Life does not go to Plan.
This zine titled "Life does not always go to plan" is written and created by Kiera Flanagan, who is a junior at SUNY New Paltz in the year, 2021.

This zine discusses how one's future plans do not always go the way they were supposed to, and how the COVID-19 pandemic and online schooling has affected not only a college student, but also a newly transferred student's college experience.
When I was a freshman in high school, I had a very specific vision on what my college experience would look like:

1. Meeting new people and making friends
2. Going to parties
3. Living in a dorm and having a roommate
4. Doing homework outside in the courtyard

This is what pretty much all teenagers dream about, and it is really important to us during that time, but life changes...
By the time I was a Senior in high school, I quickly learned that going away to college was not an option, at least not right away. So, I decided to go to community college for two years to get my Associates degree, then transfer to a four year school. I always knew, however, that SUNY New Paltz was where I wanted to go eventually. I want to make it clear that community college is such a great option for people who cannot afford to go to a four year or private school. These community colleges like the school I went to, SUNY Orange, do not get enough credit. The only downfall to them, from my own experience, was the lack of community because the other students around come from all different walks of life, and usually being a student is not their only main focus. After class ends they’re on to the next thing they have to do. Once I finally graduated with my Associates degree, I was really excited to move on to SUNY New Paltz. I was excited to officially take classes that had to do with my major and for a sense of
And, once again things change and life does not go to plan because I transferred to SUNY New Paltz right in the middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic. So, my whole time so far at SUNY New Paltz has been at home and over zoom. Now, don't get me wrong, online schooling can be quite convenient at times. I mean, you can take class from your bed! Who doesn't like that from time to time. But, after almost a year of online school is has gotten old, at least for me. I'm tired and sick of looking at black screens with people's names on it. I want to meet new people and make friends, and I can't really do that over zoom calls. It really sucks! And, for someone like me to say that, who is naturally very introverted, says a lot.

I guess what my biggest concern and greatest fear (at the moment) is that I'm never going to have a proper semester at SUNY New Paltz. As of right now, I already feel like I am not a true student of SUNY New Paltz, and I'm afraid that by the time I graduate, I am going to feel like this great imposter who claims she went to and graduated from SUNY New Paltz.
In some way or somehow, I wanted to make my "Mark" on this school. I want to be memorable at SUNY New Paltz. Now, this may not happen the way I always envisioned, but like I've learned, life does not always go to plan. I will at least have this zine in the library in some shape or form for years to come and for future students to read, and hopefully learn not to take these college years for granted because things can change. And who knows, maybe someone will remember my name here.