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# NEWS

## Another star, another state? *Puerto Rico's political storm continues*

**JACOB M. SANTOS**  
Special to the Leader

During the Fall 2017 semester, Fredonia's Professional Development Center has continued to coordinate The Democracy 101 collection held every week in Reed Library.

Last week, Carmen Rivera, who serves as the associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Science, hosted a lecture titled "Another flag, another state?:"

Puerto Rico's political storm." The topic of Puerto Rico's political status as a U.S. territory has been circulating in American news media after being devastated by Hurricane Maria in September.

"The title of this lecture is a title of a course I taught in 1998 upon the 100th anniversary of Puerto Rico as a territory of the United States," said Rivera. "[The



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territory] was acquired after the Spanish-American war in 1898."

Rivera spoke in depth about federal legislation that continues to affect Puerto Rico today, most notably the Jones-Shafroth Act of 1917, more commonly known as the Jones Act. Among the act's numerous components, it states that foreign vessels are prohibited from practicing maritime trade with Puerto Rico.

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A single ornament on a Christmas tree decorated during Spectrum's Hanging of the Greens.

Marissa Doing/Art Director

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**Correction:** In Issues 11-13, Avril King and Quintin James are listed incorrectly in the masthead. They are co-assistant sports editors.

# Student Association hopeful about budget after increased enrollment



**SETH MICHAEL MEYER**  
Assistant News Editor

As the Fall 2017 semester comes to a close, Student Association (SA) officials are hopeful about the budget for the next school year, citing that increased enrollment means an increased budget.

Junior computer science and mathematical science major Jason Cheung has been involved with SA since his freshman year at Fredonia, and he now serves as the student comptroller of SA. He explains that the Student Association gets its funding from the student activity fee, which Fredonia students pay along with the rest of their enrollment expenses.

Cheung estimated that the current price of the student activity fee is \$112.50 which produces an operating budget of about \$1.3 million. This money helps provide students with an enriching experience throughout their college career.

The money is distributed to the over 100 groups on campus. Each group's level of recognition determines how much money they receive.

"Groups are eligible to request money. Endorsed groups: \$150, provisional groups: \$500." Cheung continued, "Acknowledged: \$1,000, chartered: \$1,500." The differences in levels of recognition are based on group sizes and how long they've been established.

"Constituted groups, (the highest level of recognition) they have to put up at least eight events [per year]. They serve as a majority and necessary services to the campus," said Cheung.

As vital assets to the campus, constituted

groups have a fixed budget that is negotiated during what is known as "Budget and Appropriations (B&A) Week."

During B&A Week, each constituted group has the opportunity to propose their budget for

Last year only one group spoke out against the budget. S.T.E.P.S., Students Teaching Equals Positive Sexuality, cited a cut to their budget which would impede them from

conducting some events such as inviting guest speakers. With much discussion with the assembly, the representatives from S.T.E.P.S. agreed to satisfaction and the budget was ratified for the 2017-18 school year.

Although some constituted groups may have reservations about the budget, SA tries to cater well to them as constituted groups cost about \$352,000 as a collective.

The Student Association holds constituted groups in high regard when formulating the budget.

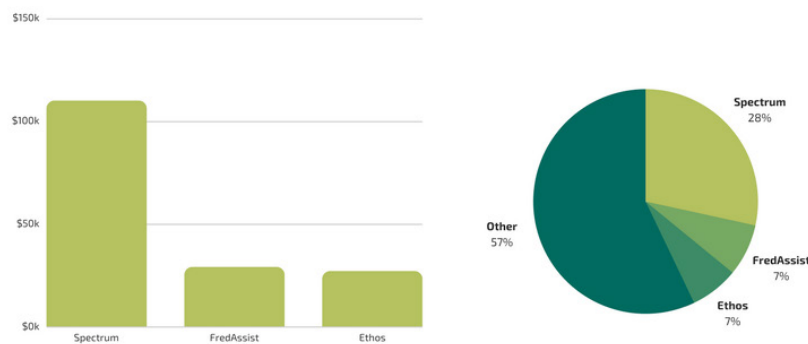
"The Leader, the TV station [and Fredonia Radio Systems] is the main campus media. We cannot have the campus without them. Sound Services — every single group needs it," Cheung said. "FredAssist provides all these support services for STD testing and pregnancy testing . . . they even need to hire professional staff . . . to do all these [tests]."

"The total amount we collect depends on how many students are currently enrolled," Cheung said. With enrollment on a recent increase, SA may be able to collect a lot more.

In a September report from The Leader, Daniel Tramuta, associate vice president for enrollment services, said that the goal set for incoming students this year was exceeded by over 100 students and his goal for Fall 2018 is even higher.

With what looks to be high hopes in terms of student enrollment at Fredonia, the Student Association has the opportunity to collect more money to be allocated to clubs on campus and to lower the price of the Student Activity Fee.

## STUDENT ASSOCIATION BUDGET



This information represents the distribution of the annual SA budget to constituted groups. Constituted groups consist of about \$387k of the \$1.3 million that the SA receives.

Kara Cekuta/Staff Illustrator

the beginning of the next school year. After the Budget and Appropriations Committee finalizes the budget, constituted groups unsatisfied with the proposed budget can voice their concerns in front of the assembly of representatives before voting on the approval of the budget.

## ANOTHER STAR continued

“This topic became a big issue and was all over the news because other countries such as Panama and Colombia wanted to send goods to the island, but they couldn’t because of this law,” said Rivera.

All foreign goods going to Puerto Rico must go to the U.S. mainland first and be transferred to an American vessel. Over the century, this has caused prices in Puerto Rico to rise by approximately 20 percent — a major barrier to receiving aid providing food, water, medicine and other materials.

Shortly after Hurricane Maria, many Americans demanded that the Jones Act be waived in order to receive necessary imports as soon as possible. After urgent demands from politicians and the American people, President Trump waived the Jones Act, allowing foreign goods to ship directly to Puerto Rico. The waiver, however, was only permitted within a 10-day period, which was a short duration before mandating foreign goods to dock on the U.S. mainland first.

Rivera shifted toward discussing the three political statuses that have been a hot topic in Puerto Rican politics for decades. Shall the island become the 51st state of the United States, an independent nation or remain a U.S. territory with a commonwealth government?

The current commonwealth status was established in 1952, which granted residents of Puerto Rico the right to vote for governor. Prior to this time, the U.S. president appointed someone for the position. The current status, however, does not grant Puerto Ricans the right to vote in federal elections. The territory only receives one non-voting delegate in the U.S. house of representatives.

Should Puerto Rico become a state, it would gain two senators and five to seven representatives in Congress, which would have an influence within the U.S. federal government and the nation as a whole.

Currently, statehood and commonwealth are by far the most popular statuses among residents of Puerto Rico, however its independence movement is extremely vocal. If Puerto Rico was to become a sovereign nation, a number of issues would need to be reviewed in order to ensure a steady transition. Citizenship, immigration, social security, veteran affairs, military defense and currency use are just a handful of issues to be addressed.

Immediately after the lecture, many of the attendees asked questions about the current issues, as well as expressing their thoughts about the matter.

Sandra Lewis, of the Professional Development Center who helps coordinate the Democracy 101 lecture series, attended Rivera’s presentation about Puerto Rico.

“I’m surprised,” said Lewis. “We’re taking advantage of people and we have not taken care of the matter [after Hurricane Maria].”

The discussion among the attendees began to focus on President Trump’s visit to Puerto Rico in October, of which many Americans have criticized his acts to be discourteous.

Junior music industry major Briannie Gabey also attended last week’s lecture. Gabey, who is of Cuban and Puerto Rican descent, voiced her concern about President Trump’s unprofessional leadership when tending to the 3.4 million U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria.

“The way that Trump has been going about it is horrendous,” said Gabey. “We saw it when he was tossing paper towels around at a crowd [waiting to receive food]. It’s sad.”

Some of the other attendees began to discuss how thousands of Puerto Ricans have moved to states such as New York and Florida, which could have a big impact on the 2020 presidential election since they will gain the right to vote.

## Gone phishing: Scam emails skyrocket on campus



**TRAVIS LEFEVRE**  
Editor for The Scallion

During the academic year, Fredonia students tend to receive a massive amount of emails. Not all of them are as innocent as they seem.

“Phishing campaigns use email as the attack vector and are increasingly successful due to the level of sophistication with social engineering (‘trickery’).

The more successful these phishing campaigns are, the more attacks we will see,” said Information Security Officer Benjamin Hartung. They might also appear to come from employees at Fredonia and other sources that appear trustworthy.

In November, the Fredonia Information Security Office sent an email out to students and faculty addressing the large amount of

emails. The email can come in the form of false job advertisements and verification of payroll information.

“As always, never open unsolicited attachments, never click on links without verifying with the sender, and never send financial or sensitive information (e.g. Social Security Number, Credit Card Number, banking information, etc.) via email,” the email said. “The University will never ask for login information, financial or personally identifiable information via email. Be particularly vigilant during holidays or during significant events since attackers heighten their activity during those times.”

To combat these emails, the Information Technology Services office has a number of safeguards in place. They have an email host setup that acts as a gateway, filtering out a majority of spam and phishing emails. This doesn’t catch every malicious attack, however, which is why both ITS and ResNet keep people informed about phishing

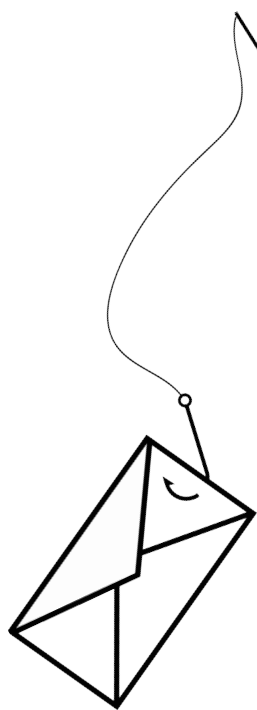
emails via fliers and on their social media pages.

“The best thing that we can do is try to spread the word,” said Matt Siragusa, a computer technician at ResNet. “The only reason they would come in [to ResNet] is if they got a virus. If they got their information stolen that would be an ITS issue.”

If a student finds themselves a victim of a phishing email they should contact the ResNet Office or ITS office immediately.

“The nature of the phishing scam would determine any next steps which could include the University blocking the sender’s email address, notifying law enforcement and working with the victim to remove any malware from their system,” said Hartung.

ResNet is located in McGinnies Hall and can be reached at (716) 673-3668. The ITS Center is on the second floor of Thompson Hall and can be reached at (716) 673-3407.





# Clean energy is a breeze



**DAN ORZECOWSKI**  
News Editor

Overlooking I-90's exit 59 stands a two-propeller windmill, the energy source for the exit's toll booth facility. Since 2011, five of these energy giants have been placed south of Buffalo. Thanks to these windmills, thousands of dollars are saved while carbon emissions are reduced.

As early as 5,000 B.C., windmills were used to propel boats on the Nile and to help pump water to grind grain. When the technology reached Europe by 1,000 A.D., countries such as the Netherlands utilized the engineering to help drain lakes and marshes in the Rhine River Delta.

Today, windmills are used to power a wide range of facilities. According to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, "One turbine can help power a farm. A group of turbines on a wind farm can power hundreds of homes and businesses."

## Annual savings

The energy we use is usually measured in kilowatts per hour (kWh). It takes about 712,000 kWh to power four of the five thruway facilities in Erie and Chautauqua county every year. Because the windmills produce more than double that (1,485,000), the remaining energy is used to cover costs at other sites.

According to Jessica Mazurowski, the public information officer for NYS Thruway Authority, these windmills are responsible for an annual savings of \$300,000.

"Each of these locations, in addition to net metering, send excess production back to the utility company, which is then used to offset costs at other designated facilities of the thruway system within [the] Buffalo Division.

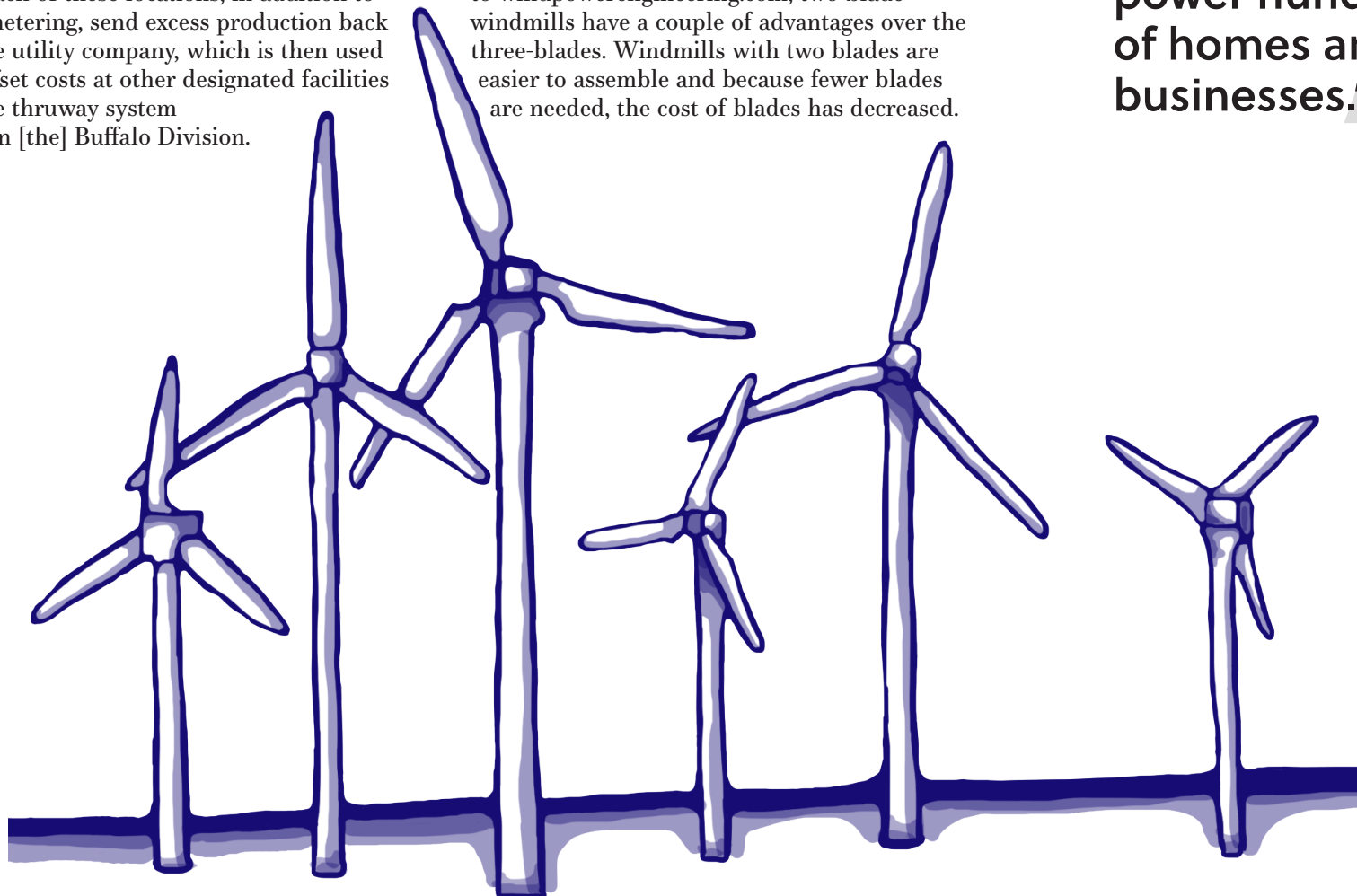
## How they work

Don't go on the lookout for a windmill in the city because you're probably not going to find one. That's because windmills excel in rural areas — like farms and ranches, where winds tend to be stronger.

The direction of the wind determines the design of each turbine. For upwind areas, turbines are faced into the wind, for downwinds, the opposite.

When the wind picks up, the windmill's blades are lifted and then rotate. According to [windpowerengineering.com](http://windpowerengineering.com), two-blade windmills have a couple of advantages over the three-blades. Windmills with two blades are easier to assemble and because fewer blades are needed, the cost of blades has decreased.

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Hayley Patterson/  
Staff Illustrator

## POLICE BLOTTERS

### UNIVERSITY

**Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017**

3:57 a.m. Devin Macgillivray and Kayla Aponte were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. Appearance tickets were given.

**Thursday, Nov 30, 2017**

1:05 a.m. Benjamin Wyman was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

**Friday, Dec. 1, 2017**

7:06 p.m. Chelsea Lyons and Daniel Austin were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. Appearance tickets were given.

8:44 p.m. Nylajah Day was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

Counterfeit money found in the C-Store. An investigation is on-going.

**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017**

3:44 a.m. Nicholas Brewer, Christopher Kutcha and Stephen Smith were charged with disorderly conduct. Appearance tickets were given.

8:27 p.m. Shane McLaughlin was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

### FREDONIA

**Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017**

Andrea Gullo, age 47, was charged with second degree harassment. She was held, and bail was set to \$1,000.

**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017**

Jordan Acevedo was charged with disorderly conduct. He was held.

Rico Acevedo was charged with disorderly conduct and open container. He was held.

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017**

Andrew Geory, age 20, was charged with passing a red light. An appearance ticket was given.

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# Life & Arts

## Sigma Tau Delta coffee talk inspires creative writers



**BETHANY CLANCY**  
Staff Writer

This past Friday, Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, set up a “coffee talk” with two new creative writing professors, Eric Schlich and Sarah Green. This gave students an opportunity to ask them questions about their journey as writers, along with asking about the work they’ve published and how they came about teaching.

Starting off the Q & A session was Veronica Arce, a senior English major who is a part of Sigma Tau Delta — the honor society that most students in attendance were apart of.

She asked the two about the start of their journey as creative writers and how their paths led them to Fredonia.

Schlich was born in Lexington, Kentucky and went to school for degrees in Spanish and English in his home state. After completing undergrad, he continued his academic career in Ohio, where he received his masters. From there, he went to Florida State University in Tallahassee for his Ph.D, which he is still working on. He was not expecting to get a job here, he explained.

Another professor, Natalie Gerber, believes there’s a reason Schlich chose Fredonia.

“He couldn’t resist the lure of the blizzards,” she joked.

Green was born in Kentucky and raised in Massachusetts. She attended Oberlin College in Ohio because of how liberal the school was, “as if Massachusetts wasn’t liberal enough,” she said.

Originally, she was there to be a theatre major, but also took classes in creative writing. It wasn’t until one of her creative writing professors gave her a lot of praise that she realized that this was something she was good at and could succeed in. She became an English major with a concentration in creative writing and a minor in gender studies. She did not know what to do after graduation.



**Leslie Martinez-Garcia/Staff Illustrator**

While on a family vacation, her advisor recommended she attend Purdue University for her masters.

“I did my phone interview for Purdue in my hotel bedroom while my family and I were vacationing in North Carolina. After that, I prepared for the GRE in a little library in the beach town,” Green said.

Her time at Purdue lasted five years, then she was an adjunct professor for creative writing and literature in Massachusetts for another five years. At that time, adjunct professors were being replaced in Massachusetts, so she went on to get her Ph.D in creative writing at Ohio University, studying with a poet she admired, Mark Halliday.

As a follow-up question, James Lillin, a senior acting, English and gender studies major asked the two how and when they knew creative writing was for them.

Schlich started attending workshops in undergrad, and that’s when he really learned the craft. He knew that going into creative writing would be risky, but he was willing to take that chance. He talked about how he loved the classroom and learning; he wanted to flip the role of a student and become a professor. In college, he wasn’t fortunate enough to have publications like “The Trident,” so he started

his own publication — which further ignited his love and passion for creative writing.

Green had a little more difficult of a time getting into the creative writing field. Her first two years at school weren’t her best because she didn’t fully allow creative writing in her life and she would skip class to attend riots and rallies. One day she realized that she would rather be writing than getting arrested, so she took creative writing seriously. When she did that, she felt a lot happier and healthier. But because she missed so many classes to participate in protests, she could only accept creative writing as a concentration.

“Missing classes for protests was a very Oberlin thing to do,” she said.

The two professors went on to talk about what special classes they are teaching next semester. This question was brought on by Gerber.

Schlich is teaching a humor creative writing class which he designed himself. It focuses on different types of humor in creative writing and building it into a script. He mentioned bringing in pieces from “Saturday Night Live” and the mock journalism site, “The Onion.”

Green is teaching environmental literature, which will mainly focus on “black nature,” which is African American nature poems from the past 50 years and what separates humans from animals.

The two writers ended this coffee talk with getting to know the seven students gathered around the table. Although most were involved in the English department, they eagerly listened to what the students wanted to do with their futures and talked to everyone, encouraging all to keep moving forward with what they were doing. They ended with one piece of advice, which was to wait to get your MFA, don’t get it right after undergrad, especially if you’re going into writing, because first, you need an adventure and a life to write about.

# Christmas arrives in Fredonia

*The annual "Miracle on Main St." event kicks off the holiday season*

## TEISHA MCELFRISH

Staff Writer

The eighth annual holiday tradition took place on Dec. 2 in Barker Commons. The event was put on by Fredonia Festivals, the local town planning board for community activities.

Many different sponsors worked together to help make "Miracle On Main St." possible, including Weather Hill Farm, Tuscany Fresh Meats and Deli, Walmart and Harvest View Greenhouses.

The family friendly event kicked off at 10 a.m. with the annual tree lighting in the Barker Commons gazebo. During this time, Santa made his special appearance with Mrs. Claus by his side, talking to community members throughout the day. Excited children got a chance to tell them what they want for Christmas.

Also at the event was food such as Sahlen's hot dogs, a kettle corn stand and caramel apple chips. These choices made hungry festival goers happy.

Free horse-drawn carriage rides were offered for families to enjoy the sights and sounds of Fredonia.

Non-perishable food items were dropped off at the event in collection totes to help the Fredonia Food Pantry as well. Local community groups such as Fredonia Boy Scout Troop #267 showed their generosity and time by selling Christmas wreaths for \$25 each to benefit the Food Pantry. Companies such as Weather Hills Farms also sold Christmas trees for the charity.

One of the most anticipated activities of the day was the second annual Holiday Craft Show held at the Fredonia Methodist Church. Makers and craft collectors got a chance to get into the holiday spirit with Christmas tree decorations and holiday art for sale. A carved wooden Christmas bear giveaway was at the center of the action, being valued at over \$500.

Raffle tickets were sold at \$10, and the proceeds were used to support future community events by Fredonia Festivals. Proceeds were used to support Willow Mission, an outreach ministry

program at the Dunkirk First United Methodist Church.

Co-chair members Melody Mann and Tanya Burns gave their input on why this year has been superior to other years for the event.

"Miracle on Main St.' doubled in size this year, which was a huge incentive to the success it has had this year so far," Mann said.

The food vendors and horse-drawn carriage rides were not offered to the public in 2016. Along with the event growing, the amount of festival goers has increased as well. The weather for the holiday season so far has held off, which may have contributed to the success of the event.

"The weather this year made it easier for people to be outdoors which made for a nice turnout," Burns said.

Both of the co-chairs agreed that this event is the favorite of the committee because it helps members of the community look forward to the holiday season.

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# Leveling up your Christmas wishlist



**TRAVIS LEFEVRE**  
Editor for The Scallion

'Tis the season to bundle up in layers and crank up the Playstation. With the frigid weather, who really wants to go outside anyway? 2017 has been a year of hits and flops, but if there is any game you should ask for this year from Saint Nick, it should probably be one of these:

## “Super Mario Odyssey”

One of the only games this year to get perfect review scores on a majority of gaming outlets, “Super Mario Odyssey” brings everyone’s favorite red-clad plumber back into the mainstream. With the help of his new companion Cappy, Mario has to do what he does best: save Princess Peach from Bowser.

“Super Mario Odyssey” takes platforming to a new level, much like how “Super Mario Galaxy” did back in 2007. Cappy lets you possess almost any living being in the game world, and there are segments where you are thrown back into the 2-D era of platforming.

## “Cuphead”

Gamers beware, “Cuphead” is not a force to be taken lightly. This seemingly lighthearted game takes inspiration from the classic cartoons of the 1930s. This is visible in every aspect of the game from the art style to the soundtrack. While it is a fun side scroller, it is also difficult and doesn’t hold your hand. Think of “Dark Souls,” if “Dark Souls” was made in the guise of an adorable cartoon.

“Cuphead” is relentless and will show you no mercy. This was something of a pleasant surprise for me, to say the least.

## “Ghost Recon: Wildlands”

This is one game that I am on the fence about.

On the one hand, I had a hell of a time playing through the story and the gameplay is some of the best I’ve experienced in a shooter. On the flip side, “Wildlands” gets repetitive and stale, and don’t even get me started on the cringy voice acting.

I decided to throw this one out there because they recently added a new player vs. player mode. In teams of four you fight the enemy using tactics and strategy, something that we haven’t seen a lot of in multiplayer shooters as of late.

It’s a breath of fresh air to any shooter fan and should definitely be on your radar this holiday season.

## “Wolfenstein 2: The New Colossus”

What’s better than being bundled up with hot cocoa and your game system? Killing nazis, of course!

“Wolfenstein 2: The New Colossus” is a direct continuation of “The New Order.” If you haven’t played that, I highly recommend you do. It is a fantastic game and will provide a ton of context to “Wolfenstein 2.”

There, that’s two games to add to your wishlist.

But back to “Wolfenstein 2.” You spend your time in an alternate world where the Reich won World War II and moved onto American soil. The Ku Klux Klan runs the show down in the south and American streets are littered with Nazi propaganda. So, how do you handle it? Shoot them to hell, obviously.

You lead the revolution to take back America and fight for the citizens that are under the iron boot of the Nazi regime. It’s bloody and violent, and it’s one hell of a riot.



Khristy Dunn/Special to The Leader

With the frigid weather,  
who really wants to go  
outside anyway?

# Brews Under Review: No "Oops" to be found



**CURTIS HENRY**  
Sports Editor

The usual disclaimers for readers of this column still apply. I am not a beer expert, nor am I a food critic, nor should I write for Life & Arts. I'm just a guy who loves beer — that's all.

Under the microscope that is this week's column is the brew Oops All Berries, which, as it turns out, wasn't really supposed to exist.

Bartenders at Ellicottville Brewing Company allege that the beer was originally supposed to be the brewery's Raspberry Beret, but a mistake was made in the brewing process to brew it in a manner that the company's Blueberry Wheat is traditionally crafted.

The result? A beautiful mistake.

Much like Raspberry Beret, Oops All Berries is a traditional kettle sour ale. It doesn't pack as much of a punch as Raspberry Beret traditionally does, with OAB's alcohol by volume weighing in at six percent. In addition to the traditional raspberry infusion boasted by Raspberry Beret,

Oops All Berries also offers complementary but distinct blackberry and blueberry flavors. The combination is one that seems like a natural fit for any consumers.

In essence, this particular beer is the antithesis of all "normal" beers. It is lacking bitter flavor to any degree, and is exactly the type of beer that should be recommended to someone who "doesn't really like beer."

Its flavor is incredibly tart at the first encounter, with an aftertaste that becomes sweet and sour as it goes down. The bitterness rating of OAB is a mere 17, placing it on the opposite end of the international bitterness unit scale (IBU) from any and all IPAs — which still suck, if I may say so myself. It isn't quite as sour as the Raspberry Beret, which is an enjoyable reprieve for anyone with a pallet that is less than excited for sour tastes.

Oops All Berries is a holiday treat at EBC and is something that is definitely worth trying. It is classified as a seasonal, but due to the nature of its creation there is no certainty in how long this beer

will remain on tap. Raspberry Beret was alleged to only be available for a month but stayed on tap for much longer, so it stands to reason that Oops All Berries might have some staying power if people start taking to the unique drink.

Go grab one from EBC while they're still available, it might just allow for the Bills choking their season away to be bearable for you.

Rating: 4.0/5

Verdict: Not quite as good as Raspberry Beret, but this is great for anyone who wants to drink beer without feeling as if they're drinking beer.



Jesse Anna/Staff Illustrator

## HAIL! Fredonia Records gives hope for the holidays

**ELYSE GRIECO**

Assistant Life & Arts Editor

This past September, Puerto Rico suffered from Hurricane Maria, the tenth-most intense Atlantic hurricane currently on record. Many people are still affected by this tragedy every day.

With the holidays approaching, the Fredonia community came together over the weekend to do their part.

HAIL! Fredonia Records held their Hope for the Holidays spaghetti dinner at the Masonic Lodge Saturday evening.

The event raised money for One America Appeal, a non-profit organization, in order to help hurricane relief efforts.

HAIL! Fredonia Records is a non-traditional course where the students are given the opportunity to plan events and gain experience in the music industry.

This semester, they decided to not only plan an event that was fun, but also one that would benefit a good cause.

Senior music industry major Rachel Czarnecki believes that the event was a success.

"We wanted to put this together, get the community involved and help everyone we could as well," she said. "We love to do fundraising events."

From Chef's spaghetti to a visit from Disney princesses Anna and Elsa, there was something every member of the family could enjoy.

The night also included live performances from bands The Fix, Merlin Trio, Dynamic Intonation and Dave and Brent.

Gabrielle Miranda, a sophomore childhood education major, said the event really put her in the Christmas spirit.

"I love seeing all the families together; it reminds me of home," she said. "It's also for such a great cause and that's something that is really important to me."

Fredonia's efforts will help many people in need of a little hope this holiday season.

**'We wanted to put this together, get the community involved and help everyone we could as well,' said senior music industry major Rachel Czarnecki. 'We love to do fundraising events.'**





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# OPINION



## From the Desk of Curtis Henry, Sports Editor

I have grown so much, but still have so much room to grow.

Every once in awhile, I take out my FredCard and just stare at it. I look at the 18-year-old version of myself that is depicted, and I can't help but feel both disappointment and pride in what I see.

The image is a version of me that is approximately fifty pounds lighter. That version of me walked into Gregory Hall on move-in day stoned out his mind and sporting a Justin Bieber haircut and broken glasses. He put on a real big fake smile for the camera.

It sums up everything I was at the time. I was a perceivably happy kid that hid his numerous problems behind an infectious smile that only took five years of wearing braces to achieve. It took years of addiction and mental health issues for me to help myself the way I needed to, but eventually I would get there.

That 18-year-old kid struggled. He was inconsistent in class, inconsistent with his friends, inconsistent with his health and inconsistent with his family. The only constants were depression and drugs, and that seemed to fuel every other aspect of my life being blown up in grand fashion.

It wasn't until I had gotten better that I fully understood how bad I was. It took me years to recover from everything I lost because of my addiction, and some things I will never get back. I lost thousands of dollars in financial aid because of a low GPA. I lost time because of lacking the motivation to take 15 credits each semester, resulting in my current maintained presence as an undergrad here. Wasted money and time aside, I blew apart a ton of friendships that I will never get back.

It hasn't all been bad, though. Two weeks from now I will be the first guy on either side of my family to have finished a bachelor's degree. Seven weeks from now I will be the first guy on either side to attend grad school. I have worked damn hard to achieve status at this paper as the sports editor and on campus as a resident assistant. I am currently doing things that 18-year-old me could have never dreamed of.

Because of these things, I am pretty damn proud of myself. I have accomplished a great deal, and I would be foolish to not see the good that has come in my life.

However, that pride does not surface

without a great deal of shame. I am among the most self-destructive people you will ever encounter. Although I have grown substantially in the last five years of my life, it is now more apparent than ever that I have significant room to grow as a person.

My entire adult life has been spent sabotaging my own personal relationships and damaging those around me. This has largely been a by-product of my cycles of depression. As I get torn down inside, I have an incredibly unhealthy tendency to tear those who are close to me down with me.

That being said, one can and should never blame their failures and shortcomings solely on mental illnesses. Using mental illnesses as a crutch to excuse unacceptable behavior is not tolerable. At a certain point it is necessary to own up to your own mistakes and shortcomings.

This is an area that I have experienced tremendous growth in since I arrived at this campus. Recently, I have been much more competent in holding and sustaining interpersonal relationships. However, this semester it became evident to me that I still have a specialty in burning bridges with those who are closest to me for a multitude of reasons.

Erratic behavior is never healthy for anyone involved, and to those whose mine has afflicted this semester and at any point during the past: I am truly sorry. I will never deny responsibility for my actions, and I will never stop trying to better myself. I have plenty of strides to continue making.

The Leader has provided me a purpose over the past four years that I was previously lacking. I've been able to identify and pursue my passions in writing and sports. It has done more for me than anything else in my entire existence with regard to finding my true identity as a person. This is very likely to be my final writing for this publication, and I have nothing but good things to say about each and every person that I have worked with here throughout my undergraduate experience.

My biggest fear with leaving The Leader was that next semester I would lose my sense of purpose. I was fearful of losing motivation and passion. Recent events have proven to me that I am still so far from the person I strive to be and that I am still more than capable of

embodying everything that I hate.

This has helped me identify a new purpose: me. I am twenty-two years old. I will be twenty-three in June. There is no longer time to burn bridges. There is no longer time to harm those who are important to me. There is no longer time to be a hypocrite.

I am leaving The Leader and am doing as well as perhaps I ever have. Leaving behind one purpose creates room for another. With my departure here, there is only one purpose now for me.

I have yet to drop uncensored profanity in any of my work in the last five years, but now seems to be as good a time as ever.

My time here is done, but it is time for me to be better. I am capable of being better, and I am going to fucking be better. I would encourage everyone to do the same.

**Using mental illnesses as a crutch to excuse unacceptable behavior is not tolerable. At a certain point it is necessary to own up to your own mistakes and shortcomings.**



## Verbatim:

*What advice would you give your past self this semester?*



**Amanda Mason, freshman music industry major**

*"Keep your head up and work harder on your studies because this isn't high school."*



**Michael Clark, junior political science major**

*"Work as hard as you do during finals week the whole semester."*



**Connor Aitcheson, senior Spanish adolescent education major**

*"Be more optimistic."*



**Sierra Delcamp, freshman biology major**

*"No procrastinating."*



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# SPORTS

## Athletic director search comes to a close *Jerry Fisk named next Fredonia athletic director*



**AVRIL KING**  
Social Media Manager,  
Assistant Sports Editor

After several months of seeking potential candidates, Fredonia has chosen its next athletic director, Jerry Fisk.

The announcement came on Nov. 9, but the search itself began long before this. The national search to replace former Athletic Director Greg Prechtl began over the summer.

A search committee was created and made up of nine members, three of which were student athletes. Their job was to meet with each of the final four candidates and attend their open forums.

Those candidates included Fisk, John Czarnecki of Hilbert College, Bill Wilson of Pratt Community College and Fredonia's own Megan Valentine.

After discussing the strengths and weaknesses of each individual, the search committee met with Vice President Cedric Howard to share their findings and who they believed would be the best athletic director.

"It became clear to me that there were a couple candidates that had emerged as the leading set of candidates," said Howard.

However, it took him about five days to decide who would assume the role of athletic director.

Now, the question that student athletes are asking themselves is, who exactly is Fisk?

Nicole Burrows, the vice president for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee at Fredonia, an athlete on the women's lacrosse team and a member of the search committee was optimistic about the appointment in regards to the well-being of student athletes.

"I think Jerry will bring a lot of great, new, fresh ideas to Fredonia and I'm excited to see what he has in store for us as an athletic department," she said. "I was happy to hear that he got the job and was hopeful that he would receive it."

Receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Roberts Wesleyan College and a master's in Sport Administration from

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fisk has experience as an administrator for college athletics, as well as a coach. He worked on advisory committees for UNC. He was the associate director of athletics for Notre Dame and was an associate director of engagement, as well as a coach, for Hobart and William Smith.

Among many other positions he has held around the country within athletics, Fisk's most recent job was as associate director of athletics at Elmira College. This is the position he will be leaving to join the Fredonia community, come Dec. 13.

His many experiences were what those involved in the process found to be most reassuring.

"He has a wealth of experience," said Eileen Lyon, the faculty athletics representative and a search committee member. "He seems to be a good fit."

The area of Fisk's resumé that most impressed Howard, however, was his education. This was especially important when considering Fisk was entering a Division III institution where athletes are expected to be students first.

"He understood some of the nuts and bolts of the off-the-field operational components of athletics, as well as the on-the-court, more competitive components of the athletic department," said Howard. "I think for me, there was also an added notion that came into consideration and that was the fact that he had published an article as part of his experience in his graduate studies. That was a value-added proposition because I thought it would add to his connection to the academic mission of our institution."

For the first time in 20 years, Fredonia is welcoming a new person into the position of athletic director. Although Prechtl will be missed, the athletics department is interested to see what Fisk will bring to this new era of Blue Devils athletics.



# Division I athletes need to be paid



**CURTIS HENRY**  
Sports Editor

“They’re already getting scholarships.”

“There’s no way to pay fairly.”

“There’s no reason to pay athletes that aren’t professionals.”

I have heard it all and am absolutely sick of it. The NCAA is a billion dollar industry, and at this point there is no reason to prohibit Division I athletes from making money beyond their scholarships.

While players at the Division I and II levels of NCAA play do receive scholarships — often times, full rides — these scholarships can drastically differ in value. While these scholarships can cover costs up to \$60,000 or more per year at certain private universities, they are worth as little as \$26,000 at universities like California State Fullerton. The wide disparity in scholarship value is one factor that often goes undiscussed when people mention scholarships serving as a sufficient means of compensation.

Additionally, these scholarships are not always guaranteed past one year. Often times, programs rescind scholarships in the wake of an injury. Even more harrowing is the realization that there is no need for any coach to provide a reason to rescind a scholarship from any player. It doesn’t even have to be as drastic as a detrimental injury; players can get cut loose over petty disagreements with coaches.

Some schools have begun to distribute four-year scholarship guarantees to incoming athletes, citing morality as a main reason to provide athletes security. However, these four-year guarantees are still only offered to the best of the best. In 2013, Ohio State University had

725 athletes on scholarship. The university led the nation with 104 multi-year scholarships, but still had 71 scholarships rescinded from the year before.

Nothing about a scholarship is ever truly guaranteed, which makes the argument that these scholarships are enough compensation all the more shaky.

The NCAA will make more than \$800 million dollars per season over the next few years based on the organization’s contract with CBS to broadcast the men’s basketball tournament alone. That figure is set to increase to more than \$1.1 billion per year beginning in 2024.

2012 was the most recent year that an audit was done on the NCAA. That year reported \$705 million in revenue for the NCAA based on the television contract for the March Madness tournament alone.

If the NCAA were to cut that number in half — for our intents and purposes, we will put the number at around \$350 million — and offer its players across the 351 eligible Division I programs an even split, all 13 players on each roster could be given \$76,704 per year. That is every player on every team, regardless of the team’s final record.

If you wish to cut the number down to only the 68 tournament teams to incentivize qualifying for the tournament, the NCAA could pay each player an astounding \$395,927 per year.

This is money for the players that would be earned by the players. Let’s not forget that the players generate the product that is earning both the NCAA and the schools that operate under NCAA guidelines a copious amount of money.

The easiest solution is one that would be beneficial to both the players and the NCAA. It would enable the NCAA to continue hoarding all

of the earnings of its billion dollar product while allowing players to capitalize from themselves.

This solution is to allow players to make money off of their athletic likenesses. It would be in addition to the current scholarships that players earn from their respective colleges, but would not dig into the profit that the NCAA gains at all. It also puts to rest the age-old quandary regarding distribution of cash to players.

Players making money off of their likenesses would allow for them to make the most of their own marketability while not taking away from those who lack any market value. For instance, someone like Marvin Bagley at Duke University is a highly marketable player who could stand to profit from endorsement deals, selling autographed memorabilia and other things of the sort. He would be able to capitalize on his own likeness, something that is worth millions of dollars already at the tender age of 18.

This issue also rose earlier in the year at the University of Central Florida, when kicker Donald De La Haye was forced to forfeit his scholarship due to making money off of his YouTube channel. De La Haye was cited by the NCAA for “monetizing videos that depicted his abilities as an athlete,” meaning that by marketing himself and making money off of his craft, De La Haye was committing an NCAA violation.

It is time that the NCAA makes a change. Athletes can lose their careers at any moment due to catastrophic injuries. It is time that the NCAA recognizes the fact that for its most recognizable athletes, scholarships aren’t enough.

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# Here's why Division I athletes shouldn't be paid

## JORDAN PURVIS

Special to The Leader

Student athletes aren't professional athletes who are signed to contracts and paid salaries. Just because a college athlete performs well on the field doesn't mean they're entitled to receiving a paycheck. The purpose of college is to learn and receive an education that will prepare you for the rest of your life. Playing sports at a collegiate level is not a job; it is simply a gateway towards receiving a higher education.

According to Sean Estrada, a former football player at the University of Pennsylvania, "Education was always important for me. Not many people in my extended family ever had the opportunity to receive education after high school, so I tried to never take the opportunity for granted," he said.

"I stayed all four years and didn't leave college early for a few reasons," Estrada continued. "First, I wasn't sure if I would have the opportunity to continue playing football in the NFL after college, so I took as much time as I could to refine myself as a player while at the University of Pennsylvania. Second, I really wanted to graduate on time and to take full advantage of every opportunity that was afforded to me while in school."

These scholarships are payment enough because student athletes already receive athletic scholarships which essentially cover all of their tuition, room and board and meal plan. According to NCAA.org, "NCAA Divisions I and II schools provide more than \$2.9 billion in athletic scholarships annually to more than 150,000 student-athletes. Full scholarships cover tuition and fees, room, board and course-related books."

A typical student athlete who attends Georgetown University on a sports scholarship covering their costs of tuition, room and board, and other fees, totals an average cost of \$66,971.

With college being as expensive as it is now, being a student athlete is definitely a great way to prevent being in debt after college. If the day comes where players actually do get

paid, does each individual player receive the same amount of money? Or do the ones that perform well get paid more?

Universities generate most of their revenue from basketball and football, but that doesn't mean only those specific teams deserve to get paid. If you plan on paying student-athletes, you have to pay every single team including track and field, golf, tennis, baseball; the list goes on.

Additionally, if there are still athletes complaining about going to bed hungry at night because they couldn't afford to buy extra food (i.e., Shabazz Napier) they can receive money through other sources such as grants, self employment, injury insurance, international competition, as well as educational scholarships.

At the end of the day, student athletes shouldn't be worried about receiving a paycheck — they should be focused on receiving an education. You're receiving a free education, so why not take advantage of it? Not a lot of students have access to attend college and even more struggle with coming up with the money to continue.

Lastly, when players play a sport, they shouldn't play the sport to earn money, fame or fortune. It should be because of the love and the passion they have for the game.

Paying non-professional athletes would tarnish the quality of the game. It would ruin the on-field product because they would no longer be playing for the love of the game. There is a potential that game plays can be compromised from people who may want to pay them on the side to throw a game away.

Will the game stay a true sport, or turn into controversy between players because one player is being paid more than the other?

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# Circling the Wagons

## *Bills' playoff hopes take huge hit vs. Brady and Pats*



**QUINTIN JAMES**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming into Sunday, the Bills were 6-5 and in the hunt for the final playoff spot in the AFC. Starting a three game home stand after beating the Chiefs on the road, the Bills were feeling confident heading into Sunday's pivotal showdown with the rival New England Patriots.

After two weeks of blowout defeats and a failed quarterback change, the Bills managed to upset the Chiefs on the road to pull above .500 and help their playoff chances. A showdown versus Tom Brady awaited them, and for the Bills, it was a chance to get a rare win against Brady.

The game started and quickly it was apparent that the Patriots meant business. Brady and crew showed off why they were 9-2, and Buffalo came out flat during the second half and had no answer for them. The Bills offense couldn't muster up a touchdown all game, as Brady broke an all-time NFL record for wins against one team. He moved to 27-3 all-time versus the Bills with a 23-3 victory in Orchard Park.

After driving on their first possession, Tyrod Taylor threw a costly interception inside the five-yard line. This was probably the best chance Buffalo had to score all afternoon, as they got all the way down in the red zone and turned the ball over.

Buffalo's success this season has been largely due to their lack of carelessness with the football. During this recent losing skid, the turnovers have increased for the Bills.

The Patriots would counter with a long drive of their own that ended in a field goal, but the theme of the game was the lack of presence in the Bills' run defense.

The Patriots ran the ball with Rex Burkhead and Dion Lewis for a combined 27 carries for 180 yards and two touchdowns on the day and both running backs had holes to run through all game long.

The Bills' defense were using a "bend but don't break" style defense in the first half. They would allow big runs but would hold the Patriots to field goals instead of a touchdowns.

When the Patriots passed the ball, they mainly targeted Rob Gronkowski, and like many other teams, the Bills had no answer for him as he hauled in nine receptions for 147 yards.

The Bills passing defense didn't have a

bad day, as Gronk was the only New England receiver who had more than 34 yards.

They also picked off Brady and kept him from scoring a touchdown in the game. The defense didn't play amazingly, but they gave their offense chances to stay in the game.

The Bills had their struggles on defense, but the passing offense was lackluster at best. Besides opening the drive, the Bills struggled to move the ball all game and Taylor looked uncomfortable in the pocket.

LeSean McCoy had another solid game almost running for 100 yards, moving his total for the season closer to 1,000 yards.

With the inconsistency of the offense this year, one main stay has been McCoy. The ninth year tailback out of Pittsburgh keeps on racking up yards and continues to be the main weapon on this Bills offense.

While McCoy had a good game, the passing attack couldn't get anything going. Faced with a ton of third and longs, the Bills failed to convert many key third downs that made the New Era Field crowd very restless.

Wide Receivers Zay Jones and Deonte Thompson were held to two receptions apiece for 21 and 22 yards respectively, despite each being targeted at least seven times.

After regaining his job last week, Taylor followed up his good performance with a subpar performance that is sort of the story of his season at this point. This performance wasn't helped by the fact Taylor injured his knee on the first play of the game but continued playing.

After getting hit in the pocket early in the fourth quarter, Taylor had to be carted to the sidelines with a knee injury and rookie Nathan Peterman came in the game for his third

appearance of the season.

By then, Burkhead scored two rushing touchdowns for the Patriots to extend their lead to 23-3, so everyone in the stadium was eager to see Peterman respond following his nightmare first start in Los Angeles.

While he didn't throw an interception, he only completed six of 15 passes for 50 yards and the offense didn't look any better with the quarterback change.

One major event that happened in the game was in the fourth quarter, as Gronkowski was flagged for a dirty hit against Buffalo rookie cornerback Tre'Davious White. After an interception, Gronkowski intentionally drove his shoulder into the back of the neck/head of White out of frustration that a pass interference wasn't called.

White suffered a concussion during that play, and many Bills fans were understandably upset. While Gronkowski was apologetic after the game, many Bills players called it a dirty play and were surprised he wasn't ejected for the play.

As of right now, the Bills sit at 6-6 and with two home games and two away games remaining, they still have a legit shot at making the playoffs. Currently the seventh seed in the AFC, the Bills have the Colts and Dolphins at home before traveling to New England and Miami to finish out the season.

An overall record of 9-7 should be a goal for the Bills as splitting these final four games could spell elimination from the playoffs. Going 3-1 will be difficult, as Miami is always a wildcard and are still in the hunt for a playoff spot.

If the Bills want to make the playoffs, they need to figure out their passing attack. To win in the NFL, you need to throw the ball effectively and if you can't, you will struggle. The run defense has to get better as well. These final two home games will certainly determine the Bills' fate for this year.

**"With the inconsistency of the offense this year, one main stay has been LeSean McCoy. The ninth year tailback out of Pittsburgh keeps on racking up yards and continues to be the main weapon on this Bills offense."**



# Christmas wish list: A good hockey team, please

**AIDAN POLLARD**

Staff Writer

All I want for Christmas is a good team. Is that too much to ask?

This is supposed to be a joyful time of year and all that's happening is the Sabres are making people sad and disappointed.

Buffalo is currently still last in the Atlantic Division and they have begun another losing streak with two shutouts and one blowout loss this week.

Buffalo was shut out by both the Lightning and the Penguins this week, and then the Penguins crushed them in at home in a 5-1 game.

People would be happy watching the Sabres play at least some competitive games where they're not completely destroyed every time they step on the ice.

It's honestly boring and hard to watch. It's like watching a professional team play their farm team. It's almost unfair.

At the very least, the Sabres beat the Coyotes when they faced off earlier this year, but even that is like putting a minor league team against a college team.

I'm fresh out of ideas for how the Sabres can fix this hole they're in. I used to think it was hard watching the Islanders every season, but then I started paying attention to Buffalo.

They took Matt Moulson and Kyle Okposo, two of my favorite players, from the Islanders in 2013 and 2016, respectively, and then ruined them.

Maybe right now the Sabres should just focus on not

getting shut out, and then maybe they can start looking towards actually winning a meaningful number of games.

At this point, all they can do is hope to rebuild in the upcoming years, because I don't think they have much of a shot at reaching a respectable position in the Atlantic Division, let alone the Eastern Conference.

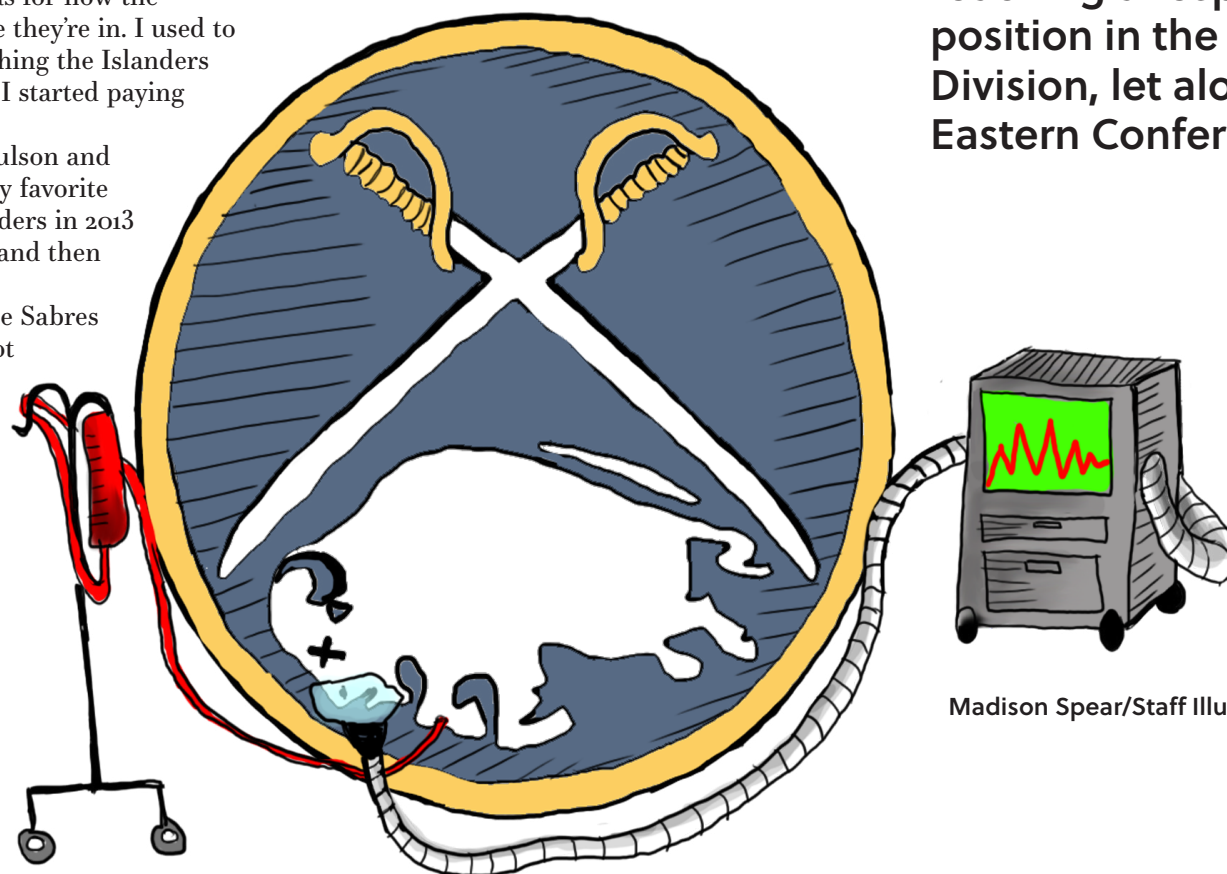
There's hope that they can still battle it out in points with the Coyotes, but even they are beating the Sabres by two points and they didn't have a regulation time win until a month into their season. Beyond that, it's petty at best to pit the two worst teams in the league against each other when neither have any real shot at becoming relevant this season.

Hopefully, the Sabres will be able to draft or trade a decent goaltender at some point, because the way this season is going, they might as well play with an empty net. Even then, their offense needs to be able to actually score at least a couple times per game so the Sabres aren't losing by four or five points consistently.

This week, the Sabres are playing the Colorado Avalanche, the Chicago Blackhawks and the St. Louis Blues, all of which are sporting wildly stronger records than the Sabres. The Avalanche are last in their division and they are still ahead of Buffalo by ten points.

With any luck, the Sabres will be able to scrape together a win this week and end the losing streak they're on. I don't think I can handle another seven-game losing streak, so here's hoping they can at least give the Avalanche a run for their money.

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Madison Spear/Staff Illustrator

# Blue Devils raise awareness despite loss



**QUINTIN JAMES**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last week, the Fredonia Blue Devils hockey team held their annual Stroke Survivor Night. The team warmed up and played in red jerseys to support stroke survivors and raise money for The Foundation of Kaleida Bates.

Stroke survivor, and father of assistant coach Mike Lysyj, Bob Lysyj dropped the puck to start the game. Between donations, raffles and tickets, Fredonia raised around \$9,000 for the foundation.

When the game started, both teams came out with a little extra energy and pace to their game. During the first half of the first period, both teams were at a stalemate until Potsdam scored twice in two minutes to take a 2-0 lead. Potsdam scored their first goal off the power play by Tyler Young at 15:10, and then teammate Vinny Guidmond made it 2-0 on a goal where the defense was beaten and left the goalie Erik Bogart in a bad position.

The Blue Devils fought back as freshman Victor Tracy made the game 2-1 at 17:06 of the first period. Putting the puck in the net worked out well for them to start out this game. If they didn't score, they created chances for themselves and gave themselves a chance to be in the game throughout.

The second period was uneventful as both teams headed into the last period with the score 2-1 in favor of Potsdam. Fredonia upped their performance in the third, but so did Potsdam.

Potsdam would extend the lead to 3-1 on a goal by Jon Venter, his first collegiate goal at 8:48 of the third period. Fredonia countered Potsdam's goal, with a goal of their own.

Fredonia cut the lead back to one at 12:59 of the third period when junior Todd Schauss scored off a rebound.

However, this would be the closest Fredonia would get as Potsdam's goalie Brendan McMenimen played well and recorded 35 saves. Potsdam would score an empty-netter with six seconds left, courtesy of Jon Venter, his second of the game. Bogart finished with 29 saves, but Potsdam made a few more plays to come

out on top. With Potsdam's record, it was a chance for the Blue Devils to take out one of the best teams in conference, but they fell short.

Losing tough games like this can mess with your confidence, but Victor Tracy explained that sometimes the puck doesn't bounce your way and you can't focus too much on the past.

"It's always frustrating to come up short in a game no matter what game we're playing or what team we're playing. Potsdam is a good competitor and we knew that going into Friday night's game," said Tracy. "The game didn't seem to hang in our favor and the bounces just weren't coming our way. Sometimes the game doesn't work out in your favor and it's just something we need [to] learn to extricate as a team."

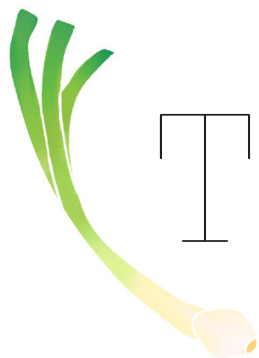
While Fredonia took the loss Friday, they raised thousands of dollars and many players such as Tracy knew the importance of that.

"Although we fell short, the upside to Friday night's game is that we did raise over \$9,000 for a good cause. Friday's game, for us, wasn't as much about who won, but more about the cause the team was supporting," he said.

"A few days prior to the Stroke Awareness game, the Chautauqua Nursing & Rehabilitation Center called Luke Rivera, who started and organizes [the game]. They had asked if we would be willing to partake in visiting the center to meet some of the patients and listen to their stories," said Tracy. "This cause means a lot to our team and we wanted all of the survivors we had met to know that Friday's game was played for them."

Other players, like Schauss, felt the same way and mentioned how excited the team was to play for such a good cause.

"The Stroke Awareness game was extremely important to us as a team. Not only because it was a SUNYAC game, but because we were playing for something much bigger than the game itself. Having an opportunity to play for a cause, such as this game, certainly does bring more energy throughout the locker room," said Schauss. "The boys felt that we weren't only playing for each other, but [for] the ones who have suffered from strokes in the past."



# THE SCALLION

Melissa Neuburger/Special to The Leader

Just because you took all of your finals, doesn't mean you passed all of them!

## Hot vacation spots to shed off the post-final exam dread



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As the semester is ending, many students are looking forward to winter break. Do you have plans yet? Are you looking for somewhere to shed off the post-final exam dread? We here at The Scallion have comprised a list of hot vacation spots just for you.

1. **Your Dorm Room** - A good way to shed of the post-final exam dread is to start dreading something else. Your parents will be coming up tomorrow and expect you to be ready when they get here! What better way to end the semester than packing up your belongings and cleaning out your dorm room?
2. **The Shower** - You must have so much extra pent up stress, and there is nothing more calming than a nice, steamy shower. Have some 'you time' and let out those tears that you've been holding in. Try to forget that

soon you're going to have to be back at school again.

3. **A Long Bus Ride** - You haven't gotten sleep in a very long time, like maybe even since last summer. You will have a wonderful

time sleeping on the bus ride home.

Someone might wake you up to take the seat next to you, the people in front of you might smell like old socks while the people next to you are talking loudly and there might even be a baby crying, but at least you can close your eyes.

4. **At Home** - Aside from the stressful family drama that keeps you from sleeping at night, you will also have the pleasure of worrying about your grades. Just because you took all of your finals, doesn't mean you passed all of them! At home you will have the pleasure of anxiously awaiting for grades to be posted while surrounded by your judgmental family who are somehow always grouchy.
5. **Your Job** - We know that you've just finished all of your stressful exams, but that doesn't mean that you're all done and free to relax! You have a job, silly. Think of it like a vacation, though, because you're not taking tests or studying. You won't be in school forever, but you might just be working forever to pay off your debt, so at least start enjoying it. Hopefully, you'll finish school and then find a job to tolerate!



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# Fredonia announces the return of 'Re-stress for Success'



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Finals week is upon us, and due to the outcry from last year, "Re-stress for Success" is back! Now bigger and better than ever before! In preparation for such an inspiring program, this writer has waited a whole 43 hours past deadline to begin this article. I am so stressed right now that the caffeine laced mania that normally takes hold after drinking a Red Bull and getting to work feels more like a meditative calm than an energy surge. I am not even sure this will make it to print! Was that a good idea? Hell no — but neither is making the decisions that have caused this event to exist in the first place.

I know what you are thinking; how can this year possibly be bigger and better than last semester's "Re-stress for Success" program? Well strap in because what you are about to read is going to be wild.

## Display of last year's exam scores

In addition to displaying last year's exam scores, the student also has the option to have a representative from the school call your parents with a simulation phone call. This will show you what is potentially in store for you if your parents find out how bad you have done this semester to motivate you to put in that last push during finals week.

## Countdown 'til finals week

Students and their parents will receive a text, email and phone call every hour reminding them they have come another hour closer to their final. In addition to this there will be a link at the bottom of every email that will give you an estimate as to how much time you have wasted based on the location of your FredCard as it passes door fobs. This way you can know exactly how much time you are wasting sleeping, eating and going to the bathroom for increased awareness.

## Tuition Reminder

This year, the representative that will be traveling to campus to remind those how much they are spending on average to attend Fredonia, will not only have access to you 24/7, but will also have access to much more data. With a quick scan of your Fredcard they can tell you exactly how much your education costs! This information will give you a comprehensive print out receipt telling you exactly how much money it has cost you to partake in going to the bathroom and eating! For an extra two minutes they can take your breathing rate and tell you the amount each breath since stepping on campus has cost you.

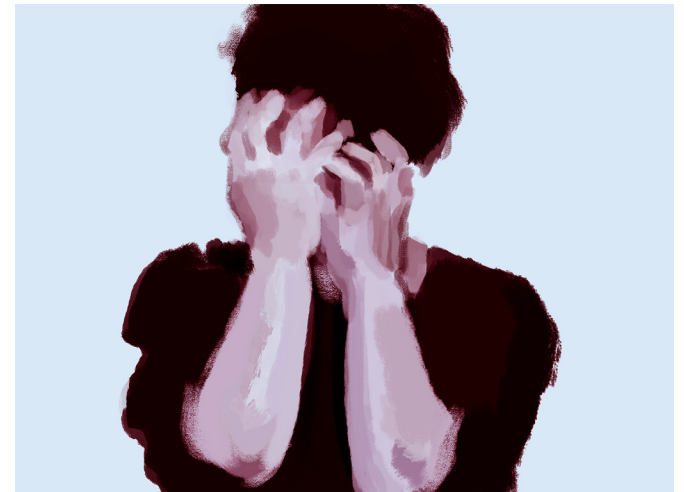
## Lock-in study-a-thon

This year, to increase productivity during the mandatory lock-in in the library, cubicles will be brought in to limit any social interaction. Any group studying will be limited to 45 minutes every two hours. We are offering 24, 48 and 72 hour options for students. Windows will still be covered and all timekeeping devices will be stripped. Last year the lack of food was also a bit of an issue. This will be fixed with mandatory IV drips to be installed to provide all the nutrients of a balanced diet.

## Enhanced interrogation

This is actually the only program that has not had anything added to it. Just as before, professors will be able to get their frustrations out by torturing you by any means possible as a result of not being able to answer questions about the content they have taught you. Be advised that, although nothing will change, a vast majority of professors are reporting to have done their homework in new and improved methods of torture. So be sure to know your stuff before this review session.

Good luck during finals, and don't fret! If you do not know the answer, it's always C.



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## Fredonia student “shocked and ashamed” about neglected Thanksgiving break homework



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A hollow wind whipped through Fredonia last Monday morning when students across campus all came to the same realization: Thanksgiving break is really, really short.

The Scallion decided to talk to Dan Druff, a junior, who felt a similar cold chill setting in his bones. He greeted us at the door of his apartment wearing nothing more than a black hooded snuggie and an empty gaze.

“Hi, guys,” he said in monotonous voice. He motioned us over to the couch, leading the way in the room that was lit only by a single Jesus candle on the coffee table. He handed us a huge tub of hand sanitizer, saying, “Here, use this. I don’t want you to catch my mediocrity.”

Druff then launched into his sad, pathetic account of what happened over Thanksgiving break.

“I don’t know what happened,” he said, staring out the window at the leafless skeleton trees. He watched a lone squirrel hurry across the lawn, his eyes blank.

Druff’s eyes, not the squirrel’s.

“One minute I was walking through my front door, greeted by my parents, hot food, old friends, a working washing machine, running water, my dog, a welcome home banner . . .” he trailed off, shaking his head. “The next thing I knew, I was on a bus with a bunch of dirty laundry and Thanksgiving leftovers stuffed into my suitcase.” We gave him a tissue from our endless Scallion supply. “It all went so fast,” he said simply.

Druff is most haunted by the moment he opened his textbook and saw how much reading he forgot to do.

“I felt like the mean kid in ‘Toy Story,’” he said. “The textbook was yelling at me, stuff like, ‘Why did you do this?’ and ‘How could you ignore me like that?’” The memory brought fresh tears

to Druff’s eyes. “The reaction from my planner was even worse,” he choked out. “I still have nightmares about the filth it said to me.”

Most of all, Druff says, he’s disappointed with his own immaturity.

“I’m just so shocked and ashamed of my actions,” he said. He walked over to the fridge and pulled out a tupperware of yams, presumably from his Thanksgiving dinner. He stared longingly at the food, saying, “If I could just go back there . . . just for a minute . . .” We reached into our own tissue supply, dabbing at our eyes solemnly.

“Things are gonna be different from now on,” Druff said. “I mean it this time.”

The last we saw of Druff, he was sitting in the library with a blanket around his head, watching “Shameless” with the volume turned up, a stack of unopened textbooks beside him.

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## Politics was this Thanksgiving’s ugly centerpiece on the dinner table as debates turned brutal



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This year’s Thanksgiving has reportedly been more brutal than usual as many self-proclaimed social justice warriors squared up against their “MAGA” hat-wearing uncles in heated debates.

The arguments over the holiday had a political theme with topics such as healthcare, the GOP tax plan and why the Trumps love shooting elephants, coincidentally the symbol of the Republican Party.

When the back-and-forth banter was not enough for the battling parties, fisticuffs were thrown and, as CNN’s Anderson Cooper puts it, “Thanksgiving turned into a bloody mess.”

On a more light-hearted episode of “Anderson Cooper 360,” Cooper announced reports of over 400 incidents around the country in which people were taken to the hospital after arguments during Thanksgiving dinner. Cases ranged from black eyes to second-degree gravy burns. Cooper laughs these situations off by saying, “that’s a poor waste of gravy. They should have used the green bean casserole.”

To some it may be a joke, but when these kinds of incidents hit close to home, they can be scary.

Many students noticed that junior women and gender studies major Tracy Dwellington was not at her classes coming back from Thanksgiving

break. When she did come back a week later, she was walking with crutches, suffering from a broken leg and a concussion.

Holding back tears, Dwellington recounts the events that happened on Thanksgiving Day, “My uncle Mike was complaining about the kneeling football players and said, ‘Trump will put an end to it.’ So I said, ‘maybe Trump should worry about the pedophiles that are making their way into Congress.’”

Dwellington claims to not remember anything after that, but her mom alludes to “a lot of beer bottles being chucked from every which way.”

Attempts were made to reach out to Dwellington’s uncle who was reported to have gone to the hospital after the event occurred. His only coherent response was “fake news” and “lock her up.”

Traumatic events like Dwellington’s have caused quite a stir in the nation’s capital. A tweet from President Donald Trump at 2:30 Friday morning read, “. . . there were many fine people on both sides,” while Sen. Bernie Sanders from Vermont blamed the violence on the Walmart

owning Walton family, yet failing to explain their involvement.

Some congressmen from both sides of the aisle believe these events demand a legislative response.

“I think hospitals should have to ask for political affiliations before treatment,” said Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House, in a brief press conference.

Many are now criticizing his comments, believing this call to action to be a ploy to strip healthcare away from millions of Americans.

“We cannot let these Republicans get away with discrimination in our healthcare system,” said House minority leader Nancy Pelosi.

Despite the heated debate in Congress over

the events that happened

this Thanksgiving, many

affected by these

household skirmishes are

growing weary of politics.

In a Pew Poll, 64 percent of

Americans wished government

didn’t exist and over 1.1 million

people have deleted their Facebook

apps since Thanksgiving, trying to

avoid politically-inspired Facebook

arguments.



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# Police Notter



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### Monday, Nov. 27

A student was seen drawing a large pentagram in the middle of the quad. When questioned, the student explained that they were attempting to summon Satan to write their final paper for them.

Chegg's servers went down at 2:30 p.m. nationwide. By 4 p.m., rioting had erupted campus-wide and by 8:30 p.m., martial law had been declared.

### Tuesday, Nov. 28

A student was found outside of Gregory Hall with a bag containing illegally obtained Adderall. The rest of the bag's contents included coffee grounds and Red Bull. The student claimed to be attempting to create the fictional calzone called the "Study Buddy" which they read about in a previous article from The Scallion. They were unable to grow wings and received a court summons.

### Wednesday, Nov. 29

Numerous complaints of loud thumping sounds were reported at Fenton Hall. During the investigation, a professor was found beating her head against her desk. When questioned, she explained that she had been grading final essays for five hours straight and she had to "get the stupid out somehow."

### Thursday, Nov. 30

A student was found rocking back and forth in the far corner of the C-store, shoving stolen chocolate into their mouth and staring off into the middle distance. The student remained unresponsive for several minutes. They were eventually revived by a cup of large black coffee from Tim Hortons and their professor was called in to yell at them for good measure.

An answer key for a final was found in the Science Center cafe. After several lengthy interrogations of students in the class, it was discovered that the professor had placed the answer key there on purpose to avoid any form of grading over the break.

### Friday, Dec. 1

Students created a shrine to Don Paul in the Williams Center in the hopes that another Snowmageddon would cancel finals week. After multiple groups took selfies with it and sent them to the Channel 7 Facebook page, the shrine was removed and those involved were asked to stay away from Channel 7 headquarters.



# Are you dumb, or stupid?



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At The Scallion, we like to ask the hard questions. The questions that no one else will dare to ask. Who invented the doorknob? Does pineapple go on pizza? Is the Flying Spaghetti Monster our lord and savior?

But today, in preparation for finals week, we ask the biggest and most hard hitting question yet. Are you dumb? Or just stupid?

Well, luckily for you, the geniuses at The Scallion have come up with a quiz to determine just that. Answer the following questions and we can determine where you stand.

1. You are in the frozen food section at Wal-Mart and you see a man trapped in the freezer. What do you do?
  - a. Call him a mansicle and laugh at his misery.
  - b. Move him out of the way because he's in the way of your damn Eggo Waffles.

2. A stranger comes up to you and asks you if they can borrow two dollars. What do you do?

- a. Respond with "I don't know, CAN you?"
- b. Stare them down and assert your dominance.

3. You are sent on a mission to disarm a North Korean nuclear warhead. Kim Jung-un is standing right next to the missile silo and is big enough to jam the missile, preventing its launch. What do you do?

- a. No one has to die, there has to be another way!
- b. Push the fat man.

4. There is an ominous glow in the distance. It's beautiful but raises a red flag. How do you proceed?

- a. Go towards the green light.
- b. What kind of a question is this, exactly?

5. You're on a night walk and a random stranger approaches you and wants to fight. Are your knees weak, or arms heavy?

- a. Knees weak.
- b. Mom's spaghetti.

6. One of your friends approaches you and asks you if you want to take a toke of a marijuana. What is your response?

- a. The weeds is dank!
- b. The Devil's Lettuce? No spank you, sir. I only take bong hits 4 Jesus.

Okay, so you finished. Congratulations, you completed the only quiz that isn't going to affect your GPA! Now, are you dumb, or stupid? If a majority of your answers were A, then congratulations! You're only dumb. If they were B, however, you are stupid. If you have an even 50/50 split between A and B . . . well, I got some really bad news for you, but I'm sure you already know what that is.