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FSU junior guard Noah King averaged 18.4 minutes of play per game last season and his experience will be welcome on a team that graduated four seniors last year—three of which were top scorers on the team.

FIVE BOLD PREDICTIONS

Five things that might happen for Ferris State men's and women's basketball

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The basketball season is quickly approaching for both the Ferris State men's and women's basketball teams.

I have made five (very) bold predictions that could possibly occur during the 2016-2017 campaigns for both Bulldog basketball squads. Here they are.

Men's Basketball

1. The Bulldogs' three-peat in the conference tournament—Ferris State won the last two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament Titles, last year as the No. 6 seed in the tournament. I think this year, the Bulldogs will come into that tournament with a much higher seeding but end with the same result: a GLIAC Tournament Championship.

2. Drew Cushingberry wins GLIAC Player of the Year—Cushingberry was quiet against Xavier in a preseason exhibition, but his opponents won't be as top notch as the No. 7 ranked team in Div. 1. Cushingberry had a great GLIAC Tournament last year, and with the departure of Ferris State's top three

scorers, look for Cushingberry to step up big this season.

3. The Bulldogs average the most points per game in the GLIAC—Ferris State averaged 78.9 points per game last year, which was fourth in the conference but only 2.7 points back from Lake Superior State at No. 1. The Bulldogs were 13th in shooting percentage though, so if they can bump up that percentage they'll score a lot more considering they attempted 76 more field goals than any other team in the conference last season.

4. Ferris makes it to the Sweet Sixteen, at least—Ferris' run to the Sweet Sixteen in the Div. 2 tournament was impressive last year. I think they will make it to the tournament and at least make it to the Sweet Sixteen. Don't be surprised if the team gets hot late like they did last season and makes an even deeper run into the tournament.

5. Ferris leads the GLIAC in rebounds—I guess this isn't THAT bold considering the Bulldogs were the top rebounding team in the GLIAC last year. But isn't it hard to do that stuff twice in a row? The Dawgs did lose their top-three rebounders to graduation, but they have some height with 6-foot-10 sophomore Zach Hankins and three other

players at 6-foot-7 or taller, which could result in the Bulldogs being fierce on the glass.

Women's Basketball

1. Over .500—Predicting that a basketball team goes over .500 isn't typically considered a "bold prediction," but with the Bulldogs finishing last season with a 5-23 record while being predicted to be 7th out of eight teams in the GLIAC North preseason coaches poll, it is pretty bold.

2. The Bulldogs make the GLIAC Tournament—Ferris State was 5-17 in the GLIAC last year, which was second to last in the conference. They were seven conference wins away from making the tournament, but this is a new year with new players. It could happen.

3. Rachel McInerney leads GLIAC in points—Rachel McInerney was a steady source of very good play for the Bulldogs last year. With the departure of Alexis Huntley to graduation, I think McInerney will take on an even bigger role and average close to 20 points a game. The junior is no stranger to taking charge on the offensive end and I think she will do the same this year, with even better results.

4. Ally Christman makes at least 55 three

balls—After watching Christman in a three-point shootout during a charity game last year, one thing is apparent, she can shoot from behind the arc just about as good as anyone I've seen. She went 4-of-9 from deep in Ferris' exhibition game against Bowling Green. If she's shooting nine three-pointers a game, I think she can average just over two three-point field goals a game this year regardless of how many she shoots.

5. Bulldogs have two All-GLIAC players by years end—Last year Rachel McInerney was Ferris State's only All-GLIAC player but this year I think the Dawgs will add one more player to that list and I think it will be Ally Christman.

We'll have to wait an entire season to see how these pan out but we'll get a first look at both teams this upcoming week.

Ferris men's basketball will take on Missouri, St. Louis in the GLIAC/GLVC Classic 8:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in St. Louis and against Quincy the following day at 6 p.m.

Ferris women's basketball will take on Bellarmine (Kentucky) 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Wink Arena in Big Rapids to begin the Bulldog Classic.

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Bowling away

The Gate to leave Perry Street location

Andrea Lenhart
Torch Reporter

The Gate announced that on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, they will be closing their doors and moving back to their original location.

The original location is on the east side of town next to Arby's.

According to manager AJ Lytle they have been at this location on Perry Street for nine years.

"Due to setbacks we needed to sell, and instead of taking the bowling alley out of Big Rapids, we are just going to move it," Lytle said.

According to owner Mike Blackmer via a Facebook post, the new location will be a 12-lane house.

"It will mostly be a bowling alley, with a small bar, and mainly focused on bowlers

and families," Lytle said. "Unfortunately, we will no longer do Beer Pong tournaments on Tuesday nights."

Ferris music industry management junior and frequent Gate patron Cat Lawler is bummed about the relocation.

"I use to go every Tuesday because they had the best deals, and I really like the feeling of the current location," Lawler said. "I think that more students will congregate at Shooters now or just other houses."

According to Lytle, The Gate is excited about the move.

"It will be a great experience," Lytle said. "There will be less stress with a smaller building, and it'll have a great atmosphere and be more family oriented."

The Gate is hoping to reopen the first two weeks of February and is looking forward to the future of bowling in Big Rapids.



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Election Day

Several precincts in close proximity to Ferris State's campus were open to voters from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The *Torch* is sent to print on Tuesday morning, so any election coverage lacking in print can be found online at fsutorch.com.

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Peeping Tom

A roundup of this week's crime at Ferris State University

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Not playing nice

Oct. 26, 9 a.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint regarding one student feeling antagonized by another student. The situation was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Roomie squabble

Oct. 26, 6:20 p.m., officers responded to a report of a civil dispute between roommates in Cramer Hall. The parties were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Failure to yield

Oct. 26, 8:25 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident near Knollview Drive. One individual was ticketed for failure to yield.

No money, mo' probelms

Oct. 26, 8:45 p.m., officers responded to a larceny complaint in McNerney Hall where money had been taken from a room. The investigation is currently ongoing.

Incredibly improper

Oct. 27, 1:30 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for improper plates. The driver was ticketed.

Stripped

Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a vehicle damage complaint in Lot 50 where the molding on a car had been removed and taken.

Sudden impact

Oct. 27, 1:45 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident in Lot 37.

Shh!

Oct. 28, 12:40 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint on Finch Court. The party was contacted and asked to quiet down.

Running away

Oct. 28, 8 a.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run accident in Lot 40.

Sudden impact 2

Oct. 28, 4:20 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident on North Campus Drive near the Timme Center.

Not my Nintendo

Oct. 28, 9:25 p.m., a report was filed regarding a Nintendo gaming system stolen from the lobby of Cramer Hall.

and lodged in jail for carrying a concealed weapon. The passenger was additionally found to have an outstanding warrant in another county.

Seriously pissed

Oct. 30, 4 p.m., officers responded to a report of malicious destruction of property in the West Campus Apartments. There was a verbal dispute resulting in damage to a vehicle in the parking lot. A warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Peeping Tom

CARTOON SPECIAL

Oct. 31, 2:50 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in the lower level of FLITE Library. The suspect was observed attempting to take photographs under the wall of the bathroom stall in a gender neutral bathroom. The investigation is ongoing.

Swervin'

Oct. 31, 9:30 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Ferris Drive for driving erratically. Driver was found to be intoxicated and was placed under arrest and lodged for OWI.

Blazing in Bond

Nov. 1, 11:20 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Bond Hall. One student was identified and ticketed for possession.

Kicking the can

Nov. 2, 1 a.m. officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in Bond Hall. The individual was upset and kicked a trash can in anger. They were removed from the residence hall for five days.

A series of unfortunate events

The Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 394 tickets between the dates of Oct. 26, and Nov. 2, totaling \$6,230.

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I, umm, forgot my wallet...

Oct. 28, 9:30 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Ferris Drive near Bond Hall for not having their headlights on. The driver was then ticketed for driving without a license.

Drunk and wandering

Oct. 29, 2:10 a.m., officers investigated a report of a suspicious person near the Rock Café. The suspect was located and found to be an intoxicated female in need of medical attention. She was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

A series of unfortunate events

Oct. 29, 10:15 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Ferris Drive for defective equipment. The driver was arrested

NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Veteran's Breakfast

The President's Office will be hosting their annual Veterans Day breakfast in UC 203 this week. This is an opportunity to give back to the men and women that have served in the U.S. military. The breakfast will take place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11.

Fall concerts

The campus will be alive with the sound of music this week. Starting Thursday, Nov. 10, with the Ferris Symphony Band, continuing Friday, Nov. 11, with the Ferris Jazz Band and concluding Sunday, Nov. 13, with Ferris' West Central Concert Band who will be playing a show in honor of Veteran's Day. The Symphony Band and Jazz Band concerts will start at 8 p.m. and the Veterans Day show will start at 4 p.m. All concerts are being hosted in William's Auditorium.

Dobby's socks

It's common knowledge that house elves can only be freed with a donation of clothing. This week, students have the opportunity to help free all of the house elves by donating \$1 or a new pair of socks in the lobby of the CLACS office. The office is located on the bottom floor of the UC next to the staircase. All donations will go to Our Brother's Keeper Homeless Shelter.

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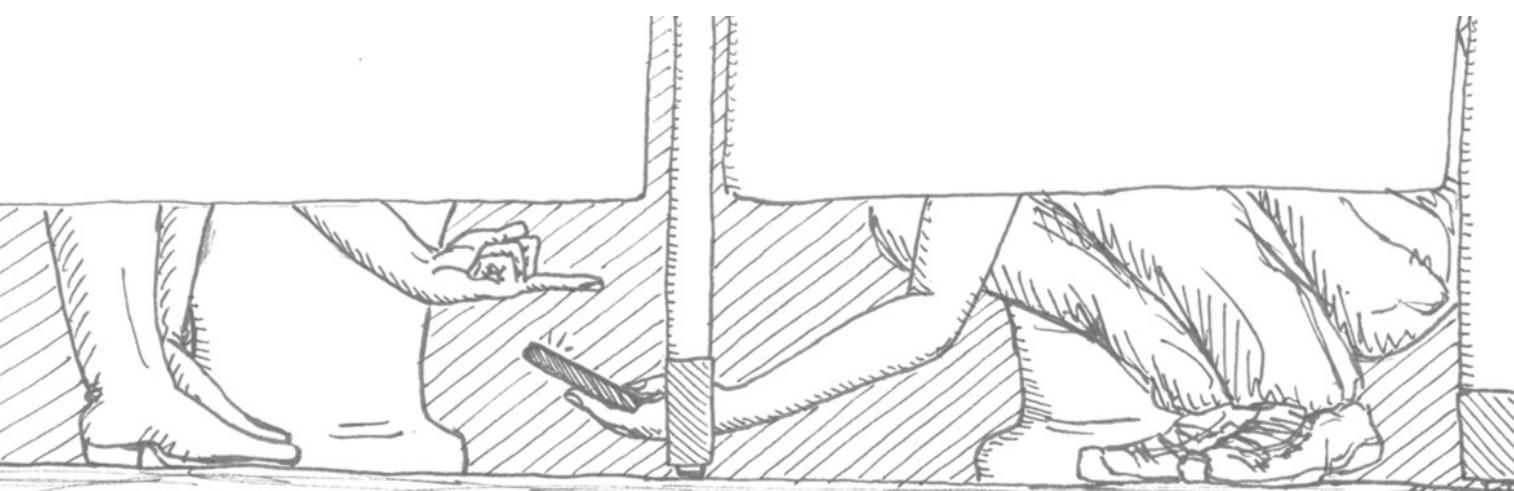
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Marketers get busy

Nine schools attend the AMA Ferris Regional Conference

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

In today's society, it's not what you know, it's who you know—a concept that the students of the American Marketing Association (AMA) are very familiar with.

"So this is our opportunity to have some corporate employers that are on behalf of AMA to come speak to students not only from Ferris but from all over the coun-

try," said Ferris business administration junior and AMA Vice President of finances Jacob Cook. "That's their opportunity to kind of get to know some employers and talk with them and potentially score an internship with them."

The Ferris AMA hosted the regional conference free to all students Thursday, Nov. 3, and Friday, Nov. 4. The regional conference included seven speakers from com-

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panies such as Facebook, Chevy Racing and The Hershey Company. Strategic competitions, a mixer and an award ceremony free for any Ferris student to attend.

"You can learn a lot from these things. You know these speakers have plenty of experience and hearing them and what they've gone through really gives you a different perspective on going into a career or major," said Ferris marketing sophomore Zach Ineson.

The conference hosted 48 students from nine different schools including out-of-state schools such as the University of Wisconsin. The second speaker, Rita Proctor from Facebook, attracted 90 attendees alone.

"Some of our speakers are actually from Ferris so it shows that we are getting jobs after leaving here and they teach good lessons," said Ferris marketing junior Miranda Morearty. "In networking you need to know people. You can't just sit back, go to your classes and get your degree. You need to talk to people, meet people that are out in the workforce and everything."

Students were also able to register to compete in a Marketing Strategy Competition judged by Ferris professors.

"They give us a case about a business that has a product and we have 20 minutes, our team of two, to discuss product place, motion and people," Morearty said. "So we work together to describe that to a judge."

The Ferris AMA did most of their own fundraising to fund this event, although they did apply for funding through student government.

"A lot of what we do in the American Marketing Association is just preparing you for future careers and get you ready for the future," Cook said.



Miranda Morearty



Quicken Loans representative Demetrius Wallace talks to Ferris advertising junior Drake Buurstra at a mixer for Ferris' AMA Regional Conference.



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Ed Walter gave a presentation at the Friday conference, speaking on behalf of his employer, Aflac.



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Stephanie Mellinger of Northwestern Mutual was present at the mixer, laughing and interacting with Ferris business students.



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Ferris accounting senior Reed Pifer and dental hygiene sophomore Tori Berry headed down to the Windy City to celebrate the Cub's World Series victory.

Bulldogs who love the Cubs

What the Cubs winning the World Series means to students

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

Last week, many Ferris students traded in their traditional crimson and gold clothing and broke out the blue shirts and the pinstriped uniform tops.

The Chicago Cubs won their first World Series title since 1908, breaking an infamous curse and causing celebration everywhere, including Big Rapids.

"It literally meant the world to me," said Ferris psychology junior Allyson Pascarella. "I've been a fan all my life and went to plenty of games over the years that it was awesome to be able to witness them win the World Series in my lifetime."

Pascarella, who watched the game here in Big Rapids, added, "I watched the entire game at Buffalo Wild Wings, but made it home just in time to watch extra innings because of the rain delay. So when they won, I turned up the volume of the TV [and] jumped around in my living room hoping I didn't wake some of my roommates up."

Some students even took their celebrations from campus to Chicago for the World Series Parade to rejoice with millions of other Cubs fans.

Ferris professional golf management senior Quinn Campbell went to the parade not only for

himself but for his late grandmother, too.

"For them to win was pretty much the icing on the cake," Campbell said. "I was cheering for two people. My great grandmother was a die hard fan all her life and the one who got me into the fan base more than anything else. She knew every player and their stats."

According to Campbell, his grandmother knew the Cubs would be back in the World Series after losing to the New York Mets in 2015, but passed away before she could see this year's title.

"She passed away last December believing that and I thought it was just the typical positive attitude of a Cubs fan. I didn't realize the severity of her statement until game six against the Dodgers. The entire celebration, parade and being down here for it all was for her. Not me," Campbell added. "I inherited her old Cubs bucket hat and haven't taken it off the entire playoffs. It was with me in Chicago as I stood next to Wrigley."

Ferris accounting senior Reed Pifer and his girlfriend, Ferris dental hygiene sophomore Tori Berry were also in attendance of the parade.

"It's been 108 years, so I had tears in my eyes when it actually happened. I've been a Cubbies fan since I was born so this parade and them winning it all was a dream that I couldn't even have imagined," Pifer said.

El Dia de los Muertos

Students celebrate Hispanic traditions

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

While many students got wrapped up in Halloween festivities, others were excited to participate in the Mexican holiday that honors those who have passed.

Ferris' Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS), Hispanic Student Organization (HSO), Center of Latin@ Studies (CLS) and the Spanish club co-sponsored el Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) at the West Campus Community Center 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

"This holiday is important because it helps people to remember those they've lost in the past and it brings them together in their suffering and allows them to bond," said

Ferris education senior Trevor Crampton.

Although most commonly celebrated in Mexico, the holiday is also celebrated in Guatemala and Honduras. However, it is not celebrated in other Hispanic countries, according to Professor Ana Davila-Howard.

"Instead of wearing costumes like here on Halloween, they paint their faces white like skulls," Davila-Howard said.

"Women can dress in pretty clothes but their faces as calaveras, as skulls."

Students who attended the event were able to eat authentic food, drink hot chocolate, create paper flowers, color, construct papeles picados and even practice their Spanish speaking skills with the Spanish professors.

"I like the crafts, the crafts are always fun," said Ferris English junior Shelby Klump. "It's just good meeting all the people that may not be in your section of Spanish or in your class or what-not. You're all together for one event, so it's nice, you get to kind of connect and meet."

Many students attended the event for extra credit or as

a class requirement, however many also found great enjoyment in the event and non-Spanish students were welcome to attend.

"I like seeing people come together and participate in something that broadens our horizons," Crampton said.

El Día de los Muertos always begins Nov. 1, and ends on Nov. 2. Authentic celebrations of el Día de los Muertos involve building altars dedicated to their deceased relatives and visiting their graves with the deceased favorite foods, toys and clothing according to Davila-Howard.

"They're very respectful of their ancestors and so it's kind of a way to honor those who died and have a moment to remember them all," Klump said.

Despite the remorseful connotations that typically come with remembering the deceased, el Día de los Muertos is a joyous celebration that can be considered a party to celebrate and appreciate the lives of those who have passed away.



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Reviewing the Rock and Quad on campus



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Bulldogs for Veterans

Students reflect on military experience as holiday approaches

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Adrianna Walker
Torch Reporter

More than one million American veterans now find themselves in college classrooms after completing their service and that number is growing.

Ferris welding engineering technology junior Joel Lloyd is one of those veterans who chose to become a student after serving the country. Lloyd decided to join the Marine Corps in 2011 mainly because of his family's military history.

"A lot of my family was in the military. I have a cousin in the Marine Corps, two uncles in the army and four cousins in the army, so I wanted to join at least one branch of the service," Lloyd said.

Originally from West Michigan, Lloyd's military journey began with basic training in San Diego before he left for Missouri to train as a chemical dispense specialist. Lloyd's next stop was overseas in Okinawa, Japan, where he spent two years on duty.

"I basically trained marines to protect themselves in a hazmat situation and

chemical attacks," Lloyd said. "One of the things that I loved the most about the Marine Corps was that it allowed me to travel. I was in Okinawa, I went to Cambodia, Korea and Australia on different operations. Each place we went they always gave us time to go out and enjoy the country for a little bit."

After finishing his final year in the Corps back in California, Lloyd returned to Michigan for the 2014 fall semester at Ferris, where he had a relatively easy time adjusting back to civilian and student life.

In total, he served three and half years in the Marine Corps.

"Ferris has been really good to me. They have special scholarships for me and they're really good with my G.I. Bill. My G.I. Bill pays for all my tuition and pays for my rent and bills I have," Lloyd said.

Lloyd has found himself a home and friends in the welding engineering technology program, including another Marine veteran who he can talk to about his service. Like many veterans, he also remains close to his friends he served and worked with, visiting them when possible.

Reflecting back on his service, Lloyd doesn't quite rule out rejoining the military.

"I always see it as an option if I need to. I always feel like I could go back because I enjoyed it, but I'm looking more into finding my own career path in welding engineering," Lloyd said.


Jason Springvloed
Ferris human resources management junior Jason Springvloed is a student veteran who served in the Navy in Africa. Springvloed's main job was administration but he was also trained with the Seabees (members of the U.S. Naval Construction Forces) in expeditionary combat, building facilities and infrastructure.

"So, I did build numerous things: roads; buildings; what we call 'beehives,' which are mobile homes we build for ourselves, the main doors open with a piece of string and a Gatorade bottle with cement in it or rocks; schools; we also did a little humanitarian work with them. It was basically all in

Africa," Springvloed explained.

"The main base was in Djibouti. It's in East Africa, right there on the horn. We went to Somalia and built some roads and drilled wells. We drilled a lot of wells to give them clean drinking water. After that, we went to Ethiopia and did the same thing and we built roads there."

Still in the Navy and now a student, Springvloed has a different perspective on Veterans Day and its meaning than before he joined the military. The U.S. celebrates the national holiday on Nov. 11 each year in honor of all military veterans who served in the Armed Forces.

"Veterans Day is different than Memorial Day. During Memorial Day, you remember; Veterans Day, you give thanks," Springvloed said. "I'm definitely more thankful on Veterans Day, especially going away for so long, and going through all of the shit I had to go through. I definitely appreciate it more. Being a student now, it means more because others are worrying about paying tuition, where my tuition is covered."



Photo courtesy of Joel Lloyd

Joel Lloyd (right) and a fellow Marine during training. Lloyd is now a student in the welding engineering technology program.

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Fall musical variety

Ferris State University hosts symphonic concert series

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Lifestyles Editor

Ferris State University has a rich and diversely talented musical population, and the upcoming fall concert series will draw upon the talent of Ferris students, high school students and community members.

The first fall concert starts at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Williams Auditorium and the concert is free to attend. The music comes from an eclectic mix of sources and genres.

The music performed by the FSU Symphony Band includes titles such as "The Little Mermaid" by Alan Menken, "Americans We" by Henry Fillmore, "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" by Johannes Sebastian Bach, "Air for the Band" by Frank Erickson, "Emperata Overture" by Claude T. Smith and a fun piece called "Rollo Takes a Walk" by David

Maslanka.

"There should be a little something to appeal to everyone in all of the little styles we're playing," said Richard Scott Cohen, director of instrumental concert ensembles.

Veterans Day will also be celebrated by the FSU West Central Concert Band. The 14th Annual Veterans Day Concert will start at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, in the Williams Auditorium. This concert is free to attend as well.

"The whole concert is designed to honor our veterans, and their families and supporters," Cohen said. "It's not a concert that celebrates war, but it is a concert that celebrates people who have chosen to serve our country."

The music selected for this concert are war and battle tunes from different wars fought by the United States. The titles include memorializing Korean War veterans with variations of Korean folk tunes, World War II veterans with "Lest We Forget" and a marching tune, World War I with "A Cohan Salute" by George Cohan, a tribute to those who have fallen including the piece "Five" by Kenyon Wilson commemorating those who died at the base shooting in Chattanooga and patriotic songs such as the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Proudly We Hail."

"The musical selections we pick can either be in memory of one of those war periods," Cohen said. "Sometimes it's a piece of music that celebrates one of the branches of the service. We have one piece that celebrates all of the

branches of service, called the 'Armed Forces Salute' and it has all of the anthems of the armed forces. We ask the veterans and their family members to stand up and be recognized when they hear their anthem being played."

Included in the ceremonies during the concert will be the Ferris State University Student Veterans Association, the Big Rapids American Legion Post No. 98 Honor Guard, Ferris' own Donna Smith as the announcer and several others from the Ferris and Big Rapids community.

Also, the FSU Jazz Band is playing their fall concert, starting at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the Williams Auditorium. Admission to this concert is free, as well.

"We'll be doing some traditional jazz, going back to the 1950s for the Count Basie Orchestra," said Matt Moresi, director of the FSU Jazz Band. "One of the titles we'll be playing is 'Flight of the Foo Birds,' that's directly from his 'Atomic Basie' album."

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Nov. 10 - Ferris Symphony Band at 8p.m.

Nov. 11 - Ferris Jazz Band at 8p.m.

Nov. 13 - Ferris West Central Band at 4p.m.

All events will take place at Williams Auditorium

National homeless and hunger awareness week

Local organizations prepare to help those in need

Alexandra Bourne
Torch Reporter

Each year, the week before Thanksgiving is known as National Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week. This year, the week falls on Saturday, Nov. 12, and lasts until Sunday, Nov. 20.

"It is an opportunity to bring awareness to those that still are unaware or choose to look the other way," said Wanda Eldred, shelter manager of Our Brother's Keeper homeless shelter in Big Rapids. "That homelessness and hunger does exist in our own neighborhoods, it is real. There are still many people surprised that there is a homeless shelter in Big Rapids."

Our Brother's Keeper provides a place for the homeless to stay during winter.

"Our hope is to put an end to the myth that all homeless are lazy, drug addicts, alcoholics, etc.," Eldred said. "We could all be one paycheck away from being on the streets."

Also operating out of Big Rapids is Project Starburst, a non-profit organization sponsored by the United Way that provides food, household and sanitary supplies and other related items to residents of Mecosta and Osceola counties who are in temporary need of assistance.

"It brings into focus, especially in a small community, that people are out there," said Diane Long, executive director of Project Starburst. "People don't realize it. They're astounded by the number of families that come through here in a month. They're more hidden in our community. It helps us to know that they're there, that we all aren't

doing that well."

Project Starburst feeds approximately 300 families per month, according to Long. In the past year, they have served 11,875 individuals; 4,520 of those individuals were under the age of 18.

Unlike many other agencies, Project Starburst allows its clients to also be volunteers with the organization.

"It's one of the ways that my clients feel they can help give back, by helping prepare food orders for others," Long said.

Most fundraisers for Project Starburst are organized by volunteers who want to give back and raise awareness. As a part of the United Way, at least one-third of Project Starburst's income comes from the United Way.

According to Long, they are currently talking to Ferris restaurant management

students to arrange a larger fundraiser for next year. Last month, Ferris students helped unload the 8,000 pounds of food delivered to the organization.

Our Brother's Keeper will hold its Surviving the Night fundraiser at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the pocket park in downtown Big Rapids.

Walk-ins for Project Starburst are accepted from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Offices are located in the basement of the United Church. Call (231) 796-5342 and ask for Renesha Enge to volunteer.

To volunteer with Our Brother's Keeper or hold fundraisers, students can contact the shelter at (231) 629-8033.

DINING

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Travis Sacher

Opinions Editor

Ferris State has two all-you-can-eat buffet style cafeterias on campus, The Rock Café adjacent to the south quad and The Quad Café in the University Center.

If you are on campus and want to use your unlimited food plan or subtract one swipe from your pool of food passes, which café do you choose?

Although very similar in form, the two cafés do have several differences.

The Rock is the older of the two establishments. The current Rock building has been on campus for eight years and the building is not its first. The Quad opened in the fall of 2014, during the grand opening of the new University Center.

The Rock is open to students 7 a.m. to midnight seven days of the week, besides holidays. The Quad is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and only 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

Ferris criminal Justice senior Lance Faulk, a dining room attendant at the Rock has been on staff for four years and would like to see some changes to its menu.

"Do something different, I mean, it's been basically the same food since I've gotten here," Faulk said.

Faulk also added that he thinks the omelet station should be open late at night.

The Quad, while newer, has different food stations to offer compared to the Rock.

Ferris information security and intelligence junior Brandon Swanson said: "The Quad is more diverse than the Rock. You can get a variety of Mexican and Chinese food options everyday, and now ramen noodle bowls at Pastabilities."

While the UC does have those stations, the Rock offers Mongolian style stir-fry where any dish of food can be made and a Wok Station.

One station at the Rock that is unmatched at the Quad is the Specialty Sandwiches and Entrée Salad station in the center island.

Ferris graphic media manager senior Ariel Leaym and student manager at the Rock said: "I like the island station during lunch. They have this sandwich that has apple butter, spinach, turkey and Muenster cheese and it is really good."

While discussing which café has better pasta, Ferris music industry management senior Emily Seng chose the Quad.

"Pasta UC. They always have ravioli, and I love ravioli!" Seng said.

One specialty of the UC though is Thursday's wing night, which used to be served at the Westside Café before it was closed due to the opening of the Quad.

"I love going to wing night," Swanson said. "It's a weekly tradition to go to wing night and get stuffed on wings. I will say though, the Buffalo wings sometimes served at the Rock beat wing night. The chicken comes right off of the bone."

The busiest time of the week for both facilities is lunch on weekdays.

"The rock probably comes close to filling up during lunch time," Leaym said.

The Quad is packed during lunchtime. Last week, after the 11:50 a.m. classes were let out, there was a line down to the staircase just to get in.

Seng agreed that the Quad is tough to find good seating during lunch hour.

"I feel like it's always so packed and there are sometimes where there is no chance at finding a spot," Seng said. "At the Rock, it's always possible to find a place, especially now since the Quad is open."

Seng also stated that service was great at both facilities.

"I generally don't have to wait for my food," Seng said. "Maybe during lunch at stations where meals are heated up it takes longer but never an issue."

And the biggest question of all, which café has the better burger?

According to Swanson, the Rock and Quad burger taste mostly the same.

"I think the UC has regular burgers more frequently but sometimes I get a burger from the Rock and it's delicious. I don't really have a preference," Swanson said.

The verdict: The Quad may have great food stations but the Rock is also open more regularly and offers a waffle maker.



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TORCH CONFESSIONS

Torch staff members write about a slightly embarrassing aspect of his or her life because hey, we all have those.

"I simply can't wait to be a sloth on the couch."



Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

I can't wait for Christmas break to come for one reason, and that reason is to sit around and do absolutely nothing.

When it comes down to it, I probably won't even shower most days. I'll get dressed in my pajamas, sit on the couch with some chicken casserole in the crock pot and watch Star Wars.

Speaking of Star Wars, going to see "Rogue One" might be one of the few times I'll attempt to do to be a functioning human. I'll shave, shower, spritz some cologne on and get dressed to go outside. I'll drive to Grand Rapids because that will be the best place to see the show.

My attitude of wanting to hibernate comes from not having a break since spring break. I did enjoy myself on spring break in Morocco this last time, and I may be considering going somewhere again. But this is all beside the point.

The point is I'm burned out.

When summer rolled around, I took two summer classes and worked two internships simultaneously. This equated to me writing and hustling during those months more than I ever have in my adult life. And it started May 9, and extended until Aug. 19.

Enough complaining about it, though. You aren't reading a confession to hear me bitch about how much I work. You want to see how much of a disgusting human I can be.

Well, I have my PS4 with several games including "Battlefield 1," "Fallout 4" and "Dark Souls 3," along with Netflix and PlayStation Vue—the television service.

Not only is Star Wars on the docket when the movies are finally added to Netflix after Disney and the streaming service get their contract ironed out, but I'll also be taking in large amounts of daytime television. All while eating copious amounts of ice cream.

There's also a new series which started a few weeks ago on HBO called "Westworld." It's based on the 1973 film of the same name directed by Stanley Kubrick.

I might go see my family on Christmas and I might go see a few of my friends as well.

Who knows? I might even gain back a couple pounds I lost while taking 17 credits, all in the classroom, during this fall semester.

Make no mistake though, I'll be trying as hard as I can to be as lazy as possible this holiday season.

I simply can't wait to be a sloth on the couch.

MEET THE TORCH

Alexandra Bourne | Lifestyles Reporter



I am a transfer junior majoring in English with minors in both professional and creative writing. I am from a town called Manistee, though I spent seven years in Grand Rapids. I love to read and write, but I also studied ballet for 15 years; six years of which I studied at professional schools. I hope to be an editor at a publishing agency after graduation, and I have a guinea pig named Cuddles.

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SPORTS

"We're excited about the playoffs, but that's in the future. We're focused on the present and what's next up." - Tia Brandel-Wilhelm See below for story

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Ferris volleyball has plenty of reasons to celebrate as they have only dropped 12 games during their 19-match win streak and just earned their third consecutive GLIAC North Division Championship.

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

Ferris volleyball coming together for 19 straight wins

Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

Ferris volleyball is heading to its sixth straight postseason with a team where leadership is shared between veterans and young players.

The 2016 Bulldogs have kept up a winning tradition this year, compiling a 23-5 record. They have rattled off 19 straight wins, including two GLIAC victories last weekend that clinched a GLIAC North title.

Head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said: "The whole team, every single player has stepped up their leadership. It's the cohesion and dedication to the program that has led them."

Fifth-year senior setter Jenna Way is a captain on the team and has been one of the best leaders on and off the court.

Brandel-Wilhelm said: "She serves her team in every way. She helps her fellow seniors and is there for the freshmen. She's constantly setting the standards and holding us as a team to those high standards."

Another veteran Bulldog captain is senior setter Stephanie Sikorski. She's a creative finisher at the net, but is also skilled at setting up her teammates for the right hits. Sikorski ranks second in the GLIAC in assists per set with 10.71.

"As a returning starter, she's played with a lot of new players, young players," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "She's been focused this whole season on being steady for them and being a good leader for the team."

Sophomore hitter Katie Placek has earned the respect of her peers being anointed as a captain in her second year. She has been an emotional "rock" for the Bulldogs this year.

"She is constantly the one that keeps us focused and even-keeled," Brandel-Wilhelm said.

Along with Placek, freshman hitter Allyson Cappel has been one of the young players leading this team. Cappel leads Bulldogs in hits with 3.41 per set and is third in blocks and digs. Cappel also leads Ferris with 405.5 on the year.

With this culture of collective leadership, the Bulldogs have put themselves in a great position for a deep postseason run.

The Bulldogs sit at No. 1 in the Midwest region for the second straight year with two games remaining—both at home. Ferris has beaten both the Hillsdale Chargers and Northwood Wolves three sets to none the last three years. Nothing is a given but the Bulldogs should take care of business against the 7-8 Chargers and 4-11 Wolves.

If this is the case, the Bulldogs will finish 25-5 overall, already holding the No. 1 seed in the GLIAC tournament. This gives Ferris home court advantage throughout the tournament.

However, looking ahead can be dangerous. Upsets are always a threat in college athletics, even for a two-time defending GLIAC champion team on a 19-game win streak.

"We just had a great weekend and the wins are great, but that's in the past," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "We're excited about the playoffs but that's in the future. We're focused on the present and what's next up."

With two home games remaining, the Bulldogs have some work left. The first game will be against Hillsdale 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, with the second 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

The GLIAC tournament will begin Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Top Dawg

Gerald Mayhew



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Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

The clock strikes "GERRYTIME" as we make a long awaited return to the ice to find our first hockey Top Dawg of the 2016-2017 season in Gerald Mayhew.

A leader for the Ferris State hockey program and one of four remaining seniors, forward Mayhew netted his fifth goal of the season in a 3-1 victory on the road over Bowling Green State University Saturday, Nov. 5. A single Mayhew goal is nothing out of the ordinary but this goal was nothing normal.

With the assist of his fellow senior Dawg Jared Van-Wormer, Mayhew notched his goal at a disadvantage,

recording the short-handed goal to put away the Falcons and send Ferris State home with a victory.

Mayhew's season came into question in late October when he was determined to have a high ankle sprain. The sprain was originally supposed to keep Gerry out for two to four weeks but you just can't keep a good Dawg down.

A 2-8-1 record may scare some but with determination like that of Mayhew, Ferris State hockey has some strong leadership that will continue working to defend that Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Title. Mayhew will lead the Dawgs in an effort to take down Sparty in East Lansing 7:05 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Ferris State football has the future of their season in their own hands.

The Bulldogs beat the Hillsdale Chargers 41-20 in last Saturday's contest to improve to 8-2 on the season. If they can come up with a win in Big Rapids against Saginaw Valley State on Saturday then the Bulldogs will be well on their way to their third straight playoff berth.

The Bulldogs also used the stats that they racked up against Hillsdale to beat my fantasy football lineup by a slim margin of 100-97.5 and absolutely ripped my heart out. My record has now diminished from 5-1 to its current state of 5-4, just one game above .500 with one game to play.

If the Bulldogs win against Saginaw Valley State, and beat my fantasy football lineup this week, then we'll be all tied up at 5-5. Their first-round playoff game will have to act as the tie-breaker for this series, but if I win, I'll take home the 6-4 victory and go about my business managing my fantasy teams outside of the Torch.

If, by chance, the Bulldogs lose to Saginaw Valley State but beat me in fantasy football, then the tie will be broken by what team has the most combined points throughout the whole season.

The Bulldogs take on SVSU 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Top Taggart Field.

We'll see how they fare against the following lineup.

QB: Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers - I know, I know. I picked Rodgers last week. I get it. But there is very good reason why I'm taking him again this week. I just simply think that he's the best matchup at the quarterback position against the Tennessee Titans defense. Sure, Atlanta has the worst pass defense in the NFL, but I'm not down to take Carson Wentz now or any time in the future. Rodgers has the stuff and that's what I need to close this thing out.

RB: David Johnson, Arizona Cardinals - David Johnson is arguably the most versatile running back in the NFL. Johnson averages over 18 carries a game and still catches the ball plenty out of the backfield. On top of that, his quarterback Carson Palmer hasn't been very good this year, which points a lot of arrows in the di-



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

rection of giving Johnson the football. He also gets to play a really poor San Francisco 49ers defense in week 10.

WR1: Jordy Nelson, Green Bay Packers - Jordy is probably Rodgers' favorite red zone target, and that shows, as he has caught a TD in all but two games that he's played in so far this season. I think Green Bay will find themselves near the goal line often against Tennessee, and I think Jordy will respond well to Rodgers' post-game press conference comments after a loss to the Colts last week.

WR2: Stefon Diggs, Minnesota Vikings - After a streak of lackluster performance, Diggs has seen a huge uptick in production the past couple weeks, probably because he has been back to full health. Just last week, Diggs had 13 receptions against a sieve-like defense in the Detroit Lions. I don't know if he'll catch that many passes, but I think he'll give Josh Norman and the Redskins secondary a run for their money.

FLEX: Mark Ingram, New Orleans Saints - Ingram had -2 fantasy points two weeks ago, but popped off for 28 against San Francisco last week. He'll take on the Broncos defense who is actually pretty good but not the best at stopping the run. This could cost me, but I think that Ingram will get some looks near the end zone and add up with a double digit week.

D/ST: Arizona Cardinals - I like the Cardinals against the 49ers offense. Sure, the 49ers put up decent numbers last week but they also did that against a pretty bad Saints defense.

K: Brandon McManus, Denver Broncos - The Denver offense is anemic and the Saints defense couldn't cover a twin-sized bed with a king-sized sheet. I think Denver will move the ball but struggle to score in the red zone. This will leave McManus to pick up the pieces, and he'll be in a dome so wind and cold weather will not be a factor.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Aaron Rodgers	26 COMPLETIONS, 297 PASS YDS, 43 RUSH YDS, 3 TD, INT	30
RB	Ezekiel Elliot	92 RUSH YDS, 1 REC, 2 TD	21.5
WR1	Davante Adams	4 REC, 41 YDS, 1 TD	12
WR2	Travis Benjamin	1 REC, 5 YDS	0.5
FLEX	Delanie Walker	5 REC, 42 YDS, TD	12.5
D/ST	Detroit Lions	16 PA, 2 SACKS	5
K	Matt Bryant	3/3 FG, 4 P	16
Total:			97.5

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Reggie Bell	13 COMPLETIONS, 1 REC, 147 PASS YDS, 77 RUSH YDS, 3 TOTAL TD	30.5
RB	Jahaan Brown	140 YDS, 2 TD	26
WR1	Malik Taylor	8 REC, 102 YDS, TD	20
WR2	Kenny Feyh	3 REC, 39 YDS, TD	10.5
FLEX	Davonte Washington	2 REC, 18 YDS	2
D/ST	Ferris State	4 SACKS, FR, BLK	7
K	Wyatt Ford	5/6 XP	4
Total:			100

State mates bullying Bulldogs

Ferris hockey still looking to defeat their first fellow Michigan team

2016-2017 WCHA HOCKEY STANDINGS

Bemidji State	8 - 0 - 0	24 PTS
Minnesota State	5 - 3 - 0	15 PTS
Alabama Huntsville	4 - 3 - 1	13 PTS
Lake Superior State	4 - 2 - 0	12 PTS
Michigan Tech	3 - 2 - 1	11 PTS
Ferris State	2 - 5 - 1	8 PTS
Alaska	2 - 4 - 0	6 PTS
Northern Michigan	1 - 4 - 1	4 PTS
Bowling Green	1 - 3 - 0	3 PTS
Alaska Anchorage	0 - 4 - 0	0 PTS

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Just like your dad trying to outperform his neighbor by buying the best lawnmower on the market, Ferris State and the other Div. 1 hockey teams in Michigan are always looking to one-up each other.

Bulldog hockey has played three of the six Div. 1 teams in the state so far this season and have come away with no wins in regular time. The Bulldogs have suffered losses to Western Michigan, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan, with their only points coming in a shootout victory against Northern Michigan.

Though the team's current 2-8-1 record may show otherwise, senior forward Gerald Mayhew is starting to see some team improvement as the season rolls on.

"I think we are playing better hockey as a team and not just individually," Mayhew said. "Everyone seems to be pretty comfortable with the speed of the game. Each game we lost has been by only one goal so I think earlier we really weren't getting bounces but now we seem to be getting some breaks."

The Bulldogs picked up their first victory of the season against Minnesota State Saturday, Oct. 29—their only victory of the first month of play. The Dawgs' second win came with a victory over Bowling Green State Saturday, Nov. 5.

With Ferris' rough go this year against the Div. 1 teams of the state, one may question their ability in the future to appeal to top in-state recruits over the other schools. Mayhew gave a clear answer to that question by presenting Ferris' recent history as his argument.

"While I do believe the win-loss record matters, Ferris has been doing very well the last five or six years and I think making it to the NCAA tourney helps a lot," Mayhew said. "There

are so many good hockey players out there, so finding good players is not very hard."

During the 2015-2016 season, Ferris State suffered losses to University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Western Michigan and Northern Michigan, but still went on to win the WCHA and go deep in the NCAA Tournament.

Senior defensemen Ryan Lowney emphasized the fact that those type of matchups are huge, but he doesn't think victories over them play a huge part in recruiting talent to Big Rapids.

"When we play teams like Michigan, State or Western, those are always going to be big game rivalries that go back to when we regularly played them in the CCHA," Lowney said. "Those games are always fun to play in."

Lowney is one of four remaining seniors in this Bulldog hockey program and the only defenseman of the four.

"I don't think it plays a part in recruiting. Is it fun to beat those teams? Of course," Lowney said. "But I think if you look back over the course of the last seven years, I think it is safe to say that Ferris has made a pretty solid name for itself."

If Ferris State is unable to pull off a win in this weekend's matchup against Michigan State, they will be 0-6-1 this season against Michigan-based teams with only Lake Superior State and Michigan Tech left to play.

With a whole lot of hockey left to play in the 2016-2017 season, Mayhew has one message for his team.

"Winning is winning. It doesn't matter who it's against," Mayhew said.

The Dawgs make the trip to East Lansing to take on the Spartans 7:05 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 10. With a Friday break in between, Ferris will then host Michigan State 7:07 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

**HOCKEY**

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Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Torch Photographer

Freshman defenseman Nate Kallen and the Dawgs will take on another in-state team this weekend in their home-and-home series with Michigan State.

The grass is always greener

New soccer facilities nearing completion on South campus

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

The Ferris soccer program and intramural teams will have a new home soon as it appears construction on new facilities are near completion.

Near the end of 2015, it was announced that the university would be demolishing South campus apartments as a part of a \$4.9 million project. The result of the projects will be the creation of new soccer fields on South Street opposite of Top Taggart Field.

The new fields create a safe and more convenient place for intramural teams to compete, as students will no longer have to cross the main road. A regulation-sized field will also give the women's soccer team the ability to host intercollegiate tournament play in the future.

"To have a regulation-sized field of our own is going to be huge come tournament time," said junior midfielder Rachel Fouts. "It's nice knowing that if we finish in the top four next year, we will be able to host a game on our brand-new field."

Throughout the 27 years the Ferris women's soccer team has been around, there has been an absence of a home turf for the team. With these new fields, the soccer team has something to look forward to next season.

"It gives us a sense of home to know we have a place that everyone knows is ours. We can't thank Ferris enough for improving our fields," said freshman goalkeeper Grace Kraft.

The new facilities plan called for a mixture of artificial turf and natural grass. With the turf already in place, it appears the university is now waiting to see grass begin to grow.

"The synthetic field is likely to see its first use from intramural sports," said Associate Vice President for Physical Plant Mike Hughes per Ferris State University news. "It will take a while to get natural turf in that area up to a competitive level."

The new facilities are expected to be ready for use by the Fall of 2017 and will be complete in phases throughout 2018 to avoid disrupting soccer and intramural programs.

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"The two candidates' respective controversies are nowhere near the same level of gravity, yet ratings-hungry news sources have sensationalized insignificant Clinton flaws to create a sense of 'balance.'" - Adrianna Walker See below for story

Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

October has come to a close, indicating that it's time to hang up the creepy skeletons and bust out the cornucopias and turkeys, right?

Wrong.

The first day of November marks the beginning of the St. Nick and snowman assault. We may not see any actual snow on the ground for several more weeks, but rest assured that fake snow will be abound in every shopping mall in America.

In addition to mall Santas, we're also in store for almost two

months of Christmas specials and relentless advertisements.

People seem to forget or neglect not only the entire month of November, but also the Thanksgiving holiday in their rush to consume a worrisome amount of sugar cookies and candy canes.

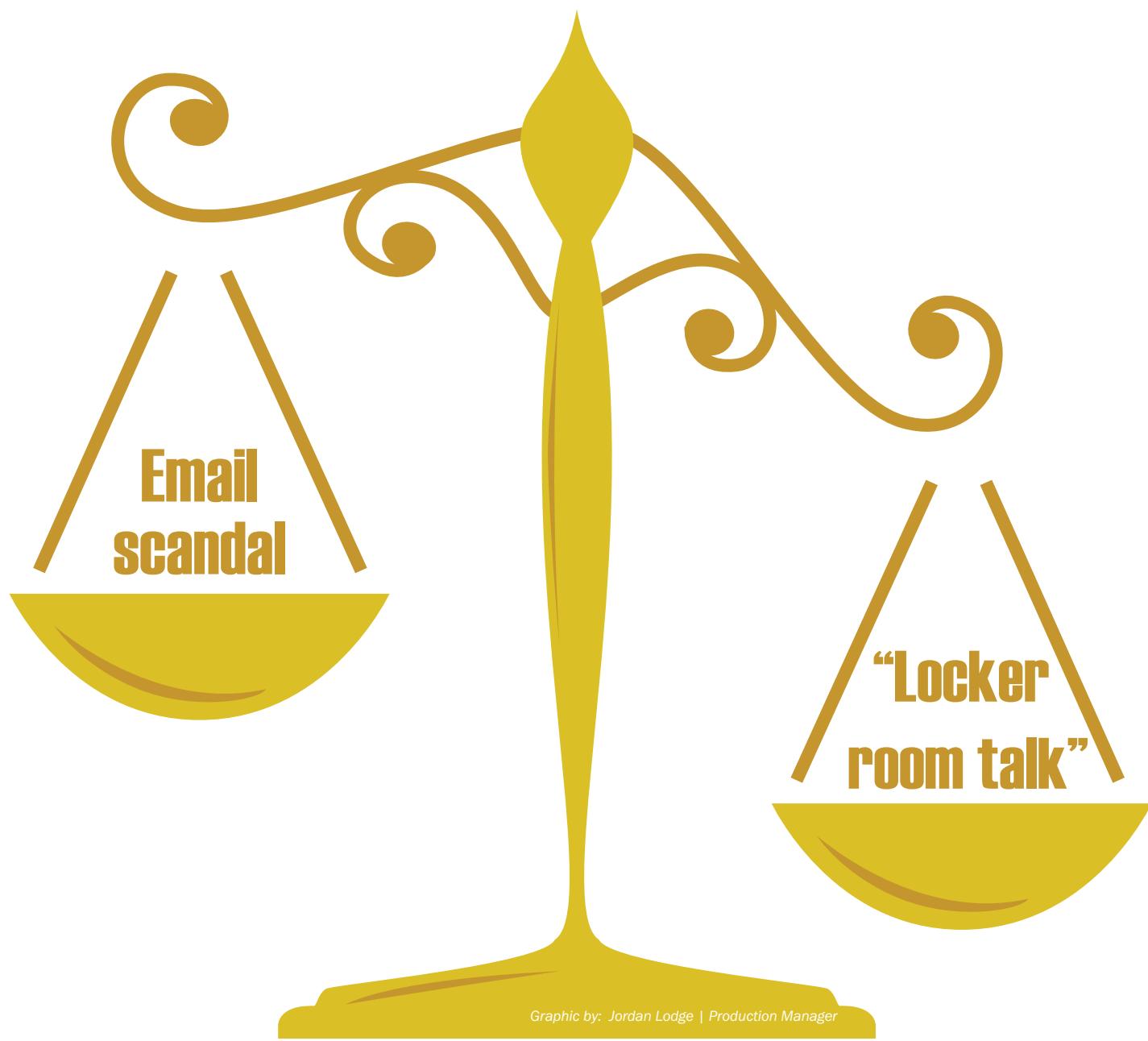
The very holiday intended for families and togetherness is even disrupted early in many cases for Black Friday, also known as a display of humanity's ugliest side.

There's nothing like getting the family together for a 4 a.m. stakeout in front of Meijer and coming

Here comes Santa Claus

feeling that way, I can only imagine what goes through the mind of someone who doesn't celebrate Christmas once they hear "Jingle Bells" for the millionth time on the radio.

So let's try to cool it with Christmas fever this year—at least until Nov. 25: the day after Thanksgiving. Then, feel free to rip off the arm of your fellow man in the name of saving \$30 on a printer.



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Unbalanced

Balance between candidates in news coverage non-existent



Adrianna Walker
Torch Reporter

With the presidential election finally winding down, we can all look forward to a collective sigh of relief but not before we do some serious reckoning.

I've encountered many hopeless students who believe both the democratic and republican nominees are "the same." The headlines they read are all negative, so they both must be just as awful as the other, right?

But they're not. In an attempt to balance the number of articles highlighting Donald Trump's narcissistic behavior and gross incompetence

for office, we in turn see droves of negative Hillary Clinton articles.

Clinton is not flawless but her mistakes as a politician do not rival Trump's as a general human being. The two candidates' respective controversies are nowhere near the same level

of gravity, yet ratings-hungry news sources have sensationalized insignificant Clinton flaws to create a sense of "balance."

In September of this year, NBC News posted an online article titled "Hillary Clinton Fights Back Coughing Attack." That's right, some poor soul was forced to write a less-than-100-word article on a human coughing, because apparently allergies are newsworthy these days. If this doesn't encapsulate the bizarre news coverage of this election, I don't know what does.

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No place like my bank

Not your ATM



Graphic by: Jordan Lodge | Production Manager

Private ATM fees drain public students' wallets

ATM fees are annoying. Plain and simple. In most cities, there are easy ways around them and alternatives that are free but right now in Big Rapids, there are few other options than paying to withdraw money. The most prevalent ATM that students are familiar with are Huntington Banks throughout Ferris State's campus. This is a leftover of a previous partnership that still has traces on campus today.

Not long ago, students had the ability to access a checking account with their student identification card if they chose to create a corresponding Huntington Bank checking account. Other benefits that came for students who had an account with Huntington is that they could receive their financial aid a few days before other students.

When I re-enrolled at Ferris this year, I was looking into whether I should open an account with Huntington so I would not have to worry about stretching out my savings. I had worked during the summer but had to take out a private loan to help cover parts of tuition and housing. The sooner I could get my reimbursement to my apartment complex, the better it would be. So I called around and was informed that is no longer an issue. Disbursement is on the same day for all who have direct deposit setup. However, Huntington is still making money off of Ferris students in an unfair way.

Stop me if you've heard this one before. You're in the library and you need to print something for you next class. You don't have any funds on your printing account and you don't have any cash in your wallet. There is an ATM in the lounge at



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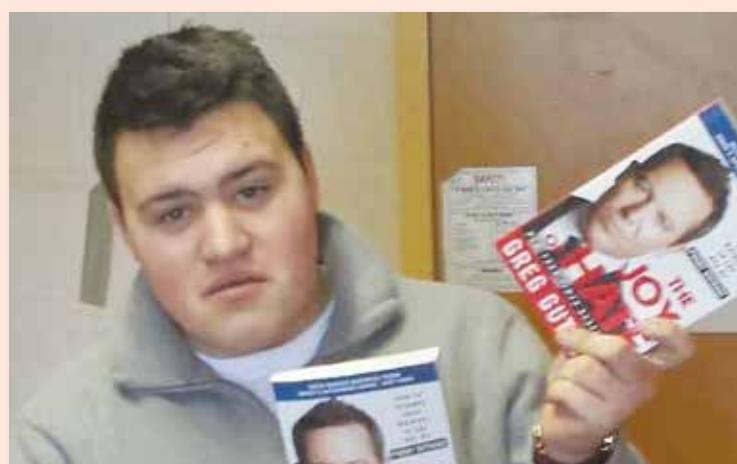
the library so you go to that. The fee is \$3.50 per transaction. There's no point in withdrawing \$20 because the machine that loads your print deposit does not have the ability to give change. In the end, you take out a 10 dollar bill, add that to your printing account and call it good. Well with that you spent 35 percent more money than you were planning to.

The simple work around for this is to just create a Huntington account, right? Well what about the students this is inconvenient for? My direct deposit for multiple accounts is tied to a credit union back in my hometown. That same account is used for all my bills, car loan, credit, etc. I could try to manage a little money over to another bank but that would be incredibly inconvenient and completely unnecessary.

Ferris State is a public institution that is funded by public money and tuition. Currently, it is promoting a private institution and in a way that directly affects how an individual would choose to manage their finances. It just feels wrong. Ideally, the ATMs on campus would be a part of a network that allow anyone to withdraw from it using whichever ATM network that would be of the best service to students. Whether that would be through Co-Op, Jeanie or another provider, reasonable fees would at least be a welcome change.

MEET THE TORCH

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I'm a senior studying psychology and criminal justice. I want to retire at 25 and write a novel on a boat. I decided to join the Torch team because I like to read the news, so I wanted to see if I liked writing the news. Let's chat over a bourbon.

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Stay safe, Bulldogs

Parking lot courtesy



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Every Bulldog knows the struggle of finding a parking spot on campus; it has been a problem for years and a problem that will not go away anytime soon. In fact, it will only get worse this year. It seems that finding a place to park is not the only problem occurring in campus parking lots.

The number one problem I have witnessed in my three and a half years on campus is people speeding through parking lots almost running students over and hitting cars backing out.

I understand driving around frantically looking for a spot to make it to class on time, but being cautious of your surroundings is far more important.

There have been many times where I circled parking lots and had to dodge out of the way of a car traveling faster than the suggested 10 miles per hour.

The worst part is that there were far more times where I have been walking and either myself or another pedestrian dodged a speeding automobile in fear for our life.

It is important to always be alert and cautious while driving a car. While class may be the last place we want to be, we all want to make it there safe and sound. So the next time you are circling in a parking lot, check your speedometer and be more cautious of those that might be around you.

Drivers are not the only people that can help make parking lots a safer place. It is also a courtesy for pedestrians to walk on the outer side of the parking lot aisles, being fully alert and not staring at their phones.

Since many cars are traveling far faster than they should be, to help with safety, it goes both ways.

While on the topic of parking, and the cold snowy weather approaching, remember that more than 100 parking spots will soon be taken away. Keep in mind how to park when the lots are covered in snow and there are no yellow lines to guide us.

There is nothing worse than searching for a parking spot in the winter only to find that a stupid car parked in a way that is taking up two or more parking spots. Don't be that car.

We are all in this crazy college life together; let us help one another out, even if it is just with being cautious in parking lots. Stay safe, Bulldogs.



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BALANCE

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I understand that news sources are terrified of being labeled "biased" or "in the pocket of candidate X." I understand that it's boring to write about emails and Trump antics all the time, but the forced balance between both candidates borders on irresponsible.

There's only one candidate who refuses to concede a peaceful transfer of power should he lose, breaking his

toric tradition among losing candidates. There's only one candidate who's claimed that Mexico is sending the U.S. crime, drugs and rapists.

There's only one candidate who's received an official endorsement from the Ku Klux Klan's newspaper. There's only one candidate who once claimed via Twitter that global warming was "created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." Should I go on?

All news sources should report on both sides of the political spectrum, not attempt to balance each candidate's

negative coverage. Voters deserve objective and unbiased coverage to draw conclusions themselves, but we should realize that unbiased coverage won't always appear "balanced." We cannot have balance between a moderate democrat and a far-right demagogue.

If it seems like social etiquette and basic human decency have flown out the window during this election, it's because they basically have. But it's imperative that we identify the true source of this rotten discourse, instead of claiming that both sides are just as bad.

