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NEWS

Student bias incident leads to University Police investigation

ALISA OPPENHEIMER

Special to The Leader

Sunday night, Feb. 9, amongst the many students who live on campus, one specific student was targeted.

While most of us were preparing to start our week the following morning, University Police were notified about a serious student bias incident that occurred in one of our campus' residence halls.

According to University Police, vandalism, including homophobic slurs and destruction of personal items were left on the door of said student.

Late Monday afternoon, Feb. 10, the campus community was advised of the incident via email from the president's office.

The email vaguely summarized the situation and provided clarification that this behavior is not accepted at Fredonia.

"The first thing I did was set up a meeting where it was decided that I was going to send out an email to address what had happened the night prior, as well as remind students of expected behavior," said President Hefner.

Hefner heard about the situation late Monday morning.

"My first reaction was

disappointment," he said.

While Fredonia has no tolerance for this behavior, it's impossible to catch everything.

"Like any place, there are rules and regulations, but it can be hard to prevent 4,000 students from doing or saying what they want," said Hefner.

Before becoming interim president, Hefner had previously been president at Fredonia, from 1997 to 2012.

In his 15 years as president in the past, there were similar situations.

"Things like this have happened before, but I'm proud to say it doesn't happen too often," said Hefner.

While this may be true, it begs the question of why these things happen. We can take into consideration, for example, the racist incident that took place in 2017. On Halloween night, a student's boyfriend decided to dress in black face to an off-campus party.

The student, who no longer attends Fredonia, posted a picture of the two of them on Snapchat with the caption "Happy Halloween Fredonia."

This Snapchat quickly went viral around the community, and just like with this incident, on Monday there was an email addressing the picture.

In this same email from 2017, the student whose boyfriend wore black face apologized.

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On the Cover:

'Project Question' | Derek Raymond



Lubienecki arrested for life-threatening voicemail

ELYSE GRIECO

Editor in Chief

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, it was announced by The United States Attorney's Office Western District of New York that Adjunct Lecturer Paul Lubienecki was arrested.

Lubienecki was charged with cyberstalking, a charge that carries a \$250,000 fine and up to five years in prison.

Just eight days prior to the arrest, Lubienecki left a life-threatening voicemail to an investigative reporter from the Buffalo area.

WKBW channel 7 Eyewitness News later confirmed this reporter to be Charlie Specht.

Specht has been investigating the Dioceses of Buffalo for the past few years, revealing multiple cases of sexual abuse and misconduct within the church.

He has also been recognized multiple times on a state and national level for this work.

These threats, according to 7 Eyewitness News, have been an issue since August 2019.

Around this time, Specht had just uncovered scandals at Christ the King Seminary where Lubienecki also taught in addition to Fredonia.

Over the next six months, Specht received 11 concerning voicemails.

One voicemail from Lubienecki said, "You destroyed the Diocese of Buffalo and Bishop Malone, I'm gonna destroy your career."

Another said, "You're still a bad Catholic and a horrible reporter. I hope to God I don't see you walking around."

Although the voicemails were intimidating, it wasn't until Feb. 4 when Specht feared for his life.

In this voicemail, Lubienecki said, "I know where you live in [town]. I'm going to find you. I'm going to kill you."

Specht immediately called the police and made arrangements to keep him and his family safe.

"We were shocked, surprised and scared," Specht said in an interview with 7 Eyewitness News. "I got the feeling that this one person — whoever they were — had spent months harassing me about really personal things, and was now threatening violence. I wanted my family to be safe. We put our trust in law enforcement to find out who was doing this."

In an investigation with the FBI, Lubienecki was identified as the caller.

He appeared in court and was released on conditions.

United University Professions (UUP) is the union that represents professionals and staff at SUNY schools across the state.

According to Mike Lisi, director of media and publications, "All UUP members are entitled to due process and legal representation in matters such as these. Our state wide affiliate, the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) provides legal representation to members in these situations."

But for now, Lubienecki will not be seen around campus.

Haley Fetzer, a sophomore history major, is currently enrolled in Lubienecki's Museum Studies course.

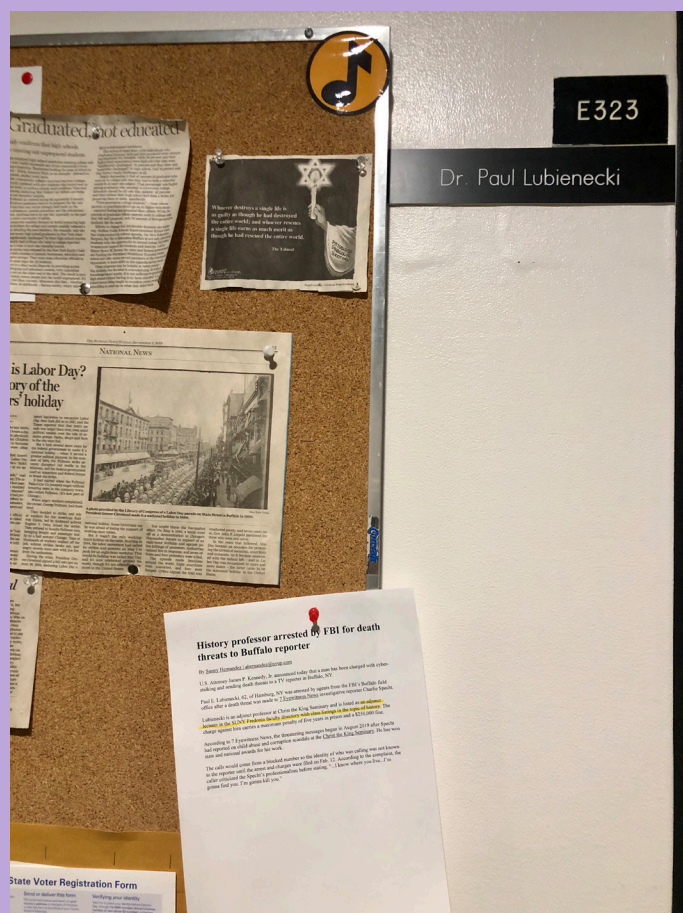
She found out about her professor's arrest through a friend.

"We were told Dr. Lubienecki is not teaching the rest of the semester," Fetzer said. "Dr. David Kinkela, department chair, is presumably taking over."

Fetzer also said Kinkela will be discussing the future of the course during the next class visit, which will take place after this issue of The Leader is published.

At the moment, it is important to remember that Lubienecki's cyberstalking charge is an accusation.

He will remain innocent unless proven guilty.



Notice of arrest posted on Lubienecki's office door in Thompson Hall | Elyse Grieco / Editor in Chief

FSA responds to lack of C-Store inventory

ISABELLA DISTEFANO

Asst. Social Media Manager

If you are a frequent visitor of the C-Store, then you may have noticed the lack of pre-packaged items. During previous semesters the refrigerator in the back has been stocked with sandwiches, wraps and salads.

The top shelf holds the vegan options. Some of the items include breakfast black bean wraps, mushroom sandwiches and jackfruit sandwiches. The other shelves are for non-vegans. They are filled with salads, meat burritos, chicken finger and turkey club sandwiches, to name just a few.

Recently there has been a lack of items.

“The pre-packaged section sells out really quickly, so there’s a big gap between restocks,” said Sarah Hughston, a senior journalism major and social media editor of *The Leader*.

Since the spring semester started, many students have found themselves entering the C-Store looking for a sandwich and leaving with nothing.

“It was really not stocked up well. They really didn’t have much at all,” said Carl Aldinger, a junior video production major. “It was just kind of annoying. The first couple weeks of school were like oh, I want to grab something quick on my way to class, like grab a sandwich. I just couldn’t do it.”

According to Darin Schulz, executive director of the Faculty Student Association, the entity that runs the C-Store, that the change of demand between semesters plays a role in the lack of inventory.

“At the beginning of each semester, it takes a couple weeks to learn the new demand cycle that changes every semester. We are trying to be cautious of waste to keep our costs low,” said Schulz.

Until the C-Store adjusts to the spring semester demand, students are forced to seek out other options. While there are other options on campus, such as the William Center and Cranston Marche, students find themselves at a crossroads.

“There’s more options at Sprout Café than at the C-Store. The C-Store only has a few items in the fridge for vegans,” said Samuel Lewandowski, a senior journalism major.

Despite the lack of selection currently, there is hope for a change.

“We will work harder to make sure that a better selection is available,” said Schulz.

Available options at C-Store | Avril King / Managing Editor

Student bias continued...

In this same email from 2017, the student whose boyfriend wore black face apologized.

In the apology, she claims that the two honestly did not know any better, but we will never really know if that’s the truth.

Whether these incidents occurring is a result of ignorance, hatred, or just the political divide in our country right now, the campus community can agree it is completely shameful and intolerable.

As for this most recent incident with the residence hall door, both President Hefner and University Police will not go into much detail, while this case is being investigated currently.

But one thing President Hefner does want the campus community to be aware of is that this is a sad incident we all can learn something from.

“My hope is that students will speak out, my hope is that we will not have an incident of this type occur on this campus again in the future,” said Hefner. “I hope that all students learn to accept the differences in each other and we can work together to educate and advocate for one another.”



Dear Campus Community:

I am disappointed to report that another bias incident recently occurred in the residence halls, similar to the incident that occurred last semester. A homophobic slur was written on a student’s door and items that had been taped to the door were destroyed. These cowardly actions violate the student code of conduct, create a hostile atmosphere in which to live, and should not be happening on our campus.

Every student deserves to be treated in a respectful manner, regardless of sexual orientation, skin color, religious belief, or gender. Collectively, we must oppose acts of intolerance, and show our support for one another through both our actions and our words.

As I wrote on October 1, universities have a long-standing tradition of mutual civility. Please ensure that SUNY Fredonia is a university that accepts and respects differences. Thank you in advance for helping build a campus environment that is inclusive of everyone.

Email from president's office

POLICE BLOTTERS

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.

UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

1:45 p.m. - Dana A. Duncan was charged with making graffiti. An arrest was completed.

A subject was harassed over social media. An investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Property was stolen from Willy C's. An investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, February 15, 2020

7:13 p.m. - Breyannah M. Panzardi was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

Sunday, February 16, 2020

An altercation occurred between roommates. Charges were declined.

VILLAGE

The Village of Fredonia was unable to provide an arrest report for this week (technical difficulties).

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Life & Arts

'Project Question' – ML's second University Commons appearance

JESSICA MEDITZ

Life & Arts Editor

If you've stepped foot into University Commons this past week, chances are you've come across an oddly artistic-looking structure toward the center of the room.

The piece, titled "Project Question," is part of a student artist's class project — who requested to be cited as ML.

ML is a third-year B.F.A. sculpture major at Fredonia, and it's not the first time he's brought his art to the university's public eye.

During the Spring 2019 semester, he installed another interactive art piece in University Commons, which posed the question: "Do you trust University Police?"

The piece quickly became a controversial, hot button topic on Fredonia's campus and received responses from students of diverse political viewpoints.

Similarly, "Project Question," a structure composed of steel, cardboard and plywood that stands a few feet tall, reads in large writing, "Is This Art?"

At eye level view lay some pens and paper as well as a slit in the cardboard, intended for students to submit their responses into. Around the cardboard frame are USPS stickers, making the structure resemble a mailbox.

"These are all of the responses from UC so far," ML said as he pulled a thick stack of papers out of his backpack.

He made it a point to say that he goes through every single response.

Similar to the results of last year's public piece, ML has

received responses both negative and positive.

Without even answering the question, some students were quick to say things such as: "Who the f*** made this?" and "It ain't gonna pay rent."

All of the sidetracked responses and paper airplanes aside, ML said he genuinely enjoys reading through every "yes" and "no" response with explanations.

"A lot of the 'no' responses are really interesting because they explain why; they explain what art means to them," he said. "For the 'yes' ones, there's a lot of 'art is subjective' responses, like it can be whatever you want it to be. I also got a lot of 'perhaps' responses, which is interesting."

ML said that he plans to post the students' responses in Rockefeller Arts Center's Emmitt Christian Gallery, as well as making video documentation of him reading each one.

Sophomore B.F.A. film and video arts major, Matthew Henze, will be filming the project, which will be going into a show that will be announced in early March.

One might assume that because ML took the time to make

this piece and pose that question, that he knows all the answers.

"It's a complicated question, which I'm not even sure I know the answer to," he said. "I believe that everything is art, and there's no such thing as good art or bad art. It's just what people prefer."

He said that off the top of his head, he would consider his sculpture art because he is an artist and put a great deal of time and effort into it — a few days of planning and six hours of building, to be exact.



WNYF-TV to present 'The Game Show'

KATIE LENDA

Special to The Leader

WNYF-TV will present a trivia-based game show hosted by junior video production major, Ryan Blatto.

The show is set to air Saturday, Feb. 15 at 8:30 p.m. on channel 11.

WNYF is the student-run television station on campus. Students produce and create a wide variety of programs including, but not limited to: “The Fred Effect,” “News 11,” “Fredtown” and now, “The Game Show.”

Blatto and Emily Sando, senior video production major, are the main producers behind the show.

However, Blatto said, “The show would not be possible without the help of our amazing crew.”

When asked to give a summary of what the show will entail, Blatto said, “I quiz three contestants each episode on general trivia for three rounds, followed by a final betting round.”

The winner of each episode will receive a \$25 gift card for a business in Fredonia.

Blatto said that each episode will feature a skit, incorporating the business the gift card is for. This incentive will hopefully encourage students to participate and be featured on “The Game Show.”

All creators typically have some kind of inspiration behind their work.

“Well-established game show hosts such as Gene Rayburn,

Richard Dawson and Bob Eubanks all inspired me to pitch this idea,” said Blatto.

Before Blatto pitched the idea, he had to create a plan for the show.

Blatto said that creating the question board took quite a bit of time, and then elaborated on forming a crew with Sando. “We needed camera operators, writers, a technical director, audio person, someone to operate the PowerPoint and more,” said Blatto.

This is where the help of the student crew really comes into play.

Some of these student collaborators and members of WNYF include: Carl Aldinger, Cormac Clune, Crescenzo Fano, Dan Northup, Anina Vancheri, Avery Miller, Nick Fuller, Hope Winter and Dee Thomas.

There is an incredible amount of hard work, dedication and creativity that is required to produce a television show. Blatto is currently the Remote Broadcast Director. What does that mean? Blatto explains, “I am in charge of the out-of-station broadcasts, and that responsibility has broadened my spectrum of television production and what it really takes to successfully run a show. It’s really been my first hands on experience into the career that I desire to go into.”

Tune in to channel 11 or WNYF’s YouTube channel every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. to watch “The Game Show.”



Ryan Blatto with contestants | Jenn Morello

Winter clothing drive on campus seeks to help community

ANGELINA DOHRE

Ad Sales Manager

Returning for a third year, the annual Operation Winter Rescue clothing and food drive will be sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega Chi Pi and the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry.

The drive was started in 2018 by Alpha Phi Omega's then Vice President of Service, Lucas Butchko.

In addition to clothing, this is the second year the service fraternity is also accepting non-perishable food items.

Junior adolescent social studies education and history double major, Amanda McDonough, is the current vice president of service for Alpha Phi Omega.

According to McDonough, the goal behind this drive is to help those in the community who are less fortunate, especially during the harsh winter months.

"Dunkirk is more of a poorer area and they usually need a lot of help getting clothing donated, so we just wanted to be able to help donate clothes wherever we can," McDonough said. "We wanted to be able to help them and contribute to their garment gallery so people have clothes in general that they might not be able to get themselves."

McDonough and her two assistants, Steven Morocho and Emily Staniszewski, are in charge of most of the work that goes

into the drive, including spreading the word to the public.

They've worked closely with Joyce Smith from the Volunteer and Community Services office to ensure the success of Operation Winter Rescue.

According to McDonough, the past two drives turned out very successful.

"From what I remember, the one year we had at least 20 boxes," she said. "We've taken up one entire room just with boxes."

Staniszewski, a junior childhood inclusive education major, is confident that this year's drive will have a good donation turnout.

"Since we are pretty much the only ones who do something like this on campus, I have lots of confidence that it will be just as successful, if not more successful than in the past."

Senior journalism major, Maci Cosmore, is the fraternity's current president.

She has previously taken part in the Operation Winter Rescue drive and would like to continue this drive in the future.

"A lot of the brothers were also really interested in trying to do sock donations, because we know that's something that lacks in thrift stores and homeless shelters," she said.

The drive is taking place on campus from Feb. 18-20.

Boxes will be placed in all of

the residence halls and in the lobby of McEwen Hall.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega will be in room G103C in the Williams Center on Feb. 21 from 9 to 5 p.m. to collect donations as well.



'The Slow Rush': Is it Worth your Time?

ALYSSA BUMP

Special to The Leader

On Feb. 14, there was more to celebrate than just Valentine's Day.

Tame Impala released his long-awaited album titled, "The Slow Rush."

The last album released by Tame Impala was "Currents" in 2015, which became a staple of psychedelic pop. It included 13 mesmerizing tracks such as "The Less I Know the Better" and "Let it Happen."

But, this new album has a different tone.

Kevin Parker, the sole member of Tame Impala, has created a work of art with a beautiful narrative.

Before even listening, it is obvious that this album focuses on the issue of running out of time.

The title of this album itself is an oxymoron, a contradiction. "The Slow Rush" includes 12 tracks, starting with "One More Year" and ending with "One More Hour."

After listening to a few tracks, Parker is stuck between the nostalgia of the past and the uncertainty of the future, just like many of us.

This album gravitates the listener's attention by using unique rhythm and Parker's echoing, ethereal vocals.

Not only does this album sound alluring, but the lyrics alone



have undeniable weight and meaning.

When asked why time was something Parker wanted to explore on this record during an interview, he said, "It's something that has always intrigued me. Being obsessed with the past, being overwhelmed with nostalgia, being anxious for the future."

The track "Posthumous Forgiveness" is a hypnotic representation of missing the past, specifically time spent with a loved one. In Parker's case, it is his father.

The six minute track completely switches the rhythm around four minutes in, making it sound like a new song entirely.

In the second half of the song, Parker wishes to tell his father about all of the things in his life. It is one of the most intimate tracks of the album.

As for the opening and closing tracks, the juxtaposition is quite moving.

"One More Hour" is a climatic ending to this album, featuring long stretches of spacey synths. His focus is on the passage of time.

Both tracks feature repetition, stressing Parker's yearning for more time.

This album is relatable to almost all audiences, but especially to people in Generation Z. Many of us ponder on our past and wonder for our future, just as Parker does in his lyrics.

He wants just a little bit longer, but the story told within this album is immortal.

'Project Question' continued...

Although he spends the majority of his time conceptualizing and creating art, ML said he's often very impulsive.

"If I see something and I'm like, 'Ugh, I gotta make an art piece about this,' I'll do it," he said. "I put up these really funny flyers around campus."

ML takes responsibility for flyers posted around campus that read: "Why pay money for Fredonia's ice rink? Slip for free on Fredonia's un-salted roads and paths! (Not paid for by SUNY Fredonia, obviously.)"

ML attributes inspiration for the art he makes to famous artists such as Marcel Duchamp and Shepard Fairey.

It seems as though ML goes about his daily life, notices things and instead of complaining like the rest of us, he expresses his concerns through art in which people can interact.

Whether expressed more politically or comedically, all he hopes to do is elicit some kind of public reaction.

ML said he's considering moving "Project Question" to Fenton Hall next.

But, honestly, an ML piece could pop up anytime, anywhere on Fredonia's campus.



Close up of "Project Question" | Derek Raymond

OPINION

A letter from Joseph Marciniak, Scallion Editor

The Scallion has been providing fine satiric news to the student body and general public for years. Our goal has always and will always be the same: to take a step back and laugh. We are not a real news section. Let me be clear on this: no matter how real the articles may seem, they are never and will never be factual. It has never been our goal to report the news.

With that being said, we do try to take on relevant topics, such as the "Small Business Revolution." We focus on more relevant topics for several reasons; these topics are what we and other students care about at a given time.

A recent article has garnered quite a bit of attention, but not for the reasons we would hope.

Our article from the previous week, "Fredonia Disqualified from 'Small Business Revolution'" has received thousands of views in a few days. It appears that many people read the title, panicked, and assumed it was the truth.

Just to clarify if there is still any confusion, the

Scallion is satire and Fredonia is not disqualified.

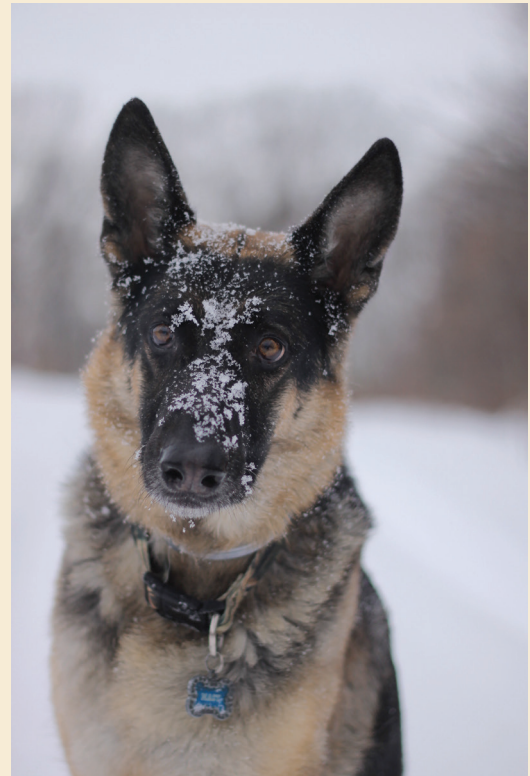
An important thing to take note of is that the goal of the Scallion has never, and will never be to trick people into thinking our articles are factual. There are times where we use facts to make jokes hit harder, such as our article from Feb. 5 about the "Small Business Revolution" regarding the salary of the CEO. We attempt to make it obvious that these are facts by putting in parentheses something like, "This is actually true, we did research for this joke." If you do not see this in a joke, that means it is a joke and likely not factual.

Wow, look at how serious my writing is, guys. Isn't that insane? I'm supposed to write jokes.

If you ever have any concerns, comments or compliments for that one issue with the picture of me with muscles, feel free to email me at marc6930@fredonia.edu.

From the desk of Alexis Carney, Asst. Photo Editor

As college students here at Fredonia, it is rare for us to see a dog, or any animal for that matter. I wanted to bring the passion of my photos to the passion of every campus student who misses their animals back home. Here is a small compilation of the animals I see in my everyday life back at home to soften a hard week.



VERBATIM

How do you feel Fredonia handles campus incidents?

Addressing President Hefner's email sent on Feb. 10



Alexis Grissom, junior criminal justice and sociology major

"I think that they kind of push these incidents to the side. They can mention it, but until they actually do something about it, and the students are being punished, and it's shown that they are being punished, nothing's going to change about it. They can send out as many emails as they want. Just like the past two semesters when they had microaggressions being shown toward African American students and the black face being shown during Halloween multiple years in a row. It's a recurring event, and until something actually happens about it, nothing's going to change. I think that really disrupts the culture of Fredonia and that's why there's a lot of division between the students."

Melizabeth Norona, senior criminal justice major

"Fredonia doesn't really deal with it well, if at all. They just send an email and call it a day."



Melanie Higgins, freshman public relations, video production and journalism major

"I think in some cases, it really goes case by case, where sometimes it works out right, depending on the person and if they're following protocol. If the protocol is even up to date and correct, I guess. It really depends on the person and if they're doing what they should be."



Katelyn Telford, graduate music education major

"I think it's terrible what's going on and nobody should feel unsafe on campus. I think I just wish they were doing more, but I'm not sure what the next step would be."

**Kyle Licht, senior video production major**

"I don't know exactly what happened with the incident. I just remember hearing that there was a homophobic slur on a board. In terms of that, I'm an RA, so I know that if something like that happened in my hall, I know the procedure that we do to handle it. I don't know what the higher ups do, or the police or whoever else gets involved. So I think to an extent it's handled very seriously. It's definitely not taken lightly."

Tori Trumbull, junior business administration major

"Personally, I don't think they deal with them. Fredonia's very reactive when incidents happen like this. I don't think they actually take the time to put in place programs and try to not only inform people of why these things aren't appropriate, but to actually put in the effort to change the mentality."



SPORTS

Fredonia sports update

ANTHONY GETTINO

Staff Writer

This weekend was action-packed for Fredonia athletics, featuring many crucial games toward our Blue Devils making the SUNYAC playoffs in their respective sports.

The men's ice hockey team is one of the teams fighting for that spot in the playoffs. This past weekend the men played two games, the first was Friday night against Brockport. With two goals from Jacob Haynes, and a goal each from Bryce Witman, Ethan Kirbis and Antonio Demacopoulos, the Blue Devils were able to leave Brockport with a 5-2 victory. This win gives the team a much more manageable path toward the playoff. Saturday night was their senior night, and they tilted off against nationally-ranked Geneseo. This game resulted in a 2-4 loss.

The team has two regular-season games remaining, both of them on the road. The first game will be against Oswego on Friday night, the second against Cortland on Saturday night.

The women's basketball team wasn't able to keep their postseason hopes alive this weekend. With both games at home, the Blue Devils first faced off against New Paltz on Friday night with a final score of 63-78. The leading scorers for the team were Rae White with 21 and Katie Pitcher with 12.

Saturday afternoon brought Oneonta to the court, where the Blue Devils lost 53-61 and were officially eliminated from the SUNYAC playoffs. Leading the team in scoring were Rae White with 12 and Anna Chiacchia with 11.

The last game for the women's basketball team this season is the Battle by the Lake against Buffalo State in Dods gym Saturday.

The men's basketball team split this weekend's contests, with a win Friday night against New Paltz in a score of 97-80. Moussa Samassa led the team in scoring with 21, followed by Dydy Bryan with 19, De'Quan Smith with 18 and Tyler Roberts with 14. Saturday did not turn in the same results against Oneonta. The team fell in a score of 75-90, with the leading scorers for the Blue Devils being Dydy Bryan with 22 and Tyler Roberts with 20.

All that's left for the men's basketball team this season is the Battle by the Lake at home this Saturday at 5 p.m.

The men's track and field team sent one 4x400 meter relay team to the 202 Boston University David Hemery Valentine Invitational. This was one of the best meets in the country this past weekend, and the Blue Devils showed up. The relay consisted of Ivan Torres, Toby Onuoha, Will Guagliardo and Griffin Dombroske and ran a time of 3:22.12. This qualified the team for the Regional meet and placed them as the fourth fastest relay in Fredonia States history.

Both the men's and women's track and field teams compete this Friday at the Nazareth Conference Tune-Up Meet.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams did not compete this past weekend, as they have their SUNYAC Championships starting today and going all the way through Saturday.

Women ownership in sports

EMILY SMITH

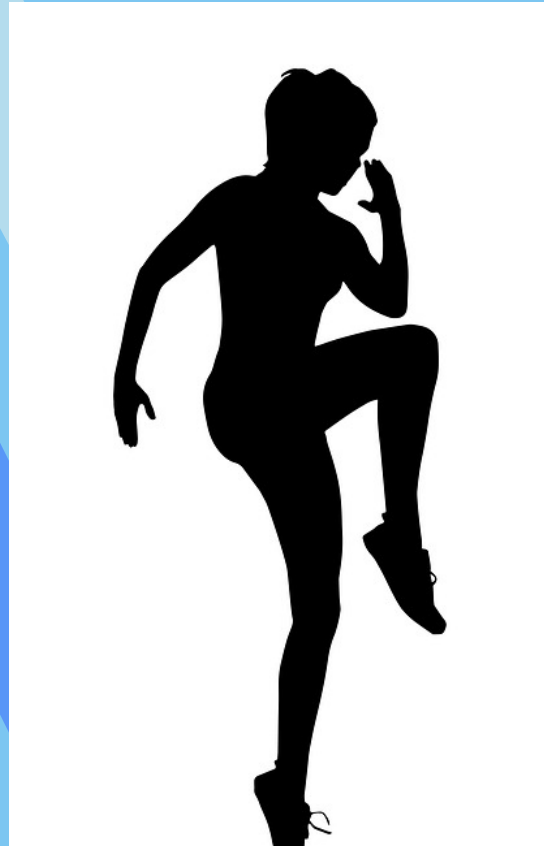
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The sports industry used to be made up of predominantly males and very few females. Over the past 20, women have been making their mark on the industry, paving a path for future generations.

In the city of Buffalo, we are grateful enough to have three professional sports teams owned by a woman. The Buffalo Bills, Sabres and Bandits are three very diverse sports that are owned and operated by Terry and Kim Pegula, along with providing a lot of other incredible investments into the community.

The culture being built in Buffalo is very unique. A lot of coaches and players have daughters and are breaking barriers for them by hiring women coaches, trainers and player personnel that they can look up to. Even though such actions seem like small steps, these are huge strides for women and Kim Pegula is the major force for these barriers being broken.

Kim was adopted from South Korea in 1974. She grew up in Rochester, N.Y. She graduated from Houghton College, then got married to Terry in 1993. Together they have three children: Jessica, Kelly and Matthew. Kim also has two step-children: Laura and Michael. Kim has taken on the role of president and CEO of Pegula Sports and Entertainment.



She now gets to see her vision from a different perspective and can be more hands-on. Kim wears many different hats and has a lot of different responsibilities depending on the day.

Buffalo Bills game days in the Pegula household are fun, but also nerve-racking. In order to take the game-day nerves away, you can usually find Kim in the kitchen baking for coaches and staff. By 10:45 a.m., everyone is in Orchard Park, ready to get the day started. During the time before the game, Kim is either in her office working or being followed by some type of production team and mic'd up. She meets with friends and fans pre-game and then enjoys the game from her suite.

Her work ethic is inspirational, and she is always working hard to grow her teams and her company to be more successful.

Along with Kim, there are some other NFL owners that have helped pave the way for women in sports.

Virginia Halas McCaskey is the owner of the Chicago Bears, Martha Firestone Ford is the owner of the Detroit Lions, Gayle Benson is the owner of the New Orleans Saints and Amy Adams Strunk is the owner of the Tennessee Titans. These women are inspirational; they have all contributed to breaking down stereotypes of women in sports and have assumed leadership roles. They have created a path for women to be successful in the industry and also be respected by their male colleagues.

From Xtreme to new innovations

DANTE LASTING

Sports Editor

From Xtra Fun League to innovations for the game of football, the XFL seems to have changed its image and has so far received positive reviews.

The XFL was originally founded in 2001 by Vince McMahon and Dick Ebersol. McMahon is the CEO of WWE and Ebersol a senior executive at NBC. The XFL was an effort to try and combine the game of football with the WWE. The games relied on tacky gimmicks, violence and sex appeal to try to attract viewers to what was a new concept of football after February.

The league folded after one miserable season with player injuries at an all-time high and team bad names like the hitmen, enforcers, rage, outlaws and demons. McMahon and partner NBC both lost \$35 million dollars because of the epic failure that the league was.

NBC sportscaster Bob Costas said in 2001 that the league was a combination of mediocre high school football and a tawdry strip club. Many documentaries were made on this odd attempt at spring football since it folded in April 2001, and they shed light on many problems the league had. This bad attempt of football past the NFL season showed America that the NFL owned football and no one could come close to taking that away.

There were really no successful attempts to bring pro football to viewers in the US from 2001 to 2019. That was until Ebersol's son Charlie decided to start a league of his own. It was announced in 2018 that the Alliance of American Football would play games a week after the Super Bowl LIII in February. There would be eight teams that would play a 10 week season. With many problems throughout the season between viewership, funding and not being able to build a connection with the NFL, the league folded after eight weeks of play. The quick folding and eventual bankruptcy of the league was in part to the owner

of the Carolina Hurricanes and major AAF Investor Tom Dundon pulling out his investment. He pulled out his funding because of the AAF, NFL and NFLPA not being able to come to an agreement on player sharing. A smart move by the NFL because of injuries and other reasons, but it killed off the AAF before it could even complete a season.

It seems that past mistakes by the XFL and the AAF have paved the way for the newest attempt at spring football and that is the XFL. Yes, it is the same name and is still run and owned by Vince McMahon, but this time he is doing things differently and the league has a better chance to succeed than its predecessors.

The redesigned and reimagined XFL has left all its gimmicks behind and the league is better for it. After two weeks of play, it seems they might have come up with a solution to bring pro football into the spring.

The league's motto is "For the love of football," and they are trying to put the fans first to give them the best experience they can. The XFL has come up with some new and exciting rules to try and make the game of football more exciting and faster with "less stall and more ball." These phrases coming from the commissioner of the league, Oliver Luck, father of former NFL quarterback Andrew Luck. Some new rules involved the kickoff, overtime rules, clock changes, the Points After Touchdown and even the ball has a new look. This new XFL, although just getting started, is shedding some light on some former NFL players, coaches and assistants all trying to make it back in the league. It is also giving a shot to some players who have never played pro football and gives them a chance to achieve their dreams.

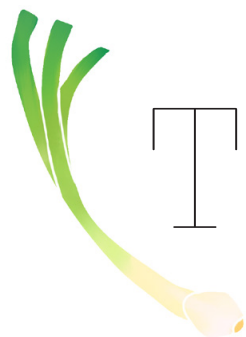
While the league is only two weeks through its first season, initial thoughts are that it will complete a full season and could have the potential to continue playing games over the next couple of years.

For highlights, final scores, rule explanation, videos and a lot more on the XFL visit <https://www.xfl.com/en-US/about>.



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Student with too much on his plate continues to add more to his plate

MATTHEW BAUM

Staff Scallywag

Everyone loves Joseph Marciniak. He's talented, he's muscle-bound, he has a great head of hair, but he has a problem: he's got too much going on.

For those who don't know, Marciniak is the editor of the Scallion, the assistant director of an upcoming production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (this weekend, go to the ticket office to reserve a seat) and he was recently cast in the Working Hands Theatre Collaborative production of *Bad Jews*.

These are all incredibly exciting things in his career, and they are projects he is passionate about; however, when he was asked about his busy schedule, he let out a sigh of aggravation and slumped his shoulders.

"Yeah, I'm glad I'm a part of so many awesome things, but I never have time for me anymore," he said. "All of the things I've signed up for have time requirements, and I find myself running from one thing to the next. It's exhausting."

Marciniak is not alone in this struggle. Every semester, hundreds of students here at Fredonia are a bit too ambitious with their desire to fill the day, and end up living in a state of stress caused by



things that make them feel good about themselves. As problems go, it's a fairly harmless one at its conception, but the vile effects only multiply as the stress remains unresolved.

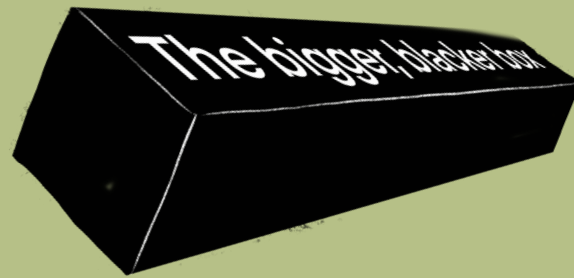
Theresa Bigaz-Deare, a sophomore accounting major with a minor in film production, is involved with an off-campus choir that meets six times a week, as well as being a co-founder of the Fredonia Soft Serve Appreciation Society.

When Staff Scallywag Matthew Baum caught up to her, she grabbed his

arm whilst speedwalking to get to her carpool.

"I'm so glad you're sharing my story," she said without bothering to pick up the various papers fluttering out of her half-open backpack. "Everywhere I go, I have to speed walk, because I can't afford to walk at a normal speed, but I can't risk losing my breath before I get where I have to be. My calves are jacked as a result, but I wish I could go back to my life as someone who can just go places at a normal pace."

This semester, look out for the people in your life who might be making too many good decisions for themselves. It's important to stay busy, but it's also important to maintain some semblance of sanity.



Man removes offensive cards from Cards Against Humanity

DOM MAGISTRO

Assistant Editor of the Scallion

Getting together with a group of friends to enjoy some laughs and maybe a few drinks is a great way to spend your weekend, but for one local student, the classic “party game for horrible people,” Cards Against Humanity is a little too horrible.

Gordon “Gordo” Smith, a freshman women and gender studies minor, was relaxing in his friends’ apartment Friday evening, eating dinner and playing some classic board games when one of them pulled out a copy of Cards Against Humanity. Smith mentioned he had never played before, and they all laughed and decided to play a few rounds.

“After about half an hour, I was definitely uncomfortable,” said Smith. “I decided I was gonna do something about it. So, the next morning, I snuck back into their house and started pulling cards out of the box. And, when I was just finishing up Casey came out into the living room and he goes ‘Ahhh Gordo what are you doing in my house?’ and I goes ‘Oh I’m just cleaning up,’ and for some reason he thought that was weird, but Casey’s place is always such a mess and especially after Friday night the filth in that game was all over the place.”

When asked what cards he pulled out of the box, Smith shrugged.

“That game is awful! I pulled out so many, it would be easier to just tell you what cards I didn’t pull out. Lets see, some of the cards I left in are ‘Batman,’ ‘bees’ and ‘You must construct additional pylons,’” said Smith.

At this point, I was thoroughly confused. I had to know what exactly was the issue with cards like “Rush Limbaugh’s soft, shitty body,” and “Bill Clinton lying naked on a bearskin rug playing the saxophone.”

“Are you kidding me, man? Don’t you get it? Bill Clinton is a former President, he would never ever be so disrespectful to the environment to have a bearskin rug, that’s so slanderous! And Rush Limbaugh is a Medal of Freedom winner! How could you think insulting him is funny?” said Smith.

“I left the door unlocked and he’s a good friend, it’s okay. I’m not really worried about it. Mostly I just want him to give me the cards back, ‘cause I can’t play the game with only 24 cards,” said Casey Dublin, owner of the deck of cards in question.

Dublin claims he will not be pressing charges, despite the break in and still-missing stolen property.

Bernie Sanders wants to get rid of the one percent — yes, even one percent milk

HANNAH BLIDY

Guest Scallywag

We all know how passionate Bernie Sanders is about taxing the wealthy. According to his website, if he becomes President, he will implement a policy taxing the extremely wealthy. This tax would be annual for households who make over \$32 million per year. In other words, the top one percent. However, something that Sanders fails to mention on his website is that he's also looking to get rid of other types of one percent - one percent milk, to be exact.

In an exclusive interview with the Scallion, Sanders and I met to discuss his presidential plans. During this interview, Sanders disclosed that his tax on the one percent isn't the only thing he's looking to implement.

Sanders said, "I met this woman one time, and this is absolutely true, I met this woman and she says to me, she says, 'Bernie, I need help.' She says, 'Bernie this one percent thing, are you really gonna implement it?' And I say, and this is true, I said to her, 'Of course I am. I'm here to help you and other strugglin' people in America.' Then she says to me, 'Well Bernie, I just have to say that I'm proud. I'm so happy that someone is finally gonna do something about one percent milk.' And at first, I was thinkin', well what the heck, what the hell is this about? But as I kept thinkin' about it, I realized she's right. We don't need one percent milk if we already have two percent, whole and skim milk. Not to mention all the new types of milk vegans are drinkin'. So, I decided that this is anotha' new angle to my candidacy. When I become



president, I'm gonna tax the top one percent, and ban one percent milk."

You heard it here first folks, banning one percent milk is on Bernie's to-do list for when he becomes president.

The New York Democratic primary is scheduled for April 28, 2020.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Spring break's coming up, did you go to the gym yet?

TAURUS

I'm sorry you had no Valentine. Maybe next year? Just kidding. Get some cats instead.

GEMINI

The writer of the horoscopes loves you.

CANCER

Do you think your ex will take you back? They won't.

LEO

"Pour up the whole damn seal, I'ma get lazy. I got the mojo-deals, we been trappin' like the '80s."

VIRGO

They say good things happen to Virgos, and the rumors are true.

LIBRA

If you're reading this, you're ugly

SCORPIO

Remember this number: (646) 469-5290. The next time you need help, try calling it.

SAGITTARIUS

Just because you know TikTok dances doesn't mean you actually can dance.

CAPRICORN

DO NOT PUBLISH ONE FOR Capricorn. SKIPPING ON PURPOSE. THEY ARE GIVING ME BAD VIBES THIS WEEK.

AQUARIUS

Sunny's reopened last weekend, and I know the bad decisions you've made. The 10/10 you thought you were dancing with was a 0.

PISCES

Lock your doors at night, the Abominable Snowman is coming to tickle your toes in your sleep.