HEFNER'S STUDENT RETURNS TO DISCUSS CAMPUS CONCERNS

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Hefner’s student cabinet returns to discuss campus concerns

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A new pathway of communication has been opened up between the students and the school in the form of a student cabinet.

Interim President Dennis Hefner has returned his student cabinet after its long hiatus, ever since he finished his past presidency and President Virginia Horvath came into office.

The cabinet is meant to represent students from all parts of campus. These areas include graduate affairs, residence halls, veterans affairs, campus media, athletics, the intercultural center and class presidents.

Dr. Cedric Howard and members of Student Affairs also attended to answer questions and discuss their involvement in the presidential search.

Besides Howard and the few SA presidents that attended on behalf of answering questions and discussing the presidential search, none of the students on the actual cabinet are involved in SA, and that was done intentionally.

“I just think elective officers are one component of the campus, but not the only one,” said Hefner. “So I thought of having some representation from other parts of the campus made sense; that’s why I did it.”

Hefner started the cabinet about 22 years ago. After he left Fredonia, Vice President Horvath came into office and decided she would meet only with SA leaders and class officers, rather than a broadly-based cabinet.

Hefner went about the student selection process by reaching out to specific organizations and asking them to come forward with names.

The cabinet will meet about three times each semester.

“It’s an opportunity for me to bounce some ideas off of students, and it’s also an opportunity for the students to bring information forward to me,” said Hefner.

Hefner said that he often facilitates discussion more informally by sitting at tables and talking to students in dining halls. While informal discussion like that can be helpful, the cabinet will act as a more structured, systematic group.

“This is a group that I get to know throughout the year, and by the end of the year, they’ll feel comfortable bringing up issues that students want to talk about,” he said.

Corin Derby is the freshman class president and cabinet member.

He said, “Because our cabinet is diverse and highly involved, we’re able to successfully convey the concerns of the administration to the various clubs that we’re involved in, and vice versa.”

Diversity was a hot-topic for the first meeting, and Derby has been working to raise that conversation.

“Some personal concerns that I’d like to raise a discussion about are trying to create more outlets for representation

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On the Cover:
Collaborative scuplture by 3D Methods and Materials class set up in stairwell of Rockefeller Arts Center | Kristin Johnson/Design Editor
What you need to know from last week’s Democratic debate

AIDAN POLLARD
News Editor

1. Warren takes the hot seat

Elizabeth Warren came under fire from both Amy Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg about her unwillingness to admit whether or not her idea for Medicare for All would raise taxes on the middle class. Warren repeated several times that “costs will go down” for middle class working families, but was it unclear as to whether the dip in costs would come from fewer taxes, or fewer healthcare expenses. Even after Bernie Sanders specifically outlined how taxes will go up for the middle class while things like premiums and copayments will cease to exist under Medicare for All, Warren was unwilling to state the same.

2. Warren begins to pull away from Sanders, moves toward Biden

Warren spoke the most by a large margin at the October debate, while Joe Biden shied away from his normal amount of spotlight and Sanders took a backseat to some more moderate candidates.

As Warren begins to pull away from Sanders and creep up on Biden in the polls, she’s becoming a target for the moderate candidates in the race who are looking to take over Biden’s spot.

3. Big night for the moderates

Klobuchar and Buttigieg took an opportunity to dig into Warren’s ideas on healthcare.

Buttigieg criticized Warren’s inability to be specific, and have a “plan” for this, as he stated she so often does. He also took the opportunity to advocate for his Medicare for All Who Want It plan, which would be a Medicare for All plan that’s optional rather than mandatory, like Sanders’ and Warren’s.

Klobuchar took aim at Warren to emphasize the idea that other politicians are capable of having good ideas, and that Warren’s way was not the only way to a comprehensive policy.

4. Women’s health issues refused to be ignored

During the healthcare debate, attention was brought first from Tulsi Gabbard and then from Beto O’Rourke toward women’s health issues and the closing of Planned Parenthood’s in Ohio, where the debate was held.

5. Automation vs. corporate greed

Andrew Yang took time to emphasize what he sees as the impending crisis of automation of working class jobs, but Warren disagreed and said the crisis has more to do with trade dealings and corporations’ ability to move overseas and automate jobs in the first place.

6. Biden defends his son’s choices

Joe Biden spoke the second most throughout the debate, but took a backseat during talks about foreign policy. He also defended his son’s actions and involvement in overseas business while Biden was Vice President. He claimed never to have talked shop with his son while he was in office and alluded to his son’s statements of regret earlier that week.

Graphic by Olivia Connor/Art Director
LoGrasso's hours and services explained

TOPHER ELKINS
Special to The Leader

LoGrasso Hall is Fredonia’s only student health center, and in light of a recent Scallion article, the center’s hours of operation have come under question.

On the school’s website, LoGrasso’s mission is listed “...to provide quality medical care for the Fredonia student while creating a culture in which the student can make informed and responsible decisions regarding their personal health and wellness.”

Officially, LoGrasso Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with 4:30 to 5 p.m. being designated to emergency slots for those who did not make appointments.

A complaint by one student, sophomore Alec Wright, is that the hours conflict with class schedules.

“It’s just hard to get in there when they are only open during times when I either have classes or practice,” said Wright.

Deborah Dibble is the director of Student Health at LoGrasso Hall. Her role is to oversee all functions within the Health Center. This includes policies, procedures, staffing and even complaints.

As a nurse practitioner, she sees a lot of the students that go into LoGrasso for medical attention.

“If we saw patients right up until 5 o’clock, we don’t have any transportation for them,” said Dibble.

She explained that the Student Health Center is staffed by nurse practitioners and registered nurses, which qualifies them as a mid-level provider. Because of this, they can diagnose symptoms, write prescriptions and scan for x-rays. However, they cannot officially administer x-rays because that has to go through a primary physician or by a hospital. According to Dibble, this is due to insurance reasons. The Health Center also does not prescribe psychiatric medication, because there is a nurse practitioner on staff in the counseling center as well.

LoGrasso Hall’s Student Health Center is an on-campus accessible option for those with health needs that are not immediate threats to a student’s health.

“...if it’s something that’s an emergency, and emergency meaning that they cannot wait until the next day to see us, then it’s calling for an ambulance, or going over to Brooks Memorial Hospital,” said Dibble.
POLICE BLOTTERS

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UNIVERSITY

Monday, October 14, 2019
A vehicle was damaged in lot 9A. An investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
A subject was harassed on campus. The investigation is closed.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Three fires were started in Mason Hall. An investigation is ongoing.

Friday, October 18, 2019
A bicycle was stolen from Thompson Hall. An investigation is ongoing.
Items were stolen from the Grissom Hall laundry room. An investigation is ongoing.

FREDONIA

Friday, October 18, 2019
12:50 a.m. - Megan M. Waterman, 38, was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal use of drugs and possession of marijuana. An appearance ticket was issued.

3:45 p.m. - Shane A. Miller, 27, was charged with possession of a hypodermic instrument. The suspect was held.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
1:34 a.m. - Derek Wojciechowski, 19, was charged with unauthorized possession of a license, unlawful underage possession of alcohol, littering and open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

Sunday, October 20, 2019
12:29 a.m. - Tina Ajarial, 18, was charged with unlawful underage possession of alcohol and open container. An appearance ticket was issued.

Hefner’s student cabinet continued ...

of our extensive diversity at Fredonia, and I’d also like to push for better advertisement of events and club functions on campus,” he said.

Other issues discussed in the first meeting were the changes being made to improve Willy C’s, the presidential search, the out-of-state initiative that will expand recruitment next fall, campus accreditation, the decision for commencement speaker and issues involving at the counseling center.

“There is a long wait at [the] counseling center in order to get in … the demand has gone up greatly for counseling services, up by approximately 40% over last year,” said Hefner.

Students can take comfort in knowing that changes have been made and are currently being made to fix this.

“…one of the counselors was doing half time counseling and half time working on other projects, so we’ve moved that person back to 100% counseling,” said Hefner. “The director of counseling that was doing some additional duties transferred those elsewhere, so she can spend full-time [at the counseling center].”

Hefner said there is also a contract set up with Vice President Howard so that they can bring in an outside counselor on a part-time basis to assist.

Melissa Barnett is a graduate student representative for the cabinet and described her personal concerns:

“Personally … I would like to see more opportunities for graduate students to get to know each other on campus, since our classes meet less frequently than undergraduate classes,” she said.

“I thought the first student cabinet meeting went very well. All of the students that are members seemed very dedicated to the various issues we discussed, including diversity on campus, issues with the new ‘Willy C’s,’ as well as getting veteran students more involved in events on campus,” said Barnett.

If you have an issue or concern with the campus, keep an eye out for Hefner in the dining halls or make an appointment to stop by his office. Don’t be afraid to speak up and have your voice heard. Your concerns may just be the next area of discussion for the student cabinet.

“It’s something I’ve found very helpful for me to help me keep my finger on the pulse of the campus,” Hefner said.

Hefner’s student cabinet continued …
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Hispanic Heritage Month is often a period of recognition, celebration and pride for many Latinos across the country. Fredonia hasn’t forgotten about it, either.

Latinos Unidos, one of Fredonia’s clubs, has arranged several events to honor the month.

Their most recent event, known as Closing Ceremony, took place last Monday to conclude Hispanic Heritage Month. It is arguably one of Latinos Unidos’s most significant events. This year’s celebration was particularly special, as Wilfred Rosas, the mayor of Dunkirk and New York State’s first Hispanic mayor, attended the event as the guest speaker.

“When I was elected as New York’s first Hispanic mayor, I couldn’t believe it,” he said. “Being the son of Puerto Rican parents and seeing so much discrimination, it was a pleasant surprise to be elected. It’s important to understand leadership and to never be ashamed of who you are.”

He then encouraged the students in attendance to utilize their right to vote, because it’s important to be a part of decisions that will affect the future.

Authentic Latin food was served following his speech, which might have been something some students have not experienced.

Aside from Closing Ceremony, Latinos Unidos’s other events for Hispanic Heritage Month include Latin Dance Night, Latin Game Night and Calle Ocho Glow Party, an event inspired by the Calle Ocho Festival in Miami.

Ariana Tooker, a sophomore psychology major, is the publicity chair of the Latinos Unidos executive board.

She said that Latinos Unidos has been consecutively trying to make their club more well-known and recognized on campus, and that Hispanic Heritage Month was one of their greatest opportunities to do so.

The month resonates with her personally as well.

“Being half Puerto Rican and growing up going to a predominantly white school, I haven’t always been able to connect to my culture,” she said. “Here, [at Fredonia] I have the chance to really embrace my heritage, and Hispanic Heritage Month is the time of year that I get to do that the most. There are some people who say: ‘What about white heritage month?’ When, really, every other month of the year is that month.”

Other events unrelated to Hispanic Heritage Month are happening as well.

On Monday, Latinos Unidos screened the 1997 film, “Selena” in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room.

They plan to hold other events similar to this one. For example, an annual event called La Fiesta is in the works for Latinos Unidos.

It will likely be a masquerade ball-themed event that will take place close to Halloween.

“We basically just try our best to be different and stand out among the many clubs on campus. Overall, we want to attract more students and just have fun,” said Tooker.

For more information and updates about Latinos Unidos, check out their Instagram: @LatinosUnidosFSU.
ACT UP Locally and Pride Alliance recognize LGBTQ change-makers and the AIDS epidemic

SHENÉCA SHARPE
Special to The Leader

Fredonia Pride Alliance is partnering with the convocation committee to host: ACT UP Locally. (WNY)

Members of the ACT UP Western New York chapter will be in attendance to provide oral histories with a focus on issues of activism and social change.

ACT UP is known for direct levels of protests and has been influential in their work for people with AIDS even to a legislative stance.

Dr. Jeffry Iovannone, coordinator of the women and gender studies program, wants the audience to see how it is to work for LGBTQ social change in Western New York, and gain an understanding of the AIDS epidemic.

“They work to give] recognition to local LGBTQ change-makers and a space to tell their stories, [as well as] an understanding of what it means to work for LGBTQ social change in a city like Buffalo, or in Western New York more broadly,” he said. “At the height of its influence in the early to mid-90s, [it gave] a better understanding of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and its impact on LGBTQ people and on American society.”

The audience should expect performances of oral histories and a discussion panel to further and to answer audience questions.

“With this event, I'm attempting to use oral history in a more activist fashion by presenting the stories and experiences of former members of ACT UP WNY in a public setting,” he said. “We might call the panel a form of ‘oral history activism.’ The panelists will talk about their individual stories, the significance of ACT UP and HIV/AIDS advocacy in Western New York, how to create change locally and the state of LGBTQ rights and liberation today.”

ACT UP Locally will take place on Monday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Fenton Hall 105.
SUNY’S Got Your Back: Students volunteer to help survivors of violence

MADDIE LITTLE
Special to The Leader

According to www.theHotline.org, “24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States.”

SUNY’s Got Your Back Started in 2016. It’s an initiative to provide comfort bags with personal hygiene products to local domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers.

More than 35,000 bags have been distributed to local shelters across the state since the program’s implementation.

This past Thursday, Fredonia hosted a SUNY’s Got Your Back event. The event is coordinated by the Counseling Center’s Prevention, Advocacy and Wellness Services (PAWS) program, together with the Health Center, Enrollment and Student Services, Title IX, Student Conduct, Residence Life, University Police, Intercultural Center and Athletics Department.

It was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Williams Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Julie Bezek, Prevention, Advocacy and Wellness Coordinator said, “My hope is students learn more about dating and domestic violence and help members of our community who are seeking shelter services.”

Deoniss Jackson, the senior class president at Fredonia said, “I believe it’s important to talk about these things, because one day it might be you that needs the help and support of others, especially after going through severe trauma.”

Victims usually enter centers, hospitals and shelters with only a little more than what they are wearing.

It makes the students feel good when they volunteer because they know that they affected someone positively, and possibly made their life a little easier.

Jackson said, “Personally, I do know someone that has been through domestic violence, and I hope day-by-day they get stronger and know that better days are coming.”

In addition to providing comfort bags to domestic violence victims, SUNY’s Got Your Back also provides Sexual Assault and Violence Response Resources, Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Prevention & Response Course and TRAC: Training in Reducing Alcohol Consumption Online Trainings and Visa and Immigration Resources.

For more information, visit https://www.suny.edu/gotyourback/about/.
BRENTON NEWCOMB
Special to The Leader

On Oct. 16, Last Call Entertainment hosted their bi-weekly show at BJ’s that featured three bands that resulted in an energetic and confident performance. The show was filled with something for everyone with a stacked lineup that featured ’90s emo pop band Cooler, a heavy indie group out of Indianapolis who go by Plans and, perhaps one of the most energetic groups that is bound to leave you drenched in sweat, Keep Flying.

The show kicked off with Cooler, warming people up with their heavy, yet sometimes sparse, indie rock.

Elisha Charles, an attendee said, “I thought they had confidence on stage, and the music was much slower, which was a nice change of pace.”

The band brought their own light-show for the occasion, which added to the mood and feel of their set.

Although the music was not as energetic as the other bands, Cooler followed this up with their confidence that was likely unmatched. Their lead singer, Alley Sessana, is pivotal in reflecting this easy confidence.

One of the interesting things about their performance was their willingness to dictate what they wanted from the crowd and how they felt about themselves.

At one point in the show, the group even proclaimed themselves as having a “Magic (The Gathering), Rock Band and Dragon Ball Z” aesthetic.

The buzz for Cooler is real, and the group keeps it cool despite all the buzz and the fact that their song “Metal Moths” has recently garnered over 175,000 streams on Spotify. The group will be releasing new music this November.

After Cooler, the next band to take the stage was indie/emo four-piece Plans, hailing from Indianapolis.

The band turned the energy notch up a level with their self-described method of “blending ambient sounds with pop structure” and are influenced by the likes of The Front Bottoms, Taking Back Sunday and The Dangerous Summer.

The band admitted onstage “This is gonna be a mess, but it’s gonna be a mess together.”

If there was any mess that happened during their performance, the mess was blessed because the group put on a killer performance and, toward the end of their set, people were pouring inside from the street.

Finally, Keep Flying landed on the stage with one of their members sporting track shorts and a trombone and put on a terrific performance that featured a brass section of a trombone and trumpet.

The group brought the energy way up and treated the crowd to a song they had never played live, as well as an encore before wrapping up the night.
Homecoming weekend pep rally

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Ashley Lacognato, senior
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history major
“Hot apple cider.”

Brittney Cranmer, sophomore
Spanish adolescence education major
“Apple cider because pumpkin spice reminds me of my ex-girlfriend. Definitely apple cider.”

Keegan Herriman, sophomore
graphic design major
“I only like cold apple cider. It’s a hierarchy that goes: cold apple cider, then pumpkin spice and then all the way at the bottom is hot (blah) apple cider.”
Fredonia sports update

CAROLYN MULLARKEY
Special to The Leader

Last weekend, Fredonia’s women’s volleyball team faced both Cortland and Oswego at home.

Despite a close first set, Cortland prevailed with the final being 0-3.

The sets with Oswego were all very close, but Fredonia fell short 0-3.

Their next match will take place this Friday, Oct. 25 at Potsdam.

The team plays Plattsburgh the following day. Their overall record now stands at 8-15.

Their next home match will be against Medaille on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

This weekend, the men’s and women’s soccer teams will be playing Oswego this Friday, Oct. 25.

Their current records stand at 5-7-4 for the men and 5-8-2 for the women.

The following day, both Fredonia soccer teams are scheduled to play Cortland. Men’s soccer will be in Fredonia at 1 p.m. while the women’s team plays in Cortland at the same time.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, both men’s and women’s swimming/diving will be travelling to RIT for a meet.

This will be their second meet of the season.

For all updated stats and scores, check out https://fredoniabluedevils.com/index.aspx
An ugly win is still a win

DANTE LASTING
Assistant Sports Editor

The Buffalo Bills were 17-point favorites going into this game, but did not look like it. They returned from their bye week, but Buffalo did not show up in the game until late in the third quarter. The Bills beat the Miami Dolphins 31-21, but the team was down 14-9 at halftime.

In the first half, the offense led by Josh Allen drove the ball down the field on three of their four drives. On all three drives, they had to settle for field goals. It is better than nothing, but when you face a team with a record like the Dolphins, you have to score early and often.

On the opposite side of the ball, former Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick had 60 and 70-yard touchdown drives. The Bills had trouble stopping the run and the big plays by the Dolphins in the first half.

After halftime, the Buffalo Bills players, coaches and fans knew that something had to change so they did not get humiliated by the winless Dolphins. That change did not come right away as Miami had a 10-minute drive to start the second half.

Fitzpatrick led the Dolphins down to the two yard line, but it would be Bills corner Tre’Davious White who would come up with the interception and shift the momentum for the rest of the game.

Buffalo started at their two yard line and drove the ball 98 yards for their first touchdown of the game. Josh Allen went 6/6 for 73 yards, threw a touchdown pass to John Brown and ran for the two-point conversion.

For the rest of the fourth quarter, Buffalo had control of the game. They forced a fumble that led to another touchdown pass from Allen to Cole Beasley.

With the Bills up by 10 points, Fitzpatrick knew he would need a big drive to get back in the game. That is exactly what happened. He got the team down to the 11 yard line and was close to being sacked by Jerry Hughes. Fitzpatrick got away and ran the ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

The Dolphins knew if they were going to win the game, they needed to get the onside kick. They kicked it high, and Micah Hyde went up in the air to catch it. He miraculously spun around 360 degrees and ran it 45 yards for the touchdown.

An onside kick has not been returned for a touchdown since 2010, and that play by Hyde sealed the game up for the Bills.

The Buffalo Bills now boast a 5-1 record, which is one of the top in the entire NFL. The Bills will have to improve from this performance and be more consistent in the future if they want to continue winning.

The Philadelphia Eagles come to town this week for the Bills second straight home game. The game is Sunday at 1:00 p.m on CBS.

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ANTHONY GETTINO
Special to The Leader

As we head toward midterms this semester, basketball starts to become more prevalent, in particular, the NBA season.

Some history:
Anthony Davis went to the Los Angeles Lakers. The Clippers got free agent Kawhi Leonard and traded for former Oklahoma City star Paul George.

Kevin Durant left the Golden State Warriors to team up in Brooklyn on the Nets with former Celtic Kyrie Irving.

Kemba Walker was acquired in a sign and trade by the Boston Celtics.

The Los Angeles Pelicans were created by New Orleans adding Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram and Josh Hart.

Zion went to the New Orleans Pelicans first overall.

JJ Reddick put his 100% playoff streak on the line by joining the Pelicans.

Russell Westbrook was traded to the Houston Rockets from OKC for Chris Paul.

The East is again looking to be less competitive compared to the West, with the likelihood of a team winning 47-50 games not making the playoffs from the West while a team or two in the East will sneak in with a losing record.

The teams from the East that are looking pretty good this year:
Philadelphia 76ers: They have Joel Embiid, newly acquired Al Horford, and the three point sharpshooter Ben Simmons carrying the roster toward a late round playoff push. Their bench, however, is not too great.

Atlanta Hawks: I don't think they'll actually be good, but they will be fun to watch with Trae Young.

Miami Heat: Even without Dwayne Wade, they will be a sixth seed with the addition of Jimmy Butler.

Boston Celtics: They were supposed to be the team from the East in the Finals last year, but were hard chokers. They replace Kyrie Irving at the point guard position with Kemba Walker and return Jason Tatum, Jaylen Brown and Gordon Hayward.

Toronto Raptors: It will be interesting to see how they look without their Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard.

Brooklyn Nets: They have that good, young team and added Kyrie Irving for this year and Kevin Durant for next year.

Milwaukee Bucks: They have Giannis Antetokounmpo and some solid people around him.

Indiana Pacers: Victor Oladipo is good and Malcolm Brogdon is a great sidekick for him surrounded by a bunch of above average players.

Every other team will either be mediocre or absolute garbage.

In the West, every team but the Phoenix Suns could be a 40+ game-winner this year.

The Lakers have Lebron and Anthony Davis; nothing else needs to be said. They also have guys who can shoot this year.

The Warriors went to the Finals last year, but lost Kevin Durant.

The Clippers are somehow the title favorite over the other California teams above, but I don't see it happening even with that amazing bench and two top five players in the league.

Denver Nuggets: This team was the second seed last year and was just too young and inexperienced. They're going to be dangerous for years to come.

Sacramento Kings: Same here except they're the lite version of Denver, not making the playoffs but having a great core themselves.

Portland Trail Blazers: Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum can carry this team far, as evidenced by their trip to the Western Conference Finals.

Houston Rockets: They have James Harden and Russell Westbrook. They're a top-tier team.

San Antonio Spurs: They will make the playoffs for as long as Coach Pop is around, no matter how bad that roster is.

Utah Jazz: They have Donovan Mitchell and Mike Conley and Rudy Gobert and the best defense in the NBA.

Dallas Mavericks: Luca Doncic is gonna be a stud and Kristaps Prozingis is a unicorn of a big guy.
MATTHEW BAUM
Guest Scallywag

The actor that epitomizes the exact worst of method acting, Jared Leto, has recently taken to the media to report that he's mad.

Nobody asked, but he decided he wanted people to be aware of it.

“I'm pissed! I am incredibly pissed!” Leto told Guest Scallywag Matthew Baum, who was fixated on the hideous accent the actor was using. “Did you know they made a new guy the Joker? Who let that happen? Why didn't anyone tell me!!?”

In an effort to either scare fellow actor Joaquin Phoenix out of the role of Batman’s biggest baddie or to fully embrace the character for his next appearance, Jared Leto has chosen to lighten the pigment of his skin and dye his hair a rancid green. In addition, he has accumulated an assortment of tattoos, including, but not limited to, a smiling face on the back of his left hand and a forehead piece that reads ‘damaged’ in light cursive.

During the interview, he was actually in the process of covering his teeth with silver grills, which made understanding him quite the task.

Just last week, Leto was caught on camera stealing six soccer mascot heads from a Party City in Santa Monica and assembling a gang of rough-riding thugs with low moral standards. Various friends of Leto have come forward to say that his in-character pranks have become even more heightened.

Racecar Borgnine, nephew of "Airwolf” star Ernest Borgnine, claimed that his childhood friend recently came to his house in the middle of the night and smeared a menacing grin on his garage door in what he hopes is red paint.

To be clear, people claim Leto's character choices are for an increased connection to his character in the DC Extended Universe, and that his series of unfortunate events are in the pursuit of true method acting. However, any acting major more than eight weeks into their courses would tell you that being rude to play a rude character is not the method Stanislavski describes in his teachings.

Joe Marciniak, editor of the Scallion and sophomore acting and English double-major, had this to say about Jared Leto’s blatant misinterpretation of "An Actor Prepares”:

“It's just a shame. To have one yutz tainting all of Stanislavski’s Method under the guise of ‘getting in character’ is maddeningly insulting. Leto being pissed makes me pissed, and I think I have to do something about it!”

Marciniak was last seen donning a cowl with pointy ears and climbing up Maytum Hall with a grappling hook.

Graphic by Rae Hubal
It seems like it might be time for you to rise and shine.

This weekend you will be rising and shining.

Gemini, it’s time to rise and shine!

Rise and shine.

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Drink some wine and rise and shine.

Rise and ~shine~

Love you. You’re going to have a great week. Remember to rise and shine.

Kylie Jenner once said, “rise and shine.”

Kris Jenner’s daughter once said, "rise and shine."
Sick by cheapkazoo

I always feel zoned out...

But it's important that I try to be social...

and to try to get help

Sorry, we can't take more walk-ins

3:30 PM