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Father of Trayvon Martin to hold talk in King
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Trayvon Martin, the father of Trayvon Martin, will be holding a talk entitled “The Trayvon Martin Story” on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in King Concert Hall. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Union, the President’s Office, the Ethnic Studies Program, the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; the Women’s Student Union; and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
Each week of Black History Month has a different theme, with social justice summing up this week’s theme of events.
After losing his son in an altercation with neighborhood watch coordinator George Zimmerman in the winter of 2012, Martin has made it his mission to raise awareness about the importance of protecting children. This news comes in light of the shootings that have occurred within the past year — that have left a handful of black men dead — and the topic of racism is front and center.
U.S. News and World Report rated colleges based on how diverse their student bodies are for the 2013-2014 school year. The University of Foreign Studies in Korea is to the more diverse its campus is. On the national level, Rutgers University scored the highest with a score of .76. The standards were based off of the probability that any two people chosen at random from a given school are of different races or ethnicities. Fredonia’s ranking is placed on the northern regional universities, and it received a score of .24.
Despite its low score on US News and World report, Fredonia is part of the SUNY effort to increase diversity on all campuses. The minority population across all 64 SUNY campuses is 126,386 with a good part of it coming from a black population of well over 46,000.
“I have friends from a ton of different races on campus. I’ve never had an issue with anyone discriminating against anyone,” said Harley Jones, a sophomore finance and accounting major.
“I see more diversity and acceptance of other people’s cultures,” said Omari Davis, a senior theater major.
While adding numbers to the diversity checklist is a great achievement, it’s the level of comfort minority students feel on campus upon which students disagree.
“In the past year, I think I’ve seen a lot more minorities on campus mix together than before,” said Jones.

Harper Lee’s new novel: Earlier this week, HarperCollins Publishers announced that Harper Lee, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist of “To Kill a Mockingbird,” is to publish her second novel in July — 55 years after the first novel’s publication.

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This year’s gift, which was announced at the 100 Days Until Graduation celebration, will be either a granite or cast iron outdoor fountain.

As senior class president and, therefore, head of the Senior Challenge committee, public relations major Anthony Mercedes leads the committee that was presented with the challenge of choosing the gift that the class of 2015 would leave to Fredonia.

“This is the whole point of the fundraising that the Senior Challenge committee does,” said Mercedes. “We fundraise to leave our mark on this campus. So, I wanted to make sure that the gift would beautify the campus, instill tradition and at the same time, give back.”

Mercedes and the 32 members of the Senior Challenge Committee set out to accomplish their goal with those three characteristics in mind.

“Now, we thought, ‘since the fountain will beautify the campus, how can we make this something that instills tradition,’” said Mercedes. “This is when we brought in the idea of making a wish. So, on the day of commencement, all of the seniors that are graduating will walk to the fountain and make a wish for what’s to come.”

After a discussion with Fredonia President Virginia Horvath, it was decided that the new students arriving at Fredonia each year would also be included in the tradition. When they gather as a class for the first time in King Concert Hall, President Horvath will suggest that the students make a wish in the fountain for their four years at Fredonia.

“After that, we said, ‘How can we give back?’” said Mercedes. “That’s when we came up with the idea of, once every semester, collecting all the money in the fountain and giving it to a local charity of our choice.”

The committee members will choose their top three charities later in the semester. Every member of the senior class will receive an email with a brief description of each charity and will be able to vote for the one they would like to receive the donations.

In order to reach its goal of $12,000, the committee held fundraisers both 200 and 100 days prior to graduation. Before the money they collected from the 100 Days Until Graduation event, which was celebrated on Thursday, was given to the Senior gift.

With unity at the forefront of fundraising, the committee will continue to host events that welcome all members of the Fredonia community.

In addition to the several events they have already hosted, a Chiavetta’s chicken barbeque fundraiser is in the works for later in the semester.

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As people started questioning, both HUFS and Fredonia had their hearing sessions in December 2012 explaining what was misunderstood and what was true. Mary Sasso, former director of International Education Center, expressed her concern over the ministry’s ruling and explained to the students that the 1+3 Program is long gone. According to a source related to private university personnel, Korean universities would receive 20 to 40 percent commission on each student, making a profit of millions of dollars. In 2011, HUFS made a profit of $4.7 million from the 1+3 Program, half of which went to the school income according to the Ministry of Education and Science. For state universities, recruiting students from other states and countries is a huge profit, as well, because they pay their tuition fees, which are two or three times higher than what a state resident pays. Especially in times like these when the state universities’ financial situation is getting worse, the 1+3 Program could have been a great opportunity to fill the gap.

What’s even funnier is that the ministry had already been aware of this issue since early 2011. It avoided this issue for two years and then suddenly ruled that everything is illegal and should be abolished.

“We’re still going over the legitimacy of the 1+3 Program, but there isn’t enough legislations regarding this matter,” said Jong-ho Ahn, action officer of University Support Division at the Ministry of Education and Science.

“Korean universities running [a] foreign country degree process is illegal, but it is a grey area since the universities are running it under their Lifelong Education Center,” said Ahn.

“It is hard to clarify that the Korean universities are responsible for this,” said Ho-seok Yang, the deputy director of Lifelong Learning Policy Division at the Ministry of Education and Science. “Foreign universities are making agreements with Korean universities to recruit students because they depend on international students since their tuition fee takes about 40 percent of the entire student body,” said Yang.

“Rather than debating on the universities’ action being illegal or not, we need to think about whether the domestic universities are performing a role as a study abroad broker by running this program is desirable or not,” emphasized Yang.

About a week after the Ministry’s ruling, HUFS announced that they would discontinue their 1+3 Program on Dec. 9, 2012.

“We still believe that the 1+3 Program doesn’t contain anything that is legally wrong, but violating the Ministry’s order would result in illegality, so we have come to this decision,” said HUFS.

HUFS has also claimed they are different from the rest of the domestic universities because they are running as a headquarters after concluding an agreement with SUNY schools and that students who are recruited are considered as exchange students from SUNY schools.

However, the Ministry of Education and Science refuted HUFS’ claim because they were also recruiting students for foreign universities — not their own — and had a private study abroad business enterprise as a middleman, which isn’t much different from what other universities did.

Im, one of the recruited students at Chung-Ang University, filed a withdrawn lawsuit against the Ministry of Education but lost it at the first trial and was dismissed in the court of appeals in September 2014.

Korean Higher Education Research Institute, an organization that analyzes the current condition of higher education from various aspects such as its condition, finance and policy, addressed that this whole scandal came from the ugly combination of money being the power and academic clique which is prevalent in Korean society.

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**University Blotters**

**Monday, Feb. 2, 2015**

8:55 p.m. Contraband was turned in to a Grissom Hall Residence Assistant. The contraband was secured by University Police and a report was filed.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015**

5:25 a.m. The burglar alarm went off at the Faculty Student Association Commissary. The area was cleared, everything was okay and a report was filed.

5:32 p.m. A cell phone was found on the sidewalk between Dods Hall and Mason Hall. A report was filed.

6:30 p.m. A bike was found in lot 9A. The item was secured and a report was filed.

**Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015**

1:56 p.m. Charles Mussen, age 19, who was named a Persona Non Grata after getting arrested on a felony marijuana charge, was seen on campus with a forged drivers license. Mussen was promptly arrested.

12:56 p.m. A wallet was found in the Williams Center. A message was left with the owner.

4:02 p.m. A vehicle was struck in lot 10, and the offender left the scene. Pictures and a statement were taken and a report was filed.

7:35 p.m. The burglar alarm went off in the Foundation House. Nothing was found and a report was filed.

9:21 p.m. A ring was found in Steele Hall during Activities Night. The item was stored and a report was filed.

9:52 p.m. Persona Non Grata Charles Mussen, age 19, was reported attempting to enter Schulz Hall. This, being the second time Mussen was seen on campus, a request for a warrant/summons was filed, statements were taken and Mussen was Promptly arrested.

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015**

12:15 a.m. Brett A. Baker, age 18, was arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol after he was caught smoking in his room.

10:35 a.m. Glasses and a calculator were found in the Science Center. A report was filed.

**Friday, Feb. 6, 2015**

6:15 a.m. There was a third party report of harassment. The victim was contacted and wanted no action. A report was filed.

2:58 p.m. Matthew G. Garcia, age 18, Julian S. Brown-Priceman, age 18, Rene A. Sanchez, age 18, and Dean M. Calcaterra, age 18, were arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana in Chautauqua Hall. Evidence was collected and four appearance tickets were issued.

3:00 p.m. Car keys were found near McGinnies Hall. A report was filed.

6:40 p.m. A vehicle towed due to a crash on Ring Road.

8:06 p.m. Keys and money were found on campus. A report was filed.

**Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015**

2:34 p.m. A FREDCard was found. A report was filed and the item was stored.

3:30 p.m. A vehicle was struck by an unknown source in lot 6. Pictures were taken and a report was filed.

3:53 p.m. Residence Director Eric Hotchkiss’ car was damaged in lot 22. Pictures and a statement were taken and a report was filed.

5:37 p.m. The burglar alarm went off in the Faculty Student Association Office. A report was filed.

6:42 p.m. Visitor Ethan T. Morgan, age 22, was acting disorderly in Steele Hall. Morgan was arrested for open container and a report was filed.

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015**

1:42 a.m. Visitor Daniel J. Mattle, age 19, was found urinating in lot 16. A report was filed and Mattle was issued an appearance ticket for violating the sewer ordinance.

2:24 a.m. Christopher T. Bove, age 19, and visitor Connor J. Cogle, age 19, were hanging onto the back of the Coach bus when the bus was in motion. Both were in possession of fake licenses and were arrested. A report was filed.

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**Fredonia Blotters**

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4:40 p.m. Rebecca G. Hoth, age 22, was issued two traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and an expired inspection.

**Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015**

6:40 p.m. Jessica L. Reynolds, age 22, was held on $250 bail for criminal mischief in the fourth degree and harassment in the 2nd degree.

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015**

11:25 a.m. Imre A. Ulici, age 22, was issued two traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and having no insurance.

**Friday, Feb. 6, 2015**

1:33 a.m. Jamie M. Brooks, age 22, was issued a traffic ticket for disorderly conduct.

3:30 p.m. Evan P. Kicman, age 21, was issued a traffic ticket for using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.

8:40 p.m. Bradley Perkins, age 27, was issued an appearance ticket for unlawful possession of marijuana, and a traffic ticket for speeding in zone.

**Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015**

1:24 a.m. Harper S. Marcella, age 20, was issued two traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and inadequate headlamps.

11:42 a.m. Joseph Tedesco, age 21, was issued an appearance ticket for open container.

11:42 p.m. Sarah N. Busch, age 19, was issued appearance tickets for underage possession of alcohol, open container and littering.

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André Jacquez, age 23, was issued an appearance ticket for violating the sewer ordinance.

Jared N. Yackiw, age 21, was issued a traffic ticket for operating a motor vehicle while using a cell phone.

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INEFFICIENCY OF FLU VACCINE CAUSES HIGH NUMBER OF DEATHS

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It’s that time of year again; everyone’s coming down with colds and the flu. And while one common way to keep illness at bay is getting a flu shot, there has been some controversy lately over the effectiveness of the vaccination.

The problem, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is that a new mutation in the dormant flu vaccine has been discovered. The flu already kills anywhere from 3,000 to 50,000 Americans a year.

According to the CDC, this mutation has caused the vaccines to be only 30 percent effective. The reason for this is that the flu is such a large and diverse virus.

You do testing and you do testing and you can’t find a point where you have to put a shot out and hope there’s not a virus that comes out there that’s not going to be covered by it,” said Dibble.

According to Yahoo News, this year’s strain of the flu has become so inefficient because it is a virus that constantly mutates. The government picked the period for the vaccine last February, and tons of vaccine manufacturers then began to make millions of the vaccine to distribute.

According to Yahoo News, because of the mutation, this year’s version of the flu vaccine is only about 23 percent effective compared to the usual 50 or 60 percent of previous years.

By March, the CDC had noticed the beginning of the mutation. This mutation began to rapidly spread over the summer. By September, this mutation accounted for half of the strains in circulation, according to Dr. Anne Schuchat, the Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. That is why the CDC changed it, as the shots were just arriving on pharmacy shelves. 

Despite the inefficiency of the vaccine, the health center has not seen a decrease in the amount of people getting flu shots. Dibble mentioned how “although the actual flu vaccine only covers about 23 percent, it still covers a percentage of different kinds of flu. It’s still beneficial to get the flu shot.”

Some people refuse to get the flu shot because they believe it will actually give them the flu, instead of protecting them from it.

“They are against getting flu shots because they are afraid they’re going to get the flu. That is a myth — a fallacy. You cannot get the flu from the flu shot,” said Dibble. “The flu shot is a dead virus, so you can’t get the flu from it.”

Dibble further explained that one cannot get a strain of the flu that was in the vaccine; however, it is possible to get a strain of the flu that was not in the vaccine.

The inefficiency of this year’s flu vaccine has caused many people, especially politicians, to seriously question the federal health agencies.

US Rep. Tim Murphy called together a hearing of the Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee to get some answers from the health officials. The main problem, they told the committee, was just how fast the virus mutates.

Anthony M. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, testified that the speed of the mutation creates “significant challenges for those who must forecast which influenza virus strains are the most suitable targets for seasonal vaccine development.”

“They need a system in place so that when something emerges as a problem and you can always bet there will be a mutation — they can address it,” commented Murphy after the hearing.

It wasn’t just the committee members yelling at the health officials the whole time; both of them agreed that it was still necessary to get the vaccines out there.

Even a vaccine with 23 percent effectiveness will protect millions from getting sick,” commented US Rep. Debra Dabillo.

The Federal Health officials have said they’re going to fix this as soon as possible.

The flu season is upon us and LoGrasso advises students to practice good hygiene to the best of their abilities. “The flu is an epidemic,” said Dibble says the number one way to prevent a virus is “hand washing.”

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Are we going to have FRED Fest this year? No, we’re not. We are not having the university connected with FRED Fest,” said Herman, vice president for student affairs at last week’s meeting.

He added in his more recent email that “many of us are disappointed that this approach has become necessary, but we can’t stand by idly and watch students and community members get hurt.”

According to Herman, off-campus FRED Fest celebrations have gotten out of hand over the past few years, prompting complaints from community members, as well as leading to multiple arrests, cases of sexual assault, emergency room visits and more.

In addition, the university has taken laws such as the Violence Against Women Act and the SUNY Child Protection Policy, as well as recent events concerning the unsafe practices of Greek organizations at universities across the country, into consideration when making the decision to cancel FRED Fest. Members of the Fredonia administration are obligated to protect Fredonia students, and after observing the happenings of FRED Fest celebrations of years past, have come to the conclusion that the way to do this is to cancel the now infamous event.

According to Herman’s email, university sanctioned events such as a spring concert and a visit from Dinosaur BBQ will still take place this semester, they will just be spread out throughout the months of April and May.

Spectrum Entertainment Board, the organizing group of FRED Fest, will release a video announcement of their Spring events on Feb.19. They will then make further announcements during their Feb. 26 Artists on the Rise event.

“We’re not going to have everything consolidated on this weekend before finals so that it becomes a destination for everyone that wants to blow off steam and raise hell,” said Herman at the General Assembly meeting.

Another change that will be enforced this year involves non-student guests being allowed into the dorms that weekend of May 1-3. This change is being made in an attempt to cut down on out of town visitors, to whom the bulk of FRED Fest weekend arrests from the past few years can be attributed.

In the eyes of Herman and the Fredonia administration, it is time to just move forward.

“We are putting FRED Fest behind us; we’re not going to talk about it any more,” he said at the meeting. “We’ll have other events, we’ll develop other traditions, we’ll develop things we can all be proud of.”

The student body as a whole, however, has not adopted that same mentality. Many students, both past and present, took to social media to voice their opinions on the event just moments after Herman’s email went out.

Shortly after the distribution of the email, local media stations, including WGRZ, WKBW and WIVB, reported on the news.

Spectrum Entertainment Board declined comment on the cancellation of the event.
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- A shift to off-campus locations will make it more challenging for law enforcement and medical professionals to find and treat students with drug and alcohol related injuries.
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**Editorial**

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Fred Fest, RIP

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Personally, this doesn’t affect me as many other students, I enjoyed my past few years with Fred Fest, I spent it with friends and my fiance, I went to house parties and I just used it for what it was — relaxing.

However, with fun comes with a price.

Did Fred Fest get out of hand? Of course. But so does any other college “party” that goes on nationwide.

Let me get this out there; this is the wrong way to handle anything like this.

Let’s think back to intro to psychology. People will do something just like this.

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It’s not unheard of. Each year, we received an email in February. So they force everyone to go off campus and that is what I have a problem with. So they force everyone to go off campus and then turn around and trash the community only to leave Sunday morning.

In simple math terms, one student has three guests, that easily adds to the number of people that come here. Now multiply those three people to the current student population and you have enough people to fill Baylor University, Boston College or Syracuse University.

Cram 15,000 people in a small campus and they are going to spill out into the community. Would you fill a glass more than it allows? No, cause that is a waste.

Yes, if you have guests and now they can’t stay may cause them to go to places and increase their risk of harm, whether sexually or not, but that’s why we received an email in February. So people don’t make plans and break them at the last minute. It’s them that ruined it for all of us.

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Is there better ways to counter that? Absolutely.

One thing is the on campus events. From what I have observed, the Dinosaur Barbeque and other events have had somewhat okay attendance. But here’s a proposition. Bring drinking to the campus.

It’s not unheard of. Each year, seniors get their barbeque complete with legs and all. Why not do the same for Fred Fest? If Student Affairs and Dr. Herman are so focused on the problem of drinking off campus, then include a keg in a separate area and still ID. University Police used to run security at the concerts, have them help out.

Once again, people will do something just because you tell them not to.

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And now, Fredonia decides to eliminate the on campus portion entirely? So they force everyone to go off campus, and that is what I have a problem with. Yes, you have events planned throughout the month of April into May, but that doesn’t help the cause.

Most of the “citations” that Herman has referred to are basically what you would think, open containers, littering and sewer ordinances, among other things.

If that doesn’t solve anything, then work with the community to do what they do for the Red, White, and Blue Festival and get rid of the open container law and I can almost guarantee that the number of citations that you see would go down.

All in all, yes, try and reduce the number of people that come, but don’t force everyone off campus into the community and then say that you care about it. That makes no sense.

Paying attention to statistics, roughly 84% of college students drink, that number isn’t going to change just because you refuse to give a name to a weekend.

No matter what, Fred Fest will remain immortal. Don’t ignore it, embrace it, bring in a decent concert worth attending and try and keep it on campus. You get to observe it and keep people from heading off campus as much as possible.
Following Dr. Herman’s email to the student body on Feb. 9 announcing the cancellation of FRED Fest, many students took to social media outlets to express their thoughts on the announcement. The following are comments made by Facebook users in response to Copy Editor Riley Straw’s post on the matter.

Riley Straw
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I feel as though if one were truly attempting to protect the well-being of the students, different steps would have been taken. Taking away inter-violation for individuals who do not live on this campus for a weekend that brings in so many people from out of town is foolish to me. As has been proven in the past, students are known to travel around a lot. Now, instead of having people supervised in a building with multiple RAs, an RD, and hundreds of students who could assist if anything were to go wrong with a guest (whether this be alcohol related, or not), we will have a ton of people sneaking guests into the building who are unknown to any supervisors in the building, making it much harder to respond to any sort of emergency, especially if it involves campus events. That is not only the school losing a bunch of money, but they’re also eliminating an aspect of the weekend that, all in all, is safe. It is supervised by both student-run organizations and security, tends to remain under control, and has a bag check before you can enter (not to say that this completely prevents drinking, but it does often help contain major situations to only a few isolated incidents). Furthermore, by eliminating the supervised on-campus activities during a FESTIVAL weekend, you are giving students the option to stay in their dorms (not likely), or to go find something to do off-campus (much more likely), which, according to them, is where most of the problems originate from. So why make that virtually the only option? It’s not as if they are under the impression that people won’t go off campus, because in the email they referenced the house parties that will inevitably happen. AND FINALLY, IF THE ONLY TIME THIS CAMPUSS Chooses TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT IS TO JUSTIFY SHUTTING DOWN A WEEKEND FAMOUS FOR ISSUES CONCERNING DRINKING I WILL SCREAM, HOW ABOUT WE ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING TO STOP Assault AND HAVESMENT (WHETHER IT IS SEXUAL OR NOT) INSTEAD OF BRIEFLY MENTIONING IT AT THE END OF AN EMAIL THAT, LET’S FACE IT, COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THAT. HOW ABOUT WE ACTUALLY TAKE REAL STRIDES TO END VIOLENCE AND NOT JUST SEND OUT EMAILS TELLING PEOPLE NOT TO DRINK BECAUSE IT’S BAD. This has been your weekly FSA with [image]

I think it’s completely and utterly despicable. I understand the village concerns about arrests and etc. However, I never thought they would actually cancel it. My FredFest experience every year has been wonderful, full of excitement and fun. I got to see so many familiar faces, alumni and meet tons of new people. I do understand that there are a lot of things that go on that are not wonderful as well. But it’s expected. Nothing is perfect. And everything has its shortcomings. Name one university who doesn’t experience some sort of negativity when their students celebrate? I think this university has allowed the negativity of the weekend to overshadow all the wonderful things our students do everyday. This year we have done so much! Fredonia Enactus teamed up with the Girl Scouts of WNY, The Leader produced The Queer Issue; we are doing tremendous things. I think administration gave up on us. I think they gave up on the possibility that we can do better. They took away the one time of the year we get to celebrate, to do WHATEVER WAY WE CHOOSE to celebrate and now it’s gone. Despicable. Truly.

From a former Fredonia student’s prospective, the meeting that they held last year where all of the clubs and interested parties came together was absolutely pointless. They heard all of the student opinions at a time that was too late to do anything to change FredFest and they blatantly said that in the meeting. Instead of taking the great ideas that some of the students had and actually implementing some of them, the students all left with their voices being heard, but nothing was done to implement any changes. It’s as if the meeting was held for the students to feel like they were involved in the process, but administration took nothing out of it that was said, or if they did, they didn’t do anything with the ideas that were shared.

I think there is something to be said for the fact that the school has openly stated that they are aware that there is a sexual violence problem on this campus during this particular weekend, but the only thing they’re doing to try to prevent it is take away their liability. Why not enforce more education programs during the week that are leading up to this event instead of enforcing laws that are arguably only going to make the problem worse.

The school is using an idea that hurts everyone, rather than trying to benefit the students, the lack of consideration that more than half of its students reside on campus eliminates any sort of safe zone and unfortunately encourages students to go off campus, where they’ve stated bad things have happened.

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I don’t know why anyone would want to erase the memories of their time at FredFest anyway. FredFest has been a part of the campus for over 10 years, and the memories many people have from it are priceless. I think that FredFest should still be held so that the school is providing a safe space for students to bond time. Regardless of what the holics think, there are going to be students who are going to continue to bond and party with friends and hosting parties. By removing safe activities, FSA is driving students off campus even more, which will create a larger disturbance in the community and even more incidents of crime and hospitalization and sexual assault that they are trying to avoid.

I agree with [image]. It is more of an attempt these last years to fix their image and relations in the community, but in doing so they are neglecting the safety of their students. I think just because they take their name off of it doesn’t equate, in my mind, to them being less responsible for the well being of their student population, whether they are on campus or not. And while I understand they are looking for better cooperation from students, I think they are stepping away from trying to help provide safe alternative activities for their students [their “number one priority”] by giving up on hosting FredFest altogether - they can’t be naive enough to think that by canceling FredFest it will stop any of the activities students will and do have in mind, on campus or off.
Fredonia showcase 2015 features variety of student work

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Fredonia is known for taking great pride in the talented artists on campus. In the Marion Art Gallery, 70 students in the Visual Art and New Media Department currently have art pieces featured entitled “Fredonia Showcase 2015.” The artwork includes paintings, videos, sculptures, photography and graphic design.

Gianna Ligammari — a junior animation and illustration major — has her drawing, “Kukuroo,” featured in the gallery.

“I absolutely love creating characters, and so the project around this piece was a lot of fun for me,” Ligammari said. The painting catches the viewer’s eye with different shades of blue and a hint of red and pink around the character’s eye.

“We had to create concept art and a backstory for a human and creature hybrid character using one of our classmates, in combination with a sea creature of our choice,” Ligammari said. “I went through a lot of different ideas. But at the early stages, a date seems harder than it is.

Dating is the like the final boss of a videogame. In its early stages, a date seems harder than it is. Thankfully, I am in a place in my life now where when I look at myself in the mirror — at all my rolls, stretch marks and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body and shape — I can’t help but see a beautiful landscape. So this piece is celebrating my body

The show stars Leigh and her boyfriend Jimmy (Kiernan Matts), whom she cheats on while he is on vacation. She later tells Jimmy that Davis, the guy she slept with, raped her. The problem is, they were drunk at a party when it happened, and neither of the two remember what happened in the bedroom.

In the end, each character is too self-absorbed to even communicate with one another. The idea here is that this generation — Generation Me — only cares about selfishness. Sarah Moebius, the sophomore musical theatre major who played Leigh, explains Generation Me as always saying, “I want this, and it doesn’t matter who I have to hurt to get it.”

Jackson said that selfishness in this generation is a very real issue.

“The play is centered around the idea that selfishness is the cause of a lot of the things that are bad,” he said. “It’s a vice that is causing a lot of problems, and it’s causing a lot of people to lose a sense of identity.”

In the play, many of the characters struggle to uphold their identities in the midst of the turn of events. Still, the character Grace tries to explain that there is a such thing as healthy selfishness, and that

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colors and overly dramatic features, as if they came right out of a cartoon. One sculpture even had excessively hairy legs.

“As a collection, they’re depictions of complex situations from the perspective of a child,” Huff said. “I’m interested in moments that you go through at a young age that you don’t really know are serious until you’re older and reflect back on them. In general though, I currently make the art that I do in order to retain my sense of wonder as I grow older.”

Edward Callivan, who is a sophomore visual arts and new media major, decided to take a different approach to some of the art in the gallery. He made a video called “Exorcism of The Rose,” which featured cartoon silhouette-like characters who perform an exorcism on a woman. The opening credits say, “In 1975 a woman named Anneliese Rose began the unusual diet of eating spiders.”

“My main inspiration for ‘Exorcism’ was naturally the whole act of exorcisms, the story of Anneliese Michel and two main movies — ‘The Exorcist’ and ‘The Exorcism of Emily Rose,’” Callivan said. “I’ve always been a fan of scary films and the whole could have happened behind the unholy mystery of the story. Also, I really wanted to give that same sort of scary to the viewers that they would experience in a Hollywood-done horror film, which I hope I did with a few black construction paper puppets.”

Cecelia Price has one of the series of paintings, called “Dominator,” currently featured in the gallery. Price studied at her series of paintings, called “Surrender,” currently featured in the gallery. Price studied at Pace College with a drawing and painting concentration.

“A terra cotta piece titled ‘Remembrance’ by Samantha Lanier,” said Price. “Surrender” is a rather risqué clothing being touched in a heated moment.

“The concept for this series is based on the artist’s past, present and future. The attitude that women are made for using and abusing would be the basis for almost every relationship she would have. After letting guys treat her like crap and walk over her, she finally started to stand up for herself. She wants to dominate her life, not sit back and let someone else control it for her,” Price said.

“The half of the series you’ll be exposed to is called ‘Dominator,‘ and the work reflects the present. It depicts Ivy taking control of the situation and the things that happen to her,” said Price. “More importantly, it empowers her and begins to provide a perspective on what happens in her future. ‘Dangerous’ is inviting you to take look at yourself and ask if you like the monster you’ve become.”

“The exhibition runs through Feb. 19, and gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and noon to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Student work for the Fredonia Showcase on display in the Marion Art Gallery.

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sometimes selfishness can drive us to success. The trouble is finding the fine line between stepping on others and reaching that success.

PAC puts on an independent project every year, and Jackson decided to direct “Really Really” because of its relatability to students. Since the project is independent, Jackson was on his own in creating a set. The show takes place in two apartments, so Jackson decided to use some simple blocks as furniture, and then rearrange them in every scene.

“There’s a mystery going on in the play,” Jackson said. “It seems like [with] every scene that comes up, the answer to the [mystery] changes.”

Since the show has a mysterious element, Jackson wanted the set to reflect that in its constant change. The play was presented in in McEwen 209, so lighting options were limited. Between scenes, the lights were dimmed, and the actors rushed to move around the furniture while modern pop music was used as a filler. The show only played one night and was free.

Kevin Gleason, a dual BA theatre arts and marketing major, described “Really Really” as “mind-blowing.” After the show, he said, “I’m really speechless.”

“Kids are gonna take a lot away from this,” he continued. “Kids are gonna be thinking as they do something, ‘what if this really was to happen?’ I think it’s important to realize that this is a serious situation.”

Rape is a serious and relevant issue. Even scarier is the reality that Leigh and Davis aren’t the first or last to be in this situation. Accusations of this parameter happen frequently, and people’s lives are ruined by it.

“I hope that the message will bring forth a good influence on the campus,” Jackson said.
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Happy soon-to-be Valentine’s Day, everyone! Hope you all have a special evening planned with your loved ones, or even a fun night spent with good friends. Valentine’s Day should be spent with people who make you happy, and there is no excuse to spend it alone, single or not!

Being in a relationship during Valentine’s Day should not be everyone’s priority. What’s more important is your happiness, and if you find someone to share that happiness with, then great!

Surprisingly, a number of couples that are together are not happy. The problem can be anything: being incompatible, or the lack of communication ... it all has to do with the health of the relationship. Even the best-looking relationships can be extremely unhealthy behind closed curtains.

So, let’s make an effort to not be blind to these signs and work on changing the ones we’re currently in. It’s important, because just being with someone doesn’t always mean the relationship is healthy or happy. By doing this we can have an even more enjoyable Valentine’s Day!

I got the chance to talk to some local couples on campus and discuss their thoughts about healthy relationships. What I learned from each of them is that balance in a relationship is really important.

When I asked freshman Noah Scott and junior Deana Beuley what a healthy relationship meant to them, they both agreed on the word “balance.”

“Having balance, respect, and understanding that we can’t always agree on everything [is important],” said Beuley.

Scott quickly added, “Balance is a good word; time together, time apart, and balance with arguments and getting along, too.”

Unlike most couples, Beuley and Scott started their relationship off quickly and without knowing much about one another. This works for them because they learn and grow together as girlfriend and boyfriend.

“People are going to change, so getting to know that person as they change and grow is what’s most important to sustain a healthy relationship to us,” explained Beuley. We can learn from them that balance is key in sustaining a healthy and happy relationship.

Freshman Dominic Vassallo and sophomore Stefan Uveges found that making sacrifices has been most important to them, especially because of their contrasting personalities.

“We do things the other may not like because we’re so different,” said Uveges, when explaining the types of sacrifices they make for each other.

The differences in Vassallo and Uveges’s relationship allow them to make each other better, and learn from one another.

“He calms me down,” said Uveges, “and he loosens me up. I was shy, but he’s helped me to open up and not be afraid to try new things.” The best relationships are the ones we learn from. Learning from one another makes it possible for couples to grow closer together, and understand each other better.

Sharing qualities and interests is also important to connect on a deeper level in a relationship. For freshmen Emma Jessop and Patrick Brett, who met at a summer camp, doing something they both love makes their relationship stronger.

“We both love music, cats, and we’re both goofy and have the same sense of humor!” explained Jessop when asked what she believes makes their relationship work. Jesop and Brett’s shared interests make them lucky enough to have a lot of the same classes together, but with all the distractions in college, I was curious to know how they maintain good communication with one another.

“We try to eat dinner every night and spend the night; we’ve always been good at talking to each other, and we’re good at making time,” said Brett. Communication, commitment and time are three very important factors to make a good relationship last. Fights don’t necessarily mean you’re in an unhealthy relationship; it happens, but what determines the strength of your relationship is how you overcome the obstacles with your partner. For seniors Amy Walters and Andrew Flagg, trust is what keeps their relationship strong.

“Feeling like you don’t have to second guess yourself [is key]; girls with boyfriends question themselves too much,” explained Walters. “[You] can’t sweat the little stuff like on social media; those arguments are not worth getting into,” added Flagg. A relationship without trust is just not comforting, nor will it last long. Learn to trust your partner and you’ll both be happier in the end.

Enjoy this Valentine’s Day with the ones who make you smile! I’m wishing everyone success in their current and future relationships, and remember: a happy relationship is a healthy one.

BRIONA SAAS
Special to The Leader
EVERY 14 SECONDS, AIDS TURNS A CHILD INTO AN ORPHAN.
Harper Lee’s new novel raises questions of manipulation

Valentine’s Day is the most overrated commercial holiday ever. I’m pretty sure that St. Valentine was the bee’s knees, but a lot of people use this holiday to shower “loved ones” with gifts they could give them on any other day of the year.

I even know of some people who enter relationships JUST for the Valentine’s Day gifts — either they are really clever or really lonely.

For all the uncommitted people out there, we refer to this holiday by a different name: Singles Awareness Day (SAD).

We are not being showered with gifts (even though we clearly deserve to be), and the day passes by just like any other: snacking and watching “Friends” on Netflix.

This year, SADness falls on a weekend, so this means all the people doped on love will turn one day into an entire weekend of nonse. Who says you can’t have just as much fun as those people being the fabulous single king or queen you are?

So, I present to you: a three day plan on how to kick ass and take names on Single’s Awareness Day/Weekend!

Dearest singles, I hope you sincerely enjoy your not-so-SAD weekend. Don’t forget to tune into Twitter and Yik Yak to see the magic of Valentine’s Day dissolve as you eat your chocolates and lay your hands on the arms of your well deserved, minivan-sized teddy bear. Cheers!

Friday: The warm up

Just because you’re single now, doesn’t mean you’ll be single forever. Don’t rule out possible options, an unexpected date could just be a swipe away.

Go shopping!

Are you that sweet person who buys random gifts for your friends?

Well, those particular friends are all in relationships. They’re more than covered this weekend.

You need to focus on yourself today, and you deserve to splurge, whether it’s a new phone case or some premium moldy cheese from Europe.

If your refund check still hasn’t come in yet, you can always just add items to your cart on Amazon. Unlike a person, the cart will be waiting with open arms!

Saturday: Game time

Take Yourself Out on a Date

Who said you need two to Tango? Sometimes, you just have to retreat from behind your laptop and your mountain of Maria’s boxes and get some quality food made with love. Some of Fredonia’s best foodie gems include The Brick Room, Ellicott Brewing Company, Rocco’s and my favorite, Wing City.

Dress yourself up to the nines and savor all the delectable bites you don’t have to share with anyone but yourself.

Sunday: Bask in your glory

Wake Up at the Crack of Dawn to Raid Walmart

Walmart is notorious for low prices. They drop by fifty percent on seasonal merchandise the day after the holidays.

They have those aisles like a fleet-footed goddess and take all the candies and snacks you desire. Hooray for half-off candy!

Buy The Only Cuddie Buddy You’ll Ever Need

You see them every year — those teddy bears at Walmart that are the size of a minivan. Who is going to buy those? Where would you even put it? You certainly can’t park it outside.

Well, who cares about any of that? You should buy one today.

Why? First, the freaking bear is half off. Second, it’s inanimate. You don’t have to take it on dates or buy it gifts. The only purpose this bear has is to love you.

Third, people are overrated. So, go on. Buy that bear. You deserve it.

BRITTANY PERRY
Special to The Leader

Earlier this week, HarperCollins Publishers announced that Harper Lee, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist of “To Kill a Mockingbird,” is set to publish her second novel in 55 years after the first novel’s publication. Her novel, “Go Set a Watchman,” is essentially a sequel to “To Kill a Mockingbird” and depicts the protagonist, Scout Finch, as an adult, returning to her town of Maycomb, Alabama to visit her father.

“Go Set a Watchman” was supposedly written prior to “To Kill A Mockingbird,” but has recently been discovered by Lee and her attorney.

When the announcement of the new novel’s publication was first made, many fans and literary scholars alike took to social media to express the excitement at seeing what else Lee has in store.

However, once the initial excitement wore off, many began to express the timing of the announcement and believed that Lee was being taken advantage of in regards the new novel’s publication.

According to the daily Telegraph, Lee had told a friend that she will not release further materials, stating, “I have said what I wanted to say, and I will not say it again.”

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Dating is the like the final boss of a videogame. In its early stages, a date seems harder than an hour or two and then go do something else. On the contrary, many gamers see it as productive, even academic.

Nicholas Reed, a senior computer science major, sees it is. Sure, you’ll get tossed around a bit, and lose a few times, but eventually something will click and it’ll work out.

Don’t get too comfortable though, this is only the beginning. Dating gets harder to deal with, constantly surprising you and exhausting your skill. Time and time again, you’ll find yourself becoming frustrated with the vicious cycle of fail and repeat, to the point it appears that you’re only destined for failure.

And then, something works.

At first, you won’t know what it was, instinct or fate, but by some miracle you’ve made it to the final boss. Yeah, it’ll be just as unpredictable and ferocious as its prior forms, but that’s what you signed up for. Although dating isn’t literally an epic battle, dating a gamer may actually be more similar to fighting a giant, digital monster. For some people, it’s easy, but for others, it is an impossible task.

In a discussion with a student who prefers to remain anonymous, it was clear that there are some people who would never consider dating a gamer.

“I would never date a guy who identifies as a gamer,” the student said. “I think it’s a waste of time, and it’s childish. I would rather date a gamer. Personally, I see gaming as a hobby — play for fun. For other couples, it doesn’t hurt for both individuals to love videogames. For Molly Waters and Jim Drake, gaming is the extra that makes their relationship extraordinary.

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Emily Annesley, a junior English and music performance major, is currently interested in a healthy relationship with a gamer despite having no skill in gaming. “I’ll play Mario Kart or Mario Party with him sometimes, but nothing too intense, because I’m really bad at it.”

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The Fredonia men’s ice hockey team dropped two conference games this weekend. Although the Blue Devils are out of question for the playoffs, they were competing for something other than a playoff seed on Friday.

Pink the Rink was held on Friday in the Steele Hall Ice Arena. Fans came to cheer on their college team while also supporting those who have lost the fight or are still fighting against cancer. The stands were packed with members of families, all wearing pink, who purchased jerseys that the men wore in honor of their loved ones. Some of these fans were Fredonia students who were able to see their loved one’s name on the back of the Blue Devils jerseys.

Following the game, a dedication ceremony took place in honor of these cancer victims. The Blue Devils took their jerseys off their backs to give to the families who had purchased them, and took a picture in memory of that certain loved one.

“It was great to see so much support for cancer as the whole crowd was wearing pink,” said Fredonia student Nolan Hettenbaugh. He was one of the Fredonia students who was able to watch the game and also honor his grandmother at the same time.

Hettenbaugh’s grandmother passed away in April of 2012 from uterine cancer, and his family donated the jersey in her memory. The jersey in honor of Louise Stearns was worn by sophomore Marcus Andersson.

Another jersey, worn by senior forward Stephen Castriota, with the name of “Webber” had a heartfelt story to it. Jessica Weber, a former Fredonia student, was diagnosed with a brain tumor that she fought for seven years. She passed away Jan. 6, 2010 in her junior year at Fredonia. Jessa, as she is more commonly known, was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority, which is where the donation came from.

Jessa’s Quest is a foundation that Sigma Kappa supports in honor of their late sister.
The high point of the men’s basketball season may have come a week ago, when the team was able to pick up its first SUNYAC victory over Potsdam. The win, however, was short lived, as the Devils came out of this weekend on a four game skid.

Fredonia seemed motivated, to say the least, following their blowout loss against Plattsburgh. Their first of three home games in a row proved entertaining, and they never lost the will to win.

There were two major roadblocks standing in the way of what very well could have been Fredonia’s third victory last Tuesday — the first one being Neil Randolph. The 6’5” forward out of Wicklow, Ireland ended the game with 26 points and six rebounds. Lastly, Elmira shot 44.8 percent from beyond the arc. While the Devils constantly made things interesting in the second half, every attempt was snuffed out by Elmira.

Friday’s game against playoff bound Oswego was close, as well. Freshman Ian Helps led Fredonia with 11 points, but no other Blue Devil was able to break double digits in scoring. The first half was a back and forth battle of runs, leaving Fredonia down 36-24. While the second half was even in scoring for both teams, the 12 point deficit was too much for Fredonia to overcome. Once again, the Devils’ efforts were thwarted largely in part because of one man. Oswego’s Brian Sortino ended the game with 29 points on 11-17 shooting, as well as three 3-pointers to hold off the Blue Devils.

Saturday’s matchup against Cortland turned out to be too much, and found the Devils swirling. Fredonia would never see a lead, after going down 7-0 early in the game. Fredonia would find themselves down 39-20 at the half. Helps again led Fredonia, and all other scorers, with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Again, no other Blue Devil broke double digits in scoring. Cortland, on the other hand, had 42 points from their bench during the win.

Fredonia fell to 1-13 in the conference (2-18 overall) after the weekend’s games. Their final matchup at home is on Tuesday, Feb. 10, against Brockport.

Blue Devil Tommie Banks in the game against Oswego on Friday.

Hockey continued from B-8

“This event is easily a favorite out of all the events we support,” said Vice President of Philanthropic Service Amanda Destro. “The atmosphere is enjoyable for everyone that comes out to support it.”

Jessa’s Quest has a mission to “raise funds that support organizations caring for children with life-threatening illnesses and contributing to the research for finding a cure for brain cancer.” More information regarding Jessa’s Quest can be found on http://www.jessasquest.org.

Pink the Rink raised approximately $8,000 which was then donated to the American Cancer Society.

Loving family members fled the rink after the Blue Devils lost to the Potsdam Bears 2-0. Aside from the outcome of the game, many fans left with a smile on their face knowing that the cancer victims they hold close to their hearts were recognized in the ceremony.

Potsdam scored their pair of goals in the first and third periods. Fredonia’s goaltender Jeff Flagler was credited with 38 saves.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils were silenced by the Plattsburgh Cardinals with a score of 9-0. The Cardinals are ranked No.1 in the SUNYAC conference, and it was proven in Fredonia Saturday. Plattsburgh scored three goals in the first period, five in the second, and one in the third.

Fredonia had 22 shots on net, compared to the Cardinals’ 47. Sophomore Chris Eisermann replaced Flagler in net during the second period, to hopefully spark some fire into the Blue Devils play, but unfortunately was not enough to help the team out.

With these two losses, Fredonia’s record dropped to 0-9-3 in the SUNYAC conference, and 4-12-5 overall.

The Blue Devils continue their SUNYAC play with home games this weekend against the Buffalo State Bengals on Friday and Saturday night, both with a faceoff time of 7 p.m.

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Disgruntled campus PR head wonders if it would be appropriate to reveal Erie dining hall founded on 3,000-year-old blood sacrifice ritual

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It’s no secret that it is hard to eat healthy on campus. Students dissatisfied with current food options are again wondering why Erie Dining Hall was closed over two years ago as campus food options continue to dwindle.

Flames of the increasingly popular movement to restore Erie Dining Hall were rekindled by the now notorious Change.org petition, which received over 500 student signatures in one day.

Head of Campus PR talked to us about the difficulty in dealing with these tough questions — tough questions with even tougher answers.

“Students don’t understand how delicate of a situation this is,” she said. “On one hand, I see why they want the dining hall to reopen. Unfortunately, it’s not that simple.”

She explained that Erie drew its powers from a ritual sacrifice to Akkadian fertility goddesses Amasgudul and Ama-arusus over 3,000 years ago, the site of which is the cornerstone of the building’s foundation. The dining hall’s vitality had been in steady decline over the last decade, finally drying out completely in 2012.

She continued, speaking honestly about the logistical problems with reopening.

“You can’t just one day decide to reopen, you see. You would need dozens of lambs and calves; you would need to erect a large shrine to Enlili and Muu. You have to wait until the interior planets line up in accordance to the quad. You think those dorm names are arbitrary? You need high priests, fire safety permits. You need fig trees and limestone. You see any of that growing around here? There’s transportation costs, labor costs. We have to think in terms of cash figures, you see. Sometimes that means the administration has to make unpopular decisions. It’s just not plausible with the current budget — meal plan sales are way down.

“So basically I’m stuck with the situation here: to either tell everyone why we can’t simply just reopen Erie and undermine confidence in the administration or to risk more angry students,” she said.

“The whole ritual is inscribed beautifully on ancient tablets in the hall’s basement, by the way,” she revealed, describing in detail the graphic depictions of burning lambs and haunting chants. “In fact, last I heard, they were being used to prop up a broken shelf in storage.”

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