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# NEWS

## Community Service Fair celebrates 15th year

Monica Manney

Special to The Leader

For students looking for opportunities to give back, the Office of Volunteer & Community Service will hold its 15th annual community service fair on Sept. 26.

“The purpose of the event is to educate the campus and community,” said Joyce H. Smith, “I want [students] to be able to build partnerships with the community [and] connect with the community.”

The fair has almost doubled in size since its start but has kept the same goal all 15 years.

“The biggest thing is being able to give back and helping others,” said Smith.

Some of the organizations participating in this year’s fair include: The Girl Scouts of Western New York, American Cancer Society, Boys and Girls Club of Chautauqua County, Catholic Charities of Dunkirk, Community Blood Bank, Greystone Nature Preserve, Cassadaga Job Corp, Fredonia Fire Department, Child Advisory Center and many more.

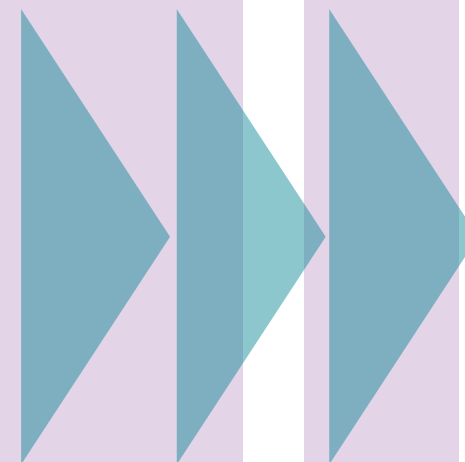
Students attending the fair do not need to bring anything except their desire to help the community and questions for the agencies.

The fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the Williams Center.

For more information, please contact Smith by email at [Joyce.smith@fredonia.edu](mailto:Joyce.smith@fredonia.edu) and by phone at 716-673-3690.



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### On the Cover:

A basket of flowers sits outside of the Fredonia Opera House.

Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

# Fredonia's budget crisis: Fact or Fiction?



**VICTOR SCHMITT-BUSH**  
Assistant News Editor

What was once a leaky but steady ship plugged by reserves and alternative fees has now begun to sink, according to Associate professor Dr. Peter Reinelt, who is also the chair to the Economics department. He and the administration have been ringing alarm bells about the school's budget crisis for years. That's right, a budget crisis, and now the campus has no choice but to buckle up and brace for the changes to come.

According to President Virginia Horvath, this has actually been happening since the early 2000s, but it wasn't until 2009 that the school's structural deficit began to rear its ugly head.

The great financial crisis began in 2008, according to the administration, and state support for college campuses in New York State has been dwindling ever since. It went from 45 percent in 2008 to under 30 percent in 2009. Since the campus's main sources of income are state support and state tuition, and the student population was declining after 2009, the school began to lose more money than it was gaining. This accounted for the beginning of the structural deficit that we see today.

"A budget deficit is a planned deficit," said Mike Metzger, the vice president of Finance and Administration. "So, when you're in a period of a structural deficit, you've actually incurred it and you are incurring it on a daily basis. This means that your expenses are greater than your revenues."

For a little while, Fredonia's Planning and Budget Committee was able to find little loopholes against this issue, but Reinelt said that it eventually caught up with them.

"[When it started closing in], we had to fill this gap somehow. We'd take temporary money from the technology fund or places that really shouldn't be taken from," said Reinelt. "But now the SUNY system isn't letting us do that anymore. We have to do things the right way now."

The right way, according to Horvath, is to cut and reduce programs and services on campus.

She explained, "We're looking and saying, 'What services could be affected? What services

do we have that we don't need anymore in our circumstances?'"

With the new PEPRE (Process for Emergency Program Reduction/Elimination), Horvath assured that these questions will be answered in the near future. At the moment, PEPRE is in the process of collecting data, so no departments have been affected by it, yet.

However, with the advent of one letter, controversy has spread like wildfire. Dale Tuggy, a former philosophy professor who quit recently, wrote a scathing email on PROFTALK chastising not only the President, but the administration as a whole for its alleged deception and incompetence.

"A 'structural deficit' is not a debt," Tuggy said. "It's an imaginary shortfall relative to desired spending. These imaginary numbers, often oddly shifting, are used to communicate the idea to the faculty that the institution has run out of money and is in the red. But it is not."

Although this is an unpopular opinion, it is important to consider that the college will be going on a hiring binge this year. It will hire 18-tenure track faculty and 20 full-time contingent faculty, both of which are more than normal. This is not how a college in a desperate financial situation acts. This has led to many questions on the part of current and previous faculty members.

"The year that I served as chair of the faculty Senate, I bought into Hefner's scaremongering about the money running out," said Tuggy. "There was mysterious talk about 'reserves' being drained and lots of complaining about how supposedly the state is practically cutting us off."

Tuggy believes that foul play was involved. Sure, enrollment was dipping a little and so the administration had to slightly rein in on their free spending ways, but there were other factors involved that led to more questions than answers.

"Many of us started to realize that that was the one drum they knew how to bang in order to get changes made," he said. "They somehow could afford new, expensive administrative positions and regular pay increases for administrators, all while still crying crocodile tears about the burgeoning 'structural deficit.'"

However, Reinelt begs to differ. Although it

might be the case that the ship was not sinking in the year of 2015-2016, he is convinced that as of 2018-2019, the school has completely run out of reserves. The school has no choice but to make these difficult decisions down the road.

"Since then (2015-2016), the reserves were starting to be used up," said Reinelt. "We had around \$10 million in reserves, and after 2017-2018, we used a couple million. Last year, we started not to use all of those other things to fill the gap. We used a lot more reserves."

According to Metzger, the alarm bells couldn't ring loud enough. Sure, the school has many other budgets that are doing fine, but the operating budget should not be confused with them. The dining halls (FSA), facilities planning, resident housing (DIFR), etc., all use different buckets, and you can't allocate resources from one bucket to another.

"Everybody thinks of them as being the same," said Metzger. "They're different corporations, different 501 (c)(3) organizations, they have different missions, different employees, but they reside within our 263 acres."

In terms of the operating budget, Metzger assured that all of the reserves have been depleted. They will not have any more reserves at the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Opinions are many and the facts are few, and Metzger is only interested in the facts. But, there is merit in claiming that the structural deficit is not the problem, but a result of the problem. The campus administration has done its best to present its budget crisis in layman's terms, but this has led to more questions than answers.

This is because more and more people are becoming aware that the rabbit hole goes much deeper.

What is really happening is not something that the administration itself can reveal with a few graphs and easily misunderstood terms like "structural deficit." The economics are way too complex.

Whether or not deception is in play can be determined only by "you," the reader. Your picking and prying is the only thing that will lead to forced transparency from the state to the administration, and then back to you.

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## POLICE BLOTTERS

### UNIVERSITY

**Monday, Sept. 10, 2018**

There was an unauthorized use of a credit card in the University Commons Bookstore. An investigation is ongoing.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018**

12:50 a.m. Zikomo McBurnie was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018**

2:50 p.m. Marc Mirville was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

8:12 p.m. Swar Dakein and Elian Lufta were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

The escort bus struck a raised manhole cover in Lot 19

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018**

Ice skates were taken from Steele Hall during open skate. The property was recovered.

**Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018**

1:34 a.m. Tyler Marchincin was charged with underaged possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was given.

### FREDONIA

**Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018**

5:33 p.m. Shamon A. Matteson, age 43, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018**

4:36 p.m. Bruce Jedrysik, age 37, was charged with criminal misconduct in the third degree and possession of burglary tools. Bail was set at \$25,000 cash and \$50,000 property.

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018**

10:34 p.m. Matthew Wronski, age 35, was charged with driving while intoxicated, driving on the shoulder and aggravated driving while intoxicated. Uniform traffic tickets were issued.

**Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018**

Bryan J. Rosario-Laboy was charged with obstructing emergency and medical services. An arrest was completed.

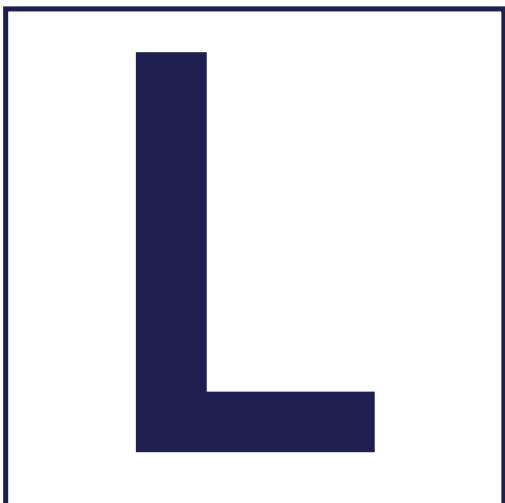
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# Life & Arts

## Making connections over coffee: Coffee Break

**LEAH GRAZIANO**  
Special to The Leader

Take a coffee break with Fredonia's international students.

Fredonia students came together for coffee, cookies and conversation on Sept. 12, in the Williams Center S226B, or the Global Connections Lounge.

Alex Phillips, a graduate student in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program (TESOL), is in charge of the weekly gathering.

"I love Coffee Break because it's a great way for international students to connect with the American population on campus and vice versa," said Phillips.

These events are for all students to come in and meet new friends while enjoying a free cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea.

You can also find other events with International Student Services (ISS) posted around the Global Connections Lounge.

Another event the club puts on is Conversation Club.

Run by Phillips, Conversation Club is a way for international students to practice their English.

The first meeting will be on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Global Connections Lounge with pizza and drinks provided.

International students can attend these other events with their "buddy" as part of the International Buddy Program.

The International Buddy Program is a way for international students to pair up with an American student mentor during the semester. It is sponsored by the ISS office.

Transfer student from Niigata University in Japan, Misato Ohashi, was one of the many attendees at Coffee Break. Ohashi is in her first year as an English major at Fredonia.

"I was just surprised as to how many events you have here at Fredonia. Like, movie night," she said.

"It's impossible to have activities at night in Japan because Japan is too strict. Here is more open for the students."

Coffee Break was founded by the assistant director of ISS, Jacob Czelusta.

"We started this our first semester, Fall of 2014, and we've been doing it every Wednesday since that time," he said.

Czelusta started Coffee Break as a way to have international students meet new people and to relax outside of their studies.

"We usually have 20-25 students that come every week. Some people even just pop by and just grab coffee and leave, which is fine, too," Czelusta said.

"We try to have this just as a way to maintain contact with students, too. Create a sense of community."

Konatsu Matsuoka, a sophomore music industry major, is also an international student from Japan.

"I think for international students or for American students, too, we can meet new people like, you know, each of us have a different major or background like from Korea, China, Japan and we can make more friends during this event," she said.

Matsuoka said that one event that stands out the most to her was an international dinner she went to.

"We danced to Korean songs and my future job that I want to do is bring Asian music to [the U.S.] or bring American music to Asian countries."

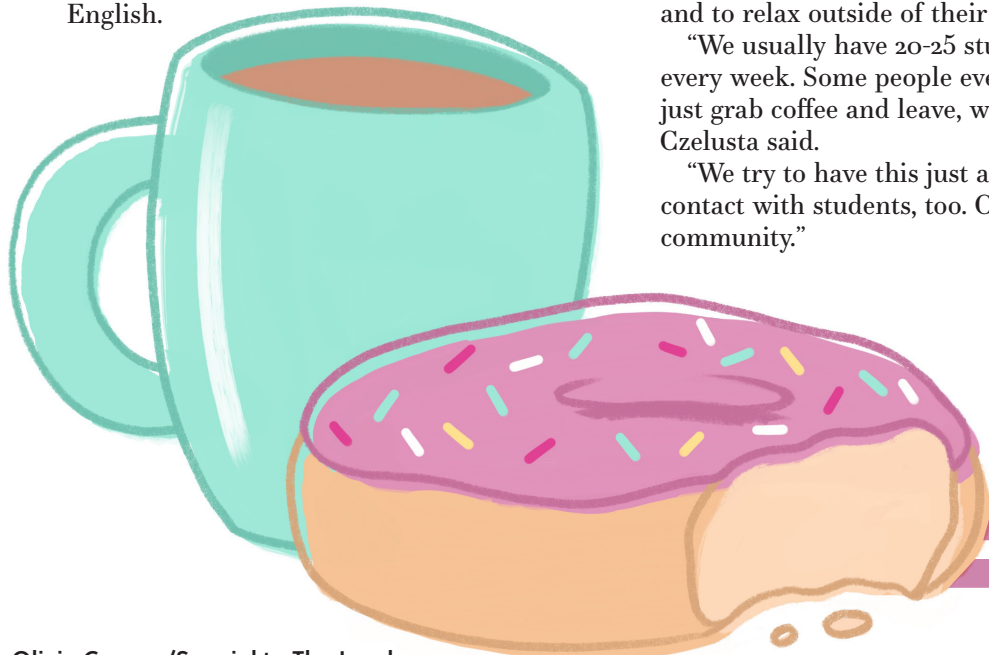
Many of the international students said that the one aspect of Fredonia they enjoyed were the people.

"I made a lot of nice friends in class so that was out of my expectations. That's one of the things that I feel really happy about so far. Everyone is so friendly and nice. Even professors," said Sammi Chueh, a transfer student from Fredonia's sister school, Shih Hsin University in Taiwan.

She is studying communications during the Fall 2018 semester.

"People are so nice to me. Also yeah, my advisors, too, and my buddy and professors," said Ohashi.

Coffee Break will take place every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.



# Canadian Brass Quintet: Preview

## ERIKETA COST

Special to The Leader

From 1600s Baroque music to 1940s Dixieland, the Canadian Brass Quintet has all kinds of decades to transport Fredonia students back to for their upcoming concert.

The internationally known group is coming to Fredonia on Sept. 21.

Their story starts in 1970 with two friends Chuck Daellenbach and Gene Watts. The two came together to play chamber music and eventually formed a quintet.

The marketing, publishing and managing of the business was predominantly done by Daellenbach, while Watts primarily created new repertoire.

The group has blossomed with many projects and accomplishments over the 48 years they've been in the business.

They have created over 130 albums, sold over 2 million albums worldwide and have created many original compositions and arrangements.

Touring worldwide is an integral part of the group's schedule. They've been to many places in the U.S. as well as Canada, Japan, Europe, Australia, the Middle East, the Soviet Union and South America.

But there's more to their agenda than just touring and performing. The group places a high value on teaching and mentoring students and musicians of all levels. They hold masterclasses regularly, and they've even created their own summer course at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

Members of the quintet are Chuck Daellenbach on tuba, Christopher Coletti and Caleb Hudson on trumpet, Achilles Liarmakopoulos on trombone and Jeff Nelson on horn.

Second year graduate and Fredonia french horn player Jodie White looks up to the group and offered some thoughts on the event.

"Fredonia has always had a way of bringing professional working musicians to campus and the Canadian Brass is no exception. As one of, if not the most famous brass quintet ever formed, I as well as many other students, are excited to hear their stories and learn the determination and dedication needed to be working full time in the music field," said White.

Brass player or not, students at Fredonia have a lot to say about their excitement for the concert.

"I have known about Canadian Brass for a few years now. After watching many of their performances online, I am excited to finally see them perform live — and in Fredonia. Canadian Brass has a reputation for great variety of repertoire, engaging performances and quality playing," said pianist and junior music education major Taras Logvis.

For the concert, Fredonia's faculty member Dr. Ji Hyun Woo will be featured in this event.

"We will play Rimsky-Korsakov's 'Procession of Nobles' and Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine.' Neither is

arranged by them," said Woo.

About two years of planning have gone into this event.

Among other faculty members who are especially involved in the process is Jefferson Westwood, the program coordinator and director of Rockefeller Arts Center.

"Jefferson Westwood has been planning this event for two years, and he invited me to play with them (Canadian Brass) to celebrate the Schlicker pipe organ," Woo said.

Conductor of Wind Symphony, Donna Dolson, has also been especially part of the process.

"She (Dolson) is working hard with our brass students to prepare for the Canadian Brass event," said Barry Kilpatrick, professor of Trombone and Euphonium.

The concert will be held in the King Concert Hall, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 21.

There will also be a Master Class in King Concert Hall, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 20.

The event has been funded by the Williams Visiting Professorship Endowment of the Fredonia College Foundation.



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# I'd App That: My Fitness Pal



Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator

***"It's when I'm extremely exhausted and sidetracked that I find myself not putting the important things, like my health, first."***

## ELYSE GRIECO

Life & Arts Editor

Let's be honest: we're all in the same boat as college students. It's only a few weeks in and we're already bombarded with school work.

It's when I'm extremely exhausted and sidetracked that I find myself not putting the important things, like my health, first.

That's why I love the app "My Fitness Pal."

"My Fitness Pal" allows you to track your health in an easy way.

When you first log on, the app asks you whether your goal is to gain weight, lose weight or stay the same.

It also asks you your basic information like your gender, height and age to help determine what a healthy weight is for you.

It's safe to say I'm the worst at eating healthy.

Sometimes I'll be up until 3 a.m. finishing a project, so I'll wake up late and not eat breakfast. Other times, I'll miss lunch.

The worst is when I'm busy all day and forget to eat until night time.

At that point, I'm usually so exhausted and hungry that I'm ready to shove any food I possibly can down my throat, typically something bad for me.

Afterall, it is so much easier to go to McDonalds and get a burger and fries than it is to try to go home and cook a healthy meal.

Even most of the food on campus is somewhat fattening.

"My Fitness Pal" has a diary tab that lets you track exactly what you've eaten throughout the day.

The app has the ability to take the specific brands of food you've eaten and tell you how many calories they contain.

It is even able to give this information from restaurants, like Applebee's and Burger King, too.

It takes the information that you provide when you first download the app and lets you know the amount of calories you should eat every day depending on what you are using the app for.

When I logged in, I told the app I wanted to lose weight.

It asked me how active I was, and I had to embarrassingly answer, "very low activity."

Don't judge me. I'm a journalism major. I type in front of a computer and drink coffee in my free time.

It told me that if I wanted to lose weight for my specific information, I would have to consume around 1,700 calories daily.

But, there is an exception.

The app not only lets you log your calories, but it also lets you log your exercise.

You can press either cardio or strength training and then can specifically record what exercises you do and for how long.

The app than can convert the information into the amount of calories you've burned and adds them back onto the calories you can eat that day.

For example, if I do an exercise for an hour and burn 444 calories, I can add that to my 1,700 and be able to eat a little more that day while still reaching my goal.

It also can track the amount of steps you take a day to let you know if you're meeting the standard goal.

I've been using this app for a few years now whenever I feel like I'm a little out of shape.

It's helped me lose and maintain a healthy body weight and make me feel better about how I feel and how I look.

Being able to download it on my phone and enabling notifications is a good and easy reminder to have in my busy life.

"My Fitness Pal" has an overall rating of 4.7 in the App Store and is available for free download.



# OPINION

## From the Desk of Josh Ranney, News Editor

Let's talk about fake news.

How did we get to a point as a nation and as a society that we would write off the news media as half garbage at best and half propaganda at worst? The obvious answer that everyone will probably want to say is that we're where we are now because of the 2016 election.

There's probably a lot of truth in that.

The polarization of the 2016 election literally split the country. Pundits say the nation hasn't been this divided since the Civil War.

Whether you like it or not, though, having the President of the United States call the news media "the enemy of the people," is absolutely mind-boggling. With that, I'm not surprised half the country has no trust in the media. I mean, the President said so, right?

Listen, presidents have gone twelve rounds with reporters for decades. But there has always been a mutual respect. An acknowledgement from the chief executive of the press' role and essential place in our country.

The Founding Fathers cemented the need for a free press in the First Amendment. It was something that they knew was vital in a healthy democracy.

Thomas Jefferson even went so far as to say, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

And as for President Trump's claim that the press is the enemy of the people, Former President and Founding Father John Adams would disagree entirely.

"The liberty of the free press is essential to the security of the state," said Adams.

So we've established up until a minute ago (in the grand scheme of American

history) the press has been respected and regarded as vital.

Going into the future, I'm not so sure the press as we knew it will ever be revived.

I had a professor raise this example: during the Nixon administration when the Washington Post broke the Watergate scandal, nobody, not even Nixon called the Post "fake news."

The public's reaction was to take the reports seriously.

If Trump were president during a time when the press was looked at in the same way, he would've been out a long time ago.

But because half of the media outlets are apparently "fake news," Trump could win re-election.

Now wait, I said could, so don't flip out. But nevertheless, having such a yuge (as Trump would say) distrust in the media does nothing but help the Trump administration.

It's not just the president or the polarized public that has created the distrust in the media. In a way, the media has done it to themselves, too.

With the rise of extreme fringe outlets like Brietbart, InfoWars and the Palmer Report, exacerbated conspiracies have sent people scurrying to their respective corners of the political spectrum.

These media outliers have grown while outlets that were widely respected and trusted have suffered. These are sources like the New York Times, the Washington Post, CBS, NBC and ABC.

In a hundred years when kids are learning about this time in American history in their history classes, what will the lesson be? What was more impactful on us as a society and as a nation? Our mutual hatred of those wearing MAGA hats and those with Bernie bumper stickers? Or our inherent and senseless distrust in the free press?



# Editorial: Dale Tuggy resignation email

Professors are meant to inspire and encourage the work of students. They are meant to be role models for the young people aspiring towards whatever career they choose. They are meant to be supportive.

While not everyone at The Leader has had Dale Tuggy as a professor, personally, many know of him or heard public lectures by him. He was known to be an incredibly intelligent professor within the philosophy department and was notorious for never hesitating to give his opinion.

This is where things get a little messy.

Tuggy recently, as in the beginning of the semester, sent in his resignation letter on PROF TALK. Within the letter, he aired all pent up grievances he felt towards the university and, to the surprise of many, towards his fellow faculty and the students of SUNY Fredonia.

It is crucial to mention that not all points discussed in the letter were unimportant and some aspects about the college he described were not false.

No doubt we have had problems on our campus. We have had several terrible instances with insidious students who don't represent the majority. Of course, not all people are the epitome of a "model" college student, but they

are students nonetheless.

Tuggy specifically attacked business and education students, calling them the "weaker" members of the student population. Those going to school to be educators are some of the most diligent, caring and dedicated students. Business majors are incredibly talented and motivated students. In both cases, they are pursuing something that they are passionate about and not a single person, especially not a professor, gets to tell them that what they are doing is "less than," in any way.

In terms of the points that have some bearing and importance on the campus, Fredonia is definitely facing a problem regarding deficits.

We can no longer afford to have as large of a student worker group in many of our institutions; our library, for instance, has less staff. There have been cuts to the amount of people on during the day because the university simply can't afford to pay them.

At the same time, our enrollment has increased and so has the need for improvements for the campus. A prime example of necessity is that there isn't enough parking, professors aren't paid enough, meanwhile our administrators are pushing 300,000 dollars.

There is no doubt that Tuggy is an educated

man. He was a professor here for a number of years and many students on this campus know him well.

That does not excuse the levels of disrespect that are evident in his email. To directly call out students and faculty that are working hard and striving to make the campus and the community better, is horrible.

To call anyone in higher education unintelligent and to claim that Fredonia is bringing in weaker students just because of the majors that are drawn to this university is unfair, unjustified and cruel.

Obviously, it is up to you to formulate your own opinion on the university, those that work here, those that attend and those that choose to leave.

It is never okay to make blanket statements about an entire group of people, however, and Tuggy should be ashamed, as a professor, for saying what he did about the students here at Fredonia.

This email was a direct attack to our student population, to our hard working professors and our administrators who, in most cases, are doing their best.

***"Tuggy specifically attacked business and education students, calling them the 'weaker' members of the student population."***



# VERBATIM

## What's the craziest thing your teacher has ever done or said?



**Ryan Howard, sophomore  
accounting major**

*"Probably telling us a story of how he got arrested back when he was younger for talking back to the police or doing something crazy."*



**Lara Burke, super senior  
business administration major**

*"I can't think of anything."*



**Julian Leib, junior  
public accounting major**

*"Well in one of my economics classes I had a teacher that made a bet with me and actually went through with it and let me smoke weed in class. Things didn't end well, let's just say, but I'm still here."*



**Aaron Klock, freshman  
liberal arts major**

*"Well from my experience, I remember this was seventh grade. I remember my teacher got into a discussion about her dog which took up the entire class. So next class, she came in really mad."*



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# COMICS



Arthur Renteria/Special to The Leader

## Jock the Lab "Attack of the tail!"



Mattea Gully/Art Director



# SPORTS

## Tipping The Cap

**RYAN DUNNING**

Special to The Leader

Salary caps are implemented in different ways throughout professional sports. Some leagues, such as the NFL and NHL, have a hard salary cap.

Breaching this cap results in harsh penalties, such as the revocation of championships or wins. A salary cap like this appears to be the most successful in its implementation.

Since the implementation of the NFL's \$120 million cap in 2011, there have been nine different teams to win the Super Bowl in the past ten years.

In the NHL, there have been 14 different teams to make the Stanley Cup Final in that time. With such diversity in the finals, these leagues set the standard for implementation and maintenance of a salary cap.

The NBA has an interesting situation of their own. Rather than a hard salary cap, the NBA has a soft salary cap and a luxury tax on top of that.

This means that teams are allowed to break the salary cap, but only in order to maintain players already on the team. This was implemented due to a sense of discomfort from fans that their favorite players would leave when they demanded too much money.

However, any team who breaches the cap faces a fine. If teams go even further over the

cap, they pay a luxury tax. This fine is then divided amongst teams in the league with lower payrolls. The NBA's salary cap has become essentially obsolete.

Teams like the Golden State Warriors are able to assemble super teams, with players taking major pay cuts to join them.

This past offseason, NBA All-Star DeMarcus Cousins took a paycut that exceeded \$10 million to join the defending champions. This means the Warriors now have a starting five comprised of exclusively NBA All-Stars.

They avoid breaching the cap by asking their best players to take slight pay cuts in exchange for a nearly guaranteed championship, while paying the rest of their team very little.

It has worked for them thus far, making the past four NBA championships and winning three of them. They're also the heavy favorites for this coming year.

A proposed way to fix this would be switching to a hard cap, lowering the cap and raising the league minimum salary. This would create a much more even

distribution of talent throughout the league by forcing players to take even bigger pay cuts if they wanted a super team.

The MLB has the loosest rules among the major professional sports, with no salary cap and only a luxury tax.

This means teams are able to pay their players as much as they want, and teams with more money and bigger markets are almost always able to out-compete the teams with less fans and less history.

This leads to common sayings about specific teams (\*cough cough\* Yankees \*cough cough\*) "buying" their teams.

This season, the Boston Red Sox have become that team. They currently have a payroll that is whopping \$23 million more than the next highest team.

Not so coincidentally, they are also the top team in the league.

***"Since the implementation of the NFL's \$120 million cap in 2011, there have been nine different teams to win the Super Bowl in the past ten years."***



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# Biology Graduate Turned Tennis Coach

**Emily Kulak**

Special to The Leader

Lakewood, N.Y., native Matthew Johnson joined the Fredonia sports family as the new women's tennis head coach in July of this year. Johnson returns to western New York after studying biology and chemistry at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga.

Biology wasn't all he was studying. While pursuing his degree and playing on the men's tennis team at Berry, Johnson was getting his certification from the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Fredonia was a logical choice for him as the opening of the head coach position lined up perfectly with his graduation.

Now, just three months out after graduating, Johnson is already head coaching a Division III team. Certainly an impressive feat at such a young age.

He seems to have an optimistic outlook about the transition from college player to college coach.

"My last season was in May, so I think I have a fresh new perspective that I can bring," Johnson said.

His players certainly agree. Avril King, a junior journalism and public relations double major at Fredonia (and an assistant copy editor with The Leader), had only great things to say about Johnson.

"Coach Johnson is a great leader and role model," King said. "This is the first time in a while that I've felt like I've been getting better as a player instead of staying the same skill-wise."

That praise holds a lot of weight coming from one of the veteran athletes on the team.

Johnson isn't worried about how his colleagues will see his age as a factor in his coaching abilities. When asked about the subject, he cites setting boundaries at the team level as the first place to start.

Interestingly enough, another Johnson joined the team this fall as well. Freshman Mikayla Johnson happens to be coach Johnson's younger sister. She is already showing great promise after being awarded SUNYAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week following her first matches as a collegiate player.

Johnson is not concerned about any signs of special treatment or favoritism toward the younger Johnson.

"It's an interesting dynamic," said Johnson. "Jane and Anna are sisters on the team and now we have Matthew and Mikayla. It's a whole family affair."

With Mikayla Johnson receiving SUNYAC recognition in week one and teammate Anna Chiacchia featured as a "Top Devil" in week two, it looks like Johnson was a good coaching choice.

Johnson plans on continuing his education at Fredonia with a master's degree in education. It is still undecided on whether that will be focused on tennis or biology. Based on the team's stats and accolades so far, let's hope he chooses tennis.



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# Impact of intramurals on college students

**Jordan-Christopher Purvis**

Special to The Leader

Growing up, I loved every sport that was introduced to me. I always dreamt of playing in Yankee Stadium alongside Derek Jeter, hearing the “Bleacher Creatures” chanting my name throughout the stands and competing for the World Series title each year.

However, even though the passion I had towards sports were strong, I was never able to compete at a high level amongst my peers. Entering my first year of college at Fredonia State University, I still had the desire to play some kind of sport whether or not I was good at it.

During Activities Night, an event held each semester at Fredonia that allows you a chance to learn about all the academic, athletic, music and social clubs on campus, I was introduced to Intramurals.

Intramural is a club that is offered to tons of college students across the nation which

promotes the team, league, tournament, individual and dual sports competition. If you're good or bad, if you're in shape or out of shape, it doesn't matter; intramurals is a level playing field for everyone.

“I have been doing this job for about 15 years now. I've always wanted to work in the field of athletics and recreation, because providing an environment where individuals can exercise, socialize and have fun is fulfilling,” said Geoff Braun who serves as the Intramural Director at Fredonia.

He continued on by saying, “Intramurals can only impact the students who choose to participate. We strive to offer a positive experience for all of our participants whether it's 10 students or 1000.”

This past week at Activities Night, dozens of students had a chance to sign up for various clubs that Fredonia has to offer.

This fall, intramurals will be featuring flag football, sand volleyball, indoor volleyball and innertube water polo.

“It's a good way to get students involved in sports and keep them active,” said Shaqri Ransome, a music industry major at Fredonia. “Playing has also allowed me to develop new friendships with people who share the same interests as me,” he said.

Intramurals are an important aspect on a college campus, because they can serve individuals of all different interests. Participants gain the benefit of physical activity, varied levels of competition, relieve stress and they're a great way to meet people. If you're a person who likes to show off, there is even chance at winning the coveted intramural championship tee.

“My freshman year I didn't know a lot of people, so I decided to join intramurals,” said sophomore Kevin Cintron. “If there is one sport I wish intramurals offered at Fredonia, it would be lacrosse. I played when I was in high school.”

If you are someone who is still interested in playing sports this semester, don't wait. Visit the Intramural office located at 154 Dods Hall.

## Can Rasmus Dahlin really change the game?

**AIDAN POLLARD**

Sports Editor

Hot take: no.

Rasmus Dahlin is a once in a decade prospect for sure, but he's going to need to develop before he can take on the veteran NHL superstars still in the league.

He can be great, but for a while he's going to have to learn how the NHL works.

Dahlin will not be the first high scoring defenseman to hit the ice, either.

Dahlin's superstardom basically comes from the fact that he's a two-way defenseman, meaning he can defend while also setting up great plays and scoring more goals than most defensemen.

The problem is, he's not going to be the only one in the league.

In the 2017-18 season, there were nine defensemen who scored 15 goals, more than twice as many as Dahlin scored in any of the leagues he played in last year,

most of which he dominated.

To be fair, Dahlin has been playing extremely well in camp so far, but that won't mean anything until he can back it up both during the preseason and in regulation games.

By no means should Dahlin be passed over in this upcoming season, but he should be allowed time to grow before the NHL and its fans put a superstar stamp on the kid. He's only 18.

His impact on the Sabres might be exactly what they need, though.

Bringing Dahlin onto this team alongside Eichel, Reinhart and Skinner could skyrocket the Sabres performance this year.

Dahlin might actually give the Sabres a shot at making the playoffs, which is saying something coming off of last year's dead-last finish in the NHL.

The Sabres can actually do something with this team this year if they can get them to work together well enough.

Last year, part of the problem was that the Sabres

defense was so weak that no matter how many goals they scored (and they played a good amount of high-scoring games), they still got beaten just because it was too easy to score on them.

Now with Dahlin at the helm of the team, they might actually be able to keep the puck out of the net (as long as he's on the ice).

But right now, Dahlin is keeping a humble demeanor.

“I will do everything I can to make the team,” said the first overall draft-pick.

This kid isn't even sure he deserves to be on the worst team in the NHL, so why are we treating him like a god?

Of course, there are no legitimate reasons why Dahlin wouldn't make the first line, let alone the team.

But that's not the point.

The point is that this kid is going to have to climb a steep learning curve before he can start making waves against NHL veterans. This isn't like when the Vegas Golden Knights came out of nowhere last year because the entire NHL wrote them off like they were nothing (because they were supposed to be). This kid is going to have a target on his back from his first shift on the ice.



# Peterman not the man for the Bills after disasterous week one

**ANTHONY GETTINO**

Special to The Leader

This wasn't what was supposed to happen. After the Bills first playoff appearance in 17 years, they played poorly enough to wonder if it will be another 17 before they go back.

Sunday, in a final score of 47-3 to the hands of the Baltimore Ravens, the Bills looked the part of the worst team in football. Led by Nathan Peterman, who posted a passer rating of 0.0 through the first half before playing his way onto the bench, looked awful.

It was one of the single worst performances a quarterback has had this decade. He was eventually replaced by 2018 first round pick Josh Allen, who also did not look like a savior, with a final stat line of 6/15 for 74 yards, and a passer rating of 56.

For all the offensive woes the Bills faced on Sunday, the defense did not help matters.

The unit that was the focal point of last year's playoff push looked awful, allowing the "elite" Joe Flacco to torch them to the tune of 236 yards and 3 touchdowns, resulting in a 121.7 passer rating. If this unit plays this bad the rest of the season, the team will have no chance to win.

Was there any good from this game? Yes. His name is Tremaine Edmunds.

Buffalo's other first round pick from 2018, the linebacker showed out with a final stat line of seven tackles, two passes defensed, a sack and a forced fumble. He looks like the real deal, and at just 20 years old, he will be a vital part in the rebuild that will come to Buffalo soon.

Without a functional offensive line to protect the quarterback or open any running lanes, this season should already be considered lost. Play the young guys, start the rebuild, and move toward the future with all these draft picks the front office has hoarded the last few years.

This whole roster has went from wildcard caliber to number one overall pick worthy in one offseasons time, when it really didn't need to be this way.

Who knows, maybe Josh Allen lights the field up for the rest of the season and makes the front offices decision to start Nathan Peterman look even worse once it's all said and done, but it seems unlikely.

Allen will be hit hard, and hit often by opposing teams defensive linemen. He also has no receivers to throw the ball to, and LeSean McCoy is getting older.

As for next week, the Bills will go up against the San Die . . . Los Angeles Chargers in their home opener, with Josh Allen making his first career start. As all Bills fans know, the Chargers are not a team you want your rookie QB to debut against. The last QB to debut against the Chargers for the Bills was the man himself, Nathan Peterman, who ended up throwing for 5 interceptions in the first half of that game. The Bills will in all likelihood lose this game, and follow it up with another loss week three to the Minnesota Vikings.

"Still going to evaluate where we are, dotting the i's, crossing the t's," said Bills head coach Sean McDermott.

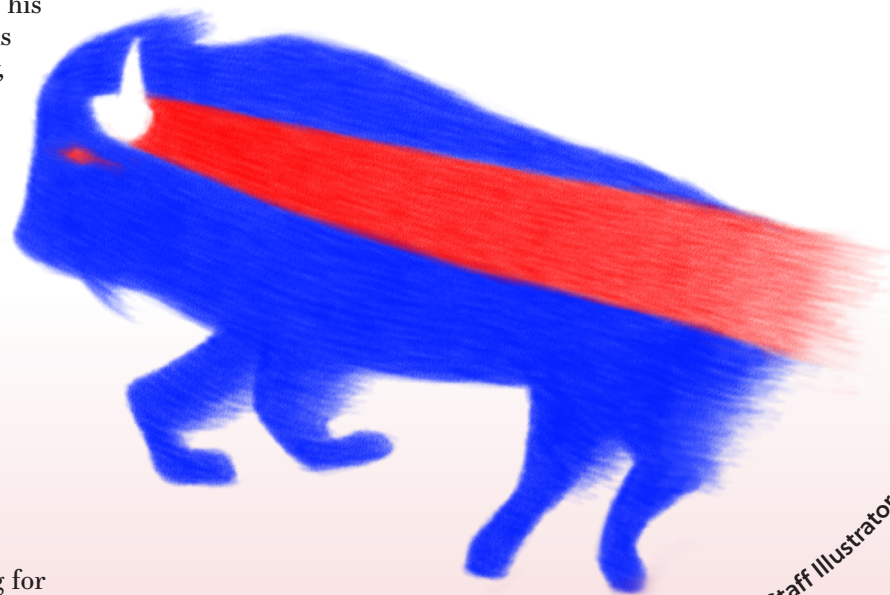
From week two we can conclude that the Bills are indeed bad. They are now 0-2, after a 31-20 loss to the Chargers at home.

Josh Allen was under pressure almost every play, resulting in a stat line of 18/33 for 245 yards and a passer rating of 63.3. He also threw his first touchdown, with his first two interceptions to go along with it.

The defense again got torched, with Phillip Rivers having a cool 23/27 for 256 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 143.2. For those of you at home keeping track, that's an average rating of 132.45.

That's bad.

At least the Bills scored a touchdown, their first of the season, with a run by Chris Ivory in the third quarter. This is the season ahead. Pain and suffering, with hope for the future coming from guys like Josh Allen, Tre White and Tremaine Edmunds.



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# THE SCALLION

## School Administrators use witchcraft to resurrect Fredonia founders

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Former Journalist

On the night of Sept. 12, the moon illuminated the immobile figures on Three Man Hill. Beneath their gargantuan feet, a taboo ritual took place to resurrect the great founders of the State University of New York at Fredonia.

This year marks the second annual Founder's Day, a day to commemorate some dead people who founded this school, or something.

"This year, we wanted to add a little bit of an extra flavor to this new Fredonia tradition," said President Virginia Horvath, whose face was half obscured by a menacing cowl. "I have to admit, this witchcraft stuff is pretty fun."

After lighting the last candle and saying the magic words, a blinding light shot down from the heavens, revealing three ghostly apparitions.

"It was quite the sight to see," said Cedric Howard, trying to disguise his voice with a graveled tone. We definitely knew it was him, though.

The chosen individuals for resurrection were Jesse Hillman and

Joseph Allen. Needless to say, the duo were not too happy to be brought back into the daunting existence we call life.

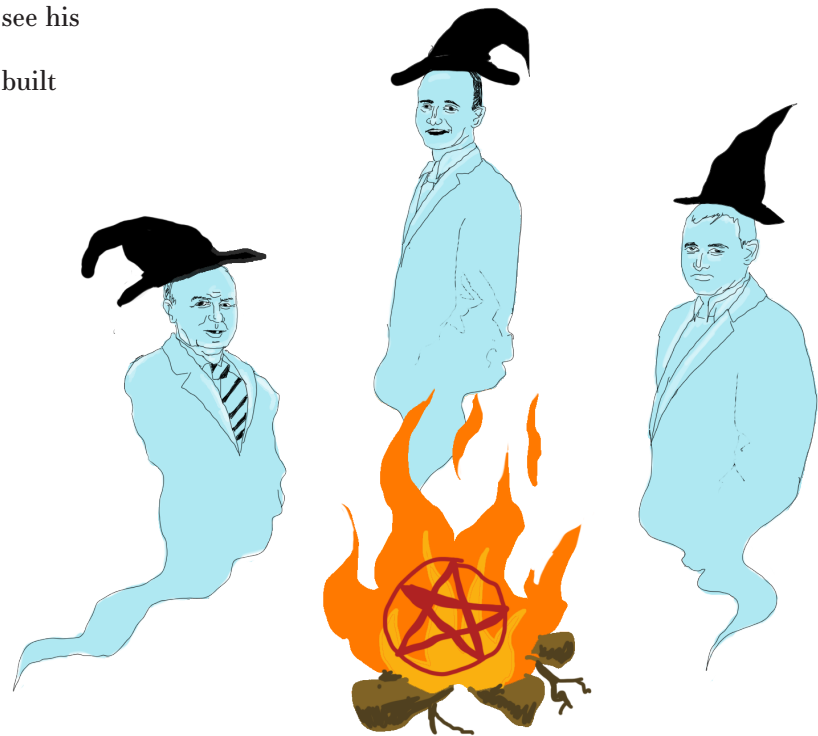
"Are you fucking kidding me? I get the first chance to sleep for almost 200 years and I get woken up because some kids want to meet me? Take me back, cast a spell to take me back," said Allen.

Meanwhile, Hillman was glad to be back, but not too happy to see his legacy on the campus.

"So, you're telling me that I built this music program from the ground up and all I got was a stupid opera named after me? Honestly? How ridiculous," he said.

Hillman and Allen released a joint press statement the next morning, stating that they will not be attending Founder's Day despite being summoned for that sole purpose.

According to the press release, Hillman and Allen will be "making friends with Jimmy Igoe" if anybody should need them.



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# Overly-ambitious freshman already president of four clubs

JOSEPH MARCINIAK

Guest Scallywag

At Fredonia, there are over 180 different clubs a student can get involved in. These clubs range drastically, from Chess Club, to the Interactive Theatre Society, to Chemistry Club.

With Activities Night almost two weeks in the past, many freshmen are already getting a footing on the new semester. One freshman, Molly Carmichael, has already become the president of four different clubs.

“My mom always said I was ambitious,” Molly said. “I just love power, ya know?”

Molly is involved in 34 different clubs and has built her way to the secretary position of 14 of these clubs, treasurer position of six and vice president position of nine.

“I’m already president of four clubs. That’s the Strudel Connoisseurs Club, the Seinfeld Reruns Club, the Definitely Not a Made Up Club Club and, my personal favorite, the Everyone Stands In a Room and Yells “HEY” Club (ESIRYH).”

She earned the title of president of the ESIRYH Club when she walked into the room and already yelled “HEY” before the standing president could explain to the new

freshman what the club was about. He was immediately impeached and replaced.

“It was the greatest sight I ever saw,” impeached president Louis Grandlemeister told reporters. Grandlemeister is happier than he’s ever been and gladly handed his position over to Carmichael.

Other club presidents were not so thrilled to be handing their positions over to the excited freshman, however. Jill Buckshank, former president of the Seinfeld Reruns club, has already started a rival club, known as the “Seinfeld Reruns Club But Molly Carmichael is Not the President Club (Name Pending).”

Carmichael became president after arriving at the first meeting and doing a spot on Jerry Seinfeld impression.

“She just walked in and kept asking me where Kramer was,” freshman member Laurence Crooglesnatch told reporters. “I’ve never actually seen Seinfeld, but I could already tell she was the best.”

President Virginia Horvath recently was quoted saying, “Honestly, I’m like three days away from just resigning and giving her my job at this point.”

Fredonia is expecting great things from Carmichael and can’t wait to see what her next move may be.

# Ask Fairy Godmother



Your place to bippity boppity bitch

Dear Fairy Godmother,

My mom always told me that the friends she made in college were the friends she kept for life. I'm a freshman this year so I was really hoping Mom's wisdom would prove to be true, but I'm starting to doubt it. I live in a suite because I thought it would be an easy way to make friends. The girls I live with were nice at first, but they've started to get kinda pushy, and thanks to that I haven't been in a very good mental space lately. They make me feel bad about hanging out with anyone other than them. I guess my question is: do I have to be friends with my suitemates?

Please help,  
Letting Mom Down

Dear Letting,

Darling, you are NOT letting your mother down. In fact, you're not letting anyone down. You need to prioritize your mental health before thinking of anyone else, even those harpies you live with. There are two ways to deal with this situation, and you'll have to choose which one will work best for you. The most straightforward approach would be to talk to them directly and air your grievances. However, if they're as vile as I get the feeling they are, take matters into your own hands. What is your favorite animal? If the answer is something small that you wouldn't mind living with, I have a spell you might find quite handy. Most of all, though, remember that you owe nothing to anyone.

Sincerely,  
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

My roommate is a disaster. He leaves food out all night and never cleans his piss off the toilet seat. Who gets to college and still can't make it in the toilet? Anyway, he's driving me nuts, and I was thinking of switching when his parents emailed me. They said a lot of stuff about how he really likes rooming with me and they appreciate how

I've "gotten him out of his shell," but also that they understand that he's a handful. These rich WASPs offered to pay my housing bill if I keep being his roommate. I feel bad that they have to buy their kid a friend, but come on! Should I accept it, or just move out?

Please help,  
In Need of Dough

Dear Dough,

Take the cash. Finesse your way out of loans and make this kid your best friend. Who needs a little voice in the back of your head telling you what's "best" when you have me telling you the truth. Make me proud.

Sincerely,  
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

I live in Igoe Hall and I swear the ghost is real. I hear him whispering at night and the loud footsteps keep me up. My roommate thinks I'm crazy, but I'm not. Should I burn some sage and pray, or do you think it will be ok?

Please help,  
Anti-Paranormal

Dear AP,

The first thing I will recommend is to purchase a Ouija board. This ghost obviously wants to talk to you and is having difficulties, so why not throw him a bone and help from your side? Once you have the board, make sure to use it alone in a dark room. You don't want the ghost getting scared. During the conversation, make sure to ask direct questions about how it died and other such things to test its honesty. Finally, don't bother saying goodbye at the end as manners are lost on spirits. Have fun!

Sincerely,  
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

Is it theft if someone keeps something I lost? I only ask because over the weekend I lost a shoe at a party and one of the guys refuses to give it back. It was stupid in the first place to go to a party thrown by that fraternity (you know the one), but all my friends wanted to go and I like to tag along. I got really wasted and ended up losing one of my shoes before my friend carried me out. I'm a mess, but I'd like my shoe back. The guy said that keeping it reminds him of our magical night together? All I remember about that night is running out at midnight. He's a weirdo. How do I get my shoe back?

Please help,  
Ella

Dear Ella,

Do not under any circumstances let this guy convince you that his motives are romantic. He wants you for one thing and one thing only: your feet. Yes, I know this seems odd, but there are strange men out there who get off on dainty little feet. If the shoes are expensive, go to a higher authority. If not, just leave it. Men like him can't be shamed, so they're invincible to most forms of argument.

Sincerely,  
Fairy Godmother

# HOROSCOPES

## ARIES

Be quick and spry, young Aries. Your collection of honey roasted peanuts has wafted through the air and has caught the attention of the local squirrels. They're coming for you.

## TAURUS

The outdoors and fresh air are the spices of life, Taurus. Just don't take in that crisp air too close to the creek as you may get a second-hand high – unless you're about that life, in which case; that's rad, dude.

## GEMINI

Your significant other has gotten their hands on the new "Spider-Man" game. Don't worry, their addiction won't be long-lived. In fact, they may even learn some new ways to woo you. Be on the lookout, for they may soon be hanging upside-down from the ceiling looking for a kiss.

## CANCER

Many days and nights have been wasted worrying about the classroom, cancer. Grades, attendance and the lack of trust gained from group projects are strenuous at best. At this point, the only option is obvious. Leave and live among the wolves. I hear the ones in Dunkirk are pretty friendly.

## LEO

Bad luck is coming your way this week. The only way to prevent such luck is to snatch 20 lanyards from the necks of unsuspecting freshmen.

## VIRGO

You will find yourself in a state of high morale this week, Virgo. This is due to you picking up and reading some random campus newspaper.

## LIBRA

I know you're torn about joining a sorority, Libra. However, don't fret. Nothing screams "I'm a college stereotype" more than sporting those fancy iron-on Greek letters.

## SCORPIO

It's been a fortnight since you'd logged onto "Fortnite," Scorpio. Kick back, log on, have some fun and bring home a Victory Royale for the boys back home.

## SAGITTARIUS

Living in Grissom can be a drag. You're an adult, Sagittarius, why do you need people who are the same age as you telling you how to live your life? Form an alliance with the Kasling girls, stage a coup, and take the Kirkland quad for yourselves! Vive la révolution!

## CAPRICORN

Be warned, Capricorn, winter is coming. Unlike Game of Thrones though it won't take seven friggin' seasons.

## AQUARIUS

Within the deepest confines of your psyche will you find all the answers you're looking for. Unfortunately, that may require some literal digging. Grab that plastic sand shovel and dig in!

## PISCES

Rumor has it, you got rejected at the bar over the weekend. It's okay. Remember, there are plenty of fish in the sea. More importantly though, don't pursue the fish if they say no, because none of those fish owe you a goddamn thing.