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NEWS

Convocation lecturer brings new perspectives to campus

DELICIA HOLDER

Special to The Leader

Why does equality matter? Why does justice matter? Why do they decide my fate?

On Sept. 26 in King Concert Hall, Fredonia was gifted the opportunity to hear from the father of environmental justice, Robert Bullard.

This lecture began with a speech from University President Virginia Horvath. She opened with the preamble of the U.S Constitution. Quoting the promise of liberty and justice for all without exclusions or exceptions.

Following Horvath's introduction, The Native American Student Union reminded the audience of a time last year when everyone in Fredonia, both on campus and within the community, spent days without access to fresh water due a water main break in town. Although people on campus were provided with bottled water, you never truly miss fresh, fast and clean water until you have to brush your teeth with a bottle of water. This reminder acted as a premise to a discussion about what millions of people go through on a daily basis in other parts of our own country.

Bullard is an African American environmental sociologist and writer. He obtained his masters degree in Sociology from Atlanta University and his PhD at Iowa State University. Bullard is the author of eighteen books that address sustainable development, environmental racism, urban land use, industrial facility siting, community reinvestment, housing, transportation, climate justice, emergency response, smart growth and regional

equity. He refers to all of these as one book because they are based on "Fairness, Justice and Equity."

At the Convocation lecture, Bullard walked the audience through the history of environmental injustice in America through each one of his 18 books.

This started with his 1978 book "Invisible Houston," as this was the beginning of his career fighting for equity and against environmental racism. This book is about the people they didn't talk about in the 'boom and bust' economic rollercoaster of 1978 in Houston, Texas. It was Houston's largest black community in the south at the time that suffered in silence. They had no power against the waste plants in their neighborhoods and so they suffered from polluted water.

"Approximately 25% of the population is black and about 82% of the waste is dumped in or near their neighborhoods," said Bullard.

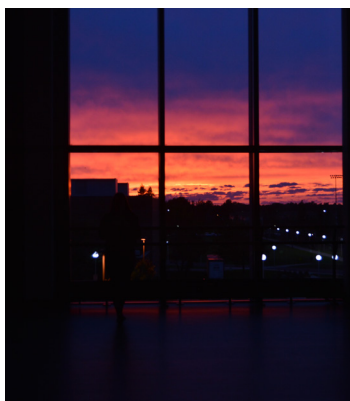
The community had to protest, to fight back against the power that was oppressing them. Everyone from men, women and children had to hit the streets to earn back their right to clean water.

Although this was spoken about briefly in all of his books, "Dumping in Dixie," which was published in 1990, was the first book to document the connection between waste dumping, pollution, income and race. When this was first read by publishers, no one wanted to publish it.

"They didn't believe me when I said environmental injustice was a thing," said Bullard. How could they? No one considered it a reality at the time that Bullard was doing his research.

This book later went on to become a

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On the Cover:

The sun sets outside of Rockefeller Arts Center's dance studio.

Vanessa Raffaele/Special to The Leader

Local government proposes new law, faces heavy opposition



VICTOR SCHMITT-BUSH

Assistant News Editor

Possible infringement of privacy is making both landlords and tenants wary of a Fredonia Village Board proposal to change the rental housing codes, but village attorney Dan Gard is fighting back. He believes that this is just misinformation and fear mongering spread by a small percentage of landlords who do not want to be held accountable for stricter housing standards.

“There is a very vocal minority of landlords who have gone above and beyond to try to create hysteria over this law,” he said.

As far as private information goes with this new law, the registry of both landlords and tenants will be required. That means that the landlord must file their name, address and phone number with the Code Enforcement Office in Fredonia, but for tenants, it’s much less.

“The only information that is required of tenants is their name and date of birth,” said Gard. “When you’re weighing privacy concerns versus laws, the balancing act is, ‘Is there a compelling government interest?’ In this case, there is.”

Gard indicated that on several occasions, the village has had to suss out unregistered properties that were in terrible condition.

“We found out even during this process, that there is one landlord in town that has four unregistered rental properties,” he said. “Those are the people that we are targeting with this law. You can’t tell me that with a landlord who fails to register, who believes that he should accept rents for a condemned building, that they have any reasonable expectation that these laws shouldn’t be enforced against them.”

Village trustee Michael Barris opposes this sentiment, however. He said in the Observer that there could be some serious implications that the Fredonia government is overstepping its boundaries.

“I ask that we have some deep thought on this issue,” said Barris.

The reason for his concern goes back to the era of the Nazi regime.

In the Observer, Barris said his first employer owned a medical office in Berlin in 1938, and her office was vandalized by police officers because they had all of her information and kept her under heavy surveillance.

“That is the basis for my concern,” Barris said in the Observer. “It set a standard in my life in terms of government agency information gathering.”

Gard begs to differ.

“Again, this is not an invasion of privacy,” he said. “Invasion of privacy would mean asking for their social security information, account information, or anything like that. We aren’t even asking for the gender of the individual.”

Village mayor Athanasia Landis agrees, and she said that there are three compelling reasons to have this law passed.

The first reason is to alleviate some of the primary complaints from residents about rental properties. The second reason is that she wants to make sure tenants have proper housing. The third is that of ensuring that the landlords treat these properties properly.

Landis said that the village has looked at every other municipality that has the same demographic as Fredonia, and it has decided to follow through with the proposal with these factors in mind.

Fredonia “[isn’t] reinventing the wheel or anything,” as she put it in the Observer, but the new restrictions in occupancy based on square footage have also raised some concerns among students and townfolk. Some landlords are worried that this new law is discriminatory against students.

“You’re saying we can’t have students in a certain size room,” said landlord Dave Bird. “Fredonia State has rooms smaller than closets [that they are allowing students to live in].”

The occupancy restrictions will be as follows: one occupant per 80 to 100 square feet, two for 100 to 130 square feet and three for 130 square feet or above. Prior to this proposed change, it was one occupant allowed per room of 80 to 120 square feet, two people for rooms 120 to 180 square feet, and three for above 180 square feet.

A 100 square foot room is 10 x 10, and a 180 square foot room is 12 x 15, so the standards being set are much higher.

The village is expanding required space, but the Observer said in an editorial that this is actually more of a limitation than an expansion.

“Fredonia benefits greatly from these students coming to town,” said the Observer. “And yes, there can be problems that come with them as there are with any other college town.”

This editorial suggests that this new law could underhandedly be attempting to soften the blow that the village experiences every year as a result of FredFest. Actions can be made to prevent chaos, but the author felt that progress cannot be made if the village is failing to be transparent about its true intentions.

Even so, Gard feels that the people involved in creating this new law should not be ashamed at all.

“I’m proud of this board,” he said. “I think that the residents of the village of Fredonia should be proud of this board and this administration for standing up against some very vocal people in the interest of protecting a group which does not have the ability to protect themselves.”

SA plans response to village law proposal

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

Recent developments indicate that the Student Association executives and General Assembly plan on crafting and approving a resolution on behalf of the students of Fredonia, declaring their position on this potential law.

The issue was first brought to the General Assembly on Sept. 27.

During the discussion, many students and faculty in the audience expressed their concerns and asked questions regarding the village’s intentions.

Because of limited information at the time, Student Association President, Connor Aitcheson and other executives were not able to answer many questions.

“We left that meeting with more questions than anything,” said Aitcheson.

In the days since, Aitcheson has reached out to members of the Fredonia administration and village leadership. These conversations have been in hopes of better understanding the motivations and reasonings behind the law proposal.

“I will be presenting all of the information I gain through my meetings at this Thursday’s General Assembly [meeting] and will encourage the representatives to take an official stance on the issue by ratifying one of two presented resolutions,” said Aitcheson. “One in favor and one opposed to the registry of renters.”

The General Assembly meeting to discuss the proposed resolutions will be held on Oct. 4 in McEwen G-26.

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textbook in schools. It was the first book, at the time, that spoke about environmental justice.

This sparked the beginning of a movement. Many others emerged, all fighting for the same cause which was to make sure everyone had fair access to water.

In 1991, the University of Michigan held the first ever Race and Environment Conference in which they planned the first People of Color EJ Summit to inform and try to find solutions to the issue. They expected about 400 people and got 1,000 people showing up to show their support for this new emerging cause.

In 2002, they expanded and held their second summit organized by 12 women. In 2003 they were finally able clean up the waste from the Warren County PCB landfill in 1982, 21 years later.

After this Bullard continued down the timeline, giving more examples of the environmental injustice that was, and still is, happening across the country. He showed the maps and statistic, breaking them down

to explain why southern states are more likely to be susceptible to disease, natural disasters and drought.

"It is no accident that the modern civil rights and environmental justice movements were born in the south — fighting racism." Historically, fighting that systematic racism has been seen in several aspects of life — education, jobs, the right to vote, the right to a fair judicial system and now the right to clean water.

"Where you live can strongly affect how you long you live." In "The Wrong Complexion for Protection," Bullard talked about this. He discussed how people of color had to learn a long time ago not to wait for the government to help you in hazardous situations. You have to help yourself.

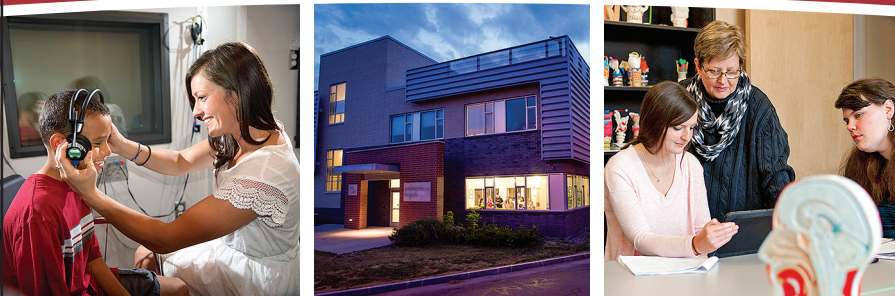
In closing Bullard encouraged us to learn about these things and start doing something about it.

"It takes a village," Bullard said. "Students have a major role to play."



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Kavanaugh sexual assault allegations: Calamitous for GOP, motivation by anger for social movements

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

National headlines for the past two weeks or so have been abuzz with one story: the hearings on Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh.

Brett Kavanaugh, Judge of the Appeals Court of Washington D.C., was nominated to the Supreme Court this past July by President Donald Trump. This coming as a result of Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement from the Court.

Kavanaugh is Trump's second nomination to the Supreme Court in sixteen months. Justice Neil Gorsuch was nominated by Trump in January of 2017 and confirmed in April of the same year.

Kavanaugh's potential confirmation would ensure a conservative tilt on the Supreme Court, potentially, for a generation.

Having such a conservative majority on the highest court in the land puts hot-button issues, like abortion, back on the table. Republicans have threatened, and Democrats have feared the possible repeal of the Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*, which determined that regulation of abortion rights is unconstitutional.

Professor Raymond Rushboldt, of Fredonia's politics and international affairs department, confirms that Republican interests in the Supreme Court are headlined by abortion rights.

"On many issues, the Republican party base is very concerned that the court deals with abortion, of course, but also government regulations, for example," said Rushboldt.

At the time of his nomination in July, Kavanaugh's confirmation was seen as a layup, given the Republican majority in the Senate.

In the months since, however, accusations of sexual assault against Kavanaugh have come out.

Christine Blasey Ford, a psychology professor at Palo Alto University in California, testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee last week that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her. The incident, according to her testimony occurred in the early 1980's when Kavanaugh and Ford were both in high school in the Washington D.C. area.

Kavanaugh has since denied all allegations of sexual assault, as he did during his own testimony to the Judiciary Committee as well.

"I'm not questioning that Dr. Ford may have been sexually assaulted by some person in some place at some time," said Kavanaugh. "But I have never done this to her or anyone. That's not who I am, it is not

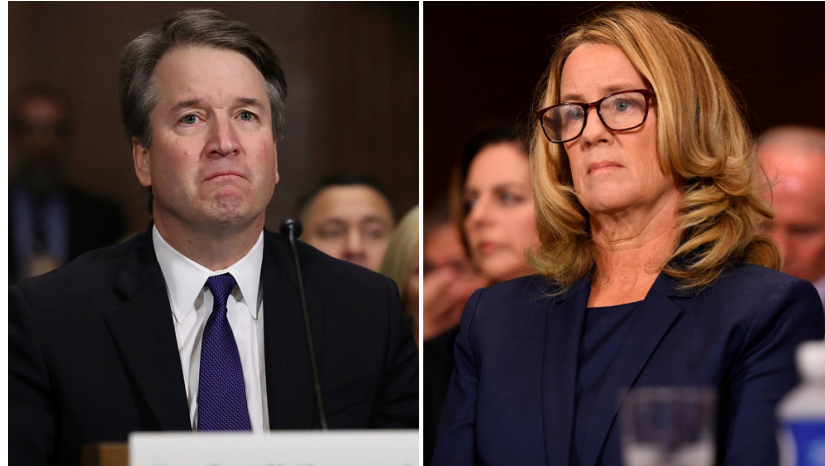


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who I was. I am innocent of this charge."

Perhaps surprisingly, allegations of sexual assault being levied at Supreme Court nominees have happened before.

In 1991, Justice Clarence Thomas was accused of sexual assault by Anita Hill. After an FBI investigation, the allegations were determined "unfounded."

This situation regarding Kavanaugh is different, though.

"While Clarence Thomas was accused of sexual harassment, this particular accusation is criminal," said Rushboldt.

The allegations against Kavanaugh have ignited the fires of polarization in America once again. In the age of #MeToo, advocates of social movements have pushed issues of race, gender and sexual assault to the front of the line.

Social media and protesters have chanted their message to believe the survivors of sexual assault. While others have been cautiously acknowledging the rights of the accused.

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) exploded in anger during Kavanaugh's questioning.

"This is the most unethical sham since I've been in politics," said Graham. "And if you really wanted to know the truth, you sure as hell wouldn't do what you've done to this guy."

Republicans like Graham have accused Democrats of launching attempts of ruining Kavanaugh's "good name" and reputation. At the same time, Democrats have accused Republicans of rushing this confirmation through for the sake of advancing the conservative agenda.

"Republicans want him on the court to have a lasting legacy while the Democrats obviously want to prevent it," said Rushboldt.

"Politically, it certainly may 'fire up the bases' for the midterms," said Rushboldt, "But whether it will change the overall outcomes remains to be seen."

Police Blotters

UNIVERSITY

Monday, Sept. 24, 2018

A student was harassed online. An investigation is on-going.

A sexual offense was reported. An investigation is on-going.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018

6:37 p.m. Jaclyn Frosolone was charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree and criminal tampering in the third degree. An arrest was made.

6:37 p.m. Hannah Gaidis was charged with criminal possession of marijuana to the fifth degree. An arrest was made.

A banner was stolen from Park Drive. The item was located and returned.

An escort bus was damaged in Lot 19. An investigation is on-going.

A bicycle was stolen from the Hemingway Hall bike rack. An investigation is on-going.

Friday, Sept. 28, 2018

2:53 a.m. Gina Sabella was charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree and petit larceny. An arrest was made.

A window was broken near the Igoe Hall photo lab. An investigation is on-going.

Exit signs were damaged in Chautauqua Hall. An investigation is on-going.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

12:54 a.m. Alyssa Boyd, Haley Fetzer, Logan Kilton, Emily Ruch and a minor were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

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FREDONIA

Monday, Sept. 24, 2018

Bradley J. Rybak, age 20, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Keith P. Sherwood, age 61, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Daniel F. Judson, age 19, was charged with failure to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018

Stephanie A. Lidlow, age 30, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle in the third degree, following too closely, operating an uninspected motor vehicle, driving

with an unsafe tire and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. Uniform traffic tickets were issued.

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018

Kristine M. Gehlisa, age 28, was charged with driving 44 miles per hour in a 30 mile an hour zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Friday, Sept. 28, 2018

Heather E. Ruia, age 20 was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Kullen T. Willard, age 20, was charged with violating the noise ordinance and underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

Thomas D. Parshall, age 19, was charged with violating the noise ordinance and underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018

Kelly S. Przybyaen, age 55, was charged with operating an uninspected motor vehicle. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

Aubrey L. Tutchell, age 26, was charged with harassment in the second degree. Bail was set at \$250.

Isaiah J. Lewis, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

Ryan C. Dunn, age 22, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Scott Ciura, age 33, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

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

Big Dipper: What's the scoop?



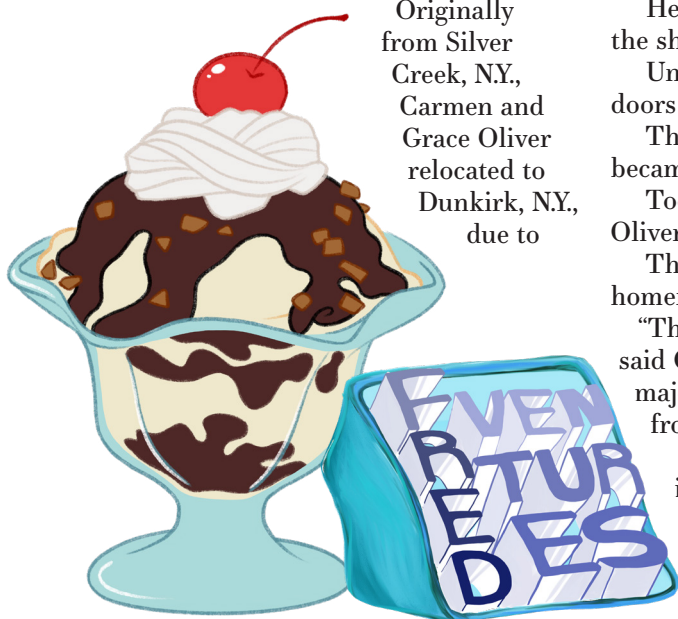
ELYSE GRIECO
Life & Arts Editor

After being a Fredonia student for the past two years, I can say that I always look forward to that first day in spring when Big Dipper reopens its doors after a cold winter season.

Big Dipper is a small, locally owned ice cream parlor and one of Dunkirk's hidden treasures.

It has been a family tradition for 50 years, but ice cream wasn't what they initially had in mind.

Originally from Silver Creek, N.Y., Carmen and Grace Oliver relocated to Dunkirk, N.Y., due to



Carmen's job with Nationwide Insurance.

He was warned that his career might fail due to lack of support in the area.

But thanks to his personality and people skills, he was able to become a million dollar producer within a year.

Oliver came to love this community that was so generous to him.

He purchased the Big Dipper building, originally a dairy, with intentions of one day opening it up as an ice cream parlor.

He also opened Presto Car Wash connected to the shop.

Unfortunately, in 2015 the car wash closed its doors for good.

The old building was then renovated and became an addition to Big Dipper.

Today, the shop is owned and operated by Oliver and his niece Terri Stoessel.

The parlor's menu consists of over 20 unique homemade flavors of ice cream.

"The triple chocolate ice cream is my favorite," said Cali Sullivan, a senior public relations major. "The fact that they make everything from scratch just makes it all even better."

Big Dipper doesn't only offer home made ice cream.

"We continuously are working in the back. Behind the scenes we are baking and making cakes. We want nothing

but the best product and to focus on keeping everything fresh," said Stoessel.

They also cater to dietary restrictions.

"We focus on allergies, vegans and gluten free diets."

But the menu isn't the only thing that keeps Big Dipper's customers coming back.

The business's atmosphere has helped turn the ice cream shop into a community staple.

"We don't consider this just a workplace, but instead a home," said Stoessel.

They thrive on making sure every customer feels like part of the family.

"Everything is thought out for our customers. We hope to keep an environment where the community can always be welcomed and to enjoy each other's company," she said. "We greet every customer when they enter our facility, The ice cream is just a special treat."

Big Dipper will be shutting their doors on Oct. 7 for the winter season.

Make sure to stop by before they close for a delicious treat. They will be open every day this week from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on how to ship ice cream across the U.S. and purchase gift cards, visit www.bigdippericecream.net.

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Life & Arts

'For Our Daughters' to live long and prosperous lives

MONICA MANNEY

Special to The Leader

Imagine after doing a monthly self check, you find a lump on your breast.

You brush it off, ignore the pain and wait a while to tell your doctor.

When you finally decide to talk to your doctor you are surprised to hear her medical advice: Ignore it.

For two years, this was Mercedes Holloway's reality.

"The doctors acknowledged [it]. 'Yeah it was there but you're twenty-six so it's not a big deal.' I would get my birth control, [and] come back the next year," said Holloway.

Although she listened to the instructions of her doctors, they're advice could have been fatal.

Holloway had no knowledge of breast cancer in her family.

But after switching doctors, her concerns were confirmed when she was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer.

"... My birth control was feeding my type of cancer," said Holloway.

And her doctors were feeding her birth control.

Incidents like this are not isolated occurrences.

Serena Williams recently highlighted the struggle of women of color in doctors offices after her doctor ignored her concerns postpartum.

Following her post, the internet was filled with similar stories of Black women who shared experiences of negligence.

"There's a separate type of treatment, there's disparities for Black women," said Holloway. "Take away my skin color. I'm still human."

After chemotherapy, Holloway used her experiences to fuel her action and ensure this negligence would not happen to anyone else.

That's when she created "For Our Daughters."

"We want to teach young women how to communicate about their health. . . A lot of the reason we don't is confidence, we don't want to bother the doctor. We get our one minute while we're in there and then we get the bill for a few hundred dollars," said Holloway.

If you have been to any doctor you may know the game of waiting only to feel like the doctor comes in and rushes out.

You wait in the waiting room for the doctor to come. The doctor names your illness, gives your prescription and sends you on your way.

"I'm challenging that one minute if it means that I live a longer, healthier life," said Holloway.

"For Our Daughters" travels to high schools to teach young women how to advocate for themselves. This way they can challenge that minute if it means a better understanding of their body and healthier living.

"If you're not sure you'll be able to remember, write down questions that you may want them to answer. . . No one else can speak for you, tell you what's going on in your head, in your heart [or] in your body," said board President Deidra Duell.

"The worst case scenario [is] you'll get the answer to your question and you'll know where to go from there."

In all of their messages, "For Our Daughters" makes clear the need for women of every age to stand up for themselves.

"You have to be your own advocate," said Duell.

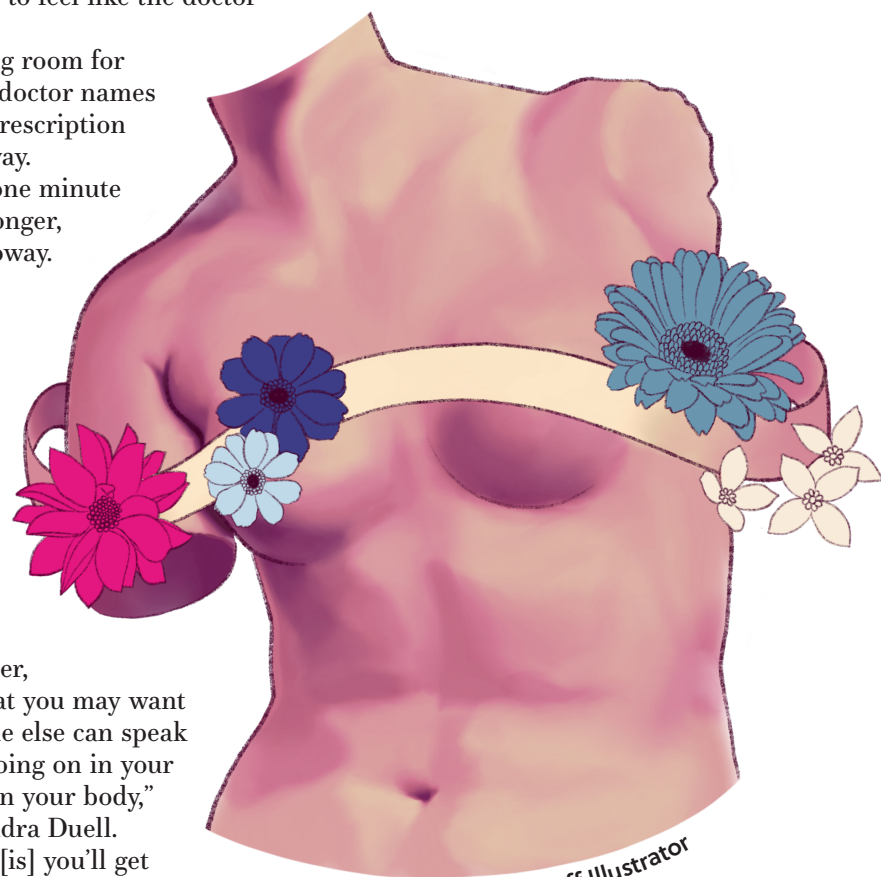
"You are the CEO of your health," said Holloway.

"It's your body, you determine. Do research. Listen to your body," said survivor Melanie Hicks.

Each year, Holloway throws a formal gala to celebrate the survivors who have become the champions of their health and are still fighting for themselves.

But the participants would much rather be called something else.

"I'm a warrior, I have the fight and scars to prove it," said Hicks.



Olivia Connor/Staff Illustrator

The gala gives space to survivors to celebrate their fight and helps raise money for their continued efforts in the community.

"The [gala] atmosphere itself [makes] you feel like it's just for you. . . like a party thrown just for you," said Hicks.

If you are interested in the organization, Fredonia's Sister Circle will be holding a pool party this on Oct. 6 to raise funds for the non-profit.

All of the proceeds will go to "For Our Daughters."

There will also be an option to donate without attending. Both can be handled in the ticket office.

Fredonia V-day's SlutWalk

ELIZABETH SUSKI

Special to The Leader

Can you imagine minding your own business and suddenly you're being called a slut?

Whether it's from the way you're dressed, or the way you're acting, you're called something that you're not.

That's what it's like for multiple girls around the world.

That's why Fredonia will be holding its very own SlutWalk this Wednesday hosted by Fredonia Feminists.

The nationwide SlutWalks started in April 2011, when a woman reported a rape to the police.

The police answered her by saying that maybe it wouldn't have happened if she "Hadn't dressed like a slut."

This initial walk inspired groups around the country to start their own walks to help bring attention to rape culture, sexual assault and victim blaming.

"The walks are a march or protest that [allows people] to come together to fight against victim blaming. Those who are called sluts are often

reprimanded because of what they are wearing or what they did," Opal Kelly, a junior psychology and criminology major said.

Kelly is the president of the Fredonia Feminists, an activist group on campus.

This year's walk will be interesting, especially with all the women coming forward to the media this past year about their assaults.

The more women that come forward, the more that get blamed for their assaults.

"The SlutWalk is an opportunity for students to fight back against the daily sexual aggression on campus," said senior accounting major Caitlyn Croft.

Croft is the treasurer of the Fredonia Feminists and also participates in many other groups on campus.

She joined the group because she was a part of activist groups in high school and she really likes the mission of the Fredonia Feminists.

The walk has inspired many women, including senior math major Megan DiLaura.

"It gives women a voice and also gives them confidence with what they wear," said DiLaura.

Besides the SlutWalk, the Fredonia Feminists also have many other events.

One of these is called "Take Back the Night" where victims share their stories (if they feel comfortable) within the group.

The event was actually started in the sixties and seventies, and it helps to build a community.

"Your story matters, but it's your story so you don't have to share it if you aren't ready," Croft said.

The SlutWalk will be held at 6 p.m. starting in the Williams Center.

For more information on the event and other events happening throughout the semester, follow Fredonia Feminists on Facebook.

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Lizz Knasick/Special to The Leader

Fredonia Marxonia: A Fall Fredonia Tradition

ERIKETA COST

Staff Writer

Hail! Hail Fredonia! Land of the Brave and Free!

This phrase can be heard around Fredonia this time of year, and the Marx Brother film, “Duck Soup,” can tell you why.

The film debuted in 1933.

“Duck Soup” takes place in an imaginary country called Freedonia, in which members of the community suffer financial problems.

After this film aired, the mayor of Fredonia, N.Y., Harry B. Hickey, was offended that the town name was used in the movie.

He sent letters to Groucho Marx and Paramount Pictures expressing his feelings.

Groucho Marx’s advice to the mayor was simply to, “Change the name of the town. It’s hurting our picture.”

Fredonia student Douglas Canham uncovered this story in 1987, and decided to turn it into a recognized and celebrated event.

With some help from his friends and other professors, the Freedonia Marxonia festival was born.

The event was held until 1990 and was picked back up in 2009.

Canham and the Hahn Family Foundation both support the event today.

Librarian Cynthia Yochym has been coordinating the organization of the event for about 5 years.

This year’s theme is “Influence of the Marx Brothers.”

The event will take place on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5, with an exhibit that will be open until Oct. 21.

“This year’s exhibit will focus mainly on the Marx Brothers’ influence on comedy, but it also mentions present-day references to the Marx Brothers in areas such as science, music, marketing and politics,” Yochym said.

“Students can come away with an awareness that the work and personas of these comedic movie stars of the past still resonate today. Their role in popular culture



Arthur Renteria/Staff Illustrator

began in the 1920s and continues to the 2010s.”

Every year the event features guest speakers and activities.

This year, the Comedy Center is coming to Chautauqua county community.

Executive director of National Comedy Center Journey Gunderson will be at Fredonia Reed Library on Oct. 5 at noon for an interview and lunch.

But the festival doesn’t just affect the campus.

The villagers of Fredonia attend events at the Opera House each year.

“Members of the community have attended the various Freedonia Marxonia activities in past years — the opening reception, film screenings, the noontime interview and presentations at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House,” Yochym said.

“In fact, last year we were very pleased that two people from Massachusetts heard about Freedonia Marxonia and came to every event. Our partnership with the Opera House has helped in reaching-out to the community,” she said.

This year, comedian Frank Ferrante will be bringing his show, “An Evening with Groucho Marx” to the Fredonia Opera House.

“I hope students at Fredonia will come see the show and experience the humor of one of the world’s funniest people,” said Ferrante. “My show is a tribute to him — part stand-up comedy, musical, storytelling, and every performance is different since there is so much comic improvisation,” Ferrante said.

Ferrante mentions how comedy that dates back to the 20s can be timeless.

“I believe students will see how timeless and exhilarating Groucho’s style is. He is very contemporary and inspired the current crop of comedians. What may be interesting to students is that ‘An Evening With Groucho’ began as a senior project when I was a student at USC over 30 years ago. And it is the reason I still work in the theater.”

The festival will open with a visit from Fredonia Student Opera Theater Association and Fredonia’s chapter of the American Choral Director’s Association to sing “Hail Freedonia.”

Other events throughout the week will include an art contest, a screening of the movie “Duck Soup,” a visit from guest author Matthew Hahn to discuss his book “The Animated Marx Brothers” and a Freedonia Marxonia exhibit.

Graduate School Fair

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Graduate School Week Schedule

Graduate School Research & Application Tips
Oct. 15, 4:00 p.m., CDO, 2nd Floor Gregory Hall

**Advance with Fredonia: Graduate Programs and
Application Steps**
Oct. 16, 3:00 p.m., Williams Center, S-204E

Financial Aid for Graduate School
Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m., Williams Center, S-204D

**Health Professions App Process by SUNY Upstate
Medical University**
Oct. 16, 6:15 p.m., Williams Center, S-204E

SUNY Albany Rockefeller School of Public Policy
Oct. 16, 6:15 p.m., Williams Center, S-204D

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Graduate School Research and Application Tips

Monday, October 15th, 4:00 p.m.
Career Development Office
Gregory Hall, 2nd Floor



Join us for a presentation on CDO Services and Resources:

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- Finding and applying for Graduate Assistantships
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Presentation:

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Williams Center S-204D



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ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE
OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & POLICY UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY State University of New York

Presentation:

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Learn about careers in
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Presentation:

Advance With Fredonia: Graduate Programs and Application Steps

Tuesday, October 16th, 3 p.m.
Williams Center S-204E

Join Wendy Dunst from the Graduate Studies Office to learn how to effectively prepare for the graduate application process. Graduate programs at Fredonia will be discussed and participants will have an opportunity to consult one-on-one regarding their specific program requirements.



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Tuesday, October 16, 6:15 p.m.
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Meet representatives and learn about
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'Uke' can do it

Cassidy Herman

Special to The Leader

Have you ever heard of a braguinha? Maybe you're more familiar with the ukulele. That's what you may be hearing more and more of on Fredonia's campus. Jam sessions keep popping up around campus.

First, a bit of history on ukes.

The ukulele was invented in the 1880s.

According to most accounts, a man named Manuel Nunes went to Hawaii with his friends, Augusto Dias and Jose do Espirito Santo, to work in the sugar cane fields. While they were there, they created the ukulele which was based on a Portuguese instrument called the braguinha.

It wasn't until 1929 that it was introduced in Japan. It grew in popularity there along with other forms of Western music.

In the 1960s, the ukulele began to be used in schools in musical education in Canada. Around the same time, the ukulele grew in popularity in the U.K. and the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain was formed.

The ukulele began to become popular in the United States in 1915 at the Panama Pacific International Exhibition.

The Great Depression provided another gateway for the ukulele. As sales of pianos, accordions and other pricey instruments soared, Americans helped boost the ukulele to peak popularity in the 1930s. That's when bluegrass music took off as well.

Ukuleles commonly come in four sizes: soprano, concert, tenor and baritone. There are also bass, contrabass and pocket. The tone and volume of the instrument vary with size and model.



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Guitars are bigger than ukuleles. The standard guitar has six strings while the ukulele has four. The fretboard of the ukulele is significantly thinner than the guitar, as well as being much shorter.

Although most ukuleles have four strings, some come in six or eight strings, and they are often referred to as a taropatch ukulele.

"I always joke that guitar is made for aliens. You need seven fingers to play because there are six strings. You need your thumb behind, then you need six fingers in front," said Dr. Jill Reese.

Dr. Reese is Fredonia's leading ukulele booster, leader of the jams and a bit of a YouTube star through her uke videos.

You may not know much about the history or facts about the ukulele or even how to play it, but Fredonia students and the community have several opportunities on campus where you can learn.

Dr. Reese leads different kinds of jam sessions for people of all levels of ukulele playing.

"My favorite part of running Fredonia Ukulele is playing music with other people, that for me is where I get so much joy," said Dr. Reese.

Community Jam Sessions, B-Side Uke Jam sessions and Uke-newbie jams are the levels of jams that Dr. Reese teaches.

Community jam sessions are typically the last Friday of each month at 6 p.m. No matter your skill level, you are welcome in this group. If you've never played ukulele, but are interested and willing to learn, these sessions might be the ones for you. Extra ukuleles will be provided for you if you don't have one so you can join in. Dr. Reese holds a "beginners and brush-up" session at the beginning of each Final Friday Jam Session.

B-side Uke Jam Sessions are new additions (since summer 2016) to the Community Jam Sessions. B-side Uke Jams are intended for ukulele enthusiasts who are a step beyond beginners.

Participants should be familiar with basic chords (C, F, Am, G, Em, D, Dm) and strumming. Although Dr. Reese welcomes everyone, you should note that this session moves at a quicker pace than her usual jam sessions.

Uke-newbie Jam (pronounced "oo-ka-noo-bee") is intended for beginners and those who would like to work on the basics. Participants will focus on some basic chords (C7, F, C, G7, G, Am)



Kathleen Fenton, Katharina Misanes, Shannon-Kate Kelly, Grace Doeblner and Katelynn Telford enjoy their time at the community Ukulele Jam



Kathleen O'Mara and Christina Carissimo learn to play the G-chord. Justin Saylee/Special to The Leader

and strumming.

Unlike the B-Side Uke Jams, this jam session moves a bit slower.

"The jams are just a great way to de-stress. I just enjoy playing the instrument in general and it's great to see people of all different interests come together just to enjoy playing," said Alexia Lekos, member of the Fredonia Ukulele club.

The most popular and best-selling ukulele song was "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz in 2008. The song was on the Billboard Hot 100 chart for a total of 76 weeks and sold more than \$6 million downloads. You can definitely find this song on Dr. Reese's YouTube channel and possibly at one of her jam sessions.

If you are unable to make any of the jam sessions, you don't have to worry. Dr. Reese has a YouTube channel in which she posts songs for ukulele players to play along to. You can find her on youtube by searching "drjillreese." "According to Google Analytics, the YouTube channel has had over 6,200,000 views and has almost 25,000 subscribers," said Dr. Reese.

The attendance level of these jams range from 30-45 people, but Dr. Reese would love to have more students to attend.

I'd App That: BuzzFeed's 'Tasty'



Courtney LeJeune/Special to The Leader

LEAH GRAZIANO

Special to The Leader

You've probably seen "Tasty" videos floating around your Facebook or Instagram feeds. You know, the recipe videos with foods that you wouldn't have even thought of making and end with "Oh, yes!"

But did you know that you can watch all of those videos on an app?

Buzzfeed's "Tasty" app is the perfect place to learn basic cooking skills.

This app has helped me learn how to make a killer chicken parmesan, delicious banana bread cookies (yes, cookies!) and a double stuffed-crust pizza dough.

Right now I live off campus, so I'm always making myself new dishes. But, I like to cook food that is beyond Ramen Noodles and bland salads.

"Tasty" has taught me the ins and outs of preparing easy and delicious meals.

What I like about the app is that it always goes beyond the basics. Where else

would you see a banana bread bottom cheesecake?

"Tasty" is extremely easy to use and navigate.

Everyday on the home screen, it always has a different themed list of recipes that you can scroll through. It has themes like "Pizza, I Really Love Pizza" or "Chocoholic."

The app allows you to find any recipe you want. Its search bar shows you all of the different ways that you can refine your search so that you can find the perfect dish to make.

For example, if you want an easy Italian, but healthy dinner, it would show you dishes like eggplant parmesan boats and easy chicken cacciatore.

"Tasty" is also a great app to find healthier options.

It has videos telling you what ingredient to swap out to make a more rich and delectable

dish healthier or videos teaching you four ways to make spaghetti squash.

It also provides an option in the app to show you vegetarian-only recipes. This is done by simply going into the settings and setting the app to "vegetarian" mode.

You may not know this, but "Tasty" is more than just step-by-step videos. In the app, it provides guides on all things food and kitchen related, like "19 Things That'll Really Wow Your Dinner Party Guests."

When I tell my friends about it, they aren't even aware that it is an app. They just thought "Tasty" posted videos on social media sites.

You can download BuzzFeed's "Tasty" in the App Store for free.



SuDi Wang/Staff Illustrator

OPINION

From the Desk of Elyse Grieco, Life & Arts Editor



Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

It feels good to be able to say, “It’s finally October!”

Saying goodbye to unbearable heat and hello to pumpkin spiced everything is what I’ve been waiting for.

But this month brings so much more to celebrate than just Halloween.

October is National Disability

Employment Awareness Month, a topic that I hold dear.

My stepbrother, Sean, is someone I look up to.

He is one of the most kind-hearted and optimistic people I’ve ever met. There isn’t a moment when he doesn’t have a smile on his face and isn’t making me smile, too.

When I was younger, I didn’t think of Sean as any different from me.

He was the only other person I knew who loved my mom’s spaghetti and meatballs and the movie “Lilo and Stitch” as much as I did.

We were inseparable; he wasn’t only my stepbrother but my best friend.

As I got a little older, it dawned on me that even though we had a lot in common, Sean was “different.” I don’t think anyone ever told me he had Down Syndrome. I kind of just pieced it together. I realized that even though Sean and I were the same age, I was learning how to write in cursive and he still couldn’t write at all.

Even though I knew how to tie my own shoes, my parents were still buying Sean velcro sneakers. When I started high school, the differences only seemed to become bigger.

The first time I went driving after I passed my road test, Sean was still sitting in the passenger seat.

When I was getting ready to leave home and start college, he was still learning how to read.

Just like any other person who has a family member with a disability, I was concerned for Sean’s future.

As I get older and think about my career path, I

wonder about his, too.

I didn’t know if he would have the opportunity to have a job and support himself.

I wanted to see if there was a way to ensure that people like Sean would be given the same chances that I have.

Thankfully, many organizations like The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) are working hard to create a world where people with disabilities have unlimited job opportunities.

The ODEP is working hard to create a world where people with disabilities have equal job opportunities.

After working with Aspire of Western New York this summer, an organization that helps children and adults with disabilities learn how to live as independently as possible, he was able to apply for an internship at a local nursing home back in my hometown.

The internship required Sean to go through an interviewing process.

10 other people were up for the position.

I remember the first time I ever went to a job interview.

It was for Starbucks, and I bombed it.

I wasn’t surprised when Sean woke up the day of his first interview refusing to go.

After talking to him and explaining that all he had to do was answer a few questions and be himself, he was okay.

Two weeks later he was hired.

I can’t explain how proud I am of Sean and all of his accomplishments.

Everything that most people take for granted is a challenge to him, but he never fails to overcome them. No matter what disability someone has, they should not be overlooked.

It is important to include them and give them the same possibilities as everyone else.

Try to use this month to acknowledge and embrace people who may be different from you.

We may have differences, but we are all more similar than expected.

Letter to the Editor: Dale Tuggy

A response to our previous editorial

A recent unsigned editorial here excoriates me for pointing out that business and education students are, collectively, weaker students than the overall student population. But this is a fact, unpleasant though it may be. The average SAT and GPA numbers for students with those majors is lower; look it up. I know that takes longer than lazily lobbing a charge that my truth-telling is "unfair, unjustified and cruel," but still, you should run the numbers. Pointing this out is not attacking those students, as if they were not trying or as if they shouldn't be at Fredonia. Rather, it is to point out that the quality of intellectual life at Fredonia has been degraded under the poor leadership of presidents Hefner and Horvath.

The intellectual abilities of your peers here matters a lot to the quality of the education you get here. In point of fact, professors in many of the more challenging disciplines have been pressured by both themselves and by administrators to dumb down the material in classes, so that not too many students fail. This directly impacts you, dear student.

Unfortunately, the low level of discourse around here is perfectly illustrated by the editor's ridiculous comment that "It is never okay to make blanket statements about an entire group of people. . ."

An educated person should be embarrassed to say something like this. Just this morning, I read in the news about a massive study that found that collectively, for whatever reason(s), girls are, collectively, better at reading and writing than boys, as early as the fourth grade.

Better that you should look into the actual statistics than howl about an imagined "direct attack on our student population." My letter as a whole makes clear that the school needs better leadership, in order to better serve the student population.

VERBATIM

What's your favorite part of fall?



**Julia Holynski, junior
theatre and video production majors**

"The Halloween traditions. I like Halloween night but even just kind of the weeks leading up to Halloween. People putting the decorations out, everything just feels very cozy and all of the pumpkin carvings happen. I like the lead up to Halloween more than actual Halloween."



**Hugh-Daniel Mosher, senior
history and philosophy majors**

"I mean there's so many things. I would say probably the weather because it's the perfect balance between being too hot and too cold or too sunny and too rainy."



**Tom Monahan, senior
communication studies major**

"I like seeing when the leaves change colors."



**Ashton Hicks, junior
molecular genetics major**

"Definitely Halloween. Halloween is my favorite holiday so this is the only season that I'm really into. Of course, my favorite is summer but Halloween is where it's at."



SPORTS

Tiger Woods, after half a decade of hardship reclaims the top spot in the golfing world

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

Tiger Woods silenced five years worth of critics and doubters by claiming the title of 2018 Tour Champion.

Woods' last win came in 2013, and since, has endured relentless pitfalls, including injuries, arrests and extramarital affairs.

Woods had, essentially, fallen from grace. He had been one of the most recognizable golfers in the world, given his sponsorship with Nike and forty European Tour wins along with his eighty PGA Tour wins. His long track record of success includes four Masters Tournament wins and three U.S. Open wins, as well as numerous other achievements and awards.

Woods' championship win was, for the most part, locked in the fourth round in Atlanta, having started the day with a three stroke lead. By the turn, Woods' pulled away by five.

Woods was on fire from the start. Notching a birdie on the first hole after a 160-yard approach.

On the 13th hole, he tallied his second birdie of the day, taking the five stroke lead over the second-place man, Billy Horschel.

On the last holes, his play sparked perhaps just a second of nervousness. He bogeyed two holes and flirted with calamity after nearly hitting into the water on the 15th. But Woods had amassed such a lead that he would not be caught. He ended the day eleven under par.

Ultimately Woods was crowned the 2018 Tour Champion for the first time since 2013. He had played in forty-one PGA events since then. His 80th win puts him second to the late Sam Snead, who had 82 all-time wins.

"To get to the 80 mark is a big number," said Woods. "I've still got, I feel like, a chance to play some more golf and maybe I'll keep chipping away at that number and maybe surpass it."

Woods acknowledged the long journey he endured the past five years, and the tribulations to get to that point.

"I just think that what I've gone through and what I've dealt with, I've gotten lucky. I've gotten very lucky," he said.

According to Woods, his health has been the biggest obstacle to overcome, and been the longest road.

"Just considering where I've been, what I've had to dig through and fight through and the amount of help I've had to have to get myself to this point. My body was a wreck," Woods said.

In 2017, Woods underwent surgery to fuse his lower back. Six weeks later, he was arrested for a DUI after being found asleep behind the wheel. Woods reported he was getting hooked on pain medications. He had said at one point the pain was so bad he couldn't hit the ball more than 60 yards.

Less than a day after his comeback from the abyss, Woods boarded an international flight to Paris where he competed with Team USA in the Ryder Cup.

Ultimately, Woods and the U.S. lost to the European team by a score of 17 ½ - 10 ½. Woods lost in the last round to the Spaniard, Jon Rahm.

Nevertheless, Woods' inspiring comeback revitalizes the originality of stardom in golf. It is a true comeback of historic proportions in the world of sports.

Said one Associated Press columnist, "Tiger Woods is back. And golf is better for it."



Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator

Inside the Dallas Mavericks workplace mischief

JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS

Special to The Leader

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is receiving backlash due to the developed findings surrounding sexual harassment inside Mavericks corporate workplace over the course of 20 years.

The story first emerged when Sports Illustrated Executive Editor John Wertheim received a tip regarding former and current Mavericks employees working in a hostile work environment, ranging from sexual harassment to domestic violence.

Wertheim published the story back in February, and since then it has brought a tremendous amount of concern from people involved in the sports community.

In Wertheim's report "Inside the Corrosive Workplace Culture of the Dallas Mavericks," he describes the workplace environment as toxic.

Wertheim worked hand in hand with investigative reporter Jessica Luther to unfold the truths on what was actually going on inside the Mavericks workplace. Both were able to examine several documents and conduct interviews with employees within the Mavericks organization.

As a result, it was obvious that these allegations were indeed true. This stems from incidents between female employees feeling

fearful around their male counterparts. Most importantly, incidents happened between female employees and Terdema Ussery, former Dallas Mavericks team president and CEO, former team beat writer Earl Sneed, and sales employee Chris Hyde.

"As the woman sat down, the team president and CEO, Terdema Ussery, asked if he could join her. She grew nervous, not because Ussery was her boss's boss, or because he was one of the most prominent figures in the Dallas sportscape. It was because his reputation as a serial sexual harasser of women preceded him."

Ever since the information had been brought to light seven months ago, the National Basketball Association had conducted their own investigation into the matter. Two weeks ago the NBA released the findings of their investigation.

"The findings of the independent investigation are disturbing and heartbreaking and no employee in the NBA, or any workplace for that matter, should be subject to the type of working environment described in the report," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver. "We appreciate that Mark Cuban reacted swiftly, thoroughly and transparently to the allegations in Sports Illustrated. Including the immediate hiring of Cynthia Marshall as CEO to set change."

Sports analyst Stephen A. Smith expressed his thoughts on ESPN's morning sports talk show "First Take," discussing how Cuban

should've been handled after the NBA's investigation.

"Mark Cuban should've been suspended for half the season. He should've been banned from NBA games, and the business of basketball. It also should've caused the Mavericks a first-round draft pick. Now that's suffering the basketball team and we understand that. The basketball side didn't have anything to do with the business side and obviously, it's collateral damage that comes along with that. But when you are the owner, you're not just the owner of the basketball side, you're the owner of the business side as well," said Smith.

Cuban immediately took actions to the incident by donating \$10 million to women's advocacy groups. Donating that vast amount of money wasn't a sign of Cuban trying to toss the situation under the rug. It was to demonstrate his focus on making sure that something of this magnitude doesn't happen in the future.

"I didn't know, and I don't have an explanation," Cuban said. "I can give you lots of reasons, but they don't matter. What does matter is it was my responsibility, it didn't happen, and I have to be accountable for it." He later added, "In hindsight, it was staring me right in the face, and I missed it."

MLB American League playoff preview

ANTHONY GETTINO

Special to The Leader

Playoff baseball starts tonight, which means it's about that time that everybody watches their first game of the season. Maybe their second if they're a real dedicated fan.

Tonight marks the Wildcard games in both the American League and the National League. It's a one game series; winner moves on to face the first seed, loser goes to their couch a loser.

The New York Yankees will be facing the Oakland Athletics in New York. The winner of this game will go on to face the Boston Red Sox in Fenway.

You have to believe that the Yankees have the advantage in this game, due to the star power in their lineup. They use the long ball more than any other team in baseball, and the short porch in right field in Yankees Stadium will be used to their benefit.

Both teams have shaky starting pitching, but commanding bullpens. Oakland has gotten a resurgent season from Washington Nationals castaway Blake Treinen at the back end of their

bullpen, with him posting a sub 0.50 ERA on the season.

The Yankees have bullpen ace Aroldis Chapman to bolster the group including Zach Britton, Dellin Betances, David Robertson and Jonathan Holder.



Tyler Meek/Special to The Leader

The keys to each teams success relies on their offenses. If the A's can get Kris Davis to crank some long balls with runners on, they have a shot.

For the Yankees, if they can get the long ball to fly, with their power hitters Aaron

Judge, Giancarlo Stanton, Gary Sanchez, Miguel

Andujar and Gleyber Torres, they will be able to breeze past this A's team and have a competitive shot at Boston.

In the divisional round of the American League, the Cleveland Indians will be facing the Houston Astros, with Houston having home field advantage as the second seed.

The Astros, winners of 100+ games this season, should be viewed as the favorites, with commanding starting pitchers to go along with a formidable lineup.

This does not mean that the Indians don't have a chance, as they have two Cy Young candidates of their own and a starting pitching staff that can go toe to toe with Houston's. They also have one of the better offensive infields in all of baseball with Jose Ramirez, Francisco Lindor and Josh Donaldson.

Both teams weaknesses are their bullpens.

This should make for long outings for both teams starting pitchers and a whole lot of late game thrills throughout this entire series.

The other American League matchup is the Boston Red Sox facing the winner of the Wildcard matchup (see above) in Boston.

Growing Pains for Buffalo

RYAN DUNNING

Special to the Leader

Oh my . . . did Josh Allen just?

Did the Bills defense just?

But what happened to the Vikings? Weren't they supposed to be contenders?

Weren't the Bills supposed to be the worst team in a decade?

The defense put on a clinic against the Vikings offense, which is highlighted by players like Kirk Cousins, Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs.

They held the Vikings to an embarrassing 14 yards rushing. They also forced three turnovers, leading the way for the offense to put up a season high in points.

Josh Allen played like the star they drafted him for. Throwing 15/22, with one touchdown and no interceptions. He also gave himself a signature play, with his hurdle of Vikings' linebacker Anthony Barr.

Allen also found his way into the end zone on the ground for two touchdowns.

The Bills rushed for a total of 128 yards, a huge step forward without former pro-bowler LeSean McCoy.

Man, was it electric to watch. For the first

time all season, Bills fans had something to cheer for.

Sitting in Cranston and hearing fans cheering during after the offense scored, or the defense forced a turnover.

With a final score of 27-6 on the road, the Bills finally looked like they had some momentum to build on.

Unfortunately, this fire didn't last long. This week against the Packers, Allen went 16/33 for 151 yards, with no touchdowns and two interceptions.

He also lost the ball for a fumble. Any of the confidence Allen had built up the previous week seemed to disappear.

The offensive line was an embarrassment. After a great week against the Vikings, they allowed Allen to be sacked a ridiculous seven times, for over 60 yards lost.

The Bills' rushing game was in the worst shape it's been all year. Not a single player broke 25 yards on the ground. They combined for 58 yards, McCoy leading with 24 yards.

The defense was exceedingly average. Despite ending Aaron Rodgers' streak without an interception, and forcing a fumble, they still allowed 22 points to the Packers.

Rodgers was his usual legendary self, sliding



and dodging Bills defenders in the pocket, throwing for 282 yards, and a touchdown and a pick.

The other Aaron, Aaron Jones, supplemented Rodgers' run and gun style with 65 yards on only 11 attempts.

A final score of 0-22 leaves a lot of questions for the Bills moving forward.

How can the Bills fix their rushing problems?

Can they protect Allen moving forward?

This coming week, they have yet another powerful opponent.

The Tennessee Titans will come to Buffalo for next Sunday's game tied for the lead in the AFC South at 3-1.

This could be a make or break game for this team. Starting the season 1-4 would be a horrible way to follow up their first playoff appearance in 17 years.

Bresjae Smith/Special to The Leader

Fredonia sports roundup

AIDAN POLLARD

Sports Editor

Last week saw Blue Devils tennis, men's and women's soccer, volleyball and cross country compete in SUNYAC competitions across the state.

Fredonia tennis bested both Oswego and Cortland, continuing their incredible season and making their SUNYAC record 2-1. Their full season record is 11-1, only falling to Geneseo.

Moving forward, the Blue Devils will face Oneonta, New Paltz and Plattsburgh on Oct. 5, Oct. 6 and Oct. 7 respectively.

On Friday, Fredonia men's soccer fell to Brockport before defeating Geneseo in a double overtime decision on Saturday.

The game was



Jessica Bennett/Staff Illustrator

decided with a goal scored 104 minutes into the game by Freshman Matt Cullen.

This weekend brought Fredonia soccer to a 3-6-1 record as they move forward to face Alfred, Buffalo State and Cortland on Oct. 2, Oct. 6 and Oct. 12, respectively.

Women's soccer faced off against Brockport and Geneseo in two SUNYAC matches this weekend. The Blue Devils bested Brockport 3-0 and suffered their first SUNYAC loss against Geneseo in a 4-0 shutout.

The Geneseo game brought Fredonia's SUNYAC record to 3-1. Moving forward, Fredonia will face Elmira, Buffalo State and ST. John Fisher College on Oct. 2, Oct. 6 and Oct. 9 respectively.

Fredonia cross country raced at the Geneseo Mike Woods invitational on Saturday, placing 13th as a team on the men's side with the women placing 7th as a team.

The women were led by Hannah Kurbs in 23:44 over 6,000 meters.

"We need to forget this race ever happened," said men's captain and senior Ethan Francis. "We need to move forward and just focus on racing next week."

Francis led the men's team with a time of

26:24 over 8,000 meters.

Both the men and women will be competing at Houghton this Saturday.

Fredonia volleyball went up against Capital, Ithaca and Allegheny last week.

The Blue Devils only fell to Ithaca across the three matches.

The weekend saw Fredonia's record increase to 11-5 moving into SUNYAC matches this week.

The Blue Devils will face Oswego on Oct. 5 and Potsdam and Oneonta on Oct. 6.

Strong performances came through in all of the Fredonia teams last week.

Some teams will have to continue to find their groove throughout the fall season but highlights like the men's soccer win against Geneseo will propel Fredonia into the next week, filled with SUNYAC matchups.

Home games and matchups include the Buff State men's soccer match and women's soccer against St. John Fisher.



THE SCALLION

The last pile of snow from March withers away

JOSEPH MARCINIAK

Staff Scallywag

Friday, September 28th, 2018 — At approximately 3:56 a.m. more than 3,000,000 people were watching a live stream of the snow pile outside of Dods Hall as it slowly melted. The Fredonia Curling Team was wide awake and surrounding the pile during the stream, offering words of encouragement to the pile as it slowly melted.

“It’s really an incredible sight. A great way to show the ending of the 2017/2018 winter season.” Coach Dunkless said. Many of the team members were chanting “GO, GO, GO!” as the night went on.

Almost seven months after the snow pile reached its peak from Zambonis and snow plows, it finally melted away.

The snow almost didn’t melt naturally however. On April 24 at 3:54 p.m. a student attempted to make the snow melt faster by breathing heavily onto it. Police officer Lionel was quick to the scene.

“I saw on our 24/7 livestream footage of the snow pile that a student was trying to make it melt quicker by breathing heavily onto it,” Officer Lionel said, “I immediately ran to the pile and tackled him to the ground. Makes me sick to my stomach seeing criminals like him, I just hope he’s in the slammer for years to come.”

Craig Clamm, 19, the offender of the crime, now speaks from his prison cell, “It was just asking for it. I could practically hear the snow yelling at me ‘BREATHE ON ME, BREATHE ON ME!!!’” Clamm has been imprisoned for 15-30 years.

Since then, however, the snow has melted fairly naturally with the help of the University Police. “Fredonia is a busy campus, we don’t



Definitely the snow pile from March. Probably. Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

have time to arrest people for petty crimes that don’t really hurt anybody. Instead, we decided to devote much of our time to make sure the snow melts naturally,” UP spokesperson Ronald Flipperguy said. “Our first course of action was to set up our 24 hour livestream footage of the pile, which we stream over ‘Twitch.tv.’ In fact, the stream has helped raise millions in funds for the school,”

Archeology professor Dr. Jones was on the site when the melting occurred. “As it melted I noticed something shiny in the snow, so I waited for a while until it completely thawed. Now I’m proud to announce that the Archeology Department of Fredonia is in possession of the cup of Jesus Christ. The Holy Grail, if you will.”

Other professors were not so lucky. Professor of biology, Dr. Gringleman said “I thought I’d

have the chance to find something I could use to teach my students about cell structure, like a dead animal we could study, but all I found was an alive Psychology major who fell into the snow pile several months ago and froze. I had to bring the poor kid home and warm him up.”

The now moist ground outside of Dods Hall will soon enough be covered again, with winter just around the corner. University Police is already preparing and training new police just to protect the upcoming snow pile.

“We’ve requested that guard towers be built around Dods Hall, and we’re still awaiting approval for the project,” Flipperguy said. “If our mission succeeds, you might see this pile make it to October, or even November next year.”

Trump resigns to pursue comedy

DOM MAGISTRO

Guest Scallywag

Following his address at the recent United Nations meeting, Trump has announced his resignation from his position. The reaction wasn't the one he was hoping for, but that's okay. Trump plans to start in New York City and fund his own tour using his own political escapades and time as a WWE announcer as the basis for his material.

"Mike Pence is a very good man — it's true! He'll be fine leading the country. Not as good as me. I don't think anyone is going to be — or was ever as good as me, for that matter. I'm hilarious, I'm going to headline so many comedy clubs. I'm starting with Radio City Music Hall. I've hosted SNL, I've seen all the Netflix specials, I'm gonna be huge. I'll be the funniest comedian in terms of laughter."

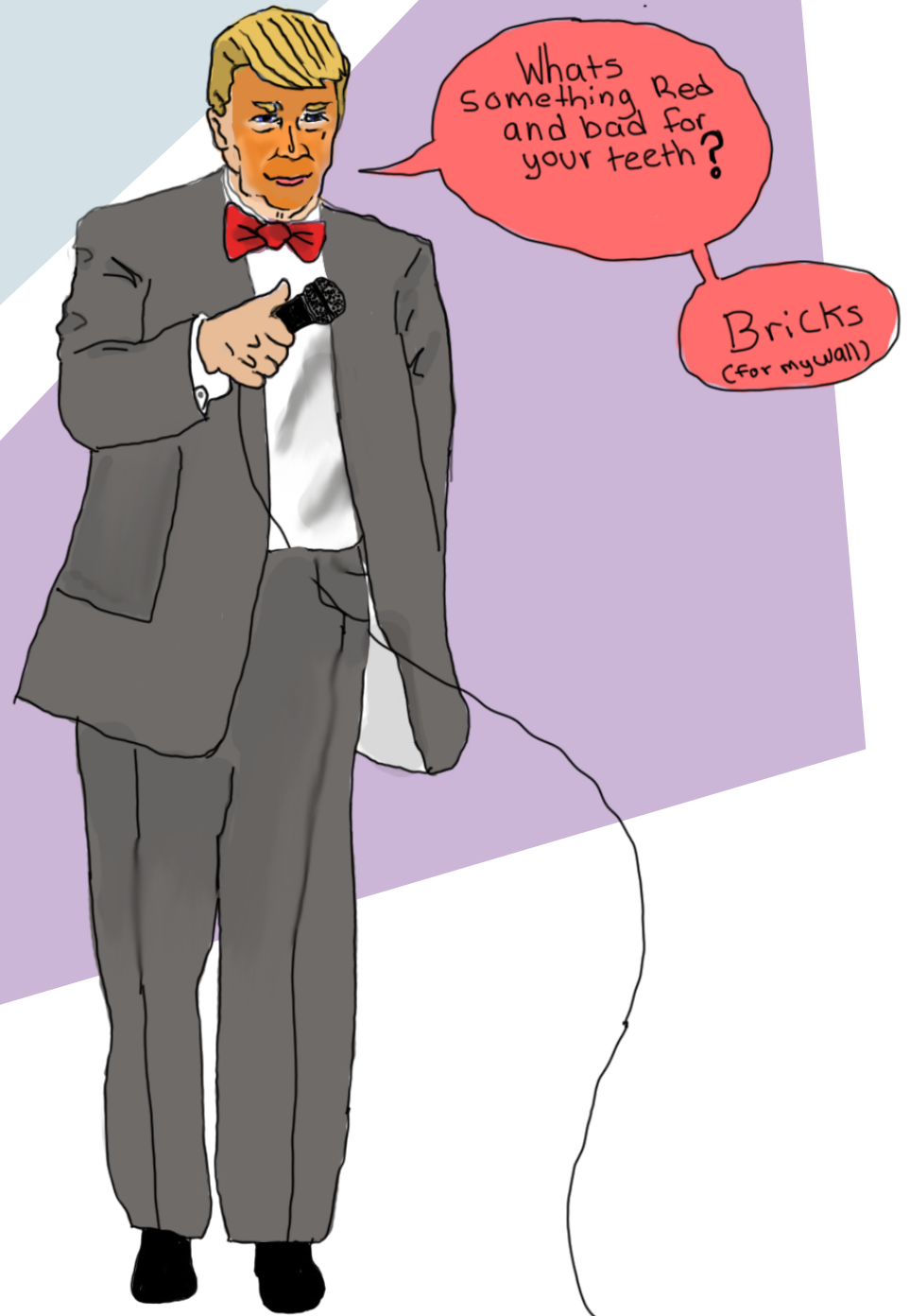
An anonymous writer has leaked two of Trump's newest jokes:

"Listen, listen. My administration was the best. You can't say we were stuck in the old ways, I had a woman for education. I had a black guy for housing and urban development. We were very progressive. Very progressive. I mean it. We didn't stagnate, kept switching it up. I mean, I had a new FBI Director each month."

"There was no foreign involvement in my election. China, Russia, Korea, they all endorsed me, that's it. I mean, fair, Russia did create a potion to resurrect voters for my election, but if they came back to life to vote for me, then that's their business. I don't take responsibility for my zombie army. I had no idea they were doing it at the time, and as Nixon, a great man said, I am not a crook."

"Hurricanes are a big deal people — a huge deal. It's very important to make sure survivors know we care. That's why I went there with plenty of Bounty paper towels. I needed to soak up all the rain water. The people of Puerto Rico were in no shape to deal with it themselves. I saw it myself. Those thousands of people were going crazy dying from lack of medical attention. It's not my fault the hospitals were broken. I can't do anything about it. A tragedy it is. Lazy hospitals killed those people, not the storm."

I reached out to John Mulaney, a current big name in comedy, for a response as well as a gauge on how well Trump's career will go. Mulaney's response: "The horse is doing WHAT?!"



CANNED PEACHES

 by Alissa Salem

COMICS



"So, this Tony business..."



"Please don't say it."



"We have three missing classmates. How can I not say it?"

Earth confirmed spherical, Mars not so much: Flat-Earthers conflicted

MATTHEW ANDERSON

Guest Scallywag

Sept. 28, 2018 was marked a historic day for the science community as the first commercial spaceflight, carrying nine passengers from across the world, departed from Cape Canaveral, Florida at 9:30 a.m. EST. SpaceX company, founded by technology tycoon, Elon Musk, launched the DBR Rocket in a search of extraterrestrial life on Mars. The video of the launch was live-streamed on YouTube, Periscope, and Facebook Live, where global citizens could tune in to watch this incredible feat of humankind.

With the majority of viewers coming from the United States and Europe, YouTube and Facebook accounts linked to Flat-Earth conspiracy theorists were watching intently in hopes of finding proof to their theories. As the rocket passed through satellite orbits, it became evidently clear that the Earth was, indeed, spherical.

Officials from the Flat-Earth Society were asked if they plan on changing their name and mission statement given the confirmation. They declined to comment.

Shortly thereafter, a shocking revelation to the world was made midway through the expedition: video cameras aboard the BFR captured footage of Mars, showing the Red Planet was not spherical, but flat. This offers an explanation as to why the Mars Rover, launched November 2011, had suddenly disappeared from Mars. Pictures from the BFR show tire tracks leading to the edge of the planet, indicating that the Mars Rover actually fell off the flat surface.

This raised many questions for astrophysicists around the world. The Leader reached out to famous astrophysicist, Neil Degrasse Tyson for comments.

"The discovery of flat-Mars completely defies our current Laws of Physics," Tyson exclaimed. "These laws will need to be re-examined and revised as we continue the great adventure through space."

This also raises new questions for the Trump administration's newly proposed military branch, the United States Space Force, which is set to launch in 2019. The Leader also reached out to Trump for a comment, but he declined, stating The Leader is "Fake News."

SpaceX's discoveries brought new investors into the stock market, with companies to the likes of Tesla and Boeing seeing increases in stock price. Tesla, another company of Elon Musk, had prices skyrocket from \$264.72 per share on Sept. 28 to \$305.49 on Oct. 1, up \$40.77 per share. Boeing, a major aviation manufacturer, reached its

five-year high of \$382.02 per share.

#Flat-Mars was the number one trending hashtag on both Twitter and Instagram. The live coverage on CNN brought in the most viewers of live TV in history, attracting an astounding 37.9 billion viewers. Fox News did not cover the event, as they do not believe in science.

The Leader will continue to update its readers, as more discoveries will surely surface.



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Give others the chance to speak. It's not always about you, sis. Stop being so self centered.

TAURUS

Keep being the sweet person you are. We all appreciate you.

GEMINI

We get it. Some days you just wanna be someone else but y'all switch personalities like y'all change clothes.

CANCER

Stop being so emotional. How many times are you going to cry watching The Notebook?

LEO

It's okay to show emotion. It's what humans do. Stop trying to act like you're so tough all the time. Be the soft little baby that you really are.

VIRGO

Stop being so stuck up and mad at the world all the time. Learn to live a little.

LIBRA

Stop being such a smart ass. If that one girl asks you for the millionth time this week if there's class today, just tell her instead of using sarcasm.

SCORPIO

You always have to be that one blunt friend that is honest with everyone. So, why isn't everyone honest with you?

SAGITTARIUS

It's okay to be selfish this week. Do things for yourself instead of for others. You deserve to be happy without people judging you.

CAPRICORN

Being alone might be your thing but sometimes it's good to try to find people to be alone with.

AQUARIUS

Stop pretending to be an edgy high school dropout with no emotions. You are literally in college and cry about being late for class. You're not fooling anyone.

PISCES

STOP PROCRASTINATING! You wouldn't have so many mid-week crises if you didn't wait until the day of to write all of your essays.