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NEWS

More than just a 'missing person'

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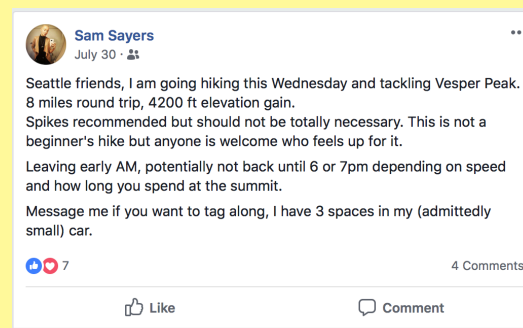
Special to The Leader

The days tick past as search efforts continue for Fredonia graduate Samantha "Sam" Sayers.

Sayers set out on a solo hike of Vesper Peak in Seattle, Wash. on Aug. 1, 2018.

She has been missing ever since.

While she has hiked the mountain before, she was ready to tackle the terrain again and offered four others to join her on her journey.



Aside from being a former Fredonian, who is Sayers? Sayers is a daughter, sister, friend and girlfriend. She is an artist, entrepreneur and lover of the outdoors.

How did she become a woman that people describe as "one of a kind," "bright," "brave" and "passionate?" It may have something to do with her wide variety of interests.

Lisa Sayers, Sayers' mom, said Sayers was a drama queen since day one. It wasn't until her middle school days, at Girard in Pennsylvania, that she caught the "acting bug," as Lisa would say.

In addition to being involved in several plays during middle school, Sayers was a member of the cheerleading team and, in high school, an academic sports league. She was in the league with her brother Ian after

they were accepted into Collegiate Academy in Erie, Pa.

After Sayers graduated, she prepared for musical theatre auditions, until she found out her mom was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sayers decided to "delay her own college attendance to take care of her mom," said Virginia Horvath, president of SUNY Fredonia. Although Horvath does not personally know Sayers, she recalls watching Sayers in her work on theatre productions. It wasn't until after Sayers' gap year that she decided to switch from musical theatre to production and design.

Sayers grew up watching her mom work as a decorative artist for 10 years. Oftentimes, when Lisa worked on DIY projects and crafts, Sayers would help. Lisa recalls Sayers being better at the projects than she was.

"It's her niche. She's good at anything artsy like that," said Lisa.

Her years at Fredonia were well spent. Time she spent working on sets is memorable for Horvath, in particular the set of "Anne Frank."

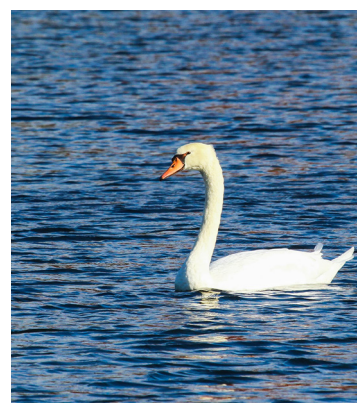
"I remember her laughing and working with others and being on hand for Theatre and Dance events," said Horvath.

That is exactly how Taylor Morse viewed her, always smiling. Morse was a year ahead of Sayers in school and spent time working with Sayers on several shows. For one show in particular, "High Plains Fandango," Sayers was the scenic designer and Morse the lighting designer.

"Even when things got stressful she was always smiling and laughing. Ready to work as a team to find solutions to problems," said Morse.

Sayers was well rounded in all areas of theatre, says Janie Sharon, friend and colleague of Sayers'.

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On the Cover:

Basking in the evening glow, a swan swims into the chilling waters of Dunkirk.

Kristin Johnson/Special to The Leader



Khris Dunn/Staff Illustrator

Fredonia's hidden gem: The College Lodge

CASSIDY HERMAN

Special to The Leader

Imagine your college having a dedicated area for you to hangout with friends and hold events. Well, Fredonia does.

During the years 1955 and 1956 there was an increased interest in recreational programs. The campus community began to run through ideas relating to outdoor activities.

One of those ideas was the College Lodge. The College Lodge is located at 8067 Route 580 in Brocton, NY.

"The lodge is really fun for doing different activities such as a walk through the trees and taking in the nice outdoor scenery," said Emily Shellenberger, an exercise science major. "If you wanted to have an event there, the space is a perfect open concept to do whatever activity you would like."

"Getting out into the woods and on the water is fun. Dozens of studies show that being engaged in unstructured activities outdoors improves people's mental well-being, concentration, grades and increases happiness," said Jonathan Titus, a professor at Fredonia in the Biology Department.

In 1959, the decision was made to purchase 120 acres of land in Brocton. The science department started work on the land as a biological preserve.

In the two years following, the camp committee planted 28,000 trees. In 1941, the main lodge was built by H.F. Salthoff Lumber Company and volunteers. Over 50,000 feet of lumber was used in the construction of the main lodge. It measures out to be 100 feet long and 56 feet wide.

The main lodge features a 2,800-square foot great room with pine cathedral ceilings, and two wood burning stone fireplaces. The room can hold up to 125 people for lunches and dinners. Larger groups can be accommodated.

The main lodge also has a smaller

conference room. This room can be used for smaller meetings or small group related activities. This room can be used for banquets or retreats as well.

"I went there to do an experiment my freshman year when I took Intro to Ecology and Evolution Lab. I went there this past year for a retreat for my sorority, Sigma Gamma Phi," said Shellenberger.

Kaitlin Battaglia, field hockey captain, said she used the lodge for a field hockey banquet.

"The lodge was very cozy and fun. I'd recommend it because it's really beautiful up there and we are lucky to be able to have access to it as Fredonia students," said Battaglia.

The original objective of the lodge was to "promote good health through the medium of the outdoors." The lodge would be used for freshman camp, alumni summer camps, biological studies, organized sports, individual and group use, skiing, public school programs and science tours.

Titus started walking around the preserve when he started working at the Fredonia. Later on, he started doing research there. He now has 14 forest plots with tagged trees and three deer exclosures. He takes students there; every biology freshman goes there for a lab. The College Lodge Nature Preserve has 15 acres of old growth forest that is unique to the region and is rich in wildlife. Old growth is forest that has never been cleared.

In 1969, the college lodge was deeded to Fredonia Student Association, FSA, according to the Fredonia College Lodge website, "has an obligation to manage the property in a manner most advantageous to the State University of New York College at Fredonia." FSA has managed the property for over 49 years.

Some years later, in 1975, a proposal for an Environmental Center was made. This included the advocacy for bans on hunting, trapping and snowmobiling on the property.

In 1989, the sleeping lodge was built. It can

support up to 90 guests. The year after, there were rope courses rebuilt with 20-plus activities.

From 2005-2009, an outdoor restroom was built. A pavilion near the ropes course was also built. There were gas wells installed for heating purposes in the sleeping and main lodges. An additional 77 acres of land were purchased on the corner of Route 580 and Beech Hill Road.

There are many things to do at the lodge. Many students do not know that they are able to use the lodge if they want to. Whether you want to hold an event or just sit by a fire pit, the college lodge could be the place for you to do those things.

If you want to plan an event or make reservations at the lodge, you can contact Katie Thies, who is the special programs manager. If you are wondering about facility or grounds details, you can contact Jason Letersky, who is the resident manager. The information to contact them is on the Fredonia college lodge website, <http://www.collegelodge.com>.

Although all the additions to the college lodge were important and there are many things to do there, the lands need to be managed appropriately.

"In today's world natural areas require management. Several non-native invasive species are present and increasing, especially Phragmites and European buckthorn," said Titus. "These invasive plant species will take over the forests and marsh if not controlled."

Even though students go up to the lodge to help control these invasive plants, it is hard to do. The land needs more attention by more people. These invasive plant species will take over the forests and marsh if they are not controlled.

"We are working to get the Western New York Land Conservancy to own the College Lodge Nature Preserve lands. This would lead to management and also better scope for activities," said Titus.

Not only a missing person continued . . .

"She can sing, she can act, she can kind of dance and then she does all this creative technical stuff. It's just amazing," said Sharon.

Sayers was one of few technicians to ever audition for a mainstage show at Fredonia and be cast, said Sam Kenney, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. Kenney recalls when Sayers performed as one of the witches in "Macbeth."

"She was so open and so interested in just about everything, and she did not let the designation of 'this is my major' get in her way," said Kenney.

After graduating from Fredonia, Sayers moved to Seattle to work as a props artisan at the Seattle Repertory Theatre. Not long after moving to Seattle, Sayers took a trip to see seven national parks in ten days, in a refurbished van, by herself. Lisa struggled with having her only daughter so far away.

"We were hoping she'd be somewhere closer, but she fell in love with Seattle, so that's where she stayed," said Lisa.

While Sayers lived in Seattle, she would make a trip during the summer to return to Fredonia campus to work Playground Drama Camp. That's where Janie Sharon met her in 2014. Sayers had been working at the camp as the set, lighting and sound designer.

"She did everything that you could possibly imagine backstage," said Sharon.

The two worked together at Playground for three years until Sayers worked her last summer in 2016.

Not only was Sayers an integral part of the Playground staff, she made a lasting impact on kids who attended the camp.

Sharon mentioned one particular camper, Milo, who wanted to work on the technical aspect of shows because of Sayers.

"She was really good at teaching the kids what it means to give 100 percent and to produce high quality work, and to be dedicated to what you're doing," said Sharon.

The impact Sayers made on those kids continued after she left.

This summer, the camp began not long after Sayers went missing. Staff and campers posted a dance video, to show support and raise spirits, in the "#findSamSayers" Facebook page.

Marvel stage, on the Fredonia campus, was full of kids singing and dancing to a song from the show "Hairspray," a production Sayers worked on at Playground a few years prior.

The wide accumulation of skill sets and knowledge Sayers has allows her to work in many different fields. So far she has worked in theatre, sold real estate and currently owns her own cleaning business, as well as an Amazon and eBay business.

She still wants more. Lisa said she has thought of joining the Peace Corps, but ultimately wants to travel.

"She has this tough exterior that I think she



Photo from Lisa Lax Sayers Facebook.

always felt she needed to have, but underneath everything she's this really compassionate and caring person," said Janie Sharon.

Under that tough exterior rested insecurity. Sayers was diagnosed with alopecia her freshman year. The autoimmune disease targets hair follicles resulting in hair loss. The disease is often brought on by extreme stress. Sayers' hair would fluctuate and either grow back or fall out.

"I'd always know when she was stressed again because it would all just start falling out," said Lisa.

While she believes her daughter has handled the disease with grace, Lisa realizes, "Anybody who has insecurities, you will put on a front of confidence because you don't want people to see your insecurities."

Many people unfamiliar with Sayers have learned about her through Lisa's posts on Facebook. President Horvath said she feels as though she has a better understanding of her through them.

"When I hear her mom talk about her as a little girl, as a teen and college student, and as a daughter, I hear stories of a smart, caring person who has respect for all," said Horvath.

"She's just a gift to the world. And more people need to be like her," said Lisa.

POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Monday, Oct. 29, 2018

Property was stolen from Hemingway Hall. An investigation is on-going.

A Walmart shopping cart was found on campus. The property was returned and the prosecution was declined.

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018

A student was harassed on campus. The prosecution was declined.

Friday, Nov. 2, 2018

4:55 p.m. Michael Landon was charged with harassment in the second degree, stalking in the fourth degree and health,

safety and menacing in the third degree. An arrest was made.

3:15 p.m. Naji Powe was charged with harassment in the second degree. An appearance ticket was issued.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

1:43 a.m. Brandon Washington was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

3:18 a.m. Ahmed Collier, Dereck Ice and Malik Clarke were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. Appearance tickets were issued.

FREDONIA

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018

Sean F. Davis, age 37, was charged with improper passing. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Jonathan A. Ruiz, age 21, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018

Zachary R. Swan, age 24, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding in a zone. Two uniform traffic tickets were issued.

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018

12:50 a.m. Matthew R. Lancaster, age 22, was charged with open container and littering. Two uniform traffic tickets were issued.

Friday, Nov. 2, 2018

David Wolcott Jr., age 40, was charged with criminal mischief in the fourth degree. An appearance ticket was issued.

Monday, Nov. 5, 2018

Morgan Brown, age 20, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Girard Marotto, age 21, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Luke Lockwood, age 21, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

6:40 a.m. Tyler J. Pelsey, age 18, was charged with petit larceny. No remarks were recorded.

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Taking a look at the candidates for SA President and VP

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

As the midterm elections end across the rest of the country, Fredonians should be preparing to cast another vote. This time for their Student Association President and Vice President.

The book to declare candidacies closed last week and now, two slates are locked in and will vie for the offices.

The first slate is Seth Meyer and Katie Battaglia running for President and Vice President, respectively.

Student governance was always something Meyer wanted to take on when he got to college.

"Coming to Fredonia, I believed that I could be helpful to my peers by being an effective listener and to articulate their concerns in a way that's productive to the conversation," said Meyer.

Meyer was elected to the office of Speaker of the Assembly earlier this semester after serving as Assistant Speaker to former Speaker Nathaniel Clark.

Meyer said his time climbing the ranks of the Student Association has taught him a lot.

"I've learned to make the office a more approachable place for the clubs as well as the [class] representatives," he said.

Meyer feels his experience is something that's invaluable for him in seeking this next level of student representation.

"Another thing you can never learn from your predecessor is what to do when things go wrong. I've had to work that out alone," Meyer said.

Now, Meyer seems to feel like he's outgrown his current position and has set his sights higher.

"In the position of Speaker, I am limited in my role as a student advocate because I am only the chair of the meetings," he said. "I think it is a great time for me to step up to be President."

Meyer said Fredonia's enrollment is on the rise and the student body is more diverse than ever. He wants to continue the work of the current administration in getting the students more involved in the Student Association.

But Meyer is not done there.

"I also want to work on getting the Student Association involved in the students," he said. "I am going to come into the presidency with high energy and relay that into a strong cabinet and we'll be collaborating to execute a lot of projects and initiatives in my term."

Meyer plans to build a cabinet that will not only represent who Fredonia's students are, but that will be impactful in doing things to better the campus community.

"I want a unified cabinet meeting so that we all can collaborate and communicate between committees," he said.

Meyer said he will be looking for motivated students to fill cabinet positions and he wants and expects them to bring their ideas to the table.

Meyer thinks he is absolutely ready to represent the students of Fredonia as their SA President.

"I think my year and a half of experience in the Association has given me ample time to understand the responsibilities of President," he said. "I think the President is someone who needs to know the students even more so than the operation of the Association and I think I know both aspects well enough to be successful as President."

Current SA leaders, and upperclassmen sounded off on Meyer's candidacy.

Senior class president, Katie Hanover said, "I think Seth is very well spoken. He has a welcoming presence about him and is very open to new ideas and suggestions from the Assembly."

Senior class representative, Matthew Anderson expressed his support, saying, "Seth already has experience in the Student Association. Speaker of the Assembly, a member of the FSA Board of Directors, The Fredonia College Foundation Board and a SUNYSA representative. He has a great connection with high-ranking members of the university and with the students of Fredonia, which makes him extremely qualified to be the chief representative of the students."

Meyer and Battaglia's opponents, Bradley Zifra and James Kinney, did not reply to requests for an interview.

Students to vote on making fee mandatory or voluntary next week

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

On the ballot next week, along with the Student Association presidential election will be a referendum vote on the Student Activity Fee.

The Student Activity Fee is currently a mandatory fee that all students pay each semester.

This fee funds all the items, programs and the over 160 clubs and organizations overseen by the Student Association.

The fee also funds the Campus Community bus, the FredAssist Health Clinic, Intramural Sports and free legal advice to students from the SA attorney.

The fee is currently \$115.50 per semester.

During the Executive Election on Nov. 13 and 14, students will have the opportunity to vote to determine whether the fee should remain mandatory or voluntary for students.

"If it is decided to stay mandatory, SA will continue to operate as we do now," said SA President Connor Aitcheson.

If the students vote to make the fee voluntary, no amount of money will be guaranteed, and therefore may or may not be available for the

things currently funded by the fee as listed above.

"I think it's safe to say that the fee becoming voluntary would have a drastic impact on the student experience," said Aitcheson.

He said it would threaten to greatly reduce the revenue from the Student Activity Fee and greatly impact the overall Student Association budget.

"Many of the programs we fund would be in jeopardy of not being funded," said Aitcheson.

Examples of repercussions that Aitcheson listed were clubs not being able to request money to fund their events, the Campus Community bus would not be able to provide transportation into the town and campus student services could be greatly reduced.

"The Leader, FRS or WNYF could be affected. [It could] threaten the longevity of the FredAssist Health Clinic and Intramurals."

Overall, Aitcheson said a situation of a voluntary activity fee could "profoundly hinder the student experience."

Aitcheson said to his knowledge, Fredonia has never gone voluntary.

SUNY enacted the policy entitled "Student Activity Fees" in 2004 which requires that a referendum be held every two years to determine the status of the activity fee for each university.

Since the 2004 implementation, Fredonia has continuously voted to keep the Student Activity Fee mandatory.

Aitcheson has confidence that the students will vote the fee mandatory.

"I would believe that the overall consensus would be for the fee to remain mandatory to ensure these programs continue to function as they do now," said Aitcheson.

He did reinforce the importance of voting and taking part in the election, though.

"That being said, it is crucial that our students vote," he said. "Their voice has a direct impact on the state of the student experience at Fredonia."

Students will receive an email in the Fredonia email inbox at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 in which they will find their ballot to be filled out and submitted online.

Referendum!

Life & Arts

Pride Alliance's Fall drag show brings new and inclusive changes

ERIKETA COST
Staff Writer

You can always expect people dancing to ABBA and lip-synching to Lady Gaga at Fredonia Pride Alliance's semesterly drag shows.

However, some new and inclusive changes have been made this time around.

Participants no longer fall under "king" and "queen" categories.

This way, they do not alienate those who do not want to be gendered with the labels.

"We had a lot of nonbinary and gender nonconforming (GNC) people tell us they wanted to perform but weren't comfortable being labelled a queen or a king, so this year it's all about who

the best performer is regardless of their gender on or off stage," said Nicholas Williams, president of Fredonia Pride Alliance and senior BA theater and music education major.

Junior music therapy major and events coordinator of Pride Alliance Stephanie Pierre-Jacques has been on the frontlines of organizing the event.

Pierre-Jacques described the process of picking a date and reaching out to find judges and hosts.

"Hosts and judges can be alumnae, professional drag performers, or even faculty," she said.

Pierre-Jacques said that she then had to find a DJ and reach out to Fredonia Sound Services to help run music.

"After a lot of paperwork, the event is essentially good to go. We started recruiting people to perform in the show from essentially the

beginning of the semester. This year we have nine performers which I think is the most we've ever had," said Pierre-Jacques.

This year Fredonia alumnus Jimmy Scamacca (drag name Claire Voyant) will be hosting the show, joined by Fredonia alumna Abigail Truax (drag name Aunt Lucifer) and student Victor Morales (drag name Ricky Rodrigo).

Although the contestants are mostly queer students, everyone is welcomed to participate in the show.

So, with all the innovation and progress in the LGBTQ community over time, how does it effect the definition of drag in 2018?

Perhaps the definition is one that is different for everyone.

"Drag is an art form, and

just like any art form, everything it consists of and encapsulates has a different meaning for everyone who experiences it," Williams said.

"For me, drag is about blowing gender so far out of proportion that you start to see it for what it really is. It's performance caricature art. It's about taking the deepest most personal parts of yourself and your identity and blowing them up into makeup and costume and personality and putting it on a stage for people to look at and clap and scream. It's about showing off and being so unapologetically yourself that it inspires others to do the same," they said.

The Drag show works to help bring the community together as well as educating them.

Junior BA music education major Ezra Pe Aguirre had participated in the drag show last spring.

"It's definitely a great place to meet new people and bond over being queer," said Pe Aguirre. "For the most part, last spring's show was pretty educational on current and past events within the community (like Stonewall and queer icons that changed the path of the community)."

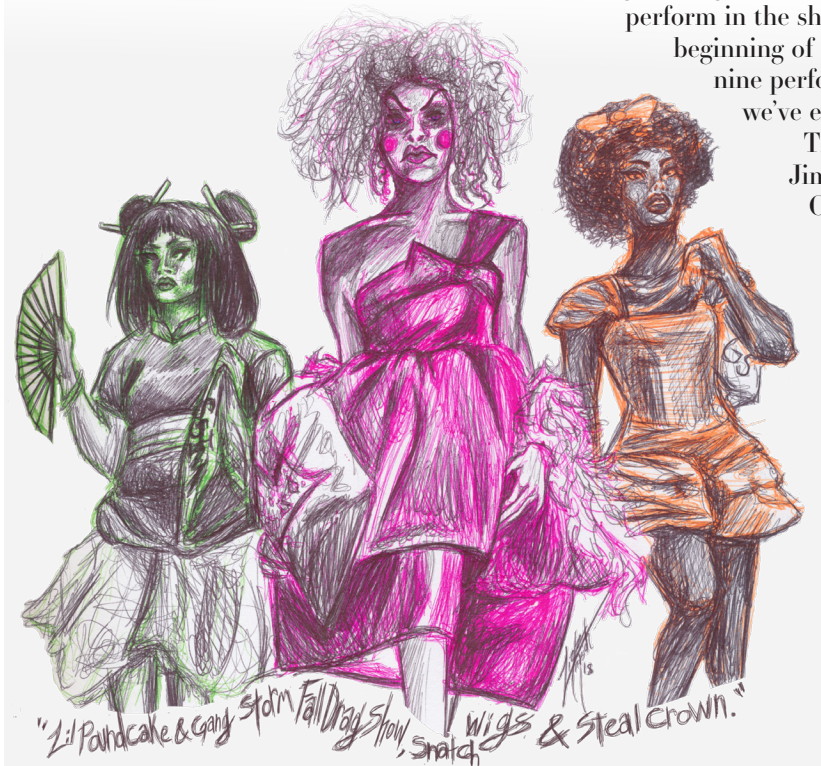
The ability for participants to express themselves freely in a safe space allows them to gain more confidence in the outside world.

"If it's done thoughtfully and honestly, it really has this great power for the queer community that can draw us out and make us feel safe, proud and ready to go back out into the world after the show and let ourselves be known in new and authentic ways," said Williams.

This semester, the Fall show will take place Nov. 9 at 7:50 p.m. in the Williams Center Multi-Purpose Room (MPR).

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$5 for the general public and can be purchased in the ticket office.

If you have any questions, please contact Fredonia's Pride Alliance.



Sexual assault survivors offered safe space to share stories

Fredonia Feminists host annual 'Take Back The Night'



ELYSE GRIECO
Life & Arts Editor

Fredonia Feminists will be hosting "Take Back The Night" this Wednesday, Nov. 7.

"Take Back The Night" is a confidential event where victims and survivors of sexual assault are welcomed to come share their stories with one another in a safe environment.

Opal Kelly is a junior psychology major and president of Fredonia Feminists.

"Fredonia Feminists is an intersectional club that discusses and educates on a wide variety of topics related to feminism," they said.

During the year, the club holds several events in efforts to bring awareness of sexual assault to campus.

According to The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), "20 percent to 25 percent of college women and 13 percent of college men are victims of forced sex during their time in college."

"College students are at an elevated risk of being sexually assaulted," said Kelly. "Many people don't report their assaults to police or counselors. This event is here to give victims and survivors an outlet, while also letting them know where they can go, what they can do and who they can talk to when an assault occurs."

"It's such a valuable night to so many people to find a safe space to not only share their stories, but to also connect with others," said Julie Shapiro, a senior BFA musical theater major.

"It's such a powerful thing to be able to go through something so traumatic and have other people holding you up."

Shapiro is also a member of Students Teaching Equal Positive Sexuality (S.T.E.P.S.).

Like Fredonia Feminists, S.T.E.P.S. presents on topics like healthy and unhealthy relationships as well as sexual assault.

"You are not alone," said Shapiro. "So many people have, unfortunately, gone through the same thing. There are so many survivors, and it's empowering . . . it gives people hope that there will be a better world. If we all come together, we can all combat it."

Not all sexual assault survivors cope in the same ways.

Some victims share their stories to the public to help further educate on the topic.

Others may feel more comfortable keeping their experiences to themselves or their close friends and family.

"It is never the victim's fault. However they want to go about healing is entirely okay and valid," said Shapiro.

There are no set rules when it comes to dealing with assault.

"No one knows what you are dealing with but you. Do not let anyone tell you what you're supposed to do after an assault. It is your choice," said Kelly.

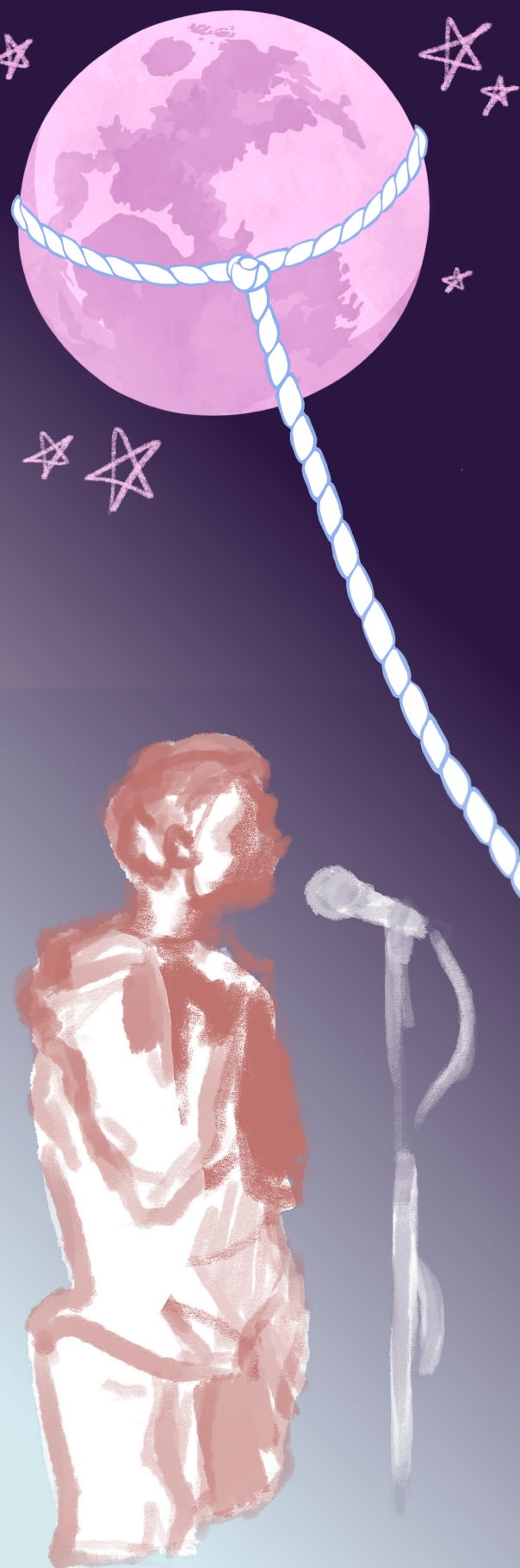
Fredonia Feminists wants survivors to know that their e-board is readily available to anyone who needs help recovering in a way that is comfortable for them.

However, if a victim wants to share their story, "Take Back The Night" is available to them.

It is just one way that the club ensures that they are there, they trust the victim's stories and they are ready to support them.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in McEwen 202.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their assault, please visit www.nsvrc.org.



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GIOVANINA VANCHERI

Special to The Leader

Fredonia's School of Music and The Hillman Opera are collaborating to put on a production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni."

"Don Giovanni" is an opera based on the legend of Don Juan. It tells the classic story of a young nobleman who is sexually promiscuous and acts immorally without regard for the consequences.

The music will be performed in Italian but with English supertitles above the stage for the audience to follow along.

Though the story itself dates back centuries, this particular production will feature a present-day twist.

"The production is being set in modern times with a modern sensibility, so it will not feel stuffy or outdated at all," said Dr. Robert Strauss, producer of the Hillman Opera.

Many of the character types and themes present in Mozart's work are also present in today's world.

"We've really taken a look at today's society and how we can highlight the aspects of the story and the characters that are relevant in today's society," said Strauss.

Strauss is no stranger to the show. He performed on stage as the role of Don Ottavio in a 1994 production.

This is his first time returning to it as producer, however, and things have definitely changed.

"In many ways, it almost seems more relevant to me today than my first experience with the full opera because of the #MeToo movement," he said.

Amie Adams, a junior vocal performance major, also feels a strong connection to the show.

Adams is playing the character of Donna Anna, one of the main roles.

"One of the things that you have to do as a performer is to take your personal experiences and infuse them into your acting which for me forms a strong connection to the character that I am playing," she said.

For many students, including Brianna Ross, a junior BFA musical theatre major, this is their first experience with opera.

"It has been such a fantastic experience," said Ross, who is a member of the ensemble. "I am most excited to get to be a part of telling the story of 'Don Giovanni' with such amazing performers and getting to see the audience's reaction to what we all have been working so hard on for the past few months."

"Everything about this production is worth coming to see. The music is gorgeous, the set is remarkable, there are fun twists on the costumes and some other surprises," said Ross. "Everyone involved has put in amazing work to make it what it is. You definitely do not want to miss it."

The show will be held in the Robert W. Marvel Theatre in the Rockefeller Arts Center. The dates of the productions are Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20.00 for the public and \$10.00 for students and children. They will be available at the Fredonia Ticket Office in the Williams Center.

Call (716) 675-5501 or go to fredonia.edu/tickets for more information.

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OSCAR: Presenting research opportunities for students and faculty

STEPHEN SACCO

Staff Writer

The Office of Creative Activity and Research provides Fredonia's students and faculty with the opportunities to successfully conduct research.

Students who have conducted research in the past have gone on to present their research at SUNY-wide conferences and other venues. In fact, in 2017, the Western SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference was hosted on Fredonia's campus. Every Spring, students present their research in the Williams Center.

John Croxton is the director of OSCAR and chair of the psychology department on campus. Croxton formed OSCAR ten years ago in order to expand the disciplines of research.

He believes the best way to start one's research is as follows.

"If a student would want get involved in research, their best strategy is to find a mentor in their home department . . . and talk to someone in their department," said Croxton.

Students control the process and impact of their research.

"We develop a research idea, they carry it out, they write up a final paper, and then make a presentation at conferences and that looks really good on a résumé," said Croxton.

Croxton's own publications involve attributions in the realm of social science. Attribution theory identifies how we act internally and externally in given scenarios.

Croxton urges art and music students to participate in research during their college careers. Interestingly enough, a current student is conducting research in the field of dance. They are focusing on how and why dancers have perfectionist tendencies.

Currently Croxton is mentoring Heather Han, a dual major in psychology and music therapy. Han focused her research on altruism, which is

the idea that humans act in ways to benefit others, with no thought of receiving something in return.

"I wanna see how people, meaning college students, look at altruistic acts from the third person," said Han.

Not only does OSCAR provide students and faculty with research opportunities, but also internships.

Mike Walker, a senior finance major, is the current marketing intern for the office.

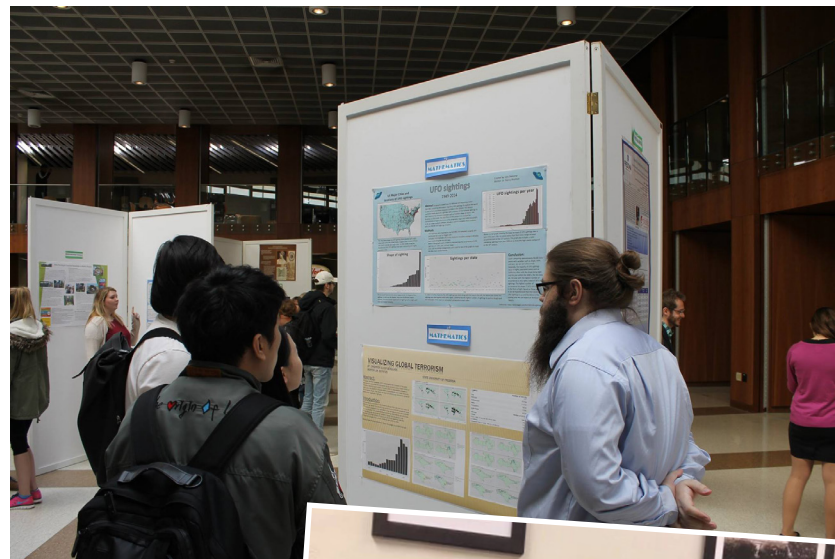
"I contact students and professors about their research projects to set-up an interview after that. I post their research on social media to let their peers know about the great research being conducted in Fredonia," said Walker.

OSCAR offers internships for all majors year-round.

Whether you're a student working on a class or personal research project and don't know where to start research, or looking for more opportunities to better your future after college, OSCAR is willing to help.

OSCAR is located in Thompson Hall Room W549 or contact them at (716) 675-5125.

Be sure to follow OSCAR on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at FredoniaOSCAR for information.



April Lorenzi, senior psychology major at Fredonia, is currently working on a project dealing with perfectionism and its negative side effects on dancers. All photos from the OSCAR's Facebook page



Heather Han, a senior psychology and music therapy double major, is currently collaborating with Dr. Croxton on a research project about altruism

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Delta Phi Epsilon hosts fundraiser volleyball tournament

LEAH GRAZIANO

Special to The Leader

Delta Phi Epsilon hosted “Volley for Kaity” this past Saturday, Nov. 3 in Dodd’s Gym.

“Volley for Kaity” was hosted to raise money for the Lupus Foundation of America, one of Delta Phi Epsilon’s philanthropies.

“One of our sisters, Kaity Coleman, has lupus, so we put on the event for her. It started when she was a student here,” said Julia Haley, a junior childhood inclusive education major.

Coleman was a student at Fredonia before studying at SUNY New Paltz.

She was diagnosed with lupus when she was a senior in high school.

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease which can affect the whole body. Antibodies break down healthy cells, tissues, organs and joints rather than attacking germs and invaders.

“There isn’t a part of the body that is safe, in a sense. Every case of lupus is different,” said Coleman. “Currently there is no cure, but with fundraising to support the cause, we get a little closer each day.”

Aterahme Lawrence, who is the philanthropy chair for Delta Phi Epsilon, planned “Volley for Kaity” this year. She is a senior BFA acting major with a minor in creative writing.

“We began planning it about three weeks ago. Just getting dates set up and renting out the gym, it’s about a three-week process,” said Lawrence. “We definitely discussed it in the beginning of the semester knowing that we were going to plan it.”

The volleyball tournament had nine teams consisting of six to eight players each. It was a single-elimination tournament.

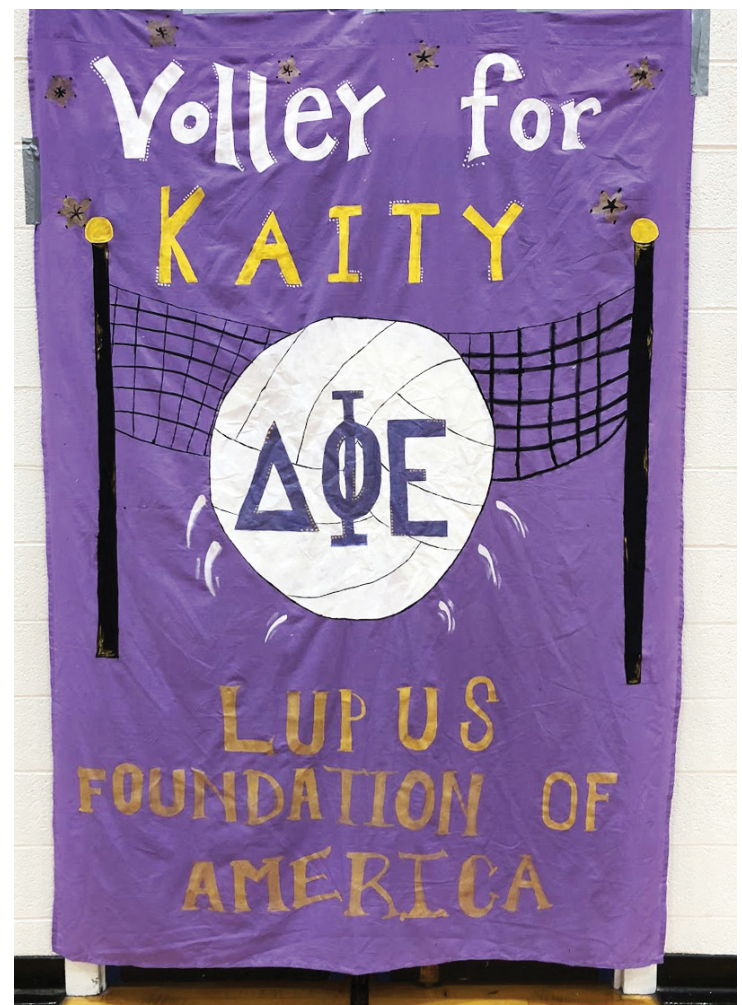
The winning prize for the tournament was a large pizza from DeJohn’s Italian Spaghetti House.

In the days leading up to the fundraiser, students were able to sign up with their teams. There was a \$20 team registration fee.

Those who did not participate in the tournament were encouraged to donate \$2, which earned them a free raffle ticket for other prizes.

All of the proceeds go to the Lupus Foundation of America.

“It means a lot to me that my sisters continuously care about others and are willing to fight and support to a find cure, said Coleman. “My sisters will forever and always be there for me, on my good days or bad. I can’t thank everyone enough for coming out to this event, sharing their time and supporting the cause.”



The event banner hangs at the "Volley for Kaity" event
Photo taken by Leah Graziano/Special to The Leader

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OPINION

"What old school show would you bring back?"



Carlea Grant, freshman theatre arts major
"Friends."



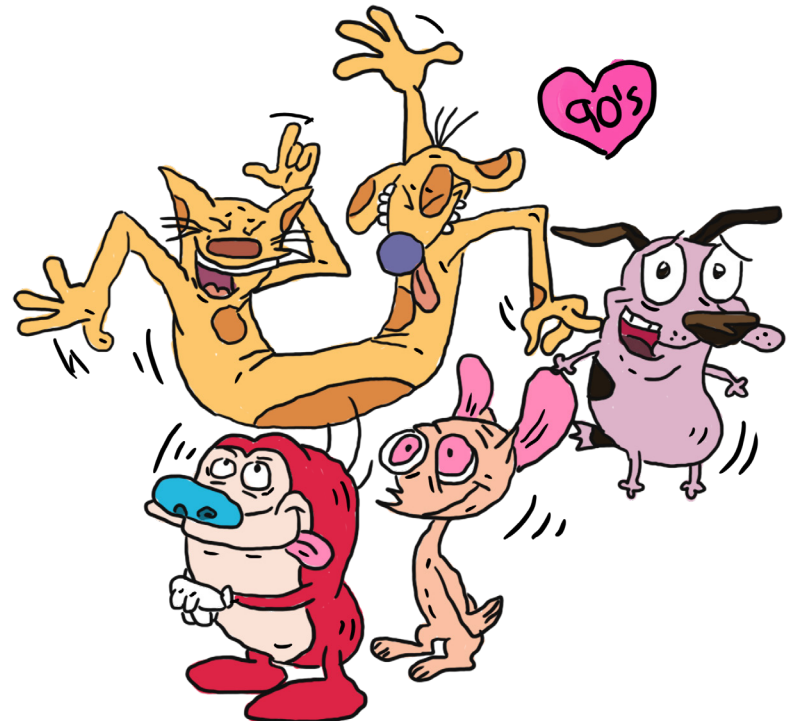
Nicole Perrine, senior music education major
"Hannah Montana."



Elaina Bachmann, junior theatre arts and psychology majors
"Wizards of Waverly Place."



Madeline Sohl, freshman childhood inclusive education major
"Hannah Montana."



Madison Spear/Special to The Leader

SPORTS

Fredonia goes 1-1 on the weekend

AIDAN POLLARD

Sports Editor

Blue Devil hockey got off to a difficult start to SUNYAC play on Friday with a 6-1 loss to the Geneseo Knights.

"I think the first period we just struggled," said Head Coach Jeff Meredith. "It was just a mental thing."

Fredonia suffered four goals in the first period, leaving a gap that improved play in the latter 40 minutes couldn't fix.

"They're pretty talented," said Meredith of Geneseo. "They're probably the most skilled team in the league."

Geneseo worked Fredonia to the bone all throughout the first period, playing extremely sloppy but incredibly fast hockey.

"There are things you can do," said Meredith. "You have to stay inside, you can't be spread out. You have to chip pucks out of your end and kind of live to play another day. You have to get pucks in deep so they're 200 feet from your net. You can't turn them over in the middle of the ice so now they're a short distance from your net."

The lone Fredonia goal was scored on a power play by senior Todd Schauss early in the second period.

Combined with the goal, starting goalie Anton Rosen was switched out for senior Eric Bogart who let up two more goals in the second and third periods.

"I just think the whole first period was — we didn't come out ready to play for some reason," said Meredith.

The game was the first time Geneseo and Fredonia faced off since the SUNYAC championship game last season that ended with a Geneseo victory.

The Blue Devils went on to face Brockport on Saturday in a game they won in a 5-1 decision.

"[We have to] play our game and be consistent," said Meredith. "The NCAA is gonna give us 60 minutes to play. We can't just play 40 and expect a win. We have to play all 60."

Bogart started the game and saved 24 shots to hold up the two-goal lead that brought Fredonia to a win.

Fredonia goals were scored by Ryan Dunn, Jimmy Morgan and an insurance goal scored by Ryan Dunner.

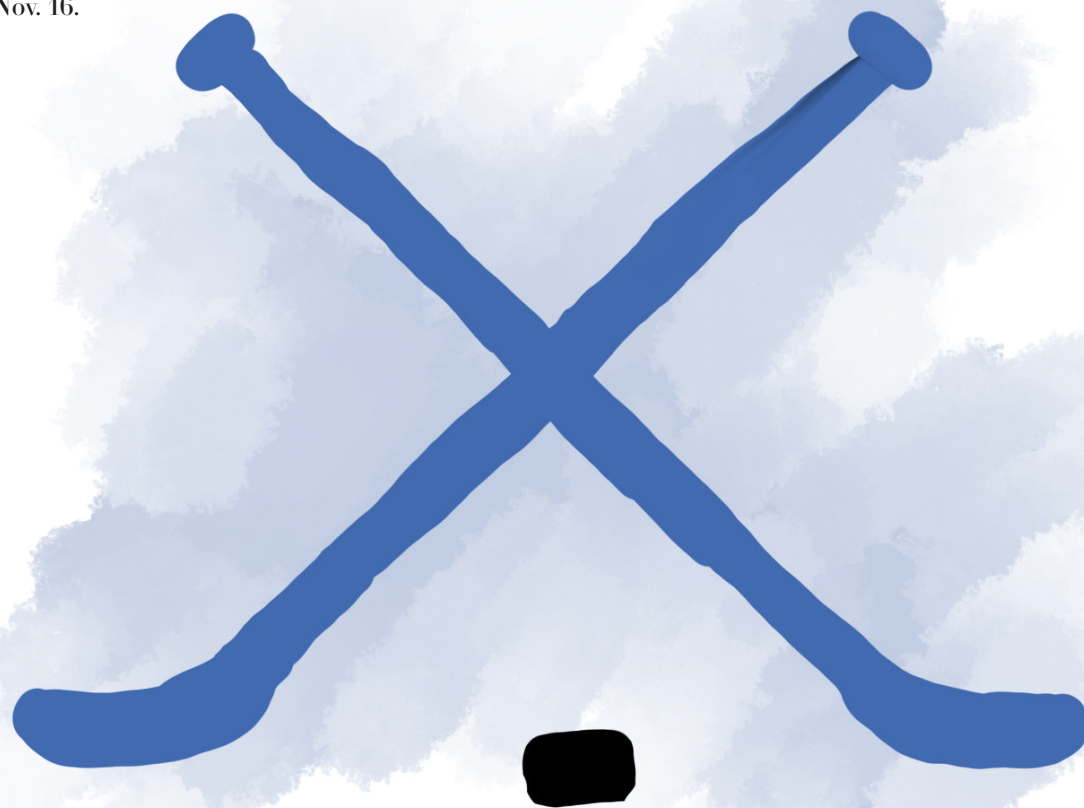
Fredonia scored one goal in each period, bringing them to a lead that couldn't be closed by Brockport's efforts, including a second period goal.

The two weekend games left Fredonia with a 1-1 SUNYAC record going into the next weeks of play.

The Blue Devils have an overall record of 2-1 with their win against Chatham.

Fredonia's next game will be on Friday against Bryn Athyn. It will be the stroke awareness game.

Fredonia's next SUNYAC competition sees the team facing Oswego on Nov. 16.



All eyes on Ethan Francis after SUNYAC Cross Country Championship



VICTOR SCHMITT-BUSH
Assistant News Editor

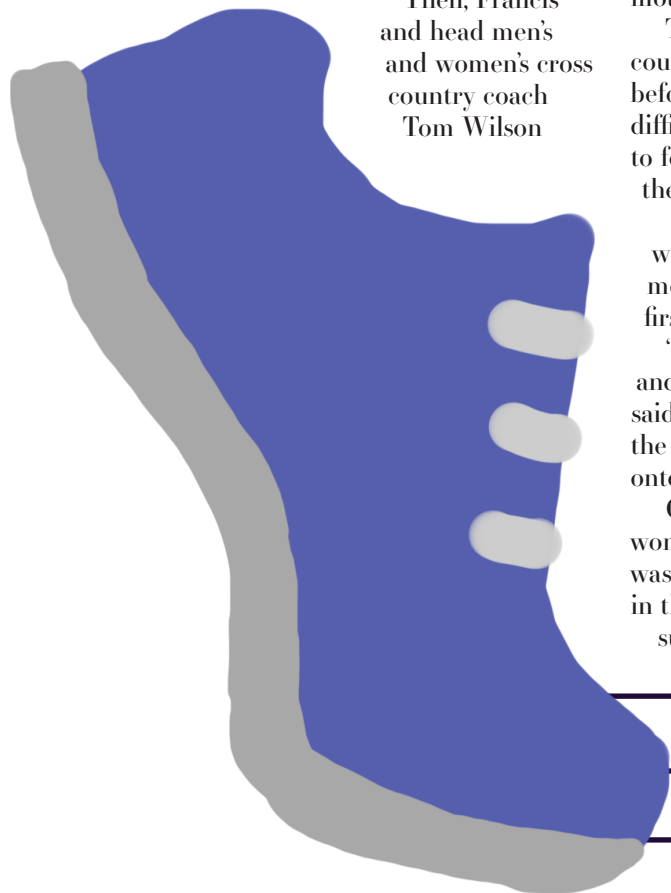
Ethan Francis said that he felt fortunate as a senior to have his final cross country SUNYAC championship at home, but the meet ended on an even higher note for him as awards were being given out.

With a 5.93 grade point average in Video Production & Political Science, Francis received the SUNYAC Elite 20 award, which, according to the official SUNYAC website, recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete. Francis was honored by SUNYAC for having achieved the highest grades among his peers while also reaching the pinnacle of competition at the conference championship level.

On top of that, the sloppy weather conditions wouldn't stop Francis from placing fourth out of over 100 runners, finishing the race in 29 minutes and seven seconds. The entire Fredonia men's team placed seventh overall with 185 points total, and the women's team placed eighth with 199 points.

With just a little luck, Francis may have two races left in his season, beginning with the regional cross country meet held in Glassboro, N.J., on Nov. 10.

Then, Francis and head men's and women's cross country coach Tom Wilson



hope the senior star will have a shot at making the NCAA Division III championships which will be held the week after.

"[On Saturday, Oct. 17 at SUNYAC], Ethan finished fourth behind three Geneseo guys," said Wilson. "If that were regionals, Ethan would actually finish first. He would be the first individual across the line going into national championships because Geneseo would be going in as a team."

The men's and women's team didn't make the cut this year to get into the the NCAA's, but with Geneseo doing exceptionally well this year, Wilson has high hopes that Francis will make it. He would represent Fredonia as an individual, and as long as there is good footing on the track, Wilson believes that the win could be Francis's for the taking.

"The good thing is that the NCAA's will be [held on Nov. 17] in Oshkosh, Wis.," said Wilson. "It's frigid there. That means the ground will be stable."

That would be a welcome change, especially when considering how bad the weather was. It's been six years since Fredonia has held a cross country SUNYAC championship. Everyone was excited and they did their best to prepare, but despite excellent planning and tough training, mother nature had the final say.

The women's teams were the first to run the course, but the course was doomed to sink in before the gun went off. The conditions made it difficult for both the men and women runners to focus on anything other than pushing through the mud and hoping to make headway.

According to Francis, the 2,000 meter loop was pretty stable during the first half of the men's run, but the ground gave way after the first lap.

"The other half of the course, no one moved and everyone was just sloshing through it," he said. "It was so funny. People were trying to use the streamers on the side of the track to hold onto to keep balance."

One of the three team captains on the women's team, Emily Maguire, said that this wasn't the first time they had run on this course in the rain and mud, but Saturday was still a surprise.

"This weather was definitely worse than anything we had trained in," she said. "We were ankle deep in mud. We even had our shoes taped on so they weren't getting stuck and falling off. It was just one uneven step after another."

It was Maguire's final SUNYAC championship as a Fredonia Blue Devil, too. She along with her fellow senior runners/team captains, Hannah Kurbs and Stephanie Wojnowski, were happy to be running on their home turf this year.

"Just being able to show off our campus to the other SUNY schools and show them what our school is about was cool," said Wojnowski. "Other sports teams [at Fredonia] were really supportive and they got into it. It was really fun to have that comradery and other teams coming to cheer."

Although a treat for Fredonians, it was no surprise for the whole Atlantic region that SUNYAC would be held at Fredonia, according to Wilson.

"We knew we were hosting a little over a year-in advance," said Wilson. "That's how they do it. They choose ahead, and you have to get approved by a committee board in the SUNYAC, so about 14 months prior to us actually hosting, it all began."

Wilson gave props to both the grounds crew coordinator Rich Norton for doing an excellent job putting the course together and the new meet director Ryan Pericozzi for coordinating the event.

"They did a lot of work out there to try to make the conditions as best as possible," he said. "It didn't really show because of mother nature, but between the grounds crew and Coach Pericozzi, they put a lot of work into that course."

According to Wilson, the SUNYAC championships were just the beginning of what is to come. As the representative for the entire Atlantic region, Wilson will be looking out for and vouching for all teams in Western New York to compete in the NCAA.

"My job is to regionally rank our top 10 men and then promote my region and my men, not just Fredonia, but the entire region to the NCAA committee," said Wilson.

If the teams in the Atlantic region do well, that's a good thing for Francis, but as far as Fredonia's are concerned, all eyes are on him.

Women's Volleyball Falls To Geneseo in SUNYAC Semis

JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS

Staff Writer

The fourth-seeded Fredonia women's volleyball team season came to an end Friday night against Geneseo.

Despite a hard-fought battle against arguably one of the best teams in the SUNYAC conference, the women's volleyball team came up just short of taking down the first-seeded Knights.

The Knights opened the game strong, securing the first set, 25-17. Fredonia would try to spark a rally in the second set but came up short, resulting in losing the set 26-24. Geneseo then clinched the victory with a 25-21 win in the third set.

Junior outside hitter SallyAnne Rudny (Jamestown, NY/Southwestern) was Blue Devils top hitter with 18 kills. Sophomore libero Makenna Kallin (Owego, NY/Owego) recorded 16 digs. Rachel Aiello (Baldwinsville, NY/C.W. Baker), closed out her career with 12 digs and seven assists.

The Devils closed out their season with a 22-10 overall. In spite of falling just short of

reaching the championship, the loss didn't seem to diminish the team's spirits.

Head Coach Geoff Braun had nothing but admiration towards his players and coaching staff following the tough loss. The contest marked the end of the careers of seniors Kailey Falk (York, NY/Our Lady of Mercy) and Aiello.

Geneseo would later on advance to Saturday's championship match against second-seeded New Paltz, which defeated sixth-seeded Oswego, 5-1, during Friday night semifinals.

At the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Women's Volleyball Tournament Championship, second-seeded New Paltz came out victorious against Geneseo, 5-0 (25-21, 25-20, 25-25).

The win resulted in New Paltz receiving their third SUNYAC Championship (2018, 2014 and 2009) in the past 10 years.

Statistical leaders for Fredonia this season were SallyAnne Rudny for kills with 571, Amanda Mosack for assists with 1122, Kailey Falk for service aces with 71, Rachel Aiello for digs with 547 and Emma Falk for blocks, totaling 58.



Top (left to right): Makenna Kallin, Rachael Aiello, SallyAnne Rudny

Bottom (left to right): Emma Falk, Kailey Falk, Amanda Mosack

Photos courtesy of Jerome Reilly

It can't get worse, right?

RYAN DUNNING

Special to the Leader

Another week, another sad, sad Sunday as a Buffalo Bills fan.

It's been a few weeks since we covered the Bills, mostly because we want to forget every game immediately after it ends.

The latest chapter for this disaster of a season saw the Bills hosting the Bears, who came into the game 4-5 on the season.

It was an absolute bloodbath.

Following Derek Anderson's injury, the starting quarterback was the legendary Nate Peterman.

Peterman played as advertised. Averaging 5.8 yards per attempt, and throwing three interceptions.

The rushing was just as bad. Peterman beat out LeSean McCoy and Chris Ivory for the leading rusher, adding 46 yards and a touchdown on the ground.

Despite the scoreline, the defense actually played alright. Holding the Bears to only 190 yards, the defense was set up for failure by the offense. The Bears had amazing starting field position all day.

The Bears have shown what a good rebuild should be all about.

With two solid rushers in Tarik Cohen and Jordan Howard, and Mitch Trubisky seeming like their franchise QB, they have built an offense that ranks ninth in points per game.

On the other side of the ball, they traded for Khalil Mack, the best pass rusher in the league.

The Bills, on the other hand, seem to be stumbling through their seemingly endless rebuild.

The young, promising defense has been able to keep them in some games, such as week eight's Monday night matchup against the Patriots, but has a LOT of work to do.

The offense has been embarrassing. Starting Nate Peterman in a real football game should be

illegal, but the Bills still haven't tapped into the free agent market for potential replacements.

What do we have to look forward to?

Josh Allen returned to practice last week, his first participation of any sort since his week six injury. Although this is good news, GM Brandon Beane still hasn't ruled out Allen's season being over.

The remaining schedule holds two games against the Jets (5-6), two with the Dolphins (5-4) and single games against the Patriots (6-2), Jaguars (5-5) and Lions (5-5).

Although all of these teams, excluding the Patriots, have looked very beatable this year, it doesn't seem likely that the Bills will be able to pull together enough of an offense to win many games.

Catching pucks and opportunities

AUBRIE MURRAY

Special to The Leader

Blue Devil goalie Anton Rosen and teammate Victor Tracy are from completely different provinces in Sweden and began their friendship after traveling for a future in hockey. School to school, team to team, country to country, they somehow manage to stay together.

"Growing up and watching each other slowly advance our hockey skills is a pretty remarkable feeling," said Tracy.

At the age of 13, Rosen first moved away from his friends and family to live in Orebro, 5 hours away from home, to live by himself in an apartment in the city. A year after, Tracy moved into that apartment to play on the same team as Rosen.

Rosen dedicated all of his time and effort to hockey and living on his own, which made it easy to fall behind with school. Rosen got the opportunity to play with the older guys in the organization, which led him to drop out of school to pursue hockey even more.

After all of his hard work and time spent getting so far in hockey, he wanted to try something new, and maybe hockey, in America.

Rosen began to look at teams and schools. It seemed as though his best option was to attend prep school at Northwood Academy in Lake Placid, New York. Tracy also attended this prep school where they made the transformation

of speaking English everyday and working hard in hockey on top of heavy course loads.

Unlike Tracy, Rosen had absolutely no American experience beforehand. Even though he knew it would be tough, Rosen knew he had to get through it to be able to continue his hockey career by playing juniors. He would then be able to figure out what kind of offers he might get and then plan from there.

Picturing a goalie from Sweden, some people may not imagine someone like Rosen.

"Blonde hair and blue eyes," the stereotypical Swedish look.

Rosen has dark hair, hazel eyes and is about seven or eight inches taller than the rest of his family. Rosen is 6'5" and lengthy, weighing around 190lbs.

After having a successful year at Northwood, Rosen needed to figure out what he was going to do next.

Rosen originally looked at Oswego but, shortly after, he visited SUNY Fredonia

and immediately felt at home, needing to be a part of this team which looked like his new family for the next four years.

Ever since then, he has grown a great relationship with that team. He immediately knew he had made the right decision. Last season Rosen became the starting goalie for the hockey team in

his sophomore year and helped the team to the SUNYAC Championship game after an incredible playoff run. They lost in the final vs. Geneseo.

During Rosen's first year being a part of his new team, he got a phone call from Tracy letting him know that there was a high chance they would be playing with each other again. Sure enough, Tracy committed to SUNY Fredonia and enrolled in school that following Fall.

One of Rosen's main influences to play hockey and gain such a strong love for the game was his father Kim Rosen. His father always encouraged him and pushed him to be a better player.

"I have learned everything from my dad. He's the biggest role model there is; I know that is a cliché to say about your own father. But the guy is everything I wish I could one day grow up and take after," said Rosen.

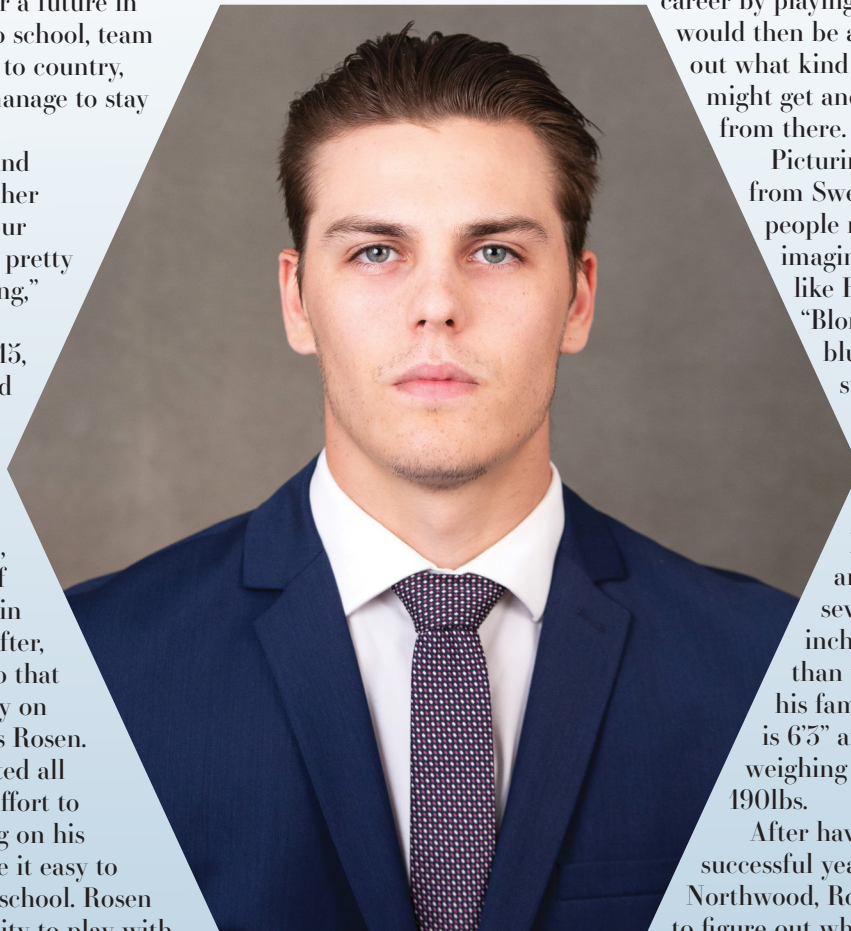
While Rosen has been in America, he has received devastating news about his father's several surgeries and operations due to, what started off as, colon cancer.

His father was diagnosed with cancer before Rosen moved to America and is currently still battling it. No matter how badly he wants to be by his side, he knows that his father would not want to be the reason to hold him back from his next big steps he has to take in his life.

One of Rosen's main inspirations is the incredible strength that his father has. Rosen has upheld the same kind of strength to continue on and be the person and player his dad is so proud of.

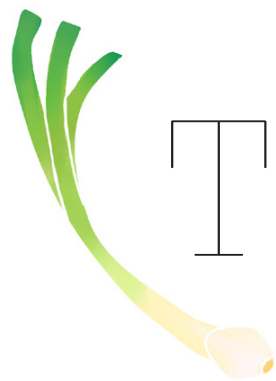
"Anton's one of the most resilient players that I've played with. No matter where his mind set is he's able to put it to the side and compose himself on the ice and play at his best performance," said teammate Jacob Haynes.

"For the past seven years Anton and I have been best friends and lived together for five of those years. For us to be able to spend another three years together in college is phenomenal, especially continuing doing what we love. Anton is a great hockey goalie and a even better friend," said Tracy.



Junior Anton Rosen is the starting goalie for the Fredonia men's ice hockey team. Photo courtesy of Jerome Reilly

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THE SCALLION

President Trump revokes own citizenship

DOM MAGISTRO

Special to The Scallion

In a recent, quite frankly expected, turn of events from the Oval Office, the President of the United States, has announced the planned signing of an executive order revoking birthright citizenship for anyone not born to citizens of the United States as well as “anyone who used marriage to grant citizenship to aliens.”

Interestingly enough, Melania Trump used her marriage to Trump in order to get her citizenship. This means that, in addition to thousands of people who have literally never lived in another country, Trump will be revoking his own citizenship.

“The implications of this are actually really significant. The executive order is actually so badly written that one of the lines could be ‘catch them in sneaky nests’ but it also could read ‘catsup is the eat-y best.’ So, we might see an increased presence of ICE, or we might legally have to accept that the best condiment is a vinegar-tomato smoothie,” said political analyst Honey M. Ustard.

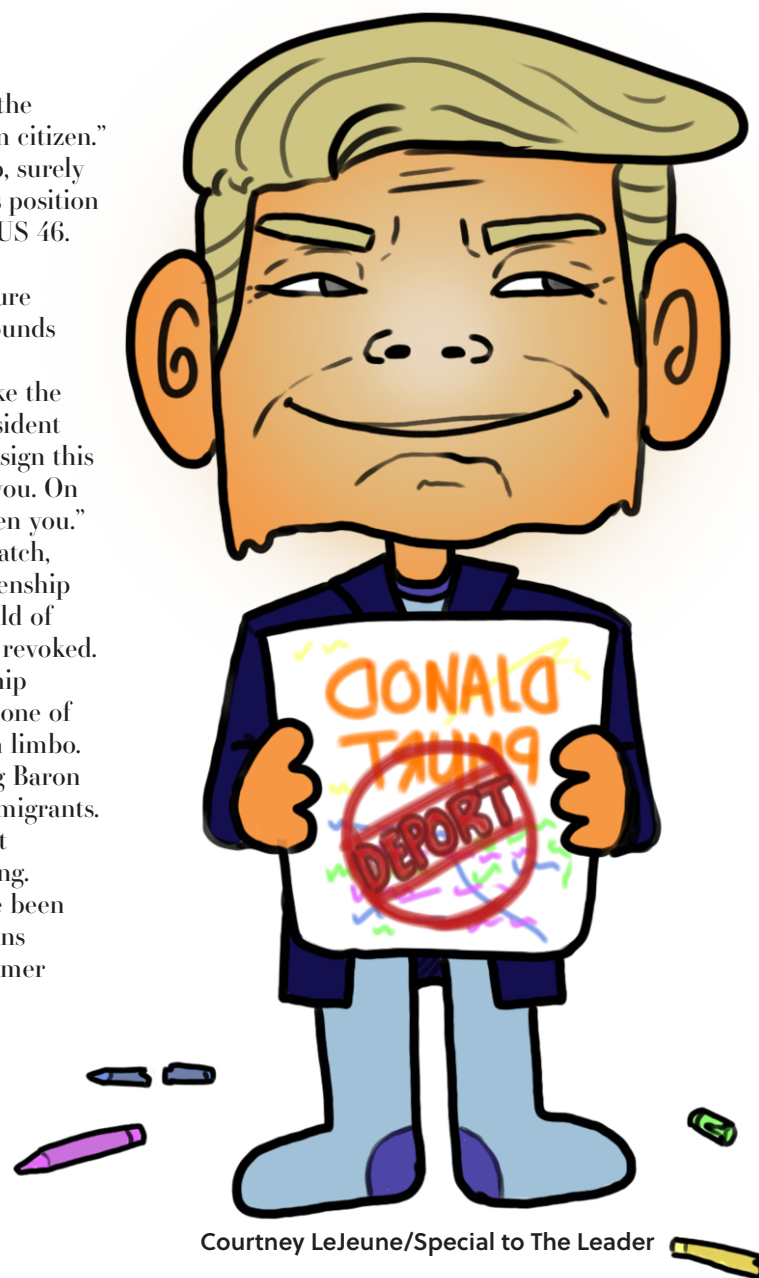
Relish lovers rejoice, however, because if he signs this executive order, he will revoke his own citizenship. As we all know (though

perhaps he doesn’t) the President of the United States must be a “natural born citizen.” Should he revoke his own citizenship, surely he would have to step down from his position and Mike Pence would become POTUS 46.

Constitutional law major Dustin Whithouse had this to say: “I’m not sure about you, but conversion therapy sounds a lot worse than having to admit the superiority of a condiment. I don’t like the sound of this executive order, so President Cheeto, if you’re reading this, do not sign this executive order. Please. I’m begging you. On behalf of immigrants, myself, and even you.”

The youngest of the Trump-kin Patch, Baron Trump, will also have his citizenship revoked because he would be the child of two people who got their citizenship revoked. Baron Trump does not have citizenship anywhere else, though. He would be one of hundreds, if not thousands, caught in limbo. I’m concerned for the safety of young Baron because of these holding cells for immigrants. He doesn’t deserve this treatment just because of his father’s bad handwriting.

Just a heads up to the CIA, you’ve been rounding up and torturing non-citizens for years, why stop just because a former president is in your jurisdiction?



Courtney LeJeune/Special to The Leader

United States hit with a literal 'blue wave' on Election Day

TRAVIS LEFEVRE

Editor in Chief

On Tuesday, voters took to the polls to elect their representatives. MAGA hats and pussy hats flood middle school gymnasiums all over the country until they became flooded with something else: water.

The United States of America was momentarily submerged when a literal blue wave came in from both coastlines, creating a tidal wave that rivals the gnarlest of tides. Voters were swept away in droves and many rural areas were ruined.

Despite the devastation caused by the tidal wave, many urban

civilizations remained relatively untouched.

"This is all part of the liberal conspiracy," said Billy Huck while wringing out the Confederate flag attached to his trailer. "This was funded by Soros and the libtards to wipe out us decent folk."

It seems as though Huck's claims have reached the Oval Office, as President Trump echoed a similar sentiment on Twitter.

"The VERY FAKE news media just reported that a giant flood swept the country. This is very obviously an attack on Republicans funded by George Soros and the liberal elites. Very dishonest! #BuildThatWall #MAGA"

As a result of the President's Tweets, FEMA has not yet been dispatched to the affected locations, which is a move that has been seen as favorable by his bas of supporters.

"I gotta tell you, it was a smart move of him not to send FEMA out this way," said Bobby Hick, perched on his floating mobile. "You don't wanna give them liberals the satisfaction of victory by spending government funds and I respect the hell out of it."

Currently, the only relief effort that has been reported is in Kentucky, where Sen. Mitch McConnell has been spotted using his throat pouch as a life raft.



Ask Fairy Godmother



Your place to bippity boppity bitch

Dear Fairy Godmother,

As you know, Halloween was last week. When I went to the store to buy the finishing touches for my costume, I found that all of the spooky stuff was gone, replaced by the sickening aroma of gingerbread and pine. It wasn't even November yet. Now, I'm not the biggest fan of Thanksgiving, but skipping two months just seems so stupid. How can I prevent the early arrival of the Christmas season?

Please help,
Grinchy in Grissom

Dear Grinchy,

I, too, hate how the most overrated holiday seems to appear earlier each year. This question is a difficult one as the early arrival of Christmas has everything to do with capitalism and stores using it to market items no one actually needs. Why buy an Elf on the Shelf when there are already creatures in your home that watch your every move? Humans are odd, that's for sure. But nonetheless, Grinchy, you have to take matters into your own hands with this issue. There are a few different methods I recommend, but some will depend on your level of comfort with handling things such as fire. One less . . . obtuse suggestion includes black ink. Buy some ink in bulk, not overly expensive I assure you, and a squirt gun. Destroy all that holly jolly bullshit to your heart's content, but make sure you're a fast runner. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

Do you have any advice for surviving the impending, never-ending winter that everyone keeps talking about? I am from Miami, FL, and have only seen snow on a handful of occasions. Does it really get that bad here?

Please Help,
Scared Snow-less

Dear Scared,

Well, my dear, you won't be snow-less for long. Winter in western New York is like a rabid raccoon: you never know how it's going to act and sometimes it appears when it otherwise shouldn't. Oh, it's also terrifying like the raccoon. Snow from Lake Erie has the ability to blanket Fredonia in minutes, leaving no time to grab winter coats or salt the sidewalks. In a few hours, the snow consumes all. Roads are gone, sidewalks are a thing of memory. It is only snow. If you live on campus, pray to your deity that someone owns a shovel, else your daily trek will be through Siberian-levels of snow. Make sure to take notes from survivalists in preparation for being snowed-in as it will happen at least once. Water is the most important thing to have. Vodka is a close second. No matter what, remember that winter will end and there is a light at the end of the blinding, snowy tunnel.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

How do I tell my parents that I bombed my midterms? College is much harder than I expected and I didn't study enough. I'm going to tutoring, but I have three big C's on my record now. I'm freaking out.

Please help,
First Year Stress

Dear First.

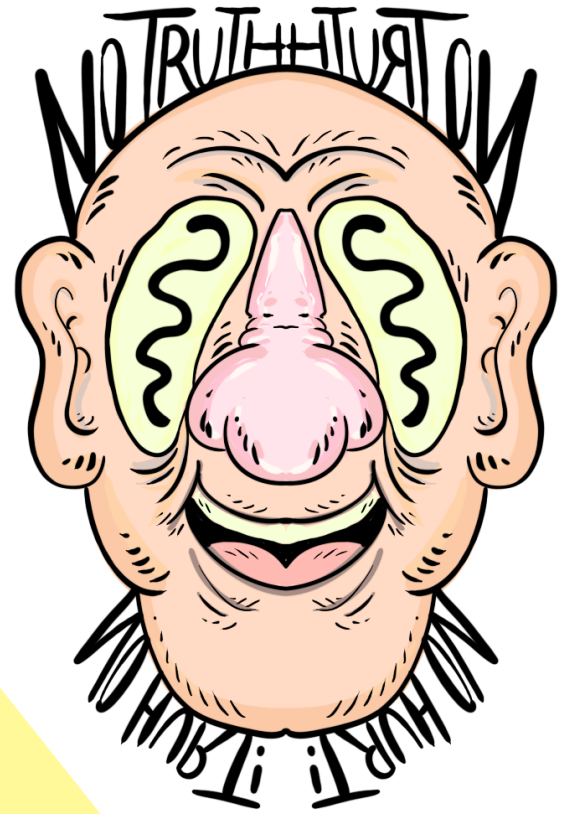
Midterm grades do not matter. They exist purely as a way for you to gauge how you're doing in a class. If this is your first semester, I understand how they could seem daunting, but please keep this in mind. As far as telling your parents, just be honest. Tell them about the extra steps you're taking to succeed and remind them that even coming to a four-year university is an accomplishment. Keep working hard and those C's will doubtlessly turn into B's before you know it. Banish the idea that only A's are good, that kind of thinking will only hurt you in the long-run. Do your best, it's all anyone can ask of you.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

COMICS

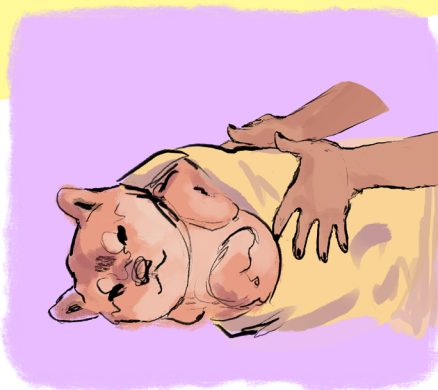


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POLICE NOTTERS

Monday, Oct. 29

2:28 a.m. University Police responded to a report that someone broke the pavement outside of Gregory Hall. An investigation is ongoing but police say the evidence is concrete.

3:52 a.m. Andrew McSadboi was arrested for possession of marijuana after telling his friend about how he just “rolled the fattest blunt” while passing an officer.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

5:46 a.m. Patrols responded to a deeply disturbing message found on the bathroom stall in a bathroom in Fenton Hall. According to authorities, the threat was non-specific and vague, so it's best to just not ask questions.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

1:50 a.m. An unnamed student was arrested for “being himself” for Halloween. He is quoted as being a “total fucking loser.”

Thursday, Nov. 1

12:01 a.m. Multiple arrests were made in connection to the murder of Halloween. Suspects were located based on how quickly they were able to throw up Christmas decorations.

4:08 p.m. University Police intervened in a heated debate on campus. According to the student witnesses, the two were debating on whether the object they found on the ground was a stone or a pebble.

Friday, Nov. 2

3:45 p.m. University Police was called to Nixon Hall after a student fell through their dorm room floor while watching “Die Hard.” According to reports, this was just the falling action.

Saturday, Nov. 3

5:05 p.m. Police responded to reports of shots fired on campus, only to find a fellow officer who thought that “today was too slow” and wanted to “add a little action to the day.” No charges were filed.



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