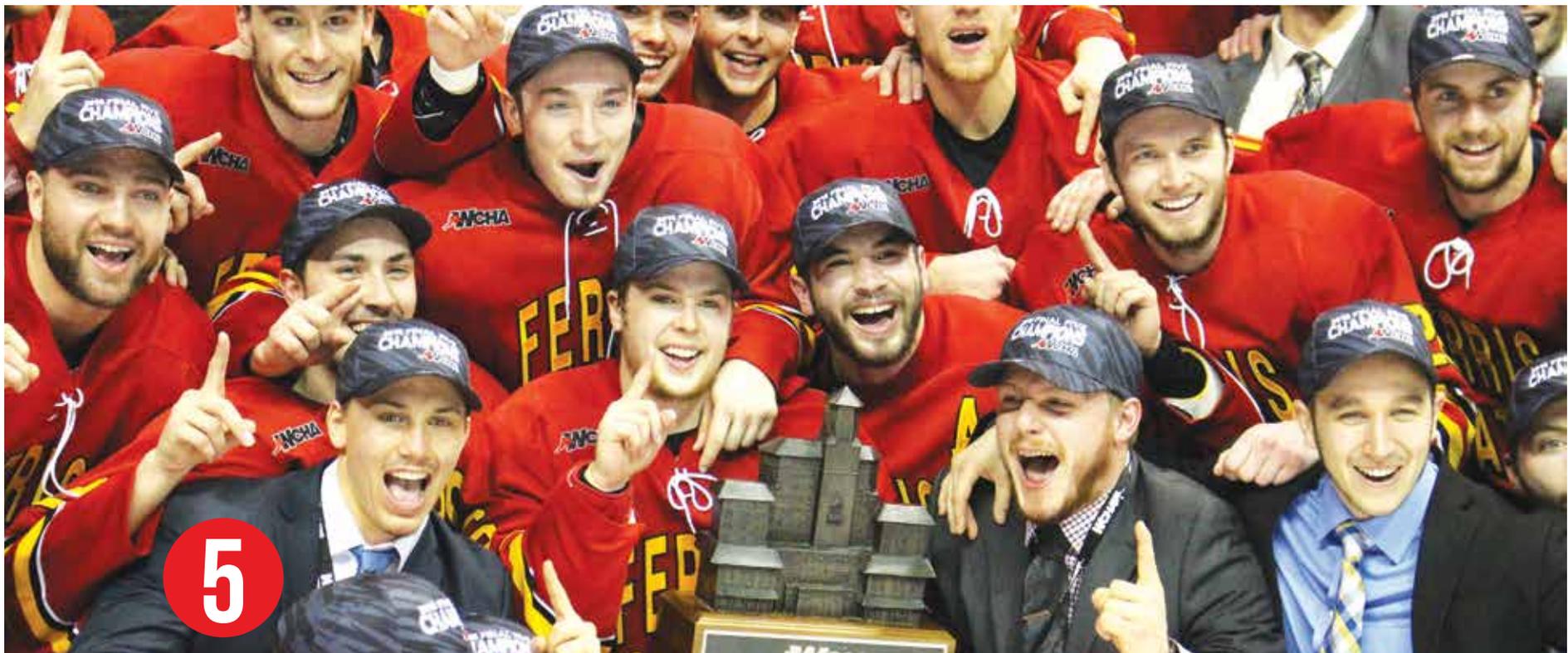


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WELCOME TO FERRIS

Congratulations on your admission to **Ferris State University!** Here are some tips, advice and information about the Ferris State Campus.

7 COLLEGE MYTHS

BUSTED

Angela Graf
News Editor

1. "Your roommate will be your best friend"

No. Unless you went out of your way to live with a pre-existing friend, which is also a dangerous situation, you and your roommate will probably not be best friends for life. You'll eat together a few times because you're scared of walking around campus alone, but eventually you will meet people in classes or through work that you genuinely like and aren't just forced to associate with by proximity. Also, your roommate will inevitably develop a habit that drives you crazy, like not replacing the toilet paper roll or leaving their dirty dishes on the sink.

2. "The book is required"

Do not fall into the book trap, and absolutely do not buy them in advance. Wait. Test the waters. Unless a professor explicitly states in their syllabus that they are going to be assigning things that will be graded from the book, then it is pretty much at your discretion as to whether or not you need to spend \$200 on a textbook that you may never open.

3. "You'll be busy all the time"

You're only busy if you make yourself busy. If you get a campus job, play a varsity sport or hold a position in student government (or all three), of course you'll be busy. However if you're just taking five classes, most of which are general requirements anyway, you will be amazed at the free time you have. Be wary though, this free time is a fickle bitch. It's great that you can sit around and play video games all Saturday, but time management is crucial. Do not procrastinate.

4. "You need straight A's"

Every straight A student walks into college expecting more of the same: not having to study and maintaining a 4.00 like it's nothing. Wake up call: this is not the case. There are just some professors that will not give you an A. It may be against their religion, they might only do it once every three years or they might just be tenured and generally not care anymore, either way there isn't anything you can do about it. Additionally, students that have never had to see a tutor or ask for help before will suddenly have a D. Don't try and hide it and fall behind, ask for help. There's no shame in it and in the long run you will be glad that you did.

5. "The workload is heavier"

No. The work load is just harder. There are classes that will grade you based solely on four exams or five papers. High school is very much structured in a quantity over quality format, while college simply isn't. Take the time to do it right.
Sidenote: If you only have five papers determining your whole grade, those had better be five amazing papers because you will be amazed how fast your grade can drop.

6. "All-nighters are normal"

If you're pulling an all-nighter, you're doing something wrong. Professors will not assign huge projects and demand a completed product on their desk 24 hours later. If you think in advance and stay on top of your coursework, you shouldn't have to pull any all-nighters. Well, at least not any all-nighters devoted to homework.

7. "Waking up for a 9 a.m. class won't be a problem"

Wrong. So wrong. It doesn't matter if your high school started class at 7:15 a.m. There's no one here forcing you to get up early or go to bed at a reasonable hour. Before you know it you'll sleep through one class and realize that it feels pretty good. Then another. And another. Before you know it you show up to take the final and your professor doesn't even recognize you.



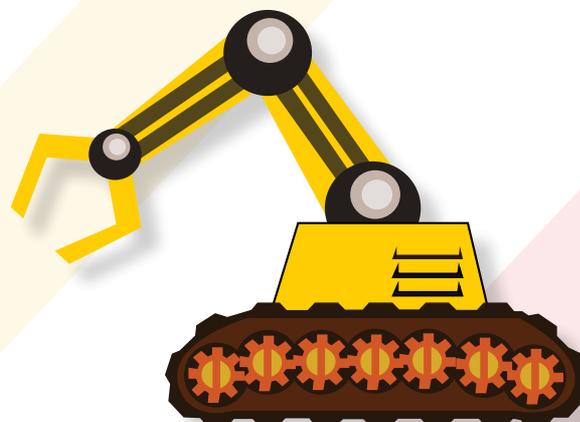
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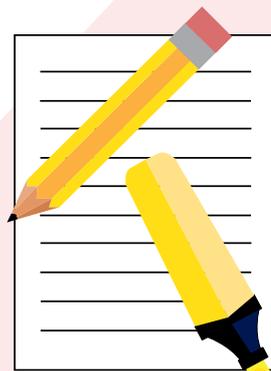
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Being Greek at Ferris | Greeks at Ferris State break the stereotypes

Pillow fights, keg stands, and circle shaming—these are all things you might think of when you think about Greek life.

Movies like "Neighbors," "Sorority Row" and "21 and Over" give people a false generalization about what Greek life is all about.

The stereotypes about Greek life make it seem that Greeks only like to party because that is what is shown on TV. Sure, there are some

Greeks out there that do like to let loose and have fun, but so do non-Greeks and there is nothing wrong with that. There is so much more beyond the party, and so much more beyond the letters.

The perfect quote about being Greek is, "from the outside looking in you can't understand it. From the inside looking out, you can't describe it" (unknown).

And that is so true. But here is a glimpse of what be-



Andrea Lenhart
Torch Reporter

ing Greek at Ferris is like.

Being Greek at Ferris is having a family. It's having a familiar face to smile and wave at on your walk to class, it's sitting next to someone in class wearing letters and becoming friends, even when the semester is

over. They may not be wearing your letters, but it's a bond that you both understand.

Being Greek at Ferris is being involved. Being Greek is a great way to start building leadership experience. More than half the Greek community, if not all members are involved in another organization on campus. Greeks members serve on Student Government, start their own Registered Student Organizations, are executive board members

for other organizations and are even a director or committee member for the biggest volunteer opportunity in Michigan.

Being Greek at Ferris is giving back in more ways than imaginable. With seven sororities and eight fraternities, there is plenty of opportunity to give back to the community. That is 15 different charitable causes to help. Greeks at Ferris do not just donate their time and money to their own philanthropy; the Greek community at Ferris supports one another and works together to raise awareness for their individual philanthropies.

Being Greek at Ferris is being notable. The average GPA for sorority women this past year was a 3.036, while the Greek men's average was a 3.03, and the all-student was a 2.91, according to the Panhellenic Sorority Grade Report. Greeks at Ferris take pride in their studies and have weekly study tables, or log their study hours.

Being Greek at Ferris is having a brotherhood/sisterhood. It's having 20-40 friends that will go on a food run at 10 p.m. It's having a friend that will help you study because they want to see you succeed. It's having a friend to laugh, cry, stress or binge-watch the latest Netflix show with. It's having a roommate. It's having someone that will always be there, even after graduation.

Don't fall for the stereotype. Don't let the stereotype stop you from joining an organization much bigger than yourself. Do go Greek.



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Fall 2016 events

- Aug. 6** – Bulldog Hockey Classic and Alumni Golf Outing
- Aug. 24** – First Torch of the fall hits newsstands
- Aug. 27** – Meijer Madness
- Aug. 29** – First day of fall semester classes
- Aug. 30** – First weekly Student Government meeting
- Sept. 1** – Founder's Day
- Sept. 3** – First home football game vs. Ohio Dominican
- Sept. 11** – Rush week for Greek organizations begins
- Sept. 18** – Homecoming Week begins
- Oct. 5** – Bulldog Bonanza
- Oct. 14** – Friends and family weekend begins

Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Ticketing the Torch

During the last week of classes, the Torch's distribution manager was ticketed not once, but twice by Ferris' Department of Public Safety while performing his weekly duty delivering the newspaper around campus.

He was charged \$20 for each ticket for parking on the sidewalk, which is illegal. Well... sometimes.

The fact that vehicles park and drive on the sidewalks of campus every single day is not news to anyone. University vehicles, grounds maintenance vehicles and pizza delivery drivers are constantly parked on walkways.

In fact, on my way to my final lecture of the semester, I saw three cars on the sidewalk between the Business Building and the Timme Center, one of which I actually had to dodge because it was driving straight towards me. That's three infractions in less than half of a mile.

Nevertheless, I've never seen nor heard of any of these operators being ticketed. They boldly continue to break the same law as a person who has never been disciplined for doing so would.

To be clear, I don't think that DPS is seeking out and targeting the Torch delivery staff. I do, however, believe that they are not affording the same leniency to the Torch delivery staff as they do to other vehicle operators performing a job.

This hypocrisy stands in the way of our right to distribute and disseminate news.

This freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment is not only vital to the Ferris State community, but to the country as a whole. Students need a voice on campus, and that voice must be widespread. To put up roadblocks impeding that right is damaging to the community.

Our distribution manager takes just a handful of minutes to complete his duty at each stop. He parks close to a building—in a designated delivery area as often as possible—removes old issues, and replaces them with new bundles hot off the presses. He's in and out in seconds at some stops.

He does this on Tuesday evening, which is certainly not a busy time on campus. Nevertheless, his stack of parking tickets continues to grow.

Despite officially allowing FedEx and UPS unrestricted parking on sidewalks, and seemingly turning a blind eye to countless other vehicles, the law states that parking or driving on any campus sidewalk is illegal.

Our distribution manager promptly paid both tickets, so he's not looking for a fight. We're just looking for some solutions, because asking him to lug several heavy stacks of newspapers across parking lots is not a reasonable one.

Especially when he's the only delivery person getting ticketed.

Where in the world are the Bulldogs?

Ferris students take on summer internships



Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

As classes end, final exams are submitted and papers have been turned in, Ferris students are packing their things and headed to different parts of the globe.

For many programs, it is a requirement to complete an internship in order to graduate. Many students choose to fulfill this requirement over the duration of the summer.

Ferris marketing senior Casey Schauman from Portage is one of these students. Schauman is currently doing an internship with the Detroit Tigers.

"The best part of the internship so far is working the games," Schauman said. "They are so much fun and I like helping out with all the behind the scenes activities."

Schauman's main job with the Major League Baseball (MLB) team is to help with the Detroit Tigers Kids Club. She also helps with the Tiger's mascot, game preparation, promotions and pre-game activities. She works between 35 to 55 hours a week, depending on how many home games take place.

Schauman took a chance, and applied for this internship in order to follow her dream.

"I knew I wanted to work in the industry and I figured I would shoot for the moon and apply for the position," Schauman said. "I knew it would be a great opportunity if I got the position and it would help me move forward with my career."

Schauman hopes to stay within the sports business after her internship is completed.

"In the future, I would love to continue to work in this industry because it is fast-paced, and allows me to explore my passion for both marketing and athletics," Schauman said.

Another student beginning their internship for the summer is Ferris music industry management senior, Meg Balfour from Warren. Balfour is going to Sydney, Australia to intern with the

Warner Music Group.

"I am most looking forward to becoming one step closer to finding what I want to have a career in if that makes sense," Balfour said. "I'm hoping to find what I want to do in the music industry."

Warner Music Group is one of the "big three" record companies in the world, along with Universal Music Group and Sony Music Entertainment. Balfour will be staying with a host family in Sydney throughout the course of her internship. However, this is not the first time she has been out of the country. Balfour has also ventured to Canada, Ireland and France.

"I'm used to interning in a different country, so that part I am not worried about," said Balfour.

Interning at one of the best recording and music companies in the world, Balfour is excited for the opportunity.

"I am not really nervous. I look forward to standing up to the great challenges that will arise from being there. I think that it will be a fun experience for me," Balfour said.

Ferris plastics senior Garrett Humphrey from Alma has completed three internships. This summer, he will be working as a plastics engineer for the contract injection molding company Oxnard, in Santa Monica, Calif.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the people out there," Humphrey said. "I have a very high respect for them and really think I'll enjoy working with them."

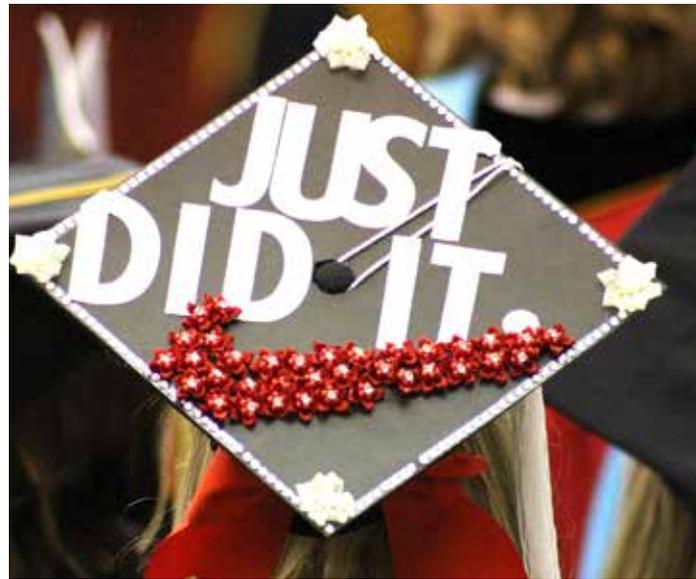
With this opportunity, Humphrey hopes to broaden his understanding of the plastics engineering field.

"I hope to gain knowledge and experience in my field," said Humphrey. "I will be cycling new tools in and solving issues associated with the tools."

According to Humphrey, he will have to complete a two-month training program, and then will be able to start with the company permanently.

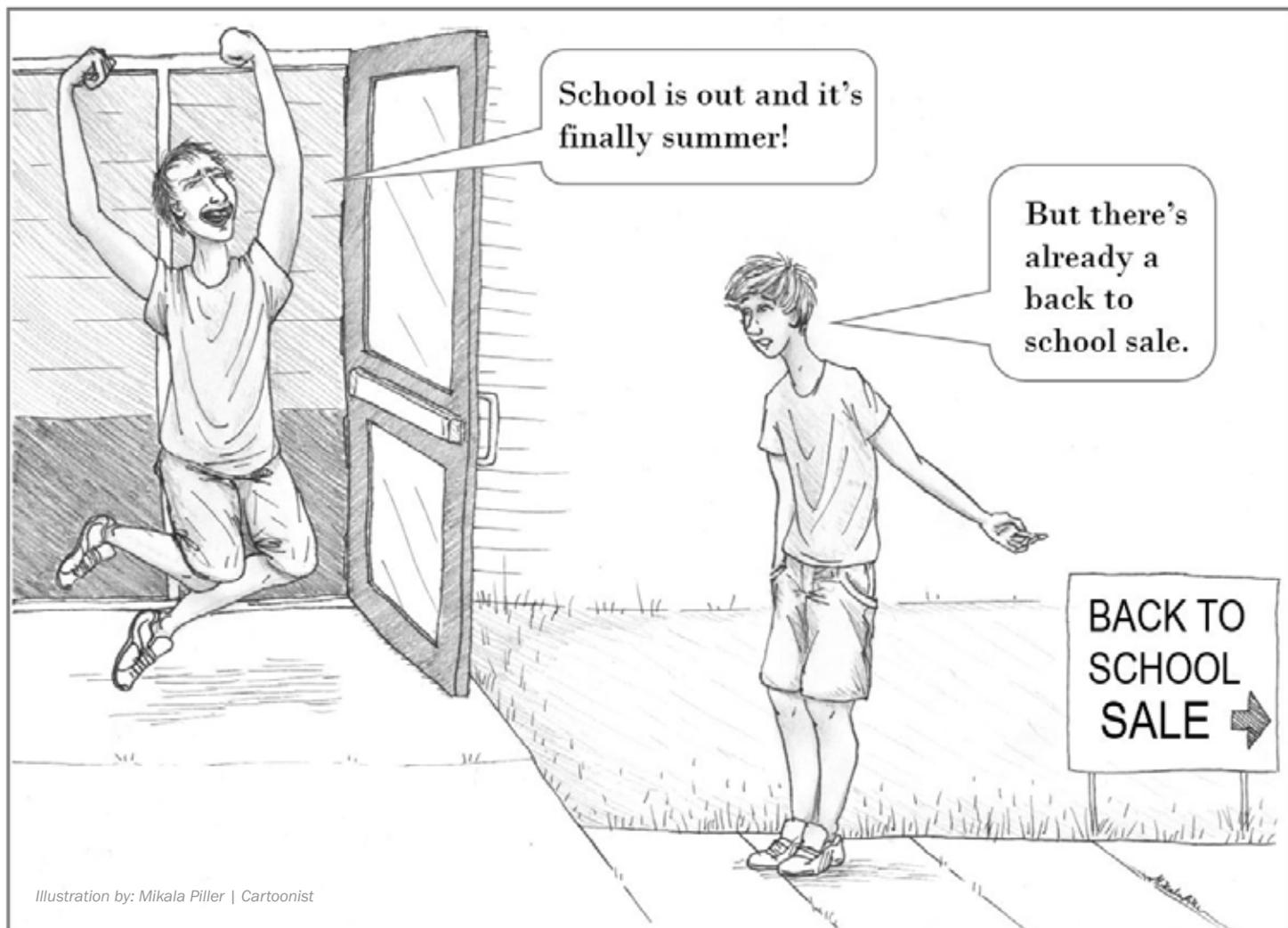
COMMENCEMENT 2016

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Nearly 2,000 new Ferris graduates strode across the stage at Wink Arena over the weekend of May 6-7 to collect their diplomas from university president David Eisler.





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Big Ratchet

What are some things that you can do here in Big Rapids?

In the Fall...

According to collegeboard.org, 6 out of every 100 Ferris State students are from a state other than Michigan. Although many out-of-state students come from bordering states like Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, the list of states does not end there.

I'm originally from southern New York, but have grown to truly appreciate the city of Big Rapids in my two years as a student. There is a continuously growing list of exciting and worthwhile activities for students to take part in, both on and off campus.

One off-roading sport new to me is two-tracking, or driving trucks or other automobiles through the dirty and muddy backcountry roads surrounding Big Rapids. Even if you do not drive, riding along with friends is a fun and relaxing relief from the residence halls.

Big Rapids has some excellent shops and restaurants in the heart of town. Schuberg's Bar



Travis Sacher
Torch Reporter

and Grill has the best burger in town and Nawal's is a delicious Mediterranean Eatery and gourmet cupcakes and desserts shop. Just across the Maple Street bridge is the A La Mode Café, a home-style restaurant that is great for Saturday or Sunday breakfast.

There are multiple pawn shops and consignment stores in Big Rapids, all of which hold some form of hidden gems within their walls. These stores are great for college students on limited budgets. I have picked up a bicycle, headphones, CDs, records, video games, sporting equipment, hats and furniture. Everything I have bought has been in fine condition and immensely cheaper

than if I purchased these items brand new.

Just like any college town, Big Rapids is home to many different bars. If you want to grab a bite and watch the game, Applebee's and Buffalo Wild Wings are perfect. The Gypsy Nickel Lounge is on the other side of town and has great food and karaoke nights. The Gate has bowling, beer-pong tournaments and occasionally live music or comedians. The Raven offers delicious BBQ, a lounge area and live music.

Lastly, students will quickly become familiar with the "nightclub" of Big Rapids, Star Shooters, a popular Friday and Saturday night destination. Although, Shooters Friday After Class special on wings may be the best deal any bar or restaurant in the town has to offer.

This is just a small sample of surprising and exciting things to do in Big Rapids. Take the time to explore Big Rapids to see what else the city has to offer.

In the Summer...

Some guy in my English class this past semester said that he never knew Big Rapids had a Dairy Queen, so I'll be the bearer of good news. The north end of State Street has had one ever since I can remember, so at least 20 years. However, it's not a Dairy Queen anymore as of this year. Now it's called State Street Scoops and no longer sells DQ-exclusive items, but it's still a great place to go if you have a hankering for ice cream. I recently got a strawberry shake there, and it was quite delicious.

Behind State Street Scoops is Mitchell Park. It's a pleasant area in the warmer months, especially if you have some ice cream with you. There's also a pretty cool new dome-like sculpture sitting in the park courtesy of some Ferris welding students.

If you've never had a burger at Szots Bar, then you're seriously missing out. Go get one and tell them I sent you.

Keeping on trend with food, if you've never been



Jen Corrie
Torch Reporter

to Van Brocklin's Bakery on the north side of town, you need to go. If you get there early in the morning, you can get your hands on a delectable cream cheese Danish (they go fast for a reason!) or a Bear Claw.

Interestingly enough, Big Rapids also has an airport. Roben-Hood Airport is also north of town and services small recreational aircraft. If you take summer classes, or will be here over the summer, there's a cool event for the public called Air Fest. You can get a breakfast of pancakes that are flipped onto your plate from the chef, and go for a ride in a plane with one of the pilots. I've been on two plane rides so far, and I got to see an aerial

view of Big Rapids and beyond. It's pretty cool.

The Farmer's Market is also up and running downtown during the summer and early fall. You can get delicious fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods and local honey from the market. There's also a guy there who makes and sells fresh kettle corn on the spot. He's my fave.

Finally, The Old Pioneer Store isn't really a secret, since it's in a main area of town- Michigan Avenue. However, that store has been one of my favorite places in Big Rapids since I was little. They sell Kilwin's products (chocolates, ice cream- the works), old fashioned candy and gifts. I always thought that there was something magical about that store as a kid. I would take a deep breath when I walked in, because it smells so amazing. Then I'd get my Blue Moon ice cream and sit with my brother at the tiny table and chairs that accompanies the normal-sized ones and feel content with the world. Ahh, memories.

TURN TO PAGE 17 TO CHECK OUT THE LATEST EDITION OF THE "TIRE FIRE,"

THE MONTHLY SATIRICAL SECTION OF THE TORCH



THINGS TO KNOW

As a new **Ferris State University** student, here are some things that you should know about campus, important people from Ferris, planned events and clubs and activities that are available to you.

Reduce your debt

Scholarships and grants are a great way to save money

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Scholarships and grants are a student's best friends when combatting high student debt from student loans offered by both the government and private lenders.

In 2014 the average student debt in Michigan was \$29,450 with Ferris coming in well above average at \$35,720. This mark ranks Ferris as the second highest of public universities in the state for the amount of debt a student leaves with after a four-year degree.

There are ways to get around this high debt, and scholarships and grants at Ferris have recently gotten a boost from a returned tax surplus paid by the state totaling \$18.6 million. The Ferris Board of Trustees voted to put the money toward scholarships and to grow the money to \$32 million by 2022.

"I'm taking advantage of many of the scholarships that Ferris offers, like the Pell Grant, Provost's scholarship, and the freshman residential life," said Ferris plastics engineering freshman Logan Kucharski. "I'm also receiving the Michigan competitive scholarship and financial aid from the tuition incentive program (TIP)."

Paid summer internships can be a good way to earn some experience and make some money to offset the cost of paying for internship credits. Kucharski said he's taking an internship this summer to help with his career and to make some money this summer.

"I've also met a fair bit of people who move off campus to one of the cheaper apartments or houses after their first year, because living off campus is seen as cheaper in the long run," said Kucharski.

Ferris secondary education freshman Mariah Gaither said she's also taking advantage of Michigan's TIP scholarship and Ferris State's Provost's scholarship.

"I've been fortunate enough not to take out any loans yet, so I'm definitely trying to avoid those all together by looking into different scholarships and ways to cut costs," said Gaither. "In general, I'm just trying to avoid taking out loans for at least my first two years to keep the student debt at a minimum for the most part."

Gaither said she's also looking into a meal plan and crunching the numbers as a way to keep costs down.

"I'm a TIP scholar; it's money for students from low-income families. I've had the advantage of being a TIP scholar for two years, which saved me a ton on finances. It helped me to pay for my apartment off campus and my schooling," said Ferris psychology and sports communication senior Alex Freeman. "I still get some of that TIP money, but it's a lot less now that I'm in phase two of the program."

Freeman said he's always been good with finances and hasn't been one to spend money unnecessarily.

"I had a teacher in high school who told me to save 10 percent of what I made," said Freeman. "And when I worked in high school, I saved 90 percent of what I made and spent 10 percent. I inverted that totally."

Education on what's available for tuition assistance would be great for many people coming into college, said Freeman.

"In our generation specifically, there's a lot of kids who are first generation college students," said Freeman. "My brother and I are the first generation to go to college. We didn't know anything, so there was a lot of trial and error. So, the more students can be taught about what's out there, the better off they'll be."

Ferris has a number of different scholarships offered for incoming freshman, and lots of other scholarships and grants that are program specific, or are based on a minority status or for military families.

"There are several tiers of scholarships, including Founder's, President's, Provost's, Dean's, Gold and Crimson," said Ferris financial aid advisor Krissy Workman. "The scholarships are automatically awarded based on students' high school grade point averages and their ACT or SAT score."

There are other requirements once students are attending Ferris to retain the scholarships, but they're straightforward and allow for continuation all the way through to a bachelor's degree.

"The scholarships offered from Ferris are eligible to be renewed for up to four years as long as they maintain the required GPA and remain enrolled every semester at least



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full time, which is 12 credit hours or more," said Workman.

Students should submit a FAFSA every year to determine eligibility for financial aid and grants according to Workman. Students who file may be eligible for grants and need-based scholarships.

Online resources provided online from the Ferris State Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid are "Scholarship Essay Writing Tips", and "Scholarship Search Links". Both of these resources can be found on Ferris State's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid's website.

The first steps of starting college

Instructors give advice for incoming freshman

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Summer is upon us and incoming freshmen will be leaving their homes and friends to start the rest of their lives learning to be professionals.

What you probably won't be told in so many words at Ferris State is covered below. There's plenty of ways to succeed in class, and also ways to get to know yourself better and enjoy your first year at college a bit more.

Get involved in the halls

Living in the residence halls, you're surrounded by people all the time so there's plenty of opportunities to make friends.

"The resident advisors (R.A.s) at Clark played a big role in getting us involved," said Ferris social work senior London Johnson. "They set us up with different programs, and they would tell us to come out to the lobby and do stuff and activities. We bonded as a hall, and we all got together to do stuff outside of the hall."

To have friends, be friendly

As the old saying goes, "No man is an island," and not just men but everyone.

Keep your door open and strike up conversations. You'll most likely be happier for it.

"Don't be afraid to be open as far as getting to know different people and branching out. Just be willing to step out there and get to know different people. That's how I met some of my best friends, people I know I'll be friends with for a lifetime," said Johnson.

Get involved in a fraternity/sorority or registered student organization (RSO)

There are hundreds of opportunities to get involved at Ferris State, whether it's a Greek organization or a special interest RSO. These are good opportunities to network, get involved as a leader on campus, meet new people and have fun during outings organized by the group.

"I joined the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, that's the social fraternity, and it got me out of my shell and talking to people," said Ferris respiratory therapy sophomore Stephen Gilmore. "When you're a freshman, you want to just meet new people, so there it was as easy as walking up to people and starting a conversation."

Plan your classes early

Planning is key, so make every effort to talk with your advisors and to keep a watch

for key sign-up dates during the semester.

"Sign up for your classes early to get a better schedule and good teachers," said Ferris pharmacy junior Taylor Page. "For this last semester, I used ratemyprofessor.com. It helped with picking good teachers who fit into my schedule."

Work/life balance

The saying from the Shining fits in right here, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Plan your work and plan your fun, too.

"Being able to balance work and play without anyone there, like a parent, controlling that balance is a key skill that is a very important part of the development of a college student," said Ferris professor of biology Bradley Isler.

Study right

Get to know your instructor's teaching style. Not all of them will give tests, and not all tests are created equal. If you don't study according to the material your instructor provides, you'll have a tough time.

"Another key item is incoming students need to begin to think beyond the 'memorize and regurgitate' on exams method of education," said Isler. Probably the toughest transition for incoming freshmen is

when they realize that simply memorizing information without any context to that information won't get the job done as they move forward in their college career."

Don't expect extra credit

Don't expect it. It rarely happens and most college instructors hate the idea of extra credit.

"Most students don't realize they can easily fail and not have any chance to get extra credit," said Ferris professor of English John Cullen.

Don't expect unlimited second chances

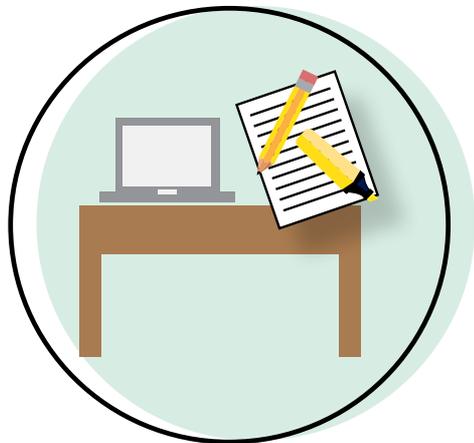
There might be re-writes available, or a chance to turn in a late assignment for full credit under special circumstances if your instructor is feeling merciful, but don't expect the favors to keep rolling in.

"Most students don't realize that while the teacher does want the student to do well, the teacher assumes the student is an adult and makes his own choices and then lives by them," said Cullen. "Freshmen shouldn't expect unlimited second chances or teachers who run around chasing them down to get assignments from them."

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A successfull night must always include some planning

Jordan Lodge | Production Manager



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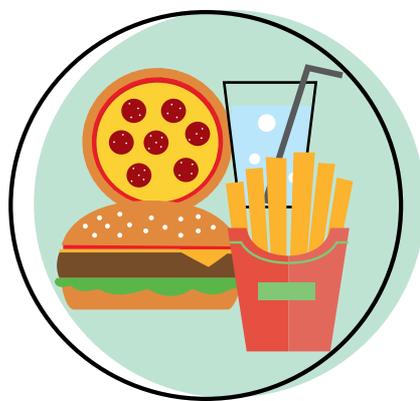
I know that you think you will get up in the morning to finish it but trust me, you won't. Set yourself up for success by completing all assignments before you walk out the door.

DO YOU HAVE AN EXAM?

Go out another night.

GET A DESIGNATED DRIVER

If you are choosing to drink then you absolutely need to make sure that someone you trust is willing to drive you. Either you go out with them or they come and pick you up. If you're choosing to get a taxi then set aside the money for it ahead of time.

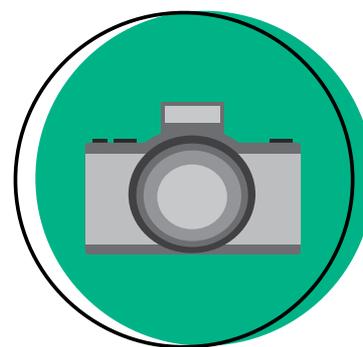


GET SOME FOOD

Drinking on an empty stomach may sound like a fun idea - but it's not. You will feel a whole lot better if you have some food in you. Grab a snack at home or go out for a cheap meal before you leave.

HAVE A GOOD TIME

A lot can happen on a night out. Try to make it a good night by letting yourself have fun. Push aside the stress of school, take pictures, laugh a lot and cherish the time that you spend with friends in college.



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A handy guide for all of your Ferris lingo needs

Megan Hiler | Torch Reporter

FAC (Friday After Class)

(Noun) - A weekly event that takes place at Star Shooter's Bar where drinks and beer pitchers are served at a discounted price. Complete with waffle fries and wings.

"Hey do you guys want to go to FAC today?"

NARP (Non-Athletic Regular Person)

(Noun) - Name given to people by athletes who do not play varsity sports at Ferris.

"Yeah I met this boy, he's a NARP."

Yellow Baggers

(Noun) - Students who are visiting Ferris and are participating in an on-campus tour. The name originates from the yellow bags they are given.

"I saw a ton of Yellow Baggers on my way to class today."

Ferris Fest

(Noun) - Now known as Music Takes Action, a magical Saturday in April in which students flood Oakwood to drink and make bad choices.

"Yeah, I got this sick tank-top to wear to Ferris Fest this year."

Torchies

(Noun) - People who work for the Torch newspaper. Can be writers, editors, photographers, production, etc. The best people you will ever meet.

"I met a Torchie the other day, she was so smart and funny."

Shoots Magoots

(Noun) - Another name for the most raychet, yet best bar in Big Rapids; Star Shooters.

"I saw him busting a move at Shoot's Magoots last weekend."

#Gerrytime

(Noun) - Term created by color commenter, Harrison Watt for Ferris hockey forward Gerald Mayhew. Used almost always as a hashtag when he scores.

"Mayhew scored in the third period, so I guess you could say it was #Gerrytime!"

Wing Night

(Noun) - Originated at Westview Campus Dining and now takes place at the Quad Cafe in the University Center. A night where chicken wings are made and inhaled by students in excessive amounts.

"Wing Night is my favorite night of the week."

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Ferris students prepare to study overseas

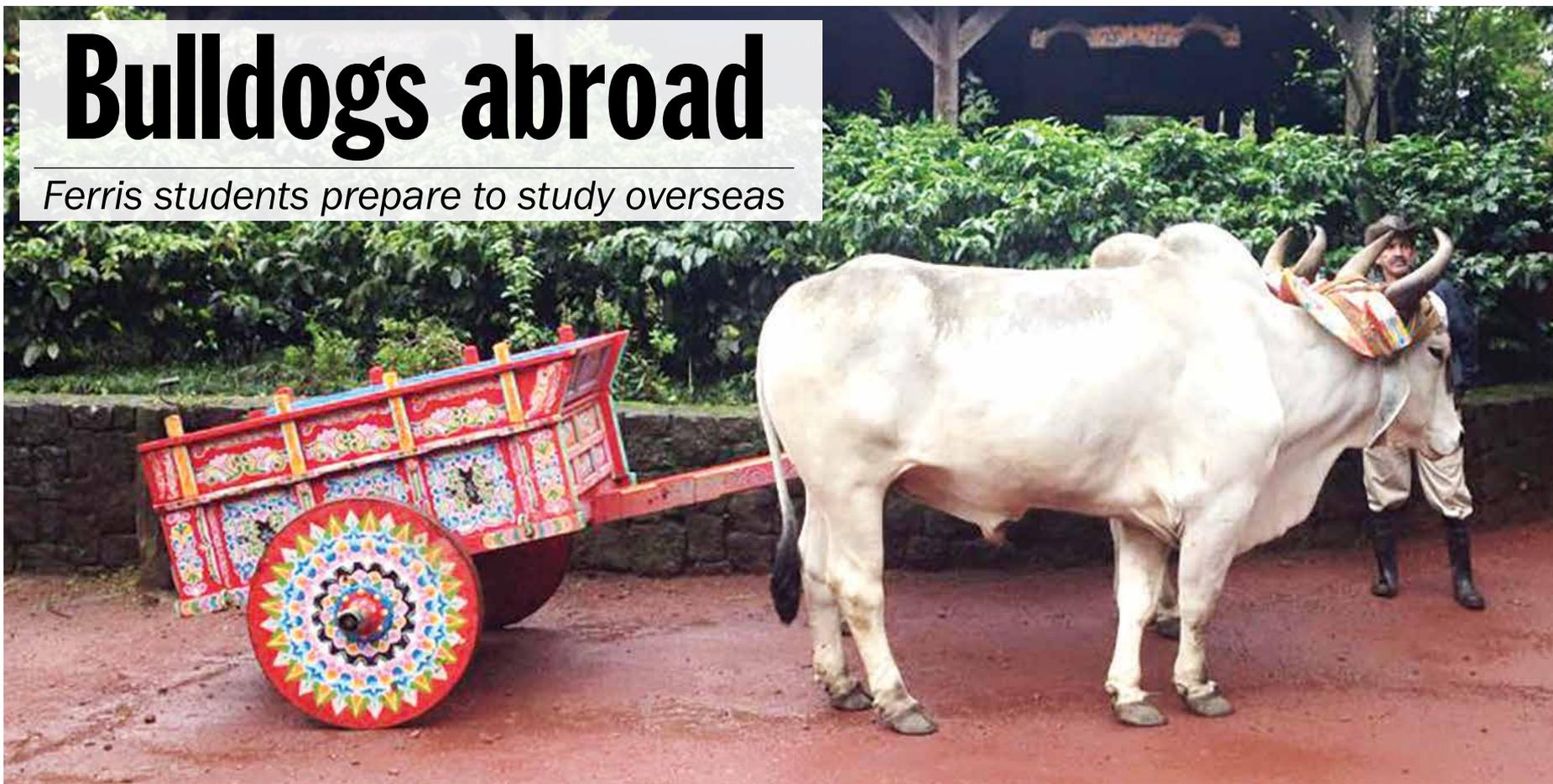


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Pictured above is a decorative oxen-drawn cart in Costa Rica used to transport coffee beans.

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

As summer approaches, most students at Ferris prepare to head home, but a select few look forward to exploring a new country.

This summer, Ferris is offering the opportunity for students to take classes in different countries such as Botswana, Canada, England, El Salvador, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, Russia and Costa Rica.

For many students this is their first trip abroad and it is easy to become overwhelmed with all the preparations needed for traveling to a foreign country.

"I had to renew my passport and I was worried that I wouldn't get it in time," said Ferris nursing sophomore CJ Farmer. "I wanted to expedite it through the mail but the ladies at the documents office told me not to. My passport came in two and a half weeks no problem."

Aside from passports and other forms of documentation, the cost of traveling and attending school in another country is yet another reason to feel overwhelmed.

"Something I had to consider before making my decision to study abroad is the cost. It is expensive, with the fact that I will be giving up part of my summer that I could have been working," said Rachel Hoekstra, a Ferris first year pharmacy school student.

But the stress goes beyond the formalities of the trip.

"I believe a student should be mentally and emotionally prepared for traveling to a foreign country on abroad trips and for extended amounts of time," said Ferris Spanish for the

professions senior Ben Davis. "Cultural shock from entering a new country can really send a student for a rollercoaster ride but it's how one learns."

Depending on the study abroad trip, living with a host family that speaks another language can also be something to consider on the seemingly never-ending list of challenges.

"Speaking confidently and conveying new ideas will prove to be a new challenge that will hopefully be the largest area of growth while on the trip," said Ferris biology and pre-med sophomore Erin Duma. "It's always a nerve-wracking mindset to do something that stems from so much preparation such as traveling to a different country."

Yet none of these concerns are stopping these students from going.

"I made the decision because it is a great opportunity and I may never have a chance to do this again," said Hoekstra. As Davis advised, "Just taking 10 minutes to reflect on what you might feel or how you perceive things and prepare yourself for these events will help immensely."

The list of preparations varies for each trip abroad, but it's not stopping a number of students from taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities that await them.

"The most worldly education one can ever receive does not necessarily reflect the amount of degrees granted, but the accumulation of thought and experiences who really make someone question who they are, where they come from, why they are the way they are, all in the attempt of trying to understand the complexities in the world and human condition—the only path to doing so, in my mind, is to travel internationally by going out into the world willingly and open-mindedly," said Ferris Spanish Professor Eric Warner .

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Ben Davis

Brooke Bennett

Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore



Where are you going?

"Rome, Capri, Florence and Venice."

Why are you going?

"It has always been a dream of mine to visit Italy so being able to get credits while there is a bonus!"

How long will you be abroad?

"Two weeks."

What are you looking forward to?

"I am very excited to visit the Colosseum in Rome and just the breathtaking views in general."

La'Shai Watson

Ferris respiratory care sophomore with a minor in French



Where are you going?

"I am going to Quebec this summer."

Why are you going?

"I am going to strengthen my ability to speak the language and also to get a better understanding of the French culture."

How long will you be abroad?

"The trip is for two weeks, July 14-28."

What are you looking forward to?

"I am mostly looking forward to making new connections and hopefully gaining the ability to speak French more fluently."

Being a townie

Pros and cons for a Big Rapids native



Jen Corrie
Torch Reporter

If you asked me four years ago where I wanted to go to college, I definitely wouldn't have told you Ferris State University. I grew up in Big Rapids, and I graduated from Big Rapids High with the same people I'd been in school with since kindergarten and lived in the same house for 20 years. I wanted out of this town at 17 years old.

However, the time came to decide on a university. I was accepted to all the schools I applied for and had my pick of the options. When push came to shove, I knew I'd save a boatload of money if I attended Ferris and lived with my parents while attending and accepted the scholarship that I was offered. So obviously, that's what I chose. I have to admit, after I've had a good two years here at Ferris, I'm glad I didn't choose another school.

My parents' home is actually pretty great. I'm the type of person who likes peace and quiet, so having my own room is pretty comforting. I never have had to deal with crazy roommates, tiny dorms or eating cafeteria food. And yes, The Rock is cafeteria food. I don't understand why other townies like to eat there.

I've never had to pay for room and board fees, I've never had to walk across campus from a dorm in a blizzard. If I'm hungry, I can just go to my fully stocked kitchen and whip up whatever my heart desires. Life is pretty good.

Living across town in my cozy house has had its downsides, too. I don't really feel like I've had the full college experience, since I haven't lived on campus. Sometimes I look around the room that I've had since childhood and have to remind myself that I'm actually an adult. I've also had my fair share of people who have looked down on me once they hear that I still live with my parents at 20 years old. Doing so was the smartest decision I could have made financially and finance specialist Dave Ramsey himself would applaud me for it.

Still, I really wouldn't trade living at home for the dorm experience. I'm currently thinking about renting an apartment, so I can fully feel like an adult. As for right now, I'm perfectly content being a townie Bulldog. Sure, it gets boring sometimes, but road trips and friends definitely remedy the boredom.

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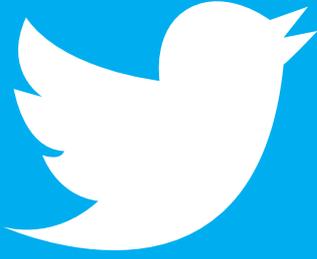
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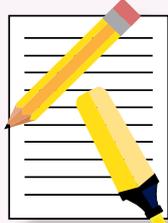
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Turn off your Netflix and sit down at your desk. Play some music or set an environment that relaxes you.



Grab your notebooks or folders, a few highlighters and a pencil.



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Tubing down the Muskegon River is a popular activity for Ferris students in the warmer months of the year. Many claim it to be something every student must do before graduating.

Tubing down the Muskegon River

Ferris students spend time participating in an old campus tradition

Travis Sacher

Torch Reporter

Tubing on the Muskegon River is one of the best summer activities for Ferris students who will stay in Big Rapids over the summer.

The river winds along the fringes of campus, flowing south from its northern end and usually has a constant current. Students tend to begin their run at Northend Riverside Park, which is the same location as Big Rapids' disc golf course.

"At the park there are fill up plugs to pump up tubes with air," according to Ferris Nuclear Medicine major Alexis Areeda, who will be spending her second summer living in Big Rapids. "Tie your tube to your friend's tube and set sail!"

Ferris healthcare administration graduate Mark Anders will be spending his third summer in Big Rapids this season.

"Once we blow up our tubes at Northend, we tube until we reach Highbanks Park, which is off of M-20 just past Arby's," Anders said.

Areeda and Anders mentioned that the sail could take between an hour and a half and two and a half hours, depending on the speed of the currents. This time estimate is with no breaks or stops during the journey, however.

The trip can be prolonged if tubers stop at some popular resting points along the

river to get some sun, jump off of trees or scale small cliffs.

Areeda and her friends, who frequently make these stops on their tubing outings, always make a stop at "Asshole Beach." At this location they get the "best sunburn" you could ever hope for.

Although this activity is a favorite of Anders, he noted that there is one negative that comes with tubing down the river.

"Only bad part is one of the bridges we float under has old concrete that is falling off that could be dangerous," said Anders. "There is also a huge piece of rebar sticking out of the water right before the bridge that may injure someone eventually. It already popped one of our tubes once."

Tubing is a great outdoor activity to do with friends on a hot summer day. All you need is one tube per person, a pick up car at Highbanks Park and a drop off car at Northend Park.

The ride is generally harmless as bumping into rocks normally doesn't hurt, especially if you are drinking, which Areeda made clear is commonly associated with tubing.

Grab yourself a tube and give this activity a try this summer if you have yet to do so already.

Have fun and look out for the rebar sticking out of the river!

The do's and don't's of tubing on the Muskegon River

Marshall Scheldt

Sports Editor

One of my favorite things to do in Big Rapids is float down the Muskegon River on a warm sunny day. There are things that make it fun and things that make it a drag, so I'll do my best to give a little advice on the do's and don'ts of tubing the Muskegon.

Do:

Buy a tube - renting is a great option, but if you plan on going more than once or twice all year then it is much more cost-effective to buy a tube. Plus, since you can deflate a tube it won't take up very much space at all.

Make a day out of it - Some of my greatest memories at Ferris happened while floating down the Muskegon and I found out the longer I spent on the river, the more fun I had.

Leave your valuables at home - Last year my friend's sister was visiting for the weekend so we all went out to tube the river and show her a good time. My friend thought it would be a good idea to hold onto his sister's car key for her since he had a pocket in his bathing suit. Well, there must have been a hole in his pocket because that key is currently at the bottom of the river.

Bring a floating cooler - Regardless of what beverage you'll be drinking on the river, it's important to keep them cool while you're baking in the heat.

Wear sunscreen - Skin cancer is a real thing whether you believe it or not. Tans are cool until you're dead.

Don't:

Litter - By some miracle, Big Rapids was blessed with a beautiful river running through it. Lets keep the river beautiful. Don't sink your cans and keep your trash in your cooler. Also, this translates to when you're not on the river too. Just be respectful to your surroundings.

Be an ass - Nobody likes people who act like idiots and try to start drunken fights on the river. Be respectful to the people around you. They're just trying to have a good time.

Get too drunk - It's fun to have a couple while floating down the river, but remember that people can drown in rivers, especially drunk people.

Go in without a plan - My buddies and I typically get into the river at Northend Park and leave a car or two at Highbanks Park to bring us back home. If you just grab a tube and hop in the river, you're most likely going to either get lost or have a tough time getting back to your destination.

Drink and drive - Never drink and drive. Ever. I know people like to have some drinks on the river, but if you plan on drinking then either have a sober driver or call a cab. A \$6 cab ride is much cheaper than ruining yours or another person's life because of a stupid choice.



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Townies emerge from hibernation after final student leaves campus for the summer

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Freshman student throws away unopened 36-pack of condoms after failing to bed even one female all year.

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Weathering the Storm



Ferris DPS official to be awared for waiting near parking meter to write ticket

Annabelle Lester
Fava Bean Farmer

On May 1, one Department of Public Safety worker and Ferris student performed the ultimate act of heroism: he stood by a parking meter for almost two full hours, waiting for it to expire.

"I just had a feeling," said criminal justice sophomore Gage Bradler. "I was walking up in my DPS uniform when the criminal-to-be was feeding the meter and I knew right then that I had a sure thing on my hands."

The student, Ferris forensic biology junior Sarah Michael, dis-

tinctly remembers putting three quarters in the machine before she went inside the University Center to meet a friend for lunch.

"I saw him walking up when I was going into the building, but I really didn't think anything of it," said Michael. "An hour and a half is plenty of time to grab some pasta and catch up with my old roommate."

Bradler stuck to his guns though, following his instincts.

"I almost lost my nerve when it started raining," he said. "But I couldn't take the chance of DPS losing out on \$10 because of my own weakness. I had to power

through."

Michael made a confession shortly after walking up to the car and collecting her ticket.

"I set an alarm on my phone so I would know how long I had on the meter," she said. "But when I came out to leave he had created some kind of makeshift tent out of his vest and was crouched near the curb in the rain. It was just such a pitiful sight, I waited a few extra minutes to let the poor guy write the ticket."

Bradler is in line to receive the Bruce Borkovich Medal of Honor come fall of 2016 for his perseverance.

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Eisler Says:

"Off with their heads!"



City of Big Rapids to adopt new slogan

Vote to be held next Tuesday

Jonny Partial
Incomplete Reporter

Cities across the United States commonly adopt official slogans. It is part of their identities. When we hear “the Windy City,” images of Chicago come to mind. “The Big Apple” inspires visions of New York. “The City of Brotherly Love” reminds us of San Francisco, though the correct answer is Philadelphia.

In an effort to improve the city’s appeal, the Big Rapids city commission will adopt a new town slogan following a vote next Tuesday. The city has previously used such monikers as “Come grow with us” and “Industry, recreation, education” on official documents and websites, both mottos having been borrowed from the West Michigan Marijuana Growers and Smokers Foundation. “Right now the city is facing what we call an image problem,” said Co-assistant vice mayor Gum Chumley. “New residents are arriving in Big Rapids only to learn the rapids really aren’t all that big. They’re moving out as fast

as they moved in.” Tuesday’s ballot is to feature the following three slogan ideas that were chosen by the city commission from a field of fifteen suggestions:
- Big Rapids: Home of three Subway restaurants
- Big Rapids: There’s [sic] a lot of dog statues
- Big Rapids: Nearly college kid-free for three months of the year

Once adopted, the new official city slogan will appear on city stationary, the city website and welcome signs entering the city. Replacing everything with the new motto should only cost taxpayers around \$8 million.

“My favorite is the Subway one,” said Chumley. “I really dig those sandwiches. Plus, I’m banking on free footlongs for life if that slogan wins, so it’s definitely got a good shot if you know what I mean.”

Other popular slogan ideas that didn’t gain enough support to make the ballot include “Big Rapids: Grander than those other rapids” and “Big Rapids: Jesus died here.”

Why are you reading?

Total weirdo reads the Torch even though they aren’t featured in it

Bill Bungalow
Tiger Hunter

In the age of social media and Buzzfeed, newspapers have been left behind in favor of smartphones by nearly all. Well, all except the total freaks on the fringes of society, that is.

Ferris business administration junior Morgan Krombowitz was spotted reading the latest issue of the Torch in the University Center on May 3, despite the fact that neither she, nor any of her friends were featured in any of the week’s stories.

“I used to like Morgan.

I thought she was a pretty fun person, which is why this behavior is so unlike her,” Krombowitz’s acquaintance and Ferris technical communications sophomore Dalton Holtby said. “I mean I could see reading a newspaper if you’re in it, but this is just crazy. Doesn’t she realize she’s in public?”

“The Torch? What’s that?” said Krombowitz’s roommate and Ferris plastics engineering senior Caroline Crawford of the weekly student newspaper published every Tuesday.

Krombowitz adamantly defended her actions in a

desperate attempt to rationalize her ludicrous behavior.

“I usually pick up the Torch at least once a week. I pretty much only read the weekly crime report then toss it in the trash, but it can usually hold my attention for at least a couple minutes,” Krombowitz said.

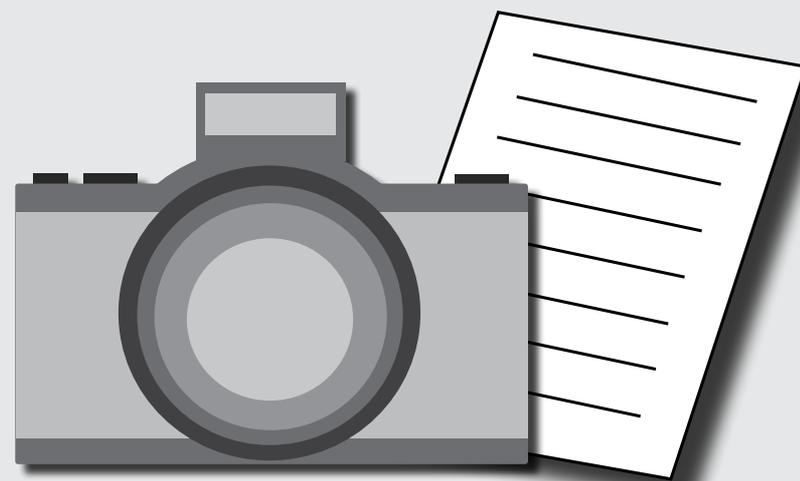
At press time, Krombowitz was seen chuckling at one of the Torch’s “On the Record” headlines before throwing away the whole issue in the wrong opening of the waste/recycling container near Starbucks.

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Taurus: April 20-May 20

Your dog ran away not because he is curious and adventurous, but because he doesn't like you.



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Don't even check your final exam grade. You know you failed.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

That thing doesn't look normal. You should definitely get it checked out by some kind of specialist.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

People say they'll keep in touch with you over the summer, but in reality you'll be lucky if they even remember your name next fall.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your next haircut is going to suck. Mainly because it will come as a result of a bizarre lawnmower accident.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

Uranus is aligning with your star system, which means a great week is in store for you! No wait, that's your mom's anus. It just means she's stripping again.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

You will an incurable, oozing rash through contact with this newspaper (or keyboard if you're reading electronically).



Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

Something big is right around the corner. Surprise! It's your first alimony payment. That's right, the baby is yours.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

The appearance of Jupiter in your system confirms that you totally peaked in high school, it's all downhill from here.



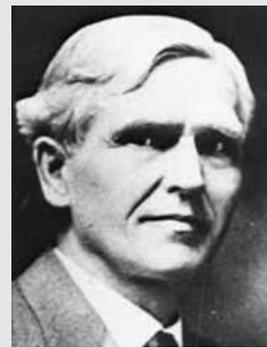
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- Undeclared Claire

Well, as the founder of this university, I should probably tell you a bunch of things that make Ferris great, but I like you kid, so I'm going to be honest.

Ferris is a great place if you like nearly being hit by a service vehicle on the way to class in the morning. Totally come here if you want to get a parking ticket every other day without knowing that you were doing anything wrong. Send in your housing deposit right this instant if you want to live in a dorm room that isn't air conditioned, was last furnished in the 80's, is made out of cinderblock and asbestos and has a bathroom door that you can't lock from the inside.

What else can I tell you... The Market's hours suck, you'll spend \$200 on a textbook that you'll never open, the health center will tell you that your sprained ankle is really syphilis, and you'll never be able to watch Netflix again because the WiFi blows.

Hope to see you in the fall.

- Woodbridge

"I'm among the few students staying on campus for the summer, and was just wondering what I could do to pass some time around Big Rapids. All of my friends left for home, and I've only got six credit hours, so my schedule is pretty much wide open. How can I keep from going insane out of sheer boredom?"

- Bored in B.R.

Donate your body to a cryogenics lab! This can result in two possible outcomes. Either you'll wake up in late August refreshed and ready for a new fall semester, or your frozen corpse will serve as a reminder to mankind that humans should not play God.

If that's not your speed, you could also pick up a job working within Ferris' expansive coal mines. The long, sweaty hours will occupy almost your entire day and have you swimsuit ready in no time! Plus chicks totally dig the element of constant danger that you'll be working in. There are plenty of openings since that explosion and collapse last w—err... recent renovations to the workspace have really spruced the place up!

- Woodbridge

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A shot at the NFL

Three Bulldogs eyeing NFL roster spots



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Three former Ferris State football players will be making the push this offseason to make it on an NFL roster.

Former Ferris quarterback and two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner Jason Vander Laan signed with the New York Jets as an undrafted free agent shortly after the 2016 NFL Draft. Vander Laan was a dominant force as a quarterback with the Bulldogs, but he is expected to change positions to tight end at the NFL level.

The 6-foot-4, 244 pound Frankfort, Ill. native set the record for the most career rushing yards by a quarterback at any division in his time at Ferris State.

If Vander Laan makes the roster, he could find himself across the line from former teammate Justin Zimmer, who signed with the Jets' AFC East rival Buffalo Bills shortly after Vander Laan signed.

Zimmer, a 6-foot-3, 302 pound defensive lineman from Greenville, Mich. gained the attention of scouts with his outstanding performance at an NFL Regional Combine in Houston, Texas followed by a great showing at the University of Michigan Pro Day.

After putting up unbelievable numbers, especially on the bench press, Zimmer confirmed that the stats from his senior season were no mistake. In his final season as a Bulldog, Zimmer recorded a team-high 83 tackles to go along with 13 sacks and 26 tackles for a loss.

The third Bulldog to sign with a team is

receiver Jacob Lampman. Lampman signed with the Baltimore Ravens and was invited to their rookie training camp.

Lampman led the Bulldogs with 52 catches for 731 yards in his senior season and finished sixth all-time in Ferris history with a career total of 2,201 receiving yards. He is a very versatile player and may be an even better blocker than a pass catcher.

Lampman tied the NFL receiver record with 27 bench reps during his regional combine workouts to prepare for the draft. The combination of his strengths caught the eyes of Ravens scouts, giving him the opportunity of making an NFL roster.

Wherever these players land, their play at Ferris State was immaculate and they will forever be remembered in the eyes of the Bulldog faithful, as well as in the record books.

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TOP 5 SPORTS MOMENTS OF THE YEAR



DREW CUSHINGBERRY

Cushingberry's buzzer-beater - In the first round of the GLIAC Tournament, the No. 6 seed Ferris State men's basketball team were trailing the No. 3 seed Findlay Oilers by one with 13 seconds left to play.

Ferris sophomore guard Drew Cushingberry took the game into his own hands, making his way along the sideline before cutting to the paint and making an off-balance floater from the free-throw line with 0.7 seconds left on the clock to give the Bulldogs a win. They would go on to win the GLIAC Tournament for the second straight year.

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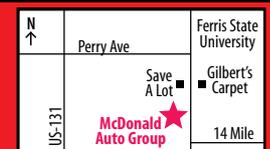
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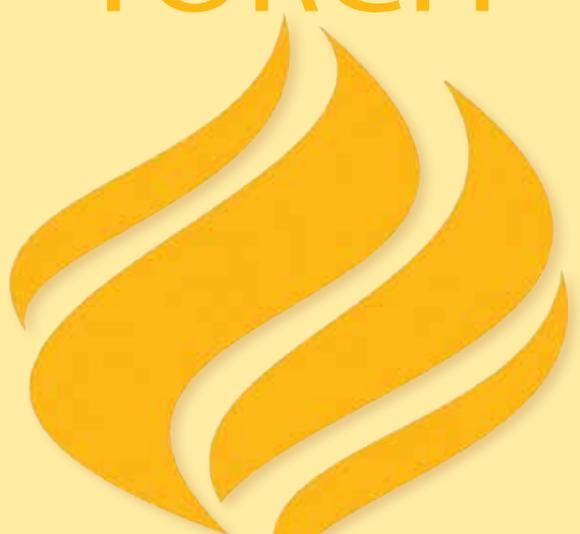
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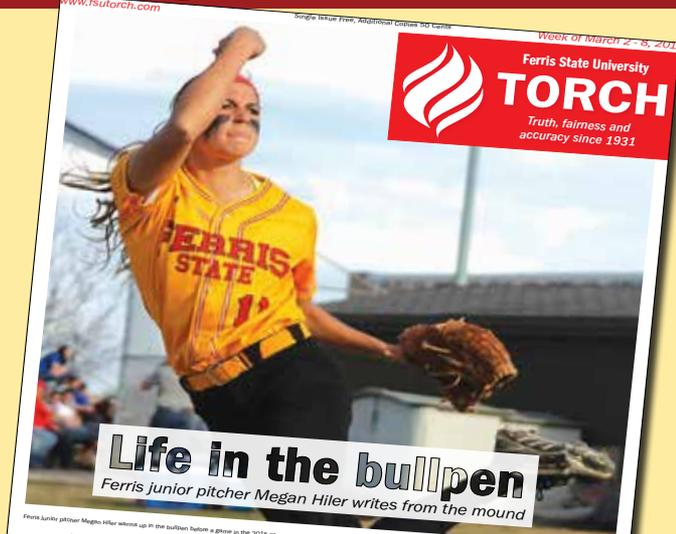
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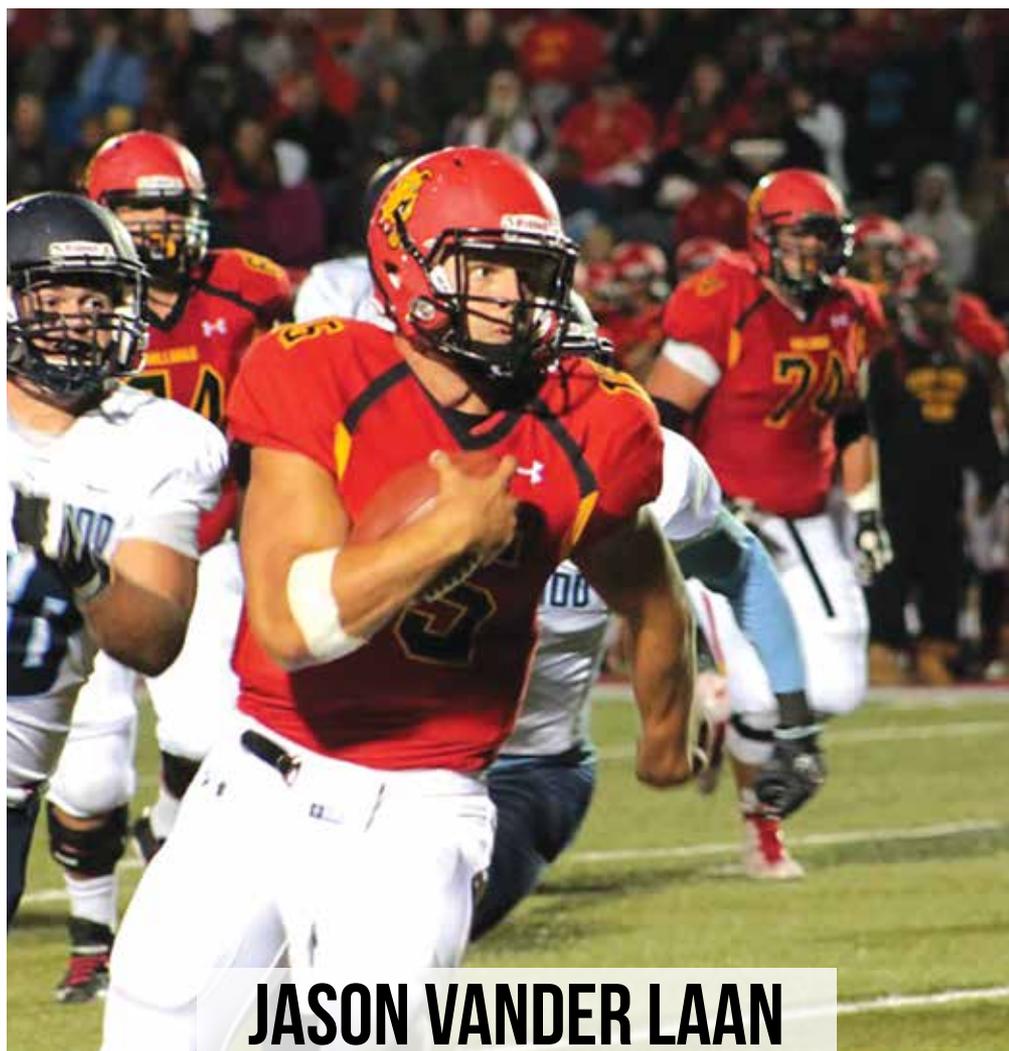
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GERALD MAYHEW

Mayhew's shootout goal- In a tight game against Minnesota State in the WCHA Tournament finals, the Bulldogs and the Mavericks were all locked up at 1-1 late in the second period. When a Minnesota State player covered the puck with his glove in the crease, Ferris State was awarded a penalty shot. Ferris head coach called junior forward Gerald Mayhew's number to take the shot.

Mayhew slowly skated toward Maverick goalie Cole Huggins, faked a shot and then snapped off a wrist-shot over Huggins' glove, giving the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead that they would hold until the final whistle, giving them a berth in the NCAA Tournament.



FSU VOLLEYBALL

GLIAC Tourney Sweep- This one is a few moments mixed together. After winning the GLIAC Tournament the season before, the Ferris State volleyball team came into the 2015 tournament with high expectations. They didn't disappoint.

The Bulldogs swept all three of their opponents without dropping a set on their way to their second straight GLIAC title.

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DANIIL TARANTINOV

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