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**S.L. FULLER**
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Not even the rain could keep people away from the barbecue. People filled the picnic tables that were set up outside under tents to enjoy the different food vendors. While the weather wasn’t as nice as last year, there was no shortage of people at Spectrum’s Fred Fest this past Saturday.

“There were a lot of people inside,” said junior biology major and president of Spectrum Ali Drake. “And then when [Dinosaur Bar-B-Que] started serving, there were lines wrapped around heading into the [next] parking lot.”

This year, the event was held in Steele Hall due to the weather. Even though there was a change in location, there was still plenty to enjoy. Besides the barbecue, there were long lines for caricatures, the photo booth and the bounce house obstacle course called “Chaos.”

Senior early childhood education major Jennifer Santiago was one of many people who waited in the long line for caricatures.

“I was in [the line] since I got here,” she said. “It was worth it.”

Many people could also be seen donning a “Fred Fest ‘14” hat that Spectrum was giving away at the door or carrying around an animal that was made at the Stuff-A-Bear station.

“I think it is going really well actually,” said Drake during the brief interview she gave as she was busy running around at the event. “Maybe [Fred Fest] was hurt a little by the weather, but I know we sold over our ticket amount. We sold around 1,700.”

The other on-campus events that went on Fred Fest weekend were successful, especially the late-night breakfast held at Center Point. Even though the events were not well-attended, the students that participated enjoyed themselves greatly.

“I’ve been very impressed with the on-campus events for Fred Fest the past couple of years,” said Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Herman. As for the activity downtown, Herman was less impressed.

Chief of University Police Ann Burns has been through 33 Fred Festivals. While acknowledging that the extended on-campus events must have helped decrease the chaos downtown somewhat, Burns says there really was no noticeable decrease.

“I think people who came to on-campus Fred Fest events were happy and having fun and there were no issues,” said Burns. “It’s the after-parties that were the problem.”

Burns and Herman both mentioned how the downtown activity actually seemed to be worse than last year. At the end of the weekend, there were 28 arrests and 46 charges on campus which Burns noted was not a significant amount in relation to other Fred Fest. Out of those arrests, only six were SUNY Fredonia students.

“The perception is that we can control all student behavior and that we should keep students on campus and the village would be fine. The problem is that half of our students live in the village,” said Herman. “We get blamed for whatever happens with Fred Fest as an institution. And when students put things out there online, it influences the way people think about us.”

Both the University Police Department and the Village of Fredonia Police Department worked tirelessly throughout the whole weekend. Herman and Burns noted how the activity last Friday night was especially chaotic. But even so, Burns said she was happy with the way the police handled everything.

“The one thing that I was really so proud of was the way the police conducted themselves. They did an incredible job,” said Burns. “If you let [a situation] get out of control, it could turn it into a riot.”

It’s unclear what the future holds for Fred Fest. Herman said that it will have to keep evolving until a significant change occurs with house parties and the downtown situation. But the use of social media is making it extremely difficult.

“The administration is pretty disappointed in what happened downtown,” said Herman. “We’re very happy about what went on on-campus and we wish more students would have stayed to participate.”

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**REBECCA HALE**
Staff Writer

The new and exciting FREDstock Music Festival 14, that was scheduled over Fred Fest weekend, didn’t exactly go as planned. Although over 800 people had agreed to attend on Facebook, the crowds were small due to various reasons, and the event, originally scheduled for Willow Creek Winery, was canceled Saturday. Festivities resumed at The Jungle later that day.

Jess LaBella, a sophomore journalism major and bassist for Albert the Fish said, “I just went to play.”

Albert the Fish played their set on Saturday afternoon, from 1:20 until 2:00 p.m.

“When we first got there, there was no crowd,” LaBella said. “It filled up; we got maybe 25 people in the crowd by the end of our set. They were energetic though; they were into it, so that was cool.”

However, despite the conditions, the bands sounded great, and they played the same as if there were 800 people in the crowd.

“I have to commend the sound people, because they were prepared [for the rain]. The sound quality was excellent,” said LaBella. On Friday, things ran smoothly, although the event did not attract the desired masses. However, Saturday, FREDstock fell apart. Around 5 p.m., the rain began to pour down, and gusts of strong wind ripped through the pavilion. People were holding on to their chairs, and the art vendors struggled to keep their work from blowing away.

Luckily, The Chronic Collective was playing at the time underneath the covered stage, so they continued their set. After they finished, it was still raining hard, so everyone headed for cover under the pavilion to hang out and play “Vrt Pong,” a new version of beer pong where the cups are set up on a vertical board.

Forty minutes later, the rain had stopped, and the sun came out, but several people informed the crowd that the equipment was being moved to The Jungle, the house of Matt Mincin, inventor and organizer of FREDstock, where bands play frequently. The concert-goers were confused, because it was sunny and beautiful; why should they be leaving? Nevertheless, they were ushered onto the bus to be taken back to Barker Commons.

At The Jungle, FREDstock continued, but headliner Sophistafunk canceled its set due to insufficient funding.

Jack Hodgens, a junior theatre major who lives at The Jungle, explained, “We couldn’t charge people at our house because of legalities, so it was free, and then people wanted refunds, but it was [still] a great turnout.

“The bands were amazing, and super talented, and everybody was dancing around, enjoying the music, especially at my house. It was completely packed inside and outside, shoulder to shoulder.”

The original idea was to have FREDstock at The Jungle, but because they were strongly advised not to by administration and community members, it was first going to be held at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, and then at the winery.

Also, because of the low ticket sales, FREDstock wasn’t able to pay Sophistafunk what they had been promised. There was also the discrepancy over refunds and rebates for tickets.

Some students paid $20 for tickets they had bought online, but were refused their $5 rebate at the door. Others were angry that the festival was rained out — and wanted refunds.

The vendors were also upset at the turnout, and this was another reason why refunds couldn’t be given. The costs of FREDstock outweighed the revenue, due to the costs of the venue, vendors, bands and other expenditures that had already been paid for.

There was much speculation as to why FREDstock wasn’t as popular as expected.

“People choose what they know, and since FREDstock is new, most people won’t do it,” he said.

However, Hodgens continued, “We can’t just stop now. I know Matt won’t stop here. I think next year has a stronger possibility of being more successful, and also if we moved it to the weekend before Fred Fest, it would definitely be more beneficial, if it wasn’t an ultimatum [between the two].”

“It think it could be really huge,” LaBella said. “There are definitely some things that need to be tweaked, but FREDstock could become a huge part of the annual Fredonia Festival. It’s a change of scene for people, and I think there are a lot of factors that made it not as big as it could be.”

Still, out of all the hard work put into creating FREDstock, something new was born, and there’s room for improvement in the following years.

“I don’t think [Mincin] failed, because he tried his best. That’s the way I look at it,” said Hodgens. “He worked so hard at this; he dedicated everything to it. That motivation is inspirational, so I think it was a success, because it made an impression.”
CARL LAM
Senior Staff Writer

It's a week of many lasts around campus and in this last edition of Adjunct Spotlight, I wanted to feature an adjunct professor who undoubtedly changed my college career. I've had 51 professors during my time at Fredonia, and there's one that's been with me since my first day on campus that sticks in my mind.

Dr. JiHyun Woo, a native of South Korea, is an adjunct professor of music theory within the School of Music and has been here since the fall of 2008. She's a decorated scholar in various fields of music and holds five degrees.

She earned her bachelor's degree in composition from Seoul Yangmyung Women's University in Seoul, Korea. The big twist in all of this is that Woo had no formal training on any musical instruments before she began her studies in composition.

"The one thing is that I like music and I really wanted to study music when I was [a] child but I had no chance. Our education system is not like this country [is]. I saw the map and Buffalo is the farthest place from my country and I just picked it," Woo said.

She had previously travelled to New York City and knew of Niagara Falls and she took a chance on moving to the Queen City.

"I came to America with my two sons. I had no intentions to stay at all and I just wanted to be free and relax because everything was crazy in my country," she said. "Then, I fell in love with this country and I wanted to stay here."

While she wanted to stay in the United States with her children, she realized there was one challenge that she had to overcome.

"I realized the only way I can stay here is to be a citizen and I had no intention to study Ph.D. but after my masters, I really wanted to stay here," Woo said.

She went ahead and earned two separate master's degrees in composition and music theory along with a Ph.D. in music theory, which are all from the University at Buffalo.

By moving to Buffalo, Woo felt a sense of inspiration to compose a piece about her new home. The composition was premiered at the College Music Society International Conference in Seoul.

"My first composition in Buffalo, the title is 'Buffalo and Me,' because I feel a connection in this music," she said.

With no formal training on any instrument, Woo started to learn piano at age 21 and was presented with an opportunity at a place where she felt at peace.

"Then [in Buffalo], I had a chance to work at a Korean church and at that time I was a pianist. Some elders donated an organ at church, so I needed to study organ," she said.

Woo wasn't done overcoming the odds. She was so committed to her studies on the organ that she practiced regularly at a time when most students were still fast asleep.

"I practiced everyday [for] at least two to three hours and at that time I was writing my dissertation, so I had to go to work. The only time I could make it was in the early morning and so I went to Shea Hall at UB and I had to practice from 6 to 8 a.m.," Woo said.

This drive to improve on the organ led Woo earning her master's degree in organ performance.

"Performance is not my thing. Even when I had the performance [recital] for the master's degree, I had stage fright," Woo said. "The last time I performed was with Dr. Seigel and he made me feel so comfortable. Now, I think I can get rid of that sign with this master's degree changed my character and my life!"

Woo regularly teaches a course load ranging from three to five classes and finds these days to serve as the music director at the First United Presbyterian Church in Dunkirk.

"My congregation supports me a lot and my pastor is a big supporter of me. Fredonia is a really small place and after school, I need some place to go. That place for me is church and whenever I have a hard time or feel lonely, I go to church and find my peace there," she said.

As someone who has taught in Korea and the United States, she enjoys the atmosphere here much more.

"In Korea, we have a proverb that students shouldn't even dare to keep on the shadow of a teacher. The teacher's authority is absolute and students should use the honorific language to teachers," Woo said. "But here, it is more open between professor and student. I do like America's education system better because everything is fair and equal."

Overall, she finds teaching to be a rewarding profession and also something that is part of her God-given mission.

"I do care about students like my family and I do like the environment here. Usually at the end of the semester, I get a lot of email from my previous students [about] their successful career or entering the graduate school. And then whenever I get that letter, I feel like I'm getting ok! I find teaching worthwhile and I really do like coming here," she said.

One of Woo's colleagues, Dr. Gordon Root, associate professor of music theory, is impressed by her commitment to students.

"She's very encouraging and nurturing toward her students, always think of the encouraging things that she gives her students," Root said.

What Root is alluding to is Woo's moral that she's incorporated in all of her classes toward the end of the semester.

"My moral is NGU DYB NII, which stands for never give up, do your best and nothing is impossible. I have a sign with this moral on my desk and I see it [when I wake up]," Woo said. "I think about the moral all the time and I always have a big smile, and long-term goals."

Root also mentioned her strengths as a musician, which ultimately help her as a professor of music theory.

"I don't know many people who have a Ph.D. in theory and separate master's degrees in something like organ performance. It happens but it's not entirely common that somebody has that combination," he said.

Seigel, an associate professor of clarinet, recorded a CD with Woo and released the collection on the Emedia label.

"Her recording was her brainchild and she had this vision of wanting to do a clarinet and organ CD. I think it was really interesting because that combination of instruments is not very common. It was, essentially, an odd combination," Seigel said.

For me personally, Woo has been one of the greatest professors during my entire college career. Her journey to the United States wasn't easy but it is completely inspiring and motivating. She would come into class every morning with a smile on her face and was always ready to teach.

She pushed my musical abilities further than I could have ever imagined. This school needs more professors like Woo, who expect a lot from their students but also find the time to be of assistance when necessary. She imparts so much knowledge on her students, which is more than any textbook can ever provide you with.

As someone who traveled thousands of miles to be where she is today, Woo sticks to her moral that she believes in.

"The challenging thing is that everything is really difficult but all my life, I've had luck and I've had to work so hard. But in the end, if I work hard, I can achieve my goals," Woo said.

"The only secret is that I did my best, I never gave up and it happened."
With Commencement quickly approaching, seniors will soon say goodbye to Fredonia. But before departing, some will be awarded for their accomplishments. Carl Lam, senior music, journalism and audio/radio production major, has been awarded the Lanford Presidential Prize.

The recipient of the Lanford Prize is selected by nomination and by those who exemplify Fredonia's ideals. Nominees must have at least a 3.25 GPA, show growth and achievement during their years at Fredonia and be active in more than one area.

Lam was nominated by Kathleen McDonough, chair of the communication department, and Elmer Ploetz, journalism professor.

"I was really humbled to get the award," said Lam. "You just don't think these things are going to happen," said Lam. "You don't expect it."

Lam explained that his motivation was drawn from enjoying his college experience. Unlike high school where individuals must take required classes, Lam was able to take classes that interested him. "I came here and I am doing what I actually like," he said. "I'm doing music, I'm doing journalism, I'm doing audio production and those are things I like doing. That doesn't even feel like work anymore — it's all fun," he said.

Lam first started out in activities by joining Student Association. Coming to Fredonia as a music education major, Lam first joined organizations in the music school such as the American String Teacher's Association and the National Ed Association for Music Education. Then Lam decided to join The Leader.

Upon first visiting The Leader offices, Lam was intrigued by the newspaper. He then decided to join and write. "I don't know what happened, but something just clicked, and one day I was like, I am just going to do everything I can," he said.

Lam joined other activities, such as General Education committee, University Senate, Fredonia Radio Systems, as well as many others. "I just wanted to go in a different direction from not being involved, to be involved," he said.

In addition to having three majors, Lam has been involved in many other activities on campus as well as internships. Over the years, Lam has been in many orchestral committees, non-profit committees, SA, on-campus media, search committees, as well as internships with radio stations and tv stations in Buffalo. "Fifty-one professors, 52 newspaper articles, 71 orchestral works and 111 classes later, this place has completely changed me and I'm glad that I've had the support I need to accomplish what I have," said Lam.

The next step for Lam is to continue on to grad school at Canisius College in Buffalo. He will be attending for college student personnel administration. Lam explained that it is a preparatory program for directorship jobs. In this program Lam will prepare for director of residence life, registrar and jobs of that nature.

"We'll see where it takes me," said Lam. "I like so many different things. I've taken weird classes that people don't really see the connection with. I like too many things, it's a chronic problem. I just like too many things," "Hopefully that's not a negative in the future," said Lam. "If you spread yourself in so many different directions, people are like 'Are you focused on one thing?' Of course I like to think I can be focused on certain things."

Throughout college, Lam worked to balance his schedule. "Time management is the big key," said Lam. "If you come to college and you can't manage your schedule that's kind of like shooting yourself in the foot."

Lam explained that he had a great experience during his time at Fredonia. "I never actually expected to love this university as much as I do now. This place has easily exceeded my expectations and that's a great feeling to have. I honestly wish that everyone had a chance to experience what we have to offer here because we're on a completely different level."

"If I don't think I would ever rethink my decision to come here. My next college has a tall order to fulfill to match the experience Fredonia gave me."

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Wednesday, April 30

2:50 p.m. A report was filed for possible pot smoking.

3:00 p.m. Jacob J. Lipitz, age 18, and Alexander J. Leblanc were issued appearance tickets for smoking marijuana in Erie load dock.

9:25 p.m. Clair I. Udpyke, age 18, was issued an appearance ticket for unlawful possession of marijuana.

Thursday, May 1

3:00 p.m. A gold hoop earring was found and turned in to University Police.

Friday, May 2

2:00 p.m. A report of a possible stolen car was filed. The car was later located.

2:00 p.m. A laptop was found in McEwen. A report was filed.

4:37 p.m. Zachary Treste, age 21, was found with an open beer in lot 19A and was issued an appearance ticket. Shannon Sheeny, age 19, was found with an open container of Mike's Hard in lot 19A and issued appearance tickets for open container and underage possession of alcohol.

11:16 p.m. Shawna Miller, age 18, and Ashley Carpenter, age 18, were caught on Old Main Dr. throwing plastic cups containing alcoholic beverages into the grass. They were both issued appearance tickets.

Saturday, May 3

2:20 a.m. Jacob Joshua Lauden, age 20, and Benjamin Beal, age 19, were issued appearance tickets for possession of alcohol on Park Dr.

3:05 a.m. Brandon Francis, age 18, threatened a Grisom RA with a knife. He was arrested for menacing, disorderly conduct and harassment.

4:16 p.m. Zachary Pumpis, age 20, was found with an open container of vodka, marijuana and half a pill. A report was filed which led to an arrest.

4:38 p.m. Visitors Max Delavalle, age 19, John Grieiner, age 20, Taylor Doty, age 19, John Latouche, age 19, and Princeess Schramm, age 21, were found with beer in lot 7. A report was filed which led to arrests.

5:30 p.m. Keys were found at the Fred Fest event. A report was filed.

5:30 p.m. Money was found in Steele Fieldhouse. A report was filed.

7:03 p.m. Visitor Jordon Parker, age 19, was issued an appearance ticket for drinking in lot 9C.

7:14 p.m. Brandon Richardson, age 18, and Daniel Cox, age 19, were issued appearance tickets for having beer in Chaunataqua Hall.

7:29 p.m. Samuel Valone, age 19, and William Reynolds, age 26, were drinking beer on Temple/Old Main. They were both issued appearance tickets for open container.

7:55 p.m. Nikolus Owens, age 21, was issued an appearance ticket for open container.

7:58 p.m. Visitor Alicia Stewart, age 20, was drinking alcohol on Ring Road. An appearance ticket for open container was issued.

8:23 p.m. Michael Pefrus, age 18, was issued appearance tickets for open container and underage possession of alcohol.

10:30 p.m. Alexander Paulk, age 20, was issued an appearance ticket for being on top of laikeway bus stop with an open container and underage possession of alcohol.

Sunday, May 4

12:27 a.m. Unknown males were found possibly on drugs around Kasling. The area was checked.

1:44 a.m. Matthew Wheelock, age 18, was issued an appearance ticket for possession of marijuana and beer. Ryan Tarnowski, age 19, was issued an appearance ticket for possession of marijuana.

2:44 a.m. Kayla Reckey, age 19, Kyle Muncy, age 19, and Chelsea Smith, age 19, were issued appearance tickets for possession of marijuana and beer.

11:52 a.m. Keys were found on Temple Street near LoGragsso. A report was filed.

2:00 p.m. New York driver's license found. A report was filed.

3:00 p.m. Keys were turned into University Police. A report was filed.

7:37 p.m. Damage to a vehicle was found in lot 19A. A report was filed.

Monday, May 5

10:10 a.m. Couches at Williams Center patio were found vandalized. A report was filed.

Fredonia

Thursday, May 1

Brandon Tate, age 16, was charged with petit larceny.

Christopher Lewellyn, age 21, was charged with petit larceny.

Friday, May 2

Ryan Mulkin, age 32, was held for harassment in the 2nd degree.

Thomas J. Rubino, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for underage possession of alcohol, littering and open container.

Kristin L. Duman, age 24, was issued an appearance ticket for open container.

Nathan J. Kilby, age 20, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and open container.

Brandyn M. Lambe, age 23, was held for disorderly conduct, unlawful possession of marijuana and criminal mischief in the 4th degree.

Daniel J. Cox, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Alexander F. Minte, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for open container and underage possession of alcohol.

Saturday, May 3

Ryan P. John, age 20, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and open container.

Jamie Vandeveld, age 20, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Michael J. Thorp, age 23, was issued an appearance ticket for disorderly conduct.

Gregory A. Brown Jr., age 22, was issued an appearance ticket for disorderly conduct.

Thomas C. Budde, age 23, was issued an appearance ticket for harassment in the 2nd degree.

Devin Scaigrelli, age 18, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and open container.

Diamond A. Santana-Williams, age 21, was held for resisting arrest and violation of noise ordinance.

Tyler Joseph Veno, age 19, was held for arraignment for grand larceny in the 4th degree and driving while intoxicated.

John P. Spano, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of alcohol.

Jason Gregory, age 19, was issued an appearance ticket for unlawful possession of alcohol and littering.

Andrew Brigman, age 20, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and littering.

Dakota Sherwin, age 17, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and littering.

Ian J. Richardson, age 18, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and open container.

Matthew J. Weller, age 20, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Tomas A. Amabile, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Michael B. Anna, age 21, was issued an appearance ticket for open container.

Matthew J. Bowen, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Nicholas Pomponio, age 19, was issued an appearance ticket for sewer ordinance.

Conor P. Ferguson, age 23, was issued an appearance ticket for open container.

Christopher Kirkland, age 20, was issued an appearance ticket for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Dylan M. Burns-Miller, age 21, was held for harassment in the 2nd degree.

Jamie M. Nyhan, age 22, was held for harassment in the 2nd degree.

Jaryd S. Paud, age 17, was issued appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

Alex J. Buttonfield, age 19, was charged appearance tickets for unlawful possession of alcohol and open container.
Cheers

SUNY Fredonia’s decision to bring Bill Nye for the Science Center opening. Our middle school selves are currently dying of anticipation as we wait for that famous bow tie to grace our campus.

Dr. Herman, who fielded more phone calls and interviews for us this year than Beyoncé after releasing her surprise album.

The Student Association budget taking longer than expected to be approved. We love the fact that SA listened to student groups who stood up for what they believed in and didn’t settle for anything less than what they thought they deserved.

The opening of Maria’s Pizzeria. The two slices deal has become a weekend tradition for many of us.

Our readers: for picking up our issues every Wednesday. Whether it was to actually read our coverage of events and news, or only to find out who was arrested over the weekend, we appreciate all of you regardless.

The staff of The Leader: our staff worked really hard despite the challenges faced this year.

Jeers

FSA now enforcing that students/faculty only spend their points/meals for “personal consumption.” Now, when we buy five cheeseburgers, four slices of pizza and three packages of mozzarella sticks we don’t look generous – but like we are storing food for the next long winter.

Fred Fest almost being cancelled. Even though we still got to enjoy this special local holiday this year, we will never be able to get back those several hours spent at the emergency meeting.”

The Student Association budget taking longer than expected to be approved. Writing the word ‘budget’ a thousand times on several different issues was almost physically painful.

Smoke-free SUNY - for not giving smokers the choice of smoking and for removing the butt stops.

The Fred Fest rain for giving the entire campus head colds and causing all of the laundry rooms to be full of muddy mini skirts and jeggings for days.

SUNY Party Stories, for confirming to the faculty of Fredonia why they needed to put a hold on Fred Fest in the first place.

FREDstock: it was a valiant effort, but with its lack of attendance and shifts in location, there were some obvious issues.

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Carl Lam senior journalism
“I’m gonna miss the atmosphere and the people who went out of their way to help me every time.”

Cassandra Hardick senior business marketing
“I will miss the community feel, and seeing familiar faces every day. It will be sad not seeing the same people I have seen each day for four years after I graduate and move back home. I have made the greatest friends and I will miss the good times we’ve had.”

Anne Ritz senior journalism
“There isn’t one thing I won’t miss. I will miss my friends only being a few steps away. I will miss Elmer’s stories. And lastly, it being acceptable to eat late night pizza.”
The very last ‘From the Desk of’ for Editors in Chief of The Leader has become a traditional thank you note to all of those that have managed to deal with the expected mood swings that come with the job of running a college newspaper. I remember a year ago like it was yesterday; the then Editor in Chief, Christina Stock, was writing her very own last ‘From the Desk of’ ever and I thought to myself: “who will I choose to thank once it all comes to an end?”

Had a lot in my head of all the people that I thought crucial and important at that point in time. My family, so many of my friends, the boy I was in love with. Now that the day is here I form to thank all of those who have helped me grow and who have stuck with me, I realize many things have changed in this past year.

Just like many people were only there for a short period of time, just like I wouldn’t have done anything for people last year who now are no longer a part of me, there are also so many new people that came into my life just in time to show me that the most important relationships are not the longest ones, but the ones that show you what caring for someone truly feels like.

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To my family — both past and present — thank you for allowing me to grow and learn by working with you. You are each a part of me. You are my family away from home and I will miss you allowing me to grow and learn by working with you. You are each a part of me, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Just like many people were only there for a short period of time, just like I wouldn’t have done anything for people last year who now are no longer a part of me, there are also so many new people that came into my life just in time to show me that the most important relationships are not the longest ones, but the ones that show you what caring for someone truly feels like.

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To my Leader family — both past and present — thank you for allowing me to grow and learn by working with you. You are each a part of me. You are my family away from home and I will miss you all more than you could ever imagine. To Maggie, Courtney and Melissa, thank you for spending these past couple Monday nights helping us create this newspaper. You will all do wonderfully in your respective positions next year. I know I leave The Leader in very capable hands. To my graduating Leader seniors — Anna, Casie, Sarah, Christina, Chad, Courney... it doesn’t matter when we became a part of this amazing group, it matters that we are finishing this chapter together and I couldn’t have picked better co-workers. You will all do amazing things in life. I am 100 percent sure of it.

To my advisors, thank you for your kindness and dedication. I will never be able to repay you. I am one of the lucky few that can say that not only one, but three professors, cared enough to advise me not only on academic matters, but on life in general. To my rocks: Laura, Christina, Kori, Vaish, James, Vicky — each one of you has taught me something invaluable. Laura, you’ve taught me that hard work pays off, and that even though the road is hard sometimes, the destination is worth it. Thank you for just always “getting it” and laughing at nerd jokes with me. Thank you for each time you have reminded me that I deserve more. Christina, thank you for teaching me by example how to be strong when sometimes life isn’t fair. Thank you for making long, incredibly boring meetings interesting. Thank you for being the mom I sometimes needed at the wee hours of the morning on the weekends. Kori, thank you for holding my hand (figuratively and literally) when things went tough. Thank you for countless hours of “Just Dance” and for all those points you didn’t mind sharing when I was broke/ hungry. Vaish, thank you for reminding me to embrace that side of me that almost got lost. Thank you for buying me Peruvian food, for speaking Spanish with me and for always being there to listen to my crazy stories about Peru. James, thank you for reminding me that truly kind people exist. You are, simply put, a good person and I have no doubt of how far you will go in life. To my boo, Vicky, thank you for teaching me that it’s okay to be a little crazy sometimes. Remember that letter I wrote you last semester during World Political Geography? MEMORIZE IT. You deserve it all and more. Also, if I could I would leave you the denim couch (you know how much that means to me). Anna, a million thank yous wouldn’t be enough. Thank you for becoming my friend at the beginning of high school. Most importantly, thank you for staying my friend all these years. Thank you for knowing me enough to say “you’re weird but I still love you” whenever I tell you that feelings scare me. Thank you for telling me to “go home” whenever I plan on doing something incredibly stupid. 20 hours is a long way, but I’d gladly make the trip if you ever needed me.

To my family — we’ve gone through so much together and only grown stronger from it. I am thanking you not because I have to, but because you truly have done so much for me.

Last, but absolutely not least, to my baby sister — thank you for the simple act of being born. You are my everything. My motivation in life is the hope that someday you will be proud of me and of everything I accomplish. My future is you and it’s a bright future. Baby, I promise to work hard and to keep going for as long as you call me “sissy” while looking at me with those beautiful eyes.

Soon the rollercoaster ride that has been these past four years will be over. I am confident however, that the people I have met and my experiences here at Fredonia will become stepping stones in what will be over. I am confident however, that the people I have met and my experiences here at Fredonia will become stepping stones in what will be over. I am confident however, that the people I have met and my experiences here at Fredonia will become stepping stones in what hopefully will turn out to be the rest of a beautiful and successful life. So here’s to the last two weeks we seniors have left — may they give us memories that we can treasure for the rest of our lives.
According to the meal plan policy, sharing is not caring

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Students treating friends to food or drink have recently been reprimanded more often than usual and turned away from cashiers. Students then lose confused and upset, forgetting the policies they complied with when they purchased their meal plan in the beginning of the semester.

The terms and conditions of Fredonia’s meal plan state that “University meal plans in New York are exempt from sales tax. The following are required to meet exemption criteria: The meal plans and FREDFund are non-transferable and are for the SOLE use of the student to whom issued. Food and beverages are for personal consumption only.”

“I never really understood the policy,” said Greg Pinto, a freshman history major. “Fredonia never really explained what it was.”

These policies, however, come from roots deeper than from Fredonia.

In New York State, prepared and served food and beverage that are purchased at a venue such as a restaurant or a cafe are subject to New York State sales tax. The New York Tax Law section 1105(b)(ii)(B), however, states that “Food and beverages served at a restaurant, or drink sold to a student … sold at a restaurant, or cafe are subject to New York State sales tax. The New York Tax Law section 1105(d)(ii)(B), however, states that “Food or drink sold to a student … sold at a restaurant, tavern or other establishment located on the premises of a college, university or a school … to a student enrolled therein who purchases such food or drink under a contractual arrangement whereby the student does not pay cash at the time he is served, provided by the school … is operated whereby the student does not pay cash at the time food or drink under a contractual arrangement to a student enrolled therein who purchases such premises of a college, university or a school …

The argument of the breach of free speech

In short, NYS won’t charge you tax on your NYS won’t charge you tax on your NYS won’t charge you tax on your New York sales tax. The New York sales tax. The New York sales tax. New York State sales tax. The New York Tax Law says “The declining balance portion of the meal plans (SUNY Fredonia’s points system) functions similarly to a typical debit account and are not cash transactions.”

Therefore, Fredonia and the state are not regulating cash spending. Students spend cash at their own wills when purchasing a meal plan, at which time the account becomes (1) a meal allowance (depending on the option chosen); and (2) a declining balance of points — not cash.

As for FREDFunds and Fredonia Debt accounts, students may spend as they please. Both accounts charge tax and can be refunded at the conclusion of the academic year and are therefore not forms of spending that are regulated by the campus or by the state. According to Schulz, students save about $300 per year on an average account, while a declining balance account charges tax.

The trouble within comes with defining personal consumption. Although you may not be able to eat two cheeseburgers, a dozen chicken wings, an order of fries, a milkshake and a large soda, that doesn’t mean the person after you can’t either.

This, Schulz says, is why he encourages FSA workers to enforce the policy with lenience. According to him, there’s a pretty big “grey area” that draws the line at “personal consumption.” It’s not clear that for the price of two meals or 11 points, you can purchase a full pizza. Are you consuming the whole pizza yourself? Maybe, but probably not.

“We are not going to take the position of watching what you’re purchasing. We’re not that way — that’s going way beyond the extreme. But when it’s blatant, and it’s obvious, then it comes to a point when we have to say something,” Schulz said.

“Anyway, it all comes down to obeying the rules.

“It’s not like we aren’t letting people manage their credits how they want,” said Schulz. “When you leave our state, we don’t know what you’re doing, and we don’t care. But we have to maintain a structure that complies with the law. So that’s really what it comes down to. We have to maintain a structure.”

Last Monday, Schulz reiterated to managers exactly how the policy should be applied. He agrees that it’s hard to say what is and what isn’t permissible, and that there have been times when cashiers are taking it too far. But his hope is for a more consistent application.

“If someone is buying two drinks, maybe they want two drinks … If they’re buying two burritos, maybe they want two burritos,” Schulz said. “When it’s obvious and it’s blatant, it’s our responsibility to make sure we comply.”
The Clothesline Project

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Students came together for an evening of unity, activism and performances geared toward raising awareness of the violence against women. Last Wednesday, the statistics were mind-numbing, but the educational benefits of this event provided a necessary healing tool for students at Fredonia.

The Clothesline Project is a program founded by group of women from Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1990. While 58,000 soldiers died in the Vietnam War, there were 51,000 women killed in 1990. While 58,000 soldiers died in the Vietnam War, there were 51,000 women killed in 1990. While 58,000 soldiers died in the Vietnam War, there were 51,000 women killed in 1990. Women from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to create a program to address the issue of violence against women.

It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. Then, the shirts are hung on a clothesline to display the problem of violence against women and provoking thought. The program has since spread worldwide.

“I think it’s great because it really raises awareness to help victims and survivors of sexual assault and rape. It brings together in one safe space that people can come and share their story and perform,” said Olivia Bass, a freshman early childhood education major and attendee at the event.

The Women’s Student Union has made this event annually accessible, but Fredonia’s event differs from other Clothesline Projects. Last year, the Women’s Student Union wanted to provide the campus community with something more.

“We added performance poets, speakers from the campus and musical acts to come and perform to make it a more welcoming environment,” said the president of the WSU, Courtney Loiacono, a junior double majoring in women’s and gender studies and English.

Each year, the Women’s Student Union puts on two events targeting these issues. During the Fall semester, the group coordinates the annual Take Back The Night event, which allows students to vocalize their personal experiences. This event is reputable for being very emotional and leaving a lasting impact on participants.

The Clothesline Project offers a different way of sharing experiences that are often difficult to talk about—the stories that survivors write their experiences down anonymously on a t-shirt. The t-shirts are color-coded to display the different types of abuse and trauma that have been endured. Reading the stories shared on the t-shirts typically evokes a lot of emotion in students.

“There was a lot of hope in this room because there’s an uplifting attitude when you walk in the room — it’s not like this cloud of sadness. Not that it’s not serious and it should be taking seriously, but it’s uplifting to hear people that are still moving around, still living and talking about sexual assault,” attendee Amanda Pruden, a junior with a double major in women’s and gender studies and communication studies, said about the event.

“When you bring people together to get more informed, it’s really nice to see everyone supporting the same cause,” said Bass.

“I think it really hits home, especially in Fredonia because a lot of sexual assault and domestic violence happens right on campus and people don’t really know about it. I think that it raises awareness for everything happening right here in our community that people might not be aware of,” said Bass.

Students engaged in various forms of artistry to raise awareness for the event’s cause. Several a cappella groups were invited to the event to perform songs that brought empowerment and strength to the event.

The Guerrillas, a student-run all-male a cappella group, performed several songs that rubbed some students the wrong way. These songs included Britney Spears “Toxic” and Michael Jackson’s “Smooth Criminal.”

During Peter Mason’s time onstage, he conveyed his discontent with the song choices.

“My intent was just to open up the conversation because I don’t think it was purposeful. I don’t think they meant to do something that could be seen as harmful. But I think that just speaks to how intertwined these issues are in our culture at this moment. A lot of the songs we hear, the stories we read and the things we see on TV, they are in a lot of ways promoting the romanticization of sexual violence, domestic abuse and domestic violence. But it’s a learning opportunity; we can have conversations about this,” said Mason, a senior English major.

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The Guerrillas have since acknowledged this issue.

“Our music director selected these songs knowing that they were some of our better, more crowd pleasing numbers,” said O’Reilly. “Unfortunately communicating the purpose of the event was lost between members and what it stood for was miscommunication about the intention of the event. I was fully aware of what the event stood for and what the event was about via the email I received,” O’Reilly said. “The group knew that it was an event for WSU but some of us may not have understood the gravity of this event and that its intent was to spread awareness on rape culture. We weren’t specifically told to sing any songs, however as the contact, I did know what the event was about and the culture it was trying to present.”

For the rest of the semester, the t-shirts will be on display across campus: in Reed Library, the Williams Center, LoGrasso and the Center for Multicultural Affairs.

This year’s event provided students with an outlet to express their emotions through creativity, and it also reflected an increased awareness of domestic problems that women experience on college campuses.

“There are different types of stories that survivors have and that these stories aren’t going away because it is being ignored, so just to educate and make people aware,” said Loiacono, regarding the purpose of the event.
Video production majors gear up for capstone screening

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While many students spend finals week drafting essays and studying for final exams, senior video production majors demonstrate their skills in a final screening of their work open to the public. The screening features the largest project of their college career: a 30 minute video capstone.

The capstones will premiere at a May 15 screening, which will feature five projects – four fiction films and one documentary.

The process in creating the fiction capstones begins in the Fall semester of the students’ senior year, under the instruction of professors Jane Jackson and Mark Kiyak. During that semester students create scripts, a portion of which are chosen by Jackson to be produced in the form of capstone films. In the second semester students pitch their desired roles in the capstones and are then put into groups and assigned by Jackson to various positions including producer, director, photographer and editor.

The top three capstones feature dark, serious themes.

Caryl Frame, a senior video production major, is producing “Unforgotten,” written and directed by Myava Cuhel. Co-produced by Ryan Keib, the film documents a rape victim facing a battle with her rapist for custody of her child. As producer, Frame was given the task of choosing a desired script, creating a “dream” production team, location scouting, coordinating schedules and giving input during post-production.

“We have any job in particular there is high tension and high stress,” said Frame. “We all get along fabulously, we’re all great friends. [But] you’re working sometimes with two or three hours of sleep for an entire week, so tensions rise, peoples’ emotions start to rise. Peoples’ emotions start to take over and you have to be there and smooth everything over.”

The project has taught Frame how to work as a leader in times of high pressure and stress.

“You just have to go and tell yourself it is what it is and let things go,” said Frame.

There are three stages in the filming process: pre-production, production and post-production. The students are currently in the post-production stage. As I spoke to Frame she was finishing the “picture lock phase,” which consisted of locking the piece in its final images before handing it to sound designer and composer, Jefferson Piasek, to edit sound and re-mix audio.

While 30 minutes is much shorter than the two plus hours of a major motion picture, it is a much larger task than the 2-3 minute films the students are accustomed to.

“A lot of people don’t realize how much work goes into filming,” Frame said.

Each capstone featured performances by student actors and were filmed in locations throughout the community. Frame’s group filmed at the Edward Waterhouse Inn on Main Street.

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‘Have a Good Summer!’ showcases seniors work

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Staff Writer

On Friday, the Marion Art Gallery was packed with proud seniors and their artwork. Supportive parents, friends and patrons of art filled the gallery for the opening reception of “Senior Show II: Have a Good Summer!” Artists displayed work in mediums including photography, animation, painting, illustration and sculpture.

Every artist seemed to have their own unique backstory and journey in how they produced the artwork for the show. For some, it was famous slave songs turned into a picture and ancient Egypt, the life of the artist’s animal, or the trash that washed up on Lake Erie discovered while doing a cleanup project.

All the artists seemed to overcome different challenges in creating their respective pieces.

“It was different to have to draw my picture with pens on a 30”x40” panel,” said Cody Lester, a senior animation and illustration major who currently in the post-production stage. As I spoke to Frame she was finishing the “picture lock phase,” which consisted of rewriting the script, location scouting, scheduling, casting, continuity, leading the shooting process and overseeing post-production.

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Australia and America: same, but different

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Special to The Leader

In my short time living in America, I’ve noticed substantial differences culturally between the United States and Australia. Although both our countries are similar in many ways, such as the language, political and social structures and fashion, the differences in the college-world are vast.

In Australia, I’ve been to two different schools, and it would’ve just been one school. Both parents didn’t decide to change states after year one. When I arrived in Mooloolaba, Queensland, my dad took up a teaching job at Sunshine Coast Grammar School and I started year two. I didn’t actually leave that school until I graduated, as it incorporates primary school (elementary), middle school and high school in the same facility. This is really common in Australia: all three stages of school in one complex.

From my understanding, in the States there are three similar stages of education; elementary, middle and high school. However, most move into new buildings physically for each of these stages. Although most of my knowledge comes from American teen movies, some students I’ve talked to at SUNY Fredonia confirmed this is the case and were surprised to learn I spent 11 years of my life at the one school.

The pressures in year 12 remind me of the same stress college students face before graduating. I remember having it all figured out before I graduated: I wanted to study Law at Queensland University of Technology but deferred this plan for a year after graduating. I went straight into a full time job at a real estate company and worked with them for a year. I continued to defer my study and took up a second job for Queensland Government, which I stayed with for three years. Halfway through my first year with this company I felt the itch of wanting to return to study, so enrolled at my local university for a bachelor degree of journalism, and I was accepted. I continued working with the Queensland Government part time while I studied, as this was extremely flexible with my availability. With only one year left in my degree, I am not stressed or anxious about finding a stable and secure job that studying for a further two to four years seems to be the only option before entering the workforce.

In my personal circle of friends back in Australia, only two of us actually attend university. A majority of my friends graduated high school, or left school even earlier, and found jobs straight away. It’s been so interesting to experience how the stigma surrounding study, college and finding jobs in Australia and America is significantly different.

To all my graduating friends this semester at SUNY Fredonia, I wish you the best of luck with your future endeavours. You’re all very talented and I know you will go far in whatever you pursue. Make sure you come and visit Australia!
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As an example, we have highlighted all of the last names of the seniors from The Leader.
CHRISTINA CONCEICAO
Sports Editor

This past weekend in Cortland, the Fredonia Blue Devils women’s lacrosse team faced off against the Geneseo Knights in the SUNYAC semifinals. The Blue Devils lost to the Knights 12-9 dropping them to a record of 11-6. Despite their loss in the semifinals, they were selected to compete in the NCAA women’s lacrosse tournament.

During the first half of the game, the Blue Devils held leads of 1-0 and 2-1 from goals by junior midfielder Marissa Cussins. After scoring two more goals, the Knights would take a 3-2 lead. They did not hold it for very long, as Cussins scored again for the Blue Devils to tie the game. By the end of the first half, however, Geneseo had a 6-4 lead over Fredonia. Despite the Blue Devil’s efforts, they were unable to rally together in the second half to beat Geneseo. Geneseo beat Fredonia 12-9. They outshot Fredonia 33-18. Fredonia’s goalkeeper, freshman Jessica Zagari, was credited with 14 saves.

Cussins led the Blue Devils in scoring with a total of four goals during the game. Other Blue Devils who were also credited with one goal apiece were freshman attack Emily Polizzi, junior attack Katie Glagolev, freshman attack Sam Owen, and freshman midfielder Kristie Kleine. Kleine also had three assists during the game.

This Saturday, as part of the NCAA women’s lacrosse tournament, the Blue Devils will be hosting the Liberty League champions, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at University Stadium. This is Fredonia’s second time participating in the tournament. They last participated in 2012 when they hosted St. John Fisher.
The Los Angeles Clippers took a major hit last week, when a recording surfaced of owner Donald Sterling making racist comments to his Hispanic and black girlfriend.

On April 25, TMZ released the recording of the altercation between V. Stiviano and Sterling, with the Clippers owner in a tirade over a photo Stiviano posted on Instagram of her and former NBA star Magic Johnson.

“It bothers me a lot that you’re associating with black people,” said Sterling in the audio, later on continuing with “I want you to love them — privately.” Sterling would also go on to tell Stiviano that she could do whatever she wanted with them, just not to bring them to the games.

In the aftermath that followed the release of the recording, the NBA and Los Angeles Clippers stood united against Sterling, deeply angered by the comments of their owner. As the owner, Sterling has consistently been called the worst owner in basketball — perhaps even the worst in sports. He also controls a team that makes money off the sales of merchandise, food and tickets. How can he think that by bringing that attention to himself that he will bring back that fanbase and make money? Answer: he can’t.

Putting it into perspective, the Clippers have an owner who is telling his black Hispanic girlfriend to stop posting pictures or “publicizing” her with other black people on social media. We have the same man saying that he doesn’t want other Black people to attend Clippers games in the NBA, where the majority of the players and a large portion of the fanbase is, in fact, black. I am just imagining the Jackie Chan meme with him trying to comprehend the thought process behind this.

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Sterling ban a step in the right direction

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Assistant Sports Editor

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On April 25, TMZ released the recording of the altercation between V. Stiviano and Sterling, with the Clippers owner in a tirade over a photo Stiviano posted on Instagram of her and former NBA star Magic Johnson.

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Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

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BABCOCK OBAMBO
Party Correspondent

Legions of foes descended on the quiet hamlet of Fredonia Wednesday night, looting and burning in what soon evolved into an all-out siege. By Friday evening the invaders had almost entirely sacked the town, breaking glass in the street and relieving themselves with abandon. The streets were filled with the chilling cries of the invading masses, and roving bands of them paced the sidewalks, accosting passers-by. In a savage and barbaric display of glee regarding their apparent conquest, the invaders ate and drank copiously and enthusiastically through the night.

But the town’s residents were not going down without a fight, and by Sunday, the tireless efforts of the town guardsmen, with the assistance of their impressively towering police truck, had sufficiently subdued the attackers, to such a degree that one town resident tweeted that they “might even go outside right now.”

And indeed, though a few tattered squadrons remained Sunday evening, the town was visibly no longer under their control. Clear skies greeted residents emerging from their homes and surveying the scarred landscape left by the invaders. But at least one man, hosting a large deposit of some bodily fluid off his driveway, feels hopeful.

“We will rebuild,” he says, wiping away a tear. “We must.”

Town of Fredonia repels enemy horde after grueling four day siege

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