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Feeding the Dawgs



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Ferris Dining Services added a new venue to the mix this past spring, Founder's Grill. The eatery offers a variety of menu items and the option to eat out on the patio, overlooking the course and Big Rapids itself.

Campus dining services undergo massive changes for upcoming year

Angela Graf

Editor in Chief

It's 11 a.m. and you have an hour before your lab starts. You walk to the UC in hopes of grabbing a quick bite, only to be met with a line down the stairs and not an empty seat in sight.

With recent additions to Ferris' on-campus dining services, the above scenario will become a thing of the past.

"As you know, we have a new residence hall on north campus and to be prepared for that, we took a long hard look at our options that are available to students, particularly at lunch time, when many students from south campus visit north campus because of it being the academic court," Director of Dining Services Lori Helmer said. "To alleviate some potential overcrowding issues at the Quad Café, we came up with some options for students and I think they're going to be really excited about it."

The first and biggest change is the introduction of the Meal X Change program.

This allows any students that have swipes, meaning both those holding the anytime and express plans, to use one of those swipes on four different types of grab-and-go meals: pizza, salads, sandwiches and breakfast sandwiches.

The X Change program will be available at both the Market on south campus and the new Snack Shack, located where the Bulldog Pizzeria used to be, next to the Quad Café.

Hours for the Snack Shack are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the hours for the Market are noon. to 1 a.m. seven days a week. Both accept swipes, Bulldog Bucks, credit, debit and cash.

"We want to respond to the demand of the business," Helmer said. "So we are going to look at, for example, if we have a demand to be open at 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. at the Snack Shack, we'll consider that. This is really just a starting point. We think we're going to get an excellent response."

Furthermore, students will also have the option to use the green takeout containers at no additional cost, which will also help alleviate the seating issues in the Quad.

"Every student who lives on campus this fall will get a free takeout container in their room when they move in," Helmer said.

Other changes include the addition of Freshen's offerings to the all-you-can-eat side of the Quad Café, which freed up an additional 60-plus seats.

"Last year in the fall, we were feeding over 1700 in the Quad Café for lunch," said the Director of the Quad Café Craig Bowman. "We have 360-380 seats in there, but there were kids that were standing along the wall eating... some even chose to sit on the floor and we don't want that, obviously. So that is why we came up with another plan so that these customers have another option, because sometimes they need to eat when they need to eat, and they're on a time frame where they

can't just come back later."

Lastly, there will be a shuttle running back and forth between the Rock Café and the Quad Café every five minutes during peak times, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

"If students think it might be too busy at the Quad Café, they can hop on the bus and go over to the Rock Café, and every five minutes it will be going between the two," Helmer said. "That will start the first day of classes."

In conjunction with this, the Rock Café will be offering new Hispanic menu options from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day.

"That's something that the students have been asking for," Helmer said. "It's extremely popular at the Quad Café."

On the other side of campus at Katke Golf Course, the recently acquired Founder's Grill is also preparing for the upcoming school year.

"It's a very nice atmosphere there and See Dining on page 2

NEW LUNCH OPTIONS

- Hispanic Cuisine at the Rock
- Quad Food Court

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The hunt for cheap textbooks

Using price comparison websites could save you hundreds

Grant Siddal
Torch Reporter

Finding cheap textbooks is one of the easiest ways to save money on school expenses and avoiding the bookstore is the first step.

The Internet has made finding cheap textbook offers much easier but finding the best websites for maximum savings can be tricky. Price checking books across multiple websites is one of the best ways to ensure that you are getting the best deal. This is made easier by price comparison websites.

Having a good price comparison website eliminates the guess-and-check work from searching for the lowest price and comparing multiple companies' prices against each other to give you the best. One of the best sites for this is bigwords.com. In addition to searching thousands of websites to find the lowest price, they also search for and apply any valid coupons from 30,000 different stores, according to the website.

After a price comparison site has done the legwork to find you the best deals, it is almost always more cost efficient to rent a used copy rather than purchase the book.

In many cases, you can rent a used copy of a book multiple times for less than what you would pay to purchase a new copy.

For example, the cost of a new copy of “Inside Reporting” by Harrower, a mandatory book for Journalism 121, is \$116.65. However, renting a used copy from the bookstore costs \$54.84. In comparison, one search on bigwords.com found a rental of the same book for \$22.33, a savings of \$94.32 from the new copy at the bookstore.

Some professors require you to purchase books that contain online access codes. These books cannot be used copies, but there are still ways to save money. Using price comparison websites remains the best way to find the lowest price for new books, but it is also wise to check online or with your professor to see if the access code can be bought separately from the book. If you must purchase the book, some publishers offer online books or PDF versions that you can bundle with the purchase of the access code on their websites.

Ferris medical laboratory science senior Rachel Schmid said: “If I purchased the textbooks for my classes at the lowest price from the bookstore, I would spend \$278. Using bigwords.com to price com-



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pare, I will spend \$64 for the same five textbooks.”

If you procrastinated too long to wait for shipping on a book order from the internet, it might not be too late to save. The bookstore offers a price match for most major websites, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Unfortunately, for last

minute shoppers, the bookstore will not match online marketplace pricing. Online marketplaces are websites that use multiple parties to provide books; this includes Amazon Marketplace and Barnes & Noble Marketplace, who both allow independent sellers to list their products on the site. The bookstore also will not match prices on online textbooks or access codes.

DINING

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it's a gorgeous view from Founder's Grill," Helmer said. "We have a nice dining area inside and we have really great servers there, but we also have outdoor seating. You can't find a nicer view in Big Rapids than from the patio at Katke."

The establishment will be open for the remainder of the golf season, at which point dining services will take the opportunity to assess any change that might need to be made.

The eatery is particularly convenient for golfers, working in conjunction with the Tapingo services.

"Students, or anybody, can

place their order while they're out on the golf course and have their meal be ready when they're making the turn or finishing up," Helmer said.

Founder's Grill accepts Bulldog Bucks as well as cash, credit and debit.

Helmer wanted to remind students that both Bulldog Bucks and express meal swipes roll over from semester to semester and year to year, as long as the student remains enrolled at Ferris.

"We are very excited to be able to offer these options to the students," Helmer said.



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- ON THE RECORD -

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

By Harley Harrison - News Editor

Small Defects

1:50 a.m., May 15, officers stopped a vehicle for defective equipment at Perry and Division. A warrant request was sent to a prosecutor for two people in possession of Marijuana.

Erratic Driving

11:15 p.m., May 17, officers stopped a vehicle on Woodward for erratic driving. One person was ticketed for possession of marijuana.

Hit and Run

6:00 a.m., July 2, officers received a report of a hit and run in Lot 64.

Damaging Property

10:47 p.m., July 6, officers received a report of a two vehicle property damage accident in lot 17.

Bicycle Accident

4:55 p.m., July 9, officers assisted the city police with a car-bicycle accident at Ferris dr. and Perry avenue.

Intoxicated Speeding

12:40 a.m., July 18, officers stopped a vehicle for speeding on Ferris Dr. The driver was intoxicated and lodged at the county jail for OWI.

Hit and Run at Pickell

7:05 p.m., July 19, Officers received a call of a hit and run on Pickell Drive.

East Campus Suspicion

7:08 p.m., July 24, officers investigated a suspicious vehicle at the East Campus Apartments. One Occupant in possession of marijuana was ticketed.

Domestic Assault

9:40 a.m., July 29, officers investigated a domestic assault at the West Campus Apartments. A warrant was requested from the prosecutor.

Disorderly at the Gypsy

7:25 p.m., July 29, officers assisted the city police with disorderly subjects at Gypsy Nickel Bar.

Fleeing on Foot

5:15 a.m., Aug. 5, Officers assisted the sheriff's office with people fleeing on foot

at Park and Ride carpool. They assisted in stopping two subjects who were lodged in the county jail.

Equipment Violation

2:20 a.m., Aug. 6, officers stopped a vehicle for equipment violation on Maple. The driver was found in possession of Marijuana and the driver's license was suspended. The driver was ticketed and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor for marijuana.

License Suspended

6:47 a.m., Aug. 10, officers stopped a vehicle on Ferris Dr. for speeding. The driver had an expired license and was ticketed with a license suspension.

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The Human iPod, John Rush
9pm Thurs. Aug. 31
University Center

Stand-Up Comedy Competition
7pm - 9pm Sat. Sept. 9
University Center

The Intensity Game Show
8pm Fri. Sept. 8
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Meet the Deans

Take a peek into the lives of your academic deans

Marley Tucker

Torch Reporter

It's undeniable that Ferris deans are devoted to their jobs on campus, but what are their lives like when they aren't at work?

College deans can sometimes seem like mysterious or intimidating figures on campus but they play a vital role in student success. Like academic advisors, deans are important cogs in the well-oiled machine that makes up Ferris' academic administration.

Below is a list of fun facts about the deans of Ferris.

Kristi Haik

Dean of Arts and Sciences

In her free time, Haik likes to golf, ride her road bike and watch superhero movies. Her favorite places on campus are the Ferris Fine Art Gallery in the University Center (UC) and the Katke Golf Course.

Arrick Jackson

Dean of Education and Human Services

Jackson believes that people should experience jumping from an airplane at least once in their lives. His favorite novel is Animal Farm by George Orwell because of its insightful understanding of political and social dynamics. During the hot summer months, Jackson likes to go bike

riding.

If he could learn more about one thing, Jackson would pick neuroscience because of its interesting subject matter. His favorite quotation is from Rudyard Kipling's "If," because it speaks of taking a risk in life without fear:

"If you can make one heap of all your winnings and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss, and lose, and start again at your beginnings and never breathe a word about your loss."

Matthew Adeyanju

Dean of Health Professions

Adeyanju's favorite places on campus are FLITE library and its location as you approach campus from Perry Avenue. His favorite food is Jollof rice with chicken, a dish well liked in numerous West African countries.

His favorite quote is: "do unto others as you would like them to do to you," because he believes that it is the golden rule of life. When he is with his family of seven, Adeyanju likes to go driving on vacation and attend sporting events.

David Damari

Dean of Optometry

Damari's favorite place on campus is outside of the Michigan College of Optometry building. He also likes to go to the Starbucks in the UC. His favorite television show

is Arrested Development and his favorite films are The Tree of Life and A Clockwork Orange.

Damari's favorite quote is from James Baldwin: "I think the past is all that makes the present coherent, and further, that the past will remain horrible for exactly as long as we refuse to assess it honestly."

Damari and his wife have two children: a daughter, Allegra, who is the Community Management Specialist for Ferris' Honors Program and their son, Armand, is an architect with HOLT Associates in Ithaca, New York. When they are all together, they like to play Beatles Rock Band, watch movies and travel.

Larry Schult

Dean of Engineering Technology

Schult is passionate about his students' education and their maturation into healthy and productive individuals. He has two cats, and his family serves as his inspiration. In his free time, Schult likes to fish, go for car rides and go to the beach with his wife. He hopes to perfect his golfing skills someday.

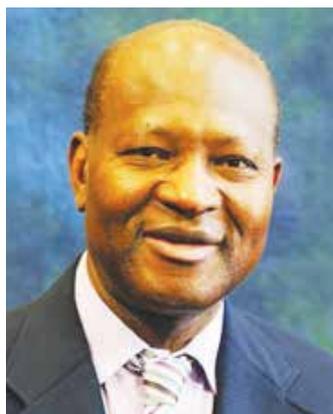
To learn more about the deans at Ferris, the annual Bulldog Family & Friends Weekend will be hosting a "Meet Your Deans" event at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 in North Hall.



Kristi Haik



Arrick Jackson



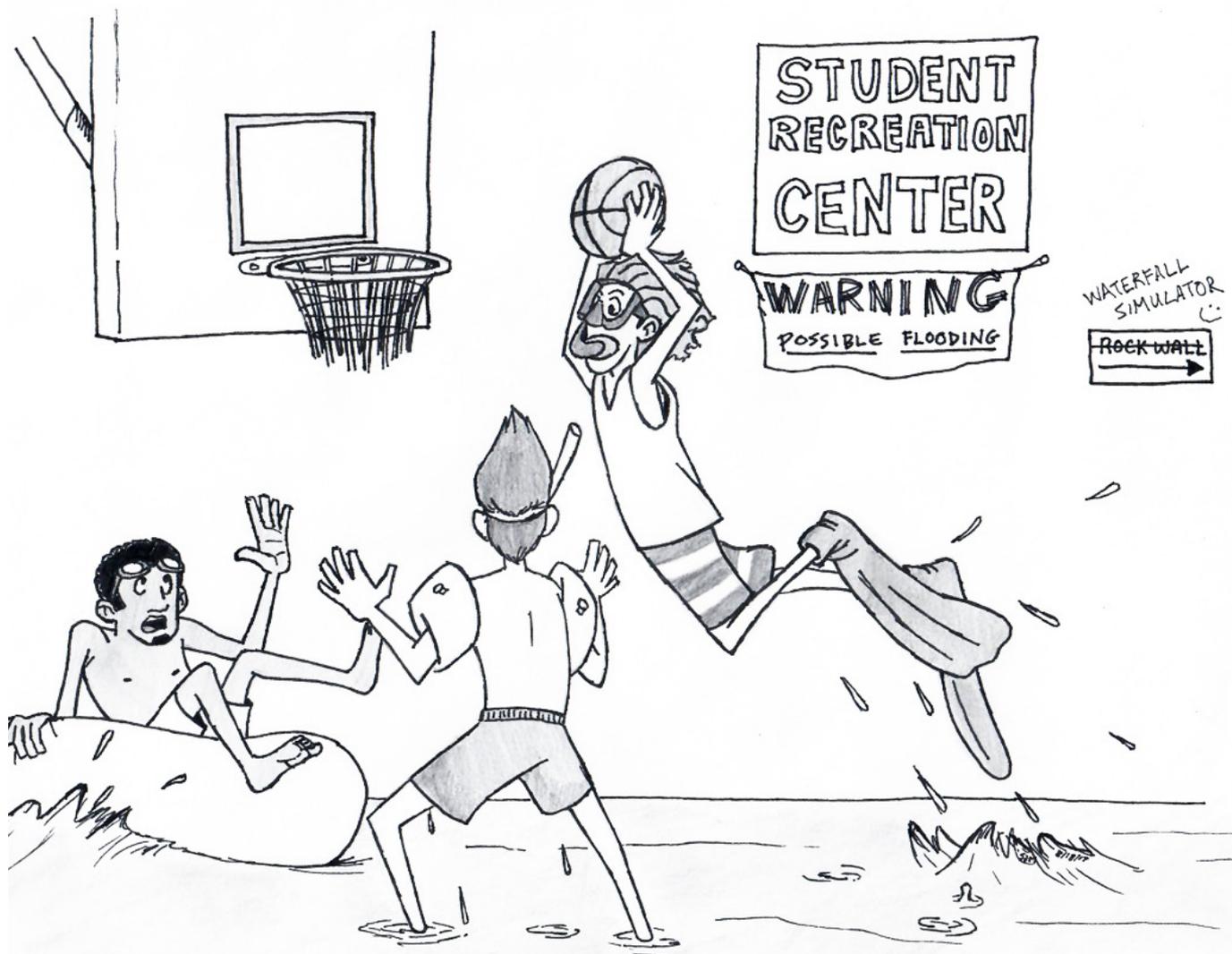
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Damage at the Rec

Water damages closed campus facility for summer

Angela Graf

Editor in Chief

Over Memorial Day weekend this summer, the Student Recreation Center incurred "catastrophic" water damage, according to an email sent via MyFSU.

Initially the Rec Center was supposed to be closed through June 23, and the pool for the remainder of summer.

On July 6, students received an update detailing an agreement with the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids allowing "limited member access" to utilize the pool.

On July 10 the Rec Center reopened for student use, however the pool and locker rooms remained closed.

It is unclear at this time if there are any remaining deficits and University Recreation Staff was not available for comment.

Check the next issue of the Torch for a comprehensive review of the damages and costs.

Da Vinci goes to work for Spectrum Hospital

Big Rapids hospital gets new employee

Harley Harrison
News Editor

The surgery department at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital introduced its newest, most untraditional employee over the summer: a robot named da Vinci.

This robotic-assisted surgery system is changing the way surgeons operate on their patients by enabling them to conduct operations through small incisions, while the surgeon remains in control.

Set to start in late August or early September, da Vinci will be assisting in hernia and gall bladder operations before moving on to gynecological surgery, according to a press release from Spectrum.

The four-armed surgical system has many features, such as wristed instruments that can bend greater than a human hand, a magnified vision system that allows surgeons to see a 3D view inside the patient's body, a console for the surgeon to sit during the operation and a cart where the patient lays during surgery, according to Spec-

trum.

Da Vinci is used for a wide variety of operations, including cardiac surgery, colorectal surgery, general surgery, gynecologic surgery, head and neck surgery, thoracic surgery and urologic surgery, according to davincisurgery.com.

"The da Vinci System has brought minimally invasive surgery to more than three million patients worldwide," the website states. "Da Vinci technology translates your surgeon's hand movements into smaller, precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body."

For skeptics who might think da Vinci is made-up science fiction, Spectrum is planning a Community Open House 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 28 at the hospital. In addition to its credentials, da Vinci is also featured in videos, where it proves that it can peel the skin off a grape and stitch it back together again.

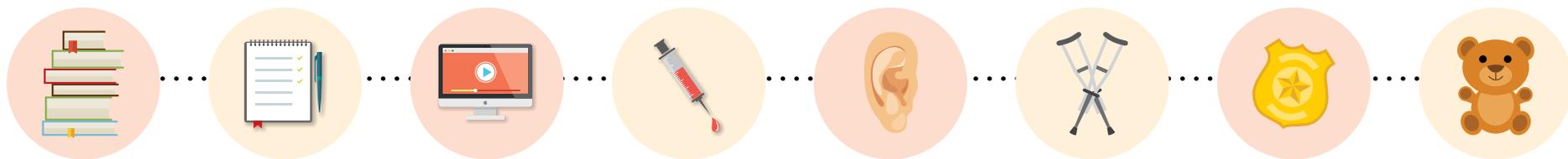
For more information, go to davincisurgery.com or SpectrumHealth.org. Videos showcasing the da Vinci can be found on YouTube.



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The new four-armed robotic surgical system, da Vinci, allows surgeons to operate with a mobility and flexibility that they otherwise would not be capable of.

Oh, all the places you'll know!



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Rule the campus by memorizing these eight helpful resources at Ferris

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

Whether you're a new student at Ferris or a senior, it's important to take note of the essential resources on campus that are available to you.

Knowing where to go for help with everything from schoolwork, to your health, to legal concerns will make or break your college experience. Here is a list of places to go for assistance during your time at Ferris:

1. FLITE

Although this one seems like a no-brainer, the Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education (FLITE) has more to offer than just books and computer access. FLITE is filled with knowledgeable librarians who are able to help you find sources for your research papers. These librarians are available in person, as well as by email, telephone and text message. Additionally, FLITE is equipped with study rooms of varying sizes, as well the 24-hour room on the first floor. FLITE is located on the north side of campus near the University Center and the Starr Building.

2. Writing and Tutoring Centers

If you need additional assistance writing an essay or studying for a test, check out the Writing and Tutoring Centers. Both located in room 1017 in the Arts and Science Commons, the two centers offer free tutoring services to students. Student tutors and paraprofessionals are avail-

able to revise any writing, such as papers, resumes and job applications, as well as to help you to ace your next exam. The Writing and Tutoring Centers are available by appointment Monday through Friday but walk-ins are also welcome on a first-come, first-served basis during various times throughout the day at both centers.

3. TAC The Technology Assistance Center

(TAC) is the place to go on campus when technical difficulties arise. TAC is located in room 108 in the University Center. The workers at TAC are experienced in information technology and can help troubleshoot your devices when something goes wrong. You can also contact TAC through chat, phone and email.

4. Birkam Health Center

With cold and flu season on the horizon, Birkam Health Center will come in handy. Birkam provides a variety of health care services to treat illness and injury in non-emergency situations. Doctors at Birkam can prescribe medications and accept a variety of insurances. Birkam is available by appointment and is located on Campus Drive near Johnson Hall.

5. Counseling Center

In connection to Birkam, the Counseling Center offers help to students struggling mentally or emotionally during their time at Ferris. Students can converse with experienced counselors about a variety of problems they are having. If you are interested, visit the second floor of

Birkam Health Center to fill out paperwork and schedule an appointment.

6. Disabilities Services

Ferris students with documented disabilities are eligible for Disabilities Services. These services aim to help make the semester go as smoothly as possible for students with physical and mental disabilities by providing educational accommodations. The office for Educational Counseling and Disabilities Services is in room 313 in the Starr Building.

7. Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is available to students to ensure their protection on campus. Located in Cramer Circle, next to Cramer Hall, DPS is the place to make reports of suspicious or illegal activities on campus. DPS is also the place to go to obtain a parking pass or visitor pass, as well as paying parking tickets.

8. Tot's Place

For students with children, childcare is essential during class hours. Tot's Place, an early learning center at Ferris, is a place for students to send their kids while they are in class. Located in room 102 of Bishop Hall, Tot's Place is staffed with highly-qualified childhood educators, and is available for children aging from one month to 12 years. In addition, Tot's Place provides reduced rates for Ferris students.



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North Hall is ready for business, boasting 200 bedrooms, five lounges and a fitness facility, as well as classrooms. contributing to the "living and learning" feel.

New year, new hall, new students

North Hall to open for Freshman this fall

Marley Tucker

Torch Reporter

Building projects continue to shake up Ferris as the new North Hall is completed for freshmen moving in this fall semester.

Construction of the newly built 125,000 square foot residence hall began in summer 2016 with Granger Construction picking up the project to provide more modern housing options for freshmen on campus.

Ferris Vice President of Administration and Finance Jerry Scoby is proud of the student involvement present throughout this process.

"When we were working with the architects on the interior designs, we asked for multiple sets of color and texture combinations, and then asked some of the students who were on campus at that time to join our university planning team for a

conversation with the architects," Scoby said. "This student input was instrumental in the decision making process."

The cost of the new residence hall is budgeted at no more than \$28.15 million. This price reflects innovative updates, with North Hall boasting a fitness room, five lounges and was built with a "living learning component" in mind. Unlike traditional residence hall designs, students can have some of their classes in the hall they are living in. Enrollment in these courses will not be limited to North Hall residents.

"We're really excited to [see] what the new hall does to traffic. The University Center is already really active all the time, but we feel like it will only continue to drive people to what is going on [on] campus and get them connected to the institution and to each other early on," Dean of Student Life Joy Pufhal said. "It's new and

beautiful. It is really what students are looking for. The opening of this building is just another great start to a new year."

The North Residence Hall is located near student support services such as

the FLITE Library, University Center and the Quad Café. These spaces are central hangouts for students, and encourage them to interact with the benefits made available to them on campus.

NORTH HALL INFORMATION

Budget: \$28.15 million

Capacity: 402 students

Includes: 200 bedrooms, 100 bathrooms, single units for Resident Assistants and the Hall Director

Additional Amenities:

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LIFESTYLES

“I think it would be wise to tell a younger version of myself is that it is okay to tell people no,” - Wayne Bersano See *below* for story

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If they could do it all over...

An upperclassman’s guide for Ferris State freshman

Alicia Jaimes
Torch Reporter

Every year, Ferris State and its school veterans welcome new faces to campus.

During freshman year, a student faces many challenges, such as what classes to take, where the best food is and what they should experience while at Ferris. Luckily, wisdom surrounds them all.

Ferris first-year pharmacy student Kaylie Cole’s freshman year was a year she’ll never forget.

“I was very nervous and scared to live

away from home and be away from my friends and family,” Cole said. “I didn’t know anyone at Ferris when I first arrived.”

Being 25 and in her fourth year at Ferris, Cole went from feeling alone in her dorm to discovering that the key to finding her social footing was to get involved with all that Ferris has to offer.

“Football games are a good place to start,” Cole said. “Also, if you live in the dorms, go down to the lobby and find someone to play a board game with or just start introducing yourself to the residents.”

Ferris hospitality management alumnus

Wayne Bersano is another Ferris survivor who believes in branching out into the Bulldog community.

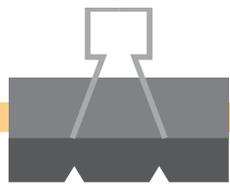
“I would suggest joining two RSOs: one that you enjoy for social purposes because it is a hobby of yours or a topic of interest, and then also joining a professional RSO related to your major,” Bersano said. “Putting yourself in situations where you will meet with people in group settings will really help create new relationships.”

Though Bersano now works and lives in Cleveland, he will never forget his time at Ferris, as well as the lessons he learned.

If he could do his freshman year over

again, Bersano would give himself one piece of advice:

“I am a person who will jump up at a new task at the blink of an eye,” Bersano said. “Therefore, one thing I think it would be wise to tell a younger version of myself is that it is okay to tell people no. I think it is extremely important to be involved to develop yourself socially and professionally, just don’t get burned out doing it.”



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Getting involved

Clubs and organizations at Ferris



Rachel Lowing
Torch Reporter

The start of a new school year is always a mix of emotion between excitement and nervousness. The start of a new school year in college can heighten these feelings even more. Between trying to balance a full-time course load, navigating campus and brand-new roommates you may or may not know, it always seems like there’s a lot going on, and it may feel like there is no opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. But don’t be discouraged, here at Ferris, there are plenty of opportunities through student organizations.

Ferris has over 100 different organizations that students can join. Between professional, intramural and Greek, there is something of interest for everyone. Joining a club or Registered Student Organization (RSO) is a great chance to meet fellow students and network with people for your chosen degree or career path. From the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) website, it is

clear that FSU is passionate about getting its students to branch out and join these clubs.

Ashley Lagrow, a senior in the English Education major, has been a part of the English Society and the History Club.

“I wasn’t really sure what to expect when I joined my RSO’s, but both groups for me ended up being really fun,” Lagrow said. “You’re basically surrounding yourself with like-minded people, so there is really constructive conversation every week, great ideas being discussed, not to mention it’s a helpful place to network.”

For me, joining the National Organization for Women RSO was about expanding my passions outside of my degree- I stayed in the RSO for the wonderful people that I met. I got to meet and learn from a variety of men and women, all from different backgrounds, that were passionate about the same issues, participate in donation drives for women’s shelters and be a part of something bigger than myself. This made my first year at Ferris so memorable and important to me.

So be sure to visit ferris.orgsync.com and find your organization, your friends and your passions!

Life in BR

Things to do and places to explore

Brianna Hammtree
Torch Reporter

The first year at Ferris State often brings times of stress, adventure and new experiences on the campus grounds.

However, students can also travel off campus to experience events, activities and local hang-outs in the Big Rapids community.

“During my first year, I went to a dance thing- I forget what it was called- but that was pretty fun. It wasn’t on campus but it was actually at a hotel. They played live music and people were dancing,” Oliver Wissman, a sophomore in hospitality management with a concentration in lodging said. “I also walked around downtown a lot. Big

Rapids has a movie theater and a pretty nice frozen yogurt place called Toppings.”

Toppings is a self-serve frozen yogurt shop located at 321 N Michigan Avenue in the downtown area. Students and local residents enjoy the quirky yet simple atmosphere Toppings creates, along with the variety of flavors offered.

Another popular location is the Gypsy Nickel Lounge, a restaurant located on the north end of town, right next to the Muskegon River. In addition to serving alcohol, the restaurant offers a good time and good food for college students.

“You can do karaoke at the Gypsy and it has amazing food,” Television Digital Media Production (TDMP) sophomore Izzy Ledesma said.

College bar Star Shooters is also a popular location

for Ferris students to attend and it is open from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Students interested in unwinding with drinks with friends or even just dancing will enjoy this downtown attraction.

The Gate, the local bowling alley in Big Rapids, also offers students a chance to unwind. Previous events held at The Gate have included bar nights, a Halloween costume contest and college night specials that offer students certain deals such as cheaper games, rentals and drinks.

Ferris students can also visit the Big Rapids cinema, a small theater located downtown on Michigan Avenue that showcases new films.

Big Rapids also offers Ferris students the Pocket Park Benefit Concerts, an annual event put on in Big Rapids

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Surviving the halls

How to get the most out of your dorm experience



Kat Merby
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Butler was also asked what his biggest fear was before moving into the dorms.

"Well in my opinion, theft was at the top of my list of concerns," Butler said. "All of the students are so close to one another and everyone is a complete stranger so there was little trust, especially at the start." To lighten that worry, the recommendation here is to refer back to the first tip and become close with one's roommate.

Another piece of advice from Butler is to "go out and meet people."

It is fun to go out and meet people in college. Parents will not be there to judge who you become friends with. If a student needs a conversation starter, one tip is to ask a student how they plan to organize their lives for the semester.

Speaking of organization, every student needs to have a plan to stay organized.

Austin Fisher, an RA of two years, who has lived in the dorms for three years said: "My biggest worry would be that I wasn't going to be able to focus on school and not be able to stay organized." Fisher suggested that getting a good calendar and writing down everything in a notebook for classes is a good way to start getting organized.

An RA is always a good person to turn to if these tips are not helping aid in the survival of dorm life. There is a reason that these people have their jobs and run the dorms, so seek out their wisdom in times of need.

Two big fears for many students starting college are living in a dorm room and living on their own for the first time.

Living in a dorm room can be intimidating because many people have never met their roommates before. A dorm room as small as the ones at Ferris can even get claustrophobic at times. But have no fear, because below are some tips to help even the most nervous student survive their first year in the dorms.

The first tip to surviving dorm life is that every student needs to do their best to get along with their roommate.

Resident Advisor (RA) of two years and dorm dweller of four years Ben Letherer advised new roommates to: "Find something to bond over. Whether it's watching a TV show, eating, or studying together, finding something you both like is important."

The next tip is to relax, regarding before move-in day and when at school.

Patrick Butler, who lived in the dorms for the first time last year, says that the best advice he received was: "that there is nothing to worry about." Many parents wouldn't let their precious little angel go to college if they thought they couldn't handle living alone without messing up their life too badly.

Big Rapids

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during the summer, until the end of September.

Each Friday, Pocket Park will showcase bands ranging from rock to country for free. Such bands expected to play are City Sun, an alternative rock group and White Elephant Records Presents, a rock group.

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White supremacists protest total solar eclipse



Protesting hate group blames moon, Obama for attempting to destroy their racist vision for America

Witchita Williams
Holy Diver

Tiki torches burned with the hatred of more than a hundred white supremacist protestors who voiced their displeasure with the moon’s attempts at “blacking out the sun.”

On Monday, Aug. 21, a local Big Rapids hate group gathered in front of Ferris’ Rawlinson Observatory in protest of the total solar eclipse.

“We figure that this whole eclipse thing is just a setup by

them sumbitch liberals to destroy our way of life,” Big Rapids racist Georgia McPatherly said. “What people don’t understand about white people is that God picked us to be better than everyone else.”

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and our view of the sun. The last time this type of eclipse was visible from the United States was in 1979, but eclipses have regularly taken place throughout human history without the input of man- liberal or otherwise.

The protestors raged on for hours into the night with chants ranging from, “Goodnight Forever Moon” to “Obama is an evil reptilian terrorist who created the moon and hates America also Dale Earnhardt Jr. is the greatest NASCAR driver of all time.”

“We’re disgusted that the moon would try to taint something as beautiful and pure as our white sun by blacking it out,” McPatherly said. “What’s next? Is the liberal snowflake moon going to try painting the White House black?”

The public still awaits response from President Donald Trump on whether or not action will be taken against the moon, though his Twitter feed is being watched closely for the Oval Office’s official stance on the matter.

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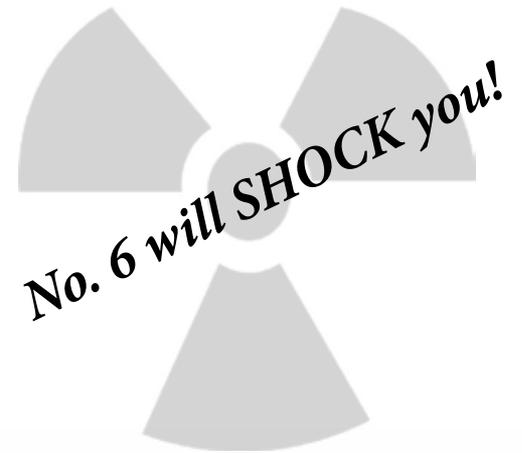
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7 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE COMING NUCLEAR WAR

Gob
Bartender

With talks of North Korea's nuclear weapons program escalating, Ferris students are left wondering about the most effective means of dealing with a nuclear blast and the ensuing fallout. Read on below to hear advice from the *Tire Fire's* top researchers.



1. Run willingly into the loving embrace of instant death

Doesn't getting vaporized sound way better than having the skin melt off your face as you creep towards a slow, painful death due to radiation exposure? Or starvation? Or falling victim to cannibalism as viable resources dwindle?

2. Take cover under the nearest copy of the Tire Fire

We've done our readers a service by printing all our issues with lead-based ink. Those liberals out in California may denounce regular lead exposure as dangerous, but that hippie rag *The San Francisco Chronicle* won't do a damn thing to protect against radiation. So you're welcome.

3. Reject your hedonistic western values and accept the blessing that is your Supreme Leader

North Korea is lovely this time of year and the most oppressive, isolating government on the planet will surely welcome any turn-coats with open arms.

4. Befriend the mole people and adapt to life underground

Ferris' student body is wonderfully diverse, evidenced by the fact that 12 percent of students are actually blind, subterranean mole people. Keep your eyes peeled during your next lecture for any fellow students bumping into walls and eating worms. If you can get in tight enough to stay underground with them, you'll be safe but they're like, super clique-y.

5. Move out to the sticks

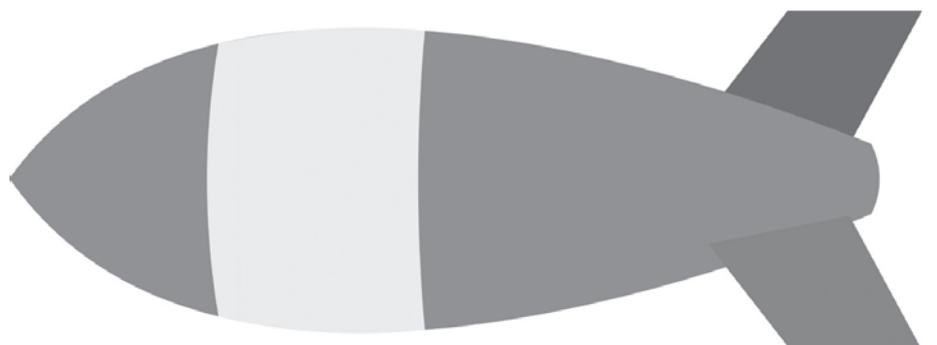
Big Rapids is unquestionably a booming metropolis, so it makes sense that Ferris State University would be near the top of a list of targets for North Korean missiles. Students would be way better off bugging out into a more rural area like... Evert? **Maybe?**

6. A misleading, ultimately disappointing entry

Ugh. Every online listicle has one of these. Y'know, the one entry that's teased in the sub-headline that you have to click through, like, 45 slideshow pictures to reach? It's always a letdown and not at all worth the time investment. Can we please all stop clicking on listicles so they can die off? I mean, you guys are so worried about nuclear warfare, but you don't see that the apocalypse has already arrived. Listicles are killing us all.

7. Hope that you develop super powers

Bruce Banner can become the Hulk thanks to gamma radiation, right? Maybe you'll get lucky too when your body is blasted with a healthy dose of lethal radiation. Superhero movies are big business right now, so start dreaming up a cool name and costume design. Something like, "Glowing Skeleton Corpse Man" has a nice ring to it.



Death of the Horror-scopes

Marco Swordtooth
Tire Fire Editor

All sort of OK things must come to an end.

This space of the Tire Fire would typically house the latest rendition of the monthly "Horror-scopes." Not this month.

When I hear from readers, the "Horror-scopes" are oftentimes identified as a favorite element of these four satirical pages. That's what makes them tough to kill off.

For the longest time, I thought that if it wasn't broke, why fix it? Yet after two years of putting together 12 uniquely terrible horoscopes every month I'm just burned out.

I feel like The Baha Men. Was "Who Let the Dogs Out" fun while it lasted? Sure. But did you know that the one-hit wonder Baha Men are STILL touring in 2017? Don't think about it for too long, it's too upsetting to consider.

Someone should have done those loose dogs a favor and sent them the way of Old Yeller years ago. Which is exactly what I'm doing with the "Horror-scopes."

I'll kill them off while they're on top, or more accurately, before they devolve into complete horseshit.

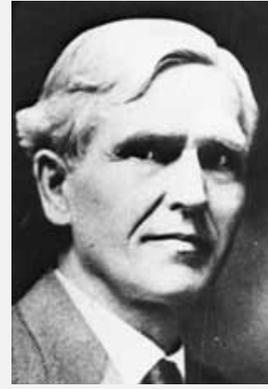
Perhaps you'll someday see a few zombified astrological predictions rise from the dead should the mood strike the Tire Fire staff, but "Horror-scopes" as a monthly staple are no more.

Lo, who would I be to deny the readers one last look into their future; one last chance to be granted extra-sensory information relevant to their individual lives from the very heavens above?

Come closer, dear reader, for it's becoming hard to speak from the "Horror-scopes" death bed. Allow me to impart wisdom from the stars.

You, like this monthly column and the very constellations that astrologists base their predictions upon, are going to die.

Hopefully not soon, but who knows? And from a grander standpoint, who cares? Your friends and family will, but the universe doesn't give a shit about your lives or your problems. Hence, the reason horoscopes had to be satirized in the first place. Happy future.



Ask Woodbridge

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"Over summer break my parents got a new puppy and he's just the cutest thing on the planet. Of course, the timing is terrible because now I have to leave home to go back to school, where I'm not allowed to keep a dog as part of my apartment's lease agreement. I miss my dog so much. What can I do?"

- Dogless Debra

Kill the human competition and keep the dog. This may sound like an extreme response to your problem, but hear me out.

Dogs are hardwired to belong to a pack. That pack is led by an alpha male and female. Right now, your parents are top dogs in the pack in the puppy's eyes so they've earned his loyalty, love and respect. You're nothing to him and you'll never be anything to him unless you overthrow your parents.

So I repeat: kill your parents, take the dog and take no shit from your landlord about a no pet policy. You've already got blood on your hands. That homicidal glint in your eye will command obedience from any who attempt to stand in the way of your puppy cuddles.

- Woodbridge

"I've been an honor student all my life and breezed right through high school without even trying. Still, all I hear about is how college classes are so much harder and it's making me really nervous. I've become so used to bringing in A's with minimal effort that I'm not sure I'll even know how to study. What can I do to make sure I'm ready for a college curriculum? I'm willing to do anything except read, do homework or visit my professors' office hours. Because who has time for that?"

- Pete in Puterbaugh

College isn't that much tougher than high school as long as you keep the following pointers in mind:

1. Get some Adderall.
2. Lower your expectations.
3. Become the type of friend that your classmates will allow to cheat off their exams and homework.
4. Seduce your professors.
5. Cry a lot.

- Woodbridge

"I was just wondering why you so enjoy offering sarcastic advice to struggling students. Also, how is it even possible, given the fact that you died in 1928?"

- Woodbridge Ferris

This may be a bit too meta. I'm not sure the readers will appreciate the breaking of the fourth wall here. Consider revising.

- Woodbridge

Journey to nowhere

Missing freshman found locked in North Hall study room after extensive search

Tallulah Grace
Race Horse

Extensive searches across campus ensued after a freshman student went missing from his dorm after move-in day. Missing Ferris history freshman Derrick Overland went missing after his parents departed from Big Rapids early Thursday afternoon. "I wasn't that concerned but, you know, we were planning to go to Cullver's after we unpacked. You don't just dangle food in front of a guy and then bail on plans,"

said Ferris freshman biology roommate Benjamin Galloway. "I didn't look for him until someone noticed that he left his stuff outside of our room." A search party fanned out across campus comprising of students, faculty and local law enforcement. It turns out that they didn't have to look far. Overland was found locked in a study room in North Hall after a timely search, staring at a wall while listening to Gregorian monks chanting on his laptop. Fifteen Red Bull cans

littered the room, evident by Overland's countenance when he was discovered. "I kind of freaked out after looking at my class schedule. I've been downing caffeine all day to stave off sleep, so as you can imagine, I've been really wired. I thought the carpet design was moving a few hours ago," Overland said. "I stared into the academic abyss of my future failures and it stared back." Overland was taken to the Birkham Health Center, as he was suffering mild caffeine intoxication. He is expected to make a full recovery in time for the start of fall classes.

Breaking in the new pad

Incoming freshman couple excited to christen new dorm room on surfaces already sullied by hundreds of others

Silly Billy

Door-to-Door Door Salesman

Two Ferris lovers are taking full advantage of the new sexual liberties college affords them on surfaces already stained by the same pursuits of countless other students.

Incoming Ferris freshmen Brett Udallis and Trina Willoughby have been dating for just over four months now and will be living across the hall from each other in Puterbaugh Hall this year

“We’re so excited to get out from under our parents’ thumbs and finally be able to explore each other’s bodies in ways that you just can’t in the back of my dad’s Honda Civic or that one time at Bobby Reno’s house party,” Uddalis said. “We’re gonna do sex on every surface of that dorm room.”

What Uddalis doesn’t realize is that he’s far from the first occupant to strive for this same goal.

Puterbaugh Hall resident adviser Brandon Holijanski has seen his fair share of atrocities in the dorms, most notably to him the continued usage of the word “Dorm,” despite the Ferris’ Housing Department’s contempt for the word. Still, nothing stacks up to the horrors uncovered by a blacklight scan of the couple’s new room.

“Bodily fluid stains like sweat, saliva or semen—even when dried after years of ne-



The two lovers lock hands during the act while a blacklight illuminates the horrors of the past.

glect and a lack of adequate cleaning—can fluoresce under blacklight. It’s how investigators can turn up evidence at a crime scene or how officers can tell who’s been whacking it in the squad cars on stakeouts,” Ferris criminal justice professor Brock Clementine said.

The scan of the room revealed a perfectly clean, unstained living space to the inexperienced eye. However, upon further inspection, it was found that there was a uniform layer of lust stains covering all

surfaces on the room and no spot had gone untarnished.

“I haven’t seen this much spilled baby gravy since this past summer’s soccer camp for thirteen-year-old boys in Merrill/Travis Hall. It was an absolute white out. No wonder they’re shutting down that place,” Holijanski said.

At press time, the couple was overheard discussing exciting new sex positions they’d like to try in the dorm beyond their typical “missionary” and “hand stuff” standbys.

Missing morals

Ferris freshman forgets to pack self-respect and dignity on move-in day, will shape college life around the mistake

Chris P. Bacon

Seasonal Hygienist

Everyone forgets to pack at least one thing when moving back to campus.

Ferris undecided freshman Stephanie Balinko was waving a tearful goodbye to her parents as they drove away when her lapse in memory dawned on her.

“I remembered my pajamas, my toothbrush and my favorite hair brush, but I just total-

ly forgot to bring my self-respect, dignity and any sense of the morals that I once held so dear,” Balinko said.

By the time Balinko called her parents to report the forgotten lifelong values they had spent 18 years instilling in her, they were already back on 131-South.

“Sure, it’d be nice if our little Stephanie had remembered to bring her moral compass, but it’s not like it’s a necessity. At least she brought

along her favorite stuffed animals from childhood,” Balinko’s mother Bridgette Balinko said.

At press time, the aforementioned treasured stuffed animals were witnessing Balinko attempting to fill the hole left by her forgotten self-respect with hard liquor, hard drugs and a slew of one night stands with douchebags.

“Maybe I’ll remember to bring it back after Winter break,” Balinko said.

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Dominant dawg on d-line



Sieler had a great season last year, accounting for 80 tackles and leading the nation with 19.5 sacks.

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Defensive end Zach Sieler will be a big part of Ferris' defensive unit this fall

Jacob Carlson

Torch Reporter

Junior defensive end Zach Sieler has established himself as one of the elite players in Division II football with Ferris State.

6-foot-5, 286-pound Sieler is coming off a spectacular season last year with the Bulldogs. He accounted for 80 tackles and led the nation with 19.5 sacks while smashing the previous school record of 13 set by former teammate and current New Orleans Saint, Justin Zimmer, in 2015.

Sieler is excited to build off last season but knows that there are still areas for him to improve.

"I feel like I've had a very productive off-season," Sieler said. "I worked on a lot of my weaknesses. I'm going to focus on game-to-game and not worry about what happened last year."

Sieler helped Ferris State make a deep run in the playoffs last

See Sieler on page 15

Hardwood success

Hankins looking forward to helping Ferris men's basketball bring home a national title

Ferris center Zach Hankins will lead a hell of a team onto the hardwood this season.

The 6-foot-10, 255-pound junior is coming off a stellar season where he helped the Bulldogs capture their third consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tournament title. Hankins averaged 14.6 points a game while shooting 64.8 percent from the field. He also added 10.5 rebounds a game in his 33 games last season.

"I want to be better. We had such a great year but there are still areas that we can get better, and we are all moving forward as a team and individually," Hankins said.

Hankins was rewarded for his efforts on the court when he was presented with the Male Dean Davenport Bulldog of the Year award. Hankins became the first sophomore to win the GLIAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year Award while also becoming Ferris State's first sophomore to earn consensus All-American honors.

Although Hankins has enjoyed his success, he understands that a lot of work is left to do for him to continue to grow as a player.

"You can't be complacent because when you get complacent, other people work harder than you and beat you out so you have to keep grinding and do it all again," Hankins said.

"We've been playing amazing together, we've added a lot of transfers that are going to be huge for our team. We have every single weapon we could need," Hankins said. "Right now, it's just a matter of getting some chemistry issues out and feeling good together. This is the year I want to win it all."

Ferris State will look to continue their GLIAC dominance this season while also aiming for bigger things nationally. Ferris has yet to release the schedule for the 2017-18 season.



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Hankins received the Male Dean Davenport Bulldog of the Year award for his efforts on the court last season



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Mackin has played in 77 games for the Bulldogs, racking up 23 goals and 51 points.

Go Mackey go!

Mackin's plans for the upcoming season

Junior forward Corey Mackin will help lead the charge for the Ferris State hockey team as they aim to bounce back from a down season.

Mackin, a former Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Rookie of the Year is coming off a 13-goal, 26-point sophomore campaign with the Bulldogs last year that was good for second in team scoring behind former Bulldog Gerald Mayhew. The 5-foot-8, 167-pound forward is the top returning scorer on the team.

"I'm trying to stay consistent. I want to progress more this year, I want to grow more, get stronger and be a bit harder on the puck," Mackin said.

Mackin will try to help solve the team's biggest challenge in replacing the scoring power and leadership that has moved on from the lineup as forwards Gerald Mayhew, Jared VanWormer and Chad McDonald have graduated. Those three players combined

scored 40 percent of the team's goals last season.

"I'm just trying to bring leadership when I can, and on the ice, I'm just trying to do what I need to do to help the team succeed," Mackin said.

The Philadelphia native has played in 77 games for the Bulldogs during his first two seasons, tallying 23 goals and 51 points. Before joining Ferris, Mackin starred with the Coquitlam Express of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) where he played in 115 games, totaling 74 goals and 154 points.

The Bulldogs will look to bounce back from a mediocre 13-19-5 record from last year. They will open their season on the road Friday, Oct. 6, at Western Michigan before returning home to host the Broncos Saturday, Oct. 7, at Ewigeleben Ice Arena.

Leaving your pawprint

Bulldog senior athletes reflect on the past while looking toward the future

Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

Like soldiers making their last stand, Ferris senior athletes will take their final shot at bringing a championship back to their school in the 2017-18 season.

From the time they became Bulldogs around three years ago, the senior athletes have been a part of the Bulldog athletics family that continues to produce exciting seasons for fans. The undefeated football seasons, the deep runs in the hockey playoff picture and the numerous volleyball championships are just a few examples of great things these seniors have seen.

Senior right-side hitter for FSU volleyball Hannah Guy talked about her time on the court, as well as what she expects for her final year.

"It hasn't truly hit me yet that it's my last year but it's very bittersweet," Guy said. "I'm excited to get into my career, but not being around my teammates and the sport I love is going to be something I will really miss. As for what I'm looking forward to is to help lead the team further than we have ever gone."

Guy said the thing she would miss the most are her teammates because they have become her best friends and are the closest thing she has to family away from home. As a nursing major, Guy hopes to gain a position on a hospital delivery floor once she graduates.

Bulldog hockey has a reputation for being one of Big Rapids' main attractions, and senior forward Andrew Dorantes wants to make sure that reputation stays for at least another year.

"It feels like yesterday we were coming in for two-a-days as freshmen and now it's our last go around," Dorantes said. "I'm excited to get the season started, we have a great group of returning guys and I'm most looking forward to accomplishing something special with this group."

Dorantes favorite memory as a Dawg was winning the WCHA Championship at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids before making it to the Elite 8 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament. Once Dorantes' time on the ice runs out, the finance major hopes to see where his hockey career takes him or begin a career in financial services.



Torch File Photo
Senior forward Rachel McInerney led the Bulldog's in points per game and minutes played last season, and she is ready to continue that streak.

Senior forward Rachel McInerney led the Bulldog women's basketball program in points per game and minutes played as a junior last year. After a rough 2016-17 season, McInerney has high hopes for the Dawgs this year.

"It's crazy that I'm a senior already. It feels like I just arrived on campus as a freshman yesterday," McInerney said. "I'm so excited for this season, more excited than I've been for any other season, because of all of the potential we have."

The program graduated only one senior last year, creating a familiar environment that elementary education major McInerney feels will create a special atmosphere for the team in her final year.

"Part of me is sad that this is my last year but for the

most part, I'm just so excited for what's to come this year for our program," McInerney said.

After college athletics are all said and done, you are left with unforgettable memories that Bulldog fans and athletes alike will be able to keep.

"I've met some of the best people here, a lot of whom have become my best friends," McInerney said. "When they say, '17 sports, one team,' they aren't kidding, because it really is one big family."

Whether a Bulldog senior athlete graduates to become a nurse, professional athlete, financial advisor, or even an elementary school teacher, they will always remain one thing: a Bulldog.

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL



Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

With the return of the NFL on Thursday, Sept. 7, comes the return of fantasy football season, back again to break some of our hearts while uplifting the few who are lucky enough to come out of their league as champions.

I'm usually just happy to go .500 on the season. If I'm really lucky, I might make it to at least the first round of the fantasy playoffs.

Ferris State's football season is also on the horizon with their first game of the year scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, on the road at Findlay. So, let's pin some Bulldogs against some pros in the best way we can: compare their fantasy points throughout the season.

Like my predecessor before me, I'll choose one quarterback, one running back, two wide receivers, a tight end, a defense/special teams and a kicker from different NFL rosters each week to compare them to Ferris State's top players of the week.

For example, I may choose quarterback Jay Cutler of the Miami Dolphins to go up against Bulldog quarterback Reggie Bell in week one. Whichever athlete scores more fantasy points that week will be helping their team reach a score higher than their opponent's combined score.

In the past, the Bulldog athletes have taken it to the NFL players. For example, in 2015's

season opener, former Torch Sports Editor Marshall Scheldt pinned Carolina Panther's quarterback Cam Newton up against Bulldog quarterback Jason Vander Laan. Vander Laan took it to Newton in the points, gaining the Bulldog fantasy team 39 points to Newton's 13 fantasy points for Scheldt's team of the week.

With the 2017 season finally here, we'll see if I am able to whip up fantasy teams well enough to beat the Bulldogs. It's not going to be an easy task, as the Ferris State football program has been pegged as the number two team in the nation, according to preseason standings, but we'll give it the old college try.

After I have used one professional player in my lineup, that player will be excluded from being on the fantasy roster again.

Stay tuned to see if this is the year that I finally create a fantasy team or two that can win. May the odds be ever in my favor.

Sports Shorts

By Danny Collins, Torch Reporter

Skating towards success

The Ferris State hockey team has been very busy this summer serving the community and training for another competitive season.

Over break, the Bulldogs focused on conditioning and gaining their strength back after last year's 13-19-5 finish. With the workout regimen consisting of weight and resistance training with on-ice workouts mixed in, the Bulldogs are preparing for a quick start when their skates touch fresh ice this fall.

The hockey team also supported the Big Rapids youth, hosting a hockey camp for kids ages six to 12. The three week camp ran throughout June and saw plenty of kids get the chance to experience college hockey while also improving skills on and off the ice.

The Ferris State hockey team started their pre-season training on Monday, Aug. 7, in preparation for their season opener at Western Michigan on Friday, Oct. 6, at 7:05 p.m.

Ferris soccer embraces the summer grind

The Ferris women's soccer program is looking to make a statement in the GLIAC this season and it all started with their summer training.

The team has been lifting between three and four times a week, with long runs and sprint workouts before and after lifting. The Bulldogs have also worked on ball skills and scrimmages as often as possible during the summer months to create team chemistry with the 14 freshmen added this year.

"I think we will be strong this year," said senior midfielder Rachel Fouts. "I'm very excited to see how we work as a team and to see how everything comes together this year."

Ferris State soccer supported the community during the summer as well. The team had two camps that they put on during the summer, encouraging younger girls to enjoy the game and refining the skills of older participants.

The team started their pre-season camp on Monday, Aug. 16, in preparation for their season opener in Tennessee against Carson-Newman University on Friday, Sept. 1, at 6 p.m.

Running towards the fall

The 2017-18 Ferris men's and women's cross-country teams have trained hard and are looking to build on their success from last season.

Both teams have put a focus on building base mileage and staying consistent with their workouts. Most of the team's workouts over the summer were to establish their fitness levels, hitting appropriate paces and getting two or three hard effort workouts in per week on top of regular mileage.

"We are a pretty young team this year," said senior Kelly Babcock, a women's cross-country runner. "But the talent and work ethic is all there. I think we all have our minds set on consistently competing well in the regular season so we show out once GLIACs and Regionals come around."

The Bulldogs men and women's teams will start official practice on Monday, Aug. 21, and will then be heading out to Hale for camp Aug. 23-26.

Ferris volleyball looks to continue recent championship culture

The Ferris women's volleyball team will begin the 2017 season listed among the nation's top collegiate programs as the Bulldogs are ranked 14th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Preseason Top 25 Poll.

The three-time defending GLIAC champion Bulldog team has been very busy this summer with off-season training and giving back to the community. With workouts typically 5-6 times a week with high intensity interval training, sprint work, stairs and of course, lifting, the Bulldogs have huge expectations after last season's success.

The women's team has been busy with their annual summer camps as well, running team camps, varsity and junior varsity and individual skill camps that went from July 7-19. These camps were a way for individual girls to get exposure by collegiate coaches, and for teams to work hand-in-hand and meet the current players at Ferris State. The team will start their season with a home-opener in the Ferris State Invitational against Missouri Western University on Friday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m.

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year before ultimately falling to Northwest Missouri State in the

national semi-finals. The run was the deepest yet under Head Coach Tony Annese and the Bulldogs have their eyes set on even bigger things.



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Watt a man

Harrison Watt lands new role with Ferris State Athletics

Brenden Samuels

Sports Editor

The Ferris Athletic Department appointed Harrison Watt as the new Communications Associate over the summer.

After serving as the interim voice of Bulldog hockey last year, Watt's desire to stay within the program led him to apply for a more permanent position. The only thing standing in his way was a pool of over 70 additional applicants.

"There really was a great pool of candidates," Watt said. "This job encompasses a lot, so the way my abilities improved in non-broadcast areas of the job over the past year was a big help." In addition to the vast improvement of Watt's broadcasting abilities, his familiarity with Ferris athletics gave him an edge heading into the application process.

Not only did Watt serve as the interim voice of hockey last year, but he had been working around Ferris athletics for almost his entire time as a student. Whether it was handling social media and visual production for the athletics program or even working for The Torch as a Sports editor turned editor-in-chief, Watt seemed to be a natural fit within the athletic system.

"The interim year was a great test run for me," Watt said. "But I'm ready to show I'm capable of producing far more than I did last year. I work hard and I love being here."

In his new role with the Bulldogs, Watt will con-



Photo by: Kevin T. McDermott
Watt spent almost his entire time as a student working for Ferris athletics and has now joined the Ferris Athletic Department as a full-time staff member.

tinue to be the play-by-play broadcaster, but a whole new world awaits him as he will be asked to work with all 17 of Ferris' sports programs.

While he may be spending quite a bit of time behind the scenes this coming year, Bulldog fans can expect to see Watt sitting in that broadcast box come October.



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Intramurals anyone?

Ferris intramurals are calling you to join

Danny Collins

Torch Reporter

With yet another school year beginning, newcomers to Ferris will be trying to find activities to fill their free time. With studying out of the question, why not join an intramural sports team?

Intramural sports at Ferris offers students, faculty and staff the opportunity to play organized sports in a recreational and competitive atmosphere, learn new sports skills, bask in a social environment and create bonds with people at a reasonable cost.

Ferris offers many fall intramural sports, including indoor and outdoor soccer, basketball, flag football, volleyball, broomball, ice hockey and softball. These seasons last about a month.

There are also different divisions teams can be organized in, including men's, women's, co-rec (men and women), sorority and fraternity. Ferris also offers one-day tournaments in other sports and activities, such as table tennis, Texas hold'em, chess, Euchre, bubble soccer and much more. To get involved, either go to the Student Recreation Center for information, or through IMLeagues, which can be accessed on the MyFSU homepage. IMLeagues can be used to create a team and add players.

Once a team is created, team members will have to pay a one-time fee of \$16 at the Student Recreation Center.

For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at (231)-591-5304 or at recsports@ferris.edu.

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Angela Graf

As a member of the press, my world revolves around the first amendment. The right to inform the public and more than that—the individual right to hold and defend your own opinions.

On a personal level, I find symbols of slavery and oppression abhorrent. They represent a dark time in our history. That being said, I do not think that means they should be removed from that history.

To answer your next question, yes, I know what books are and

yes, I have been in many, many museums in my life.

It must be admitted though, in removing public symbols of this segregated, racist past, we may not be concealing it entirely but we are certainly shying from it.

People are not afraid or made uncomfortable by a piece of metal shaped like an old white man. They are not offended by a chiseled piece of stone. What is scary is the hatred that it represents that is still alive today; the images and videos that we

see as we scroll through our newsfeeds.

So we look around and we blame these feelings on the tangible reminders of these flawed institutions. Taking these statues down is not the answer though, especially when it is done in a violent and destructive way.

Hate doesn't come from a statue of Robert E. Lee, or a bust of Stonewall Jackson. It comes from people. People who honor racial prejudice rather than condemn it, and that is solved by ed-

ucation, not removing reminders of the problem.

When you're walking through the park with your daughter and she asks who that statue is of, take it as an opportunity to teach her something and set a precedent for the future.

Look at these reminders of subjugation and inequality and let it make you angry; let it stoke that flame, because that is what enacts change.

Where's the beef?

Don't let your love for animals determine what you eat



Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

I've always considered myself to be an animal lover. I'd rather spend time with dogs and cats than other people. If I find a bug in my house, I let it outside rather than step on it. I spend more money on things for my pet fish than I do for myself.

Despite all of this, I still eat meat. I love steak, chicken, milk and eggs. I was raised this way and I'm not sure this part of my life will ever change. As much as I love animals, I don't think I'll ever stop eating meat and animal products. It's just the way I am.

I know plenty of animal lovers that are the same way. I also know some people who took their devotion to a new level and became a vegetarian or a vegan. I give props to those who took up that lifestyle; it clearly takes a lot of dedication and willpower, and they are doing a great thing for the environment by not eating animal products.

However, it doesn't make those who still eat meat - myself included - any worse because we haven't cut meat from our lives. Aside from its taste, meat has a lot of nutritional value and there are so many recipes centered around meat. I don't usually eat meat with every meal, but it is still a huge part of my diet. Just because I won't give up meat doesn't make me a hypocrite and it doesn't make me love animals any less.

There are so many different ways other than veganism to show your love and appre-

ciation for the animal kingdom. You can volunteer at animal shelters. You can clean up beaches to keep trash out of our lakes, rivers and oceans. You can avoid places like Sea World because of their inhumane treatment of aquatic life. Veganism isn't the only option to help animals.

If you are a vegetarian or a vegan, I understand why you made that decision and completely give you my support. Likewise, I hope you can see where I'm coming from and support my decision to continue eating meat while showing my dedication to the environment in other ways.

The community of animal lovers shouldn't be divided over who eats meat and who doesn't. Instead, we should all work together to help the environment, regardless of what everyone has on their dinner plate.



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Dear freshmen

Seating charts aside



Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

It's that time of year when Ferris students gather their highlighters, sharpen their pencils and attempt to get their lives together. August 28, to college students, is the marking of a new year. Giving opportunities for new wardrobes, hairstyles and a new attitude.

I remember when I was a freshman. My stomach is still queasy just remembering the nerves I had when school shopping for my first year at college.

"Mom, I absolutely need a folder and matching notebooks for each class," I told her. "And Post-Its in case I need to write notes in my textbooks, and don't forget the highlighters."

Oh, silly me.

You see, in high school I was very... lazy. I mean, of course I would do my assignments, but I was never the type of student to study and memorize important textbook facts weeks before an exam. No, I was the type that strongly believed in binge-studying. I was the type that planned her procrastination.

Silly me to think that being one year older would make me 20 years wiser.

About two weeks and 100 Post-Its later did I realize something that to this day, I still regret—I'm not going to change. Instantly, my good 'ole "why should I?" attitude kicked in.

I regressed. I stopped highlighting every other sentence in my textbooks and I even stopped attending school events. Binge-studying and Netflix marathons defined my life and it was good.

Now that I am in my fourth year at Ferris, I finally can look back and see how much time I wasted planning on being more prepared and planning on being more social, when the truth is, nobody is prepared.

Sure, you can buy all the right books and search Ratemyprofessor.com until you know about every professor on campus, but the only way to know how college is going to be is to go out and experience it.

So join new clubs, hang out with your suitemates, but for the love of God, don't think you need 10 different Post-It colors to get your life together.

Nobody likes change, but if you fight it, you may find that four years has gone by and all you can say about your college experience is that you got all the best seats in the classrooms.

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