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#### Houghton Hall has been on the campus for 50 years. It is now being renovated and will be finished in late fall

of 2021. Last spring, University President Virginia Horvath told the Fredonia campus community about the renovations that were going to be happening within the campus pertaining to Houghton Hall.

Have you seen the building with no

walls or windows? That's Houghton Hall.

"The current renovation plans will provide new spaces for Physics, Geology, and Computer Science," said Markus Kessler, the Director of Facilities Planning.

"I personally never got to work in there, but I know [most] of my geology classes were originally in there. I hope they return there [be]cause Jewett is a little run down," said junior earth science adolescence education major, Ronald Nissen.

Holly Lawson, the Director of the Science Education Partnership serves as the project's shepherd.

... I have been involved in all aspects of the planning, design and now construction of the new Science Center [and Houghton Hall]. My primary responsibility is to act as a liaison between the 'users' and the design and construction teams," said Lawson.

The construction was necessary due to

the presence of harmful materials within the building.

"They had to do all of that construction due to asbestos. It's just alarming that when the guys were initially tearing it down they were in suits, gloves, and masks. [While] everyone [is] walking [around] because [it] was supposed to be fine," said senior social work and criminal justice major, Samantha Herman.

Students, faculty and staff were safe from all smells and debris because there are air monitors surrounding the building.

The monitors have a filter inside that is removed daily and then analyzed to make sure that no harmful materials are being released.

Despite the fact that Houghton Hall was closed throughout all of last semester, it seems that much of the construction and changes were made throughout the summer.

"The interior demolition and hazardous material removal was completed in July and the exterior envelope reconstruction is well underway," said Kessler.

Some of the new additions that are being added to Houghton Hall are teaching and research laboratories, computer teaching labs, the Stanley Museum Lab, fabrication lab, conference rooms, student lounges, faculty offices and an administrative suite.

"As for how faculty and staff are responding to the renovations, from my understanding, the response has been positive," said Kessler.

## JOSH RANNEY News Editor

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## On the Cover:

Brice Bischoff's Bronson Caves, 2009.

As seen in the Marion Art Gallery exhibit "Exploring Photography."



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## Fredonia mourns the loss of a student, friend and teammate

While faculty, administration and students were enjoying the last few relaxing weeks of summer, tragedy struck the Fredonia family in a way that brought everything back down to Earth. Jack Corbett, 19, of Orchard Park, N.Y., and a Fredonia student was killed when his car went off the road. According to police reports, the accident took

Corbett reportedly lost control of his car after hitting a bump on Baker Road in the town of Orchard Park. According to police and accident investigators, after going off the road, the car went through a front vard before finally hitting a tree and bursting into

Corbett was pronounced dead at the scene. University President Virginia Horvath announced

"I offer sincere condolences to his family and friends, and to the Fredonia faculty, staff and students

Corbett was a 2017 graduate of Orchard Park High School. He enrolled at Fredonia as a chemistry major but withdrew, then re-enrolled as a major in computer

Corbett was also a member of the Fredonia Club

Fredonia Athletic Director, Gerald Fisk said in a statement to The Leader, "Fredonia State Athletics

mourns the loss of Jack Corbett. We send our condolences to his family, friends and teammates on

Word of the loss spread rapidly over social media

Junior accounting major and Club Hockey general manager, Steven Staversky, said the team was

"As a hockey team, you spend a lot of time together

and develop close bonds," Staversky said. "Jack was well-liked by everyone and a great teammate."

Dr. Cedric Howard, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services stressed the familial bonds of the Fredonia community.

"Any time we lose a member of the Fredonia family, especially a student member, we are deeply saddened," Howard said.

"As an administration we were deeply saddened to hear about this and reached out to the family and let them know we're here to support them. Once you join the Fredonia family you're always a part of this family."

Many of Corbett's teammates traveled to his wake to pay their respects to his family. His friends said the line of mourners wrapped around the funeral home on

Abbott Road. "It goes to show the impact he had on people. He was someone who went out of his way to make others feel included."

Staversky and his teammates remember his playing qualities as the right guy in the right place at the right time.

"He was a smart player . . . He wasn't the biggest guy but he understood the game well," Staversky said.

The team plans to put Corbett's jersey No. 14 on their helmets this hockey season.

"To honor him, this year we're [also] having his last name put on his old home jersey and hanging it up behind the bench for every game," Staversky said.

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"'It goes to show the impact he had on people. He was someone who went out of his way to make others feel included,' said Steven Staversky."

## September 5, 2018

## Fredonia's management team will have to make one of their toughest decisions yet



VICTOR SCHMITT-BUSH Assistant News Editor

With a structural deficit of \$12.3 million dollars, the campus' management team is doing its best to preserve the integrity and quality of higher education here at Fredonia. But the stakes are higher than they've ever been. Sacrifices will have to be made, and it's not a matter of if, but when.

"Right now we are just collecting data," said Dr. Terry Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"It's the first step to our 2019-2020 PEPRE process.'

When it comes to elimination and reduction of the school's state-funded programs and services, nothing other than the community bus service has been directly affected. Not much else is set in stone

at the moment, but the campus management staff are serious. PEPRE, which stands for the Process for Emergency Program Reduction/ Elimination, should not be taken lightly. It was developed in 2010-2011 by a few select members of the University Senate Planning and Budget Committee, and it was meant to be implemented only as a last resort.

"I was part of that group," said University President Virginia Horvath. "We were trying to figure out how we could develop a budgeting process that was clear and easy to understand. We wanted to be very clear what the criteria would be, and we wanted there to be opportunities for input from those that would be affected."

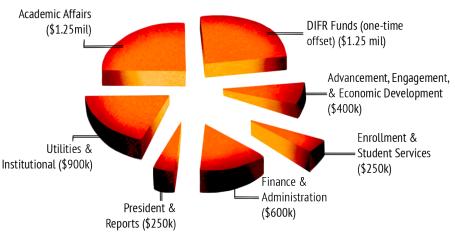
According to Horvath, the document proposed by the Senate said, "Only if all other avenues had been tried would we look at something that might reduce the workforce."

People might not lose their jobs, but many will have to accommodate for this change by doing something different. The goal is to reorganize and reduce. The management staff is doing their best to avoid eliminating services, if at all possible.

Horvath added, "Part of this budget reduction

process is understanding that you don't have to hire two different groups of people to do things if you already have existing people who can do those things."

This explains why there is only one community bus now. Initially, the plan was to get rid of the community bus service altogether, but the management staff's attempt to do so generated a lot of flak from students. PEPRE was not implemented in the budget plan for 2018-2019, so the bus loop as it is now is much more indicative of how the PEPRE process will run.



#### Fay Patterson/Staff Illustrator

"The bus loop was controversial," said Horvath. "That was a person in an area saying, 'I can cut this service because it is not really needed, and it is expensive. I'll just cut it."

But it was clear that people were relying on it. Horvath explained that an anonymous source said, "I just signed up for an apartment in the townhouses and I did so with the expectation that the park and ride bus would take me to the Williams Center or to Maytum Hall."

A petition was made successfully by students in the late Spring of 2018 to reestablish the community bus loop as a viable campus service, and the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Mike Metzger, decided instead to make a compromise with the students. In the spirit of the PEPRE process, he chose to save \$100,000 by reducing the service instead of getting rid of it altogether.

This is an example of what is to come, but the management staff is not doing this because they want to. This has been incredibly difficult for everyone involved. Brown assures that the changes being made are done specifically with the interests of students and staff in mind.

"I know that we are going to do everything we can to preserve the quality of the student experience at Fredonia," she said. "It may mean that we'll need to make very difficult decisions. But it is with a vision of a future where this campus is thriving. That's what we want. Carrying this structural deficit from year-to-year is holding us back as an institution."

As of 2018-2019, Fredonia's management staff have already made significant strides to tackle the school's structural deficit.

"Last year, our goal was to cut \$5 million from the operating budget, and we went through a whole process," said Horvath. "We achieved a cut of more than \$4 million out of the budget for this year [2018-2019]. This year, we need to cut another \$3 million [2019-2020]."

According to Horvath, when closer to 90 percent of your budget is salary and personnel, and many of those positions have permanency. not just faculty but professionals, you don't have a lot of flexibility.

This is because state universities, not just Fredonia, have been experiencing a downward trend in terms of receiving state-funded assistance for campus operations.

"One of the questions is, 'Can you have a state university without the state? Is it public? At what point is it no longer public?" said Brown. "Citizens really need to be aware that, even in a state like New York, where public support for higher education is generally high, even here it's becoming nominal."

As of now, state allocations are at a measly 12 percent, which is why tuition is so high, and a huge factor as to why Fredonia is experiencing such a large structural deficit.

"1978 was the last year that there were state appropriations at a high level," said Horvath. "At that point, tuition was really low because the state covered 72 percent of the operating budget."

Even so, Fredonia is making a commitment to each and every student.

"All students will be able to complete their program and get their credential," said Brown. "If we decide that we are going to eliminate an academic program that currently has students, we would have a plan to, what we call, 'Teach it Out', where the program is phased out over time. If we've accepted you, we've made a commitment to you."

This is important to take note of, especially for this year's incoming freshmen.

"It's so exciting to see the largest incoming class in our history," said Brown. "I want to make sure that, in the years ahead, that they are able to enjoy a great institution. I want us to remain that way. They should have everything that they dream of when coming here."

### **MONICA MANNEY** Special to The Leader

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Horvath.

She is also listed among her colleague Katherine Conway-Turner, President of Buffalo State, and the Head of School at her alma mater, Buffalo Seminary. "It's in part by virtue of the [Presidential] title," Horvath said in response to her

nomination.

## **President Horvath ranks in top 20 of western** New York's most powerful women

If you have ever sold girl scout cookies, earn patches and raised three fingers to do the Girls Scout promise, you have at least one thing in common with the President of Fredonia. President Virginia Horvath is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and a board member of the Girl Scouts of western New

She has spent most of her life surrounded by samoas and thin mints, becoming a girl scout at 10-years-old, then serving as a cookie mom and girl scout leader as an adult. With all of her involvement in the Girls Scouts, it isn't her cookie sales or number of patches that landed her in the 2018 list of the 125 most powerful women in Western New

But it may have been her dedication to the girl scout promise to "help people at all times." This year's Business First's Power 125 includes women from all over Western New York who are impactful in various ways. Business First spent the last year researching the women that would make up this year's

From Chief Executive Officers to partners of law firms, Horvath is listed amongst the movers and shakers of the region. She can be found in the top 20 ringing in at number 19, where she is listed among some

"Some of the people on that list are my mentors especially in higher education; the other President's I work with are great," said

But her resume says otherwise. Outside of celebrating her seventh year as the President of Fredonia. Horvath is involved

in countless boards dedicated to uplifting and empowering people from all over the country.

Along with being on the board of the Girls Scouts of Western New York, she is also a co-chair of the western New York regional economic development council which awards state dollars for projects such as the Buffalo Billion.

"We're actually deciding on which projects go forward, which projects get funding," said Horvath, "We're really working to help so many communities in western New York."

Horvath is also on the boards of the western New York College Connection, The Chautaugua County Chamber of Commerce and the Advisory Council of the Salvation Army of Fredonia.

She was formerly on the board of Buffalo Seminary and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

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If you thought that was a lot, she is also a faculty member of the Millenium Leadership, MLI, Institute where she mentors new college Presidents.

The MLI has a special focus on women and people of color. Horvath is an alumna of the program as is Fredonia's own Cedric Howard.

Horvath's involvement in the MLI reflects her want to "help people at all times" even if she doesn't always get it right.

"[I'm involved] not because I'm an expert but because I can help," said Horvath.

Business First says all 125 of the powerful women on their list are not only helping in one way or another but also "take risks and withstand pressure." Horvath is no exception to this list. "Whenever you're going

to go forward with something . . . and it involves getting people on board,' said Horvath, "all of those things are risky . . . for every decision you make you're going to upset people who don't want things to change." Horvath said despite some people's resistance to change, she is always ensuring she is doing the right thing for the most

amount of people and being fair.

"For me on a college campus when there's pressure . . . when I'm

feeling 'why are we doing this, all I have to do is walk around campus.... When people here do it right — what a difference it makes, and I'm happy to be a part of that even though there's pressure," she said.

Despite the countless boards, organizations and tasks Horvath is a part of, her advice to herself is one that all students should take at the start of the semester.

"Practice Self Care; it's important."

For the next issue of Power 125, Horvath hopes to see Fredonia alumni filling most of the numbers.



## **Bringing two worlds together: Aspire Arts for Inclusion Workshop**

## **ELYSE GRIECO**

Life & Arts Editor

Aspire of western New York held their Arts for Inclusion Workshop at the Fredonia Technology Incubator last Friday morning.

Aspire is an organization that helps those with developmental disabilities learn how to live independently and recognize their full potential.

Their mission with this workshop was to show the impact of art in our community and how it creates a sense of belonging for the disabled.

iXpress is the art program that Aspire offers to the community.

It includes all forms of art from sculpting and painting to theater and videography.

The artists that iXpress works with are not always able to express how they feel.

Through the program, they are able to tell their stories and shared experiences through the artwork that they make.

One of the benefits this talk emphasized was the relationship that is built between the artists that Aspire serves and their artistic instructors.

Many of the artists in the program lack the skills to create the art they want to on their own.

Due to this, they are often linked with a mentor to help make their pieces.

Alex Glenfield, an Aspire art instructor, believes that this bond is crucial.

"There is a relationship between the artist and instructor that becomes a friendship," he said.

This is just one of the aspects the program has that helps the disabled feel included in society.

The workshop included a tour of the gallery featuring artwork made by iXpress artists.

It also featured a screening of a short film created using humor to help explain the differences between the worlds of people with handicaps and the rest of their community.

The second part of the workshop focused on the Spirit Gallery, a new innovative idea that iXpress has developed.

Heath Bartle, also an art instructor with iXpress, proposed the idea for this new gallery.

Through this, he hopes that people with and without disabilities can integrate together and no longer be two separate worlds.

"This gallery is designed to familiarize the community with the exceptional abilities of disabled artists while at the same time showcasing artists from the community without disabilities," said Bartle in his proposal for the Spirit Gallery. "All work shown in

the gallery will go through a judging process by the gallery director and staff of the gallery who will include artists to keep the standards of the gallery unbiased."

It will also include a store to sell merchandise, conduct workshops and run an art rental program where restaurants and businesses can rent collections to put on display.

iXpress hopes that many artists involved will also become art instructors and help artists who need it.

The development of the Spirit Gallery is currently underway.

It will not be a place for those with disabilities but a place that is open to everyone, disabled or not.

For more information on the gallery and iXpress itself contact aspirewny.com/ixpress.

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## **STEPHEN SACCO**

Special to the Leader

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On college campuses nationwide one of the biggest problems is sexual violence. To combat this issue, Fredonia's very own S.T.E.P.S.(Students Teaching Equals Positive Sexuality) hosted "One Night" by Equalogy for Welcome Week on Aug. 29.

S.T.E.P.S. brought Equalogy, a traveling theatre company, to the Williams center Multipurpose Room. Equalogy goes from campus to campus spreading awareness of date and acquaintance rape. The theatre company performed "One Night," a play about four college friends that are out drinking. on campus." The biggest goal for S.T.E.P.S. Throughout the play, actors challenged is to educate peers on making the the morals of students and made clear which right decisions. S.T.E.P.S. and the are the right and wrong decisions when surrounded by the intoxicating nightlife of faculty of Fredonia are here to provide safety and assistance to college. Throughout the play the actors stopped all students no matter what the and asked audience members questions. case may be. The energy in the MPR was serious and heartfelt. Some students cried, while others left for unexplainable reasons. A school counselor was in attendance for support.

S.T.E.P.S.

"Basically we are a peer education group that talks about college relevant topics . . . so we talk alot about alcohol awareness, safe sex and safe partying. It's not like an adult coming in and telling you not to have sex, it's how to be safe when you're experiencing these things," said Petz.

## S.T.E.P.S. unites with theatre company to provide education on sexual violence

Mary Kate Petz, a senior early childhood/ childhood education major, is the president of

Students will be able to join and learn more at Activites Night on Sept. 5. Following that, S.T.E.P.S. will have pop-up "get to know you events" which will be announced.

Petz went on to share her own experience with S.T.E.P.S. and how she was immediately intrigued by the organization at her freshman orientation.

"Within the group we are very diverse, just being able to have positive relationships with each other helps, then going out to educate each other," she said. Currently we have 40 members . . . I'll be walking in the library and a student will come up to me and we will talk about anything then find the proper resources

> More than 70% of rape victims knew their attackers, compared to about half of all violent crime victims.

90% of rape victims who knew their attacker did not report the attack to the police.

**38%** of acquaintance rape victims are 14-17 years old. The average age of all adolescent and college victims is 18.5 vears.

90% of rape victims under age 13 knew their attacker.



Kathleen Fenton/Staff Illustrator

### **ERIKETA COST**

Special to The Leader

Different media, celebrities and some themes of American culture are all represented in a collection of works that date back to 1930.

Sixty photographs were selected by the Louisiana State University Museum of Art from their permanent collection for this exhibition. Both historic and contemporary works will

be featured in the travelling collection.

Some of the works include the expansive black and white artichoke by Edward Weston, Victor Landweber's series of photographs of famous people which all connect to each other and a print edition of the Winston Churchill portrait by Yousuf Karsh.

Marion Art Gallery director, Barbara Räcker, mentioned how she and the art faculty decide which exhibitions to feature on campus.

They prefer to showcase exhibits they think will benefit the students the most.

"We try to focus on featuring different

mediums in each exhibition, like black and white, digital, gelatin silver print," she said. There are many different styles, too.

Some photographs focus on urban scenes, while others focus on people or celebrities.

Photographs are set up in a way that allow the viewer to compare and contrast the themes and approaches of each artist.

"It's interesting to compare and contrast with the way I set it up. I put Diane Arbus, who photographs people in very strange ways, next to Bonnie Schiffman who photographs celebrities. So you see the baby who lost the diaper derby next to a portrait of Alice Walker and Quincy Jones," Räcker said.

For this exhibition, the photography faculty was also heavily involved and interested in the decision-making process, as they believed the particular media featured would especially benefit their students.

A description posted within the gallery expressed the value of the exhibit and its potential impact on students.

"Images in exploring photography demonstrate the power of photography, not only to convey information, but also to express deep feelings through thoughtful image-making, unique points of view, and exploration of the varied photographic media now possible."

Among active faculty members of the process were Stephen Komp, Robert Siedentop and Liz Lee.

However, the audience is never just Fredonia students.

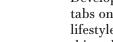
The gallery strives to reach out to the community with the exhibition as well.

"Part of the gallery's outreach mission is to invite surrounding middle schools and high schools in the area to come and tour the exhibition. There aren't many opportunities to see art in the community," said Räcker.

The new "Exploring Photography" exhibition at Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery will be presenting 60 photographs until Oct. 7.



Melanie Walker's Mis-Allegiance, from Mis-Nomer Pageant, c. 1990-95.



long it happens.

Which is exactly why I love "Clue," a period and health tracker available on the App Store. Developed by BioWink GmbH, the app keeps tabs on several different facets of your health and lifestyle that affect your menstrual cycle. It tracks things like how your skin and hair are doing, levels of pain, sexual activity, exercise, sleep habits, general emotions and mental health. It basically divides your cycle into three different sections: period, fertility and PMS. It updates every time new data is inputted and offers advice or general tips and information about menstrual cycles and the various aspects of health associated with the monthly cycle. The app has a rating of four and a half stars on the App Store which I would say is pretty accurate. It's not perfect and some of the information to input won't pertain to every individual that deals with a period. The great thing about the app, however, is that it still updates and gives you information regarding your cycle despite not inputting all of the information. There are over 30 different options and I know I forget to put in certain

accurate a reading as possible.

available 31 categories (my partner is a woman, which lets me eliminate a good seven or eight items dedicated to pregnancy and birth control), but still . . . I hand over a lot of information," said Katie Heaney in an article for "The Cut" in 2017. "And while I've found them helpful in knowing when to expect my period - and likewise the PMS that precedes it - I've started to wonder whether they might give me a bit too much information in return."

What Heaney is discussing at the end is a very real problem that many people with period tracking apps deal with. While they can be reassuring and make going to the doctor's office an easier process (you can actually look at the exact day that you last got your period which I ALWAYS forget), they can also cause more stress than they are intended to.



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# I'd App That: It's time to get a "Clue" about your period

## AMBER MATTICE Managing Editor

Yep. You read it right. We're here today to talk about periods. The bane of every human being's existence that has to deal with bleeding for a week straight. Like it's perfectly okay to have to suffer like that with no control over when or how

things more often than not but it still gives as "On Clue, I only enter data for 8 of the

When you look at an app that is telling you that you should be PMSing for the next week. you wonder if your anxieties and frustrations are legitimate or whether it's simply because of your period. I think the important thing to remember here is that your feelings and emotions are valid regardless of the current state of your menstrual cycle.

"Clue" offers a lot of information about periods in general and abnormalities regarding yours that may be cause for concern. Abnormally long or short periods, unhealthy habits or serious pain causes the app to offer you advice about whether vou should consider going to see your gynecologist. They back up their information with medical studies and health journals, all listed as sources within the app which I appreciate as someone who is always curious about where statistics are coming from.

Finally, after you have gone through at least one full cycle (a full month in between two periods) they give you an average of your period's length, the consistent data you've inputted, etc. It helps you to see abnormalities in your cycle and also just helps to educate you on your own body.

I also love it because I can see consistent signs when I'm about to get my period like headaches, low energy levels or lack of sleep and I can prepare for the misery that is about to enter my

I'd definitely recommend the app to anyone who is curious to see how tracking their period helps them keep track of their physical, mental and emotional health. While I'm not great at updating it everyday, I do enjoy seeing how the data changes as I add new information and it has definitely been really informative thus far.

Periods are absolutely no fun, but talking about them doesn't have to be so difficult. Lots of people have to suffer through them and it's important to understand such an integral part of the way your body functions.

Kathleen Fenton/Staff Illustrator

## The Life & Arts Calendar A quick look into all arts and campus life related events happening throughout the semester

## **SEPTEMBER**

## 9/5

Activities Night From 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come to Dods Grove to see all the clubs our campus has to offer. Make this the semester to try

## 9/13

something new!

Elemantra & Candy Ambulance with Skulking Ghost 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at BJs 21 and over

## 9/21

Canadian Brass 7:30 p.m. at King Concert Hall A live performance from "the world's most famous brass group.' Tickets starting at \$25

## 10/4

OCTOBER

Freedonia Marxonia 2018 **Opening Reception** 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Reed Library Come celebrate the exhibit that commemorates the connection between Fredonia and "Freedonia," the setting of the movie Duck Soup. Admission is free

## 10/16-11/16

Marvin Bjurlin: A Potter's Path In the Marion Art Gallery Admission is free

## 10/19

Fredonia 1891 Opera House Tour 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall Come take a tour of one of Fredonia's oldest staples! Admission is free

## **NOVEMBER**

11/8 Visiting Artist Program lecture: Jennifer Ling Datchuk 8:30 p.m. in McEwen Hall, 209 Admission is free

## 11/30-12/6

Senior Show Marion Art Gallerv Stop by and see the display of artwork created by Fredonia's senior class. Admission is free

## 11/30-12/8

Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson **Bartlett Theater** A musical following the beginning of the Democratic Party. Tickets \$30 for general public, \$12 for Fredonia students

## DECEMBER

12/1

Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Marvel Theater "Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix is a slapstick comedy act like no other." Tickets available for \$15 at the ticket office 12/4 Fredonia African Drumming Ensembles

8:00 p.m. at Rosch Recital Hall Admission is free

## 12/12

POPS: 2018 Big Band Christmas Spectacular 7:30 p.m. at King Concert Hall Eight Fredonia vocalists and dancer celebrate the holidays through 19 pieces. Tickets starting at \$20



Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator

# OPINION From the Desk of **Travis LeFevre, Editor in Chief**



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It's weird to think that I'm a senior. Like, really friggin' weird. Watching the incoming class walk around campus with lanyards in tow is a bizarre sight for me because I remember being that freshman. Being not too sure where my first classes were, thinking "What the hell is a Thompson Hall?" and generally just feeling like a lost puppy in a big world.

It was almost a revelation to realize that I was in my last year at Fredonia. It clicked when someone asked me, "Where can I find Student Accounts?" and I effortlessly pointed to the miniskyscraper that is Maytum Hall and said, "third floor, down the hall and past the Payroll office." That's it. I've peaked.

Four years felt like it would be a long time. In reality, those years slap you faster than The Flash with a fly swatter. However, just because it can speed by you without a second glance doesn't mean you can't do anything. There's actually a ton you can get done in four years, even with the weight of class work.

In my four years, I've worked as a Resident Assistant, became the Public Relations chair for the Video Game Development Club, started my own online publication for video games, interned

with my local newsroom and I've worked my way up the ladder to where I am now at The Leader.

I should clarify, I'm not listing these off to sound braggy; that's not the intent at all. The point of it, rather, is to showcase that, yes, college goes by quickly, but there's so much to do with that short time. This mainly goes out to all the first year students. It will come and go quickly, but you know how everyone's been pushing you to get involved because it's the "best way to get to know people?"

Well, it's more than just a minor annoyance; it's the damn truth. Getting involved in groups and clubs is the best way to build your connections and résumé while you're in college.

I'm not going to use this to pitch The Leader, either. If writing isn't your thing, do what will make you flourish. Join the Business Club, Fredonia Radio Systems, the Nerf Club, the LARPing club, club sports, student government; this list can go on for a while so I'll cut it off there.

The main point is just to do what makes you happy. It might take some experimentation and club-swapping. If one doesn't fit your needs, join another.

## A new semester resolution to consider: Read a damn book



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## SETH MICHAEL MEYER Staff Writer

I was recently scolded on social media for having shared an article which suggested that libraries should be privatized. "Hands off our public services," this young Facebook warrior said. I merely shared the article because it was an interesting perspective and a good one, knowing that private competition and innovation go hand-in-hand — but that is beside the point.

I then thought to myself how magnificent it is to have the luxury to read and to have so much potential knowledge sitting on the shelves of a library. I want to stress the word "potential" because we can make the decision to not utilize our ability to read and our privilege to an abundance of reading materials and ultimately, we are deciding to not actively learn any more than we already are.

Throughout your education I am sure you have encountered articles about why reading is important and you've rolled your eyes at the same statistics being presented about declining readership in America. By now you are surely aware that one out of four college students haven't read a book in the past 12 months but if and once you graduate the likelihood of non-readership in your new post-undergrad demographic shrinks to a mere 7 percent.

If money is the motive for you, then you will not want to be in the above-mentioned 7 percent. Those making 30 thousand dollars or less in annual salary have a 36 percent prevalence of non-readership compared to only a 16 percent prevalence from those making more, according to the Pew Research Center.

There are two comprehensible reasons, that I can imagine, that describes the correlation between the proclivity of reading and success in terms of financial and socio-economic status. The first is that reading can more-or-less strengthen one's chances at success and the second being that lack of success causes one to be disinclined to literature.

Jordan Peterson, a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto and the author of "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos," beautifully expands on the opportunity reading gives to students in terms of their success. In a speech he gave at Harvard University, he implored that becoming an articulate speaker is the most important thing for college students and that cannot be done entirely without reading.

"Read great books, really man," Peterson said. "The reason you come to university is because there is nothing more powerful than someone who is articulate and who can think and speak . . . and if you are a master at formulating your arguments, you win everything."

Peterson sheds light on the power that comes from those who train themselves in speaking with competence — something, I stress, is done through reading — and studies have shown the correlation of literacy and wealth so conclusively it is as certain as gravity. A study published by the Economic Journal reports frankly that "books retain explanatory power even when we select relatively homogenous groups in terms of the economic position of the household." This study reflects the sentiments of countless others so you can be damn certain you will get something out of reading.

What Peterson along with these studies present is the ageless axiom that "knowledge is power" and that truly goes without saying. My second point, regarding the poor

socio-economic status and its effect on literacy cannot be forgotten. For many of us, it's not hard to imagine the burdens some people in America face on a daily basis. I'm not referring to situations where your professor said something offensive and now you can't focus in class, I'm talking about a fight for survival where the people in the situation can't think about tomorrow because they worry about today.

These people can no longer afford rent. Maybe the power goes out on hot days or their furnace doesn't work on brutally cold days. Pristine healthcare may not be an option and food is scarce as well.

For these people whose basic needs of food and shelter cannot be met, it is damn near impossible to be able to concern themselves with the issue of deciding what book to read next. In this instance, their literacy does not affect their socio-economic status, rather their status handicaps their chances to read.

In Latin, the word "book" is "liber" which is also a word to describe freedom. To be able to read is to have freedom from the burdens of trying to survive, as harsh as it sounds. Those of us who study liberal arts are those who are liberated from the toils of everyday life thus able to study history instead of machinery or philosophy instead of health.

All of us, as college students, have found refuge from the burdens of life. We have access to food, shelter and healthcare and are therefore at a privileged advantage to having the leisure to better ourselves through reading.

Use the luxury of time and health to enhance yourself as a student and a human being and just maybe you can use that power you've obtained to better the lives of others once you leave university.



# VERBATIM

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## What are you most excited about this semester?



Nicolas Dohre, sophomore video production major "Halloweekend, but at the same time I'm just excited to finally transition into the fall season."



George Marino, sophomore engineering major "Doing better this semester. Feeling a lot more confident this semester than the first year."



Cayla Dutton, senior accounting and finance major "Probably good grades, hanging out with friends, feeling successful."



SuDi Wang/Staff Illustrator



Anthony Florez, sophomore video production major "To not be depressed because of the amount of general studies I took for the last two semesters and also because I'm actually taking stuff I'm enjoying."

# SPORTS

# Loss of a Blue Devil



Photo courtesy of Fredonia Club Hockey's Twitter page.

#### **AIDAN POLLARD** Sports Editor

It would be insulting to label Jack Corbett as just an athlete. He was much more than that. He was a student, a son and a friend.

Corbett played six games for Fredonia's club hockey team during the 2017-18 season.

Corbett was a local high school player for Orchard Park, and his move to the Fredonia club hockey team while he was enrolled speaks to his love of the game.

Corbett was not a hockey player who spent his time after high school playing for a junior league before he went to college. He did not follow the track of many collegiate athletes and play for his one last chance at the game at a competitive level.

Corbett was a student first.

Juggling sports and school can so often cause a student-athlete to falter in at least one. if not both.

However, Corbett kept his academics ahead of him as he planned to come into the semester re-enrolled as a computer and information sciences major.

Like many students, Corbett went through a change in majors, but he was coming back to Fredonia about to get a fresh start in a new department.

It takes a huge amount of dedication to be an athlete, and that speaks to the kind of person Fredonia lost in Corbett.

Playing a sport in college at any level takes a great amount of discipline and dedication, and it could be argued that club sports can be even more taxing.

Club sports receive both no aid from the athletic department and no scholarship money for athletic ability. Club sport athletes have to pay their own way for equipment, and do it just for the love of their game.

Plaving at the club level means the athletes get no publicity from the athletics department

and no help from athletic trainers should they encounter an injury.

Fredonia should be proud to have had a person like Corbett enrolled at the school, and the club hockey team should be proud to have had him on their roster.

The Fredonia club hockey team plans to honor and remember him throughout the upcoming season.

Corbett's No. 14 will be worn by the club throughout this year, which is one of the highest possible honors and respects in sports.

Both the Fredonia campus and the Fredonia Blue Devils club hockey team will forever have a hole left by Corbett's absence.

Fredonia lost a student, friend and a Blue Devil in Jack's passing, and he will be sorely missed by all of us.

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## **Upcoming Sports Events On Campus**

Special to The Leader

## Men's Soccer Home Games (Sept. 7/8/15)

Fredonia vs. Houghton

When: Friday, 9/7 Where: University Stadium Time: 6 p.m.

Fredonia vs. Catholic

When: Saturday, 9/8Where: University Stadium Time: 2:30 p.m.

Fredonia vs. Grove City

When: Saturday, 9/15 Where: University Stadium Time: 2 p.m.

#### **Men's Soccer**

Entering the 2018 season, the men's soccer team is back with a determined mindset and a chip on their shoulder. Last season Fredonia was looking to secure the sixth and final playoff spot in the SUNYAC Tournament. Unfortunately, New Paltz eliminated Fredonia from playoff contention as they finished in the seventh seed, two points out of a playoff spot. The 2018 season includes 10 returning players from the previous season, as well as several transfers and 12 freshmen. Interesting acquisitions for the Blue Devils consist of sophomore Ibrahim Doumbia (New York, N.Y. / Business of Sports School) who previously played for Hagerstown Community College. In addition, freshmen Robert Aboagye (Bronx, N.Y. / Manhattan Center for Science & Math) Mitch Kalungi (Kampala, Uganda), Oleg Savka (Penfield, N.Y. / Penfield), and Cole Teelin (Manlius, N.Y. / Fayetteville-Manlius). This week Fredonia has two home games, first against Houghton on Sept. 7, and second against Catholic on Sept. 8.

## JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS

### Women's Soccer Home Games (Sept. 7/8)

Fredonia vs. D'Youville

When: Friday, 9/7Where: University Stadium Time: 3:30 p.m.

Fredonia vs. Grove City

When: Saturday, 9/8Where: University Stadium Time: 12:30 p.m



Khris Dunn/Staff Illustrator

#### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team reached their only SUNYAC Tournament appearance in 2012. Ever since then it's only been downhill for the Lady Blue Devils. Entering the 2018 season coach Chris Case begins his 16th season as the head coach for the women's soccer team. Throughout the years coaching at Fredonia, he has earned the most wins as a coach in program history with a 132-126-26 career record. Despite the departure of several players, the team looks even stronger with the raw talent acquired over the offseason. The 19-women roster comprises of 10 freshmen, six sophomores, one junior, and two seniors. On Sept. 7 the women's soccer team will square off against D'Youville the first game of the Fredonia Blue Devil Classic. Then on Sept. 8 they have a day play against Grove City.

### Women's Tennis Home Games (Sept. 12/15)

Fredonia vs. Houghton

When: Wednesday, 9/12 Where: Steele Hall Courts Time: 4 p.m.

Fredonia vs. Brockport When: Saturday, 9/15Where: Steele Hall Courts Time: 12 p.m.

#### Women's Tennis

Last season the women's tennis team finished the 2017 season with a record of 10-3. Thus, making it the Blue Devils second consecutive season with the record of 10-3 and winning percentage above .700. This past summer, Matt Johnson was named the newest head coach of the women's tennis team. Johnson is a recent graduate of Berry College receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. As a student-athlete for the Berry Vikings, Johnson played for the men's tennis team from 2016-2018. Although Johnson doesn't have an extensive amount of experience as a head coach, he has served as a tennis instructor at the Chautauqua Institution. as well as teaching youth tennis players at his local YMCA in Lakewood as the assistant head tennis professional. Notable players returning back to the court is senior Olivia Miller (Springwater, N.Y. / Wayland-Cohocton), junior Anna Chiacchia (Hamburg, N.Y./Hamburg) and sophomore Sarah Bunk (Sayville, N.Y. / Sayville), The team comes back from the road to face up against Houghton at home on Sept. 12. Following that, they'll play against Brockport on Sept. 15.

# THRSCALLON

## **A Freshman's Guide to College**

## JOSEPH MARCINIAK

Guest Scallywag

As we, the freshmen, arrive on campus and make our way through several new classes, activities and clubs, we're given many different tips and advice on how to survive our four year college experience. While a lot of this advice sounds nice, a lot of it is faulty stuff that will trick us into making simple mistakes that put a hamper on our experience.

Today, I'm going to educate you, yes YOU, the sophomore, junior or senior reading this article, on how YOU'RE wrong! I'm also going to teach the freshmen, who unfortunately were unable to see through the lies of the upper classes, how those crafty upperclassmen managed to trick us. They think we'll latch onto any advice they give, but we're smarter than that, we know it's all false. So put on your tinfoil hats, and let's start analyzing some lies.

**1. Get to know your professors.** This is a blatant attempt to get us to embarrass ourselves and annoy our new professors. As a freshman who has no experience whatsoever with professors, I like to think I can get in the mind of my professors. Let me just get in the mindset of a professor of say, philosophy. I worked six years getting my Ph.D. in philosophy, and an undergrad is trying to make small talk with me? Back off buddy, High IQ Joe with a Ph.D. in philosophy doesn't have time for your simple minded, loguacious babbling. I know stuff, like big words and looking scary in lecture halls! — Woah, that was strangely empowering. Sorry if I scared any of you there. If only I was smart enough to get a Ph.D. in philosophy.

2. Get involved. Ugh, it pains me even typing it. They lie to us, saying we'll meet our life long friends in "activities" and "clubs," but we all know we make our life long friends from orientation icebreakers. No need to get

involved, I'm best friends with Paul, who speaks German as a second language and has four cats (wouldn't have known this without icebreakers!) I mean, just ask someone you know who's gone to college. They'll tell you all about that time that one kid with eight siblings was the only one left in the circle, or when Miranda said her favorite thing she did this summer was go to Cedar Point.

## 3. Make sure to give your family a call now

and then. Remember moving in, the tears on [Fill in legal guardians name here]'s face? Well, sorry to break it to you, but it was merely an act. See, as soon as [Fill in legal guardians name here] left, they called [Fill in local fitness center here], and they're going to convert your old room into their unused fitness room. They were just waiting for the day you would finally leave so they could impress their friends by occasionally opening the door and saying stuff like "Yep, I work out in here," and then closing the door and not opening it again for weeks at a time. So don't bother giving them a call. If anything, send them a letter with a note that says "I think you should work out," then maybe they'll actually use it.

4. Go to every class. This advice is the most crafty I've seen so far. You see, class is merely an excuse for teachers to use up our notebook space and our Google Drive memory. Everyone loves the smell of a new notebook, or the freshness of an empty Google Drive account. The upper class wants us to ruin that with "notes" to take away that satisfaction. Remember, all of what's taught in class can be found on Wikipedia. So don't bother going, catch that extra 20 minutes of sleep in the morning; you deserve it!

5. Keep track of your spending. Don't worry about money. College is about having fun, and money should always be the last thing on your mind. Don't let those mischievous people at

FSA convince you otherwise. Have a bit extra money from your student loan? Buy that extra large speaker system that won't fit in your dorm, it's worth every penny. Your future self will thank you for the awesome new TV that broke after Rob (the jerk) threw that Wii controller at it when he lost in "Smash" to Jiggly Puff.

September 5, 2018

Now, this list is a little short, but there's plenty of other garbage that the upperclassmen will tell us. Make sure you're aware of the fakes. They're around every corner. College can be scary, but I like to think us freshmen have a pretty good grip on the ins and outs. Good luck to my fellow freshmen in the upcoming year!

Olivia Connor/Special to The Leader



## BEATRICE BEEBODY

Guest Scallywag

Okay so, we all know that classes have started and that means all kinds of sorrow associated with, ya know, being back at school. Despite the existential dread having already started to settle in, there is something about this year that makes it exponentially worse. This year's incoming freshman class is the largest one that the school has ever seen. I know that we said it last year, too, but it's happening again. Friggin' vikes. That means that the lines at Starbucks and Tim's will be waaaaay longer, the tiny lost

humans will stop you on your way to class and ask for help even though you're running on no sleep and no coffee and, perhaps the worst one, there will be even less parking on campus. Now I know by this point you might be genuinely considering dropping out, but I'm here to shed some light on your miserable existence. While the first two points will remain true throughout the year, our parking prayers have at least been answered.

## Houghton Hall to be turned into a fully functioning parking garage

That's right, my fellow melancholy friends. Fredonia is adding a parking garage to campus.

Those of us that have been here over the last couple of years have definitely noticed the hollow building looming in the middle of campus. Like a sad little husk, resembling our own selves, the building that has essentially been useless for at least a year is being put to good use.

After severely decreasing the hours in the cafes and cutting back on the campus bus system, the administration figured they would do the students a solid by turning Houghton Hall into a parking garage.

"It wasn't the original plan but once we got all of the asbestos out of the building and essentially tore down the exterior of what was previously Houghton Hall, we saw the potential," said Carl Parker, head of the construction committee. "The building looked like a parking garage and we thought 'hey, why not."

The construction committee was implemented in the spring of last year, because the project was going to be such a massive task to take on.

While the university has not released an official statement regarding the decision to turn Houghton into a parking garage, many students

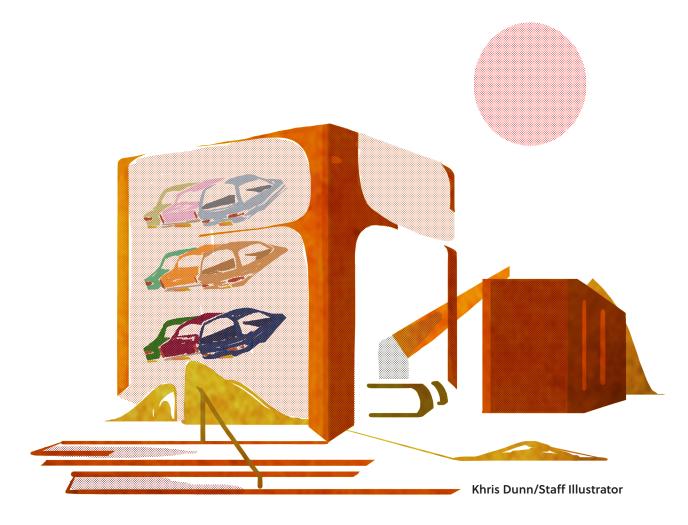
have begun to speculate and are increasingly excited about the new addition to campus.

"I'm so excited if that's actually what's happening. I come to class like three hours in advance every morning just to get a parking spot near Fenton. People just lurk around looking for parking spots and if two people see one at the same time, it's basically a parking lot battle royale," said Kia Carens, a senior English major.

"It would be, like, hella rad if they added more parking. It sucks when I have to park really far away. I'm always late for class," said Steven Sorrento, a junior music performance major. "I mean, I go to Tim's every morning which might be a part of that but I need my Tim's man. It's not my fault there are so many freshmen. It's really cramping my routine."

The university has yet to decide whether the parking garage will be upperclassmen only but it is tentatively scheduled to open at the beginning of the Spring 2019 semester.

Until then, good luck finding a place to park anywhere that isn't 85 years away from your classes. Happy hunting!



## The Leader

## **COOPER LINCOLN**

Parking Lot Enthusiast

Packing her trunk to the brim with gear that would make a doomsday prepper proud, Fredonia senior Jamie Dodge leaves her apartment on Southeast Main Street at 6 p.m. on Sunday to make it to class on time for her 9 a.m. class the next morning. "Living off campus is the best, I gotta say," said Dodge, scanning Lot 1A like a vulture looking for a fresh corpse. "I don't have to pay for a room, I can get my own food without having to rely on the campus and I get to play 'Where's Waldo?' every day in these lots!" For hours on end, Dodge scours the

lots of Fredonia State, looking for that sweet nine-foot wide gap that she can slide her Station Wagon into.

"It's a fantastic feeling when you finally find that perfect parking spot. It's like the first time he says yes to a game of Wii Bowling. Pure ecstasy.

right between Thompson and Fenton, because that's where my day usually starts and ends. People have mistaken me for their Xanax dealer because I guess I look pretty suspicious when I circle the lot."





# Ask Fairy Godmother

## Your place to bippity boppity bitch

## Dear Fairy Godmother,

I'm new on campus and even though it's only been a week, I keep seeing My dear, please go back to high school. It's clear whatever diploma you this cute girl around. She's in a bunch of my classes, and whenever I go to Willies she's in there sitting with her friends. I've started going out of my way to remember her schedule, to be romantic ya know? I don't wanna jump the gun, but I feel like she likes me. I mean, why else would she always be where I am? Should I talk to her? I'm pretty sure she's interested.

## Please help, Fresh Meat

## Dear Fresh Meat,

Your first year of college is an exciting time! Allow me to personally give you one concrete piece of advice to help in this transition; the first girl on campus to give you a hard-on is not your soulmate. She is almost definitely not interested and in fact may be creeped out by the fact that you change your schedule just to see her. If you absolutely must talk to her, be subtle. Please, for the love of glass slippers and talking mice, BE SUBTLE. Don't come on as strong as your instincts are telling you, don't mention seeing her around campus all the time and please, respect her space. I have no recipe for success in this situation, but do try not to make a fool of yourself this early on. You'll thank me later.

Sincerely, Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

So I had my first class today and my professor is literally the devil. Only four absences allowed per semester?! Does she think we're superheroes or something? Don't even get me started about weekly if not daily readings. It's totally unfair and I feel personally victimized. Please give me advice on how to get this woman reprimanded, or how to drop the class.

Please help, Fed up in Fenton

## Dear Fed up,

received was only for show, and I'm not sure you're ready for the rigorous dedication required by an institution of higher learning.

Sincerely, Fairy Godmother

## Dear Fairy Godmother,

I'm from a small-town in Pennsylvania and this is the first time I've ever lived near a Starbucks. I go everyday before class, once in the afternoon and sometimes before I head home. I've never felt so awake! The unfortunate part is that my mom texted me and said I'm already running low on funds after the first week and trust me ... she wasn't happy. How can I live right next to such an amazing place but not spend every waking moment indulging in everything it has to offer?

Please help, Caffeinated on Campus

## Dear Caffeinated,

Studies show that drinking coffee may help people live longer. Unfortunately for you, the sugar-loaded concoctions made famous by your favorite coffee mermaid are not included in this study. Combine that with the sheer amount you're consuming on a daily basis and it spells a recipe for your "freshman fifteen" hitting much sooner than expected. Give your heart a break dear, and drink some water. Your body and wallet will thank you.

Sincerely, Fairy Godmother



## **Off-campus senior prepares for her daily** 15-hour parking spot search

"For me, the perfect spot would be

According to Dodge, she is not a drug dealer. With her first class at 9 a.m. and her last one at 5 p.m., she generally only has one hour before she begins her prowl of the lots.

Sometimes she gets lucky and finds her space early.

"Usually if that happens I'll just inflate the air mattress I have in the trunk. It's pretty spacious back there, so I don't mind it at all," she said. "Once I'm done with class, I'll take my spare traffic cones and caution tape to make it look like the spot is under construction. It usually doesn't work, but I like to stay optimistic."

Other methods Dodge highlighted were dropping a rabid raccoon into the general vicinity and drawing the outline of a body in white chalk.

Dodge has admitted that her shenanigans have gotten her in trouble with University Police. However, she has since mended those wounds.

"Yeah, Officer Axle is pretty nice to me. If he finds me on his rounds we'll kick back and watch a couple episodes of 'New Girl' together. My muffler isn't that great at keeping my car quiet, but it makes some great popcorn," Dodge said. Officer Axle refused to comment.



Melissa Neuburger/Staff Illustrator

# **POLICE BLOTTERS**

#### UNIVERSITY

#### Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018

Kareem Armfield was charged with unlawful dealing of fireworks, unlawful possession of marijuana and criminal tampering in the second degree. An arrest was made.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018

Anthony Lombardo was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

John Goetzmann was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

Marijuana was found in Alumni Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018

A vehicle was damaged in Lot 9A. An investigation is ongoing.

Friday, Aug. 31, 2018

Dylan Belscher was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

#### Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018

A student felt threatened in the Kirkland Quad. An investigation is ongoing.

## FREDONIA

Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018

Tate M. Reynaldo, age 20, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Devon Teye-Nartey, age 22, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Friday, Aug. 31, 2018

Jared Miernik was charged with operating an unregistered vehicle. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Peyton J. Miller, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

Andrew D. Drozdowski, age 21, was charged with open container and littering. An appearance ticket was issued.

Mitzi S. Kalkbrenner, age 18, was charged with open container, littering and underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

Christopher M. Lestenhof, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

#### Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018

Alexander M. Kutas, age 19, was charged with harassment in the second degree and possession of a fictitious license. An appearance ticket and a traffic ticket were issued.

Donald C. Bielfeld III, age 20, was charged with harassment in the second degree. An appearance ticket was issued.

Matthew E. Pobloclzi, age 20, was charged with harassment in the second degree. An appearance ticket was issued.

Cody Ovitt, age 18, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

Allison Buskey, age 21, was charged with open container and littering. An appearance ticket was issued.

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018

Samantha O. Santiago, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

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