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NEWS

Fredonia calls on Governor Cuomo to address disproportionate state funding

JOSH RANNEY

News Editor

The Student Association is joining other Fredonia governing bodies in standing up to New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo to push him to close the TAP Gap.

SA is looking to make this statement regarding state funding for public universities following the University Faculty Senate, the Faculty Student Association and the Fredonia College Council.

In the coming days, SA will be drafting a resolution stating their position, which will be considered by other SA committees for approval.

Spearheading that resolution is the Student Association's Chair of Community Relations, Cristian Rodriguez.

"Over the years, Governor Cuomo has cut our budget in the state budget, so New York state schools have been getting less and less funding since the Great Recession," said Rodriguez. "Ever since we were hit, we haven't gotten that money back."

Rodriguez said the TAP Gap is essentially the gap in funding that state schools, like Fredonia, used to get as opposed to what they get now.

Rodriguez confirmed they are following the path set by the University Senate.

"They passed a resolution and they called for the Student Association to pass a resolution, so that's what we're going to try to do," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he, along with the Community Relation committee,

was charged with drafting this resolution by President of the Student Association, Seth Meyer.

"It's disappointing that it has come to the petitions of many organizations statewide to urge the Governor to close the TAP Gap and to support the Maintenance of Effort," Meyer said. "I think Cristian and the Community Relations committee understands the importance of what they are doing and I can't wait to seal the envelope and send it to the Governor's office."

At the time The Leader spoke with Rodriguez, he and Meyer were going to be going over final edits to the resolution with the intent of sending it through the Rules Committee for preliminary debate and a vote of approval.

If it is approved, it will go to the General Assembly on Thursday, March 28 for final adoption by the General Assembly.

Rodriguez also said he and Meyer plan to present their resolution, once passed, to the University Senate.

"Fredonia is facing a budget crisis," said Rodriguez. "[President] Horvath and the rest of [the] administration is kind of struggling to see where to cut programs. Whether we should cut academic programs, whether we should cut student programs to avoid all of this and avert crisis, let's go to the government and say, 'Hey, where was the funding that we used to receive? Why can't we get that back? Economic times have been prosperous since.'"

Rodriguez said, unfortunately, this isn't an issue on too many students'



On the Cover:

Fredonia Girls Lacrosse takes on Oswego.

Kristin Johnson/Photo Editor

radar. He, along with other SA leaders have had to do a lot of educating on it.

“I was pretty perplexed when I was in University Senate and I heard about the resolution, myself,” said Rodriguez.

While few individuals know about the push to call on Cuomo, it has been a statewide movement to call on the Governor to address public university funding.

“There was actually a resolution that the [Fredonia] University Senate followed, and it was a resolution through the SUNY and CUNY systems combined,” said Rodriguez. “It was a New Deal

passed by SUNY and CUNY, down to University Senate, now down to SA.”

The resolution approved by University Senate was literally, a “New Deal.” The “New Deal 2.0 Fredonia Resolution” passed in Fredonia’s University Senate with 36 senators in favor, one against and one abstaining.

As it has come through each level of governance in higher education, Rodriguez said the whole thing has been a “chain reaction.”

“As I student, I think it’s crazy that so much funding was taken from us after the Great Recession and [it was]

never replenished,” said Rodriguez. “I understand why they had to take money out, however, since economic times have changed and since we’ve bounced back . . . it’s crazy that we’re not getting this money.”

“There is a budget crisis on campus, and because of that budget crisis, there’s a budget crisis in SUNY,” said Rodriguez. “We’re not the only school going through this . . . Why isn’t the state doing something? Why aren’t they giving us the fair funding? So as a student, I’m personally appalled and upset at Governor Cuomo.”



Scott Martelle: A life in journalism

ALEXANDRIA NIEVES

Special to The Leader

Scott Martelle has spent most of his working life in journalism. He can trace it back to his years at SUNY Fredonia.

Fredonia alumnus and columnist for The Buffalo News Sean Kirst said, “[Scott Martelle had] the same ethic, always with conscience and always with sweat.”

Kirst introduced Martelle with the story of how they met in Martelle’s sophomore year at Fredonia when Martelle was the Editor in Chief for The Leader.

Martelle traveled up the food chain starting from Fredonia’s student newspaper all the way up to the Los Angeles Times.

His journey went from Fredonia to Jamestown to Rochester to Detroit and finally to Los Angeles.

“When I was working in Detroit, it was the afternoon paper. It was a brutal journalism market at the time. [It was] serious competition,” said Martelle.

While Martelle was in Detroit, the paper he was working for ended up going on strike.

“We went on strike in July 1995, [they were on the] picket line for a year and a half,” said Martelle. “My wife was a kindergarten teacher in a private daycare

... and we had two young children. [I was back] bartending again ... it was a great fall back.”

Martelle had a friend who had a job with the LA Times. Martelle admitted that he applied for the LA Times three times and he didn’t even get a rejection letter.

Before talking about his journey up the food chain, Martelle was telling the audience about how to build readership and how to get the attention of readers.

He brought up his recent opinion piece, “OMG, a top Trump official is under investigation.”

Martelle said, “That’s a great headline. The headline is driving the coverage of business, but I managed to make it a real piece ... sort of a summation of [the] number of scandals that have confronted the Trump administration at this moment.

“You’ve got all this corruption and all these scandals going on in different departments of the Trump administration.”

Martelle was asked about how he stayed focused on everything surrounding the Trump administration and not just focused on what Trump tweets in a day.

“It takes a lot of work, a lot of research,” said Martelle. “You have to bring an awareness of

the elements of what you’re reading about.”

He showed a series the LA Times did that started on April 2, 2017 titled, “Our Dishonest President.” It talks about Trump’s reactions to issues within a seven article series.

“After he was elected, we were writing this stuff [tweets and comments]. As soon as he declared [his candidacy], we were writing critical articles about it,” said Martelle.

The series ended Aug. 20, 2017. It shows that the LA Times researched what was going on after Trump would say something verbally or through Twitter. They didn’t want the audience to just see what he tweets but how people would react to his words.

Senior Fredonia student, David Wentling, asked why people should trust news outlets, especially since news outlets get called fake news from society nowadays.

Martelle said, “The story you read, read it with skepticism. Is it plausible? Have I read the source before? If it doesn’t [feel right], then look for other sources for it if you’re questioning something. The whole point of this is to do that work for you. If you’re interested in doing that work, then double check our sources.”

Martelle wants everyone to read articles with skepticism, because then you can find the truth behind the lies.



Scott Martelle and Sean Kirst / Photos courtesy of Katie Miller



Professor Elmer Ploetz and Scott Martelle

Christchurch: Terror in the social media age

ANALYSIS

HOPE WINTER

Special to the Leader

Terror interrupted two peaceful services in two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 15. Sadly, 50 people were killed and fifty people were left injured as they celebrated a Muslim holiday, Holy.

One gunman was responsible for both attacks, which were just a ten minute drive down the road from each other. The terrorist's motive behind the attacks were his beliefs in white nationalism in New Zealand, leading him to take action against innocent people who were in the middle of peacefully practicing their beliefs.

Events like the Christchurch attacks are becoming common around the world. Ever since then, New Zealand, along with people from all around the world have come together to mourn the lost souls and the injured.

This attack represented how far terror has traveled throughout the past decade. The current question is how far will it advance in the future?

The criminal who committed this act went as far as to live stream the whole act on Facebook.

The video was flagged by Facebook after 26 minutes of airing live for people to see all around the world. The video is now banned from the internet; however, a hate group has continued to spread the video on the dark web.

This is a new level in terrorist attacks, as the media has expanded with the availability to see anything at our fingertips.

How will the media take action

in preventing such an event from being open to public viewing across the world? According to the Washington Post, only 200 people watched it live, yet villains of the internet posted the video for millions of people to see.

Facebook is undergoing reevaluations on what is capable of being re-watched over live stream. Before Christchurch, Facebook's rules were, in the terms of live-streaming, that it could immediately be taken down if the live event involved suicide.

However, after such an event that no one in their right mind would guess could happen, Facebook has decided to take action.

"We are re-examining our reporting logic and experiences for both live and recently live videos in order to expand the categories that would get to accelerated review," Facebook said.

The company is trying to navigate ways to speed up the censorship of live-feed posts. If Facebook allows anyone to report live-feed posts, people may spam the reports with posts that aren't actually detrimental to viewers.

Facebook came out with the statement, saying, "If thousands of videos from live-streamed video games are flagged by our systems, our reviewers could miss the important real-world videos where we could alert first responders to get help on the ground."

As society learns to cope with the recent terror attacks on innocent people, social media platforms are working to find a solution to prevent copycats from acting out just to gain views.

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POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Monday, Mar. 18, 2019

1:44 p.m. Daniel J. Reardon was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Gregory Hall. An arrest was completed.

1:44 p.m. Nathan J. Wirth was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Gregory Hall. An arrest was completed.

8:27 p.m. Jenna E. Willard was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. An arrest was completed.

A pedestrian sign was stolen from Varsity Dr. An investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 2019

8:07 p.m. Peyton J. Miller was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Hemingway Hall. An arrest was completed.

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2019

A door handle was found damaged in McEwen Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, Mar. 21, 2019

A vehicle was struck in Lot 10. The suspect left the scene. An investigation was closed.

Friday, Mar. 22, 2019

11:22 p.m. Triston Daly was charged with inadequate motor vehicle lights and criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree during a traffic stop on Old Main Dr. An arrest was completed.

Graffiti was found at the Williams Center bus stop. An investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, Mar. 23, 2019

A fire extinguisher was discharged in Chautauqua Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

FREDONIA

Monday, Mar. 18, 2019

Walter J. Doyle IV, age 32, was charged with criminal mischief in the fourth degree and harassment in the second degree. Bail was set at \$500.

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2019

Lisa M. Weaver, age 41, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Michael P. Gerholdt, age 66, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Thursday, Mar. 21, 2019

Vanessa L. Fisher, age 29, was charged with harassment in the second degree. She was arraigned.

5:37 p.m. Jamie L. Guarrera, age 21, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Friday, Mar. 22, 2019

5:10 p.m. Matthew C. Goeree, age 21, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

9:20 p.m. Philip J. Cunningham, age 28, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Saturday, Mar. 23, 2019

12:55 a.m. Bryce G. Raymond, age 21, was charged with driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol content of 0.10 percent or higher and failing to obey a traffic device. Three uniform traffic tickets were issued.

4:40 p.m. Kaleigh A. Holton, age 20, was charged with following too close. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Sunday, Mar. 24, 2019

Gillian Y. Dias, age 19, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Monday, Mar. 25, 2019

Jacob N. Seitz, age 20, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, unsafe tires and no tail light. Three uniform traffic tickets were issued.

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

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Life & Arts

Annual Relay for Life captures emotion and hope among faculty, students and community members

SANDRENE HAMILTON

Special to The Leader

Relay for Life took place this past Saturday, March 23, in Steele Hall. With the help of Fredonia students and the community, \$14,685.20 was raised for the American Cancer Society.

Professor Michael Igoe, a guest speaker at the event, said that it was inspiring for him to see Fredonia's campus getting behind the cause.

"A lot of students are here for various reasons," he said. "But it really means so much to cancer survivors and people who've lost a loved one to see that other people care. So to me as a cancer survivor, it's very, very encouraging."

Igoe discovered he had cancer in 2003. His speech discussed the unpredictability of cancer and thanked everyone for coming out to relay. Igoe also said that students and community members being at the event meant something not just for the organization, but for people who have survived cancer.

"I think we all have someone we know

or someone we love that have cancer. But I think what happened to me is what happened to many others. You just can't believe when you are told you are the person who has it," Igoe said. "Fortunately, because my cancer was diagnosed early, I got treated right away. I got surgery and I'm around to talk to you today."

2 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Sunday morning symbolized the coming of the end of treatment for cancer patients. During the brief informational portion of the event, facts about cancer were included. These facts stated that cancer does not discriminate, can affect anyone and one in three women and one in two men will be diagnosed with the disease.

Statistics were included, one of which was that this year alone, more than 1.7 million U.S. citizens will be diagnosed with cancer and 600 thousand will die from the disease.

Dawn Wood, one of the survivors, said that she was excited to see how the college students came out.

"I think that a lot of it hits home with many of them, for many of their families. To just see them come out and use their

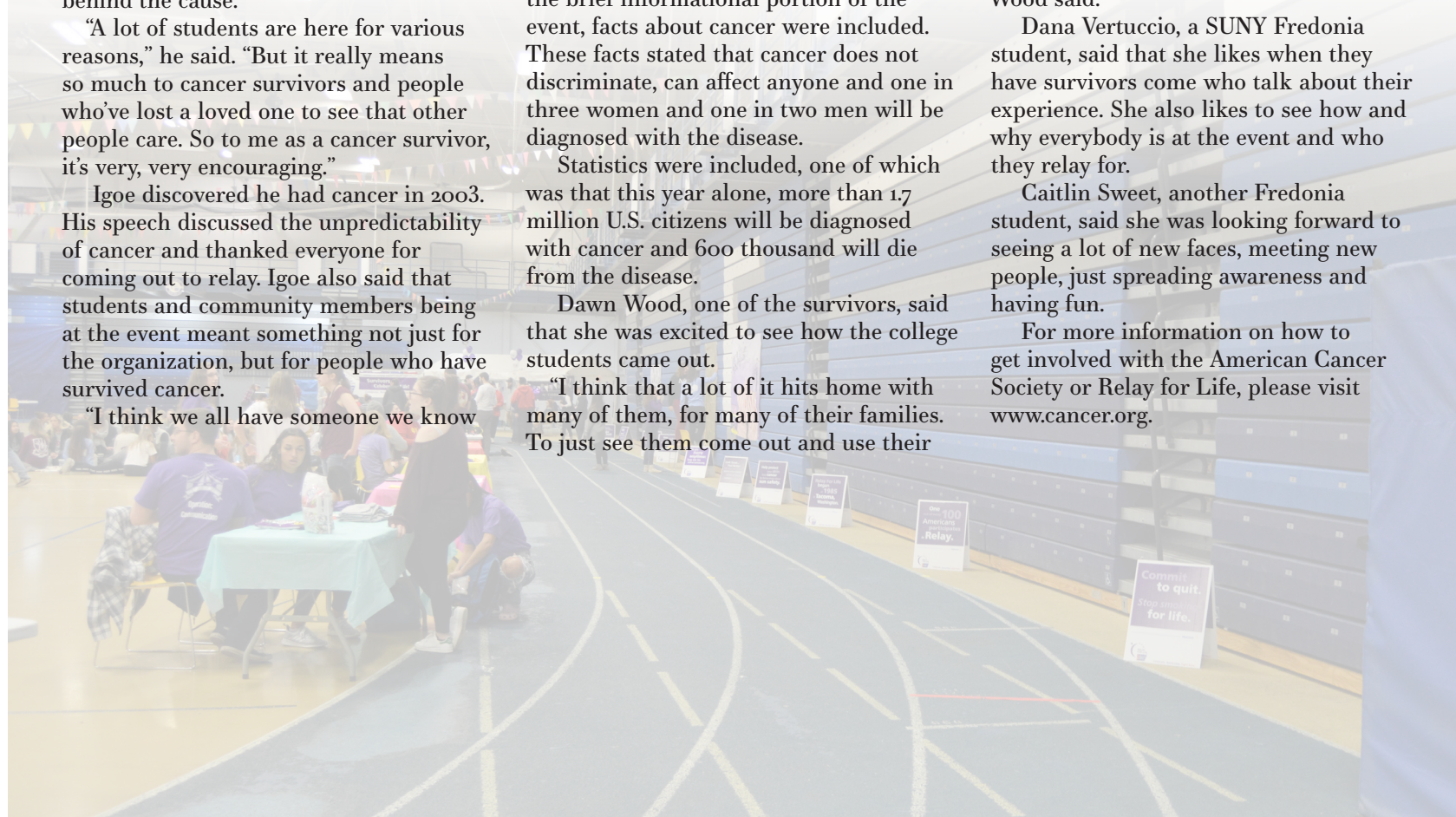
time and just encourage people, I think that's great on their behalf. It just makes me very happy," Wood said.

Wood enjoyed the whole atmosphere, the whole day and putting cancer in its place. Her mother, Grace, who was also at the event, said that she was mostly excited for the survivor's walk this year. It was her first one. "She just beat ovarian cancer. I've just been diagnosed with breast cancer and we're going to beat cancer's butt," Wood said.

Dana Vertuccio, a SUNY Fredonia student, said that she likes when they have survivors come who talk about their experience. She also likes to see how and why everybody is at the event and who they relay for.

Caitlin Sweet, another Fredonia student, said she was looking forward to seeing a lot of new faces, meeting new people, just spreading awareness and having fun.

For more information on how to get involved with the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life, please visit www.cancer.org.



Faculty exhibition raises questions and curiosity

BRENTON NEWCOMB

Special to The Leader

On Friday, March 22, the Department of Visual Arts and New Media Faculty held their artist reception.

This exhibition features an eclectic mix of drawings, paintings, digital animations, sculpture and performance art created by current Visual Arts and New Media faculty members.

Many of these works asked questions, offered introspection and, all in all, were very interactive pieces.

Attendees at the Marion Art Gallery were a mixed group of students, faculty, people from the community and even kids who could get something out of the show and had fun with the interactive works.

Some of the attendees were lively while some came in quietly with headphones on, just soaking up the work.

Upon entering the gallery, it was hard to find out where to start, but most guests walked clockwise around the wall and then engaged the interactive works in the center of the room.

One of the first works on the wall using this navigating method was a group of eerie paintings of a duck that also features props.

A little farther down the line were two giant lifesize charcoal drawings featuring a nude woman tattered by smoky decay, done by Tricia Butski, and a group of art students seemed to be revelling in it.

One of them was student Jossy Wang, who said, "I like the detail in the foot and the shadows."

Further around the room, guests met with a detailed painting of a town getting construction work done, as well

as some more abstract work done on hemp paper.

Next, after these works, there were two contrasting works done with blue ink created by Patrick Foran. One of them contained American flags and appeared to represent something similar to the oval office, while the next one was a homeless shelter.

Anthony Holmok explained that the reason these drawings were so impressive is that they were done in ink.

"This is a very difficult piece I can imagine because, as you put ink on once, that's the value you're stuck with, so you've gotta layer it," Holmok said.

This work almost wrapped up the drawings and paintings as the next showcase was an animation by Jill Johnston that had a sort of "Alice in Wonderland" feel to it and displayed a bunny in a forested background with psychedelic-looking mushrooms.

The interactive works included a wooden sculpture entitled "Operator Defined art making jig #2". This work was engaging, especially for the younger kids attending because it could be cranked along as these three figures move back and forth, each holding signs that say things like "free me" and "no face."

The show was eye-opening and featured a sprawling array of engaging creative works that inspired artists and made attendees question the art.

The Marion Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information on the works and the artists, please visit <https://www.fredonia.edu/about/art-gallery/gallery-calendar>.

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1- YOU?, Robert Booth

2- Women Hold Up Half the Sky, Debra Eck

3- Flux, Tricia Butski

4- Students viewing Jason Dilworth's America

5- Tuesday/Thursday, Ray Bonilla

6- Students Interacting with Peter Tucker's piece, Operator defined Art Making Jig

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Visiting Artist Program welcomes cartoonist Ed Luce

ERIKETA COST

Assistant Life & Arts Editor

Everyone has at least one wuvable oaf in their lives, according to American cartoonist Ed Luce.

Luce will be visiting campus this weekend for the next Visiting Artist Lecture, to discuss his main project “Wuvable Oaf,” a compilation of his first ever self-published comic series.

He will be giving a lecture in McEwen on March 28 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.

“I’ll be talking about the last 20 years of my work, specifically how I progressed from an illustration major to becoming more of a fine artist after grad school,” said Luce. “And how that all eventually led me into the world of comics and merchandising.”

A Fredonia alumnus, Luce used to be the cartoon editor for *The Leader* when he was a student.

Luce mentioned “Wuvable Oaf” as one of the focuses for the lecture.

“Wuvable Oaf” is a collection of comic series involving an ex-wrestler by the name of Oaf, who is in search for love in San Francisco’s big city setting and music scene.

“I always say ‘Oaf’ is all about big, scary, hairy dudes and the people who love them. And cats. Everyone has at least one wuvable oaf in their lives, whether spouse, father, brother, best friend . . . it may even be yourself!”

He addressed how “Wuvable Oaf” gave him experience in the business side of his career that involved creating merchandise and collaborating with other people.

“Wuvable Oaf” has always been something of a multimedia entity, so I’m also going to dive into the clothing, toys, records, costumes and other assorted merchandise I’ve produced over the years,

both alone and in collaboration with other artists,” he said.

Luce said that “Wuvable Oaf” is a way for him to express himself and play around with different passions and inspirations.

“The whole project is a platform for me to explore many of my life-long passions: music, wrestling, fashion, sci-fi,” he said.

You can also expect some queer perspective and LGBTQ inspiration behind the work, too.

“Since the comic is coming from a queer perspective, notions of sexuality, gender, identity and body image definitely come into play,” said Luce. “I try to imbue it all with a sense of playfulness and humor that everyone can relate to and enjoy.”

Luce will also be offering insight about his experience working for publishers like

Fantagraphics, Image Comics, Oni Press and IDW.

The following day, The Arts and Business Luncheon Series will be holding a luncheon with Luce on March 29 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Fredonia Technology Incubator (FTI).

Program Manager of FTI Monica (Kemp) Simpson explained the process of organizing the Visiting Artist Program.

“We work in conjunction with Barbara Racker (director of Marion Art Gallery) to find which artists are the best fit and have a lot of business experience,” she said.

Simpson said that at the Incubator, they are solely focused on the business and entrepreneurship aspect of the arts.



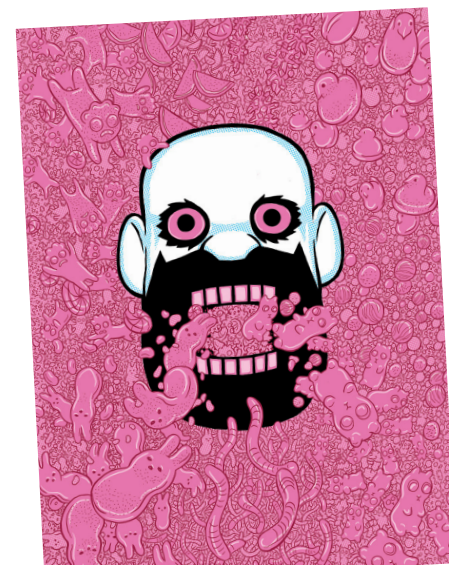
Photos courtesy of Ed Luce

“We will be putting on the event and providing lunch,” she said. “It’s a different conversation than what you hear on campus, since it’s about the business side of the arts. There’ll be more questions about how we run it as a business.”

Simpson explained why Luce was a great fit to visit for the program.

“He’s unique and we have not done cartoonists yet . . . so I think it’s going to be a good conversation,” she said.

If you would like to attend the luncheon, make sure to RSVP at <http://www.fredonia.edu/incubator>.



Some of Ed Luce's work

It's time to play

FREDONIA FEUD

JESSICA MEDITZ

Special to The Leader

Instead of Steve Harvey, SUNY Fredonia's WNYF-TV will be hosting this feud.

WNYF, the student-run television station on campus, presents various shows broadcasted on live TV and interactive events for students.

"Fredonia Feud" is their up and coming event. It will take place on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Williams Center multipurpose room.

"Fredonia Feud" will mirror the well-known TV game show "Family Feud," in terms of teams going head to head and answering survey questions.

Instead of families, four campus clubs will be participating — The Student Association, Guriellas, Tri-Beta and the fourth organization will be announced at a later time.

Each team will have five contestants.

Patrick Ryan, a junior journalism and public

relations major, is WNYF's Public Relations Director and event organizer.

He said that WNYF had previously put on "Clash of the Clubs," which was essentially a variety-style competition event that featured various clubs on campus and was broadcasted live.

"However, we decided it was time for something new. We want to ensure that WNYF is consistently presenting new and fresh content to our campus community," he said.

It seems that students agree with and appreciate WNYF's efforts.

Katie Hanover, a senior music industry major, will be participating in "Fredonia Feud" on the Student Association's team. Hanover is the senior class president.

"I'm very excited for the event. I love 'Family Feud,' so I'm really excited to see how everything pans out on Wednesday when we're all able to participate," she said.

OPINION

From the Desk of Aidan Pollard, Sports Editor

Balancing athletics with a (mostly) vegetarian diet

Okay, well technically I'm a pescitarian which means I eat fish, so even among vegetarians and vegans I'm the odd one out.

But in a culture where eating as much protein as your body can handle is being pushed on anyone who even likes to work out recreationally, it can be hard to find things to eat that fulfill what your body needs to run 70+ miles per week while avoiding red meat and poultry.

Here are a few things I keep in my rotation to help keep me both healthy and able to succeed through intense workouts.

Protein bars and shakes:

While protein isn't nearly as important to stay healthy as it's been sensationalised to be (too much of it is actually what leads to kidney stones), it's still something that's easy to miss without meat.

I try my best to keep a protein shake or bar in my diet on days where I feel like I've been lacking in protein-heavy foods.

They may not be the best tasting foods in the world, but they're effective and usually work really well as a quick snack.

Dietary supplements:

I take vitamin-C and dietary supplements to help keep my immune system up when I'm out practicing for sometimes upwards of an hour on cold days, and to make sure I have all the vitamins and minerals I need.

They're painless to take, and keeping a healthy balance of vitamins and minerals that I may be missing can also be a strong mood-booster, especially in the cold and dark winters.

Lots of carbs:

Another health lie that has basically been taken as fact at this point is that carbs are the devil.

They're not. They're really not.

And neither is having a little bit of fat.

Especially as a runner, carbs are where the energy that gets me through long, 13+ mile runs and hard-effort workouts comes from.

Before any race I run I try to carbo-load with pasta or bread heavy meals, and sometimes just one beer the night or two before a race can help add to that necessary energy reserve.

Letter to the Editor

This is my first year entering SUNY Fredonia and I am more than grateful to be accepted to a great university. The campus escort bus is a great way of transportation. It makes it accessible for students, faculty and staff members to get around Dunkirk and Fredonia to their desired destination. It's great for students who live on campus, especially those who don't own a car or have any other form of transportation. It's a great option for students who want to make a quick stop to WalMart and other local stores around in town.

The campus escort is a great source of transportation. Unfortunately, students wish that there was a more effective way of utilizing the campus escort bus. The campus escort bus has a schedule in which the driver follows. The problem with the transportation comes with it being overcrowded, the time interval in which it will come again is far apart and having a limited amount of stops around campus and town.

The university is a medium sized school with most of its students living on campus without a car. The on-campus students only means of transportation is to take the campus escort bus. This can lead to limited seats available and the remaining students who couldn't get on having to wait for when the bus comes back again to that stop. A solution for this situation is that the university can provide the driver with a larger sized bus which would be able to contain more students. This solution is beneficial because students won't have to wait under the conditions of the strong windy winters and the extremely hot summers.

Another solution to make the transportation run more smoothly is to have more than one bus on duty and have a shorter time interval between

when the next bus is coming. Having a shorter time interval is a good way for the student to get on the next bus straight after class or when the next available bus is coming in order to get to their destination as quick as possible. Having another driver on another bus will result in a less crowded space. It will also give the student more time options which will come to their convenience.

Although the campus isn't very widespread, many students complain about having limited stops on campus. Some students who do own a car have to park their car far away from where they have classes due to limited parking space. Those students do not want to walk across campus to get into their cars. During harsh winter weather, it could become difficult and dangerous to do so, especially if the sidewalk isn't properly cleared which is almost impossible to walk on. Having a bus stop close by to their lecture hall and dorm building makes it easier for them.

These are just a few resolvable situations that have come to my attention. The students at Fredonia University deserve to get a more preferable and beneficial transportation system that works in both the school and in the students favor. Having a limited bus schedule, seat space and bus stops can cause most students to feel irritable about the situation at hand, which is something that we, as students, don't need to stress over. I hope that with the solutions that I have provided above motivate and encourage someone to take action.

- Deanna Sanchez

Letter to the Editor

Although winter may be coming to an end, I have some concerns about campus maintenance and other requests that I think should be addressed. These concerns are simply requested in favor of SUNY Fredonia students and their safety.

These concerns include sidewalk and street plowing as well as certain transportation issues. While living in western New York State all my life, I am not new to our winter conditions and the amount of snow we can expect. But I believe there can be other ways in which we can maintain and care for our sidewalks and roads. Some days, roads are too slushy, and sidewalks are solidified by ice, while streets off campus remain plowed and taken care of. Although I do see plenty of plows and trucks plowing roads and sidewalks, certain places seem untouched. Sidewalks should constantly have salt or sand being laid down in understanding that this is for student and faculty safety. I have, myself, fallen on an icy sidewalk and have seen others get hurt as well. There must be an easy solution for this.

Tying into that, many students drive around campus and having to walk to the 9A, 9B parking lots, it can be a pretty far. With the bus not running on weekends, it has really prohibited some students from getting easy access to their cars. Not to mention when we had that wind storm a few weeks back, my friends and I had to walk from the Williams Center to the parking lots in negative degree weather. That is just not safe for the students. Having availability to the bus also ensures a safe way back to the student's hall rather than them having to walk alone on a dark night. It is uncomfortable to be walking alone in the dark especially from a far distance.

Showing you my concerns, I hope we can both come to a good conclusion. Understanding the student's concerns is important, especially on a college campus.

Sincerely,
Emily Adamski

VERBATIM

"What are you most looking forward to once the weather gets warm?"



Jacinda Garcia, senior
drawing & painting and biology double major

"That I will finally be able to go out and play 'Pokemon Go' without losing my fingers. I can't wait! I'm down to seven fingers now. I'm kidding. I can't wait to be able to go out and play 'Pokemon Go' as a herd, with a bunch of people in a group."



Kai Ellsworth, senior
sculpture major

"I'm looking forward to walking down all the way to the beach and going swimming in the lake."



Anais Cantres, senior
animation & illustration and drawing & painting double major

"Golden hour and sitting outside."



Jossy Wang, senior
drawing & painting major

"So I can go out and see hot guys around campus."



Kathy Williamson, senior
drawing & painting and sculpture double major

"Being able to go out and do things, which you can't do when you're inside."



Steve Williamson, senior
drawing & painting and sculpture double major

"It gets warm here?"



Jesseca Bennett/Staff Illustrator

SPORTS

The evolution of legal sports gambling

RYAN DUNNING

Special to The Leader

People love gambling.

The thrill of risking everything for a chance to make huge sums of money excites and invigorates people everywhere, and sports fans are no exception.

Whether it's millions of dollars won and lost at the Kentucky Derby to your (probably illegal) March Madness bracket pool, many sports fans have had experiences with gambling in the past.

It has helped contribute to the rise of many websites and sports blogs, most notably Barstool Sports, which started as a free sports betting pamphlet.

For years, betting on sports was almost completely illegal, and people had to use loopholes to place bets and win money off major sporting events.

But, in 2018, the United States Supreme Court ruled that a 1992 ban on sports betting violated people's rights, and gambling fans across the country rejoiced.

Since then, several states have passed legislation to allow sports betting, and over a dozen more have worked on bills to allow it as well.

New York is one such state.

Embracing the new law change hasn't been limited to state governments and fans, however.

Many of the major sport leagues have come out in public support of sports gambling.

In a 2014 New York Times op-ed, NBA commissioner Adam Silver said, "I believe that sports betting should be brought out of the underground and into the sunlight where it can be appropriately monitored and regulated."

The MLS commissioner Don Garber sees gambling as a chance to gain popularity, and the MLB commissioner recognizes the amount of illegal betting makes opposition to legalization meaningless.



The only league to maintain public opposition to sports gambling is the NFL, furthering their reputation as the "No Fun League."

Commissioner Roger Goodell, a figure hated pretty unanimously by NFL fans around the country, has continued the long-held idea that betting in major sports markets would lead to fixing games.

But even the No Fun League is setting itself up to support gambling, with the Oakland Raiders set to move to Las Vegas in 2020.

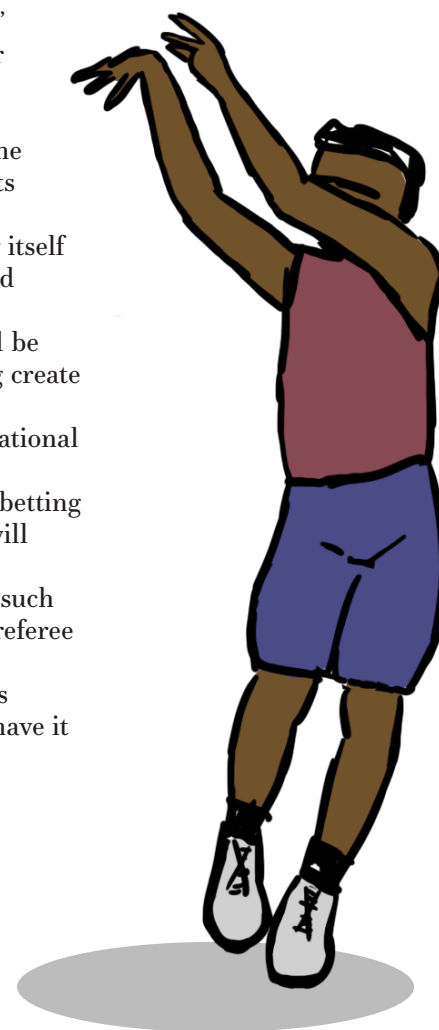
Is this the direction that sports should be taking? Or will legalized sports gambling create more problems than it's worth?

Proponents of both sides have made rational arguments to support their positions.

The biggest arguments against sports betting are based on the simple premise that it will harm the integrity of the game.

These arguments cite major scandals, such as Pete Rose betting on games and NBA referee Tim Donaghy betting on games in 2007.

Advocates of legalization argue that it's better to legalize and regulate it than to have it happen illegally.



Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator

Getting ready to move on: Jen Kershner and Sam Spiess

KATIE MILLER

Special to The Leader

It's safe to say the members of Fredonia women's lacrosse team are extremely comfortable with one another.

I sat down with the sole seniors on the team, Jen Kershner and Sam Spiess, Friday morning inside of Starbucks on campus.

A few minutes into the interview, two other members of the team happened to stop in.

Sophomores Alli Coon and Hannah Mikulec felt no apprehension when describing their senior teammates.

"Sam is definitely nicer," Coon said while laughing and looking directly at Kershner.

Kershner smirked and shot me a confirming look almost as if to say, "Yeah that's true."

Mikulec chimed in and said, "Jen is a lot more strict and sassy."

The four girls shot digs at each other and bickered playfully, the way only members of a team can.

Kershner and Spiess both sported their team apparel, black hoodies with 'Fredonia Lacrosse' written across the front and their jersey numbers printed on the sleeves.

With only two months left of school, they had mixed feelings about their time as collegiate athletes coming to an end.

"We have bigger things to worry about moving forward," Kershner said bluntly.

Kershner is not one to sugar coat things, as I would learn throughout our interview.

"I don't know how to feel, but I know my body is ready," Spiess said.

Their time spent as student athletes has had its ups and downs, individually and team wise.

Spiess grew up in Penfield, NY and is a criminal justice major.

Just returning from the team's spring break trip a few days ago, she had a light tan with sun-kissed, freckled cheeks.

While Spiess' tan was subtle, Kershner's, by contrast, made many people in the room appear pastier than the unwanted snow accumulating on the ground outside the glass windows.

Kershner is from Liverpool, NY and is a childhood inclusive education major with a concentration in mathematics.

Both Kershner and Spiess picked up the sport of lacrosse in their late elementary school years.

Kershner plays attack and Spiess plays midfield for the team.

As two key offensive players, it was detrimental for the Blue Devils last season when both were taken off the field due to injuries.

Kershner was the first to go down.

In December 2017, she suffered a hip labral tear. After having surgery, she returned for one game during the 2018 season.

That one game was all it took for Kershner to tear it again.

She was done for the season.

"I had to get two surgeries in six months," Kershner said. "The last one took place in July 2018."

Similarly, Spiess only lasted a short portion of the season.

"I tore my ACL in March of my junior year (2018)," Spiess said.

She too had to get surgery and was ruled out for the remainder of the season.

The team finished last year with a disappointing 2-14 record.

But with a new head coach, Spiess and Kershner are hoping to see some changes.

Coach Marykate Edmunds took over the Fredonia women's lacrosse program this past Fall.

The two seniors had nothing but kind words to say about their new coach.

"MK [A nickname for Coach Edmunds] is awesome," said Kershner. "It's nice to have someone who genuinely cares about her athletes' well being."

Spiess nodded in agreement with her fellow senior.



Sam Spiess, Photo courtesy of Jerome Reilly



Jen Kershner, Photo courtesy of Jerome Reilly

"And it's refreshing to have new leadership that focuses on communication," Spiess said.

Though eager to get back out on the field with a new coach at the helm, the girls still had to overcome their lingering injuries.

Kershner and Spiess both missed the first few games of the current 2019 season.

Coach Edmunds respects the girls' dedication to rehabbing their injuries.

Kershner was able to return the fourth game of the season against Smith, while Spiess came back three games later and made her debut against D'Youville.

"Knowing that it may only get you a few weeks of lacrosse, our season being nearly half over, it's easy to lose sight of what you're working towards," said Edmunds. "They both saw how hard their teammates were working and had an intense sense of wanting to help and contribute to the team."

Casie White, a freshman for the Blue Devils, remembers both Kershner and Spiess being vocal on the sidelines.

"Despite their injuries," White said, "They were still always positive and keeping us motivated."

Although contributing from the sidelines, Kershner stressed it wasn't the same as playing. But she appreciated how her teammates responded to the adversity.

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Fredonia sports update

AIDAN POLLARD

Sports Editor

The Blue Devils athletics Spring season is now well underway.

Baseball, softball and women's lacrosse have all had games this season, with men's and women's track and field competing in their first meet this weekend.

The Fredonia baseball team stood 9-9 overall and 6-0 in the SUNYAC conference after Sunday's double-header against Penn State Behrend.

Last season, the Blue Devils had a 17-13 overall record and a 7-10 conference record.

Their next SUNYAC games will be a three-game series against Cortland, including a double-header between April 5 and 6.

The Blue Devils have not yet faced off against the Cortland Red Dragons this season, who boast a 3-0 SUNYAC record and a 10-8-1 overall record.

The Fredonia softball team held a 5-9 overall record on Sunday, with no SUNYAC games yet played.

Last year, the team held an 11-23-1 record overall and a 4-13 SUNYAC record.

Their first two SUNYAC games will be against Buffalo State on March 30 in a double-header.

Buff State has also played no SUNYAC games so far this season and holds a 2-5 overall record.

Fredonia's women's lacrosse team started their season with a 3-5 overall record and a 0-1 conference record after their 3-23 loss to Oswego on Saturday. Their next SUNYAC game is today against Buff State at 4 p.m. in Buffalo.

Last year, the team went 2-14 overall and 1-7 in the SUNYAC.

This is the team's first season with their new head coach Marykate Edmunds.

The men's and women's track teams have not yet begun their season. However, their first meet will be at Geneseo on Saturday where the team will make attempts to hit early qualifying marks and times for the SUNYAC championships.

For the most up-to-date information on Fredonia athletics go to <https://fredoniabluedevils.com/index.aspx>



Kathleen Fenton/Staff Illustrator

Kershner and Spiess continued . . .

"They still listened and allowed us to be leaders," Kershner said. "They made us feel valued."

When asked if they felt any pressure to lead the team as the only two seniors, they looked at each other with relaxed facial expressions.

"Not really," Kershner said. "Everyone shows really good leadership on the team."

Spiess explained that there is no "all-star" on the team.

"Everyone contributes," Spiess said.

The Devil's squad is extremely young this year, consisting of eight freshmen, five sophomores, three juniors and two seniors.

Coach Edmunds expects leadership from all of her players.

"Everyone has their own leadership style and I think it's important that no matter the age, position or roles on our team, that leadership is tapped into," Edmunds

said. "It allows for all of our players to not have an outstanding pressure on them and continue to play lacrosse while fulfilling their natural leadership potential."

Though White admits, "A lot of us look for role models, that's where Sam and Jen step in."

Now active on the roster, Kershner and Spiess want to help lead the team on attack.

"In Jen's first game back, we could tell a huge difference," White said. "Her stick skills back on attack played a huge roll for our offense."

White continued on to describe the first game back with Spiess on the field as, "A breath of fresh air."

When it comes to finishing off their senior seasons, the two girls have a few goals.

"I hope to finish my last season without

thinking I could have done more," Spiess said. "I want to leave it all out there on the field."

Kershner just wants to compete.

"It'd be nice to disrupt things," she said. "Maybe try to be a little bit of a threat in the SUNYAC."

The two realize the program has had some short-lived success in the past.

In 2014 and 2015 the women's lacrosse team received bids to the NCAA tournament; making it all the way to the elite eight in the 2015 season.

They admit it's hard to be a part of the program's less successful years, but wish it luck in the future.

"I hope it continues to grow and get better," Spiess said. "I want the women's lacrosse program to be respected again."

The Blue Devils are currently 3-5 and play next at Buffalo State today at 4 p.m.

What's next for Fredonia men's hoops?

JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS

Staff Writer

Five weeks ago, Fredonia's men's basketball team ended their 2018-2019 season with an overall record of 2-23 and 1-17 in the SUNYAC. It is arguably the worst season in school history.

Or at least since the 2014-2015 season when the Blue Devils had a record of 2-22.

But some questions still linger: What is next for the men's basketball team? Will Athletic Director Jerry Fisk seek a new men's basketball coach? And if Philip Seymore remains head coach for another season, will there be improvements?

Seymore has served as the team's coach since 2013. Over the course of four seasons, he has compiled a record of 25-73.

According to the information from See Through NY, a website that provides a database of names salaries and/or total earnings for individuals who were employed from counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and public authorities throughout New York, Seymore was listed as the second highest paid coach at Fredonia.

In 2018, Seymore earned a total of \$72,510. Following a disappointing season, the size of his salary has certainly raised eyebrows.

"This season meant everything to me," senior guard Derrick Ice said. "Obviously we did not do as well as expected, but the feeling of this season was amazing and through the roof! I worked hard during the summer and this season. Although we did not win as much as we would have liked, I got a chance to be with a great group of guys, and we had an amazing time off the court as well as on the court . . . Overall, [I] was heartbroken going into our last few games, but with that being said I feel like I went out with a bang for my last year."

Ice later added, "I would say [some of our struggles this season were] chemistry, our work ethic and IQ were not always there. [In addition,] just players on this team not knowing their roles. A lot of

people did not know their role on the team and what they were supposed to do to help us win."

In 23 appearances, 22 of them in which he started in the 2018-2019 season, Ice averaged 8.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, and 3.1 apg and had team highs in total minutes played, 558 minutes, and minutes per game, 24.3 mpg.

"Next season I am looking forward to a fresh start and [another] year of understanding the [SUNYAC style of play]," sophomore guard Mark Morgan said. "Also, [the] majority of our team is returning so we really do [not] have to worry about chemistry."

Morgan went on to talk about the transition from playing for the Borough of Manhattan Community College to beginning a new chapter at SUNY at Fredonia.

"Attending a [division three] juco school in the heart of the city [of] Manhattan, I was used to the lights and everything being busy," said Morgan. "I was commuting [by] taking the train everyday to class and practice compared to Fredonia where class is about five minutes away from where I live on campus."

Morgan appeared in all 25 games in the 2018-19 season, starting in 6 of them, and averaged 7.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg and finished the season shooting 43% from the field.

It is still uncertain what new additions will be added to the team this offseason.

Despite their historically rough season, however, Fredonia's men's basketball team is anxious to redeem themselves in the future.



Bracket Busters: Thoughts after the first two rounds of the NCAA March Madness tournament

ANTHONY GETTINO

Special to The Leader

What a horrible start.

The first two rounds of the tournament are over. There were no buzzer beaters, no amazing comeback victories, and no 16 seeds beating Virginia.

I was thoroughly unimpressed.

My bracket is done. I had Syracuse beating Baylor and Gonzaga. That was disappointing to say the least. Nevada to the Final Four was a pick that was probably a little too crazy, but a first round exit?

Though, there was one fun piece of the bracket.

The 12 seed Oregon beating Wisconsin and the 13 seeded UC Irvine beating Kansas State and playing one another for not only a trip to the Sweet 16, but for the title of the best program from the West Coast of all time.

I'm not saying that there haven't been games that were fun and exciting to watch. There have been.

LSU has been part of two of my top three games so far. The game against Yale was fun because Yale couldn't miss from three point range the last 7 minutes and almost came back from a 20 point deficit.

Tremont Waters is also the most clutch player in this tournament hands down. His game winning layup against Maryland was a thing of beauty.

My favorite game so far was the highly anticipated matchup of the two juggernauts, Zion Williamson and the number one overall seeded Duke Blue Devils against the nine seed UCF Knights and the man who can stand on his knees and be the size of college basketball players, 7'6" Tacko Fall.

That game had the makeup to be a championship game in my eyes. Tacko Fall is the only man tall enough in this tournament to stop Zion Williamson from getting to the rack by just putting his hands up and being able to be above the rim. That's why UCF lost by one point. Tacko fouled out with 14 seconds left, which left him out of the game for UCF's final offensive possession. Had he been in for the final tip in chance, that's no tip in; it's maybe the first game winning slam dunk without the player leaving the ground.

The West bracket has the 1,2,3 and 4 seeds left, as does the East. The Midwest has the 1,2,3 and 5, and the South has the 1,2,3 and 12. This season of college basketball has been very top heavy, with the Big 3 of ACC schools North Carolina, Virginia and Duke going back and forth as the best team in basketball, with Gonzaga not far behind as well as Tennessee. There's a reason those five schools are still in the tourney. They are just flat out better than the competition, no matter how much

Iowa wanted to disagree.

I'm gonna put in my picks now, and I wanna be on the record saying that these will more likely than not be 100% wrong. That's just March Madness.

Elite Eight: Duke vs LSU in the East, Gonzaga vs Texas Tech in the West, Virginia vs Tennessee in the South and North Carolina vs Kentucky in the Midwest.

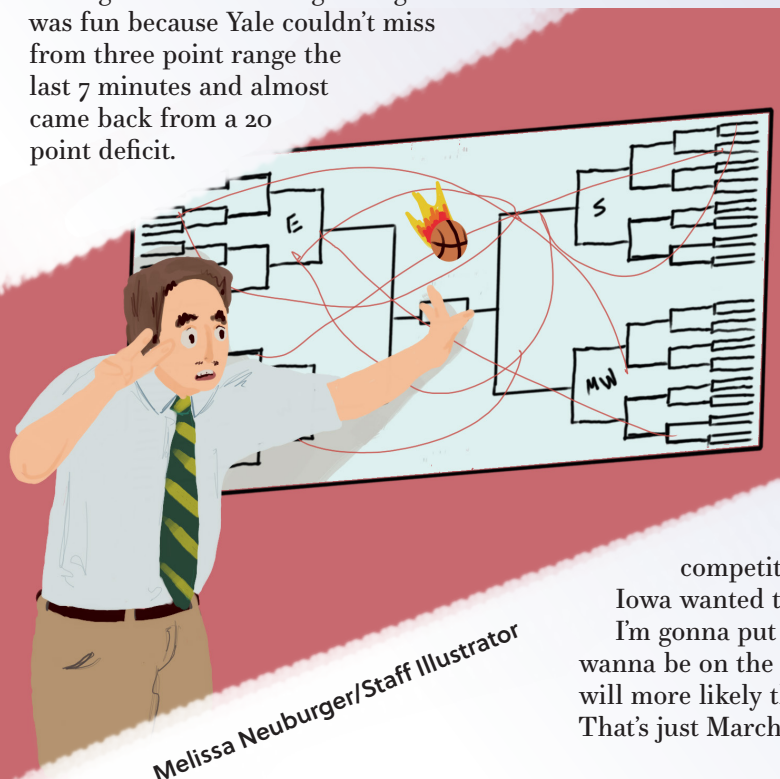
Final Four: LSU vs Gonzaga and Tennessee vs North Carolina.

My reasoning for this is that there are only two teams in this entire tournament that can actually beat Duke with the roster's they have, and they are LSU and North Carolina. I picked LSU because of the dislike I have for Duke and the fact that they shoot the ball from all over, especially the free throw line, and they have that clutch gene in their leader Tremont Waters that I did not see anyone from Duke having against UCF. If that game is close, LSU is dancing.

Gonzaga is not a very strong seed, but they got a pretty easy road to the Final Four. Florida State and Texas Tech will give them trouble, but they don't have either a star player (Florida State) or they do not have the overall offensive firepower besides their star (Texas Tech) to beat out Gonzaga.

Tennessee got lucky they were in the same bracket as Virginia. Virginia plays so slow that they are their own worst enemy in this style of bracket. They have the easiest road to the Elite Eight I've ever been alive for and will still mess up their best chance at a title. They were losing to a 16 seed at half, then kept a team with an under .500 record in conference play keep the game within striking distance the whole time, and now get to face a 12 seed in the Sweet 16. Tennessee will knock their socks off if they don't go in and play perfectly.

North Carolina is the safest pick I made. They play fast and shoot well from the outside. They should be the favorite from this point to win it all. Coby White is a stud, and they have big athletic guys in the front court that rebound very well on both sides of the court.



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THE SCALLION

Fredonia unveils not-at-all anticipated new slogan

SOPHIA MOORE

Guest Scallywag

After minutes of deliberation from a committee of four people, Fredonia now has a new slogan that reads “Fredonia: It’s What You Expect!”

The slogan committee consisted of two theatre arts majors, a communications student and an English minor who all met in the line at Starbucks. Lisa Simpson, a member of the committee, spoke to The Leader about the process.

“It was a really demanding process, you know. There were so many good ideas thrown around. But at the end of the day, we think ‘It’s What You Expect’ really encapsulates everything this school represents and, honestly, what this university strives to be,” Simpson said.

Another committee member, Dan Yell, shared some of the rejected slogans. Gems such as “Fredonia: It’s Like an Hour Away From Buffalo,” “Fredonia: It’s Diverse . . . Now,” “Fredonia: A Passing Grade is a D+” and “Fredonia: The Hidden Gem Of The SUNYs!”

Dan Yell said the committee had a particular disinterest in the last one.

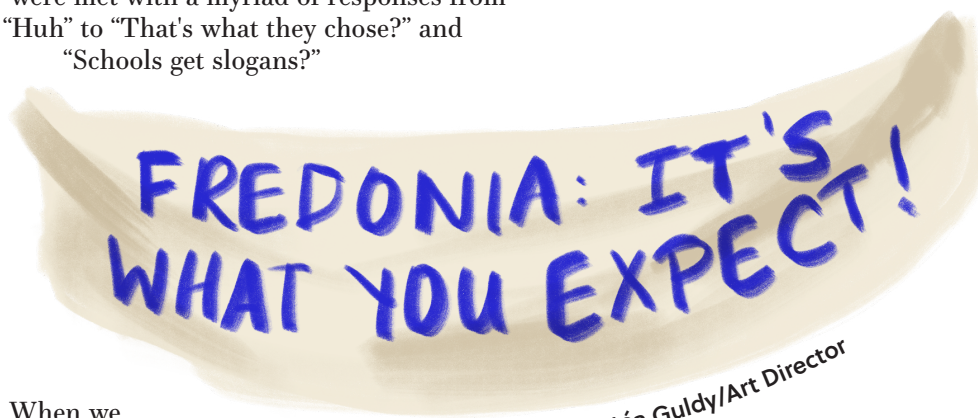
“No one liked that one mainly because the guy who came up with it brought the wrong donuts to the first meeting. We forced him to quit almost immediately.

You don’t bring jelly donuts to a serious occasion,” Yell said.

Yell informed us that the process to get the new slogan was easier than he imagined.

“We cornered Horvath while she was getting out of her car and handed her the Willies napkin we wrote our idea on,” he said.

When we asked people on campus what they thought of the new slogan, we were met with a myriad of responses from “Huh” to “That’s what they chose?” and “Schools get slogans?”



Mattéa Guldý/Art Director

When we asked how the new slogan would be implemented, Yell and Davis seemed nervous.

“Well, there would be T-shirts, mugs, keychains,” Davis explained. “We didn’t think we’d get this far, to be honest.”

We know, Davis. We didn’t either.

Tim Hortons suffers mac and cheese shortage

DOM MAGISTRO

Staff Scallywag

The Tim Hortons on campus is suffering from a shortage of bagged mac and cheese after a patron refused to leave until having eaten every prepackaged portion of the gooey substance. Gabriel Breeze has single-handedly eaten over 400 servings of macaroni and cheese this week alone.

Erin Piper, a sophomore exercise science major, lamented the lack of carbohydrates available at Tim Hortons: "It's the only way to carb load that's low in sugar and high enough in dairy that my lactose intolerant boyfriend won't steal it on me."

Piper refused to try bagels or croissants as they "aren't a full meal."

"Yeah, I don't see why this guy can't just get his mac and cheese from Walmart. If he's gonna be eating this much, it has to be cheaper to go there and get boxes than make them himself. Maybe then he'd see just how much butter he's eating," said Gregory Campbell, a senior graphic design major.

Campbell lives off campus and claims his go-to lunch when he is on campus for the day is a cheesy cup of macaroni from Tim Hortons.

"I don't really mind. If the dude wants to eat, the dude can eat," said freshman Brody Turner, slinging his skateboard over his shoulder on his way out of Tim Hortons.

"There's mac and cheese on Friday at Cranston and on Wednesday at Centre Point. I don't think I can really get mad at a guy who digs mac and cheese, y'feel? Now if you'll excuse me, I gotta go break those weird benches between Willies and the library. They ain't gonna grind themselves."

University Police has asked if they are needed to remove Gabriel from the premises, but Tim Hortons staff claims it doesn't matter as long as he's paying for food and not causing a ruckus.

"I know some people are bummed about not getting any mac and cheese, but at the end of the day, we're a business and we'll sell mac and cheese to anyone with legal tender in the United States, and it isn't a crime to like mac and cheese," said Tim Hortons cashier Jordan.

The Scallion has reached out to Gabriel Breeze, but has received a response almost solely composed of incomprehensible wet smacking noises.

The shortage is expected to last until Wednesday when an exceptionally large shipment of macaroni and cheese is scheduled to arrive.

Tim Hortons will be serving mac and cheese at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.



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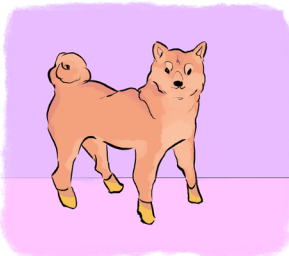
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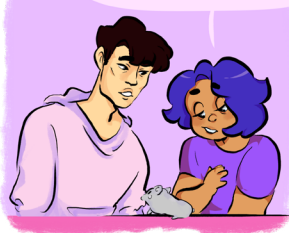
Canned Peaches

By Alissa Salem

The "What's on my feet?" dance!



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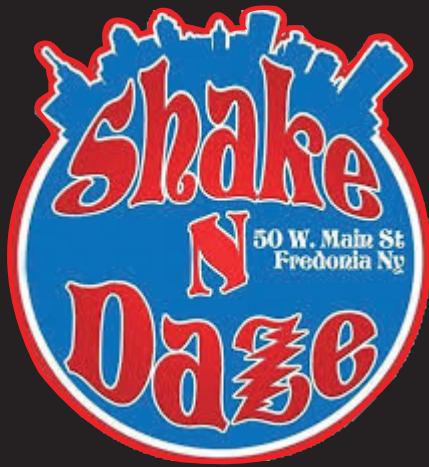
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