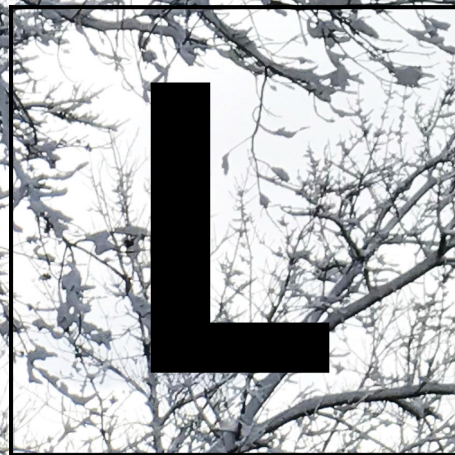


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NEWS

Fredonia battles food insecurity

MONICA MANNEY

Special to The Leader

At this point in the semester, you may be checking your FREDCard to make sure you have enough points to eat for the week. As embarrassing as it may seem, you're not alone.

Food insecurity, or the lack of access to resources to obtain nutritious food, is a concern recently being highlighted and explored on college campuses all over the country.

"It is hard to concentrate when you are hungry or worrying about where your next meal is going to come from," says Fredonia's website, "Unfortunately, we found this to be true for our own students."

Fredonia's website includes information on local food pantries, meal plans and tips for keeping on track with points throughout the entire semester.

After speaking with students on campus, we found that food insecurity was, in fact, a problem, but students were unaware of the availability of free food products on campus.

Last year, when the Health Hut tweeted

about the food pantry in the Williams Center, next to Tim Hortons, the tweet got over 130 retweets and replies. It also got recognition from University at Buffalo's law school and Fredonia's Vice President of Student Affairs, Cedric Howard.

The majority of the replies, though, were students pointing other students to the pantry as a resource.

"Retweet to save a student who's low on points," replied Fredonia student Dillon Eliot.

"This is awesome. Both healthy and free food for those who may be low on meal plan," tweeted Andrew Kuczkowski.

With two on-campus food pantries and multiple resources around Fredonia and Dunkirk, Fredonia is working to crest a student-ready campus.

For students looking for food items, they can be found in the lobby of LoGrasso Hall, as well as a limited pantry at the Health Hut on Tuesdays from noon to 3:30 p.m.

If students are unable to get food during this time, they are encouraged to send an email to health.center@fredonia.edu for help outside of the pantry hours.



On the Cover:

The Thursday night storm left Fredonia's campus in a winter wonderland.

Melissa Fuchs/Special to The Leader

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Correction: In Issue 18, Monica Manney's name was incorrectly spelled.

Correction: In Issues 15, 16 and 19, Jesse Anna's graphics were improperly sourced. The work was not her own.

Parking headaches are still concerns for campus leaders

JOSH RANNEY

Special to The Leader

If you have a car on campus, or have witnessed cars following people walking to their vehicles to take their parking spot, you know parking on campus is a dog-eat-dog world. Early last week, new parking signs were staked into the pavement in Lot 10, which is the parking lot outside of Dods Hall.

This lot is extremely popular and busy because of its proximity to the Williams Center and the fitness center, along with being relatively close to the center of campus. The lot fills up every day with students and faculty members alike. All day long, cars zip around Lot 10 to snag a rare open spot.

The new signs in the Dods lot take up 16 spots, eight on each side of the second row. The signs say that parking there is reserved for campus tours.

On January 23, the campus community received an email from the Division of Enrollment and Student Services in which it explained that the Office of Admissions moved from the Fenner House to the sixth floor of Maytum Hall. Along with this move, campus tours for prospective students started to run from the Williams Center this semester.

President of the Student Association Connor Aitcheson knows that parking is a big concern for Fredonia students, faculty and community members, but concedes that solving the problem of parking on campus, overall, is not straightforward.

"Parking on campus is an ongoing issue and concern with no simple solution," said Aitcheson. "Although the problem is a complex one, it is

crucial that the university provides adequate, accessible parking spaces throughout campus."

Aitcheson noted that the new parking rules in the Dods lot are indeed a hassle, but will ultimately generate positive reactions to Fredonia from visiting potential students.

"While this does create a slight inconvenience for our students and personnel, I believe this new model will have a positive impact on admissions. The first interaction prospective students have with our campus will start off on the right foot without having to worry about finding parking spaces," he said.

Parking remains a concern of his as well as of the Student Association.

"Students who commute to campus depend on finding a reasonably located parking spot with ease in order to get to their classes or work in [a] timely manner," said Aitcheson. "I would like to see our campus consider a new approach to designated spots for those who may have a temporary or inconsistent need for accessible parking."

From a university administration point of view,

Aitcheson believes "the administration is always thinking of ways to address this issue."

In the meantime, though, students like Lindsey Clark, a junior business management major, are still frustrated.

"I think parking was already bad enough for us and there were probably other ways to make sure that tours had parking," said Clark.

She explained that the newly designated spots make it hard for drivers to find spots with fewer options.

"Most of the times that I pass by, they are empty which is a little disappointing when I'm trying to park before class or going to the gym and I can't find a spot," said Clark. "Lately, I've had to leave a half hour early and circle Dods for like 15 minutes waiting for a spot."



Jessica Bennett/Staff Illustrator



New signs on parking spots that were once available to students.
Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

Bike-share program hopeful to start on campus

fre^obike

Ben Rockafellow/Assistant Design Editor



SETH MICHAEL MEYER
Assistant News Editor

The way the students of Fredonia commute around and off campus may be changing as Fredonia welcomes the idea of a bike-share program.

The project is being spearheaded by Enactus, a club on campus for students interested in business, and coordinated with the Sustainability Committee of Fredonia.

Sarah Laurie, the director of the Department of Environmental Health & Safety & Sustainability and the chair of the Sustainability Committee cites that this project has been attempted before but no group has come as far as Enactus has.

“The campus has looked at bike-sharing opportunities . . . in the past and there has been a lot of difficult hurdles,” Laurie said. “Enactus started looking into it on their own this year . . . they have done all the research and have done all the legwork.”

Since engaging in this project, Enactus has consulted with the Sustainability Committee to finalize a proposal to President Horvath.

Enactus’ proposal is to welcome the bike-

share company, Spin, onto campus for the community to use.

“[Spin] essentially bring their bikes to campus . . . and then they run the program,” said Laurie.

The idea is laissez-faire for the campus, meaning the company manages the program and the school only facilitates the “hubs” or “mini bike parking lots,” as Laurie described.

The process of using the bikes, according to Laurie, is simple: a student signs up with the Spin app, finds a bike around campus and takes it where they please, then the bike can be left anywhere. Yes — anywhere! At the end of the day, a team hired by Spin will collect the bikes around the community, locating them via GPS.

“Spin is a stationless bike-share program . . . the bikes are self-locking, they have onboard GPS, all of the technology is on the bike,” said Bert Dunn, sophomore business major and project lead in a subcommittee of Enactus.

When Dunn joined Enactus at the beginning of last semester, the idea for a bike-share program on campus had already existed but was not attempted until he decided to take the lead. Dunn explained a prior attempt by the university that failed when many bikes were dumped into Lake Erie. He urges that the no-cost, no-liability

program that Spin offers puts this idea above and beyond any past attempts.

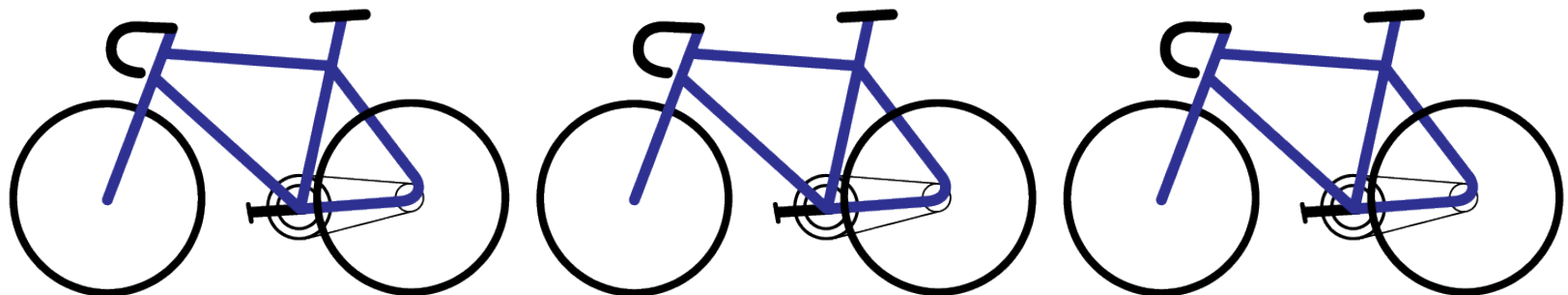
Spin has been making the news across the nation since its startup in July of 2017. According to the Washington Post, the niche start-up company collected \$8 million from investors, and over a year and a half later Spin “has taken its bright orange bicycles to 10 U.S. markets, including Washington, Dallas and San Francisco.”

Spin has also made their way onto campuses across the country.

“Our partnerships team works with the administration and student government,” Spin touts on their website. “Unlike some competitors, we never dump bikes without permission.”

Some of the schools that are partnered with Spin include Duke University and the Rochester Institute of Technology. Here on our own campus, Enactus is trying to get the students’ opinion on the Spin program. A survey was sent out to the student body last week. Although incomplete, Dunn attested to mostly positive opinions, with about 350 responses so far.

Travelling at full-speed ahead, Laurie and Dunn predict that these bikes will be available for the community when students return to Fredonia in the fall.



Jesse Anna/Staff Illustrator

Technology Incubator to hold third annual student business competition



DAN ORZECHOWSKI
News Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Fredonia Technology Incubator will be hosting its Student Business Competition.

The competition is designed to train Fredonia students so that they can present and develop business ideas in a professional, real-life manner.

Winners of the competition will receive guidance from veteran business mentors. First-place winners will also be granted \$1,200 through a paid internship and office space at the Incubator.

"The supportive environment," said Alex Czechowski, "within the Incubator has opened the door to connecting not only other Incubator business, but with community organizations and spanning out into larger networks, specifically for us, other universities, the SUNY Incubator network and local government entities."

Czechowski is the CEO and co-founder of Nexnest, LLC, a company that assists landlords and tenants when it comes to off-campus living. Czechowski and Nate Winn (co-founder and president of Nexnest) won last year's student business competition.

"We have exceptional entrepreneurs at Fredonia and this competition provides students with a direct pathway to starting a business," said Chuck Cornell, Incubator director. "This competition

promotes retention of talented individuals in our community."

Currently, the Incubator is home to 16 clients. These clients have access to Incubator resources, including legal services, business mentoring and educational workshops.

Competition applications are due March 23. Final business models are pitched to judges in April, and winners move in their office space in May.

"I am looking forward to hearing the pitches from the students," said Monica Kemp-Simpson, program manager at the Incubator. "We're going to have a great entrepreneurial judges ready to provide feedback."

For more details or to apply for the competition, visit <https://home.fredonia.edu/incubator/competition>.

"This competition promotes retention of talented individuals in our community," said Chuck Cornell, Incubator director."

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POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018

Andrew Richardson, was charged with criminal mischief. An appearance ticket was given.

A bicycle was stolen from the Townhouses. An investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018

A bicycle was stolen from the Kasling bike rack during Winter break. An investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, March. 1, 2018

Items were stolen from Center Point. An investigation is ongoing.

FREDONIA

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018

Christopher Chiappetta, age 19, was charged with underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was given.

Justin Gozdzia, age 21, was charged with littering and driving while intoxicated. Bail was set to \$250.

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Calvin Kinsey, age 29, was charged with speeding in a zone. A traffic ticket was given.

Friday, March 2, 2018

Mariam Karamoko, age 22, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Melika Madhoo, age 21, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Marlene Nguessan, age 21, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Jordan Walts, age 20, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Sarah Morgan, age 21, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Mary Sta Rosa, age 21, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Breanna Damrano, age 20, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

Jabot Burton, age 21, was charged with disobeying the noise ordinance. An appearance ticket was given.

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Life & Arts

The media has come a long way in representing the trans community, still has far to go



MOLLY VANDENBERG
Staff Writer

YouTube has become a platform for many activists to share their voice and help others. YouTuber Chase Ross spoke at an event in McEwen Hall on Feb. 27 on the importance of representation and the media when it comes to being transgender. This event was hosted by Fredonia's Pride Alliance.

Ross introduced his event by talking about his start on YouTube and the beginnings of his path toward transitioning. He's been on YouTube since 2006. In the late 2000s, there was little to no conversation ongoing about the transgender community in the internet world.

Ross talked about trans representation in TV shows, movies and in the YouTube community.

"I think [YouTube] is a great place where people are able to express themselves and talk about their lives," said Ross on how the website is beneficial for the trans community.

While Ross brings up the fact that Caitlyn Jenner isn't the most liked person in the LGBTQ community, her coming out in 2015 was a huge milestone. For the first time in history, the average person could say that they at least knew of a trans person now.

"The place that we were at, is somewhere I thought we would never be," said Ross.

There was also the discussion of trans characters in the media, such as in TV shows like "Degrassi," "Orange is The New Black" and "Shameless." There has been an overall lacking of trans men in TV shows and movies.

A lot of TV shows and movies have also focused on the negative aspect of being trans, when there is actually so much more depth that goes along to these kinds of characters and people as a whole.

There is also the whole ongoing discussion of whether or not it's okay for a cis person to play



Elizabeth Levensgood/Staff Illustrator

a transgender person in the media. There is no perfect answer yet to this question.

Parker Leounis, a senior women and gender studies major and the president of Pride Alliance, believes that people like Ross are very beneficial to the community.

"Chase is important . . . because there isn't a lot of trans masculine representation in the media, so a lot of transmasculine people have a hard time relating to people like them," said Leounis. "It's also good to have people that you could ask specific questions about being trans masculine, whether it's about identity, transitioning, or anything else."

Ross' YouTube channel is "uppercaseCHASE1" where he currently has almost 130,000 subscribers. Anyone can access his videos for free.

Big steps have been made regarding positive

change for the trans community, but there's always room for improvement.

"We definitely have made some big steps, especially on this campus. We have gender neutral bathrooms in almost every building, which is more important than some people might think," said Leounis. "We even got the attention of the president so we could put a gender neutral bathroom in Mason. We also have moved forward with our Chosen Names Program that lets people change their names on their FREDCards and their school emails."

"What I hope for the future is that the topic of transgender is more normalized, so people don't have to seek this information out for themselves on their own," Leounis continued.

Looking beyond the everyday

'Knowing Paper' opens in Marion Art Gallery

MELISSA FUCHS

Special to the Leader

Saturday evening saw the opening reception for the latest exhibit at Fredonia's Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery with *Knowing Paper: Five Contemporary Artists Using Paper as their Expressive Medium*. The exhibit, curated by visual arts professor Timothy Frerichs, features the works from artists Tom Balbo, Aimee Lee, Bridget O'Malley, Radha Pandey and Peter Sowiski.

Frerichs said that his hope is to display a diverse selection of the differing techniques utilized by artists who work with paper, as shown by the five artists and their works displayed in the exhibit.

"The five artists invited for this exhibition are some of the most respected artists who are also papermakers in the U.S.," Frerichs said.

Frerichs had the privilege of being introduced to these five artists before the opening reception, becoming familiar with them and their work.

"Furthermore, they all engage the medium utilizing differing techniques and approaches to communicate their concepts . . . included in the exhibition are delicate watermarked kozo sheets, traditionally Korean handwoven paper ducks, dresses, stop-action animation, large scale pulp painting and sculptural pulp casting and intimate artist books," he said.

Aimee Lee, one of the artists showcased in the exhibit, explained the process of working with paper as an art medium. Lee begins by deciding whether to use premade paper, or to take a more "homemade" approach. This approach involves cutting down the plant,

harvesting and extracting the plant's usable parts.

"So you have acid-free paper and then you have to clean it, you have to beat it into a pulp, you have to add it to water and then sieve it through over a screen, and I do a mostly traditional Korean-style papermaking so it's a very specific way of moving a kind of . . . a certain kind of screen through the water [and then] there's a whole pressing and parting and drying process and then once you have the paper [you] can do something with that," she said.

Lee also described the process for her paper ducks that are on display at the exhibit.

"For the ducks I have to cut all the paper into strips and then turn the strips into rope, and then I have to do weaving, which is basketry . . . then I have to weave some of the rope [by un-plying] two-ply rope, and then I take one-ply [and twine it] around two-ply rope and I make these hollow structures so there's no armature or anything, I just build it as I go," she said.

For Lee, the inspiration of her ducks comes from the Korean tradition of wedding ducks, which were carved wooden ducks given as gifts that were painted to resemble Mandarin ducks known to mate for life as a way to encourage marital fidelity and fertility. Lee first was inspired to challenge herself after seeing a woven paper duck in a museum catalogue, as she found the duck's shape and its medium of paper compelling.

Although Lee finds

Both Lee and Frerichs hope those who visit the exhibit consider the diverse applications of paper as demonstrated in the pieces on display.

"These are all very important, but we also take it for granted, especially because of the inexpensive nature of that paper . . . I hope viewers get a glimpse of the history, tradition, sustainability and versatility of this fibrous medium," Frerichs said.

For those who are interested in checking

out the *Knowing Paper* exhibit, rest assured knowing you don't have to be an art expert in papermaking to grasp the pieces of the artists featured.

"This opening specifically is really easy to understand, [there's no hidden art theory] behind all the pieces, it's all about [the] visual impact and color and texture and how they relate. So it's like a really broad show for anybody without an art background — you don't have to be an artist to understand this art," said Leanna Harp, an art history and ceramics double major.

Works from five different artists are on display at the Marion Art Gallery. Bethany Clancy/Staff Photographer

The Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday between noon to 4 p.m. The *Knowing Paper: Five Contemporary Artists Using Paper as their Expressive Medium* runs from March 2 until April 8.

There will also be a workshop with one of the artists, Peter Sowiski, on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 231 in Rockefeller Arts Center. Space is limited for the workshop, but if you are interested in reserving a spot for the workshop, you can email Frerichs at timothy.frerichs@fredonia.edu.



Paper works under glass on display in Rockefeller. Bethany Clancy/Staff Photographer



inspiration from Korean and Western-style garments, she often finds creativity in other places.

"Sometimes it's like any kind of fashion design, you see something that's interesting, you try to replicate it . . . a framer who had hung a show of mine last year said, 'oh I saw this still from an Elvis movie' and he showed it to me and it was a woman wearing, like, a very 60s jacket [with] very geometric shapes and I just wanted to kind of, not replicate it exactly, but play with that idea," she said.

Fredonia defends their winning title at annual Intercollegiate Poetry Slam

MADELINE LITTLE

Special to the Leader

The Intercollegiate Poetry Slam is an annual event that started four years ago and is hosted by Pure Ink Poetry, located in Buffalo, N.Y.

Each year, the slam is hosted on a different college campus. In the past few years, the event has grown in size. The first year was hosted at the University at Buffalo where only two teams competed. Last year, it was hosted at the Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.), where Fredonia won the crown.

This year, the slam was hosted on our very own campus. The two MC's happened to be a part of Pure Ink Poetry. Brandon Williamson, admissions counselor here at Fredonia, who is a self-proclaimed "hat model" and personal journalist, and Bianca L. McGraw, "slam master" at Buffalo State College.

Three teams participated in this year's contest: UB Speaks from the University at Buffalo; Mental Graffiti from Buffalo State; and Poetic Perspectives from Fredonia.

The rules stated that all four rounds were accumulated, there were no props or music, and that even if an emergency interrupts the slam, you could not get your poem back. Five anonymous judges were picked from the audience, but "they couldn't be dating or swapping any form of bodily fluids with the competitors," said Williamson. The crowd giggled.

The winner would receive a trophy that Fredonia has held since last year's poetry slam. Fredonia was not going down without a fight.

The first poet to go was a "Sacrificial Poet." "GIVE ME BLOOD!" the crowd shouted. The sacrificial poet was a man named Chester Moist Muffins, a pen name for Williamson, who switched hats before he started his poem.

The poets gave their all each round. Judges scored each poet from a scale of 0.0 to 10.0. The highest and lowest score would be erased from all the scores. R.I.T. ended with a score of 100.2, UB with a 103.8 and Fredonia took the lead with a 105.9, resulting in their second consecutive win.

The scores were close throughout the whole slam.

"It seemed like each team was saving the best for last, but my favorite poet was Devin from

Fredonia because his [poem] focused on oppression, and he did it in such a unique way," said Jamelia Burton, a freshman liberal arts major.

"Overall, I think it was a good way for the poets to expose their inner feelings without being afraid, and for them to tell their stories," said Taylor Graham, a freshman communication sciences and disorders major. "My favorite poet was Kanard. I could sense that he was laying his heart on the line and he spoke with such conviction."

"A special shoutout goes to the Intercultural Center and Writers' Ring for sponsoring this annual event here at Fredonia," said Williamson, closing out the event.



Alissa Salem/Staff Illustrator

I'd App That: Daily Budget



BETHANY CLANCY
Staff Writer

The spring semester is in full swing, and everybody's holiday money from family members is running out. You're stuck scrambling up quarters in the couch cushions for this week's bar money, or for funds for a two slice at Maria's. How do you manage all this money, or lack there of, when you're trying to handle school work and a social life?

"Daily Budget" breaks down your funds for each day based on how much money you accumulate in a week. When you first download it, it has you put in how much money you receive on a daily, weekly, bi-weekly, etc., basis. Then you add in your "big spendings": holiday money, new clothing or a big present for someone. It separates them into "ongoing" and "future," so you can add a "savings" type of account. It'll tell you how much you have to save per day based on when the event is taking place.

For example, if you were to get a tattoo on May 18 and it'll cost \$120.00, you'll need to save \$1.58 a day. Saving money is an issue for a lot of college students, and seeing how much you have to save per day makes it a lot easier and much more manageable.

The "daily budget" page is divided into three sections: regular income, which can be changed; recurring expenses, which is divided into a series of sections including internet; rent, insurance, phone bills and so on; and your savings section.

The savings section allows you to put in a percentage of how much you want to save a month, then based on your funds applied in the other sections, it tells you how much you will be saving per day and per month. Based on all of these calculations it tells you how much money you can spend in a day.

Overall, this app is very organized and easy to use. There are bright colors on the screen and simple images make it easy to navigate and visually pleasing. It makes saving money and putting it aside for specific transactions a lot easier for those who have a hard time with money and reckless spending. This app gets 4 out of 5 stars.



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OPINION

From the Desk of Claire O'Reilly, Editor in Chief

I'm sitting at my kitchen table in Eisenhower 208B, my head is pounding and my stomach is so empty that I am in physical pain. My energy level is at zero, and I'm staring at a plate of chocolate cupcakes smothered in chocolate frosting.

After five minutes, I cave and reach for one, swallowing both the cupcake and my guilt.

This situation, unfortunately, was not a rare occurrence for me during the spring of my sophomore year in 2016. I frequently severely limited my calorie intake and I made many attempts to go a day or two without eating. I stopped going grocery shopping and tried to live on as little as possible for as long as possible. I rarely succeeded, almost always giving in.

I was in a constant battle with myself, wanting so desperately to lose weight and stay away from food, but also understanding that not eating was impossible and extremely unhealthy.

Body image and self-esteem is something that I have continuously struggled with over the years. When I was a gymnast, I constantly worried about whether or not my legs looked fat in my

leotards. I found that I worried about the same things when I began to competitively swim. I was only nine years old. These negative feelings about myself followed me through both middle school and high school, but deeply worsened once I got to Fredonia.

The year of the chocolate cupcake episode, I realized I had a problem. I hit the worst mental health rough patch of my life, and my weight became a source of deep anxiety. I found even just walking around campus to be taxing, and I would beat myself up with negative thought after negative thought all the way to class. A voice inside my head whispering "you look fat" over and over again never went away. I wanted to be invisible.

I secretly started to hate going out. I worried about what I was going to wear for hours before anyone was even thinking about getting ready. I never liked a single outfit that I tried on, but the thought of trying on my friends' clothes and having them not fit was too mortifying to even imagine.

I stopped eating before drinking alcohol because I was terrified of the extra calories. Obviously, this led to getting too drunk too quickly and waking up with many poor decisions to deal with, creating even more anxiety.

I was so miserable and I never talked about it. I didn't think I was allowed to say that I had a problem because I felt that I wasn't skinny enough to have an eating disorder.

During that semester, I made the decision to study abroad. This turned out to be the greatest decision of my life because I came back an entirely new person. I learned a lot about myself, and my weight stopped being the source of my unhappiness. I gained newfound confidence and started to love the person that I am.

I still have bad days, as everyone does. The nagging "you're not enough" voice still comes back, but I am now able to shut it up and focus on positives. I know that I am not "not enough," I am more than enough.

If you personally suffer from an eating disorder, help can be found at nedawareness.org.

Verbatim: "Under what circumstances should teachers be armed?"



Caitlyn Ellsworth, junior social work major

"I really don't agree with teachers being armed, I'm not really into the guns. I think there should be regulations, and I don't think arming teachers is going to help school shootings."



Sam Veglia, junior music education major

"I don't know if teachers should ever be armed, but I think there is some reasoning behind having law enforcement in schools to protect students and staff. I think that would be a viable option for a lot of places."



Michaela Monachino, sophomore communication major

"I don't think they should be armed with a gun."



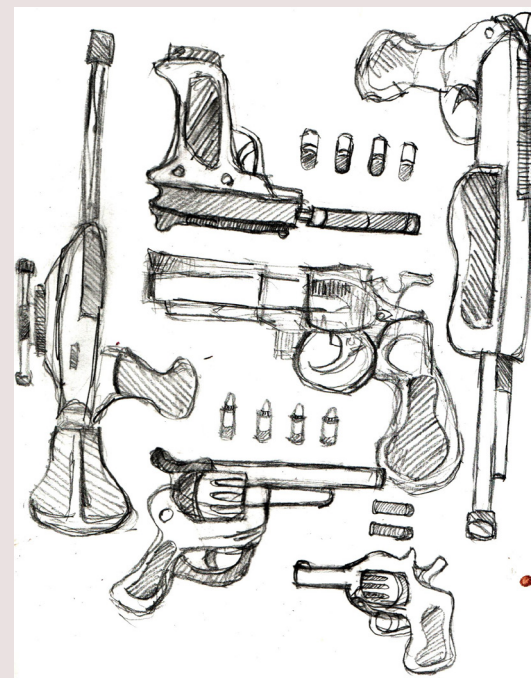
Taylor Reed, junior psychology major

"Definitely not how Trump is saying. I think they should be armed when — this is going to sound really bad — but maybe if they're in really bad neighborhoods that are known for crime. But other than that, I really don't think they should be armed. I really think that if you want to make schools safe, then you should put law enforcement in there or security and people who are actually trained."



Alana Geller, sophomore psychology major

"I don't really think that teachers should be armed at all, but maybe if the school that they're teaching at receives a threat the night before or something, then they should have something that could protect the students, but other than that I think security guards and metal detectors should be used in the schools."



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SPORTS

Blue Devils fall hard to Geneseo

AIDAN POLLARD

Staff Writer

That was a long 60 minutes.

Fredonia hockey suffered a 7-1 loss to the Geneseo Ice Knights on Saturday night. Fredonia's loss cost them both the SUNYAC title and the NCAA tournament bid that comes with winning the championship.

The Blue Devils let up four goals in the first 12 minutes of play at Geneseo's Ira S. Wilson Ice Arena.

Fredonia senior Sam Wilbur scored 15 minutes into the first period during a four-on-four play after penalties were drawn by both the Blue Devils and the Ice Knights.

Fredonia's only goal was scored during one of 26 minutes worth of penalties given throughout the game. Fredonia suffered seven two-minute minor penalties.

Tanner Salsbury of Geneseo alone served six penalty minutes during the game.

The high number of penalties proved beneficial to Geneseo far more than it did to

respond in any way. Geneseo played aggressive and dominant hockey. Geneseo was able to dominate whenever they were on the power play, as well as shut Fredonia down during any and every man advantage that they were given.

Geneseo closed out the contest with a goal early in the third period scored by captain Pat Condon, his second of the game.

After that, the game started to move fairly smoothly and mercifully. It was unlikely that Fredonia, or any team for that matter, would be able to come back from a six-goal deficit.



The Blue Devils face off against Geneseo during the championship game.

Photo courtesy of Aidan Pollard.

Geneseo's first goal was on a power play during which Fredonia looked, and acted, helpless. Fredonia spent about one minute of play passing in the offensive zone without any interruption and, as soon, as Geneseo had a good line of sight, they shot and scored.

The first goal of the game was scored by defenseman Mitch Ferguson of Geneseo. Geneseo had their foot on Fredonia's throat for the entirety of that power play, foreshadowing how the rest of the game would play out.

It wasn't until three Ice Knights' goals, and a Fredonia goalie change later on, that Fredonia scored their only response.

the Blue Devils. Four of the Ice Knights' goals were scored during penalty minutes, with two of those goals on the power play.

There was a significant slowdown after the first period bombardment by Geneseo. The Ice Knights' shot count went from 16 to eight in the first and second periods, respectively.

In the 48 minutes that Fredonia's Eric Bogart was in net, he saw 27 shots and let up three goals. In the first 11 minutes of the game where Anton Rosen was goaltending, he let up four of 14 shots.

Even after Geneseo slowed their offense after the first period, Fredonia had no room to

Geneseo spent the third period focusing on strong defensive hockey and keeping their SUNYAC title secure.

Barring this loss, Fredonia played a very strong season of hockey. The Blue Devils rallied hard to make it into the SUNYAC tournament and ended up upsetting one of the best teams in the nation for a shot at the title.

Fredonia hockey, as well as the whole Fredonia campus, should be extremely proud.

Fredonia Softball is in full swing

CASSIDY HERMAN

Special to The Leader

After weeks of practice, the Fredonia softball team is finally ready to get their season rolling. On Thursday, March 8, the softball team will be on an 11-hour bus ride to play four games in the Virginia Beach Tournament. From Virginia, they will fly off to Florida to play 12 more games.

"I'm really excited to go down and play, but I don't really know what to expect. I think as a whole we will play well, but we will also figure out what we need to work on. Virginia Beach and Florida will definitely help us get ready for the regular season," said freshman outfielder Sydney Merkley.

The team takes this trip to play teams from all over the state that have finished high in their divisions. This trip prepares the team for the upcoming season.

The returners said that this 13-day trip is also an eye-opener for Merkley because Virginia and Florida are "fast-paced" and they play a lot of games down there. They also added that college softball is a much different competition level from high school. This trip really shows that.

The team consists of two seniors, two juniors,

two sophomores and 11 freshmen. With all of the new talent that came in this year, the team is hopeful.

"We are a really young team, but we have each position filled with a talented player so I don't think age will be an issue. The one thing we continuously work on is communication because we haven't all played together for that long. Even as a freshman, I feel like that aspect has improved tremendously from the first day of practice to now," said freshman outfielder Megan Maull.

"Since our team is so young, it has definitely been a different dynamic," said senior first baseman Katelyn Dennis. "It's been really important for the upperclassmen to teach and encourage the freshmen. On the other hand, the underclassmen have had to adapt quickly and commit to our culture. Overall, with our hard work and all of our time and effort we've been putting in to prepare, I think we will be ready to compete when we leave for our trip."

The returners explained that they all have good feelings about this team. According to them, a lot of new faces with a lot of talent was just what this team needed.

The head coach, Tony Ciccarello, preaches

that his teams need to "play with passion," and that is exactly what these players intend on doing in Virginia, Florida and throughout the whole season.

"I feel like a big part of this trip is traveling together and becoming closer, not only as a team but as friends too. It is really important to be close as friends, so we can bring those friendships on the field," sophomore pitcher Samantha Seegar said. "This team is already pretty tightly knit, but we always come back closer as friends after."

Once the team returns home from Virginia Beach and Florida, the season is in full swing. The team will go up against ten teams in their conference, along with three non-conference teams.

"As a team, I think we have come a long way from the first day of practice," said Eva FitzSimmons, freshman catcher. "We are starting to act and play more as a whole as opposed to for ourselves. From what the upperclassmen have told me, we always come back closer as a team. I am really looking forward to being even closer with my teammates than I am now."

Hayley Patterson/Staff Illustrator



The baseball field located on Ring Road. Cassidy Herman/Special to The Leader

Viewership of the Winter Olympics vs. the Summer Olympics

Which would you rather watch?



AVRIL KING

Social Media Manager and
Assistant Sports Editor

Once again, another round of the Winter Olympics has come to a close. But, regardless of the fact that it was the first year the games were aired on broadcast, cable and even streaming, these Olympics were the least watched in modern history.

According to numbers from NBC and NBC Sports, the most popular broadcasters of the Olympics, the competition in PyeongChang gained an average viewership of 19.8 million viewers. This is compared to the Sochi Olympics held in 2014, which got an average viewership of 21.3 million.

This is not entirely surprising. According to CNN, numbers have been down for sports competitions in the last few years, claiming that ratings for both the NFL and the Summer Olympics in Rio had dropped.

The fact of the matter is, though, the Summer Olympics have historically been more popular than the Winter Olympics. Despite the lower ratings, Rio still earned an average of 27.5 million viewers.

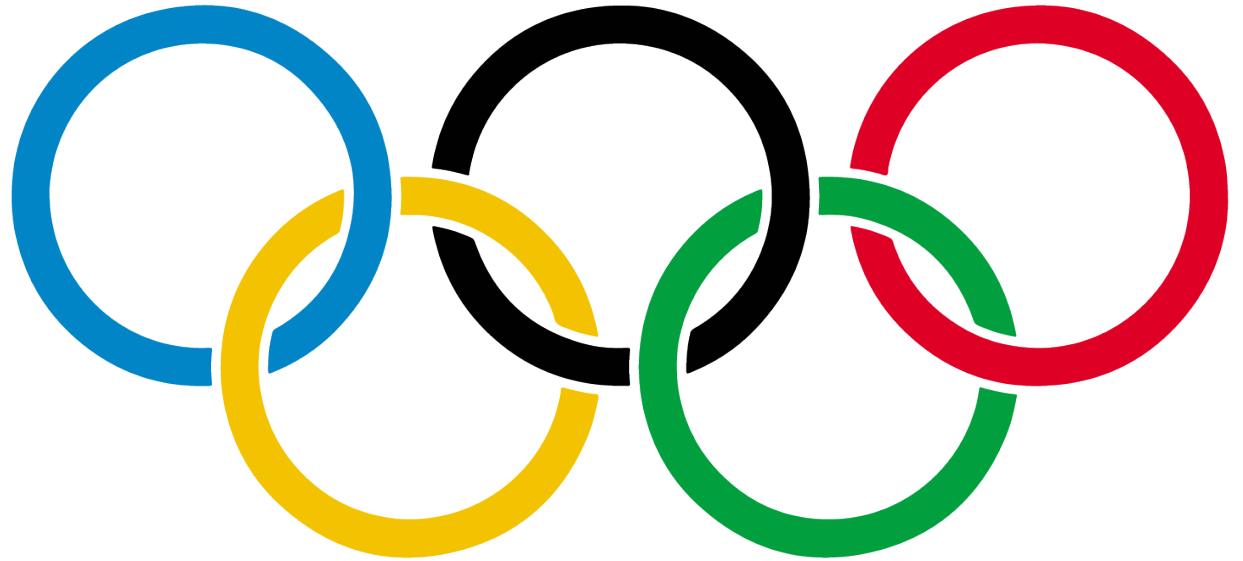
The real question is: why?

First off, the decline could be attributed to the greater diversity and options that the Summer Olympics offer.

Individuals enjoy choosing between the 306 medal events in the Summer Olympics, jumping from one sport to the next. This is compared to the Winter Olympics' 102 medal events, which leaves viewers stuck watching whatever happens to be playing at a particular time.

Jamie Young, a member of Fredonia's men's hockey team and senior double major in finance and political science, could see the logic in this argument.

"It always seems like the same sports are constantly being played and featured," he said. "While I don't mind watching luge every night of the week, I think many people get bored of that pretty quick, and I think this is where the Summer Olympics really excels; it has a big diversity of events. I always feel like I am watching something new every night during those two weeks of Summer Olympics."



Official logo of the International Olympic Committee.

Bailey Gauthier, a senior sports management major and member of Fredonia's men's baseball team, thinks it has to do with personal experiences.

"I think the Winter Olympics just [has] sports that are more recreational to people rather than a competition," he said. "Not many people have the talent or knowledge about these sports because they aren't too big, especially in the U.S., in terms of having a high school or college or even professional level. Summer just has more sports that people can relate to."

Hallie Christopher, senior music industry major and member of the women's volleyball team agreed, saying people tend to pay attention to sports on the professional level that they themselves are involved in.

"I believe there is a connection between the sports people play and what they watch," she said. "For me, I am more interested in watching volleyball because I know what hard work goes into each movement and the mental process behind everything as well."

However, Young saw this differently when looking at professional sports in general.

"I think there is a slight connection [between the sports people play and the sports they watch], but nothing major," he said. "I know plenty of people who have never really skated much in their life who are still huge hockey fans. And even

for myself, I only played football for two seasons growing up, but football is one of my favorite sports to watch."

He did concede, though, that relatability does play a factor in the Olympics.

"While athletes like Chloe Kim and Adam Rippon are certainly unbelievable athletes and compelling figures, people just have a harder time connecting with them because they have never [been] on ice or been on a halfpipe," he said.

Of these three athletes, Gauthier and Christopher admitted to not watching the Winter Olympics very much. However, this cannot be attributed entirely to their lack of interest in winter sports, considering Gauthier mentioned he would have watched more if he had cable at his house.

Young, on the other hand, tried to watch "every weeknight or every other night," as he does "with every Olympics."

Therefore, viewership of the Winter Olympics in America could be higher if American schools placed less of an emphasis on swimming, track and other sports typically associated with the Summer Olympics.

For now, though, Americans will look forward to the summer of 2020 as their favorite athletes head to Tokyo.

Senior Damone Brown is looking to qualify for nationals in shot put



QUINTIN JAMES
Assistant Sports Editor

During the SUNYAC conference championship meet in Brockport, senior Damone Brown won the indoor shot put title and put himself closer to qualifying for the national meet for shot put next month.

His winning throw of 15.93 meters, 3 ¼ inches is a personal best for Brown and placed him 23rd among NCAA Division III Men's Indoor Track and Field participants.

The top 15 make it to the national competition next month, but this accomplishment was one that meant a lot to Brown.

In talking with Brown recently, he knows there's still work to do, but this is a sign that all of his hard work is starting to pay off.

"It felt great to win at Brockport. It was a SUNYAC championship and I've been training hard, so this is definitely a confidence booster," said Brown.

He stressed the importance of what qualifying for nationals would mean to him, and he mentioned the key to success is to not change anything.

"Just focusing on my technique and not changing it. I have to stay out of my own head. It's time to work and I know what I got to do," he said.

Brown pointed to a change of technique last year as one of the main keys to his improvement from junior year. Besides changing his technique

a little, Brown's pregame routine stays the same.

"The night before, I like to go to bed early after looking at my own tapes to see what I can improve on," he said. "I also watch Olympians throw as well."

The combination of watching tapes of elite shot putters throwing, and looking at his own tapes to see what he can improve on, is his recipe for success.

Brown said he got emotional after the meet when realizing that his hard work was

paying off.

"Things definitely got emotional on the podium. I worked really hard to get here and it took a lot of patience," he said. "I never really won meets in high school, so this win was huge."

Brown beat out seven

Brockport participants

to earn the victory, which was another accomplishment in its own right.

The mission is nationals and the work continues for him to qualify, but this victory by Brown at Brockport was something he won't forget for a long time.

"Things definitely got emotional on the podium. I worked really hard to get here and it took a lot of patience," Damone Brown said. "I never really won meets in high school, so this win was huge!"



Student athlete Damone Brown recently won the SUNYAC indoor shot put title at the conference championship meet in Brockport. Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor

Sabres trade Evander Kane, but did they get enough in return?

COLIN HART

Special to The Leader

Rebuilding is a long, agonizing process for all involved, especially the fans.

#TrustTheProcess worked wonders for the Buffalo Bills, yet the Buffalo Sabres remain frozen in a state of limbo, despite Jack Eichel being one of the most promising young players in the league.

With the Sabres once again at the bottom of the standings, general manager Jason Botterill traded 26-year-old Evander Kane — who was set to become an unrestricted free agent after the season — to the San Jose Sharks at the deadline in exchange for forward prospect Dan O'Regan

and two conditional picks.

Kane is no doubt a skilled asset. He had two assists in his debut with the Sharks, and now, for the first time in his career, he is on a team with real Stanley Cup aspirations.

But could the Sabres have gotten more in return?

Kane was a polarizing player during his two-and-a-half year tenure in Buffalo. He consistently caused distractions off the ice, and perhaps this is why Botterill was unable to sell high at the deadline.

O'Regan is the reigning AHL Rookie of the Year and could turn into a fine complimentary player when he eventually gets called up from the Rochester Americans. He was also on the same line as Eichel and Evan Rodrigues while

at Boston University, which may lead to good chemistry down the road.

Meanwhile, the two draft picks that the Sabres received are far from a sure thing.

Buffalo will receive San Jose's 2019 first-rounder only if Kane re-signs with the Sharks. If not, the pick becomes a second-rounder. As of now, this seems like a real bargain for San Jose, who also gave up a fourth-round pick in 2020 as part of the deal.

With less than 20 games remaining on the schedule, the Sabres should be in all-out tank mode. Head coach Phil Housley should take a note from the Bills' Sean McDermott, since nothing can get a fanbase excited about a rebuild like a good hashtag.

Attention Juniors!

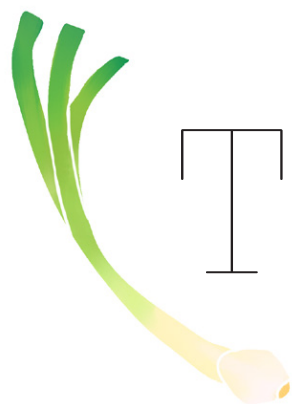
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Conservative Arts and Sciences: A new hope

PATRICK BENNETT

Staff Scallywag

In a daring move by the Fredonia Student Recruitment Office, there is a newly established degree students can pursue. Starting next year, incoming students will have their choice between the old and boring Bachelor of Liberal Arts & Sciences, or the new and refreshing Bachelor of Conservative Arts & Sciences. The Recruitment Office had much to say about the degree's introduction.

"My own daughter, Esmerelda, bless her soul, got her Liberal Arts degree around 10 years ago. Can you believe where she's at now? My couch. That's where. After seeing in the news that other universities graduates had better success pursuing a conservative degree, I thought it'd be best for students to have another option on campus. Plus, it could diversify the population," Margarita S. Ondeck said.

While the degree yielded positive results in southern states such as Missouri and Kentucky, other northern schools had trouble adapting to the requirements of the degree. Ophelius Zaminsky, who sounded hella chill, decided to reach out to The Scallion to voice his concerns over the phone.

"Brother, this new degree is total trash. Honestly, if you want your campus to turn into a literal giant spittoon, then be my guest. My girlfriend started putting in hog's legs last week and we just had to break up. I admired her resilience and hardwork in trying to get her conservative degree, but man, enough is enough," the chillaxed Zaminsky from a northern New York university said.

While Zaminsky was concerned about his girlfriend's smokeless tobacco use, looking at the class requirements for the degree brought

up a whirlwind of new concerns.

For instance, every class is only available at 9 a.m. Students who wish to partake in three day weekend benders will be displeased to rise the following Monday.

Instead of a simple and elegant pottery course to make plates and mugs, the course will be designed for students to build their own personal spittoons, regardless if they chew dipping tobacco or not.

Finally, one of the most alarming sections of the degree completion was the Get In a Fist Fight With Your Own Grandmother At the Dinner Table Over Political Viewpoints requirement. In this requirement, students must instigate their very own grandmothers into a full blown fist fight at the dinner table. Whoever wins is dependent on who is the better fighter.

Most members of the Fredonia collegiate community were outraged to hear about the requirements of the Conservative degree. Once people heard about the requirements, they took it to Twitter to get Fredonia to reverse their decision. The results were a success. The horrid idea of a Bachelor of Conservative Arts & Sciences degree was shot down. People roared and there is a scheduled riot to be held at the local Denny's restaurant next month.



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Staff Scallywag

He's armed, he's ready to fire — and he's teaching your children from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Meet Mr. Gunderson.

Gunderson is a kindergarden teacher at Fredonia Elementary School.

After recent events in America, Trump and his following have decided to arm all teachers K-12 in order to protect them against school shooters.

"That's one way to go about it," Thomas Smith, a parent of a Fredonia Elementary School student, said.

Mr. Gunderson is particularly excited about this new aspect of his job.

"I look forward to holding down the fort," Gunderson said after

his seventh beer on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon. "It helps get rid of the shakes, you know?" he said after a hardy swallow.

Mr. Gunderson has never seen a gun in his life. This may be due to the fact that he's almost completely blind. He wears half-inch thick bifocals every day to correct this issue . . . when he remembers them.

"I've heard them in the movies before. They sound very effective," he said.

Don't let that worry you, though. All teachers will go through a mandatory three-hour gun safety course. It will be held for all Fredonia school district teachers the first Sunday of the month at 8 p.m.

"I'm excited to finally have control over my classroom," Gunderson said. "I want to bring a new meaning to the term 'learning target.'"

He hopes his hard work and protection doesn't go unnoticed.

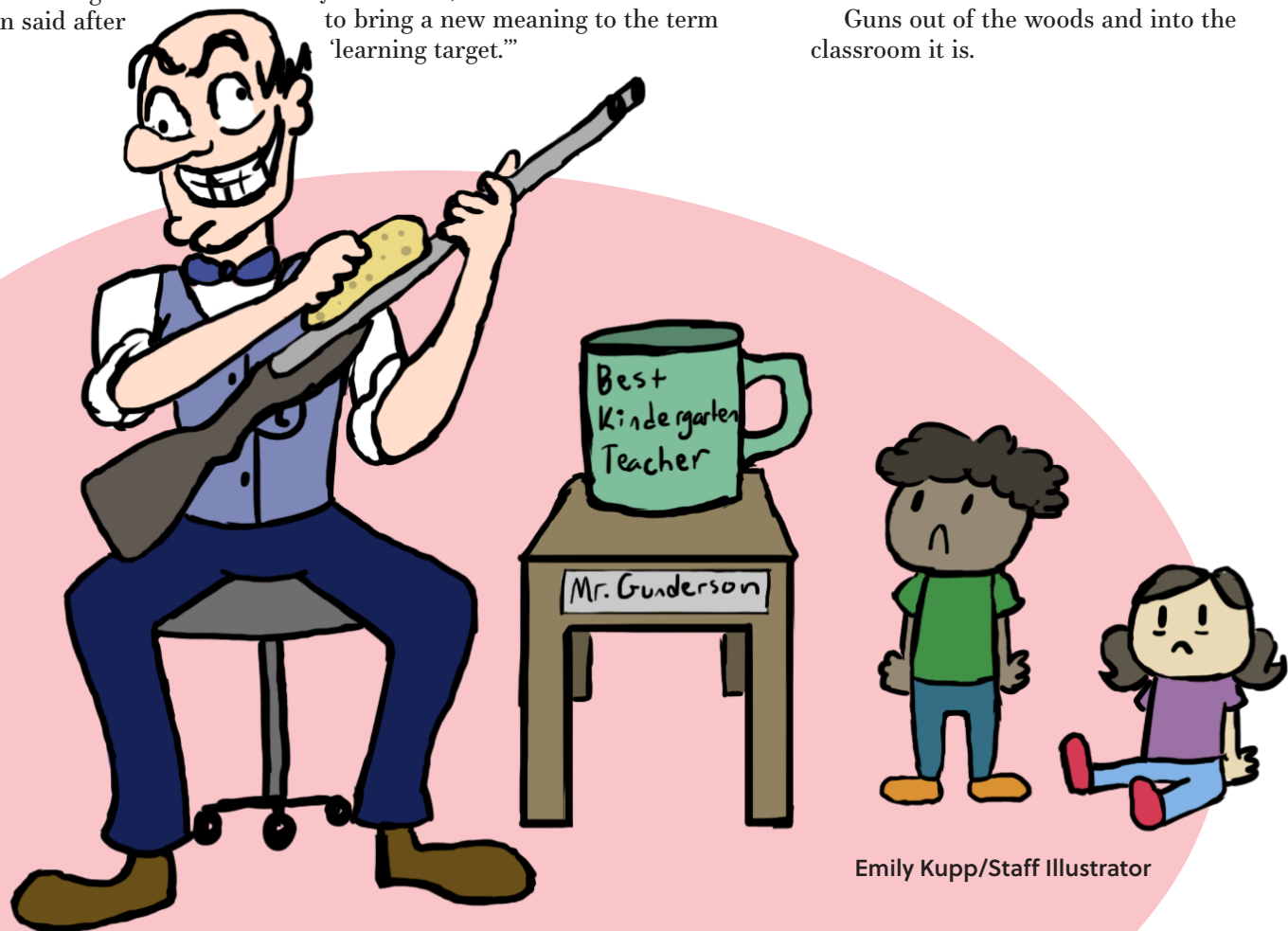
"I hope I get promoted to holding an RPG," he said.

He thinks that it will help in the classroom in more ways than one.

"I mean, besides protection, I'm sure the kiddies will be scared into doing their homework while there's a gun in the classroom. Not that I would ever threaten them, but it's the implications, you know?" he said. "It's just an added bonus," he continued.

"Getting guns in the classroom has got to be the best decision we've made as a country," Roger Austin, a Trump supporter, said. He does not have kids but ensures he cares very much about them and the United States' future.

Guns out of the woods and into the classroom it is.



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Donald Trump is lava because he is literally “untouchable”

JACKIE SPIEZIA

Staff Scallywag

When Donald Trump decided to run for president, many people began waiting for him to trip on the thin ice he had already been skating on. That entertaining spectacle, however, has yet to happen.

Although it was originally thought improbable that he would actually become president, people also thought that the integrity of the representative of our country mattered. But really, why should it? Who cares about the reputation of the U.S.?

Donald Trump told reporters that he “thinks the U.S. sucks.” When he was subsequently questioned whether or not he loved this country, his secretary sent out a defense, “He loves how the U.S. sucks up so many resources.”

One time, Trump called one of his female employees “thick.” Although it was clearly intended in a sexual way, his supporters decided that it was actually just meant that the woman had “thick blood coursing through her veins.”

Never have so many new terms been added to the Oxford Dictionary. In fact, Trump is so proud that he has created a new culture that “beats around the bush.” Although, his supporters claim that that saying isn’t sexual either. Wait — I didn’t think it was sexual either until just now. Yikes.

Concerned parents should be worried about the lingo Trump is using and how it is affecting their children, but instead they too are somehow unable to see color on the coloring book pages. In fact, his vocabulary is littered with filthy words like “illegals” and “shitholes,” neither of which should be used in classrooms.

One child asked his father, “If Trump says it, then why can’t I?” Instead of saying “no” because it is inappropriate, like any sane human being would, his father

instead said, “Oh Trump said that. Okay, you can officially say that now.” When we asked for a comment from the father, he said, “I just say the words that Trump says.”

“Do you even know the implications of what they mean?” we asked the father.

“No. Should I?” he asked sarcastically, and then chuckled.

We decided to see how Trump’s lingo was affecting the population. Statistics show that everyone’s expectations of how a president should act have been severely lowered, and therefore we are in danger of corruption. In fact, one man recently tried touching Trump, and instantly died.

We are issuing a warning: be weary of Trump. You wouldn’t want to touch the lava that he is. In fact, we really are curious as to when he’s going to sink through that ice, especially since he keeps burning up reason. Stay tuned as we find out more.



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Monday, Feb. 26, 2018

A student took a nasty spill while walking through a puddle. UP arrested the water in question and the judicial officer sent a statement saying action would be taken, heavily implying expulsion might be the end result. The case has since been frozen.

A girl was ticketed for an open container on campus. When asked for a statement she said, "It's Friday night somewhere, right?"

Tuesday, Feb 27, 2018

One student was caught smoking on campus. Daren the D.A.R.E. lion fell from the sky and drop kicked the student unconscious. Before leaving, multiple witnesses reported him saying, "I am sick of all of you lying little shits." An investigation is still underway.

Wednesday, Feb 28, 2018

An unattended backpack was found in University Commons. Upon further investigation, UP found it to be full of smaller backpack purses which were all filled with

even smaller backpacks. UP is still unpacking bags, although some have been found to only contain a single chocolate candy bar.

Thursday, March 1, 2018

A contrabass tuba was politely speaking in a higher register to his conductor. However, two hours later, the tuba was arrested after being found speaking in a pedal tone, which the conductor referred to as "Unfathomable. I didn't know what he was trying to tell me, and he was rumbling all the while."

Wildlife was seen fleeing south in unusually large groups, with foxes giving rabbits and squirrels a ride on their back as they migrated. The cause is still unknown.

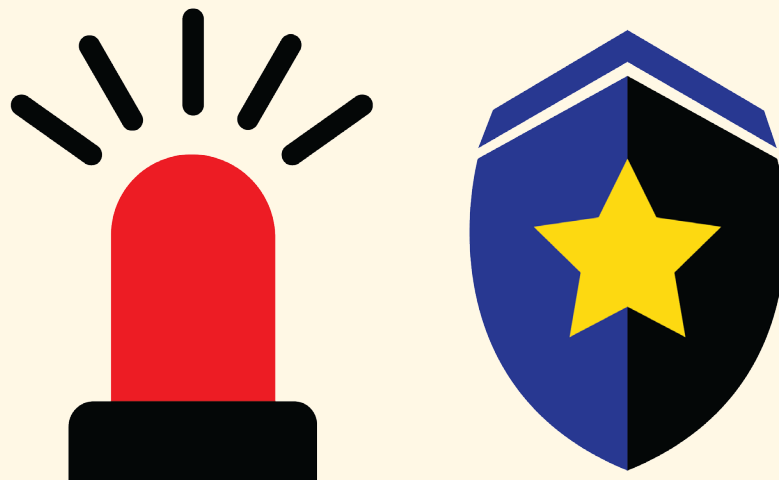
Friday, March 2, 2018

A box of coconuts was stolen from Cranston Marche, which surprisingly had coconuts even though we are in a temperate zone. Horse clops could be heard throughout campus, and a strange scent of elderberries could be smelled. The thieves have yet to be found.

UP was called on the trees in front of the science center after multiple attempts from various students to build a snowman resulted in the immediate breaking of a branch directly overhead and the snowman being destroyed. UP came to the conclusion that "the campus must not like snowmen." A new investigation is underway in conjunction with the science department to determine if the Fredonia campus is indeed a sentient being or not.

Saturday, March 3, 2018

A hot dog was found on a table in the Williams Center. The Westminster Kennel Club came to determine that the dog was not actually "hot."



Elizabeth Levengood/Staff Illustrator