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Higher ed expert Goldrick-Rab lectures on college costs

CAMRY DEAN
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, Nov. 30, Fredonia hosted activist and professor of Higher Education Policy and Sociology of Temple University Sara Goldrick-Rab for a lecture on the price of college.

Goldrick-Rab is a national scholar and expert on college affordability and founder of the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, a research laboratory that works to find ways to cut higher education costs and make college affordable for everyone.

Over the past 10 years, Goldrick-Rab has co-edited two books on college affordability, "Putting Poor People to Work: How the Work-First Idea Eroded College Access for the Poor" in 2006 and "Reinventing Financial Aid: Charting a New Course to College Affordability" in 2014.

More recently, she has been touring the country, speaking at universities about her newest book, "Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream," which was published this year.

For her book, Goldrick-Rab studied 3,000 Pell-eligible students of the 42 Wisconsin public colleges for six years through the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, starting in 2008 when America was falling into the Great Recession.

"This is precisely the group that, in public imagination, gets the most help and therefore, should be the most likely to finish college," Goldrick-Rab said.

"[The research] helped me quantify how many of [the students], for example, were actually getting any financial help from their families and because they responded to our surveys, we also learned how many of them were giving their families money while they were still trying themselves to pay for college."

Unfortunately, through her research, Goldrick-Rab learned that Pell-eligible students were not graduating at a higher rate than those who did not qualify for the grant, and she instead learned valuable lessons about college affordability.

The first lesson was that the Pell Grant, which was supposed to make community college free for students, no longer does that.

"The Pell Grant was created by Sen. Claiborne Pell from the state of Rhode Island, and what he said was what the Pell Grant should do is that it should fully cover the cost of attending a public college or university because family income, the origin that you came from, should not determine your destination," Goldrick-Rab said.

As more people became Pell-eligible after the Recession, the amount of money that was needed to spend on the Pell Grant increased, which worried policy makers in Washington. While the number of students needing financial assistance increased, the amount of expenditures of the Pell Grant did not increase to match this.

In addition to this, according to Goldrick-Rab, financial aid may come to students "too little and too late" and one of the reasons for this is that the price of college, especially living expenses, is underestimated.

"87% of undergraduates in the U.S. do not live on campus, and yet every college and university lists the cost of housing and food for students, and they list it for housing and food that they don't provide," Goldrick-Rab said.

It's unclear how a university may get their estimates, but the federal government requires them to list a number for off-campus expenses. While visiting the New School in New York City, Goldrick-Rab learned that the school listed a price for off-campus living that was lower than it has been in the last four years.

"According to the New School, over the last four years, it has become less expensive to live in New York City," Goldrick-Rab said. "They have dropped the estimated cost of living for students living off campus by more than a thousand dollars over the last four years. And they can legally, and they have incentives to because schools want to look less expensive, and they want to look more like they're meeting your need."

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Terry Brown and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Daniel Tramuta reminded the room that the issues Goldrick-Rab discussed directly relates to Fredonia and its students.

"Of our six major enrollment goals, goal three states: 'Keep Fredonia financially manageable for students through multiple mechanisms, while maintaining the fiscal viability of the institution,'" Terry Brown said. "This is a challenge that we'll meet through several intentional strategies including increasing understanding and awareness of cost affordability for attending Fredonia."

"After reading Dr. Goldrick-Rab's book, I realize that we need to revise that sentence to re-increase understanding and awareness of cost, price and affordability. [Goldrick-Rab] makes the distinction in her book between cost versus price," Brown continued.

Goldrick-Rab discussed with the room suggestions for action for administration, faculty and students. On a larger scale, Goldrick-Rab suggested to the room to ask the policy makers the tough questions about financial aid and to have that conversation.



Sara Goldrick-Rab speaks in Rosch Recital Hall about college affordability.
Corey Maher/Photo Editor

On a university level, Goldrick-Rab suggested that the university should assess prospective students to make sure they are ready for college and its living expenses.

"[This] can be assessed by very short questions about whether they've got enough food to eat, whether they have regular access to food and enough money to pay for it, whether they have a secure and safe place to sleep at night. That's their basic needs," Goldrick-Rab said.

By surveying these things about their students, a university will then be able to offer assistance and support however it's found necessary. It may also be necessary to tell Pell-eligible students of government assistance programs that they could utilize if needed such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Communication is also important and Goldrick-Rab believes faculty and staff should be ready to support students who might be facing homelessness, poverty and other issues. It's also crucial that students are honest about issues they may be facing in order to receive the help that they need.

"On campus, it is so important that people feel free to talk about their economic challenges," Goldrick-Rab said. "This is not anybody's personal problem. This is not any individual student's fault. This is not anybody's lack of financial knowledge. This is a public policy problem, and it's bigger than any individual student or any individual college."

To reach out to Goldrick-Rab, she encourages questions through her Twitter, @saragoldrickrab, where she is the most active.

Campus food drive aims to feed students

ANGELINA DOHRE

Special to The Leader

For the first time ever, a food pantry will be held for students during the last two weeks of the semester. The Health and Counseling Center staff have recently become aware of the growing amount of students that are struggling with food instability.

Director of the Student Health Center Deborah Dibble explained the reasoning behind this project.

“With the struggle to get food, students become more anxious, are unable to concentrate in school and overall suffer real symptoms of hypoglycemia and hunger,” she said. “This can lead to poor health outcomes and poor grades in school.

“As a health care provider and a member of the Fredonia community, this need is one that is becoming more and more apparent, as students sometimes struggle at the end of the semester with limited funds,” Dibble continued.

Dibble said the idea came from the Student Health Center staff, and she helped spread the word.

“I had shared [the idea] with the Counseling Center, Campus Life and Student Affairs administration, who all believed that it was great,” she said.

“We currently participate in DeStress for Success, offering healthy snacks during Dead Week and exam weeks,” she added. “These snacks are well-received, and we are often told that snacks are great when the students need a little help in the area of getting food during those two final weeks of the semester.”

Starting Dec. 1 through Dec. 14, the food pantry will be collecting donations at two different locations, one at the LoGrasso Hall vestibule from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Williams Center from 5 p.m. to midnight every day of the week. Donations can also be picked up if they can't be dropped off at one of these locations.

Contact Dibble at Deborah. dibble@fredonia.edu to arrange for someone to pick them up.

According to Dibble, this initiative is co-sponsored by the Student Health Center, the Counseling Center and Campus Life to help serve students in need.

The future of this project depends on the turnout it has over the next two weeks.

“If this program is a success, then it will be done at the end of each college semester,” Dibble said.

Italian chefs in the making

Honors course focuses on Italy's culinary culture

CURTIS LORD

Special to The Leader

Fifteen students are on their way to becoming the next Italian master chefs.

Italian Food Culture in Practice is a specialty course that was offered to students in Fredonia's Honors Program this semester. The curriculum, taught by Chiara De Santi, the coordinator of the minor in Italian studies, is designed to draw together cross-cultural, historical, linguistic, social, political and economic contexts of the country.

The students have spent the past few months learning about the culture, history and gastronomy of Italy. In addition, the class has had the opportunity to try its hand at cooking traditional Italian and Italian-American dishes, ranging from homemade pesto sauce to dessert couscous. Every class consists of a learning segment, going over a new recipe and then testing the students on cooking said recipe.

“The end results tend to vary,” senior biology major Chelsea May said, laughing. “Some are hits and some are misses, but we always do our best. We're here to learn.”

De Santi, an Italian born-and-raised citizen herself, proposed the course to the University because she thinks that Italian gastronomy is a multi-layered experience that can be learned and appreciated in a classroom setting. Students get to go through a journey that allows them to develop skills and foster creativity. It's a unique experience that Fredonia students haven't

experienced before.

Dean Messina, the director of Dining Services for the Faculty Student Association, serves as a guest instructor. He's shown the students how to create dishes like homemade pasta noodles, and has given everyone cooking tips that he was taught in culinary school. Messina has taken away a lot from the class himself.

“From an academic and personal standpoint, the class is amazing,” he said. “I only knew about the Italian-American cuisine, not the real stuff. It's been a very educational experience, and I'm so glad that I was asked to be a part of it.”

Senior accounting major Jessica Bolsei, another student in the course, said that the class has been very beneficial to her too.

“Obviously, I love how we get to eat all of the delicious food,” she said. “But I also love learning about the cultural significance of it all. The class is incredibly fun, and everyone has bonded over it. We've become like a real Italian family.”



Students in Italian Food Culture in Practice, Dean Messina (back row, left) and Chiara De Santi (front row, left). (Courtesy of Roger Coda)

Thanks to the campus community, the course has been able to use the classroom and kitchen facilities in Kasling Hall, as well as utilizing fresh produce from the school's garden. The Communication Department has also brought in two interns to broaden the course experience; one is in charge of social media and public relations, and one is in charge of making weekly videos documenting each class session.

For more information, visit the course blog, italianfoodcultureblog.wordpress.com.

Police Blotters

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Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016

Jordan Brown, age 18, was issued an appearance ticket for smoking tobacco by Hendrix Hall.

Tamel M. Epps, age 18, was issued an appearance ticket for smoking tobacco by Hendrix Hall.

Akilah T. Hadaway, age 20, was issued an appearance ticket for smoking tobacco by Hendrix Hall.

Patrice J. Barnes, age 20, was arrested for possessing a fictitious driver's license during a traffic stop.

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

University Police received a report of subjects in Houghton Hall potentially manufacturing fake IDs.

Saturday, Dec 3, 2016

An individual in a car was reportedly harassing a pedestrian walking their dog near Lot 19. The car was gone on arrival and a report was filed.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016

Darrell A. Elliott was issued an appearance ticket for possession of marijuana after being pulled over for a broken tail lamp.

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Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016

1:32 a.m. Richard C. Backerl, age 22, was arrested for harassment in the second degree. He posted the \$100 bail and was released.

Michael Paralikas, age 18, was issued an appearance ticket for petit larceny.

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Orchesis comes 'Full Circle'

Dance company presents 360 degree experience



Members of Orchesis dance "Dreams for the Future: Raising our Legacy." Corey Maher/Photo Editor



"Lockdown Drill" choreographed by Messiah Jacob Ames. Corey Maher/Photo Editor



Members of Orchesis dance "Dreams for the Future: Raising our Legacy." Corey Maher/Photo Editor

BETHANY CLANCY
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Orchesis Dance Company, a student-run dance company, put on their show of the semester, titled "Full Circle." The show was the culmination of countless hours of work by students choreographing, designing and, of course, dancing.

Some students that were present had been dancing in Orchesis since their freshman year, and, for many, this was their last year and final performance with the group. Sierra Bedient, a junior theatre arts and economics major, who has been with Orchesis since her freshman year, explained what "Full Circle" meant to her.

"Full Circle represents a lot of things. In this particular show, I believe it connects [or] represents

the wide range of styles we performed as well as the diversity in cast sizes, from duets all the way up to 16 people," said Bedient. "On a personal level, this show really made my experiences with the company come full circle. The first show I performed in with Orchesis, which was "Tombé," we were in the MPR. This is the first show since that one we have performed in the MPR, so it was really nice to feel like my experience was coming 'Full Circle.'"

Each song in the performance seemed to tell a story, especially their fourth piece titled "Lockdown," which featured the song "Timmy Turner" by Desiigner.

This piece was put together by Messiah Jacob Ames and featured a dialogue about a school shooting, hence the name "Lockdown." It was used to bring

awareness for safety when it comes to school shootings. The song featured breaks where you could hear a clock ticking, and it had the audience on the edge of their seats waiting for the "gun shot." Before the show had even started and before this piece, the company gave two warnings, in case it would make anyone in the audience uncomfortable or triggered in any way.

The whole show had pieces with all types of music, duet dances and even some with the whole dance company. There were slow angelic-like dances that soon went right back to fast-paced beats. "Money On My Mind" by Sam Smith, "7 Years" by Lucas Graham, "America" from West Side Story and "The Phoenix" by Fall Out Boy were some of the popular songs used for this performance.

'So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodnight'

Last notes from studying abroad in Galway, Ireland

CLAIRE O'REILLY
Staff Writer

The last few weeks of my study abroad experience can only be described as a whirlwind roller-coaster ride — a ride you never really want to get off from, but one that makes you motion sick after a while.

Although I would like to stay in Ireland forever, I have also reached the point of being ready to go home. I feel as if I've been living in a dream for the past four months, and it is difficult to grasp that, by the time you all are reading this, I will only have nine days left in Ireland. That's 216 hours to soak up the last few drops of this experience.

Last weekend, I went on my final adventure outside of Ireland. Looking back now, I can't imagine spending those days any differently. I traveled to Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Florence in a matter of five days. It was quick, but the days were long and boiling over with adventure.

Despite having to rent a bathing suit resembling that of a lifeguard's or a camp counselor's, Budapest was absolutely incredible. I have never experienced anything quite like the Szechenyi Spa Baths. Imagine the air being around 35 degrees and parading around in a swimsuit, but then stepping into a thermal spa and quite literally feeling all of your troubles melt away. I would live in that bath if I could, seriously.

Vienna. Oh, Vienna. Of all the Billy Joel jokes that could be made, I will just say that I am so glad Vienna waited for me. I sipped on hot spiced wine out of a stein, scarfed down an entire waffle filled with custard and smothered in whipped cream and caramel and ate spoonfuls of homemade pumpkin soup out of a freshly baked bread-bowl. The Vienna Christmas Market will forever be in my heart. The walkways flooded with people laughing, lights twinkled on the massive tree acting as the centerpiece to the whole event and a warm, cinnamon-sugar aroma delighted my senses. Holiday cheer was palpable in the air.

Salzburg was next on the list. Multi-colored buildings lining the streets, more Christmas markets and The Sound of Music tour awaited me. The town was a cute little mountain town, and a quiet one since it was a Sunday. We got on our bus and drove to certain areas seen in "The Sound of Music" movie. We saw the gazebo, the church Maria was married in and a few other iconic spots. Of course, we listened to the soundtrack throughout the whole tour. The hills really were alive with the sound of music.

Outside the church where the wedding happened, there was a smaller sized Christmas market. Here, I inhaled a stick adorned with german chocolate

covered strawberries. This was a purely blissful moment. I can still taste the buttery smoothness of the chocolate mixed with the tangy sweetness of the strawberry.

This wasn't the only market I ate my way through. At another Salzburg market, I ordered a bratwurst with mustard and then immediately made my way to the pretzel station and ordered myself an apple strudel pretzel. (You could say I ate well on this trip.)

This entire trip was through the travel company Bus2Alps, who offer bus trips to popular student destinations while abroad, and these buses depart from Rome and Florence.

Florence was completely unplanned. We originally were supposed to head back to Rome, stay in a hostel overnight and then explore the city a little before heading to the airport to fly back to Dublin. When we found out our bus would not arrive back in Rome until about four in the morning, we realized we could not check into our hostel and we had absolutely nowhere to go.

At the beginning of this trip, I ran into a girl wearing a St. John Fisher shirt in the bathroom, and

was so excited to see a Rochester reference that I had to introduce myself. Her name is Andrea and she ended up saving my, and my friend Kristen's, life. When she found out we had nowhere to go, she immediately offered up her apartment in Florence. I have never been so thankful for a person in my entire life. It reaffirmed my belief that life carries us to meet certain people and certain places, and that these experiences are made a part of our journey on purpose.

Exploring Florence was absolutely one of my favorite experiences throughout my entire semester, and the fact that it was so spontaneous made it even better. We spent the day strolling around the cobblestone streets, climbing up to the Piazzale Michelangelo, digging into traditional homemade Italian pizza, sipping on red wine and, of course, enjoying gelato at the Ponte Santa Trinita. It's safe to say Florence stole my heart, and I definitely want to make it back to

Italy one day.

Making Europe my playground for a few days was the best way to end my study abroad semester. I can't believe it's almost over. Soon I will be lounging on my couch with my black lab snuggled up next to me. Christmas music will be playing in the background and the smells of holiday baking will be wafting around my home. I am so excited to be back in Rochester for the holidays and to reunite with family and friends. I also can't wait to be reunited with the rest of my wardrobe, seeing as I've basically been wearing the same five shirts and few pairs of pants over and over again for four months.

Most of all, I am looking forward to sharing my experiences and my crazy stories with the people that mean the most to me. If I had to summarize the best, most important thing I have learned in these past few months, I would say this: Don't take everything so seriously, relax and take a deep breath because the best, most exciting things happen when plans go astray. And with that I say, "so long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodnight."

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Local music lock-in showcases student talent

SHENECA SHARPE

Staff Writer

Students from Fredonia made the decision to create a collaboration of music and creativity by having a local music lock-in on Saturday, Dec. 3. Eann Robinson, a senior music business major, with his friend Kiman Baldon or “DJ360,” a senior audio production major, hosted the event for anybody with any form of musical talent, ranging from songwriting to producing, to collaborate with each other and to build each other’s skills and connections in the music business.

“Since everyone knows this is my last semester, I wanted to do this lock-in to promote creativity and for even a possible ‘7/11’ mixtape to come in the works in the future,” said Robinson.

As the night began, it immediately started with students working together and viewing each other’s projects to see what they can do to make it better. What was noticeable was the immediate familiarity that was present throughout people who’ve most likely never met, but all had one thing in common: the love of music. People had a certain love of sampling music from a different genre and from a different time especially with one of the producers named “Esco on the Beat” who had a beat named “Ungrateful,” which sampled an old R&B song that gave it a completely different feel from what you would hear on the radio today.

“Sampling old songs can create an old feel. It was the foundation of what us producers are doing, and we use it as inspiration to create what we know now,” said “Esco on the Beat,” a freshman audio communications major.

It wasn’t just the men who

had some influence into the night of creativity and inspiration, as the ladies created a platform of their own to build upon. Daquella Blacks has a vision to create a music label not just for music, but for inspiration and the uplifting of women in the music industry. Blacks’ goal is to change the stigma that men can only successfully run a music label. She has her mind set on creating the norm that black women can be the CEOs and do it successfully without people thinking that she needs a man in order to make that dream into a reality.

“I want to change the idea that men can be the only one to run a label. There’s a stigma that women can’t or aren’t allowed to do that, but I’m going to change that so that other women can feel, and eventually do, the same,” said Blacks, a senior music industry major.

This music lock-in was more than just creating wonderful music for others to enjoy. It was about the empowerment of people of color, that they’re more than the stereotypes that are put on them. The whole night explained it all. A night of empowerment, creativity and excellence happened, and it was all because of the work that these people put in, simply to show that there’s more behind the scenes.

It’s only a matter of time before people can see the hard work and dedication that was put in, and as a fly on the wall, there’s definitely more to come from them and the public just can’t wait to see what’s hidden behind the curtain.

‘The Man Who Came to Dinner’ ends semester with holiday chaos

ZOE KIRIAZIS

Staff Writer

The Department of Theatre and Dance opened the next show in their season on Nov. 30 with George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart’s play, “The Man Who Came to Dinner,” directed by theatre professor James Ivey.

The show follows the chaotic happenings and events following famous New York City radio personality Sheridan Whiteside, portrayed by theatre professor Tom Loughlin, after he falls and injures his hip. Whiteside is forced to recover at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, portrayed by sophomore musical theatre majors Katelyn Crall and Trevor Alberts-Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are less than pleased with how their lives are being turned upside down right before the holiday season. Crall and Alberts-Pearson balanced each other out in their frustration and dwindling patience with Whiteside in their home.

While we follow Whiteside’s recovery and shenanigans brought to the Stanley’s household, Whiteside’s secretary Maggie, played by senior musical theatre major Gretchen Martino, accidentally falls in love with hungry journalist Bert Jefferson, played by senior musical theatre major Joshua Carey. They form a subtle relationship, with which Whiteside is not pleased. When Maggie confesses to Whiteside she’s in love, he calls in his friend and Hollywood actress Lorraine Sheldon, portrayed by senior musical theatre major Carly Dieck, to break off their relationship. Dieck commanded the stage capturing the presence of an old time movie star from the 1930s.

Loughlin and Martino’s performance held the relationship as a father and daughter; Maggie is exploring the world while Whiteside

wants what’s best for her. “I know your tricks...” Maggie comments to Whiteside as her and Bert’s relationship grows. Martino’s interpretation of Maggie showed her continuous climb uphill before ultimately fighting for what she wants in the end.

In this production, students had the opportunity to work with three professors: Loughlin playing Sheridan Whiteside, Ivey playing Banjo during act three and Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts Ralph Blasting, who made appearances in each act of the show as an expressman.

Out of a cast of 31, many of the minor characters introduced strategically throughout the play added another level of depth and movement to Ivey’s direction. Anna Dempf’s performance of Harriet Stanley, a character inspired by real-life axe murderer Lizzie Borden, received numerous laughs with each entrance and exit she made. Professor Metz, portrayed by freshmen acting major Jack Levenberg, was filled with energy and passion and delivered cockroaches as a present to Whiteside for his recovery. Dr. Bradley, portrayed by senior acting major Angelo Heimowitz, captured the audience by asking “Do you have time?” to Whiteside, as he hoped to receive feedback on the medical book he has written. One radio technician, portrayed by senior theatre arts and journalism major Leron Wellington, gained praise as he flirted with Whiteside before his radio broadcast on Christmas Eve.

In the spring semester, “The Illusion” by Tony Kushner will resume the Walter Gloor Mainstage Series at the end of February and beginning of March, directed by professor Jessica Hillman-McCord.

Conservative Corner: What Trump means for college students

CONNOR HOFFMAN

Managing Editor

Come January of next year, Donald J. Trump will become the 45th President of the United States, and as president he will have much influence over issues that affect college students like loan availability and rates, government financing and debt forgiveness. Trump first announced his plans for reform to our college loan system at a rally in Ohio on Oct. 13.

The plans Trump laid out in this speech are actually quite liberal in regards to this issue, and the reforms he has pledged are even more liberal than the current loan rates system we have in place.

“We would cap repayment for an affordable portion of the borrower’s income, 12.5 percent, we’d cap it,” said Trump at the Ohio rally. “That gives you a lot to play with and a lot to do. And if borrowers work hard and make their full payments for 15 years, we’ll let them get on with their lives.”

The current system requires borrowers to pay 10 percent of their income, and they have to wait 20 years to have their debt forgiven, according to TIME. This rate is a decrease from what it was during the Bush years when borrowers had to pay 15 percent of their income and wait 25 years to have their debt forgiven.

Since Trump’s position on loan forgiveness is for the most part liberal, some conservative scholars have already criticized Trump’s proposed reforms to the college loan system.

“They are way off on their numbers,” said Jason Delisle, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. “If you were going to give loan forgiveness in 15 years, you’re going to forgive a lot more debt than you’re going to make up for in the form the higher payments they’re proposing, by a lot. I don’t even need to run the numbers. It’s so obvious.”

Some of the other policies he has proposed are much more in line with traditional conservative thinking.

According to an interview the Trump campaign gave to Inside Higher Ed, Trump will fight proposals for debt-free college and tuition-free college, and he wants to get the government out of the lending business and to restore the role to private banks. At the Ohio rally, Trump also said that endowments should spend more on students to lower the cost of college and that he would push reconsider if those universities with large endowments deserve to keep their endowments tax-exempt.

Trump’s loan forgiveness plan is way too drastic of a plan to possibly work. Loan forgiveness is an issue that we must look at, but we must remember the

U.S. government loans out quite a lot of money, and like Delisle said, this five year lowering in loan forgiveness will seriously cause problems with the system. According to Federal Student Aid, this year the government spent \$690.3 billion on both the Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans.

Other parts of his agenda, like his assault on endowments, are just typical political attack lines. Yes, endowments may abuse their funds and build unnecessary fancy buildings or stadiums, but most Americans go to a college that doesn’t have an endowment that has \$1 billion, the criteria most use for what constitutes a large endowment. That’s only about 100 colleges in this country.

Also, his plan to get the private banks more active in the college lending process may be the worst part of this entire plan. Seriously, this is his idea to help lower loan rates? Generally the free market is a more reliable option than the government, but our loan system would only get worse if banks were put in charge.

Trump’s plan for college affordability reform really doesn’t add up, and for some reason, he has chosen to blend the worst elements of liberal and conservative policy on this issue to create a truly awful policy plan.

Editorial: Why we want a refund on 2016

The end of a year means many things: unrelenting holiday festivities, a panic to finish up work for the Fall semester, and year-in-review lists on every subject under the sun. Every year has its ups and downs, but The Leader’s editorial board has long felt that 2016 has been, well, pretty damn rough compared to others. It only took until July for Slate to ask if 2016 was the worst year ever, a sentiment that many others have expressed since. While it’s probably dramatic to insist that we are living in the worst possible moment of history, we can’t say we’re going to miss 2016 very much at all.

Celebrity death after death

Everybody dies, but it often seemed like 2016 was the year where *everybody* died. David Bowie, Harper Lee, Prince, Muhammad Ali, Leonard Cohen, Gene Wilder and Arnold Palmer are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to iconic figures we lost over the course of the year — and, of course, there are sure to be more.

Disappointing our Mother Nature

A recent report by the UN’s World Meteorological Association suggests that 2016 will

almost definitely become the hottest year on record, which should worry people who live on this planet. But this has also been a year where daily and weekly measurements of carbon dioxide in Earth’s atmosphere have remained over 400 parts per million per USA Today, which, for reference, hasn’t happened in 4 million years.

Local letdowns

For most Fredonia students, this past semester will likely be remembered as their first without the Spine Bridge, which shielded generations of students from western New York weather. We’ll also remember this year for giving us shorter hours in dining halls across campus and the gift of clown-induced hysteria to treasure forever.

Even memes couldn’t save us

The death of the gorilla Harambe seemed senseless at the time it happened, but the hero-worship of the deceased zoo animal (which has been represented, at times, in the pages of our Lampoon section) continues to confuse many of us still today. The Pepe the Frog meme also somehow became co-opted by

Neo-Nazis and a certified hate symbol according to the Anti-Defamation League, so don’t let anybody tell you things can’t get weirder. Speaking of politics...

Wasn’t there an election?

Whether you laughed, cried or a little bit of both after Election Day, hardly anybody could deny that the 2016 presidential election was a brutal, torturous affair. Not only did we have a Supreme Court vacancy remain unfilled in an act of pure partisan gamery, and not only did Sen. Bernie Sanders, the candidate overwhelmingly preferred by millennials, lose his bid in the Democratic primary, and not only did we have a reality TV star-turned-daily controversy-generating machine run for president — but that guy won. President-elect Donald Trump is ostensibly spending more time fighting Alec Baldwin and “Saturday Night Live” on Twitter for being mean to him than he is receiving national security briefings. After a year in politics this intense, dramatic and crazy, who knows what good news 2017 is going to bring?

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From the Desk Of Jordan Patterson, News Editor

JORDAN PATTERSON
News Editor

2016, am I right?
I could be wrong.
Kidding aside, it's been a long year.
If you haven't met me yet, my name is Jordan Patterson. If you have met me or at least seen me, I promise I'm not as angry as my face would imply. I suffer from what the kids call "chronic bitch face." Despite all that, I do in fact smile.
If you've gotten to know me, at least a little bit, then you know this is true.
So, how are you all doing? A little stressed? A little "I'm so over this year?"
Yeah, me too.
This semester was comprised of me constantly asking my friends, "Is this really happening?," a lot of last minute homework assignments and countless amounts of binge drinking. (I'm trying to quit until after finals week and hopefully New Year's, but if you see me downtown before that ... I didn't make it.)
Alright, let's get the bad stuff from 2016 out of the way.
"Suicide Squad" sucked, Kobe Bryant retired, Willy Wonka died, social media mourned the death of a gorilla they never met for far too long, and as of Dec. 4,

I quit my job.
Oh, keep going?
Arnold Palmer, David Bowie and Prince died (I never watched or listened to them, but I like the first guys' drink.)
On top of all that, Drake sold a million copies in the first week with his album "Views." I mean, good for him, but now whenever any of my favorite artists release an album, it's going to be compared to him.
Even worse, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series for the first time since 1908. Again, great for them, but now every other team can't say, "Well, at least we're not the Cubs."
ISIS is still a thing, North Korea continues to test nukes and tensions between minorities and the police seem to be at an all time high.
And I think that's it. Those were the worst things that happened in 2016.
What's that?
Am I forgetting something, or maybe someone, or some seismic political event?
Oh yes, the orange TV show host who used to say "you're fired" is about to become president. Now, I'm not going to get super political on you because,

frankly, neither will he.
But I do want to get serious for a paragraph or two.
Regardless of your political views, we all must admit that this election was a so-called "game changer." If you're pleased with the results, then I hope for the sake of the country that the president-elect does "great" things for all of us.
If you're worried about the precedents that this president will set, that's understandable too.
If there is a bright side in all of this, it's that despite all of the bad things that happened in 2016, we're all still here. We'll continue to be here for the rest of the year and maybe 2016 will turn itself around. If not, 2017 is less than a month away, so hang in there.
Having said all that, good luck with your finals, and hopefully next semester will be less stressful.
Maybe when we all return from Christmas vacation, the new year won't have such a plethora of unpalatable events for us to be force fed.
If that does happen, just remember that even when life is sporting a "bitch face," hold on, because sometimes it might just smile.

Verbatim



Jimmy Scamacca, senior BFA graphic design
"All of the turmoil, LOL."



Tess Woodruff, senior BFA sculpture and communication studies
"The election."



John Secunde, senior music composition
"Everyone dying."



Julian Perez, senior BFA sculpture
"I remember the bomb-ass art show last semester. I made mad guap."



Jared Yackiw, second year graduate music composition
"The madness on social media leading up to the election."

Men's basketball struggles, win 1 of 3 games

QUINTIN JAMES
Staff Writer

Coming off a win in their last game, the Fredonia men's basketball team looked to rebound and find their rhythm against Medaille college before starting a two-game home stand to kick off conference play.
Medaille presented the Blue Devils an opportunity to gain momentum before conference play began. This was no easy game by any stretch and it showed, as the Blue Devils were in a tight contest throughout.
Fredonia fell 70-67 in a game that saw the Blue Devils lead for much of the second half before failing to hold it by the end.
Junior forward Ian Helps and senior guard Richard De La Cruz led the Blue Devils with 16 points each. Medaille took the lead with two minutes left and didn't look back, and great free throw shooting from Medaille was the difference late in the game.
After Medaille missed a free throw with three seconds left, Fredonia tried to call a timeout to stop the clock and advance the ball. However, the team was out of timeouts and were given a technical foul that sealed the game.
Fredonia held a 43-31 lead in the rebounding battle with both teams shooting near 43% from the field, but Fredonia didn't get the right bounces when it mattered and lost a tough game.
Coming off that tough loss, Fredonia had to get

ready for their conference opener against rival Potsdam in a front end of a back to back. In front of an eager Fredonia crowd, the home team gave their fans a lot to cheer for in the first half as they held Potsdam to 31% shooting.
They built a 15-point lead in the first half before Potsdam went on a run before the half to close the gap to five after the Blue Devils went the last 4 minutes and 38 seconds without scoring. They would get the lead down to four in the second half before Fredonia went on an 8-0 run to pull ahead for good.
Ian Helps led the way with 21 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Richard De La Cruz added 12 points, while 11 different players for Fredonia scored in the ballgame.
In the second half of the back to back, the Blue Devils had to be ready to welcome defending SUNYAC regular season champs Plattsburgh State. Fredonia looked like a tired team that played the night before, as they shot a woeful 33% from the field and 22% from behind the three-point line as they were handled easily by their opponent, 75-57.
Ian Helps continued his streak of strong performances as he posted a double-double, 20 points and 10 rebounds and junior guard Nicc Johnson added 12 points and five rebounds, but the offense wasn't clicking all game.
After falling behind 7-1, Plattsburgh went on a 19-2 lead to take a 20-9 lead and they would never trail again. Trailing by eight at halftime, Fredonia cut the lead down in the beginning of the second half, but a 9-0



#34 Freshman De'Quan Smith charges to the basket for a shot.
Mary Ann Wiber/Special to The Leader

run by Plattsburgh ended all hopes for a comeback from the Blue Devils.
Plattsburgh moved to 5-1 and 2-0 in SUNYAC play, while the Blue Devils dropped to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in SUNYAC play.
The Blue Devils will look to bounce back as they travel to Oswego and Cortland next week for two important and tough road conference games.

Bills Update: 17 beers for 17 years Buffalo blunders in Oakland, blows 15 point lead

CURTIS HENRY
Sports Editor

Where were you when you were watching the game on Sunday?
"I was in a bad place," said Liam Kelly, a Fredonia student. That just about sums it up.
It seems as though 2016 has been a new verse to the same song that Bills fans have grown accustomed to hearing. Sitting at 5-6 or 6-5 after Week 12 for the seventh time in the last decade, the Bills flopped in a December game in Oakland for the second time in three seasons. While this one doesn't have quite the

same sting that the 2014 loss had — the Bills were then 8-6 and the Raiders were 2-12 — it's still another painful addition to the Bills' list of worst losses since the turn of the century.
The 38-24 defeat drops the Bills to 6-6 on the season, and they've lost four of their last six after starting 4-2. Bottoms up, Bills fans. The outlook is bleak, and no one's gonna blame you for downing a couple Labatts (or, you know, 20) to cope with this one.
This was supposed to be the year that the Bills ended the streak. After the Week 6 victory for Buffalo over San Francisco, the Bills sat with a 72 percent chance to make the playoffs. Then games began to slip

away; close losses to Miami, Seattle, and this blown game against Oakland all buried Buffalo's postseason odds. Six games after the 4-2 start and the Bills are at 6-6; their playoff odds are a measly 9 percent.
While the Bills do have opportunities to win tiebreakers with both Miami and Pittsburgh on the upcoming schedule, Buffalo needs either Kansas City (9-3) or Denver (8-4) to falter down the stretch, and in a scenario where either of those teams ends up at 9-7, the Bills would have to run the table to go 10-6.
Possible? Yes. Realistic? Not in the slightest.
Sorry, Bills fans. This squad has been disappointing, and no one is going to blame you if you spend the next four weeks drinking to forget the last 17 seasons. We'll be back in 2017 to circle the wagons all over again. You can count on it.

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November Athlete of the Month: Alexis Cheatham

JORDAN PATTERSON
News Editor

Even though senior accounting major Alexis Cheatham just crossed the 1,000 point milestone and was named SUNYAC player of week, she's focused on a different achievement.

"I was happy about it," Cheatham said. "I care more about winning though, so as long as we're winning."

She was quick to bring up the loss from Tuesday that brought the Fredonia Blue Devils women's basketball team to 4-1.

The team fell to Nazareth College (3-1) 74-65, but during the game Cheatham entered an exclusive club. She is the 10th female Blue Devil to score 1,000 points in her career.

"I told her she'd be a 1,000 point scorer," Assistant Coach Richard Norton said. "I was the one who recruited her ... she's something special."

Cheatham shared her thoughts on scoring 1,000 points and admitted she's relieved.

"Yeah, I was happy about it. I'm glad to get it out of the way too, early in the season ... [so there's] no pressure later in the season," Cheatham said.

The five-foot-six guard from Lockport, New York is no stranger to accolades. In 2014, she was chosen by conference coaches as the SUNYAC Rookie of the Year and won the Fredonia Female Rookie of the Year award.

During the week of Nov. 20, Cheatham's outstanding performance is what got her recognized by Fredonia and SUNYAC. On the 22nd, she scored 22 points in a 86-81 win against Hilbert University. In the Blue Devils' following game, Cheatham finished with 17 points that included five 3-pointers in the 77-68 victory over Pitt-Bradford.

Her overall average is what essentially earned her the player of the week award, but it seemed as if Cheatham wasn't really keeping track.

"I'm not sure what the exact stats were," she said, before adding that she averaged about four assists per game.

In fact, Cheatham averaged 19.5 points and 4 assists in those two games and is averaging 16.8 points per game and 4.8 assists on the season. According to her, this is an improvement from last season, but she said it could be attributed to their lead scorer from last year graduating.

"I definitely am averaging more for points [than last year], probably solely because Sabrina [graduated]," Cheatham said.

Sabrina Macaulay averaged 16.1 points in her final year and put up 33 points in Fredonia's first home playoff game last year.

Cheatham added, "Coach always wants each player to step up more, to contribute to her points,"

referring to the production that the team is missing from Macaulay's departure.

"[Alexis] was one of our leading scorers last year," Norton said. "When Alexis goes, we go."

Norton also acknowledged Alexis' personal talent before admitting she cares more about the team, saying "she puts the team before her own personal achievements."

Despite all that the team and Cheatham have accomplished this year in just five games, the primary goal is still ahead of the Blue Devils.

"[Our goal is] definitely to try to win SUNYAC, the league and the championship, and try to get another playoff game at home, that'd be cool," Cheatham said.

Last year, the team hosted their first ever SUNYAC playoff game.

"So, that would be cool to actually just host the whole tournament, to be like the number one seed," Cheatham explained.

It doesn't stop there though, as she has her eyes set on winning the championship too. Cheatham got a taste of championships in high school when her freshman year and junior year teams won the Section Six Championships. Included in her goals for the season are ones that sometimes get overlooked.

"My other goals are just to be the top team in defense, rebounding, little things like that," she added.

According to Cheatham, her love for sports started when she was young. Her father always played, including a year in college. She was raised in Lockport with five other siblings and is the second youngest.

Basketball doesn't stop for her after she goes home either.

"I like watching basketball, I love Kobe Bryant even though he retired. I just like sports in general too," she said.

She also enjoys traveling. Among her travels, she made it out to Los Angeles last year to watch Bryant, her idol, and the Lakers play the Atlanta Hawks.

It wasn't Kobe's last game, but when asked if she watched his final game she responded, "Of course."

Cheatham's father has a huge family and their family reunions allow her to travel the country.

Back in Fredonia, she enjoys listening to music. Apart from Drake, Future and Dej Loaf, she doesn't



#5 Alexis Cheatham sinks a free throw.
Corey Maher/Photo Editor

have one song in particular that she listens to before each game. She normally lets her teammate, sophomore business major Justice Nauden, handle the pregame music.

"I don't really play the music in the locker room," Cheatham said. "Justice on our team, she's like the DJ."

Admittedly, Cheatham understands that, despite the great start, there is room for improvement on the team in areas like defense and being more consistent with their shot attempts.

"We're not horrible at defense, just sometimes we let up and we got out rebounded a lot of times," she said.

On offense she explained that, "When we're on, we're on, and then like the other game on Tuesday we were off at shooting and it just showed."

"So far I think we are good, but in order to get as good as we were last year we need to keep pushing each other at practice," she continued.

It was apparent that Cheatham would take winning and winning a lot over these personal accolades every time.

"[The accolades] matter but I would definitely prefer winning over anything," she said. "In the end, I would trade those for winning SUNYAC, for sure."



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Hiking for Hillary

Hikers search for Clinton in multiple states

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As the Fall semester comes to a screeching halt, ideas of vacation have been blooming. Students have abandoned the traditional winter break ideas of napping, diving into a pool of puppies and going somewhere warm. These ideas prove to be sub-par compared to the newest rage: hunting for Hillary Clinton.

After a mother and a daughter snapped a quick pic with Clinton during a festive hike, social media outlets have continued to blow the circumstance out of the water.

"I literally couldn't breathe when I opened my Twitter. I was all 'crying of laughter face emoji' when I saw that someone found her on a trail. Who knew she hiked?" said Twitter-meme queen Isabella Knowles.

The "hike" Knowles is referring to is an activity Clinton engages in often. Citizens from Wyoming, Texas and New York have even spotted Clinton walking the scenic trails the states have to offer.

"As a resident of Wyoming, it's in the contract that you have to hike at least ten miles a day. I was just meeting my daily quota when I saw golden hair in the distance. I walked closer to the figure and heard squeals from a wild boar being wrestled to the ground. Then turns around Hillary wearing zero traces of makeup and fresh wild boar innards hanging from her mouth. Naturally, I took a picture," Stevie Hicks said.

The picture Hicks snapped was immediately uploaded to Instagram with the "Hudson" filter, and the photo garnered almost one million likes. Unfortunately,



a Texas father of three didn't "like" the picture one bit. "My daughter showed me the picture. I was disturbed. Who does she think she is, Davy Crockett?"

I'll have her know that if I catch her on my property, I'll have zero control over my crossbow finger. It's definitely itching," legitimately scary dad Ralph Eisenhower said.

A week later, Eisenhower was found sedated on a trail behind his house with one single strand of blonde hair on his flannel shirt. Authorities had their reservations, but the evidence was clear: Clinton had been hiking there. A single polaroid picture depicting a selfie between the Texan and politician is what confirmed the speculation.

Unfortunately, the carnage caused by Clinton didn't end in Texas but rather found its way up north in New York. Clinton was seen at numerous grocery stores stocking up on protein bars for her next series of hikes.

"I think it's great that she's exercising and being herself after this gruesome election. I see her here all the time. She loves berry-flavored Kombucha and peanut butter Clif Bars. Anyway, would you like paper or plastic?" former-New York-congressman-turned-Wegmans-cashier Anthony Weiner said.

Hillary's hiking excursions may be coming to a close this winter. However, residents still have the opportunity to take a selfie with her that can last a lifetime.

Edward Gallivan/Staff Illustrator

Willy C's new soda machine breaks

JACLYN SPIEZIA
 Special to the Lampoon

If you often go to Centre Pointe, you may have noticed the new addition. We hardly ever get new things, so when we do, they really stick it out.

Sitting on the counter next to the old soda machine is a brand new soda machine. As if there weren't already enough people in that tight little corner, now there are more! The fight to get your cup of pop is even more intense, seeing as how the new machine has many more options for drinks.

Unfortunately, every time something new arrives at Fredonia, the "Blue Devil's curse," as many call it, takes over. The new soda machine had broken within 24 hours of its introduction.

If you are anything like the majority of college students, then you were probably enticed by the touch screen. One student was so enticed that he wanted to see what would happen if he tried sticking his fork up the dispenser. He did so with success. Witnesses say that he managed to break the machine.

"I guess we just can't have nice things," one girl noted.

Since pouring soda is very difficult, with a possible overflowing of fizz, students are anticipating the repair of the new machine.

With the new machine, all you had to do was push a button that said "pour," and it would show you how much to put into the cup. In addition, there was hardly any fizz, so it didn't take two years to wait for the fizz to go down to pour more in.

Getting a taste of something nicer, and then



Madsion Spear/Staff Illustrator

having it gone so quickly can be disappointing, but Fredonia says that they will have it up and fixed by Fall 2018.

Facebook fights fake news with real feces

Social media site teams up with poopsenders.com

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In a time when social media dominates news coverage, a frustrating and sometimes dangerous issue is the spread of false information. In an effort to combat the spread of fake news, Facebook has teamed up with poopsenders.com to automatically send a charming package of feces to anyone who shares an invalid news article online.

This social epidemic of propagating false information, while not necessarily intentional, has become a cause for great concern. People have begun to use less discernment in fact-checking popular news stories, resulting in confusion over what and what not to believe.

Obama said it best in a recent interview where he stated that “everything is true and nothing is true.” When fake news looks believable, everything becomes an opinion up for debate and facts are no longer concrete.

All of this is why Facebook and poopsenders.com agreed to work together to step up the game for news quality control. They developed a plan where, when an article containing false information is shared on Facebook, poopsenders.com staff will receive a notification with the guilty party’s address and have a shipment of poop sent on its merry way.

Project leader Jack Pott described the

inspiration for the experiment.

“The general premise of sending poop to misinformed gossipers is really to employ a sort of positive punishment. We’re hoping that the recipients of these ‘gifts’ will learn to associate them with their failure to fact-check. As a result, we hope this will deter any further irresponsible spreading of misinformation,” he said.

Soon after starting this global disciplinary project, Facebook had received letters from several individuals expressing their gratitude for increasing their critical analysis skills with regard to finding information online.

“I had recently shared an article that mentioned using cement shoes to keep children from being too hyperactive and cluttering up their homes. I thought it was genius,” one person wrote. “The next day, though, I received an M&M bag full of rabbit droppings and a note saying ‘don’t share rubbish unless you can eat it.’ It had a huge positive impact on my desire to fact-check better before sharing information.”

Facebook went on to explain how this behavioral experiment also benefits their business. Leaders from the company mentioned how when an individual is caught red-handed, the article they shared is automatically deleted into oblivion. This helps to declutter the popular social media site of useless or misleading information.

The staff of poopsenders.com opted to be



Daniel Salazar/Staff Illustrator

interviewed anonymously, but they mentioned how they keep track of who they send presents to involving this experiment. They went on to explain that the type and size of poop an individual receives depends on their number of offenses and the severity of the misinformation spread. First-time offenders are usually given a slap on the wrist and a goldfish turd. Rick Astley videos disguised as exam answer sheets are punished much more severely.

As of now, Facebook could not be happier with the drop in false information spreading and the desire by their users to find credible resources with each other. If this trend continues, poopsenders.com promised to send a commemorative bag of fertilizer to everybody they formerly punished.

Chris Christie: presidential butler

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Americans who have stopped pinching themselves and have snapped back into reality are now keeping a close eye on President-elect Donald Trump’s cabinet appointments.

However, the most important position in the President’s cabinet is the same one that no one seems to talk about: the butler, which has been revealed to be New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Christie was gunning for a position in Trump’s cabinet during almost the entire campaign. However, according to an interview with CNN, Christie seemed shocked that he got a position at all.

“Chris was in shock when he found out,” Trump told CNN. “His jaw dropped, and his eyes got all wide. I think he was super happy with this appointment. Super happy.”

“He’s been my attack dog for a while now, and he’s a really good attack dog. But even attack dogs need

to play fetch,” Trump continued.

The role of presidential butler is not for the faint of heart. The position involves a lot of labor, including waking up at 6 a.m., delivering meals throughout the day, making sure the yard is pristine, waking up the president-elect at 3:30 a.m. for his famous toilet-side tweets and overall catering to Trump’s needs.

Accommodations aren’t much prettier. As the butler, Christie gets his own room in the basement complete with a floor-bound spring mattress, a toilet, a fan and a mini fridge of Trump Steaks; however, he’s not allowed to cook in the kitchen.

In an exclusive Lampon interview, Christie was not happy about any of it.

“I’m not happy about any of this,” Christie said, unhappily. “I jumped to endorse him hoping I’d get the VP spot, but that went to ‘swimming cap hair’ Pence. Then I thought, ‘Maybe I could get a cabinet

position if I tough it out for long enough.’ But now I’m stuck wearing a tuxedo on a daily basis.”

Christie continued, saying that Trump enrolled him in a butler training school, where he has been brushing up on proper etiquette and butler skills, such as setting a table and saying “Thank you, sir” and “Very good, sir.”

“I’ve been thinking about it a lot actually. What if we get an emergency call? We’re all in the situation room and I show off my prowess, taking the helm and saving the day. Maybe then Mr. Trump will see my true potential, and I can finally become vice president,” a fantasizing Christie said, staring off into space with a tear forming in his eye.

With all the manual labor and protein-heavy meals in store for Christie, it’s quite possible that we’ll see a Schwarzenegger-looking Christie emerge from the White House basement in a couple of years.

Horoscopes

EMMA PATTERSON
Staff Lamponist

 <p>You’ve been feeling ignored lately, haven’t you? Don’t take it too personally. Not everyone appreciates the beauty of the Klingon language.</p> <p>Aries</p>	 <p>Ever wonder what it feels like to stuff 100 bees in your mouth? It’s probably as awesome as you’ve been imagining, but you should try it just to make sure.</p> <p>Taurus</p>	 <p>You’re going to come face to face with destiny this week. Sure, it may be in the form of a man-eating grizzly bear, but you gotta trust the fates.</p> <p>Gemini</p>	 <p>Looming finals have you feeling overwhelmed. You should definitely sleep for twelve hours instead of studying, you know, to keep your strength up.</p> <p>Cancer</p>
 <p>You’ve been yearning for a change of scene, Leo. Luckily, a reputable source recently informed us that the TV in the next room has over 100 channels. You should check it out.</p> <p>Leo</p>	 <p>The stars want you to know that everything is going to be fine. Really. Now we’d appreciate it if you’d quit yelling at us every time your favorite show is taken off of Netflix.</p> <p>Virgo</p>	 <p>Never lose sight of one thing: somewhere out there, a dog is high-fiving someone. You could be next.</p> <p>Libra</p>	 <p>Everyone loves you, Scorpio. You’re awesome. You should totally post that video of you singing that K-Pop medley, just to see for yourself how loved you are. I think you’ll be surprised.</p> <p>Scorpio</p>
 <p>The stars are on your side this week, so don’t be afraid to take some chances. However, the laws of gravity are never on your side. We recommend you keep that in mind.</p> <p>Sagittarius</p>	 <p>Don’t allow common sense to push you around this week. If you want to eat 11 slices of pizza in one sitting, you should totally go for it. We believe in you.</p> <p>Capricorn</p>	 <p>Get into the holiday spirit this week, Aquarius. Participate in a shoving match at the mall, cry behind the Christmas tree and grapple with your yearly existential crisis. ‘Tis the season!</p> <p>Aquarius</p>	 <p>Try not to crack under the stress this week. The stars honestly can’t endure the incessant complaining anymore.</p> <p>Pisces</p>



Competitors from all different schools dive at the beginning of the Men's 1650 Yard Freestyle.
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#43 Senior Jamie Curry looks for an open teammate.
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The Fredonia Chamber Choir opens up the Holiday Choral Concert in King Concert Hall.
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#34 Freshman De'Quan Smith dribbles down the court looking for his next move.
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Total Yuppies performs at BJ's.
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