Fredonia’s creativity: now showing in 3D

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Special to The Leader

As the opening of the television series “The Twilight Zone” goes, “This is the dimension of imagination.”

While Reed Library is not taking us into the Twilight Zone, Fredonia students and community members now get to create and experiment with another dimension — the third dimension.

A 3D printer was unveiled in Reed Library last semester and has been accessible to the campus community since March 5.

Lara Herzellah is a research and information literacy librarian in Reed Library and is heading the new 3D printing service.

According to Herzellah, the printer was roughly a $3,000 investment. An investment that she explained is going to mostly student use and enjoyment.

“For the most part, it’s been students [and] undergraduate students, and they’ve been mostly using it for personal use, but some academic use too,” she said. “It’s funny to see what people are submitting and what kind of stuff they want — and the nerd in me always loves that.”

Currently, the printer is not a self-service station. Those who wish to use the 3D printer must submit a request through an online form that can be found on the Reed Library website. The printer is run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, so prints are limited to that timeframe. Herzellah also said in the interest of sustainability, people are limited to the amount of material they print.

As of now, there is no cost to students for each print they make, as opposed to the regular printers in the library. Herzellah said, though, “In the fall we may be implementing a cost of $0.05 per gram. This would not be taken from their print quota but would have to be paid separately.”

Details are still be still being worked out by Herzellah and other library staff for fall 2018.

Requests must also comply with all university and library policies, meaning no weapons, inappropriate material or anything prohibited by local, state or federal law.

The current state of the 3D printing program is set up as a pilot plan. The library is gauging interest this semester with hopes of having a full-running service in the fall. Herzellah said interest is “definitely there.”

“We haven’t done much promo except for having it out in the library with a little sign on it that indicates how you can submit a request. And we’ve already gotten, I think, fifty requests since March 5,” said Herzellah.

3D printing is innovative technology, but having the capability to utilize it on a college campus is nothing new. Neighboring SUNY schools, University at Buffalo and Buffalo State, have 3D printers.

According to Herzellah, the 3D printer will hopefully be one of the first steps in establishing a “maker area” in the Reed Library — a designated area for creative work through technology and innovation.

The new technology in the library is not only intriguing to students and community members, but also to Herzellah herself.

“I’m just super excited that we have it,” said Herzellah. “And I’m really happy that students are excited about it [and] that people are always stopping and looking to see what’s printing.”

The hope for the printer is something that presents itself as almost a challenge for the minds of Fredonia students. As Herzellah concluded, “I hope it sparks some creativity.”

On the Cover:
A bed of flowers blows in the wind on a path from the Williams Center.
Angelina Dohre/Photo Editor
Former chaplain of Fredonia’s Newman Center is linked to sexual misconduct

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A list of 42 priests who have been accused of sexual conduct with minors was released on March 20 by Bishop Richard J. Malone.

On that list is the Rev. Edward J. Walker, who served as dean of the Catholic clergy of northern Chautauqua County. He was also appointed papal chamberlain by Pope John XXIII in 1953, and served as the Fredonia Newman Club’s chaplain for 12 years.

In a statement regarding the list of priests, the Buffalo Diocese said the list “identifies diocesan priests who were removed from ministry, were retired or left ministry after allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.”

Included on the list are names of deceased priests who have had multiple allegations made against them. Priests who have only faced a single allegation were left off the list.

Walker had been a Catholic priest for 65 years in western New York.

While acting as chaplain for Fredonia’s Newman Center, Walker was also the pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish (also in Fredonia). As reported by the Dunkirk Observer, Walker held tenure at St. Joseph’s until he “abruptly” left in 1965.

According to his obituary in the Buffalo News, Walker, a Buffalo native, was a graduate of South Park High School, Canisius College and Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University in Olean. He died in 2002, at the age of 95.

“This list has likely triggered feelings of great distress and even betrayal,” Malone said. “I share those emotions. Please know that your priests feel the same way … all our priests are greatly distressed.”

Although the list is comprised of 42 names, unanswered questions still remain.

Back in 2004, Syracuse Bishop Robert Cunningham said there were 53 priests accused of sexual misconduct since 1950. According to George Richert, a spokesman for the diocese, the 11 names missing from the new list belonged to religious orders, and that the diocese is “not intending to release more information than the names.”

The list from the diocese doesn’t include where and when abuse happened — only the names of priests are provided.

Last week, the diocese removed Rev. Dennis Riter from ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton R.C. Church in Dunkirk following sexual abuse allegations. Bishop Malone said the diocese acted immediately and "engaged in protocol," which is shared by bishops across the U.S.

Malone lobbied earlier this week in Albany against the Child Victims Act, a bill that would provide a one-year window time to revive old cases. The Catholic church and the Boy Scouts of America have both said this bill would force organizations to defend themselves in cases with alleged abusers who have been retired or dead for years — something that would be “toxic” for the Catholic church, according to Archbishop of New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

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Gender neutral bathroom placed in Mason Hall

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Special to The Leader

In February, a petition to place a gender neutral bathroom in Mason Hall made its way around social media. Just last month, a bathroom in the building was officially switched over.

On Feb. 26, President Horvath sent out a statement in a Monday update email concerning the current bathroom situation. “Recently, I learned that no all-gender restrooms are available in Mason Hall and found this troubling on two levels. First, we need to have all-gender restrooms in all academic buildings, as this is a basic right and need for transgender individuals and any who seek privacy for various reasons. Second, we need to have better planning so that we can be proactive on such issues, with space and facilities needs rising from users in buildings across campus,” she said.

Horvath continued, “Students should not have to petition for this kind of need to reach the attention of those who can do something about it. In making our campus more inclusive, changing spaces is the easiest thing we can do; changing minds and practices related to inclusion is much more challenging.”

Mol Stabell, the sophomore public relations major who sits on the Pride Alliance e-board and created the Change.org petition, said it received around 600 signatures.

In a recent update sent out by Stabell via Change.org on March 21, Stabell said that a gender neutral bathroom was officially placed in the building.

While Stabell’s petition took weeks to gain attention from student around campus, Stabell says that she didn’t do much with the petition. “It took off on its own basically, I just kind of just helped it along a little bit. I didn’t even send it to any officials or the president or anything. It just kind of got around and then I just kind of got in touch with [President Horvath] afterwards. So really, I didn’t do a whole lot of anything.”

While Stabell continued to share the petition on social media, President Horvath was quick to take action as soon as she heard about it. Stabell said, “There was a speaker who came and one of the students at that event mentioned it and she got a hold of it that way . . . I hadn’t even sent it to her yet, but then after she sent that email addressing the issue, I then sent an email back to her . . . thanking her and saying it was me.”

Bill Boerner, the chief diversity officer and co-chair of the Chosen Names Policy, is working with others to assure buildings around campus have these single-occupancy spaces. He said the campus is behind on receiving these bathrooms in academic facilities because of building codes.

According to FEMA.gov, building codes are, “sets of regulations governing the design, construction, alteration and maintenance of structures. They specify the minimum requirements to adequately safeguard the health, safety and welfare of building occupants.”

To put this into perspective, building codes regulate the amount of toilets, sinks and stalls in bathrooms and the amount of bathrooms in buildings.

“Building codes have not changed at this time to be inclusive of all genders . . . The building codes themselves don’t necessarily dictate that we also need to have an all-gender restroom as well,” Boerner said.

Although building codes don’t require gender neutral bathrooms, Boerner said that it’s the university’s decision to be inclusive for transgender and gender nonconforming students and staff.

On March 5, Horvath’s Monday update email said, “In Mason, an all-gender restroom will open this week. Facilities Planning and Facilities Services will be working to ensure that each of the remaining buildings without all-gender restrooms will have these in place as soon as possible.”

Boerner’s primary goal is that all members of the LGBTQ+ community feel welcome.

“That individuals have a sense of belonging as part of our community [and] that individuals are able to engage with their identity in our community in a seamless way and not feel like it has to be a burden. I hope that as an inclusive community that members of the LGBTQ+ community will feel as though this is a place of welcome,” he said.

Stabell said, “I think it’s a great start and I honestly think it’s a little surprising that President Horvath didn’t know that this was an issue. I think . . . it’s going to help a lot of students in this building everyday . . . She said they’re in the works of putting gender neutral bathrooms in the academic buildings that don’t have them . . . so I think it’s a really good start.”
Get a closer look at the stars with Fredonia’s Observatory

ALIX SMITH
Special to The Leader

“A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away . . .”

. . . Just kidding! Nevertheless, in this galaxy, the Fredonia Observatory will open its doors for a second time.

A success in Spring 2017, Dr. Michael Dunham, assistant professor and astrophysicist, has decided to open the observatory’s doors again so the public can see the wonders of space and go on their own adventures.

The Observatory will open Wednesday, April 11 and continue to do so every Wednesday until the end of May. Each Wednesday there will be two viewings, the first at 9 p.m. and the second at 10:30 p.m. Each viewing will be able to hold ten visitors, so make sure you reserve a spot ahead of time. It’s free as well.

Even if the weather doesn’t cooperate, no worries. It’s located on the top of the Science Center in an enclosed room.

You could argue that looking up at the nighttime sky is for romantic dates and midnight walks to clear one’s head. However, with the Plane View 17-inch reflecting telescope, you can see wonders you can’t see just by looking up. You can see details you didn’t know existed, or only have been able to know through books and documentaries on late night binge-watching escapades.

Do you remember that feeling of learning something “so cool” in elementary school, your eyes got as big as dinner plates, your jaw dropped to the floor and you just looked at as much information as you could? Paying The Observatory a visit may bring back that curiosity.

After all, how much do we know about the theoretically infinite number of universes, let alone the patch of sky above us?

Dunham himself has been studying astronomy since his sophomore year of college as a physics major. His research details, as scientifically as possible at this current time, the understanding of the physics behind star formations, including stars such as the sun. He uses telescopes to observe young stars forming from the material around them to accrete mass.

Dunham described when he was first intrigued by astronomy.

“It was just such a fun experience — staying up late, collecting scientific measurements under a beautiful (if cold) night sky,” he said. “It ignited a passion for scientific discovery in me that continues to this day.”

POLICE BLOTTERS

UNIVERSITY
Monday, March 26, 2018
Logan Warren was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was given.
Tabara Patterson was charged with petit larceny. An arrest was completed.
A bicycle was stolen from the McEwen Hall bike rack. An investigation is on-going.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Mamadou Diallo was charged with petit larceny. An arrest was completed.

Thursday, March 29, 2018
Abdillah Yusuf was charged with petit larceny. An arrest was completed.
Ian Helps Jr. was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. An arrest was completed.
Sunday, April 1, 2018
Adam Gawronski was charged with disorderly conduct. An arrest was completed.

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Thursday, March 29, 2018
Thomas Jones, age 54, was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. A uniform traffic ticket was given.
Daniel Brunez, age 55, was charged with passing a red light. A uniform traffic ticket was given.
Friday, March 30, 2018
Erika Gumerson, age 57, was charged with operating an uninspected motor vehicle. A uniform traffic ticket was given.

Sunday, April 1, 2018
Adam Gawronski was charged with disorderly conduct. An arrest was completed.

Christina Bartoo, age 41, was charged with an aggravated DWI and leaving the scene of an accident. Uniform traffic tickets were given.

Saturday, March 31, 2018
Zachary Scott, age 31, was charged with failing to stop at three stop signs and failing to comply. Uniform traffic tickets were given.

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Sprin has sprung in Fredonia
Performing Arts Company presents “Spring Awakening”

STEPHEN SACCO
Special to the leader

Easter has passed, and spring has arrived. It’s only fitting that the not-so-traditional Broadway hit musical “Spring Awakening” take Fredonia’s stage this month, put on by the Performing Arts Company (PAC).

The musical touches on many raw, difficult topics.

Dr. Jessica Hillman-McCord, from the Theatre & Dance department, is the director/choreographer of “Spring Awakening.” She touched on the difficult subject matter characteristic of the show.

“This play is really about the abuse of young people and the hope that they can move past this . . . [and] hope for the future,” she said.

Currently, the Never Again movement has erupted after the fatal shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. A group of students from Stoneman Douglas High School is leading the movement, which directly correlates with the symbolism and themes of “Spring Awakening.”

Hillman-McCord also explained that this show is a little different than most.

“It’s not your traditional feel good musical ... the score is beautiful ... the content is extremely important and current ... [and] visually striking.”

Frank Wedekind wrote the play during pre-Nazi Germany, and it takes place during the year 1890. The historical significance of the show led to the hiring of “dramaturgs,” or researchers. Their job is to communicate to the cast what the historical circumstances were during the era that the musical is set in.

The two dramaturgs hired for this production are Hannah Hernandez, a junior B.F.A musical theatre major, and Jack Levenberg, a sophomore B.F.A acting major.

“For me it was about learning how these kids in Germany were being treated, was this show exaggerated or not ... So I did a lot of research on the education system, on how suicide and sexuality was handled,” said Hernandez.

“I think we know every person in the play pretty well ... it's been easier to relay the information and talk to the cast on a personal level,” said Levenberg.

The work that Hernandez and Levenberg bring to the production leads to effectively relaying the emotions and the reality of the characters to the audience.

Audience members will get a taste of history before walking in the theatre doors. A poster outside of Marvel Theatre, created by Hernandez and Levenberg, puts the historical circumstances and the issues surrounding the production on display.

Michaela Tramuta, a senior B.F.A musical theatre major, is the lead female role in “Spring Awakening.” Tramuta was a varsity basketball player in high school before she realized her passion for the theatre.

“Once freshmen year of high school came around, they did ‘Godspell’ ... I wanted to do the play ... But who do I please? My dad who's the athlete or my mom? ... I saw the musical and I sobbed after,” she said. “I was like, ‘this isn't right, something is missing. I need to be on stage,' and that was the moment [I realized] this is what I need to do for the rest of my life.”

This will be one of Tramuta’s last performances before she graduates and her time at SUNY Fredonia comes to an end.

One of the male leads is Jeff Kringer, a senior B.F.A musical theatre major. Unlike Tramuta, Kringer comes from a family of theatre.

“Senior year of high school I did ‘The Secret Garden,’” he said. “What was special about [it] was that I did it with my little brother.”

Kringer also described his change in perspective and his decision to make a career out of theatre.

“I think I realized the weight of theatre. It's not just entertainment, it's never been just entertainment. It's something meant to relate ... it exposes things ... it presents the public with problems,” he said. “To see something like that right before your eyes is way different than seeing it through a screen, or reading and hearing about it.”

Acting and performance is not just a hobby to Kringer, but something more.

“You realize that it becomes not an escape. It doesn’t become putting a mask on anymore ... or just a hobby you do where you can run away from the real world,” he said. “It becomes taking the masking off.

“Spring Awakening” opens on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. and will run through April 14. Tickets are on sale through the ticket office and are selling quickly.
Sigma Gamma Phi’s Bingo for Babies returns

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This past Wednesday night, Sigma Gamma Phi held their annual Bingo for Babies in the Williams Center MPR.

Bingo for Babies is an event that helps raise money and awareness for March of Dimes, one of the sorority’s philanthropies.

March of Dimes is an organization that researches and finds solutions to help keep premature babies, and mothers with complicated pregnancies, healthy.

Junior exercise science major Emily Shellenberger holds the position of Sigma Gamma Phi’s philanthropy chair.

Part of her job is planning all of the sororities philanthropy events, including this one.

“We set up bingo. We usually do it every year. I just made sure to promote it even more this year,” she said.

This year’s turn out made the fundraiser a success.

The night featured seven rounds of bingo, and each board was available for a dollar a piece.

Every round had a different prize ranging from Maria’s pizza gift cards to a giant stuffed koala bear.

March of Dimes holds a special place in the sisters of Sigma Gamma Phi’s hearts, especially Shellenberger’s.

“My little cousin only weighed 13 ounces when she was born. She was the size of a ruler. That’s why I ran for this position, it was extremely close to me,” she said.

For more information about March of Dimes, visit them at www.marchofdimes.org

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Admittedly, this week has been a whirlwind for me, and I honestly couldn’t think of a better way to unwind than a visit to EBC West.

The great thing about EBC is the perfect combination of atmosphere and food. I find it comforting to sit and absorb the sounds, sights and, most especially, the mouth-watering smells of the delicious entrees.

During this venture to EBC, I decided to test out Pretzel Bender which is described on the menu as “an easy drinking Dunkelweizen [a hybrid German-style of brewing], dark in color, but light in taste.”

This particular beer features an ABV (alcohol by volume) of 5.0, while its IBU (international bitterness units) rang in at 60 IBUs.

The first thing I noticed was the striking color, but don’t let it fool you. Disguised as a dark and edgy beer, this drink certainly has a nice and light spring in its step.

Pretzel Bender’s amber color is reminiscent of the brown color of a freshly-baked pretzel, while the smoothness of this light beer would certainly pair well with the salty snack. I tend to gravitate toward light beers and this one certainly doesn’t disappoint.

While sipping my beer, the Detroit Tigers and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game was wrapping up the thirteenth inning. I honestly can’t think of a better combination than a great baseball game and enjoying a glass of Pretzel Bender.

After a tough week, it’s always nice to sit back and take a moment to enjoy yourself and appreciate the good things in life. After checking out Pretzel Bender, it’s safe to say that I would hop at the chance to get another glass of this brew.

Treat yourself to a nice dupe in Pretzel Bender for a smooth light beer that is the perfect way to reward yourself (go ahead, you’ve earned it).

When all else fails, do as the Romans do — carpe diem and get this seasonal brew before it’s gone.

Photo courtesy of Melissa Fuchs.
A few years ago, I heard a conversation between two women that I hardly know. I was sitting in a hair salon, waiting for my mom, when the pair sitting in the chairs next to me starting talking about how they regularly took their sons to the chiropractor.

Of course, there is nothing wrong or even completely unusual with this behavior of taking children to the chiropractor. However, one key sentence jumped out at me in the middle of their very loud conversation.

“Our kids may be the only ones in Naples to see a chiropractor every few weeks, but at least we aren’t taking them to the psychologist’s.”

Looking over at me and quickly remembering that my dad is a psychologist, the woman who said that jokingly apologized to me and then went back to her conversation.

In fact, any time that I have mentioned to anyone that my father is a psychologist, the person usually makes some comment about how that must be the reason I am so quiet. Or they ask if I get tired of being psychoanalyzed all the time.

I know they are all joking, including the two women from the hair salon. However, over the years it has really made me wonder why there is such a negative stigma associated with counselling.

I was diagnosed with severe anxiety and panic attack disorder when I was 9 years old. Since that time, I have seen one social worker and one school counselor. Add in the fact that I have lived with a psychologist for my whole life and, to me, counselling seems like a normal part of life that some people choose to take advantage of.

Clearly, that is not how everyone sees it.

If an individual suggests that someone should attend therapy, it is seen as an insult. People who experience mental illness are sometimes regarded as “crazy” (yes, even in 2018). If you type “mental illness” into thesaurus.com, one of the first synonyms given is “insanity.” Simply judging by the reactions people have when I tell them that I have a mental disorder, it is still a taboo subject.

Now, there are many possible different reasons for this. According to an article by Good Therapy, back in Ancient Greece, if an individual had some sort of mental health disorder, it was considered a punishment from the gods. In the Middle Ages, the mentally ill were seen as being possessed by a demon. In Europe in the 1600s, they were chained in dungeons and isolated from the rest of society.

Although these facts do not account for every possible reason a person may feel uneasy about therapy or mental illness, they do show that the general population has viewed these subjects negatively for a very long time.

Thankfully, there are many different coalitions these days to break those stigmas, educate society and provide support for those who may be struggling.

Several such resources can be found right on campus. The counseling center in LoGrasso Hall is helpful and completely confidential, plus it is very easy to schedule an appointment.

Nobody who thinks they need help should have to reconsider therapy just because their friends or family say that it is only something for “crazy people.” Nobody should be made to feel like an outcast by talking to a professional.

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NFL owners meet, discuss national anthem protests

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The annual NFL owners meetings were held in Orlando last week, and there were a lot of things up for discussion between the owners after this season. Some of the things discussed in the meetings were targeting calls and catching rules, among others.

New rules were approved, like officials now having the opportunity to eject players after a replay, another new catch rule and eliminating the requirement that a team who scores a winning touchdown at the end of regulation has to kick the extra point or go for two.

The national anthem situation seemed to be still unsolved.

The owners all discussed the national anthem protests and other social justice messages at the owner meetings, but no policy was created or voted on. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell wouldn’t comment on the topic, but said the owners would discuss it further at the May meetings.

Goodell says he wants to listen to the players to come up with a solution. Many of the owners at the meetings expressed the same feeling to reporters.

NFL teams did unanimously agree to create a local matching funds component to social justice platforms, but discussion on the national anthem is still in the beginning stages.

One of the reasons the NFL is finding it hard to deal with this national anthem situation is the fact that the owners aren’t even on the same page as to what the NFL should do.

While owners like Jerry Jones (Cowboys), Robert Kraft (Patriots) and Bob McNair (Texans) want their teams and the league to stand for the anthem and have rules in place supporting that, Jets owner Christopher Johnson is opposed to it and would want the players to express themselves freely.

“‘I can’t speak to how other people run their teams, but I just think that trying to forcibly get the players to shut up is a fantastically bad idea,’ said Johnson.

The owners will look to compromise, as many owners are not on board with forcing their players to stand for the national anthem. One of the options discussed was requiring players to stand for the national anthem if they were on the field or stay in the locker room until after the anthem.

As the NFL tries to find a solution to their national anthem problem, the next meeting in May will most likely be the time when a rule or compromise is made with the owners and players. This topic is very important to a lot of the players, and the protests and news surrounding the anthem the last two years have given the NFL a black eye.

The NFL will look to clean up after itself as quickly as possible, but now that the owners know the players are serious about this, this rule, if approved, will be heavily examined before enacted.

“‘I can't speak to how other people run their teams, but I just think that trying to forcibly get the players to shut up is a fantastically bad idea,’ said Christopher Johnson, owner of the New York Jets.”
Loyola-Chicago’s improbable run through March Madness comes to an end

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There is no better consolation than Sister Jean. After Loyola-Chicago lost to Michigan in the Final Four of the NCAA March Madness tournament, 98-year old Sister Jean gave comforting words and hugs to the Ramblers whose teary eyes could certainly use it.

“She said she was proud of us,” said Cameron Krutwig, Ramblers’ freshman.

Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt has been the chaplain for the Loyola-Chicago men’s basketball team since 1994, and she has received an honorary doctorate from the school, as well as a “Sister Jean Day” in 2012.

Sister Jean’s popularity skyrocketed after the Ramblers’ unlikely upset of Miami in the first round of this year's NCAA tournament. From then on, Loyola-Chicago continued to upset teams as well as sports analysts and bracket-holding fans as they moved forward through the tournament.

Sister Jean’s “Divine Intervention” has been credited for their upset of Tennessee as well as Miami. Both games were won in the closing seconds, making Sister Jean a rising star whose bobblehead has sold for over $300 on eBay.

The win against Tennessee took the Ramblers to their first Sweet 16 in 33 years. They went on to best Nevada and Kansas State to make it to the Final Four played against Michigan. Loyola lost 69-57 to the Wolverines, ending their 2018 run in the tournament.

For an 11-seed who was not projected to make it past the first round of the tournament, the Ramblers have made quite a name for themselves in 2018. They spent the whole tournament squeaking by and edging further and further with the help of both Sister Jean and a rabid fanbase.

With two strong teams making the championship game, it’s hard to see much of a downside to Loyola-Chicago’s loss.

Sister Jean has decided to take a social media hiatus after the loss, and she accepted no questions before leaving the Alamodome on Saturday.

For now, nobody but the players who she so lovingly consoled after the loss will be the only ones to know how she currently feels. Though, for a personality like Sister Jean, it’s hard to imagine anything but optimism and forward-thinking.

Renditon of Loyola-Chicago’s official logo. Kara Cekuta/Staff Ilustrator
2018 National Football League draft predictions

JORDAN PURVIS
Special to The Leader

The National Football League will be hosting their annual draft from April 26 to 28, 2018. The best college athletes showcased their abilities this past March, performing physical and mental tests in front of numerous coaches at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Now what are the positional needs for the top five teams in the draft?

1. Cleveland Browns - Saquon Barkley, RB

The worst team in the league might not be so horrible anymore. Despite the fact that the Cleveland Browns had a record of 0-16 last season, this offseason, the Browns made several moves to increase their postseason hopes. The first move was the Cleveland Browns agreeing to a trade with the Buffalo Bills for Tyrod Taylor. However, they gave up a third-round pick, No. 65 overall, for Taylor. Second, Cleveland agreed to acquire Jarvis Landry from the Miami Dolphins in exchange for a 2018 fourth-round draft pick and a 2019 seventh-rounder. Lastly, the Browns traded their 2017 second-round pick, DeShone Kizer, to the Packers for former first-round cornerback Damarious Randall. Without a doubt, I think it will make sense for Cleveland to draft running back Saquon Barkley from Penn State University. In his junior season at Penn State, Barkley played 13 games, scored 18 touchdowns and averaged 1,271 yards. With Barkley, and the other additions to the teams, I don't see why the Browns wouldn't make the playoffs this upcoming season.

2. New York Giants - Sam Darnold, QB

It's pretty obvious that Eli Manning's time in New York is simmering down. Last season, the Giants ended their season 3-13, as the 37-year-old quarterback scored 19 touchdowns with 13 interceptions and threw for 3,468 yards. With the second pick in the draft, the Giants need to be smart when deciding who they should draft this year. If the team decides on drafting a quarterback, Sam Darnold seems like a perfect fit for the team. Darnold played for the USC Trojans in his sophomore season. The 6-foot-4-inch quarterback threw for 4,143 yards as well as throwing 26 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. The New York Giants last made the playoffs in 2016 when they lost the NFC Wild Card Round against the Green Bay Packers 38-13.

3. New York Jets (via Colts) - Bradley Chubb, DE

The Jets moved up to No. 3 while sending the No. 6 overall pick, two second-round choices this year (Nos. 37 and 49) and their second-rounder in 2019 to the Colts. Notable acquisitions during free agency this past month were the Jets signing 25-year-old quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who previously played for the Minnesota Vikings, and re-signed veteran Josh McCown, bringing him back to New York for another season. Back in 2016, while practicing in training camp, Bridgewater tore his ACL and dislocated his knee. Bridgewater made his return late last season against the Cincinnati Bengals, but he only had two pass attempts, as well as throwing an interception. Selecting Bradley Chubb, arguably the top defender in the draft, would be perfect for the Jets. Defensively, the Jets weren't as bad, but will really improve by adding Chubb to the team.

4. Cleveland Browns (via Texans) - Josh Rosen, QB

With the fourth pick in the draft, Cleveland might select a quarterback this time around. Even though the Browns traded for Taylor, it doesn't seem like he'll be their longtime quarterback. Josh Rosen seems like a legitimate fit for the Browns offensive scheme. During his junior season playing for the UCLA Bruins, he threw for 3,756 yards with 26 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

5. Denver Broncos - Josh Allen, QB

With the departure of Brock Osweiler once again, it wouldn't hurt the Broncos to select another quarterback. On the chance that Allen isn't already taken, there's no doubt that the Broncos would select him. However, if they do select Allen in the draft, it would be awfully difficult to keep the other three quarterbacks they already have. The Broncos currently have Paxton Lynch, Chad Kelly and newly signed Case Keenum on their depth chart. Could the coaching staff possibly let all four players stay on the team? Or maybe they will go with the same approach the Patriots did and trade two of them?
Terrified lawmakers claim that everyone who showed up to the “March For Our Lives” event were crisis actors

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Staff Scallywag

When children started speaking out after the Parkland mass shooting, including recently at the March for Our Lives, lawmakers were concerned that young children had well-formed opinions.

“Just because people lost family members and friends due to gun violence doesn’t mean they have the right to be upset about how easily accessible guns are. Gun violence has been around since Jesus’ time, but back then it was just called stoning. It happens,” said one religious lawmaker.

“Yes, it was a mass shooting, but tell me what that has to do with guns,” said a lawmaker with an assault rifle in his back pocket. “In fact, seeing those unarmed and peaceful protestors all upset made me feel a little bit uneasy. I almost pulled out my AR15, just in case.”

Another lawmaker said, “Why are they upset with us? We do nothing all the time! You know, the thought of people fighting for their lives is scary to those of us in office who haven’t fought at all for our lives!”

Some lawmakers even tried claiming that the people at the march were all just crisis actors.

“Those children are being trained like dogs, spewing out these ridiculous accounts of ‘gun violence’ when what really happened was just another fed up, oppressed white male protecting himself against bullies,” commented one woman.

“How can children know anything about gun violence? Shouldn’t they just be in school? It’s not like they’d experience gun violence there! They are just crisis actors, people!” said a man with a fresh check from the NRA.

When asked why they might be crisis actors, one lawmaker said, “I don’t understand why people could ever be upset about the easy accessibility of assault rifles, which are protective weapons, especially when instating a ban would be much harder than just finding every possible crazy person in this country of 250 million people and making sure they can’t get guns.”

“We have decided that the best way to help is through inaction,” said one politician.

However, the so-called crisis actors are calling lawmakers out.

“Since this tactic of ‘inaction’ has been in use, the number of deaths of school children from mass shootings since 2012 have surpassed the number of overseas casualties of veterans in combat since 2001,” said the crisis actors/Parkland survivors/game changers. “Maybe we can just trade locations, and the issue will be solved.”
Mar-A-Lago: Where Russian operatives are at your service

Trump’s latest oblivious nightmare (or success?)

This past weekend, affluent members of the esteemed Palm Beach Mar-a-Lago were surprised to learn that their stay was magnificent, due to the hard work of Russian operatives posing as butlers.

“When we booked our overnight stay at the resort we were met with beautiful service by those who worked there. Nothing seemed off, to be honest. Well, except for the fact that the man who delivered our room service demanded our Facebook passwords and suntan lotion. I happily forked over the suntan lotion no problem. The man was pale,” Palm Beach resident and loving father Ronald Hemsworth said.

Hemsworth’s story seemed all too familiar for other patrons who enjoyed their pricey stay at the resort that weekend. There also seemed to be a surge in flash mob tendencies in the main lobby of the resort. The flash mob was met with mixed reviews.

“My husband and I were waiting patiently for the next round of gin and tonics when suddenly an assortment of butlers came out of nowhere, break dancing and singing the State Anthem of the Russian Federation. I wasn’t appalled at the choice of song, although I do think it could’ve used a little more of a ‘High School Musical’ vibe,” patron Jennifer Wintour said, in between alarmingly long sips of her gin and tonic beverage.

Once the news of the Russian operative employment at Mar-A-Lago leaked into the mainstream press, President and owner of the resort, Donald Trump, was all but enthused. Tensions rose during his interview with The Scallion, especially having been interrupted in the middle of an intense game of Connect Four versus Jared Kushner.

“Truth be told, I had no idea about this situation. I try to run my resort as best as I can. I’ll usually Facetime the manager of workers at the Mar-A-Lago, Salazar Serpiente, to get the latest scoop on any issues. Damn you, Jared, I think it’s time for you to die,” Trump said, lunging at Kushner’s throat after a tough loss of the red and yellow connection game.

The manager at Mar-A-Lago, Serpiente, offered a few choice words about the situation using suspicious undertones and resting bitch face.

“We don’t employ anybody from outside the state of Florida, to be honest. Why would we hire people from a different country? Are you stupid? Whatever, if people from Russia actually worked here then — oh my God, my Facebook has been hacked!” Serpiente said, having just realized his profile picture was changed to a shirtless Vladimir Putin.

According to top officials and Yelp reviews, the longtime patrons of Mar-A-Lago actually preferred the service by Russian operatives compared to regular Floridian people.

“I’m just happy to be here and serve the rich American,” head butler Boris Popov said in Russian, with a sinister grin.

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Advice column from a nihilist

NICHOLAS NIHILIST
Staff Nihilist

Dear nihilist,
My girlfriend is constantly controlling every aspect of my life. Like, at first it was small favors here and there, and I didn’t mind. That was five years ago and now I am hiding in a closet, pretending that I am looking for a pair of lost headphones just so I can write this to you. I don’t know who I am anymore. How do I ask for more freedom?
Thanks for the advice!
~Not Your Ken Doll

Dear Not Your Ken Doll,
I can see how someone in your predicament would see this as a negative thing. However, this seems to be one of the best things that could happen to an individual ever! In a universe where nothing matters, wasting your time and energy aspiring to do anything or be anyone is just that — a waste! If anything, I suggest that you make a list of all of the little freedoms you have left and immediately forfeit them to her. You’re welcome!

Dear nihilist,
I am extremely fearful of death, to the point that I do not go outside anymore. I am able to do all of my working and shopping from the comfort of my own home. The solitary confinement is starting to get to me, though, as I feel myself slipping further and further down the rabbit hole of psychosis. I need this to end but the thought of all of the hazards in the world ripping me away from this rock has me immobile and torn. What do you suggest?
~Not Crazy, Just A Little Unwell

Dear Matchbox Twenty,
I am sorry to see the royalties are not pouring in as they once did in the early 2000s. Aside from that, I suggest that you embrace your fear of death! It is such a gift to see all of the true possibilities that you could be put out of this fleeting existence that ultimately will have been for nothing. We are all hurling uncontrollably towards death anyway, like a ball waiting to be knocked right the hell out of the park. You have the rare and sought after ability to see the many ways in which you could be a fast ball, so to speak.

Dear nihilist,
I have been tasked with making a fictitious advice column for my school paper, for which I channel your column in a humorous way, but after delving deep into your thought process I no longer see a point in anything. I seem to be more concerned with wondering how it is you do this week after week when I can no longer seem to pull myself together to finish one column. I also wanted to say you have done great work. Not that it matters, but I regard you as the Moses of advice columnists, clearing the path of all distractions and leading to the hallowed grounds of nothingness. If nihilism had deities, you would be at the top, right next to Jesus Christ and Ghandi.
~Great Value Nietzsche

Dear pretentious hipster scum,
I am sorry for whatever school made the horrible decision to allow you to write for them. You have tapped into my psyche with the same success as the Hindenburg. In a universe in which I know nothing matters, I still find myself caring about hating you. Based on this revelation I have learned that there might be some merit behind wasting time to care about things like morals and religion, and the more I think about it the more I hate that I was born without being consulted first. The only advice I can give you is to look into the book “Nietzsche For Beginners” and to never write me back ever again.
The Scallion’s sit-down with the man responsible for the President’s tangerine tint

“While Trump is preparing his daily bombardment of Toiletside Tweets, Simon is preparing the perfect blend of Tyrannical Tangerine to later apply to every wrinkle on Trump’s scraggly old hag body.”

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Political Novice of The Scallion

It’s no secret that we at The Scallion take journalistic integrity seriously. So seriously, that we sometimes have to dig up the dirt ourselves.

The tell-all of a pornstar on “60 Minutes” proved to be one hell of a Stormy situation. Inspired by this groundbreaking interview, The Scallion set out to find a groundbreaking interview of our own on this administration. We found our salvation in the form of Gregory Simon, who serves as the White House Senior Advisor of Bronzer and Other Tanning Appliances.

“My title is pretty long, so it tends to get abridged into things like ‘the bronzer’ or Trump’s tanner’ or ‘that scrawny piece of shit over there,’’ Simon said, looking down as he twirls his thumbs around each other. “It’s a pretty rough work environment, but the six figure-salary makes it all worth it.”

In an average day, Simon wakes up with President Trump at 2 a.m. While Trump is preparing his daily bombardment of Toiletside Tweets, Simon is preparing the perfect blend of Tyrannical Tangerine to later apply to every wrinkle on Trump’s scraggly old hag body.

“It’s pretty demanding. Like yeah, the Department of Homeland Security has it rough, but one time I missed a spot that was hidden under a love handle and I swear I almost got my head chewed off by his hairpiece,” Simon said.

According to Simon, that has been his only slip up in this position. He defines himself as hardworking, meticulous and swears he’s “not as scrawny as his co-workers suggest.”

“It’s wild to think that I’m working this closely with a sitting president. Generally, I work with first ladies, but never a president,” Simon said gleefully. “It warms my heart to see my work on the television as he spews his majesty of words.”

With all the changes that the administration has gone through, Simon takes pride in that he is one of the few people who have been with Trump since his administration officially began in January of 2017.

“I’ve gotten very close with Jeff Sessions. Lately, I’ve been giving him foundation and general contouring lessons to help ease the critique that he looks like a racist Keebler elf,” Simon said.

Sessions refused to comment.
**Police Notter**

**EMMA PATTERSON**  
Editor of The Scallion

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

12:55 p.m. Jimmy John, 19, was detained by University Police after complaints of him shouting multiple unpopular opinions spread across campus. He was last heard yelling, “Cars 2’ rocked my world, and here’s why” as UP took him away.

3:52 p.m. The cast of “Spring Awakening” was fined $50 per student for dancing and singing in the nude outside Maytum Hall. They were discovered to be regular college seniors in need of a damn break.

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

12:00 a.m. A disturbance was reported on the thirteenth floor of Reed Library involving loud banging noises, strangled wailing and heavy footsteps. When UP investigated, they were shocked to discover that ... THERE IS NO THIRTEENTH FLOOR??!

2:16 p.m. A tree outside Nixon Hall was put under house arrest for yelling obscenities at innocent students walking by. The tree was discovered to house a number of pissed-off squirrels who want revenge on whoever puked on their beloved home last Friday night.

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

10:45 a.m. Jackson Stewart, 22, was fined $100 for unnecessary pretension when his in-class presentation was deemed more confusing than the seminal television program “A Pup Named Scooby Doo.”

12:22 p.m. UP followed up on complaints of loud chanting and organized aggression in the middle of campus. They discovered that it was really just the line to get into Tim Hortons.

**Thursday, March 29, 2018**

12:15 a.m. UP responded to yelling, cursing and backwards Latin coming from the basement of Jewett Hall. Upon investigation, it was revealed to be a group of seniors, trying desperately to “exorcise the stupid” out of their brains in time for finals/graduation.

**Friday, March 30, 2018**

1:48 a.m. Bradwick Pennington, 21, was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct in downtown Fredonia. He probably drives a neon green Hummer and drinks copious amounts of light beer just to regurgitate thirty minutes later while shouting “bro” and “you know I had to do it to ‘em” at the top of his lungs, but we’re just guessing.

**Saturday, March 31, 2018**

11:32 p.m. Nicky Flippers, 20, was detained by UP due to complaints of him hopping around campus in a matted and yellowed bunny suit and generally being a real creeper. He was released, however, because the police “can’t arrest people for being creepy” (“Hoodwinked,” 2005).

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

12:30 a.m. University Police responded to a disturbance in the University Police office early Sunday morning. Multiple officers were found curled up in fetal positions, muttering incoherently about ghosts, squirrels and naked college students. “We can’t keep running around campus like this, exposing ourselves to stupidity and potential demonic possessions all because these students need a damn break,” one officer was quoted as saying. “We just need these students to graduate already!”

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