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NEWS

New faces within SA get their feet wet, while old ones target new goals

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

There were plenty of open seats in McEwen G26 on Sept. 6 for the Student Association's first General Assembly meeting of the semester. However, many of the empty seats will soon be filled by newly elected and re-elected class representatives as SA begins their new year of Fredonia student governance.

The Student Association is coming into this semester having undergone some personnel changes.

At the executive level, Chief Justice Christian Krasnek replaces Chief Justice William "Bill" Bradley who graduated in May. Also, Seth Meyer, a sophomore political science and media management major will be up for election for Speaker of the Assembly after serving as Assistant Speaker to former Speaker Nathaniel Clark who also graduated.

With Clark's graduation, this will be the first semester that SA will have a new Speaker in nearly three years.

"I started out kind of like a deer in the headlights," Meyer said, after adjourning his first General Assembly meeting as chair. Meyer did admit, though, that there are things he is looking forward to.

"I'm excited for the new reps to come in. I'm excited for new participation. I think everyone in the leadership got a lot of interest going, so I'm excited to see new faces," said Meyer.

Being as young as he is for an SA executive, Meyer will potentially have a few years to make the speakership his own. But as of now, he says there's not much he's spearheading so far.

"There's nothing on record that I'm trying

to change about the system [or] the way we've been doing things. I just think it's my attitude and engaging people to make SA look less scary," Meyer said.

Meyer will continue to chair the Rules Committee as he did last semester in his capacity as Assistant Speaker. As it stands now, the Rules Committee will only have two members on it according to Meyer.

President Connor Aitcheson is entering his second semester as the chief executive of the Student Association.

Aitcheson described the change in leadership as a "huge shift."

"There's a learning curve, obviously, for a lot of those people," said Aitcheson, "but it's very easy to do so when you have the systems in place that we do."

Aitcheson expressed confidence in not only the systems and procedures but also the Student Association Constitution to ensure nothing falls through the cracks.

Aitcheson explained that he and the rest of the association developed their repore with clubs and those who they represent last semester.

"With regards to this semester, I'm really hoping to spearhead a lot of the initiatives that we got feedback on last semester, get more student involvement and representation across the board through administration and committees throughout campus," said Aitcheson.

Aitcheson highlighted the issue of campus safety as something he is working on right away.

"I plan to work closely with [the] administration as well as Chief Ann Burns and University Police to develop an education program that will help educate our students on personal protection as well as systematic

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On the Cover:

A fellow campus squirrel enjoys a snack outside Mason Hall.

Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

Fredonia's latest enrollment spike is no coincidence

Alix Smith and Victor Schmitt-Bush

Special to The Leader and Assistant News Editor

Fredonia has once again broken one of its historic records this Fall semester. Of the 192 years since its inception, this school has never seen an incoming freshman class of 1,581 students. The closest Fredonia has ever gotten to this number was back in Fall 2008 at 1,187 enrolled.

This is because Fredonia is making all sorts of changes, ranging from the admission process all the way to how students and faculty interact with each other in the classroom.

Through Fredonia Foundations, this campus is developing a culture that encourages students to pick up different concentrations. More students than ever are taking dual degrees, minors, or just classes outside of their major for recreational purposes.

"As far as Fredonia Foundations goes, we're now actually having two or three courses that are weaved together with ideas and concepts and faculty," said Corey Bezek, the director of admissions. "You're going to have a better experience as a student in putting those pieces together sooner and how you're able to do it. I'm particularly excited because it's not something that a lot of other schools are doing."

In most school settings, students would be expected to listen, sit down and take notes. But Fredonia's management team is aware that this kind of learning style does not leave much room for student collaboration or involvement. With this year's implementation of the new learning system, Fredonia Foundations, the bar has been set a lot higher. It not only encourages but mandates that faculty come up with new teaching methods to enhance the student learning experience.

"You're expected to interact. You're not going to be sitting just taking tests. You're going to be working in groups; doing presentations; writing, and all of those things translate to when you're actually getting a job," Bezek said.

As far as the enrollment and admissions processes go, they have become whole different beasts altogether. The Vice President of

Enrollment and Student Services Cedric Howard began to push Fredonia's enrollment team to try new things in 2016, and Fredonia has seen a massive influx of incoming students ever since.

At one point, Fall 2017 was actually Fredonia's second highest freshman enrollment class, reigning in at 1,128 first-year students. With 1,581 freshmen enrolled this year, Fall 2018 pushes Fall 2017 back to a distant third place.

Perhaps one of the biggest contributors to this is the change in time that it takes for students to get accepted here.

"Starting in 2016-2017, Fredonia completely overhauled the undergraduate admissions process," said Daniel Tramuta, the associate vice president of enrollment and student services. [One major change] included decreasing the time it took to receive a decision from Fredonia, from 28 days to just five."

Their visitation programs now include "mini-class" presentations taught by faculty, where accepted students could see first-hand what the classroom setting is like at Fredonia. New students are coming to campus much quicker and making decisions at a breakneck speed because the Fredonia team has been showing that it is eager and willing to make a commitment to them.

"[We] identify the best ways that we can eliminate barriers and boulders in our mission's process so it becomes a seamlessly smooth process from the time that you become interested in Fredonia all the way to the time that you're actually enrolled here," said Howard.

Much research and innovation has been done ever since Howard took over in 2016. The Enrollment Services team has made more than 200 changes since then, and they plan to make many more.

"There's a theory in higher education called the multiple policy levers," said Bezek. "To affect any change, you can't just pull one lever. You need to pull 10 to 15 smaller levers to get one change to happen down the road. That's really what this has been about."

These smaller structural changes have led to a bigger impact for the students."

One of these structural changes is Fredonia's new online virtual tour, Uvisit. Students and their families worldwide can now experience what campus life is like without needing to travel an unreasonable distance.

"If we can show them what this community is like [from far away], what the experience is, they're really going to fall in love with it like we have," said Bezek. "Even two to three years ago, that technology was not readily available."

Because of this technology, among many other factors, what the campus is seeing this semester is a community made up of students from over 14 countries. As a result, the campus community is now comprised of 68 different languages.

From ethnicity to gender to geography, Fredonia is growing today more than ever in its mission to enrich the campus by becoming more culturally inclusive and diverse.

"This is the most diverse incoming class Fredonia has ever seen," said Tramuta. "One-third of all incoming students identify as a racial or ethnic minority."

Even so, the majority of students are coming from Western New York, as is to be expected. This includes Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and a portion from downstate Long Island. Looking a bit further down, Fredonia has drawn its sights toward New York City, too.

"This is actually the largest incoming class from NYC in Fredonia's history," said Tramuta.

"[This is because] we have a full-time recruiter there who's working within that community to help encourage and bring these students up," said Bezek.

Fredonia's recruiters are everywhere, however. "The [success of having] 1,500 new undergraduate students is an accumulation of an entire campus effort, and I want to thank every faculty/staff member, alumni and current students who helped bring these students here," concluded Tramuta. "They are all part of our Big Blue Family now!"

Caitlin Clonan/Special to The Leader



New faces within SA, continued...

protection in the event of any sort of emergency that may happen on our campus," he said.

These endeavors, including campus community safety are reasons why, according to Aitcheson, it is so important that people run for class representative and get themselves involved.

"The main reason to run is to make sure your voice is heard," said Aitcheson. "It's easy to sit there and have opinions, but it's beneficial to make sure your opinions are heard."

He explained that getting having a diverse body of representatives ensures that Fredonia's student government truly mirrors the makeup of the campus, and not run by one section of people.

One issue that was not brought up at this first general assembly meeting but surely will in the weeks to come is the Student Activity referendum.

Every other year, Fredonia students must vote whether they would like the student activity fee to be mandatory or voluntary to pay. Making the fee mandatory, as it is now, ensures that every student contributes to the sum of money that is used by clubs and organizations to carry out their programming.

Having it voluntary makes the total amount of money for that programming uncertain.

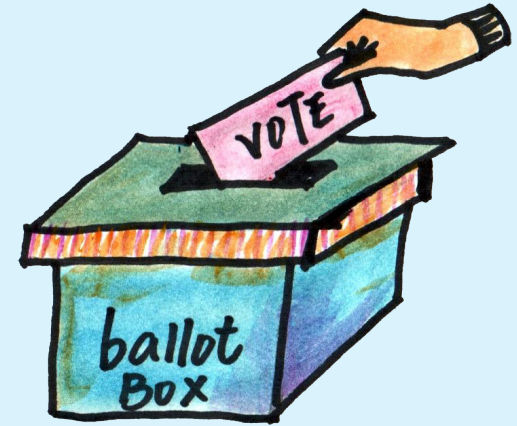
Aitcheson said he believes the referendum is important because it puts the control directly in the hands of the students.

"I think it's important to make sure they have a say and they determine if we're effectively using the activity fee."

The Student Association will be rolling out information on the activity fee in the coming weeks, but as for now, the executives are focused on building representation and voicing

the opinions and concerns of the students of Fredonia.

The class representative election will be held on Sept. 18, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. on Sept. 19.



SuDi Wang/Staff Illustrator

POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Monday, Sept. 3, 2018

An individual reported being harassed by their ex-boyfriend. A domestic incident report was filed. Prosecution was declined.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018

Items were stolen from University Commons. An investigation is on-going.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018

8:59 p.m. Bradys Devillar was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

8:59 p.m. Mario Vitagliano Jr. was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

8:59 p.m. Joel C. Leger was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

8:59 p.m. Brandon J. Burd was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

8:59 p.m. Elijah J. Dandrich was charged with unlawful possession marijuana and criminal tampering in the third degree. An arrest was completed.

Friday, Sept. 7, 2018

4:16 p.m. Collin G. Griffin was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

6:50 p.m. Hwimyoung Cha was charged with operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to return documentation after revocation. An arrest was completed.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

3:46 a.m. Jonathan W. Baker was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An arrest was completed.

3:46 a.m. Jared W. Compise was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An arrest was completed.

3:46 a.m. Joshua J. Perkins was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An arrest was completed.

3:46 a.m. Nyles J. Linsley was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An arrest was completed.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

Graffiti was found in Hendrix Hall. An investigation is on-going.

FREDONIA

Monday, Sept. 3, 2018

Romario Allen, age 24, was charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree and criminal mischief in the third degree. He was held.

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018

Jason E. Selig, age 48, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree. A traffic ticket was issued.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

4:30 p.m. James M. O'Connell was charged with operating a vehicle with an expired inspection. A traffic ticket was issued.

7:20 p.m. Kristen L. Tabitha, age 23, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

9:22 p.m. Skye L. Wallace, age 41, was charged with going the wrong way on a one-way street. A traffic ticket was issued.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

1:38 a.m. Michael J. Pearon Jr., age 19, was charged with open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

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Fredonia Students sign up for over 170 clubs during another successful Activities Night

MONICA MANNEY

Special to The Leader

Every year, Activities Night sees over 170 clubs collect thousands of signatures. But this year, with the biggest and most diverse incoming class of first year students, some major changes swept the grass of Dods Grove.

Students who attended Activities Night had the chance to “network on the go” as employers surrounded the entrance of this year’s club line up.

Network on the Go was created by the career development office’s Jennifer Wilkins to get students to learn about employment options and possible internship locations in and around Fredonia.

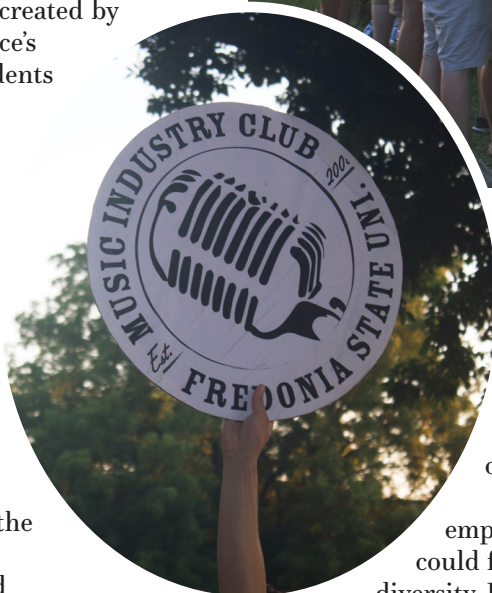
“The employees love it, they seem phenomenally happy,” said Wilkins. “President Horvath liked it and was shaking my hand. She said she’s going to put a kudos in her Monday report.”

But the meet and greet was not only beneficial for the students.

“We have internships and jobs available. We have been very productive,” said Kandace Baxter, one of the employers at the fair.

Other employers expressed the importance of students knowing that although Fredonia is not big, there are plenty of opportunities to work in their field in the area.

From insurance companies to agricultural companies, the mini job fair offered students the ability to get their resume into the hands of



(L): A member from the Music Industry Club waves a sign showcasing their club
(A): A large crowd of students gather at Dod’s Grove for Activities Night
(R): Members from the Fredonia Bass Society chat at their table

Photos courtesy of Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

future employers and seek new opportunities at internships.

After students passed the row of employers handing company gear, they could find a host of clubs focused on diversity. But they would also find Fredonia’s first Latinx geared club.

“Technically we were at Activities Night last year . . . but because we were just starting off as a club and we were not actually on the campus yet . . . it was hard to do recruitment,” said Eden Bantum, one of the founders of the fraternity.

Alpha Psi Lambda is recognized as the first co-ed social fraternity in the country and the first fraternity geared toward Latinx communities in Fredonia.

Bantum said the goal of their fraternity right now is recruitment and to build comfortability for the new diverse population on campus, as she expressed there was a lack thereof.

“Diversifying Greek life [is important] because at least the fraternities are diverse, but on the sororities end, not as much,” said Bantum. “Joining Greek life is all about where you feel most comfortable. It’s kind of hard to do that when you have a very select few



organizations to look at.”

Bantum expressed concern with the decreased amount of participation in Greek life and hopes Alpha Psi Lambda will revamp interest in fraternities.

“I don’t know if it has to do with how sororities represent themselves outside of the campus, or if people are not interested in greek life anymore because of all the hazing incidents nationally . . . we just want people interested in Greek life,” said Bantum.

Alpha Psi Lambda is currently working toward being recognized at Fredonia as a fraternity and recognized nationally as a chapter. For now, they are recognized nationally as an affiliate but are working hard to gain chapter status.

If you are considering pledging, there is one thing Bantum thinks everyone should know:

“At least for us, that whole cliché concept of finding a brotherhood and sisterhood and finding a family is our most important aspect, it’s not a cliché with us.”

If you missed activities night, no worries. A full listing of all the clubs and who to email can be found on Fredonia’s website.



Several a capella groups gave performances throughout Activities Night

Life & Arts

FREDFlo to address a serious problem on campus



AMBER MATTICE
Managing Editor

For those of you who were here last year and tend to pick up the campus newspaper, you might remember an article by Monica Manney, a senior journalism major, titled “Not so ‘free’ bleeding.” The piece touched on the fact that there are no tampons or pads available in campus bathrooms for those of us who get our periods.

This is certainly an important campus issue and, after writing the article, Manney decided to take action and set forth to start an initiative that would focus on making period products accessible to students on Fredonia’s campus that need them. This is how FREDFlo came into being.

“It is an initiative to provide sanitary products for students on campus. How it will take shape is being in dispensers in the restrooms on campus [with] at least one in each building that students can take from in case of an emergency,” said Manney. “Basically, it’s just providing sanitary products for students and they’re going to be free. So [we’re] just making sure that students have exactly what they need.”

Manney is planning on gathering organizations and clubs to “adopt a restroom.” Each club would be in charge of refilling the dispensers

in the assigned bathroom they were given. The dispensers will have signs attached to them with a number to text if a student or faculty member notices that the products are running low. The dispensers and all pads and tampons will be funded by the Student Association.

While Manney has been at the forefront of making the initiative happen, after writing an article last year about the problem, President Virginia Horvath reached out to see how she could aid Manney in getting the initiative set up.

“In initiating a program, you’re kind of making a promise to people so . . . my role is just to advise and support Monica where I can and to advocate for it because I think if the campus leadership is behind something, it is at least saying that this is consistent with our values,” said Horvath. “We want students to be in class. We don’t want people to have obstacles or be stressed out because of the embarrassment of not having supplies. Whatever we can do to help is something that I think I’m able to advocate for.”

An important aspect of FREDFlo for Manney and Horvath is ensuring that it is an inclusive initiative for all students that deal with menstruation.

“It is so important to be inclusive and we

definitely want to make sure that they are in all gender restrooms throughout the campus because we don’t want to ‘out’ anyone in the process of them being able to get sanitary products,” said Manney. “We are working with a bunch of people to ensure that we are inclusive because I understand, as an ally of groups within the LGBTQIA community, that I don’t know everything but I do appreciate the people that are lending their voice to this to make sure that we are as inclusive as possible.”

Manney is hoping to get as many groups on campus involved to ensure that people are aware of the changes happening and can use the products whenever they are in need.

While the initiative has not yet officially begun, groups and students on campus that have heard of it are looking forward to seeing the implementation start.

“I have heard of FREDFlo through Monica’s social media and love the idea. The Fredonia Feminists believe that menstrual products should be as easily accessible as condoms,” said Opal Kelley, a junior psychology and criminology double major and the president of Fredonia Feminists. “This is such an important initiative because it benefits a large group of people. Those who need access to these products may use men’s, women’s, or gender neutral bathrooms, so having them accessible in every bathroom would be extremely beneficial.”

Manney is planning to see FREDFlo officially start within the next two weeks. At first, the initiative will go through a pilot period where the people involved can see what bathrooms are used the most often and, therefore, have the greatest need. After that, the goal is to expand the initiative where needed and help as many students as possible in being comfortable and feeling provided for on campus.

If you or your campus organization are interested in joining the initiative or donating products, please contact Manney at Fredoniaflo@gmail.com or call (716) 539-0406.



Monica Manney, the founder of FREDFlo
Photo courtesy of Monica Manney

A look into Fredonia's history: Among The Hemlocks

LEAH GRAZIANO

Special to The Leader

Bonnets strapped on and lanterns in hand, 14 women march in protest against the dangers of alcohol — on set.

Assistant professor in the Communication department, Roslin Smith, has been working to put together a historical documentary about Fredonia called “Among the Hemlocks. Fantastic Stories from Fredonia, NY.”

“Among the Hemlocks” will feature historical reenactments of important moments in history that took place in Fredonia.

Fredonia is one of the first places where the Women’s Christian Temperance Movement was formed.

Smith gathered 14 women from the Fredonia community to reenact this movement.

Inspiration for this film came from Smith’s love for history.

“I kind of found that there were a few interests in stories about Fredonia and I thought ‘I wonder if anybody has done a documentary on it’ and as far as I’m aware, after looking into it, there wasn’t,” said Smith.

Smith put in a proposal to the Cattaraugus County Arts Council to help fund the documentary. Once she got the green

light, she was ready to begin her research.

What Smith has come across is nothing you would find in an average history book.

“The actual name for the documentary came from Canadaway Creek. Historically it was your indigenous people that lived here and they had this word called ‘Ga-na-da-wa-o’ which means ‘living among the hemlocks,’ which in time became Canadaway Creek, which is kind of where the story starts,” she said.

Her research was conducted over Christmas break last year. Together, she and archivists from the Barker Library dug through newspapers, old books and other primary sources to find these stories.

Filming for the documentary has been going on all summer and will continue through the month of September.

Smith isn’t filming “Among the Hemlocks” alone. She has gotten help from many students, SUNY Fredonia staff and local residents.

Students Peter Maziarz, Haley Poth and Kyle Licht are among the students who have been helping Smith with production.

“I was spark for the Women’s Temperance reenactment scene,” said Poth, a junior video production and public relations major. Spark is the person on a film set who helps set up the lighting.

“It was a professional environment, but we all had a lot of fun working together. It was cool because we were working with a lot of actors and it was interesting to watch Ros direct that many people,” she said.

Maziarz, a senior video production major, is the assistant director for the women’s temperance scene.

“I love being on set. When you get the right group of people together, it can be a really fun and productive time,” he said.

“Life on a set is stressful but extremely rewarding. It is a lot of work to make everything

go exactly the way you want but when you see the footage come out exactly the way you want, the feeling is euphoric.”

Smith found local residents through looking on Facebook, word of mouth and through e-mails. She found Nancy Adams, who provided many pieces of the 19th century clothing for the women’s temperance scene, Smith’s favorite part of the film.

“It was such fun that day,” she said. “It was as soon as the ladies put their bonnets on with their costumes and they all felt as if they were living from ‘Downton Abbey.’”



Melissa Neuberger/Staff Illustrator

The first preview for the documentary is on Dec. 6 at the Octagon Gallery in Westfield at 6 p.m.

But, the longer version, which includes “spooky” stories, will be shown in early March at the Williams Center as part of the Brown Bag Lunch series.

“That’s the big one,” said Smith. “That’s where I want the red carpet taken out for all of my ladies. It would be nice if the ladies came and dressed up as well and came along.”

Viewers can expect to see these interesting stories from Fredonia come to life.

“It’s the old voices told through the new people,” said Smith.

Supported by SUNY Provost Dr. Terry Brown, Among the Hemlocks, Fantastic Stories from Fredonia NY is also supported by the New York State of Opportunity, Council of the Arts. These grant programs are funded by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program with support from Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature.

“What Smith has come across is nothing you would find in an average history book.”

Candy Ambulance to make first ever appearance at BJ's with Elemantra and Skulking Ghost

ERIKETA COST

Special to The Leader

BJ's Bar and Grill, check.
Loud music and live bands, check.
Local Fredonia Musicians, check.

Last Call Entertainment will be hosting Candy Ambulance, Elemantra and Skulking Ghost on Sept. 12 at BJ's Bar and Grill from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Last Call Entertainment is a company that originated in 2015 by SUNY Fredonia students, with the aim to organize gigs and promote local student musicians and bands.

Alex Vasiloff, a music industry major, speaks about his position as Assistant General Manager.

"I supervise every aspect of our Last Call team, which includes promotions, media and marketing, graphic design, show production and logistics, videographers, photographers and PR," he said. "I make sure, as a whole, we're accomplishing our main objective, which is to create a platform for musicians to promote their artistic abilities in a medium that is cost-efficient for new talent and consumers."

Vasiloff and General Manager Pat Walker books the majority of the shows.

The main venue for Last Call is BJ's Bar and Grill in Fredonia, which is a venue that's been hosting shows since 2004.

"Last Call has a relationship with [BJ's], and we're able to do our thing while bringing in customers for the venue. We've been blessed to be able to put on shows there — it's without a doubt the coolest and most authentic punk dive bar around!" Vasiloff said.

Candy Ambulance will be making their first appearance at BJ's. Members are Jon Cantiello, aka "Dirtguy" and English major grad, on the drums; Caitlin Barker on vocals and guitar; and Jesse Bolduc on bass and vocals. The group has been together for four years.

"I call us pop-grunge. Most of our audience walks away saying we're punk, but that's because of all the yelling and playing-in-our-undies business," said Barker.

The group will be touring this September.

"We're elated to play at BJ's . . . We're ready to let loose after a busy summer. Let's get freaky," said Barker.

Elemantra will also be performing that night, with their newly released third album, "To Know Better."



Photo courtesy of Caleb G. Abrams

Members of the band include Justin Woodmancy, media arts major at UB; Nick Beiling, political science Fredonia alumnus; Brent Bergstrom, a biochemistry Fredonia alumnus and Jonah Rosel, a music industry Fredonia alumnus.

"Our most recent method of describing our sound is 'creamy and dreamy' alt rock, but we really draw too many influences to pick one genre. Shoegaze, dreampop, post-punk, post-rock, alternative, noise, really any work fine," said Rosel.

Members of the group started playing with each other in 2011, but officially formed a few years after that.

"We consider our 'actual' start to be late 2013 or early 2014, when we really solidified our lineup and got into the habit of consistently gigging and writing music," said Rosel.

Lastly, Skulking Ghost is a returning group that will be also be performing that night.

Members include John Harrington, Griffin Jones, 2017 Fredonia grad; James Sprecker, junior music industry major; and Andi Pszonak, senior music industry major.

"Our style is really eclectic, so we've had a lot of trouble pinning down a good response to that question. Most of the time we stick towards

experimental or alternative rock with some metal, garage and early hard rock influences. We also branch out into some more aggressive takes on fifties' style ballads and jazz influences," said Pszonak.

"We change up our sound a lot from song-to-song, but I'd like to think that it all has the signature Skulking Ghost spice," said Sprecker.

The group strives to constantly challenge themselves, all while making the process enjoyable.

"This is by far the most fun group I've ever been a part of. Everyone brings a lot to the table and we challenge ourselves songwriting as you'll see the latter half of the set," said Harrington.

The group is excited to be performing with Elemantra again.

"I think this is the first time we've fit in with any of the other bands at a show. I'm pretty happy that we're on the same show with Elemantra because we played with them in the woods and their music was exactly as weird as I was hoping it would be," said Jones.

This show is 21+ with \$1 admission, and limited under 21 access for \$5.

Visual performance artist Ei Arakawa will be setting the stage

STEPHEN SACCO

Special to the Leader

Ei Arakawa, a Japanese visual artist, will be touching down in SUNY Fredonia this Thursday, Sept. 13.

He will be hosting a hands-on workshop with students creating improvisational visual art.

Arakawa's work has been featured in the Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Biennial and many more notorious galleries.

In the workshop, he will demonstrate his piece "Mid-Yuming as Reconstruction Mood" which entails fast-speed building while playing the famous Japanese pop-singer Yuming then de-building. This specific performance piece was inspired by Mark Fisher, a stage set designer who worked for the Super Bowl.

Arakawa was inspired by the halftime show taking four minutes for a group of 400 or more people to build a stage before the commercial break ended and another four minutes to deconstruct the stage after the halftime show.

This experience of performance visual art is triggered by not only Arakawa's own passion for art but by the collaboration in which everyone is constructing and improvising together through the piece.

Arakawa said, "My creativity is fueled by the possibility and expansion of network of people. It is satisfying to know someone deeper through working together not only one time, but continuously."

Arakawa leaves students with a selfless perspective when it comes to the process of art. He orchestrates performing in a collective where

everyone begins to learn more and more about one another, resulting in a unique experience of art for both the participants and audience.

Arakawa welcomes students to bring their creative ideas and works of visual art to the workshop.

He is the first guest to visit Fredonia for the Visiting Artist Program this semester.

Barbara Racker is the instructor of this program, which is also a required class for Visual Arts and New Media Students to take (ART-120). Racker has been a director and curator of art museums and galleries in Colorado, Indiana, Montana, New York, Washington and West Virginia. She has organized over 150 major exhibits total throughout her career thus far.

When thinking about the way people look at art today, Racker said, "It's hard in this day and age to understand the importance of a static image, because everything is moving around us all the time and the internet, and smartphones, people just don't relate to a still image. I mean there are lines out the door at the MOMA and MET, but smaller museums don't get that kind of attention."

In order to compensate for the attention span deficit, artists like Arakawa reassure the 21st century audience with more stimulus than the still painting or image provides.

The Visiting Artist Program has a committee which helps determine who and what artist comes to SUNY Fredonia. Riko Chandra is a part of this committee as a community member. Chandra owns Reverie Creamery in Mayville, N.Y. and produces an array of avant-garde photography besides operating his artisan cheese shop.

Chandra influenced the committee to bring Ei Arakawa to SUNY Fredonia. He recalled seeing Arakawa's work at the Dallas Museum of Art.

Chandra said, "What [distinguishes] him from other artists is that the way he utilizes everyday objects, works of art including his sculpture, and people/audience as his actors. All the elements equally play important roles in his performative arts. His painting and sculpture are embedded with performative potential. Standing, walking, speaking, dancing or singing together becomes an act of collective creativity. What fascinates me the most is how the idea of individual/single audience is effectively replaced by a communal performative engagement. He utilizes his audience not only as subject or element of his art but also as participatory element to achieve his intention. Arakawa also emphasizes on DIY aesthetic rather than precious or perfection of mechanized materials."

Be sure to utilize the intangible presence of these great artists who visit SUNY Fredonia throughout the year.

This event will be held at 8:30 p.m. in McEwen Hall, 209.

Free admission is open to all students and faculty.



"Performance People"
Photo courtesy of <http://www.takaishiigallery.com>



"Hawaiian Presence (Hawaii)"
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Brews Under Review: Gordo Burro

CHELSEA ANN BARON

Special to The Leader

I am very particular when it comes to beer. I'm not usually adventurous in trying different kinds. When I have tried a new beer, it was because my dad or a friend had ordered one and given me a taste.

This is how I realized I liked Corona and Stella Artois. Guinness, on the other hand, not so much.

Dark beer is just not my taste.

EBC is a little more expensive than other bars in Fredonia, and rightfully so. You won't find college students sweatily dancing to loud music in EBC; that's not the atmosphere it provides.

EBC also carries a lot of craft beer, which are more expensive than Busch and Coors.

The beer I ordered was five dollars.

If I wanted to, I could have added another five dollars and grabbed a six pack from Crosby's, but this was all about the experience.

The beer I decided to try was a seasonal selection, Gordo Burro.

Gordo Burro has 5.5 alcohol by volume (ABV) and 17 international bitterness units (IBU). It was described on EBC's menu as, "a Mexican lager sparkling golden, light and refreshing."

Now, I usually can't pinpoint the exact flavor that I taste when drinking beer, and I'm not sure if that's because I'm not paying attention, or because I focus on finishing the drink and ordering another one immediately after.

This time I actually put some thought into my selection.

Considering the heat has been unbearable and my roommates and I walked to the bar, I wanted to order a beer that was light and refreshing. According to the description, this beer was just that.

I watched the bartender pour the beer and place it on the bar in front of me. He then stopped me as I began to reach for the beer. It wasn't ready. He needed to place a slice of lime on the rim.

I'm not sure about anyone else but something about lime makes me enjoy a drink more. Having something like a Corona or a Tequila shot without a lime: it's just not right.

I guess that is exactly what the bartender thought regarding Gordo Burro.

The first taste was immediately refreshing.

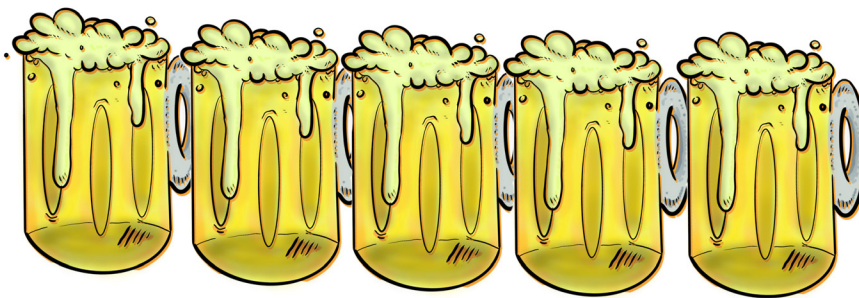
After a few sips, I began to notice a sense of sparkling as described by the menu, which I thoroughly enjoyed. The sparkling sensation must be popular because the rise of sparked seltzers has skyrocketed in the past year.

It seems that most college girls, and even a good majority of guys, drink Truly and White Claw. I'm not sure if they

actually like the sparkling sensation, or if they're just drinking it because it has fewer calories. Either way, sparkling drinks are a hit and so was Gordo Burro for me.

I was pleasantly surprised by Gordo Burro and how much I enjoyed the beer. Does that mean I will be adventurous and try different types of beer? Not positive, but I know that Gordo Burro is a beer I will order again, as long as it's in season.

Gordo Burro: 5/5



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OPINION

From the Desk of Amber Mattice, Managing Editor



For those of you who are dreading the end of summer, you might as well turn the page because we don't want that kind of negativity here. I'm about to go on a full fledged rant about how excited I am for the beginning of fall.

It's my favorite for a plethora of reasons but I'll only get into a couple for now:

1. Sweater Weather. First off, I would like to put it out there that I most definitely have a sweater problem. My collection is extensive and continuously expanding. But there's something about waking up in the morning, dreading going to class and being able to throw on a comfy, old man-esque sweater. Everything bad about the day, and maybe even the world, somehow rights itself again.

2. Pumpkin Spice Chai. Pumpkin Spice everything really. But especially the chai. It's like a hug in a cup. If you ever see me tweeting about having a miserable day, just bring me one of these and I'll never be sad again . . . probably. They're great. 10/10 would recommend.

3. Walking to Campus. So this is definitely not for those of you who hate the cold weather. When Fredonia gets chilly, it gets *c h i l l y*. But that's why I love it. Bundling up in 75 layers and walking to campus is one of my favorite parts of living off campus. The leaves falling around me, the sound of them crunching under my feet, a little cloud of breath floating into the sky and the bright colors surrounding me. Sounds like heaven, right?

4. Apple Cider. Ummmm, need I say more? It's great hot and cold. That's all.

5. Decorating my Apartment. I don't even mean for Halloween. We'll get to that later. I go all out for fall. Leaf garlands, little pumpkins and gourds everywhere, twinkle lights as far as the eye can see. It's like a little autumnal wonderland. Everything feels so cozy and perfect and I just absolutely love it.

6. Halloween. I don't even really dress up for Halloween. Catch me watching Tim Burton movies until 5 a.m. though. I love making some creepy themed snacks, pumpkin hot chocolate and getting cozy in Halloween themed socks. If I'm feeling particularly festive, I'll even watch a scary movie. (P.S. Don't judge me. I'm a grandma in the body of a 20 year old.)

7. Cozy Blankets. More cozy stuff. Because what else is there to do when it's chilly besides relaxing all day long? Fall is basically an excuse to never leave your bed.

8. Chillin' Outside. In the same vein as walking to campus, I love just spending time outside and enjoying the weather. It's cold but not painfully so and everything feels so intimate and surreal in the fall. It's just the best.

Well, that's what I'm going to leave it on. While there are plenty more things that make the upcoming season the best of them all, this list details the things I'm most looking forward to. The weather is slowly getting colder and I'm getting increasingly excited by the day. Enjoy it while it's here and spend your time doing the things that make your heart full, like drinking copious amounts of chai lattes.

Fredonia taught me how to listen



VICTOR SCHMITT-BUSH
Assistant News Editor

I'll admit it.

On Jan. 20, 2017, I was ecstatic. It was the day of Donald Trump's inauguration. Few things in life could have satisfied me more than to see the devastated looks on the faces of every Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders supporter.

I wasn't even a Republican, even though the political left was where most of my frustrations lied.

I didn't lean left or right. I wasn't even in the middle. I had no interest in being a part of any political party. I felt as if I was watching everything happen from a distance, but it's not as if I wanted to see the world burn. What I wanted was for people, especially college students, to get a rude awakening.

From the top of my lungs I wanted to shout, "Political correctness will not save you! Feminism will not save you! Black Lives Matter will not save you! Only you can save you!"

I wanted to see people open up to the possibility that maybe, just maybe, everything they've fought so hard for is just a farce, a box to put themselves in, a limitation. I wanted people to realize that their foundations, their belief systems, their passions, their biases, everything could shatter from beneath their feet at any given moment.

I thought that maybe Trump getting elected would make people rethink their worldview, and that more people would be emboldened to speak out against political correctness.

It would have been music to my ears to hear

someone say, "Maybe you don't have to be a part of some 'heroic' 'morally superior' group or society to be a good person."

But in my own way, I was also self-righteous. I acted as if I was the most open-minded person on campus.

But I know damn well now that I wasn't.

Don't get me wrong. It's not as if my beliefs have been shaken to the core, but this college and the people in it have helped me to experience a paradigm shift that I never thought in a million years would have happened. And it was so simple.

Fredonia taught me how to listen. It's what I was failing at as a journalist and as a student. I didn't listen to people. I only heard what I wanted to hear. Consequently, I was no better than the people that I was speaking out against.

It took me until later in my junior year to get to this point, but I'm here now. This is my last semester as a Fredonia student, and I couldn't be more thankful to the people at this college who have helped me to become who I am today.

I still fervently believe in the free market and exchange of ideas. I still feel that political correctness has run amok. I still reject many aspects of today's feminist culture, and I still have some qualms about the moral integrity of the mainstream populists of Black Lives Matter, but over these few years, I've grown up.

I am not just willing, but excited to listen to and consider ideas from the perspectives of people who wholly disagree with me on these points.

Yes, I will still have political discourse with people and ask some questions that are likely to offend them.

But there's one thing that I will never do again. I will never walk into an interview or a public event or a lecture with this preconceived notion that I already know everything that there is to know about it.

Perhaps one of the most influential people in my life to bring about this change was one of my greatest friends, Mam Deng, a recent graduate and molecular genetics major who was culturally and politically involved to such a tremendous extent on this campus that he had a profound effect on someone even as stubborn as me.

He introduced me to many different people with different ideas and belief systems, all of whom were respectful and kind and understanding of even my own ignorance. Hats off to such a wonderful and impactful student. Deng left this college and me better than it/I was.

This is what I believe: you should not be overbearing to others about your perceived 'open-mindedness.' Humble yourself in the presence of God, they say. Well, I see God in everyone. And I don't mean that vaguely. I mean that in a literal sense.

If you are unabashedly prideful, then you are much more closed-minded than you think. That is not to say that you should not filter out ridiculous claims or asinine ideas. Have a genuine curiosity and search for truth on your own terms, but please for the love of God don't be like Trump. Alternative facts are not a thing.

Speaking of God, I might not believe in the God of any religious texts, but I've always loved this quote.

"God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason."

"I am not just willing, but excited to listen to and consider ideas from the perspectives of people who wholly disagree with me on these points."

VERBATIM

What is your aesthetic?



**Grace Mrgich, junior
early childhood education major**

"I feel like when I go to class my aesthetic is like swamp monster, like I just woke up. I guess when I'm going out and stuff, um . . . happy. I don't know."



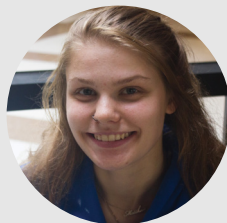
**Brandon Pessin, sophomore
music education major**

"It's owls. It's definitely owls. I have about 20 different owl-type things in my room, like little figurines."



**Jahsent Iylanjah, sophomore
music applied major**

"I'd say it's pretty punk. It changes up all the time. I go from wearing colorful skirts to spiked leather jackets to big cloaks."



**Elizabeth Friol, junior
psychology major**

"I love thrift shopping, like going to the thrift store and just finding random stuff and converting it to better things. I bought jeans last year and cut holes in them and all that. I just like the hipster vibe."



Kathleen Fenton/Staff Illustrator

SPORTS

Fredonia Lacrosse is ready to face-off season with new coach

CASSIDY HERMAN

Special to The Leader

The new head coach of Fredonia Blue Devil women's lacrosse, Marykate Edmunds, is ready to start her season and has been since July of 2018.

Edmunds sees great things in Fredonia's future. Not only is she excited to work with the women on the team but also continue her work with her colleagues in the athletic program.

"I decided to work at Fredonia because of the potential of the women's lacrosse program and the recent growth within the athletic department," Edmunds said. "I knew I would be supported by the entire athletic department throughout my journey with the lacrosse team."

Edmunds attended St. John Fisher College where she graduated from in May of 2014. At St. John Fisher College, she played women's lacrosse and was in the starting lineup all four years.

There she collected Empire 8 all-conference selections three times and made the conference all-tournament team twice. The St. John Fisher Cardinals won three Empire 8 titles, one ECAC Upstate title and

made three NCAA Division 3 appearances while she was a member of the team.

This position at Fredonia is Edmunds' first head coaching job at the college level.

She worked as an assistant women's lacrosse coach at

St. John Fisher College in 2016. The Cardinals won Empire 8 titles and made NCAA appearances in 2017 and 2018.

The 2017 team was ranked seventh in the nation in defense while six players made all-conference. Seven Cardinals made the Empire 8 all-conference team in 2018.

Prior to that, she was the head coach of girls lacrosse at New Hartford High School in 2015 and was a volunteer assistant coach of

women's lacrosse at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, N.Y.

After one season at the high school position, she left to concentrate on her work at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. With Edmunds as an assistant coach, the Wildcats responded by winning their first Northeast Athletic Conference title in 2016, resulting in an NCAA appearance and setting a program record for wins in consecutive seasons.

Edmunds has certainly worked her way up to the head coaching position, but what

really stood out to her was the atmosphere and potential at Fredonia.

"I'm most excited about the opportunity to be an influence for the student athletes that I'm involved with and striving to provide them with the athletic experience they came here for," she said.

"I love the atmosphere at Fredonia. There is a very strong community-feel throughout the campus, and it's evident that everyone that works at Fredonia wants it [to] be the best experience for our students."

The upcoming spring season begins after weeks of practice in Ohio. From there Edmunds and the team will fly out to Florida.

"I think our first season together will promote growth and learning opportunities as well as developing a new Fredonia lacrosse culture," she said.

Edmunds and the team are hopeful for the season.



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Jerry Fisk: Changing the culture

AIDAN POLLARD

Sports Editor

Fredonia's new athletic director, Jerry Fisk, is a big man with big ideas.

Fisk took over the position in the Spring semester of last year, and already the changes he's made can be seen all over campus.

Since the winter, the Blue Devils athletics department has seen new basketball flooring in the Dods gymnasium, a new athletes-only performance center and a new scoreboard, with more things on the way.

"I think [Fisk] made a whole new way of doing things," said Sports Information Director, Jerry Reilly. "Everything we do has a reason now."

Because of the new basketball flooring in Dods, the men's and women's basketball teams were able to move out of the field house, leaving room for track and field to be able to use the entirety of the space.

"Sometimes there was day-to-day chaos, but we knew what we were going to get when we were done with it," said Fisk regarding the challenges overcome to revamp athletics. "We're

all here to impact the students and impact the student-athlete experience."

Moving forward, Fisk looks to keep renovating and adding to the department, as well as begin to change the culture of Fredonia athletics as a whole.



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"I do think it's possible," said Fisk, answering whether Fredonia Athletics can break away from the Fredonia "party school" stigma. "I think that there is a tremendous opportunity for everyone to have fun in college, but still do what they need to."

Fisk also expressed understanding for the college lifestyle and referenced his time in school, saying "I was a student athlete, I was a college kid once, I know what it's like."

Fisk also said he isn't interested in competing with schools like Geneseo, who won 13 championships last year, or Cortland. Fisk wants to see the school become "the best Fredonia", and he said he wants it to be better than either Geneseo or Cortland.

Fisk took the culture into account when hiring one of the multiple new coaches or changing the titles of people already in the department. Since becoming athletic director, Fisk has appointed multiple people as assistant

athletic director, including men's soccer coach, P.J. Gondek.

"I'm excited to work with the right people who are a lot smarter than I am to decide what that five-year or ten-year plan [for athletics] looks like," said Fisk.

The department is currently looking towards some big events in its short-term plan. Once the last few new additions to athletics are complete, including new bleachers in Dods gym, the focus will switch to things like the hall of fame induction ceremony.

"Instead of doing it in Cranston, we're doing it in Dods so everyone can see what we've done with Dods," said Fisk.

Blue Devils athletics is changing, and it shows no signs of stopping.

For the first time, the athletics department will be regularly drug testing its athletes. Up to 25 athletes will be chosen at random twice a semester for the tests.

Testing like this will likely force a change in the culture of athletics, as it will force any Fredonia athletes who are participating in recreational drug use to either drop it completely or risk their seasons and athletic careers.

New and big things are happening in Fredonia athletics, and they are happening fast. With Fisk spearheading the movement, there is no indication that the Blue Devils will ever go back to the way they once were.

"Moving forward, Fisk looks to keep renovating and adding to the department, as well as begin to change the culture of Fredonia athletics as a whole."

Team Preview: Cross Country

RYAN DUNNING

Special to The Leader

Coming off their lowest SUNYAC meet finish in over five years, the men's cross country team is looking to bounce back.

The team is led by senior captain, Ethan Francis. Francis placed seventh at last year's SUNYAC Championship and is optimistic about this year's team.

"We are a really young team," said Francis. "I'm looking forward to developing the whole team to run well together."

Francis is the only senior on the men's team this year, setting an interesting tone for the season.

While the team is full of youthful inexperience, there is a lot to look forward to in years to come. With Francis at the helm, other top returners

include junior captain Aidan Pollard, sophomores Ryan Dunning, Matt Erman and Noah Watkins and junior Kyle Egan.

The women's cross country team is generating some excitement as well. Following their fourth place finish in last year's championship meet, the girls are ready to step it up this coming season.

They return three of their top five from last year's championship squad. They also bring back senior captain Steph Wojnowski, who missed last cross country season studying abroad.

Top returner and senior captain Hannah Kurbs has a lot of high praise for the squad.

"We have a lot of potential, a lot of fresh faces who are ready to go," said Kurbs. "They're all just really excited to run fast."

Emily Maguire rounds out the core of senior captains. This experienced group provides a strong leadership for the team. Other top

returners include sophomores Sarah Kurbs, MaryClaire Haseley and Caitlin Clonan.

Both teams will get a chance to prove themselves at home this year. On Oct. 27, Fredonia will host the SUNYAC Cross Country Championship meet. Featuring a course built by assistant coach Ryan Pericozzi, the race is primed to be fast and exciting. For those in their final season, this is something to look forward to.

"I'm really lucky to be able to have my swan song of cross country be at home," said Francis. "Being in front of my friends, family, teammates and schoolmates means a lot."

The 8000 meter men's and 6000 meter women's races will take place on a looping course spanning from the field outside of University Stadium to the trails near the main entrance to campus.

Cartmill to succeed Hill-MacDonald in coaching Fredonia Women's Hoops

KEVIN SIRACUSE

Special to The Leader

Sarah Cartmill knows what it takes to win.

After 13 years of coaching, including assisting the St. Bonaventure women with reaching the WNIT two years in a row, Cartmill is looking to continue her success at Fredonia.

"I think Fredonia is a very good spot to recruit to, and I think it's a great opportunity to win in the SUNYAC Conference," Cartmill said.

Cartmill was hired by Fredonia in late July, taking over for Linda Hill-MacDonald.

Hill-MacDonald left Fredonia in May to become an assistant coach with the Canisius Golden Griffins women's basketball team after compiling a 69-58 record and three SUNYAC tournament trips in five seasons with the Blue Devils.



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Cartmill said that there are a lot of advantages in coming to a school like Fredonia.

"The programming and the academic support, and the academic programs that are offered to student-athletes make it a very nice, fun place to recruit to," she said.

Before coming to Fredonia, Cartmill served as a graduate assistant at Ithaca, an assistant coach at St. Bonaventure and Binghamton, a head coach and assistant athletic director at Bard College and most recently, an assistant coach at Hamilton College.

No matter where she coaches, Cartmill says

that her teams will always play with heart and passion.

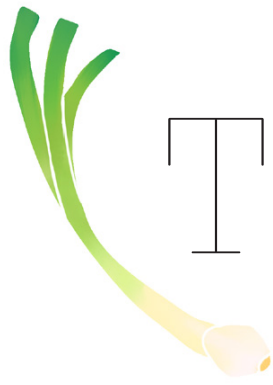
"We're always going to do the small things — get on the floor for a ball, help our teammates up. All the little things that are important," Cartmill said. "Main thing is, when you leave the gym watching one of my teams, you're never going to question how hard they play."

Cartmill also explained how her teams use a variety of plays, both on the offensive side and the defensive side.

"There'll be a mixture of some man and zone defenses, there'll be a mixture of some motion offenses, and some quick hitter sets," Cartmill said.

The Blue Devils first practice is set for Oct. 15, and their first game is set for Nov. 16 as part of the Penn State Behrend Tournament. With nine returning players, Cartmill is looking forward to her coaching her sixth team.

"It's an honor to be the next head coach of the Fredonia Blue Devils," Cartmill said. "I'm excited about this opportunity. I think Fredonia women's basketball is definitely in a place where we can contend for a SUNYAC Championship."



THE SCALLION

Breaking News: Hal Scallion placed on life support

SCALEY LION

Local Produce

In the small, dainty office on the second floor of the Williams Center, an accident shook the entirety of The Leader.

At some undesignated point over the summer, Hal Scallion reportedly slipped on a banana peel and snapped his stem on the way down to the ground, only to be discovered months later somehow still clinging to life.

According to reports, the banana peel was tossed by Scallion himself in frustration due to a lack of staff and a lack of an editor.

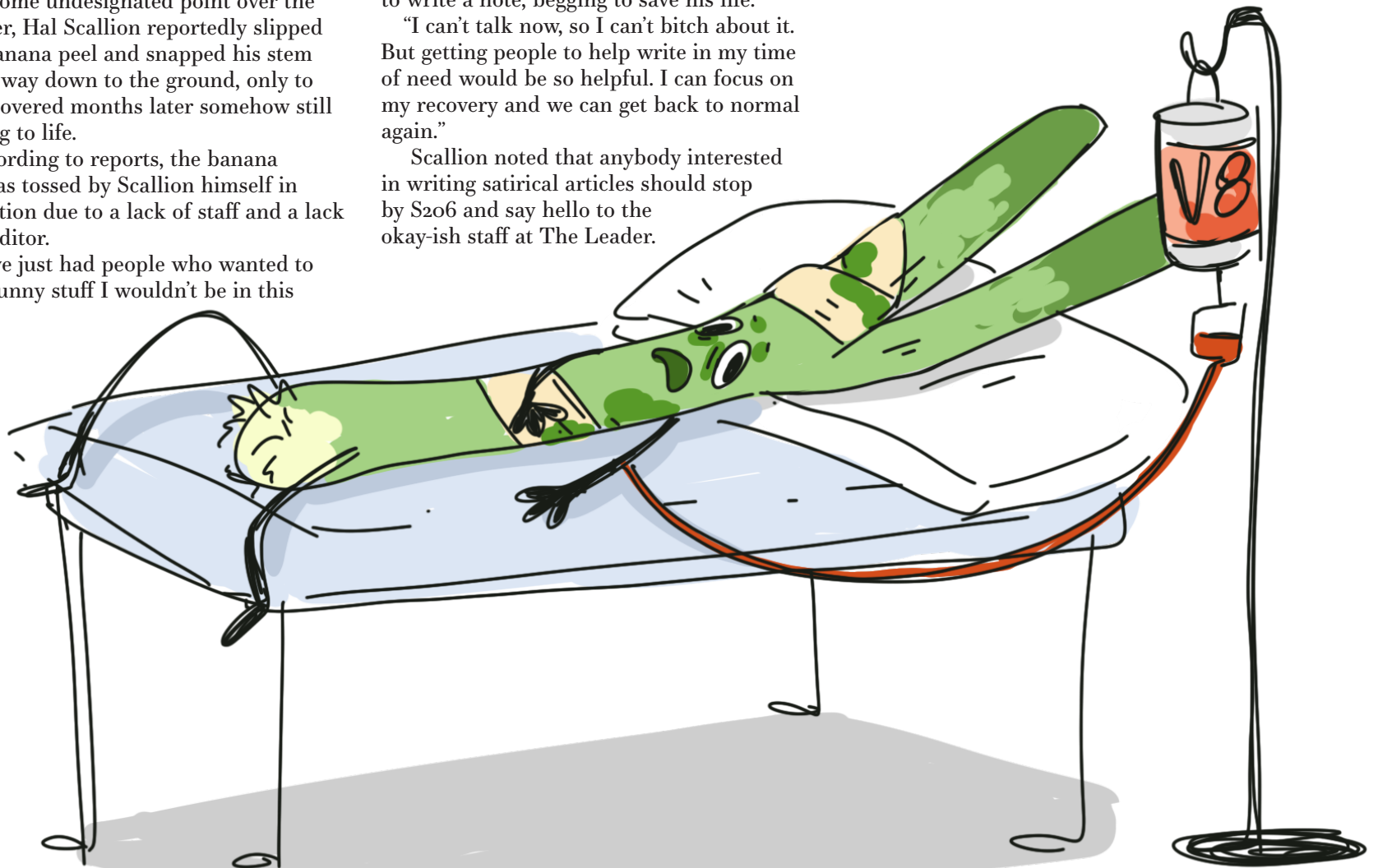
"If we just had people who wanted to write funny stuff I wouldn't be in this

mess," said Scallion, coughing up scallion juice in the face of the reporter. "What's so hard about it? You make shit up. It's not like it's a difficult task!"

Since this interview, Scallion has been rendered mute. However, he was still able to write a note, begging to save his life.

"I can't talk now, so I can't bitch about it. But getting people to help write in my time of need would be so helpful. I can focus on my recovery and we can get back to normal again."

Scallion noted that anybody interested in writing satirical articles should stop by S2o6 and say hello to the okay-ish staff at The Leader.



Mattea Gully/Art Director



Alissa Salem/Staff Illustrator

Introducing the Activities Knight

TRAVIS LEFEVRE
Editor in Chief

Activities night is full of wonder: clubs, live performances and eager freshmen ready to become trapped in a club, doing unpaid labor for the next four years of their lives. This year, Spectrum Entertainment introduced an Activities Knight to aid students through the decision-making process of joining a club.

Standing at six and a half feet tall and lance in hand, the knight walks the path and impales the collars of freshmen, only to lead them to a club they may not want to join.

"I love puns, so why not?" said a member of Spectrum's eboard. "I kinda just tossed it out there with no idea how we go about it. This was the best we could do on short notice."

Clambering down between the aisles, bumping into students and knocking around

his construction-paper clad armor, the knight described his night as a breeze.

"Yeah, it's pretty easy and it's a good workout for my arms to lift those kids and plop them in front of a random booth," said the knight. "The only issue I've been having is those damn LARPer. They keep following me trying to duel. I'm a knight but I ain't about that life."

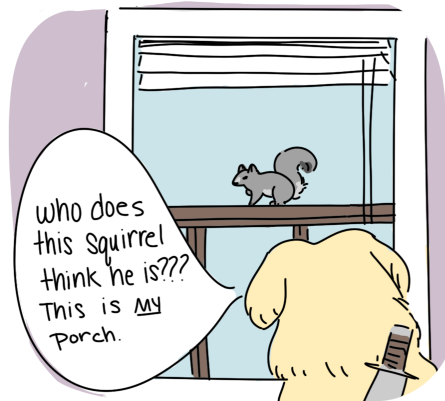
"The knight got me to join Much More Chill," said James Johnson, a freshman finance major. "I don't know a thing about singing, but he dropped me there so I thought it was my destiny."

According to reports, sign-up sheets for clubs increased ten-fold.

"I mean, honestly, it's great to see so many people sign up thanks to the knight," said Travis LeFevre, a journalism major and NOT a member of The Leader. "We'll probably only get a quarter of this list involved, but it was a solid boost for the ego."

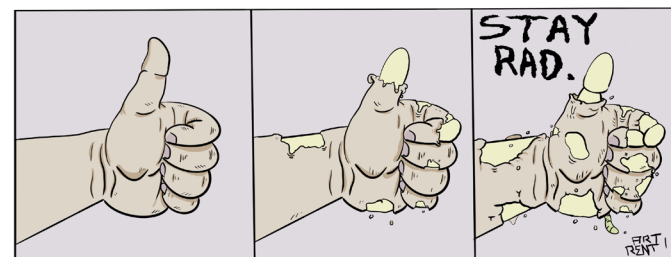
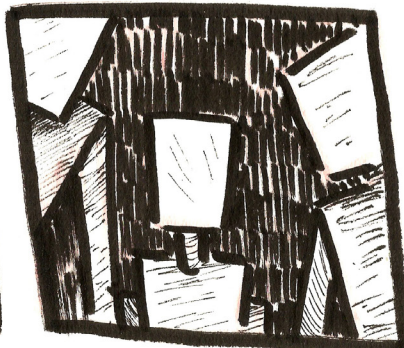
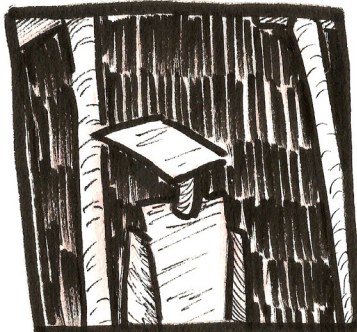
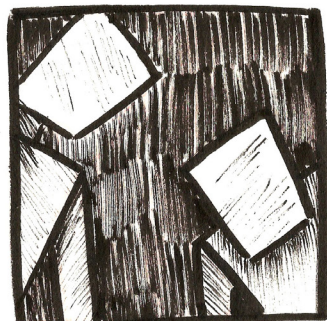
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Ask Fairy Godmother



Your place to bippity boppity bitch

Dear Fairy Godmother,

I went to Activities Night last week and I'm so overwhelmed. Like a hundred clubs asked for my email and I have a really hard time saying no so I gave it out like candy. I already have 57 emails. How do I know what clubs I should join? I've heard that some clubs have bad reputations but it's not like I can just ask them about it. I really don't want to be a hermit again this year.

Please help,
Aggressively Antisocial

Dear Antisocial,

Now let me preface by saying that what you've heard is true; some clubs on Fredonia's campus have pretty bad reputations. Whenever you put a bunch of young adults together there's going to be drama, it's just a fact of life. Some clubs have been called out for racism in the past, while others are just straight up creepy. However, the best part about college is that things are perpetually changing. Leadership could have been to blame for most of the problems you've heard about. So my advice is this: give everything a chance if you're interested. If you get bad vibes from a group, call it quits. For now, just trust your gut and make some damn friends.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

I already got in trouble with my RD because I had candles in my room. She said it was dangerous and a fire hazard but wouldn't listen to me about the hazards of praying to my dark Lord without the help of candles. My ritual was almost complete at the time of the incident and now I have to start all over. 'Tis a pity because I'll have to steal a new lock of hair from the intended sacrifice and I think she's already growing suspicious. How can I get around the candle rule?

Please help,
Obedient Servant

Dear Obedient,

That is . . . quite the predicament you find yourself in. Back in my dorm days they didn't have such oppressive rules, but I did occasionally use those cheap wax burners you can get at Walmart. That should work unless it's the flame that you need. If so, I would suggest finding a place in the quad where wind won't be an issue. I know, I know — being outside is not preferred but realistically how many times can you steal a lock of your roommate's hair? Just bundle up and get the ritual done. You'll thank me later. Oh, and do let me know how it goes!

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

The food on this campus is absolute trash. Everything is bland and not cooked right. The only places to get good food are Starbucks and Tim Hortons, but they're ridiculously expensive. I pay so much to go here that it shouldn't be a huge request for good food. They provide spices for us to add ourselves but isn't that their job? What do I have to do to get food that isn't trash?

Please help,
Hungry as Hell

Dear Hungry,

Campus food is aimed at the thousands of people who rely on it, not just you. I know you're used to mommy changing dinner to fit whatever you're feeling on any given day, but that's not how the real world works, Sweetie. You attend a public, state-funded university and thus should not expect exquisite cuisine. The food on this campus has its problems but you should be thankful that there are avenues provided for you to address it with administration. Not everyone likes things to taste the same as your preferences, so you'd best get used to the world not revolving around you. Learn to cook if it truly bothers you so much.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

I've had a great first week, but I have a question about how to address roommate issues. She's a super sweet girl and is SO respectful of my space but she has some . . . quirks that I'm starting to get uncomfortable with. I prefer to fly under the radar, but we've already had the RD in our room a few times and it's starting to stress me out. I appreciate that she wants the room to smell good and be a "haven of relaxation," but candles really aren't allowed. I'm not exaggerating when I say she has like 23 candles. Everything else is bearable except . . . she pulled my hair in my sleep last week. I think she was sleepwalking, but I lost a good chunk of hair. She apologized the next morning but . . . yeah. I don't want her to think I don't want to live with her, but I really don't know what to do.

Please help,
Too Nice

Dear Nice,

Your roommate sounds like a delightful, misunderstood soul. If I were you, I would try to make her feel more comfortable and maybe offer to go on a walk together. She probably just wants to spend more time with you, perhaps she's homesick and just really needs a friend. If you gave up on her now imagine the bad impression that would leave her for all roommates in the future. This girl needs you in more ways than one.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

POLICE NOTTERS

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Guest Scallywag

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018

10:43 a.m. Filippo Marsupo, 19, was charged with unlawful possession of hot pockets. "Technically it's not illegal, but I mean c'mon, where does a guy get 146 Hot Pockets? Impossible, right?" Officer McKinley was reported saying. An appearance ticket was issued.

6:55 p.m. Gerry Rinchcaster, 21, was detained for setting up a table at Activities Night with a club that had not been approved. The club in question was called "Let's Get Angry About Parking Club". More investigations ongoing.

8:12 p.m. Sasha Milenzo, 22, arrested after reports from UP that they missed arresting their favorite student.

Friday, Sept. 7, 2018

3:37 p.m. University Police were ordered by police chief to arrest any University Police on sight, with the reasoning behind it being "They haven't arrested enough freshman yet."

8:09 p.m. Appearance ticket was issued for Doug Chankles, 18. It was reported that he dug a hole on campus, stood in the hole, and shouted at the top of his lungs repeatedly "WHO PUT ME IN THIS HOLE?"

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

3:24 a.m. UP currently investigating sightings of a student mumbling and yelling while stumbling around campus. Witnesses say he wasn't drunk, just suffering from heatstroke.

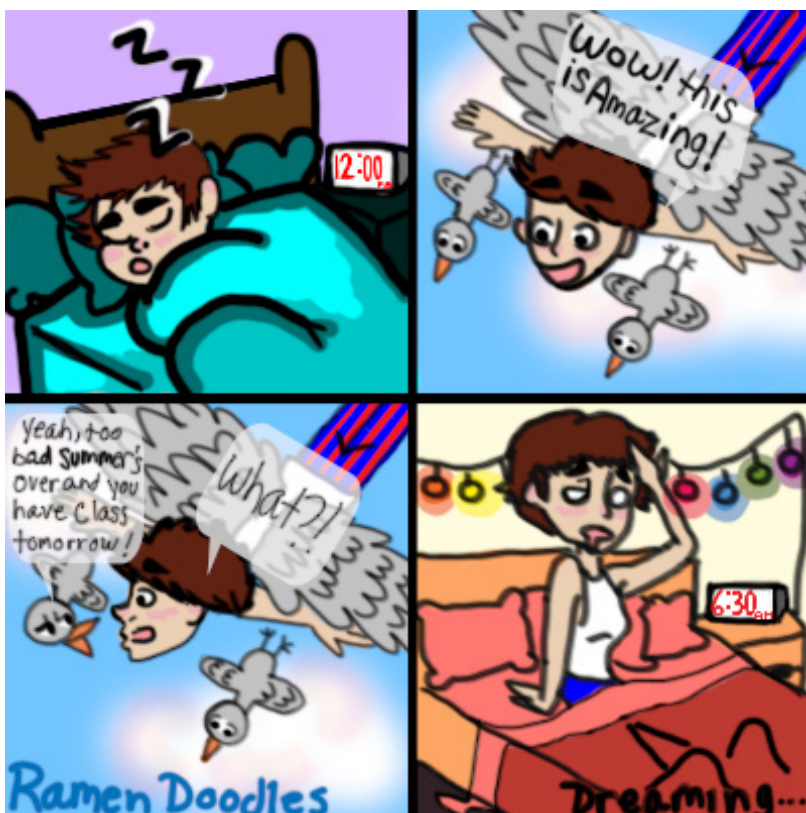
6:48 p.m. A professor of English was caught coming to school on a Saturday to catch up on work. An appearance ticket was issued.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

9:45 a.m. Marcus Gingerino, 18, was caught doing several cool backflips and wall jumps. Police reports say this man is "too cool for school."



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