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# Five Million Dollars

College of Pharmacy receives Ferris' largest outright gift



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Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman gave Ferris the largest financial gift in school history at \$5 million.

**Devin Anderson**  
Ferris State Torch

Ferris announced last week that Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman donated \$5 million to the

College of Pharmacy through their Hagerman Foundation. Phil Hagerman, a Ferris alumnus, is the chief executive officer of Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc. "It's not often that that sum of

money gets donated to one particular institution, so it's definitely quite a gift," said Adam Jandura, a sophomore pre-pharmacy student from St. Clair, Michigan. The Hagermans' donation

will fund two scholarships in the family name: the Hagerman Family Endowed Scholarship in Pharmacy and the Hagerman Family Pharmacy Scholarship Fund. Additionally, the

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# Four arrested at party

32 ticketed for minor in possession at off-campus gathering on Grand Traverse

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-In-Chief

One person fell through the attic ceiling when a party at 211 East Grand Traverse went wrong.

According to the report, the person that fell through the ceiling was "miraculously uninjured." The party, which was broken up in the early hours of February 22, started as a noise

complaint. The tenants of the house were arrested and lodged in the county jail for hosting a nuisance party and MIP. The brief given to the Big Rapids Pioneer states that three

were arrested at the party, while Ferris Department of Public Safety Captain James Cook noted that four were arrested in the weekly crime rundown (See On the Record, Page 3).

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# Furniture petting zoo

*Creating new spaces in FLITE*

**Megan Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

FLITE's assessment committee is seeking student input to create a new, appealing study space on its second floor. Sometime in the next month, students can expect to try out a variety of different furnishings to help the library design the perfect space.

"What we're hoping to do is create new spaces," said Gary Maixner, Emerging Technologies Librarian and leader of the project, "and that's a little bit of a nebulous term, I understand, but what that really means is, if you arrange furniture in a certain way, the space is more conducive to silent reading, or if you arrange furniture in a way over here, then it might be conducive to collaboration."

Some time between mid-March and early April, the library will be renting a variety of furnishings from four different companies, which students will be able to try out. The committee is hoping to purchase the chosen furniture some time over the summer, so that the new and improved second floor will be completed by the start of the fall semester.

"What we're hoping to do is what we've kind of dubbed as a furniture petting zoo," Maixner said. "We're wanting to do some real analysis of how students use

it. We've been working on a survey to give to students from the checkout desk. It will be online, so they can log in any time. We also have some plans to try to get a big table with a print-out of the second floor map and pictures of the furniture that are to-scale that students can rearrange and take a picture with their smartphone to show exactly how they want it laid out, which I think would make for a very fun and interactive kind of experience."

Another factor in the redesign of the second floor is acoustics, creating the perfect balance between noise and quiet to help students concentrate. Some of the options the committee is looking into are a white noise machine or a sound cloud, which is a series of panels on the ceiling designed to absorb sound.

Some of the furniture pieces the committee are considering include moveable whiteboards that students can write on or position to create private study areas, four-way chairs, sound-muffling moveable panels and smart boards. A smart board is like a TV monitor, which a group of students can plug their laptops or tablets into and have access to the same screen. Much of the library's current furniture is becoming outdated, such as long tables and chairs, which were more popular before most students owned laptops, so these new



Photo By: Therese Vainner | Photographer

The new space in the library will soon be filled.

furnishings will cater to a more modern student population.

"I believe that our library should be the students' library first and foremost," said Scott Garrison, Dean of FLITE. "What that means will change over time, and it is our responsibility to Ferris State University's students to respond to their needs and expectations as those things change. We need to work with students to continually refresh and reimagine other spaces in ways that help them do what they need to do as students."

The idea of a redesign of the second floor was conceived after the library's periodicals, which are printed publications like magazines and newspapers, were moved from the

second floor to the lower level last semester. Librarian David Scott headed this project.

"A lot of library publications have moved to electronic," Scott said, "and as such, our print subscription footprint has really, really dwindled over the past few years. We probably have half as many subscriptions—maybe less—than we used to, so the collection wasn't growing very fast."

With the periodicals relocated, the library's next concern was what to do with the newly emptied second floor. Thus, the furniture project was born.

"What it really is," Maixner said, "is creating space here at the library that students want to take up."

The second floor furniture

## PHARMACY from Page 1 Pharmacy students reflect on \$5 million donation

gift will fund the Hagerman Endowed Chair for Medical Informatics, a new faculty chair.

"This is a symbol of our commitment to education and our commitment to Ferris," said Phil Hagerman. "We want to make sure that the pharmacy industry recognizes what an important part Ferris has been in my personal success, my family's success and in the growth of our company, Diplomat."

This \$5 million is the largest-ever outright donation to Ferris. In honor of the gift, Ferris is renaming its current pharmacy facility the "Hagerman Pharmacy Building." Ferris, Wayne State University and University of Michigan have the only pharmacy schools in Michigan.

"For years to come, our entire pharmacy community will enjoy the opportunity to learn and work in the Hagerman Pharmacy Building," said Ferris President David Eisler.

The Hagerman family has a long history with Ferris, with Phil's father Dale, sister Deborah and daughter Jennifer having graduated from Ferris.

Similarly, Jenna Matelske is of the fourth generation in her family to study pharmacy at Ferris. Hailing from South Lyon, Michigan, Matelske is currently in pre-pharmacy and will start pharmacy school this fall.

"Since I enjoy science and have grown up around pharmacy, it is the perfect field for me," said Matelske. "The Ferris pharmacy community and reputation are so great, there was never any other school for my pharmacy career."

"We want to support education across the state of Michigan, but we also want to bring the best and brightest people from around the country to a school we believe in," said Phil.

In January, the Hagerman family gave a \$2 million endowment to University of Michigan-Flint's School of Management. The endowment will create a scholarship as well as a new business center, the "Hagerman Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation."

Stephen Durst, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, commented on the opportunities that the Hagerman family is providing students.

"Through this leadership-level gift to the College of Pharmacy, Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman will be enhancing opportunities for students with the introduction of a transformative scholarship program, expanding curricular options through support of program development and ensuring students are educated in state-of-the-art facilities," said Durst.

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# Defraud credit card

A round-up of this week's crime across the FSU campus

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-In-Chief

**Feb. 16, 7:30 pm**

A report of a parking decal stolen from a vehicle in Lot 2.

**Feb. 17, 2:35 pm**

A two-car accident in Lot 35.

**Feb. 17, 2:40 pm**

A report of a two-car accident in Lot 37.

**Feb. 18, 2:10 pm**

Officers investigated a lost credit card complaint. The owner of the card was attempting to defraud the credit card company by claiming the card had been stolen in order to avoid paying the charges on the card. A warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office for fraud.

**Feb. 19, 3:25 pm**

A two-car accident in Lot 27.

**Feb. 20, 11:10 am**

A report of a disorderly subject at West Campus Apartments, the subject was referred to the office of student conduct.

**Feb. 20, 8:00 pm**

Officers assisted hall staff at Merrill Hall on a marijuana com-

plaint. The incident was handled by hall staff.

**Feb. 20, 10:15 pm**

Officers investigated a possible marijuana complaint in Clark Hall. A warrant request was issued for two subjects for possession of marijuana and one student was referred to the office of student conduct.

**Feb. 21, 9:20 am**

Officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Perry Avenue



for driving without headlights. The driver was found to be intoxicated and lodged in the county jail for OWI.

**Feb. 21, 7:50 pm**

Officers assisted hall staff in Travis Hall on a marijuana complaint, one subject was referred to the office of student conduct.

**Feb. 22, 12:30 am**

Officers assisted city police with a large party on Grand Traverse. 32 were ticketed for Minor in Possession and four were arrested and lodged in the county jail.

**Feb. 22, 3:55 am**

A report of two vehicles being damaged in Lot 47.

**Feb. 23, 9:30 pm**

Officers assisted hall staff at Merrill Hall on a marijuana complaint. Two students were referred to the office of student conduct.

**Feb. 24, 1:35 am**

Officers assisted hall staff at Clark Hall on a marijuana complaint. A warrant request was forwarded to the prosecutor's office for one student, who was also referred to the office of student conduct.

**Feb. 24, 2:55 pm**

A car-pedestrian accident took place on Campus Drive in front of FLITE Library. The pedestrian sustained minor injuries but was not treated by EMS.

**> PARTY from Page 1**

## Four arrested, 32 cited for minor in possession, one falls through ceiling

32 attendants, not including the tenants, were cited for MIP.

The latest statistics from the Ferris Department of Public Safety state that there have been no off-campus liquor law arrests since 2011 when three were arrested for violation of liquor laws (Stats up to 2013).

The on-campus picture is very different in terms of liquor law violations in which people were referred elsewhere for disciplinary action." ] 327 were referred for disciplinary action in residential facilities and on-campus for violating liquor laws in 2013 alone.

The house at 211 East Grand Traverse Street is a little over a mile from campus, and Big Rapids Department of Public Safety was on scene first. FerrisDPSChiefBruceBorkov-

ich confirmed that Ferris DPS assisted in breaking up the party.

The party was listed with an address in a Facebook event, and Ferris students were confirmed to be at the party.

Further information was deemed unavailable at the present time according to the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety.

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, the Torch filed for the release of the documents.

Under the act, Big Rapids DPS has five business days to respond. This is the third FOIA request issued by the Torch since October of 2013.

According to the court, the arrested subjects, whose names will not be reported until confirmed by police documents, will be arraigned on the morning of March 19.



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**> FURNITURE from Page 2**  
**The idea of a redesign for the 2nd floor was conceived**

project is only the beginning. According to Garrison, there are preliminary plans to rethink the setup of the first and third floors, as well as the lower level. FLITE is also considering housing more "building partner units," like Media Production and the Office of Multicultural Services that currently reside in the library.

"In this way, we could move from the early 2000s concept of the 'information commons' that we have now to a more current 'learning commons' concept that many other colleges and universities around the country are using in their libraries," Garrison said.

"I'd just like to say I'm really looking forward to this new furniture," Scott said. "I know our seating hasn't probably been the most desirable, because the planning stages for this library are from 16 or 17 years ago."

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# Who's That?

Ferris students voice their opinion on the Ferris Fest



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Karmin, was the Ferris Fest headliner last year.

**Mari Ann Loucks**  
Ferris State Torch

Ferris Pharmacy major Josh Hendrickson hasn't heard of either Mayer Hawthorne or Big K.R.I.T., and he's not alone.

Ferris Fest headliners were announced last week, and though the rumors were that of Soulja Boy and Ed Sheeran, the head-

liners were actually announced as Big K.R.I.T. and Mayer Hawthorne. Both performers will be on campus April 25 for the annual Ferris Fest concert, sponsored by Entertainment Unlimited.

Students were confused by the announcement of the Mississippi rapper and Michigan singer.

Upon the announcement, Danielle Metts, a junior in the bi-

ology program, was confused by the selection. "I said, 'who's that?' I had never even heard of them."

Hedrickson agreed. "I thought for sure we would get someone that was a little more well known," said the second-year pharmacy major.

"I was confused, especially since I heard rumors about other performers coming. I have no

See **Ferris Fest** on Page 5

## Spotlight on diversity

*W.I.L.L. conference to feature empowerment of minorities*

**Jennifer Corrie**  
Ferris State Torch

The annual W.I.L.L. conference is approaching in mid-March and meanwhile, preparations are being made for the event.

This will be the thirteenth year that the W.I.L.L., or Women Investing in Leadership and Learning conference has been taking place.

"Our theme this year is diversity in the workplace," said Harmin Gill, a junior double majoring in psychology and nursing. "The main topics that we're trying to cover are achieving success in career building, empowerment, workforce diversity, and minorities in leadership."

"It's basically just to include everyone on campus and show them diversity is a good thing, instead of a bad thing. We're trying to empower the minorities on campus, whether it's by race, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, or the like. We just want to be able to empower everyone, and help them achieve whatever they want to be able to achieve," said Gill.

There will first be an optional meet and greet from 6 to 6:30pm with hors d'oeuvres served in the University Center ballroom, before splitting up into smaller groups for specific simultaneous breakout sessions in sepa-

rate rooms with interactive discussions to participate in.

The four faculty and staff members who will be leading the breakout sessions include Matthew Jones, Tracy Busch, Teresa Cook and Jina Jackson Rockwell.

Following the breakout sessions, attendees will head back to the ballroom, where the rest of the time will feature the keynote speaker for the conference, Vivian Pickard, who is a Ferris Alumni and is the current president of General Motors Foundation.

"When I was there last year, some of the things that our keynote was speaking about really hit hard," said Gill. "You really see how different people's struggles are, and it makes you want to do more for yourself. No matter who you are, it just makes you want to be a better version of yourself, and it makes you want to try harder and break whatever stereotype is holding you back."

Although the conference is more specifically aimed towards people in minorities, Gill said that the event is open to everyone who is interested in attending, and that it could be beneficial to everyone who comes. "It's going to be an awesome event," said Gill, who hopes for a large turnout.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the University Center ballroom.

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## Photo of the Week



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Students enjoy the Friday's at Ferris activities in the University Center.

## Announcement of Ferris Fest headliners creates some confusion students remain open-minded

idea who either of them are," said Ferris student Kaitlyn Baase. "I'm sure there are others who feel the same way I do, but you are never going to be able to make everyone happy, no matter who you pick to perform. It's just impossible."

Nonetheless, students are still eager for Ferris Fest. "Regardless, I'll still go out to Ferris Fest and check them out," said Baase, a senior in the public relations program. "To me, it's not necessarily about the performers; it's more about the overall experience."

"I haven't looked into the performers to see if they sound good. I guess it doesn't really make me mad that it's not a big name," said Hendrickson. "I understand that it's hard to bring big names in."

Ferris Fest student chair, Lola Schultz, a junior in the music industry management program is excited for the performances. "I'm thrilled to host Mayer Hawthorne and Big K.R.I.T. for this year's Ferris Fest," Schultz said. "We are really lucky to host such a huge event that brings people from all over Michigan

to Ferris for a weekend. Not many colleges can say they put on an event like Ferris Fest."

Each year, Entertainment Unlimited brings new artists to perform. Last year, Ferris Fest was held in the intermural fields but this year the headliners will be in the north quad.

"I prefer it in the north quad mainly because it is more in the center of campus," said Baase. "Last year I felt like it was in the middle of nowhere."

Ferris Fest, taking place April 25, is a nice preview to the upcoming summer months and offers students a chance to unwind before finals.

"I just hope it's warm!" said Metts.

Hendrickson agreed, "Hopefully we don't still have snow."

"It's always exciting to have Ferris Fest around the end of April. It makes it feel like a big celebration for almost being done with the semester," said Baase.

Ferris Fest will take place on the campus quad by the new University Center.

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# FERRIS STATE TORCH

# LIFESTYLES

“I also am pretty unique in how I approach the musical side of it.”  
**Preston Leatherman**  
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## Voyages through futures past



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

The Hospitality program hosted their 24th annual Gala in the University Center ballroom and this year's theme was Steam Punk. The theme was complete with decor and costumes, including this string quartet.

### Hospitality program hosts annual gala in University Center ballroom

**Andrea Lenhart**  
 Ferris State Torch

Ferris alumni, parents, professors, students, and community members attended the annual Hospitality program gala on Feb. 27.

The event took place in the University Center ballroom and according to hospitality professor and program coordinator and Gala director Julie Doyle, the Gala was the first big event to take place there.

“We are very excited to be here at the new University Center,” Doyle said at the event. “We are the first big event, so that had its challenges and opportunities. We are finding that this is a beautiful facility to have this event in,” Doyle said.

According to gala student manager and Public Relations junior Jordan House, the Gala is the main fundraiser for the program, raising money for academic scholarships and conference travel expenses.



**Jordan House**  
 Ferris State University

“The annual gala is for the Hospitality Management program to put their skills together and gain experience with hosting the largest event of the semester for the program,” House said.

Guests were treated with

a valet, coat check, live music, a five-course meal, and a silent and live auction.

“This event allows students to work together and host an extravagant event for alumni and community members,” House said.

According to Hospitality senior Garrett Taylor, many different students and programs at Ferris such as the welding department and the Kendall College of Art and Design have had their hand in making the gala happen.

“The gala is outstanding,” hospitality director and professor Julie Doyle said. “We have over 170 students involved from the university, most of them from our program. It is a collaborative effort that we’ve done with different programs across campus in terms with

the welding department to help us with the gears and other decorations to help with the Steampunk Victorian theme.”

According to House, approximately 300 guests attended the gala, proving to be a large success.

“We have solicited over \$37,000 worth of silent auction items and all of those dollars

then come back to the program to help better students in their education,” Doyle said.



**Clair Wolfe**  
 Ferris State University

“The gala gives us a feel of what we will be doing in our field and what an event is like,” hospitality management Clair Wolfe said. “It also gives us a feel for all of the different departments that need to work together.”

Student theme and decor manager and resort management senior Laina Plocharczyk agreed with Wolfe and was very happy with the result of the event.

“This is pretty much my entire degree,” Plocharczyk said. “I am getting the experience and networking with people that I need. Tonight is going as planned and I am happy with the turn out.”

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# TWO MORE DAYS

## Students eager to get away for spring break

Hailey Klingel  
Ferris State Torch

In just two more days, the luckiest of us will be taking a week long break from arctic tundra that is Big Rapids.

If you aren't going anywhere for spring break, live vicariously through these students who are.

International communications and media junior Janelle Flemming is an exchange student from the Netherlands, but was born and raised in Aruba, an island in the Caribbean.

Needless to say, she's been struggling with this particularly awful winter and is excited to escape to Panama City Beach.

"I'm excited to party for a week and just feel warm again and feel like I'm at home," Flemming said.

Flemming explained how this spring break is a "once in a lifetime opportunity" for her because they don't have spring break at her home university. Their school year is divided into four blocks followed by a week off after each one.

"It's not like here where everyone goes to Cancun or Panama City Beach," said Flemming. "So this is a nice opportunity. I'm hoping to meet new people and lay on the beaches. That's what I really want."

Criminal justice senior Jacob Cote is a Michigan native, so he's used to the cold, but that

doesn't make him any less ready for the sunny 80 degree weather he'll experience on his eastern Caribbean cruise.

"It's not as bad as last year, but I can't wait to get out of here," Cote said.

To the envy of many of us, Cote will be relaxing on the beaches of San Juan, Antigua, Nassau, and St. Thomas during the stops of his eight-day cruise.



Jacob Cote  
Ferris State University

"It's going to be pretty fun, I'm excited," said Cote. "You get to see a bunch of different places at once as opposed to being stuck in the same resort."

If partying on the beach isn't your cup of tea, live through this couple who's going to be exploring Los Angeles for the next week.

A celebrity home tour, Hollywood sign, Walk of Fame, paddle boarding on the Pacific, Venice Beach, and the Santa Monica Pier are some of the sights and activities plastics engineering sophomore Andrew Klarecki and pre-pharm junior Logan Bixman are eager to experience.

"Last time I was at Venice Beach, I saw a small, black man wearing a three-piece green suit

sitting in an automatic wheel chair with a boom box in his lap," Klarecki said. "He was blasting ghetto rap and just doing zig-zags and donuts everywhere. There's always just something interesting around every corner."

Ferris students may get accustomed to the sheltered life in Big Rapids, which is why Bixman is mostly excited to just see how different of a culture LA has in store.

"I've heard from so many people that as soon as you're out there you don't want to leave,"

Bixman said. "Just the craziest things that are so normal out there are so foreign to me."

Bixman will be taking back a better souvenir than a tourist magnet from this adventure—she's getting inked up for the first time while she's in LA.

"I'm getting a lotus flower where I broke my back because it stands for overcoming challenges," said Bixman. "On my foot, I'm going to get mountains for like moving mountains. I guess it's a little bit more of a meaningful trip for me."



Logan Bixman  
Ferris State University

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# Modern love Porn



**Devin Anderson**  
Ferris State Torch

In recent years, an ethical and scientific argument has arisen over whether or not prolonged exposure to pornography is a bad thing.

Porn was a trifle more difficult to get your hands on "back in the day." Today, it's everywhere and we're the first generation that has had such instant access to it from the time we were first sexually curious.

So I'm asking, is sex too pervasive in the digital age?

On one side, there are traditionalists in defense of true monogamy, who argue that prolonged exposure to pornography can seriously damage the brain's process of getting aroused.

We've heard these arguments before: that porn serves instant gratification, that it warps our perspectives on real intimacy or that it's plain GROSS. There certainly is a point here. Porn tricks the subconscious mind into thinking it really is having sex. That's weird...

Then, there are those that think of watching pornography as a harmless hobby. It's entertainment! Some scientists even argue that there is a correlation between the increased availability of pornography and decreased sex

crime rates. Porn could be a way for some to pacify their aggressive sexual desires.

Just how much porn is the world watching? Pornhub, the internet's largest porn engine, reported 78.9 billion videos viewed in 2014 alone. Let's divide that up. It's 11 videos for every person on earth. With industry revenues in the billions, pornography is a force to be reckoned with in the entertainment industry.

So, you're better on the couch being a weirdo than on the streets being a weirdo? Could be, but hold on.

Netflix provides the same easy escape, the same cure for boredom. See, research about porn's effects on the brain is mostly contradictory. Maybe porn itself isn't the problem. Maybe the instant access we have to it is.

There's compelling evidence both ways. Is sex too pervasive today? Maybe... probably. But it's not going away. Just like with french fries, it is the responsibility of the individual to decide what overconsumption is.

# Who is Preston Leatherman?



Submitted By: James Lucente | Lucente Entertainment

Preston Leatherman poses in a photoshoot for his newest album, *The Departure*, that was released in November of 2012.

## Entertainment Unlimited brings young Nashville entertainer to campus

**Sarah Force**  
Ferris State Torch

Entertainment Unlimited is not letting up this semester when it comes to, well, entertainment.

On March 3, EU brought 22 year old entertainer and YouTube sensation Preston Leatherman to Ferris.

"We found [Leatherman] when we went to the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) back in November," music industry management junior and programming coordinator for EU Rachel Bernstein said. "Everyone in the audience, including ourselves, seemed very entertained by his performance and stage presence."

Leatherman is a singer, songwriter, dancer, and comedian all wrapped in one goofy package.

"We liked him immediately for his crowd interaction and enthusiasm," music industry management senior and communications and EU co-sponsorship coordinator Alex Finta said.

MTV described Leatherman as the child of Jason Mraz and Maroon 5, and the

godson of Michael Jackson.

"I think Preston's music is exciting and fun to listen to," Bernstein said. "It gets the audience singing along and helps create an enjoyable experience."

With the hype of Ferris Fest on the rise, EU brought students a more intimate, personal show from Leatherman held in the University Center stage lounge. According to Bernstein, the audience should expect to hear and see some looping done during his performance, along with a mix of covers and original songs.

"I also am pretty unique in how I approach the musical side of it," Leatherman said. "I use a combination of keyboards, guitars, iPads, loop pedals, and vocal processors to get a full band sound all by myself. A lot of times, people are super surprised that there is only one person playing when they see the setup. And then I walk up and I'm like...whaddup?"

Leatherman plays a variety of instruments including piano, guitar, bass, and drums. He attributes his biggest influence to that of Eric Hutchinson, Gavin Degraw, Elton John,

Maroon 5, and The Fray.

A moment of pure inspiration occurred when Leatherman saw Eric Hutchinson open for One Republic at a small club in Houston, Texas a few years back.

"He came out, just him and two other guys, and just put on one of the best shows I've ever seen," Leatherman said. "The way he interacted with the audience and told stories, it seemed like I was at more of a comedy show than a concert, and I walked out of that show way bigger of an Eric Hutchinson fan than a One Republic fan. I knew after that, and the way he worked the crowd, that was something I wanted to do and give that same feeling to other people."

Along with meeting awesome people all over the country, Leatherman was reminded of one of the most rewarding aspects of his career just a few days ago.

Leatherman received a message from a fan who has been following him for a few years that proved to be a perfect example of why he does what he does.

"I've never met this person and they've never seen me play, but they sent me this Facebook message just saying how much they appreciate my music and realize all the hard work I put into everything I make," Leatherman said. "That was really cool. All the shows I play, all the miles I travel, all the hours I spend on producing tracks for people to listen to, it makes it all worth it when you realize it really affects people and makes them feel good."

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# Media Minute

## Kanye West

Hailey Klingel  
Ferris State Torch

No matter what he does, I will forever love Kanye West.

Scoff all you want, but I think he's amazing. I get a lot of crap for it, but if I could meet one famous person, it would be 'Ye.

Ever since he infamously interrupted T. Swift at the 2009 MTV VMAs or said that George Bush doesn't care about black people, Kanye's reputation in the public eye has been steadily declining.

However, let us not forget the many brilliant contributions Kanye brought to the rap scene before he made a song called "I Am A God."

I think the most accurate description of Kanye I've ever heard is when *PopMatters* blogger Andy Belt referred to him as "socially aware with a flair for the superficial."

Kanye expresses his love for clothes, cars, and money, but his raps are always filled with messages about genuine social issues. I'm a white female

from a middle class family, so I can't relate to most of the problems Kanye tackles, but his raps make me learn about and understand them better than any news story ever could.

Kanye's first album, *The College Dropout*, basically satirizes the whole education system and the importance America places on college degrees. The whole album is brilliant, but I think the lyric that sums it up best is: "Told 'em I finished school and I started my own business/ They said 'Oh you graduated?'/ No, I decided I was finished." It's just so awesome, and pure confident Kanye.

Racial oppression is a topic Kanye addresses often as well. I could pick out a hundred lyrics that have really made me reflect on the issue, but one of the best is from the song "Gorgeous" when he raps, "Face it, Jerome get more time than Brandon/ And at the airport they check all through my bag/ And tell me that it's random." C'mon, that is *genius*, and probably a true story. Kanye also tells us all

that no matter how successful he is, he's human and still faces racism and hate on a regular basis, which only grows as his fame does.

Just listen to "New Slaves" and listen to 'Ye explain it himself when he says, "My momma was raised in an era when/ Clean water was only served to the fairer skin/ Doing clothes you would have thought I had help/ But they wasn't satisfied unless I picked the cotton myself." So, so brilliant.

I'll admit it, Kanye went off the deep end for a few years.

But doesn't Kanye seem much more chill and satisfied since having North and marrying Kim? His latest single, "Only One," is nothing but heartfelt.

And the whole Beck stunt at the 2015 Grammys? C'mon, that was hilarious. That was Kanye acknowledging his obnoxious past and basically saying, "I know, I know, I was egocentric and awful. I recognize that now and can laugh at myself, so laugh with me."



## Overheard at Ferris

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-Yik Yak

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# SPORTS

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“She gives me and other people a lot of motivation, not even just in regards to basketball.”  
**Emily Evans**  
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MENS BASKETBALL

# Tourney Time



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The Ferris State Men's Basketball team takes a timeout during a game, earlier this season.

## *Ferris State to begin the GLIAC Tournament against Ashland University*

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State men's basketball team will begin their run in the GLIAC Tournament Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Big Rapids.

The Bulldogs were given the number three seed in the tournament and will take on the number six seed Ashland

University Eagles at Wink Arena in the first round of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

Ferris finished the regular season with a 20-8 record overall, and a 16-6 conference record. The Dawgs finished off the regular season with two consecutive wins against conference opponents. The team beat the Saginaw

Valley State Cardinals, who are the number four seed in the tournament, 78-72 two Saturdays ago.

The Dawgs also beat Grand Valley State in commanding fashion last Thursday as they sunk the Lakers 77-55 to end regular season play.

The Dawgs take on a 19-9 Ashland team for the second time this year on Wednesday. At

the previous meeting between the two teams, Ferris traveled to Ohio and beat the Eagles 66-57 back in early December. In that game, senior guard Drew Lehman scored 26 points to lift the Bulldogs to a win.

If the Bulldogs were to win Wednesday, they would play the winner of the number two seed Michigan Tech Huskies and

the number seven seed Walsh University Cavaliers match-up on Saturday. If Michigan Tech were to win that game, the Bulldogs would travel to Houghton to take on the Huskies, but if Walsh were to win, the Dawgs would host a second game in Wink Arena as the Cavaliers would have to make a trip to Big Rapids.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Katie Mavis makes the most of tough season



Photo By: Michael A. Corn| Photographerr

Junior guard Katie Mavis turns negatives into positives and looks forward to next season.

## Ferris women's basketball team will look to rebound next season

**Jimmy Demery**  
Ferris State Torch

As the buzzer sounded on a disappointing loss to Grand Valley State in the season finale, Junior guard Katie Mavis chose to take the positive out of the defeat, and use it as competitive fuel for next year. "This last loss we had getting beat by Grand Valley by 30 points was so embarrassing, so we'll definitely have

lots of motivation," Mavis said. The Bulldogs will look to rebound next season after fin-

Junior Christina Branch, and Sophomore Ally Christman. One of the Mavis' favorite parts about the team is the relationships off the court, which only adds to the team's chemistry on the court. "We're so close on and off the court and that really helps on the basketball court because we trust each other and we would do anything for each other out there," says Mavis.

**"She shows that if you keep a positive attitude and continue to work hard things will work out in your favor.."**

**Emily Evans**  
Sophomore Guard

ishing 11-14 this year. The team will return its top three scorers from this season, in Mavis,

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MENS BASKETBALL

## Basketball from Page 10 Bulldogs to take on no. six seed team in GLIAC this Wednesday

The Dawgs split with Michigan Tech this year, beating the Huskies 63-51 in January and falling in a 68-60 loss in early February. Ferris beat Walsh University 77-62 in a match-up earlier in the season. The last time the Bulldogs made it to the GLIAC

Tournament was during the 2012-2013 season where they fell in the first round to the Findlay University Oilers in a 62-55 loss. This year, the Dawgs will be hoping to replicate their win streak from earlier in the season, and roll through the tournament.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Dawgs' days are over

## Women's basketball season comes to an end



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Assistant Coach Shea Mead talks to members of the Woman's Basketball team earlier this season.

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Ferris State Torch

After a 104-73 loss to Grand Valley State last Thursday, the Bulldogs finished off the season with an overall record of 11-14, and a conference record of 9-13. Unfortunately for the Dawgs, their record wasn't quite good enough to earn them a spot in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament this year.

The last time Ferris made it to the conference tournament was the 2012-2013 season. During that season, senior guard Destiney Robinson was only a sophomore.

"We didn't meet our expectations this year unfortunately. We didn't make the tournament so that really sucked," said Robinson.

Robinson is one of six seniors that will not be returning to play for the Bulldogs next year.

When asked what her favorite memory of playing at Ferris

was, she said, "My best memory is playing at Notre Dame. Although we didn't win, the experience we had was fun, both on and off the court there."

With the team graduating six players, they will have to depend on some younger talent to take over next season. The next season will be a challenge for the Bulldogs, but the team will practice hard in the offseason to come back stronger next year.

"I'm a senior so I'm done now, but in the offseason we work

out five times a week. Whether we're doing skill work or in the weight room, we're working hard every day," said Robinson.

The Bulldogs finished the season averaging 64.9 points per game and shot 40.6 percent from the field as a team. Katie Mavis and Christina Branch led the Bulldogs in points per game on the season, averaging 11.5 and 11.7 ppg.

Both Mavis and Branch will be returning next season, and will likely be looked to as team leaders once again next season.

## Mavis on Ferris State's Women's Basketball season

Next year Mavis will be a fifth year senior and the captain of the team, which is something that would have seemed easy to predict considering how accomplished she was as a high school player. However, when she first got to Ferris she was surprised to learn that she would be redshirting her first year. Yet, as with the loss to Grand Valley, Mavis took the disappointment of redshirting in stride and made the most of it.

"My first year here was definitely a growing year. I came in not knowing I was going to be redshirted. That helped me grow a lot; I got to work on my own skills," says Mavis. "I got a lot stronger and more confident in myself which helped me a ton going into my second year when I actually got to play."

Mavis' hard working attitude has not gone unnoticed by her teammates and coaches.

"She gives me and other people a lot of motivation, not even just in regards to basketball. She shows that if you keep a positive attitude and continue to work hard things will work out in your favor," sophomore guard Emily Evans said.

Descriptions of leaders like that make up a coach's dream, and the closeness of the team is sure to help the Bulldogs improve next season.

Still though, the losses of this season are hard to forget, especially with other teams in the GLIAC getting ready for the postseason.

"I really wish we were playing another week. Especially because this year and last year we were just one or two games away from that (GLIAC postseason tournament) and that will definitely be fuel for next year."

The Bulldogs have suffered a couple of down years after going 23-7 in the 2011-2012 season, but confidence is high for next season, in no small part due to Mavis' leadership.

"I credit that a lot to the seniors that were here my first year. They were amazing leaders and being around such positive and great influences has helped me grow and become the leader I am today."

With strong leadership at the helm and a core group with years of experience playing together, hopes are high for next season, and Mavis stated her goal for the team plainly.

"... Making and winning the tournament," Mavis said.

Those are lofty expectations considering the Bulldogs have not qualified for the tournament since that 2011-2012 season, but with Mavis at the helm they have reason to be optimistic.

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# Sports Shorts

**Keith Salowich**  
Sports Editor

### Track & field competes at GLIAC Championships

The men and women of Ferris State's track & field team recently participated in the two-day GLIAC Championships. Placing 11th in team points were the women of the Bulldogs, while the men in the crimson and gold took home 13th place in the meet.

Ferris competitors were able to record three nationally-qualifying marks in the meet. Senior Samantha Johnson took fourth in the mile run and beat the national provisional qualification standard, while teammate Breeann Ovokaitys took seventh and also posted a qualifying time in the same race. The women's distance medley consisting of Johnson, Ovokaitys, Ashley Hamilton and Samantha Humphrey placed fourth with a time of 11:49.30, which also topped the qualification standard.

The next time the teams will see competition will be as part of another two-day event at the Grand Rapids Open on March 27-28. The Bulldogs will then participate in the Spartan Invite in East Lansing on the following weekend.

### Tennis winning streaks come to an end

Both the men and women's tennis teams were riding a winning streak when Indianapolis rolled into Big Rapids last Saturday, but neither team could make that claim after the volleys had ceased that afternoon.

The men's team sits on a 4-2 record this spring after most recently falling to Indianapolis 5-4. Ferris competitors Laurent Galarneau, Roger Hernandez Pena and Tyler Bridges each won their singles matches, but it was not enough to carry the Bulldogs past the No. 26 Indianapolis Greyhounds.

The Bulldogs of the women's team are 2-2 since returning to action this spring. Having lost to Indianapolis 8-1 on Feb. 28, the women were then defeated by Western Michigan on the road on the very next day, 7-0.

The teams will next see action this weekend when they travel to Florida to take on a series of teams from March 8-12.

### Four Dawgs earn All-GLIAC honors

Tonight, the men's basketball team will be hosting Ashland in Wink Arena to kick off the GLIAC Tournament. While the team's focus will be on the game, the conference recently took time to recognize four Bulldogs who earned all-conference honors.

Drew Lehman was chosen to the All-GLIAC first team, while teammates Jared Stolicker and Josh Fleming earned second team nods. Both James Chappell and Stolicker were named to the GLIAC All-defensive team.

# Top Dawg



Photo by: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Senior forward Justin Buzzeo scored the tying goal against Bemidji State this past weekend.

**Jimmy Demery**  
Ferris State Torch

The Bulldogs earned credit for pushing the game to overtime thanks to a late rally on Senior Night against Bemidji State in the regular season home finale, and the team was lead by senior forward Justin Buzzeo.

Buzzeo takes home this week's Top Dawg honors

after scoring the tying goal in the 3rd period of the series finale. Earning an overtime loss instead of a typical loss was crucial for the Bulldogs, who now still hold a fighting chance to get home-ice advantage for the first round of the WCHA playoffs if they play well this weekend against Lake Superior State.

Buzzeo had a phenomenal season, and has the second most total points on

the team with seven goals and 11 assists. He has also been a modicum of consistency, playing in all 35 games thus far this season.

Buzzeo was honored along with the five other seniors on the team in a ceremony before the series finale for his career of contributions to the Bulldogs.



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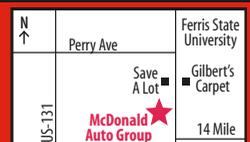
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### Letter From The Editor

## Hiding Something?

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-in-Chief

I spent Friday on a wild goose chase, consumed by trips to the courthouse, sheriff's office, Ferris Department of Public Safety office and finally the Big Rapids DPS office.

A party that broke out yielded arrests. As a local news entity, it's our job to report the news.

32 MIP's, four arrests and a person falling through an attic ceiling is news, despite the fact that parties happen all the time here.

My trip to those offices yielded only the confirmation that this all happened, as well as a few numbers.

Sure, I've heard plenty of hearsay, which can be useful when asking questions to shoot down rumors or confirm events, but we won't report the hearsay.

The police reports from this party are public documents. Yet when I finally got to the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety to attempt to obtain the documents pertaining to the arrests (Not even the MIP's, just the arrests), I was told to file for them under the Freedom of Information Act.

So I filed it and was as specific as possible. Here's the problem, I was given no reason as to why they weren't readily available.

Police entities, like all public departments, are supposed to be transparent.

This is the third FOIA the Torch has filed since October of 2013, and the previous two were dragged out. The trend has been a lack of transparency, and it's reached a point that's both frustrating and slightly disturbing.

It comes off in a few ways. One: It makes things feel fishy. If public documents aren't available, what could have happened to make them unavailable?

Two: It comes across as 'We don't think you'll go through the hassle of filing the paperwork, so we'll make you jump through hoops to complete this task.'

We're not here to defame those arrested. We're not here to defame those ticketed for MIP.

To those in charge, be honest with the citizens of your communities. Otherwise you alienate them.

# Don't be that guy

## The rise of the random "hey"

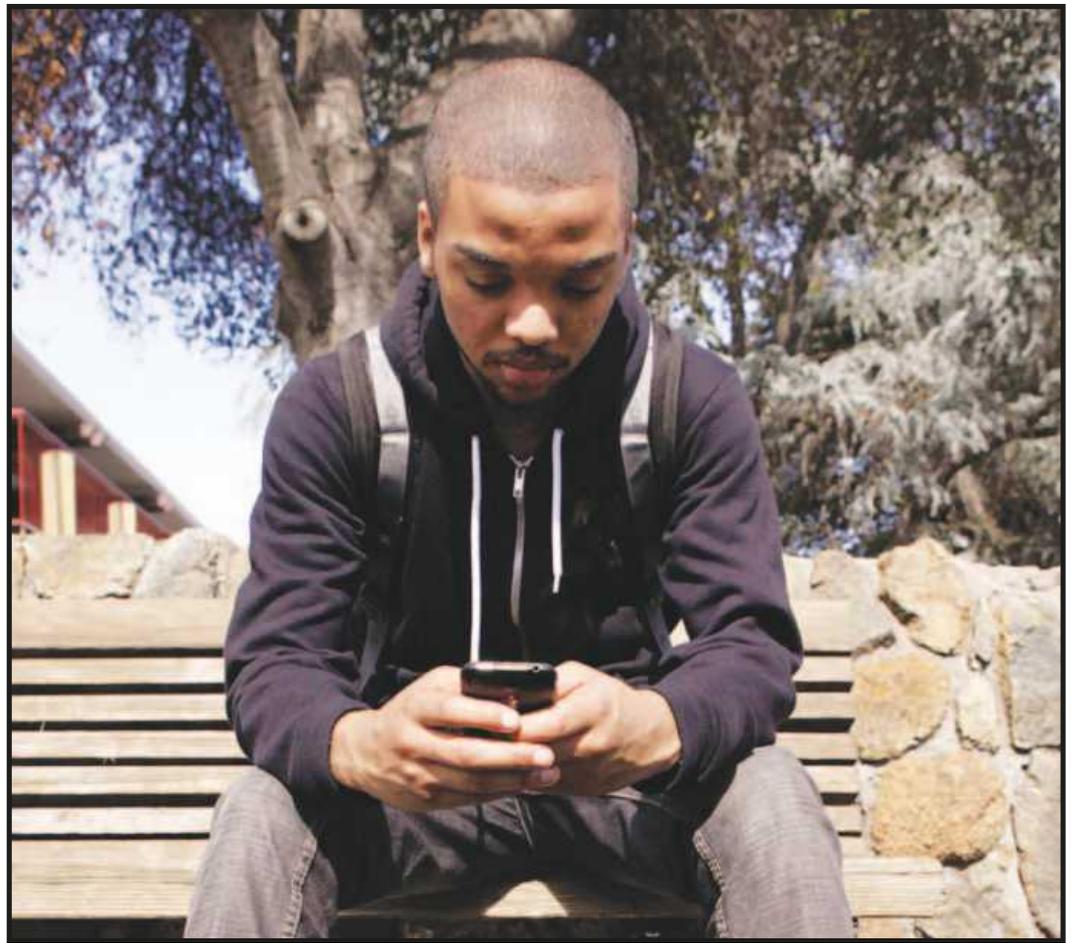


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Cameron Henry, texts using his iPhone, at Stanford University in Stanford, California.



**Hailey Klingel**  
Ferris State Torch

I've noticed a behavior forming (especially among college students) due to the rise of technology, and I'm here to give advice on the behalf of the girls (and guys) who are targets of this behavior.

It starts like this:

You innocently log onto Facebook or Twitter to catch up with the world, and you notice a little "1" over your inbox tab notifying you that someone messaged you. You think, "Ooh, that's exciting, I wonder wh it is!" You click on it, and your excitement vanishes once you see those two words: "What's up?"

What's so bad about that, you might ask?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but probably 95 percent of the time, a random "hey" or "what's up" message is from someone who has romantic/sexual motives, but is too cowardly to be straight up so they turn to the vague (and creepy) method of starting a conversation out of thin air about absolutely nothing over Facebook.

Situations like this happen to most girls I've talked to, and we are very perplexed by it. So, I'm

here to advise you: DON'T BE THIS PERSON. Here is why:

Reason 1: First impressions are vital, and elusively messaging someone you've barely (or never) talked to in real life is not a good one. It creates confusion. The person you messaged is likely thinking, "Why is this person messaging me? Do they want something? Are they interested in me? I'm so confused. What is going on??" Get to the point or they will probably just stop replying.

Reason 2: If you do randomly message someone, it puts them in an awkward situation. Facebook and Twitter both have that awful feature where it shows when a person reads a message, which is a problem because if they read it and don't reply, it comes off as rude. But if they do reply, the messenger may take that as a sign of encouragement, even if they were just being friendly. Which brings me to reason 3...

Reason 3: The person you're messaging may very well already be dating/talking to someone and therefore not want to talk to someone else who has romantic motives. But how would you ever know if you just strike up a random conversation and don't cut to the chase? Don't assume someone is single and interested just because they reply; they could just be a friendly person and curious why you messaged them.

I'm not sure when this behavior started happening, but it's really just unfortunate how some people consider this communication and courtship. Girls admire guys who straight up ask them to hang out much more than the random chit chatters. Instead of pointless small talk, maybe try starting a conversation with something along the lines of, "Hey, I noticed you in class and I was wondering if you'd like to get coffee sometime!" That is 100 times way more respectable and way more likely to get you an opportunity than a "hey cutie what's up?" I promise.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Sometimes you win and sometimes you learn"**

-Unknown

# Faces of Ferris



By: Irma Collins

**Abbie-Jo Johnson**  
Freshman, Criminal Justice & Psychology

“What is the most valuable life lesson you’ve learned so far in your first year of college?”

“The most valuable life lesson that I have learned in my first year in college is that finding happiness is important. You should pursue a degree/career that you enjoy, and if your first choice doesn’t work out, don’t be afraid to change your mind. There’s nothing wrong with wanting to be happy.”



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# Ah, Ah, Stayin' Alive

## Your very own school survival playlist



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It’s the middle of the spring semester and most of us are feeling burned out and we just want school to be over. I’ve taken it upon myself to compile a playlist of songs that will help you feel better—or at least let you know that you’re not alone in your misery. To make things even better, all of these songs are available on Spotify for your listening pleasure. Hooray!

- 1.) “This Year” by The Mountain Goats: The chorus of this song is “I am gonna make it through this year if it kills me.” I really feel that this statement is an accurate representation of how most of us are feeling at this point in the school year.
- 2.) “Blue Skies” by Noah and the Whale: Does school have you heartbroken? Are you unable to leave your bed? If so, this is song is for you.
- 3.) “Staying Alive” by the Bee Gees: Life goin’ nowhere. Somebody help me.
- 4.) “Who Needs Sleep?” by Barenaked Ladies: Yeah, who needs sleep when you can pull an all-nighter cramming for your mid-term exams?

5.) “Message in a Bottle” by The Police: You sent a SOS out to the world and I found it, so I made this playlist to rescue you. You’re welcome.

6.) “Walking on Sunshine” by Katrina and the Waves: It’s impossible to feel depressed while listening to this song. Go ahead and try. You will fail, much like how you’re failing all of your classes. ☺

7.) “We’re Not Gonna Take It” by Twisted Sister: This song will make you want to drop out of college and start a revolution against The Man.

8.) “Denial Style” by Architecture in Helsinki: Finally, a song all about your preferred method of dealing with deadlines.

9.) “I Am a Rock” by Simon and Garfunkel: You are a rock, you are an iiiiiiiiiiiisland. You feel no pain and you never cry.

10.) “Help, I’m Alive” by Metric: Does the anxiety from your upcoming project have your

heart beating like a hammer, beating like a hammer, beating like a hammer, beating like a hammer?

11.) “Hibernate” by Pretty and Nice: Isn’t that what you wish you were doing right now instead of going to school?

12.) “Touch of Grey” by Grateful Dead: You will get by. You will survive.

13.) “Drops in the River” by Fleet Foxes: I actually don’t have a sarcastic comment for this one. This is a genuinely calming song to listen to when you’re stressed.

14.) “Ukulele Anthem” by Amanda Palmer: So is this one. It’s cute, it’s funny, and it will make you want to take up playing the ukulele immediately (which can consequently become yet another distraction from doing your homework, yay).

15.) “I Will Survive” by Gloria Gaynor: I don’t really think this song requires an explanation. Make this your mantra for the next 2 months.

Hopefully this playlist will help alleviate some of the trauma and pain you’ve been experiencing since late August.



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# Spring Break in Big Rapids

## *How to spend the break if you're stuck in town*



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If you're stuck in Big Rapids during Spring Break, you're probably wondering, "What the hell am I supposed to do in this ghost town?" Look no further because unlike some townies, I'm here to help.

There's a lot of things you can do to waste the time. One of my favorite things to do here is eat food.

If you haven't noticed by now, Big Rapids has a lot of food establishments (Panera, Dairy Queen, Pizza King, Applebee's and Pizzeria Vivo's to name a few). So why not spend the break eating at all of the places in town? I

recommend eating a lot of pizza.

If you freshmen out there haven't gained your 15 pounds yet, now's a good chance to do that. Also, you may discover a new favorite meal.

You could always start a band. Seriously, lots of well-known bands started in college. Look it up, it's true.

There's a music store downtown called "Quinn's Music" that sells all kinds of instruments. Grab your friend, get some instruments and start recording. Who knows, maybe you'll hit it big and not have to go back to college. Even if



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you're not looking to "hit it big," maybe you'll discover a new hobby that you really enjoy. Or a new way to annoy those pesky neighbors. I recommend playing your instruments really loudly at 2:30 a.m. and meowing at the top of your voice.

Do you know about The Gate? It's more than just a bar; it has bowling lanes and pretty neon lights that make your clothes glow! Go on in and knock a few

pins down or reenact your favorite scenes from "The Big Lebowski." The Gate also has a mini arcade in the back. Pretty swell stuff.

There are many things about Big Rapids that make it unique. If you're bored and anything I've mentioned before doesn't sound appealing, go out and explore the city yourselves. There's a lot of things in Big Rapids I probably don't even know about (and I've lived here for 21 years).

If you're up to it, do some homework you have due. Some professors out there assign homework for break, so if Big Rapids is too dull for you, just

sit in your warm, cozy bed and get to work! If you have homework that was due in January, now's a great time to start it.

There are so many bars in this town, it's crazy. So gather any remaining friends in town (or strangers you just met) and get a few drinks. If you go this route, you could just black out the whole break and not even worry about having too much time.

Most importantly, Big Rapids will be near silent. Take advantage of the space you don't normally have with the rest of the student body here.



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