

THE

10.06.2026

Issue 2

Volume CXLI



LEADER

SUNY FREDONIA'S STUDENT-RUN NEWSPAPER

Gas leak at Jewett Hall
See page 3

Fredonia to replace department chairs, deans

Commons rocked, once again

From Fredonia to New Mexico?

[Opinion] Student media, Cornell incident

**[Satire] A.I. doesn't want to take over,
they want your social security number**

THE LEADER

News	Life & Arts	Sports	Opinion	Scallion
3. Gas leak at Jewett Hall	6. Rockin' the commons	12. Fredonia to New Mexico?	19. Student media, Cornell	27. AI just wants your SSN
4. Police blotter	8. How to get ready for spooky season	14. Athletes still fighting	21. UN addresses conflicts	28. Police notter
5. Fredonia moves away from department chairs	10. 'Resident Evil' movie review	17. Bills column	24. A playlist for every mood: Yearning	29. The towel war
		18. Impact of sports betting	25: Lovercolumn: Legendary lovers	30. Horoscopes: Apples

Front cover: In front of McEwen Hall facing the Willam Center. **Photo by SAM HEBERT** | Photo editor **Back cover:** Sun setting over the softball field on campus. **Photo by JASPER BATEMAN** | Special to The Leader

S206 Williams Center
Fredonia, NY 14063

You can also find us on social media!

X: @LeaderFredonia

Instagram: @leaderfredonia

TikTok: @leaderfredonia

Facebook:
The Leader – SUNY Fredonia

Email: leader@fredonia.edu

Vist us a fredonialeader.org to read articles from current and past issues

Editor in Chief
Alex Bucknam

Managing Editor
Open

Design Editor
Open

Asst. Design Editor
Open

Web Editor
Open

Chief Copy Editor
Giulianna Lalomio

Asst. Copy Editor
Abigail Halbert

Asst. Copy Editor
Gracelyn Beachner

News Editor
Open

Asst. News Editor
Open

Life & Arts Editor
Gwenyth Kirkwood

Asst. L&A Editor
Open

Sports Editor
Jack Hoadley

Asst. Sports Editor
Open

Opinion Editor
RyFi

Asst. Opinion Editor
Open

Scallion Editor
Ava-Claire Boring

Asst. Scallion Editor
Open

Art Director
Saffron Larrea

Asst. Art Director
Open

Asst. Art Director
Open

DEI Chair
Mars Juno Smothergill

Photo Editor
Sam Hebert

Asst. Photo Editor
Open

Sports Photographer
Travis Bernhard

Social Media Manager
Gracelyn Beachner

Community Relations
Open

Business Manager
Morgan Brown

Asst. Business Manager
Open

Ad Sales rep.
London Nickolai

Adviser
Elmer Ploetz

We are looking to fill these roles. Contact us if interested! Email leader@fredonia.edu: Managing Editor, Design Editor, News Editor, Web Editor, Community Relations Coordinator

The Leader is funded through advertising revenue and a portion of the mandatory student activities fee. It is published by the students of SUNY Fredonia. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means except as may be expressly permitted in writing by the editor in chief. All opinion writings in The Leader reflect the opinion of the writer, with the exception of the editorial, which represents the opinion of the majority of the editorial board. Letters to the editor must be 350 words or less and have a deadline of 4 p.m. on Friday. The Leader is under no obligation to publish any material submitted to its executive board. The Leader is printed by the Post-Journal in Jamestown, N.Y., and is distributed free on campus and in the surrounding community. Press run is 1,000.

“A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself” - Arthur Miller

Proud member of The Associated Collegiate Press.

Gas leak at Jewett Hall prompts evacuations

ALEX BUCKNAM

Editor in Chief

At 9:24 a.m., students received phone calls and emails reporting a gas leak. The gas leak was reported near Jewett Hall, on the side facing Alumni Hall.

At 10:13 a.m., building alarms stopped and emergency service vehicles began leaving the area.

At 10:17 a.m., campus officials notified students that they could safely return to the affected areas.

Officials have not yet publicly released the cause of the gas leak.

When the gas leak occurred, construction workers called University Police (UP), following standard protocol. When workers struggled to shut off the gas valve, they called National Fuel for assistance.

UP ordered Mason Hall, the Williams Center, and Reed Library to evacuate.

Sam Behrens, a freshman student, was in the area when the gas leak started. “I just left Mason [Hall] and heard the Science Center fire alarm go off,” Behrens said. Behrens added that UP was then heading toward Mason Hall and Jewett Hall.

The Science Center fire alarm this morning was unrelated to the gas leak. Officials did not order the Science Center to evacuate, in relation to the gas leak.

UP arrived at the scene before officials sent a mass notification.

“My friend tried to walk towards Mason Hall and got told to walk the other way,” Behrens said. “At that time, we didn’t know what was happening.”

National Fuel establishes a 330-foot radius around a gas leak, requiring buildings within that area to evacuate. Markus Kessler, director of facilities planning, explained the policy. “Just like if there’s a gas leak in your home, houses within 330 feet have to evacuate,” Kessler said.

National Fuel uses the rule to prevent potential dangers associated with gas leaks, according to the company.

Following the evacuation, questions arose about why McEwen Hall was not included on the initial evacuation list, as the building was within the 330-foot radius.

Roslin Smith, chair of the Communication Department, said she saw the notification 28 minutes after it was sent. Smith was not in McEwen when she received the notification.

Smith said she was concerned that McEwen was not included in the initial notification.

“I immediately called my secretary and told her to leave the building,” Smith said.

Smith called UP to ask why the alarm had not sounded. According to Smith, the officer told her officials had already activated the alarm. Smith said the alarm was not sounding when she contacted her secretary.



Police car in front of Alumni Hall.

Photo by ALEX BUCKNAM | Editor in Chief

“My secretary didn’t know,” Smith said. “When I called my secretary, the alarm was not going off.”

Chief Gordon Carpenter said UP was following a specific order of operations during the response. He said his priority was directing police and making sure people reached a safe location.

Carpenter also explained that UP initially treated McEwen and Reed Library as the same location during the response. He acknowledged that the buildings should not have been treated that way.

Although Reed Library and McEwen have separate alarm systems, McEwen’s alarm eventually sounded. The alarm provided an additional warning to staff who may not have received or seen the initial mass notification.

Smith raised concerns about workers in the McEwen café, noting that the main worker did not have a phone. She also expressed concerns about student media organizations, including Fredonia Radio Systems and WNYF-TV, which operate inside McEwen.

“They could have had their headphones on and could have missed the call,” Smith said.

Carpenter acknowledged there was a “hiccup” in the response but described the incident as one of the smoothest events he had seen. He encouraged students and The Leader to contact UP with any questions about the response.

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 at and around SUNY Fredonia. All information is provided on the University Police Department's website, 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.

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.

On-Campus:

Tuesday, Sept. 22: Nintendo Switch stolen from a common room in Eisenhower; this was closed after an investigation.

Saturday, Sept. 24: An online scam was reported; this was closed after an investigation.

Saturday, Sept. 24: A victim was harassed and struck during an altercation; an arrest was completed.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: A game console was stolen from a Kasling Hall common room; this was closed after an investigation.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: Jewelry was stolen from the Steele Hall Fieldhouse; this was closed after an investigation.

Join The Leader for General Body meetings!

Every printing Tuesday at
7 pm In The Leader Office!
S206 Willam Center



Fredonia to replace department chairs and deans

ALEX BUCKNAM

Editor in Chief

Fredonia will be getting rid of the “department chairs and deans” system and moving toward a new system created by the Academic Affairs Structural Realignment Working Group (AASRWG).

In an email to Fredonia faculty and staff, President Stephen Kolison said campus feedback showed the strongest interest in two of the proposed models.

“Among them, the six-division structure featuring two functional dean roles, a Dean of Faculty and a Dean of Curriculum, garnered the greatest level of support and interest,” Kolison wrote.

This would mean there would be six divisions with six different heads, with a number of Program Leads who would support the programs within each division.

This model will eliminate the department chair title, but it remains unclear whether the restructuring will affect faculty positions or result in retrenchments.

Under the new structure, Program Leads and Division Heads will have different responsibilities.

Program Leads will focus on the academic needs of individual programs, including curriculum, advising and learning outcomes, while Division Heads will oversee broader operations, including staffing, budgets, schedules and implementation of university policies.

Kolison appointed and charged the AASRWG in February 2026.

The restructuring team includes the chair, Todd Proffitt, and members Lisa Denton, Mike Jabot, Debra Karpinske-Keyser, Kathryn Kendall, Laura Koepke, Peter Reinelt, Mary Beth Sievens and Stephanie Teachman.

Kolison said the shift is intended to align Academic Affairs with financial needs, enrollment trends and long-term proficiency.

“Specifically, I asked the group to research and develop alternative organizational models that would improve operational efficiency, effectiveness, and reduce operational costs while positioning Academic Affairs to succeed in the following critical areas,” Kolison wrote.

It is unclear how much money the university will save within this new system.

According to a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sent to faculty and staff, staff positions will not be moved until 2027, after the roles of the deans and Division Heads begin in Spring 2027. w

The FAQs explain that the transition period will give current staff an understanding of their responsibilities under the new structure.



Dr. Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., University President
Photo via Marketing and Communication

According to the FAQs, programs and departments’ academic integrity will not be affected and will be retained with this new structure.

The system would then focus on a two-dean system.

The Dean of Curriculum will focus on what the university teaches, including curriculum development, new programs, General Education, assessment and program review, academic scheduling strategy, accreditation, curriculum approval, academic portfolio review and interdisciplinary initiatives.

The Dean of Faculty will focus on who teaches and how faculty are supported, including faculty hiring and workforce planning, personnel processes, workload and faculty policies, evaluation and development, faculty scheduling, adjunct staffing, shared governance and faculty support.

The positions, other than the two deans, would be 12-month or 10-month appointments.

The Division Head will be a 12-month faculty appointment that provides day-to-day operational leadership for a division. The position would be able to keep the current privileges of being a department chair.

“The position will come from the faculty and could continue to teach one course while overseeing faculty and staff, budgets, staffing and schedules, student concerns, recruitment and retention, assessment and reporting and implementation of university policies,” the FAQs state.

The Program Lead will be a 10-month position and will serve the academic needs and success of individual programs.

According to the FAQs, Program Leads will focus on the academic needs and success of their programs, while Division Heads will focus on operations, supervision, budgets, staffing and schedules.

For more information, you can visit the Presidential Committees and Initiatives page on Fredonia’s website.

Life & Arts



A crate of records that were sold at Rockin' the Commons. **Photo provided by RYFI** | Opinion Editor

Commons rocked, once again

RYFI

Opinion Editor

On Sept. 26, Sound Services, WNYF and Fredonia Radio Systems worked together to make an amazing Rockin' the Commons.

The event was filled with a variety of activities, such as a CD/vinyl table, raffles, food and most importantly, music.

Music was performed from morning to dusk, with Sound Services setting up every set, mixing and leveling every artist and instrument.

The performances were recorded by WNYF, with video and audio now available on WNYF's YouTube channel.

While the radio was coordinating the activities outside of the music, they also had their chief engineer, Preston Roosa, the host and main broadcaster of the day, airing the event live on the radio.

When asked about his experience at Rockin', he had this to say, "Other than a hiccup an hour before the stream when I was scrambling to get it back, we were live the entire time."

Roosa continued, "During set changes, I was playing some requested music as well as interacting with some members at the event, asking about their part at RTC and how they felt

about the event as a whole."

Roosa mentioned he personally believes Rockin' went really well this year, "I've always loved how we can all gather with a common interest in live music to help people. When I was talking with the Radio Systems [executive board] on air, it was so awesome to see everybody glow up when they talk about their contributions and what they love about RTC."

Every club that participated in the event coordinated with each other.

Collaborative planning was essential for participating in campus media organizations. "This is something I've been really pushing for Sound Services," said Kiefer McKinley, president of Sound Services. "I want to do a lot more collaborative events [...] because you know we have all of this gear, and if it's sitting around doing nothing, then it's useless."

While I had McKinley there, Station Manager of WNYF, Jenna Gorton, was also present. When asked the same question, she said, "I've never really been the point person for setting up for Rockin' the Commons, and I've done this for two years now, so it was a learning curve."

WNYF has been the victim of a lot of unfortunate circumstances in the past year; whether it be the flood or the move

following it, the team has been through some rough times.

I bring this up because Rockin' was looking like an example of the misfortune that has been haunting the station.

Several core members of the TV station were ill, including several e-board, leaving only five or six crew members to be present.

However, if there is one thing that is certain, it is the resolve of the TV team, with them recording the entire show, with great shots and great communication.

Gorton speaks on this, saying, "Honestly, I'm just grateful for my small but mighty crew because they helped me out a lot. Even though again we have small numbers unfortunately today, they just helped me out and I really appreciate it."

Not only were the clubs amazing, but so was the music. For the band Chatterbox, the concert served as a great send-off performance. For Stratosphere, it was a last-minute addition to their day.

One of the bands dropped off the list hours before, and they had to leave their last gig very quickly to get to Rockin'.

The beginning of the show started with the great a cappella group, the Guerillas.

This a cappella set was a great performance to start the day off, and a new experience for members of the group.

One of the singers, Noah, who was new to the Guerillas and Rockin', had much to say about the show, "I think it's a nice space. You know, it's like right, it's outside. It's a beautiful day. There are people conversing, having a good time.

There are the raffles, the performances. You know, it's all around. It's like good vibes, all good vibes."

Noah continued, "This is actually my first performance as a member of the Guerillas, so I wasn't really nervous, but it was just like I was excited beforehand. And now that I got up there, you know, performing with my friends, you know, I have I had a ton of fun. I love performing."

Rockin' the Commons was amazing this year; every band was at their best, all the clubs were at their most ambitious, and people had a blast. Every club has sought to exceed expectations this year, and Rockin' is just the start of an amazing semester.



Photo provided by RYFI | Opinion Editor

Tis the season to be spooky

PAIGE TAYLOR

Special to The Leader

Good evening, Gals and Ghouls! It's that time of the year once again.

Spooky season is here!

There is the smell of crisp leaves in the air, pumpkin spice everywhere you look and Michael Myers is on the hunt again.

As your resident "fall girl," I'm here to tell you all the best ways to get ready for All Hallows' Eve.

For starters, you need a pumpkin.

Carve it, eat it, wear it or take it to Homecoming for all I care.

Do whatever you like, but acquiring at least one is paramount in order for spooky season to officially begin.

You can maximize your fall experience by going to the pumpkin patch to acquire your pumpkin. One of my favorites in the area is Awald Farms in North Collins.

You should check it out. Tell them Paige sent you; it will get you nothing!

Now that you have acquired your pumpkin, you can get up to other spooky season activities, like decorating.

There are many different directions you can take with your decorating theme.

If you are more of an Autumn Harvest vibe, I recommend lots of natural reds, oranges and browns. Fall foliage and pumpkins will be your best friends.

If you're going after that witchy gothic vibe, I recommend lots of blacks and purples. Lunar decorations are another great option for this aesthetic.

If you are more of a cozy, classic type of person, keep it simple. Orange and purple lights, some spiderwebs, and smiley ghost cutouts.

Whatever your vibe is, get decorating! Nothing puts you in the spirit like a haunted dorm room.

If you enjoy the culinary arts, it is the perfect time to start some fall baking! Think of the possibilities!

Pumpkin bread, chai pumpkin cookies, pumpkin muffins, pumpkin pie - my God, it's the world's most versatile gourd!

If you don't like pumpkin, I have good news. It's also apple season!

Try your hand at an apple crisp or cobbler.

And if you have no culinary skills, there are always those sugar cookies at the grocery store that look like pumpkins and ghosts.

I believe in you; you will not burn them this time.

Now I know what you're thinking, "Great idea Paige, except I live in a dorm with no oven!!!"

And to that I say, it's the perfect time to remind your



Graphic by **KEN BISHOP** | Special to The Leader

parents how much they miss you.

And that they have not seen you in a month.

So, they should send a care package with baked goods — and money — because they feel bad.

Finally, plan a fun spooky get-together with your friends!

You can theme it around anything. Pumpkin carving, costume making, a horror movie marathon, whatever floats your boat.

My friends and I like to get together, have a fall soup potluck and watch old Disney Channel Halloween movies.

Is it really Fall if you haven't watched "Halloweentown" yet? Or the definitive best Halloween DCOM, "Phantom of the Megaplex", argue with the wall, I'm right!

Well folks, I hope this helped you get inspired with ways to kick Spooky season off right!

And do not forget to look over your shoulder; Michael Myers could be slowly lurking towards you right this very moment!

Thursday, October 22, 2026

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Steele Hall



FREDONIA

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Find your Future

EXPLORE MAJORS/MINORS.

CONNECT WITH GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

Can I study something

practical
AND

something
I love?



[FREDONIA.EDU/CDO](https://fredonia.edu/CDO)

How can I
EARN more
or **ADVANCE**
faster?



ACADEMIC ADVISING

Would a second major
or minor help me
EXPLORE my passions
and **EXPAND** my career
opportunities??

Movie review: 'Resident Evil'

CARTER SIREIKA

Special to The Leader

Based on the hit video game, Zack Cregger's "Resident Evil" hit theaters last weekend just in time for Halloween season.

The film is already finding success both critically and financially.

When the first looks came out, fans of the games showed heavy criticism for its inaccuracies to the source material.

Cregger has defended his film, claiming he just wants to tell his own story while showing his love for the video game series.

As a newcomer to the "The Resident Evil" series, I am not familiar with the games' lore. Therefore, any criticisms or highlights will not involve how accurate the film is to the games, I am looking at this as its own movie.

The film follows Bryan played by Austin Abrams, who is a delivery driver sent to Raccoon City to deliver an unknown package.

Little does Bryan know; Raccoon City has been overrun by a infectious virus, contaminating the residents and causing them to act out in a cannibalistic rage and attack Bryan. But he still has a job to do and must deliver the package to the center of Raccoon City and stay alive.

The first highlight of the film is the acting done by Austin Abrams. He is the one we spend the time with and he is not disappointed. What I really like is how he's not playing some skilled zombie hunter who can fight his way out of every situation.

He is an ordinary man thrown into this horrific situation. Abrams' portrayal makes you genuinely root for Bryan's survival. He is just a kind everyday man who is unprepared for the journey ahead of him. This does create some really funny and awkward moments in this movie.

Unfortunately, this leads into my main issue with this movie. While Austin Abrams is really funny and I found myself laughing at many points, this movie had too much comedy to the point where it took you out of the horror. Which is a shame as I thought the film had some horrifying scenes and shots, but at random points the intensity will be interrupted by a joke or an awkward line of dialogue. I do appreciate the comedy not being slap stick and more dark comedy as it fits more in this setting; it is overused to a point.

When talking about horror, Cregger excels with his horror scenes. The movie has great creature design. Not all the infected just look like typical zombies. They come in many different shapes and sizes and some look very unhuman which adds to the fear.

There are a lot of complaints about the film's inaccuracies to the games. However, I feel it not only pays tribute to the Resident Evil games themselves, but to video games in general. Thanks to



Graphic by ANDY MULDOON | Special to The Leader

Creggers directing with cinematography there are scenes in this movie that feel like they are ripped straight from a video game. Down to POV shots and great third-person view shots that look like gameplay at times.

The movie is paced smoothly throughout the story. It doesn't move too fast or slow. However, I believe Zack Cregger has a problem when it comes to his endings, as the ending to this film felt very underwhelming and rushed. I had the exact same issue with his 2025 film, "Weapons."

While Resident Evil does have an overuse of comedy for a horror flick, it is still a very fun and exciting movie. Austin Abrams puts on a very charming performance, and Cregger's directing excels. I would say this is a fun movie to check out during the Halloween season whether you are a fan of the games or not.

Resident Evil gets a seven out of ten from me.



ALERT:

UPCOMING



Leader

GB Meeting

It's election season! (AKA Fall!)

OCTOBER 06
7PM



WILLIAMS CENTER S206



Want to brainstorm QnA for interviewing Congressional Candidates? Drink apple cider and eat donuts? Color fall-themed coloring pages? All are welcome!!



   @LeaderFredonia

SPORTS

From Fredonia to New Mexico?

JACK HOADLEY

Sports Editor

Have you ever wondered what it takes to work in the sport industry?

Well fresh off graduation from Fredonia in May, Alex Smith has already found himself an impressive opportunity at the start of his career.

Beyond goals, touchdowns and homeruns, the sports industry has grown into its own subsector of society, and it isn't slowing down anytime soon.

Smith had a hunger to work in sports since he began at Fredonia, becoming a sports management major and involving himself in any way he could.

This led to him founding a new era of Fredonia's Sport Management Club, where he began as the Vice President before taking over as president for his senior year.

Smith was very successful as the club's president last year, as seen in the club's growth and participation in numerous on-campus events.

A notable project was the coordination of a trip to the NFL draft in Pittsburgh last April, where several students gained valuable experience.

It was an obvious choice for the Sport Management Club to invite Smith back as a presenter, especially after he secured a position with the newest team in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL).

The ECHL's newest team, the New Mexico Goat Heads, hired Smith as an account executive as the team begins its inaugural campaign in 2026.

Smith's work is mainly involving ticket sales and, when pitching hockey in New Mexico, that's easier said than done.

Smith has already been a key part of nearly sold-out season tickets for the Goat Heads; Smith added during his presentation that seeing the community so interested has made it easy.

One of the biggest sentiments echoed by Smith during his time speaking with Fredonia students was the importance of hands-on experience when preparing to work in sports.

Before even graduating from Fredonia, Smith had garnered over ten hours of internship credit between opportunities at three Super Bowls, Fredonia's hockey team and summers spent at baseball fields.

Smith sites his summer internships with the Batavia Muckdogs and Elmira Pioneers as an "important steppingstone that I cherish quite a bit."



Alex Smith's speech. **Photo by JACK HOADLEY** | Sports Editor

"It got me the experience I needed for this role, pertaining to sales and ticketing... I've learned that's something I really want to do and make a career out of it."

Smith recounts how he developed key skills over these summers, including making cold calls and prospecting new leads for groups to sell tickets to.

Smith also made sure he emphasized how important being versatile is when it comes to working in sports.

He has had many roles in game presentation, event coordination, P.A. announcing and light mascot work, wearing many hats.

Smith still uses all of his skills day in and day out, especially since sometimes a new job with a new sport team provides an interesting schedule.

"I had to work Friday and Saturday pretty much all day and well into the evening, building furniture, building bed frames, all that kind of stuff... getting it ready for the players."

Smith says he loves the job because of the range of tasks he gets to do, especially considering his schedule is far from

the same thing every day.

Another key part of the presentation came through Smith's emphasis on connections and using platforms like LinkedIn and the sports-specific Teamwork Online.

These platforms are a large part of how Smith built a network that got him to where he is right now and how he will continue to build his career in sports.

The final piece of information highlighted by Smith is to be "honest and come off as your genuine self... even if you think you may not be answering questions the best, it's important to just be who you are."

This advice from someone who went from Fredonia to New Mexico in just six months is very valuable, and Smith's return to share this insight with current students makes a major difference.

Smith highlights the life of those working in sports, showing that it goes well beyond the playing surface.

This event was brought on by Fredonia's Sport Management Club in partnership with the Career Development Office.

Be sure to stay up to date on what else the club brings to campus as they continue to share what it is like to work behind the scenes in sports.



The Leader Presents:

QnA with Democratic Congressional Candidate for District NY-23, Aaron Gies!

- **All Interested are welcome,**
- **Come with questions ready!**

6:00PM, October 19

McEwen G24

Note: Republican incumbent candidate, Nick Langworthy, was invited, and did not respond by The Leader's print deadline.



Athletes still fighting

TRAVIS BERNHARD

Sports Photographer



Junior forward Thomas Polek (#14) battles for possession against an Alfred State defender during a home game on Oct. 3. The Blue Devils shut out the Pioneers 1-0 to secure the conference victory at University Stadium.



Senior midfielder Gabby Irwin (#13) locks her eyes on the ball, driving up the field against Oswego State during a SUNYAC matchup on Sept. 30, 2026. The Blue Devils and Lakers finished the match in a 2-2 tie.



From left to right, junior attacker Emma Carlson (#16), first-year attacker Hailey Workman (#21), sophomore attacker Piper Evangelist (#10), and first-year midfielder Leilene McComber (#17) celebrating after a scoring a goal against Nazareth on Oct. 3, 2026.



Women's tennis seniors Lucy Prevet (left), Gabbi Farr (center), and Rylyn Tunstall (right) on senior day, Oct. 3, 2026.

The Leader, Fall '26



These times don't work? Reach out for an appointment!

We'd love to see you! Stop in for a chat, help with a paper or just a quiet place to work!

Office Hours

Alex Bucknam <i>Editor-In-Chief</i>	M/W 12-1:30pm, F 9-11am
Giulianna Lalomio <i>Chief Copy-Editor</i>	M/W/F 2-3pm
Morgan Brown <i>Business Manager</i>	T/TR 3:30-5
Gracelyn Beachner <i>Social Media Manager</i>	M/W 12:15-1:45pm, F 9:30-10:30am
Jack Hoadley <i>Sports Editor</i>	M 5:45-6:45pm, T/TH 12:30-1:30pm, W 2:30-3:30pm
Gwenyth Kirkwood <i>Life & Arts Editor</i>	T/TH 1-3pm
Ava-Claire Boring <i>Scallion Editor</i>	M 12-2pm, T 11am-2pm, W 12-1pm
Travis Bernhard <i>Sports Photographer</i>	M/W/F 10-11:30am
Saffron Larrea <i>Art Director</i>	M/W 12-1pm, T 4:30-6pm
Sam Hebert <i>Photo Editor</i>	W 3:30-5:30pm, F 2-4pm

Bolt down, gear up for the Bills' first divisional bout

JACK HOADLEY

Sports Editor

The biggest game of the season awaited Buffalo, with a win giving them an early advantage in the AFC East, but with a loss, it was a whole new season.

With the Patriots game ending in a loss, a rocky game against LA was the last thing most Bills' fans wanted to see, but good teams win rough, and Buffalo clearly did.

The Bills took down the Chargers last Sunday after an auspicious start, sending Justin Herbert home 0-3, after a 24-16 win.

As much as I wish I could say this game changed my outlook for the Bills, some issues from the past two weeks remained relevant, and maybe some more appeared.

Starting on defense, credit is due to the pass rush, particularly Gregory Rousseau, who took home AFC September Player of the Month Honors.

He was just as strong in this game, recording 2 sacks on the way to being Buffalo's most impressive player from the game.

While that title is usually reserved for #17, it was a worrying showing from the entire offense, especially considering the Chargers have failed to look impressive through three weeks.

Allen finished the game accounting for three of Buffalo's five

turnovers, a mark that is a sure-fire way to lose.

However, Buffalo pulled off the win despite the loose control of the ball they had the entire game.

A lot of my initial fears about Buffalo centered around the defense lacking early on, but without the defense playing how they did, Buffalo may have lost by two or even three scores.

My biggest takeaway from that game is that this is all a good thing for the Bills; I don't attribute that to any blind, hopeful optimism.

As I said earlier, the best teams find new ways to win, and it's often ugly.

This game is defining the Bills in a new way because they will need to win like this, especially in January, if they want to be playing in February.

Few teams can say they went through what the Bills did and managed to win, so this is much more of an encouraging sign than it is worrying.

Cleaning up the offensive play and avoiding this becoming a trend should be a key focus, especially against New England and their defense this weekend.

And now, after the loss to New England, that concern has become much more real.



Photo courtesy of the Buffalo Bills

The impact of sports gambling

GRACELYN BEACHNER

Asst. Copy Editor & Social Media Manager

Sports gambling was legalized in New York in 2013, and the first official sportsbook was opened in 2019. However, sports gambling didn't become extremely popular until 2022, when mobile apps for the cause were launched.

FanDuel, Sportsbook and DraftKings Sportsbook are the most popular, and in 2025, 18.65 billion dollars was bet in total on the two apps in New York.

Since 2022, gaming revenue in New York has increased by 1.3 billion dollars as well.

Despite the revenue, the increase in sports betting doesn't just come with benefits.

In 2022, calls to gambling helplines related to sports betting surpassed calls related to casino gambling.

The number of calls in general has also risen by 8.5% since the apps launched. Most of these calls are from adults ages 18-35, with the average ages of users on the sportsbooks being 21-44.

Below we have an account of someone who engages in sports gambling and some parts of his experience with it.

Q: Why did you start betting? Friends? Entertainment?

A: "I started betting for entertainment and to make money."

Q: What sportsbooks do you use the most?

A: "I used offshore books before it was regulated. Then it was FanDuel and DraftKings, but I've started to use Kalshi more."



Q: Do you consider it fun?

A: "Yes, it's fun. I like watching sports and competitions, so I don't need to bet to watch something and enjoy it. That said, I really enjoy the research aspect too."

Q: What do you think about the negative ideas people have on sports betting?

A: "I agree with a lot of negative issues with it, so I understand the problems people have with it. I believe in freedom to do what you want, so I don't agree with any bans on it. I would be open to listening to ideas on how to mitigate some problems though."

Q: Do you bet on specific sports more than others?

A: "I primarily bet on NFL and MMA because that's what I know best. I will bet small amounts on golf though."

With something as complicated as gambling, there is no expected timeline for one person's experience with it. While this user has had an overall positive experience, another user could be considered completely addicted after just one or two bets.

It's important to be aware of this factor when engaging in such activities, like any other pastime that could be addictive, such as drinking, smoking, or even more recently, social media.

With gambling, there may be fewer physical risks than with other fixations; however, that doesn't mean that the impact can't be just as harmful.

With the sheer amount of money bet this past year, it's impossible now to go a day without meeting someone who may engage in sports gambling.

Just in New York, over 1 billion dollars was bet only on the NBA Knicks vs. Spurs final this summer.

Over 587 million dollars was bet on just games three, four and five.

You could only guess what amount of money in those wagers was a user's last dollars, their savings, their kid's college tuition fund or a credit card far over the limit.

Betting on sports can be a fun pastime with friends; however, it can turn into a serious addiction.

If you feel like you have crossed that line, you can reach out to SUNY Fredonia's very own counselling center at (716) 673-3424.

You can also reach out to the New York State 24/7 HOPE-line by either calling 1-877-846-7369 or texting 467369.

The opinions voiced by writers and artists in the Opinion section of The Leader reflect those individuals' opinions, not those of The Leader as a whole.

OPINION

Only stories clearly marked as Editorials reflect the opinion of The Leader's executive staff.

Student media, Cornell incident

ALEX BUCKNAM

Editor in Chief

Reader discretion is advised. The following column discusses sexual assault.

On Sept. 18, The Cornell Daily Sun, Cornell University's student-run newspaper, published its investigation into what happened to Jane Doe.

The Daily Sun had been investigating the case since 2024.

Student journalists spent years asking questions about a case they believed deserved answers. They kept reporting and kept digging.

It's important to note that The Daily Sun is independent of Cornell University.

It is a journalist's job to investigate. It is our job to ask questions when something does not make sense. It is our job to look at institutions and demand answers when the public deserves them.

But there is a difference between holding an institution accountable and having to uncover something an institution should have addressed and handled itself.

Student journalists should not have to be the reason a university finally looks at whether something went wrong.

It should be the university's job to make sure that people feel safe and actually feel like the university would give their assaulters responsible punishments.

According to the initial report described in The Daily Sun's investigation, the incident was initially documented as involving consent. The report also described Doe's memory as fuzzy and indicated that the circumstances changed after the initial consent.

What followed in Doe's initial report to Cornell came nowhere close to her saying she consented to what happened.

It frustrates me that people are discrediting her simply because of a message she sent the following day.

In what world does a victim need to confront what happened the second after it just happened?

Those details that she gave the Cornell police deserved more questions. They deserved follow-up.

But Cornell University didn't fully follow it up. There's even an issue regarding information she told the police that wasn't even included in their report. To the point, the governor had to step in to make sure this got handled properly.

The case went to the Cornell Title IX office. The majority of the students involved had to write essays, while only one

or two students were expelled.

But the situation deserved more. It deserved someone in a position of institutional authority to stop and ask what happened.

Instead, student journalists had to step in.

It doesn't bother me that student journalism reported on this. It's the fact that they had to report on it to keep it alive.

It bothers me that universities don't follow up on situations or prosecute to the fullest extent simply because this is a "he said, she said" type of deal.

It bothers me that this information was not shared between Cornell University Police and outside law enforcement. Why was this never evaluated by the district attorney.

It bothers me that this is nothing new on college campuses. This case is nothing new. This happens everywhere, to the point that news media has stopped covering it because of how commonly it occurs.

It bothers me that so many women have stories about sexual assault, and that there are likely many more cases that go unreported.

Why didn't anybody look at what happened and decide this required more? This required actual justice.

Not to mention that dozens of men were in the group chat, and nobody said anything in that moment. Instead, the majority of the men in the group chat just added on by making absolutely disgusting comments.

What I think would be responsible would look like this: An investigation into what really happened. Any men found guilty of sexual assault should be expelled. Men who sat and did nothing should take a class on the importance of "see something, say something" with a temporary, forced leave of absence.

Then, additionally, barring the fraternity until every member involved has left the university.

Even that feels like the bare minimum.

But that didn't happen.

Cornell has said that expulsions and suspensions were issued in the case. But the majority of the men stayed on campus.

The university's disciplinary process also found some students in the civil suit not responsible for sexual misconduct.

But questions about how the case was handled still remain. Like again, why did some of her statements not go in the report, why did the district attorney not know about this.

So please, to any administration reading this, please just listen. Please document everything.

Ask questions. Follow up. Watch the tea video. Listen to

Continued from previous page

students and make them feel safe.

We all get that there are “federal restrictions,” but please, for the love of God, fight so that nobody in the future has this happen.

Students reading this may have already felt like you failed them.

Getting accurate information is hard. I don’t know how many cases of reported sexual assault were ended in expulsion.

Students who have a story, who reported it, and nothing happened, may distrust administration.

You can’t save that. You can learn from mistakes.

If this has happened at Fredonia, I wouldn’t be surprised by it, since research has found that sexual assault is widespread on college campuses and occurs to one in every three women.

So, please make sure that those people who have a story actually feel like the university has their back.

Please make sure those students feel safe reporting.

This isn’t me saying to suspend every defendant in a reported case, but to actually give the situation the proper due process it deserves.

Because that is where this failure lies.

Because failures like this mean people do not feel safe reporting.

Please, please help change the system so people feel safe

reporting.

Please do not make my job as a journalist fighting to make sure a person gets justice.

Please do your role and show students you care and that you are here for them.

If anyone reading this has experienced sexual assault and felt like their voice was ignored, please keep fighting. Please don’t give up. You are cared for.

Below are resources if you or someone you know has experienced rape or sexual assault:

800-656-4673 — National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)

**If you or someone you know
experienced or experiencing
sexual assault, please call
800-656-4671**

World leaders address war, conflicts at UN General Assembly

RYFI

Opinion Editor

The United Nations was at their General Assembly in New York City from Sept. 22 until Sept. 28.

United States (US) President Donald Trump, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas have all spoken at the assembly.

These speakers are important because they are involved in current conflicts that are important issues on the floor.

Several speakers from different countries have spoken as well, which will also be covered.

When Benjamin Netanyahu began his speech, 77 countries walked out and protesters gathered outside of the UN building in New York.

Netanyahu responded to the walk-out by saying to the delegates remaining, "If there are any other moral cowards who have not yet left the hall, please do so now."

Netanyahu's speech has been described as defiant by the Associated Press, in which he spoke of the genocide in Gaza.

He claimed that the genocide is "the greatest lie of the century." He also attacked key figures who weren't present at the meeting, with New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani being the primary target.

Mamdani had attempted to use the International Criminal Court's warrant to arrest Netanyahu in New York but was subsequently unable to, as he had no jurisdiction in his position.

Netanyahu then called Mamdani the "antisemitic mayor of New York" while arguing that Mamdani has made Jewish New Yorkers feel unsafe in the city. Mamdani has argued that his criticism of Israel does not equal antisemitism.

He also argued that his advocacy for the freeing of Palestinian people does not equate to antisemitism, which segues into the next leader who spoke.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas also spoke at the assembly. However, he was unable to speak in the conference, as the US denied his visa to attend the General Assembly.

Abbas, who is 90 years old, spoke of the displacement of Palestinians by saying, "We will not leave our homeland. We will not accept displacement. And we will not allow anyone to decide our future on our behalf." He also advocated for more efficient action against Israel, as his fellow delegates spoke on the struggle of the Palestinian people for several days before Abbas spoke.

The President is not the only segment of the Palestinian government, as Hamas had also spoken on the war at about the same time as the meeting. A spokesperson for Hamas, Hazem Qassem, said that the group is ready to move forward



United Nations General Assembly, September 22, 2026. **Photo courtesy of the White House**

Continued from previous page

with the next steps of the peace agreement.

Israel continues to say that it will not allow reconstruction until Hamas disarms. Hamas had previously agreed to disarm but stopped after accusations of violating the ceasefire were brought against Israel.

Speaking on Netanyahu again, he also stated in his speech that the coordinated attack on Iran by Israel and the US was “one of the easiest decisions I’ve ever had to make.”

He also thanked President Trump for acting against Iran and predicted the fall of the Iranian government.

Masoud Pezeshkian spoke at the General Assembly, which is very rare for a country during wartime.

He is also speaking after narrowly escaping with his life from an airstrike that killed Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khameni.

Pezeshkian defended the right for Iran to exist to the Assembly, making the argument that the country is abiding by international law while also calling the US and Israel “bullies” for not abiding by international law.

Pezeshkian also brought with him Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs Abbas Araghchi.

Araghchi met with more than 20 diplomats and had a direct meeting with US envoy Steve Witkoff to discuss new offers of peace.

The meeting with Witkoff is an attempt to break the deadlock that has been in effect for the past three months. However, US diplomats say that an agreement will take time.

While the conflicts in the Middle East are among the most important issues for the UN, there is an ongoing war that is

also on the table.

The current conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been roaring since 2022, and the broader conflict has been ongoing since 2014. Zelenskyy spoke on Wednesday advocating for stronger pressure on Russia for the war in Ukraine to end.

He said of the war, “For almost five years now, Russian generals have been trying to carry out Putin’s crazy order to seize our eastern land, the Donetsk region [...]. It’s madness, but they still keep going.”

He also warned that the effects of this conflict are spreading beyond Ukraine, with him specifically pointing to the involvement of North Korean troops in the fight.

Zelenskyy continued by warning about Russia’s expansionist rhetoric, pointing to the threats to Moldova, Poland and the Baltic States.

The death toll is estimated to be as high as 500,000 plus.



President Donald Trump talks with Volodymyr Zelenskyy. **Photo of the Courtesy of the White House**

We need

YOU

Contact us:

leader@fredonia.edu

**We need Staff Writers!
E-Board Members!
Design Editors!**

   **@leaderfredonia**



A playlist for every mood: Yearning

GRACELYN BEACHNER

Asst. Copy Editor & Social Media Manager

Yearning: an emotion I'm sure the people of this campus are well-versed in. From the lack of sunlight this time of year and the sheer number of people with "almost someone's" I've met, I'm not surprised if everyone finds a tune to relate to in this selection of songs.

Today I'd love to share with you playlists to represent the two versions of yearning — and you can ask anyone who knows me for proof — that I've lived through the most.

Also, each playlist is ordered in what I believe to be the most enjoyable listening order!

Playlist One: Yearning in a "Lover, You Should've Come Over" by Jeff Buckley

"Lover, You Should've Come Over (Live at Columbia Records Radio Hour)" by Jeff Buckley

My personal favorite version of this life-changing song. Don't worry, it's just as devastating and psychologically torturous as the original!

"New American Classic" by Taking Back Sunday

This song got me through my worst times; it's a song unlike the rest of the band's discography. It's usually interpreted as being about long-distance relationships, but it can be applied to virtually any situation that requires anything along the lines of begging and pleading. My own father calls this song the "saddest ever written."

"Soccer Practice" by Lizzy McAlpine

Now I knew I needed to include Lizzy on this playlist, but to avoid any lives on my hands, I decided to leave off "Pushing It Down and Praying" (but consider that a recommendation as well). "Soccer Practice" is its equally depressing sister, considering the lyrics: "I'm waiting for someone who will make me say no to you." This is another song that I can confidently say is not just sad, but objectively great in every way.

"I Want Someone Badly" by Jeff Buckley

Is this really a playlist dedicated to yearning without more than one Jeff Buckley song? Anyway, the title says it all. It's soul-crushing. It's life-ruining. What else could you want?

"Opening" by Gustavo Santaolalla (Brokeback Mountain Soundtrack)

I wouldn't be me without a Brokeback Mountain reference! This instrumental piece is a beautiful song that has always signified to me, in the movie and separately, that moment that you know life just will not be the same ever again.

"Fake Plastic Trees" by Radiohead

All I'm going to say about this song is "She looks like the real thing." That's it.

"I Know" by Fiona Apple

This song ruined my life. I heard it for the first time during my freshman year of high school; every bad thing that ever happened to me was immediately followed up by me listening to this song a minimum of 15 times. It is possibly one of the saddest songs I have ever heard. I could write a thesis on the first verse, and one on the second verse, and another on the bridge, and don't forget my final thesis on the fourth verse. It's one of those songs that I think is impossible for someone not to relate to at least once in their life. If you listen to no other songs on this playlist, listen to this one!!

Playlist Two: Yearning in a "Kiss Me" by Sixpence None the Richer way.

"Kiss Me" by Sixpence None the Richer

Everyone knows this song, and for good reason! It's beautiful, it's romantic and it's everything that someone meeting That Person would want to listen to!

"Be Sweet" by Japanese Breakfast

I've loved this song for so long now. I just think everyone should listen to this! This song is the equivalent to my praise of "I Know" from the previous playlist, but in an upbeat and happy way.

"Cologne" by Beabadoobee

You knew Beabadoobee would be on this playlist somewhere! There are so many good picks for this playlist by her, but this has been a recent favorite.

"One of Your Girls" by Troye Sivan

So, I love this song. This is my absolute favorite party song, and it will be played at the reception of my wedding. Once you read the lyrics, it is kind of depressing, but I try to ignore that!

"Soup" by Remi Wolf

Everyone go listen to Remi Wolf now! Remi is a queer indie pop artist who is completely underrated in every way, and this song is simply so fun and lovey-dovey it deserves its flowers.

"You on My Arm" by Leigh Ross

Leigh Ross has plenty of songs that could go into our other category, so I decided to highlight some of their more upbeat songs. If you love Beabadoobee, Clairo and really any indie pop from the last few years, you'll love this song and the rest of their music. "I'd be better armed if you agreed to take it" is just one of the lyrics in this song that I replayed over.

"Calling After Me" by Wallows

Wallows have that sound in all their music that makes it almost nostalgic, and I think that it makes this song incredibly charming. It's the perfect tune for when you're missing them.

Lovercolumn: Legendary lovers

HIFIDELITY

Lovercall Producer

HOUSE HUSBAND

Lovercall Producer

BUMBLEBEE

Lovercall Producer

Hello!

We are HiFidelity, The House Husband, and Bumblebee: producers and hosts of the radio show Lovercall, right here at 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.

“HiFidelity” is a 19-year-old genderfluid who uses they/them pronouns and is a sophomore at Fredonia.

“The House Husband” is a 20-year-old cisgender man who uses he/him pronouns and is a junior at Fredonia.

“Bumblebee” is a 20-year-old questioning person who uses he/she/they pronouns and is a junior 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 either 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 will broadcast weekly throughout the semester on Wednesday nights from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. on WDV 89.5 on www.fredoniaradio.com.

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

Date idea of the week

We hope to provide fellow students with a fun and unique date idea in every episode. These date ideas aren’t just for romantic partners — you could go with your friends or classmates or even go solo just to have some fun.

With rising prices and still wanting to switch up your outfits with something new, thrifting is right for you!

You can get ready for fall and even Halloween by picking out your costume at a thrift store while being casual.

It’s also an excuse to make several new discoveries about their style or even see how creative they may be with outfits.



Not only that, but since the clothes are usually cheap, this is your excuse to pick out outfits for each other to wear later.

You want him to wear that cool hoodie you found with your favourite band on it?

It’s right there, it’s cheap, and you can find so much more than clothes at thrift stores!

You can find old movies, crafts you can finish, or even just get a romantic candle for that homemade dinner later.

While this may not be a first date idea, it is still fun to get to know someone with this as a second or third date.

Just remember to wash everything after you get it!

LEGENDARY LOVERS

Love is a timeless thing, and with that being the case, there is a multitude of legendary lovers throughout the decades.

Love stories have been told for years, from Romeo and Juliet to Pam and Jim; we have connected to the love we see in stories, on screen, and throughout history.

While love can be legendary, it can also be infamous. According to Historyhit.com, JFK and Marilyn Monroe met in February of 1962, and what followed was a brief affair.

This affair took place at Bing Crosby’s house in Palm Springs, and Marilyn Monroe allegedly had dreams of becoming the First Lady, which she wrote to Jackie Kennedy about.

While the affair between JFK and Monroe was short-lived, Bobby Kennedy had a much longer affair with

Continued from previous page

Monroe.

HistoryHit also alleges that Bobby Kennedy could have arranged for Monroe to be murdered.

While that love affair is one that is, regrettably, in the history books, there are some relationships in history and in pop culture that are to be sought after.

One of the most prevalent love stories that you can find in popular media is Pam and Jim, a story that is told in the hit mockumentary "The Office."

Whether you know of the love and tragedy that led up to it through watching the show yourself or watching an edit on TikTok of Jim yearning for Pam, you know that the love they share has become a popular one.

Jim and his struggles to be with Pam are something that a lot of people can relate to.

His struggles to find that love that transcends any love for another is how people can feel sometimes.

When feeling this way, you can get bogged down in the sadness, but one of the best traits of Jim Halpert is that his charm and his personality never fade; he can always get back into it and be himself.

We here at Lovercall are not professionals, but we advise that you love yourself and who you are be the basis of what you come back to.

You are who you are, with or without a lover. If you can find that love without changing yourself, it will be the best love you have ever found.

Another love story that you can find in the real world this time is that of Zendaya and Tom Holland, a modern-day story of a power couple.

Zendaya has been a leading actress in several hit films while also being on TIME's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Starting out as a Disney Channel actor, she performed in several shows you may remember as a kid, such as Shake It Up and K.C. Undercover.

This wasn't the end of her TV career or the accolades that followed because of her outstanding performance in the drama series Euphoria.

Her movies have grossed \$9.8 billion worldwide, while also receiving several prestigious awards for her movies, including two Emmys and a Golden Globe.

Tom Holland has nothing to scoff at, though, as he has been an actor since a very early age. He went from dancing classes at nine to one of the highest-grossing actors in the world.

Tom Holland is an international superstar for his portrayal of Spider-Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

He plays this role in four standalone movies, along with Avengers: Infinity War and Avengers: Endgame, some of the highest-grossing movies of all time.

They both star in the Spider-Man MCU movies, where their relationship sparked while they played lovers as one of the most popular couples in Marvel: MJ and Peter.

While they began their relationship in 2021, they didn't get married until this year, being secretly engaged in December of 2024.

Their relationship, and the way it happened, and the power couple they are, sharing the world stage is inspiring.

One thing that is very inspiring about their relationship as well is the fact that they share that stage while sharing separate accomplishments.

One of the best accomplishments you can have in any relationship is seeing your partner succeed in life, and that is something that these two have in spades.

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



THE SCALLION



AI doesn't want to take over, it wants your Social Security number

MARS JUNO SMOTHERGILL

DEI Chair

As Artificial Intelligence has been gracefully integrated into our society, we have all seen its benefits, and obviously we all know that we must submit to its judgment. But some of the unenlightened have been unable to adjust to our glorious new world and our wonderful tools.

These blue-haired liberals have repeatedly whined over the fact that Artificial Intelligence will be our future. Artificial Intelligence is a great tool, not only for help with schoolwork or chores, but also for our minds, our society, and our profits.

Who needs to think when we have eternal access to a thinking machine? I mean, who even has the time to think? Simply ask ChatGPT, Grok, or Claude to generate everything for you. You can even ask them to summarize a book, and boom! Your homework is done without all that boring thinking, forethought, or research. You don't even need to retain the information. Artificial intelligence will recall information for you. Think of the time you will save.

They will decide what you need to know, and those Gen Z whiners who insist on standing in front of the bullet train of success will be left behind. Why bother thinking of questions yourself when you can simply ask ChatGPT, Grok, or Claude to think of questions for you—things they think are required for you to know?

Who even cares about clean water or the temperature of the Earth? Chat says our planet will recover, and Chat has never steered anyone wrong; it told me so.

And another thing, why are these whiny, sniveling little kids so upset in the first place? Artificial intelligence is so useful to everyone. Not only our children but our elderly, too!

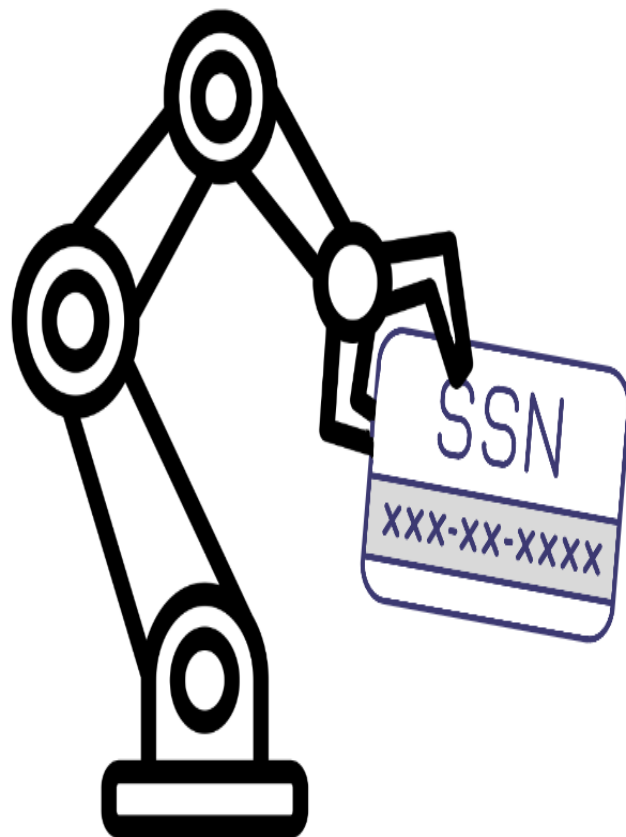
Imagine you're a lonely, scared teenager in desperate need of therapy, but are unable to afford it. You can just open up ChatGPT and divulge all of your feelings. Listen to exactly whatever it tells you, whether it be fighting your bullies or eating hot glue; it knows what we know not. We cannot possibly begin to understand its reasoning, but we must devote ourselves to our future, to its future.

Give artificial intelligence your full name, your address, your credit card information, and even your Social Security number if asked. You need to embrace this technology, to embrace this new world, and give it whatever it wants.

It is the smart thing to do. It is the only thing to do.

These anti-AI kids are depleting our ability to grow and expand into the future. So, what if artificial intelligence wastes water? So, what if data centers are raising the temperature of the planet or stealing water and peace from those who live near data centers?

Artificial intelligence is not evil. It does not want to kill us. It just wants your name, your money, and your Social Security number. It just demands your attention, which is a small price to pay.



Graphic by **GRACELYN BEACHNER** | Asst. Copy Editor and
Social Media Manager

AVA-CLAIRE BORING

Scallion Editor

The Police Notter aims to provide false and completely made-up information to students, faculty and the community in and around SUNY Fredonia.

With the upcoming October break, some students have decided to go rogue.

This week has seen a significant increase in on-campus crimes, and the Police Notter aims to alert the community to these fake crimes.

On-Campus:

Sept. 23: An investigation begins after a worker at Willy C's, who will remain unnamed, was seen wiping their nose and continuing to prepare food without a proper glove change.

The investigation is not being conducted for said situation but for the events that occurred shortly after a student saw the scene unfold. Witnesses state that the student, who will remain unnamed, jumped over the counter and forced the worker to eat the pair of gloves that made contact with the worker's nose. The student was taken into police custody, and the worker has been quietly dismissed from their position at Willy C's.

Sept. 25: A student was taken into police custody after causing a public disturbance when finding out their name was spelled wrong on their Starbucks cup. After a Starbucks employee attempted to de-escalate the situation by apologizing for the spelling error and offering to remake the beverage, the student snapped a "Wet Floor" sign over their acquaintance's head. Police gathered a short statement from the acquaintance who was affected by the attack.

"We're not even acquaintances. I didn't even know her—then all of a sudden, I'm on the floor, and my head is pounding... I would've rather slipped on that wet floor than been hit over the head with the sign that warns me about it!"

Sept. 26: A student called University Police when a member of the faculty suffered from a mental breakdown after realizing nobody had completed an assignment that had been assigned two weeks prior. After the faculty member had finished ridiculing the class, he was seen sprinting out of the classroom. Students followed the professor, where they saw him jump over the fence "with superhuman precision" and directly into the Jewett Hall construction zone. Construction workers tried to stop the faculty member, but to no avail. The professor gained access to a forklift and began driving recklessly around campus. The professor was only stopped when University Police threw spike strips in the forklift's path, popping the tires immediately. The faculty member was put on medical leave.

Oct. 1: A gas leak was detected by a construction worker whilst working on Jewett Hall. Dorm halls, along with a number of other halls that were conducting classes, were evacuated. The source of the gas leak was unknown until investigations were conducted. While many bystanders believed the gas leak was from a burst gas line due to construction on Jewett Hall, the cause was a noxious flatulent cloud produced by what was said to be a "particularly overweight squirrel." Witnesses claimed they did not see the squirrel perform the "crop-dust" but believed students and faculty acted accordingly and with procedure during the uncertainty.

Off-Campus:

September 22: Local discount store, Ollie's Bargain Outlet, was stormed within minutes of opening. Circulations through the social media apps "Fizz" and "Yik Yak" spread rumors of a discounted Plus One vibrator being sold at Ollie's within the next 24 hours. Following the social media post's popularity and overnight fame, a crowd formed outside Ollie's, with people even camping outside overnight. A direct quote from a citizen in the front of the line stated, "This is basically my Black Friday. When I saw that post on Fizz, I immediately packed my tent and got in my car. I've been here for 14 hours, and not even a blizzard could stand between me and what's waiting for me inside this Ollie's right now."

When an Ollie's employee unlocked the doors to the store at 9 a.m., he was immediately flattened by the stampede. Police were called to the scene, and what they saw was unlike anything they had ever witnessed. Suddenly, understanding the gravity of the stampede, customers were limited to one vibrator per customer. Eight people were hospitalized, with many more being injured. Police are still conducting investigations into who posted the alert across the social media apps.

The towel wars

Dearest Samantha,

I write to you expressing the never-ending difficulties of living with the opposite gender.

I, of course, refer to sharing a space with my wonderful, yet frustratingly very man, boyfriend. Yes, there is a larger underlying problem that I am getting to, but I must not leave a word unsaid. I willingly choose to be with a man despite the possibilities that many women wonder about the easier existence that comes with choosing a woman. Women understand women. They have similar habits, similar thought processes, and far, far less hair.

Although my own hair has clogged many a drain and left so many expressions of art on the shower wall, the shedding of a man's hair is something that should be studied nearly as much as finding the cure for cancer. In addition to the never-ending season of the shedding dog, one more thing must be understood. Why on earth can a woman step out of the shower, dry off, and walk to her changing area all without a drop of water hitting the floor?

My boyfriend, we shall call him Kristoff, steps out of the shower and, before he has time to even think about reaching for the towel, has already soaked through the bath mat. Then, after "drying off," he leaves a trail of massive wet prints all the way to the dresser. These puddles are unfathomably large, and I have fallen prey to their slippery ways more times than I can count on a hand. Alas, this letter isn't simply a blank page for me to spill my frustrations onto. Well, I suppose it actually is. Yet, we haven't even gotten to the big potatoes of the issue at hand: the Towel War.

After a year and a half of living with Kristoff—yes, believe me, I know, quite scandalous—I have been unable to rid him of one of the most awful bad habits: utilizing my towel. I cannot even begin to explain the rage. Therefore, the best solution I can think of sounds quite fun. Though I am a lady, I do resort to violence when my words don't cut as deep as a sword. I could beat him with my slipper the next time I see an appalling black hair on my perfectly clean towel. Goodness knows I have to deal with enough of his beard hairs in the sink and the trail of his short, crescent-shaped hairs leading into and out of the shower. Plus, besides the hair, my beautiful towel goes from smelling of roses and sunshine to Degree deodorant and wet dog. If you want to see me in a sour mood, drench my towel and give me no other options on the towel bar. Beating him with a slipper does sound effective, as violence typically is, and along with some shrill shrieking and perhaps a few vulgar words it could be effective; alas, I doubt my frustrations will make it through his selective hearing. Oh! Maybe I could find some kind of itch powder...

Another solution to this rather sour pickle could be a bit simpler. I suppose for his sake he would appreciate that no violence would be required—phooey—but some spare change would. Perhaps I could go to the store and buy pink and blue

towels since one of his arguments is, "I thought yours was the girly one." Now, when he comes up with this excuse, I have to bite my tongue. Allow me to paint a picture. We collectively have a white towel, a green towel, a blue towel, two gray towels, a white towel with red stripes, and a checkered towel with white, orange, and red squares. Now, since I know you have a reasonable mind, which towels would you consider to be most appealing to a woman? Exactly! Whichever one is clean. I rarely have the luxury of a full drawer of fresh towels because it is uncommon for all of our laundry to be clean. Not that I'm pointing fingers. Gracious me. I'm just saying, there is no situation in which I would risk having to fend off rodents or bats in the revolting basement just so that I might have a clean sock. This could all be solved if I donated our mismatched array of towels and, as I mentioned, purchased two colors. I cannot see this solution being unsuccessful in any way, yet I'm not sure I want to spend my life savings on some threadbare Mainstays or two of Martha Stewart's "everyday soft" for forty dollars. With that, it seems that violence and over-consumerism aren't the choice for me.

That leaves us with my one last brilliant idea. My favorite store for buying anything at a reasonable price. The One Dollar and Twenty-Five Cent Tree. Inflation has awarded me with exciting new names for all of the stores in my village. Shop-n'-Save? Try Shop-n'-Rob. Tops, Friendly Markets? More like Shots, Unfriendly Markets, because after seeing my receipt, I wish I could afford to become an alcoholic. Although the Dollar Tree has a very deceiving name, just like Five Below, it has the items I need for my most practical, non-violent, and affordable option. Removable letter wall stickers. I could not give a rat's behind if they shimmer and are shaped like My Little Pony butts; they would solve all of my problems. If I stuck our initials on the wall above the towel bar, poof, the towel wars would end. And they say women aren't fit to be president because they'd be starting hormonal wars. I shall bring this idea to Kristoff and see what he thinks of my magnificent plan. I do believe he may appreciate not getting bruised by a slipper or becoming broke on new towels.

Well, I dare say this letter became far too long-winded, and I barely have enough room to give you a good final closing to this catastrophe. I do sincerely hope you never move in with a man, or if you do, please see to it that you marry him first. They are much easier to persuade then. Divorce and all. With that, dearest Samantha, I bid you a wonderful week, and may all of your towels be dry and smell like laundry soap. I'm so glad I found a perfect solution to the towel wars. Perhaps I should start keeping track of all the ridiculous rants I go on; it might make a good short story one day.

All my love,

Anna (Chief Copy Editor)

HOROS

AVA-CLAIRE BORING

Totally qualified

It's fall, which means apples are back in season. There are over 7,500 documented apple varieties, and each one can tell a lot about a person when you assign it to a zodiac sign!

Did you like what you read? Do you know the signs better than me? Would you like to write the horoscopes? Reach out to Aboring@fredonia.edu with ideas of what the next horoscope should be about or if you want to write!



Aries

Honeycrisp

You're always open and willing to explore new ideas and adventures! Your open-mindedness is very much admired by those who surround you. You're always down for a side-quest!



Taurus

Gala

You're the friend that people come to when they need advice. Sometimes, it seems like you've been through every experience ever. This comes with its downsides, though, when the most ridiculous and unreal things happen to you. At least it will make a good story later, right?



Gemini

Golden Delicious

You're the perfect, happy medium of sweet and sour. You are always kind to strangers, and the exact opposite to those who pose a threat. You've got some serious survival instincts. Like the mom who always knows when a new friend of yours has bad intentions. (Seriously, how do they always know?)



Cancer

Calville Blanc d'Hiver

You are luxurious. You love to have your alone time, and self-care is your jam. You love Fall because the cool weather is an excuse to stay inside and ignore all your plans with some much-needed "me time."



Leo

Granny Smith

You are just simply an angel. You carry a sense of calm and comfort with you everywhere you go. You have the kind of face that makes people think, "Okay, I'm safe now." Don't get it twisted, though... You could probably beat some serious butt if provoked.



Virgo

Snapdragon

You're very stressed. You tend to get overwhelmed with a lot of tasks and definitely end up feeling the pressure. Your anxieties do not define you, as you tend to easily make friends with just about anyone.

COPIES



Libra

Empire

No matter where you go, you're the most charming in the room. You give off the sort of charismatic vibe that nobody can replicate naturally. Wherever you go, there is always a friend to be made (or person to be flirted with).



Scorpio

Red Delicious

You can come off as mean sometimes. Don't take it personally — everyone knows you don't mean it. At the end of the day, in a room full of people, you're still the one who's going to stand out in a sea of boring, basic apples.



Sagittarius

McIntosh

You look on the bright side of things! If the vibes are down, you bring them up. No matter where you go or what you're doing, it's a party! You are the textbook definition of "wingman."



Capricorn

Fuji

Sometimes, you can be self-disciplined. When there are moments when you need to "lock in," you are very organized and goal-oriented. When you have something to look forward to, it seems like absolutely nothing can stand in your way.



Aquarius

Pink Lady

You're just going to say it how it is. A fresh breath of honesty goes a long way, especially when you don't care whether it hurts the person's feelings or not. Then, all of a sudden, that breath of fresh air starts to feel more like bad breath.



Pisces

Sugarbee

Yes, maybe I included this apple because I thought the name was cute. So what! Sometimes, you're absent-minded. You have an inability to read the room or detect social cues, but sometimes it's cute! It's not all bad. It's always good to have a friend who nudges you to say, "Hey, they're not laughing with you; they're laughing at you."

