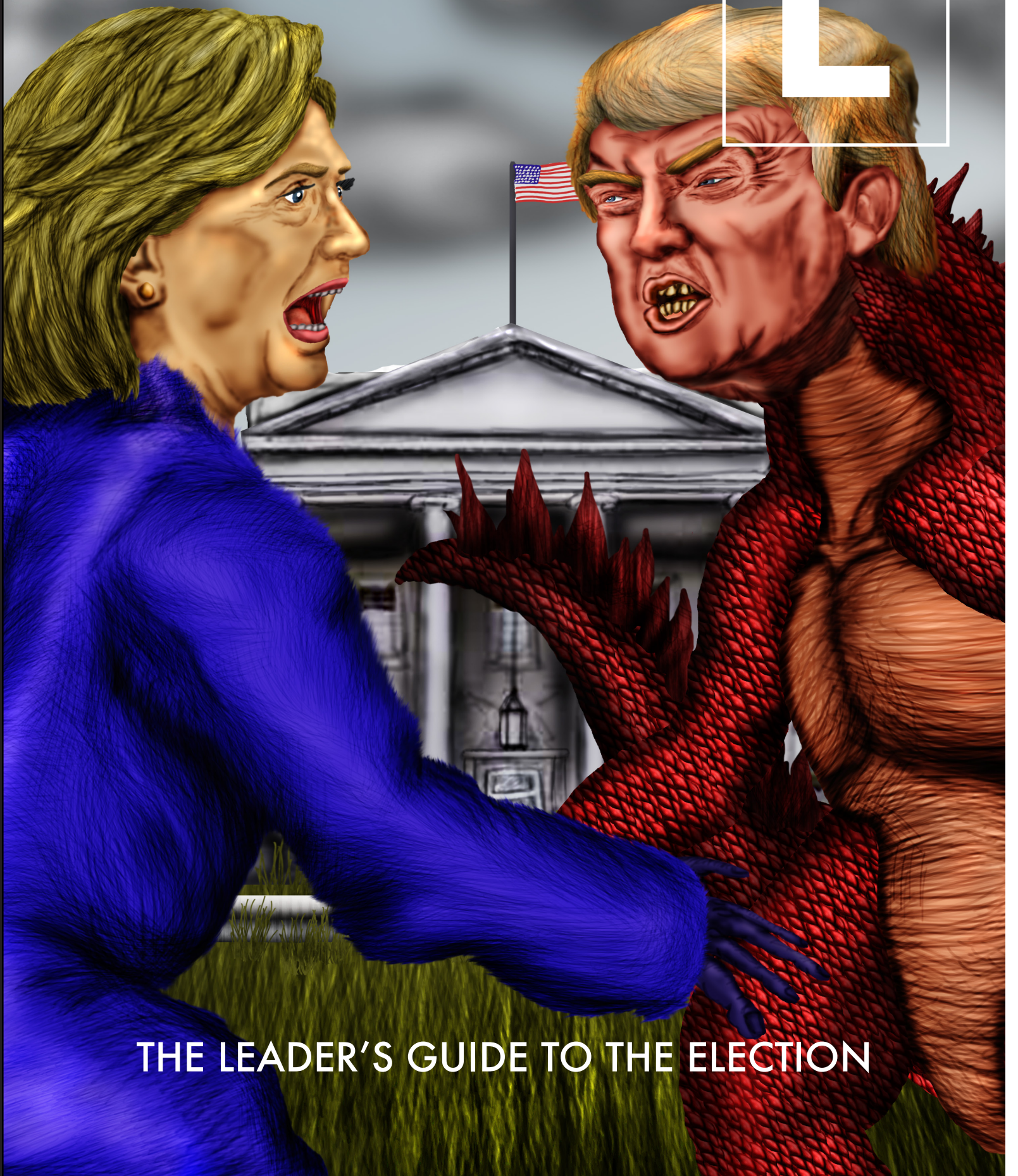


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Letter from the Editor

President Barack Obama defeated Republican nominee for president Mitt Romney to win a second term in the White House on Nov. 6, 2012, or 1,458 days ago. Depending on who you ask, the 2016 race has been going on for 1,457 days. In any event, it certainly feels like we've spent a lifetime waiting to see who will become the next leader of the country.

In the past few weeks, I've taken to reading the legendary gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson's account of the 1972 presidential election, where incumbent Richard Nixon ultimately defeated Democratic challenger George McGovern with the largest popular vote margin in American history. Thompson spread a wild rumor during the primary campaign that Democratic candidate Ed Muskie was hooked on ibogaine, an African hallucinogenic which led to extreme mood swings and frenzied behavior. And somehow, this election has become even stranger.

For many Fredonia students, their first real taste of democracy involves choosing between the two most unpopular presidential candidates of all time. While we're bombarded with "news" and opinions on today's top scandal everywhere we turn, it feels as if substance has lost out to style "bigly" this year. Even in the case of presidential debates, most policy talk is thrown out the window in favor of dramatic monologues and literal threats of imprisonment.

But that's where we come in. What you're holding in your hands is The Leader's Guide to the 2016 Election, a special issue covering all the issues that matter to you right now. We've researched where the presidential candidates stand and we're proud to feature interviews with both candidates to represent Fredonia and the rest of New York's 23rd district in Congress. We've explored how other pieces of our culture interact with the electoral process, and we've got all the satire you'd expect from a circus show this large.

That's saying nothing of the rest of the coverage we've assembled for the week of the campus news you'd expect, which you can read here or at fredonialeader.org.

In just a few days, the United States of America will have elected a new leader and the course of history will have changed forever. Until then, as always, we hope you make time to follow this Leader as well.

Colin Perry
Editor in Chief



Edward Gallivan/Staff Illustrator

Correction: In issue 9 the photographer for the article "Rockefeller's ribbon cutting begins a dynamic new chapter" was incorrectly identified. His name is Andrew Camera.

The writer of last week's "Horoscopes" was incorrectly identified. Her name is Emma Patterson.

The Student's Guide to the Election

DAN ORZECOWSKI

Staff Writer

Are you stuck on the fence when it comes to voting? If so, here's where presidential nominees Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump stand on some issues that have a significant impact on college students.

College Affordability

In the third presidential debate, Clinton said she believes that “we have to have an education system that starts with preschool and goes through college.” On her website, Clinton explains that under her plan, in-state students attending public universities who come from families who make less than \$85,000 a year will receive free tuition. By 2021, \$125,000 would become the new income limit. She also mentions students will be given options to refinance their loans to current federal rates and lower their interest rates. Community colleges will also become tuition free.

Trump has pledged throughout his campaign to lower the pressure from college debt. However, Trump's website doesn't touch upon college affordability, but instead focuses on a K-12 education system.

Jobs

Trump intends to boost GDP growth, which will then create the 25 million jobs he has promised. He has also proposed to renegotiate NAFTA, which falls under his “America First” policy. Finally, according to Trump, becoming a self-reliant energy nation will also produce jobs.

In contrast, Clinton will make major investments into infrastructure and establish America as a “clean energy superpower.” According to their websites, both candidates oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership deal.



Energy and the Environment

By the end of Clinton's first term, she expects that half a billion solar panels will be installed to generate power for every household. Clinton is pushing to reduce energy waste and oil consumption by using cleaner fuels and more efficient vehicles. She also intends to establish an Environmental and Climate Justice Task Force to enforce environmental laws.

Trump hasn't said much in regards to the environment. He does, however, want to utilize America's natural gas, oil and shale reserves for primary energy sources.

LGBTQ+ Equality

Although saying he would “do everything in my power to protect LGBTQ citizens” at the Republican National Convention, Trump does not support marriage equality. If elected president, Trump would look to appoint Supreme Court justices to reverse the current laws.

Clinton will put an end to “conversion therapy” and honor those in the LGBTQ+ community who are enlisted in the armed services. Her website explains a push for full federal equality.

Social Justice and Racial Inequality

Clinton has announced to reform our country's criminal justice system. Sentencing laws will be revised and new guidelines will be issued to police on how to properly deal with force. She has pledged \$1 billion to research safer police trainings.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Trump said he plans to create “economic zones and incentives for companies to come to inner cities to lift the spirit in black communities.”

Leslie Martinez-Garcia/Staff Illustrator

Exclusive: Rep. Tom Reed and John Plumb on college issues

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Republican Rep. Tom Reed (TR) has served New York's 23rd district in Congress since 2013. He is being challenged by Democrat John Plumb (JP) for the seat in what's turned out to be one of the biggest toss-ups in the state. The Leader spoke with both candidates separately about the issues facing college students today; their condensed answers are what follows. The interviews are available in full on fredonialeader.org.

How do you plan to tackle the problem of college affordability?

JP: I've laid out a plan on protecting the jobs we have and growing new ones here in the Southern Tier, and one of the things in that plan is it talks about college affordability, because an issue we have here is [students] graduate from college, and kids will have so much debt they might not be able to find a job or do the job they want to take because they won't be able to pay off their debt. So I think that addressing the issue of a reasonable way to pay off debt is a really good first step that we could really get to, and I've got two different proposals on that.

The first is this, straightforward you have to be able to finance and refinance your college loans at a competitive rate because right now the system is rigged ... The second thing is, I think we should have a system where you're paying off your college debt as a function of your salary, let's say a percentage of your salary.

Do you have any plan to deal with the rising costs of housing and food at universities?

JP: My understanding is that you can roll that into loans, if you need those loans, being able to address the debt portion would help. It's not the



perfect solution but it would help to make this more affordable in the long run. And one other thing we have to look at is, kids need to understand what kind of debt load they're getting into when they chose what college they're going to. There's a lot of misinformation out there, and I think the U.S. government frankly could provide some very specific and simple tools on a trusted website that says, "Here is the amount that you're going to owe if you pursue this path."

How do you think the American government should respond to climate change and global warming?

JP: I think we should be addressing climate change with seriousness and more direct effort. I've been a Navy officer for 22 years, the U.S. Navy is fully aware that climate change is happening, and is already taking measures to combat it. We're worried about the poles melting and having to deal with Russia and China on our northern border with Alaska. We worry about Norfolk, the biggest naval base in the world in Virginia, flooding because of rising sea levels ... so the military knows this is happening and Americans know this is happening. And the reason we're not working harder on it is because we have people in Congress that are so pretending it doesn't exist or telling lies on the floor of Congress to protect big oil, this is big problem.

In my jobs plan, I say we should be pushing like heck in the Southern Tier on renewable energy, and as a country, because we need to be building clean technology, using it and selling it around the world, it will be helpful for our entire economy. And the only reason we're not doing it is because we have members of Congress like Tom Reed that are stopping this action.

How do you think the government can improve the current status of race relations among the populace?

JP: I'll just go back to my military experience again, which is in the military we don't care what color someone is. You don't care what faith they are. You don't care what political party they're in. Everyone is on the same team, you point the guns in the same direction and you work together, and I think it's exemplary compared to some of the problems we have in the country right now.

I also think we need to make sure we are electing leaders who are not exasperating the problem. We need to be bigger than that. The lowest type of politician preys on these fears and makes the divisions worse for their own political gain, and that is unacceptable and it's un-American and we are much stronger together. So I think we need to

make sure we are electing leaders that understand how dangerously damaging that kind of action is.

What is your stance on net neutrality?

JP: Broadly speaking, we can't have a system where a small business is at a huge disadvantage to a large business on the Internet because they can't afford to buy off a contract with their internet provider and they get squeezed off. We have to find a way to make sure we have a fair access to the marketplace.

What is your stance on LGBTQ+ issues, specifically on homosexual marriage and trans rights?

JP: Broad question. I will just say if you pick up a gun and point it in the right direction, than I'm for you. The military has both transgender men and women and it has gay men and women. And I just don't care if you're American and doing your fair share, then I support the rights of all Americans to be free.

Which one of your policy stances, regarding what we talked about with college affordability, do you feel differentiates you from your opponent the most?

JP: Tom Reed's proposal is pandering, and it doesn't help solve the problems for most students. He's got some idea about going after really successful universities, that doesn't do a single thing for a student at Fredonia or Bonaventure or at Buffalo or at Alfred or at any other college it doesn't have that level of success. It's a nice pandering talking point for him, but it's actually not a solution. So I'm trying to find things that actually might help as opposed to just being a good talking point in a press release. And I think tackling college debt isn't just a problem for the individual student, it's a problem for the whole family. Parents have struggled with, right, how are you going to help pay this off. And you can have this problem where, frankly, after two kids, can we afford the debt load for two kids? So I think trying to find a way for our students to feel comfortable that they can go to college and pay that debt off without having to worry or take the job that they want is a nice step that can be accomplished.

If you were an animal which one would you be and why?

JP: I'm just going to say an eagle. Partially because they can fly, and that's awesome. And partially because I think they're really cool.

Photo courtesy of John Plumb campaign

How do you plan to tackle the problem of college affordability?

TR: Well, first I have heard so many stories from folks across the district, across the country, about how these young men and women are facing college costs that are going through the roof and coming out with staggering amounts of debt. And as someone who completed their studies with \$110,000 worth of debt myself, I know what that debt load does to you. It limits opportunity. It limits life decision capability. And now that my daughter is a freshman in college we've seen it firsthand ... My wife and I sat her down and said, "We're not going to be able to send you [to Syracuse University], we've only budgeted as planned for you to go to a different school because at \$65,000 a year Syracuse University was just too costly." And so she's now at the University of Buffalo and doing very well. Bottom line, we've got to get these costs under control. And how do we do that? We need to tackle the real root of the issue, which is the staggering amount of \$65,000 a year, for example, that Syracuse University charges for people to attend there.

Do you have any plan to deal with the rising costs of housing and food at universities?

TR: To me, the way we can deal with these issues is to put more sunlight and transparency on them. We have to have a short-term, mid-term and long-term plan and that's what we have put together with our proposals. So we want to make sure that we're self-healing our programs today when it comes to things like the Pell Grant, which we support, dual enrollment capabilities ... And then we got to talk about allowing kids to take advantage of the interest rates right out there. So supporting refinancing these loans at as low a rate as possible ... the debt load is just going through the roof with interest rates that are so high. And then what we have to do in my opinion is tap into new resources, not necessarily taxpayer resources. That's why I have advocated for the endowment bills that we have because we have 90 institutions across the country that have a billion dollars of tax-free deducted and accumulating tax-free income funds that could be, in my opinion, better hopefully directed towards tuition reduction for working families.

How do you think the American government should respond to climate change and global warming?

TR: I think when we take on this issue, I try to make sure that we can all come at it from a common angle. I think we all want a clean environment. We all want to raise our kids and the next generation to have a cleaner environment than what we found it today. And so when you come at it from that perspective, I think you can really take on the issues of an all of the above energy policy, such as what we support and that I have advocated for. We are known as the solar champion on the Republican side in Washington D.C. I just got recognized for our work in regards to alternative

and renewable. We are the prime supporters of the Investment Tax Credit, that let's wind and solar and I'm trying to expand that to even more additional alternative energies to push that all of the above energy policy. But we also have recognize fossil fuels are going to be part of our energy needs and demands in America. And when you look at this issue, it's not just a climate or energy issue, it's a national security issue. We can make ourselves energy secure. We do a lot to make sure that our men and women are not shedding American blood on foreign soil like we have in the past.

How do you think the government can improve the current status of race relations among the populace?

TR: I think it all starts from making sure there is always an open dialogue and that there is mutual respect between everyone when we engage in these conversations. And that is kind of is what I learned being the youngest of 12, and having 11 older brothers and sisters. Mom taught us early, you know that you're not always going to agree but you're always going to respect each other because we're all in this together. And so I would hope that we would see more rhetoric coming from the White House, from our leaders in Washington D.C., myself included, that talk about respecting all lives including black lives, including blue lives, including your friends and neighbors. And making sure that when we deal with this issue we recognize the concern we hear the concerns that are raised and if there is discriminatory action taking place then we unite and call that out. We fight that. That is something that is ingrained in each and everyone of us as Americans. We fight for what is just.

What is your stance on net neutrality?

TR: When we talk about the internet, I'm very sensitive to government overreach and making sure that government is not in any way restricting the freedoms that we hold near and dear in America. When it comes to net neutrality making sure that the internet is as open and free as possible, and making sure that we always call on those who would advocate for big government more control to make sure that we respect the Constitution. We respect Due Process protections we have as American citizens. And that we always come at it from that issue. So we don't support any type of internet takeover by the government.

What is your stance on LGBTQ+ issues, specifically on homosexual marriage and trans rights?

TR: Well it's not just a position that I've talked about, it's a position that we've taken action as. We were one of 14 Republicans that stood up and joined Sean Patrick Maloney in regards to an amendment on the floor of the house just a couple months ago. We stood



and said if there's discriminatory intent then we're not going to stand for discrimination. And that was the LGBT amendments ... they're known as the Maloney amendment in Washington. So we're supportive of allowing people to live their lives and to not be the subject of discrimination.

Which one of your policy stances, regarding what we talked about with college affordability, do you feel differentiates you from your opponent the most?

TR: As I hear John Plumb talking about the issue, I see it rooted primarily in taxpayer funded trying to bridge that gross cost with the net cost. I really am about holding the colleges and universities accountable so that the dollars that are going through their coffers in a tax-free basis, making sure that the dollar is being spent wisely and it's going towards getting young men and women an education and a good quality education that leads to a job. But I'm about deploying market pressure [and] human nature as the real power to bring these costs under control. As opposed to trying to promise that college is going to be free, because we all know at the end of the day it's not free, people are going to pay for it.

Now I am open, as I've said, to supporting programs that can help individuals access college, things like the Pell Grant, things like dual enrollment, but is not going to be the long-term solution. We have to get the cost curve going in the right direction and take on that gross cost that the colleges are charging now.

If you were an animal which one would you be and why?

TR: I'd be a dog just because you bring a smile to people's face and you also can go lay down in the corner in front of a fire and get comfortable and take a long nap and get snacks from your master.

Course Spotlight: Political classes center around 2016 election

ANGELINA DOHRE

Special to The Leader

As the election draws near, two special courses are focusing their attention on politics among the student body: Presidential Campaign Communication and 2016 Election.

The Presidential Campaign Communication course was created by assistant professor Angela McGowan. According to her, there were three main reasons why she created this course, the first being that there can't be a campaign without communication.

"Therefore, we investigate the evolution of a presidential candidate's communication environment, resources and strategies, and students apply practitioner and academic literature to understand real time political processes," McGowan said.

The second reason was to bring up student awareness in politics, especially with the election being this year.

"The course aligns with the goals [of] Provost [Terry] Brown's 'Fredonia as a Public Square' initiative, particularly 'the need to engage our students, our community and one another in respectful, peaceful and informed discussion on the urgent matters of our time,'" she said. "Students are learning to be mindful of our responsibility to encourage informed discussion and debate on all sides of the issues."

The class also follows and meets the needs of SUNY Fredonia's liberal arts mission. According to McGowan, students enrolled in this course will become skilled, connected, creative and responsible global citizens and professionals. "For instance, students complete a final project that requires that they work in teams to create and execute a voter mobilization plan," she said.

The voter mobilization plan allows the students to work in groups in an attempt to spread the word about the importance of voting in general.

Senior communication major Zoe Tzetzis is currently in the course and explained that her group is tackling the topic of job opportunity.

"We're trying to reach out to students to let them know their vote matters to what kind of job they're going to get," she said. "Other groups are focusing on things such as environmental issues and college affordability."

Currently, students are learning the

communication strategies that are being used in this election.

"We were comparing the authenticity between the candidates and looking at their political communication styles, such as nonverbal and verbal cues that they might do that may come off as authentic or inauthentic," Tzetzis said. "It's really interesting to analyze both sides."

Tzetzis found out about the class through email and joined because of her excitement for the upcoming election.

"I think there's a lot of controversy going on with [the election], so I thought it would be something that'd be enlightening to take," she said.

Senior audio/radio production major Luke Wheeler was recommended by McGowan to take the course during his previous class with her, Rhetoric and Criticism.

"I'm taking this class because I feel like proper discourse is harder and harder to come by today, and wanted to be with peers and professors who understood the importance of political communication and were passionate about strategy and elections like I am," he said.

According to McGowan, after the election is over the class plans to spend the remainder of the semester examining presidential debates and issue topics, such as religion, national security and women's rights, along with vice presidential candidate rhetoric and third party candidates' rhetorical choices.

The Political Campaign Communication class is a 300 level communication class that is open to all majors, and McGowan hopes to bring it back for each election every four years.

Another special courses class that is centered around the election is 2016 Election. Created by associate professor Jonathan Chausovsky, the course focuses on more than just examining the election itself.

Senior political science major Emily Huntington explained what they've been learning so far. "We started the class reading a book about the Tea Party and their rise to political power in 2010 and then compared their rise to the rise of the so-called 'Trump phenomenon,'" she said.

The class's main focus is on changes between

political eras. "The basic idea is that we have been in what some scholars call a Republican era — the era of Ronald Reagan — since at least 1980," Chausovsky said.

"We've also looked a lot at campaign finance and how money influences politics as well, and it was extremely eye-opening. Billions of dollars go into financing presidential campaigns — it's really quite crazy and a bit concerning to know how much money matters in elections," Huntington added.

After the election is over, the class plans to analyze the outcome and determine why it was the same, or perhaps the opposite, of what they'd initially expected to happen. "We will also continue with our study of the power of presidents at times of great upheaval," Chausovsky said. "This election has upended much received wisdom about how American politics operates."

The 2016 Election course is open to anyone, although it does have a POLI 120 Introduction to American Politics prerequisite, but Chausovsky was willing to do an override for any student that had a serious interest. He plans to offer more classes with variations on current topics and events.



On the next page, you can see a sample version of the ballot Fredonia residents will use at the polls on Nov. 8. If you've never voted before, here are a few things to keep in mind:

1) Candidates in New York are allowed to receive the nomination of multiple parties, so don't be confused when you see that incumbent Sen. Chuck Schumer has been nominated by the Democratic Party, Working Families Party, Independence Party and Women's Equality Party.

2) Although polls open at different times throughout the state, they close at 9 p.m. statewide, so if you can cast your vote before your evening clubs and classes, do it!

3) The following forms of ID are accepted at the polls: your DMV number (either your driver's license or a non-driver ID number), a bank statement, paycheck, government check, current utility bill, the last four digits of your social security number or another government document that shows both your name and address.



Candidates speak at the open forum. (From left: Michael Sullivan, Patrick Swanson, Judy Reynolds, Marcia Merrins, Jason Schmidt, Sally Jarosynski) Corey Maher/Photo Editor

Local candidate forum addresses drug abuse and prevention

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Next Tuesday, Americans will race to the polls to fulfill their civil duty and cast their vote for the next president of the United States.

While there, Chautauqua County residents will not only be asked to vote for who they believe should run our country for the next four years, but to also vote for local candidates for family court judge and district attorney.

To prepare residents for the decision, the League of Women Voters of Chautauqua County have been sponsoring community forums with local candidates, where members of the community can attend and ask questions about pressing issues at both a regional and national level.

Last Thursday, a forum was held at the Fredonia Opera House with family court judge candidates Michael Sullivan (R) and Sally Jarosynski (D), as well as candidates for District Attorney Jason Schmidt (R) and Patrick Swanson (D).

“Voting is an essential step in the process of democracy,” said co-moderator and member of the League, Judy Reynolds. “In exercising our choice for elective office, we affirm our faith in the democratic process.”

Marcia Merrins, co-moderator, member of the LWV Chautauqua County and director on the national level, opened the forum with a general question about what is the most pressing issue facing the county and steps to take in order to solve it.

All four candidates agreed: the biggest problem is the opium epidemic and drug addiction.

Candidate Michael Sullivan, who started the discussion, spoke about the issues and programs set in place to help.

Sullivan talked about the Chautauqua Country Treatment Court in Jamestown and his involvement

in both its creation and success since 2000. Treatment courts are resolution courts that take a mental health approach to help addicted offenders.

“We’ve had successful graduates who go on to lead successful lives and just as in important, maybe even more, we’ve had at least a dozen children born to parents in our treatment court who were born free of any kind of substance abuse after their mothers had previously given birth to children addicted,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan explained that these successes are limited due to the small amount of cases they’re allowed to take into the court, but on Sept. 1 of this year, they launched a study to determine the resources to expand and continue.

Sullivan believes that working closely with families that have a history of addiction can prevent the extension of these issues from generation to generation.

“I’ve been doing this long enough now where I’m seeing the third generation of families in cases, and we want to be able to stop that,” Sullivan said. “From a family court perspective, the mechanism we have is to fix the families that are in front of us.”

Sullivan’s opponent, Sally Jarosynski, agreed but stated that the family court doesn’t have the proper infrastructure to support families who come in with one or more crises such as addiction, mental health issues and treatment, domestic violence and poverty.

“If our families are successful, then our communities are going to be successful and our counties [are] going to be successful,” Jarosynski said. “But right now, we don’t have the structure in family court to help all of those individuals.”

Jarosynski continued in terms of prevention to talk about youth and juvenile detention centers.

“There has to be something for our children when they come out of a juvenile program that offers more for them; job and job training incentive and education incentive instead of sending them right back into the situation from before that got them to where they were. That’s where our system is lacking right now.”

Jason Schmidt, former felony prosecutor and criminal defense attorney and candidate for district attorney, wants to focus on the never-ending felony cycle and the traffic of drugs throughout the county.

“The [changes I want to make] are targeting the drug-dealers and suppliers that are destroying our neighborhoods and also recognizing, though, that we’ve got a generation of addicts, and we don’t want to turn them into a generation of convicted felons,” Schmidt said. “I want to go hard on the dealers but I also want to recognize the reality of drug addiction.”

Schmidt recognizes that addicts often need rehabilitation rather than a criminal record and is proposing deferred and non-prosecution programs.

“We filter people into the criminal justice system and they come out as convicted felons and that’s problematic,” said Schmidt. “Can you imagine how difficult it is to become a productive member of society when you’re a convicted felon? It’s nearly impossible and [the system] has set people up for failure.”

Patrick Swanson, acting district attorney of Chautauqua County, has been endorsed by five different police agencies in the county and hopes to take advantage of the relationships to help combat the drug issue.

“I began working on a program with the chief of police in Jamestown,” Swanson said. “We’re doing a drug market and addiction study right now, working on directing our efforts along with the efforts of mental health and substance abuse providers to combat the problem that we’re seeing.”

“We need to reach out to other agencies of government and work with them to combat the problem we have with use,” he said.

While family court judges are often limited to their involvement, district attorneys can actively involve themselves in education processes and Swanson hopes to utilize his position to raise awareness and educate younger demographics about addiction.

“If you look at the issues that surround our opium problems, we have 75 to 80 percent of people who end up using heroin began by using some sort of prescription medication that they were either abusing because they were prescribed it or by getting it [from an outside source],” Swanson said. “Getting into schools and teaching these kids that, even though you can buy them in a store or by prescription, they’re a problem. It starts with education.”

Rides to polls available for students

MOLLY VANDENBERG

Staff Writer

Registering to vote can be an obstacle, and actually getting yourself to the polls on Election Day is the last hurdle before the finish line. It's important for students to try to make plans ahead of time to make sure they can get to the polls next week.

Living on a college campus can make things more complicated, as many students may not have a car as readily available to them or the polling spot is not very accessible or convenient.

On Election Day, Nov. 8, Fredonia is providing transportation to students living on campus to their polling spot from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you are registered to vote in Chautauqua County with your residence hall address, your polling spot is the Wheelock School at 75 Chestnut St.

Fredonia is a part of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, which "recognizes postsecondary campuses committed to improving

democratic engagement, increasing student voter participation rates, and graduating with a lifelong commitment to being informed and active citizens," according to the ALL IN Challenge website.

In the weeks and months leading up to Election Day, ALL IN has done many things in efforts to get Fredonia students involved with the election, such as offering voter registration drives, airing the televised presidential debates in the Williams Center, bringing political guest speakers to campus and providing students with important voting registration deadlines.

Rachel LaPaglia, a committee member of the ALL IN challenge project and the assistant director of Campus Life, helps organize the campus rides to the polls.

"On Election Day ... we will have the escort bus here at the Williams Center bus stop, shuttling students back and forth to Wheelock School, which is

on Chestnut Street ... just a few minutes from campus. This will be a free shuttle," said LaPaglia.

She believes that it's important to provide this opportunity to students in an effort to make the voting process easier.

"One of the main reasons why college students don't vote is because they can't get to the site, or because they're here on campus but they're registered back home and they don't go through the absentee ballot process. We did encourage students to register here in Chautauqua County with their residence hall address. We thought that providing this transportation would hopefully get them to vote and able to vote on Election Day," said LaPaglia.

If you are unsure of where you are registered to vote and where your polling site is, you can find your specific polling site at canivote.org.

Who will win Chautauqua County?

JAMES LILLIN

Staff Writer

Come next week, many Fredonia students will be casting their votes for the first time in their lives, navigating the complicated web of local, state and presidential candidates that fill their ballot.

On the state level, things look rather uncompetitive, with New York's electoral votes routinely going to the Democratic presidential candidate since 1984, when Ronald Reagan won countrywide by historic margins.

The race for the Senate is even less competitive, with incumbent Sen. Chuck Schumer ahead of the Republican nominee, Wendy Long, by almost 23 points according to the latest RealClearPolitics polling average.

The set-in-stone reality of the statewide race, however, belies a far more fascinating and competitive environment at the local level, particularly in Chautauqua County.

"Chautauqua County was actually a local barometer of the national vote in presidential elections from 1980 to 2008," said Politics and International Affairs Department Chair David Rankin, "kind of like the state of Ohio, with a majority of county residents voting for the winning presidential candidate in each election: Reagan in 1980 and 1984, Bush in 1988, Clinton in 1992 and 1996, Bush in 2000 and 2004 and

Obama in 2008. In 2012, the trend was broken when a majority of Chautauqua County voted for Romney."

This competitiveness is reflected in the local races as well, with both mayorships and congressional seats having gone both ways in recent years.

"In recent years, Fredonia and Dunkirk have elected both Democratic and Republican mayors, although both currently have Democratic mayors," said Rankin. "As a byproduct of congressional redistricting, Fredonia has also recently had a Democratic U.S. House representative, Brian Higgins, and now the Republican incumbent Tom Reed."

Chautauqua County's competitiveness can be attributed to its unique and varied electorate, which makes it so that candidates from both parties have to vie hard for their vote.

"It has a college town, like Fredonia, and small cities, like Jamestown," said Rankin, "which tend to skew Democratic, along with numerous small towns and rural areas that trend increasingly Republican."

When it comes to student voters, who lean overwhelmingly Democratic, the key question is less

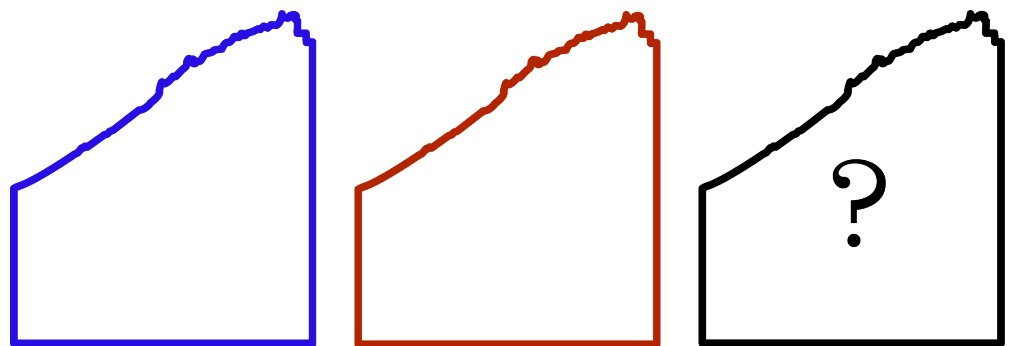
about who they will be voting for and more about how many students will actually turn out to vote.

"Many students are very interested, many are turned off and some are apathetic," said political science professor Raymond Rushboldt. "I am uncertain about whether students feel as strongly as others in the population, perhaps not being as wedded to either candidate."

Rushboldt's view appears to be on-point when it comes to Fredonia, with the most recent Campus Voting Report by the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement revealing that only about 31 percent of SUNY Fredonia voted in 2012, compared to a national student average of around 50 percent.

Still, Rushboldt has hope that this year might be different due to the stark differences between the major party candidates.

"As for voting," said Rushboldt, "the differences of the candidates should be clear and may make the choice easier, in that sense."



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Native American Heritage Month kicks off in November

JACOB SANTOS

Special to The Leader

Since 1990, during the presidency of George H.W. Bush, the U.S. has federally recognized the month of November as Native American Heritage Month. At SUNY Fredonia, the Native American Student Union will be sponsoring a number of events, open to all students and faculty, highlighting the current issues and traditions of Native Americans today.

"Native American Heritage Month celebrates centuries of rich, vibrant Native American culture, and brings to light many issues modern Natives are facing," said Katelynn Rought, a sophomore French adolescent education major who serves as NASU's secretary.

During the 1980s, initiatives to create a heritage month were largely voiced by politicians and activists who advocated the need to highlight important historical figures and events, which had long been disregarded from U.S. history. Today, federal, state and local entities are encouraged to provide educational programs for employees and the broader communities they serve.

"Here at Fredonia, we celebrate [Native American Heritage Month] by having a series of events in November based on local and nation-wide

indigenous cultures," said Riley Cox, a senior history major serving as NASU's president. "All of our events are free and unticketed and will be led by guest speakers."

NASU aims to promote positive awareness of the Native American identity, as well as issues that presently affect the 5.4 million Natives in the U.S. today.

"Many Native American nations are suffering from a loss of language," said Rought, "which in turn leads to a loss of culture. [We] are still here and have many wonderful cultures."

Much of the events during heritage month will be led by visiting speakers, which have largely been brought and coordinated by Cheryl Jones, the director of the Native American SUNY Western Consortium.

"The people during [Heritage] month have different talents and knowledge of information," said Jones.

From Oct. 31 to Nov. 14, an exhibit will be on display in the Reed Library called "Here, We Tell Our Own Story: A Celebration of Native American History and Culture Through Art."

There will be other events occurring throughout the month of November, including visits from speakers, such as David George-Shongo, who will give a presentation called "Remembering is a

Political Act" on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Williams Center S204ABC. George-Shongo, a lifelong resident on the Seneca Allegany reservation, serves as the acting director for the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum,

which works to display and preserve cultural materials for the Seneca community and the general public.

Later that evening, at 6 p.m. in the Williams Center G103B, Peter Jemison, a Seneca artist and writer, will give a talk called "Our Art and Our Way of Life." In years past, Jemison has been very political advocating for Native American rights.

Perry Ground will speak about Native American Thanksgiving on Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Williams Center S204ABC. Ground, a member of the Onondaga Nation, is a cultural educator and a professional Native American storyteller.

Dr. Rodney Haring will give a presentation called "Exposing the Health Issues in the Native American Community" on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Williams Center S204ABC. Haring works for the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and focuses on research and discrimination in healthcare.

Cranston Marché will be serving traditional Native foods throughout the day on Nov. 17, as a special known as "Cranston Thanksgiving."

A Native American arts and craft event, taught by Michael Galban, will take place on Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Williams Center S204ABC during an event called "Porcupine Quill Arts."

NASU will conclude its Heritage Month with a closing ceremony on Nov. 29 in the Williams Center G103B with Megan Red Shirt-Shaw, who will be speaking on activism and education.

All students, whether Native American or not, are welcome and encouraged to attend the events sponsored by NASU.

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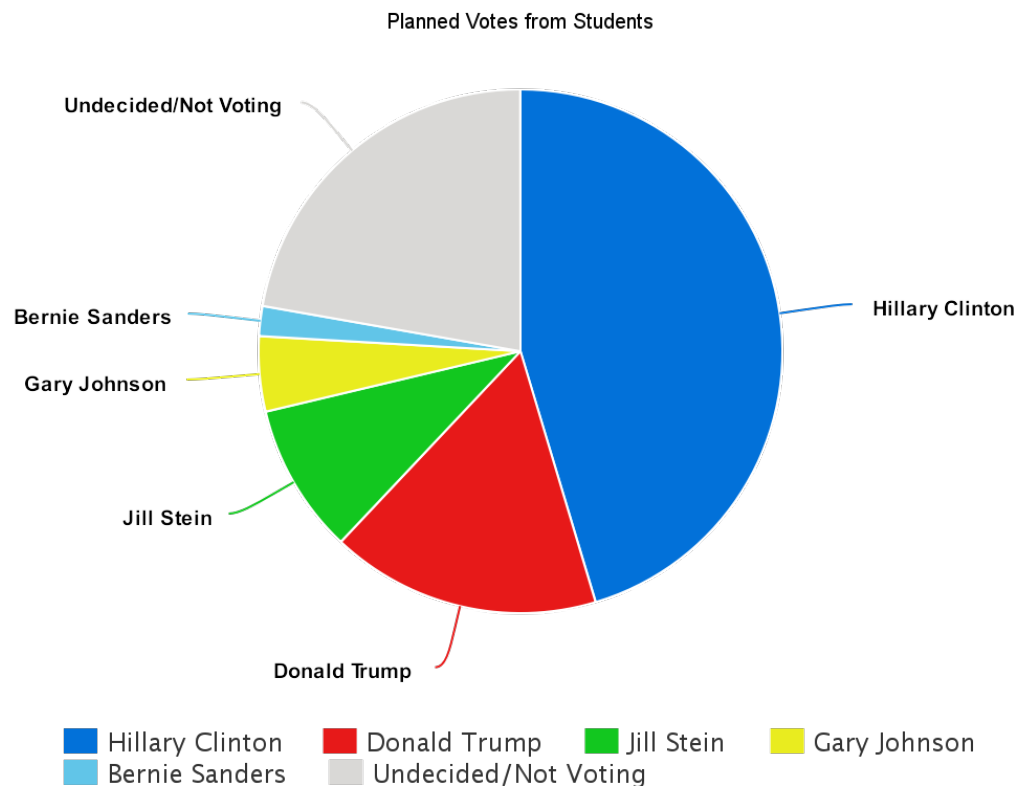
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Who will students vote for?

KELSIE ABBT and CAMRY DEAN
Special to The Leader and Staff Writer

Last week, Leader reporters conducted a survey of students to see who the campus plans on voting for. 108 students were randomly selected from various locations on campus and from classes and filled out anonymous forms, the answers to which have been compiled below. Based on this data, it seems reasonable to conclude that most students plan on voting for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, although many students either do not plan on voting or have yet to make up their mind.



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Candidates	Class	Affiliation
Hillary Clinton - 49 Donald Trump - 18 Jill Stein - 10 Gary Johnson - 5 Bernie Sanders - 2 Not voting/undecided - 24	Senior - 43 Junior - 29 Sophomore - 21 Freshman - 15	Democrat - 50 Republican - 24 Independent - 15 Green - 4 Not registered - 15

The upcoming event will have a guest speaker, senior English and international studies major Zach Beaudoin, who is in the National Guard and a brother of Kappa Sigma, according to Burdick.

Another speaker is in the works but has yet to be confirmed.

"I believe this event is a great cause and hopefully, it continues after we do it and it becomes an annual thing here in Fredonia," said junior business administration major Mark Monsegur.

The event will start at 3:15 p.m., and shortly after the speaker, there will be a designated time for people to participate in the "22 push up" challenge. The sequence will be recorded and uploaded to Facebook. Similar to other viral challenges, this one allows participants to challenge other people, in this case other chapters.

"For us, personally, we're going to challenge another chapter at a different school," Burdick said.

For Kappa Sigma, this challenge was selected because of its popularity but also because of its novelty.

"One, yeah, because it's trending. Two, because for some of us, it's something that not a lot of people are aware of," Burdick said. "A lot of us weren't aware of it before it was brought up, and I thought it was ... a big number. 22 people a day is kind of crazy to me," Burdick said.

According to Monsegur the event will be quick and shouldn't last more than an hour, and there will be a table for donations.

"I expect a great turnout," said Monsegur.

22 push ups for 22 veterans Kappa Sigma set to perform challenge for charity

JORDAN PATTERSON
News Editor

Another trending challenge has reached Fredonia, this time in support of military veterans.

The fraternity Kappa Sigma, whose national philanthropy focuses on veterans, is hosting a "22 push up" challenge on Nov. 5 in Steele Hall. The theme of the challenge is centered around the 22 veterans that commit suicide every day, on average.

The trend originated in 2011 and had its popular culture appeal re-emerge into the mainstream when a study was published, proclaiming the phenomenon. The basic concept of the challenge now is to complete 22 push ups every day for 22 days.

Political science and international studies major and President of Kappa Sigma Nick Burdick said the main goal is to have people show up so that they can donate and show their support.

"The push ups are good to get awareness, but the money is what's going to help [the veterans]," Burdick said.

This will be the first big event that the young fraternity will be hosting. They have done events before but not of this magnitude. On Oct. 27, Kappa Sigma aligned with Chipotle, where customers were encouraged to show a digital coupon that sent half of their proceeds to the frat, who would then donate the money.

A conversation with Craig Smith

CONNOR HOFFMAN

Managing Editor

In October, former presidential speechwriter Craig Smith came to Fredonia to lecture on the 2016 election prior to the second televised debate. The full interview is available online at fredonialeader.org.

As a former speechwriter, how do you feel about the stump and convention speeches we've seen this year?

The speechwriters have done some good jobs. I thought Marco Rubio gave marvelous speeches. I thought John Kasich was very authentic in a conversational style, and that's the way he should go. When Trump has been on message, he has been much more effective. In other words, when he listens to his speechwriters, he's more effective than when he doesn't. I think Hillary Clinton had some well-written speeches, and the problem with Hillary Clinton is her delivery is so wooden and so robotic that she ruins good speechwriters' work. The exception in this election was in the South Carolina primary. When she won the South Carolina primary, her acceptance speech was one of the best speeches she's ever given, and people ought to look at that because she finally hit the right tone in terms of emotion and delivery and seemed authentic, but she never got back to that again.

How do you feel that two of the most unpopular candidates in history were able to convince so many that they won their party's nomination?

It's a very difficult question, and it's very complicated, and I think it's different in each party. I think, in the Republican Party, nobody took Trump seriously, and by the time they took him seriously, it was too late. I also think he was very clever in terms of being an insurgent, opposing the establishment, and he reinforced that by shooting from the hip all the time. People actually began to like him saying the crazy things he said. On the Democratic side, I think it was simply a result of having a very small pool of candidates. Hillary Clinton very cleverly over time had inherited her husband's organizations and extended it, so even if you had more candidates it was very hard to beat that.

What issues do you feel aren't getting enough attention this election?

We needed to spend more time on the Syrian crisis and what people would do about it. Nobody seems to have an answer. They can criticize everything, but it's a very complicated situation. There's at least four different groups involved, and the Russians have

to be worked with, so that has to be looked at. I think the environment has been ignored pretty much in the campaign, and I think that's unfortunate because climate change is affecting us. The crisis is just getting worse until we do something about it. There's those issues and what should be the proper tax structure.

What issues do you feel got too much attention this election?

I think personalities have gotten too much attention. I think it's legitimate to talk about somebody's character and their leadership abilities, but when you get into personal lives, lifestyles, clothing and that kind of thing, we're off the mark.

What rhetorical suggestions would you give to Trump or Clinton's campaigns?

The Trump campaign needs to get him on substance. It needs to get him to use more statistics. He's not preparing properly. He needs to be able to prepare more, and he needs to be able to sustain himself for 90 minutes, and I don't think he can do it.

Hillary Clinton needs to be more emotive, needs to show more empathy and be less robotic. She's almost overly prepared. One doesn't get the feeling that anything she says is spontaneous.

Being a First Amendment scholar, how do you feel about the current argument over content warning and safe spaces?

When I teach my course in freedom of expression, I make clear that the course is going to cover obscenity law and examples are going to have be given of what obscenity is. And because obscenity is illegal, or the sale of obscenity is illegal, I warn the class that if you don't think you can look at that material or you don't wanna hear about it, you may not want to take the course or you may wanna sign-in for an alternate assignment. So what I'm saying is if it's a flagrant kind of thing that might offend the student, I feel an obligation in the classroom to warn that that's what's coming.

But people have gotten into these microaggressions, and it's part of the political correctness group. The fact is almost anything is going to offend someone, and if I'm going to be held accountable for every time a student gets offended for something in the classroom, the classroom is going to come to a complete halt. So there needs to be some



real care taken with this. It really needs to be kind of an egregious thing you're going to look at.

How do you feel about Trump's proposed changes to libel law?

I think he's wrong about that. The libel laws have been clearly spelled out. We've got case after case, starting with [New York Times Co. v.] Sullivan, that spell out what is libel and what is slander and what a public person is. Those have evolved over time, and there's a burden of proof that people have, and it should be there if you're a public figure because the press is the estate that guards us against corruption. Trump just hasn't look at the case law out there, I don't think, to see what could happen. I think this is a case of Donald Trump not liking what reporters have said about him and his investments and his businesses, and so he wants to punish them by making it easier for people to sue the media, but it shouldn't be easy to sue the media.

So, who do you think is going to win the election at this point?

I think Clinton's going to win the election simply because Donald Trump has blown it. She's not popular. She's not liked. If the Republicans simply played over and over again FBI Director Comey's statement, you can see that 14 minutes into the 15 minutes, so you think he is going to say 'and therefore I'm asking for an indictment,' and then he doesn't. It was a brutal indictment of her, and she could have been defeated on that alone. But Trump is such a wild card and so crazy that he just has blown it. When it comes to voting for president in the end, people know the president has an enormous amount of power. There's the nuclear power, there's foreign policy, [and] there's all kinds of domestic executive orders that can be issued ... I think, when people go into the polls, they're just going to remember his debate performances and some of his other performances and say he's just too off the wall to be president.

Craig Smith speaks in October.
Andrew Camera/Staff Photographer

Student Activity Fee vote slated for next week

Funding for all clubs could be affected

JAMES LILLIN
Staff Writer

Each year, students expect to vote on a new slate of executives to lead the Student Association (SA), but most students aren't aware that another vote goes on every two years that determines whether or not the Student Activity Fee remains mandatory for students or becomes optional.

"The students have the right to vote on whether or not they want to spend the money," said senior political science and psychology major Nathaniel Clark, who currently serves as SA's speaker of the general assembly.

Clark sees the biennial vote as necessary to foster respect and trust among the student body.

"For us to be a truly representative body of Fredonia students, we need to ask the students that we are currently governing what they think and what they want," said Clark. "I would 110 percent choose to have this vote."

Clark respects the right of the students to decide what is done with their money, but concedes that there would likely be severe consequences should the fee become voluntary.



Leslie Martinez-Garcia/Staff Illustrator

"If every single student at Fredonia checked the box and volunteered to pay that fee, then we could continue as-is and nothing would change," said Clark. "Still, I personally think that if you gave college students an opportunity to pay less for college, then most people would look at that and think, 'I don't even know what a Student Activity Fee is,' and not check the box [to pay the fee]."

As for whether or not students would actually choose to pay, the answer is unclear.

"I would pay it because a lot of the groups that I'm a part of, and that I support are part of, and completely funded by SA," said senior acting major Nick Cahill, "but I think that a ton of people would be like 'A \$100 fee?' and wouldn't pay it, because they wouldn't understand."

Should a majority of students choose not to pay the fee, results would likely range from bad to disastrous for the state of SA.

"If we had to scale down our budgets to a degree of ten, we'd have to scale down our services to a degree of ten, and our services are our clubs," said Clark.

One potential way that SA would handle a downsizing of that scale would be to simply cut every group below the constituted level.

"We're talking maybe ten thousand dollars for all the constituted groups to share," said Clark, "and most constituted groups have more than that individually, so one can only imagine the fallout."

This situation would only be compounded by SA's existing rule that all activities paid for by SA money are open to all "fee-paying students."

"You'd be allowed to attend meetings but you

wouldn't be able to attend events that SA money paid for," said senior finance and computer information systems major and SA President Jason Burgos, adding, "It would be very, very hard to monitor."

There's a reason that SA is more worried about the vote this year than for previous year: starting this semester, all voting will be done online, instead of at a voting station in the Williams Center.

"[Previous turnout] numbers were a little on the lower side, and so that's why we changed to an electronic system, so that we can have greater voter participation and give ourselves a more legitimate mandate to say that we represent the students," said Clark. "It's a double-edged sword, however, because the previous electorate had been biased in favor of a mandatory vote because most of the students voting were very passionate, in-the-know individuals who were often quite involved with SA."

Clark is indifferent as to the results of the vote, so long as the student body knows what is being voted on.

"The last thing we want," said Clark "is for people to vote and then come to us the day after the election and then ask 'so, what is that Activity Fee for?'"

Regardless of the outcome, Clark recognizes that Fredonia's clubs are an integral part of its culture and community and hold an important place in the hearts of many students.

"I talk to people in some of our groups, and they talk about how these communities are literally lifesavers in some instances," said Clark, "that these groups opened their eyes to who they really are, forged their deepest connections and are, ultimately, why they stayed at Fredonia."

Police Blotters

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Monday, Oct. 24, 2016

7:44 p.m. Molly R. Brockman, age 19, was arrested for unlawful possession of alcohol.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016

University Police received a report that a vehicle had left the scene of an accident on Oct. 24. Photos were taken and a report was filed.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016

2:14 a.m. A man wearing green tights was reportedly yelling outside of Grissom Hall. The subject was gone on arrival and a report was filed.

3:44 p.m. A subject was reportedly acting strangely in the field house. Subjects were advised and a report was filed.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016

2:52 a.m. A possible fight occurred on the escort bus. Subjects were dispersed for the night and a report was filed.

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Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016

8:30 p.m. Evan Johnny, age 27, was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree. He was held.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016

12:43 a.m. Stephen M. Doctor, age 18, was arrested for an open container and unlawful possession of alcohol. He was released on \$80.00 bail.

1:09 a.m. Colton T. Farnham, age 24, was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was issued an appearance ticket.

1:09 a.m. Brett M. Stroud, age 18, was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016

Cameron E. Davis, age 18, was arrested for violating the sewer ordinance. He was issued an appearance ticket.

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The Pop Culture Lover's Guide to the Election

MIRANDA OLSON and AMBER MATTICE

Special to The Leader and Reverb Editor

Art and politics are obviously two different fields, but they both create engagement that influences relationships, shifts boundaries and creates new ideas. With the election coming up, it's interesting to think about how much art and politics come together to create such a great impact on our society, especially in pop culture.

Beyoncé makes a statement

Who remembers Queen Bey's (aka Beyoncé's) performance at the Super Bowl earlier this year? Even if you didn't watch the Super Bowl, her performance blew up on social media because of its political content. Performing "Formation," the artist made a huge political statement. Her dancers had afro hairstyles, wore black berets and formed an "X" while punching the air with their fists. Every element of the performance was a tribute to the Black Panthers and the contemporary Black Lives Matter movement. Leave it to Beyoncé for another breathtaking performance.

More than just lyrics

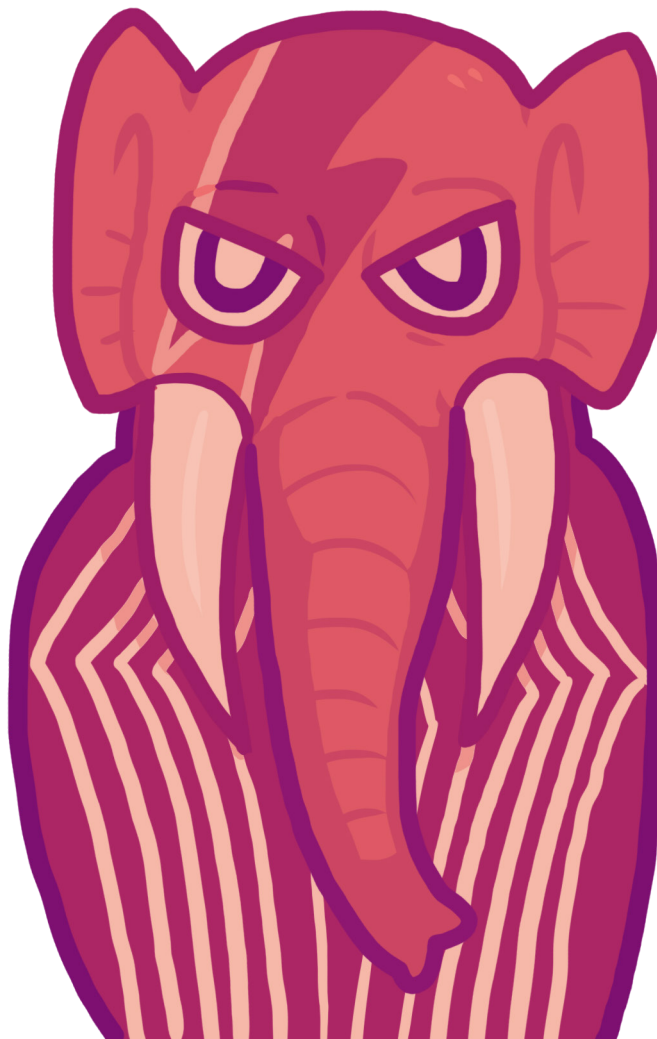
Music is a huge source of expression and escape in modern society so it has the potential to make large impacts on people. Because of this, artists have taken advantage of getting the word out about things that are important in modern culture and the upcoming election.

Take the song "Angel Down" by Lady Gaga released last month. Gaga told media that she specifically wrote this song about Trayvon Martin. In the song she states, "Shots were fired on the street, by the church where we used to meet, angel down, angel down, but the people just stood around." She is referencing the well publicized gun crimes that have been occurring and all the injustice suffered by the families of the victims. She wanted to make a political statement and speak up about the topic.

However, some songs are more straightforward. Last month, Eminem dropped a song called "Campaign Speech." How much more blunt can it get than that? It's basically a freestyle about the upcoming election, and we know Eminem isn't afraid to give his opinion about anything. In the song he states, "You say Trump don't kiss a** like a puppet, 'cause he runs his campaign with his own cash for the fundin', and that's what you wanted, a loose cannon who's blunt with his hand on the button, who doesn't have to answer to no one — great idea!" He continues to rap about political events and situations.

Political playlists

Of course, the candidates also make music play a key role in their campaigns by themselves. Hillary Clinton's official playlist (available on Spotify) includes upbeat pop songs like Pharrell Williams' "Happy" and some songs featuring strong women, like Katy Perry's "Roar."



While several of the artists featured by Clinton have endorsed her, Trump has had decidedly less luck when it comes to his campaign songs. For more than a year, the candidate has gotten flak from icons including Neil Young, The Rolling Stones, R.E.M. and more for using their songs at events. On the other hand, his endorsements include people like Ted Nugent, Wayne Newton and Times Square's "Naked Cowboy."

"What are you wearing?" "A pantsuit."

Fashion has changed over time and will continue to do so. One thing that has not changed, however, is how women are judged by what they are wearing rather than their more important characteristics. Women are often sexualized in media and judged on how revealing their clothing is. Women are often looked at as objects with no power and are used to sell an idea with their bodies through the media.

Hillary Clinton has received a lot of backlash for the way she dresses for debates and in general. She is relatively well-known for her pantsuits and, especially during this election, how unfeminine she tends to dress. Though Clinton has worn gowns to some events and accessorizes, there is a logic behind her wardrobe. When running against someone like Trump, Clinton has had to not only repeat herself multiple times to get her point across, but has had to dress the part as well. The media has stigmatized feminine clothing to a point that she would have been perceived as weak sporting a pencil skirt and blouse to a debate.

The power of social media

Social media is an integral part of today's society. It's everywhere and most people use some form of it everyday. When it comes to politics and social media around election season, things get pretty interesting. Trump is famous for his Twitter account; some think he's outrageous while others get a kick out of it. The real question is, "Does he run his Twitter account himself or has he hired a staff member to tweet for him?" Either way, things have been pretty tense between Trump and Clinton over Twitter, culminating with Clinton responding to his tweets by saying "Delete your account." Celebrities such as John Legend, Katy Perry, J.K. Rowling tweeting, and others have also commented on the election through Twitter. Seeing what celebrities, that many know and respect, have to say about the election is important because it reveals a lot about societal values as well. People are easily swayed by those they view as idols and social media plays a massive role in spreading knowledge and opinions, especially on things that are as easily discussed as the election.

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Campus media groups collaborate for election night special

LERON WELLINGTON
Staff Writer

The upcoming election is not anything like previous ones. To give Fredonia students the best possible coverage, the major campus media outlets are collaborating to get the latest news on election night.

The Leader, Fredonia Radio Systems and WNYF are planning a special show on Tuesday, Nov. 8 until the final results are announced.

"It's not a show that we do ever. It is a special, a one time thing," said Kaitlynn Covell, a senior video and audio/radio production major and general manager at WNYF-TV.

Covell talked about how the television special, that will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., has taken extra

preparation to get many elements right.

"We are now also collaborating with the ALL IN Challenge. We are going to have different speakers in and keep a tally of who is up and who is down during the election. We're gonna have a couple of shows come on to talk about the election. For example, 'Kenspiracy' will have a little part in the special," said Covell.

We rarely get to see media groups join to report the news. But with Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's race for the White House, you will definitely want to know everything as soon as possible. If you do not get the chance to watch WNYF, which will be available on local cable and online, you can hear the updates over the airwaves too.

Fredonia Radio Systems, which is available at 88.9, on campus TV and on their website will also be

covering the election. Their normal schedule will be changed to keep students updated on who is leading in the race.

Colin Perry, a senior English and journalism major and editor in chief of The Leader said, "As far as coverage goes, we're going to be doing largely the same thing you'd expect from any of the major cable news stations, but we're probably going to have a lot more fun. We're hoping to feature students, faculty and other people who have followed the election as the night goes on, on top of breaking results as they come in."

So when Nov. 8 finally arrives, you will know exactly what is happening during one of the, arguably, most interesting elections through your campus media. The campus wide collaboration is working to not only report the news, but to make it as accessible as possible.

Sexual assault is #NotOkay Social media campaign confronts 'locker room talk'

ZOE KIRIAZIS
Special to The Leader

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump claimed during the second presidential debate that the 2005 leaked audio of him talking about what he has done to women was nothing more than "locker room talk." People responded heavily on Twitter when New York Times best-selling author Kelly Oxford asked women to come forward to talk about their first sexual assault encounter using the hashtag #NotOkay.

Leaked footage of Trump obtained by The Washington Post on Oct. 7 caught him saying vulgar and disturbing comments about women quoting, "and when you're a star ... you can do anything." During the presidential campaign and debates, he has repeatedly said negative and derogatory comments towards women. He has claimed during each debate that he has respect for women stating things like, "nobody has respect for women like I do."

Defined by The United States Department of Justice, sexual assault is any sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. By law, what Trump described was sexual assault.

An uproar subsequently ensued on social media.

"Women: tweet me your first assaults. They aren't just stats," Oxford tweeted at 4:48 p.m. on Oct. 7.

What began as a small tweet led to 50 tweets per minute and over one million Twitter responses

overnight, per Hindustan Times. Men and women shared their stories, some for the first time.

On Oct. 18, Twitter user Dominick Evans tweeted, "I know of too many trans men who have had their crotches grabbed by cis men trying to remind us we're not real men."

Karen Freeman on Oct. 17 tweeted, "I was 17, a man overpowered me, shoved me between 2 cars & tried to rape me. 2 strangers came by & scared him off."

Twitter user Alexa Fitzpatrick tweeted on Oct. 17, "When you say 'All men say these things,' you tell me a lot more about you and your friends than you do about all men."

A community came together as survivors shared their stories with many positive responses and support from the media.

Planned Parenthood, an organization funded by the government to provide reproductive health services in the U.S. and around the globe, commented during the third presidential debate on Oct. 19, "Women don't come out with sexual assault allegations for fame."

Dose, an online media outlet whose goal is to "educate, entertain and inspire" based in Chicago, posted on its Twitter and Facebook page a video of 11 women talking about their sexual assault stories in a



locker room — the "real" locker room talk.

Jill Gallenstein, a Los Angeles-based artist, took to her Facebook page with the tag to comment about her own sexual assault experiences, "This is RAPE CULTURE - the cultural conditioning of men and boys to feel entitled to treat women as objects."

Over 30 million tweets have poured in using the hashtag. Oxford's one tweet has helped millions of women and men who have experienced sexual assault gain the confidence to come forward about what has happened, according to numerous Twitter users who have been using the hashtag. Political officials have even commented on Trump's sexual assault allegations and his continuous denial of his comments.

Former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said, "Hitting on married women? Condoning assault? Such vile degradations demean our wives and daughters and corrupt America's face to the world." People of all different political backgrounds and beliefs are coming together to stand against Trump.

Current Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton wrote on her Twitter account the day the audio recording was leaked, "This is horrific. We cannot allow this man to become president."

Courtesy of @kellyoxford.

Music Therapy Club hosts open mic night

BETHANY CLANCY

Staff Writer

Music therapy, by definition, is the skillful use of music and musical elements to promote, restore and maintain physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. On Oct. 26, on the Tim Hortons stage, the Music Therapy Club held an open mic event to make people aware of what music therapy is. Students were able to sign up for slots to perform songs.

First up, the all-girl a capella group The Riveters hit the stage promptly at 7 p.m. They performed four songs. The first two were not particularly popular pop songs, but then they played “Four Five Seconds” by Rihanna, and then “Bottom of the River” by Delta Rae, a folk-rock song released in 2012.

In between each performer, the Fredonia Music Therapy Club gave facts about music therapy and what it’s all about. The first music therapy clubs were started in the 1990s, but the practice of music therapy actually started in the 1940s.

Next up was John Tocco, a sophomore music composition major. He and his guitarist covered “Creep” by Radiohead, and performed an original Clinton versus Trump rap battle, titled “I’m With Her.”

Kyle Osmond, a freshman audio/radio production major, came with his ukulele in hand. He performed Chris Brown’s “With You” and Elvis Presley’s “Can’t Help Falling in Love,” which was recently covered by the band Twenty One Pilots.

Most performers played two songs, some only one when they went up for the first time, but once they got a feel for the night, many went up and performed another song.

A crowd favorite was Tyler Will, who played two songs, “Awkward Conversations” and “Flashlight,” by The Front Bottoms. The audience sang and bopped along. Will and his friend Jayden went up once again to perform a few originals. Lis Hansen, a freshman, said that The Front Bottoms covers were her favorite part of the open mic. Be sure to keep an eye out for the next open mic night at Tim Hortons.

November

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Marion Art Gallery

Kahn & Selesnick:

“Truppe Fledermaus and the Carnival at the End of the World”

11/2

Dreambeaches with Northernstate

From 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at BJ’s

Buffalo band Dreambeaches returns to town, while it will be Northernstate’s first time playing in downtown Fredonia. Admission is free for anyone 21 and up and \$5 for anyone under.

Take Back the Night

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in McEwen 202

The event will be hosted by Fredonia Feminists and will feature survivors of domestic and sexual violence telling their stories in a safe environment. There will also be a presentation by STEPS. The event is a part of Fredonia’s “It’s On Us” Week. Admission is free.

11/3

Fredonia Flutasia

From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Rosch Recital Hall

The show will feature a variety of composers such as Palestrina and Ian Clarke. The show will be conducted by Susan Royal. The event will also feature a narrated tone poem by Catherine McMichael. Admission is free.

11/4

Noteworthy’s Fall Showcase

Starts at 6 p.m. in the Williams Center MPR

This will be Noteworthy’s final show of the semester. A capella group Some Like It Hot will be opening the show. The performance will feature singing, dancing, solos and duets. Admission is free.

11/2

BJ’s 83rd Anniversary Party

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Editorial: A mandatory Student Activity Fee is a necessity

The Student Activity Fee is necessary to maintain Fredonia's vibrant club atmosphere, so vote yes to the activity fee during the Student Association's Elections on Nov. 8 and 9.

You may be thinking, what exactly is the Student Activity Fee? The Student Activity Fee is a semesterly fee that every student pays that funds literally all of the club activities on campus. This money is divided up among the 170 plus groups that Fredonia has.

Currently the Student Activity Fee is \$107.25 a semester. Now, that's nothing at all when you realize how many events this small sum of money makes possible. This fee funds awesome events like Spectrum's Activities Night and Family Weekend, Black Student Union's Fashion Show and anything else a club does.

If the Student Activity Fee is made voluntary, Fredonia's clubs and activities would be severely devastated.

As reported by The Leader in this issue, if the

student activity fee is made voluntary, it's expected that so few students would opt-in to pay that SA's budget would have to be downscaled by ten. The current SA budget is around \$1.3 million. If the fee is made voluntary, that means that SA would operate with a budget of around \$10,000 dollars.

Most of the constituted groups, the highest level of group recognition available, have budgets bigger than \$10,000. Spectrum, one of the biggest groups on campus, has a budget of around \$100,000, but keep in mind they throw a bunch of big events that justify the cost. Imagine the decline in quality Spectrum's events would experience if the fee is voluntary.

If you don't participate in any clubs or events, you might be inclined to believe that this fee being voluntary is in your best interest, but you'll be surprised to find out that really isn't the case.

One of the main reasons people go to college is to obtain a job by specializing in a certain area of study or trade. Some clubs, like The Leader, allow students

the ability to develop themselves as professionals outside of their classes. Getting rid of funding for clubs that do this seriously hinders a student's ability to get the most out of their education.

Furthermore, the value of your degree is determined by several things. Your campus' atmosphere and enrollment are several of the main indicators used to assess a college or university.

Without exaggerating, if this fee is made voluntary, then Fredonia's campus atmosphere is going to be destroyed. Fredonia will likely experience even more problems with enrollment. Plus, in the process, your degree's value will be lowered because the campus will lose much of the diversity and culture that makes it what it is.

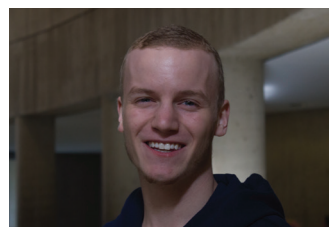
Fredonia cannot lose its vibrant and diverse club atmosphere, so do yourself a favor and vote for a mandatory fee next week.

Verbatim

"In one word, how would you describe this election?"



Elizabeth Stohl, senior business
"Embarrassing."



Sean Edelman, senior public relations
and psychology
"Disappointing."



Olivia Ferguson, junior social work
"Ridiculous."



Bridget Doyle, senior history and
political science
"Terrifying."



Emily Hatfield, senior arts administration
and public relations
"Unpredictable."



Matt DeWinde, junior social studies
adolescent education
"Chaotic."

From the Desk Of Connor Hoffman, Managing Editor

CONNOR HOFFMAN

Managing Editor

This current election and the rise of Donald Trump has really made me challenge my beliefs and question if being a Republican is what it once used to be.

Ronald Reagan switched from being a Democrat to being a Republican in 1962, and he explained that “I didn’t leave the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party left me.” That quote has really struck with me throughout this election because the Republican Party has become an utterly unfamiliar mess.

Ever since the 2008 election, the first time I fell in love with politics, I have been a solid and loyal Republican. For all of 2009, I watched the news and read tons of political books to learn more and more about the current issues we were facing. I watched in horror every day the liberal policies Barack Obama was proposing.

Fast forward to the 2012 election, I had thought that Romney could pull himself together and come out with a win, but sadly, he lost to Obama. At this point, I knew that the 2016 election would be completely in the bag for the Republicans.

I came into 2015 with so much excitement and optimism for what the Republican field would offer for the upcoming 2016 election. Beginning in the summer, we heard announcement after announcement of talented legislators and governors running for the nomination. It would end up being around 16 serious

candidates. There’s always been long-shot celebrity candidates that run for the nomination in an effort to get a book deal or increase their brand, and it looked like at this point that Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina and Trump were those such candidates.

I 100 percent underestimated the strength of Trump. I predicted that his high numbers in the polls were just a result of his huge brand name, but as we see now, that wasn’t the case. The media was too focused on all the views Trump was bringing them and led to the rise of Trump.

After Iowa, the primary just become painful to watch. I had to watch day after day as Trump utterly destroyed what my party has stood for. The party of Reagan slowly died this primary and became the party of Trump and division.

I truly became a Republican after I read Reagan’s autobiography “An American Life,” and so we must look at the huge differences between Reagan and Trump to see how far my party has left me.

Reagan was warm, charming and, above all else, kind to people. He even came up with the 11th Commandment for Republicans not to attack fellow Republicans. Trump constantly attacked his fellow Republicans throughout the primary with nicknames like “Lyn Ted” or “Little Marco,” and he even went so far as to accuse Sen. Ted Cruz’s father of being responsible for the assassination of JFK.

Perhaps the biggest difference between these two, in my opinion, is their starkly different visions of America. Reagan was a very positive person, and he saw a shining city on the hill. Trump is the complete opposite of this, and he constantly paints America as



some war-torn country that is falling apart.

Also, Reagan was a true gentleman, and we would never hear any of the language that Trump uses to describe women come out of Reagan’s mouth.

Another huge difference between the two is the level of their polarization. Now, the increase in polarization is not directly Trump’s fault, but he has unleashed polarization like never before seen. Trump openly talks about putting Hillary Clinton in prison, and he always claims the election is rigged against him. Reagan would never have personally insulted or called for either Jimmy Carter or Walter Mondale’s imprisonment.

The Republican Party must change its ways if it hopes to ever win the presidency again. Trump is in for a complete landslide loss to Clinton on Nov. 8.

I am still a registered Republican. I’m willing to give the party another chance, but we must repudiate Trump’s corrupted and distorted version of Republicanism. I will not stand by a party that embraces Trump’s horrible ethics and horrible policy ideas.

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The Sports Fanatic's Guide to the Election

COLIN PERRY

Editor in Chief

Writing in the Chicago Tribune earlier this year, Leonid Bershidksy claimed that the U.S. elections have become a sport. Americans divide themselves by team and spend month after month rooting for their pick. We eat up statistics every day and play armchair campaign manager when things head south. If you find yourself wishing on election night that the World Series was on instead, this guide is just the thing for you.

Clinton's calculated fandom

Democratic nominee for president Hillary Clinton has been criticized over the years for allegedly changing her positions based on what gives her a political advantage. Her complicated history as a baseball fan only adds fuel to the fire.

Born in Chicago, there's plenty of evidence to suggest that she's a lifelong supporter of the Chicago Cubs. But according to the New York Times, it was mere days after she began seriously considering a run for the Senate in New York in 1999 that she was seen wearing a New York Yankees hat. Clinton claims that she rooted for both teams they were in separate leagues, but her detractors call foul to this day.

Trump's football flop

Republican nominee for president Donald Trump established his campaign being a successful businessman, while his opponents have attempted to paint the opposite picture. His past dealings with the former United States Football League certainly aren't doing him any favors.

Trump was the first owner of the USFL team the New Jersey Generals and owned the franchise until 1986, when the entire league folded. Many blame its collapse on Trump himself, who lobbied for it to move schedules from the spring to the fall and directly compete against the NFL.

The Buffalo connection

It wasn't too long ago that Trump threw his hat in the ring to steer a different ship — one that might have even higher stakes than the presidency in western New York. Before losing out to Buffalo Sabres owner Terry Pegula, Trump was one of the final contenders to own the Buffalo Bills. In the years since, he hasn't hesitated to voice his displeasure with the team on Twitter, claiming that they won't produce “a winner” without him and “Boring games, too many flags,

too soft!”

But if there are any hard feelings, you wouldn't have known it in April when head coach Rex Ryan introduced Trump at his Buffalo rally. According



to The New York Times, Ryan continues to decline commenting on his endorsement further and doesn't see it as affecting the team, saying “That thing's been a non-issue with us.”

The Kaepernick factor

One of the biggest controversies to enter mainstream discourse as of late has been San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's continued protest

during the national anthem. Beginning in the preseason, Kaepernick has sat or taken a knee while the anthem played as a response to the alleged oppression of black people and non-white races across the country and, in particular, in response to police brutality resulting in the loss of black lives.

While the debate over whether the football player is in the right or not still rages on, the candidates have reacted quite differently. Trump said in August that Kaepernick should “find a country that works better for him,” while Clinton's running mate Tim Kaine suggested in September that he be treated with “respect” mere days after the quarterback said that Clinton herself should be in jail, according to the Washington Times.

Taking on the odds

Some observers to this election don't just want to predict who is going to win. They want to make money while they do it. Betting on the presidential race is popular enough that statisticians are taking note of the markets to see whether they might be useful in predicting the eventual winner.

According to the website oddsshark.com, Clinton's odds of becoming the 45th president are at -300 while Trump's have risen to +200, or 75% versus 33%. The odds were much steeper until this past weekend when FBI director James Comey sent his now-infamous letter to Congress re-opening Clinton's email scandal in the court of public opinion.

Ratings, ratings, ratings

Viewers have seemingly gone back and forth in recent weeks when it comes to choosing between the presidential debates and tuning out the noise with their favorite pastimes. The first debate between Clinton and Trump garnered well over 80 million viewers according to CNN, making it the most-watched debate in history and leaving Monday night football in the dust.

But the second presidential debate, competing with football again on a Sunday, dropped 20 percent according to The New York Times. NBC opted to carry sports instead of the candidates' sparring. For the third debate, ratings landed somewhere in the middle, with observers noting that there was no football on that Wednesday but there was a playoff baseball game.

Daniel Salazar/Staff Illustrator

Variety of athletes support Trump, Clinton

CURTIS HENRY
Sports Editor

It has been an election year unlike any other. With all of the hot-button issues that America has to disagree on, the chaos of this election seems to be the one thing that everyone can agree with.

The world of sports has not been exempt to controversy during this year's election cycle. A wide variety of athletes in a plethora of sports have used their platform to endorse one candidate or the other.

Some figureheads in the sports world, like New England Patriots defensive end Chris Long and "NBA Tonight" host Kenny Smith, have chosen to endorse third party candidate Gary Johnson and his running mate Bill Weld. However, the vast majority of athletes to speak out on this election have gone the traditional route of endorsing one of the two major candidates.

A number of Bills players, current and former, have spoken out about their admiration for Donald Trump. The list includes former Bills Shawne Merriman and Terrell Owens, as well as current Bills guard Richie Incognito. Outspoken Bills head coach Rex Ryan also endorsed Trump and he even introduced him at a rally in April.

The endorsements from members of the Bills organization probably won't do Trump too much good. The massive Democratic demographics of downstate and New York City seem to consistently outweigh any Republican traction from western New York.

Adding support to Trump's campaign are a slew of current and former Boston Red Sox players. Clay Buchholz, Johnny Damon, Jonathan Papelbon and Curt Schilling have all endorsed the Republican nominee. Buchholz cited an interesting reason for supporting Trump, stating that

in 2008, Trump introduced him to the woman that would eventually become Buchholz's wife, Lindsay Clubine.

To no surprise, the NBA has been overwhelming in its support for Hillary Clinton. The league has historically voted Democrat, and this year is no different.

Leading the charge in endorsements for Clinton have been big names like Steph Curry and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Abdul-Jabbar spoke at the Democratic National Convention this summer on Clinton's behalf, and Curry spoke out about endorsing Clinton last month. Curry's endorsement comes as no surprise, as he has been spotted golfing with President Obama on numerous occasions and his wife, Ayesha, is a partner of Michelle Obama's in their "Let's Move" initiative.

Perhaps the most important endorsement in the world of sports comes from LeBron James, who recently endorsed Clinton.

"When I think about the kinds of policies and ideas the kids in my foundation need from our government, the choice is clear," said James in a letter to Business Insider early in October, referring to Clinton.

James is arguably the biggest figure in all of sports in the U.S., and his endorsement may be enough to sway undecided voters that are devout fans. He's certainly the most important sports figure in the history of the state of Ohio, one of the battleground swing states that Clinton needs to win in order to capture the victory in next week's election. Whether or not James' endorsement is big enough to sway the election is yet to be seen, but it's important nevertheless.

Endorse Clinton



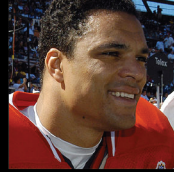
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Forward,
Cleveland Cavaliers



Steph Curry
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Golden State Warriors



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Basketball Hall-of-Famer



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Retired Tight-End,
Kansas City Chiefs/
Atlanta Falcons



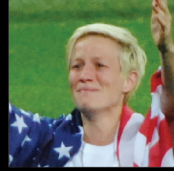
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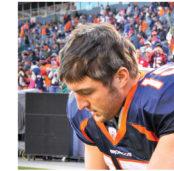
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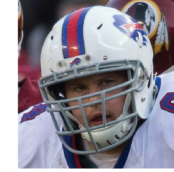
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Former Boxer



Jack Nicklaus
Most Major Championships
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Greco's goal moves men's soccer team to semifinals

QUINTIN JAMES

Staff Writer

Coming into the week, the Blue Devils were preparing for their first ever home playoff game at University Stadium. The Blue Devils were back in the playoffs for the first time since 2010, after they failed in a disappointing 2015 season to make the playoffs for the fifth straight season.

Head Coach PJ Gondek said he was looking for a lot of energy from his group of guys at practice on Friday.

“We’re looking for a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We are the home team, and it’s the first ever playoff game for men’s soccer at University Stadium,” Gondek said.

With nine seniors on the team this year, Gondek was not worried about nerves being an issue for the game, saying “The nice part about this team is we have nine seniors on it, and I haven’t had to do that the whole year.”

With the season on the line and an NCAA tournament bid up for grabs, the team was excited to play in front of the home fans one more time.

In their first home playoff game ever and in front of a packed crowd at University Stadium, the Blue Devils welcomed rival Plattsburgh State. With faculty, students, parents, ex-players and rival supporters in attendance, Fredonia took the field on a windy, cold day.

The game was an entertaining one, even

though both teams struggled to find great looks at the net in the first half. Fredonia, considered more of an offensive team, did not muster any consistent offense in the first half, as bad calls and questionable defense had the crowd on edge for a while.

The second half saw the crowd get into the game as chants of defense, taunts and chants rang through the stadium as the home faithful cheered on the Blue Devils. Both teams had plenty of chances to take the lead in regulation, but it ended in a tie 0-0.

Freshman goalkeeper Ty Bentham had nine saves and faced a total of 20 shots in the game, most of them in the second half. He was one of the main factors in why Fredonia was still in the game until the very end. His play kept the Blue Devils in the game, and the freshman certainly played a big game.

In the overtime period, both offenses went cold as possession went back and forth. The first home playoff game at University Stadium would go to a shootout, and the crowd rose to its feet in excitement.

In the shootout, Plattsburgh scored first, while Fredonia missed off the crossbar on their first attempt. The Blue Devils would tie the shootout at two when Plattsburgh missed a shot off the crossbar and Fredonia scored to take the lead in the shootout.

In the last round, however, Bentham made a huge diving save to set up senior Sam Greco for the opportunity to win the game and to advance to the next round.



#20 Parker Healy gets ready to pass the ball towards goal.
Angelina Dohre/Special to The Leader

Greco, in front of a sold-out, standing crowd, calmly put the ball in the back of the net and was mobbed by his teammates and some fans. Fredonia, in amazing fashion, won and advanced to the next round, where they will go on the road to face Oneonta, who they defeated just a week ago.

The Cinderella season for Fredonia is still alive, and the winner of their next game goes on to the SUNYAC finals. Fredonia will look to reach a goal that some said could not be done, but after this game, they feel confident and ready to go.

Bills Update: Patriots destroy depleted team

CURTIS HENRY

Sports Editor

This. This is why it was so important for the Buffalo Bills to win their 5th straight game in Miami in Week Seven. A victory in Miami would have put the Bills in a worst-case scenario of 5-3 at the midpoint of their season, headed to Seattle for a Monday night matchup preceding their bye week.

Instead, the Bills flopped to the Dolphins in Miami and followed it up with another mediocre performance on Sunday against a fully healthy Patriots team. The final scoreline against New England reads 41-25, but any viewer of the game knows that the outcome was never in question.

Buffalo is a team that is desperately looking for an offensive identity. Four of the offense's top six playmakers — LeSean McCoy, Sammy Watkins, Robert Woods and Marquise Goodwin — entered Week Eight with injury designations. Of the four, Woods was the only one to suit up on Sunday, and for the majority of

the game he seemed hampered by the foot injury that has plagued the receiver for weeks. He finished the game with a stat line of four catches for 50 yards, but was held without a catch until the second half. By that point, the game was out of reach.

McCoy's absence was subdued on the day due to the effectiveness of backup running back Mike Gillislee. Gillislee racked up 85 yards on only 12 carries and accounted for a touchdown, but Buffalo was forced to abandon the run game early on after the Patriots jumped to a three-score lead early in the second half.

The loss is bad news for Buffalo, a team which is only now entering the meat of its schedule. The matchup with New England begins a stretch of six games in which five of the Bills' opponents are teams vying for a playoff spot. The Bills schedule over the next month and a half is as follows: at Seattle, Bye, at Cincinnati, vs Jacksonville, at Oakland, vs Pittsburgh.

That schedule is brutal, and while the Bills have shown flashes of competence with regard to

beating good teams (Arizona, New England), there has to be a certain amount of pessimism regarding the team's playoff chances.

While all of the upcoming games are winnable for the Bills, the team's current state of health is the furthest thing from reassuring. A win in Seattle would be beneficial for the Bills, but the following four games will decide the fortune of the Bills' season. The team currently sits 1-4 against AFC opponents, worst in the conference among teams .500 or better. That's the tiebreaker that the Bills need on their side the most in order to capture an elusive wild card spot.

Buffalo fans may want to prepare themselves, because in all likelihood the Bills will be singing their goodbyes to the playoffs when December rolls around. Cue the hashtag: 17 beers for 17 years.

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Liam Jones dives at the start of the Men's 200 Yard Freestyle.
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#7 Matt Belardi struggles to gain possession of the ball.
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Breaking: Trump spends \$2 billion to nuke China

Republican nominee still polls at 40 percent

KEITH MYATH

Guest Lamponist

In his latest string of bizarre antics, news broke late Tuesday night that Donald Trump has shelled out more than \$2 billion of his own money to drop a nuclear missile on China.

“First of all, it’s pronounced Chee-eye-na,” said Trump in a recent press release regarding the bomb. “Am I saying I’m going to actually bomb them? Maybe. There’s a chance, a real good chance, like, extraordinary, actually. We’ve had eight years of terrible nuclear weapons usage. I’m not even president yet, and I’m sick of it. I mean, this is the worst nuclear weapons in the history of nuclear weapons usage. Awful. Just ask Sean Hannity.”

When asked about Trump’s declaration, Hannity sang nothing but praise for Trump.

“He’s a smart business man, so you know that if he’s doing this, then he got a really good deal on the nuke,” said Hannity. “He’s a great leader. He hasn’t even assumed office yet, and he’s making these types of calls. The guy is going to win the election, and it’s not going to be close.”

When asked what inspired the bold decision, Trump made it perfectly clear.

“In one of the debates, Hillary mentioned that it takes four minutes to access the nuclear launch codes — four minutes. That’s less than five. Trust me, I’ve got an expert in math who tells me these things,” said Trump. “I figured if it only takes four minutes for the government to access launch codes, I could spend a lot of money to make my own missile. So I did it. We did it. We did it well. We make bombs now in Trump Tower.

We make the best bombs.”

One may have thought that Trump was done expanding on his thoughts of bombing the world’s most populated and industrial nation, but he wasn’t quite finished.

“I just decided that we would drop the bomb and that we would do it bigly. That’s the bottom line. That’s why we’re here,” said Trump, concluding with the simple thought of “China.”

Although the decision to drop a nuclear weapon on China will undoubtedly kill millions, destroy the worldwide economy, kill Americans stationed in Beijing and signal the dawn of World War III, Trump’s supporters stand firm.

“Only 50 million Chinese will die? That’s a win-win. China is overpopulated anyways,” said a local Trump supporter who wished to be identified as Leif Erikson.

“Besides, that’s not nearly as bad as the four Americans that Hillary killed in Benghazi. Hinga-dinga-derden,” Erikson concluded.

Miraculously, news of the genocide attempt/future doomsday plan from Trump only strengthened beliefs of his supporters. Latest polls since the news broke have Trump sitting at a firm 40 percent, tied with Clinton.

His main opponent, Hillary Clinton, suspects there’s a much bigger reasoning for Trump’s nuclear plan.

“We were at a charity event in 2002 with the rest of the top .0001 percent when he originally



his plan,” explained Clinton. “He said ‘man, if I could just nuke China and take their Great Wall and put it between us and Mexico, I’d do it in an instant. Great Wall, that’s a load of crap. It should be called the boring wall of only average at best.’”

“I thought he was kidding, but here we are,” said Clinton. “Don’t worry. The Republicans will blame the mass amount of Chinese deaths from the bombing on how ineffective Obamacare is. It’s a shame this catastrophe won’t boost my poll numbers because half of America still hates me. Oh well.”

In response to the entire situation, Sen. Bernie Sanders left the world with the wisest words to ever flow from his 74-year-old mouth.

“Just remember, it could have been me.”

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The Lampon’s guide to a drama-free election

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Special to the Lampon

As we approach the conclusion to this lunacy-filled election cycle, it may be a good idea to look at some ways to not be a jerk in the coming days. After more than a year of living in an alternate reality, we all must turn down our crazy and return back to normal. Here are some ways to do that:

- 1.) Everyone knows what day election day is. You don’t need to tell them.
- 2.) Stop freaking everyone out if they don’t know who they are voting for.
- 3.) Stop trying to convince everyone who doesn’t want to vote to do so.
- 4.) At this point, everyone knows who the candidates are and the policies they support.
- 5.) Don’t turn every conversation into a political one.

6.) It is possible to be friends with people with different political opinions ... except if they’re for Deez Nuts.

7.) Don’t get into heated arguments, and don’t diffuse the situation with Ken Bone.

8.) Do your own homework (you waited too long).

9.) Name-calling is for 5-year-olds and presidential candidates, and you’re neither.

10.) When discussing politics, stick to the candidates’ political beliefs and not their personal history.

And here’s advice that never fails no matter what the situation:

11.) Never make eye contact while eating a banana.

The Lampoon endorses David S. Pumpkins for president

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It's no secret that this presidential election has been, in short, exhausting. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have been met with either lukewarm acceptance or alarming reverence from voters, resulting in this being the first election people under the age of 30 have actually cared about in years. With so much controversy swirling around the candidates, the Lampoon staff has decided to officially endorse the person who we think can turn all of our frowns upside down: David S. Pumpkins.

You've heard it all before, most likely from irritable elderly neighbors or from the guy behind the deli counter: "We need a leader who can drastically change our country for the better." But instead of being an old guy who will transform the U.S. into a festering sewage dump of misogynists and racists, David Pumpkins is an old guy who will treat every day in this glorious country like a day at an amusement park. Here at the Lampoon, we value orange pumpkins over orange skin and hair any day.

David Pumpkins is a perfect representation of what makes America great: He's loud, he loves Halloween and



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he's not afraid to get down on the dance floor. Basically, David Pumpkins is the delightfully weird father you've always wanted. And who's more qualified to run the country than your dad?

"I'm David Pumpkins, and I'm gonna scare the hell out of you!" was the first thing we ever heard him say, and that's when we knew he was The One. During a contentious election where both candidates scare the hell out of us, hearing David Pumpkins flat-out admit his motives is like a breath of fresh air.

Where did we find David Pumpkins, you ask? Is he from something? Like, maybe a local commercial? We know you have questions about David Pumpkins' past, Fredonia students, but the truth is, his past doesn't matter. As he's been heard saying himself, "David Pumpkins is his own thang." Unlike the other presidential candidates, David Pumpkins has nothing to hide. His biggest supporter, Dancing Skeleton on the Right, is behind David Pumpkins all the way, and honestly, the way this election has been going, that's good enough for us. Any Questions?

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In memory of American Decency

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U.S. citizens across the country are mourning the long-anticipated death of American Decency. While its stamina was sort of up in the air for quite some time, American Decency had undoubtedly experienced an astronomical drop in strength this past year. American historians had initially predicted a date of death for Nov. 8 of this year, but as we all know, these tragedies can happen at any time.

It's common knowledge that American Decency led an arguably ironic lifestyle, all starting from its birth as the circumstantial love child of psychotic invaders and native inhabitants, and carrying on through to its prideful, patriotic adult years supplemented by not-so-subtle racism. One could almost see it as the morally corrupt lawyer that you let slide because they smile charmingly and pick up the beer tab. Nevertheless, it always had a deceptively classy overtone that helped override its socially divisive tendencies.

Americans have long preached about their love for their country and the respect they have for their fellow citizens. This patriotic mental foundation always gets a little shaky around election time. Everybody suddenly works for the CIA, the most unintelligent individuals wail out their newfound expertise in the inner workings of the government, and the country engages in a year-long feces-throwing parade. But post-

election, everybody agrees to disagree and goes back to hating each other with smiles on their faces. Right back to good old American Decency.

Unfortunately with the conditions of this year's election, American Decency was not capable of going out quite so elegantly. In a time where Twitter wars are more informative than the actual debates and elders behave like toddlers, the people of America have displayed horrendous behavior that has shocked the world. We collectively said goodbye to the days when a prospective president would be of only the highest-esteemed disposition and welcomed the new age of mocking paraplegics to gain humor points from voters.

As the days and weeks progressed, we've seen a significant rise in hate crimes, frequent use of the term "libtard" and the development of a "Deplorable Pride" day (Nov. 28). This national infection of embarrassment and stupidity grew out of control and reached its limit with Donald Trump's frequent allusions to harming his competitor. This was the official end of American Decency. Its condition was declared terminal by 99 percent of the world population as of the final presidential debate, leaving countless Americans in despair. The worst part of all this seems to be the realization that we will be coexisting with its dead, stinking corpse for the next four years. There is not a casket big enough for the bloated remains of



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American Decency.

The unfortunate mortal is survived by its quarreling parents, the Democratic Party and Republican Party, and its younger siblings, the Green Party and the Libertarian Party. Let it be known that on its deathbed, the victim's last wishes were that its parents quit acting so petty and get it together so America can push the apocalypse forward a little bit and enjoy a less volatile existence. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that all Americans take a basic chemistry class to learn why a potential nuclear war would be a bad idea and not a cool way to express patriotism.

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Who wore it better?

A presidential fashion analysis

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Whether you're wearing a fanny pack with mom jeans combo or a camo hoodie with matching camo Crocs, you're showing people what you're all about (even though we'd rather not know you if you're wearing camo Crocs). This past week, the Lampon was determined to extract meaning out of both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's attire during the presidential race. To start, an examination on the candidate's previous clothing-wearing habits was conducted.

According to a phone interview with Clinton's son-in-law Marc Mezvinsky, Clinton has always been liberally dressed in a home setting.

"Whenever I'm over to have breakfast with Chelsea and the kids, she's wearing red, white and blue sweatpants with an oversized T-shirt. Usually she wears this while cutting out a bunch of coupons, staring at me as I munch on my low-fat English muffin. I'm so glad she hired Pinky to get some real results," Mezvinsky said.

Pinky Davidson, former Laguna Beach dog-walker turned stylist for Clinton, indeed garnered critical acclaim for guiding Clinton to greener pastures. Davidson spilled the secrets in an intimate and personal fashion tell-all with Anderson Cooper at an Old Country Buffet.

"Oh puh-lease. Hillary originally wanted one

of those 'can I speak to your manager' haircuts coupled with these gargantuan hoop earrings my little dotson Chester could hop through. I said, 'If you're going to be president, you need to show these people real fashion.' So I just called Ralph, and he did the rest," Davidson said, shrugging his shoulders and shoveling fried chicken into his mouth.

"I wanted each and every outfit to illustrate something to the American people. For the first debate, the all-red pantsuit recalled the time that Hillary funnelled the blood of a Patriots fan at an all-too-rowdy Bills game tailgate. The second navy blue and white suit recalled the time Hillary took a dab with Joe Biden and emailed the U.S. Navy to ask if they wanted to play a game of online Battleship. For the third and final debate, she wanted to wear an all-leather dress, something that a Spice Girl would wear. I literally said 'no,' and she thankfully agreed on a white-as-baking-soda pantsuit," legendary fashion designer Ralph Lauren said.

The secrets for Clinton's fashion were out. But Trump's remained a mystery. The Lampon sought Trump's stylist and Walmart CEO, C. Douglas McMillon, for answers.

"Trump is interesting. I talked to him about what he likes to wear to gauge his prospects. Usually, he just shops at Spencer's, wearing Bob Marley shirts or hoodies with lewd illustrations on them. He's my boo

thing, but I couldn't let this happen during the debates. I mean, he wanted to wear his moccasins as well! Instead, I hooked him up with the exclusive Walmart suit line MIC, or made in China. This suit line is ideal for men's formal wear. The blazer comes in three distinct shades, and there are so many clip-on ties to choose from. Trump loved them," McMillon said.

When asked about the suit that McMillon was wearing at the time of the interview, he nonchalantly replied with a grin, "This? Oh, I got it at Target."

In Brooklyn, Instagram fashion icons are taking Trump's Walmart suit wear and Clinton's chic and intimidating pant-suit to the next level.

"There is no irony in what we wear. I am nothing but star-dust trampled by existentialism and gourmet Korean take-out. You have a cigarette I can bum?" said Iris Noname, in a monotone voice.

Overall, the presidential nominees have had a superb season of fashion. The Lampon urges voters to look at what they're wearing, instead of what they're saying, when choosing the next president.

Plant of Action reacts to the debates

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Put down the pumpkin you're carving, and go vote this year. We know you hate people and socializing, democracy and the people running for president, but ... do it anyways? Please!

Aries



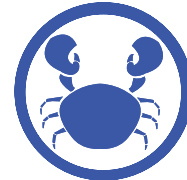
If you ask everyone one more time which day election day is, we aren't friends. It's like you can't just look it up on the computer like everyone else.

Taurus



For you, election day means partying, but take it down a couple notches. You don't need to be as obnoxious as last time when you voted in the primary. All hope is already gone.

Gemini



Stop handing out those "Screw Hillary" pins that you made. No one wants to screw Hillary, not even Bill.

Cancer



You sent in your absentee ballot, right? You didn't lose it like you did last time, did you?!

Leo



Go ahead, tell everyone why you think Trump is going to win the presidency. Just stop spitting in my face when I'm trying to go into Starbucks.

Virgo



We get it. You love Jill Stein. The shirt you have with her face on it is a little much though.

Libra



You are thinking way too hard about this election. Relax, and remember that your decision only affects the next four years of your life.

Scorpio



You are stubborn, which can be a good thing but also a bad thing. Anyways, do you know who Harriet Tubman is? Because the guy you're voting for doesn't.

Sagittarius



Please stop posting long statuses on Facebook about why everyone should vote for Gary Johnson. We stopped reading them about halfway into the first one.

Capricorn



You've already decided on the candidate you'll be voting for ... We get it. You do everything early, no matter what the news, common sense or objective reality might have to say.

Aquarius



You were Hillary Clinton for Halloween and have been telling everyone. That costume is so 2008, and you're so 2000 and late.

Pisces



Local community members enjoy Safe Halloween in Mason Hall.
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Aidan Licker steps in to capture Brendan Hoare and The Rifts' performance in real time.
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Orchesis performs a "Thriller" flashmob in Reed Library on Thursday, Oct. 27.
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32 Judy Reynolds and Marcia Merrins moderate the Local Candidates Forum on Thursday, Oct. 27.
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Kyle Osmun singing "With You" at Music Therapy Club's open mic.
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