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NEWS

SA gearing up for the new year, GA Day goes off without a hitch

SANDRENE HAMILTON

Special to The Leader

Fredonia's student-run government, known as the Student Association (SA), has a hand in how much of the campus functions. Whether it is clubs, budgets, transportation or legal help, SA assists students in many matters on campus.

In order to do so, they need students to join and be willing to jump into the various sections of student government that helps clubs, and the students that are a part of said clubs, function continually.

The Student Association has a representative body that votes on matters such as someone wanting to be appointed to standing committees.

"The court is one of the standing committees but the requirement is that the people who are elected there are not involved in anything else than SA," said Jason Cheung, the Comptroller for SA. Cheung says that this is to reduce bias.

Budget & Appropriations, Elections and Sustainability are a few examples of the standing committees that people can be appointed to. Any student can be appointed to these committees as long as they are a member of SA.

"You can definitely be involved in other places in SA," Cheung said.

So what makes someone a candidate for open positions in SA? Cheung says there isn't really a requirement. But you do have to be in good standing with the college and have an interest or passion for student government.

"Every semester [on] Activities Night we try to promote and recruit as [many] people interested in joining the Student Association. After that, our president will contact them and talk to them individually telling them all the opportunities you have in SA."

Cheung also said that people sometimes just come into the SA office

to talk about wanting to be involved in SA. When this happens, Cheung says that the people in the office talk to the interested individual about the different positions that are available at that time.

"There are a lot of purposes for SA," Cheung said. "One of them is we govern the clubs and make sure the clubs are fulfilling their policies and mission statements. We also manage the funding."

Pertaining to the budget, SA also goes through Budget Week, which is typically held in the Spring semester. During this week, SA helps clubs determine their budgets and allocate funds for the upcoming year. After every club has gone through budget week, GA Day is held later in the semester.

This year, GA Day was held on March 2 at 11 a.m. During this meeting, each club must say whether or not they are satisfied with the budget allocated to them and the representatives of SA must decide if the overall SA budget will be approved.

The meetings have been known to last for hours if clubs are not satisfied with their budgets but this year, the meeting lasted for 20 minutes with each club being satisfied and the overall budget being approved.

Cheung also said that the campus and community bus is operated by SA and that lawyer services are available if someone is in need of legal consultation.

"You can come in to set up an appointment with our lawyer and he can provide some information," Cheung said.

Cheung says that SA tries to advocate for students for a lot of matters.

If you are interested in joining, their office is located on the first floor of the Williams Center in room G112.

Jason Cheung is the Web Editor for The Leader

On the Cover:

Looking up the staircase at Rockefeller Arts Center. *Dante Lasting/Special to The Leader*

New bakery offers fresh options and innovative ideas

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

A new and unique option opened its doors in the Village of Fredonia this week. Om Nohm Gluten Free bakery opened this past Wednesday at 45 Temple.

Om Nohm Gluten Free offers organic, gluten-free and vegan food options in all their recipes, making it a key place for dietary specific needs.

The bakery was able to get off the ground thanks to help from Fredonia Enactus. Rachel Aiello is the Project Lead, working with the owner, Jessamine Daly-Griffen, to strategize and promote the infant business.

When Enactus first took on the task of jump-starting Om Nohm Gluten Free, they were working, almost literally, from the ground up.

"The first time we came here, nothing was here," Aiello said of the nearly 150-year-old building.

Daly-Griffen credited Enactus for having the vision to find a way to put a bakery in an old house in Fredonia.

"I've got the gluten-free baking mastered, what I needed was innovation and new ways of thinking about things. To look at an old building like this and say, 'We could put a bakery in there,'" Daly-Griffen said.

"This building has history," she said, "It's from the 1870s. It's been many things over the years. It's been a dentist's shop, a tattoo shop and a CD shop, so to be able to strip it down to its bones and find really neat pieces of history in it."

Daly-Griffen said her partnership with Enactus has been fantastic. "I think one of the most important things that we need in our community is each other," she said. "That's the whole reason why I'm doing this business. Because people who have different food needs just don't have anywhere else to go." Enactus has enabled that.

The "why" behind Daly-Griffen's motivation to establish an eatery with such specific recipes is because of a family member with celiac disease.

"There's really not a safe place that you can go, if you have celiac, that you can go because there is the cross-contamination issue or people don't take it seriously or think it's a fad. But if you have a serious medical need, what you're missing out on is the emotional connection of sharing food with people," Daly-Griffen said.

Being able to bring that ability to people brings Daly-Griffen the satisfaction of being able to create a "web of connection," through food.

Gluten-free, organic or vegan diets have grown in commonality and popularity.

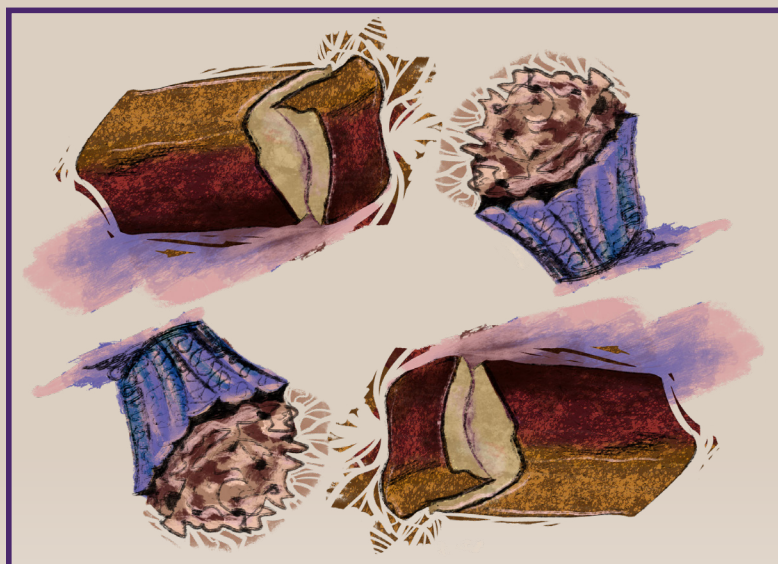
"We don't have a full understanding of why it's happening, just that it is happening. So, I'd like our community to be part of the renaissance of being able to take care of everybody," Daly-Griffen said.

Daly-Griffen said there are certainly people who have dealt with dining at restaurants and have felt like a burden or have had the waiter roll their eyes at them. She wants Om Nohm Gluten Free to be a place where they can come and talk or vent about it and be in a community of other people who share the same experiences.

Daly-Griffen also said her menu features foods made with healthy organic fats and unrefined sugars. "It's how you want to eat," she said.

Daly-Griffen said while she doesn't live in Fredonia, she did go to school here.

"I think college towns are gathering places for people who are open-minded,"



Fay Patterson/Staff Illustrator

Daly-Griffen said. "They care about their health and modern food issues."

Aiello highlighted the location of the bakery, specifically.

"It's hubbed all around student living off-campus, so it's really easy for people to drive by and see it," Aiello said.

"There's a lot of people on the college campus that need this," Aiello said, "People are really interested in it. It brings a bigger community together, we are here and we are a part of something, and this business recognizes that."

Om Nohm Gluten Free in Fredonia is a combination of a progressive lifestyle with progressive mindsets.

"I want it to be a place for innovative thought, I really believe that's what college is all about," Daly-Griffen said, "An innovative place needs to be in a place with innovative thinkers."

Daly-Griffen hopes to expand the bakery's purpose too. She plans to start hosting bands or poetry slams. There is already a women's open mic night in the works because, "Women are pretty underrepresented at open mic type settings."

"We want it to be a safe space for all people of all races, ethnicities, genders and gender affiliations," Daly-Griffen said.

Aiello and Daly-Griffen made it clear that this is square one. After barely a week of business, Aiello said, "We have a lot of future plans."



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Monday, Feb. 25, 2019

6:52 p.m. Nicholas E. Costabile was found in McGinnies Hall in possession of marijuana. Costabile was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019

A subject received harassing messages. Prosecution was declined.

A vehicle was damaged in Lot 26. An investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019

5:14 p.m. Autumn L. Baker was stopped on Lakeway Dr. Baker was charged with speeding in a zone and unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

Friday, Mar. 1, 2019

8:44 p.m. Angelica E. Rivera was charged with no or inadequate lights, operating a motor vehicle without insurance and unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

FREDONIA

Monday, Feb. 25, 2019

Payton K. Johnson, age 22, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Ashley M. Mann, age 17, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019

Marissa G. Rivera-Valdes, age 18, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019

Kurtis A. Seckings, age 21, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. Two uniform traffic tickets were issued.

Friday, Mar. 1, 2019

Pedro J. Corraliza was charged with a crosswalk violation. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Sunday, Mar. 3, 2019

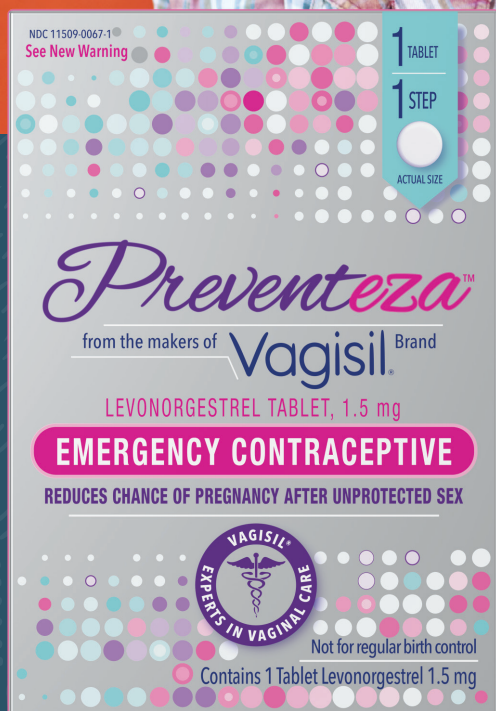
Tyler R. Beamish, age 20, was charged with violating the noise ordinance and prohibited use of space. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

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Life & Arts

Spectrum announces comedy show to take place of Spring concert

GIOVANINA VANCHERI

Staff Writer

This year, Fredonia's annual Spring concert is going to be different from those in the past.

In fact, it's not going to be a concert at all.

Last week, Spectrum Entertainment Board announced that this year's Spring show is going to be a comedy act.

In the past, Spectrum would rotate between hiring artists from different genres including rap and alternative to cater to wide audiences.

However, they still were not receiving the ratings they were hoping for.

"We decided we could make a lot more people happy and excited about a comedy show," said Spectrum president Molly Gibbs. "We have very high hopes for this show."

The show will feature Chris DiStefano as the opening act and Sal Vulcano as the main event.

Chris DiStefano is most known for his role on MTV's "Guy Code."

Sal Vulcano is known for his lead role on TruTV's "Impractical Jokers."

Both comedians are widely popular and loved by many students across campus.

"Believe it or not, they were our top choice," Gibbs said. "It took a long time to hear back from them and we were getting a little nervous. When they finally accepted, we were all so happy."

With how excited the e-board members are themselves, they have high expectations for the rest of the students' reactions.

Nicholas Crampton, former president of Spectrum, is a big believer in the change of events.

"Sal Vulcano is a huge name in the media industry and I think having such a big figure on campus will create an exciting buzz for Fredonia," he said.

Kaitlyn Torres, treasurer of Spectrum, has worked hard to book the performers while sticking to their budget.

A comedy show turned out to be a less expensive event to hold than past concerts.



(L): TV Personality, Chris DiStefano
(R): Comedian Sal Vulcano of *Impractical Jokers*
Photos taken from Spectrum's Instagram page

She is exceptionally pleased with the acts they were able to book.

"As a Fredonia student, I hope to be able to bring the campus and community together for a great event full of fun and laughter," said Torres. "It's not every day two great comedians come out to Fredonia."

The show will be 18+ and is being held in King Concert Hall on April 13.

Tickets will be available in the Ticket Office starting on Monday, March 4.

Prices are \$5 for students, \$10 for student guests and faculty, and \$15 for community members.



Khris Dunn/Staff Illustrator

Visiting Artist Program presents revolutionary artist Dread Scott



ELYSE GRIECO
Life & Arts Editor

Fredonia's Visiting Artist Program presented guest speaker Dread Scott this past Thursday, Feb. 28.

Scott is an award winning artist who some may call reckless, but others call revolutionary.

In 1998, while he was still a college student, Scott's work titled "What is the Proper Way to Display a U.S. Flag?" had America talking.

This installation used audience interaction to enhance the viewers experience while observing it.

This artwork consisted of a montage of pictures of South Korean students burning the American flag and flag-draped coffins of fallen soldiers hanging on a wall.

Below the picture was a book filled with blank pages where the audience was



On the Impossibility,
Dread Scott performs one of his pieces

allowed to record their answer to the question asked, "What is the Proper Way to Display a U.S. flag?"

In front of this book and picture was an American flag laying flat on the ground.

Scott offered his audience the ability to step on the flag while sharing their answers.

The installation soon became a nationwide controversy. President Bush Sr. even deemed it "disgraceful."

However, this outcome was not Scott's full intention.

"To both be able to have this work and have it be able to talk back to people telling

you the way the world was, when that's not really how it was, was great," said Scott. "But it was completely unexpected, and even though I thought that art could matter, until that point I sort of thought it had to be a movie or music because I knew that [those] reached thousands to millions of people."

Since then, Scott's art has challenged the ideas and beliefs behind the U.S. government and society.

According to his mission statement as an artist located on his website, "I make revolutionary art to propel history forward. I look towards an era without exploitation or oppression. I don't accept the political structures, economic foundation, social relations and governing ideas of America."

Scott's work, as well as several other unorthodox minority artists, is currently featured in the traveling exhibit, "Artists as Innovators: Celebrating Three Decades of New York State Council on the Arts/New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowships" on display at the Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery.

Scott's featured work in the gallery is called "Money to Burn."

This piece of performance art questions the idea and structure of Wall Street.

"Wall Street has the situation where people, at the push of a button, can move billions of dollars from one continent to another continent, which can cause tremendous harm," Scott said. "There's always seeking the highest profit, but his has tremendous consequences for ordinary people all over the world. This is a country that fetishized wealth and money . . . but a world that creates billionaires on one end and extreme poverty on the other, that's intolerable."

In 2010, Scott occupied Wall Street, walking up and down the sidewalk singing, "Money to Burn" and asking pedestrians if they had any money they would like to burn as well.

The performance started with \$250 that Scott burned, one bill at a time.

Only about 25 minutes after starting, Scott was stopped by the police and ticketed for disorderly conduct.



Photo courtesy of Dread Scott

He used this to signify the idea that burning money is viewed as crazy, yet there is a market that burns other people's money every day.

Scott is currently working on a new project, "Slave Rebellion Reenactment."

This performance will restage the biggest slave revolt in American history, the 1811 German Coast Uprising. The revolt took place in the Territory of Orleans, which is modern-day Louisiana.

The staging will include 500 black actors dressed in historically accurate clothing representing slaves.

Re-enactors will march 26 miles over a two day span on the land right outside New Orleans where the original revolt took place.

The intentions of the revolt were to seize this territory and establish a republic.

"That fact that there are no slave revolts in America widely known is a tragedy," said Scott. "You can't understand American history if you can't understand slavery. You can't understand slavery if you can't understand slave revolts."

"Slave Rebellion Reenactment" will take place on Nov. 9-10, 2019.

"Money to Burn," as well as the rest of the work featured in "Artists as Innovators," will be on display at the Marion Art Gallery from now until March 10.

For gallery hours, visit fredonia.edu/about/art-gallery/

For more information on Dread Scott and his specific works, please visit his website at dreadscott.net.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Gamma Phi host annual Bald for Bucks

ELIZABETH SUSKI

Special to The Leader

Bald for Bucks took place Saturday, March 2 at 6 p.m. in the Williams Center MPR.

Bald for Bucks is a fundraiser hosted annually by Sigma Phi Epsilon's Fredonia chapter.

This head-shaving and hair-cutting event helps raise money and awareness for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo, N.Y.

The fundraiser takes place at schools and campuses all across the Buffalo and Rochester areas.

The event had a stage and a basket raffle, filled with fun prizes.

"Sigma Phi Epsilon has been doing this event for about seven years. [Sigma Gamma Phi] decided to co-host with them this year. We have been helping them raise money, and get people to join in," said Franci Branciforte, a senior communication disorders and sciences major.

Bald for Bucks surpassed its goal of \$5,000 this year.

Earlier in the week it went up to \$5,448. "My favorite thing about this year's event is the success. It was exciting to hear that we went over because the event hadn't even happened yet," Branciforte said.

Besides most of the fraternities and sororities getting haircuts, there was one participant that stood out.

Lisa Newell from the Office of Student Conduct was among the sea of students.

This was the second time Newell had decided to cut her hair for Roswell.

"I do the event because it's for a good cause. There's been cancer in my family; both grandmas had it. One passed away at 42 and the other one is here," Newell said.

With the event ending, junior Emily Warren was one of the last to get her haircut. Warren has a major in social work and is a member of Sigma Gamma Phi.

"I just [felt] inspired and my aunt had breast cancer so I wanted to support her," said Warren.

She and Branciforte had support from their fellow sisters.

"There's just so much enthusiasm with the participants," Newell said.



Some of the participants in the event
Photos by Kristin Johnson/Photo Editor



Open your mind to Fredonia's new yoga club

JESSICA MEDITZ

Special to The Leader

As the work and stress of the mid-semester arise, students might find themselves in a tough place mentally or emotionally.

Fredonia's new Yoga Club may be the way to fix that — according to its president.

Kiera DeCotes, a senior music technology major, is the club's founder and president.

Yoga has been a special part of her life for the past two years.

"It has helped me to overcome some serious challenges and I feel as though it's my duty, as president and founder, to help and bring that happiness to others," she said.

DeCotes pushed to make this club available to students on campus because she wanted to "Create a safe and accessible environment for anyone who might be going through physical, emotional and mental challenges," she said.

"Yoga Club will provide a healthy outlet — regardless of one's athletic experience,

any limitations that they may have, or their experience with yoga. It is to help anyone soothe their mind, body and soul."

The club plans to offer weekly sessions with emphasis on different styles of yoga, such as heart-opening yoga flow and meditation.

They will also be studying a multitude of poses and hosting workshops, which will be announced in the future.

X'zaya Ivy, a junior B.A. applied voice major, is the Yoga Club's secretary.

She was inspired to become involved in Yoga Club because she finds yoga to be beneficial for her mental health.

"The club's overall mission is to just give students an escape away from the stress and hustle and bustle that classes may be causing them," she said. "Even if it's for an hour, it's nice to give students a breather once or twice each week."

Although larger events are still being formulated as of now, DeCotes said that the

club intends on collaborating with other clubs on campus — including athletes, dancers and musicians.

Another goal of the club is to collaborate with Yoga Underground, a yoga studio located in Dunkirk.

The club meets three times per week: Thursdays at 8 p.m., Fridays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. in Dods Hall 148.

Members will also have the opportunity to host a session if they please, in which additional sessions can be scheduled.

Yoga Club's full executive board consists of Kiera DeCotes, president; Noelani McAfee, vice president; X'zaya Ivy, secretary; Eden Bantum, treasurer and Aterahme Lawrence, social relations chair.

Fredonia's Yoga Club is open to everyone; students can join just by showing up.

Ivy says that she's excited for what the club has to offer, and she looks forward to spreading the practice of yoga to the Fredonia community and giving back.

For more information and announcements, follow the club on Facebook at "Fredonia Yoga Club" and on Instagram @FredYogaClub.



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Brews Under Review: Pantius Droppus

TRAVIS LEFEVRE

Editor in Chief

I'd like to give this review the same obligatory introduction that has been used by many before me. I'm no beer expert, or a beer connoisseur for that matter. I'm more of a hard liquor type of person myself which, depending on who you ask, might be problematic. But I digress.

Stepping back into Ellicottville Brewing Company felt like I was returning home. The bar is situated right next to my apartment but I don't visit it as much as I'd like, despite the fact that their beer cheese is on point. So what better time to go than right before class?

Sitting at the bar, I was perplexed. Usually, how these articles work is that the beer is the choice of the bartender. However, it's been a while so I wasn't entirely sure what we haven't covered yet. Finally, it was decided that I would try Pantius Droppus, or Pants for short.

Despite the fact that it sounds like Tinder for the Harry Potter universe, Pants is a Dark Imperial IPA, and it sure does taste like it.

Darker than a Death Eater, Pants has something of a berry scent that wafts out of the spherical glass. As for the taste, it doesn't pack too much of a punch. It kind of just tastes like dark beer, which is odd considering the fact that the speciality beers at EBC almost always have a special little something in the flavor. This, however, is just kind of beer-like with a bitter aftertaste.

Like I said before, beer isn't exactly my forte. I'll drink it, sure, but I also have a bad habit of getting sick of the way beer tastes rather quickly. I've been fortunate enough to not have this issue when I occasionally slam a bottle of Blueberry Wheat, but Pants didn't offer that same luxury, as I found myself forcing the rest of it down my gullet about halfway through.

As beers go, I failed to find anything really special with Pants, aside from its funny name. I was told going into this that Pants is something of an acquired taste, and I'm forced to agree. That said, it's a taste that I did not acquire on this day.

Overall rating: 2.5/5



Photos by Travis LeFevre/Editor in Chief



Arthur Renteria/Special to The Leader

VERBATIM

OPINION

"What's your childhood throwback song?"

**Alex Warren, freshman
childhood inclusive education major**
"Who Let the Dogs Out' by Baha Men."



**Erica Armstrong, senior
BA music major**
*"Alice's theme,' I always liked the theme song from Tim Burton's
'Alice in Wonderland.'"*



**Justin Ciccone, freshmen
music education major**
"No Scrubs' by TLC."



**Havana Bancroft-Billings, freshman
art history major**
*"Either 'Dancing Queen' by ABBA, or 'Conga' by Gloria Estefan
and absolutely 'Sk8er Boi' by Avril Lavigne."*



Olivia Connor/Assistant Art Director

PHOTO GALLERY

Om Nohm Gluten Free Bakery



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THE SHOW / UNITY, hosted by Art Forum



Umbrella Boat,
ink, Jennifer Feeney



Princess, ceramics, Emery Mauro



Photos courtesy of Prince-Aziz Hunt



Senior Danielle Singer
admires artwork

SPORTS

USWNT fails to impress fans in SheBelieves Cup

VICTORIA BARNES

Copy Editor

The United States Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT) hosted its fourth annual SheBelieves Cup, an international soccer tournament, that encourages women and girls to achieve their dreams. The U.S., Japan, England and Brazil competed in the tournament.

Each team received three points if they won their match, zero points if they lost it and one point if they tied their opponent. Each team played three matches, and the team with the most points at the end of the tournament won the SheBelieves Cup Trophy.

As the reigning champions and hosts, the U.S. were favored to win. However, lackluster performances in their first two matches of the tournament disappointed fans.

The U.S. tied Japan 2-2 in their first match on Wednesday, Feb. 27 in Chester, PA. U.S. forward Megan Rapinoe scored the match's first goal in the 23rd minute,

which was assisted by fellow forward Tobin Heath.

The U.S. dropped their defenses in the second half of the game, which led to Japan midfielder Emi Nakajima scoring in the 67th minute.

The U.S. needed fresh legs, which forward Christen Press provided when she was subbed in during the 76th minute. Fifteen seconds later, Press slotted the ball to forward Alex Morgan who scored her 99th goal for the team.

The U.S. kept their 2-1 lead until stoppage time. Japan forward Yuka Momiki scored in the 91st minute, tying the game 2-2. The U.S. were unable to score a third goal, and the match ended 2-2.

The U.S. faired the same in their second match, tying England 2-2 on Saturday, March 2 in Nashville, TN. U.S. forward Rapinoe scored the match's first goal again, this time in the 33rd minute.

The U.S. didn't have much time to relish in their goal. England defender Steph Houghton scored three minutes later in the 36th minute, making the score 1-1.

After halftime, England midfielder Nikita Parris scored in the 52nd minute. The U.S. substituted three players into the match in an effort to even the score. U.S. forward Heath, who'd been playing for the entire match, was the one to tie the score 2-2 in the 67th minute.

The U.S. acted desperate during the final minutes of the game to score a third goal, but their efforts were in vain. The match ended 2-2 in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

U.S. forward players had strong performances in both matches from Heath, Press, Rapinoe and Morgan. However, their midfield felt incomplete with Lindsey Horan being out of the tournament because of a quadriceps injury.

U.S. defense players struggled with miscommunication issues, which included players like Abby Dahlkemper and Crystal Dunn not clearing balls and making dangerous backpasses.

After their poor performances in their first two matches, the U.S. has a chance to redeem themselves against Brazil on Tuesday, March 5 in Tampa, FL. Their midfield will need to play in a more compact shape, and their defense will need to communicate better in order to beat Brazil.

However, the U.S. struggling in the SheBelieves Cup left fans wondering how they'd perform in the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup this summer. They won the 2015 World Cup and are favored to win this year's cup. A disjointed midfield and mistake-prone defense might ruin their chances of winning like it did in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

**This article was written on Sunday, March 3, so it doesn't reflect the results from the match between the U.S. and Brazil on Tuesday, March 5. It also doesn't include the winner of the SheBelieves Cup.*



Jessica Bennett/Staff Illustrator

The Sabres push for the playoffs

DANTE LASTING

Special to The Leader

The Buffalo Sabres are attempting to make a final playoff push with less than 20 games remaining in the regular season.

The Sabres have not been to the playoffs since the 2010 season. That is the second active playoff drought (7 seasons) currently in the NHL.

This season might be the year that streak is broken. Second-year Head Coach Phil Housley has already topped his win total from last season. Housley's Sabres are currently fifth in the Atlantic Division, and they are behind three other teams for the last playoff spot.

So far this season, the Sabres have been very up and down. The team started out hot, winning 10 games in a row in Nov. That has been the only month so far that the Sabres finished with a winning record. Since then Buffalo has been on a downward trend but has done enough to stay in the hunt for the playoffs. The Sabres have a record of 30-27-8 and a total of 68 points as of March 2.

With the trade deadline on Feb. 25 officially passing, the Sabres traded for a defenseman that should make the team better. The Anaheim Ducks shipped defenseman Brandon Montour to Buffalo in exchange for defenseman Brendan Guhle and a first-round pick.

The first-round pick that Anaheim received won't be Buffalo's pick. The Sabres had three picks to give away after getting one from San Jose and the other from St. Louis.

They had acquired those picks from earlier trades that were made. One pick from the Evander Kane deal with the Sharks, and the other from the St. Louis Ryan O'Reilly deal. The pick that Anaheim gets will be announced when the final order of the 2019 NHL Draft is released.

Brandon Montour is 24 years old, and he's a blue liner with a right-handed shot

and offensive upside. He has been in the NHL since 2016 and has played in 193 games, including playoffs. In that time the defenseman has a total of 73 points, with eight of them coming from playoff games.

Montour has playoff experience with the Ducks, making it to the Western Conference Finals in 2016. Hopefully, he can bring that mentality to Buffalo and try to get them over the hump and into the playoffs.

"This is the time guys should be excited about," Montour said. "A young team, haven't really been in the playoffs the last little bit here, so it's new. But I've had some experience now in the playoffs and I know we've had some races coming down to it, trying to get in last year. Everybody should be pretty amped up. Hopefully, I can bring a positive boost to the dressing room, being vocal as much as I can."

The Sabres currently sit about four wins outside of the wildcard position. They must make huge strides at this ending stretch to secure a playoff matchup.

If the Sabres can find ways to win games in the last month of the season, they have a shot in the playoffs. A playoff berth would mean a lot to the city of Buffalo. It would break an almost 10 year old drought, and bring hope for the future to fans around western New York.



Kaepernick, one player everyone wants

ALEXANDRIA NIEVES

Special to The Leader

Time has made Kaepernick the big name in the NFL.

A recap of the whole thing in 2016: NFL 49ers Quarterback Colin Kaepernick decided to make a statement on racial injustice, recently a settlement has been made for him to go back on the field.

Kaepernick started when he decided to kneel during the national anthem at a game. That was when “all hell” broke loose.

After all that mayhem, Kaepernick wasn't able to play for the whole season. Fans knew that he wasn't in for the past season when it came to drafting of 2017-2018.

During his time out of the NFL, he became a social activist.

He helped former prisoners get jobs by donating his custom made suits because he cares about his fans and the community.

He became a spokesperson for Nike, right after the NFL and Nike made a deal.

Law firm Geragos & Geragos put out an official statement on Feb. 15.

It said, “The resolution of this matter is subject to a confidentiality agreement so there will be no further comment by any party.”

Kaepernick, Reid, Geragos and Meiselas all discussed what will be happening.

Recently, Kaepernick and Reid were given the chance to come back to the NFL.

Kaepernick is telling professional American football league XFL to pay \$20 million to play for them.



Photo taken from nfl.com

Fredonia Baseball takes its first swings at the season

RYAN DUNNING

Special to the Leader

The coming of spring means the start of baseball in America. While the MLB starts spring training, our Fredonia Blue Devils have already started their season.

Last year, the Devils finished 17-13 (7-10 in SUNYAC play), for their first winning season since 2013.



Their 7-10 record in conference games left them fifth in the SUNYAC, just two games out of a playoff spot. This year, the team should look to

build on last year's improvement, with a goal of advancing into SUNYAC tournament play.

The Devils graduated a multitude of seniors last year, including first baseman J.T. Angora.

Angora led the team in batting average, base percentage and slugging percentage, according to the baseball statistics page on the SUNYAC website.

With such big positions to fill, the Blue Devils will look to get more production from a healthy mix of returning players and fresh faces.

One place the team needs to improve majorly is total runs.

The team finished sixth in the SUNYAC with 68 during their ten conference games. Compared to their batting average, which ranked third in the conference, their run totals were especially weak.

So far this year, the team has played with mixed results. At The Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, the Devils won their first two games, and lost their next two.

Jessica Bennett/Staff Illustrator

The first of these was against Lehman College on Friday, March 6. The Devils dominated Lehman 16-1, including a five run first inning.

The team was lead by senior Luke Kuczewski, who recorded 14 strikeouts in eight innings, and senior Kevin Yirinec, who contributed two home runs.

The next day, the team completed another dominant performance, an 11-2 victory against the College of Staten Island.

Sophomore Nick Ciruolo picked up the win, by striking out eight of nine batters he faced in three innings. The team took a commanding lead in the sixth inning, scoring seven runs.

The Blue Devils then lost to the College of Staten Island 3-2 that night, followed by another loss the next day, this time to Manhattanville College, 13-19.

The team's next game is against Illinois College for the Russmatt Invitational on Mar 8. The team won't play at home until April 2 against Penn State Behrend.

Budgeting your game-day snacks

JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS

Staff Writer

For most people, the month of March is filled with March Madness, preparing for the upcoming Major League Baseball season and most importantly, traveling somewhere warm for Spring Break. As a result, watching any kind of sporting events must include food. Game-day food preparation is essential. For all you sport fans getting ready to enjoy this week's sporting events, here are my five game day food ideas while on a budget.

1. Food Platters

When it comes to food trays there are so many options to choose from. Classic game day food platters are veggie trays with homemade ranch sauce, Tailgate Sliders, chicken bites, pizza rolls, beef, chicken and pork empanadas, cheese, salami and crackers, fruit and nut platters, hot wings with carrots and celery and blue cheese dip and let's not forget about the classic sandwich platters. Sandwich platters have a number of combinations that can satisfy the palate of many foodies. Their options range from your classic ham and cheese, tuna sandwich, classic vegetarian hoagie and turkey with swiss, amongst many others. Food platters are easy to prepare and cost-efficient because they meet the needs of your budget and they are simple and easy to prepare for your day of fun while rooting for your team.

2. Chips & Dip

The life of a college student can be very overwhelming, especially when you're broke. There is nothing wrong with keeping it simple and buying chips and dip for you and your friends. When it comes to chips you have a ton of options like potato chips, tortilla chips, corn chips and plantains. For those of you who are worried about your blood pressure, another option would be to indulge in salt-free chips. Additionally, for you guys that eat super healthy, there are also vegan and organic options for you to try. Let's not forget about the dip. The chemistry between chips and dip are amazing, the dip brings out the better part of the chip. There are many options that you can put together, such as salsa, Guacamole, onion, and artichoke dip. For health conscious individuals, hummus is usually their dip of choice.

3. Tacos

Tacos may be the most interesting side to any gathering. Tacos allow you to be more creative on a budget. You have the ability to prepare options with little effort needed. The portions are small, yet tasty and can be filling after you add the additional toppings. Most commonly used add-on options are lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, onions and green peppers, to name a few. One of my favorite game day tacos would be the fish taco. My guests usually love when I prepare the mahi-mahi tacos. The feedback that I receive from my guests has always been amazing. Additionally, options for tacos on a budget are chicken tacos, beef tacos and pork tacos.

4. Pizza

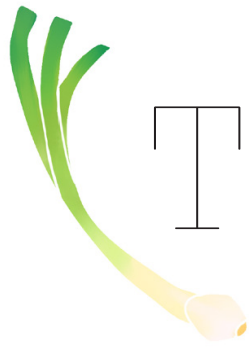
We've all had those days when we don't feel like cooking. You're just super busy and extra lazy and don't feel like preparing anything at all. What's the first option that comes to mind? That's when the light bulb goes on and pizza becomes your best friend. For all you true pizza lovers, every pizza restaurant doesn't serve great pizza. Yet, if you're looking for a good pizza restaurant in the Fredonia area, then your best option hands down is Maria's Pizzeria & Restaurant. Their additional add-on toppings are endless. When deciding on a topping, be different. There's more to pizza than just cheese.

5. Beverages

When in doubt, I always opt for water. After eating all of the above-mentioned foods, there's nothing greater than having an ice cold bottle of water. It's good for you and very affordable when purchased in bulk. A 24 pack of water can cost you approximately \$5.00 after taxes and deposit. Lastly, as always, I always urge my guest to bring beverages as well, asking guests to bring beverages keeps you within your budget and adds value to your gathering.



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THE SCALLION

Spectrum announces phenomenal comedians for comedy show

JOSEPH MARCINIAK

Assistant Editor of the Scallion

Spectrum has finally announced the comedians at the comedy show coming up. Two phenomenal comedians. The opener has been announced as a homeless man they found outside of Sunny's. According to Spectrum, his name is Reggie and he is a card!

"Unfortunately, some budget cuts on campus also massively cut out funding for Spectrum," spokesperson for Spectrum, Jeff Jeffworthy said. "This occurred to us after we had announced the comedy show, so we had to make something up quick. I don't think anyone will be disappointed by our line-up."

The main act, according to the Spectrum Twitter, is a dead rat named "Chuck" they found on the sidewalk outside the Cranston Marche.

"I don't do comedy, but I was told I'd get 10 bucks if I come in and tell

some jokes, so I'll be coming in to make some jokes," homeless man Reggie said.

The dead rat is known for such hilarious movies as "Dead Rat: The Movie" and "Dead Rat: The Movie Again."

The dead rat was not available to be interviewed. We're assuming they're booked.

"The dead rat is the reason I did comedy," John Mulaney said while wandering around campus looking for something to do. "By the way, I'll be on campus for a few months, and I'm really bored. Know any good activities I can do?"

It seems like everyone wants to get in and see the dead rat. More than 400 pre-sale tickets have been sold.

"I gotta get in before this guy really decays," said Frannie Deekay. "I mean, if I don't see them now, who knows where they'll be in a few years? Probably just a pile of old skin and dirt."



Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator

Citrus family sues Colbert for defamation of character

DOM MAGISTRO

Staff Scallywag

Stephen Colbert, host of “The Late Show,” recently replied to Donald Trump on Twitter with the words “orange man” in reference to the President’s artificial tan. There is backlash from Florida as a coalition of 32 citrus farmers threaten litigation for defamation of character.

“Mr. Colbert has associated oranges and, by extension, my client, with a fascist administration which insults the migrant workers on my client’s payroll. Florida Fine Oranges will not sit idly by while its name is dragged through the mud because of the similarity in complexion to the President of the United States,” said Sylvester “Sly” Me, attorney for Florida Fine Oranges, a

company which prides itself on hiring migrant workers and ensuring they are paid a legal wage and given breaks.

“Oranges are beautiful. Trump is not beautiful. Relating one to the other makes oranges seem not beautiful. Orange Oasis Oranges provides citrus fruits to locations all over the nation, making this company the backbone of the citrus industry. For Colbert to hijack our name and apply it to Trump is unforgivable,” said Herbert Oasis, owner of Orange Oasis Oranges, a company which recently got into legal trouble for mistreating its migrant workers.

“Look, orange companies do not have a trademark on the word orange. It’s ridiculous for them to claim it and try to sue Mr. Colbert for saying a word. It’s a pity we live in such a weak nation that

people get upset over every little thing. These companies should have seen ‘The Colbert Report.’ They don’t have a leg to stand on, and I have complete faith that the court system will not find Mr. Colbert guilty,” said a spokesperson for Colbert.

Regardless of the results of the case, the fact that Orange Oasis Oranges and Florida Fine Oranges are actually agreeing on something is impressive. The two have been seen battling it out in court against one another for years over migrant workers, farming subsidies and disaster relief. Colbert’s ability to get them to agree on something is a testament to comedy’s ability to bring people together.



Thousands protest Punxsutawney Phil for incorrect prediction for spring

SOPHIA MOORE

Guest Scallywag

Feb. 2 came and went this year, but thousands were packed into Phil's temporary home of Gobbler's Knob anxiously awaiting the groundhog's decision. His verdict was in, and the crowd celebrated for more weeks of winter.

Unfortunately, Phil might be out of a job. A month after Phil's fateful judgment, the protest was in full swing. The participants had been waiting for this moment, equipped with t-shirts that read "Not My Groundhog" and "Close the Hole."

There were a number of colorful, yet effective signs, reading: "Make Groundhogs Great Again," "The oceans are rising and Phil's going deeper in his hole," "Phil's hole is as deep as big oils pockets" and "I can't smell the spring roses over all the gas Phil is producing."

Protesters were eager to give their opinions to the Scallion. This included a woman claiming to be the organizer of "Get Phil Out," Barbara Bitters, a Nebraska resident who first launched the grassroots campaign four weeks ago.

"Yeah, this whole thing started in my apartment," she said. "My ex-husband and I heard that Punxsutawney Phil announced six more weeks of winter. Six weeks later, I'm divorced. Punxsutawney Phil is ruining lives and he must be stopped."

Another protestor, Neil Mimbus, felt as though Phil's talents would be better suited elsewhere.

"That guy needs to go and leave it to the professionals, like the one in Staten Island, Chuck," said Mimbus. "You know, I like that guy; he's a real family man. This Phil clown needs to go back to collecting nuts underground."

Punxsutawney Phil's representatives could not be reached for comment, but an anonymous source on his team reached out to our offices. The source claims Phil "has not been himself" and "worried" about Dunkirk Dave, a rival located in western New York, who uses "unorthodox techniques of prediction" to achieve a high level of accuracy. Allegedly, Phil even had his team plant rumors about another rival, Staten Island Chuck, claiming that the groundhog has been replaced and was biting his handlers. Dave and Chuck's respective reps deny these claims.

After all this madness, Bitters seems reflective on the ordeal, saying, "He just needs to tell the truth. That's all we want; the truth."

Bitters says she will be watching again from Nebraska next year, ready to come back if he messes up again.

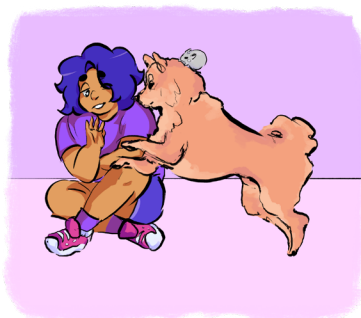
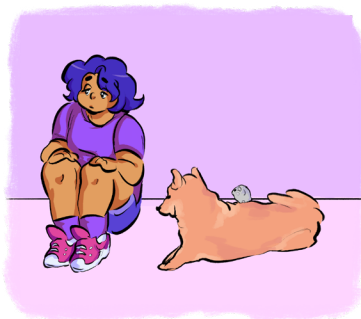
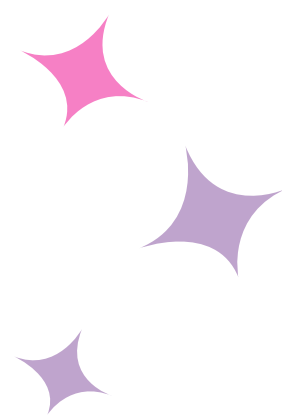
"I'm going to keep fighting until he gets it right," she said.



Mattéa Guldý/Art Director

COMICS

Canned Peaches
By Alissa Salem



Gordon Ramsay on Campus



POLICE NOTTERS

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

4:53 p.m. Hello, Greg.

8:30 p.m. We know this is you.

Thursday, February 28, 2019

3:44 a.m. You're the only one who can see this, Greg.

3:21 p.m. Everyone else can see the horrible puns and garbage jokes.

Friday, March 1, 2019

8:46 p.m. We need to discuss important business, Greg.

Saturday, March 2, 2019

5:58 p.m. This is your last chance, Greg. Return to us.

6:22 p.m. We will now return to the regular Police Notters, Greg. Remember us.

8:33 p.m. Police officers were excited for the intermission of Antigone, only to find out it was all an act.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

2:01 a.m. Police found a student covered in Ritz Crackers. According to witnesses, she was looking like a snack.

