Despite the inefficiency of the vaccine, the health center has not seen a decrease in the amount of people getting flu shots. Dibble mentioned how "although the actual flu vaccine only covers about 23 percent, it still covers a percentage of different kinds of flu. It's still beneficial to get the flu shot."

Some people refuse to get the flu shot because they believe it will actually give them the flu, instead of protect them from it.

"People are against getting flu shots because they are afraid they're going to get the flu. That is a total myth - a fallacy; you can't get the flu from the flu shot," said Dibble. "The flu shot is a dead virus, so you can't get the flu from it."

Dibble further explained that one cannot get a strain of the flu that was in the vaccine; however, it is possible to get a variation of the flu that was not in the vaccine.

The inefficiency of this year's flu vaccine has caused people, especially politicians, to seriously question the federal health agencies.

US Rep. Tim Murphy called together a hearing of the Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee to get some answers from the health officials. The main problem, they told the committee, was just how fast the virus mutates.

Anthony M. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, testified that the speed of the mutation creates "significant challenges for those who must forecast which influenza virus strains are the most suitable targets for seasonal vaccine development."

"They need a system in place so that when something emerges as a problem - and you can always bet there will be a mutation — they can address it," commented Murphy after the hearing.

It wasn't just the committee members yelling at the health officials the whole time; both of them agreed that it was still necessary to get the vaccines out there.

" Even a vaccine with 23 percent effectiveness will protect millions from getting sick," commented US Rep. Diana DeGette of Colorado.

The Federal Health officials have said they're going to fix this as soon as possible.

The flu season is upon us and LoGrasso advises students to practice good hygiene to stop the spread of this disease. Dibble says the number one way to prevent a virus is "hand washing."

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sophomore year of college and admits that she still struggles with her English and has noticed that it has received some negative

"People don't really say mean things to me, but it's how they act towards me. I can see that I mumble a lot and I can see that they are not listening to me," said Jung.

Despite the negativity, Jung

keeps her head held high and moves past the negativity.

"Sometimes there are a few people who don't show interest; sometimes they are mean. But everywhere you go there are nice people and mean people, but I don't really care," said Jung.

Martin is looking to educate and encourage others to take an active stance and fight for social justice, and luckily the Fredonia campus gets to take part in that mission. "Times are changing. I feel as if the people that were oppressed are now demanding more respect. LGBTQ, women, blacks, any group of oppressed people - I feel like they are the ones who are most likely to make a change," said Davis.

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"Are we going to have FRED Fest this year? we're not. We are not having the university connected with FRED Fest," said Herman, vice president for student affairs, at last week's meeting.

He added in his more recent email that "many of us are disappointed that this

approach has become necessary, but can't stand by idly and watch students and members community get hurt."

According Herman, off-campus FRED Fest celebrations have gotten out of hand over the past few years, prompting complaints community as well as leading to multiple arrests, cases of sexual emergency room visits and more.

In addition, the university has taken laws such as the Violence Against

Women Act and the SUNY Child Protection Policy, as well as recent events concerning the unsafe practices of Greek organizations at universities across the country, consideration making the decision to cancel FRED Fest. Members of the Fredonia administration are obligated to protect Fredonia students, and after observing the happenings of FRED Fest celebrations of years past, have come to the conclusion that the way to do this is to cancel the

now infamous event.

According to Herman's email, university sanctioned events such as a spring concert and a visit from Dinosaur BBQ will still take place this semester, they will just be spread out throughout the months of April and May.

Spectrum Entertainment

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-Dr. David Herman

Board, the organizing group Herman's email went out. of FRED Fest, will release a video announcement of their Spring events on Feb.19. They will then make further announcements during their Feb. 26 Artists on the Rise event.

"We're not going to have everything consolidated on that weekend before finals so that it becomes a destination for everyone that wants to blow off steam and raise hell," said Herman at the General

Assembly meeting.

Another change that will be enforced this year involves no non-student guests being allowed into the dorms the weekend of May 1-3. This change is being made in an attempt to cut down on out of town visitors, to whom the bulk of FRED Fest weekend

arrests from the past few years can be attributed.

the eyes Herman and the Fredonia administration, it is time to just move forward.

"We are putting FRED Fest behind us; we're not going to talk about it any more," he said at the meeting. "We'll have other events, we'll develop other traditions, we'll develop things we can all be proud

The student body as a whole, however, has not adopted that same mentality. Many students, both past and present, took to social media to voice their opinions on the event just moments after

Shortly after distribution of the email, local media stations, including WGRZ, WKBW and WIVB,

reported on the news. Spectrum Entertainment Board declined comment on the cancellation of the event.

See page A-8 for student reactions on social media to the cancellation of FRED Fest

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Pros and cons of the cancellation of FRED Fest

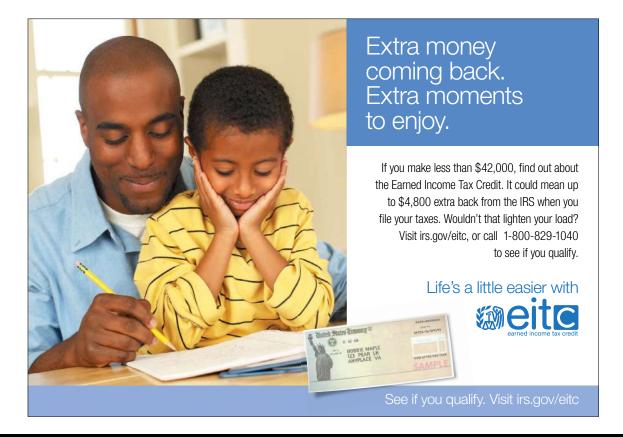
PROS

- The negative connotation connected with the name "FRED Fest" will no longer be tied to the university and will therefore help its reputation.
- Fewer visitors with the intention of partying will be attracted to the campus.
- In approximately four years, when a majority of the student body has not experienced FRED Fest, the memory of the now infamous event will be diminished in the memory of the collective student body.
- FRED Fest related injuries and arrests may be cut down in the long run.
- Parents of prospective students will be more likely to allow their children to attend a university that no longer holds an event that is tied to binge drinking and drug culture.
- Faculty and administration members are no longer liable for the behavior of students during what is typically FRED Fest weekend.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THE CANCELLATION OF FRED FEST? EMAIL US AT GILR3446@FREDONIA. EDU AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

CONS

- Students will be more encouraged to explore the downtown party scene, therefore leaving the safety and resources of campus.
- Students insistent upon having visitors in residence halls may be more likely to sneak in visitors, therefore there will be a high number of undocumented individuals on campus.
- Students who desire to maintain tradition and hold FRED Fest activities will throw house parties, which will go unsupervised and may result in arrests and injury.
- Visitors who want to visit campus for non-FRED Fest related reasons (concerts, awards ceremonies, etc.) will no longer be able to stay in residence halls.
- A shift to unsupervised off-campus locations may increase the number of sexual assaults committed.
- A shift to off-campus locations will make it more challenging for law enforcement and medical professionals to find and treat students with drug and alcohol related injuries.
- Off-campus drug and alcohol consumption leaves more room for students to tamper and experiment with substances without supervision.
- Telling students "no" will create a mob mentality and attract students to doing something they are prohibited from doing.



What are your plans



Mahmoud Enaitalla Junior criminal justice and psychology

"Eating chocolate during the sales."



Nick Koss Junior video production

"Probably have a dinner at Diana's [girlfriend] place."

FROM THE DESK OF...

SEAN MCGRATH

SPORTS EDITOR

Fred Fest, RIP.

On Monday morning, students received an email from Student Affairs, stating that effective immediately, Fred Fest is no more.

Personally, this doesn't affect me as many other students, I enjoyed my past few years with Fred Fest, I spent it with friends and my fiance, I went to house parties and I just used it for what it was—relaxing.

However, with fun comes with a price.

Did Fred Fest get out of hand? Of course. But so does any other college "party" that goes on nationwide.

Let me get this out there, this is the wrong way to handle anything like this.

Let's think back to intro to psychology. People will do something just because they are told not to. It's human nature that people will go against the grain to "stick it to the man" and let loose. The same thought process will be on the minds of the majority of campus come the weekend of May 1-3, when people still celebrate the now dead festival.

Not all is a bad thing though.

Do I agree with everything that the campus is enforcing? No. But they have installed a policy that I feel will regulate some of the issues that have plagued both the campus and com-

For one, the intervisitation policy of no out of town guests is a huge hit to the population that does come and attend Fred Fest. In simple math terms, one student has three guests, that easily adds to the number of people that come here. Now multiply those three people to the current student population and you have enough people to fill Baylor University, Boston College or Syracuse University.

Cram 15,000 people in a small campus and they are going to spill out into the community. Would you fill a glass more than it allows? No, cause that is a waste.

Yes, if you have guests and now they can't stay may cause them to go to places and increase their risk of harm, whether sexually or not, but that's why we received an email in February. So people don't make plans and break them at the last minute.

It's them that ruined it for all of us.

Out of town guests don't care, and why would they? They get a free place to sleep in their friends dorm, go get trashed at some random party and then turn around and trash the community only to leave Sunday morning claiming they "had a great weekend #FredFest2015 #blackout #YOLO."

This is why Fred Fest was can-

Personally, I wish it didn't come to this. When it was introduced, it was a form of blowout to relieve stress before dead week and finals week, instead, the blowout turned ugly and we have the Fred Fest that we know today. I wish that we still had a weekend to look forward to. I wish the concert didn't go by the wayside. Lupe Fiasco was a decent act, in my opinion, but the attendance was horrible.

Is there better ways to counter this? Absolutely.

One thing is the on campus events. From what I have observed, the Dinosaur Barbeque and other events have had somewhat okay attendance. But here's a proposition. Bring drinking to the campus.

It's not unheard of. Each year,

seniors get their barbeque complete with kegs and all. Why not do the same for Fred Fest? If Student Affairs and Dr. Herman are so focused on the problem of drinking off campus, then include a keg in a separate area and still ID. University Police used to run security at the concerts, have them help out.

Once again, people will do something just because you tell them not to

Finally, the concert.

One of the things that I feel kept people in check for most of Saturday was the concert, it happened midday so people who wanted to go couldn't get belligerent. It was the concert that attracted people back to campus and once they got rid of it two years ago was when the problems really started to emerge.

And now, Fredonia decides to eliminate the on campus portion entirely? So they force everyone to go off campus, and that is what I have a problem with. Yes, you have events planned throughout the month of April into May, but that doesn't help the cause.

Most of the "citations" that

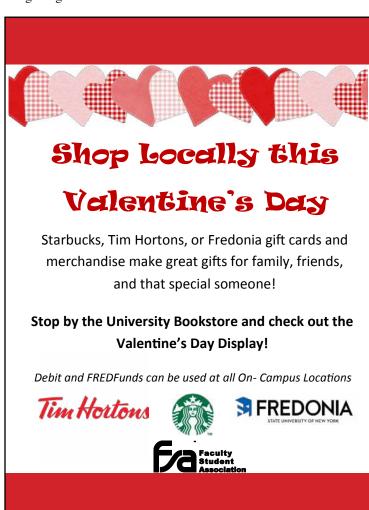
Herman has referred to are basically what you would think, open containers, littering and sewer ordinances, among other things.

If that doesn't solve anything, then work with the community to do what they do for the Red, White, and Blues Festival and get rid of the open container law and I can almost guarantee that the number of citations that you see would go down.

All in all, yes, try and reduce the number of people that come, but don't force everyone off campus into the community and then say that you care about it. That makes no sense.

Paying attention to statistics, roughly 84% of college students drink, that number isn't going to change just because you refuse to give a name to a weekend.

No matter what, Fred Fest will remain immortal. Don't ignore it, embrace it, bring in a decent concert worth attending and try and keep it on campus. You get to observe it and keep people from heading off campus as much as possible.





for this Valentine's Day?



Jayde Gemboys Junior social work and criminal justice

"Getting my car and watching 50 Shades of Grey."



Rachel Schank Junior Math and Math Education

"My boyfriend is making me dinner."

FRED Fest social media discussions

Continued from A-5

Following Dr. Herman's email to the student body on Feb. 9 announcing the cancellation of FRED Fest, many students took to social media outlets to express their thoughts on the announcement. The following are comments made by Facebook users in response to Copy Editor Riley Straw's post on the matter.



I feel as though if one were truly attempting to protect the well-being of the students, different steps would have been taken. Taking away inter-visitation for individuals who do not live on this campus for a weekend that brings in so many people from out of town is foolish to me. As has been proven in the past, students bend the rules. Now, instead of having people supervised in a building with multiple RA's, an RD, and hundreds of students who could assist if anything were to go wrong with a guest (whether this be alcohol/drug related, or not), we will have a ton of people sneaking guests into the building who are unknown to any supervisors in the building, making it that much harder to respond to any sort of emergency. By removing the on-campus events, not only is the school losing a bunch of money, but they're also eliminating an aspect of the weekend that, all in all, is safe. It is supervised by both student-run organizations and security, tends to remain under control, and has a bag check before you can enter (not to say that this completely prevents drinking, but it does often help contain major situations to only a few isolated incidents). Furthermore, by eliminating the supervised on-campus activities during a FESTIVAL weekend, you are giving students the option to stay in their dorms (not likely), or to go find something to do off-campus (much more likely), which, according to them, is where most of the problems originate from. So why make that virtually the only option? It's not as if they are under the impression that people won't go off campus, because in the email they referenced the house parties that will inevitably happen. AND FINALLY. IF THE ONLY TIME THIS CAMPUS CHOOSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT IS TO JUSTIFY SHUTTING DOWN A WEEKEND FAMOUS FOR ISSUES CONCERNING DRINKING I WILL SCREAM. HOW ABOUT WE ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING TO STOP ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT (WHETHER IT IS SEXUAL OR NOT) INSTEAD OF BRIEFLY MENTIONING IT AT THE END OF AN EMAIL THAT, LET'S FACE IT, COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THAT. HOW ABOUT WE ACTUALLY TAKE REAL STRIDES TO END VIOLENCE AND NOT JUST SEND OUT EMAILS TELLING PEOPLE NOT TO DRINK BECAUSE IT'S BAD. This has been your weekly PSA with

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So, as far as I have noticed, the same thing is said every year, students overreact, but everything still works out and everyone has a good time. Instead of letting what the school thinks bother everyone, they should just brush it off and have a good time anyway. Don't get mad at the school because Fredfest is no longer going to be associated with the school, with that being said, students not being permitted to bring people from other schools is the best idea they have had in a long time. Sure, off campus kids will still have friends come, but it will cut down on the amount of outsiders by a little. Fredfest is called Fredfest because it is for Fredonia students. If you are one of the kids who invited people, and those people caused trouble, you really should reassess your choice to being friends from other schools or your home. Have fun with your friends here, keep it small, keep it safe, and keep it fun. Don't force the town to start cracking down because you want to be dumb with friends from out of town. Let's keep the Fredonia fest exclusive to Fredonia. If you want to get crazy, go to BSR in Oswego or parade day on Binghamton. Fredfest doesn't have to be an event for all SUNY students. 6 hrs · Like · 🖒 3

The school is using an idea that hurts everyone, rather than trying to benefit the students, the lack of consideration that more than half of its students reside on campus eliminates any sort of safe zone and unfortunately encourages students to go off campus, where they've stated bad things have happened.

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It won't do anything, and might even be more harmful than helpful, but what the university really wants is to have their hands clean. They've taken their names off of it to absolve themselves of responsibility. Do not forget that Fredonia in the middle of rebranding their whole image to up enrollment and almost all of their actions of late have been in line with that maintenance of image. I think this is ultimately a financial decision, not a safety decision.

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I think, like a lot of others, that Fredfest should still be held so that the school is providing a safe space for students to spend time. Regardless of what the school does, students are going to continue inviting their friends and hosting parties. By removing safe activities, FSA is driving students off campus even more, which will create a larger disturbance in the community and even more incidents of crime and hospitalization and sexual assault that they are trying

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I think it's completely and utterly despicable. I understand the village concerns about arrests and etc. However, I never thought they would actually cancel it. My FredFest experience every year has been wonderful; full of excitement and fun. I get to see so many familiar faces, alum and meet tons of new people. I do understand that there are a lot of things that go on that are not wonderful as well. But it's expected. Nothing is perfect! And everything has its shortcomings. Name one university who doesn't experience some sort of negativity when their students celebrate?! I think this university has allowed the negativity of the weekend to overshadow all the wonderful things our students do everyday. This year we have done so much! Fredonia Enactus teamed up with the Girl Scouts of WSNY, The Leader produced The Queer Issue; we are doing tremendous things. I think administration gave up on us. I think they gave up on the possibility that we can do better. They took away the one time of year we get to celebrate, in WHATEVER WAY WE CHOOSE to celebrate and now it's done. Despicable. Truly.

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I think there is something to be said for the fact that the school has openly stated that they're aware that there is a sexual violence problem on this campus during this particular weekend, but the only thing they're doing to try to prevent it is take away their liability. Why not enforce more education programs during the weeks leading up to this event instead of enforcing laws that are arguably only going to make the problem worse?

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From a former Fredonia student's prospective, the meeting that they held last year where all of the clubs and interested parties came together was absolutely pointless. They heard all of the students opinions at a time that was too late to do anything to change Fred Fest and they blatantly said that in the meeting. Instead of taking the great ideas that some of the students had and actually implementing some of them, the students all left with their voices being heard, but nothing was done to implement any change. It's as if the meeting was held for the students to feel like they were involved in the process, but administration took nothing out of it that was said, or if they did, they didn't do anything with the ideas that were shared.

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It takes away the safe and fun thing to do on campus so the wrong students are being punished, not that anyone really deserves punishment. If they want Fredonia to look more attractive to incoming students, this will look really bad in the social aspect.

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INDEPENDENT PROJECT LEAVES STUDENTS 'SPEECHLESS'

PAC presents 'Really Really'

REBECCA HALE Reverb Editor

The Performing Company's first independent project of the semester, "Really Really," was a big success on Saturday, Feb. 7. Directed by sophomore triple major in English, acting and philosophy, Miquon Jackson, "Really Really" is a contemporary play that explores the issues of the "Me Generation."

Written by Paul Downs Colaizzo, "Really Really" was published in 2013 and tells the stories of seven stressed-out college students in the midst of their midterms.

The show stars Leigh and her boyfriend Jimmy (Kiernan Matts), whom she cheats on while he is on vacation. She later tells Jimmy that Davis, the guy she slept with, raped her. The problem is, they were drunk at a party when it happened, and neither of the two remember what happened in the bedroom.

In the end, each character is too self-absorbed to even communicate with one another.

The idea here is that this generation — Generation Me only cares about selfishness. Sarah Moebius, the sophomore musical theatre major who played Leigh, explains Generation Me as always saying, "I want this,

and it doesn't matter who I have to hurt to get it."

Jackson said that selfishness in this generation is a very real issue.

"The play is centered around the idea that selfishness is the cause of a lot of the things that are bad," he said. "It's a vice that is causing a lot of problems, and it's causing a lot of people to lose a sense of identity."

In the play, many of the characters struggle to uphold their identities in the midst of the turn of events. Still, the character Grace tries to explain that there is a such thing as healthy selfishness, and that See 'Really Really' page B-2



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Johnson (Nicholas Jasek) and Cooper (Nick Cahill) act out a scene in "Really Really" last Saturday.

Fredonia showcase 2015 features variety of student work

CARLY KNASZAK Staff Writer

Fredonia is known for taking great pride in the talented artists on campus. In the Marion Art Gallery, 70 students in the Visual Art and New Media Department currently have art pieces featured entitled "Fredonia Showcase 2015." The artwork includes paintings, videos, sculptures, photography and graphic design.

Gianna Ligammari — a junior animation and illustration major - has her drawing, "Kukuroo," featured in the gallery.

"I absolutely love creating characters, and so the project around this piece was a lot of fun for me," Ligammari said. The

painting catches the viewer's eye with different shades of blue and a hint of red and pink around the character's eye.

"We had to create concept art and a backstory for a human and creature hybrid character using one of our classmates, in combination with a sea creature of our choice," Ligammari said.

"I went through a lot of different creatures and designs before settling on this one. Angler fish are just so fascinating and just like how the male anglerfish is fused to his partner in that fizzingly romantic matingdance-of-death, I fused a female anglerfish to my male classmate's head." Ligammari said. "I fashioned the design to look like a

hood and, while you could call her a stylish accessory, I certainly call her the brains of the operation."

Ligammari designed "Kukuroo" entirely on Photoshop using a Wacom drawing tablet.

Alisia Rodriguez is a junior and has a painting/drawing concentration in the visual arts major. Her piece "Skin" is a piece that most people can relate to. It is a painting of a girl's torso; she is squeezing the extra skin on her stomach.

"I have had a rough few years battling horrible self-esteem issues, and this painting is a bit of a celebration of overcoming those issues," Rodriguez said. "When I was at my worst point, I would weigh myself constantly. At every

weigh in, I would have to push on my stomach to be able to see the number on the scale. The pushing would be the absolute worst part of my day. Thankfully, I am in a place in my life now where when I look at myself in the mirror - at all my rolls, stretch marks and shape — I can't help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and positive, loving feelings towards it," Rodriguez said. "Skin" took around three weeks to complete and is done in oil paints.

Multiple sculptures in the gallery are called "Growing Up In Color" by Ryan Huff, junior visual arts and new media major. The sculptures have rather bright See showcase page B-2

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True life: I'm dating a

Dating is the like the final boss of a videogame. In its early stages, a date seems harder than it is.

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Surviving singles awareness day / weekend

Valentine's Day is the most overrated commercial holiday

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Graphic design work titled 'The Riot GRRRL Manifesto' by Sarah Rocco and Christopher Steckline.

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"The concept for this series

heated moment.

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colors and overly dramatic features, as if they came right out of a cartoon. One sculpture even had excessively hairy legs.

"As a collection, they're depictions of complex situations from the perspective of a child," Huff said. "I'm interested in moments that you go through at a young age that you don't really know are serious until you're older and reflect back on them. In general though, I currently make the art that I do in order to retain my sense of wonder as I grow older."

Edward Callivan, who is a sophomore visual arts and new media major, decided to take a different approach to some of the art in the gallery. He made a video called "Exorcism of The Rose," which featured cartoon silhouette-like characters who perform an exorcism on a woman. The opening credits say, "In 1975 a woman named Anneliese Rose began the unusual diet of eating only spiders."

"My main inspiration for 'Exorcism' was naturally the whole act of exorcisms, the story

of Anneliese Michel and two main movies — The Exorcist and The Exorcism of Emily Rose," Callivan said. "I've always been a fan of scary films and the whole

could have happened behind the unholy mystery of the story. Also, I really wanted to give that same sort of scary to the viewers that they would experience in

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College with an associate's degree

in fine arts and graduated in 2013. is based on the artist's past, She then enrolled in Fredonia present and future. The attitude in 2013 and is working towards that women are made for using and abusing would be the basis

for almost every relationship she would have. After letting guys treat her like crap and walk over her, she finally started to stand up for herself. She wants to dominate her life, not sit back and let someone else control it for her," Price said.

"The half of the series you'll be exposed to is called 'Dominator,' and the work reflects the present. It depicts Ivy taking control of the situation and the things that happen to her," said Price. "More importantly, it empowers her and begins to provide a perspective on what happens in her future. 'Dangerous' is inviting you to take look at yourself and ask if you like the monster you've become."

The exhibition runs through Feb. 19, and gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and noon to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday.



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A terra cotta piece titled 'Remembrance' by Samantha Lanier.

demonic film genre; so I tried to recreate that sort of feeling when I was drawing up storyboards for the video. Plus the supposed true story around the Exorcism of Anneliese really got the gears grinding in my head on what

a Hollywood-done horror film, which I hope I did with a few black construction paper puppets."

Cecelia Price has one of her series of paintings, called "Surrender," currently featured in the gallery. Price studied at a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a drawing and painting concentration.

"Surrender" is a rather intimate piece that involves a naked man and woman dressed in risqué clothing being touched in a









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Student work for the Fredonia Showcase on display in the Marion Art Gallery.

'Really, really': continued from B-1

sometimes selfishness can drive us to success. The trouble is finding the fine line between stepping on others and reaching that success.

PAC puts on an independent project every year, and Jackson decided to direct "Really Really" because of its relatability to students. Since the project is independent, Jackson was on his own in creating a set. The show

takes place in two apartments, so Jackson decided to use some simple blocks as furniture, and then rearrange them in every

"There's a mystery going on in the play," Jackson said. "It seems like [with] every scene that comes up, the answer to the [mystery] changes."

Since the show has a mysterious element, Jackson

its constant change. The play was presented in in McEwen 209, so lighting options were limited. Between scenes, the lights were dimmed, and the actors rushed to move around the furniture while modern pop music was used as a filler. The show only played one night and was free.

Kevin Gleason, a dual

wanted the set to reflect that in BA theatre arts and marketing major, described Really" as "mind-blowing." After the show, he said, "I'm really speechless."

"Kids are gonna take a lot away from this," he continued. "Kids are gonna be thinking as they do something, 'what if this really was to happen?' I think it's important to realize that this is a serious situation."

Rape is a serious and relevant issue. Even scarier is the reality that Leigh and Davis aren't the first or last to be in this situation. Accusations of this parameter happen frequently, and people's lives are ruined by

"I hope that the message will bring forth a good influence on the campus," Jackson said.

Advice Column

Healthy Happy Relationships **BRIONA SAAS**Special to The Leader

Happy soon-to-be Valentine's Day, everyone! Hope you all have a special evening planned with your loved ones, or even a fun night spent with good friends. Valentine's Day should be spent with people who make you happy, and there is no excuse to spend it alone, single or not!

Being in a relationship during Valentine's Day should not be everyone's priority. What's more important is your happiness, and if you find someone to share that happiness with, then great!

Surprisingly, a number of couples that are together are not happy. The problem can be anything: being incompatible, or the lack of communication ... it all has to do with the health of the relationship. Even the best-looking relationships can be extremely unhealthy behind closed curtains.

So, lets make an effort to not be blind to these signs and work on either looking for a healthy relationship or improving the ones we're currently in. It's important, because just being with someone doesn't always mean the relationship is happy or healthy. By doing this we can have an even more enjoyable Valentine's Day!

I got the chance

to talk to some local couples on campus and discuss their thoughts about healthy relationships. What I learned from each of them is that balance in a relationship is really important.

When I asked freshman Noah Scott and junior Deana Buley what a healthy relationship meant to them, they both agreed on the word "balance."

"Having balance, respect, and understanding that we can't always agree on everything [is important]," said Buley.

Scott quickly added, "Balance is a good word; time together, time apart, and balance with arguments and getting along, too."

Unlike most couples, Buley and Scott started their relationship off quickly and without knowing much about one another. This works for them because they learn and grow together as girlfriend and boyfriend.

"People are going to change, so getting to know that person as they change and grow is what's most important to sustain a healthy relationship to us," explained Buley. We can learn from them that balance is key in sustaining a healthy and happy relationship.

Freshman Dominic Vassallo and sophomore Stefan Uveges found that making sacrifices has been most important to them, especially

because of their contrasting personalities.

"We do things the other may not like because we're so different," said Uveges, when explaining the types of sacrifices they make for each other.

The differences in Vasallo and Uveges's relationship allow them to make each other better, and learn from one another.

"He calms me down," said Uveges, "and he loosens me up. I was shy, but he's helped me to open up and not be afraid to try new things." The best relationships are the ones we learn from. Learning from one another makes it possible for couples to grow closer together, and understand each other better.

Sharing qualities and interests is also important to connect on a deeper level in a relationship. For freshmen Emma Jessop and Patrick Brett, who met at a summer camp, doing something they both love makes their relationship stronger.

"We both love music, cats, and we're both goofy and have the same sense of humor!" explained Jessop when asked what she believes makes their relationship work. Jesop and Brett's shared interests make them lucky enough to have a lot of the same classes together, but with all the distractions in college, I was curious to

know how they maintain good communication with one another.

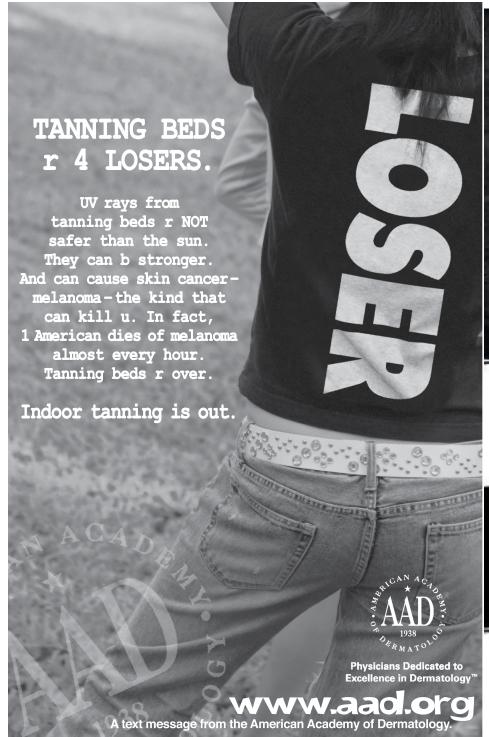
"We try to eat dinner every night and spend the night; we've always been good at talking to each other, and we're good at making time," said Brett. Communication, commitment and time are three very important factors to make a good relationship last.

Fights don't necessarily mean you're in an unhealthy relationship; it happens, but what determines the strength of your relationship is how you overcome the obstacles with your partner. For seniors Amy Walters and Andrew Flagg, trust is what keeps their relationship strong.

"Feeling like you don't have to second guess yourself [is key]; girls with boyfriends question themselves too much," explained Walters.

"[You] can't sweat the little stuff like on social media ... those arguments are not worth getting into," added Flagg. A relationship without trust is just not comforting, nor will it last long. Learn to trust your partner and you'll both be happier in the end.

Enjoy this Valentine's Day with the ones who make you smile! I'm wishing everyone success in their current and future relationships, and remember: a happy relationship is a healthy one.





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How To win on Singles Awareness Day/ Weekend

NAOMI LYNCH Special to The Leader

Valentine's Day is the most overrated commercial holiday

I'm pretty sure that St. Valentine was the bee's knees, but a lot of people use this holiday to shower "loved ones" with gifts that they could give them on any other day of the year.

I even know of some people who enter relationships JUST for the Valentine's Day gifts — either they are really clever or really

For all the uncommitted people out there, we refer to this holiday by a different name: Singles Awareness Day (SAD).

We are not being showered with gifts (even though we clearly deserve to be), and the day passes by just like any other: snacking and watching "Friends" on Netflix.

This year, SAD-ness falls on a weekend, so this means all the people doped on love will turn one day into an entire weekend of nonsense. Who says you can't have just as much fun as those people being the fabulous single king or queen you are?

So, I present to you: a three day plan on how to kick ass and take names on Single's Awareness Day/Weekend!

Dearest singles, I hope you sincerely enjoy your not-so-SAD weekend. Don't forget to tune into Twitter and Yik Yak to see the magic of Valentine's Day dissolve as you eat your chocolates and lay in the arms of your well deserved, minivan-sized teddy bear. Cheers!

FRIDAY: The warm up

Download Tinder - but not to talk to people!

now, doesn't mean you'll be single be just a swipe away.

Go shopping!

Are you that sweet person that buys random gifts for your tickets to events.

Well, those particular friends are all in relationships. They're more than covered this weekend.

today, and you deserve to splurge, whether it's a new phone case or and your mountaintop of Maria's Europe.

hasn't come in yet, you can always just add items to your cart on Amazon. Unlike a person, the cart will be waiting with open arms!

SATURDAY: Game time

Sign Up for a Fun Class

With all this money you're Just because you're single saving, it may be fun to fraternize with other SAD singles like forever. Don't rule out possible yourself. You're going to have options, an unexpected date could to venture out of Fredonia for this one, but download an app like LivingSocial to score importantly, services such as a cool bartending class or reduced

Take Yourself Out on a Date

Who said you need two to You need to focus on yourself tango? Sometimes, you just have to retreat from behind your laptop some premium moldy cheese from boxes and get some quality food made with love. Some of If your refund check still Fredonia's best foodie gems include The Brick Room, Ellicott Brewing Company, Rocco's and my favorite, Wing City. Dress yourself to the nines and savor all off. the delectable bites you don't have to share with anyone but yourself.

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Harper Lee's new novel raises questions of manipulation

excitement at seeing what else Lee

excitement wore off, many

began to look at the timing of the

announcement and believed that

Lee was being taken advantage

of in regards the new novel's

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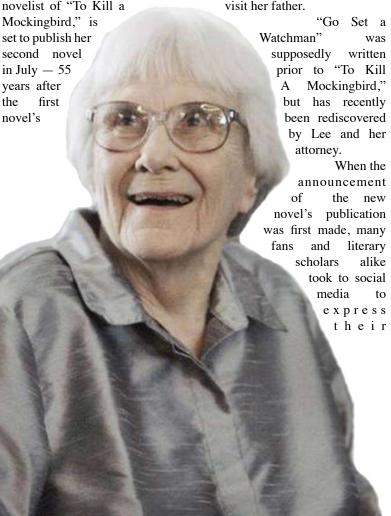
publication.

BRITTANY PERRY

Special to The Leader

Earlier week. HarperCollins **Publishers** announced that Harper Lee, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist of "To Kill a

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publication.

Her novel, "Go Set a Watchman," is essentially a sequel to "To Kill a Mockingbird" and depicts the protagonist, Scout Finch, as an adult, returning to her town of Maycomb, Alabama to visit her father.

> According to the Daily Telegraph, Lee had told a friend that she will not release further materials, stating, "I have said what I wanted to say, and I will not say it again." Lee's sister, caretaker and lawyer, Alice Lee, passed away this past November. Alice Lee

> > of writing or publishing another Lee, who is 88, had a stroke in 2007, is wheelchair bound and has almost completely lost her hearing. The announcement of the new novel's publication was made just months after her sister's death; it raises questions as to whether or not Lee has been taken advantage of for monetary gain.

> > often spoke on behalf of her sister,

who constantly shut down the idea

"The situation speaks to how persons with disabilities in our culture are often marginalized, exploited and taken advantage of," said Jeffry Iovannone, a women and gender studies professor here at Fredonia. "In this case, we are talking about someone who is elderly and legally deaf. This opens up a larger social dialogue about treating people with disabilities as

full human beings and with dignity and respect."

Lee, who rarely makes appearances or does interviews, often expressed reservations about publishing a second book and has said she fears it would be compared unfavorably to "Mockingbird."

However, on Feb. 5, Lee released a statement saying that she is "happy as hell" about the reactions to her earlier work.

The long-lost, unpublished manuscript was apparently "found" by Lee's attorney, Tonja Carter. Carter has been accused of being complicit in a 2011 episode in which Lee mistakenly signed over her copyright to an agent named Samuel Pinkus.

Despite the negativity and ethical debates, the timing of the announcement of the publication couldn't be more important.

"It's such a conflicted situation, because I think we are in a historical moment right now, where 'To Kill a Mockingbird' is extremely relevant in terms of everything that's going on with racial politics in this country. It's really useful if we go back to that text and look at some of the insights that she had into race relations, which might give us a new perspective as to what is happening today, and see what aspects of that text have not been realized in our society," Iovannone

"My hope is that we can use

this situation to open a larger dialogue about racial politics and issues of disability. We don't know much about the new novel, but I'm hoping it engages with some of the same issues that 'To Kill a Mockingbird' dealt with," he said. "Maybe it can be a moment where we can use the fact that this book is being published as a conversation starter for dealing with some of the really important social justice issues."

The deal to publish "Go Set a Watchman" was negotiated between the U.S. publisher HarperCollins and Harper Lee's local attorney, Tonja Carter.

Even though many are upset about the ethical decision to publish Lee's work, there is still a large audience that will regardless of the controversy read the novel.

"I don't know a lot about the controversy, but I've heard bits and pieces. If what is being reported is true, then it's really unfortunate. I believe everyone has a story to tell, and I believe literature is such an important part of our lives, whether [its content] makes us feel uncomfortable or not," said senior English adolescent education major Kristin Vignona. "When I am dead and long gone, I would want my legacy to carry on to future generations - no matter how big or small that legacy is because an idea lasts longer than an actual being."

TRUE LIFE: I'm dating a gamer

MO SADEK Staff Writer

Dating is the like the final boss of a videogame. In its early stages, a date seems harder than an hour or two and then go do something else. On the contrary, many gamers see it as productive, even academic.

Nicholas Reed, a senior computer science major, sees

"I feel like [gaming] is his number one favorite thing to do ... it's the most important thing in his life and I can't do it with him," said Fuller.

Despite this, the couple

finds their differences beneficial to the relationship.

"If you date the same type of person you are, it would just end up being boring — you've already seen everything they have to show you. But if you date someone different, you get a whole different perspective on things," said Simpson. "Any hobby that you have that defers from each other is going to affect [the relationship] in some way. You have to spend time with each other and also time doing what you want. You have to find a balance that works."

"And that's something we're still trying to find after two years." said Fuller.

You don't need to be a gamer to appreciate your partner, nor do you have to play games to show them you're interested. Emily Annesley, a junior English and music performance major, is currently in a healthy relationship with a gamer despite having no skill in gaming. "I'll play Mario Kart or Mario Party with him sometimes, but nothing too intense, because I'm really bad at it."

For other couples, it doesn't hurt for both individuals to love videogames. For Molly Waters and Jim Drake, gaming is the extra that makes their relationship extraordinary.

Both Waters and Drake are senior BFA acting majors. They're both also avid gamers. From taking turns at playing Kingdom Hearts to arguing over Mario Party results, the couple couldn't be happier with how things are going now.

"With her, there are times where we're just like 'I'm about to go keelhaul something, wanna watch?' Aand I'll say 'Sure! I'll go keelhaul something on my game too,'" said Drake.

Though gaming is a big part of their relationship, the couple doesn't see it as the only thing keeping them together.

Waters says that it allows for their "true colors" to show and allows them to "take each other as is."

"Honestly, I think that it has added [to] something that's already there," said Drake. "It has only made us a lot closer."



Jim Drake and Molly Waters

it is. Sure, you'll get tossed around a bit, and lose a few

around a bit, and lose a few times, but eventually something will click and it'll work out.

Don't get too comfortable though, this is only the beginning. Dating gets harder to deal with constantly

beginning. Dating gets harder to deal with, constantly surprising you and exhausting your skill. Time and time again, you'll find yourself becoming frustrated with the vicious cycle of fail and repeat, to the point it appears that you're only destined for failure.

And then, something works. At first, you won't know what it was, instinct or fate, but by some miracle you've made it to the final boss. Yeah, it'll be just as unpredictable and ferocious as its prior forms, but that's what you signed up for. Although dating isn't literally an epic battle, dating a gamer may actually be more similar to fighting a giant, digital monster. For some people, it's easy, but for others, it is an impossible task.

In a discussion with a student who prefers to remain anonymous, it was clear that there are some people who would never consider dating a gamer.

"I would never date a guy who identifies as a gamer," the student said. "I think it's a huge turnoff. Personally, I see gaming as a waste of time, and it's childish. I would rather date a man who makes good use out of his time, doing things that are productive."

However, this stereotype is something that gamers face daily. For some people, gaming is simply a hobby — play for

his future as being in the game industry.

"As someone who wants to go into creative design or be a design analyst for a game company, videogames are a really important part of my life ... Playing videogames ranges from a hobby to a lifestyle, and anyone who isn't going to respect your interests isn't worth dating."

Reed's words could not be truer. Respect is a crucial aspect of any relationship. In the relationship of Sarah Fuller and Sam Simpson, respect for each other's individuality and interests helps them surmount the challenge gaming presents in their relationship.

"Ever since I can remember, I've been playing videogames," said Simpson, a junior computer science major. As a big Counter Strike and League of Legends player, Simpson is gaming most of the time on his PC.

"Right from the time we are done making dinner, for the rest of the night, he will be on the computer," said Fuller, a junior journalism major. "We'll go to the gym somewhere in there, but besides the gym, [the] big activity is playing games."

Fuller, on the other hand, is not a gamer by her standards. "If I do play any games, it's just apps ... Right now it's 'Soda Crush' from the 'Candy Crush Saga." The couple does engage in Mario Kart matches together, but Fuller finds that her competitive personality drives Simpson off the track. In some ways, gaming separates



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Sarah Fuller and Sam Simpson

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Blue Devils drop four straight after first conference win



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Blue Devil Tommie Banks in the game against Oswego on Friday.

TORIN O'BRIEN

Special to The Leader

The high point of the men's basketball season may have come a week ago, when the team was able to pick up its first SUNYAC victory over Potsdam. The win, however, was short lived, as the Devils came out of this weekend on a four game skid.

Fredonia seemed motivated, to say the least, following their blowout loss against Plattsburgh.

Their first of three home games in a row proved entertaining, and they never lost the will to win.

There were two major roadblocks standing in the way of what very well could have been Fredonia's third victory last Tuesday — the first one being Neil Randolph. The 6'5" forward out of Wicklow, Ireland ended the game with 26 points and six rebounds. Lastly, Elmira shot 44.8 percent from beyond the arc. While the Devils constantly made things

interesting in the second half, every attempt was snuffed out by Elmira.

Friday's game against playoff bound Oswego was close, as well. Freshman Ian Helps led Fredonia with 11 points, but no other Blue Devil was able to break double digits in scoring.

The first half was a back and forth battle of runs, leaving Fredonia down 36-24. While the second half was even in scoring for both teams, the 12 point deficit

was too much for Fredonia to overcome. Once again, the Devils' efforts were thwarted largely in part because of one man. Oswego's Brian Sortino ended the game with 29 points on 11-17 shooting, as well as three 3-pointers to hold off the Blue Devils.

Saturday's matchup against Cortland turned out to be too much, and found the Devils whirling. Fredonia would never see a lead, after going down 7-0 early in the game. Fredonia would

find themselves down 39-20 at the half. Helps again led Fredonia, and all other scorers, with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Again, no other Blue Devil broke double digits in scoring. Cortland, on the other hand, had 42 points from their bench during the win.

Fredonia fell to 1-13 in the conference (2-18 overall) after the weekend's games. Their final matchup at home is on Tuesday, Feb. 10, against Brockport.

Hockey

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favorite out of all the events we support," said Vice President of Philanthropic Service Amanda Destro. "The atmosphere is enjoyable for everyone that comes out to support it."

Jessa's Quest has a mission "raise funds that support organizations caring for children with life-threatening illnesses and contributing to the research for finding a cure for brain cancer." More information regarding Jessa's Quest can be found on http://www.jessasquest.org.

Pink the Rink raised approximately \$8,000 which was then donated to the American Cancer Society.

Loving family members fled the rink after the Blue Devils lost to the Potsdam Bears 2-0. Aside from the outcome of the game, many fans left with a smile on their face knowing that the cancer victims they held close to their hearts were recognized in the ceremony.

Potsdam scored their pair of goals in the first and third periods.

"This event is easily a Fredonia's goaltender Jeff Flagler was credited with 38 saves.

> On Saturday, the Blue Devils were silenced by the Plattsburgh Cardinals with a score of 9-0. The Cardinals are ranked No.1 in the SUNYAC conference, and it was proven in Fredonia Saturday. Plattsburgh scored three goals in the first period, five in the second, and one in the third.

> Fredonia had 22 shots on net, compared to the Cardinals' 47. Sophomore Chris Eisermann replaced Flagler in net during the second period, to hopefully spark some fire into the Blue Devils play, but unfortunately was not enough to help the team out.

> With these two losses, Fredonia's record dropped to 0-9-3 in the SUNYAC conference, and 4-12-5 overall.

> The Blue Devils continue their SUNYAC play with home games this weekend against the Buffalo State Bengals on Friday and Saturday night, both with a faceoff time of 7 p.m.



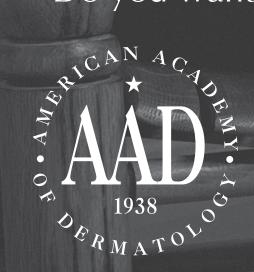


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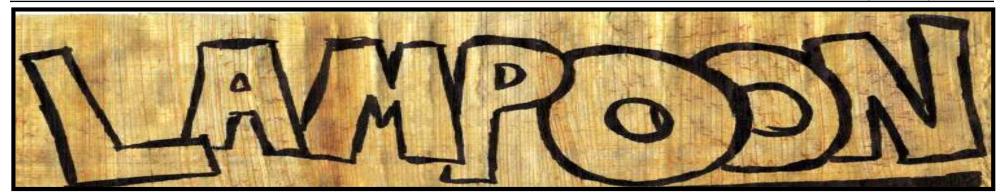
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this week's horoscope

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CAPRICORN:

February is your month, Capricorn! You will be very successful with reeling in the baes if you are in the market for some lovin'. If not, I'm sorry, but you're just gonna have to stay inside because the hotties will be all over you like bees on honey.

AQUARIUS:

Do not skip class this week, Aquarius, because that teacher that only calls out like ten people for attendance each class will call your name and dock you a letter grade because of your absence. Even though you're so hungover that you have the spins, get your puke-y ass to class!

PISCES:

Your creative juices are flowing, Pisces, so make sure to find a way to show off that magical creativity to the world. Paint a beautiful landscape or go outside and take some artistic pictures of the squirrels on campus. Then show your masterpiece to your friends and don't feel bad when they criticize your tree painting that looks like a green blob — you are a winner! Don't forget it!

ARIES:

With Valentine's Day around the corner, make sure you get your significant other a gift that he or she will treasure forever. If you do not heed my advice, you will get the eye glare of a lifetime and the silent treatment without an explanation as to why your bae is mad. They're mad because you got them a daisy instead of a rose. A daisy? Really?

TAURUS

You're having issues with your friend group lately, but don't think it's you because it is actually your other friends' fault so don't worry about it. Just tell a really good joke to lighten the mood and everything will be back to normal.

GEMINI:

Four for you Glenn Coco, you go Glenn Coco!

CANCER:

There are strong currents pulling you toward Libra, so don't fight them! That cute person you met at the bar last week wants you to text them, too, so don't wait up. They will admire you for getting ahold of them first. Ask them to meet you at Starbucks — but don't order a drink — because while waiting for them to show up, you will spill it all over you. You're gonna look like you peed yourself with excitement.

LEO:

You have been having problems in the workplace lately. You feel as though you are not being appreciated enough and want to move up from sandwichmaking to coffee-pouring. Be patient, young one, your time will come.

VIRGO:

Be on your guard, Virgo, because your boyfriend/girlfriend will start acting distant and it is because they're thinking about leaving you for their side bae.

Beat them to the punch and dump them for your side bae, you player!

LIBRA:

Stay the hell away from Cancer this month! They are gonna get really stalky and text you first, but just don't answer, and it will be fine. If they ask you to meet them at Starbucks, just stand them up because by the time you get there they will have already left to change their pants that they spilled a drink on.

AQUARIUS:

You have been feeling lonely lately because all of your friends are bangin' and you're sitting there with your Netflix and your Ben and Jerry's, watching Dirty Dancing until the wee hours of the morning. Go buy a pet! Get a fish, a bunny, maybe even a bearded dragon. Then name it Henry.

SAGITTARIUS:

Be mindful of the weather, Sagittarius, because even though you want to show off that new dress or dress shirt, please wear a coat! Your friend is gonna push you in the snow and you'll want to be wearing a coat because there will be pee in the snow you fall on.

Disgruntled campus PR head wonders if it would be appropriate to reveal Erie dining hall founded on 3,000-year-old blood sacrifice ritual

MEL N. KOLICH

Special to the Lampoon

It's no secret that it is hard to eat healthy on campus. Students dissatisfied with current food options are again wondering why Erie Dining Hall was closed over two years ago as campus food options continue to dwindle.

Flames of the increasingly popular movement to restore Erie Dining Hall were rekindled by the now notorious Change. org petition, which recieved over 500 student signatures in

one day.

Head of Campus PR talked to us about the difficulty in dealing with these tough questions — tough questions with even tougher answers.

"Students don't understand how delicate of a situation this is," she said. "On one hand, I see why they want the dining hall to reopen. Unfortunately, it's not that simple."

She explained that Erie drew its powers from a ritual sacrifice to Akkadian fertility goddesses Amasagnul and Ama-arhus over 3,000 years

ago, the site of which is the cornerstone of the building's foundation. The dining hall's vitality had been in steady decline over the last decade, finally drying out completely in 2012.

She continued, speaking honestly about the logistical problems with reopening. "You can't just one day decide to reopen, you see. You would need dozens of lambs and calves; you would need to erect a large shrine to Enlil and Anu. You have to wait until the interior planets

line up in accordance to the quad. You think those dorm names are arbitrary? You need high priests, fire safety permits. You need fig trees and limestone. You see any of that growing around here? There's transportation costs, labor costs. We have to think in terms of cash figures, you see. Sometimes that means the administration has to make unpopular decisions. It's just not plausible with the current budget — meal plan sales are way down.

"So basically I'm stuck

with the situation here: to either tell everyone why we can't simply just reopen Erie and undermine confidence in the administration or to risk more angry students," she said.

"The whole ritual is inscribed beautifully on ancient tablets in the hall's basement, by the way," she revealed, describing in detail the graphic depictions of burning lambs and haunting chants. "In fact, last I heard, they were being used to prop up a broken shelf in storage."

New class spotlight:

LART 160: Pursuit of Trivia

TARA DACTYL
Special to the Lampoon

Losing a game of Trivia Crack may be one of the saddest moments one can experience. Coming in last at Ellicott Brewing Company or Wing City Grille's trivia can ruin a person's entire week. Getting question after question incorrect can really do a number on self-confidence. But this semester, Fredonia is offering a class to help regain that confidence, and give students a fighting chance against the old people at trivia night.

"There aren't very many courses in the Liberal Arts Department, so we're very excited to be adding this class," said Dr. John White, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "It's a fun class that I think a lot of people are interested in."

LART 160, "Pursuit of Trivia," is a class in which students study trivia. From history, to science, to entertainment, the class covers every area that could come up at Applebees or at family game night.

"I can't believe it took Fredonia so long to offer a class like this," said super-senior, self-design major Laura Crocker. "Finally, a class that I can apply to real life. I can't wait to beat my sister on Trivia Crack at the end of this semester. She beats me every time."

Crocker is one of 80 students

taking LART 160. The class is taught in a lecture hall by Dr. Alfred Miller, associate professor in the Philosophy Department.

"When Academic Affairs was asking the faculty who wanted to teach the new trivia class, I immediately jumped on the opportunity," said Miller. "I know that it may seem unexpected for a philosophy professor to teach a class of this nature, but honestly, I love trivia. I mean, who doesn't?"

White said he knew LART 160 would peak the interest of some students, but he didn't expect to fill a lecture hall.

"There was a point when we had to decide whether or not to open another section of the class," said White. "But we made the decision to keep the class large, because in life, you never know what kind of crowd you're going to be playing trivia against. Might as well train in an extreme environment so you can be sure you can handle every other situation."

A recent study showed that over 90 percent of all college students in the United States participate in a trivia competition at some point in their college careers. LART 160 is the kind of class that caters to nearly every student on campus, and so far, the feedback has been extremely positive.

"Pursuit of Trivia is easily my favorite class out of every one I've

ever taken during my 10 semesters at Fredonia," said Crocker. "I can learn things in class, then right away apply them to a game."

"That's one of the special things about this class," said Miller. "The fact that students can immediately see its importance. With some classes, students feel like they'll never need to use the material in their life. But when you're learning so many different things, at least one thing you learned in class will be useful to you in that same day."

In LART 160, students learn dates, names and award winners among many, many other things. Crocker said that flashcards are a must.

"All tests and quizzes are multiple choice," said Crocker. "That may sound easy, but memorizing 50 dates and 60 names in a week is extremely difficult. So far, I've had to buy three stacks of index cards, and we're not even a month into classes."

In the midst of all 80 students in the lecture hall during LART 160, it's not surprising to see White.

"I do like to sit in on the class when I have time," said White. "My goal is to beat my family at Trivial Pursuit by May. I think with this class, there's no way anyone can beat me."

Why I'm still participating in "Roll Up the Rim" even though I'm 0-97 and my doctor says I have to stop

ANITA TENSION

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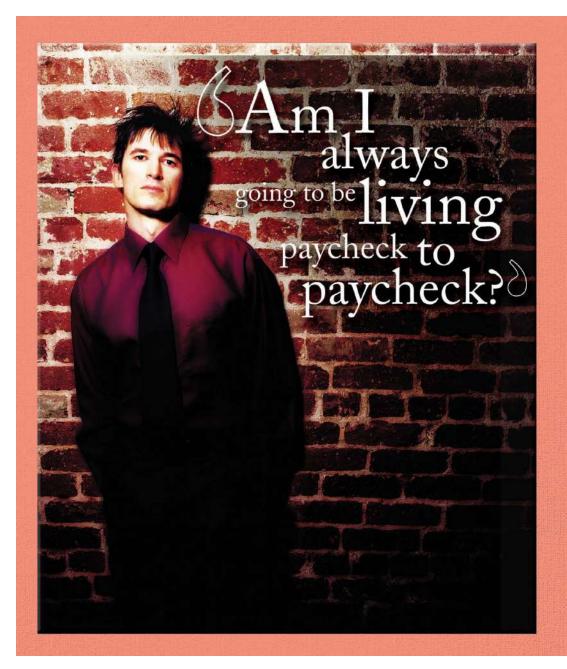
I'm like any other college student: I wake up, shower, get dressed, eat a bagel and inject 50 millilitres of black coffee directly into my median cubital vein. Which is why I'm so excited about Tim Hortons yearly "Roll Up the Rim" campaign, wherein Tim Hortons uses a beautifully circular logic — if you buy a coffee, you have a one-in-100 chance at winning more coffee — to coerce me into buying outrageous quantities of coffee.

It's great. Coffee is good for you. It stimulates the metabolism. Caffeine blocks an inhibitory neurotransmitter called adenosine, the overall effect of which is that I alienate everyone I know because I twitch a lot and won't stop talking. Coffee makes me alert, energized and positive. It also makes me jittery, nervous and prone to peeing multiple times per class period. I love it.

But not everyone thinks this is as great as I do. My doctor says that she wants me to be aware that caffeine evolved in

plants as a natural pesticide, that it kills insects. Humans are too big for it to be lethal, but my doctor tells me I am "somehow, almost miraculously, approaching the point at which my caffeine intake could kill me like a bug." I told her that was ludicrous; it's "Roll Up the Rim" season. She "strongly cautioned me" against participating in this "absurd orgy of consumption" because she says I "drank twenty cups of coffee last Sunday and entered a fugue state for three days" during which I "tweeted obsessively at Tom Hanks until he blocked me and his lawver sent me a cease-and-desist letter."

Which is fine. That's all fine. Tim Hortons gets me. "Roll Up the Rim" is a numbers game, and I definitely have the numbers. I haven't won yet this year, but it's still early. I could still make a comeback. As long as I don't stop drinking coffee. Not even for a second. And if my overzealous coffee consumption has given me the "17-beats-per-second heartbeat of a canary" like my doctor says, then so be it.



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