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## SUNY appoints new chancellor

**CONNOR HOFFMAN**

Managing Editor

Last year, SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher announced that she was resigning from the position. Last week, SUNY finished their nation-wide search for a new chancellor with the appointment of Kristina Johnson.

"I'm very excited and grateful to be here and the opportunity to serve a system in a state whose governor has put higher education front and center of his agenda," Johnson said in an interview with the Democratic & Chronicle.

Johnson grew up in Denver, Colorado. She got her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University.

Since her graduation from Stanford she has had quite a long and extensive career in engineering.

In 1985, she was hired as an

assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder. During her time in Colorado she co-founded several companies for science research.

She became the Dean of the School of Engineering at Duke University in 1999. In 2007, she became the Senior Vice President and Provost of John Hopkins University.

President Barack Obama appointed Johnson as the Under Secretary of Energy in 2009. She passed the Senate with unanimous consent.

She is the founder of Enduring Hydro, a hydropower energy firm. She also has been a director of Minerals Technologies Inc., Nortel and Guidant Corporation. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Boston Scientific Corporation, Cisco Systems and AES Corporation.



**On the Cover:**  
A raging crowd floods into the street at a party on Canadaway Street during Fred Fest.  
Corey Maher/Photo Editor

### Corrections:

The following graphics were missing attribution in Issue 26: "Verbatim" graphic by Rachel Barbato, "The legend of Pinto Ron" courtesy of Pinto Ron, "Sabres Spotlight" graphic by Kara Cekuta. We regret the errors.



The Fredonia sign on Central Avenue as of Monday evening.  
Colin Perry/Editor in Chief

## Fred Fest 2017: gunshots, garbage and a missing 'F' *Party ends with gunshots on Sunday*

**JORDAN PATTERSON**  
News Editor

Last week, Fredonia Mayor Athanasia Landis described the village on the Sunday after Fred Fest as a “war zone.” Early Sunday morning this year, gunshots rang out on Center Street.

As expected, many people were arrested. The people getting arrested ranged from students to non-students to individuals not even from the area. The charges ranged from open containers and violating the sewer ordinance to stealing the “F” off of the Fredonia sign on Central Avenue.

The Fredonia Police Department was unable to comment on the shooting as of Monday morning.

President Virginia Horvath expressed her distaste and concern with the unofficial Fred Fest in the week leading up to the chaotic weekend. She

even went as far as saying she cannot be proud of her students on this very weekend. Another concern she had was that the “outsiders” and non-students that come into Fredonia on this weekend commit crimes and then in return give Fredonia students a bad name. The shooting that took place will probably be the most talked about incident, but once again this was carried out by non-students and off campus.

The Fredonia Police Department released an official press release on their Facebook page which read “The Fredonia Police Department is currently investigating a shooting that occurred at 80 Center Street in the Village of Fredonia on April 30, 2017 at approximately 4:00 AM.”

Further in the press release, the incident was described in greater detail. According to the Fredonia Police, officers responded to a call around 4 a.m. on

Sunday where it was reported that a guest trying to leave the “gathering” at the same house attempted to enter her car.

“While the individual sat in the car, another guest fired 3 to 4 rounds at the car as she sat in the roadway,” according to the press release.

Landis and Horvath also expressed concern about the underage students consuming alcohol in mass quantities. The Fredonia Police Department blotters were plastered with underage possession of alcohol and open container tickets.

Other charges that frequently appeared in blotters were disorderly conduct and littering.

Although most of the crimes were being committed in the center of the village and away from campus, the college did catch some of the criminal overlap. Perhaps most notably, the “F” from the Fredonia sign on Central

Avenue was removed from the base of the sign early Sunday morning. According to University Police Chief Ann Burns, the theft was caught on camera and they are confident that the ongoing investigation will lead to an arrest.

“It’s disappointing,” Burns said.

She also commented that the shooting that took place was “totally unrelated” to Fredonia students, and that she was willing to bet that the “vast majority of arrests aren’t our students.”

During the weekend’s festivities, Fredonia Police officers wore body cameras to document the events. While there were rumors that the footage would be posted on Facebook, in reality the footage will only be used in court if necessary. However, according to the Fredonia Police Department, the names and photos of individuals were scheduled to be posted on Tuesday.

# Dunkirk native, entrepreneur to be guest speaker at Commencement

**ANGELINA DOHRE**  
Staff Writer

Graduation is quickly approaching, and a decision has been made on the guest speaker for commencement. Born and raised in Dunkirk, entrepreneur and philanthropist Donato J. Tramuto was chosen by President Virginia Horvath to give this year's keynote address.

Tramuto found out about his role as the keynote speaker through a personal letter from Horvath.

"From what I understand, Horvath heard about my recently published book, 'Life's Bulldozer Moments: How Adversity Leads to Success in Life and Business.' I think she may have read a recent article about me in The Buffalo News in which I talk about the book," he said.

Tramuto grew up a few miles from Fredonia's campus as one of six children of working class, Catholic parents. He said his parents helped influence him in his career.

"In spite of our modest means, [my parents] taught me the importance of giving back, and that lesson has influenced my career in healthcare and as a philanthropist," he said. "I've had a very successful career working to improve the health care delivery system."

Working for 37 years, Tramuto joined Tivity Health's board in 2013. He then went on to become chairman in 2014 and CEO in 2015.

"My work over the last 37 years has been to integrate technology with programs that provide for expanded access to health care for every single citizen of the world," he said.

Over time, Tramuto said he realized that business success alone was not enough. This led him to start up two nonprofit organizations, Health eVillages and the Tramuto Foundation.

Health eVillages focuses on providing health technology in the most challenging clinical environments. The Tramuto Foundation looks to help individuals and organizations achieve educational and healthcare goals.

Tramuto has been widely recognized for his decades of work toward social change. In 2014, he was honored alongside Hillary Clinton, Robert De Niro and Tony Bennett with the Robert F. Kennedy Ripple of Hope Award.

Tramuto said he has connections to the Fredonia campus community. Many family members of his have attended Fredonia State. His twin brother, Daniel Tramuta, is associate vice president of enrollment services. His cousin, JoAnn Niebel, is also a longtime member of the Fredonia College Council.

Because of this, Tramuto claims the trip back to the area will be a homecoming for him.

"Several family members will be attending the commencement, and I will be hosting what has quickly grown into a family reunion later in the evening," he said. "It will be a very important and nostalgic day for me, made even more meaningful because I will be surrounded by the love of my family members and friends. I only wish my parents were alive to celebrate with us."

With Dunkirk being his hometown, Tramuto accepted the role of keynote speaker for personal reasons.

"With my schedule normally booked out four to five months, I don't think, in this case, I waited ten seconds before I cleared my calendar — nor did I seek the input from my communications staff — in accepting this great honor and to make it back to Dunkirk," he said. "To be asked to give the keynote address to a thousand graduates and their parents who sacrificed everything to get them this far is deeply touching for me."

Tramuto said some of the points he hopes to hit are a few of the lessons he's learned throughout his professional and personal life. Some of these points are learning to accept and understand failure and knowing the importance of being transformational leaders of the



**Donato J. Tramuto.**  
Courtesy of Marketing and Communications.

future. One of the most important points Tramuto stressed, however, is to become the best person one can be, no matter what path they take in life.

"First, what I don't want to do is to stand in front of hundreds of anxious, eager and well-prepared graduates and start lecturing them," he said. "I have been working on my speech for several weeks and have taken great pains to make it a mix of personal experiences and lessons learned."

Tramuto hopes that the graduates will connect with what he is saying and find it interesting. He also hopes that he can help every student to examine the most formative experiences in their lives — what he calls "bulldozer moments."

## University Blotters

### Wednesday, April 26, 2017

11:01 p.m. Olivia Gianpaolo, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

11:01 p.m. Marissa Dimitroff, age 20, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

### Thursday, April 27, 2017

A wallet was found in Lot 19A. A report was filed, and the owner was emailed.

A fence was damaged in Lot 19A. Photos were taken, and a report was filed.

### Friday, April 28, 2017

1:38 a.m. Luiggi Arias, age 19, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. A report was filed.

1:38 a.m. Elizandra Curet, age 20, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. A report was filed.

1:38 a.m. George Hernandez, age 20, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. A report was filed.

A blue iPhone was found on the escort

bus. A report was filed.

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

3:09 p.m. Branden Bey, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

3:09 p.m. Theresa Berk, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

3:09 p.m. Rachel Arenella, age 19, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

7:06 p.m. Jeremy Pelsey, age 20, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

7:27 p.m. Cody Adams, age 20, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. A report was filed, and an appearance ticket was given.

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

Three males were found sleeping in a vehicle in lot 16. A report was filed.

# Fredonia Blotters

## Monday, April 24, 2017

11:40 p.m. Wesley D. Watson, age 19, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. He was issued an appearance ticket.

11:40 p.m. Mattieu M. Kruszewski, age 19, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. He was issued an appearance ticket.

11:40 p.m. Trevor P. Gabamonte, age 19, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. He was issued an appearance ticket.

## Wednesday, April 26, 2017

2:20 a.m. Philip A. Decker, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering. He was issued an appearance ticket.

## Friday, April 28, 2017

5:01 p.m. Tyler J. Feiner, 22, was charged with open container. He was issued an appearance ticket.

5:01 p.m. James G. McDonald, age 21, was charged with open container. He was issued an appearance ticket.

9:36 p.m. Joshua Zeh, age 20, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol, littering and open container.

10:19 p.m. Benjamin A. Clement, age 21, was charged with open container. Bail was set at \$100 and he was released.

Stephanie Vasta, age 20, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol. She was issued an appearance ticket.

Jacob C. Sesto, 20, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

Maria K. Sams, age 23, was charged with criminal mischief and obstructing a government administration.

Brendan M. Licker, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Josh A. Fuller, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Jonathan R. Knaisch, age 21, was charged with disorderly conduct and littering. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Mitchell C. Collinsridge, age 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Oskar Hoffman, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Jacob Bass, age 18, was charged with open container, underage possession of alcohol and unlawful possession of marijuana. Bail was set at \$100.

Kevin Cully, age 20, was charged with open container and underage possession of alcohol. Bail was set at \$100.

Matthew E. Poblocki, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol, littering, resisting arrest and open container. Bail was set at \$500.

Eusebiu Ardelean, age 23, was charged with disorderly conduct. Bail was set at \$100.

Kevin H. Storm, age 27, was charged with open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Gregory R. Yenson, age 22, was charged with open container and littering. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Adam V. Gawronski, age 23, was charged with open container. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Leamon A. Casteen, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. Bail was set at \$100.

Thomas Carr, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. Bail was set at \$100.0

Maggie J. Deredita, age 22, was charged with open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Alex J. Elderkin, age 22, was charged with open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Joseph A. Ramos, age 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Connor R. Buhr, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. He was issued an appearance ticket.

## Saturday, April 29, 2017

James Ritchie, age 21, was charged with violating the noise ordinance.

Michael M. Madigan, age 20, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Hector Colon, age 17, was charged with harassment. He was held.

Adam Barrett, age 24, was charged with violating the noise ordinance.

Zachary Black, age 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Thomas Lane, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Christian A. Johnson, age 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Larissa R. Barbas, age 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. She was issued an appearance ticket and bail was set at \$100.

John Owens, age 17, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. Bail was set at \$100.

Matthew J. Clark, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol, littering and open container. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Lamar Alexander Roundtree, age 18, was charged with open container and

underage possession of alcohol. Bail was set at \$100 and he was issued an appearance ticket.

Cameron M. Hortman, age 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and littering. Bail was set at \$100.

Dane A. Koomen, age 20, was charged with disorderly conduct. Bail was set at \$100.

## Sunday, April 30, 2017

Sebastian R. Colburn, age 18, was charged with resisting arrest, unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering. He was held.

Spencer T. Freeman, age 18, was charged with criminal mischief and possession of stolen property.

Christopher D. Rivers, age 21, was charged with second degree harassment, second degree assault and second degree robbery.

Derrick L. Parker, age 20, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. He was issued an appearance ticket.

*All information printed in The Leader's police blotter is a matter of open public record. No retractions or corrections will be made unless a factual error is shown. Anyone who is cleared of charges has the right to have so printed. It is the responsibility of the accused to provide notice and proof of the dropped charges.*

# The Trident released with lit-crawl across campus

**BETHANY CLANCY  
and AMBER MATTICE**  
Staff Writer and Life & Arts Editor

The Trident, Fredonia's own student-run literary magazine, was officially released on April 25.

The English Department's literary publishing class, taught this semester by Eric Neuenfeldt and Josh Kalscheur, has been working on the publication since the beginning of the semester.

For poetry submissions, the class had about 15 writers submit up to three poems at a time. Furthermore, there were 11 writers who submitted prose pieces which ranged from 1,000–2,000 words each.

"Each writer remained anonymous to the class' editing and publishing team to eliminate selection bias," said Matt Shea, a junior social work major.

Because they had to keep the page length in mind, The Trident is composed of three prose pieces and 10 poems, making it 22 pages long.

The process of getting the published

final product was not an easy one for many of the students.

"In the beginning of the semester, it was hectic, and there was a general worry that we wouldn't meet our deadlines on time. That was mostly due to the fact that our class was huge and it's generally hard to get that many people to agree on anything. However, we dealt with that by splitting into smaller groups, allowing us to approach our goals without any conflict," said Kerrin Richards, a senior visual arts and new media major.

The publishing class held their launch parties on April 25, with various groups of students leading individual events across campus from 5-6:45 p.m. Open mics and readings were held at each location to celebrate the work of the students involved.

"The Release Part[ies] really summed up the experience. All of us coming together to celebrate the creative minds in Fredonia," said sophomore animation/illustration major Michaela Ruggiero.

The class described the release



parties as a "lit-crawl," as each group was required to go from one party to the next as the evening progressed.

Shea's group held an open mic in the amphitheater where the writers of each piece were able to read aloud their submissions if they so pleased. Audience members were allowed to share their own pieces as well.

He said that it was a great way to unify writers and literature under one student body. He even had a special visitor from Daemen University in

Buffalo to listen. She was also very pleased with this year's creativity and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event.

When talking about the event and The Trident overall, Shea said, "All in all, I could encapsulate this year's event by saying there is no status quo in literary expression."

At each release party, copies of The Trident were available for students to take and read along with those performing.

In the lobby of Rockefeller Arts Center, a group of the publishing students gathered and read erasure poems, which are poems made from isolated lines of another poem or short story. Many of those who had work featured in the magazine were present to read.

Overall, many felt that it was the perfect way to end a semester's worth of hard work, and several students are glad to be able to hold the finished product in their hands.

"It feels surreal now that we're done," said junior dual software development and engineering major Elijah Weyant. "We put so much time into it, and I never felt like we would actually be done until all of a sudden we were, and now it's just slightly empty. But it's like watching an old friend move on to larger things in life, bittersweet."

# Pride Alliance screens documentary on gay Muslim experience

**LERON WELLINGTON**  
Staff Writer

Sometimes, it is outside the classroom where we learn the most about the world. This can definitely be applied to the showing of the 2015 documentary "A Sinner in Mecca" that was held on April 26. Sponsored by Pride Alliance, the film and talk-back with the director, Parvez Sharma, showed a world that many may not be familiar with.

The documentary follows Sharma, a gay Muslim man, as he makes the life-changing pilgrimage to Mecca. What makes this film so powerful are the risks that Sharma goes through to show the world his story. Filming in Mecca is forbidden, and homosexuality is a crime that is punishable by death.

For Sharma, taking risks and being

unapologetic is almost second nature. Both this documentary and his first, "A Jihad for Love," have sparked much controversy and backlash, especially in the Islamic community. Sharma constantly receives hate mail and death threats but uses his faith as solace.

"There is no question that Islam will accept me. The question is, if I will accept Islam," he said.

The documentary shows the in-depth process of Hajj Pilgrimage, all told through the camera of an iPhone. The audience follows Sharma everywhere and gets to see every step of his journey. They get to see him as he circles around and touches The Kaaba, the most sacred mosque in the Islamic world, and as he throws stones at the Jamarat, which are three large stones symbolic of the Devil.

The documentary also shows the culture of Islam while telling Sharma's

personal story. Mecca is historically rich but has been changed significantly by Western influence. Showing a mall with a Starbucks, Sharma purposefully showed how present commercialism is, even in a sacred place.

Throughout the film, the viewer experiences nervousness, because it is known that filming everything is a risk that can result in imprisonment.

Following the film, the audience got to talk to Sharma and ask questions about the film, his work and life. He expanded on many topics and shared his opinions on how the West and East can have many different viewpoints on major topics.

"Americans love labels to place people in boxes. For example, LGBTQ. Most Muslims prefer 'don't ask, don't tell.' I think we need to let them figure out their own solutions," he said.

Pride Alliance adviser Jennifer Hildebrand attended the event and enjoyed not only the film but the discussion that shared even more about Islam and Sharma's life.

"As our world population continues to grow, and as technologies, including social media, make it possible to be more and more interconnected, I think that listening to folks with different experiences and views from our own and finding ways to cooperate and collaborate with them is going to be seen as an increasingly valuable skill," she said.

The viewing and talk-back on Sharma's documentary not only revealed a truth that not many people are aware of, but also presented a new way of looking at the world and the workings of another culture.

# Kappa Sigma holds first annual Urban Dictionary Spelling Bee

**KARA CEKUTA**  
Staff Writer

Did you know that there is a name for that guy in your 8 a.m. philosophy class who won't stop asking stupid, pointless questions? Well, according to Urban Dictionary, you could call that guy an "askhole."

On April 25, the brothers of Kappa Sigma asked contestants to spell "askhole" and other millennial-generated lingo for a chance to win a \$50 Walmart gift card. The proceeds for this event were donated to the Military Heroes Campaign, one of Kappa Sigma's philanthropies, which assists thousands of military veterans and their families throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The spacious lecture hall on the second floor of McEwen Hall was flooded with spectators, including many fellow Greek Life members. Among the audience members were sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon such as freshman business

major Alexandra Walsh.

"There was never a moment where I thought 'this is dragging on,'" stated Walsh. "I was constantly laughing throughout the whole event. My favorite part was when the guys were saying the definitions of the words, because it was hilarious."

"I think it's great to see the campus community come together," stated junior Matt Eisen, Kappa Sigma's fundraising chair. "Regardless of what groups everyone comes from, at the end of the day, we are all members of the student body, and everyone coming together for a fun night and a great cause is simply just good to see. Greek Life as a whole can do a tremendous amount of good for the community when we all work together, and I hope to see even more unification in the future."

The event was led by Eisen, who described the competition as using the "typical rules of a spelling bee [with] made-up words from Urban Dictionary."

The first round started out strong,

losing only Kappa Sigma members junior sports marketing major Jimmy Kistner and senior accounting and finance major Juan Roman. Senior childhood education major Jessica Ficon and others moved on to round two with the correct spelling of "joygasm," defined as "a huge feeling of pleasure, but not from sexual experiences."

Contestants also had the option to hear their word used in a sentence. Roman requested clarification on his word, "communifake." He was given the sentence, "I didn't really want to talk to Juan while waiting in line for Starbucks, time to communifake." Unfortunately, Roman missed an "m" and was disqualified.

Kistner met a similar fate in his spelling of "jabroni," defined as a "loser, poser, lame-ass." After hearing the word in a full sentence, "Austin Collins is a huge jabroni," Kistner spelled the word as "J-A-B-R-O-N-Y," joining his friend Roman in the losers' seats.

The second round featured other

honorable mentions, such as junior BFA acting major Meme Lawrence's spelling of "canoodle," junior communication disorders and sciences major Connor March's spelling of "Hoprah" (hope + Oprah) and junior biology major Anthony Tardibuono's spelling of "hypebeast" and "Trumpophobia" (fear of Donald Trump).

An hour into the event, three finalists had emerged: junior computer science major Christian Lozach of Delta Chi, junior childhood education major Meagan Spencer of Sigma Gamma Phi and junior sports management major Jesse Harris of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The three contestants spelled to the best of their abilities, concluding the event with Spencer as second runner-up, Lozach as runner-up and Harris as the first-place winner of Kappa Sigma's first-ever Urban Dictionary Spelling Bee.

# Sigma Tau Delta installs mini libraries across campus

**ZOE KIRIAZIS**  
Staff Writer

Reading, whether it's for a class or for leisure, has no limits. Anyone can pick up a book in any genre of their choosing and start reading. To promote reading and literacy Sigma Tau Delta, the English Department's honor society, installed two miniature libraries on campus.

The concept of mini libraries was created by the nonprofit organization Little Free Library, with a "take a book, return a book" exchange. The mission of the organization is to inspire a "love of reading, builds community and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges." Mini libraries have been previously seen in Gregory Hall in the main lobby and now can be found in University Commons (UC) outside the bathrooms on the first floor.

Sigma Tau Delta President James

Lillin, a senior acting, English and women's and gender studies major, commented that although there are more people who come through UC daily, it's not in the most ideal location for a Little Free Library.

"One thing we decided to do this semester as a group is to find a couple new places for some libraries so they can get used," Lillin said. The two libraries Sigma Tau Delta installed can be found outside Fenton Hall at the stop sign as well as inside the lobby of Fenton.

*[Editor's Note: Lillin is a Staff Writer for The Leader.]*

The process of getting the libraries installed on campus happened quickly with the help of English professor Ann Siegle Drege and President Virginia Horvath. Lillin commented that Horvath was a member of Sigma Tau Delta and, with her connection to the organization, was able to donate a mini library she already owned and order a second, much larger library to benefit

the campus.

"[Horvath] was completely on board with saying, 'I already have one Little Free Library, but not only that, I will go a step further and donate a larger Little Free Library,'" Lillin said. With the purchase of the larger mini library came a surprise of \$100 worth of books already inside to start off with.

Anthony Licata, a senior English major, credits the 21 East Main Literary Agency as a main contributor in getting the libraries started after he and another STD member bought the initial books for the libraries there. 21 East then donated more books to help promote the new installation.

Stephine Hunt, a second year English graduate student, stressed the importance of literacy in Fredonia and Dunkirk communities with having these libraries on campus.

"Knowing that Dunkirk has a really, really low literacy rate and knowing that we're so close to Dunkirk ... to us it's important not to immediately influence the literacy rate [but] to at least create

that awareness through buying books from 21 East to put in there," said Hunt.

Lillin, Hunt, Licata and Veronica Arce, a junior English major, not only stressed the importance of literacy within Dunkirk and Fredonia communities but also how important it is for children to start reading as early as possible.

"It develops empathy and it allows us to develop an imagination as young children because a lot of times we need these liberal arts to be able to ... know what other people are going through. Because if you read a book and somebody is going through [a] tragic moment you start to develop [an] understanding if you run into somebody in real life who's going through [that] moment, and you'll know how to help them or possibly have more of an understanding," Arce said.

Members of Sigma Tau Delta hope that these mini library installations will generate the growth of more libraries on campus and interest throughout the campus and community.

# BJ's Fest 2017

BJ's Fest took place this year on April 26 and 27. This year's festivities saw the return of several Fredonia favorites, including Made Violent, Bungler and Kill The Clock.



The Traditional performs during day 1 of BJ's Fest.  
Zach M Anderson/Special to The Leader



Bungler performs at day 1 of BJ's Fest.  
Zach M Anderson/Special to The Leader



Head North performs at day 1 of BJ's Fest.  
Zach M Anderson/Special to The Leader



Aidan Licker of The Otherme performs during day 2 of BJ's Fest.  
Zach M Anderson/Special to The Leader



# Fredonia Dance Ensemble finishes year strong

**SHENECA SHARPE**  
Staff Writer

Fredonia Dance Ensemble had its annual show and the dancers did not disappoint.

There were eight pieces in the show, with styles ranging from classical ballet to contemporary. "Leaving" was a more contemporary piece that showed a different side of the dance department, highlighting the complexities that dancing involves.

"I would say 'The Space Between Doesn't Exist' was definitely my favorite. It was really jazzy, which I love, and I like how each dancer got to show off their personalities with their dance. I also liked how they incorporated the video they played in the beginning into the music. Definitely very creative," said Vanessa Leounis, a sophomore women's and

gender studies major.

"The Space Between Doesn't Exist" was a piece that explained the fact that society shouldn't create a divide. In the beginning of the piece, it had a video that showed some of the dancers practicing the piece and explained what diversity meant to them. The performance that entailed not only followed the video but highlighted the soulful music the dancers were performing to. For many, it was the perfect way to end the show.

"I liked FDE this year. I thought it was a lot more sophisticated [while] last year's was more comical in my opinion. I live with four of the dancers, and I'm friends with a few others, so it was great to see them perform. I'm glad that I could support them," said Leounis.

"I really enjoyed it, I feel like there was a lot of variety this year in terms of

style," said sophomore theatre arts and French dual major Emily Bassett. "My favorite piece was definitely 'Taiko.' I loved the rhythmic nature of the piece and the influences of Japanese dance made it different from a lot of the stuff we've seen here before."

"Taiko" was the first piece performed at the show. It was unique and added

a new style of dance and music to this year's Fredonia Dance Ensemble.

Bringing in new cultures and styles of performance art, FDE was certainly successful this year. Students and community members alike are already anticipating next year and the new tricks the dancers will pull out.



The playbill for FDE's annual show.  
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# Verbatim

## Leader seniors, what's a favorite Fredonia memory?



**Andrew Camera, senior music industry and applied music**

*"Creating and working with equally eager, giving and focused students and faculty on campus."*



**Brooke Atkins, senior public relations**

*"Meeting amazing friends and professors, being a part of *The Leader* and making memories that will last a lifetime."*



**Colin Perry, senior English and journalism**

*"Working alongside the best people in the universe to put a newspaper out every week."*



**Connor Hoffman, senior political science and journalism**

*"Being Managing Editor for this paper. It was amazing to see everyone grow so much as an artist throughout this year."*



**Leron Wellington, senior theatre arts and journalism**

*"Adding a new major and constantly learning something new about myself over the years."*



**Rebecca Masiker, senior graphic design**

*"Viewing the transformation of both my graphic design classmates and *The Leader* becoming a second family to me over these years."*



**Zoe Kiriazis, senior theatre arts and self-design arts communication**

*"Learning, adapting, failing and growing from every single person I've crossed paths with and experience I've gone through these last five years."*



**Corey Maher, senior media management**

*"Making connections with my friends, professors and acquaintances that'll last well beyond graduation."*



**Jordan W. Patterson, senior journalism**

*"My cubicle. Treat it fairly, Dan Orzechowski."*



**Camry Dean, senior English**

*"\$1.50 Busch, not being able to figure out my minor for three years, being able to take a variety of eye-opening classes and both of my study abroad experiences."*



**Edward Gallivan, senior animation and illustration**

*"Just making artwork. Those nights burning the candle at both ends and finishing up a project are memories that will always be special to me."*



**Kristen O'Connor, senior English, media management and public relations**

*"Studying abroad with a few of my favorite professors and sharing once-in-a-lifetime experiences with new, like-minded friends."*

# Conservative Corner: 2020 can't come sooner

**CONNOR HOFFMAN**  
Managing Editor

It's been quite a wild ride from the time that I created this column about a year and a half ago. Barack Obama was president then, and I could have never imagined Donald Trump taking his place. At the time, he was just an annoying celebrity to me.

Since the beginning of this column,

Trump became president after his campaign caused controversy after controversy almost daily. Rather than rebuking Trump after his numerous controversies, the Republican Party has wholeheartedly embraced him.

I am beginning to think that Trump will not even fulfill his first term. Usually I am very careful not to predict something of this magnitude, but seriously.

Now, I don't think it's very likely that Trump will get impeached, but it's still somewhat possible. Perhaps the Russia investigation will uncover evidence to prove the claims that many have been making that Trump colluded with Russia to win the election.

It's even more unlikely but also possible that Trump's refusal to cut his ties with his businesses will lead to him being impeached.

I think the most likely thing that could happen is Trump, himself, will decide to resign once the job becomes too difficult or when he has lost enough support from his base.

Trump is one of the biggest narcissists in the universe, and he craves attention and admiration. Once those who are the true hardcore Trump supporters start to realize how fake and full of it Trump is, they should begin

# From the Desk Of Colin Perry, Editor in Chief

The other day, I was having class outside in the amphitheater, where other students and I debated the complex ethics of (among other topics) self-plagiarism, personas versus people and public shaming. Behind us, some students from Mason Hall were practicing in the courtyard, so an impromptu string soundtrack gave dramatic heft to our discussion. I was struck by the thought that I am probably never going to be able to have an experience like this again.

I've joked for a while now that when I think about graduating, I'm really thinking about dying, but there's a kernel of truth to that sentiment. (I promise this gets better.) In a few days, I will be trading most of the life I know for something else: a scary and vague concept called "actual adulthood" where the possibilities are endless. Everything I've done in my life has led to this point, which only makes me feel horribly unprepared and anxious for what comes next.

I think it's normal to feel like this, to an extent, whenever there is an ending, and graduating is the end of something — not the end of actual life, but the end of a kind of life I'll never have again.

Kurt Vonnegut, my all-time favorite writer, said near the end of his actual life that he was weary.

"I've written books. Lots of them," he said. "Please, I've done everything I'm supposed to do — can I go home now?"

Vonnegut is my favorite writer because he has taught me much on what it means to really be a human being, but on this one, I admit we have to differ.

While I, too, am weary after eight semesters of readings, essays, articles, group projects and, oh yeah, 27 issues of a weekly newspaper, I don't really know what he means.

Home is in my office, with my messy desk and a staff that unconditionally feeds into my manic whims. Home is in one of the downtown apartments I've lived in, where the sounds of drunken hordes are as natural as the wind or the rain. Home is at the State University of New York at Fredonia, where I've learned and loved and lost and lived. You saw this cliché coming, but I don't need to go home because I'm already here.

In many ways, Fredonia was never the place I wanted to spend my college years at precisely because it was already sort of home. I've lived in the area all my life, and by high school, I had already compulsively listened to enough Bruce Springsteen to recognize that I wanted to leave. But life got complicated, and I ended up taking what I deemed at the time to be the path of least resistance. Four years after the fact, I am beyond glad that I did; a town full of losers, it is not.

When I look back on these last four years of my life, I am happy. I am sad. I am happy-sad. I am not shocked that it went by at the pace that it did, but I



do wish there was a little bit more. I am glad I got the chance to learn big words and to sit in seminars on everything from video games to Dante. I admit that I've learned more about myself than I wanted to. I am missing everyone and everything already. And I must recognize that, four years later, I have no idea what I am doing, but I am starting to think that that's OK.

Before I go, Vonnegut also urged his readers to "notice when you are happy, and exclaim or murmur or think at some point, 'If this isn't nice, I don't know what is.'"

In that spirit, here are some things that come to mind for me: the friendships I have forged over the years with people whom, I hope, know they are intrinsically good; the nights spent stumbling on sidewalks in pursuit of pizza; a life-changing study abroad experience in London, where, among other triumphs, I successfully defended

the U.S. in a dance-off at our favorite pub the night before we left; the quiet winter afternoons spent bundled up in blankets, watching a bad movie with someone important at my side; being able to learn from too many generous and brilliant minds to list, but here's one anyway: David Kaplin, Christina Jarvis, Raymond Belliotti, Bruce Simon, Shannon McRae, Ted Steinberg, Steve Kershner, Chris Pacyga and the most decent person I know, Elmer Ploetz; the responsibility of leading The Leader, to oversee a complicated organization in the attempt to transform it into the sort of place and publication I knew it could be; looking back on every issue of the paper I've put out, even the bad ones, and being enormously proud; typing these words while I sit at my messy desk.

If this wasn't nice, I don't know what is.

to turn on him. That may never even happen, but if it does, then Trump's presidency may soon come to a short stop.

The Republicans are completely dooming themselves politically. If they hope to keep their majority in Congress they must really change what they're doing. The Democrats are angry and passionate to stop the tyranny of Trump, and they are experiencing some of their most enthusiastic turnout in years.

The Democrats were just able to

win the highest majority in a special election in Georgia's sixth district, a very conservative district. Although there is a run-off election, this kind of enthusiasm doesn't just mean nothing. When the Republicans began to retake Congress in 2010 and 2014, they started by winning these special congressional elections.

If the Democrats hope to stand any chance against Trump in 2020 they cannot pick anyone at all like Hillary Clinton. A moderate, establishment figure is just the kind of person that

Trump wants the Democrats to throw up against him in the election. Trump wants to be able to continue to run on a platform of being a dealmaker sent to clean up Washington, and someone like Sen. Elizabeth Warren or Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is a dream come true for Trump.

This is the very last Conservative Corner that will run in this paper, and it's quite a bittersweet moment indeed. Yes, the Republicans may have taken control of all three branches of government, but

they're refusing to moderate in even the slightest.

I had always wanted to see Republican control of all the branches of government, but not like what we have seen. I consider myself a Reagan conservative, and I thought the rest of the party did, but their recent behavior is causing the Great Gipper to roll over in his grave.

Thank god Fred Fest was this weekend because I needed at least three years' worth of shots to keep my sanity.

# Men's baseball ends season on seven-game losing streak

**QUINTIN JAMES**

Staff Writer

The men's baseball team's season has come to an end, with a finish that is surely disappointing for many.

After being eliminated from playoff contention last week, the Fredonia men's baseball team still had things to play for as they were set to take on I-90 rivals Penn St. Behrend before taking on SUNYAC opponent Plattsburgh State in a three game road series.

Penn St. Behrend came into Ludwig Field and looked to take back the I-90 cup from Fredonia. Behrend came out in the first inning and scored three runs to set the tone early before Fredonia countered with a four run fourth inning.

Junior Derek Fie had a home run in the fourth inning and it looked as if, up 7-3, Fredonia would keep hold of the cup, but Behrend would take control in the next two innings. They scored seven runs in the next two innings to take the lead and stretch it to 10-7, and would take the game and the cup 15-7.

This win puts the all-time series record at three wins apiece, and Penn

St. Behrend also took back the cup after Fredonia had taken the cup from them following a 8-2 win a couple of weeks back.

After this loss, the Blue Devils had to head to Plattsburgh State for their final SUNYAC series of the year. In the first game of the series, Fredonia had a lead late, but blew it and lost 6-4. Sophomore Luke Kuczewski went seven strong innings, but gave up four runs and took the loss. After allowing a run in the third, Fredonia came back with two runs a piece in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 4-2 lead.

Plattsburgh would rally with three runs in the seventh inning and would add an insurance run in the eighth to take this conference affair. Fredonia was led by sophomore Kevin Yirinec who had an RBI triple and a couple of walks. Alexio Medina also had a hit and two stolen bases in the losing effort.

In Game 2 of the series, the first game of a doubleheader, Fredonia would come out slow and Plattsburgh would take advantage. They scored runs in the first three innings and held the Blue Devils to four hits as Fredonia was shut

out 9-0 in a seven-inning game.

Fredonia committed five errors in the game, while Plattsburgh committed none and had nine runs on 12 hits. After allowing a run in each of the first two innings, Fredonia starter Ben Atkinson would allow an RBI single and then a two RBI double that pushed the deficit to 5-0 and would spell the end of the day for Atkinson who only went three innings.

The second half of the doubleheader would be the last game of the season for the Blue Devils. Like many of their games this year, it was close until the end, but Fredonia couldn't pull out a win. Trying to upset Plattsburgh's senior night, Fredonia would get on the board first with an RBI single by freshman Joseph Coene.

That lead wouldn't last, however, as Plattsburgh would respond the next inning with four runs off of starter Zach Lyman. An error would cost the Blue Devils a run in that inning and led to the big inning. Fredonia committed three errors in this game, which were enough for Plattsburgh to take advantage.

Fredonia would get a run back in the third after a Patrick Sheehan triple,

but after that, the offense went ice cold and couldn't find a rhythm. Plattsburgh starter Connor Lyons after the third inning settled down and went seven strong innings before turning it over to their closer Justin Adams, who went two scoreless innings for the save.

In his final game with the Blue Devils, senior Liam Kelly led the way going 3-4 with two runs scored.

Fredonia finishes the season 16-20 with a 5-13 record in the SUNYAC conference. Coach Matt Palisin is already thinking about next year and the potential for a bounce back year.

"We have one more week of practice and the returning players will start to hit the weight room this week," he said. "We have a great recruiting class coming and we want to get stronger and be able to drive the ball more."

When asked about the close losses this season, Palisin says it's a part of the game.

"You win some and you lose some. It's frustrating, but it should be something that motivates them," he said.

## Sabres Spotlight: The search for a GM

### How involved is Russ Brandon?

**CHRISTIAN EVANS**

Special to The Leader

Buffalo Bills and Sabres owner Terry Pegula has really added a ton onto his already overwhelming plate over the last few weeks. He has fired just about everybody in the Sabres organization, including the head coach, the general manager and the entire scouting staff.

With the NHL draft only being two months away, the Pegulas and the Sabres need to be in hot pursuit to replace all that they have gotten rid of. For an owner, that can be a very tough task to accomplish on your own.

On Sunday, Pegula hinted that the Sabres were close to finding a GM when he was asked during a press conference

regarding the firing of Buffalo Bills General Manager Doug Whaley. During Sunday's edition of "NHL Now," SportsNet and NHL Insider Elliot Friedman reported that Buffalo Bills and Sabres President Russ Brandon will be leading the search for the next general manager of the Buffalo Sabres.

So, are the Sabres really that close to finding a new GM? This report from Friedman comes as a surprise to many people who follow the team and the league in general.

Many Buffalo fans are a bit concerned. Since Brandon has risen to prominence as an executive of the Buffalo Bills, the team has been completely unsuccessful. Although Brandon has shown that he is a genius marketer, he has not given fans any

evidence that he is a genius hockey or football mind. Having joined the Bills franchise back in 1997, Brandon is one of the longest tenured executives for the team. He struggled mightily as a GM for the franchise, but was not fired from the organization solely for his success in marketing the team. The Bills have not made the playoffs since 1999, and Brandon is the only member of the organization that has remained since that time.

Since the Pegulas' takeover of both the Bills and the Sabres, they have seemed to put a lot of trust in Brandon in decisions regarding both teams. Neither team has made the playoffs since the Pegulas became the owners. The Buffalo Sabres have a draft coming up very soon and are desperately in need of

finding both a head coach and general manager. Pegula has told the media that they are close to finding a new GM, but the report from later in the day of Brandon being in charge has led some fans to believe otherwise.

Pegula may be starting to realize that being an owner of two professional sport franchises is much more stressful and difficult than he originally thought it would be. Many fans are concerned that he is putting too much trust in Brandon to make decisions regarding both franchises. Now Pegula is probably wondering if he waited just a little bit too long to fire Dan Bylsma and Tim Murray, as it seems like he and his wife are in absolute scramble mode with the Sabres.

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## Commentary: Are teams in danger of being cut?

AVRIL KING

Social Media Asst.

There have been a lot of memes going around poking fun at student athletes in the last few months. On social media, we are seen as stuck-up, Bible-quoting attention seekers who think we are better just because we do well athletically.

Now, I'm sure that there are several players out there who may fit this description.

As for me, I play on the women's tennis team here at Fredonia. As a very small Division III team with a short season and little name recognition, I would like to believe that this makes me and my teammates a bit more level-headed than those portrayed in memes.

I even ran into someone at Tim Hortons the other day who had no idea that Fredonia even had a tennis team outside of club tennis. That didn't surprise me. Rarely do we have spectators attend our matches, besides the odd parent who comes to support every now and then. Even when we have athletes supporting athletes' events, it seems like most people show up, talk to their friends for the first half of the match, sign in and then leave.

And that is their preference. Whether or not my fellow students show an interest in tennis has never affected the way I look at the game, and it certainly will not stop me from playing.

What would stop me from playing, however, are cuts due to dwindling enrollment.

Pretty much every student on campus is well aware of the fact that Fredonia is trying to make up for low-enrollment. We saw it when FSA announced that they would have to reduce the hours of on-campus dining options for the upcoming Fall semester. We have heard talk of merging the Philosophy Department with another because there are too few students within it.

My fear is that the cuts will spread, making their way into the athletics department. As such a small team, tennis would hardly stand a chance if it came to deciding between upsetting about a dozen students on campus or a

budgetary crisis.

And tennis has already been affected by low-enrollment cutbacks. At the start of the Fall 2016 semester, my very first year with the women's team, we were denied a week of preseason before starting our regular season, which is only about a month long. When we asked the athletic administration why we were unable to begin our training earlier, we were told that the budget did not allow for us to have a preseason. Since enrollment was down, we could not be given an extra week on campus to prepare for our first match, which was only about two weeks away. So far, it does not look like we will be getting a preseason for next season either.

Now, the situation is what it is. With enrollment dropping, there are bound to be cuts. However, I know quite a few students on this campus who will be devastated if their athletics teams are next.

I can personally say that tennis is one of the most important things that happened to me here. Last Fall, I was a first-year student, terrified and alone, coming to this strange place called college. The only reasons I left my dorm room during those first few weeks were to go to class and to play tennis. I was able to meet some very kind young women by joining the team. Now, I was not very good out on the courts compared to my talented teammates, but that was not the point. Suddenly, there were people on campus that I knew and could talk to. College started to become less and less scary with every practice, match and team bonding party.

I know that I cannot be the only one on this campus that has been greatly affected by their athletics team. And I know that I am not the last first-year student to have this experience. Sports are an important way to relieve stress, as well as make friends for a lot of people on campus. If that is taken away, so are a multitude of opportunities for students to connect with their community.

So, yes, keep making memes about how egotistical student athletes can be; I am sure that some of us deserve it. Care about our games or don't, that's up to you. Just don't take our teams away, please.

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# Tips on How to Pass Your Finals with Flying Colors

EMMA PATTERSON

Staff Lamponist

As Finals Week approaches, now is totally the best time to experiment with some new study methods!

1. Try to find your inner study god(dess) by hiking to the top of the nearest snowy mountain and meditating for a week. Panic when you realize that you've missed all of your finals. Avoid consequences and become one with the grizzlies.
2. Down as much caffeine as possible. I'm talking coffee, energy drinks, soda, straight-up coffee beans. Wheel around an IV filled with Monster. If this doesn't keep you awake during your history review, nothing will.
3. Stay organized. As important as it is to always have a pen handy, make sure the most important stuff — "Shameless," your proximity to food, your ability to balance your social life with your Netflix life — stays a priority.
4. Stow away in one of the food trucks on campus. Learn the ancient art of burrito rolling. Become a food truck connoisseur, never be less than an arm's length away from a burrito, never think about finals again and live your best life.
5. Burrow underneath the bowels of Reed Library in pursuit of much-needed silence using only a mechanical pencil and your sheer, blinding desperation.
6. Form a simple study group with people from your class. Watch helplessly as the study group grows in number and desperation. Gather off-campus in some rando's house. Consume copious amounts of alcohol. Get locked out of the rando's house as music blares and strobes kick in. You are at Fred Fest. Sit on front stoop and contemplate your life decisions.
7. Neglect to study. Choose sleep over flashcards, papers and textbooks. Inform your parents that "everyone failed." Feel mildly guilty. Repeat.



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# Astronauts refuse to return from ISS until people of Earth calm the hell down

EMMA PATTERSON

Staff Lamponist

The astronauts on the International Space Station know better than anyone what it means to be scared: suspended hundreds of feet off of the Earth's surface for months at a time. The crew's official mission is to conduct research and finish construction on the ISS, all the while keeping an eye out for any suspicious UFOs, non-human beings and ice-age-inducing asteroids. When the Lampon interviewed a few crew members about life in space, however, we were shocked to hear what they consider to be the scariest part of their job.

"I'd say I spend 90 percent of my time staring down at Earth and thinking, 'What the hell is going on?'" crew member Bill Jenkins said. He, along with two other American crew members, admit that, constant worry of food shortage and alien attack aside, life on the ISS is definitely preferable to life on Earth.

"Well, you-know-who isn't here, for

one thing," Jenkins said, offering us a value-sized bag of Space Cheetos. His crew member, Barbara Smith agreed, saying "I can walk around the space station without being grabbed or leered at. Do I worry about getting sucked into space and disintegrating into matter? Sure. But at least I can walk around freely."

Knowing that their time on the ISS is coming to an end, we asked the crew what their plans are once they get back to Earth.

"Uh, about that," Jenkins said, scratching his head awkwardly. "You see, we're just gonna chill here a while longer," he said, his body contorted into a fetal position in order to fit in one room of the ISS. "Just look at us. We're

calm. And we can't even poop without the whole crew knowing about it."

"You can see things from a different perspective up here," one crew member, Jack Peterson, said.

"On Earth, I worried about, like, political corruption, nuclear war, environmental meltdowns, that sort of stuff. Now, it's stuff like brain-eating aliens, running out of toilet paper, remembering the fact that we're suspended in the air hundreds of miles off the ground. I mean, come on. Which would you choose?"

The astronauts wanting to stay in space says a lot, considering their recent run-in with mysterious alien creatures.

"The aliens are cool," Jenkins said nonchalantly. "I mean, yeah, they tried to inject us with this weird blue liquid,

and yeah, we were forced into indentured servitude for the next millennium, but hey, at least they kept us safe from that giant cloud demon that enveloped us a while back. I only lost three toes that day." He tried to show us his foot, but we declined.

"You see, we have everything we need here," Smith asserted, showing us their food rations for the next month. "We have powdered milk, plastic sandwiches and a lifetime supply of toothpaste; what else do we need? We gucci. Seriously."

The crew was adamant in their decision to remain on the ISS until everyone on Earth calmed the hell down.

"We face near-certain death up here everyday, and I'd still rather be here than live in a world where some people still use the wrong 'your,'" Jenkins said shrugging. "Besides, who else is going to warn you guys when the Martians inevitably arrive? They know you guys are struggling. It's only a matter of time."

Illustration by Alissa Salem/Staff Illustrator

# Plastic bags take revenge on campus

JACLYN SPIEZIA

Staff Lamponist

After being banned from campus for a week, the plastic bags have taken revenge. Using Fredonia's windy weather to their advantage, the plastic bags started attacking innocent pedestrians.

We were able to get a brief comment from one of the plastic bags about the attacks before he blew away.

When asked why he strangled a girl to death, he responded, "Do you ever feel like a plastic bag, drifting through the wind, wanting to start again?" We are unsure if he was remorseful, and we were unable to catch him as he blew

away right after.

However, the baggage that came from these attacks was one heavy load.

One man was choking up. "I thought I wasn't going to make it," he said, wiping back tears, "and I just want to say how sorry I am. I deserve it for ripping that plastic bag last week."

The man had almost been choked to death by a plastic bag. Not one year earlier this man had tried to off himself using a plastic bag — the irony.

Local environmentalists have responded to the crisis with smug disdain.

"I don't like plastic bags and I'm not afraid to say it! I prefer using paper bags," crunchy hippie

Ivanka Sklump said.

Shortly after she made this statement she was pinned down by five plastic bags. We couldn't do much to help, so we sat and watched. One of the bags said, "You're bad for the environment, bitch!"

The attacks went on for a week. People went on with their daily lives and continued to not care about the plastic bags, like they don't care about the environment. People were reportedly seen starting to use them again to carry beer and groceries. The plastic bags seemed satisfied.



Edward Gallivan/Staff Illustrator

## Police Notters

KILGORE TROUT

Guest Lamponist

### Monday, April 25, 2017

10:12 a.m. A student was reportedly engaging in lewd behavior outside of University Commons. Upon investigation, it became clear that to University Police that, while some would consider it "art," that doesn't mean indecent exposure isn't a misdemeanor, either. Devon Weazon was charged with, well, yeah.

### Wednesday, April 26, 2017

9:19 p.m. An RA in an undisclosed residence hall was reportedly acting strangely. Tavish McGreber, age 20, was discovered to be a collection of squirrels operating a suit designed to look like a human being, which is not technically illegal by human law, but the squirrels were identified and declared fursona non grata.

### Thursday, April 27, 2017

2:12 p.m. Fredonia Police requested assistance with a domestic dispute at an undisclosed house off-campus. Adaline Pharrell, age 20, would reportedly not stop singing the "and they don't stop coming" part of Smash Mouth's "All Star" for at least 16 minutes. Subject was charged with inappropriate use of memes and advised.

### Friday, April 28, 2017

12:01 a.m. One minute into Fred Fest weekend, fourteen students (all on The Leader staff) were arrested and charged with open container, violating the sewer ordinance, violating the noise ordinance, fighting in Calio's, underage possession of alcohol, illegal possession of fireworks and littering. The subjects were advised to take a chill pill.

2:30 p.m. As the hordes of Fred Fest descended onto town, several village residents attempted to tie balloons to their houses a la "Up" and fly away. Cookie "Cook"

Catbins, age 21, and Katherine O'Blonner, age 21, were charged with theft of balloons in an attempt to make their voices sound much higher.

4 p.m. Morrie Kahar, age 21, Dexie Lassiter, age 21, and Jam McStag, age 21, were all arrested without having done anything, because sometimes at Fred Fest, you just gotta be careful.

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

12:32 a.m. Ember Lettuce, age 21, was denied entry into several undisclosed downtown locations after presenting staff with an out-of-state ID. This isn't illegal but, geez, that's gotta suck!

2:12 p.m. University Police received a report of strange lights in the village. Upon investigation, the entirety of Canadaway Street, normally engulfed by a sea of partiers, had been Raptured to who knows where, except for Burt Smenry, age 21, who must be a real degenerate.

6:40 p.m. Donnor Coughman, age 22, was reportedly scaling the walls of Maytum Hall in an attempt to beat "that last guy's record." Witnesses at the scene reported being confused about what he meant, and how he would break a record by climbing a wall, anyway.

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

7:20 a.m. Survivors of Fred Fest on Central Avenue reported that the Fredonia sign had been moved, in its entirety, to an unknown location, aside from the first "F," with a student passed out nearby. Holland Jerry, age 21, was charged as an accessory to vandalism. Upon awakening, subject attempted his longest "yeah boy" ever, managing a meager 26 seconds before passing out again. A report was filed.

7:45 a.m. Gordon Pitterson, age 21, was charged with attempting to sell the entire "Fredonia" sign (sans F) on Craigslist for "cold ones."



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# Horoscopes

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Your mom called you to see how you were doing before finals week. We intercepted the call. Don't worry, we took care of that one (if you know what we mean).

**Aries**



Your dreams of becoming a ballerina have been shattered after you broke both of your legs jumping off a roof last weekend. At least the video got a couple of likes on Instagram.

**Taurus**



That poster of Chris Hemsworth nude that magically disappears off your wall at the late hours of the night? Yeah, we stars know what you're up to. All we have to say is "too much tongue, man."

**Gemini**



Yo Cancer, we hate to say it, but if you keep eating all those glazed honey buns, you will soon be unable to walk. Like, we are legitimately worried about your ambulatory ability.

**Cancer**



If you hear a couple fighting in the library, it's best to just pack your bags and leave the scene immediately. You don't want that baby mama drama weighing you down.

**Leo**



Last weekend wasn't a chill one for you. Your girlfriend left you in the dust. At least your windshield wasn't destroyed by a drunkard. Oh wait. It was? Sorry to hear that.

**Virgo**



Your summer plans will finally come true as you receive the essential six disc Shakira box set. However, studies have shown that listening to this while driving is dangerous — too much high octane dancing.

**Libra**



Your roommate never does their dishes, so you've been seriously contemplating drawing a pentagram around their bed and sending their spirit and body through a vortex to Hell. Not a bad idea.

**Scorpio**



Your latest one-night-stand partner will end up being covered in white sauce. Too bad your one-night-stand is actually a slice of Maria's pizza and the white sauce is blue cheese. Bon appétit.

**Sagittarius**



One of the easier relationships you'll make this week is with a man who lives under the DJ booth in Valentine's. His name is Lil Jimmy. Lil Jimmy is 70 pounds and exclusively addicted to Pine-Sol solution.

**Capricorn**



Aquarius, you will have a week-long everlasting glow up. You will light up every room you walk in. This will be due to a wicked case of constantly pissing yourself while your pee glows radioactive green.

**Aquarius**



You have a beautiful soul, a wonderful smile and a wicked case of hemorrhoids. It's best to visit LoGrasso as soon as possible, or just drink a Four Loko instead.

**Pisces**

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The 2016-2017 Leader graphics team smiles after their last meeting.  
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Made Violent performs during day 2 of BJ's Fest.  
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Jack Weaver's The Space Dog Files, comprising varying digital prints.  
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