World War I strikes Reed Library

Way back in the garden area of Fredonia’s Reed library, students, staff and a number of U.S. veterans joined together to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the war to end all wars. Appropriately titled “World War I Centennial: Ending War, Talking Peace,” the event, which happened last week, took place over two days.

The first day was a show-and-tell of sorts. All attendees were encouraged to walk up to the podium and share poems and excerpts from their favorite WWI era authors. The area was accompanied by an exhibit that displayed even more WWI era literature; a collection of works by the Austrian novelist, playwright, journalist and biographer Stefan Zweig.

Megan Howes, a senior journalism major, expressed to the audience what it means to her to come from a long line of service men and women. She also read “What the Thunder Said,” from T.S. Eliot’s Wasteland.

“TIt’s called, ‘Break of Day in the Trenches,’” he said. “It was written by Isaac Rosenberg. He was born in 1890 and died while serving in WWI in 1918. The main character here is a rat, so the author imagines what men fighting in the trenches of WWI might have looked like from the perspective of a rodent.”

Perhaps what each poem had in common was a sense of disgust, terror and realism. Each author depicted the state of WWI as hell on earth and put together a piece of art intended to absolve its readers of antipathy.

On the second day, Brian Castner, a U.S. veteran, and two other well known WWI intellectuals each led separate presentations.

Distinguished author Christopher Capozzola, who wrote “Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen,” presented first. Capozzola’s presentation was centered around the development of Uncle Sam and how this iconic figure established a culture of war in the U.S.

“The image first appeared on July 16, 1916, on the cover of Leslie’s Magazine underneath a heading that said, ‘What are you doing for preparedness?’ meaning you had to prepare in case the U.S. enters the first world war,” said Capozzola.

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On the Cover:
The Fredonia sky at sunset seen outside the Rockefeller Arts Center.
Vanessa Raffaele/Special to The Leader

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School shooting sparks discussion of campus safety measures

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Two weeks ago in Parkland, Fla., Nikolas Cruz, 19, walked into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and opened fire with his AR-15, killing 17 students, teachers and faculty members. Cruz, luring people into the hallways by pulling the fire alarm, methodically went floor by floor, shooting as many people as he could. Once finished, Cruz laid down his rifle and blended in with other students as they evacuated the building, in order to get away. Having no intention of taking his own life or being killed by police, an uncommon characteristic in mass shooters, Cruz fled the school grounds. He was on the run for about an hour, stopping at a nearby McDonald’s before being arrested by a local sheriff’s deputy.

Multiple stories of heroism have come out in the days since the shooting in Parkland. One of the most heralded is that of Aaron Feis, a Stoneman Douglas football coach. When the first shots rang out, Feis put himself between the gunman and numerous students, saving multiple lives. Coach Feis died after being shot several times, but according to the school’s football spokeswoman, Denise Lethio, “He died the same way he lived: he put himself between the gunman and the students as they evacuated the school grounds. He was on the run for about an hour, stopping at a nearby McDonald’s before being arrested by a local sheriff’s deputy.”

Since 2013, there have been 1,875 deaths and 6,848 injuries as a result of mass shootings. According to studies collected by The Telegraph, mass shootings, defined as any shooting where four or more people are injured, occur at least once a day.

Major mass shootings occurred, on average, once every 88 days between 2010 and 2017. This is a jump from once every 162 days between 2000 and 2010. It is estimated that Americans own around 265 to 270 million firearms, more than enough for every individual in the country.

However, according to the Pew Research Center, 51 percent of Americans support some form of gun control while 47 percent support Second Amendment rights. The numbers define the intense polarization in the United States surrounding gun control.

These debates ignite each time there is a shooting dominating national headlines. For instance, after the shootings in Las Vegas and at schools like Stoneman Douglas, Sandy Hook Elementary, Virginia Tech and Columbine.

Ann Burns, the chief of university police here at Fredonia, said that despite being well prepared, the odds of a shooter on any given campus are slim.

“Statistically, college campuses are the safest place in the country. You have a better shot at being struck by lightning than you do being shot on a college campus by an active shooter,” said Burns.

Nevertheless, Burns and her team have been prepared since the shooting at Columbine High School in 1999. She claimed that after Columbine, things have changed.

“We saw all the rules of engagement changed,” Burns said. “Prior to that there were hostage situations . . . [since Columbine] we saw that these shooters that go into schools — the aim is to get in there, kill or shoot as many people as you possibly can, then take your own life.”

Burns explained that in the case of school shooters, SWAT teams assemble and move slowly, alluding to a 45-minute response time from SWAT during the Columbine shooting.

“In case we have all the equipment necessary to go into that kind of situation,” Burns said.

Her team wears bulletproof vests and was the first SUNY campus to introduce the Carbine long gun, a lightweight automatic rifle. Burns reported that when starting this type of training, there were only a few officers trained. The fear that these officers may be off-duty at the time of an emergency led to Burns implementing shooter response training for all of the University Police (UP) officers since 2010.

“We have done an awful lot,” Burns said. “Our mission on campus is education, so we are going to push education for the officers and give them as much training as possible.”

The police force on campus trains with local departments, specifically Dunkirk and Fredonia’s sheriff’s department. Burns also mentioned that during the renovations of Dods, Steele and Houghton Hall, UP would run drills in those facilities.

Burns is not only interested in training her officers but also has an interest in training the services employees. UP runs yearly “Run Hide Fight” scenarios for employees along with presenting at the secretarial conferences each semester.

The latest civilian training was offered at Professional Development Day this semester, and according to Burns, the turnout was disappointing.

“We got three people . . . yeah,” she said.

But Burns is hopeful about the training that she is planning for the future.

“We now are going to do more training with people because obviously [the Stoneman Douglas shooting] has brought up questions and we’ve always wanted to have that conversation,” she said.

Burns advised that it is best to stay vigilant of people who seem to be acting unusually. The Concern and Action for Students Team, Burns mentioned, helps to view reports from teachers about students who may be displaying worrying behavior. Burns said she believes that system works very well.

In light of the recent shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School claiming the lives of 17 students and faculty members, Burns believes the dialogue and training will be very helpful and can ensure that university police are well prepared for this rare and frightening situation.
The next speaker was Castner, who compared and contrasted the apocalyptic state of affairs of WWI that were brief in comparison to the “forever wars” we experience as Americans today.

“By ‘forever war’ I mean the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and many others that began in the early 2000s and still continue today,” said Castner. “You really need three things to make a forever war go, and that’s foreign soil, compliant citizenry and technological disparity between warring factions.”

According to Castner, fighting wars today is a lot different than it was back then.

“Public sentiment during WWI was supportive of the war, but not ignorant to it like we are today,” he said. “The reason why it ended was because the technology of each warring faction was equivalent. It was gruesome. It was the tech that made people say, ‘We will never be able to fight another war again.’”

“So, I think the lesson is that the forever war is only possible when it happens on someone else’s soil, when one faction has clear power over the other,” Castner concluded. “America is clearly an empire and we thrive off of colonialism. We might be uncomfortable admitting that, but that is the hard truth.”

The final speaker was U.S. veteran Ian Fishback, a Ph.D. student of philosophy at the University of Michigan. He finalized the panel discussion by looking at the contentious dispute between John Dewey’s pragmatism in relation to WWI, and Randolph Bourne’s argument against this philosophy.

Dewey posits that under democracy, diversity thrives.

“[Democratic principles] have epistemic value because all moral stakeholders have a voice,” he said. “When they have a voice, they can be heard in the system, and therefore end up contributing to finding better solutions that are more valuable to all citizens.”

According to Fishback, Dewey supports World War I “because he wants to see [a diverse democratic system] not only thrive in the U.S. but also be exported to the rest of the national community.”

Fishback explained that Bourne was entirely against Dewey’s point of view because war even on the homefront undermines all that democracy stands for. According to Bourne, citizens should not be required to offer their entire allegiance to the state. Wars should not be an exception in terms of promising its citizenry basic American freedoms and sovereignty.

According to Fishback, although America does act like an empire, the incentive in influencing other countries has changed.

“Instead of seeing things from the perspective of a nation, international affairs have shifted to an era where the main imperative is to influence societies to become democratic. We are moving into an era where war is fought to protect the rights of minority groups.”

WWI continued.

“If the government wasn’t going to [make people prepare for the war], then Americans were going to do it themselves by tapping into their traditions of volunteering in centers of society: schools, clubs, churches and workplaces. So in a sense, the U.S. involvement in WWI was done by the people that Uncle Sam was pointing to,” he continued. “This expansion of power from state to federal was something that Americans did themselves in their everyday institutions. The Selective Service Act was actually a compromise of sorts, even though viability to register was universal.”

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Movements against sexual violence influence Fredonia

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Once every 98 seconds.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), that’s how often a person experiences sexual assault.

Recently, we’ve seen movements like #MeToo and “Time’s Up” spur serious conversation on sexual abuse. Because of these movements, we’ve seen several people high on the totem pole step down from their positions. Some are already facing jail time. But can the same energy be applied to college campuses?

Before this question can be answered, it’s important to note that sexual abuse is not always reported — even on college campuses.

“The reasons for [survivors] not reporting can be very personal but also exhibit a distrust in the system or fear of their perpetrator,” said Anneliese Bienko, a senior social work major and president of Fredonia Feminists.

Under the Clery Act, all universities that receive federal funding for financial aid purposes must report all crimes that happen on their campuses. However, while it’s mandated that sexual abuse cases (and all other crimes) are reported every year, the number of reported incidents with sexual violence doesn’t necessarily reflect the number of actual occurrences.

“The Clery Act is very specific,” said Julie Bezek, the coordinator of substance abuse and violence prevention on campus. “The crimes have to take place on campus. You can not count crimes that don’t meet all the criteria, and what you see from Clery Act numbers is a small piece of what the total picture is,” she said.

RAINN’s website provides data on reasons survivors don’t report sexual violence. The organization reported that 26 percent of females attending a university feel as if their incident was a personal matter. At the same time, 20 percent of the same population fear some sort of reprisal.

Bienko said she’s heard many stories and that she knows many people who have experienced sexual assault.

“We really need to work on creating a culture around believing and supporting victims and survivors of sexual violence,” she said.

“Shame and guilt often come with sexual assault. A victim could also be embarrassed. There are just so many reasons why someone would not report what happened,” said Bezek.

“Comparatively, when you look at robbery or car theft, most people wouldn’t think twice about reporting those crimes to the police and seeing those [perpetrators] brought to justice.”

In November of last year, Fredonia saw the birth of its own #MeToo campaign. A long list of alleged abusers from Fredonia was posted on Twitter and, before that, a similar list was written on a bathroom wall in BJ’s, a bar located downtown. As soon as the post was published, backlash and praise were both seen.

When asked about whether or not writing these lists were good ideas, Bezek had a hesitant answer.

“I encourage students to seek out the sense of activism that feels right to them, but they must also understand what the potential consequences could be,” she said.

Bill Boerner, Fredonia’s affirmative action officer and Title IX coordinator, echoed Bezek’s words.

“I don’t want to judge someone’s form of activism. This is a public arena and these individuals are adults . . . and perhaps some civil consequences could follow,” said Boerner. “Personally, I don’t think an [abuser list] is the best approach. It’s possible that some students shared sexual violence stories without the permission of the victims.”

Boerner believes that today’s political climate and the power of celebrities have cemented awareness for sexual assault.

“Hollywood has clout,” he said. “If a prominent person is called out in an arena that is pretty big, it has the ability to impact real change. When we have leaders who are also engaging in alleged sexual harassment or assault, that brings [the movements] to a higher stage.”

Although #MeToo, “Time’s Up” and other movements have gained momentum in recent months, some of these projects have been around for years. Are they here to stay?

Bienko thinks so.

“The primary difference between [these movements and others] is the aspect of social media and how [they have] reached such a huge audience, and perpetrators are finally being held accountable,” she said. “Social media has added a sense of solidarity that wasn’t as distinct as before.”

Bezek and Boerner also believe these movements will continue to stick around.

“I’ve heard a lot of men worry about what’s going to happen to them . . . and sometimes that’s good,” said Boerner. “We should be re-evaluating and reflecting on our behavior and then enacting change. Major abusers will continue to do what they do. But the people who may go down that line might re-evaluate themselves to learn and grow.”

Although she agrees with Boerner, Bezek can get a little overwhelmed with the whole movement.

“It’s a hard movement. Everyday there is a new story, a new facet of it, and at times I just can’t hear anymore. I think that it’s been bottled up for so long that the floodgates have now opened.”
What’s next: Hard conversations and the future of diversity at Fredonia

MONICA MANNY
Special to The Leader

On Thursday, Feb. 22, Rosalyn Taylor O’Neale visited Fredonia’s campus to give a presentation on “The Power of Diversity and Inclusion.” The conversation began with lessons on similarities and differences but ended with students yelling calls to action to administration.

With racial incidents happening semesterly, Fredonia’s administration called O’Neale’s visit “timely.” Her award winning background as a diversity consultant at Campbell’s Soup Company and other Fortune 500 companies made her a candidate for addressing the current climate on campus.

O’Neale’s presentation showed students and administration the importance of working together, outside of their comfort zones.

“We can not do it until we are willing to stand together,” said O’Neale.

As the presentation continued, the audience laughed as O’Neale played video clips that showed the way the brain can make judgements without considering all of the important details. But the laughter came to an abrupt halt during the question and answer portion of the conversation.

“I appreciate your ability to dance around the questions,” said sophomore Devin Johnson. He further expressed his frustration with the lack of impactful solutions being offered by O’Neale.

She offered “not worrying about people unless they are keeping you from getting your degree” as a solution to dealing with overt racism.

After further questioning about campus concerns, O’Neale additionally suggested students “do their work” for the possibility of a better life for younger generations.

“We need to just keep chipping away at it … I need you to do your work so my seven-year-old grandson doesn’t have to do it”

Students disagreed.

Victor Morales, a junior, said that he “shouldn’t have to” do work for further generations but that there should be solutions right now. He also expressed that people are being killed right now, and because of this, he believes he may not have the opportunity to have children, making reference to a recent hate crime in Buffalo.

Audience members expressed the burden of the work they were doing, with no real change, as well as their frustration for the lack of work done by campus administration.

“As much as these emails are being sent saying Fredonia is no place for this behavior, I have yet to see anything that shows me that,” said junior Nailani Pringle. “It’s a slap in the face to give us forums with no action.”

“What are we going to do? I keep hearing ‘keep going and keep going,’ but what are we gonna do?” asked Morales.

The Monday following the discussion, President Horvath sent an email to the campus community.

“As a campus community,” read the email, “we need reconciliation to address the real hurt of many people, training for all, clearer structures to support diversity and continued commitment to being an inclusive community.”

President Horvath indicated in her email that the hurt “was clear” and steps need to be taken.

What happens next will determine the future of diversity on Fredonia’s campus.

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POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY
Monday, Feb. 19, 2018
10:38 p.m. Brianna Merkel was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and criminal tampering. An appearance ticket was given.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018
1:32 a.m. Daniel Morino was charged with driving a vehicle without a licensed, operating an unregistered motor vehicle on the highway, tail light violation, unlawful possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle without inspection certificate. An arrest was complete.
1:32 a.m. Tamunoininemi Diri and Peter Wallace were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

Money was stolen from a vending machine in McEwen Hall. An investigation is on-going.

Friday, Feb. 23, 2018
9:30 p.m. Collin McKee was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

Items were stolen from the bookstore. Charges are pending.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018
1:02 a.m. Arda Gökçe was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.

A bathroom was damaged in Nixon Hall. An investigation is on-going.

FREDONIA
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018
Jordan Libbner, age 19, was charged with second degree burglary and petit larceny. An arrest was completed.

Friday, Feb. 23, 2018
11:48 p.m. Kraig Gilbert, age 20, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
11:50 p.m. Joseph Donovan, age 20, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
11:51 p.m. Chandler Guy, age 20, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
11:52 p.m. Joseph Donovan, age 20, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
11:51 p.m. Andrew Liberator, age 23, was charged with disorderly conduct. An appearance ticket was given.

Andrew Lerman, age 19, was charged with open container and underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was given.
12:15 a.m. Danielle Zareski, age 19, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:16 a.m. Ashley Kowol, age 19, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:27 a.m. Sarah Pearson was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:27 a.m. Sarah Morgan, age 20, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:39 a.m. Katelya McMinides was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:41 a.m. Alexis Dwyer was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:41 a.m. Alexis Petit was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:45 a.m. Brianna Maldonano was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:48 a.m. Jack Webber was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
12:50 a.m. Kayla Ballotin, age 19, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
1:07 a.m. Elyssa Synor was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
1:16 a.m. Codie McCool was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
1:30 a.m. Daniel Judson, age 19, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.
1:35 a.m. Michael Dineen, age 20, was charged with obtaining a false driver’s license. An arrest was completed.

All information printed in The Leader’s police blotter is a matter of open public record. No retractions or corrections will be made unless a factual error is shown. Anyone who is cleared of charges has the right to have so printed. It is the responsibility of the accused to provide notice and proof of the dropped charges.
Rarely has there been a better marriage than that of coffee shops and intimate musical performance from local musicians. This is exactly the case in Fredonia, especially with every Rhythm and Brews.

This event, sponsored and organized by Music Industry Club, allows local musicians the opportunity to showcase their skills on the Fredonia campus.

Club member and sophomore audio/radio production and music industry double major, Dan Calderone played a large role in organizing this year’s Rhythm and Brews, as he booked “The Spot” in Tim Horton’s and selected the event’s artists. Calderone said he likes giving new students who haven’t received as many opportunities at performing their shot. He also has to consider the musical styles of the artists he selects.

“For this one I was lucky enough for the performers to come to me first and ask to play . . . which made my job easier,” Calderone said.

The first Rhythm and Brews of the spring semester kicked off this past Saturday with the musical act, Sullivan.

The set featured a mix of both original songs and covers by alternative band, Guster, and a well-received rendition of Third-Eye Blind’s iconic “Semi-Charmed Life.”

Brooke ft. Justin Terrence Boise (a.k.a. music industry’s own Alex Vasiloff) followed Sullivan’s set. Brooke warmed the listening audience of Tim Horton’s with her stirring vocals alongside a spacey-sounding overdrive from Boise’s electric guitar, especially on Boise’s original song “Snow Covered Trees.”

“It’s always a lot of fun! I love representing Music Industry Club and performing with my friends, in front of my friends is always an enjoyable experience,” Vasiloff said.

The final act of this rendition of Rhythm & Brews brought to the stage Soul’r Inc. The group’s fusion of jazz elements was apparent through their saxophone and piano instrumentation. Their guitar and bass instrumentation alongside the vocals brought a bit of a musical chill element to the listening audience.

The trio of acts last Saturday showed how plugged in Fredonia students seem to be to the popping local music scene in and around Fredonia. Whether it’s a performance in Mason Hall, an off-campus show from a local band or one of Music Industry’s events like Rhythm & Brews, it’s hard to deny the powerful binding agent music can be on campus.

For students like Andrew Pszonak, senior music industry major, and its events like Rhythm and Brews can be influential in preserving the Fredonia area music scene and its artists.

“It’s how I got into performing around campus and [it] introduced me to Sound Services and Music Industry Club, which led to me becoming a music industry major,” Pszonak said.

That same binding agent is something that some, such as Vasiloff, feel can help strengthen the sense of community while putting Fredonia on the map as a music scene for both Fredonia and Buffalo bands.

“People like to feel that they can contribute to an artist they enjoy, but there needs to be a scene for that to happen,” said Vasiloff. “So what we did in Fredonia was make [that] scene so that we can enjoy all the bands that come through and let them know that Fredonia is a loving and wild music scene that supports and respects artists.”
**Delta Phi Epsilon continues the fight against eating disorders**

**STEPHEN SACCO**
Special to the Leader

The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, better known as ANAD, brings awareness to eating disorders. From Feb. 26 to March 2, SUNY Fredonia’s Delta Phi Epsilon (DPhiE) will be hosting a whole week of events to bring that awareness to campus.

Nationally, DPhiE is one of the largest philanthropic organizations to contribute to ANAD’s fundraising.

Julia Haley, a sophomore childhood inclusive education major, is the vice president of programming for DPhiE. One of Haley’s roles in the sorority is to orchestrate ANAD Week’s activities.

“One of the major things that drew me to DPhiE in the first place [was] our philanthropies . . . it’s really special, ANAD week has a personal connection to us because we had a lot of our own sisters affected by eating disorders,” she said.

Furthermore, it will shed light on what it’s like to live with an eating disorder and provide ways to help others and ourselves.

Abby Sokolofsky, a freshman criminal justice major, will be sharing her personal story with the audience at the vigil. She believes that there are some misconceptions about eating disorders, and she will touch on that in her speech at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2, in Thompson Hall W101.

“I’ve heard people say, ‘oh I wish I was anorexic, I wanna be able to be that skinny’ . . . I don’t think a lot of people understand, and they think ‘oh my God just eat,’” she said.

Christina Colose, Delta Phi Epsilon’s president, explained that this week is a staple event of the sorority’s.

“For the past 30 years, DPhiE has been holding ANAD week and raising money for the fight against eating disorders,” she said.

For the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon, even after 30 years, providing awareness and continuing the fight against these disorders continues to be paramount.
Brews Under Review: Cutting through the fog

JAMES LILLIN
Staff Writer

It was one of those strange, gray days in Fredonia. The air was somehow both chilly and humid, the rain neither pouring nor drizzling, as a slight fog moved along the streets.

The warm atmosphere inside of Ellicottville Brewing Company is always a welcome reprieve from the outside world, and it was doubly so that day. With a wonderful wooden interior, a kaleidoscope of liquors and beers behind the bar and a pleasant smell wafting from the kitchen downstairs, I was definitely looking forward to trying whatever it was the bartender had in store for me.

This week, Matt, the bartender, poured me a glass of Foglifter — their medium-bodied porter.

With an ABV of 5.8 and a 32 IBU, this smooth, bitter porter was just what I needed to lift my spirits.

The color was, at first, a lighter brown, reaching a hue like dark chocolate as the head began to settle. After taking my first taste, I was struck by the strong, piercing coffee notes. There was a faint hint of a very dark chocolate in the background, but the bulk of the taste was pure dark-roast coffee.

They say if you like a beer, go to the source. When I was in Edinburgh at the end of December, I went on a pub crawl with some friends and we happened across a bar serving a special edition of Guinness called Guinness Smooth. It lived up to its name. Its consistency was so smooth that it was honestly disconcerting, like a liquified cashmere.

Drinking Foglifter is the closest I have come to reliving the texture of that stout in Scotland, but if I had to compare, I’d say that I prefer Foglifter.

Perhaps it’s owed more to my personal taste, but the balance of the light carbonation and the medium-body of Foglifter was a much more pleasant and flavorful experience. The flavor may be less complex than some porter enthusiasts are looking for, but the main notes of the beer are bold and uncompromising.

I have never had a lightly carbonated, black cold-brew coffee, but if I had I suspect it would be an eerily similar experience to Foglifter, sans the pleasant notes of alcohol. The head was smooth and tan, clinging firmly to the sides after a sip, and I never tired of the deep, pleasant coffee notes. The beer is more bitter than an average porter, but never has any of the upsetting or acidic notes that would accompany a similarly bitter coffee.

Those seeking to pair Foglifter with foods should look towards smoked and barbecued meats, or richly sauced dishes that can stand up to the strong flavor of the porter. It would also work very well as a dessert beer, begging to be paired with any rich dessert that has coffee, cream or chocolate as a featured element.

Verdict: Strong, smooth and simple, Foglifter is a bold coffee-forward porter that is perfect for a stuffy day.
What happens when your parents are suddenly forced to leave the country? This is what I found myself asking as I sat in the kitchen, staring at my breakfast in shock after hearing the news. About a year ago, my parents sat my brother and I down, fed us pancakes and told us that they would have to leave the country in the next coming months.

My parents were born and raised in Germany and decided to move to the States in 1992 after getting married. During the first couple of years they traveled on the B1 Visa and had to leave the States every six months to be able to stay another six months.

After two years of this, they were told by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services they needed a different type of visa or green card if they wanted to officially stay in the States. They hired an immigration attorney in Pittsburgh and she gave them information on how to apply for the E1 Treaty Trader Visa. This type of visa is for self-employed immigrants who do half of their business with their home country, which was Germany in this case.

The E1 Treaty Trader Visa had to be renewed every five years. It was denied to them in 2015, however, because the trades with Germany were no longer over 50 percent of their total business. Production had begun to circulate through my dad’s brother, who also lives in the States, and had him trade to Germany instead.

After receiving the news in Jan. 2016, my parents immediately hired an attorney to help us find another way to stay in the States. The attorney was able to get them permission to stay for six months with the B1 Visitor Visa, and another six months after that expired.

During this time, my parents talked to countless immigration attorneys, went to the immigration office in Buffalo to seek help, wrote letters to the governor, senator and state representative of the county and state of New York and even wrote one to President Trump.

Everyone had the same answer: my parents didn’t qualify for the green card or citizenship, even though at the time they had lived most of their adult lives in the States, had invested in countless cars, two houses and most importantly had two children who were born in the country and lived here all of their lives.

So far, my parents came back to visit for the summer in 2017 to be there for my brother’s graduation and left with him in August. I saw the three of them again over this past winter break, which was wonderful, but things are so different now.

Nothing has been the same since the day they broke the news about leaving. The house was emptied of most furniture and belongings that my parents had to sell. One of our dogs and cat, Drew and Kitty, had to be put down because they were too old for my parents to take with them or have them put up for adoption. Our other dog Billy had to be left behind and now stays with a family friend.

The fact that international families like mine are being separated for doing nothing wrong while illegal immigrants are “accidentally” granted U.S. citizenship means something needs to change about the immigration policies in this country.

My parents are good people. A couple of speeding tickets was their only wrongdoing in all 26 years of living here. They never took work away from anyone as my dad owned his own company. They spent and invested all their money into the States. They always applied for their visas legally and spent a lot of money in attorney fees and visa fees.

They have two children who are U.S. citizens. So why are they on the other side of the world right now?
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During the NBA All-Star weekend, LeBron James and Kevin Durant were bombarded with questions about their response to Fox News’ Laura Ingraham’s “shut up and dribble” comments.

In an interview with ESPN’s Cari Champion, James said, “We are at a watershed moment in this country’s history, and we cannot deny that we are very divided, especially in the political arena.”

Durant explained that he and his teammates on the Golden State Warriors would not be attending the White House for the traditional post-championship celebration. He also expressed that athlete’s voices are powerful in the community.

Durant and James explained that they are role models for young children and that kids and teenagers think highly of them, so their words matter. They voiced their displeasure with the President and explained why in the interview.

Ingraham responded to those statements.

“You’re great players, but no one voted for you,” she said. “Millions elected Trump to be their coach. So keep the political commentary to yourself or, as someone once said, ‘shut up and dribble.’”

Her comments about athletes “sticking to sports” is one that is a very important debate in society and something that has been a topic of recent discussion.

It is ignorant to believe that athletes should just stick to playing their sports and stay out of the political arena. Sports isn’t a “getaway” from social issues and politics because politics is a part of sports. Owners of franchises endorse politicians all the time and frequently speak out about issues that they believe in.

The double standard of athletes not being able to talk about real issues but owners having the freedom to is wrong. Athletes get shamed for being highly paid for playing a sport better than the average person. People think that because they get paid millions, they should be grateful and shut up, but that’s exactly the opposite of what they should be doing.

Athletes are humans like the rest of us and have every right to speak out on social issues and politics happening in their country.

A lot of athletes come from places affected by the social issues happening in America. Guys like James and Durant have given back millions of dollars to their communities and other charities over the course of their careers, and they can be seen as role models.

No matter how hard you try, politics can’t be taken out of sports. As cliche as it may sound, politics and sports go together like peanut butter and jelly.

People who try and tell you that athletes need to “stick to sports” are ignorant to the dynamics of sports and politics. A quick Google search will prove that sports and politics are mixed together and athletes should have every right to not “stick to sports.”
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Fredonia men’s hockey is flying through SUNYACs

AIDAN POLLARD
Staff Writer

We’ve come a long way from Pink the Rink.

Just a couple weeks ago, the Fredonia men’s hockey team had to rally to make it into the SUNYAC playoffs, and now they’re two huge wins deep and looking to go on to best Geneseo for the SUNYAC title on March 3.

Fredonia hockey has come into this SUNYAC tournament on fire, and they’re showing no signs of settling down. On Wednesday, Fredonia traveled to Plattsburgh to start off the SUNYAC tournament and bested the Cardinals in a 4-3 game.

Victor Tracey, Tommy DeFelice, Ryan Dunner and Jacob Haynes scored goals. Dunner scored the game-winning goal.

“Scoring that goal was definitely one of the coolest experiences of my hockey career,” said Dunner.

This was Dunner’s first collegiate playoff game, and he came through in a big way with both a goal and an assist against Plattsburgh.

“That whole game was a team effort. We played a full 60 minute game and executed our style of play perfectly,” said the freshman.

This was a big win for the Blue Devils, as it advanced them to the next round of the playoffs against Oswego. Once again, Fredonia traveled to an away game to try to keep themselves in the playoffs.

Going into the game on Saturday, Fredonia was a major underdog. In the Pink the Rink game, they lost to the Lakers in a shutout 5-0 game.

“I think we all feel good going into Oswego, especially after they had a tough weekend with getting shutout,” said Dunner before the game. “And I know if we come in and play our game like we all know we can, we will win this game.”

Fredonia delivered on that promise with a 3-1 win against the Lakers.

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Fredonia will now go on to play the Geneseo Knights in the SUNYAC final.

On Saturday, the Knights crushed the Buffalo State Bengals 5-2, so Geneseo will likely be coming into this game with a lot of momentum.

It will be another away game, so Geneseo will have the crowd advantage, just like Plattsburgh and Oswego did.

So far the Blue Devils have been proving themselves over and over in this postseason, and now they have a shot at the championship. Everyone is looking for them to pull off another major upset for the title and bring home some glory for Fredonia.

Fredonia has not won the SUNYAC title since 2006, and Geneseo is another nationally ranked team at seventh in the nation. If Fredonia can make this win happen, it will be an incredible “Cinderella story” for the Blue Devils.

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Fredonia seniors shatter records

CASSIDY HERMAN and AVRIL KING
Special to the Leader and Social Media Manager and Assistant Sports Editor

The past two weekends were exciting ones for the women's indoor track and field team — especially for Mikayla Capestrani and Brittany Feldman.

Capestrani came off an injury she endured recently and was still able to break some records.

“It feels good knowing that I could come back from an injury that I had last semester and still achieve my goal of 12 feet and continue to see progress being made in my vaults,” she said.

Capestrani established a new school record in the women's indoor pole vault during the Dragon Grand Prix in Tiffin, Ohio, on Saturday, Feb. 10. The new record scored Capestrani third place.

The Jamestown native has received numerous SUNYAC academic honors and has made the dean's list three times. Aside from her outstanding academic honors, Capestrani has also been named Fredonia Athlete of the Week two weeks in a row.

To set Fredonia's school record in the women's outdoor pole vault, Capestrani had to go two inches higher than Julia Schreier and Olivia Kurbs. Schreier and Kurbs had previously held the record at 11 feet, 5 ¾ inches. On Feb. 10, Capestrani cleared 11 feet, 7 ¾ inches, to take over as the record holder.

“It is amazing to have teammates competing alongside with me. They are always there to cheer me on and pick me up when I feel discouraged,” said Capestrani. “Our pole vault group is like a little family. We are all so close and will always be there for each other.”

Along with the new record, Capestrani also moved up to No. 22 on the NCAA Division III women's indoor track and field performance list.

“To achieve my goals, I just need to be confident that my body is capable of jumping these heights, and I need to trust the process and have trust in my coaches,” she said.

The following weekend at the Cornell University's Marc Deneault Invitational, Capestrani topped her own record. She broke the school pole vault record for the second straight meet.

“It's a great feeling when you finally reach one of your own personal goals,” she said.

After her performance on Feb. 17, Capestrani moved from No. 22 to No. 16.

“To me this is amazing and one of my all time track goals is to go to nationals,” she said. “They take the top 17 women in each event, so as of right now I am going to nationals, but there are still two weeks between now and the national meet where things could change and I could get pushed down farther on the list and bumped out of nationals. So as of right now my next goal for myself is to try and clear the next height to better my chances of going to nationals.”

Capestrani cleared four inches higher than she did at the Dragon Grand Prix meet. With her 11 feet, 11 3/4 inches pole vault, she finished second at Cornell.

Capestrani also surpassed fellow senior Kristen Sawyer on the Fredonia career vault list. Sawyer cleared 11 feet, 5 1/4 inches during a 2016 meet.

“My next goal is to make nationals whether it be for this indoor season or for outdoor. Before I graduate I would like to say that I have gone to at least one national meet,” she said.

As for Feldman, she also had a successful weekend at Cornell, which earned her a spot as Fredonia Athlete of the Week.

“The atmosphere at Cornell is intense because it is a Division I meet. I love it, and I love the pressure it brings,” she said.

Also from Jamestown, the sprinter was able to beat her own 2015 school record in the 300 meters, taking off 1.33 seconds.

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Feldman finished Friday, Feb. 23 in first place in the 400 meters and fourth in the 200 meters. Both times earned her slots in the finals, which were held the following day. In the 400 finals round, she took second place and went on to take fourth place in the finals for the 200 meters.

Capestrani also had another successful weekend at Brockport, taking fourth place in the women's pole vault on Friday.

“'Our pole vault group is like a little family. We are all so close and will always be there for each other,' said Mikayla Capestrani, track team member.”
Top 5 offseason moves
MLB free agent & hot stove tracker

JORDAN PURVIS
Special to The Leader

Unless you live under a rock, you probably have been inundated with news of all the blockbuster trades and contract signings over the past several months. With Super Bowl LII finally out the way, we can now focus on MLB spring training and the newest editions to each team. Here are the five most interesting deals of the MLB offseason.

5. Mets making a World Series run

The Mets are trying to get back to where they were in 2015 at the World Series. First on their agenda was signing five time All-Star Adrian Gonzalez. Second was signing former Home Run Derby champion Todd Frazier and, lastly, they brought back Jay Bruce after trading him last season to the Cleveland Indians. If the Mets want to be contenders this year, it will be based on the health of their players. If Noah Syndergaard, Steven Matz, Zack Wheeler, Jacob deGrom and Matt Harvey can all stay healthy this season, then there should be no doubt they’ll be a threat in the National League.

4. Goodbye Kansas City, hello San Diego

Eric Hosmer inked an eight year, $144 million deal with the San Diego Padres after winning a championship and playing seven years with the Kansas City Royals. In 2017, Hosmer hit 25 home runs, 94 RBIs and had a .318 batting average. The signing of 28-year-old Hosmer certainly doesn’t mean the Padres will reach the playoffs, but hopefully they’ll rebuild around him with younger players in the next several years. Ever since the Padres were founded in 1969, they have never won a World Series title.

3. Giants add Longoria and McCutchen

With the Los Angeles Dodgers dominating the National League West last year and reaching the World Series, it’s very unlikely that the San Francisco Giants will win the division even with their newest acquisitions. The Giants went to work this offseason by acquiring first base veteran Evan Longoria in a trade with the Tampa Bay Rays. A couple of weeks after signing Longoria, the Giants traded for a long time Pittsburgh Pirate, Andrew McCutchen. The Giants are looking to rebound from a 64-98 season.

2. Los Angeles Angels sign Shohei Ohtani

The Los Angeles Angels came up big this offseason when Japanese sensation Shohei Ohtani decided to sign with their organization. Ohtani is just 23 years old, and in just five seasons playing in Japan’s Nippon Professional Baseball Organization, he went 42-15 with a 2.52 ERA. Additionally, Ohtani hasn’t proven he’s just a great pitcher, he is also a great hitter. With over 403 games played in the past five years in Japan, Ohtani hit 48 home runs, 166 RBIs and has a batting average of .286. With newcomers such as Ohtani, as well as Ian Kinsler, Justin Upton and Zach Cozart, they are the team to look out for this year.

1. Yankees acquire Giancarlo Stanton from Marlins

The most notable trade this past offseason was definitely the Yankees landing National League MVP Giancarlo Stanton. The trade involved Miami acquiring Starlin Castro, Jorge Guzman and Jose Devers. Last season, Stanton recorded 52 home runs and 132 RBIs in 159 games. Stanton will join a strong offensive lineup that includes Aaron Judge, Gary Sanchez and Didi Gregorius. Just imagine how many home runs Stanton and Judge alone will be hitting. Will this be the year the Yankees bring home World Series Championship 28?

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Lawmakers shocked at students’ response to Parkland shootings: ‘We had no idea they could form a sentence like that’

EMMA PATTERSON
Editor of the Scallion

After Trump’s historic win in the 2016 Presidential election, most Americans soon learned to expect the unexpected. What was unexpected — at least to the general public — was the mature defiance displayed by the students of Parkland who refused to accept only “thoughts and prayers” in the wake of the country’s most recent and avoidable mass killing. Most surprised, however, are the lawmakers who were previously unaware that students like Cameron Kasky, David Hogg, Emma Gonzalez and Jaclyn Corin could string together a sentence, let alone organize a huge social movement.

“It’s a good thing we Baby Boomers have a handle on all this computer-y stuff, or this could really get out of hand,” one government official was filmed saying, as captured on film by high school junior Hesan Ideeot.

The government official isn’t the only lawmaker who “had no idea” today’s youth had the power and know-how to call the country out on its severely damaged moral compass.

“I mean, wow,” said another Florida lawmaker as he watched hundreds of students protesting outside his office window. “We had no idea they could form a sentence like that. Maybe we should, like . . . listen to them?” He scratched his white, prematurely balding head, and then laughed. “Naaaah,” he said.

Perhaps most shocked was Sen. Marco Rubio, who stood bewildered as Cameron Kasky and other students promptly shattered any possible argument he could have had in defense of lax gun laws.

“I stand before you today shocked, dismayed and disgusted,” he said, his head hanging in shame like a child caught pocketing money from the NRA instead of protecting the country’s children. “I’m horrified how today’s youth realized how powerful they are. They weren’t supposed to find that out for years!”

Even Donald Trump himself, the father of five children and who knows how many others, couldn’t believe what he was seeing.

“So I guess . . . I hear you?” He said to a crowd of grieving students who had just watched their friends and teachers get gunned down. Shrugging his shoulders and looking confused, he said, “I don’t really know how to talk to you guys now. Uh . . . do you still like DDR?”

Some lawmakers have refused to accept that today’s kids have seen some serious shit. “Those kids are so entitled, they don’t even know how to numb themselves to a national tragedy,” another lawmaker was heard saying, as reported by student journalist Megan Usproud. “The next thing we know, they’re gonna have control of the internet, or something.”

“My generation won’t stand for this,” Cameron Kasky told CNN in an ardent appeal to lawmakers who have the power to make mass shootings less prevalent. Lawmakers responded in perhaps the most expected way of all:

“Yeah, yeah, yeah,” they said. “We’d like to see you try.”
The Adventures of Hal Scallion

ALBERTO GONZALEZ AND JACLYN SPIEZIA
Staff Scallywags

Hi, my name is Hal Scallion, and most of you probably don’t know me. It is my first full semester at Fredonia and it has not been going very well at all. Ever since I started here, I have been consistently late to classes and meetings because I still can’t learn this school’s confusing layout. I have had trouble making friends, all while dealing with the stereotypes that come along with being from the “Allium” genus (No, my breath does not smell).

Thanks to my snarky cousin, Maximillion Onion, who was so narcissistic as to name a whole online magazine after himself, I always felt like I could not be my true, sarcastic, joke-cracking self without being cast under the all-consuming shadow of my cousin. The only solace I have when I am inevitably asked about my “famed” cousin is referring to him as Max, because he is so pretentious he refuses to have his name shortened.

Things started to look up for me this week when I had finally met some people in the intercultural center who knew what it was like to be put into a box — although I am glad this is not the same box my Uncle Steve was put in — he ended up being sautéed over a porterhouse. I was so excited to contribute to BSU that I had volunteered last Sunday to use my license to rent out an SA van, get supplies from Thompson, and drive them back to the group to prepare for an event. This was the break I felt I needed to turn my luck around!

Well, of course, I was looking forward to making some new friends so much that I had neglected to pay much attention to the weather. I was so focused on getting back to the group quickly that I thought, “Hey, it would be so much quicker to park the van on the grass RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE DOOR then I can be back in a flash.”

Yeah, well, that was about as good an idea as it was for my Uncle Steve to fall for that all expenses paid vacation he had won . . . even though he never entered. Everything seemed to be going to plan. The van was all loaded up and I was ready to show just how reliant I can be to my new found friends. But then . . .

I got stuck.

Writing this down was very therapeutic, not that I believe in that psychology-hippie-weirdo-talk-about-your-feelings-crap. Fortunately, the people at The Leader are really nice, and I hope they will have me again to update you all on my adventures.

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Fredonia’s icy campus gets students into figure skating: ‘Who knows? Beijing 2022!’

JACLYN SPIEZIA
Staff Scallywag

The weather has been quite moody recently, and the cold and rainy conditions have led to icy walkways on campus. Some students have decided to take advantage of these conditions by ice skating around campus. Although campus administration is worried about the danger of skating around, these students are arguing that it may just be the safer option.

“What would you rather wear on ice, snow boots or ice skates?” asked one student, Angelina Ballerina, as she pointed out the advantages to ice skating around campus.

“Not only will it be more fun to travel around, but it’ll also help me to be able to get to class quicker.”

“Sure, ice skates might make traveling on ice easier, but are ice skates practical in classrooms?” asked one professor, addressing her concern on the issue.

Ballerina had a response for the professor.

“Ice skates are so easy to put on and take off. Sometimes I actually worry that they might slip off me while I’m skating. In fact, I was recently introduced to a new type of ice skate, where you can retract the blade. The concept was inspired by the designers of Heelys.”

Even with this new information, many people are still hesitant as to whether or not the idea of ice skating around campus is practical.

“What about the students who are not ice skating around campus?” asked some administrators.

Ballerina had another great point.

“People bike ride and skateboard around campus all of the time, and no one has managed to have a problem,” she said.

Ballerina’s friend Mike Mooves thinks that this opportunity can boost the ice skating talent on campus.

“The more I can practice ice skating, the better chance I’ll have of making it to nationals this year!” said Mooves. “Who knows? Beijing 2022!”
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Roses are red, violets are blue, that really gross dude at the bar with a backwards tee who smelled like Tanqueray and McDonald’s was definitely hitting on you. (But take what you can get.)

You might stumble upon a bit of wealth this week while rummaging through your belly button. Is that a dollar bill? Sources say yes.

After the realization that the squirt guns at BJ’s beach party were filled with hydrochloric acid, you still didn’t hesitate to get squirted. Facial reconstructive surgery is totally an option.

All these tragedies might inspire you to do good deeds this week. For starters, you should make sure Rebecca breaks up with her boyfriend. He is such a douche!

You might get a strong sense that your roommate never flushes the toilet. The stars say it’s best to call them out in public. Do keep your dukes up if situations become violent.

No matter what you do things never seem to go your way. Just hold on. Take a deep breath. Look up to the stars. And realize things are literally never gonna go your way.

Your friend from high school who’s visiting may bring his bong with him. You may also end up on Eyewitness News in assless chaps later this weekend. What happens in between is a mystery that we cannot comment on.

The person who made your sub at Willy’s the other day put way too much mayo on it. You must come to embrace the mayo flavor and all that it stands for. Mayo is love, mayo is life.

You might come to realize that one night stands and hookups just aren’t your style. You’ll soon discover that a bottle of Jergens and a DVD copy of “13 going on 30” is way more your style!

Celebrating a birthday has never felt more exhausting. It’s time to stay in next weekend with your significant other and pretend to enjoy “Riverdale.”

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