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Superheroes and superpups assemble to lend a paw for autism

-NEWS

SANDRENE HAMILTON Special to The Leader

Fredonia's "super" event, Lend a Paw for Autism, is back — this time with a Marvel theme.

The annual event is held by The Fredonia Music Industry club and will take place on Sunday, April 14, from noon to 4 p.m. There will be a dog walk along Ring Road, followed by an after-party at the amphitheatre. Food, games, raffle baskets and live performances by local artists will also be included.

"Bring your dogs and have a lot of fun. Even if you don't have a dog, come and have fun. And dress your dog up. They can dress up as Marvel characters," said Armand Petri, the coordinator for Music Industry at Fredonia.

Petri explained that the event is supporting a great cause.

"The MAXout program and the whole Institute for Autism Research (IAR) does wondrous things with kids. My son has autism. He's been to the program three times and it changed his life. That's why I'm a strong supporter," Petri said.

IAR works with high functioning children with autism. IAR teaches them how to look at a person and how to act socially. The program helped Petri's son.

"It did just amazing stuff. After, he made eye contact. He's a total comedian now," Petri said.

Petri's son is now an open person and is not shy. His son is involved

in his environment thanks to the program. Petri brings his son to a lot of Comic Cons.

"He'll just talk. It doesn't matter to him if it's a big star," said Petri. "He'll just talk like a regular person and they just speak right back to him. I mean, they get it. There's been some wonderful people. I think the more and more people become aware of the behavior, they maybe won't be afraid and they'll engage."

Courtney Osmun, a music industry major at Fredonia, said that the money raised for the event will benefit the Institute for Autism Research at Canisius College in Buffalo. Reneta Barneva, the chair for Lend a Paw for Autism, is very excited that the collected funds will be used for research for autism treatment and prevention. Barneva thinks that the event would be a great experience for music industry students.

"Music industry students are planning to use various avenues such as social media, advertisements and personal invitations to spread the information widely to the campus and the community," Barneva said.

Osmun thinks music is something everyone at the walk will enjoy and that the amphitheatre is a good venue for it.

"Now that the groundwork has been laid, we can start using social media, the internet . . . for real things, like reaching out to people around the world to get donations," Petri said.

Petri explained how they have a song available called "Not So Different" continued on page 5

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View from the bottom of a staircase. Dante Lasting/Special to The Leader

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Student's art piece sparks conversation on police relations

TRAVIS LEFEVRE

Editor in Chief

Last week, a student, of his own volition, installed a piece of interactive artwork in University Commons that asked a simple question: "Do you trust University Police?"

This prompt elicited replies from every end of the social and political spectrum. However, bogged down under the inflammatory replies were real stories and concerns.

According to the artist, who requested to be referred to as ML, there were genuine concerns surrounding how University Police has handled situations in the past. One specific comment mentioned how officers in a scenario were unable to handle a situation where someone was having a seizure. Additionally, other general comments were made specifically regarding the diversity in UP's officers.

While this piece has sparked conversation, ML acted on his own in setting up and displaying this piece.

"This was an action by a student, on his own accord, to put up [his piece in] a place where people could leave comments. I don't know if the student considers it artwork, or social action, or both," said Ralph Blasting, the dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

ML said that he had this idea in his head for some time, but the inspiration really came to him with Dread Scott's visit to Fredonia in Feb.

"This has been stirring. But the fact that Dread Scott came and talked gave me a lot more inspiration to do more stuff. He's very successful at what he does," he said.

He also cited that he follows street artists such as Banksy and Shepard Fairey for political influence and for fun. According to ML, he wanted to "take a crack" at his own political piece.

With publicly written replies that ranged from "Blue Lives Matter" to "Fuck 12," the piece generated multiple conversations on social media and inperson.

"What I really liked about it [was] that a conversation took part outside of it. The talking was really what made it for me, [and] what made it a successful piece," ML said. "I think the most success was when people wrote on it and then talked to another person. Which was really my intention with it."



Photo courtesy of Travis LeFevre/Editor in Chief

Blasting also feels as though the discussion is a good thing, but believes it needs to be taken a step further.

"We won't always know what happens, or what student's attitudes are about [University Police] or what is happening in student's lives outside of class. But there's a lot that goes on in a student's life that a faculty member, a dean or a president [is] simply not going to be aware of unless somebody talks about it," said Blasting. "And talking about it has to be more than an Instagram post or a tweet or something like that. It's got to be sitting down and saying 'we'd like to discuss this issue.""

According to University Police Chief Ann Burns, this is not the first or last time that something like this has happened.

"It's a process of free speech and growing. Do I think it has anything to do with the relationship that students have with this department? Absolutely not. I think maybe it has more to do with the commentary on law enforcement in a large setting [and] what the country's going through right now," Burns said.

According to Burns, in the last student opinion survey, Fredonia's University Police

ranked number one in the state.

"We're always extremely high in the student opinion survey for University Police in general and the services we provide and student satisfaction," she said.

She also mentioned how hard it is to take some of the comments on the board seriously due to the anonymity of it and how some of the comments appeared to be more directed to law enforcement as a whole.

"When you do have an opportunity to write something provocative on an anonymous whiteboard, a lot of people are going to take advantage of that and I think, for the most part, it might not be how they really feel. But we also have students who come from large cities who have had negative experiences with law enforcement. So I'm almost 100% sure that on that board ... I don't think they were necessarily

narrowing it to us. It was probably law enforcement in general."

According to Burns, the motto on the sides of UP cars, "Protecting SUNY's Finest," isn't just a phrase.

"That is truly how we feel, we feel like our students are SUNY's finest," she said.

The piece was taken down on Friday, March 29 by the artist.

A history of Earth Month in Fredonia

HOPE WINTER

Special to The Leader

As the temperatures begin to rise and the flowers begin to finally bloom, our campus has begun to glow in happiness again. Usually by April, Fredonia experiences the first signs of spring.

The students ease out of hibernating in their dark dorms and experience the first touch of the warm kisses from the sun on their faces as they walk to class. You see classmates you haven't seen since the first snowfall of the winter. You hear more voices outside, rather than the quietness of snow that's been hovering over the campus for months.

The Fredonia students in April appreciate the Earth and its beauty after experiencing the dreadful snowfalls. With April being Earth Month, several groups and organizations on campus like to get involved to show their respect for Mother Nature. But how has Earth Month come to be one of the biggest campus wide themes?

It all started here in Fredonia in 1968. A local high school student, Brad Follet, took a science class with a former marine biologist who wanted to show students the impact of cleaning up the world. The teacher had his students do multiple activities for a week, such as cleaning up Canandaigua Creek from the trash and junk that had built up. They then took samples of the dirt and water and tested them to see what exactly was in the Earth below us. After the week of cleaning up the creek, Follet realized how much fun and hard work cleaning up the creek was, and realized it would take, at least, a month to clean up the creek.

"But the whole Earth needs to be cleaned up doesn't it? There should be a global Earth cleanup month," said Follet.

Follet was ahead of the times back then, as he thought of this idea, just 22 months before the creation of Earth Day on April 22, 1970. Follet continued his love for cleaning up the environment and pushed himself and his classmates to continue to work on cleaning up the creek for a month. To this day, the students at SUNY Fredonia and the community around, have deemed April as Earth Month.

Organizations and clubs on campus alike take on opportunities for them to get involved and make our community as green as it can be.

According to Kelsey Callea, a sister of Fredonia's chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon, all the fraternities and sororities on campus partake in an event with the Fredonia Police that involves all the greek life organizations picking up trash from the roads. The fraternities and sororities compete against each other and whichever organization picks up the most trash, wins.

So as spring finally approaches and March turns into April, look out for flyers and Facebook event invites, and try to keep our campus green and happy by putting your own effort into Earth Month.

"Organizations and clubs on campus alike take on opportunities for them to get involved and make our community as green as it can be." Lend a Paw for Autism continued . . .

performed by the Goo Goo Dolls, Mary Ramsey from 10,000 Maniacs and others.

"People can just donate a dollar. So if we can reach millions of people who would want to donate a dollar to get a song, we've got help for a lot of kids with autism," Petri said.

Petri is excited for a new year and the students thinking of new things to do for Lend a Paw for Autism. He's also excited to expand.

"I compare it to Robby Takac's Music is Art, which kind of started in a parking lot and now it's [in] Delaware Park. So that's what we're hoping to look for, is just to build on it every year," Petri said.

Kids can play with Marvelthemed games and Marvel characters at the event. There will be six Avenger-themed games where participants can collect all six infinity stones if they successfully complete each game. A Captain America shield toss, Iron Man versus Captain America tic-tac-toe and a Marvel puzzle race are some of the games that will be included.

In the past, Lend a Paw for Autism has raised \$4,000. This year, they are hoping to raise \$5,000.

"We've actually been contacting businesses, so we have sponsors this year. That's how we get a lot of our money," Osmun said.

The money is raised through the registration fee as well as the food and basket raffles that are sold at the event.

The event hopes to top what they did last year.

"We're hoping five to six thousand dollars. Between the raffle baskets and the donations and other things, we're trying to make a community event," Petri said. They are trying to make a community event not only to help out the IAR, but to also bring the community together.

"That's kind of the point of music. It's to bring the communities together," Petri said.



An attendee poses for a picture with her pup / All photos courtesy of the Fredonia Music Industry Club.

There are a lot of groups on campus that would like to showcase at Lend a Paw for Autism. Osmun is excited to see everyone come out.

"It's one of the few events that I can see a lot of people on campus coming together for. Seeing everyone collect in front of the amphitheater area on campus and seeing all the dogs is awesome," Osmun said.

Osmun said that it's usually a really nice day and that she's hoping it will be a nice day again for the event this year.

Students and community members interested in Lend a Paw for Autism can register at the SUNY Fredonia Ticket Office in the Williams Center. Registration forms can be found there and online through the ticket office's website www.fredonia.edu/tickets and over the phone at (716) 673-3501. Day-of registration will begin at the clocktower at 11 a.m.



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The Mueller Report and its mixed feelings

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Special to The Leader

After nearly two years, Robert Mueller's investigation into the possible collusion between Russia and the 2016 Trump campaign has concluded.

The roughly 300 page report of the special counsel's findings was reviewed by Attorney General William Barr and released to the public in his four page summary late last month.

Barr's summary stated that the special counsel, "Did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election."

As expected, Republicans, fueled by the win, ran their victory laps around congressional Democrats, and the President went as far as to claim 'Complete and total exoneration" of any wrongdoing.

But is this so? Is our president completely exonerated from any wrongdoing?

In regards to collusion — sure. But for obstruction of justice — well that's a different, less decisive story.

Barr was sure to add in his summary that the special counsel's report does not find that Trump's actions were obstructing, but it also doesn't exonerate him. The special counsel was simply unable to make a conclusion due to what they described as "difficult issues" of fact and law. Whether or not the evidence against Trump

could be considered obstruction of justice was undecided. Since the special counsel didn't reach a conclusion, it was ^{1 fr}on www.fbi.gov left to Barr to make a decision. After extreme review, Barr, along with Deputy Attorney General toten, Rod Rosenstein, concluded that, "The evidence developed during the special counsel's investigation is not sufficient to establish that

the President committed an obstruction of justice offense."

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For some, specifically Republicans, the interpretation of "no obstruction of justice" made by Rosenstein and Barr is enough to finally put to rest an investigation plaguing the Trump administration for over half of his term in office.

However, Democrats beg to differ. Many high ranking Democrats, such as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi,

demanded the report in its entirety be released to the public and Congress so they can draw their own conclusions.

'We don't want your interpretation" Pelosi said regarding Barr's letter. "Show us the report and we can draw our own conclusions."

Barr, nearly a week after his summary released, agreed to release the full, 300 page report to Congress by mid-April after the appropriate redactions are made.

David Rankin, professor and chairman of politics and international affairs at SUNY Fredonia, helps dissect and understand what is really going on here.

"Mueller pretty much noted that there wasn't an exoneration, however, had summarised it to such that the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General had determined in their judgement that there wasn't really anything to consider for obstruction of justice," Rankin said.

Democrats want the full report so they can draw their own conclusions and Republicans think it is time to move on.

Rankin believes that it's a political battle at this point but, all in all, a victory for Republicans and President Trump for now.

Whether or not this remains a victory that Trump can ride to the 2020 presidential race depends on what the information in the report reveals about our President.

All we can do now is wait and see.

"'We don't want your interpretation' Pelosi said regarding Barr's letter. 'Show us the report and we can draw our own conclusions.""

POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, Mar. 26, 2019

A vehicle was damaged while parked in an undisclosed lot. An investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2019

A vehicle was damaged while parked in Lot 26. An investigation was closed.

Friday, Mar. 29, 2019

4:52 p.m. Fatou Gaye was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Hendrix Hall. An arrest was completed.

A student was harassed by another student. An investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, Mar. 30, 2019

11:29 p.m. Aniyah S. New was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Alumni Hall. An arrest was completed.

11:29 p.m. Rae-Anne Clarke was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Alumni Hall. An arrest was completed.

11:29 p.m. Mandela R. Gadsden was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Alumni Hall. An arrest was completed.

11:29 p.m. Thurgood H. Thomas was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Alumni Hall. An arrest was completed.

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Monday, Mar. 25, 2019

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

Tuesday, Mar. 26, 2019

Pilar A. Nelson, age 28, was charged with speeding in zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Nelson D. Addison, age 22, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and speeding in a zone. A return date was given.

Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2019

Gregory P. Barnes, age 53, was charged with improper use of license plates, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without a license and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. A return date was given.

Tristen A. Larson, age 23, was charged with failing to stop at a red light. A return date was given.

Thursday, Mar. 28, 2019

Julio A. Montalvo, age 42, 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. 29, 2019

Jennifer T. Sheen, age 20, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued. Sharymer Hernandez, age 37, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Andrew Pardi, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

Jolean R. Swanson, age 46, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Joshua M. Sorrentino, age 20, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Saturday, Mar. 30, 2019

12:04 a.m. Cody J. Stahl, age 20, was charged with open container, littering and underage possession of alcohol. Three appearance tickets were issued.

1:55 a.m. Mateo R. May, age 19, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Daniel P. Klee, age 55, was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

Zachary A. Crandall, age 22, was charged with open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

Samantha Coleman, age 30, was arrested under ruling of a bench warrant after failing to appear. She was held.

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2019

3:31 p.m. Natalie R. Parrotta, age 24, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

7:44 p.m. Sam C. Wagner, age 20, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

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

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



Multicultural Weekend at Fredonia

ELIZABETH SUSKI

Special to The Leader

With the days getting longer and nice weather approaching, the weekends on campus are being filled with multiple activities.

Last weekend was Fredonia's Multicultural Weekend (MCW), a weekend where students and future prospects came together to celebrate who they are and where they come from.

"MCW is a time for students to show their pride in their culture and their pride for Fredonia," said Melizabeth Norona, a junior criminal justice major with a minor in psychology, and also a MCW host intern.

The Intercultural Center (IC) is the group that hosts the weekend.

Multicultural Weekend is an overnight program that spans from March 29-31.

Many of the intercultural groups take part in the weekend including Fredonia Feminists, Alpha Psi Lambda, African Student Union, Hillel, Caribbean Student Association, Enfusion, International Club, Native American Student Union, Pride Alliance, Japanese Club and Latinos Unidos.

The Black Student Union had their fashion show on Saturday, and it was their biggest one yet.

Brother 2 Brother held an event called Wildin' With The Bros on Friday before the carnival.

The carnival featured a bounce house. "It's called The Meltdown, and we rent it from Big Belly Entertainment. It's basically a giant inflatable with a spinning wheel in the middle you have to either duck under or jump over," said Christina Shaw, a senior music education major with a minor in theatre arts.

Shaw is the Multicultural Weekend Carnival intern for the Intercultural Center.

The carnival also had a raffle, where the winners were picked at the end of the night.

The prizes included a variety of Fredonia merchandise.

MCW brings prospective students to Fredonia from diverse backgrounds.

"We have over a hundred students signed up this year, all being bused into Fredonia from New York City," said Shaw.

"This makes MCW one of the campus' largest recruitment activities of the year. In addition to having fun at the events, these students also get to attend workshops and sessions, eat Fredonia food, take tours and shop at the bookstore."

With such a large scale event, it takes a lot of people and hard work to make it work.

"It's definitely a lot of work but when the weekend comes, watching the final product come together is such a great feeling," said Norona.

The Intercultural Center has one more event

before the semester ends, and that is the Men of Color Summit.

It takes place on Saturday, April 6.



Students enjoy activities at the Multicultural Carnival | Pamela Johnson/Staff Photographer



(A): Internet comedian Kapri
Fernandez guest hosting the
BSU Fashion Show
(L): A student models for the
Carnival inspired segment
All fashion show photos taken
by Justin Saylee/Assistant
Photo Editor



Two female students model for the fashion show



A student models a jacket from Mastermind Clothing

Campus celebrates Earth Month with eco-friendly events

ERIKETA COST

Assistant Life & Arts Editor

Earth Month is a great opportunity to be an Earth advocate.

Greystone Nature Preserve's founder and director, Diane Clark, told me just that in a recent phone interview where she informed me about an upcoming nature expo at the preserve.

She has been helping organize an expo that will take place on April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Besides music, guest speakers, games and raffles, there will be an opportunity for students to practice their first amendment with regards to helping the Earth.

"I think the really important part of this festival is letting college students have a voice in politics. We will have a table set up with forms where they can sign petitions, or write a letter to their legislature on any environmental issue that touches them," she said.

Terry Mosher, former professor and a naturalist, will be giving a nature walk in the woods at 10:30 a.m.

Clark mentioned that she hopes the take-away for students and all of Chautauqua County is to have a deeper connection to their planet and environment.

"We remember days, not more than 10 years ago, when Earth Day was a huge event on campus with a plethora of activities and speakers. Over time it got changed to Earth Week, then Earth Month, until we noticed there were no more events on the calendar for Earth Month," said Clark.

"So we decided to offer students a day to celebrate the Earth. The name of it came out as 'Earth Month Expo.""

In addition to this exposition, there will be a beach cleanup hosted by faculty member and English professor Christina Jarvis.

"Beach cleanups are a great way to connect students to both the environment and local communities. Apart from Fredonia's downtown, I find that many students don't explore the local area very much," said Jarvis.

"Students are often surprised that Lake Erie is so close, and that Point Gratiot has a lovely park

with bike trails, pavilions, playground equipment and, obviously, a beach. After attending one cleanup, many students often return to Point Gratiot or check out other natural places such as the College Lodge. They also get to meet local volunteers from various church, scouting and environmental groups."

Jarvis has been leading beach cleanups at local beaches since 2010.

She is one of the founding members of the campus Sustainability Committee, and she has been involved in local environmental projects for a long time.

"I first participated in beach cleanups led by EarthWorks, a local environmental and social justice group, but started leading campus cleanups to get more students involved," she said.

All students are encouraged to participate and attend this beach cleanup April 27 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Fredonia will also be hosting "No Impact Week" from April 14 to April 21.

This is a designated week to promote responsibility for the Earth in fun and creative ways.

Each day focuses on a different theme and will educate people about simple steps they can take in their everyday life to help the environment and reduce their carbon footprint.

Keep your eyes on the Earth Month calendar at https://events.fredonia.edu/earth_month to stay updated on how you can get involved this Earth Month. Olivia Connorth Sister M.

'Anything Goes' docks at Fredonia's Marvel Theatre



ELYSE GRIECO Life & Arts editor

All Aboard!

The S.S. American is making its way to stage in this year's Spring production of "Anything Goes."

"Anything Goes" is a musical written by American composer Cole Porter in 1934.

This production centers around the eccentric characters and their madantics while aboard the S.S. American, a luxurious ship sailing from New York to London.

Anthony Lazzaro, a senior B.F.A. musical theater major, plays the role of Billy Crocker.

"Billy is a charming, suave, charismatic man who knows what he wants and will stop at nothing to get it," he said.

Billy is a young Wall Street broker who instantly falls in love with a beautiful girl he meets in a taxi cab.

His boss, Elisha J. Whitney, is about to board the S.S. American to make a large business deal in London.

Billy's friend Reno Sweeney, a nightclub singer, is also boarding the ship.

When Billy goes to the dock to say goodbye to his two friends, he sees the mysterious girl he fell in love with in the taxi.

He learns that her name is Hope Harcourt and is on her way to England with her fiancé.

Billy decides to sneak onto the boat as a stowaway in hopes of stealing her heart.

Meanwhile, Moonface Martin, a gangster who is referred to as "Public Enemy 13" and his girlfriend Bonni have disguised themselves as a minister and missionary.

With Billy's help, they seamlessly board the S.S. American.

"Anything Goes" is filled with dynamic characters that find themselves getting into crazy comedic situations.

"What's challenging about bringing a script to life, specifically "Anything Goes," is making sure the comedic timing is on point," said Lazzaro. "This is a very funny show and there are a lot of funny bits incorporated." Jacquelyne Ambrosio, a senior double major in B.F.A musical theater and dance, plays the role of Reno Sweeney.

"The show takes place in the 1930s, a time where women didn't really have a voice," said Ambrosio. "So it's been really fun playing a bold and brash woman who is not afraid to speak her mind during the time."

In Act 1, it is made clear to the audience that although Billy thinks of Reno as a friend, she thinks of him as something more.

Reno does this in the musical number, "I Get a Kick Out of You."

"It's the first time we see Reno being really vulnerable," said Ambrosio. "It's my favorite to perform."

Reno is accompanied throughout the production by her four tap dancing angels.

Marissa Nappo, a sophomore B.F.A. musical theater major, plays the role of one of these angels named Charity.

"My favorite scene is probably the first scene when the angels are introduced because it really shows all of our unique personalities even though we're all very similar and dressed exactly the same," she said.

Nappo said that the amount of tapping in the show will definitely impress the audience.

"There's a lot of it [tapping] and we have people with all different levels of experience. Yet, we all are working so hard and it's really coming together," she said.

This production has taken students months of practice and effort to perfect.

However, the cast is confident that the audience will thoroughly enjoy the classic comedy with a modern twist.

"We have been working on this production since the beginning of February," said Nappo. "We rehearse almost everyday except for Saturday's and there's a tremendous amount of work being put in by not only the cast, but also the crew and the production team."

"Anything Goes" runs from April 5-7 and 11-13 in the Rockefeller Art Center's Marvel Theater.

Tickets are on sale in the ticket office and online.

Prices range from \$12 for Fredonia students, \$22 for students without Fredonia identification and \$30 for general public admission.



Setting students up for success, annual Men of Color Summit starts with a twist for first time ever

ALEXANDRIA NIEVES

Special to The Leader

"Success Week", hosted by the Intercultural Center, presents the opportunity to support diversity and equal opportunities on Fredonia's campus and helps, in various ways, to set Fredonia's men of color up for success in the professional world.

Khristian King, the executive director of the Intercultural Programs and Services, oversees intercultural support services, veteran support services and multicultural support services.

"I had a male student of color come into my office [that told me] they felt that graduating from Fredonia would not lead them to be successful in their career and that it won't even help them get into their careers. That shocked me because I know of alum, personally, that have had tremendous success in their various fields," said King.

King quickly realized that student had not had a first hand experience working with an African American person in that field.

This left the student feeling out of place and uncertain of their future career path.

"The solution was we need to get people here. We need to bring outside people including alum . . . back so that these students can see that this is possible," King said.

Men of Color summits are held all across the United States, but none in Upstate New York or surrounding areas, including Pennsylvania.

"Men of Color summit is a once a year event and it happens every Spring semester. This year we are working on our first ever 'Success Week.' Every day leading up to the Men of Color summit, we have activities happening," said ReyJeanne Antoine, a junior public relations major and an intern for the Intercultural Center.

When people enter the summit, they are greeted and given a swag bag including a tie.

"I think that they have the potential they just need to be given the proper space and opportunity to do it. I think that there needs to be more education in understanding the support for this group of students," said King. "Potential is there. I think that what we are doing with the week of success and the summit is getting to that place of challenging them to step up a little bit more and be seen."

Monday and Tuesday will feature a LinkedIn workshop and a resume building workshop.

These workshops are open to the public and encourages people to revise their resumes.

Wednesday will feature a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The winning team will be awarded a \$200 cash prize.

Thursday will feature haircuts. King's father is a professional barber and cuts hair in Buffalo. A cut costs \$15 and can be done anyway the customer prefers, including a taper or a shape-up.

Friday is "Silky Fest," an event hosted by Brother 2 Brother. The idea revolves around the untying of durags and silkies to reveal new haircuts.

These events lead up to the summit. Resumes are built, hairstyles are presentable and everyone is ready to present themselves physically.

"I designed [this event] and it was very important for me that, as soon as someone steps foot on campus, much less walk in the building they feel valued," said King. "When you look at the experiences of men of color just in the world, there's a lot going against than uplifting. The goal is to feel valued, to feel supported, to feel encouraged and pushed." Avalon Watson, a fifth year business management and economics major, is the head intern in the Intercultural Center.

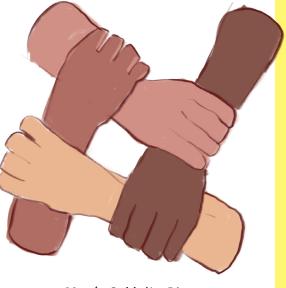
This will be his second year attending the Men of Color events.

"You get the chance to network during the summit," Watson said. "The summit is for attendees to break out of barriers and gives them a chance to see what is in the world rather than what they see on a daily basis. Having them network and seeing different people doing different things especially them [men of color] with the same color as you, that's what I am most excited for."

The fair will include businesses from Buffalo, Fredonia and other areas across the state.

These businesses will have internship and job opportunities available for people who attend.

"I think that a lot of times, being a man of color is difficult," said Antoine. "Being a person of color is difficult, but especially being a man of color . . . when it comes to success."



Mattéa Guldy/Art Director

Writers @ Work hosts annual Four Years Out

JESSICA MEDITZ

Special to The Leader

It's not uncommon to find college students out of sorts over their plans following graduation.

Writers @ Work's up-and-coming event may be able to give students the opportunity to take control and discover options when it comes to their futures.

Their next event, Four Years Out, will take place from April 4-5. They will be holding multiple workshops and discussions, encouraging all students to attend.

Four Years Out will feature alumni guest speakers from the class of 2015.

They will be discussing how Fredonia has further prepared them for their careers.

On April 4, there will be two events open to students.

The first is a writing workshop called "Corporate Communications: Writing in a Business Context" at 5 p.m. The second discussion, "How to Succeed Four Years Out: Advice from Recent Graduates" is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Both lectures will be held in the Kelly Auditorium in the Science Center.

April 5 will also be filled with special events.

The day will consist of open office hours with the visiting alumni and a lecture called "Writing in the Health Sciences with Naomi."

Both events will be held in Fenton Hall 127.

Office hours will take place at 10 a.m. and "Writing in the Health Sciences with Naomi" will be held at 11 a.m.

Katerina Grein is a graduate assistant for Writers @ Work.

"The whole point of the event is to show that four years later, after graduating from Fredonia, these incredible careers where, somehow, writing is involved are possible," said Grein.

There will be four guest speakers at the event.

One being Naomi Coufal, who graduated with a master's degree in English.

She now works as a technical writer and specialist for Hill-Rom/Welch Allyn — a company that makes enhancements in the medical field.

Coufal will be visiting two classes on April 5: English 372 in Fenton Hall 176 at 1 p.m. and English 213 in Fenton Hall 174 at 2 p.m.

Both of these in-class visits are open to students.

Andrea Vasiloff and Christopher Sanchez both work in Fredonia's neighboring city, Buffalo, N.Y.

Vasiloff earned her bachelor's degree in business administration, and she now works as a channel account specialist for VMware Ingram Micro.

Sanchez studied business administration, management and economics.

He is now a quality improvement project coordinator for Millard Fillmore Suburban and DeGraff Memorial Hospitals.

Maggie Gilroy graduated from Fredonia as a double major with degrees in journalism and musical theater.

She is a news reporter for the Press & Sun Bulletin located in Binghamton, NY.

In her free time, she works as a freelance writer covering musical theater and the arts.

"It's a really eclectic mix, but it's amazing because students can see a wide array of careers that people are in and how they're all making an impact," Grein said.

Natalie Gerber of the English department is the head of Writers @ Work. She said out of all the events Writers @ Work holds, Four Years Out, "is the most helpful and significant for students. Fredonia is still fresh in their minds, so they can give a lot of valuable career advice to students."

This ties into Writers @ Work's overall mission, which Grein said is, "to bring back alumni who are, somehow, using writing significantly in their careers, and have succeeded."

"We want alumni to talk with students about how they got to where they are now, showing students that writing does matter, and they have a lot of options for their careers," she said.

Next year, Writers @ Work hopes to branch out even further.

They plan to invite former music education majors who are now working as music educators, as well as expanding out to alumni who studied biology at Fredonia.

Although Four Years Out is Writers @ Work's largest and final event of the academic year, they always have two events in the Fall and two in the Spring.

Last week, Writers @ Work brought LA Times journalist and Fredonia alumnus Scott Martelle to campus.

There were multiple interactive discussion events for students to get involved.

Grein said that Writers @ Work holds these events because they hope to, "give students advice from people that were in their shoes, telling them what it's like to transition from Fredonia to the real working world."

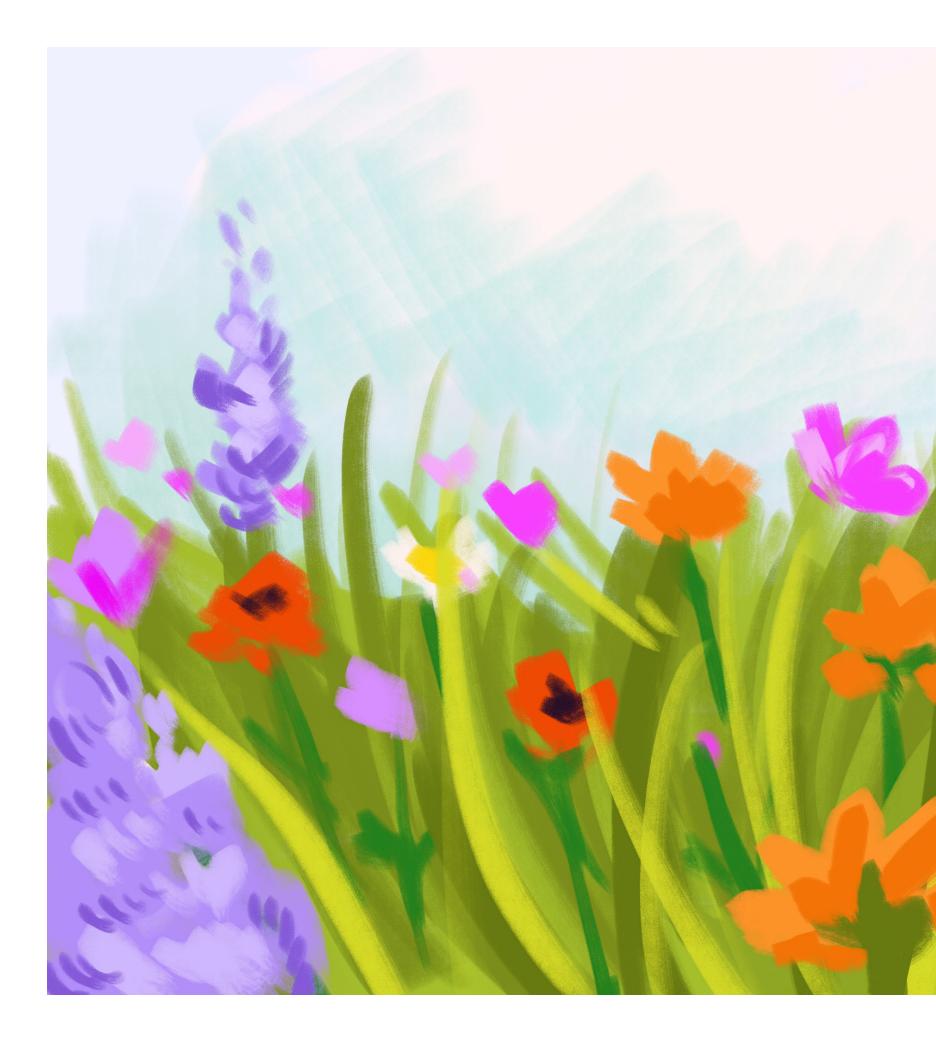
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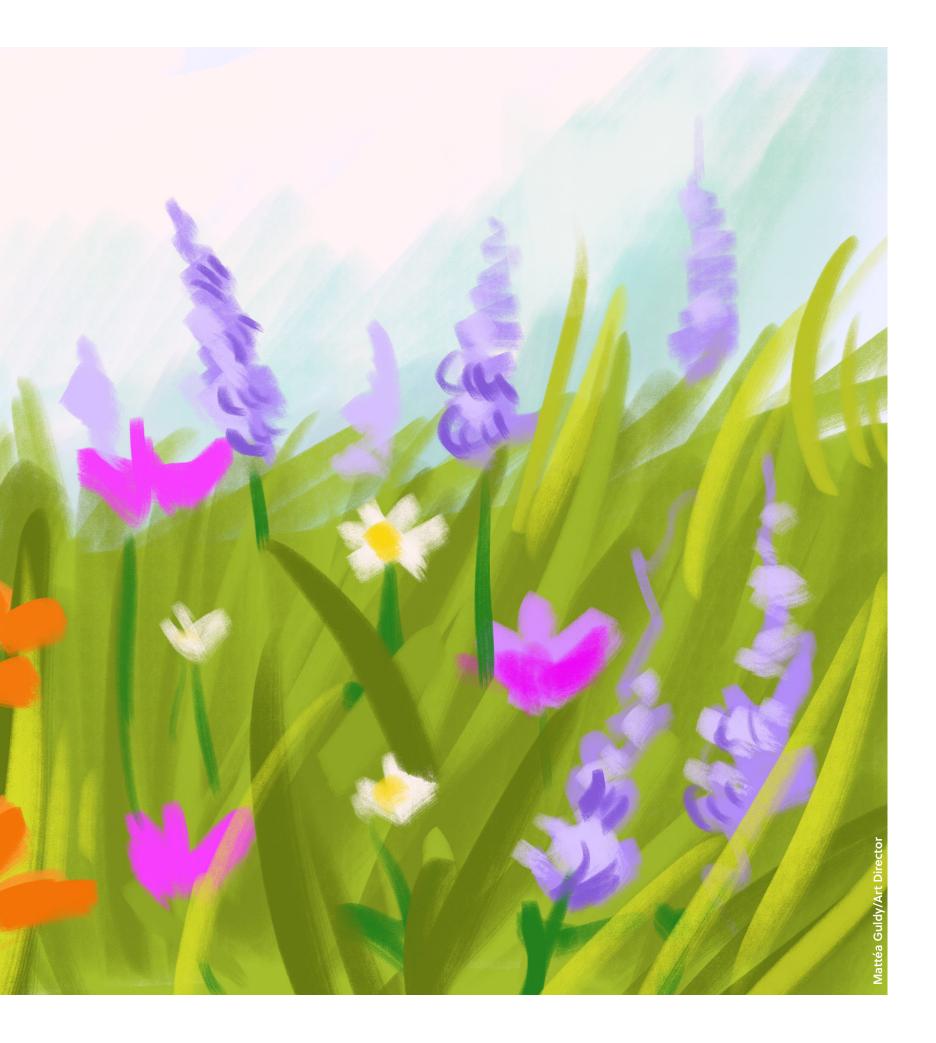
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Put yourself above the rest: Looking at the benefits of being involved

SETH MICHAEL MEYER

Staff Columnist

In a system – a system that operates efficiently and effectively – two things (but not limited to two) are needed: the manpower and specialization. Each year students leave here with a degree seeking further education or a job; across the country 4.5 million students will all do the same. That's a whole lot of manpower for a vast number of systems out there in the world. But for your ideal employer to find you, you have to be specialized – so what makes you special? Answer: Involvement.

With such a huge supply of college graduates to pick from, employers set strict criteria when it comes to what they are looking for. In an article by Forbes Magazine, Mastercard's Chief Human Resources Officer Michael Fraccaro highlighted three top qualities most employers will look for. The first is how well your skill set adapts to the needs and culture of the company. The second is personality, simply enough. The third trait is your agility in solving problems in this ever-changing world.

"But what does that have to do with getting involved? I can just wing it at the interview." If this is your rationale, I wish you luck entering that interview with a resume full of white spaces. The truth is that you acquire the aforementioned skills by installing yourself, early, into clubs, organizations and social niches.

Let us take the first quality, applicable

skills, for example. At Fredonia, and most colleges you could attend, you'll find a wide variety of organizations that can provide you skills that directly transfer to your ideal job. Want to work for a T.V. company? Start with WNYF. Want to be my future CPA? Accounting Society will do the trick.

Joining organizations that give you applicable skills can help you adapt to a similar industry once you're ready for work. College is also the time to discover what you don't like. Maybe you thought TV. or accounting was your thing, but after learning more about it through the organization, you may find yourself reconsidering – something which is better to do in college than it is once you've completed your degree.

The second characteristic, regarding your personality, is when your hobbies are taken into account. Employers look for a chance to add diversity to their roster because with diverse backgrounds comes diverse specialties and even more of a skillset. The aspiring accountant might find benefit in adding STEPS to the resume and explain how you learned public speaking skills or SOTA and explain that you know how to direct a team.

Lastly the quality of having agility in a work setting comes from a culmination of how much or how little you experience during your college career.

If you're looking for the motivation to add a club or two to your calendar, consider the opportunities clubs can have when applying for your dream job.

VERBATIM

"What's your favorite pizza place in town?"

Shelby Kittinger, junior sculpture major

"I would say my favorite pizza place in town would possibly be Maria's. I can't consider Calio's to be necessarily pizza, but definitely Maria's."



Adanna Akamnonu, senior graphic design major "I can't decide between Pizza Hut and Domino's."



Jade Osadchey, senior communication disorders and sciences major "Well I think I like Crosby's, but I also think that I like Maria's for my late night snacks. I think I like Crosby's or Lena's."



Abbey Hunt, senior communication disorders and sciences major "I like Blasdell best because I really like their crust."



SPORTS

Fredonia sports update

JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS Staff Writer

The month of April is finally upon us! However, the weather hasn't fully been in favor for several sport teams here on campus.

The Fredonia baseball team still holds a 9-9 overall record. Road games against the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and Medaille College were canceled due to heavy rain resulting in unplayable field conditions. All three teams are working together to determine a potential makeup day for later in the season.

This week, Fredonia baseball will return to action facing up against Pitt-Bradford on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Then on Friday at 3:00 p.m. Fredonia will go toe-to-toe against the Cortland Red Dragons. Both games will be held at Ludwig Field.

A similar situation happened to the softball team. They maintain an overall record of 5-9.

The men's and women's track team started off on the right foot this past Saturday at the Geneseo Early Season Invitational outdoor track and field meet.

Fredonia women's lacrosse team is off to a rough start halfway through

their season. In the past 10 games, the lady Blue Devils have only claimed three victories. With only six games remaining, they must regain their confidence and come together as a team quickly if they want to keep their playoff hopes alive. They will look to end their three game losing streak and hopefully secure their first SUNYAC win Wednesday afternoon at Geneseo. Geneseo are currently the third seed in the SUNYAC.

For the most up-to-date Fredonia Athletics information, please visit https:// fredoniabluedevils.com.



Dante Lasting/Special to The Leader

There's always next year, right?

AIDAN POLLARD

Sports Editor

Since their 10-game win streak in November, the Sabres have the worst record in the NHL.

That's the team we know and love.

With only two games left in the season, the team's once sure spot in the playoffs is now completely gone.

As of Sunday, the Sabres' record for the last ten games was 1-8-1.

That's abysmal.

The closest team to their record is the Philadelphia Flyers with a record of 3-7-0 across their last ten.

So how did the team fall apart this badly? What started the fall from grace of what was arguably the most fun team to watch in the league through the first half of the season?

Firstly, it was because everyone expected them to be good. And they were.

The Sabres were consistently made out to be a team to watch before the season started, especially with their powerful offensive lineup and first round draft-pick defenseman, Rasmus Dahlin.

The team was supposed to be a low-key powerhouse, which ended up being true.

But the problem was that everyone was expecting it.

Nobody wrote off the Sabres in their schedule because every team realized that the Sabres had a good core of players and the potential to be lethal if they were ignored.

The Sabres were supposed to be the Golden Knights of this season, but they couldn't be that if everyone was expecting them.

The reason the Golden Knights were such a shock last year was because they were supposed to be complete garbage, so everybody wrote them off in their schedules, and by the time everyone realized that they were actually a really good team, it was too late.

They rode that wave all the way to the Stanley Cup Finals where they lost to what was probably the team most deserving of the cup in the past 20 years.

But the Sabres didn't get that luxury this year.

They didn't get to be the team that flew under the radar for the beginning of the season and then by the time anyone figured out how they worked they were leading the league in a landslide.

Everyone was watching the Sabres from the start, and they came out hot.

They had the top spot in the Atlantic Division for a considerable amount of time, but that whole time all the other teams were thinking about how to unseat them.

When Vegas was at the top early last season, everyone figured that it was just a fluke and would fizzle out.

Nobody was willing to make that mistake again.



Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator

And then there were four

RYAN DUNNING

Special to The Leader

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the fall of 60 teams.

From bracket favorites, such as UNC and Duke, to cinderella hopefuls like Oregon, the NCAA basketball tournament has claimed them all.

All but four, that is.

Out of the East region, Michigan State reigns supreme.

After a brief first round scare, MSU has dominated their competition, with convincing wins over Minnesota and LSU before playing Duke in the Elite Eight.

In this game, point guard Cassius Winston carried the team over freshman phenom Zion Williamson and the top seeded Blue Devils.

Playing Michigan State in the Final Four are the Red Raiders of Texas Tech.

The Tech defense has been brilliant all year, and nothing changed in the tournament.

The only team who scored over 60 points on them was their Elite Eight matchup, the Gonzaga Bulldogs.

Even this wasn't enough to beat the Red Raiders, who are now in the Final Four for the first time in program history.

On the other half of the bracket, out of the South region, comes the only remaining one seed, Virginia.

I would bet that very few people had Virginia as their final standing one seed, with all the hype surrounding Duke and UNC.

And yet, here they are. Not a bad way to bounce back from having lost to a 16 seed last year.

The Cavaliers' road to the Final Four has been marked by close contest after close contest, most recently a five point win in overtime against Purdue.

The team is built on slow, but efficient, play on both sides of the court. According to KenPom.com, Virginia has the second best offensive efficiency and fifth best defensive efficiency in the country, while boasting the slowest playstyle of any team in Division one hoops.

KenPom.com is a website that provides advanced statistics about college basketball, and it is a source trusted by many teams across the country.

And finally, out of the Midwest, comes the highest seeded team remaining.

The fifth seeded Auburn Tigers have created quite a stir in the basketball world.

Known as primarily a football school, the Tigers have enjoyed matchups against titans of the basketball world since the Round of 32.

There, they posted a double digit win over Kansas followed by another double digit win against North Carolina. Finally, this past Sunday, they beat two seed Kentucky in overtime to advance to the Final Four.

Now that there are only four teams remaining, which team has the best chance to win it totally?

My pick is Virginia.

After that, I believe Texas Tech has the second best chance, followed by Michigan State and finally Auburn.

My predictions, game by game, are as follows:

Texas Tech beats Michigan State, 65-63. Virginia beats Auburn, 66-60.

Finally, Virginia beats Texas Tech, 58-55.

This is Virginia's best squad in years, and unlike the teams that have choked in tournaments past, this will be the squad that wins the whole thing.

Both Final Four games will be played on Saturday night. Auburn will play Virginia at 6:09 p.m., and Texas Tech will play Michigan State at 8:49 p.m.

THE SCALLION

How to get good grades: A guide by The Scallion

JOSEPH MARCINIAK

Assistant Editor of The Scallion

The Scallion has always been regarded as the top provider of advice. Rumors say President Trump himself has called the Editor of The Scallion, Mr. Vacant, asking how he can be a better leader of the free world. I actually asked Mr. Vacant what they said to the president. According to them, all you need to do is void.

Today, we bring to you the greatest advice on getting good grades. Considering I have a grade point average of 2.3, I'd say I'm very much qualified to give you this advice. And so, let the list begin!

1. Don't bother with general education classes. They're bullshit, meant to keep the man down! You can retake your general education courses as many times as you like (I think I heard someone say once). Don't even bother trying.

2. At the end of every class, offer your professor an apple. If they refuse, force it upon them. Professors are famously submissive, and they will be unable to say no. Giving your professor an apple boosts your grade by 1 percent per apple.

3. Join The Scallion as a writer! Every professor reads and loves The Scallion, and they will pass you based on that only. Trust me, I would know. Email marc6g3o@fredonia.edu for more information.

4. Do yoga, I guess? I don't know. I just read this one off of one of those stall talk things in my dorm bathroom. I guess the yoga makes you smarter now.

5. When doing a worksheet assignment, give yourself an A+ at the top of the page. This may confuse the professor and make them think they already corrected it. For bonus points, write something like "wow, I've never seen a worksheet filled out so perfectly, let me give my student extra points!"

Now, this list is not completely filled, and we could add a lot more. But being a master of getting good grades, it would start to look fishy if everyone used my genius techniques. So that's all you're getting today.

Enjoy your day, and good luck with your newfound knowledge of getting good grades.



Diana Maria Special of the add

Student finds shrunken head in P'Dubs pizza

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Assistant Editor of The Scallion

On Sunday, March 31, a student reportedly found a shrunken head on their "Meatball delight" pizza from P'Dubs.

"I called them back and they kept saying it was just a weird looking meatball," Pete Zaeter, the student who ordered the pizza said, "I know my way around a shrunken head. I've seen that scene in the live action 'Scooby Doo' movie countless times, I remember that guy on the island and what they looked like. They sure did NOT look like meatballs!"

Owner and CEO of P'Dubs, John Johnson, released a statement in response. "I don't even know what a shrunken head is. I definitely do not have a collection and I have not been secretly placing them in our new unpopular 'Meatball delight' pizza."

Local detective, Fin Dmeza, has taken it upon himself to solve this case.

"I'm not a genius, but I can put two and two together. How come every picture of CEO John Johnson also contains a shrunken head?" Dmeza said.

However, the shrunken head has been quick to defend themself, saying "Sometimes I like to sit on pizzas alright? I'm definitely not working with John to make people eat me. Why would I want to be eaten anyways? Not like there's some ancient curse that can only be activated when someone eats me! NO COLLUSION! FULL EXONERATION!"

According to rumors, someone has accidentally eaten a shrunken head, and Fredonia is soon to be cursed with a thousand years of winter.

*Please don't sue The Leader, P'Dubs.

Student receives massive backlash after telling theatre major 'I will NOT see your show this weekend'

SOPHIA MOORE

Guest Scallywag

It's been a rough week for student, Ryan Lays. Monday morning he told a former friend and theatre major, Alex Pringle, that he will not attend his show this weekend. Lays is said to not have given a reason for his absence but the decline has shaken the entire theatre department. Lays is surprised about the level of anger he has received from Pringle's supporters.

"I just don't want to go. It's nothing against the guy, I just don't want to see the show," Lays maintains that he knows what the show is about and who the director is but still has no interest in going, "He asked if I wanted to see it, and I said 'nah, I'm good."

Pringles and his supporters, on the other hand, see this answer as a cop-out. "He's definitely hiding something. If Ryan has an issue with me, he doesn't have to take it out on my show. We've worked really hard and for him to just dismiss us like this is disrespectful."

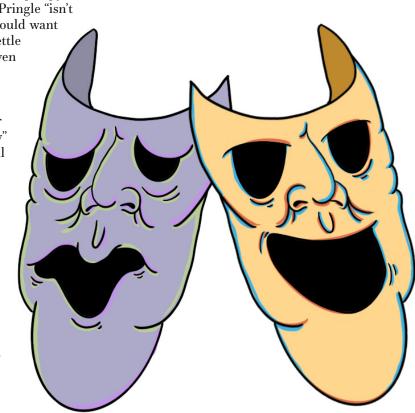
Lays reports that he has offered to buy a ticket and just not go, but Pringles believes it's not good enough. Simone Kettle, a friend of both Lays and Pringle, says that the offer is frankly insulting. "I don't think Ryan understands that it's not about ticket sales. It's the support; being there is what matters. Alex is trying to make this his career, it isn't just a hobby." When asked if it's okay if Lays just goes to the next one, the three had varying answers. Lays has "no problem with that, [he's] just missing this one." Pringle "isn't even sure if [he] would want him there," and Kettle asks if it "would even matter."

The pressure from what Lays calls "mainly other people in the show" and "the occasional theatre major" has been unbearable. Because of this factor. the backlash has been "incredibly dramatic." From getting a red "A" painted on the back of his sweater in class to traitor scratched onto the handle of his bike to full-on sonnets about his transgressions. He describes it as feeling like he is in "the worst revenge play of all time."

Ryan hopes that the tension will subside once the show ends this weekend but Alex maintains that this is only the beginning.

"He has to be held accountable. This is really reckless and careless behavior. Hey, you're coming to my show this weekend right?" Pringles asked our writer.

The response: "No comment."



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Dear Fairy Godmother,

With warm weather supposedly approaching I realized I don't have any clothes. Fredonia is a shopping wasteland and I have no idea where to go other than driving way out of my way. Do you have any suggestions for good places to shop around here?

Please help, Sunshine

Dear Sunshine,

Fredonia isn't exactly a retail therapist's dream, you're right about that. Walmart isn't stylish and everything else is nonexistent. Luckily for you, however, secondhand shops are a college student's fever dream. There are a few in town where you should be able to snag some goodies. College is about expressing yourself and living outside the box so who cares if you roll up to class in grandma's Jorts? Just make sure you wash the cat pee smell out of them first. You won't feel bad about mixing patterns or getting creative when you only spent 30 cents on the entire outfit! This is a guaranteed method to ensure that no one has the same outfit as you. Don't feel restrained to only spending on yourself either! Thrift stores are the perfect place to buy gifts for friends. Do you have a friend who has always wanted a dramatic fur cloak with animal heads on the shoulders? Look no further. Know someone with feet so small they always have to buy from the kid's section? Plenty of doll shoes to go around. Just look out for the occasional cursed object, those are better kept to oneself.

Sincerely, Fairy Godmother Dear Fairy Godmother,

I'm graduating soon and I haven't figured out what comes next. I feel like I've been dreaming about this for 4 years and now I'm totally unsure of what I'm doing. I don't know if I'm ready to be alone yet and I'm really going to miss all of my friends. Do you have any advice to help me figure out what I should do?

Please help, To Leave or Not to Leave

Dear Leave,

Trust me dear, if you're feeling nervous I guarantee some of your friends are too. This is the perfect time to ask them if they have plans for what comes after walking across that stage. You might be surprised by how many of them are just as clueless as you. Nothing says you have to take this next step alone. Adulthood may seem like it lacks the comradery of adolescence but it doesn't have to. Talk to your friends and see if you can make a plan together. Even only one or two of you forge a path together it's still better than being frightened and alone. Graduation is something you should be incredibly proud of but you shouldn't fear it. Your undergraduate years may be coming to an end but your life is not. So stop being so dramatic and pick yourself up. Dust off that uncertainty and keep going. You're almost there.

Sincerely, Fairy Godmother

HOROSCOPES

ARIES

This is a good week for big relationship changes. Trust that you will make the right decision. Make sure you and your partner have good communication, and you can work through anything.

CANCER

Obstacles abound and the path looks difficult, but with perseverance and careful action, you will prevail.

LIBRA

Your anxiety is in overdrive this week. Take time to yourself to breathe and grow. Focus on yourself above others, and don't doubt yourself.

CAPRICORN

Sticking to routine is helping you along, but is it really what you need? Break the cycle, and you might find the answer you've been looking for.

TAURUS

Something is nagging at your subconscious. Embracing your softer side will give you more insight as to what it is.

LEO

This week will present some opportunities for personal and career growth. Keep an eye open for places to share your experience.

SCORPIO

Now is a good time to finish any old projects you still have to work on. Your creative process is going to be best when you aren't alone.

AQUARIUS

You've been moody all week, and it's starting to take a toll on your relationships. Figure out your own issues and your relationships will get better.

GEMINI

Your creative process is stagnating, and you are in desperate need of a jumpstart. Look to your friends to guide you and get yourself started again.

VIRGO

You may be hitting a rocky patch in your relationship. Remember self love is important, too. Don't cling to unnecessary vestiges of a harmful relationship.

SAGITTARIUS

You need time to rest and recover. Stress has been getting the better of you. Solving any old problems shouldn't be on your mind, but you need to be ready to accept the stress that they put on you.

PISCES

You've been spreading yourself too thin. Take some time to recuperate and focus on yourself. You can't keep burning the candle at both ends.

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