President's Recognition Luncheon

ALISA OPPENHEIMER
Special to The Leader

Along with giving out awards for years of service and for distinguished excellence, this year’s 20th Annual Recognition Luncheon also honored 2018-2019’s retirees.

On April 24, members of Fredonia gathered in the Williams Center to celebrate these accomplishments by faculty members.

One retiree honored at the luncheon was Ralph J. Blasting, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Blasting has been Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts since 2013 and has since provided leadership across a variety of disciplines on our campus, while implementing his creativity and his ability to collaborate.

Blasting has also shown his dedication through teaching several courses within the Visual and Performing Arts department.

His commitment to the arts has presented Fredonia’s respective program with immense contributions, proving him to be an impeccable asset to the Fredonia campus and community.

Similar to Blasting, Daniel M. Tramuta has also interacted with various students and families on our campus.

Tramuta has been known for his impact in financial aid services, charismatic personality and generosity.

Tramuta announced his retirement and was also honored at the luncheon last week.

Tramuta has been working for Fredonia since 1979, when he began as a residence director and later worked his way up to become associate vice president for Enrollment Services in 2005.

A few of Tramuta’s accomplishments include serving as a key leader in the development of Enrollment and Student Services organizational strategic plan, leading him to be recognized by the state of New York for his expertise in financial aid.

Tramuta is also credited in developing Fredonia’s First Literacy Guide and was awarded the 2018...
Chief Ann Burns announces retirement

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The University Police Department will bid farewell to Chief Ann Burns at the end of this school year.

Burns proudly served on the UPD force for thirty-seven years as its leader, starting back in 1982.

Her career in law enforcement started in 1974 as a field sergeant at the University of Missouri-Columbia Police Department.

She was later hired by then-Vice President Robert Coon as the first female chief in the University of Missouri-Columbia Police Department.

Lemieux has shown his drive and compassion for our school involving himself in various campus committees and student honor societies.

As Lemieux retires this year, he will be particularly missed for his contributions to new student orientation and commencement, which has made an extensive difference in the lives of many generations of Fredonia families.

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Her plan after accepting the chief position here, according to Burns, was to stay on a small campus like Fredonia’s for a few years then move back up to a large one.

“Well, that didn’t exactly work out because Fredonia is a place you just can’t leave,” she said.

All of her fond memories revolve around the Fredonia students she has come in contact with throughout her time here as chief.

“I will miss [the students] the most,” she explained.

“I have been so fortunate over the years to get to know hundreds of students. Seeing students come in as first years and making their way to commencement is very special.”

Burns is very grateful to have been able to make an impact on the lives of these kids as they venture through their four years at SUNY Fredonia. And the “thank yous” from parents and students will be what stay with her forever.

Burns strongly believes SUNY Fredonia is a world-class institution with students and staff both worthy of sharing that label.

“I am so thankful to have been part of [SUNY Fredonia] for so many years. It will not be easy to walk away from Fredonia, but it is time.”

Burns hopes to spend her new-found free time as a retiree making pottery.

And to Chief Burns: Thank you for your service and may you have a very happy, relaxing retirement.
Maria’s Pizza closes for the summer, truth revealed after much confusion

ELYSE GRIECO & SAM LEWANDOWSKI
Life & Arts Editor & Special to The Leader

This past week, the confusion around Maria’s Pizza potentially closing has only escalated.

On Monday, April 29, the community was shocked to see a sign taped to the establishment’s front door stating that they would be closing for good.

Thankfully, just one day later, this sign was replaced with a new statement informing customers that the closing was only temporary.

Students rejoiced when they found out that what seemed to be their worst nightmare was not true.

But this celebration did not last long.

The next day, May 1, what was thought to be Maria’s Pizza’s official Twitter account, @PizzaMarias, tweeted a statement to the puzzled public.

The tweet stated, “First of all we would like to thank all of you for your business over the past few years and your kind words over the last few days. Unfortunately as of Monday, May 6, we will permanently be closing the doors to our Fredonia Maria’s. This decision wasn’t an easy one to make, but sometimes difficult decisions come with owning a small business. We hope we have provided the area with quality food and service, and are saddened that we will no longer be able to do so.”

Many students tweeted back to the account thanking them for their service, especially during their late-night hours.

Others responded still confused and questioned why the establishment was flip-flopping on their decision.

Even employees were uncertain of their employer’s fate.

Aidan Pollard, a junior journalism major and employee, said he found out about Maria’s Pizza closing in a group text.

“The sign that said they were reopening in August went up before I was even told that they were going to open back up,” he said.

In an interview with another Maria’s employee, it was said that the Twitter account has no affiliation with the pizzeria.

In fact, he even said that owners and workers have no idea who posted the original sign in the first place.

The worker confirmed that Maria’s Pizza is only closing for the summer, and will reopen on Aug. 15.

“They planned on being open this summer, but normally after FredFest, college graduation and everything, we get a slow season. So it’s kind of hard, financially, to stay open,” he said.

This protocol is not new, in fact Maria’s Pizza has closed while students were home for summer vacation a few times before.

For more information on the establishment, please call their Angola location at 716-549-3407.
**POLICE BLOTTERS**

**UNIVERSITY**

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

A vehicle was damaged in Lot 27. An investigation is ongoing.

Graffiti was found near Reed Library. An investigation is ongoing.

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

A vehicle was damaged in Lot 27. An investigation is ongoing.

A bicycle was stolen from the Alumni Hall bike rack. An investigation is ongoing.

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

1:10 a.m. Bediako Nyasa was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An arrest was completed.

2:10 a.m. Ricky F. Abroise was charged with violating the noise ordinance. An arrest was completed.

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

Money was reported stolen from a wallet. An investigation is ongoing.

A bicycle was stolen from the Gregory Hall bike rack. The bicycle was recovered.

Items were stolen from a Nixon Hall bathroom. An investigation is ongoing.

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

4:21 p.m. Ryan M. Kiristis was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An arrest was completed.

10:09 p.m. Marquise F. Thagard was charged with criminal trespassing in the second degree. An arrest was completed.

**FREDONIA**

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

Maria A. Reyes was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

Angela M. Grezuluz, age 43, was charged with petit larceny. An appearance ticket was issued.

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

Dominic J. Volpe, age 24, was charged with criminal mischief in the fourth degree, harassment in the second degree and aggravated harassment in the second degree. He was transported to Central Arraignment at Chautauqua County Jail.

Stephen S. Sacco, age 21, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

Dylan M. Abbey, age 27, was charged with speeding in a zone, failing to stop at a red light and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree, obstruction of government administration and fleeing police. A uniform traffic ticket and an appearance ticket were issued.

Tina M. Ellsworth, age 45, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

Aidan Pollard, age 21, was charged with speeding in a zone. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

2:56 p.m. Nicholas J. Faltisko, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Police bail.

3:02 p.m. William Hughes, age 19, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:02 p.m. Jacob Gleave, age 19, was charged with possession of fictitious license, open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:06 p.m. Emily C. Cronk, age 20, was charged with littering and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:06 p.m. Sierra Schwartz, age 19, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:06 p.m. Madison Abram was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:06 p.m. Jessica C. Catapano, age 19, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:37 p.m. Alexis R. Nischbach was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:40 p.m. Garrett Beradicurti, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:36 p.m. Hunter C. O’Donoghue, age 21, was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and open container. Arrest Status: Held.

3:45 p.m. Kristopher G. Kallas was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:45 p.m. Gianna H. Guerrucci was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:36 p.m. Catherine L. Hartman was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:36 p.m. John T. Gorman was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:44 p.m. De’Quan L. Smith, age 21, was charged with littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:45 p.m. David Alexander, age 18, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:00 p.m. Griffin Best, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:32 p.m. Madison R. Blasz, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Police bail.

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6:22 p.m. Maria A. Frascatore, age 20, was charged with open container, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and littering. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:33 p.m. Joseph Carroll, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:33 p.m. Daniel Corho was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:33 p.m. Kyle T. Smith, age 22, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:33 p.m. Justin Gresesser was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:36 p.m. Amanda Kiczewski, age 18, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:36 p.m. Madison Sortino, age 19, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

7:46 p.m. Stephen Sacco, age 21, was charged with open container and littering. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

8:06 p.m. Freeman Yader, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

8:06 p.m. Myrick Kristoff, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

9:00 p.m. Nathan Alexander Russell-Webster, age 21, was charged with open container and littering. Arrest Status: Police bail.

9:07 p.m. Seth H. Halftown was charged with open container and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

9:35 p.m. Matthew C. Pfister, age 20, was charged with open container, unlawful possession of marijuana and littering. Arrest Status: Police bail.

9:35 p.m. Alvin Troyer, age 17, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

9:44 p.m. Elijah J. Dandrich, age 19, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Appearance ticket.

10:07 p.m. Jacquelin Quezada, age 20, was charged with disorderly conduct (obscene language/gestures) and resisting arrest. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

10:29 p.m. Justin Kleeper, age 18, was charged with open container, littering and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

10:39 p.m. Jennifer Stebbins, age 23, was charged with littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

10:37 p.m. Delonte Freddick, age 20, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol. An appearance ticket was issued.

11:21 p.m. Victoria Ella, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Appearance ticket.

11:21 p.m. Brent D. Penhollow, age 26, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Appearance ticket.

11:22 p.m. Conor McGrath, age 22, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:35 p.m. Tyrese T. Kong, age 18, was charged with open container, unlawful underage possession of marijuana and possession of a fictitious license. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:35 p.m. Nicholas Alfier, age 21, was charged with open container and littering. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

12:06 a.m. Angeline Espinosa, age 18, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol, open container and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

12:16 a.m. Rebekah Morales, age 17, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

12:39 a.m. Olivia James, age 19, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

12:39 a.m. Brianna Ashdown, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

2:37 a.m. Dillan Kenp, age 23, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

2:20 a.m. Eddie Ortiz Jr. was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

3:02 a.m. Megan E. Gilfoy, age 26, was charged with driving while intoxicated and criminal possession of a controlled substance. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

2:56 p.m. Tristan L. Walbesser, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Police bail.

3:31 p.m. Hannah R. Koellner, age 22, was charged with open container and littering. Arrest status: Police bail.

3:34 p.m. Jordan Fischette, age 24, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:32 p.m. Phillip Slattery, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:24 p.m. Brittany Schoenfeld, age 20, was charged with littering, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and use of a fictitious license. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:24 p.m. Joshua Wrest, age 22, was charged with littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

3:52 p.m. Norberto Alvarez, age 50, was charged with petit larceny. Arrest Status: Appearance ticket.

4:50 p.m. Adam Miller, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

4:58 p.m. Luke Corona, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Police bail.

4:58 p.m. Allen Burlin, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:02 p.m. Camille G. Beauvilaire, age 21, was charged with open container, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and use of a fictitious license. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:09 p.m. Christian Brandon Breev, age 18, was charged with open container, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Police bail.
5:21 p.m. Joshua Lambert, age 22, was charged with open container and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:30 p.m. Maxwell Ginsburg was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol, littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:33 p.m. Christopher Pohlman, age 20, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

5:46 p.m. Kevin Edward Karnet, age 20, was charged with open container, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and use of a fictitious license. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:05 p.m. Patrick Logsdon, age 19, was charged with unlawful underage possession of marijuana and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

6:19 p.m. Kelsea Wood, age 18, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

6:58 p.m. Timothy Kempton-Blair, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

7:08 p.m. James Hassier, age 23, was charged with open container and littering. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

7:14 p.m. Dawson Pimpo, age 21, was charged with littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

7:14 p.m. Cameron Peters, age 21, was charged with open container and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

7:27 p.m. Danielle Stieger, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

8:14 p.m. Serge Iradukanda Mauharareni, age 20, was charged with open container, littering, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and use of a fictitious license. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

8:17 p.m. Kyle Mack, age 19, was charged with possession of a fictitious license, unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

8:34 p.m. Cordell J. O'Brien, age 20, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

9:35 p.m. Steven Weigand, age 22, was charged with littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

9:58 p.m. Kenneth J. Burgstahler, age 21, was charged with open container, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:00 p.m. Norbert Bwenge, age 21, was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:20 p.m. Zoey Charrette, age 18, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:45 p.m. Jaheed Taneal Lamone Loblack, age 21, was charged with open container and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Police bail.

11:46 p.m. Jared McAndrew, age 22, was charged with violating the sewer ordinance and unlawful possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:47 p.m. David Pratt, age 18, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and violating the sewer ordinance. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:48 p.m. Kenneth J Burgrsrahler, age 21 was charged with open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

11:56 p.m. Jordan L. Peplinski, age 17, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol and unlawful possession of marijuana. Arrest Status: Police bail.

11:59 p.m. Francis Weiss, age 19, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Appearance ticket.

12:00 a.m. Linda Warner, age 77, was charged with failing to stop at a red light. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

12:03 a.m. Jonathan Thomas Alexander, age 18, was charged with open container and unlawful underage possession of alcohol. Arrest Status: Police bail.

12:09 a.m. Ryan O. Shuford, age 19, was charged with possession of a fictitious license, unlawful underage possession of alcohol, littering and open container. Arrest Status: Cash bail.

1:27 a.m. Evan J. Beale, age 20, was charged with disorderly conduct (obscene language/gestures). Arrest Status: Police bail.

3:03 a.m. Janelle K. Jasinski, age 23, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with an expired inspection. A uniform traffic ticket was issued.

**Monday, May 6, 2019**

2:00 a.m. Bailey Weinthaler was charged with disorderly conduct (violent behavior). Arrest status: Cash bail.
Fred Fest
Photo Gallery

Students partake in FredFest activities

Photos taken by Travis LeFevre/Editor in Chief
Sustainability groups on campus making efforts to keep campus green

HOPE WINTER
Special to The Leader

With the beautiful weather bringing out the students that have been hibernating since the fall, campus seems to be alive again. Students have been seen enjoying the nice weather, drinking their Tim Hortons iced coffees on the patio and soaking up the sun.

However, the great weather bringing people outside means more trash and garbage accumulating. The amount of litter (especially in the past weekend) has made me wonder who is in charge of keeping our grounds clean around campus, and how they plan on keeping the campus clean.

Anna Gagliano, the head of the Student Association's Sustainability committee, commented on the action taken this year to tackle the littering and other sustainability problems on campus.

According to Gagliano, the committee had the most action they've had in the past few years due to new leadership. Recently, they accomplished completing their first fundraising event, which was when they partnered up with Phi Mu Alpha and held an open mic can drive. This event brought in some money toward the can drive.

The sustainability committee's main project this year was to fix up the overgrown campus garden. The campus garden is placed next to the Science Center, and a majority of the students on campus haven't noticed it before.

“It was a really ugly, overgrown mess in the fall, and we cleaned it all out, and before this semester ends we're gonna be planting a whole new garden with some plants we've been starting in the greenhouse,” said Gagliano.

Gagliano also said that the sustainability committee is trying to convince the Fredonia administration to switch the default search engine on all campus computers to a search engine called Ecosia. For around 45 searches, the Ecosia team plants a tree somewhere around the world.

Ecosia works through Google Chrome and raises money from companies all around the world that pay for ads to pop up during the Google search. With this money, according to their website, they use 80% of the funding towards planting trees around the world. They also keep their plantings on record to show that they are using these funds for what they promise.

Adding this search engine could get Fredonia more involved with making the planet greener and more involved with saving our planet.

Also, according to the Kaitlin Battaglia, SA plans on trying to work with FSA at Center Pointe to work toward decreasing the amount of plastic use. However, they have no solid plans yet for what they want to do to take action.

With the school year beginning to wrap up and the trees looking a little greener, students are running around to finish up their final projects. Hopefully, with the weather getting warmer, students around campus will continue to keep it green.
‘Tessellate’ senior exhibition takes place at Marion Art Gallery

SANDRENE HAMILTON
Special to The Leader

May 3 was the opening of the senior exhibition, “Tessellate,” at the Marion Art Gallery.

The exhibition included artwork by 10 graduating seniors. Art majors can choose whether or not they would like to be in the show. However, it used to be mandatory for B.F.A. students. Although the show is no longer a requirement, art students still wanted to be in the exhibition because it’s a way for them to show their skills after four years of being at Fredonia.

Barbara Räcker, the director of the Marion Art Gallery, said that a lot of times, those who will be part of the show decide on a project rather than putting work in that they’ve done over the years.

The show is a final project that demonstrates what they’ve learned while at Fredonia.

“It’s a good way to end their years here and to celebrate that,” Räcker said.

In the spring, there are two senior shows.

This year, it was 10 students per show, and Räcker divided them into two groups based on their concentrations as a way to offer variety to each show.

Joe Chadwick, a drawing and painting major, is the team captain for group two.

“Each group elected a team captain to help make decisions. They make decisions about the signage, the name of the show and the menu for the reception,” Räcker said.

The exhibition helps Chadwick get his artwork out there, is exposure for him and could help him to get his foot in the door with someone.

“I hope people are looking at it and seeing this is who I am. It’s not just a hobby; it’s a necessity. This is my life,” Chadwick said.

Kathleen Fenton, an animation & illustration major, included her pieces in the show.

Fenton explained how it is a unique opportunity to be able to make a piece of art or a series of art for a particular show.

Those who decide to be part of the exhibition work with their advisors.

“Tessellate’ senior exhibition takes place at Marion Art Gallery

Their advisors approve whatever they propose for the show,” Räcker said.

Emery Mauro, a ceramic and sculpture double major, had four ceramics in the show.

“These included life-sized human figures, an alligator and a deer.

Tyler Meek, an animation & illustration major did an animation about the meat industry and cruelty to animals.

Animation & illustration is the most popular concentration.

“We have more animation illustration students than any other. So in this show, there are actually four animation & illustration students,” Räcker said.

Melissa Neuburger, a double major in animation & illustration and film and video, showed both video and animation in the exhibition.

Films thrive in gallery settings and that was something she was very excited about.

“It’s something that I was very excited about. Being able to show my work in a place where I knew a large amount of people would see it, the work I put into it and also for my family, too, to see what I’ve been doing for the past four years up at school,” Neuburger said.

Neuburger explained how in the Spring semester of her freshman year, she got five child-sized mannequins and made a piece about sexual predators reflecting her hometown.

“One of my classmates asked to take a picture of me with my work because she felt very impacted by it,” said Neuburger.

“One of the narratives I came up with and put together resonated with someone so strongly,” said Neuburger.

After that, Neuburger looked to see how else she could use her art to bring forth issues and things that she has experienced in her life.

She wanted to include the experiences of friends and families.

She spoke about the rest of her process that led up to the pieces she decided to have on display at the show.

“How can I create this experience for others? It’s just the small things that people give, like some of the technical things, some
of the more conceptual ideas, that made me realize that I am an artist. My ideas can affect people and change the way people see things,” Neuburger said.

One of the most exciting things for Neuburger is all of the different forms of art and media that were in the gallery. There was a slew of drawing and painting majors as well as some ceramic majors who have done some impressive sculptures.

“You kind of get a little bit of everything. You’ll find something that, I think, will speak to you. We’ve all worked really hard for it,” Neuburger said.

Räcker explained how those who want to have their artwork in the exhibit have to have a certain grade point average.

She’s not seeing many B.A. students.

“I think all the students in this exhibition are B.F.A. They take more classes that are more rigorous in terms of art classes. But, if a B.A. student really wants to be in the exhibition and has a certain grade point average, or their advisor believes that that should be a way for a grade point average, then they could be in the show as well,” Räcker said.

One graphic design professor, Jason Dilworth, helped students that weren’t in the show put together an exhibition in the Emmitt Christian Gallery.

Räcker shared her final thoughts on the Tessellate Senior Show.

“I think what’s interesting about it is it really reflects the art program because you see a variety of [media],” Räcker said.

The variety of the show is something that interests people, and showcases their creative projects.
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Fredonia New Jazz Ensemble recognized in renowned national jazz publication

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DownBeat magazine is one of the nation’s most renowned publications for all things jazz. To be recognized in it for the whole country to see is quite a feat.

This recently became a reality for Fredonia New Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Nick Weiser.

The group submitted a recording to the magazine. Among a pool of many tough competitors, they were selected for the “Outstanding Performance by a Large College Ensemble” award in the undergraduate division.

“Each year for its June issue, DownBeat magazine, the foremost jazz periodical in the world, holds its annual Student Music Awards,” said junior B.M. horn performance major Michael Goss. “These awards honor outstanding jazz ensembles, combos and performers of various levels, from the junior high school level all the way up to the graduate college level. I was very excited to learn a couple of weeks ago that the Fredonia New Jazz Ensemble received this award.”

Due to an out-of-state residency, conductor Weiser was unavailable for an interview.

However, he said in a recent interview with The Observer that the competition was “blindly judged, so there was no bias.”

The recording that was submitted was part of the group’s inaugural performance this past November.

“I was fortunate to be the pianist of the ensemble for their performance that was submitted for consideration. This was also the very first concert under the ensemble’s new name and purpose,” said Goss.

Weiser had refocused and renamed what used to be known as the Latin Jazz Ensemble upon his first year joining the School of Music in the fall of 2017.

He named it the New Jazz Ensemble to emphasize the group’s mission to utilize living composers, people of color, female and queer composers.

It’s all about rewriting the program and taking more diverse turns from standard works that have been the default time and time again.

“Dr. Weiser established the Fredonia New Jazz Ensemble to perform recent and cutting-edge compositions and arrangements for large jazz ensemble,” said Goss. “As such, in that concert, we performed an original composition by jazz bandleader Maria Schneider, as well as arrangements of songs originally by Hoagy Carmichael and the band Radiohead.”

The group has a modern approach to jazz by utilizing and re-interpreting pop music songs, as well as exploring areas of New Age Jazz and Free Jazz.

Weiser mentioned in his interview with The Observer that he believes this achievement is a testament to previous jazz professors at Fredonia, all who have been a great influence in building and furthering the jazz program.

These professors include Bruce Johnstone, who directed the Curricular Jazz Ensemble, now known as the Fredonia Jazz Orchestra; and John Bacon, who directed the former Latin Jazz Ensemble, now the New Jazz Ensemble, and also pioneered the first curricular Vocal Jazz Ensemble in 2016.

Goss said he is excited for the future of the jazz program at Fredonia.

“Now that the jazz program received this honor from DownBeat, they have effectively been placed on the map,” he said. “While jazz has been an established part of Fredonia for as long as DownBeat has existed, this is the first time we’ve ever been recognized by the magazine. Thanks to this honor, I look forward to seeing where our jazz program will be headed in the future.”

DownBeat will publish the winners of their awards in their next issue coming out in June.

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Canned Peaches: the end of an era
by alissa Salem

Canned Peaches
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With you, even little things are amazing.

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by alissa Salem

Are you... letting me win?

Huh? Never!

Canned Peaches
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Can we get this? It's only September?

Sure.
'Long Shot': The perfect marriage of raunchy and sweet

What do neo-Nazis, excessive drug use and spunk jokes have in common? Despite the fact they are deterrents of good taste and decency, they are all on display in the new must-see comedy of 2019, “Long Shot.”

In “Long Shot,” Hollywood heavyweight Seth Rogen reunites with Director Jonathan Levine, who directed Rogen in “50/50” and “The Night Before.”

In the film, Rogen gives perhaps the most grounded and humble performance in quite some years as journalist Fred Flarsky.

Audiences are used to Rogen playing the bumbling stoner idiot due to the fact that he is, to be frank, really good at it. His films that steer away from this mold, like “Observe and Report” and “Steve Jobs,” more often than not are box-office bombs.

This is a huge reason why “Long Shot” is such a surprisingly great fit for him. Although he’s a massive druggie in the film, he’s also a very smart and opinionated journalist whose character arc does not depend on stoner jokes.

Instead, the plot focuses on how his strict political views get in the way of his career, friendships and relationships.

While I can’t speak highly enough of Rogen’s performance and the character of Fred Flarsky, the real shining light of this breezy rom-com is his counterpart, Charlotte Field.

Charlotte is the secretary of state who dreams of being the first female president and is played by the incredible Charlize Theron.

As someone whose extent of knowledge regarding Theron in comedy is her arc as Rita Leeds on the ingenious Fox sitcom “Arrested Development,” I had no idea how her comedic timing and chemistry with Rogen would be in this film.

Oh, how I was wrong! Theron gives a phenomenal performance as an over-stressed woman in a man-driven world who needs to let loose in order to become more popular with the younger demographic.

As Fred opens up Charlotte’s worldview, making her more carefree and maturing himself in the process, the audience can’t help but feel happy for these two characters. This film serves as the perfect culmination of typical rom-com tropes that audiences can’t help but love, raunchy humor that fans of Seth Rogen have enjoyed for years and thoughtful political satire driven by the misogyny that American women endure daily.

I don’t wish to disclose anything more about the plot for fear of spoiling its genuine surprises, but go see “Long Shot” for a nice time at the movies with smiles guaranteed.

Overall score: 8.75/10
With the semester coming to an end, there have been many semester-long projects that have been concluded.

Last week, OSCAR held their annual Student Research and Creativity Exposition, an event where students come together to celebrate their projects.

The Research Exposition took place on May 2 from noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Williams Center’s multipurpose room.

OSCAR stands for the Office of Student Creative Activity and Research and is led by Jack Croxton.

The purpose of the exposition is to give students an opportunity to showcase the projects they’ve been working on for the past year.

The students come from all disciplines and have mentors who helped guide them through their research and work.

“I was at the expo because it was a part of my capstone, but I was really excited to put it together,” said senior history major Rebekah Denz.

Denz’s project focused on how unions contributed to the idea of the traditional family.

While most of the research done was number based, there were a few that broke that barrier.

One of these projects was based on informing children about healthy eating.

“Mine involved educating children in food, nutrition and farm to table orientation,” said senior English major Kodie Hoyt.

This included making homemade foods, such as pickles, and learning how to grow vegetables and herbs.

Another project was based on CO2 emissions.

Senior math major Megan DiLaura focused on the trend analysis of emissions all around the world and researched which country produced the most CO2.

“China was first and United States is second,” said DiLaura.

Each year the expo has a keynote speaker to start things off. This year’s speaker came from the biology department.

“It was Scott Ferguson. He talked about the work he’s done. Also, many of his students have gone off to prestigious graduate schools,” said Croxton.

While the exposition is mostly for undergraduate students, graduate students can participate.

Many of the students who presented went to the Undergraduate Student Conference last month.

The conference is an annual event where students and faculty come together to partake in activities and presentations.

Fredonia’s campus hosted the conference two years ago, but this year it was held at Niagara Community College.

This year the exposition implemented the new Donald Nasca Undergraduate Reward.

“It’s a monetary award, so they can fund their research so they can continue working on it,” Croxton said.

The exposition has been a Fredonia tradition for 21 years, and Croxton hopes it will continue on in the future.

“We do it once a year, and it’s a wonderful opportunity for the students here. It’s like a celebration of the work they’ve done,” he said.
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Life comes at you fast.
It’s a bit of a cliché, I know. However, it also holds its own as a valid sentiment — and something that I had to learn quickly. One moment I was a freshman in Grissom Hall, thinking I ran the world because I made the leap into college. Before I knew it, I’m about to walk across the stage, get my diploma and be thrown into the void of adulthood.

To put it briefly, holy shit.
One thing that’s come to mind while making my way through my own #FredLast adventure is that, for one reason or another, this semester has been one of the worst for everybody I know, myself included. But hardship, struggling and pain are some of the best motivators to grow and better yourself. It’s weird to say that. I’d personally rather grow through means that are painless, but we can’t always get what we want.

I’ve never really had too many curveballs thrown at me throughout my life, and I’m grateful for that. At the same time though, I wish I had more twists and turns to help me better navigate what might have been the most mentally straining semester of my college career. So, what have I learned about when rock bottom is right in plain view? A few things:

**Always put yourself first.** Always always always. It’s like when you’re on an airplane and the attendant tells you to secure your own breathing mask before helping others. (That’s a horrible analogy, but just go with it for a second.) If you put others before yourself, you won’t find the time to breathe, relax and ultimately better yourself. It might sound selfish, but oh well, sucks to suck.

**Self-care.** This goes with the whole “put yourself first” thing. I know it can be tempting to get into some bad habits when you’re in a rough spot. Smoking, drinking and, for some people, drugs are their way to get away from it all. And I know that motivation can be hard to achieve, but even if you have to force it, try getting yourself into some better habits. Even if you just take a walk down the street with some hipster trash Spotify playlist, it’s better than letting yourself get into your head.

**It’s okay to not be okay.** Another cliché, yeah yeah. But it’s true. You don’t have to be there for everyone or be able to do everything. If you need a day in bed, that’s fine. If you need to skip a class for your own wellbeing, do it up. Eventually, you’ll want to get into better habits, but at the start, it can be hard. It can feel impossible. If you need a day or two or three to mope, sit around and do nothing, it’s okay in small doses. Just don’t let it take over. On that note, I should also mention that not everybody can “feel better” without the assistance of medication, and there’s nothing wrong with that. If it helps, it helps.

Everybody has a different reason for it, but I think we can all agree that this was one rough ride. As I get ready to say goodbye to Fredonia, I can honestly say that I wouldn’t have had it any other way because, without it, I wouldn’t feel ready to take on the world in just a few short weeks.
"How do you prepare for finals?"

PJ Brooks, freshman
liberal arts major
“I prepare for finals by scheduling my time, and motivating myself to do my best!”

Nina Lewis, freshman
psychology major
“The main way I prepare for finals is by writing things out on paper. It helps me remember certain topics and gives me something to look back to if I’m still confused about anything.”

Tessa Covello, freshman
BUAD management major communications minor
“I prepare for finals by working hard at the library every day and setting a study schedule for myself.”

Brian Freebern, freshman
biology major
“I start by studying a little bit each day leading up to the test, and then eventually study for longer periods of time, usually around half an hour, multiple times a day with breaks in between. The week of the exam I study in groups, too.”
SPORTS

Fredonia sports update

AIDAN POLLARD
Sports Editor

It's championship season for the Fredonia Spring sports teams. This week, baseball, softball and men's and women's track and field all competed in their SUNYAC postseason competitions.

The baseball and softball teams competed in the SUNYAC tournament, with both teams falling in their first two games to Cortland and Oswego.

The games were the last for softball seniors Cassie Herman and Rhianna Paoletti, and the last for baseball seniors Luke Kuczewski, Jon Morrison, Kevin Yirinec and D.J. Schiersing.

In their game against Oswego, Kuczewski pitched for eight hits in eight innings, tying two school records and breaking one. Kuczewski tied the record for complete games and starts in a season, at six and 10, respectively. He broke the record for innings pitched in a season, with 75 and ⅓.

Over in Brockport, the men's and women's track and field programs competed in the two-day SUNYAC Championship meet.

During day one, senior Hannah Kurbs placed second on the 10,000 meters in a school record-breaking time of 37:55, and then came back in day two to place fifth in the 1,500-meter race.

Senior Stephanie Wojnowski also scored in the 1,500, placing eighth in a time of 4:58.

Sophomore Cassie Serafin came fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump.

Sophomore Macy Brooks came in seventh in the Heptathlon.

On the men's side, no records were broken, but the team did see a podium finish for Nick Serafin, who came in third in the high jump. Sophomore Derek Sunderland also made the podium in the event, coming in sixth.

In the 400-meter race, freshman Alec Wright came in eighth place to secure another point for the team.

In the men's triple jump, sophomores Dan Sudyn and Jonah McGrath came in sixth and seventh.

There were two more scorers in the men's pole vault, with McGrath placing third and Gus Alvarez placing fifth.

Alvarez also scored in the javelin throw, placing sixth.

For the most up-to-date Fredonia sports information, go to https://fredoniabluedevils.com/index.aspx.
The Buffalo Bills are notorious for having fans that are over-the-top, rowdy and loyal. They are not just in western New York, either.

Bills fans are spread out all over the country and the world. The biggest fan of the Buffalo Bills is not even from Buffalo, and he might be the most well-known.

His name is Ezra Castro, but most people know him as “Pancho Billa.” The El Paso native grew up rooting for the Bills as a little boy when the rest of his family was cheering on the Dallas Cowboys.

Castro chose the Bills because of their team colors and flag. As a child, he liked how closely it matched the Mexican flag and was always proud of his Mexican heritage.

Now, the 39-year-old mortician has brought his fandom to the next level. Castro wears a full outfit on football Sundays with a Bills colored luchador mask and sombrero. He has traveled to see the Bills play in Buffalo, Texas, Los Angeles and Kansas City. He has been a supporter of the blue and red through the four Super Bowl losses in the ‘90s to the playoff drought that ended in 2017. Castro, as a fan, is dedicated and never loses hope.

He needed to lean on those qualities in 2017 when he was diagnosed with cancer. The tumors started around his spine, but they spread to his liver and lungs. Since then, he has had multiple surgeries and chemotherapy treatments to help fight this disease. Castro is also hooked up to an oxygen tank 24/7 because his right lung barely works.

The Buffalo Bills did something special for their number one fan during the 2018 draft. He was called on stage by Fred Jackson and Andre Reed to announce that Harrison Phillips was the third-round pick for the Bills. This was a chance for the whole country to learn the story of Pancho Billa and what he has struggled through recently. Announcing who his favorite team selected in the draft in his hometown state is a memory that he will never forget.

Castro was supposed to announce the Bills’ second-round pick in this year’s draft in Nashville, but was unfortunately placed into Hospice Care on April 25. That was not going to stop the Buffalo Bills organization from doing something special for their friend.

Bills General Manager Brandon Beane called Castro on the first night of the draft from the Bills’ war room in Orchard Park. Castro was put on speakerphone so that he could tell the representative in Nashville that they wanted to select Ed Oliver with the ninth overall pick.

Currently, at the MD Anderson Center in Houston, Castro is receiving letters, gifts and frequent visits from the Bills Mafia.

He is being told to stay strong, don’t give up and that he has a whole city supporting him. In an interview with The Buffalo News, he talked about what Pancho Billa means to him, and what he is going through.

“Once I put the mask on, I’ve grown a love for the team the city and the sport,” Castro said. “It’s in my heart, and it personifies me as a different person and allows me to be a different person than who I really am. We’re still fighting, and I’m going for a Buffalo Bills versus Houston Oilers kind of comeback.”

If you would like to donate to help support Pancho Billa, his longtime companion Veronica Borjon and their two kids as they go through this tough time visit: https://www.gofundme.com/pancho-power
Phoenix Suns center DeAndre Ayton allegedly paid $10K while at the University of Arizona

JORDAN-CHRISTOPHER PURVIS
Staff Writer

Hypothetically speaking, if you were a highly recruited basketball player and were being offered $10,000 to simply score points, catch rebounds and win games for your respective team, you wouldn’t turn down the offer, right?

Well, that hypothetical situation might have just happened a year ago to former star player DeAndre Ayton.

This past week, news surfaced that Arizona men’s basketball Coach Sean Miller allegedly made payments of $10,000 a month to his former player during the 2017-2018 college basketball season. Federal prosecutors played a recording of a phone call to the jury in which former Arizona Assistant Book Richardson told aspiring agent Christian Dawkins that Wildcats Coach Sean Miller was paying Deandre Ayton $10,000 per month while he was enrolled there.

During his freshman season at Arizona, Ayton averaged 21.1 points, 1.6 assists and 11.6 rebounds in 33.5 minutes per game. Instead of returning for his sophomore year, Ayton went the traditional one-and-done route and entered himself in the 2018 NBA draft. With the first pick in the draft, the Phoenix Suns selected the Bahamian native seven-footer.

On ESPN’s “Jalen & Jacoby,” sports analyst Jalen Rose who notably played for The Fab Five, addressed his view on the situation and suggested that $10,000 might have not been enough to the former number one overall pick.

“That’s it? Only $10,000?” said Rose. “The last time I checked, these coaches get multi-million of dollars from the school, shoe contracts, appearances, television, radio. They get multiple streams of revenue. And I’m not here to advocate breaking the rules, but what I will say is, I appreciate the tone of the public and the media has changed about this topic since I was in college.”

Miller has served as head coach for Arizona men’s basketball for 10 seasons. Ever since he was appointed as the 13th head men’s basketball coach at Arizona back in 2009, he has had the most wins in school history (383), led the Wildcats to four Elite Eight appearances and was named Pac-12 coach of the year three times.

Miller has an overall record of 264-89 at Arizona.
Hello everyone, I just wanna say thanks to all those who are reading this. Especially thanks to the two handsome Scallion Assistant Editors Joseph Marciniak and Dom Magistro, who are letting me submit this article in a plea to get people to come to the goddamn summer barbecue.

I spend WEEKS buying hot dog and hamburger buns. I spend hundreds of dollars on hot dog condiments. Yet, we barely have anyone come. Guys, they literally hired me for one job. This is all I do! The rest of the year I wait for the next barbecue. That's it!

Now, I understand. You're busy with your working and summer stock and whatever else. But for a large number of students who are deadbeats and don't work over the summer — you guys have nothing to lose! It's just a bunch of delicious food and a fun time.

Do you know what I do with all the leftover food from the summer barbecue? I grind it up. I grind it up and smash them into blocks. Do you know what those blocks make? It's what Houghton Hall is made of. I provide the university with cheap building materials.

So what does this mean? It means that because you guys don't come to the summer barbecues, now Houghton Hall is going to smell like old hot dogs. That's your fault, not mine!

The worst thing of all is the fact the number one attendee, President Virginia Horvath, is retiring! She was the only person who came to every single one.

I have exactly what she orders every time memorized. Hot dog with mustard, ketchup, relish. Take a bag of Doritos, a fresh patty, cut up the patty, put it in Doritos. Pour relish into the bag. Can of coke, covered in relish. And of course, a chocolate chip muffin, covered in relish.

The only item I never had to mash was the relish, thankfully, because President Horvath eats a LOT of relish.

Anyways, in conclusion, please for the love of God, come to the barbecue. Come get a cheeseburger. It's really cheap, I promise.
Attention all students: Maria’s is closing. Wait no, never mind.

JOSEPH MARCINIAK
Assistant Scallion Editor

Bad news this week, fellow students. According to a sign on the front door of Maria’s Pizza, they’re closing for good. What a tragedy this is.

But here’s the good news: Maria’s Pizza isn’t closing for good. They’ll be reopening in late August. Students, rejoice! The king of late-night pizza is staying open.

According to a new sign on the door of Maria’s Pizza, they’ll be reopening Aug. 15. This is great news for the student body.

Now for the bad news. According to a tweet from the Maria’s Pizza official Twitter account, they’re closing for good. Time to mourn, my fellow students. The king of late-night pizza is now dead. We can’t even go to Calios now because of their PR manager. What a sad day it is to be a Fredonia student.

Wait, wait, hold on, they’re opening again. They just sent out a tweet that says they’ll be reopening in August. Students, rejoice again! Phew, that was close.

Ah, crap, guys, this is it. Maria’s just sent out a smoke signal that said: “Closed forever.” Looks like our late night drunken trips to Maria’s are canceled forever.

Wait, guys, hold on, there’s still hope. A brick just smashed through my dorm window with a note attached that says “MaRia’S iS COmInG BacK.”

Well, needless to say, they’re confirmed to reopen now.

COMICS

Emily Kupp/Staff Illustrator
My lovely readers,

Thank you for all of your questions. Every time one of you took the time to send me a question you, undoubtedly, helped one of your peers who was having a similar problem. Please continue helping one another once I am gone! That is what this is, unfortunately: a sort of goodbye letter. I know, I know, it’s tragic, and I am going to miss all of you terribly. The rest of the world beckons, however, and it would be selfish of me not to help wherever I can. I am of the opinion that helping others is one of the most important duties we have in this world.

You have all certainly helped me. Helping you has been an outlet for me during very hard times and allowed me to be creative even when I could barely bring myself to put my fingers on the keyboard. I hope that some of my advice will leave a lasting impact on those who come after me. I hope my humor ages well. Most of all, however, I hope that I made someone smile when they needed it. I hope I made stressful times easier for someone. You are all going to do such amazing things! This campus is lucky to have each and every one of you.

Keep shopping for ridiculous clothes at the thrift stores. Make sure you keep an eye on your roommate and just talk to her kindly if she seems like she is planning a ritual. It’s okay to sometimes be the princess and sometimes the frog. Don’t feel like you have to run around kissing princes. But if you want to, go nuts! Don’t shame each other for your differences. Try to have fun, above all else.

You matter. Your story matters. You each have a happily ever after that is always within reach. This fairy always be cheering you on.

Thank you,
Makenzie Smith/Your Fairy Godmother
What’s that, Fredonia?

"What are your summer plans?"

JOSEPH MARCINIAK
Assistant Editor of the Scallion

Mal Wart,
minors major
“I’m going to wade into the creek and let the current erode my skin until Aug. 24.”

Danielle Daniels,
lamp administration major
“I’ve been saving just a little bit of every Tim Horton’s bagel I’ve had this year to create one super bagel. So maybe something with that or a trip to Mexico.”

James [REDACTED],
yodel studies major
“I’m gonna wash everything. Everything.”

Lisa Scrimpson,
cannoli studies major
“A walking tour of every place that says ‘pop’ instead of soda. So I can spit in their faces.”

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