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Virtual commencement: What do seniors think?

MADISON BLASZ

Special to The Leader

Commencement has always been the high point of the academic year, the time when Fredonia formally recognizes and congratulates its graduates for years of hard work and achievement.

As the spring semester comes to a close, students who will be graduating in May are coming to terms with Fredonia's decision to hold a virtual commencement as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

When talking about the virtual commencement, Kelsey Callea, a communication disorders and science major and senior, said, "I am very excited about the thought of taking the next step of my life, but I am also upset that it is not going to be everything I thought it would be."

Ever since Callea was in high school, she always imagined her college graduation, and walking across the stage with her family and friends there to watch her.

"It just sucks that it is going to be different this year, but I am glad that our school is trying to accommodate everyone's needs and following safety protocols," said Callea.

"I have mixed feelings about the whole thing because I feel robbed, I understand the circumstances and have accepted that this is how it is, but it's still very difficult to deal with," said Gabby Mohan, senior childhood education major.

For Mohan and likely many others who planned a large celebration involving friends and proud loved ones, graduating from college online is something that will always hold a dark spot in their highlight reel.

"It was extremely sad and disappointing, and I honestly will just try to forget about it," said Mohan.

Graduating from SUNY Fredonia is an accomplishment that evokes joy, celebration and cherished memories.

It's walking on stage, seeing your



Bell Tower. Photograph by Dante Lasting.

name on an extremely valuable piece of paper and throwing your cap into the air that makes graduation so special, but are all students planning to walk the stage for the commencement video?

Senior Zachary Crandall, practices in entrepreneurship said, "After a heavy debate I am personally not taking part in walking across a stage with no one there."

"It just isn't the same and I believe it is a cop out to a simpler solution."

Crandall made it clear that he personally thinks that the university as a whole is doing the bare minimum to make seniors feel special.

There are many universities that are doing outdoor graduations, including The University at Buffalo.

UB plans to safely hold in-person,

outdoor commencement ceremonies to honor students graduating from UB this academic year.

"I feel that after last year of having no graduation, I believe the school had an unreal amount of time to plan for an outdoor graduation like other universities did. Though with the lack of effort they chose the easy way out by having a virtual graduation for the second year in a row," said Crandall.

Clearly, many students across the board did not expect this to happen. Many seniors felt that a large part of their long-anticipated celebration was stolen from them, as the COVID-19 situation has furloughed plans for just about everyone at this point.

New student advisory group: building relationships between students and U.P.

ALISA OPPENHEIMER
News Editor

In an effort to create dialogue and build relationships between students and University Police, the Student Association and U.P. have been working together to create the new Student Advisory Group on Campus Safety.

You may have seen an email on behalf of S.A. in recent weeks stating: "I'm reaching out with an amazing opportunity for you."

This opportunity consists of expressing whatever comments, concerns, feelings or thoughts you have regarding U.P. directly to them.

With the current climate of our society surrounding police and police brutality, a committee like this is an important first step in the right direction, according to S.A. President Israel Ortiz.

"Our political climate in this past year has risen beyond tense, with many losing their lives and police disproportionately targeting people of color. I knew that coming into my first semester as president, this is something I was going to have to address," he said.

For Ortiz, it's vital that our campus police listen and take advice from their students, especially now.

"I think it can be scary to be a police officer who has to step in front of a board of students and hear the hard truth, but I believe that they understand the need."

Lucky for him, University Police Chief Brent Isaacson also saw the need for this, and together, they brought their ideas to life.

"I do think there are a lot of benefits by being more proactive in assembling a group of students who are interested in this effort," said Isaacson.

"I certainly recognize that in a lot of areas around the country there's not a good relationship between police departments and their communities," he continued.

Chief Isaacson explained that while



Photograph from Fredonia Marketing and Communications.

University Police differ from city police departments, they can still work to be better on our campus.

"We have a different constituency, we have a different community, we have young intelligent creative people who come to us from all over the world with all different kinds of backgrounds and lived experiences, and the more that we can communicate and have good, positive conversations with our community, the better off we're all going to be," he said.

The new advisory group will be responsible for things such as reviewing issues involved in campus safety and crime on campus, recommending ways to increase student input into policing efforts on campus, developing activities to increase the frequency of positive interactions between students and police officers, identifying areas where community policing efforts are falling short of expectations or areas where there is opportunity for improvement, partnering with U.P. and resolving emerging issues related to campus-policing.

What makes the group unique is that most committees or boards usually consist of about 20 faculty with a few students.

The Student Advisory on Campus Safety will consist of the exact opposite; about 20 or so students with three to five faculty members.

"We aim to provide an avenue for students to use their voice above and beyond what they have been able to before," said Ortiz.

Ortiz admits that at first, the advisory group was not gaining much attention or bringing many students in, but what changed this was the call for students of color.

"We were stuck at around 20 students for a few weeks which is great, but I wanted more involvement," said Ortiz.

"With everything happening in the world right now, I wanted more input from students of color. I reached out to every single student of color on campus, and since then the group enrollment has more than doubled," he said.

One thing Ortiz makes clear is his ultimate goal for this group.

"My goal is to... make campus a safer, more welcoming environment for the student body, but also to bring comfort and security to students of color coming from predominantly Black, Hispanic and Latino communities. I wish the same for international students who are

afraid of police figures or have had bad experiences with them,” he said. “If we can all sit together and share our experiences that left us perturbed and uneasy; and one attitude changes,

one mind is opened, one person is more empathetic — I would consider that a breakthrough.”

If any students are still interested in learning more about the Student

Advisory Group on Campus Safety, they should reach out to either S.A. President Israel Ortiz, or Police Chief Brent Isacson.

The Man of Steel is still flying high: A “**Superman and Lois**” TV review



Superman & Lois “Pilot” Pictured (Left to Right): Tyler Hoechlin as Clark Kent and Bitsie Tulloch as Lois Lane. Photographs by Dean Buscher/The CW, Copyright 2021 The CW Network, LLC. All Rights Reserved.

NIKKI INDELICATO

Special to the Leader

One of the most iconic heroes of all time has finally made his way back to the small screen for millions of viewers every Tuesday night.

As a spin-off of the successful CW show “Supergirl,” Superman and Lois Lane get to tell their reimagined story.

“Superman and Lois” follows the characters as they have to navigate their new lives as parents raising twin boys as well as being a world famous journalist and superhero.

The show takes place right after the events of the 2019 crossover, “Crisis on Infinite Earths.”

Unlike the other tellings, this show is not an origin story like “Smallville.”

Whether it be the TV shows or movies, this show is a new addition to

the same story that fans of Superman all grew to love.

The audience gets to see one of the most iconic superheroes of all time try to figure out the balance between being a father to his kids and also protecting the world from bad guys.

Clark, Lois and their kids find themselves back in Smallville, where they become reacquainted with Kent’s former high school crush, Lana Lang, and her family. In their quaint hometown, they find out that not everyone is as they seem.

So far, the CW has released the first five episodes of the season with more to come on May 18 due to a delay in production.

Introduced in season 2 of “Supergirl,” TV actor Tyler Hoechlin reprises his role as “The Man of Steel” along with Elizabeth Tulloch as Lois Lane.

Both characters would make cameos

every now and again whether it be on a big crossover between all the CW Arrowverse shows or on “Supergirl.”

The series made its debut on Feb. 23, 2021 to a total of 3.25 million views (both live and DVR tapings).

It quickly became the most streamed CW show for a series premiere.

Within a week of the first episode airing, the CW quickly announced that the show would be returning for a season 2.

For the last five weeks, the show has been able to draw in a strong number of viewers for both live airings and DVR recordings.

From his television debut in 1952 with “Adventures of Superman” to the most recent show (before “Superman and Lois”) starting in 2000 with “Smallville,” the Man of Steel is still flying high and into the hearts of many fans.

No amount of Kryptonite will be able to keep Clark Kent grounded for long.

Life & Arts

Experimenting with a new course: “Sustainability Living Laboratory”

JULES HOEPTING

Design Editor

Sprouting up this spring semester is a fresh new course: “Sustainability Living Laboratory.”

Created by English professor Christina Jarvis, the course is all about experimenting with means of being sustainable. Students selected by Jarvis are working together to answer questions such as how best to grow plants, how to connect with campus and community organizations and how to promote the Science Center campus garden.

The green course is an experiment in itself, as it has never been offered before. Students Abby Hart, Jules Hoepting, Yuwan Ilano, Megan Munro and Sydney Schwartzott have created their own goals for the course, and Jarvis will guide them in execution.

“I am so excited to be working with

this amazing group of students to revive the campus garden. They’ve already done some wonderful research on sustainable farming, the mental health benefits of gardening, local crops, and garden planning and design. They’ve also started planning a series of garden-related events for late April, which I know students are going to love,” Jarvis says.

Hart is spending as much time as she can gardening, and is taking the information she acquires to create guidelines for future students. Hart is tackling projects such as putting together a website and putting up a stronger fence around the garden to keep deer out. Once physical produce is ready to be harvested, Hart hopes to donate the produce to campus for Employee Assistance Program cooking classes or to local food pantries.

“There is something undeniably in-

credible about cultivating life in this way — in a way which is better for ourselves and the environment. Gardening is good for the soul, and I hope to spread these positive ideas about gardening, and sustainability with anyone who will listen,” Hart says.

Hoepting wants to put a sign up in front of the garden explaining what the garden is and when different kinds of local produce is in season. The sign would also contain information on the benefits of gardening. In the meantime, Hoepting is promoting the garden in local media.

Ilano is launching a social media campaign on instagram, @fredoniacaampusgarden, documenting the group’s projects. Ultimately, Ilano is working towards putting together a gala showcasing several arts forms as an outdoor opening ceremony for the garden.

“My stronger suit lies in publicity and



Plant photographs by Jules Hoepting.



**Top row, left to right: Sydney Schwartzott, Jules Hoepting, Megan Munro.
Bottom row, left to right: Abby Hart, Yuwan Ilano.
Photograph by Christina Jarvis.**



design, [so] I have taken the initiative to jumpstart our social media presence as well as collaborating within the arts community here at Fredonia," Ilano says.

Ilano is planning on integrating gardening into residence assistance programming.

Munro is linking research between gardening and its positive effect on mental and physical health. Munro is reaching out to different organizations on campus and collaborating on activities, such as a seed starting event in which participants learn how to take care of plants.

"With some TLC we can make [the garden] a central part of campus again," Munro says.

Schwartzott is focusing on science, researching the vegetation needs of different kinds of plants and how to supply those plants with sustainable fertilizer and pest management. Schwartzott is placing more emphasis on conservation than cultivation, the end goal being a healthy ecosystem within the garden plot. Schwartzott is creating a schedule for seeding, watering, fertilizing and harvesting so that future students can efficiently utilize the garden.

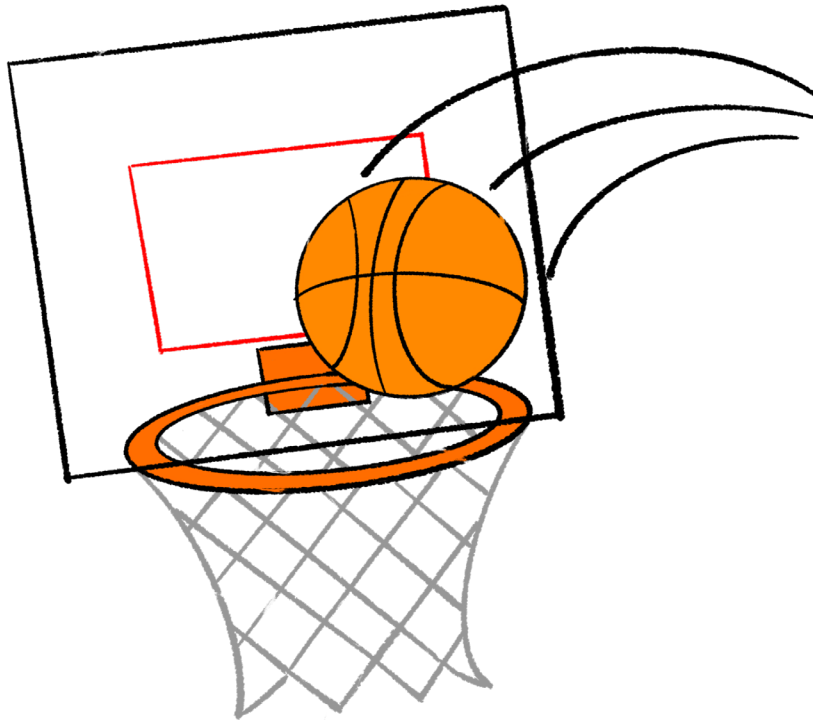
In addition to the students' goals, Jarvis is working on dedicating the garden to Sue Murphy, the former coordinator of the Employee Assistance Program, who passed away in December. Murphy lived by the quote "We rise by lifting others," which embraces the spirit of the campus garden.

If the experimental first semester flourishes, the "Sustainability Living Laboratory" course might be offered regularly, allowing students to test out different means of growing greens.

For the latest budding information on the students' efforts, check out @fredoniacampusgarden on Instagram.

SPORTS

Fredonia sports update



Graphic by Olivia Connor.

ANTHONY GETTINO

Sports Editor

Has it been a long time since The Leader has had one of these or what!

After over 12 months without competition, SUNY Fredonia has finally had their first intercollegiate games this spring.

This past week began competition for both our men's baseball team and our women's lacrosse team.

The baseball team put out a solid first showing at home against Jamestown Community College, winning in a score of 7-3.

Some of the standouts on offense in the game included Pat Bigham, who had a two run home run in the fifth inning of play, and Tylor Murphy, who had two doubles in the game.

On the mound, the team had seven pitchers throw score-

less outings and ten total strikeouts in the game.

More important than the outcome of the game was the experience of being back out on the field.

Having no spectators was also a major change that the team has to adjust to, but the team seems to be taking it in stride.

As for the lady Blue Devils, they were shaking off the rust of having over a full year off since their last game. The team lost by a score of 6-16 to Allegheny at home. As they begin to get into the swing of things and learn to play with a whole new group of people, the results will begin to change for the better.

Both of these teams will continue to play this week, while women's softball and men's and women's track & field will have their first contests this upcoming week.

COACH POTAT



Rating NBA players based on their hairlines

GRIFFIN DOMBROSKE

Special to The Leader

I suppose I should preface this with the fact that I am in no way well-versed in any Hockey team and their players.

That being said, I have decided to rate their performance in the NBA based solely off of how broke their

hairline is. First up is LeBron James, the starting quarterback for the Los Angeles Croquet team. While he looks

like he has a pretty professional haircut, the only thing I can think of when I see him is how his hairline seems to be

receding into the Stone Age. Fans frequently compare him to Michael Jordan in terms of skill level, but I can only

compare him to a landing strip at LAX airport for how expansive his forehead

is. I give LeBron's hairline a 10/10.

Next up is Steve Curry, a sharpshoot-

er for the Golden State Gerbils. Now I've seen Curry play at least once and I'm fully prepared to say that this man

is worth over \$100 million as of this year, yet seems to be unable to afford a

decent barber. This is a guy who goes 20/20 from the 3 point line when he

can't even go 0/1 in the hairline department. Stephen Curry's hairline is as

broken as his jumper. 10/10. Next up we have James Harden, a man that once had a home at the

Brooklyn Seagulls Fritsbee Golf team, who now appears to have no home at all. James Harden has the ability to

grow hair and has decided to make it everyone's problem. I am actually quite

sure I saw him outside of a Sunoco

You asked for it, and now it's finally here: Fredonia is getting a football team!

Because it was announced in the Fredonia Campus Report email from last week, it is likely that nobody heard

about this development, but no need to worry, we have you covered.

We got a chance to talk to the coach of the team, who has asked to remain anonymous for now, so we will be referring to him as Coach Will Weitchick.

"We are very excited to get the team together and get to work," Coach Weitchick said. "The team will consist

of Blue Devils from other sports that we decided would be a good fit for football."

Everyone who knows football knows that one of the keys to a good offense is a strong offensive line.

This is why Coach Weitchick has decided that Anthony Ruiz from Men's Cross Country and Sydney Booth from

RYAN DUNNING

Web Editor

When asked if height was considered when choosing these players (Ruiz stands at 5'3" and Booth at 5'0") Coach Weitchick responded confidently:

"A modern offensive line needs to be quick, and strong. Ruiz has proved

his speed on the cross country course, and Booth is a brick wall in net for her team."

The head of any team, of course, is the quarterback. For this position, Coach Weitchick has picked Christina

Whiters, thrower for the Women's Track Team.

"Whiters represents everything you need from a quarterback. She's got amazing arm strength, and she's even

taller than Kyler Murray," Weitchick stated. At wide receiver, we had high hopes

for the selections. Weitchick went with Art Castellino from Cheerleading and Christie Ackendorf from Volleyball.

"I like to have options for my re-

asking me for money for one more pack

of Marlboro's, James Harden needs a

haircut, 10/10. Last up, we have Nikola Jokic, who's

last name almost doubles as the name of his hairline. (Cause it's a joke haha please fire me). Recent pictures show

that his hairline seems to be recovering, however real fans know the truth. In

2019, Jokic's hairline suffered a fatal injury in the infamous San Francisco

Barbershop tragedy. Although he tries to hide it, Jokic's hairline was never the same. Hopefully, with time and intense

physical therapy, his hairline will be reinstated as being one of the worst hairlines in the history of lawn darts, 10/10.

When asked if it was a good idea to put an athlete from one of the few sports that doesn't actually run at running

back, Weitchick threatened to walk from the interview, so we backed down.

Finally, we asked about his plans for a punter. Weitchick decided on 6'5" defenseman Anders Johnson from the Hockey team.

"I like my punters to be athletes too. Johnson can punt the ball, and make the tackle if he needs to."

While we aren't sure if the team will win any games, we sure are excited to watch them this fall!

Fredonia announces new football team

Why learning a second language is probably not a good idea



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CHLOE KOWALYK

Staff Writer

It would be awful to learn a second language. Take it from a gal who knows. Research suggests that learning another language helps improve memory. Why would I want to do that? To make room for more memories like my last from date rejection? No thank you. Also, you'd practically be subjecting yourself to the slow and loudly spoken speech of small-brained Americans who are convinced you can't understand them. My nAmE is Cah-Low-E. No hablas española Señorita, si. Can I have el coffee por favor? It's pretty obnoxious. Yet another reason you should avoid educating yourself is because learning a language activates both sides of the brain. Why would I want to think more when I can simply think less? The other half of my brain is strictly for remembering my 17-part daily Starbucks order. Do you know what else? Learning a foreign language actually benefits . . . learning. Ew. I really don't want to learn more about the Pythagorean Quadratic For-

mula or whatever in math class. Ignorance is bliss, especially when it comes to learning. I don't need that experience enhanced. I heard from a little birdie that bilingualism helps students earn higher standardized test scores. Why would you ever want anything above a 400 on the SAT? That just means you have to go to college and learn more pointless stuff about being a productive member of society or whatever. Yikes. That's not to mention the physical changes that occur to a language-learner's brain. Researchers have found that there is an increase in cortical thickness in the brains of bilinguals, which helps to improve intelligence. Along with that, learning a second language activates the Wernicke's and Broca's areas of the brain, which help improve reading comprehension and verbal communication skills. The last thing you want is your child to be walking around with a hot air balloon-sized head on their shoulders. They'd probably be called “fivehead” or something mean like that. Here's the worst part of all. Knowing a second language opens the door

for more job opportunities! Bilingual applicants are more likely to be hired and even make more than monolingual employees. I don't know about you, but I really don't want a job. Who wants to wake up every day and go to work? Then you have to deal with awful office Christmas parties where you have to buy a gift for your weird coworker whose only interests are unscented candles and sweaters for her seven cats. I'm not about that life. Parents, I urge you not to sign your kids up for a foreign language when the time comes. Do you really want them to be lame and smart? Or to experience life-changing opportunities and a various number of cognitive benefits? Of course not! They'd be enhancing their learning, getting exposed to different cultures and I suggest you spare them from the future memories of Punnett Square Calculus rules and William Shakespeare now. Please, adopt the ideas of #Antiilingualism today.

Dumpster on campus mistaken for conceptual art piece

ALYSSA BUMP
Life & Farts Editor

The dumpster behind Gregory Hall (yes... that dumpster) has drawn in a flock of art critics to campus. This latest piece was thought to be one of the most innovative sculptures on campus yet. I know what you're thinking, how could anything be more innovative than the bright orange suitcase of garbage? Or the sculpture of pink and red sacks that somehow simultaneously reminds me of intestines and the pink goo that goes into a McDonald's chicken nugget?

Apparently, a dumpster. Unfortunately, these art critics were mistaken, and this dumpster is merely just another run-of-the-mill dumpster. I can't say I blame them for the mistake, because looking around campus, the art seems to have a more abstract and interesting style. But who says a dumpster can't be a piece of art? After all, if garbage can be considered art when it is in the shape of a suitcase, why isn't it considered art when it is in a dumpster? Maybe someone should call those art critics back.



A dumpster having an existential crisis. Photograph by Derek Kaymond.

Music Review: "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley

HANNAH BLIDD
Staff Scallywag

We all know it. Some of us hate it. It gives us a flashback to the early days of internet memes. No, it's not the Nyan Cat song. It is the one and only, "Never Gonna Give You Up." According to KnowYourMeme.com, Rickrolling is a classic "bait-and-switch" meme, in which someone sends a hyperlink to a friend, family member or enemy supposedly relating to the topic they were talking about, but then redirects to Rick Astley's hit 1987 pop song, "Never Gonna Give You Up." The meme originally began as a prank on a Michigan radio station, but soon after it became popular on 4chan (I know, it's unfortunate). Since 2007, countless people have been fooled into clicking links that seemed harmless at first, but were then screended by Astley's smooth voice. Now, I'm not going to lie. I've Rickrolled plenty of people. Particularly my best friend Skylar, who gets angry with me every time I send her something that ends in the hit 80's song. But, since finding the Rickroll videos involved actually listening to the song, I've come to enjoy it unironically. I casually have this song on my playlists, and even danced to it on my 21st birthday while I was drunk out of my mind. It's got a great beat, and honestly I could see it being played at Sunny's (after the pandemic, of course) and the dance floor just going wild. It's easy to memorize the lyrics, and honestly, it's a classic!



"Rick Astley LP" by kbcool is licensed with CC BY-SA 2.0. If you say you don't like this song, you're either lying or you've been traumatized by too many of your loved ones sending you the link. Either way, you can't lie and say that this song is certified FIRE. I can personally say that I'm Never Gonna Give Up Rickrolling.

The GREAT LAKE AVENGERS are coming to the MCU

NIKKI INDELICATO
Special to The Leader

BREAKING NEWS:

Recent rumors surrounding the greatest group of Avengers of all time have been confirmed by Marvel President Kevin

Feige: the Great Lake Avengers will finally be making their debut in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The story follows Mr. Immortal (played by DJ-1-mon Honson) as he starts looking to form a team to train the next generation of heroes. He has to recruit them right in time for Christmas before the holidays are completely ruined.

Squirrel Girl, Monkey Joe, Grasshopper and Tippy Toe will be among the new recruits in the Great Lake Avengers.

The new recruits along with Dinah Soar, Flat-

man and Doorman will all team up to defeat the most powerful villain of all time — Dr. Tannen-

baum.

Another MCU favorite will be making an appearance as the trainer: Jeremy Renner will be reprising his role as Hawkeye from his other previous movies.

Anna Kendrick will be leading the pack playing Squirrel Girl along with Monkey Joe voiced by Ian McKellen and Tippy Toe voiced by Cher.

Grasshopper will also be played by Brendan Fraser.



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cinematic universe family.

It will only be a matter of time before we see all these iconic heroes kicking

butt and taking names on the big screen and finally join the

screen.

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more comics of the group.

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Avengers: Vol 2? #46

July 1989 in “West Coast

The Great Lake Avengers originally made their debut in

vacation.

Avengers will come just in time to give the original team a

Recent reports state that the new recruits of “Great Lake”

man and David Spade playing the evil Dr. Tannenbaum.

Dinah Soar, Steve Martin as Flatman, Billy Crystal as Door-

To round out the infamous cast, Kristen Stewart will play

Deaths & Fests

Look out Fredonia Twitter, The Leader's making some changes

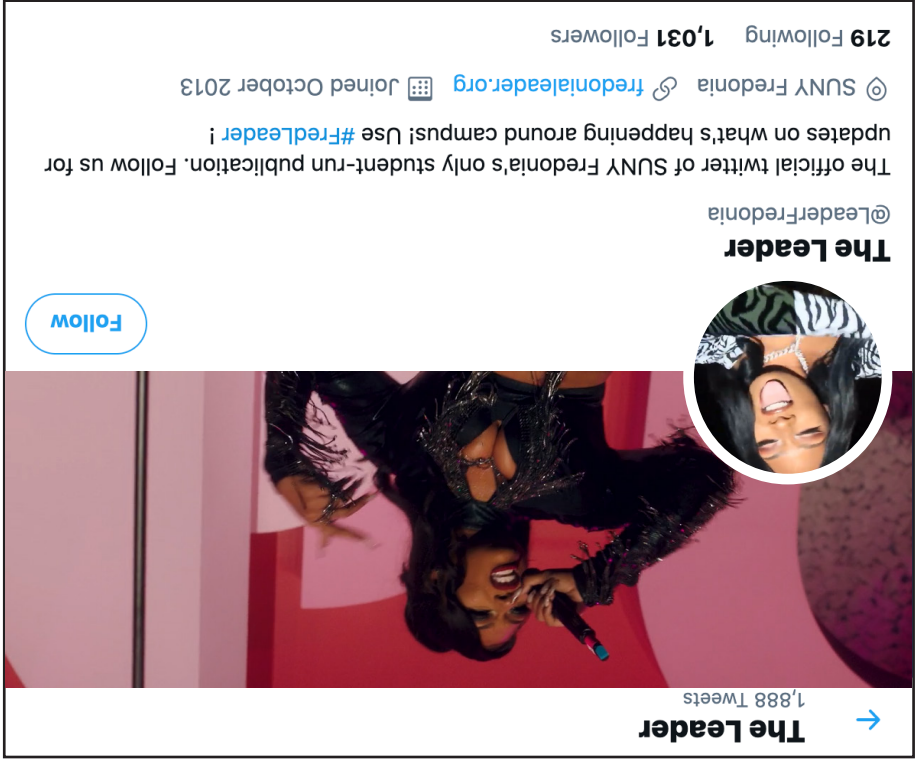
MATTHEW BAUM
Editor of the Scallion
and Mrs fanboy

To say that the internet is a mixed bag would be an understatement. There are trolls and members, there are political extremists getting into scraps with everyday citizens and most importantly, there are spheres of fandom that revolve entirely around the works and actions of today's biggest stars. With the online world becoming more and more vicious, it's important to cement yourself into points and groups that interest you, in order to avoid being shuffled into the cesspool of fascism and heartless posting. In an attempt to stay relevant in this ever-shifting web-wide tidal wave, The Leader's official Twitter account will now be posting only about Megan Thee Stallion.

As a musician, Stallion has mastered putting her name at the top of the charts. With instant classics such as "Savage," "Cry Baby" and the controversial "WAP," she's made herself an unforgettable performer for the 21st century, and so we must stan.

Also, Megan Thee Stallion is a wonderful role model for young women. Having confidence in your body and your autonomy is crucial for adults everywhere, but the stifling male gaze has fabricated a harmful idea of young women using their bodies to entertain men. Hot Girl Meg, as she is known

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On Twitter, makes it very clear in her language and actions that she is doing what she does for herself, as opposed to anyone else. She is confident in her skin, and that's important for a woman of color to feel in the destructive white-centric patriarchy of the information age.

The Leader's social media coordinators have DM'd Ms. Thee Stallion to see if she would be interested in collaborating with the newspaper, but we have not yet heard back from her. Fingers are crossed, though, as I am terribly curious about what she would be interested in writing for Fredonia's student-run paper. Until then, we will continue to post fan edits of Stallion and retweet her own posts, in an effort to show our appreciation.

Government sneaks vaccine into American cheese

JULES HOEPTING

The Person Who Debates the Frons and Pictures Used in this Paper for an Entire Day

They weren't going to be happy. My fingers curled around the edge of the podium, I looked at people in blazers with tape recorders aimed at me. They were all six feet apart from each other, but it felt like they were six inches from my face, reading my thoughts through my transparent skull. I was the reason why they weren't going to be happy.

"As you know, I have called you here today to this press conference to relay some troubling news." I paused until the silence became uncomfortable. "The government has deceived the American public into taking the COVID-19 vaccine."

The silence drew more uncomfortable. Despite half of their faces being masked, the media personnel did not appear surprised. A red blazer gestured for more information. "The portion of the government receiving superb funding from lobbying efforts decided to put the vaccine in slices of American cheese on McDonald's cheeseburgers."

The blazers' eyes began blazing. "The rationale was simple: Americans are hesitant to take the vaccine because they are concerned with what is inside the vaccine. They want to put something inside their body that they trust. American cheese, made up of a bunch of ingredients most people are unfamiliar with but are relatively common in highly processed food, seemed like a perfect medium."

They weren't going to win people over. It was easier to blame it on the government. "And how do you justify the morality of such an act?" a mortified black blazer queried.

"The number of COVID cases in the United States has decreased by 40 percent in the last month."

It was easier to win people over. The whole plan had been birthed from my brain, but it was easier to blame it on the government.

The blazers gave me cold shoulders as I left the press room. They thought of me as holes in their freedom, as someone who was stringing them along for entertainment, as someone who was skimming the building blocks of being an American. But one day they would see me as a wholesome hero.



"In America, we value our freedom," the red blazer noted. "Why can't we choose whether or not we want to be vaccinated?"

By utilitarian reasoning. "Isn't it more unethical to allow millions of people to die from a virus a vaccine will grant us immunity to?"

"Statistics!" shout-ed the black blazer, their finger pointed to the ceiling. "Can easily be manipulated. Where is your proof?"

I filled my lungs to capacity with air, then depleted that air. "The government is truly sorry for deceiving the American public into taking the COVID-19 vaccine. The government will do its best to forbid such deception from ever happening again. No further questions. Thank you for your time."

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Admin debates how to tell President Kolison about FredFest



2019 Fred Fest. Photograph by Travis Lefevre.

JAMES MEAD

Editor, Barely Managing to Write This Semester

Well, it's almost that time of the semester, and FredFest is on everyone's minds – everyone but SUNY Fredonia's new president, that is.

FredFest, an annual Fredonia tradition where college students raise money in support of their unhealthy alcohol habits, was cancelled last year due to a "global health emergency."

This year, however, that tradition is expected to continue. As a precursor to the coming apocalypse, some students held St. Patrick's Day celebrations and successfully doubled the campus' Covid cases in a matter of days.

President Kolison, a relative newcomer to the school, expressed grave disappointment in the reckless behavior. "If we have another weekend as we had last weekend," he said, "...we will have some hard decisions to make."

Unfortunately, according to the latest reports, campus administration has not yet informed him about FredFest. Speaking on the condition of complete anonymity, Sara Walters, executive administrator of developmental student advancement, said, "We just don't know how to do it. He was

so bummed out about St. Patrick's Day, no one wants to break his heart."

"We thought about maybe writing it on a cake," she continued, "but if I'm being honest, none of us could agree on the flavor. What really says, 'We're all going to die.' Red velvet?" While Walters and the administration have been planning their return. "Oh, hell yeah I'm coming back for #FredFest21," said Trent Hayes. "Yeah, I might be suspended from classes, but not from raging!"

Hayes, waiting to hear updates as the Office of Student Conduct reviews his case, is currently staying with an unnamed family member in Miami Beach.

When pressed, he admitted there was no family member in Miami Beach. Although it appears that President Kolison is due for a potentially rude awakening at Fredonia, the rest of campus is hunkering down.

Remember: when in public, wear a mask, keep 6-foot-distance from other people, and assume that every single college student is infectious (though not exclusively with Covid).

The true source of the dog food smell on campus



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CHLOE KOWATK Staff Writer

Ah yes, the weather is warming up and we can finally go outside. Fredonia students fill the campus, laying out picnic blankets and going on walks with their friends. The semester is more than halfway through, and everything is looking up. That is until...
 Sniff Sniff
 "EW! What's that smell?"
 Most Fredonia students and staff will tell you that the awful smell is simply the dog food factory in town, whipping up some of the best puppy chow for our pups back home.
 "Everyone smells dog food here," says Hunter Halterman, a SUNY Fredonia student. "We just don't talk about it."
 Unfortunately for Halterman and the rest of the SUNY Fredonia students, the school is lying to them all.
 Here's the truth: SUNY Fredonia made up this lie that there's a dog food company nearby.
 It may come as a surprise, but the Nestle Purina manufacturing building in Dunkirk, NY is actually fake.
 In fact, if you walk too far around the

building, you'll see the back of the cardboard, and the stack of old textbooks that hold it up.
 Don't believe me? Check out the Nestle Purina reviews on Google. Yep, you're seeing that right. They have an average rating of 2 stars. Why do you think that is?
 Well, I'll tell you.
 Most of the complaints are about the staff, which makes sense.
 Since the company is fake, there's no actual staff.
 To compensate for the off-chance that someone may actually show up to this cardboard cutout building, the college sent some of their professors over to the factory to act as Nestle Purina staff.
 The professors, grumpy that they are no longer teaching students and are now dog food factory workers, are disgruntled.
 The doggy dinner dish smell is actually coming from none other than the campus itself.
 Let me explain: Have you been to Cranston Marche recently?
 Did you maybe get some grub after class one evening, and feel that some-thing was a little bit off?
 That uncomfy feeling is because

Cranston is serving food that would be better suited to our furry friends to the students.
 Another student, Alex Erwin, wonders, "Was burger Wednesday a lie all along? It tasted okay, but now? Blegh." You might be wondering, "How did we figure this all out?"
 One day, one of our lead reporters went to get some dinner after a long day of Zoom classes.
 She pulled her mask down for a moment to take a sip of her Venti blonde iced coffee with seven pumps of vanilla and three pumps of caramel double blended and three teaspoons of oat milk, when she smelled an awful stench.
 The smell of dog food filled her nose, and it was disgusting.
 Curious, the reporter looked into the kitchen, and to her surprise, she didn't find dog food at all.
 The food was just gross, and absolutely reeked.
 As it turns out, the food at Cranston Marche is the type only a dog could love.
 There is no Nestle Purina factory: only a facade to hide the gross dining hall food on campus.

FAKE NEWS

A letter from the WHAT: Fredonia Immunity and You

LYDIA TURCIOS
Special to The Leader

Salutations, students!

To the student body of SUNY Fredonia comes breaking news from the World Headquarters for Alternate Treatment. If you cannot get your hands on any of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines, you're in luck! Your campus is under review to be an immunity hotspot!

Here is a list in no particular order from our esteemed scientists here at WHAT of what you should come into contact with on your lovely campus so we can test if it will do away with your need for the vaccine.

Happy testing!

From your friendly scientists at the WHAT:

Ride the freight elevator in Rockefeller Center. I mean really, when's the last time they cleaned that thing?

Touch the bare mattresses in the dorm rooms with your bare hands. This one's self explanatory, isn't it? Eat a pizza log from Williams Center. Our theory is that the sheer amount of grease will coat your cells and protect from the virus!

Have you showered in literally any dorm and accidentally brushed against the slimy curtain? We think you're immune!

Live in Chautauqua.

Touch literally any wall? Since they are just coats of paint on paint ad nauseam, we are sure there are ancient illnesses lurking underneath! If you can't reach those, the dead bugs on top will do fine.

Touch a lecture hall chair with your bare hands.

Touch a lecture hall desk with your bare hands.

Touch a lecture hall.

Share the communal fridges in your residence halls! Deep freeze that cross contamination!

Ride the Fredonia community bus! Maybe we can call it the immunity mobile!



Suite style bathroom. Fredonia Admissions Virtual Tour.

Try putting your mouth on a water fountain! Note: This may just lead to gastrointestinal issues.

Thank you for your cooperation! Please send any acquired data to the WHAT through carrier pigeon at 404 Nottacam Avenue. We will get back to you with a 30% off Popeyes coupon and a Hallmark get well soon card within 2-3 business days.

Please note: The WHAT will not be held accountable for any injury or illnesses. Participation in this test is voluntary and our HR department through the use of smoke signals at the witching hour on blue moons only.

Through the thumbs of Alexis Carney: "The Creek"





Through the lens of Derek Raymond: "Honest Pictures"



Virgo



Sagittarius



Libra



Aquarius



Scorpio



Capricorn

Wow, Hannah's writing a real article for once? I didn't even know that was possible.

HANNAH BLIDY
Staff SALLYWAG

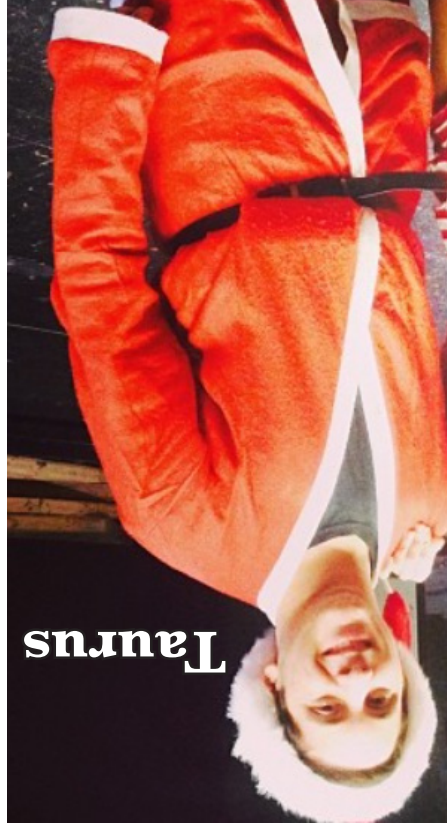
Yes, you read that title correctly. No horoscopes for me this week. They were hijacked from me by other members of the SALLYWAG crew. I'm so upset that I just started writing this article so that maybe they'll give them back to me. Please guys, I don't know if I can handle this. I haven't written a real article since Spring 2020! How the hell am I supposed to remember how to do this?
For those who don't know, I started with the Scallion last year. I actually did write a few good articles (check out

“Bernie Sanders wants to get rid of the 1% — yes, even 1% milk”), but over the summer, my talent was stripped away by this illness that I caught. No, not coronavirus. It was called “Astroflitis.”
This illness took away all my actual writing capabilities and replaced them with fake knowledge about astrology. Yes, it's true, the horoscopes aren't accurate at all. It's all fake. Promise me you won't say anything to Matt Baum about this, won't you? I think he'd probably send some hitmen after me if he found out. He thinks they're all real, but nope, they're not. Oh f*ck. They've found me. Tell my mother I love her.
KNOCK KNOCK

HOROSCOPES


As scallywag Brian Cecal's old Facebook photos

JAY BYRON
Staff Scallywag




HOROSCOPES

MATTHEW BAUM - God of the Ocean



Okay, Aries, you know how Libra has Plushie Time? You need Shushie Time. Take a chill pill, my friend. You've gotta let go of some of that anger you're holding on to.

ARIES



I'd like you to pick a bouquet of flowers for somebody this week, it'll do ya good and make somebody's day.

TAURUS




I think I speak for everyone when I say, wowza. You need some sleep. I know, it's hard to get your brain to slow down for even a second, but for your sake and for everyone else's sake, try your best.

GEMINI




Go touch some grass, you poser.

CANCER




I only just now realized your star sign is named after a lion. Rock on! You've got Star Lion (Mufasa) on your side!

LEO




You've got a lot of tension in your neck and shoulders. Take a minute to stretch your muscles a little.

VIRGO




Wow, I totally forgot you existed, Libra! Sorry about that. Anyway, I suggest that you buy another plushie. You deserve another plushie. Plushie for you, plushie for me. Plushie time.

LIBRA




What I wouldn't give to know what you're thinking right now. You're an enigma to me, Scorpio. Here's my advice: Don't bite anybody this week. Can you handle that?

SCORPIO




Here's the thing, hotshot. You've got no idea how hard it is to come up for things for you! Like, what's your deal, you know? Go out there and make some decisions, I guess.

SAGITTARIUS




Hell yeah, dude! Go get 'em! You're doing things, you're making stuff happen, and everyone knows it.

CAPRICORN



When's the last time you drank some water? Uh-huh, just what I thought. Shame on you, water sign.

AQUARIUS



You should pick up a new hobby! I think you're limiting yourself by not exploring new things that might interest you, and it could be fun to try new things!

PISCES



THE SCALLION

BRIAN CECALA IS THE NEW CHIEF OF FREDONIA U.P. AND HE HAS NEW RULES.

BRIAN CECALA

KING OF FREDONIA

WHAT'S UP ASSHOLLS. FOR

APRIL FOOLS POLICE NOT-

TERS, THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SAID I COULD BE THE POLICE

CHIEF AND HE WOULD WRITE

A FUNNY ARTICLE. HOWEVER,

I PULLED AN APRIL PRANK. I

HAVE STATED SOME NEW RULES

FOR ALL FREDONIA STUDENTS.

NEW RULE 1 - I AM KING OF

FREDONIA CAMPUS, AND CUR-

RRENT CHIEF OF POLICE BENJA-

MIN BOOKER IS NOW A CRIM-

NAL AND SHALL BE PLACED IN

THE BRAND NEW **FREDONIA**

GULAG FOR LIFE.

THIS IS THE NEW ERA OF

RULE OVER FREDONIA. I WILL

BE CRACKING DOWN ON ALL

DECISIONS. BE PREPARED TO

FALL IN LINE OR BE CRUSHED

MY POWER.

NEW RULE 2 - NO ONE IS AL-

LOWED TO TYPE IN ALL CAPS

ANYMORE.

ONLY I MAY TYPE IN ALL CAPS

BECAUSE I AM THE ONLY ONE

WORTHY OF ITS SUPERIOR

POWER. PEASANTS MAY ONLY

TYPE IN LOWERCASE. SEE EXAM-

PLE BELOW.

"I am a little baby who is not allowed

to use capitals. all hail emperor king and

- you

captain capital brian cecala."

NEW RULE 3 - MANDATORY

NICE HOURS. FROM THE HOURS

OF 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M., YOU ARE RE-



QUIRED TO ENGAGE IN POLITE

AND FLATTERING CONVERSA-

TION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING

TOPICS...

- HOW HANDSOME I AM

- HOW COOL I AM

- HOW GOOD AT STRATEGIC

CARD GAMES I AM

- HOW THIN AND TALL I AM

- HOW SMART I AM

FAILURE TO ENGAGE IN ANY

OF THESE TOPICS WILL RESULT

IN ONE WEEK OF HARD LABOUR

IN THE NEW FREDONIA GULAG.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS MAY BE

SUBMITTED, BUT ARE SUBJECT

TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE

COMMITTEE OF BEAUTIFUL

BOUNCING BOYS FOR BRIAN

(CBBB FOR SHORT).

NEW RULE 4 - ITALIAN WEEK

AT THE BLUE DEVIL GRILL IS

CANCELLED. **YOU'RE WELCOME.**

IN ITS PLACE WILL BE PIZZA AND

WINGS DAY BECAUSE THEY ARE

MY FAVORITE FOODS.

NEW RULE 5 - THE SPORTS

SECTION OF THE LEADER IS

CANCELLED. REPLACING IT IS A

NEW SECTION DEDICATED TO

ANIME.

NEW RULE 6 - THE SONG

DRIVER'S LICENSE IS BANNED

ON CAMPUS, I DON'T LIKE IT, SO

IT

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY

NEW RULE 7 - ANY STUDENTS

WHO WISH TO DEDICATE

THEIR LIFE TO THEIR NEW

KING SHOULD ENLIST IN THE

NEW FREDONIA MILITIA. THIS

MILITIA IS DEDICATED TO

ENFORCING THE NEW RULES

AND PREVENTING UNLAWFUL

GATHERING OR PROTESTS OF

STUDENT DISSENT. STUDENTS

WHO ENLIST WILL RECEIVE A

FULL SCHOLARSHIP AND ONE

MCCHICKEN A WEEK.

THANK YOU ALL FOR TUNING

IN. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK-

OUT FOR MORE NEW RULES,

AS I WILL BE ROLLING THEM

OUT THROUGHOUT THE FOL-

LOWING YEARS OF MY POWER.

ADDITIONALLY, WE THANK THE

NEW SCIENCE BUILDING FOR

ITS RECONSTRUCTION INTO

THE NEW FREDONIA GULAG.

OHI SPEAKING OF...

NEW RULE 8 - THE SCIENCES

HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED. ALL

STUDENTS AND FACULTY WHO

WERE PREVIOUSLY IN THE SCI-

ENCE DEPARTMENT ARE NOW

B.A. THEATRE STUDENTS/PRO-

FESSORS. GOOD LUCK!



Culinary World's
"It" Girl

Meet Scallion's
Identical Sisters:
Bunching Onions and
Green Onions

Her seasoning is
the 4th most used
in the world.
Her performances
make people cry.

SCALLION TAKE OVER!

SUNY FREDONIA'S
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LEADER

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