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NEWS

A piece of Fredonia's history is getting ready to come down

AIDAN POLLARD

News Editor

To many students, the demolition of the historic Fenner House on Central Ave. may not mean much, but to some community members, it means losing a piece of Fredonia itself.

"I don't know that it impacts students at all, to be honest with you," said associate professor and community member Peter Tucker. "Except the cost. The cost of tearing down Fenner House and then relandscaping it is gonna be well over a quarter of a million dollars."

The building is planned to be razed following an architect's study which found the building to be structurally unstable. The study advised that demolition begin immediately to avoid injury or mishap from those inside or adjacent to the building.

"It's the easy way out," said Tucker. "... the SUNY construction fund, as I understand it, recommended demolition so they spend \$300,000 [to] \$400,000 to demolish it, and the college still controls that land ... it still seems like a ridiculous idea to tear down a beautiful historic home."

The Fenner House, which is adjacent to the president's home, is



SUNY Fredonia will begin the process of razing the Fenner House.

planned to be turned into a park which preserves and highlights the property's large beech tree.

In the letter to the SUNY Construction Fund calling for the house's demolition, President Hefner cited the cost of preserving the house, at 1.2 million, to be too high and not in-line with the needs of the campus.

"Part of the I.M. Pei plan for this campus was to have this screen of beautiful historic homes to protect so that the campus [has] a visual screen from Central Avenue," said Tucker.

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On the Cover:

Red flower blooming on campus | Dante Lasting/Assistant Sports Editor

Correction: Last week's cover photo, "Nature on campus," was not taken on the Fredonia campus. It is from SUNY Albany.

When science becomes more important than a strike

ANNA GAGLIANO

Special to The Leader

Last Friday, a Climate Teach-In was held by the Climate Education Initiative (CEI) at Fredonia and was led by their representative Julia Wilson. On this same day, millions of students all over the world participated in the Global Climate Strike.

Students, faculty, and even some community members all gathered together on the steps of Reed Library to learn more about the climate crisis.

“We weren’t really comfortable asking students to leave class,” Wilson said. “That would be an individual decision if they wanted to do that. And as an educational institution, we wanted to put it on as an educational event.”

Wilson and other faculty members encouraged participants to make signs, take informational pamphlets, ask questions and discuss the facts. This was all done to encourage participants to understand the science of climate change.

“This is a scientific matter and it’s been established as a scientific fact. People need to understand what’s happening,” Wilson said.

Along with the activities and handouts, the CEI also had a poster-board display with climate change facts and a laptop playing speeches by young activist and inspiration for the Global Climate Strike, Greta Thunberg.

It was important to Wilson that young people, especially those studying to be educators, are aware of what is currently happening to the planet.

By learning the real truths of climate change, Wilson hopes that all young people present at the Climate Teach-In will see the need for “science based climate education and climate action.”

The Climate Teach-In today was the first of education-based events that Wilson would like to host with the CEI in the future.

Any and all events will have similar goals as this one. They will act as resources to the campus and community, as well as represent advocacy.

Wilson hoped that the young minds in attendance received a lesson in trusting “science over politics,” and that even if one was excused from a class to be there, that they still learned something important.

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UNIVERSITY

Monday, September 16, 2019

Graffiti was found in Fenton Hall. An investigation is ongoing

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

An item was stolen from a room in Fenton Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Graffiti was found in Thompson Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:05 p.m. - Anna E Phillips was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

An item was stolen from the Williams Center. The property was recovered.

A suspect was found in possession of marijuana in Grissom Hall. An arrest was completed.

Thursday, September 19, 2019

A student was harassed near the Williams Center. An arrest warrant was applied for.

Friday, September 20, 2019

Clothing was stolen from a dryer in Grissom Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Graffiti was found near the amphitheater. An investigation is ongoing

FREDONIA

Monday, September 16, 2019

12:01 a.m. - Gianna M Gates was charged with unlicensed aggravated operation of a vehicle.

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

11:15 p.m. - Melissa A Barnes was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

5:35 p.m. - Barbara A Houser was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance. An appearance ticket was issued.

Friday, September 20, 2019

9:37 p.m. - James Connor Porteus, Daniel A Brown, Thomas D Parshal and another suspect were charged with violation of a noise ordinance. Appearance tickets were issued.

10:00 a.m. - Benjamin Catalino was charged with breaking and entering, The suspect was held.

Saturday, September 21, 2019

11:12 a.m. - Dereck I. Ice was charged with trespassing. The suspect was held.

12:33 a.m. - Christopher Brooks was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

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"What happens if that's gone is [that] we see the back side of the Science Center, and that's not a particularly attractive side of the Science Center. That ruins, again, part of the architectural plan for this campus, which was to have that architectural screen of beautiful historic homes.

"I haven't seen, in the last 10 years that I've been here, any other homes being torn down," said Tucker. "Have we neglected it so much — and I think the answer is yes — that it needs to be torn down?"

Last year, when talks were still open about the Fenner House, the university was considering selling the house as well as demolishing it.



Photos courtesy of Bert Dunn/Special to The Leader

Life & Arts

Cameron Kasky's convocation speech: Taking action and staying true to self



ERIKETA COST
Life and Arts Editor

Cameron Kasky's convocation speech involved a lot of self-care advice, thoughts on activism and references to his African American history class.

The Marjory-Stoneman Douglas shooting changed his life. He and his younger brothers survived one of the most tragic mass school shootings in U.S. history, and he was just 18 years old.

Kasky seems to have been through much more than the average 18 year old.

As President Hefner put it, the convocation theme, Be The Change, is all about engaging in conversation and speaking about topics that may be uncomfortable.

Kasky opened up his speech with complete honesty regarding this — all his efforts towards activism, change and uncomfortable conversations have not always treated him well.

“The question becomes can you continue to do this [activism] without burning out,” he said.

Sometimes the work can be so heavy and the pressure so high, that one loses touch with the self.

“I disconnected from who I was,” said Kasky, as he mentioned falling down a challenging road dealing with bipolar disorder.

The media doesn't help with this disconnect, either.

“The coverage is a performance. It's the same white moms being interviewed ... and everyone says they're sending 'thoughts and prayers,’” he said.

The spotlight on his school made him want to rewrite this script and enforce more change and action, rather than just thoughts and prayers.

“Everyone was going to be looking, so what if we could use the opportunity to be the change?” he said.

But the change is more than just tweeting and talk.

Kasky introduced a made-up term “slactivism.” It's the simple use of hashtags and Twitter as your “activism”

platforms. Not that those are bad, but they won't get you far.

So where can you start with true activism? By educating yourself.

“People don't do a simple Google search of their own state's gun control laws before marching,” said Kasky. “Use resources ... you have to understand what it is you are fighting for. Know your state's gun laws.”

Being aware of your surroundings is also key to change, especially if you want to be an educator.

“It's all of our jobs to know where we are, who is entering, who is leaving ... keep an eye out for anything suspicious,” said Kasky. “Watch for patterns, and report anything suspicious. A lot of shooters get reports saying ‘We really thought he'd be a shooter.’”

Nikolas Cruz was nicknamed the “school shooter” before he ended up being one. More than that, he often wrote obscenities and slurs in school desks, brought knives and bullets to school and bullied other students.

“The one kid who everyone said would be violent, acted violently. He got reported, and the school did nothing,” said Kasky.

It seems like this is what Kasky means by slactivism. People tweet, pray and speak about how they want things to change. But it all comes

down to the administration in these schools all over the country. Students need to have a close eye on them.

Especially if they are bringing bullets and knives to school.

Kasky ended his speech emphasizing the importance of taking care of yourself.

Try not to lose sense of your identity through the heaviness of it all.

“I learned about this phrase ‘dual consciousness’ in my African American studies course,” said Kasky.

Basically, it refers to two perceptions of the self: how you view yourself and how society views you.

Kasky's big takeaway was that you know yourself better than anyone else. Stay true to yourself, and don't let another person's opinion of you define or distract you from what is true.

“Being underestimated is an incredible tool. You can't let someone's opinion of you change your opinion of yourself,” he said. “Don't let others paint the picture that is you.”

The lecture was sponsored by the Maytum Distinguished Lecture Endowment and the Williams Visiting Professorship Endowment, established through the Fredonia College Foundation.

'Project 22' Fredonia alum produces suicide prevention movie highlighting veterans

BRENTON NEWCOMB

Special to The Leader

The month of September is Suicide Prevention Month.

In the spirit of strengthening the fight against suicide and creating awareness, The Community Alliance for Suicide Prevention is bringing a free movie screening to Fredonia — co-produced by alum and Afghanistan veteran Theo Collins.

"Project 22," a not-for-profit documentary, takes its name from the 22 veterans that commit suicide every day in the United States alone.

The film explores the high rate of veteran suicides in an effort to garner awareness, as well as explore options for alternative therapies for veterans.

The film, which premiered in 2014, was released to the public in 2015 and was an official selection to the 2015 G.I. Film Festival. Since then, it has been viewed internationally.

The film, directed by combat veterans, focuses on two combat-wounded veterans that are on a country-wide motorcycle trek spreading hope and awareness to veterans struggling in the everyday world. The trip will feature interviews with military veterans, mental health clinicians and educators and leading researchers with a focus on traumatic brain injuries and PTSD.

Jeannie Galbraith of The Community Alliance For Suicide Prevention said, "Since the movie, there's been a lot of motorcycle runs across the country for suicide prevention."

These runs not only generate awareness for veterans, but also provide a way for community members to become active in the fight against suicide prevention.

As previously mentioned, the film has a focus on alternative therapy as a method for suicide prevention.

"The film itself is a lot about alternative treatments, that you wouldn't connect with regular therapy," Galbraith said.

These treatments include things like education, sailing and even things like pottery. Essentially, these alternative treatments are passions that anyone would have and are the things you would think about when you picture therapy.

Not mentioned enough are the loved ones

supporting our veterans.

"Another perspective in the movie is being a caregiver," Galbraith said.

Veterans who have moved back into civilization often require the attention of loved ones who help them adjust, and it can be very tricky without them. Oftentimes, underlooked are the family members and loved ones that support and take care of veterans in everyday life.

During the day of the screening, Galbraith will be setting up a day event called "Creating Hope For Suicide Prevention." The event will take place inside and outside the Williams Center and will feature resource tables and "a ton of activities," including DIY trail mix, a hope flag, self-care journaling and a tie-dye station.

To Galbraith, it is important that everything with the event is local because, "Bringing someone who's nationally known is not going to be helpful for a student that doesn't know the area" and local outreach is the most effective way for getting someone help.

Collins, a 2012 Fredonia graduate who currently practices law in Pittsburgh, is an executive producer of the film. Collins had tours in Afghanistan during 2010 and 2011 and currently serves on a veterans' advisory board and clerked for the New York Supreme court. He will be engaged at the event and available for discussion after the film.

The movie screening event will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

There will be refreshments as well as tables of resources from local mental health and wellness agencies. The event is open to the public.

"Project 22" will begin screening at 5:30 p.m., and following the 90-minute film, will be a panel discussion and time to meet one-on-one with certified counselors. The panel discussion will feature Collins (executive producer), Dawn Samuelson (National Equine Institute of Growth through healing), Rachel Ludwig (LCSW Chautauqua Dept. of Mental Hygiene) and Dr. Rochelle Von Hof (SPOA Coordinator for Children).

Writers @ Work presents alumnae Emily Barber and Lauren Orlowski

JESSICA MEDITZ

Staff Writer

As college students, our futures and careers are often on our minds.

Writers @ Work is a Fredonia series that works to help students pursue careers that involve writing.

Each year, they invite alumni, who now have careers in writing, back to their alma mater.

In addition, they present various events such as discussions, panels, writing workshops, student luncheons and class visits.

Last week, Fredonia alumnae Emily Barber and Lauren Orlowski returned to meet and interact with students.

Emily Barber graduated from Fredonia in 2016 with a major in communication studies and a minor in leadership studies.

She now works as a talent management specialist at Performance Management Partners, Inc. in Buffalo.

A significant portion of her position includes submitting proposals, reviewing and editing resumes and communicating frequently via email.

"I utilize written communication every single day," she said. "I'm looking forward to sharing personal stories paired with interesting statistics that will surely resonate with audience members."

Lauren Orlowski is part of the Fredonia class of 2015. She graduated with a major in public relations and a minor in leadership studies.

Orlowski is now a development manager for the Western New York Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Their first event was an interactive discussion that focused primarily on career tips and community engagement.

They shared the stage and covered an array of topics related to writing on a professional level.



Emily Barber

A highlight of their talk was when they discussed how your writing alone can give potential employers and clients a glance at your personality and reputation.

"You want your writing to make you seem credible," said Orlowski. "Clear writing and a good understanding of writing is rare nowadays, so it sets you above the rest. Think about your writing as being a part of your personal brand."

They also emphasized the importance of networking and doing things outside your comfort zone, such as utilizing connections you may already have or taking classes you usually would not take.

The following day, two more events took place in the Williams Center: "Careers and Career Planning for Students in the Humanities" and a writing workshop titled "Beyond the Résumé — The Subtle Art of Promoting Your Unique Skill Sets."

These events set out to help students improve their writing and provide them with insights on how to prepare for their professional lives.

Writers @ Work aims to plan more events for students throughout the academic year.

Since they are partners with several of Fredonia's degree programs such as the English, communication, biology, business administration, history and theatre and dance departments, there's much to look forward to in the near future.



Lauren Orlowski

OPINION

From the desk of Aidan Pollard, News Editor

With the Democratic presidential campaigns in full swing, it's a good time to talk about how not to fall for thinly-veiled appeals and arguments you might hear in debates and interviews with candidates.

A 2017 Gallup poll found that 78% of Americans identify with a specific religion. Religious freedom is even written into our constitution.

From the outset, the United States was founded on a principle of religious freedom, after colonists endured a long period of religious oppression.

Religion is written into the DNA of the United States, and they are completely inseparable from one another.

But, in many ways, religion is used as a weapon rather than a support system, especially in the context of politics.

The phrase "separation of church and state" appears nowhere in the U.S. constitution. "Separation of church and state" is actually just a commonly used paraphrasing of an 1802 letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists.

In the letter, Jefferson said "... legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State."

There is no law mandating the separation of a person's religion from their political decision-making, in fact it would be regarded as unconstitutional to remove religion from the political discourse.

However, at the core of the spirit of the U.S., there is a desire to remove religion from the political proceedings in order to create a nation which perpetually attempts to form a more perfect and more free society.

In the pursuit of a free nation, allowing religion to control the political decision-making of our politicians and our voters creates an insurmountable roadblock that will forever set back the nation and divide its citizens.

Religious rhetoric is rarely used to strengthen policy or policy proposals. An overwhelming majority of the time, the use of religious rhetoric's only purpose is to manipulate voters.

Politicians take the largely protestant ideals and beliefs of the United States and hide behind them, so

as to never be questioned on their morality or their foundations as people.

Religious rhetoric isn't needed to win a campaign, it's only needed to establish a base and a foundation that feels familiar that also double as a hiding place when a politician's actual policy comes into question.

Donald Trump, John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama are all politicians who won the presidency not only disregarding the use of their religion as a political weapon, but despite their displays of religion.

Trump won the presidency by ignoring all of the rhetoric associated with Protestant candidate. Instead, he appealed to those Protestant religious groups through policy proposals and worldview instead of by citing the Bible (in fact, in one Bloomberg interview on the campaign trail, Trump couldn't cite a single Bible verse as his favorite). He also used the alternative tactic of invoking outrage over how the Democratic party, alongside many minorities, have abandoned many of the poor people of the U.S., attracting many poor Protestant people from the midwest and swing states.

Kennedy was the first and, to date, only Catholic president despite a distaste for Catholics that was still being felt to some degree in the early '60s.

Obama won the presidency despite baseless allegations of being a non-native born Muslim, which at the time (and still certainly now), should have been a damning blow to the campaign if it were true.

An outwardly Muslim candidate would be hard-pressed to find their way onto a debate stage, let alone into the general election, regardless of the legitimacy of their political viewpoints and policy ideas. To top it all off, even Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln's religions were never specified.

The use of religion as a political tactic exists only as a streamlined path to establishing voter base when a politician's own ethos isn't strong enough to carry a campaign.

VERBATIM

"What did you get (from Willy C's) and how long did it take you to get it?"



**Cheyenne Janelle, sophomore
psychology major**

"I got a cheeseburger with French fries and a chocolate milkshake. It took about 10 minutes."



**Robert Mitchell, sophomore
public accounting major**

"I got a half sub with chicken fingers, bacon, cheese and mayo. It took about 10 minutes to get."



**Elizabeth Rosario, senior
B.A. visual arts major**

"I got a stirfry (rice noodles, edamame, baby corn, mushroom, snow peas and bean sprouts) and a frozen cafe mocha. Thirty minutes."



**Emily Sieg, junior
inclusive childhood education major**

"Stir fry (white rice, chicken, broccoli, peppers, teriyaki sauce and unsweetened ice tea). Thirty minutes."



Graphic by Khris Dunn/Staff Illustrator

SPORTS

Buffalo Bills finish week three undefeated

ANTHONY GETTINO

Special to The Leader

Are the Buffalo Bills a legit team this year? Nobody knows yet, but they have had a great start to the season.

After starting out on the road in New Jersey the first two weeks, the Bills came home to Buffalo to face the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Bills won their first two games and carried that momentum into this game, coming out on top with a score of 21-17.

Josh Allen played decently, throwing for 243 yards on 23-36 passing attempts with one touchdown and one interception.

He played quite well at the start of the game, completing nine of his first 12 passes. He had a rocky third quarter before shaping up at the end en route to the win.

This game was very entertaining at the end, with the Bills making a comeback. Buffalo scored a touchdown in the final two minutes to give them the lead, and the defense forced a turnover in the red zone to seal the win.

On the defense, cornerback Tre'Davious White was the key to success, with his first multiple interception game of his career. His second interception of the game came with 21 seconds left and helped secure the win for the Bills.

On the offensive side of the ball, good old Frank Gore had a respectable 76 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries. Rookie tight end Dawson Knox had his first touchdown of his NFL career, and it looks like he could turn out to be a great weapon for this offense.

The Bills have their first 3-0 start to a season since 2011 and have a chance to make it 4-0 this Sunday. To do this however, they need to beat the undefeated Patriots and Tom Brady.

This win came on a day where the Buffalo Bills celebrated the life of Bills superfan Pancho Billa. Pancho Billa passed away in May after a long battle with cancer. The team had an unforgettable pregame ceremony that involved his two children, his mother and his girlfriend, along with 100 children who were given Pancho Packs.

Pancho Packs are backpacks filled with school supplies that were funded by Pancho Billa's final wish. Over 10,000 children were helped by the donations.

Next week's matchup is Sunday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. on CBS. The Buffalo Bills will host the New England Patriots (3-0) at New Era Field.



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MLB Playoff preview

CAROLYN MULLARKEY

Special to The Leader

With just one week left in the regular season, the MLB postseason is getting intense.

The race for wild-card spots is heating up both in the National and American Leagues. The postseason game schedule has been released and it will be the second year in a row without November baseball.

With Sept. 29 closing the regular season, postseason promptly begins Oct. 1, kicking off with the Wild Card games. The seventh and final game of the World Series, if needed, will take place Oct. 30.

What is postseason looking like at the moment?

Currently in the AL, Tampa Bay face a crucial eight-game spread against the Red Sox, Yankees and Dodgers that could make or break their wild-card chances. The A's remain two games ahead of them.

While in the NL, this week the Cubs just swept Pittsburgh in a four-game series, but still remain four games back behind the Brewers for the coveted wild-card position.

One week in baseball is both a lot of time and no time at all. More and more is being determined each day what October will actually look like.

The East and West Division titles have officially been clinched.

The Yankees secured the AL East Division title for the first time in seven years. The NL West division title, as well as the home-field advantage for the NL series round, was clinched by the Dodgers. Will they make it for a third year in a row to the World Series, though? Their chances at the moment are looking pretty great.

Other teams clinched so far include the Braves, Astros and Cardinals.

The Central Division title race continues with the Indians climbing behind the twins, 4.5 games back.

Although the Indians only sit a half game back behind the Rays for the second wild-card.

The Wild Card race in the National League right now has the Nationals ahead for the first spot and the second spot has the Brewers. The Cubs, Mets, Phillies and the Diamondbacks are all still trying to knock the Brewers out of that spot to secure for themselves.

In the American League, the A's hold onto the first Wild Card spot tightly with the Rays and Indians battling it out.

As of right now, the projected look of odds at winning the World Series (according to mybookie.ag on 9/22/19) have the top contenders as the Astros (+190), Dodgers (+250) and Yankees (+350).

With injuries unfolding left and right, this next week will be unpredictable and exciting to watch.

The games for this week are as follows:

Thursday 9/26

Phillies at Nationals
Marlins at Mets
Brewers at Reds
Red Sox at Rangers
Dodgers at Padres
Twins at Tigers
Rockies at Giants
Cubs at Pirates
Indians at White Sox
Astros at Angels
A's at Mariners

Friday 9/27

Orioles at Red Sox
Tigers at White Sox*
Indians at Nationals
Rays at Blue Jays
Yankees at Rangers
Brewers at Rockies
Twins at Royals
Braves at Mets
Marlins at Phillies

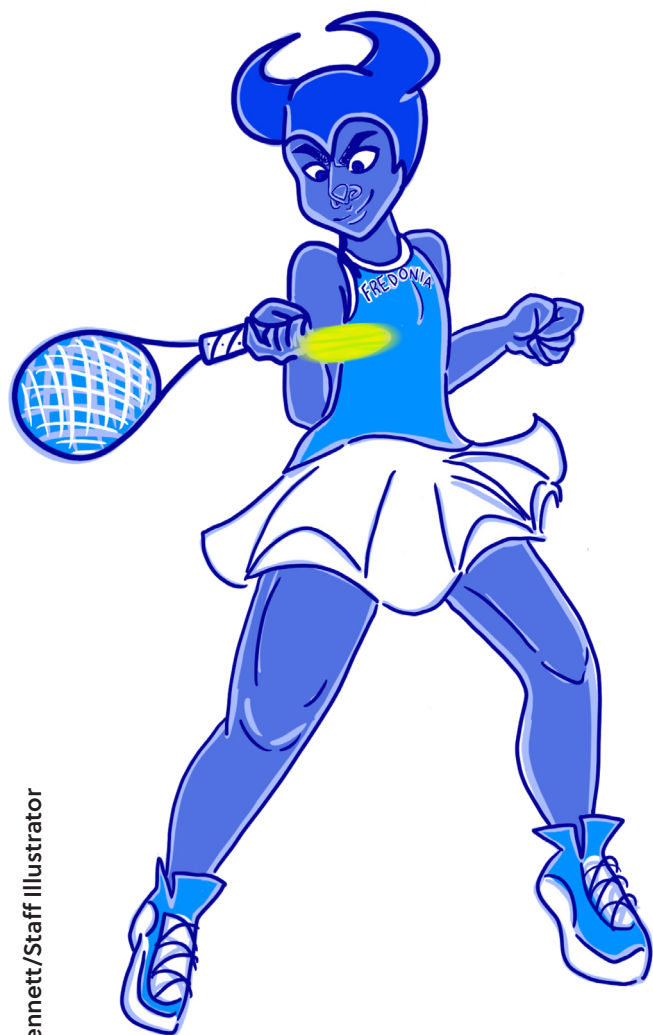
Reds at Pirates
Cubs at Cardinals
Tigers at White Sox
Dodgers at Giants
Astros at Angels
A's at Mariners
Padres at Diamondbacks

Saturday 9/28

Orioles at Red Sox
Tigers at White Sox
Indians at Nationals
Rays at Blue Jays
Yankees at Rangers
Brewers at Rockies
Twins at Royals
Braves at Mets
Marlins at Phillies
Reds at Pirates
Cubs at Cardinals
Tigers at White Sox
Dodgers at Giants
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Sunday 9/29

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Twins at Royals
Braves at Mets
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Fredonia sports update

DANTE LASTING

Assistant Sports Editor

Fall is officially here, and Fredonia athletics are in full swing.

The women's tennis team had their senior night last Thursday. The team celebrated seniors Avril King and Anna Chiacchia before their matches. On this night, the two won their singles and doubles matches. The seniors commented on the love they have for the team.

"I think as a team, even though it's an individual sport, I feel like we are more of a team just as much as a team that plays together," Chiacchia said. "You can feel it, just by the way this team cares for each other and everything that they did for our senior night. We are more than a team, we are a family."

The team is 7-1 on the season, and they will look to continue to dominate this weekend.

It should be another beautiful autumn weekend, and Fredonia will have some great home games to complement that. With triple headers on Friday and Saturday, there are plenty of on-campus sporting activities to fill up your weekend.

On Friday, Sept. 27, the women's tennis team will play Cortland at 4:00 p.m. They will play at the tennis courts behind Dod's Hall. The women's soccer team will square off against Plattsburgh. They will start at 4 p.m. at University Stadium. The women's volleyball team will play New Paltz at 6 p.m. The team will play in the gym at Dods Hall.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the women's tennis team will play Oswego at 12:00 p.m. The women's soccer team will play Potsdam at 1:00 p.m. The women's volleyball team will play Oneonta, also starting at 1 p.m.

The men's soccer team also has two games this weekend, and they are both on the road. They will play Plattsburgh at 4 p.m. on Friday. Then they will travel to Potsdam to play on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The men's and women's cross-country team will travel to Mount Morris, NY to compete in the Mike Woods Invitational. That will be on Saturday, Sept. 28, starting at 11 a.m.

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THE SCALLION

'Joe, you have to do this,' God says to Biden during political rally

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Well, the old fogie is at it again.

Former Vice President Joe Biden recently revealed in an interview with the Scallion that during his rally in Poughkeepsie, God appeared to tell him that he has to take on Trump alone.

"It was a miracle. There I was rambling about Obamacare or something, I can't really remember, when suddenly this bright light appeared in my eyes. It was God," Biden said. "God told me it was my job, and my job only, to ensure that Trump did not get a second term."

Reports say that in the middle of his speech, someone turned on a spotlight after forgetting to do so at the start, which temporarily blinded Biden and put him in a stupor, confusing him greatly.

"Yeah, no, that was my fault," spot operator Tyson Mangus said. "I forgot to turn on my light at the start of the rally."

Biden has been quick to respond and answer the many questions that have been thrown his way. The main question on everyone's mind seems to be, "What does God look like?"

Biden knows exactly the answer and has said the same thing at every interview, "Bones. Just lots and lots of bones. Slimy bones. Stinky bones. Big bones. Medium bones. Any bone you can think of, that's God."

We asked local theologian Joshua Messiah what he thought.

"I've been studying the Bible and different theological sources for years, and all I can say is that he is completely right," he said. "As Jesus said in the Bible, 'my bones ache, for God looks like a lot of bones.' Can't tell you what book that is, but it's in there."



Graphic by Olivia Connor/Art Director

Free-spirited Fredonia architect is at it again: Excelsior Cafe is coming to Rockefeller

MATTHEW BAUM

Guest Scallywag

Ahmelia Schitt is something of a rockstar in the college-campus design circles, and she's back in town. In an exclusive interview, she announced that she would be designing a new eatery on-campus, with a literal twist.

For those who have gone all this time not knowing Ahmelia (Ah for short) she was the head architect in charge of making the stairways between Reed Library and Fenton Hall, and played a large part in the creation of the cross-campus wind tunnel effect created by the orientation of Maytum Hall. During the process of laying the foundation for Maytum, dozens of voices could be heard yelling her name in glee.

Schitt shared her new idea for Rockefeller's eatery with The Scallion.

"I was thinking about the two-dimensionalism of most cafes, y'know?" said Schitt. "You walk in, and you can turn north, south, east or west. Why don't people change their elevation when getting a meal?"

She went on to explain that her new idea, the Excelsior Cafe, would give eaters a fun rock-climbing experience while enjoying a meal. The students hoping to get food at Excelsior would have to harness up to order their yum-yums.

Once they're all hooked up, there are a few options that then translate to higher values for meals. The low-level portion causes no increase, but with more obstacles like falling debris and a gentle lava flow, you can buy food reserved for elite climbers.

The athletic department has signed off on this idea, and TADA Chairwoman Sam Kenney had this to say about the renovations, "Well, at first I was concerned about the possible injuries sustained, but then I looked at it as a growth opportunity for those who face the challenge. This could be a great experience to look back on and draw from for those in particularly gut-wrenching scenes later in the year."

The Fredonia Office of Student Safety refused to give a statement on the matter.



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES

This week is going to be super busy for you, Aries. Maybe you need to focus your attention on the person who hasn't texted you back instead of your six-page paper.

TAURUS

Go get that Starbucks venti iced coffee instead of eating a real meal. It's okay, your body can survive without food and water.

GEMINI

Do you know what they say about having big feet, Gemini? Big shoes.

CANCER

Sorry, no horoscope for you.

LEO

Try to be someone else this week, Leo. It might do you good. Trust me.

VIRGO

We get it, you're a Virgo ... more like a virg-HOE after this weekend. Okurrrr.

LIBRA

Happy Libra season. I hope all your stars are aligned and all positive things happen to you, but we know they won't.

SCORPIO

Have you listened to the new "Panini" remix by Lil Nas X featuring the grilled cheese panini from Tim Hortons?

SAGITTARIUS

Never fall in love at D.P. Dough ... unless it's with a calzone.

CAPRICORN

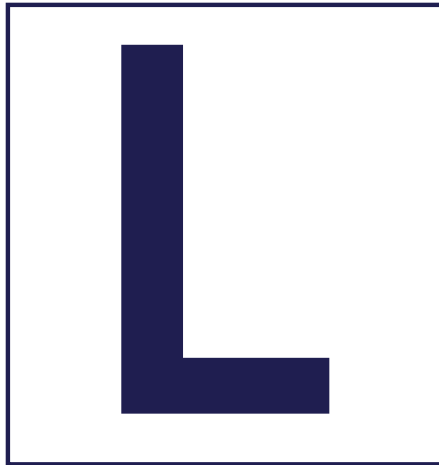
Hot girl summer is over; it's THOTumn now. Bust out those fall scented candles, eat some cinnamon spice and go apple picking you goon.

AQUARIUS

Check the weather this weekend. I can see a 100% chance of tears in your forecast.

PISCES

If you're feeling like you need to go grocery shopping after a full week of eating out ... don't. Go get that four for \$4.44



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