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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 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 commencements, 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 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

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.

Superman & Lois “Pilot” Pictured (Left to Right): Tyler Hoechlin as Clark Kent and Bitsie Tulloch as Lois Lane.
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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 incredible 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, @fredoniacampusgarden, 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...
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.

“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.
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 scoreless 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.
Fredonia announces new football team

Ryann Bunning

February 4, 2022

Everyone who knows football knows that one of the keys to a good offense is a strong offensive line. Anthony Ruiz from Men’s Track Team.

Welichick responded confidently. Ruiz has proved himself a brick wall in net for her team.

At running back, Welichick snagged Lauren Ditchey from the Women’s Swimming and Diving team. Lauren Ditchey from the Women’s Swimming and Diving team.

Women’s Lacrosse will be playing the starting quarterback for the Los Angeles Croquet team. While he looks like he has a pretty professional haircut, I suppose I should praise this with a sneaky, athletic receiver like Castellino and strong, tall receiver like Ackendorf and smart and quick, athletic receiver like Christin Whitters, thrower for the Women’s Track Team.

When asked if it was a good idea to have an athlete from one of the few sports that we haven’t covered yet, “Ditchey has leg strength,” Welichick said of his new feature back, “She can improve from the 3 point line when he does it.”

At wide receiver, we had high hopes for the selections. Welichick went with Ari Castellino from Cheerleading and Christie Ackendorf from Volleyball.

Whitters represents everything you want in a quarterback. She’s got a strong arm, she’s even taller than Kyler Murray,” Welichick stated. “I like to have options for my re.

Alex Johnson can punt the ball, and make the kick, if he needs to.”

The team will consist of Blue Devils from other sports that we haven’t covered yet, “We are very excited to get the team together and get to work,” Coach Will Welichick.

We've asked for it, and now it's finally here: Fredonia is getting a football team! We got a chance to talk to the coach about this development, but no need to worry, we have you covered.

According to the announcement, the team will be referred to as the Fredonia Football team.

I’ve seen Curry play at least once and I'm fully prepared to say that this man is the best shooting guard in the NBA. His hairline is as good as it gets. Stephen Curry's hairline is as good as it gets.

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Cross Country and Sydney Booth from Men’s and Sydney Booth from Men’s Cross Country and Sydney Booth from Men’s...
It would be awful to learn a second language. Take it from a gal who knows. Research suggests that learning an-other language helps improve memory. Why would I want to do that? To make room for more memories like my last prom 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-eE. Do you speak español Señorita, sí. 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 Formula 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 spend more money on tuition, eat more junk food, and drink more coffee. Why would I want to do that? Oh wait, did I just say that? No thank you.

No thank you, from the table of contents.

Why would I want to learn a second language? It probably is not a good idea. I really don't want to learn more foreign language material. I don't even know what that is. Do you know what I mean? I'm sorry, but I'm not interested in learning a language. I heard from a little birdie that it's pretty obnoxious.

There are some possible benefits to learning a second language, such as improved memory and better cognitive function. However, these benefits may not be worth the effort and time required to learn a new language. Additionally, there are potential drawbacks, such as the need to devote extra time and resources to learning a second language, which may interfere with other important aspects of life. Overall, whether or not to learn a second language is a personal decision that should be based on individual preferences and circumstances.
The dumpster behind Greg-ory 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 inside 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, because looking around campus, the art seems to have a more abstract and interpretive 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 not when it is in a dumpster?

Maybe someone should call those art critics back.

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HANNAH BLIDY

Music Review: “Never Gonna Give You Up” by Rick Astley

HE’S NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP
HE’S NEVER GONNA LET YOU DOWN
HE’S NEVER GONNA RUN AROUND
AND DESERT YOU

According to KnowYourMeme.com, “Never Gonna Give You Up” by Rick Astley 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 radio stations, you soon see it become popular on the internet. Since 2007, countless people have been fooled into clicking links that seem harmless at first, but were then serenaded by Rick Astley’s smooth voice. It’s a classic “bait-and-switch” move, where the switch is unexpected and usually involves a Rickroll. 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 not certified FIRE. I can personally say that I’m Never Gonna Give Up Rickrolling.

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DUMPSTER ON CAMPUS

A dumpster having an existential crisis.

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Special to The Leader

BREAKING NEWS:
Recent rumors surrounding the greatest group 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 Djimon Hounsou) 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, Flatman and Doorman will all team up to defeat the most powerful villain of all time — Dr. Tannenbaum.

Another MCU favorite will be making an appearance as their 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.

To round out the infamous cast, Kristen Stewart will play Dinah Soar, Steve Martin as Flatman, Billy Crystal as Doorman and David Spade playing the bad guy of the group. Kristen Stewart will play Dinah Soar, Steve Martin as Flatman, Billy Crystal as Doorman and David Spade playing the bad guy of the group.

The Great Lake Avengers originally made their debut in "West Coast Avengers: Vol 2" #6, July 1988 in "West Coast Avengers".

BRENNING NEWS:

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

With the internet becoming more and more vicious, it's important to stay relevant and avoid being shuffled into the cesspool of fascism and heartless posting. In an effort 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 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 coordinator, ALFRED MARROQUIN, has DM'd Ms. Thee Stallion to see if she would be interested in collaborating with our newspaper, but we have not yet heard back from her. Fingers are crossed, though, as I am extremely curious about what she would be interested in writing for Fredonia's student-run paper. Until then, we will continue to retweet her own posts in order to show our appreciation, and post a photo of Stallion and retweet her own posts in order to show our support.

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JULES HOEPTING

The Person Who Debates the Fonts 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 it. "The government sneaks the vaccine into American cheese," I said."

"And how do you justify the moral righteousness 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. "The government is truly sorry for deceiving the American public into taking the COVID-19 vaccine. The government will do its best to prevent such deception from ever happening again. No further questions."

I filled my lungs to capacity with air, then depleted that air. "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 from?"

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

I was a good person, cut from a Heluva Good block, but they wouldn't see it that way. The vaccine, they said, was developed for exactly that purpose - to deceive the American public.

"The position of the government will not change. We will do our best to forbid such deception from ever happening again. No further questions. Thank you for your time."

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 whipping them around the corner. I had failed my mission to educate them. It was easier to win people over through their stomachs than their minds. I was serving the American public slices of justice and safety in their favorite annatto-colored burger toppers. I was a wholesome hero, but they wouldn't see it that way.

"File:2019-01-29 13 21 37 A McDonald's Cheeseburger in Chantilly, Fairfax County, Virginia.jpg"

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Government sneaks vaccine into American cheese.
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 if he was made aware."

"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 the news, some of the recently-disciplined students 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..."

"We thought about maybe writing it in chalk," Hayes admitted. "But the administration has been planning FredFest for months."

"We're going all in for FredFest," Hayes added. "We're going to bring our own liquor this year."

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Although it appears that President Kolison is due for a rude awakening at Fredonia, the rest of campus is hunkering down.

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

In fact, if you walk too far around the Nestle Purina and Dunkin' Donuts buildings on campus, you'll see the back of the cardboard cutout that the college uses to hide the gross dining hall food on campus.

The true source of the dog food smell on campus is Cranston Marche. The food is just awful and gross. Students have even felt that some of the food is better suited to our furry friends than to us.

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**CHLOE KOWALYK**

Staff Writer
Salutations, students!

To the student body of SUNY Fredonia comes breaking news from the World Headquarters for Alter-native 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 may just look to gastrointestinal issues.

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 ad nauseam, we are sure there are ancient illnesses lurking underneath. If you can’t reach those, the dead bugs on paint are assurance we are sure there are ancient illnesses lurking underneath!
- Touch a lecture hall chair with your bare hands.
- Touch a lecture hall desk with your bare hands.
- Touch a lecture hall.

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Happy testing!

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Please send any acquired data to the WHAT through carrier pigeon at 404 Nottas cam Avenue. We will get back to you with a 30% off Popeyes coupon and a Hallmark get well soon card within 2-5 business days.

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Through the thumbs of Alexis Carney: “The Creek”
Sunburn Treatment organism

Electronic Rodent

Mouth Refreshers

Through the lens of Derek Raymond: “Honest Pictures”
Yes, you read that title correctly. No horoscopes for me this week. They were hijacked from me by other members of the Scallywag 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 "Astrolitis." 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 might die if he found out. He thinks they're all real, but nope, they're not.

*KNOCK KNOCK* 

Oh f*ck. They've found me. Tell my mother I love her.

Wow, Hannah's writing a real article for once?
As scallywag Brian Cecala's old Facebook photos

**Horoscopes**
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.

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

Go touch some grass, you poser.

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.

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

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

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? Can you just let things be?

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

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

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

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 do you a world of good to do something new.

Matthew Baum - God of the Ocean

The Leader

Horoscopes
WHAT'S UP ASSHOLES. 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 CURRENT CHIEF OF POLICE BENJAMIN BOOKER IS NOW A CRIMINAL AND SHALL BE PLACED IN THE BRAND NEW FREDONIA GULAG FOR LIFE.

NEW RULE 2 - NO ONE IS ALLOWED 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 captain capital brian cecala."

NEW RULE 3 - MANDATORY HOURS. FROM THE HOURS OF 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M., YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN POLITE AND FLATTERING CONVERSATION 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 (CBBBB FOR SHORT).

NEW RULE 4 - ITALIAN WEEK AT THE BLUE DEVIL GRILL IS CANCELED. YOU'RE WELCOME. IN ITS PLACE WILL BE PIZZA AND WINGS DAY BECAUSE THERE ARE WINGS DAY BECAUSE THERE ARE NO ITALIAN WEEKS ANYMORE. I HATE ITALIAN FOOD.

NEW RULE 5 - THE SPORTS SECTION OF THE LEADER IS CANCELED. 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 YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY IT.

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 LOOKOUT FOR MORE NEW RULES, AS I WILL BE ROLLING THEM OUT THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING YEARS OF MY POWER.
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