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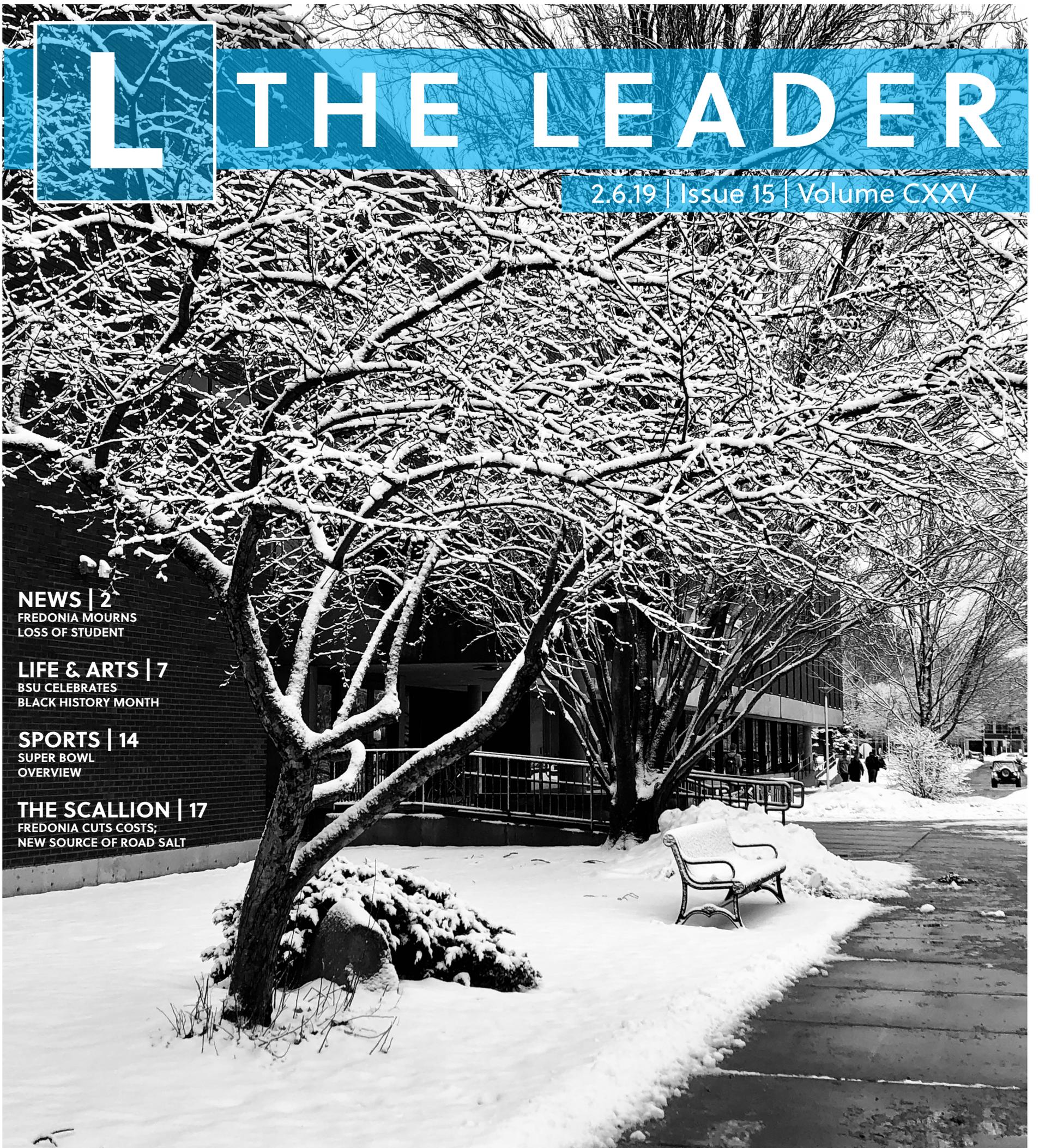
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NEWS



Parking lots were a giant ice rink thanks to heavy snow and below-zero windchills
Kristin Johnson/Photo Editor

How Fredonia handles snow removal and class cancellations

JESSICA SERRANO

Special to The Leader

When students hear about a snow day, it's usually followed by a lot of excitement. That isn't the case here in Fredonia.

We might have to deal with this polar vortex for a lot longer than anticipated.

According to Judah Cohen, a worker at a New England-based firm, Atmospheric Environmental Research, said "I think at a minimum, we're looking at mid-February, possibly through mid-March."

Because of the strong wind chills, it's possible to catch frostbite from being outside for just 20 minutes. Consequently, going out for a late night walk to Sunny's might not be the smartest idea.

Kevin Cloos, the Director of Facilities Services, oversees how the campus handles snow removals.

He reassured that during a storm, the staff focuses on plowing and clearing the parking areas.

Once the snow stops falling, the staff works to clean up snow piles, push snow back to provide more space and complete detail work to provide wider and safer walkways, including exterior stairs near Dods Hall and Reed Library.

Kyle MacDonald, a freshman criminal justice major, said he was cleaning snow off his car when another student needed help

getting his car out of a snow bank in parking lot 9A and spun out in the parking lot.

"I know that the faculty is doing the best they can to keep us students safe when it comes to driving and walking. We just have to be aware that they are not superheroes," said MacDonald. "We have to be aware of our surroundings at all times to be safe in this weather."

When such harsh weather hits Fredonia, the University Police play a big role in whether classes get canceled or not.

"I check all road conditions and weather issues that might impact the campus. I check to see if the thruway is closed or there are any travel advisories or travel bans," said Chief of University Police Ann Burns.

Burns and President Horvath sometimes talk with the Chautauqua County Disaster Coordinator and the Red Cross because Dods and Steele Halls are designated Red Cross emergency centers.

Burns stressed that this is important in case a group of people are displaced and need an emergency place to go to, such as when power is lost.

The Fredonia campus community should not take the travel bans lightly and stay warm. Students should be aware that if they need help in this weather, they can call University Police at 716-675-5555.



On the Cover:

A blanket of snow lines the branches of a tree located outside of Mason Hall.

Ben Rockafellow/Design Editor

Loss of Student

Passing of Stephanie Handschu brings new tragedy to Fredonia



Photo from Stephanie Handschu's Facebook page

MACI COSMORE

Special to The Leader

As holiday and new year festivities wrapped up and students and staff began to return back to campus for the Spring semester, heartbreak struck the Fredonia campus.

Stephanie Handschu, 21, of Plainview, Long Island and a Fredonia student, passed away suddenly on Jan. 9.

Handschu was a senior music education major who had a passion for teaching music.

Breanna Bryce, a friend of Handschu's said, "She was already an educator—she just didn't have the degree for it."

Handschu was very active in the Fredonia Opera scene, Ring Road Singers, Fredonia Hillel and was a sister of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Word of her passing spread quickly through phone calls and social media after her mother, Jill Flomberg-Handschu, posted to Stephanie's Facebook page on Jan. 11.

"This is the hardest thing . . . I have ever had to say. Stephanie, who was [full] of love and ambitions, has been cruelly taken from us."

Handschu is remembered by her friends, colleagues and mentors as a bubbly, selfless, dedicated, radiant, funny, professional and compassionate person.

"She always put others above herself. She would literally be the kind of person that would drop everything and come to you if you needed her," said Amanda Gribbin, another friend and colleague of Handschu's.

According to her friends, Handschu was always very positive and appreciative.

"She was just a bundle of energy. No matter where she went, she just entered the room and there was a light in the room. It could be the darkest room and she'd come in and light it up somehow," Gribbin said.

Allison Nicole, a long-time close friend said, "She showed people the good in things and the good in others."

Bryce continued, "She was literally my ray of sunshine."

On top of Handschu's social life, she was very dedicated to her school work.

According to Vernon Huff, an assistant professor of choral music education, "Stephanie was a shining light. She was loved by her peers and would have been a wonderful music teacher," he said in a Facebook post.

Gribbin said, "She was one of the only music majors that [Sigma Alpha Iota] ever met that didn't complain and was always genuinely excited to do the things that she had to do."

The School of Music is currently planning an on campus memorial in honor of Stephanie and will be announced in the near future.

At the request of the Handschu family, those wishing to make donations in Stephanie's memory may contribute to an existing Fredonia music scholarship.

Italian takeover

El Diablo gets a new menu

DELICIA HOLDER

Special to The Leader

New things are always a great way to start the new semester.

For this Spring 2019 semester, Fredonia is unveiling a brand new Italian menu every other week at El Diablo's in Centre Pointe in the basement of the Williams Center.

The rotating food stop will sit under the name "Il Diavolo Blu." "The Blue Devil" in Italian, just like El Diablo Azul is the Spanish name when the location is serving the original Mexican menu.

Something to spice up the same old, same old, that students have been eating for a while. This new menu features spaghetti and meatballs with chicken parmesan, baked ziti, three cheese lasagna with a breadstick and three salad options.

Fredonia foodies have seen a variety at Cranston Marche from semester to semester and some new additions at Centre Pointe with

expanding homestyle options.

However, for a long time El Diablo's has been the Mexican grill serving rice bowls and burritos.

That was never the plan for the space, though, according to Darin Schulz, the Executive Director of the Faculty Student Association.

"The unit that Diablos and Diavolos occupies was intended to be a flexible space in order to adapt to changing trends. When it was created in 2008, it was named "Trendz," said Schulz. "We have been operating that space as a Mexican grill concept since the Fall semester of 2014."

So now, after 4 years, FSA is reverting back to the original plan and making it a place for trendy food.

That means, for this time at least, Italian trends. But why Italian, right?

Well, when considering a new menu option for a school campus, dining service officials have to ensure that it is something that the students would want to spend their money on.

"After just four days, we are seeing an increase in customers by almost 50 percent," said Schulz.

The decision to introduce Italian came from research, student feedback and requests.

In any case there will always be a few that dislike change. There were the usual negative comments, but the majority of students had all love for this new Italian menu. Even the salad was an enjoyable meal to some.

We heard things like "Salad, a hundred!" "Just the change I needed!" and "The baked ziti is my favorite!"

One question still remains: is this it for menu additions or will there be more?

According to Schulz, this is just the beginning. "There are three more unique weeks coming for Diavolos, so we hope to keep everyone coming back to see what is new every other week," said Schulz.



Josh Ranney/News Editor



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POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019

A student received a text message asking for bank account information. An investigation into fraud is on-going.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019

6:22 p.m. Christopher J. Rodriguez was charged with criminal tampering in the third degree after a fire alarm was damaged in Gregory Hall. An arrest was completed.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019

A phishing attempt via Fredonia email was discovered. An investigation is on-going.

Monday, Jan. 28, 2019

An employee was being harassed online. The investigation was closed and no charges were filed.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019

1:05 a.m. Joseph R. Serrano was found in Lot 19A in possession of marijuana. Serrano was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

1:05 a.m. Thomas D. O'Rourke was found in Lot 19A in possession of marijuana. O'Rourke was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019

3:45 p.m. Dakota A. Baker was charged with reckless endangerment in the second degree after throwing a knife from a second floor window into an open air patio and walkway. An arrest was completed.

Graffiti was found in Nixon Hall. An investigation into criminal mischief is on-going.

Friday, Feb. 1, 2019

11:25 p.m. Chardonay E. Oliver was found in Grissom Hall in possession of marijuana. Oliver was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

11:25 p.m. Max D. Hurtes was found in Grissom Hall in possession of marijuana. Hurtes was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

1:10 a.m. James P. Hoolan was found on the Eisenhower Hall patio in possession of marijuana. Hoolan was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

A suspect entered Chautauqua Hall and refused to sign in. An investigation into criminal trespassing is on-going.

Monday, Feb. 4, 2019

A drug investigation was conducted in Hemingway Hall. The investigation was closed and referred to Student Conduct.

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Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019

Katelyn Schrader was charged with felony grand larceny and issuing a fraudulent check. Bail was set and paid in cash.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019

Lennon M. Black, age 18, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Zachary A. Scott, age 32, was arrested for a warrant for harassment in the second degree.

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019

Matthew P. Heffernan, age 19, was charged with harassment in the second degree. An appearance ticket was issued.

Alexander P. Rasmussen, age 19, was charged with disorderly conduct. An appearance ticket was issued.

Monday, Jan. 28, 2019

Phoebe Y. Lachenauer, age 20, was charged with operating an uninspected motor vehicle. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Alexandra Hernandez, age 18, was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

Shania Cordova, age 18, was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

Like University Police on Facebook for updates and info at "New York State University Police at Fredonia."

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.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019

Rochelle M. Junghans, age 56, was charged with operating an uninspected motor vehicle. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Kortnee L. Nordine, age 29, was charged with operating an uninspected motor vehicle. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Adam Searle was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. An appearance ticket was issued.

Friday, Feb. 1, 2019

Shawn M. Abram was charged with driving while intoxicated, aggravated driving while intoxicated, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and unsafe moving from a lane.

Brandi M. Howard, age 39, was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

Leslie Lajardes, age 36, was charged with harassment and criminal contempt. She was held.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

Alanna Green, age 22, was charged with assault in the third degree. Bail was set at \$100.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

Francis O. Johnson, age 24, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Shayne J. Marrelli, age 40, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Marta C. Ramos, age 33, was charged with open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

Monday, Feb. 4, 2019

Johnny Arroya-Shave, age 47, was charged with harassment and possession of a weapon in the third degree. He was held.

Angela M. Rak, age 41, was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

Life & Arts

Club Highlight: Black Student Union celebrates Black History Month



The E-board of BSU at the ceremony to mark the start of Black History Month
*Kristin Johnson/
Photo Editor*

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Special to The Leader*

ELIZABETH SUSKI
Special to The Leader

The Spring semester has officially started, and with that comes Activities Night, club meetings and opening events.

Clubs like Black Student Union (BSU) have already begun doing events. BSU held their opening ceremony on Feb. 2 in the Williams Center MPR.

Black Student Union is an organization that gives students of color a voice on campus. It's a source of support for students of color and affirms their culture.

"It reminds other students that are unaware of what it is like to be a student of color attending a predominantly white institution," said Nairaysia Williams, a senior social work and psychology major and President of BSU.

The group's mission is to promote a feeling of unity and pride amongst students of African descent and other members of the college community, with an aim to improve cultural and social development and increase black awareness on campus.

The club provides a safe space for students of color to come together and share their experiences, whether those experiences happened throughout their lives or on this campus.

"We also empower students of color to not be afraid to have a voice," said Williams.

As February is Black History Month, the club has a lot to look forward to this month.

Black History Month was created by students and educators at Kent State University in February of 1969. The first event was celebrated a year later on their campus.

Black History Month is celebrated today by all groups of people across America.

The month is dedicated to remembering the struggles of African Americans and their mistreatment throughout history.

It is also used to acknowledge the work done by many black activists, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Harriet Tubman, who sparked change and new ideas.

The month has become a tool to educate children in schools, as well as the rest of the population. It illuminates an idea of equality and hope for the nation.

Some future events that the club will be hosting include a poetry workshop with Po and re-imaging predominantly white institutions.

The club is also known for its annual fashion show.

Students can find Black Student Union at Activities Night on Tuesday, Feb. 3 in the MPR.

To contact the club, look for them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at "Fredonia Black Student Union."

'Artists as Innovators' offers new perspectives on the artistic canon

ERIKETA COST

Assistant Life & Arts Editor

The new exhibition at the Cathy and Jessie Marion Art Gallery is all about challenging the artistic canon.

"Artists as Innovators" features artists of today who strive to innovate in several different ways through their artwork.

The exhibition celebrates three decades of the New York State Council on the Arts/New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship (NYSCA/NYFA), which is passionate about challenging the cultural canon of art that society has known for so many years.

Some of the pieces are innovative in ways that expand boundaries physically.

"Much of the work in the exhibition is very large, even the photographs," said gallery director Barbara Räcker. "We could not get the crates holding the Ross Bleckner (contemporary American artist) paintings in the building. We had to uncrate them in Central Receiving and transport them one-by-one (still wrapped in plastic) back to the Rockefeller Arts Center in a truck. They barely fit diagonally through the loading dock door next to the gallery."

Räcker also offered some insight into how a "feminist perspective" is used in some of the artwork.

"Feminist artists often embrace alternative materials that are connected to the female gender to create their work," she said.

Artist Faith Ringgold used a quilt as the medium in which she creates a piece that represents all three of her identities: African American, female and artist.

Shinique Smith's work was also featured in the exhibition.

She used her childhood clothing, bedding, a stuffed animal, ribbon and rope to create "Miracle," a piece that was influenced by her childhood, as well as Japanese calligraphy and expressionism.

Smith works to use these different mediums to reflect on all the physical possessions humans can consume and discard throughout a lifetime.

Räcker also described how the goal of feminist artists is to influence cultural attitudes and transform stereotypes.

An example of this in the exhibition can be seen through Chitra Ganesh's work, whose pieces strive to embed feminist and queer sensibility.

Ganesh described the subjects she creates as "jungle" and "of the jungle;" phrases to describe devious women who defy convention.

She also described how she draws inspiration from "mythological narratives, present day imperialism and queer politics, old Bollywood images and songs, lyric poetry, and erased moments in South Asian history."

Other pieces in the exhibition are inventive in ways that bring light and awareness to members of society of different economic statuses who face adversities that come with it.

Dawoud Bey's portraits "Ebony" and "Kenneth" feature students with autobiographical quotes underneath.

After spending a few weeks in the school with the kids, Bey observed each student's posture, personality and character to capture each portrait of the student.

The portraits offer a more gritty perspective on the American teen, rather than the glamorized or unrealistic one that society may be so used to.

Artists like Andre Serrano demonstrate how inspiration can be drawn from older art forms, like Renaissance and Dadaism, while introducing new modern ideas and challenges.

For example, his piece "Precious Blood" of 1989 offers imagery of human blood, but in a light or angle that would perhaps challenge one's associations or immediate responses to it.

The opening reception for the exhibition had brought out a few non-art majors, including junior journalism major Sandrene Hamilton.

"I have been to other events of the gallery, and honestly this one was the best one that I've been to," said Hamilton. "I feel like the artists gave it their all with each piece. You can tell these artists were very committed and dedicated with their time and work."

The exhibition is open for viewing from now until Mar. 10 in the Cathy and Jessie Marion Art Gallery.



Dawoud Bey's *Ebony*, 2003



Delicate Line: Corpse She Was Holding series by Chitra Ganesh
All photos by Justin Saylee/Assistant Photo Editor



Great Hall, by Lori Nix



Untitled, a wooden toothpick sculpture done by Tara Donovan



Tony Oursler's *#ISO*, 2015

Il Diavolo Blu Food Review

LEAH GRAZIANO

Special to The Leader

El Diablo Azul goes Italian.

This Fredonia favorite will now serve classic Italian style dishes every other week.

The restaurant will go by the name, “Il Diavolo Blu” which means “The Blue Devil” in Italian.

The dishes served at Il Diavolo include lasagna, baked ziti and chicken parmesan. You can also get bread sticks, antipasto and a side salad — just as if you were at any classic Italian restaurant.

It also has a variety of Italian desserts, like mini cannolis, tiramisu and lemon breeze bars.

Il Diavolo looks pretty much the same as El Diablo, the only real difference is the food and the design of the menu boards.

During lunch, I ordered the chicken parmesan with a side of spaghetti and mini cannolis for dessert.

The only thing that would have completed my lunch would have been a nice glass of wine.

Il Diavolo basically just serves campus food.

You know, the kind where you know it won't be all that great, but it still satisfies you in the end?

I will say, though, if you find yourself in need of a nice helping of pasta, this can be a great option.

When I opened my white to-go container, I felt like I had lifted a veil to reveal the crispiest chicken parmesan I've ever seen. It was perfectly golden-brown and topped with marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese.

The portion was plenty, and with the side of spaghetti, it should keep you satisfied.

Would I say this is the best chicken parmesan ever? No.

But, I think Il Diavolo does a nice job maintaining classic Italian flavors.

I recommend adding extra sauce on top with sprinkled parmesan cheese for extra taste.

When I finished my chicken parmesan, I was finally able to dig into my two mini cannolis.

The employee who was ringing me out asked



Alissa Salem/Staff Illustrator

what flavor I wanted: two chocolate chip or two of the rainbow sprinkled.

Of course they sounded so tasty, I had to try both.

These were absolutely delicious! Definitely a perfect ending to my meal.

If you are ever hankering for something sweet, these desserts would be the perfect way to satisfy your sweet tooth.

If you enjoy Italian-American cuisine, I would definitely recommend checking out Il Diavolo.

You can find Il Diavolo's full menu online at fsa.fredonia.edu.



Leah Graziano/Special to The Leader

The Life & Arts Calendar: Spring 2019

A brief look into art events and entertainment happening this semester!

February 8, 9

BFA Dance Senior Projects
Merrins Dance Theatre
Fredonia's BFA dance majors perform in their senior show.
Admission is free

**February 22–
March 9**

Walter Gloor Mainstage: "Antigone"
This classic tragedy tells the story of a heroine during an era where women were thought of as lesser than men.
Tickets \$25 for general public, \$12 for Fredonia students

March 8

Tammy Pescatelli Presents Comedian Aaron Kleiber
7:50 p.m. at The Fredonia Opera House
Comedian Aaron Kleiber, known for his podcast Grown Dad Business, spends a laugh-filled night in Fredonia.
Tickets \$20 general admission, \$10 for Fredonia students

**March 22–
April 14**

Department of Visual Arts and New Media Faculty Exhibition
Marion Art Gallery
Original artwork by current department faculty.
Admission is free

March 29

Arts and Business Luncheon Series: Ed Luce
Fredonia Technology Incubator
Creator of "Wuvable Oaf: Blood & Metal," an award winning graphic novel, Ed Luce discusses becoming an entrepreneur.
Admission is free

April 5–13

Walter Gloor Mainstage: "Anything Goes"
Marvel Theater
A comedy featuring characters ranging from bankers to gangsters.
Tickets \$50 for general public, \$12 for Fredonia students

April 12–13

SUNY Fredonia PAC Presents "Next to Normal"
Williams Center Multipurpose Room
The story of a seemingly normal family with a mother who struggles with manic depression.
Tickets are free but mandatory for reserved seating

**April 19–25
& May 3–9**

Senior Show I and Senior Show II
Marion Art Gallery
An exhibit featuring original work created by Fredonia's own senior art students.
Admission is free

May 3, 4

Fredonia Dance Ensemble
Marvel Theater

OPINION

Howard Schultz's potential candidacy has Dems shaking in their boots



SETH MICHAEL MEYER
Staff Columnist

Make no mistake: former CEO of Starbucks, Howard Schultz, may say he is considering running on an Independent presidential ticket in 2020, but he will really be running as a “fiscally-responsible” liberal. The idea of a Schultz independent campaign has Democrats nervous that they will lose the 2020 presidential race to Schultz’s centrist, socially-liberal-fiscally-conservative agenda.

In a tweet posted in late January, Schultz said, “I love our country, and I am seriously considering running for president as a centrist independent.”

Since then, many people have criticized his contemplation, accusing Schultz of being arrogant.

Some political commentators, such as Jim Messina, President Obama’s former campaign manager, believes Schultz could ruin the entire 2020 election.

Messina writes, “He can’t win, and he could seriously damage our ability to beat Donald Trump. He should either run as a Democrat, or spend his time and money doing something that won’t ruin the world.”

That’s pretty rough.

If Messina’s prophecies come true, this wouldn’t be the first time that a third presidential slate drastically changed the outcome of the race. Ralph Nader’s 2000 campaign may have cost Democrat Al Gore the presidency as he lost the state of Florida by less than 600 votes. Nader received about 97,000 votes in Florida.

Howard Schultz may be the worst thing for the Democrats in the near future (Donald Trump probably couldn’t pull off a re-election on his own merit, see FiveThirtyEight poll), but he’s the best thing that the country needs now.

Americans born in the past 10 years have been raised to see Washington DC. as no more than a boxing ring for rational and irrational ideologies, alike.

From the right, radical stances on immigration laws persist as conservatives move on from the all-but-lost war against a woman’s right to an abortion. From the left, rising stars, such as Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez admit that bread-lines are good and person property is immoral. Those two are now contributing to a big shift to the socialist left for Democrats.

Schultz, a former registered Democrat and contributor to Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign, left the party citing policies that would financially cripple America as the cause.

“I don’t affiliate myself with the Democratic party which is so far left which basically wants to take over healthcare . . . the government to give free college to everybody, and the government to give everyone a job which is basically forty trillion dollars on the balance sheet of twenty-one-and-a-half trillion dollars,” Schultz said on a segment of MSNBC’s “Morning Joe.”

With Schultz not giving any thought to running as a Democrat, the Democrats are stuck between a Trump and a hard place.

For any chance of a Dem-controlled White House, they need to have a candidate that can do two things: unite their fractured party, and they have to appeal to the wavering Republicans and fiscally-conservative Independents (a task they will never accomplish with budding socialists).

If the Dems can’t pull together that kind of candidate for the 2020 presidential election, they will prove that they are less-united than ever, which could lead to a huge and unpredictable restructuring of the Democratic party.

An avenue for change

Expressing opinions through student press

AMBER MATTICE

Managing Editor

Student Press Freedom Day was on Jan. 30 and, since this issue of "The Leader" is out exactly one week later, I wanted to take this opportunity to express some opinions on freedom of the press as well as having the opportunity to work for a campus newspaper.

I joined the paper when I was a freshman. It was the first thing that I decided to do despite being a meek and uncertain little journalism major. It was intimidating. Terrifying, even. But I knew that I wanted to experience the environment that campus media would present to me and I knew the possibilities were endless when it came to expressing myself.

In my four years working across various positions, I have covered the resignation of a professor due to gender-based pay inequity, I have written about our publication receiving a letter from the KKK, I have ranted about feminism and its importance in society and I have expressed an emotional "thank you" to journalists who lost their lives in the pursuit of the truth.

I have been able to cover these topics and so

many more because of the freedom that writing for a newspaper allows. I have expressed my opinion and been given an outlet by joining this newspaper and I genuinely cannot imagine my college career without "The Leader" playing such a huge role in how I shaped my time here.

Starting as that scared, shy little human that hardly ever spoke above a whisper and becoming who I am now (a take-no-shit, opinionated woman) I realize now more than ever, how crucial press freedom has been to my own personal journey.

Having the opportunity to break huge stories on my campus and share my thoughts on events happening globally is such a unique and overwhelmingly rewarding practice.

As a senior getting ready to graduate in a few months, my knowledge of the world around is owed, in large amount, to the media that I am surrounded by everyday. The access I have to information and the ability to read and research countless arguments has allowed me to learn everyday.

In the society that we are in now, where the press is considered the enemy of the people and good journalism is pushed aside and deemed "fake news," an appreciation for press freedom is

lacking. Without it, I could not have written this. Without it, this paper would not even exist and you wouldn't be reading about the plethora of happenings occurring around you that you might not have been aware of.

Whether it is a big or small story, freedom of the press is a part of everyday life.

To take that for granted is selfish and ignorant.

I have decided to pursue a career reliant on press freedom because pursuing truth and questioning the world around me is a passion more than just a career.

Journalism. Social Media. Writing. Voicing my opinions. Sharing those ideas. All of these things are values of mine that I would never give up because they have all shaped me in becoming the journalist and writer that I am today.

I would encourage everyone to utilize the avenues for change that are, quite literally, at your fingertips and exercise your rights to freedom of the press every chance you get.

If we do, change is imminent and how exciting is it to know that your words could change someone's life, if not the world, in any number of ways?

Pretty dang exciting if you ask me.



VERBATIM

"What did you do during the snow days?"



**Shannon McCracken, junior
childhood education major**

"I held a program, a viewing party for the Shane Dawson Conspiracy Theories series. I did some homework and chilled out in my room."



**Ally Sievers, senior
self design major**

"I went to a couple programs that were put on by the RAs in my two buildings, UC and Gregory. I went to a Smash Bros tournament and then I was there for part of Shannon's and I also slept a lot and did homework I guess."



**Patrick Ryan, junior
journalism and public relations majors**

"I slept a lot, I also went to Azteca and played the PlayStation 2."



**James Maley, freshman
medical technology major**

"I pretty much stayed in my room."

SPORTS

The WORST

A depressing overview of The Super Bowl

RYAN DUNNING

Special to the Leader

Five months ago, we found ourselves in a familiar position. A new NFL season, a fresh start.

Fans of every team, hopeful that this year will be their year, and then fans of the Jets and Bills preparing for another year of sadness and disappointment.

The season progressed, and by this past Sunday, only two teams remained.

The Rams came into the season as the closest thing to a super team the NFL has ever seen.

With a newly confident Jared Goff at quarterback, Todd Gurley at running back, and players like Aaron Donald and Ndamukong Suh on defense, they had built a championship roster.

Head coach Sean McVay, at only 55 years old, had helped to build one of the most talent packed teams ever. The significance of these players was not lost on him.

"They're about the right stuff, and they're obviously very talented football players," said McVay during the preseason.

Throughout the season, the offense lived up to the hype. They only failed to score 50 or more points on three occasions, their lowest scoring game being a 15-6 loss against the Bears.

However, despite the influx of talent through free agents and trades, the defense never quite put it together. They allowed 50 or more points on six occasions.

Their road to the Super Bowl began with

an easy win over the Cowboys and a win over the Saints. The latter of those was aided by a massively controversial no-call. Rams CB Nickell Robey-Coleman hit Saints WR Tommylee Lewis well before the ball arrived. The refs looked the other way, and the Rams went on to win the game.

The Patriots had a much less comfortable road to the Super Bowl.

Finishing 11-5, they barely squeaked out a first round bye, with puzzling losses exclusive to teams who did not make the playoffs. At points, Brady looked like he might be looking at his final season in the league.

And yet, come January, they reminded us why they've had so much success over the years.

They built an underdog story for themselves, with Brady saying things like "They think I'm too slow and too old" at rallies. And they proceeded to cruise through the playoffs, with convincing victories over every team they faced.

The time finally came for the big game.

It was horrible.

Just one year after one of the most exciting games in Super Bowl history, we suffered through the worst Super Bowl of all time.

After a scoreless first quarter that included a missed field goal and a turnover, we were treated to a field goal.

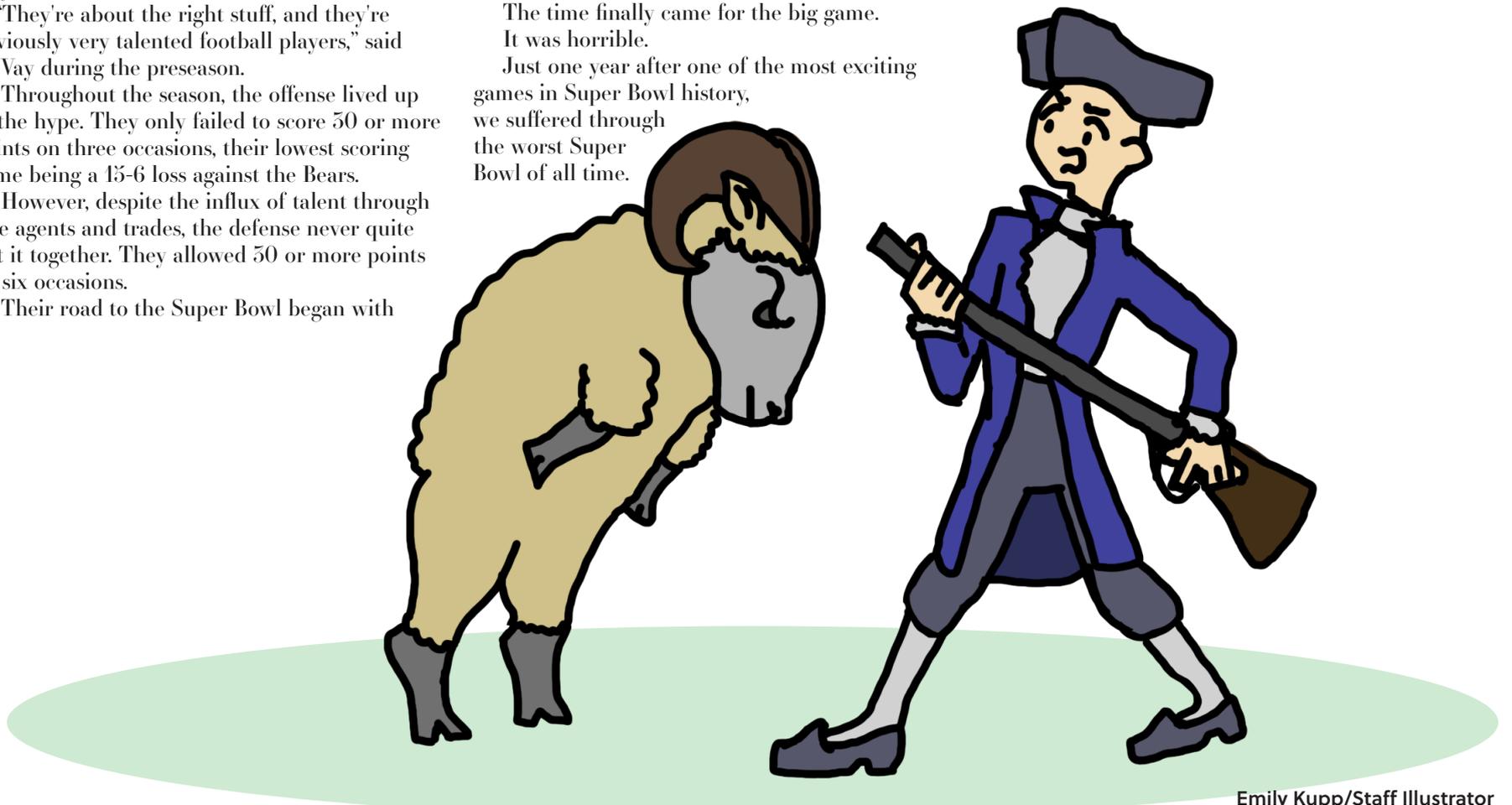
The Halftime Show was not much better. Maroon 5 played some nostalgic songs with very poor execution, a fitting show for the game being played.

During the third quarter, we were treated to a field goal, and then the most exciting part of the game. After a three and out, Rams punter Johnny Hekker launched a 65 yard bomb, the longest punt in Super Bowl history.

The fourth quarter held the first touchdown of the game from the Patriots, sealing our deepest fears into reality.

After a Jared Goff interception, a Patriots field goal and a missed kick by the Rams, the game was over.

Julian Edelman won MVP, and we have to deal with another year of insufferable Patriots fans.



Pure magic

A look into UB's basketball season thus far

ANTHONY GETTINO

Special to The Leader

College basketball is a sport that almost everyone during March enjoys to watch.

It doesn't matter what team is playing who, just the thrill of watching all these teams playing back to back to stay alive is exhilarating.

Most years, New Yorkers have a team in the hunt to win a title: the Syracuse Orange.

This year, there are two.

The University of Buffalo basketball team has been phenomenal this season. They are currently ranked in the top 20 in both the AP Top 25 poll and the Coaches Poll. If there is a team that can get to the Final Four this season from New York, it's probably coming from western New York.

The Bulls are a very senior-heavy basketball team that plays in the MAC Conference, otherwise known as the Mid-American Conference. The leading scorer on the team is senior guard CJ Massinburg, followed by senior guard Jeremy Harris, then senior forward Nick Perkins, sophomore guard Jayvon Graves and senior guard Dontay Caruthers.

What Buffalo has been able to do this season has been extraordinary. It isn't like they've just been beating up on mid major opponents with an experienced team either. They have faced off against some good teams.

They easily handled Syracuse on the road in the Carrier Dome, beat a ranked West Virginia on the road early in the season and lost their first game to Marquette on the road in late December.

The Bulls are currently 18-2 and well on their way to going to the tournament again for the fourth time in the past five years. If they win the MAC tournament after the regular season ends, they will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA March Madness Tournament, but if they lose, as of right now their position is very safe.

What is for certain is that this season has been magical so far. What isn't certain yet is just how magical it may be.



"If there is a team that can get to the Final Four this season from New York, it's probably coming from western New York."

Is drug testing Division III athletes worth it?

AIDAN POLLARD

Sports Editor

Every athlete has to agree to random drug testing to be in compliance with NCAA regulation. There's no changing that.

But how worth it is it to drug test Division III athletes?

It makes sense at Division I and Division II schools to test for performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) like steroids because of the higher levels of competition and nationally televised games and events, especially in Division I. The pressure to perform for both audiences and professional teams is undeniable, so it would make sense to try and keep those athletes away from the seduction of PEDs.

But those pressures are not nearly as relevant in Division III. Most Division III athletes aren't under the impression that they're going to go pro.

Division III athletes are generally there to extend their athletic career in the sport they love for a few extra years. Testing Division III athletes for PEDs seems about as useful as doing the same for high-schoolers.

However, the NCAA found that approximately 60 percent of student athletes see drug testing as a deterrent, and support fair repercussions for positive tests in a self-conducted 2014 study.

On the other hand, testing Division III athletes for illicit and street drugs seems useful and almost necessary.

"Across virtually every social drug (including alcohol, tobacco and marijuana), Division III student-athletes reported higher usage rates than seen among student-athletes in Divisions I and II. In some cases (e.g., marijuana), Division III use has reportedly increased while rates in Divisions I and II have remained stable or dropped," reported the 2014 NCAA study.

The study also reported that, in general, student-athletes are much less likely than other students to use recreational and social drugs in the first place.

If a school is looking to get rid of a drug culture, then drug testing seems to be the obvious way to go. But simply being on a team

in the first place seems to be a good enough deterrent for many student-athletes to not bother with drugs to begin with.

Every athletics department is different, but the study also found that drug use correlates with both gender and specific sports.

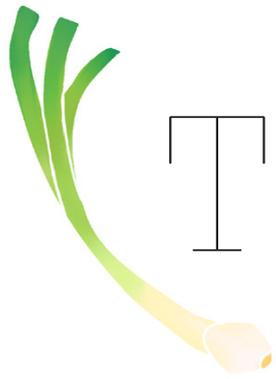
"Although similar percentages of male and female student-athletes report using alcohol, men use other social and ergogenic substances at higher rates than women," said the study.

The study also reported that men's lacrosse had the highest rate of use, while men's basketball had the least.

"Examined across sport, men's lacrosse student-athletes reported the highest or near-highest use of many substances including alcohol, cigarettes, spit tobacco, marijuana, synthetic marijuana and cocaine. Approximately 41 percent of men's lacrosse players indicated that they have used cocaine in the last 12 months. Among women, lacrosse student-athletes reported high usage rates for alcohol, amphetamines, cigarettes, and marijuana. Men's lacrosse players indicated the highest ADHD medication use, including 20 percent who reported using without a prescription," reported the study. "Men's basketball players were among the lowest reported users of alcohol, amphetamines, anabolic steroids, cigarettes, cocaine, ephedrine, marijuana, spit tobacco and synthetic marijuana."

So it seems like the smart move for a department would be to take into account gender, sport and kind of drug when deciding who to drug test.





THE SCALLION

To cut costs, Fredonia begins salting roads with leftover pretzel salt

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With recent complaints about roads not being salted, Fredonia was quick to respond by salting the roads using leftover pretzel salt. This effectively covered the costs through pretzel sales and helps to reduce waste in an ongoing effort to help reduce waste.

"I think it's pretty genius," President Virginia Horvath said. "When I was informed of this issue with roads, I began to look at how we can distract the general public with food. Firstly, we started selling baked ziti at El Diablo Azul, which didn't cover up too well. But now opening up several pretzel shops across campus allows us to both distract from the issue, and use a mediocre way of solving it!"

Several students have already taken notice, and they have applauded the administration

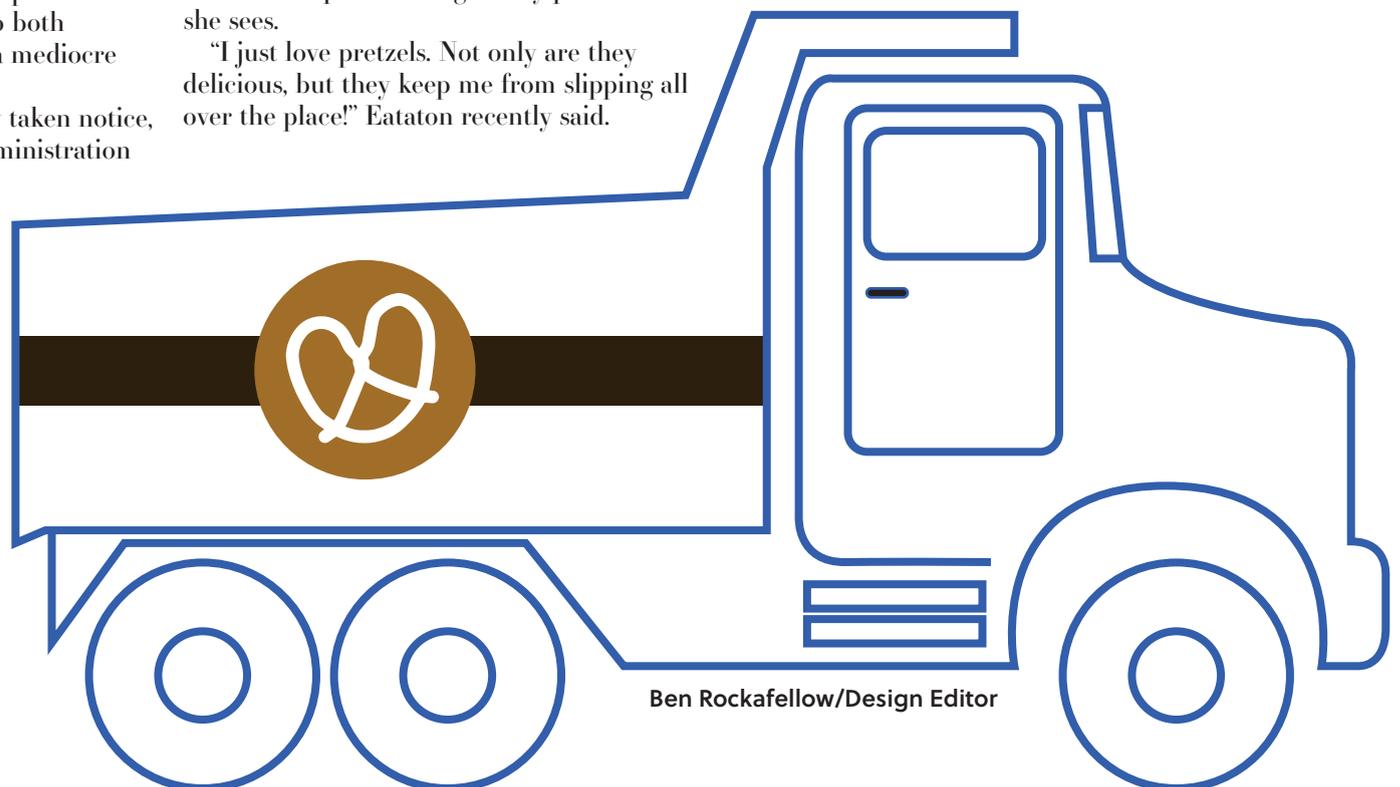
for their quick and clever response to this issue.

The salt, however, has not been very effective, as some students have pointed out. One student in particular, James Twistie, a theatre arts major, recently posted a long tweet about the roads.

"I'm not just being salty, these roads are dangerous! Using pretzels is not okay. That salt was meant to be consumed. I don't mean to get anybody's pretzels in a twist, but this is ridiculous and the administration should be ashamed." (@Twistieboy).

Student Mary Eataton has fully embraced the new pretzel stands, quite literally. Witnesses report she hugs every pretzel stand she sees.

"I just love pretzels. Not only are they delicious, but they keep me from slipping all over the place!" Eataton recently said.



Ben Rockafellow/Design Editor

Fragile masculinity strikes again

Gillete razors are the new victim

DOM MAGISTRO

Special to The Scallion

Proctor and Gamble Co., parent company of Gillette razors, recently ran an advertisement calling for men to “do better.” While many women saw this as Gillette calling out its primary consumer base for its misgivings, men saw this as a direct attack on their masculinity. Unsurprisingly, Gillette has been trending on both Twitter and Facebook for the past couple of weeks.

For the majority of male baby boomers, this ad was despicable. These men will never buy another Gillette razor until they are at Walmart and forget what razor company they hate, so they just buy yet another Gillette Proshield 3 out of convenience.

The ad went over very well with its intended audience, though. Nearly 60% of Gen-Z, Millennial, and Gen-X men said they were likely to buy another Gillette razor intentionally. These men applauded the company for having the courage to stand up and say what was wrong with the culture of toxic masculinity in which we live.

Twitter user @StarsAndBars4Ever said “I’d like to see a woman chopping wood. If masculinity is so toxic, then why are we still around?”

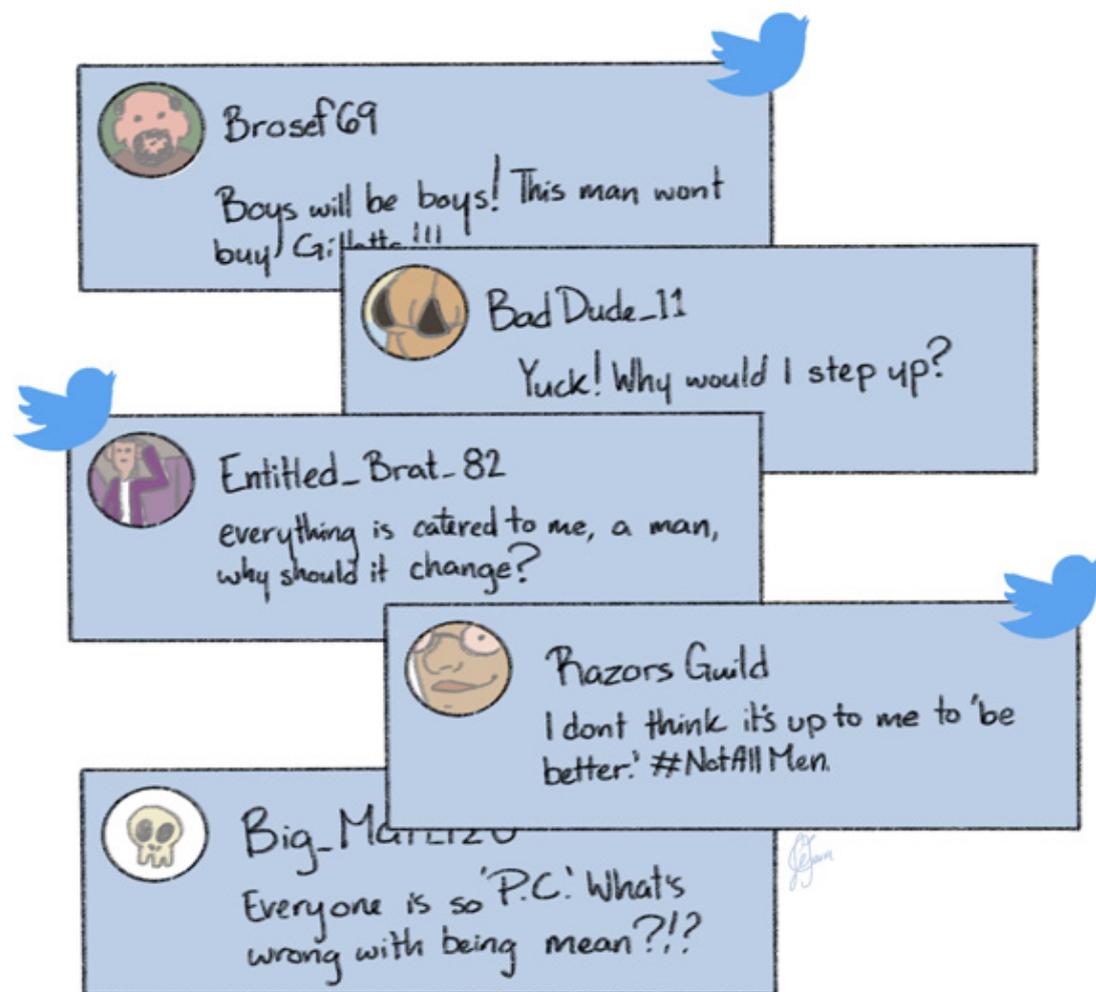
Twitter user @WhyWomenDontDateU wrote “It doesn’t make sense. Gillette execs are big mad cause they’re chads who can’t get a girlfriend.”

On Facebook, pictures of white grandfathers holding guns in one hand and chewing tobacco in the other forcing their children to handle firearms are plastered all over timelines with captions like “Hey Gillette, I’ll raise my own grandsons, thanks.”

When asked why he thought this Gillette ad was a bunch of malarkey, Facebook user Adam Rhinehart said “In all honesty, it seems like

Gillette just can’t get over my refusal to shave for Januhairy, Furry Feb, and Moustache March. Everyone in liberal circles knows this ad was meant to target the men who find shaving to be too much work and decide to not shave to raise awareness for prostate cancer. Men like me, who choose to commit fully. One month of the year is not nearly enough to display my concern for all the men with prostate cancer out there. I mean, women get all of October with their ‘breast cancer’ or whatever. They even make the football players wear pink socks, for christ’s sake. Where’s the love for my fellas?”

Another man commented on Rhinehart’s thread: “I cannot sit idly by while Gillette makes a mockery of men for not wanting to shave. Just because I’m hairy doesn’t mean I don’t care. I just want everyone to know how hard men have it. I’m not trying to devalue women or anything, but it’s just important for the razor company to remember who pays them. Women don’t have to shave. It’s us men who have to use their product to meet unnatural beauty standards.”



Ask Fairy Godmother



Your place to bippity boppity bitch

Dear Fairy Godmother,

My grandma called me yesterday to make sure I had enough water and non perishables to survive this polar vortex. I didn't realize I was supposed to have a blanket in my car or that my car might not start. I'm new at this. Do you have any winter advice for first-timers?

Please help,
Cold AF

Dear Cold,

This winter is abnormal even for Fredonia so rest assured, we do not usually have three winter storms right after the other. One of my biggest pieces of advice is to listen to your grandmother. If the power goes out, you'll need food that won't spoil, and if the pipes freeze, you'll need a source of water. The blanket in your car is so you won't freeze to death along the side of the road. Your car indeed might not start if it's too cold. Winter is a very dangerous time to be unprepared. You should also make sure to always have a scraper and brush in your car. Check your tire pressure before leaving home. If you don't have a car, wear boots and make sure to layer your clothes. One thick coat won't be enough if it's -20 windchill outside. Wear gloves, wear a scarf and cover your ears. If you slip and get hurt, make sure to contact someone ASAP. Walk together on campus because you can rest assured that they will either salt or shovel, never both. Winter won't last forever and soon you'll be slogging through mud.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

I have senioritis and I have no idea how to deal with it. It's the end of the first week and I already don't have the energy to order my textbooks. How can I get through this last semester without utterly bombing?

Please help,
Sinking Senior

Dear Sinking,

This last semester should be treated just like every semester before it. Take this advice with a grain of salt. If you spent every other semester partying and staying out all night, then you should continue the same behavior. We have no reason to expect you would change this late in the game. If you got solid B's while not studying at all, then why put in the effort now? Senioritis is just your brain looking too far in the future. You still have to finish, but C's get degrees! Just get comfortable with not hanging anything up on the refrigerator and lying to your parents, because it's gonna be a bumpy ride. Here's to hoping that you get to walk across that stage and hold in your hands the single most expensive piece of paper you'll ever own. If not, well then we'll see where your senioritis gets you next year.

Sincerely,
Fairy Godmother

POLICE NOTTERS

Monday, Jan. 28

Officer's responded to reports of a wild deer in distress. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the source of the noise was just a student in the fetal position begging for the semester not to start.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Student's reported a man watching them from their dorm window. Upon investigation, officers found the suspect to be a plastic skeleton.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Police responded to a call of a missing student named "Marco." Upon calling out his name, they realized searching for him would be pointless.

Friday, Feb. 1

A drunken man was arrested downtown for attempting to break into a police vehicle. During the arrest, the man handed the arresting officer a five dollar bill, saying "here's a tip, you're a great Uber."

Saturday, Feb. 2

A man was arrested for peeing into the fountain in the park downtown. When confronted, he remained motionless attempting to disguise himself as marble decor.



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CANNED PEACHES by Alissa Salem

