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# Fredonia selects Gorlewski as new provost

**MATT VOLZ**  
Editor in Chief

After a search that examined candidates from several different backgrounds, SUNY Fredonia has its new provost.

In a press release sent to The Leader on Wednesday, March 18, the Department of Marketing and Communications announced the hiring of Dr. Julie Gorlewski.

Gorlewski currently serves as the Klara and Larry Silverstein Dean of the School of Education at Hunter College in New York City.

Hunter is a public university with a student population much larger than that of Fredonia.

According to figures from U.S. News' national college and university rankings, Hunter has an undergraduate population of roughly 17,000 students. It's also Vin Diesel's alma mater.

At Hunter, Gorlewski is responsible for overseeing the education department, and her career has revolved around education in New York State.

She received her bachelor's degree in secondary English education at Buffalo State.

She earned her master's degree in elementary education from the University at Buffalo (UB), where she later received her doctorate in social foundations of education.

"I am honored to be joining the Fredonia community and grateful for the opportunity to serve as provost," Gorlewski said in the press release.

She's had multiple stops throughout her higher education career, with most of them being in the SUNY system.

According to her bio on Hunter's website, Gorlewski served as a professor in secondary education at SUNY New Paltz.

She then worked at Virginia Commonwealth University, serving as chair for the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Returning to UB, she served as the senior associate dean for teacher education and academic affairs in the university's Graduate School of Education, and she taught classes in the Department of Learning and Instruction.

Outside of her faculty work, Gorlewski has published several books on education policy and teaching practices.

From 2013 to 2018, she served as the editor for English Journal, an award-winning journal published by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Gorlewski and her husband, David, worked together to publish 32 total issues of the journal during that time.

"Dr. Gorlewski brings an exceptional record of academic leadership and a deep commitment to the transformative power of education," President Kolison said in the press release.



New provost Dr. Julie Gorlewski.  
Photo via Marketing and Communications.

Gorlewski will begin her official tenure as provost in July, and she comes to Fredonia at a pivotal time for the university.

Due to low enrollment and rising costs, several academic programs will soon be on the chopping block.

It's unclear at this point which programs will be cut or how many will be cut, but Interim Provost Dr. Judith Horowitz and Vice President for Finance and Administration Wayne Lynch have both said they're looking at everything to evaluate program health.

This comes two years after Kolison announced the deactivation of 13 undergraduate programs in December 2023.

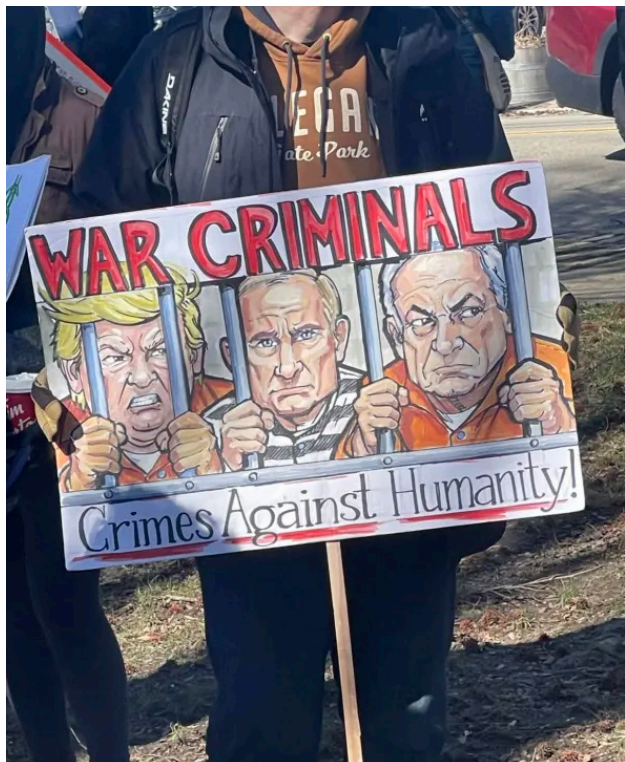
The cuts are expected to be announced at some point this semester, so those decisions will likely be made before Gorlewski takes office.

"As Fredonia continues to build a strong and sustainable future, we need an academic leader who can inspire trust, foster collaboration and guide innovation across our programs," Kolison said in the press release. "Dr. Gorlewski's experience and commitment to student learning make her exceptionally well suited to help lead the university into its next chapter."

The full version of this story, as well as more information about administrative proceedings and program cuts, can be found at [fredonialeader.org](http://fredonialeader.org).

# 'No Kings' protesters rally against Trump in Fredonia

**FRED EMERSON**  
Special to The Leader





# Trump extends deadline as war continues in Iran

**RYAN FINK**

Special to The Leader

President Trump has extended the deadline for Iran to reach a deal.

Trump's deadline to Iran was supposed to end on Saturday, March 28, but he announced on Friday, March 27 that he is giving Iran until Monday, April 6 to reach a deal.

The deadline has been extended by 10 days, and it pauses strikes against Iranian energy infrastructure.

Iran issued a counterproposal that would include recognition of its control of the Strait of Hormuz.

While the President has claimed that talks are progressing well, Iran continues to insist that it is not negotiating with the White House.

This pause is not, however, stopping the troops who are being deployed to the Middle East by the United States (U.S.), with thousands of Marines and sailors being sent to the region.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt has stated that Trump is not planning to send ground troops anywhere currently, but Pentagon officials are preparing for a next phase of the war that would involve troops on the ground, according to CNN and people familiar with the discussions.

While the U.S. is pausing strikes, Israel is warning that it will escalate its strikes to Iran, with fresh strikes being reported all across Iran.

While the U.S. has stated that it will pause strikes, joint U.S.-Israeli strikes continue to target major steel plants in Iran.

The death toll in Iran is almost 2,000 now, with over 20,000 injured.

Iran is not the only country being affected by this conflict, as Lebanon is facing what is being deemed a "humanitarian catastrophe."

Over one million Lebanese people are actively fleeing their homes due to Israel striking their country.

Not only has Lebanon been affected, but Yemen's rebel group, the Houthi, are backed by Iran and prepared to join the conflict if attacks escalate.

Economically, the war in Iran has triggered multiple crises, including ships being diverted from the Strait of Hormuz, surging global fuel prices and widespread energy instability.

Notably, the Philippines has declared a state of emergency due to the resulting energy crisis, becoming the first country to do so in response to this conflict.

In the U.S., Wall Street has experienced its worst drop since the war began, with oil prices soaring.

Trump has stated that if Iran does not make a deal by April 6, he would intensify the bombings against Iran.

"They are begging to work out a deal. I don't know if we'll be able to do that. I don't know if we're willing to do that," he said. "They should have done that four weeks ago. They should have done it two years ago."

We are now over a month into this conflict.



President Donald Trump delivers remarks during a press conference. **Image courtesy of whitehouse.gov.**

# Police Blotter

## UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SUNY Fredonia

The Police Blotter, run and shared with The Leader by the University Police Department (UPD), aims to provide information to students, faculty and the community in and around SUNY Fredonia. All information is provided on the University Police Department's website, <https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/university-police/blotter>. The Police Blotter will continue every issue, with new information regarding any new criminal acts that occur on the SUNY Fredonia campus.

### On-Campus:

**Wednesday, March 4:** Two vehicles were damaged and one car was stolen in Lot 28; this is an ongoing investigation.

**Saturday, March 7:** A PNG (persona non grata) refused to comply with a traffic stop; an arrest was made.

**Friday, March 13:** Graffiti was found on a Grissom Hall door; this is an ongoing investigation.

*All information printed in The Leader's police blotter is a matter of open public record. No retractions or corrections will be made unless a factual error is shown. Anyone who is cleared of charges has the right to have so printed. It is the responsibility of the accused to provide notice and proof of the dropped charges.*

**Saturday, March 21:** A catalytic converter was stolen in Lot 28; this is an ongoing investigation.

**Monday, March 23:** Graffiti was found in the Erie Hall loading dock, and a vehicle was struck while parked in Lot 6; both are marked as ongoing investigations.

**Wednesday, March 25:** A vehicle was damaged in Lot 9A; this is an ongoing investigation.

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# Student Government Association allowing candidates to enter ballot earlier

**ZACHARY DEAN**  
Special to The Leader

During a recent meeting of the Student Government Association's (SGA) Elections Committee, a motion was passed to allow those seeking election for class representative and/or class president to get on the ballot as early as Friday, April 10.

In the past, students running for a class representative/president position would have to wait until the beginning of the fall semester to get their name on the ballot.

However, this presented some challenges.

For example, Statute L-7, Article III of the SGA constitution states that, "No candidate shall begin campaigning until the declaration of intent to run for office is signed, and until such time as the Chair of Elections Committee has signed it."

As a result, the amount of time students had to promote their candidacy was limited.

Also, with the fall elections taking place after the second General Assembly meeting, many students are still getting used to their new schedule.

That may make getting involved and running for office seem overwhelming.

By changing the time frame for when students can sign up to get on the ballot for class president or class representative, the Elections Committee hopes to extend the campaigning season and prompt more engagement with the election process.

Those interested in running for the Fall 2026 semester can obtain the declaration of candidacy form from the Student Association office anytime between 8:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or after Friday, April 10.

The SGA office is located in the Williams Center, S226 A-B.

If you are unable to stop in at those times, please reach out to the Chair of the Elections Committee, Zachary Dean at dean2787@fredonia.edu, and an alternative time to sign up will be arranged.

It is also important to note that many class representative positions across all grade levels are still currently available.

Upon assuming the role of class representative, whether through election or an interim appointment, students can take part in the decision-making process of SGA.

For example, at the weekly General Assembly meeting, representatives can second motions and vote on proposals ranging from constitutional updates to club funding.

Furthermore, as a class president, you can fundraise and plan events that directly benefit your graduating class while gaining valuable leadership experience.

If you would like to begin serving earlier than the fall semester, please reach out to SGA President Jordan Stephens at sapres@fredonia.edu to learn more about how to get appointed until the next election cycle.

**For more information about  
SGA and elections, contact:  
sapres@fredonia.edu**

## An Evening of Early Music performed by the

**Fredonia Renaissance Choir**

Experience the Sounds of the Renaissance



Step back in time with music older than your grandparents' grandparents, soaring melodies, rich harmonies, and the captivating sounds of the Renaissance era.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14th  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** McEwen Hall, Room 209, 280  
Central Ave, Fredonia, NY

**Free Admission - All Are Welcome!**

# Life & Arts

## Joy Harjo, first Native American Poet Laureate, to visit Fredonia

**OLIVIA VIBBERT**

Special to The Leader

On Thursday, April 2, Joy Harjo, the 23rd U.S. Poet Laureate, will give a reading at SUNY Fredonia as the Williams Distinguished Professor and as part of the Mary Louise White Visiting Writers Series.

Harjo, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, made history in 2019 when she became the first Native American to serve as U.S. Poet Laureate, a role she held for three years.

Her signature Poet Laureate project, “Living Nations, Living Words,” highlights contemporary Native poets across the country and emphasizes the diversity of Indigenous voices.

Harjo’s work reflects her lifelong commitment to storytelling and cultural expression in the form of 11 poetry books, two memoirs, several plays and eight music albums.

Throughout her career, Harjo has explored themes of identity, history, resilience and connection to the natural world.

Her poetry often centers on Native experience and seeks to give a voice to communities that have historically been marginalized.

Her poetry collection, “American Sunrise,” examines both personal and collective stories and highlights the lasting impact of colonization and displacement, challenging readers to reconsider dominant narratives of American history.

Harjo is the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Ivan Sandrof Lifetime Achievement Award, the Ruth Lily Prize for Lifetime Achievement from the Poetry Foundation, the Academy of American Poets’ Wallace Stevens Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Her portrait, alongside her poem, “Drowning Horses,” is currently displayed in the Marion Art Gallery as a part of B.A. Van Sise’s “Children of Grass: A Portrait of American Poetry,” which is a photographic exhibit that celebrates contemporary poets and their work.

Harjo is one of 50 poets in the series, which will be on display until Sunday, April 19.

The reading, which is part of the university’s series of Bicentennial events, will take place at 5 p.m. in Rosch Recital Hall.

The event is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the Marion Art Gallery.



Joy Harjo. **Photo via Blue Flower Arts.**

Tickets are required for the reading.

They are available at the Fredonia Ticket Office in the Williams Center, online and by phone at 716-673-3501.

Please note that there is a \$6 service fee per order for online and phone sales.

To ensure that everyone who wishes to attend can, there is a limit of two tickets per person.

Sponsors of Harjo’s campus visit are the Williams Visiting Professorship Fund and Mary Louise White Visiting Writers Series, both established through the Fredonia College Foundation.

# Black Student Union's fashion show rocks the stage

**GWENYTH KIRKWOOD**  
Assistant Life & Arts Editor



Jacob Duran sings alongside Marcus Simpson on keyboard and Haden Gold on bass.



Abby Jefferys.



Aaliyah Cherry.

**JILLIAN LAWSON**  
Special to The Leader

Black Student Union's annual Fashion Show took place Saturday, March 28th at 7pm.

The night was full of talent, dedication and materialistic passion that showed through an evolutionary story of fashion.

Fashion show executive board members and models worked for multiple months in preparation for the show.

This year's fashion show chair, Sanai Sancho, dedicated time and inspiration to lead the executive board in planning each detail of the show.

On this night, fashion evolved through time spanning from African roots to futuristic storytelling.

The scenes in the show all held pivotal stories behind the show.

Models put their own outfits together with inspiration for their ideal fashion looks.

"Getting to know the executive board of the fashion show has really been my favorite part," said Mary Kingsley, a sophomore public relations major who serves as the executive board's secretary. "When I was a model last semester, it was exciting, but now having a leadership role has made me gotten closer with the executive board and the models."

The Black Student Union fashion show was hosted by Chayne, a Fredonia alumna, along with performances by bands Sandbox and Aloro.

Students, parents, faculty and staff came to show support for the hard work and dedication that the executive board and models put into this show.



Nellie Edwards.



Nizell Bruce.

# Graphic design class portrays experience with everyday items through 'An Ecosystem of Ideas'

**OLIVIA CASTIGLIONE**

Special to The Leader

On the second floor of Rockefeller Arts Center, Emmet Christian Gallery hosts “An Ecosystem of Ideas,” an exhibit featuring students of the Graphic Design 4 course.

The concept of the exhibition was to choose a consequential invention of their choosing and display that through graphic design.

Once they chose their invention, they also were challenged to display their art by focusing on how they want gallery visitors to experience each of their pieces rather than just hanging up their art as posters.

This resulted in extremely creative and, of course, innovative pieces that anyone available should see.

Emily Payne created a piece called, “This Poster Does Not Exist.”

This piece dives into the complexity of computer code and how prevalent code is in our everyday lives.

The interactive aspect of this is shown through a mock-studio set up with coded objects like a printer.

Lauren Weil’s piece, “Dolled Up” is a huge paper doll where visitors get to dress up with paper outfits hung on a clothing rack.

The outfits are adorable, and the experience of dressing up the doll is nostalgic.

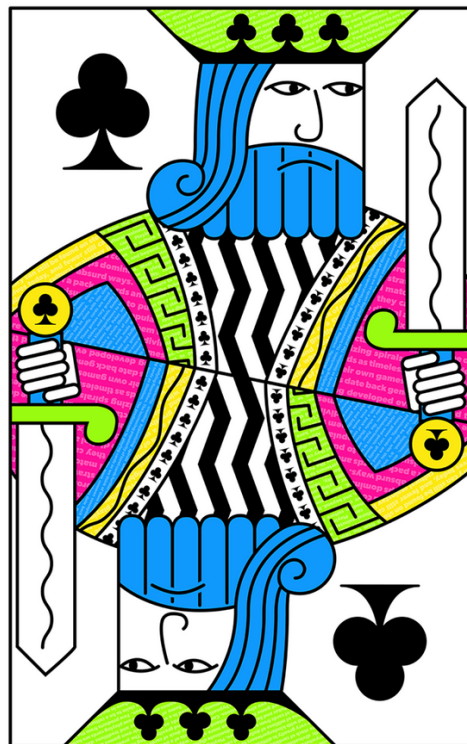
For the past forty years, software has increasingly become enmeshed with humanity. Our everyday tasks such as driving, listening to music, doing housework, and communication have all become embedded with code in one way or another. Code has become the way we exist as humans. It's changed the way we perform our jobs, find information, connect with others, and carry out just about everything. Think about how many times you pick up your smartphone and type in a question to the internet. Or how many times you use a digital monitor at your place of work. When was the last time you lived a day without complex electronics?



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The poster for Brodie Atkinson's 'The Heart of the Cards.'  
Poster by **BRODIE ATKINSON** | Special to The Leader

The poster for Emily Payne's 'This Poster Does Not Exist.'  
Poster by **EMILY PAYNE** | Special to The Leader

The poster on the clothes rack explains more of the history of dolls, as well as the importance of children playing with dolls of different races, and how children playing in groups with dolls promote social skills.

Other pieces that I enjoyed were Brodie Atkinson's "The Heart of the Cards," which plays (literally) with the idea of playing cards and how they are used for a variety of skill levels, from playing go-fish as a kid to gambling away all of your money through games such as poker.

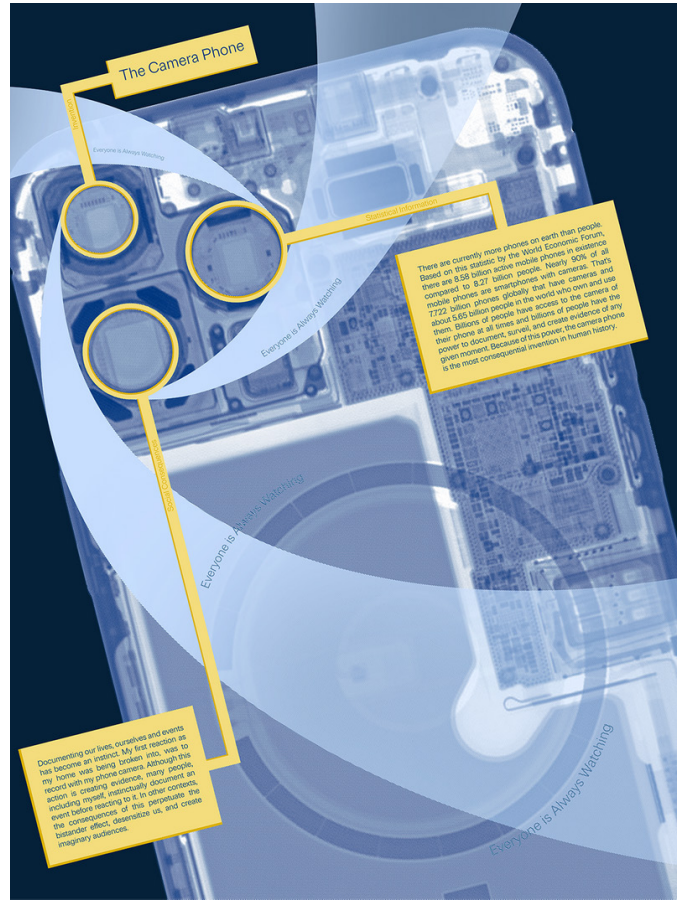
Below the poster, a green velvet table displays a deck of cards, and the poster is her own version of a playing card, which, upon closer look, has more messages within the blocks of color on the card.

Lydia Shaw's "Blowing Smoke" was a creative and interesting way to show how e-cigarettes are an invention created within the tobacco industry and were initially used to help tobacco users stop or smoke less.

However, this has changed; it is now a massive moneymaker for the tobacco industry.

There was a small device in a makeshift vape made by Shaw emitting smoke that permeated the poster, which looked especially cool.

Another interactive piece reminds us that "Everyone is Always Watching."



The poster for Lauren Carroll's 'Everyone is Always Watching.'  
Poster by LAUREN CARROLL | Special to The Leader

Lauren Carroll showed how the camera in phones is what documents people the most.

A hidden camera shows the viewer projected onto the poster itself, an eerie example of how, yes, you are always being watched.

Other featured artists in this exhibition are Jacob Allert with "No Strings On Me," Alexis Barron with "Paper Trails," Sydney McClelland with "Seeing Clearly," Jameson McCooey with "Get Hooked" and Vinny Wall with "Bread Circuses."

Truly, going to see this in person is the best way to experience this exhibition, and my explanations of what I saw only scrape the surface of how cool the exhibit actually is.

On the exhibition's Instagram, @ecosystemofideas\_exhibition, the bio is a website link that shows each student's poster with an excerpt from each student about what invention each chose, giving further insight into everyone's work.

Though the gallery is on the smaller side, you can tell the thought and care put in by the students is immense.

Walking through the gallery is interesting at every step, and not just a rectangular room with pieces lining the walls.

This exhibition is open until Wednesday, April 1.



The poster for Alexis Barron's 'Paper Trails.'  
Poster by ALEXIS BARRON | Special to The Leader

# SPORTS

## MLB returns: Predictions for major awards, and a World Series surprise

**JACK HOADLEY**

Assistant Sports Editor

Major League Baseball has officially defrosted as the season's opening weekend has come and gone.

But what are some of the storylines to watch for the next 150+ games?

Let's start with the Motor City, where Tarik Skubal and his contract are a major focus.

Skubal is far and away the best pitcher in baseball, having taken home two straight Cy Young awards and is the obvious favorite to three-peat this season.

But how can the Tigers let a player like this walk in November?

The answer is simple: he is quickly outpricing anything the team can offer.

Skubal will command a mega-contract from any team that looks to sign him, likely around the range of Aaron Judge's contract.

That's a lot for a market like Detroit, which cannot compete with destinations like New York or Los Angeles.

Skubal and his performance will be a key watch as he likely will play his final season in Detroit, barring any last-minute progress.

However, I would expect Detroit to contend, as they have built a mighty pitching staff and capable lineup to at least run it back as a playoff team in 2026.

Along the east coast of the American League (AL), another marquee story of this season will be the AL East, a division featuring four or five teams that can be in the playoffs come October.

While the Rays may be a long shot, the Red Sox, Orioles, Yankees and, of course, the reigning AL pennant winner Toronto Blue Jays will be competing for limited playoff spots all season long.

The talented bats in this division alone are enough to spark a major conversation.

Aaron Judge, Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Gunnar Henderson and Junior Caminero are all superstars who may be the AL MVP when it's all said and done.

The bloodbath that this division will be is a major focus.



Photo by Connor Scott McManus via Pexels.

If I had to guess, I would say that all five teams in the division will have at least 75 wins, and there is even an outside shot they all finish over .500.

Jumping over to the NL, the opposite story is true, as there are less competitive teams in all of the NL than just in the AL East alone.

In reality, I am disheartened to say that the only real World Series teams in the NL are the Dodgers, Mets and Cubs; three high spenders who pack a major punch.

But can anyone truly overthrow the juggernauts in L.A.?

Or will they be so dominant this year that they manage to break the record for wins in a season?

I could see it, because many forget just how incredible Kyle Tucker is, as he can bring superstar-level production to a lineup already featuring the greatest baseball player ever in Shohei Ohtani.



Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals, in August 2021. **Photo by MATT VOLZ** | Editor in Chief

When it comes to predicting the MLB season, I would have to pin Judge and Ohtani as the AL and NL MVPs again, respectively.

I see Garret Crochet and Paul Skenes dominating and taking home Cy Youngs for both Leagues.

And for the last major award, I see J.J. Wetherholt of the St. Louis Cardinals, who is going to lead off for them this year, to win NL Rookie of the Year.

When it comes to AL Rookie of the Year, I think Munetaka Murakami of the White Sox will surprise many and win the award while also being an All-Star starter.

Yet, my hottest take is that a team I haven't mentioned could end up winning the World Series.

After a meteoric rise from their catcher last year, I could see the Seattle Mariners coming out on top.

Julio Rodriguez will shine this year and is a dark horse MVP candidate, while one of the best rotations in baseball can carry them in October.

Overall, this may go down as one of the most memorable and entertaining baseball seasons we have ever seen.



**Photo by Geraldo Gaspare** via Pexels.

# Lessons through the game: The leadership of Sean Smiley

**EMILY BROWN**

Special to The Leader

The echo of basketballs bouncing across the hardwood fills the gym at SUNY Fredonia as players move quickly through drills.

Sneakers squeak against the floor while teammates call out to one another across the court.

Standing along the sideline is head coach Sean Smiley, watching every detail of practice unfold.

With his arms occasionally crossed and eyes focused on the court, he studies the rhythm of the drills and the movements of each player.

When he speaks, his tone is calm but direct, offering guidance rather than criticism.

For Smiley, moments like these represent more than just practice.

They reflect the relationships and lessons that define his philosophy as a coach.

His coaching style is not defined by shouting across the gym, but by a steady presence and thoughtful communication with his players.

Smiley described himself as someone who values relationships above everything else in his work.

“I’d like to think most people see me as a relatively laid-back guy who tries to treat people the right way,” Smiley said. “I genuinely value relationships over anything else.”

For Smiley, coaching is about more than teaching athletes how to compete.

He believes the lessons learned through sports help shape young players into stronger individuals.

“Basketball is just a vehicle,” Smiley said. “It teaches young people how to deal with adversity and how to grow.”

Smiley’s connection to basketball began long before he became a coach.

Growing up in Erie, Pa., the sport was always a major part of his life.

After playing in college at the University at Buffalo, Smiley initially worked outside of sports in a sales position.

Even while working in a different career, he said basketball remained something he deeply cared about.

“Basketball had given me so much,” Smiley said. “The friendships I made and the opportunities I had all came from the game.”

Eventually, he decided to return to basketball by reaching out to his former coach for an opportunity to help with the team.



Sean Smiley draws up a play, Friday, Jan 23, 2026.  
Photo by TRAVIS BERNHARD | Sports Photographer

His first year of coaching came without pay while he worked other jobs to support himself.

“I waited tables at a small Italian restaurant while coaching,” Smiley said. “But I knew it was what I wanted to do.”

Years later, that journey eventually brought him to Fredonia.

He’s now in his sixth season, where he leads the men’s basketball team while raising his family in the community.

Today, Smiley’s passion for coaching continues to shape the environment around him.

Those who know him say that a calm and thoughtful personality carries into every interaction he has with players and staff.

Those who work closely with him say that philosophy shows the way he interacts with his team every day.



Sean Smiley admires his team's play against Canton, Friday, Jan. 23, 2026. **Photo by TRAVIS BERNHARD** | Sports Photographer

Assistant coach Vincent Shiolenno describes Smiley as a leader who values communication and trust.

“Coach Smiley is someone who truly listens,” Shiolenno said. “He cares about the players’ development, not just as athletes but as individuals. That’s something that really stands out about him.”

Shiolenno also said Smiley’s leadership stands out because of the way he communicates with players.

“He’s really good at understanding the players,” Shiolenno said. “He knows when to push them and when they need encouragement.”

According to Shiolenno, Smiley also approaches coaching with a thoughtful mindset.

Every drill and conversation with players has a purpose behind it.

“Everything we do has meaning,” Shiolenno said. “Coach Smiley wants players to understand why they are doing something so they can grow from it.”

For the players on the team, Smiley’s approach makes a strong impression.

Team captain Ethan Sokolowski says Smiley’s leadership goes beyond basketball.

“When you walk into his office, the first thing he asks isn’t about basketball,” Sokolowski said. “He asks how you’re doing as a person.”

Sokolowski believes that level of care helps players feel supported both on and off the court.

“A lot of coaches only focus on the game,” Sokolowski said. “Coach Smiley cares about what happens in our lives too.”

Smiley said that building those relationships is one of the most important parts of his job.

“For me, the best part of coaching is seeing players grow,” he said. “Watching them become more confident and mature is really rewarding.”

Freshman player Christian Williams said Smiley creates an environment where players feel comfortable learning and improving.

“When I first met him, he made the team feel like a family,” Williams said.

Williams explained that Smiley encourages players not to fear mistakes but to learn from them.

“He tells us mistakes are part of getting better,” Williams said. “That mindset helps us improve.”

Williams also said, “He always encourages us to stay focused and keep improving. He wants the best for you, and that’s what makes us want to work even harder.”

Smiley believes those lessons extend far beyond basketball.

While the sport provides structure and discipline, he hopes players take the skills they learn with them into the future.

That balance between discipline and encouragement is what many of them remember most about his leadership.

Through his leadership, patience and focus on mentorship, Smiley has created an environment built on trust and growth.

Those who work with him say his dedication to helping players succeed in life is what truly defines him as a coach.

“I want our players to leave here better than when they arrived,” Smiley said. “Not just as athletes, but as people.”

# 5th Quarter: Bills add veterans to bolster defense

**MITCH HORUCY**

Sports Editor

As predicted, the Bills had another under-the-radar free agency period, with many key signings at reasonable prices, and one splash move.

The trade for D.J. Moore started the team's offseason moves, which I liked, and talked about in my previous column.

In terms of free agent acquisitions, the big splash was bringing in Bradley Chubb on a three-year, \$45 million contract.

The former fifth overall pick has had good seasons but has never been able to consistently play at the level expected of him.

Another question aside from his ability on the field is his ability to actually get on the field.

In his eight years in the league, he's failed to reach double-digit games played in three of them, including not playing the entire 2024 season.

His 2023 and 2025 campaigns were solid, with 11 sacks in 2023 and 8.5 in 2025.

When healthy, he can be an above-average pass rusher, but with this contract, you're banking on his health.

He also has lots of experience playing outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense, fitting nicely into a new scheme in Buffalo.

Moving to the secondary, the Bills added a few players, revamping their safety room.

Starting with Dee Alford, he's the team's new slot corner, almost a direct Taron Johnson replacement.

He just had the best season of his young career in Atlanta, recording three interceptions and two sacks.

He won't be a near every-down player like Johnson was, but on third downs and obvious passing downs when the team shifts to a nickel defense, he'll be out there.

Moving to the safety additions, the team added C.J. Gardner-Johnson and Geno Stone, as well as re-signing Demar Hamlin.

This creates a safety room of those three, along with Cole Bishop and Jordan Hancock.

Starting with Gardner-Johnson, I imagine he starts the season opposite Bishop.

He has tons of experience, including a Super Bowl win with Philadelphia.

After a weird start in Houston, he thrived in Chicago this past season, recording two interceptions and three sacks in 10 games.

Jim Leonhard will likely move him around the field to get him around the ball and line of scrimmage, where he succeeds.



Bills reporter Maddy Glab interviews free agent signing Dee Alford, Thursday, March 12, 2026. Image property of the Buffalo Bills.



Free agent signing Bradley Chubb tries on his new helmet, Thursday, March 12, 2026. **Image property of the Buffalo Bills.**

Stone likely won't start, but he is a great depth safety.

He's started a lot of games for Cincinnati and Baltimore over the past few years, playing a lot of his snaps at free safety.

He is a good candidate to bring in if Leonhard wants to run the dime defense we saw the past few seasons, or other formations that require three safeties, such as odd dime.

I still want to draft a safety, such as Dillon Thieneman or Kamari Ramsey, but these signings may put a halt on that plan.

As far as remaining free agents, there are two I'd love to bring in: D.J. Reader and Kyle Van Noy.

Reader won't impress you with his stats, but he's a great block-eating defensive tackle who can slot in at 3-tech or 1-tech.

As a 3-tech, he'd line up with his head on the outside shoulder of the offensive guard, and as a 1-tech, he'd line up with his head on the outside shoulder of the center.

He shouldn't cost much and can be a great impact player, giving Leonhard his own version of D.J. Jones, who he had in Denver.

Van Noy is another veteran who should be cheap but could impact in a great way.

He's played just about every position a linebacker can play but would be an outside linebacker/edge rusher in Buffalo.

He's won two Super Bowls and knows what it takes to win, and he's a great leader.

It'd be a good idea to add a guy such as him to the team as they shift to a younger roster.

On the field, he didn't have a great year in Baltimore but is just one year removed from a 12.5 sack, Pro-Bowl season.

With the draft just about a month away, the new era of the Buffalo Bills is starting to take shape.

If you're interested in the draft, check out my website, Fifth Quarter Football.

The link is, [fifthquarterfootball.wnywebsource.com](http://fifthquarterfootball.wnywebsource.com).

## Fredonia's 'Microsoft Migration' proving to be a blunder

**MATT VOLZ**  
Editor in Chief

There's an old saying: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

That feels like it applies to this whole "Microsoft Migration" we've been dealing with this year.

Over the summer, the university switched from Google to Microsoft, and it's been one headache after another.

When the switchover was in progress, I interviewed Dr. Michel Kouadio, chief information officer of ITS (Information Technology Services).

Kouadio told me that they decided to streamline the technology after discovering that several platforms overlapped with similar functions.

For example, he told me that while the school was paying for Zoom, they also had a Microsoft license that provided them with access to Microsoft Teams.

Not to mention, the existing Google software provided a similar videoconferencing platform, Google Meet.

Paying for three services that do the same thing while the school faces a multimillion-dollar deficit is not ideal.

So, the university decided to switch to Microsoft altogether.

"All in all, the Microsoft system provided a more comprehensive platform for enterprise infrastructure," Kouadio said.

He added that Microsoft Office was originally designed to be used by enterprises, and many other colleges and universities use it.

Lots of other schools use it, so we should, too, right?

Allow me to put it to you the same way parents would discourage their children from caving to peer pressure.

If all your friends were jumping off a cliff and they told you to do so because "everyone else is doing it," would you do it?

I'm not saying that Microsoft Office is as bad as jumping off a cliff, but it sure has fallen flat on its face in my opinion.

Office 365's E1 plan, which appears to be the plan Fredonia is on, comes with a cost of \$10 per user per month, according to Microsoft's website.

Google Workspace's standard business plan is a bit more expensive, totaling roughly \$14 per user per month, according to their website.



Photo by Angel Bena via Pexels.

Even \$4 per user per month adds up quickly when multiplied by the total number of faculty, students and administrators who need the service.

So, yes, the school is definitely saving money with the change to Microsoft.

But are we truly getting what we're paying for?

Sometimes in life, if something is cheaper than a quality option, there's a reason for that.

While Microsoft is more cost-effective than Google, does anyone seriously think it's a better platform than Google?

For starters, sharing simple files has become a much greater burden.

"All in all, the Microsoft system provided a more comprehensive platform for enterprise infrastructure."

— **Dr. Michel Kouadio**

Chief Information Officer,  
Information Technology Services,  
Wednesday, May 13, 2025

Sharing a Google Doc to a wide audience was easy. All you needed to do was click the clearly labeled “share” button and switch access from “restricted” to “anyone with the link.”

If you sent that link, then everyone could edit your document.

Sharing a Word Doc is at least twice as many steps.

There is a “share” option, and it drops into a menu where you need to select “manage access.”

From there, it shows you the list of people who have access and what type of access they have.

The “copy link” button is available, but if you copy that link, it’ll provide read-only access.

I can’t tell you how many people I’ve had to email after they’ve sent me an article, asking them to switch the access.

In order to send a link that people can open to edit a document, you must click the link settings button next to the “copy link” button.

That brings up another menu where you can select either “anyone in fredonia.edu” or “anyone.”

That’s all, right? You’re able to send it now with no further issues, right?

Oh, if only it were that easy.

The default setting for link sharing is read-only, so you must also remember to switch that access to “can edit” instead of “can view.”

If that was hard to follow, imagine having to remember all those steps every single time you have to share an article with editors or share a paper with a professor.

One of the biggest gripes I have with Microsoft is how unbelievably clunky it is.

Google Workspace is far more user-friendly, and I’m willing to bet that most of the campus population will agree with me on that.

In that interview over the summer, Kouadio acknowledged that some students might be frustrated with the changes.

“I know when you make a change of this magnitude, there are always people who may have some concern,” he said. “However, this is a very, very important project for us, and [it is] something that will bring a lot of value and enhance the user experience.”

I have two problems with that quote.

First of all, it will bring value to whom, exactly?

It seems like the university’s budget is the only thing this move has helped.

Second, his claim that the change would enhance the user experience is laughable at this point.

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**— Dr. Michel Kouadio**  
Chief Information Officer,  
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I have multiple years of experience with both platforms, and I would pick Google 10 times out of 10.

Even though it’s more expensive, you get what you pay for.

I’d rather pay a bit more for a much better platform than save a few bucks by settling for a clunky, troublesome program.

“I have multiple years of experience with both platforms, and I would pick Google 10 times out of 10.”

**— Matt Volz**

As editor in chief of The Leader and station manager of Fredonia Radio Systems, I’ve been most frustrated by the elimination of administrative accounts.

With Google Drive, both organizations had their own respective drives to store files on.

The radio station, specifically, had several legal documents on our Google Drive pertaining to our license with the FCC (Federal Communications Commission).

Thanks to the switchover, we can no longer do that.

Clubs still have Microsoft emails, but they don’t have any file storage space anymore.

All of our documents must now be saved on hard drives or thumb drives, taking up needed space that we had free before.

The Leader has been presented with the same issue, and it’s incredibly frustrating that we now must use personal storage space or external devices to store necessary files.

Were clubs given some sort of extra file storage space to compensate for the loss of their administrative account?

Of course they weren’t.

I remember when I first started at Fredonia and had never used Google Drive before.

I went to a high school (shoutout Allegany-Limestone) that used Microsoft, so I was used to it.

The switch to Google could not have been any smoother.

I found it so much easier to use, and I couldn’t believe how simple everything truly was outside of Microsoft.

When Fredonia announced they’d be making the jump to Microsoft, it wasn’t too difficult for me to deal with because I had prior experience with Office 365.

But I talked to a handful of people who came from high schools that used Google, and they were going to have to learn how to use Office 365 for the first time.

That’s not a fun task to add to the plates of students who already have to worry about countless other things.

Ultimately, this article does little more than serve as a written representation of an old man yelling at a cloud.

I know nothing is changing, and we’re stuck with Microsoft.

But I wasn’t going to make it an entire year without going into detail about how much I cannot stand this terrible platform.

I hope that whatever job I land uses Google instead of Microsoft, because I’m so tired of dealing with Office 365.

# Boil water order on Go Big Blue Day underscores Fredonia's problems

**ALEX BUCKNAM**  
Managing Editor

It's that time of the semester again, when we experience yet another boil-water alert.

As someone who has been here since Fall 2023, I've experienced probably two a semester — sometimes even three.

With roughly 10 occurrences since 2023, this is not normal.

In the past, there have been clashes at City Hall between Mayor Mike Ferguson and students over the boil-water alerts.

My predecessor, Dan Quagliana, even wrote an opinion article about them, noting that if he had known this would be a recurring issue, he might have chosen a different college.

The mayor's response shocked me: "You don't go to a college for the water, which we know you need. You go to college for an education. I'm pretty sure you got a good one while you were here."

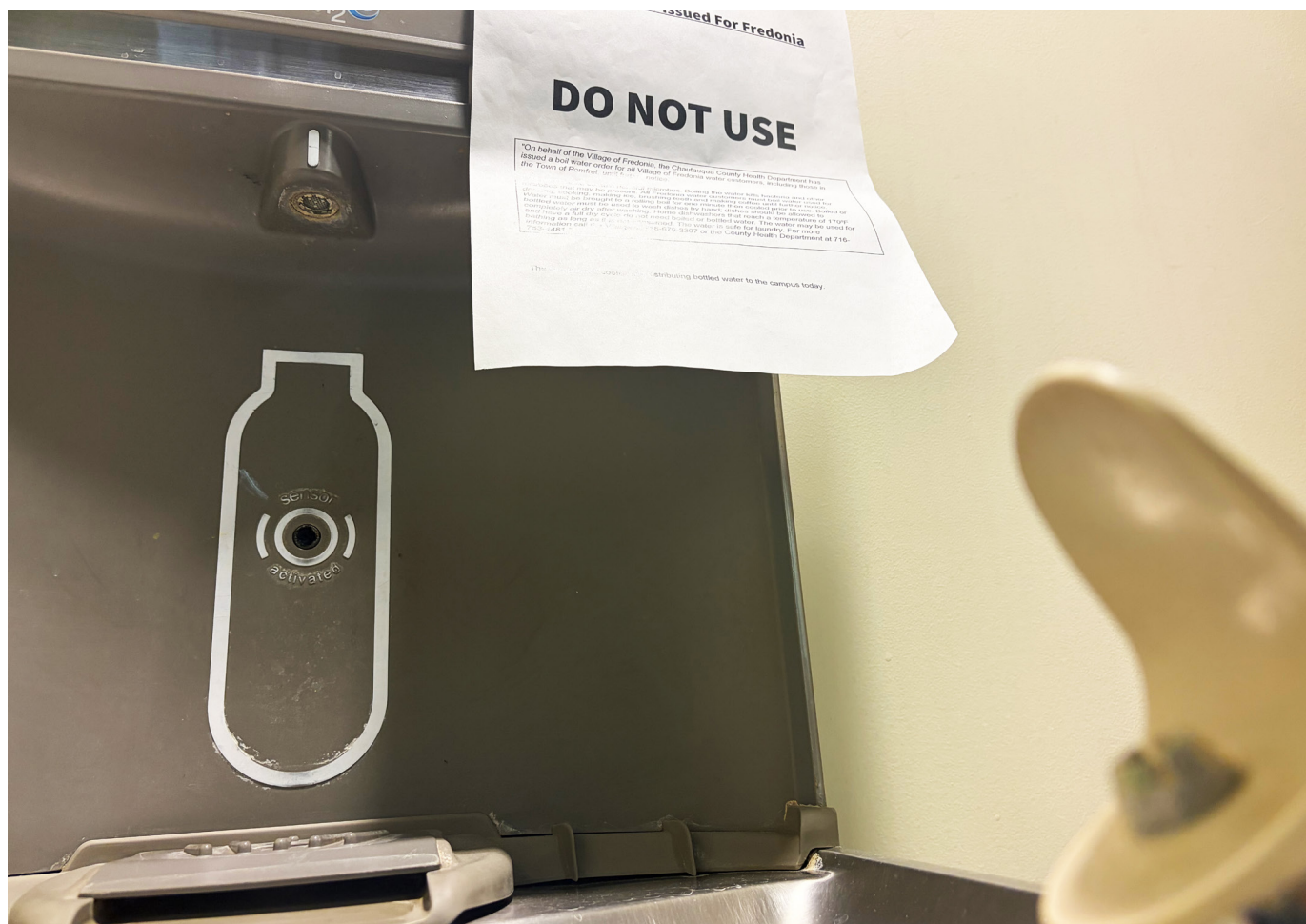
"You don't go to a college for the water, which we know you need. You go to college for an education. I'm pretty sure you got a good one while you were here."

— **Mike Ferguson**  
Mayor, Village of Fredonia,  
Monday, April 14, 2025

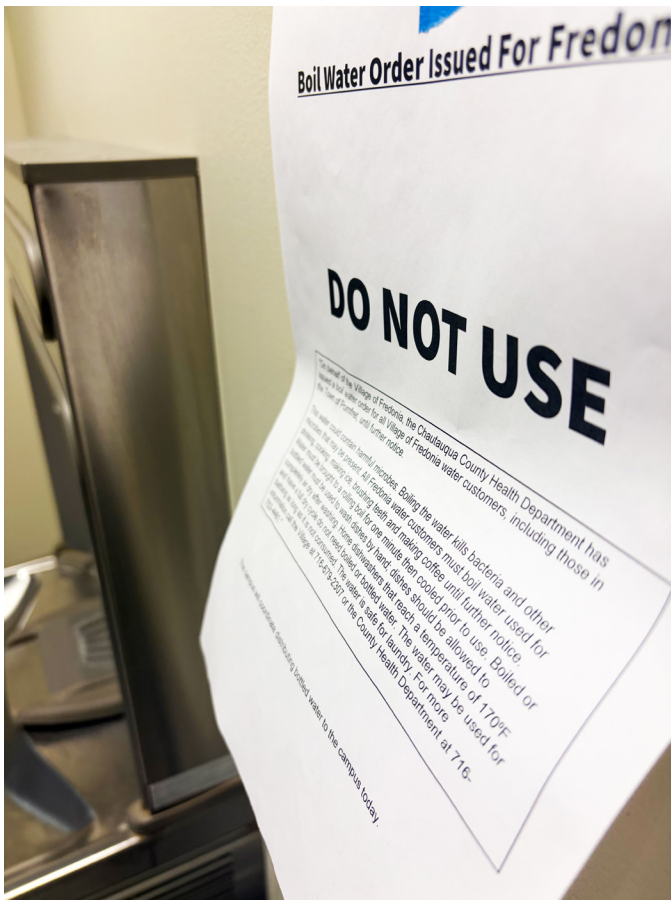
It's still surprising that the mayor of a college town could so easily overlook student concerns.

Now, I could write a dozen articles about boil-water alerts, but nothing new would emerge, given how common they are.

Simply, the reservoir is 140 years old and is causing problems with the treatment.



A 'do not use' sign covers a drinking fountain, Sunday, March 29, 2026. **Photo by MATT VOLZ** | Editor in Chief



A 'do not use' sign covers a drinking fountain, Sunday, March 29, 2026.  
Photo by MATT VOLZ | Editor in Chief

This latest alert, however, came at an especially unfortunate time at SUNY Fredonia, coinciding with Go Big Blue Day.

Fredonia's water issues are known across the state — and possibly nationally — for the frequency of boil-water alerts.

Accepted students got a firsthand look at how serious the problem is.

Families couldn't fully dine at Cranston or get coffee at Starbucks without facing limited options.

They also saw signs posted on drinking fountains warning, "Do not use — boil-water alert."

Dining at Cranston with my family is a key memory of why I picked this school, and recently accepted students couldn't fully do that the same way I could.

Thankfully, during the catered event at the gymnasium, they were still able to serve regular drinks; they just had to boil the water and let it cool.

But that doesn't mean the issue was fully hidden.

It would be no surprise if parents Googled the situation and saw numerous articles from *The Leader* and the *Dunkirk Observer* documenting the many alerts in the past.

Going back to the mayor's comment to my predecessor and former editors: You do go to college for the water, because safe water is a fundamental human right.

This school and its students should be angry with the village board for its lack of action in fixing these ongoing issues.

While progress is happening, it is slow because of the high cost.

Ferguson said the reason for this boil-water alert was the heavy rain Fredonia experienced.

This is what prospective students will see when they Google "Fredonia" during Go Big Blue Day — that heavy rain can cause a minor emergency.

"Dining at Cranston with my family is a key memory of why I picked this school, and recently accepted students couldn't fully do that the same way I could."

— Alex Bucknam

The village board and town residents should be aware of how impactful this actually is.

Fredonia acts as a major economic engine and is one of the key reasons businesses stay open, while also providing many employment opportunities.

Without the college, students wouldn't be shopping at local businesses.

Professors who live in the area would move away to find work elsewhere.

Not only would the village decline, but Dunkirk would also take a significant hit.

At the end of the day, when students pick which school to pay that deposit to, Fredonia could be out of the question because of this.

This does not help our already low student population, which also ties into our massive multimillion-dollar deficit.

President Kolison's plan to fix this deficit is to get more students.

I will admit that some plans he has should bring in new people, and we see them already working.

But those plans will not override a few students' decisions not to pick this school because of the water.

While boil-water alerts won't be the only reason prospective students choose not to attend Fredonia, they will certainly be one of them.

Fredonia is facing multiple challenges: boil-water alerts, an ongoing massive deficit that many believe is not being handled properly and a continuing lawsuit involving a professor who was banned from campus.

It's hard to sweep all of this under the rug when a simple Google search of "Fredonia" exposes it all.

This town and college have a lot to think about.

They must put students' opinions and concerns first, because without that, this campus and town will fail due to low student enrollment.

Potential incoming students might choose other colleges based on what they saw at Go Big Blue Day.

They may have liked the campus and even ranked it highly, but who wants to boil water multiple times for several days every semester?

# Lovercolumn: Breakups and Beyond

## THE QUARTERBACK

Executive Producer of Lovercall

## THE MUSICIAN

Lovercall Producer

## BUMBLEBEE

Lovercall Producer

Hello!

We are The Quarterback, The Musician and Bumblebee: producers and hosts of the radio show Lovercall, right here in Fredonia.

Lovercall is an anonymous late-night talk show about love, relationships and more.

Students who are guests on the show use codenames to protect their identities when discussing potentially personal topics, hence the codenames of the writers of this column.

This is your reminder that none of the hosts or guests are professionals, and everything stated is based on personal experiences.

“The Quarterback” is a 21-year-old cisgender man who uses he/him pronouns and is a senior at Fredonia.

“The Musician” is a 23-year-old gender-fluid person who uses they/she pronouns and is a senior at Fredonia.

“Bumblebee” is a 19-year-old questioning person who uses he/she/they pronouns and is a sophomore at Fredonia.

On each episode, the hosts and guests of Lovercall participate in a variety of segments.

The cast discusses a relevant news story, a date idea, a wacky game and a main topic for the episode.

Listeners can submit their questions or seek advice via Fredonia Radio’s Instagram, @fredonia\_radio, on YikYak or through the QR code provided in this column.

We answer your questions live on the radio, then add them to this column in case you missed the episode.

The show is broadcast weekly throughout the semester on Wednesday nights from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. on WDVL 89.5 on fredoniaradio.com.

This column runs in conjunction with Lovercall and can be found in print or online at fredonialeader.org.



This week's date idea is:

**Gossip Night!**

### Date idea of the week

We hope to provide fellow students with fun and unique date ideas in every episode.

These date ideas aren’t just for romantic partners — you could go with your friends, classmates or even go solo for a fun activity in Fredonia.

This week, we have a bit of a different idea for you.

With our main topic this week being Breakups and Beyond, this idea isn’t focused on being all lovey with a partner.

Instead, this week’s idea is all about letting go of things you don’t want to hold onto anymore.

You’re going to be making a “burn book.”

The idea of a burn book is to find a journal or notebook and write down aspects of your past that you’re ready to let go of.

You can write down anything. Most people will usually write down either negative memories from their past or the names of people who they don’t want to associate with anymore.

You don’t need to completely fill each page, but write down whatever you feel is right for the situation.

Once you’re finished, the next step is to burn it.

This doesn’t necessarily mean you need to physically light the book on fire, and depending on where you are, we might advise against it.

For example, please don’t light anything on fire if you are indoors. Nobody is going to hear you out if you set off the fire alarm in your dorm building at 3 a.m. because of this.

Also, it's probably not a good idea to have any sort of a fire while there's a burn ban.

Please do not accidentally start a forest fire while doing this.

Destroy the book in any way that feels right to you.

The overall point is to physically express the release of these negative memories from the past.

If you do have a fire, though, treat yourself by making s'mores! Who says you can't make this a little fun?

You can do this either by yourself or with friends, or maybe with a significant other if you have a conversation about it beforehand.

But once you've finished the burn, take a slow, deep breath.

The past is gone, and you're now free to focus on the future.

## **Breakups and Beyond**

Breakups are scary, and if you have had past romantic relationships, you know they can be rough.

They can be messy, happy, make you almost feel numb, or even make you feel nauseous, but breakups can be needed at times.

While we always recommend communication when problems arise, sometimes communication doesn't work or sometimes communication isn't enough.

As we discussed on the show, breakups typically have a bad or sad aura surrounding it, and while some breakups are definitely sad, you always have a reason to break up.

Everyone's breakups are usually different, you can have a fight or someone crosses boundaries which aids in the sad association with breakups, but they could be for good reasons too.

As some of us grow, especially in college when some people are discovering themselves, your life vision changes and you gain different visions for the future which partners may not fully get, for example.

You went into a relationship with one vision in mind, one that you and a partner shared, and then it changed.

The change doesn't make you wrong, but if your partner is set on one goal and you another, it's OK to talk about it and see if you want to continue the relationship further.

Sometimes a relationship can be almost perfect, but not your vision of perfect.

Relationships are hard and are full of compromises, and sometimes that's too much for people who aren't in the right place to be in a relationship.

While it is important to remember that communication is the key part of a relationship, sometimes breakups aren't always a bad thing when you need to practice self-love.

When going about breakups, try to focus on your reasons for ending the relationship.

Try to communicate how you're feeling to your partner but remember the reasons why you are choosing to break up.

In the past when I've gotten into relationships or considered even breaking up with a partner, I always try to think about if I had a child.

Would I want them to be in the same position as me?

Now, you don't need to actually want a child for this, but try to think about if your partner cheated.

Knowing the things you know now about the whole situation, would you want your own child to stay with someone like that?

That has stuck in my head since the day I thought about it, and it stays because even if I don't want kids, if I had one, I'd want them to have the world.

If I can't give myself that, then how can I give it to someone else?

On the show, someone mentioned in the past that you went into a relationship with someone for a reason.

Whether it was for love or some other reason, you liked them at some point.

While you may look back at them with worse eyes now, it's important to at least give your ex-partner grace in that aspect.

Now, when the heartache of the breakup happens, it's important to take care of yourself and practice some self-love.

Everyone goes about heartache in their own way.

Whether it be going out with friends or eating a whole tub of ice cream while watching "New Moon" for the third time that night, it's your own way of taking care of yourself.

Taking care of yourself and having healthy distractions is always good after a breakup no matter how you are feeling, and you should practice some self-care at least a bit here and there.

In any case, if distractions aren't enough at times, and your thoughts aren't the safest, you can contact the N.Y. crisis hotline by dialing 988.

If you are in a relationship where you think breaking up isn't an option or you feel like you are being abused, feel free to contact 800-799-7233 or go to [theline.org](http://theline.org) for help.

Please remember to take care of yourself whether you're going through a breakup or not, and remember to love yourself.

Reach out! Do you want to ask the creators of Lovercolumn a question? Do you want advice? Fill out our form using this QR code.

Interested in being a guest on Lovercall? Email [mvolz@fredonia.edu](mailto:mvolz@fredonia.edu) or visit Fredonia Radio Systems, located in McEwen Hall 115 and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*"The Quarterback," "The Musician" and "Bumblebee" are members of Fredonia Radio Systems and are involved in the production of Lovercall.*



# THE SCALLION



Satire and parody for Fredonia

## QUIZ: How likely are you to fall for an April Fool's prank?

**MEGAN KIDBY**  
Scallion Editor

April Fool's Day is Scallion's favorite holiday.

In Scallion World, April Fool's is the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it, according to Cady from "Mean Girls."

Wait...that might be Halloween.

Either way, April Fool's is the perfect day to pull a prank, and at the Scallion, we LOVE those.

Will you fall for one? Take this quiz to find out!

Note: I wrote this before the boil water order on March 27.

I think I predicted the future.

I am a God.)

**Question #1: Your friend texts you "No class today. It's a surprise national holiday." You:**

- A.) Throw your alarm clock across the room and go back to sleep
- B.) Text three people, "wait is this real???"
- C.) Check your email, syllabus and maybe the Fredonia website
- D.) Go anyway

**Question #2: You see a headline: "Scientists confirm pigeons are government spies." What would you do?**

- A.) Yell "KNEW IT" and share immediately
- B.) Laugh...but like...what if though?
- C.) Look it up just in case
- D.) Don't care. You've been anti-pigeon for years

**Question #3: Someone offers you a "limited edition toothpaste-flavored Oreo." You:**

- A.) Eat two!
- B.) Take a small bite and instantly regret your life choices
- C.) Smell it like a suspicious racoon
- D.) Throw that thing miles away from you. Absolutely not.

**Question #4: Your phone suddenly autocorrects everything to "On my way!" What do you do?**

- A.) Cry. It's over. Your life is ruined
- B.) Complain, but keep trying
- C.) Dive into your settings like a text wizard
- D.) Immediately start plotting revenge

**Question #5: Your friend says they just got engaged... to someone you've never heard of. What is your reaction?**

- A.) SCREAM, cry and then plan the wedding
- B.) Say congrats but feel super confused
- C.) Ask a TON of questions
- D.) Don't reply and walk away

**Question #6: You walk into your common room, and all the furniture is upside down. What do you do next?**

- A.) Accept your fate. This is your life now
- B.) Laugh, but also feel slightly attacked
- C.) Start investigating
- D.) Walk out and go back to your room. It's the RA's problem

**Question #7: It's April 1. How do you go through the day?**

- A.) Completely forget and get humbled by noon
- B.) Remember, but still fall for something dumb
- C.) Stay alert and cautious, but still get pranked later that evening
- D.) Trust NO ONE. Not even yourself

**Question #8: Campus sends out an email saying there's a boil water order that will last through the rest of the semester. What is your response?**

- A.) Buying up every water bottle in every Walmart ever
- B.) Text everyone you know and later be called an idiot
- C.) Check the sender, website and maybe the Leader
- D.) Drink the water out of spite

# IF YOU GOT...

## **Mostly A's — Absolutely**

Bestie, you fall for absolutely everything. How do you survive?

Stay inside your house on April 1 and lock your doors. You are not safe.

## **Mostly B's — You'll be punked, but just on April Fool's Day**

You try your best, but your curiosity gets the best of you. You're the type of person who texts "WAIT...ARE YOU SERIOUS???" every five minutes.

## **Mostly C's — They got close, but you didn't get pranked**

You're hard to trick.  
You question everything.  
Honestly...it's kind of annoying.

## **Mostly D's — You are prank proof**

No one fools you EVER.  
Many have tried, but none have lived to tell the tale.  
You ruin pranks, expose people and hold the most grudges a person could ever hold.  
I pray for the people who try to prank you.

# Latest development in Jewett Hall investigation reveals plans for playground construction

**ZACK BAEHR**

Co-Lead Investigator

**RYAN FINK**

Co-Lead Investigator

Guys, we aren't going to sugarcoat it, WE WERE RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING.

As if everything we said hasn't been the most factual information you have all seen since The Blueprint by Jay-Z, we have proved EVERYTHING RIGHT.

Mamdani may not have responded, but we sure did.

There's just one more mystery for us to solve!

(Unless we decide to beat this dead horse even more, which we might.)

Just as we all thought that the mysteries of Jewett Hall were done and buried, the President of the United States of Fredonia announced renovations to our most coveted abandoned building.

WHY??

IF NOT FOR MOVING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, WHY??

Some believe that the POTUSOF (President of the United States of Fredonia, trademark @RyfiGaming2026 and @ZackorJim2026) is turning the building into a luxury residence hall, to presumably be known as Nixon 2, with the hopes to upcharge students even more for housing.

While some believe this, we have found evidence to the contrary...

We interviewed one Mikey Pecoraro to get his thoughts on the renovation.

"I'm so gassy! And I love femboys," he said as he bent down, smacked his rear end approximately 20 times and ran away, smacking his head into a wall on the way back to his room.

We did some major investigating for this one, folks.

You could say we were investigating all over the place.

WE INVESTIGATED ALL OVER JEWETT HALL, AND YOU CANNOT STOP US.

We were able to investigate past the barriers surrounding Jewett Hall by performing a once-in-a-lifetime backwards long jump maneuver, inspired by Super Mario 64 speedrunning tactics.



An official image of a trap door located at Jewett Hall.

Photo by RYAN FINK | Co-Lead Investigator

The backwards long jump originated in Super Mario 64 to get speed runners past Bowser's endless staircase, shaving off many seconds from their speedrunning time.

Another such exploit is the Minecraft ender eye triangulation method.

This method is when a speed runner will throw two individual eyes of ender at very separate locations and use the given directions to triangulate the intersection point of the two eyes to find the stronghold.

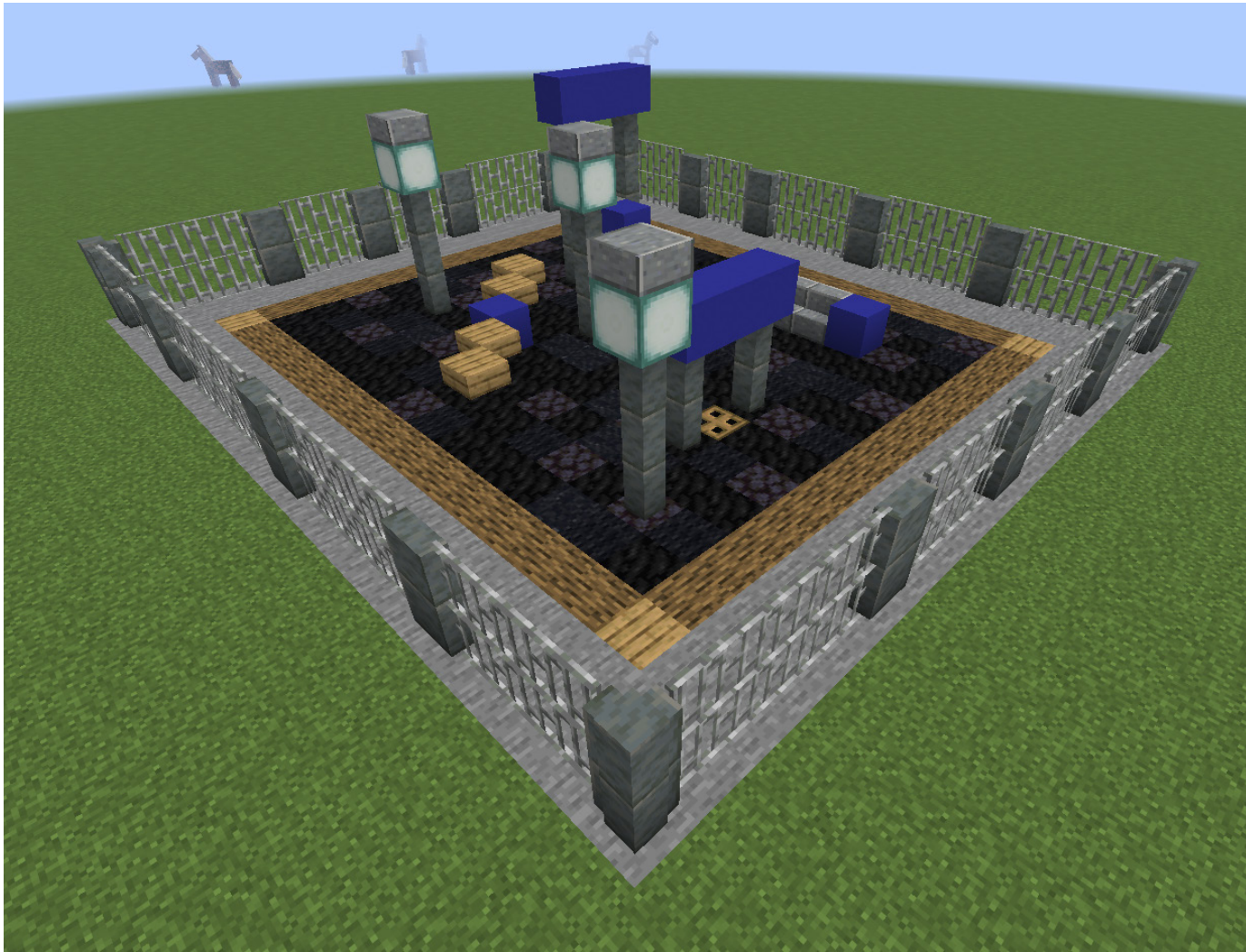
Speaking of those barriers, who installed them?

They're all upside down!

You may also be wondering, what is inside those large trailers they installed?

Well... we hate to be right about this, but we have seen the inside of them.

There are dozens of electronic server systems intended to support Sora 2.



The official, detailed sketch outlining the soon-to-be playground at Jewett Hall. **Photo by RYAN FINK** | Co-Lead Investigator

Boy, do we have bad news for them!

We found the flight logs...

The contractors were flown in on RyanAir flights (no association with Ryan Fink).

I mean, the POTUSOF (trademark @RyfiGaming2026 and @ZackorJim2026) has at least one dollar that could've been used to get them on a Delta flight.

This is our direct message to the President and Provost.

Can you spare us (@RyfiGaming2026 and @ZackorJim2026) one singular dollar bill?

We will split it between the two of us.

This is our other message.

We are onto you.

Speaking of the new provost, boy, do we have news for whomever is reading this.

We have found an incredible amount of evidence connecting the new provost to the future plans of Jewett Hall.

In fact, this radical new idea was the exact reason they are being hired.

We were able to contact several key inside sources (our brains) to discover that the provost proposed a plan to renovate Jewett Hall into, hear this...

A PLAYGROUND.

NOT EVEN A GOOD PLAYGROUND.

IT ONLY HAS ONE SLIDE.

THE FLOOR IS GOING TO BE RUBBLE; THERE ISN'T EVEN GOING TO BE A GAGA PIT.

THERE IS GOING TO BE NOTHING!

IT'S GOING TO BE THE MOST MEDIOCRE PLAYGROUND EVER!

NO MONKEY BARS!

Oh yeah, and there's still going to be the gambling ring, white stuff maker and squirrel domestication major in the basement of what will be Jewett Playground (trademark @RyFiGaming 2026).

So, like, basically, everything we have said is right.

Yuh.

Thank you, Matt Volz.

# HOROS

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It is now officially the last day of the month! With this, I wanted to give you something to take into April. However, I wanted to leave much to the imagination. So, I will give you one word for your horoscope this week. This could be a few things, something to look out for or a word to describe this next month. Take this information as you'd like.



**Aries**

**Leadership**



**Taurus**

**Timing**



**Gemini**

**Innovation**



**Cancer**

**Resilience**



**Leo**

**Passion**



**Virgo**

**Problem Solver**

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**Libra**

**Balance**



**Scorpio**

**Strength**



**Sagittarius**

**Fearless**



**Capricorn**

**Opportunities**



**Aquarius**

**Transformation**



**Pisces**

**Fulfillment**

