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Excelsior update

Why some students are losing their scholarship

ALEXANDRIA NIEVES

Special to The Leader

Dan Tramuta knows the Excelsior Scholarship program. He was there when it was created, and he also recognizes problems students can have with it.

“There were four [Tramuta, SUNY, New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYSHESC) and Cuomo’s office] of us that helped Governor [Cuomo] draft the regulations of the delivery that helped work on this program,” said Tramuta, the associate vice president for Enrollment Services.

Tramuta is someone who wants to help the students. He believes the Excelsior Scholarship “should be catered to [the students].”

He cares about students because he knows that it’s not easy, especially since NYSHESC put a registration date on the Spring semester application for incoming students.

However, students have recently been having other issues with the Excelsior Scholarship, which is the scholarship that helps students go to college tuition-free.

Tramuta said, “In 2018-19, there are 870 students who have been awarded an Excelsior Scholarship for a current total of \$3,092,929.”

Junior history and political science major Hannah Dompkowski has, essentially, had to jump through hoops to keep her Excelsior Scholarship.

“[The main issue is about] the credit requirements. I’m on track to graduate on time, but if you drop a class or retake one, it really makes things difficult because you need 30 credits per [year] to stay on the scholarship,” said Dompkowski. “For example, I’m only taking 12 credits right now because one of my 15 is a retake, so next semester I have to take seven classes just to keep the scholarship for my senior year.”

When students apply for the scholarship, there are requirements to maintain it each year.

The NYSHESC sets the requirements for the Excelsior Scholarship. One of which is to “be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program.”

“The reason that students cancel or lose their Excelsior Scholarship is because they were given a grant that covers their tuition,” said Tramuta. “They were given a private scholarship, so they had to withdraw from the [Excelsior] scholarship, and sometimes it’s about not having the required amount of credit hours for the year.”

Students with the Excelsior Scholarship who are having difficulties with the credit hours have until the beginning of the following Fall semester to get the 30 credits to keep it.

“If you lose the scholarship for not completing the minimum (30) credits



On the Cover:

Altered photograph of the bus stop located near the Park Place entrance.

Kristin Johnson/Photo Editor

SUNYSA offers students the opportunity for advocacy

ANALYSIS

SETH MICHAEL MEYER

Staff Columnist

As a Pennsylvanian that goes to a SUNY school, it needs to be said that New York offers something truly special for its students. The SUNY Student Assembly, a legislative body of students that represent all 1.4 million students of the SUNY system, works year after year to advocate for the interests of their constituency at the state and federal level and their efforts have shown to be successful.

In an email sent out last week from the SUNYSA Office of Communications, the executive board responds to the newly passed state budget specifically regarding what has been done for the SUNY colleges. They mention a new funding floor for community colleges in the SUNY system, a first of its kind in New York. “[This guarantees] that students will not have to face the consequences of declining state

support,” a rising threat due to recently low enrollment numbers.

The passage of the budget also includes the José Peralta NYS DREAM Act which allows “DREAMers” access to multiple financial aid programs. Along with that, the Excelsior Scholarship was expanded and, keeping with the extensive fight for environmental sustainability, single-use plastic bags have been banned.

These accomplishments for the SUNY system and for New York come in part from efforts of students like you and I going beyond acknowledging the problems we face and making steps, even small ones, to make things better. But the opportunity to involve oneself into advocacy, such as that of SUNYSA often goes unrealized and unappreciated.

Students, like us, here at Fredonia have the opportunity to not only involve themselves with advocacy at Fredonia but to advocate for their peers in Albany, often times meeting with the

SUNY Chancellor and even speaking on behalf of the SUNY students to the state assembly.

At the Spring 2019 SUNY Student Assembly Conference, one of our peers, junior violin performance and political science double-major Cristian Rodriguez, took the plunge into student advocacy and ran to be one of three officials who will represent all of the four-year colleges in the SUNY system. Rodriguez was elected and will serve as one of nearly twenty Student Assembly representatives in the state.

I challenge the students of Fredonia to take the plunge into student advocacy; to not only identify an issue on campus or off, but to team-up, collaborate, look for advice and work to make your school, your state and even the world a little better.

I encourage you to talk to Rodriguez if you’re interested specifically in SUNYSA and, above all, I encourage you all to speak up.

each academic year, it is forever gone. You cannot get it back,” said Tramuta.

When students take courses during the summer or J-Term, those credits are “banked.” This means that if a student has six credits from J-Term classes, they can use those credits to fulfill the required amount of credit hours to keep their scholarship.

The Excelsior Scholarship is also a “last dollar scholarship,” according to Tramuta. This means that if your

average income for 2019-20, including your parents’ income, is \$125,000 or less and your 2017 federal adjusted income falls below that as well, you could qualify for the scholarship.

“Since cost and affordability is a driving factor in the college-going decision, we work with all students — Excelsior and non-Excelsior recipients — to try to build a college financing plan that maximizes their eligibility,” said Tramuta.



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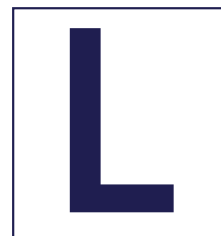
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POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Monday, April 1, 2019

A student was harassed by another on campus. Prosecution was declined.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

9:36 a.m. Maxwell R. Matthews was charged with stalking in the fourth degree causing fear of harm to health, safety or property; harassment in the second degree with physical contact, disorderly conduct for fighting/violent behavior, resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration in the second degree in Fenton Hall. An arrest was completed.

A student was harassed by another in Thompson Hall. Prosecution was declined.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

11:38 a.m. DeAngelo Ageda was charged with theft of services. No further remarks were provided.

Thursday, April 4, 2019

3:02 a.m. Hunter D. Lares was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in the Gregory Hall courtyard. An arrest was completed.

A bicycle was stolen from the Chautauqua Hall bike rack. The bike was recovered.

Friday, April 5, 2019

9:25 p.m. Tausif S. Islam was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and procuring alcohol for a person less than 21 years of age in Hendrix Hall. An arrest was completed.

9:25 p.m. Charlotte A. Mahaffy was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Hendrix Hall. An arrest was completed.

9:25 p.m. Katie E. Petix was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Hendrix Hall. An arrest was completed.

9:25 p.m. Grace K. Condon was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in Hendrix Hall. An arrest was completed.

9:59 p.m. James K. Wamsley was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana at the Andrews Quad. An arrest was completed.

9:59 p.m. Connor J. Atkinson was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana at the Andrews Quad. An arrest was completed.

10:23 p.m. Trevon T. Hoyte was charged with harassment in the second degree with physical contact and unlawful imprisonment in the second degree in Alumni Hall. An arrest was completed.

Saturday, April 6, 2019

A screen was found damaged in Gregory Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

12:28 a.m. Alexandra M. Warren was charged with open container, unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful underage possession of alcohol in Lot 9A. An arrest was completed.

12:28 a.m. Brandon Blanco was charged with motor vehicle lights not meeting standards. An arrest was completed.

FREDONIA

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2019

Natalie R. Parrotta, age 24, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Ana H. Urbina, age 78, was charged with failing to keep right. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Douglas R. Vitarelli, age 54, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Stephanie Buck, age 53, was charged with violating the leash law. An appearance ticket was issued.

Friday, April 5, 2019

Maria C. Ramos was charged with assault in the third degree. An arrest was completed.

Angelytte L. Barotto, age 25, was charged with assault in the third degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Nyasa Bediako, age 29, was charged with speeding in a zone, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and open container. Unspecified bail or fine was set at \$250.

Nathan A. Ludwig, age 19, was charged with open container and underage possession of alcohol. Bail was set at \$50.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Jacob T. Nicholson, age 22, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Ryan Keyes, age 23, was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Larissa N. Morris, age 40, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Ari D. Paff, age 35, was charged with inadequate exhaust. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Monday, April 8, 2019

Connor M. Lynden, age 18, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Jennifer Lee Darrell-Sterbak, age 45, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with an expired inspection. 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.

Life & Arts

EnFusion hosts first Battle of the SUNY's dance competition



ELYSE GRIECO
Life & Arts Editor

EnFusion will be hosting their first ever Battle of the SUNYs this Saturday, April 13.

EnFusion is a multicultural dance group on campus that performs a wide variety of styles and genres of dance, ranging from Afro-Caribbean to hip-hop," said Ashley Gonzalez, a junior social work major as well as the vice president of EnFusion.

Battle of the SUNYs is a dance and step competition where teams from various SUNY schools come and compete for the title of "Best SUNY dance/step group" as well as a cash prize.

The idea came from the team's previous trip to compete at SUNY Brockport.

"We absolutely loved being able to meet other dance and step teams from the western New York area," said Gonzalez. "We learned so much from other groups and got valuable feedback on what we, as a group, could work on to be even better."

The team became creatively inspired and wanted to give other dance teams an experience like they had.

Battle of the SUNYs will include 12 different dance teams and over 150 dancers.

Among those participating are teams from Buffalo State College, University at Buffalo, SUNY Geneseo, Alfred State, SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Cortland.

EnFusion also extended the invitation to several dance groups on campus.

"We actually invited our step team, Blue Ice, and hip-hop team, Envied Xpression, to compete," said Gonzalez. "We also stumbled upon a newly forming K-pop group on campus called Reiwa who will be competing as well."

Each team will perform an original routine

to be judged by the panel featuring Khristian King, EnFusion's group advisor.

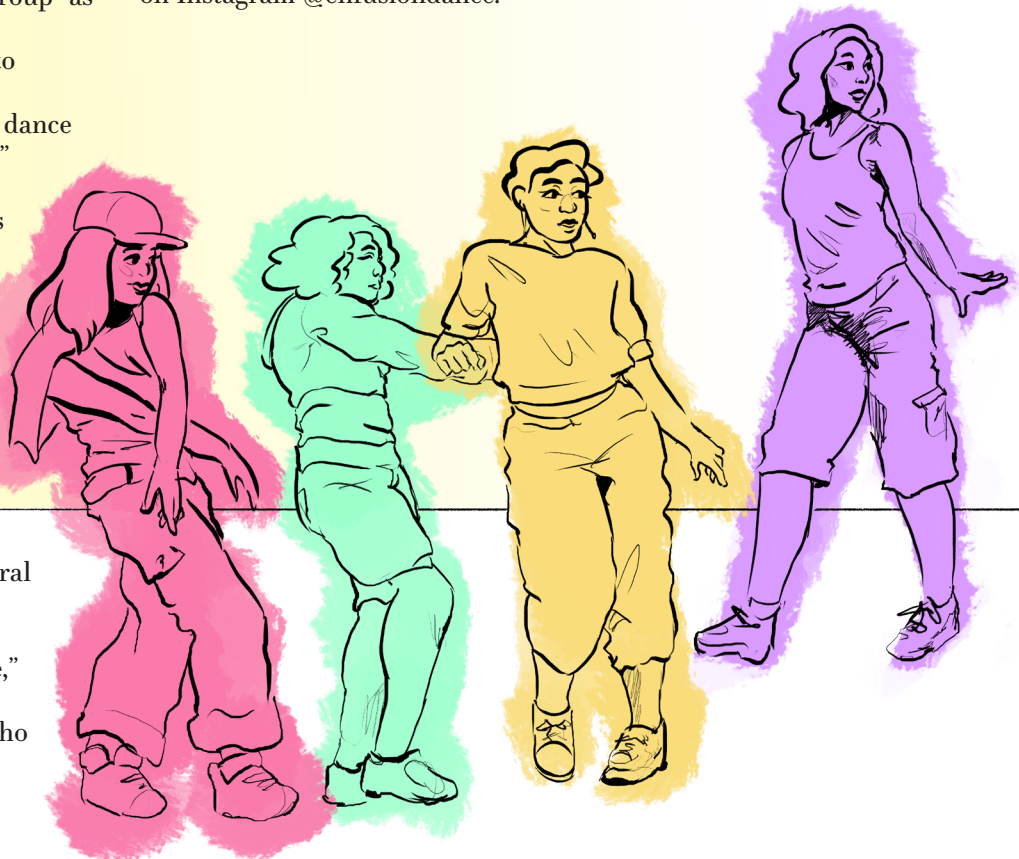
The competition will also feature live music from DJ Ziggy as well as a performance by EnFusion during intermission.

EnFusion hopes that this friendly competition will turn into an annual event, bringing other SUNY groups together to learn and grow with each other's help.

Battle of the SUNYs will be held in Steel Hall at 6 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale, \$5 for non-students and \$3 for students with a valid FREDcard.

For more information on the event, follow EnFusion on Instagram @enfusondance.



Alissa Salem/Staff Illustrator

The homier the better

The Mustard Seed to move to new location

ERIKETA COST

Assistant Life & Arts Editor

Lately, there's been a lot of talk on campus about the new location of The Mustard Seed opening up in the village on April 25.

But not a lot of people are aware of the story, or the couple behind it.

Bob and Laurie Scudder had dreamt of opening a restaurant for over 20 years.

Bob, a seasoned businessman, had recently owned a hardware store in the village called "Fredonia Hardware."

He always thought of using the skills he learned from running his business to open a restaurant.

Coincidentally, Scudder's son-in-law stumbled upon an ad that happened to be selling the original Mustard Seed in Dayton, N.Y.

The Scudders decided to go talk to the owner, Nettie Puleff, about potentially doing business.

"My first thought was to rent her the hardware space. But before you knew it, we ended up partnering up with her," said Bob.

Scudder sold his hardware material and inventory to make way for the new location of The Mustard Seed.

"I am a man of faith, and I believe God had a hand on this," he said. "This is what we are supposed to be doing."

The Scudders also mentioned that their daughter and son-in-law will also be involved in the business.

"They're in their 30s, so they're bringing a lot of fresh ideas that the young people are going to enjoy," said Laurie.

Some of these new ideas include vegan and gluten-free options.

"We'll have an area of the kitchen sectioned off to prepare food for anyone with dietary restrictions, allergies or gluten-free needs," said Bob.

Additionally, The Scudders couldn't hide their enthusiasm for the quality of the food.

Their hamburgers are all grass-fed and hormone-free.

95 percent of their fish will be grilled.

Their bread is all homemade, including some that is dairy free for those who are vegan.

"We specialize in sunflower bread that is out-of-this-world," said Laurie.

The restaurant will include handicap-accessible bathrooms and parking.

As far as the menu, they have a wide range of options to offer.

Wraps, salads, pasta dinners, hamburgers and steak are a few to name.

One of the things that make The Mustard Seed unique is their venue's homie-feel.

"Nettie set up her restaurant in Dayton in her dining room, so we are trying to keep that same homie and eclectic feel to it," said Laurie. "We want it to feel like you are sitting in your living room at home."

The restaurant will also offer take-out options for customers who prefer to dine at home.

The two believe the restaurant is going to be a hit with Fredonia students in the village.

"We love Fredonia, the school and the community. We need you guys and you need us," said Laurie.

The Mustard Seed is located at 31 East Main Street and will be open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on the restaurant opening and menu, please visit themustardseedrestaurant.com.



Kristin Johnson/Photo Editor



Olivia Connor/Assistant Art Director

Correction from Issue 22 published on April 3: The article written by Eriketa Cost titled "Campus celebrates Earth Month with eco-friendly events" stated that the Earth Month Expo would be held at Greystone Nature Preserve. The expo is actually being held right on campus in and around the Science Center on April 27 from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. The expo will include several speakers, crafts and workshops in honor of Earth Month. Greystone Nature Preserve will be sponsoring the event. More information on times and locations of the individual events can be found at https://events.fredonia.edu/earth_month.

Alumna Michelle Whittaker discusses debut poetry book



ELYSE GRIECO
Life & Arts Editor

The Mary Louise White Visiting Writers Series welcomes visiting poet and alumna Michelle Whittaker to campus from April 9-10.

Whittaker, who graduated in 2001, is a West Indian-American writer, poet, teacher and pianist.

Her passion for writing started at a young age — thanks to her supportive English teachers throughout middle and high school.

“They shared many stories and aphorisms about life, while introducing me to literary canon, such as Shakespeare,” said Whittaker. “I was also introduced to a lot of 20th-century poets like Szyborska, Simic, Clifton, Octavio Paz to name a few contemporaneous poets.”

Throughout college, Whittaker pursued her passion for writing.

She even published her first poem in *The Leader*.

After earning an undergraduate degree from Fredonia, Whittaker completed her master’s degree in creative writing and literature at Stony Brook University.

Today, she works as a professor in the writing and rhetoric program at Stony Brook.

Whittaker’s style of poetry is one of a kind. She even had a hard time trying to define it.

“I think poetry friends might describe me as a lyrical poet. I prefer to take risk in exploring form and content,” said Whittaker. “I do tend to allow the sound of language to heavily inform the meaning of my work. I wouldn’t necessarily call myself a sound poet, although people may refer to me as such.”

In 2017, Whittaker published her first book, “Surge.”

The book features a collection of original poems, including some written by Whittaker from her days at Fredonia. “‘Surge’ was a slow conjuring,” she said. “After I received my graduate degree at Stony Brook, I took three years to rebuild a new manuscript. It took several years to finally publish.”

During this time, Whittaker attended several conferences and workshops to revise poems that she felt needed time before being published.

“Surge has essentially been a vehicle for my personal process of healing from certain haunting events and relationships. It is what I have to offer as a testament to understanding and overcoming the overwhelming feelings of loss, abuse and survival,” she said.

Her poem from the collection “After 30 Hospitals in 2 Hours” was selected and published in *The New York Times Magazine* in 2017.

The poem was selected by writer and poet Terrance Hayes who praised Whittaker’s launch.

“Even as her language loops into lullabies, swells and spells, it casts a blue and uneasy shadow,” said Hayes. “Even when she meditates on art or mortality, she dazzles with a turn of phrase and explosive imagery. Even when adrift on the music and mystery of dreams, ‘Surge’ is fueled by feeling. Warmth and compassion power this amazing debut.”

Whittaker hosted a craft talk on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in McEwen Hall, room 209.

She will also be giving a live reading of some of the selected poems from her book on Wednesday.

She plans to talk about her poems, the sonic qualities in some of her favorites from other writers and give advice to Fredonia students following the same path she was.

Whittaker’s reading on Wednesday will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in McEwen Hall room 209.

For more information on Whittaker and “Surge” please visit her website, www.michellewhittakerpoet.com.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Whittaker

“I do tend to allow the sound of language to heavily inform the meaning of my work. I wouldn’t necessarily call myself a sound poet, although people may refer to me as such,” said Michelle Whittaker.

Jam for a good cause

Soulstice Jam brings fresh take on old event for Fredonia's art department

BRENTON NEWCOMB

Special to The Leader

It's slowly changing into the time of year where the days are getting longer, brighter and music shows are happening outside in the area.

This year marks the second anniversary of the annual Soulstice Jam, put on by Fredonia's Music Industry Club (MIC).

Soulstice Jam will take place on Saturday, April 13, on the Fredonia campus at Dods Grove.

The concert is bigger than it has been previously, with a stage jam-packed with talented musicians, food trucks, games, art vendors and raffles, among other things.

All proceeds raised will be donated to the art department.

Daniel Calderone, on the board for MIC, said that the jam is expected to be a "celebration of art of all kinds."

It will include "a live mural painting from Art forum and a dance routine from Orchesis."

On behalf of MIC, "Once we heard there were many budget cuts to the art department, we figured the best way for us to help was through the event," said Miranda Tubinis, a member of MIC.

Tubinis elaborates on this explaining "It is a re-branding of an event we've been putting on for years prior (since 2010) called 'Life Is Art.'"

Among the talent being showcased at the jam is the youthful indie synth-pop/alternative trio, Superficial.

Superficial is composed of Fredonia students Kyle Osmun, Max Gucinski and Sarah Poremba.

The group is heavily influenced by The 1975, Vampire Weekend, The Strokes and Lorde.

The band also uses musical influences from 80s new wave bands like Thompson Twins, The Cure and The Smiths.

Osmun, frontman and principal songwriter of the trio, discussed how many of their songs are written by him in isolation by delving into synthy

experimentation and layering multiple instruments, which explains how the trio's sound is never restricted.

As for playing live, there has been talk of adding more players, but he explains, "I feel like we're still doing the songs justice and that's all that matters in the grand scheme."

Osmun expressed humble gratitude for being able to play a set at Solstice Jam that will feature "most of the songs off our EP with a few covers that people might know."

The group also has a single out called "Prom" on most streaming platforms, and they will release another single as well as announcing the EP date soon.

The Burkharths are a group of close high school friends and two brothers that reincarnated after their old band, Orange Friction, got back together with newer influences and a fresh new sound.

The band's new sound is self-described as implementing and emulating "the songwriting and harmonies of The Beatles and The Beach Boys with the jangle and synth sounds of Mac Demarco and Tame Impala."

The result is a sound that is nostalgic yet fresh, pretty and a little gritty but, most of all, original.

The group has a debut EP on the way this spring with two singles, "Oh, Dreamer" and "Lazy Dazing."

Both singles are available on streaming platforms, and they're eligible for listening to on a warm Sunday drive.

The Burkharths are also excited to take the stage, goof around and have fun with the audience.

They describe the Fredonia music scene as "the most alive and buzzing" — something

many can agree with.

Marigold is a Buffalo solo project fronted by multi-instrumentalist/songwriter Benjamin Lieber.

Lieber cites "old rock and roll, folk and real country music," as inspiration along contemporary artists like Jason Isbell and Better Off.

Honest, acoustic and original, Lieber said, "Marigold started when I felt a need to have more control over the songwriting process and build songs start to finish on my own, as well as let out ideas I had lyrically in order to grow as a person."

Lieber is excited to play Soulstice Jam, and he'll be bringing vinyl and cassettes of his music for the old souls out there.

Soulstice Jam will take place from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tickets are free to SUNY students at the ticket office.



Kathleen Fenton/Staff Illustrator

OPINION

From the Desk of Avril King, Assistant Copy Editor

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “Always do what you are afraid to do.”

When I was approached to fly to the 12th Annual Student Newspaper Editors’ Workshop in New York City, my original reflex was to say no. But then this quote popped into my head.

I had never been to New York City prior to this past week, and, growing up in a small town in western New York, the thought of going was pretty intimidating. I knew that I would be staying in a hotel room in the city by myself, something I have never done before. Plus, the idea of representing Fredonia among several other newspaper editors from schools all around the country really stressed out the introvert in me.

Still, none of these things compared to going through airport security, boarding a plane and making the 45-minute flight from Buffalo to New York City.

You could say that I have an extreme fear of flying.

And I know it’s totally safe and that the chances of dying in a car crash are significantly higher than in a plane (around 2,000 times higher, in fact). That logic didn’t stop me from gripping the sides of my seat as we sped down the runway and left the ground.

I had more than one nightmare about our plane crashing in the days leading up to the trip.

That being said, I couldn’t be happier that I decided to suck it up and go.

I was able to go inside the New York Times building and get a sneak preview of the new TV show that the Times is launching later in the year. I learned about what they are doing to appeal to the Gen. Z audience and take part in a headline-writing workshop from a former New York Times copy editor.

Oh, and Nicholas Kristof, a journalist who has won two Pulitzer prizes for his work in social injustices, happened to stop in for a surprise Q&A.

I listened to a presentation from David Gurian-Peck, the vice president of Subscription Growth and Planning, and learned that subscriptions to the Times are better than they have ever been.

Most of all, I learned that, despite what analysts and critics are predicting, the future of print journalism is bright and the top officials at one of the most successful newspapers in the world are optimistic.

But all of that could have been lost to me if I had followed my instincts and stayed with my feet firmly on the ground.

So, next time you feel yourself playing it safe, make an effort to push yourself out of your comfort zone. I’m sure glad that I did, and you will be, too.

VERBATIM

"How are you feeling about the end of the semester approaching?"



**Trevor Dwyer, junior
geology major**

"Pretty good. I have a lot of stuff planned. I'm pretty busy, but I'll manage."



**Sandrene Hamilton, junior
journalism major**

"Very happy. I'm excited for the summer. To finally go home and see my mom, my family. I'm excited because I'm looking for an internship so I would like to do that for the summer and then just go to the beach. You know walk around New York City, Times Square where there's lots of people, go to the movies, hang out with friends and, yeah, just relax."



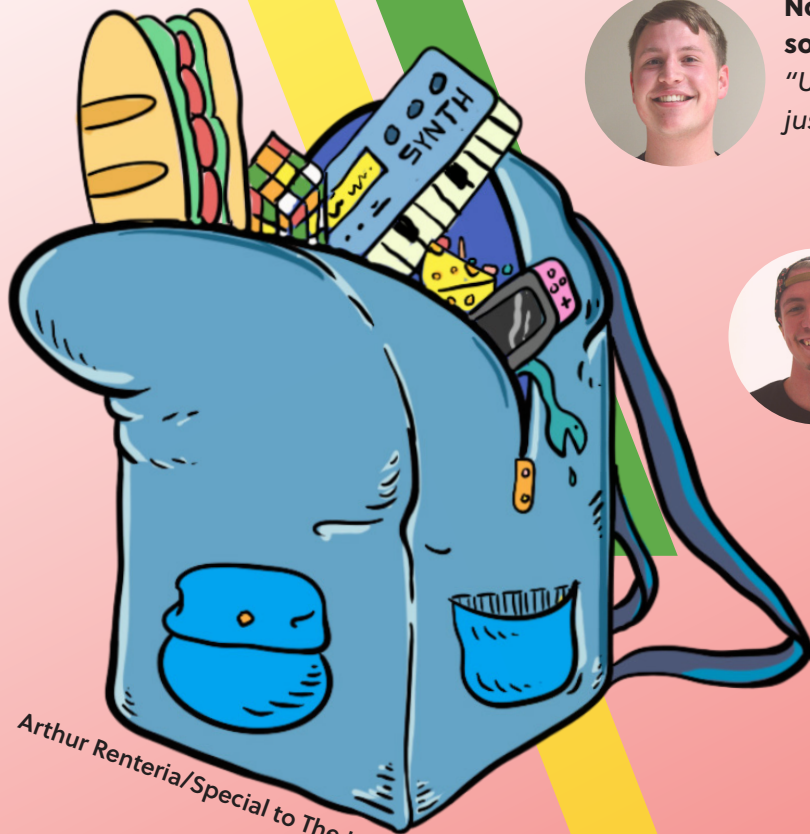
**Nolan Ahearn, junior
social work major**

"Ugh I'm so excited. I'm getting a little burnt out so I'm excited to just go home and chill."



**Lucas Butchko, junior
adolescence English education major**

"I can't wait for this semester to end."



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Special To The Leader

The first full week of April is in the books and it's starting to feel a little more like spring.

Teams are catching up with games that were postponed and field conditions are slowly getting better. Ludwig Field is about halfway there with improving conditions to the infield, but the outfield still needs more time to improve.

The Fredonia softball team has a 7-13 overall record, and they're 2-4 in the conference through the first four weeks of the season. The team was home this past week as Buffalo State, Brockport and Geneseo came to play.

The women even came away with a win and a loss versus Buffalo State and Brockport, but lost twice to Geneseo. This

week they have games on the road in Potsdam, NY, and Plattsburgh, NY. The SUNYAC double headers will be Friday starting at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m.

The Fredonia baseball team has a 9-13 overall record, and they're 6-3 in the conference. The team had four games this week at home against Penn State Behrend and Cortland.

Unfortunately, the Blue Devils could not get a win in any of the four games. They hope to have better luck this week when they start things off Wednesday against Allegheny.

The game is at home and starts at 3:00 p.m. This weekend the men have a triple header against Brockport with one game on Friday and two on Saturday. The games start at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Fredonia women's lacrosse team has a 3-9 overall record and are 0-5 in the conference. The lady Blue Devils had two games this past week and lost both of them.

They look forward to getting back on the field this week as they play Brockport on Wednesday afternoon at home in University Stadium. On Saturday, they travel to Potsdam for a game at 12:00 p.m. There are five regular season games left to play, and four are against SUNYAC teams.

This past weekend the men's and women's track and field team competed in the Dave Labor Invitational in Slippery Rock, PA. Two women on the track and field team came in first place in their respective competitions.

Hannah Kurbs, a senior at Fredonia, had the best time in the women's 5000 meter run in 18:44.9. Cassandra Serafin, a sophomore at Fredonia, jumped the farthest in the women's triple jump with a distance of 10.93m. The track and field teams will be at Westminster College this weekend.

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



Jessica Bennett/Staff Illustrator

Why the Stanley Cup Playoffs won't be as unpredictable this year

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Sports Editor

It's because of the Lightning.

The Tampa Bay Lightning ended their season with a total of 128 points on a 62-16-4 record.

They're 21 points ahead of the next best team, The Calgary Flames. That's a difference of 10.5 games.

Besides the Lightning, the playoffs seem like they're going to be an absolute bloodbath, with every team having a legitimate shot at beating another, especially in a playoff atmosphere.

The first round matchups are all set, and the playoffs start tonight at 7:00p.m.

It's gonna be the first round where we're going to see the biggest upsets and the most classic Stanley Cup moments.

There's gonna be fighting, hard hits and a lot of ugly beards.

Western Conference:

This conference is close. Most of these series could easily be a toss-up.

Nashville Predators vs. Dallas Stars

The predators are going to take this one based on their strong record throughout the season. They're a strong team that has a bit of a hard time putting a ton of pucks in the net, but their defense will be enough to ward off the pretty weak Dallas offense in about six games.

Winnipeg Jets vs. St. Louis Blues

This is a complete toss-up. These two teams' records are nearly identical, and they both ended the season with 99 points, but based on the Blues low ability to score throughout the season, this series is going to go to the Jets.

This one will go a full seven games.

Calgary Flames vs. Colorado Avalanche

The Avalanche are a throw-away team for the Flames.

Colorado is easily the weaker wildcard in the conference, and the Flames should be able to make short work of them in about five games.

San Jose Sharks vs. Vegas Golden Knights

The Golden Knights Sophomore year was not nearly as impressive as their debut, and they sit as a pretty weak team in the playoffs. After finishing their season on a 3-5-2 final ten games, there's no reason why the Sharks shouldn't be able to slide past the Golden Knights.

Eastern Conference:

This conference is a little more cut-and-dry, especially with the Lightning dominating the league. There will be some interesting games, but there really aren't many close calls here.

Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Columbus Blue Jackets

Tampa. 4 games.

Boston Bruins vs. Toronto Maple Leafs

The Maple Leafs have one of the most dream-team offenses in the NHL right now. Between Auston Matthews and John Tavares, they should be able to get through the Bruins no problem within six games. Even though the Bruins have a better record, the Maple Leafs can score like no one's business.

Washington Capitals vs. Carolina Hurricanes

The Caps certainly have not felt any hangover after winning the Cup last year. They were the most deserving of the cup by far last year, and this year they're the most deserving of starting a streak. Ovechkin deserves every cup that gets thrown his way.

The Caps take this one based purely on the fact that they're still the most hungry team in the league, even after last year.

NY Islanders vs. Pittsburgh Penguins

Everybody said that the Islanders were going to be a literal dumpster fire before the season started, and then their new coach Barry Trotz graced them with the power of the hockey gods and they had their best season in a long while. Without Tavares.

The Islanders take this one, and move on to at least the semis.

Based purely on spite.

One Last Dance

A commentary on Dwyane Wade's retirement as the Heat's season comes to a close

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British mathematics tutor Geoffrey Parfitt once said, "People say that age is just a state of mind. I say it's more about the state of your body."

This year we are witnessing several of the best athletes to ever play the game of basketball step on the hardwood flooring one last time before they enter the next chapter of their lives. Dwyane Wade is the most notable name on the list of basketball athletes retiring at the end of the season.

Prior to the start of the 2018-2019 National Basketball Association (NBA) season, Wade announced that his 16th season will indeed be his last. Wade released this enormous decision to his fans and family in a ten minute long video titled, "One Last Dance."

In the video, the 36-year-old veteran guard is shown describing his decision on retiring as well as his plans to focus more on his family and children.

"[Wade] means a lot to me," said Allan Fegley, a sophomore sports management major. "I am not a great basketball player, but he has inspired me to become an overall great person by contributing to the community. He is one of the most likable players in the NBA because he shows so much

care and respect to other people. Him retiring really devastated me. He can still provide for any team in the NBA, but it all really comes down to personal issues. He wants to be there for his new daughter, so it is very selfless of him to think more of his daughter than extending his career. To be fair, he has accomplished a lot of accolades and he will probably be a Hall of Famer in the future. Wade is arguably Miami's greatest athlete and he will surely be missed."

"I was really young when I became a Heat fan. It was around 2005, which is the year before the team won their first championship," said Fegley, "Back in the Philippines, basketball is the [most watched sport]. Miami was the first NBA team that I laid my eyes on, and they really sparked my interest. I'll be honest, I was not really a big fan back then. I was more of a casual fan. I really became a true fan when the 'Big Three' [trio of professional basketball players — LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh] assembled back in 2011."

Fegley is involved in numerous things on and off campus. One of his biggest accomplishments in life thus far is creating "heat updates," an Instagram account dedicated to updating Heat fans on recent transactions, injury reports and live game updates.

"I was really bored back in high

school one day and I just decided to do it for fun," said Fegley. "I would always boast about the team, and I thought to have an Instagram dedicated to news about them is something that I would be able to do every day. It was something fun to do, so it wasn't hard for me to keep it. It challenged me to find relevant news about the team each day. I definitely did not expect it to get big, [then] Heat players [such as] Dwyane Wade and Goran Dragic [started] following the account. Like I said, the account came out of boredom so the massive popularity came out of nowhere. I guess hard work does really pay off."

The account currently has 105 thousand followers.

The Miami Heat are currently 10th in the Eastern Conference standings, with a small but possible chance of making this year's playoffs. Through the course of this season, Wade has played in sixty-nine games, zero in which he did not start. He's averaged 14.6 points, 4.1 assists and 3.9 rebounds in 25.8 minutes per game. Dwyane Wade will play in his final regular season game tonight against the Brooklyn Nets at 8:00 p.m. at the Barclays Center.

**Article was written on April 8. The Heat's tenth spot in the Eastern Conference is subject to change.*



THE SCALLION

Audience collectively sighs at racist part of 'Anything Goes'

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On the opening Friday night performance of "Anything Goes," the audience was disappointed to see the part where white people impersonated Asian people was still left in. According to reporters present, the audience let out a collective "ewwww" type noise.

According to members of the cast, "We cut out as much as we could. Unfortunately, it's shockingly necessary for the plot. It's almost like Cole Porter forced his 1920's racist humor on us."

Johnny Racist, local racist and asshole in residence, stated "Yeah I support this."

A sophomore student, Pole Corter, is planning on writing his own musical

that takes place on a boat, except his story will not include a racist part.

"As funny as it is to mock Asians, (which is not at all) I think it would be better if we mocked white people in some way. I mean, c'mon guys. We're assholes," Corter said. "My new musical is like 'Anything Goes' but not two and a half hours long and really boring. Imagine 'Avengers: Infinity War' but Thanos dances. That's what my musical is like."

Cole Porter, rolling in his grave, finally left it and came to speak to Scallion reporters.

"I'm not racist! I'm buddies with an Asian guy. Promise. That means I physically can't be racist!"



Jessica Bennett/Staff Illustrator

Guy who listens to purely classical music excited to be paired with a SoundCloud rapper in roommate matching

TRAVIS LEFEVRE

Editor in Chief

Moving in for your first semester can be an intimidating experience, but for incoming freshman Wolfgang Claude, it's euphoric.

For his entire life, Claude has been forced by his parents to listen to the classics. Not like, Black Eyed Peas classic, but rather Beethoven and Vivaldi.

All of that will be changing, as Claude will be moving in with Lil Litski, a self-made rapper on SoundCloud.

"I put down that I was very interested in music on that



Sudi Wang/Staff Illustrator

roommate match thing that they do, and next thing you know, I'm with Little Litski!" Claude said. "I gotta say, I'm really excited for this opportunity to be living with someone who is so highly respected and has so much street cred!"

Lil Litski currently has 100 followers on SoundCloud with 20 tracks released so far. He currently holds one award for "Wackest Track of 2018" from some random rap blog we found on Blogspot. In terms of overall popularity, he ranks #1,309,294 out of #1,310,304 on SoundCloud's "most popular artists" section of their website.

"I feel like I've been living under a rock for all of these years, so the idea that I get to move away and diversify my music taste is so exciting. It's going to be, dare I say, lit?" he cackled.

To prepare himself for his new living quarters, Claude has been listening to Lil

Litski's music behind closed doors and well away from his parents. According to him, he uses the new music as a means of escaping reality and the only thing that could blow his cover is his own excitement.

"One day my mom barged into my room while I was listening. I had headphones in so she couldn't hear me, but I almost yelled at her to 'get the fuck up out my trap house.' So yeah, that was a close call I think," Claude said. "I just can't contain my excitement anymore. I need to meet this man. He's revolutionary!"

Roommate matching has been used by the SUNY Fredonia campus for years to let people meet their perfect match and is seen to be a success 99.99% of the time, and this instance is no exception.

The Scallion reached out to Lil Litski for a comment, to which he replied, "Who?"

Ask Fairy Godmother



Your place to bippity boppity bitch

Dear Fairy Godmother,

Now that the weather is actually transitioning into spring, I'm having a hard time staying motivated. The sun is out, birds are chirping and all I want to do is lay in a hammock all day. How do I fight this impending laziness and get my work done but also enjoy the fact that Fredonia is no longer a winter wasteland?

Sincerely,

Spring Has Sprung

Dear Spring,

Well aren't you just a modern day Disney princess? While taking time to enjoy the weather is definitely a good idea in leaving that seasonal depression behind, don't forget that with spring and summer comes the end of the semester. Ignoring your work to bask in the glow of Fredonia's sunshine will only lead to disaster. Hammocks and birds are well and good until you eat some poisoned food at Cranston or prick your finger on a cursed pencil. Unlike the traditional fairytales, no prince will save you from assignments piling up. Sit outside while doing your homework and suck it up buttercup.

Sincerely,

Fairy Godmother

Dear Fairy Godmother,

I've been having the WORST week for like, three weeks straight at this point. I'm frustrated, tired, stressed and, to top it all off, I keep losing things! Small, minorly inconvenient items just seem to be disappearing from my room. I'm convinced I'm losing my mind. Please help!

Sincerely,

On-The-Verge of a Mental Breakdown

Dear Breakdown,

You seem to be going through what many students go through at the end of a semester. Stress, frustration and fatigue are all normal aspects of being a student. That being said, I have some concerns that someone has been hexing you these past few weeks. Take a moment to consider what you may have done to spurn a friend or acquaintance. The lost objects could be a result of sleep deprivation but I tend to lean more towards aggressive acts of others in determining answers to problems like these. Buy some incense and try to find the source of your problems. In the meantime, take a nap. The bad juju could wear off on its own but hexes can get pretty ugly. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Fairy Godmother

COMICS



POLICE NOTTERS

Monday, April 1

12:30 a.m. Officers responded to a noise complaint in Grissom Hall. After locating the source of the complaint, student Abby Putnam was found with an assortment of dead squirrels arranged in a pentagram. An arrested was completed for using occult methods to perform April Fools pranks

3:27 p.m. A student was found using a homemade flamethrower. According to the student, he was “ridding the campus of the rest of the godforsaken snow.”

6:03 p.m. Multiple reports of paranormal sounds were heard echoing through Reed Library. Upon investigation, officers found a den of students huddled in a corner, hopelessly crying and wailing over finals.

Tuesday, April 2

1:10 p.m. Reports of squirrels wandering Thompson Hall were reported to officers. Multiple attempts were made to capture the rogue rodents, but they travel through the vents and appear to have an arsenal of acorns at their disposal.

5:55 p.m. Officers responded to a call of an aggressive student in McEwen Hall. The student was apprehended after being seen banging her head on the closed cafe screaming “I NEED MY CHAI LATTE YOU FUCKS.”

Friday, April 5

9:05 a.m. A student was arrested near Gregory Hall for beating the mailbox with a jump rope. When brought in for questioning, the student said, “Hey, they haven’t been busy the past couple of days. I thought I’d spice it up a bit.”

10:24 p.m. A Resident Assistant called University Police on what was believed to be a marijuana smell wafting through the halls. Upon further investigation, the officer found no evidence and labeled the RA a narc.

11:50 p.m. A man was stopped on Ring Road for a broken tail light. It was later discovered that the tail light in question was just a basketball shoved into the tail light slot. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Saturday, April 6

12:15 p.m. A student turned himself in after feeling guilty for smoking marijuana in his residence hall. The RA is still a narc, though.



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