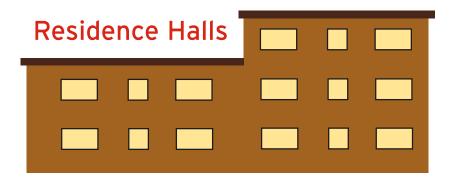
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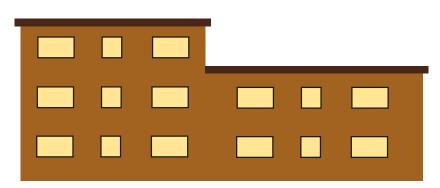
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6 credits at Ferris State University earns students a free summer residence

Devin Anderson

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Contracting for summer housing is underway. This year, the Office of Housing and Residence Life is offering an incentive to stay and study that some students are finding hard to pass up. If enrolled in 6 credsemester, Ferris is offering a free stay in the residence halls.

"If Ferris offers students free housing, it's definitely a better way to get students to stay and take classes," said Pedro Rossi, my English, take a summer a sophomore in game design.

Rossi, an international student from Braganca Paulista, Brazil,

its or more for this summer thought it better to stay at Ferris last summer, taking English 250 and Biology 109. He's planning on staying again this summer and is ready to enjoy himself.

> "I'd rather stay here, improve class and use this time wisely than go home," said Rossi. "I think it's definitely worth it."

Senior computer and networks off campus because I'm either in systems major Ethan Wagner has lived in Big Rapids for his whole college career, and explained why summer here is right for him.

"Staying here for the summer is a really great way to see more of Big Rapids," said Wagner. "During the year, I feel like I don't have enough time to spend class or doing homework. During the summer, Big Rapids is just so warm and beautiful all the time."

Wagner also worked as an RA in Travis Hall during the summer of 2012 while taking a literature course.

"I think professors are more relaxed during the summer

See Summer on Page 4

Student government candidates announced

Presidential candidates begin open campaigning for 2015-16 year

Mari Ann Loucks

Ferris State Torch

Student Government announced at the meeting on March 16 that Dylan Carpenter and Wayne Bersano as the presidential candidates for the 2015-2016 school year.

Bersano is currently studying abroad, his running-mate, Chauntel Wooten will be organizing his campaign. Candidates began active campaigning on March 16 at midnight and will end April 12 at 8:00 am.

On April 6 at 8 pm, there will be a presidential debate in University Center room 202 A between Carpenter and Bersano.

Voting will begin at 9 pm on April 6 and will continue until April 12 at 11 pm. Voting will be administered through the Center For Leadership, Activities, and Career Services office. CLACS will administer the election as an independent third party and will compile the results.

Wooten was the Director of Internal Assessment but stepped down to join Bersano's campaign.

Student Government Association President Andrew Kalinowski appointed Speaker of the Senate Chris Cipko and Speaker of the House Mikaela Mason as Directors of Internal Assessment for the election.

Kalinowski will cast a vote for any decisions that result in a tie between Cipko and Mason.

Results will be announced on April 13 at 6 pm at the end of the General Assembly meeting.

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Are you included?

Measuring diversity and inclusion on campus

Megan Smith

Ferris State Torch

The Diversity and Inclusion Office is working on an audit to measure diversity and inclusion on campus. They have teamed up with IBIS Consulting to create a Diversity and Inclusion Climate Survey that all students, faculty and staff on campus are invited to complete.

"IBIS gave [the survey] to us and we tweaked it," said Patty Terryn, Administrative Assistant for the Diversity and Inclusion Office. "We customized it for Ferris. The group of people who came together to work on the whole audit process was the same group that interviewed the consultants. They split off into three groups: a group that worked on the faculty survey, a group that worked on the student survey and a group that worked on the staff survey."

Each of the three surveys attempts to gauge the current social climate at Ferris through asking individuals to provide their opinions and rate the level of representation on campus among those of different ethnic or racial backgrounds, sexual orientations, sex and gender identities, as well as how accepting and welcoming the university is towards minority groups. The survey also asks for the individual's own demographic information. All responses will be kept strictly confidential and will only be seen by IBIS Consultation, who will analyze the results to create a report for the Diversity and Inclusion Office.

"We wanted the demographics [of each survey] to

be the same," Terryn said, "so if you wanted to look at how white people responded [to a given question], we could compare it, and how students answer the question compared to faculty, how staff answered it compared to students."

"They're basically asking if Ferris is a good place to work, if it promotes inclusion, if you're comfortable working here, if you think other people are comfortable working here," said Fran Rosen, Collection Development and Acquisitions Librarian and Facultyin-Residence in the Diversity and Inclusion Office. "Some of their data analysis that [IBIS] is going to do is, say, the majority white men think that Ferris is an extraordinarily welcoming place, but gay women think it's not. It kind of gives you a sense of the work that needs to be done so that the faculty really see the issues and then will work on finding ways to move forward."

Before the survey was sent out, the Diversity and Inclusion Office met with various individuals and organizations around campus for interviews and focus groups. Those consulted included President Eisler, Black Greek Council, the Office of Multicultural Student Services, Student Government, D-SAGA, Deans from around campus and more. The input from these meetings combined with the results of the survey will be used to help the Diversity and Inclusion Office form a new action plan. Their current plan has been in place since 2008. Information on the Diversity and Inclusion Office and its current Diversity Plan can be found by visiting the university website and clicking the link "Diversity & Inclusion Office."

"I feel that Ferris has made really significant steps forward in being a diverse and particularly an inclusive university, an inclusive environment, and a welcoming environment for all different kinds of people," Rosen said, "and I want to see that become even more the case. I want a new Diversity Plan that is based on the most valid and extensive information, because that way it will be better connected to the reality of what needs to change."

On Monday, March 16th all students, faculty and staff should have received an email from IBIS Consulting providing a link to take the Diversity and Inclusion Climate survey. The survey will be available until April 3.

As an incentive, anyone who completes the survey will be eligible to win prizes, which include an iPad Mini, wireless Beats by Dr. Dre headphones and FSU paraphernalia. 3 winners from each of the 3 survey groups will be selected at random to receive a prize.

"I think that [the survey] is important, because we need the people of the university to tell us what we need to work on and what the university needs to focus on," Terryn said. "It needs to come not just 'from the top down,' but 'from the bottom up.' It needs to come from what the people are seeing out there, because we can't be everywhere. We, the Diversity Office, can't be in the classrooms and see what's going on. We need the students to tell us what their views are, we need the faculty, we need the staff, we need everybody to tell us what's going on out there."

CANDIDATES from Page 1

Student government expands reach coming into election season



Photo By: Harrison Watt | Editor-In-Ch

Dylan Carpenter (Center) is one of the two candidates for Student Government President.

The two candidates will be vying to head student government, which has seen a 100 percent membership increase since the end of the Fall of 2013. The voting membership has increased 164 percent in that time as well.

Amongst the end of the semester objectives, The BIG Event, known as the largest student-run philanthropic event in Michigan is on the docket the week of inauguration for whomever comes out on top in the election.

Student government has expanded its campus and community reach this year, by being represented in over 30 external operations, 17 of which were added within the year. Amongst them, the Board of Trustees, Academic Senate, the Leadership Council, and the Torch Editorin-Chief selection committee.

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Arraignments set for party

FOIA request for incident report denied, arraignment date set for tomorrow by 77th district court



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An off-campus party yielded 32 MIP citations and four arrests. All of the above are set for an arraignment on March 19 at 9 am in Big Rapids.

Harrison Watt

Editor-in-Chief

A party gone wrong yielded 32 Minor in possession citations and four arrests, but further details have been held up by local law enforcement.

The Torch filed for the incident reports under the Freedom of Information Act for the

party that took place on February 22 and was responded to on March 3 by the Big Rapids Department of public safety.

The Torch filed only for the portions of the incident report regarding the arrests at 211 E. Grand Traverse.

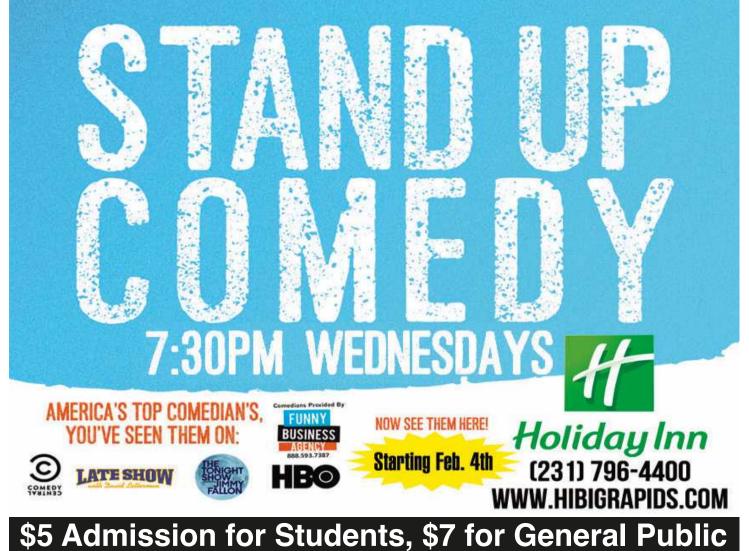
The incident report was denied as "the information requested includes investigating records compiled for law enforcement purposes and disclosure as a public record would interfere with law enforcement proceedings," according to the response.

City Attorney Eric Williams was reached and noted that it may take "a few" weeks for the incident report to be released.

At press time, the incident remains open, though it was unspecified within the report as to why it remains open. The 77th district court of Mecosta County has set arraignment dates for all of the offenses from the party on Thursday, March 19 at 9 am.

The Ferris Department of Public Safety, despite the fact that the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety was called to the scene and called Ferris DPS for assistance, provided the majority of the available information. The house at 211 East Grand Traverse is owned by Peak Properties, and while tenants were arrested, their names remain unavailable at press time due to the lack of incident report.

Peak Properties lists on their website that they are a student housing option. It is confirmed that Ferris students were at the party.



SUMMER from Page 1 A summer incentive

semester. It's like, the semester is short and this is the stuff we need to cover. Let's cover it and have a good time."

For social work junior Kenyatta Peterson, the fall and spring semesters don't paint Big Rapids in a very good light.

"There's this negative blanket over everything because I'm constantly in school and worrying about the winter," said Peterson.

That's why for Peterson, classes will be put on hold until fall. She plans to work in Big Rapids over the summer and is currently seeking an internship. What's her outlook on the approaching season?

"I want to enjoy it! I want to live in Big Rapids and be surrounded by my friends. It will be warmer, the sun will be out and we'll be happy," said Peterson.

The summer semester runs from May 18 to August 12, 2015. To sign up for a summer residence at Ferris, visit MyHousing in MyFSU.

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TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Jennifer Corrie

News Editor

Women's History Month

The entire month of March is recognized as Women's History Month. To celebrate, events are being held on campus, including: #MAKEITHAPPEN, on Tuesday, March 17, "The Help," movie showing and discussion also on Tuesday, March 17, the "Woman At Risk" human trafficking awareness event, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in UC 202A, and the annual W.I.L.L conference, being held on Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in UC 202.

Provost Candidate Interviews

The Provost Search Committee has scheduled Dr. Paul Blake, who is currently Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, for interviews on campus on March 18 and

The Extraordinary Band World of Valencia, Spain, and its Musical Evolution

This presentation is being held on Thursday March 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m, by Adrián Ronda-Sampayo, and assisted by Dr. Richard Cohen. Adrián Ronda-Sampayo is Musical Director of Games and Symphonies, the La Safor Instrumental Ensemble, the Sant Blai Potríes Musical Association, and the Santa Cecilia Choral Music Association of Ador, in the Valencia region of Spain.

Etiquette Dinner

If you've got five bucks, you can get a five course meal and learn how to have proper etiquette during a dinner on Monday, March 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. in UC 202B. Last minute sign ups can be made through OrgSync, but make sure to get your payment in cash or check to the CLACS office in UCB 120 on Wednesday, March 18.

Love, Life and Death

This showcase of one act plays, student produced and directed, will be held on March 26, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Auditorium, with a Sunday matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Stolen Car?

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

Devin Anderso

News Editor

Operating while intoxicated

Feb. 26, 12:15 am, officers stopped a vehicle on Perry Avenue for an unreadable and damaged license plate. The driver of the vehicle was found to be intoxicated and lodged in the county jail.

Damaged vehicle

Mar. 3, 3:00 pm, report of damaged vehicle in Lot 27. The mirror of the driver's side door was damaged.

Egged vehicles

Feb. 28, 10:55 pm, officers investigated two vehicles that had been egged in Lot 24.

Car accident

Feb. 27, 2:15 pm, a two-car accident in Lot 5.

Vehicle impounded

Mar. 1, 2:45 pm, officers impounded a vehicle in Lot 39 for blocking the driveway.

Prowler

Mar. 1, 3:35 am, officers assisted the Sheriff's Department with a prowler complaint at Oakwood Apartments. The of-

ficers checked the area and were unable to locate anyone.

Vehicle damaged

Feb. 28, 1:00 pm, officers received report of a vehicle damaged in Lot 1. The passenger's side mirror was broken off.

Damaged door

Feb. 28, 9:00 am, officers investigated a door damaged in Kramer Hall on the 11th floor.



Impounded vehicle

Feb. 26, 1:40 pm, officers impounded a vehicle parked on the sidewalk in Lot 71.

Hit-and-run

Feb. 26, 6:00 pm, officers investigated a hit-and-run complaint in Lot 29.

Suspended license

Feb. 26, 11:15 pm, officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near South Street for an improper turn. The driver was ticketed for driving on a suspended license.

Hit-and-run

Feb. 24, 5:10 pm, officers investigated a hit-and-run accident in Lot 1.

Marijuana

Mar. 3, 8:15 pm, officers pulled over a vehicle on South Street at Stadium Drive for a headlight violation. Marijuana was discovered in the vehicle and two students were referred to the office of student conduct.

Two-car accident

Feb. 25, 9:00 am, officers investigated a two-car accident on North Campus Drive near Warren.

Stolen car?

Feb. 25, 8:00 pm, officers received report of a stolen car in Lot 1. The vehicle was located in Lot 18 and the male owner of the vehicle stated that he forgot where he parked it.

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The thing I wish I could understand about women would probably be why do they take so long to get ready

> **Brent Roberts** Ferris State University

Behind the Big Event

Big Event planning committee attend national conference



Former Torch News Editor Taylor Hooper helps out by raking leaves in the community during last year's Big Event.

Hailey Klingel

Ferris State Torch

the annual Big Event are in full swing with planning-so much so that this year's director feels as if she "eats, sleeps, and breathes" the Big Event.

Amanda Jewell, healthsystems administration senior and this year's Big Event director, volunteers to plan the Big Event because she knows how much it impacts the residents of Big Rapids.

"They often express how much the Big Event helps them along with a heartfelt story of why they need an extra hand,"

said Jewell. "It means the world to me because it often means the world to Big Rapids residents."

Ferris' Big Event is the largest student-run philanthropic event in Michigan, according to Jewell. The one-day service event usu-



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ally serves 200-300 houses in the Big Rapids community and averages around 1 , 4 0 0 volunteers who

complete

tasks such as washing win- to 110 other schools in the Jewell were among the five leaves, among other things.

"I think other students should participate to show their appreciation to the Big Rapids community," healthcare administrations junior Haley Lombda said. "Also, volunteering is an opportunity to not only help others, but to better yourself."

A national Big Event conference was held the last weekend in January to learn strategies to improve Ferris' Big Event. About 250 students from around the nation attended the conference at Texas A&M, which was the birthplace of the Big Event in 1982. Since then, it has spread

from being in it for two years as a volunteer, but now that I went to the conference and saw the pur-



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public relations junior Kaitlyn Patrick said.

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Patrick, Lombda, and

dows, planting, and raking nation, including Ferris in 2008. Ferris students to attend the "I already liked the Big Event informational conference.

> "We got to talk to their direc tor and he explained how they do their operations and we just learned how to carry on the process better and what type of promotions they do," said Patrick.

> The two-day conference exposed the Ferris representatives to the ideas of other schools in order to pick up the tools to make this year's Big Event the most successful yet.

> "The conference was a weekend I'll never forget full of amazing hospitality and individuals," said Jewell. "It allowed us to view other ideas and options to

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Modern love

One of the guys

Life is a lot less complicated and a whole lot less dramatic when you're the girl that's "one of the guys."

Guy friends are the best. They're funny, protective, and who better to complain about men to than other men who can provide some insight.

However, when it comes to dating, having a bunch of guy friends might not be the most graceful situation to handle.

The first problem comes when one of your bros gets a girlfriend. They swear up and down that you're still friends, but once he gets a girlfriend, sorry homegirl, but you are out of the picture for that seven months of his life.

It's so awkward because you have to understand like yeah, his girlfriend obviously just sees you as another female he's spending time with therefore that will never fly with her, but come on.

As a girl that's always one of the guys, losing one of your best friends for extended periods of time is really inconvenient and a little heartbreaking.

It's an endless cycle during these times of our lives. Bro gets a girlfriend, you cease communication for the duration of that relationship with occasional arguments about why you two can't be friends, they break up, and it's back to normal. Rinse and repeat.

Let's not forget the times one of your bros gets a real feisty girlfriend that sees you on his Facebook. So of course, being the territorial creatures we are, she has to send you a catty message which she mistakenly believes will make you "back off." This usually prompts a girl fight between you and said temporary girl-



Sarah Force Lifestyles Editor

friend

Nothing can describe the feeling of betrayal when your bro takes her side, but get used to it girlfriend because he will always take her side. Can you really blame him though? He's not getting any from you! You'll get an apology after they break up, don't worry.

Let's flip the script because you aren't the only one dealing with it. What happens when YOU get a boyfriend?

Yup. No matter how you try to explain it to your man, no matter how long you've been strictly platonic with your bros, he will never feel comfortable with you hanging out with them.

If you even so much as get a text from one of your bros, it never fails. You will look up, hoping your boyfriend doesn't see it, but he did. Cue the eye roll and crabby attitude for the rest of the night.

So what do you do? Risk the relationship or the friendship?

Hey boyfriends, your girl could just as easily be messing around with her female friends as she could her male friends.

Hey girlfriends, if you can't trust your man to control himself around the presence of any female, then you probably shouldn't be dating him.

The best way to handle these kinds of situations is to have them all get to know each other. Listen to everyone's needs in the situation and try to figure out how to give a little and get a little. The discomfort that the girlfriends, the friends, the boyfriends all feel is because of the unknown.

RSO Spotlight: Crafters Anonymous

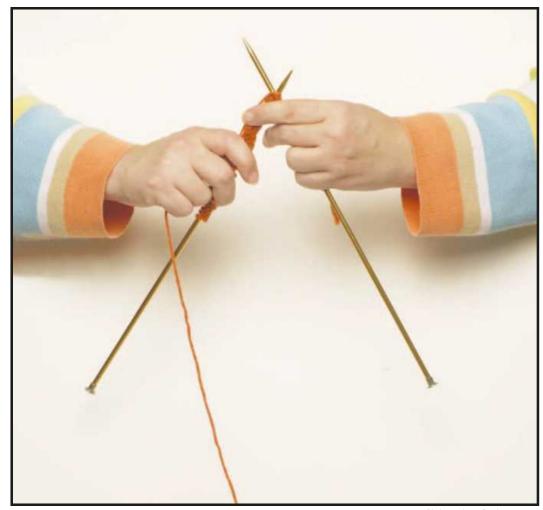


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One of the Crafter's Anonymous, many talents is crocheting.

RSO crafts their way through college

Andrea Lenhart

Ferris State Torch

Among the many hidden gems that are Ferris student organizations lies one of the most creative and giving of all.

"Crafters Anonymous was started by a couple of crafty students who wanted to use their artistic ability to give back to the community," Alicia Gotz, co-president of the RSO and pre-nursing sophomore said. "The reason that we craft is to relieve stress and to express ourselves. Crafters Anonymous makes this easy and we get to do what we love with people who share the same love."

According to Gotz, Crafters

See **Crafts** on Page 8

Anonymous is a non-profit organization. Along with sharing the love of crafting, its members share their love to the community because the money the members raise from selling their crafts goes back to the community. "We make the crafts and sell



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The mind of a woman Scrafts from Page 7 FSU organization

Trivia game centered on understanding the female brain



Sarah Force Lifestyles Editor

People in general can be difficult to understand sometimes, but the female brain can be quite the game-changer.

One Ferris student organization is aiming to provide a little insight after doing their own investigation and turning their results into a game.

Following their event, Mind of a Man, the Ferris student organization of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be hosting a game show styled event called Mind of a Woman.

"It will be a game show format overall," marketing junior and NAACP Vice-President Brent Roberts said. "There were surveys given out to female Ferris State students that were then collected, and their answers where used to form questions."

The event will take place in the IRC on Tuesday March 24 at 7 p.m.

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Brent RobertsFerris State University

a panel," Roberts said. "The main purpose is to see if guys in the audience can get into the mind of women and answer the questions like they did."

According to Roberts, the event will be hilarious, interactive, and encourages lots of participation from students.

"The thing I wish I could understand about women would

probably be why do they take so long to get ready," Roberts said.

Puzzled students like professional golf management sophomore Dillon Pierson might be able to learn something new at the event.

"Why is it that women seem to go for guys that are a 'douchebag' to women, but will push away the guys that are being true gentleman, and treat them with the respect that they deserve like a princess," Pierson said.

Not so shockingly, marketing senior Anders Johnson had the same idea in mind, along with a few others.

"Why do they say they are fine, when they really aren't?" Johnson said. "And then, [women] get upset when men continue to ask why you're upset?"" With these kind of questions, I am sure this will be an event for the books.

FSU organization teams up with DHS to give back to the community

them during our craft sales in the University Center, and we donate the money to different organizations such as United Way or Relay for Life," said Gotz.

Crafters Anonymous copresident and architecture sophomore Elaine Munn feels that there are some misconceptions about the organization.

"While most people think we are a knitting RSO, we are not," Munn said. "Although we do teach knitting and crocheting if requested, we often hold craft events where we make absolutely everything,"

As well as donating their crafts, the members donate their time to the commu-Crafters Anonymous works with the Department of Human Services (DHS).

"If it is close to Christmas or Easter, we use the funds to buy craft supplies to host holiday parties for the local foster children," Gotz said. "My favorite memories are from last year's Easter party. Seeing how happy the crafts and egg hunt made the children truly made me happy. Every event we have with the foster children is always the highlight of my semester and seeing their smiles makes all the

stress of organizing it worth it."

According to general member of the RSO and pre-pharmacy freshman Brandi Brant, you don't need to have any skill to join.

"We craft because it is something that we love to do," Brant said. "To be a part of Crafters Anonymous, your abilities can be at any level. We would love to teach you how to knit or crochet, people join because it is always a good time."

While Crafters Anonymous may not have the funds to host big events besides craft shows, however they still like to participate and be known around campus.

"If you ever see trees looking like their wearing yarn sweaters, we were there," Munn said.

According to Gotz, their next event is their Easter holiday party in Reed City on March 31 for foster children. The event is organized with DHS and foster parents join them to make simple crafts and an Easter egg hunt while also enjoying dinner. They help host at least one DHS affiliated craft party each semester.

The group meets every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. in the University Center room 213.

BIG EVENT from Page 6

Students are proud that Ferris is a big name for the Big Event

reflect on our event to make it the best it can be."

Patrick said Ferris is well known among the schools that participate in the Big Event due to the fact that it's currently the only school in Michigan where it takes place.

"Being prideful that Ferris is the only school in Michigan that does it right now really made me fall in love with it," Patrick said.

The Big Event will be held Saturday April 18 at 9 a.m. Applications can be found on the "FSU Student Government" OrgSync page and are due by Monday, March 25 in the Student Government Office (UCB 121A).

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Bobby Murphy, 24, left, and Evan Spiegel, 22, co-creators of Snapchat, in front of company's offices on Ocean Front Walk in Venice Beach, California.

Many of us were highly disappointed since the Snapchat update.

Creeping on peoples 'best friends' seemed like the only way to know who was talking to whom. Since 'best friends' went out the window, the app opened the door to many other opportunities.

We may never know who snaps who the most ever again, but my stories and even Snapchat live allows us to see events happening all over the world.

Instead of creeping on who your friends' friends are, just looking at their story allows you to almost experience their day with them. That may seem super creepy but, that's social media for you.

I wasn't lucky enough to go anywhere for spring break, like many of you I am sure. you will be able experience

But Snapchat allowed us couch potatoes to experience more than one trip over the

Thanks to Snapchat, I could tell you how the weather was in Panama, Daytona, Cancun, and California. I could tell you about the concerts and artists on tour in the area. I could even tell you about the zoos, ocean, beaches, airports, and other tourist activities. Plus, I didn't have the hangover.

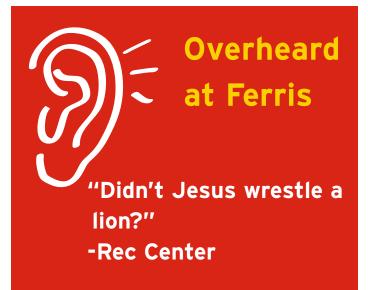
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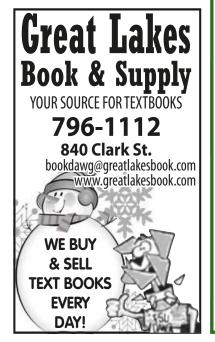
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MENS BASKETBALL

Bittersweet defeat

Ferris State wins GLIAC tournament, fall in NCAA Tournament first round



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The Bulldog Men's basketball team topped Ashland, Walsh and Lake Superior State to become the 2015 GLIAC Tournament Champions before dropping in the NCAA Tournament's first round to the very same Lake Superior State Lakers.

Keith Salowich

Sports Editor

It's over. Fun while it lasted, the Ferris State men's basketball team couldn't overcome rival Lake Superior State in their NCAA tournament first round game.

The hoops squad won the GLIAC Tournament Championship the prior weekend, prevailing in an electrifying title game against Lake Superior State 87-82.

Lake Superior State was the top seed in the GLIAC tournament, and because of their impressive 23-5 record during the season they had home court advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Bulldogs, who had lost by 22 in their game on the road against the Lakers earlier this season, jumped out to a 31-8 lead in the first half. Ferris State took a 14 point lead into halftime, and although the Lakers rallied in the second half they never led. Senior guard Drew Lehman came up huge for the Bulldogs, scoring a career high 38 points.

Eight teams made the GLIAC tournament, and in the first round playing at home Ferris State beat Ashland 79-67. Ferris State dominated defensively, holding Ashland to only 38.1% shooting from the field.

After advancing to the semi-finals, Ferris State made a statement with a blowout win against Walsh 81-65. The Bulldogs were on a mission defensively, holding Walsh to only 27 points in the first half, and 36.7% shooting in the game. Ferris State had a balanced scoring attack in the game, with four players finishing in double digits.

Although the Bulldogs likely would have gained a bid to the Division II National Championship Tournament without winning the GLIAC tournament, the victory made their bid automatic. Ferris State earned a five-seed in the tournament, and their opponent in the first round was a familiar foe: Lake Superior State.

Ferris State lost in the first round to LSSU in overtime, 78-69. The Bulldogs had a five point lead with 47 seconds remaining, but late game heroics by Lakers' junior forward Jake Blake and a dominant press by the Lakers defense forced the game into overtime where LSSU dominated.

It was a successful campaign for Ferris State, as the team finished 23-9 on the year, and made it to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2011. Although the season ended in

gut-wrenching fashion, there is reason for optimism next year with three starters from this season returning.

The Dawgs reeled off 16 consecutive wins to open the regular season, including a beating of Division I Bowling Green State.

A late season slump to the tune of a five-game losing streak ended Ferris State's bid for a regular season conference title, but the tournament proved all they needed.

This marks the third time a Ferris team lost an encore performance in the Division II NCAA Tournament this year.

Football defeated Ohio Dominican in what was widely viewed as the winner-take-all midseason game, and then subsequently lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to the Ohio Dominican Panthers at home.

In a more strikingly similar fashion, the Volleyball team defeated Grand Valley State in Allendale to win the GLIAC tournament, and then was matched with the Lakers again for the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Lakers again hosted the contest where Ferris was unable to come out on top in repeat fashion.

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23-9 Overall Record

16-6 Conference Record

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Free Throw Percentage: 66.4

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HOCKEY



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Sophomore forward Chad McDonald has helped to earn the Bulldogs a spot in the WCHA Final Five.

Final Five faceoff **Gone Sweeping**

FSU advances to WCHA Final Five

Keith Salowich Sports Editor

In the longest game in Ferris history, the Dawgs punched their ticket to St. Paul and the WCHA Final Five with a tripleovertime thriller ended on a shot tipped by Kyle Schempp.

The Dawgs won the first game of the best of three series against Bemidji State 4-1, then endured the third-longest game in WCHA history before sophomore forward Kyle Schempp was able to drive the final nail into the Beavers' coffin to win 3-2 in triple overtime in game two.

In the first game, Ferris State took the lead midway through the first period and refused to surrender it, as freshman forward Zach Szajner was able to find twine with the help of fellow freshmen Andrew Mayer and Mitch Maloney, who both earned assists.

This score would hold until late in the second period, where the Bulldogs scored a pair of quick goals. The first came off the stick of sophomore defenseman Ryan Lowney at the 15:07 mark, and sophomore forward Gerald Mayhew scored the second goal of the period just over two minutes later to put the Dawgs ahead 3-0.

Bemidji State was finally able to get on the board early in the third period, when Gerry Fitzgerland took advantage of a power play to cut the Ferris State lead over the length of the series. to 3-1, but it proved to be too little and too late for the Beavers.

The Bulldogs iced the vic-

tory when junior forward Kenny Babinski added a late goal on an empty net to give the Dawgs the 4-1 victory.

Game two told a different story, as the Beavers had an answer for each Bulldog goal in regulation. Freshman defenseman Andrew Dorantes scored the first goal of the game on a power play for the Bulldogs late in the first period, but BSU's Graeme McCormack responded halfway through the second period to knot it up 1-1.

That score would hold until the 6:00 mark of the third period, when Babinski assisted on a goal by senior forward Justin Buzzeo to put the Dawgs up by one in the final period of regulation.

The Beavers would not go down without a fight as BSU's Brendan Harms netted a goal to tie the game once again and pushed the game to overtime.

The first two overtime periods were scoreless, thus forcing a third supplementary period. After an exhausting four hours and 23 minutes since the game had begun, the Bulldogs were finally able to claim the victory when Schempp tipped in the winning goal. Lowney and junior forward Matt Robertson were credited with assists in the goal that decided the 3-2 outcome.

goaltender Senior Motte earned 48 saves in the marathon contest, and accumulated a total of 69 saves

Penalties proved to be costly for the Beavers, who surrendered two goals on Bulldog Bulldogs will fight for WCHA crown and NCAA bid

Keith Salowich

Sports Editor

Following a thrilling triple overtime victory that sealed the series for the Bulldogs against Bemidji State, the Dawgs will head to St. Paul, Minnesota to clash with No. 2 Minnesota State and other surviv-WCHA powerhouses.

The Bulldogs were the only travelling team and underdog able to advance to the WCHA Final Five, which will take place this weekend and will decide the conference champion.

In addition to potentially hanging another banner in Ewigleben Arena, the Bulldogs could also earn themselves an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament

with a pair of wins against toptier WCHA talent this weekend.

The Bulldogs have already met with Minnesota State four times this season, all of which ended in the Mavericks favor.

When the Bulldogs hosted the Mavericks back in early January, Minnesota State held the Dawgs to just one goal in both games, winning 2-1 followed by 3-1.

Just two weeks later, the Bulldogs travelled to play the Mavericks and were once again restricted to a single goal in both matchups. The Mavericks took both games in the series 5-1.

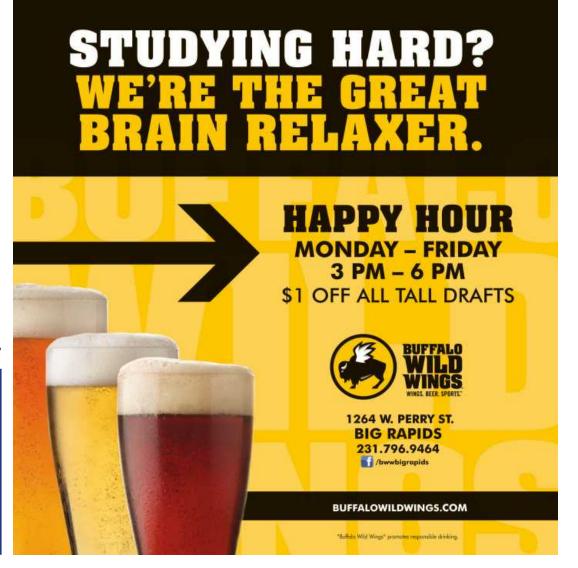
Ferris State will face a similar environment as they did when playing at MSU this weekend. Droves of Maverick fans are likely to crowd the Xcel Energy

Center, as the tournament is being held less than 100 miles from the Verizon Wireless Center, which the Mavericks call home.

Though previous meetings saw the Bulldogs struggle, Ferris State has been hammering down the throttle at the right time of the season, as they've gone 7-1-1 in their past nine games.

If the Bulldogs were to advance past Minnesota State, they would take on the victor of the Michigan Tech and Bowling Green game for the conference championship.

Ferris State will begin their weekend against Minnesota State on March 20. The puck will drop at 8:37 p.m. in St. Paul, Minn.



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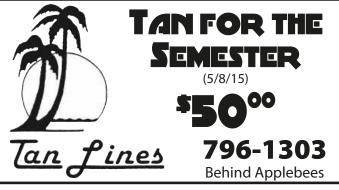
power plays in game two, including the decisive goal in the third period of overtime. Meanwhile, the Bulldog penalty kill unit held firm by successfully killing off all six of the team's penalties in the second game.

After rolling through Bemidji State, the Bulldogs have secured their spot in the WCHA's Final Five Championship. They will begin the tournament by taking

on Minnesota State, and if they are able to secure the win, they would take on either Michigan Tech or Bowling Green for the conference championship.

The Bulldogs will be taking on Minnesota State for the fifth time this season, and the puck will drop at 8:37 p.m. on March

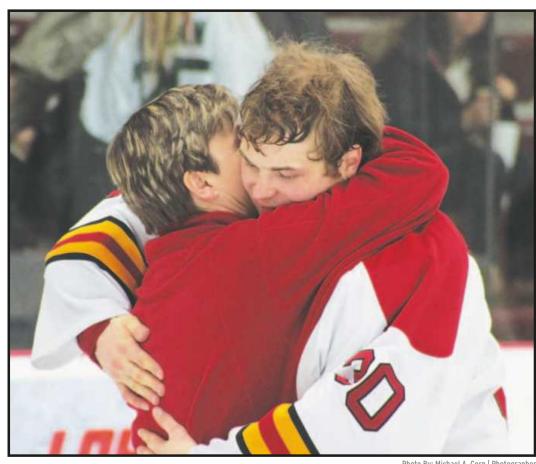
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HOCKEY

Senior Spotlight

Six seniors will be missed next season



Senior goal tender, CJ Motte, embraces his mother into a hug on senior night.

Keith Salowich

Sports Editor

Ferris State goaltender CJ Motte has had quite the career between the pipes for the Bulldogs, and fellow seniors Jason Binkley, Justin Buzzeo, Ruben Medrano, Dom Panetta and Travis White have left a lasting impact as well.

Motte recently set the Ferris State record for most wins of any tender in Bulldog hockey history. In his last regular season game in a Ferris State jersey, Motte recorded his 64th career win in shutout fashion against the Lake Superior State Lakers on March 7. Motte stopped all 24 shots the Lakers sent his way in a 3-0 victory at LSSU.

"It feels pretty good. We have had a lot of really good goaltenders go through our program so to have the most wins out of them feels pretty good," said Motte. "The shutout was just a bonus. I just go out there every game and try to give my team a chance to win and it just happened."

The shutout against LSSU was Motte's 15th in his career and his 5th of the season.

During the seniors' first season, the Bulldogs made it to the NCAA Frozen Four Championship and fell to Boston College in a 4-1 loss. None of the then-freshmen were able to make much of a splash in the game, but Motte remembers it well.

"It was a good experience to see what it takes to make it that far and to watch how Taylor Nelson handled it and learn how to better approach the game." Said Motte.

The observant class of 2015 soaked up all they could from the upperclassmen that led the charge deep into the postseason during that tremendous season, but the following year was a major step back from the previous height.

The Bulldogs posted a perfectly middling overall record of 16-16-5, and fared only slightly better in conference, going 13-12-3 and being bounced from the conference tournament in the first round during the 2012-13 season. Despite the decline in team performance, Binkley $established\,himself\,as\,an\,excellent$ wingman, as he dealt 18 assists, which led the team that year.

The following season marked the first for the Bulldogs as a Western Collegiate Hockey Association team, as they were previously a part of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association before the conference realignment. The Dawgs finished with an overall record of 29-11-3 in the 2013-14 campaign.

During that season, Motte posted his best numbers, including a record of 28-9-3 while maintaining a goals against average of 2.17 and a .928 save

percentage. Motte was nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, which is given to the top player in collegiate hockey for his efforts. Buzzeo's stats also jumped off the page that year, as he was among the team leaders in both goals and assists with 14 and 18 respectively.

In a 2014-2015 season that has yet to come to an end, Ferris State was offered a spot in the historic Great Lakes Invitational held in Joe Louis Arena. Although the Bulldogs were beaten in both games at the Joe, it just added to the amazing memories that these seniors have collected over the years.

The winningest goalie in Ferris State history, and presumably the rest of the seniors, had only kind words to say about the loyal fans that have supported the team throughout the seniors' years spent representing the Bulldogs on the ice.

"Thank you for supporting us for our last four years. You guys are the best fans in college hockey and there's nothing like skating onto the ice having the Dawg Pound cheering and chanting," Motte said.

The Bulldogs are currently in the second round of the WCHA playoffs, and will play the top-seeded Minnesota State Mavericks in hopes of keeping their NCAA Tournament dreams alive. The seniors, along with the rest of the Bulldogs, will travel to St. Paul, Minn. to reach the Xcel Energy Center for a game time of 8:37 p.m.



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Top Dawg



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Sophomore forward, Kyle Schempp, helped the Bulldog Hockey team advance on to the WCHA Final Five Championship.

Jimmy Demery Ferris State Torch

Sophomore forward Kyle Schempp scored a game winning goal in triple overtime against Bemidji State to not only win the game, but to send the Bulldogs to the WCHA Final Five Championship, and for that he earns this week's Top Dawg honors.

Schempp finally sent the crowd home after almost four and a half hours, the longest game in school history and the 3rd longest in WCHA history,

according to their records.

The goal caps a successful year for Schempp, who now has ten goals and six assists for 16 points on the season, one of the highest totals on the team.

It was shaping up to be a slightly disappointing year for the Bulldogs, but they have rebounded nicely, boasting a 7-1-1 record in their past nine games. The Dawgs will look to continue their recent success as they advance to play top-seeded Minnesota State in the championship.

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Sports Editor

Tennis heads south

Both the Ferris State men's and women's tennis teams took shelter from the cold during spring break.

The teams headed down to Florida to play five matches each. The men's squad beat Eckerd College 6-3 and took out St. Thomas Aquinas 7-2 the following day before falling to Northern Illinois 4-0 in late afternoon play last Monday. The team also lost 8-1 last Tuesday to Rollins College before finishing their trip with a 7-2 victory over Florida Southern on Thursday.

The men are currently 7-4 on the season and will travel to Kalamazoo to play Western Michigan today.

The women beat Eckerd 9-0, and followed it with another win against Minnesota State in an 8-1 victory. The team also lost to Rollins 8-1, but followed by finishing strong with two victories over Southern Indiana and Florida Southern by scores of 8-1 and 6-3 respectively.

The women's team has a break until March 31 where they will travel to Davenport to take on the Panthers.

Softball plays 17 games in 7 days

The Ferris State softball team started off their spring break in Florida with a 4-3 loss to Southern New Hampshire on Friday, March 6th.

The team played 17 games on their trip down south at the National Training Center in Clermont, Fla. The Bulldogs left the sunshine state with a (5-12) record on the trip. The Dawgs left with victories against West Liberty University,

Bentley University, West Virginia Weslayan, Urbana (Ohio) and Minnesota St. Moorhead during their time in Florida.

Ferris State is currently 5-18 on the season and will trave

Ferris State is currently 5-18 on the season and will travel to Grand Rapids for a doubleheader against Davenport University next Thursday.

Lehman named top five in Midwest

Senior guard Drew Lehman of the Bulldogs' men's basketball team was recently recognized as one of the best players in the Midwest, as his name was added to the Daktronics All-Region First Team.

Lehman, who started in every game for the Bulldogs this year, averaged 18.3 points per game and posted twice as many assists as he did turnovers this season. The standout senior also led the team in minutes played, assists per game and free throw percentage, among other categories.

Only two other GLIAC athletes were chosen alongside Lehman for the first team, and now Lehman and the rest of the athletes recognized will be eligible for selection into the Daktronics All-America team, which will be announced in the near future after the national ballot.



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> **Marshall Scheldt** Ferris State University

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Letter From The Editor

Getting ink

Harrison Watt Editor-in-Chief

I've never wanted to ink up, but recent events have put me in a mood where I'm less afraid of how my mom is going to react (Sorry Tracey).

Growing up, the idea of getting a tattoo was kind of like getting a motorcyle, or not really socially acceptable.

I grew up suburban Birmingham (Cue the eye rolling), in the magical land of polo shirts, 16 year old's with Range Rovers and country clubs on every corner.

If you ever get to hear me talk about Birmingham, you'll hear a great deal of disdain in my tone. I was in the wrong place. Sure, I was blessed to be there, but it sheltered me from a lot.

So when I went to visit a friend over break, I had a few life-changing revela-

Disclaimer: No, I'm not going to be a dad (anytime soon), unlike some stories I've heard already.

I discovered I mope a lot, or at least have been for a long time. It's kind of an annoying trait.

Through this and other less important events, I discovered I am now seriously interested in getting a tattoo.

I know plenty of people with tattoos, including one with Amy Winehouse's likeness on his....derriere.

I always believed that if I was going to get one, it would be for a reason that I wanted something with me permanently.

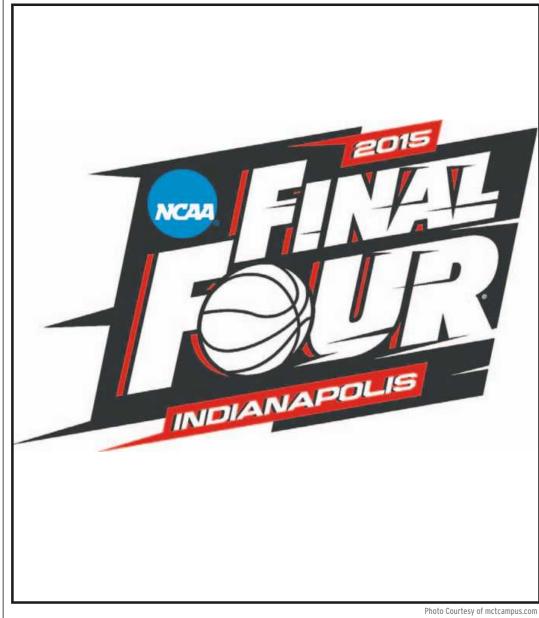
My parents told me the horror stories of tattoos gone wrong, I saw them in popular culture (See: NO RAGRETS, Know what I'm sayin'?) and most importantly I was deterred by my upbringing.

A few profound words stuck out and have since ceased the moping, despite the fact that some challenging moments have risen in that time. That's how you get an idea for a well-done tattoo.

I believe in a tattoo for the right reasons. I believe in a tastefully placed tattoo (See four paragraphs above). It's good something permanent like this came to fruition. It's a great practice of commitment.

The madness is real

The beginning of March Madness is here



How many brackets did you fill out this season? Marhsall Scheldt's bracketology will have you swooning.

It is the most wonderful time of the year, people. And I know you're probably saying, "This guy needs to check his calendar, Christmas was three months ago."

Believe it or not, I am fully aware that the holiday season is long-gone. I'm talking about a month long holiday here people, a time of pure joy and jubilation.

That's right; March Madness is upon us ladies and gentlemen.

Whether you're black, white, yellow, red, orange, blue, seafoam green, or chartreuse you probably know what March Madness is. But for those of you who have been living under a rock for your whole natural-born lives, here's a quick description:

It is a 68 team tournament that eventually decides who is the best NCAA Division I



Marshall Scheldt Ferris State Torch

college basketball team. The glory of the whole thing comes from the fact that it gives 68 teams the chance (sometimes a very slim chance) to be crowned the best college basketball team in the nation. Teams that most people have never heard of, like the Belmont Bruins, the North Florida Ospreys, and the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers have the opportunity to prove themselves against powerhouses like Duke and Kentucky. The chance that these smaller schools have of winning is slim-to-none, but believe me, stranger things have happened.

In 2011, a No. 11 seed Virginia Commonwealth

University team made it all the way to the final four, after beating the No. 1 seed and heavy favorite Kansas Jayhawks in the elite eight. The VCU Rams then butted heads with not another No. 1 seed, a No. 3 seed, but a No. 8 seed Butler Bulldogs team in the semifinal game. VCU lost to Butler, who then lost to the No. 3 seed University of Connecticut Huskies in the National Championship game.

The fact that the No. 11 seed can make it that far to prove that they are one of the top four teams in the nation should strike a chord at how incredibly insane March Madness really is. VCU is what analysts call a "Cinderella team." There's one basically every year; last year there were two.

In 2014 a No. 8 team played a No. 7 team in the

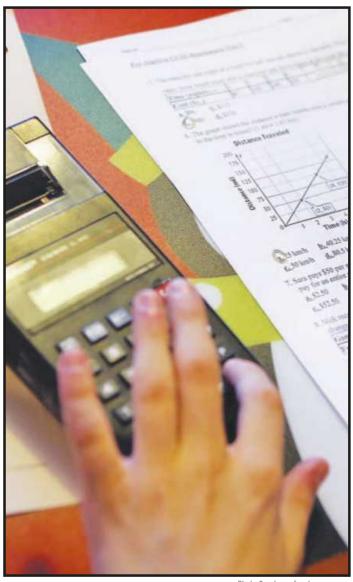
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

-Henry Adams

Spring break is over How to get back into gear



Students come back from spring break and hit the books to finish out the year strong,



Dylan Peters Opinions Editor

If you're like me, you find it hard adjusting back to your class schedule after your glorious Spring Break.

For a whole week, I got used to sleeping in until noon and playing video games all day without a care or worry in the world. But then, it got to Sunday. And I realized that I have a lot of work that needs to be done.

We were shown the Promised Land. We were shown how life is outside of college. We were shown hope. And that hope was shattered on Sunday night when we all realized that school was waiting for us.

Now that classes are back, we on't be able to sleep all day and play Dragon Age for Playstation all night. That's a real bummer.

Have no fear because as usual, I'm here to help. What I have here is a list of simple ways to get back on track to survive the rest of the semester.

To get back in the groove of things, start by dusting off your alarm clock. You're going to need this. Alarm clocks are devices that wake you up at an alarming time (hence, the name).

Another thing you need to do is stock up on coffee or black tea. These substances help you feel awake when you shouldn't be.

Remember when I told you to set an alarm? Set another one. With my personal experience, I sleep through my alarm every day. So I set two. One wakes me up and one gets me going.

Realize that Spring Break is over. I know, you must think this is a joke. But it isn't. Spring Break is over and it's not coming back for another year. Thankfully, the spring weather is here to stay (I hope) so walking to class won't be like hiking through Antarctica. So get those flip-flops and shorts out!

Exercise. I know this is a weird thing to have here, but it's important to be happy and feel good about yourselves. Remember, exercise produces endorphins and endorphins make you happy. Happy people just don't feel down about school. They just don't.

Don't go to class. Take an extra day or two to build up your spirit. Now before you actually do that, don't tell your professor "that writer for The Torch told me to skip class!" It's not like I'm holding you at gunpoint and demanding that you drop out of college. Plus, I'm a bowl of terrible ideas, so don't take anything I say seriously.

All jokes aside, it's hard to adjust to school after a weeklong break. Your best bet is to set your alarms, get lots of caffeine and soldier through the rest of the semester. It'll be over in no

Faces of Ferris



Nick Larson Sophomore, Pharmacy & Science

"What did you do for Spring Break?" "I tried watching the Lord of the Rings Trilogy, but only got through the first one. I stayed at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort for two nights and went to the Casino and won \$25. I celebrated a friend's birthday. I've also been working on building a website and tools to update a website."





March Madness is back again

Championship. National What I'm saying is, the dance is pure insanity. There is only one way to go through the whole experience though, and that's by

filling out a bracket (or fifty). You might want to watch Bracketology on ESPN before guessing the outcome of 64 games, but you can also do it on a whim because so much crazy shit goes down during the dance. But the thrill is unreal when you pick a 12 seed who you have never heard of to beat a 5 seed who makes the tournament every year; and it actually happens. Which, oddly enough, is quite often.

"Since 1990, at least one No. 12 seed has upset a No. 5 seed in the Round of 64 every year except 2000 and 2007." According to International Business Times .

Now I don't condone gambling, but if you want to enter a friendly pool between you and your friends, it adds a little more excitement to the tournament. You can also go on plenty of sports websites and fill out brackets to win money.

The only problem with the dance is that there are too many games playing at the same time. But of course modern technology has surpassed that dilemma. This year, me and my roommates plan on putting all four televisions in our living room on different games. I suggest you all do the same.

Now I might get a little too excited for the tournament, but I know there are many other people out there like me. Their dads may not have let them skip school the first day of the tournament every year like mine did, but tons of people love it and it makes sense why they do.

So instead of telling you to get off your ass and do something. I'm going to tell you to get ON your ass, fill out some brackets, grab every TV you own, and watch some damn basketball. For a month. Trust me, it'll be worth every minute.

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The bitter cold

2015 brought biting cold in contrast to 2014's endless snow



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Patrick Patterson clears the sidewalks on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, in front of the Parkhurst Apartments in Detroit's West Village after a snow storm dumped more than a foot on the city and surrounding areas since Sunday. Photo was taken on February 2, 2015.

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Ferris State Torch

"Michigan, get your life together!" Have you ever found yourself saying this? Chances are you're not the only one. Michigan's weather this year until recently has been nothing short of unpredictable, sporadic, and downright ridiculous. Folks will attribute this to a quirk about Michigan, nothing too serious. Sorry to spill the beans guys, but Michigan is not unique in this light. There is actually something fundamentally wrong

going on in the atmosphere.

Climate change, climate shift, global warming; these are words that you have most likely heard, especially recently. Global warming may sound wrong with the sub-zero temperatures recently, but the term refers to the atmosphere's overall rise in temperature. This results in higher precipitation levels, more extreme storms and floods, tampered rainfall patterns, and melting ice caps and glaciers. Basically, the weather was pissed off. Here are some things to consider:

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According to the German Renewable Energy Industry Institute, CO2 emissions have risen by 40 percent since 1990. When fossil fuels, like carbon, are burned they create extra greenhouse gases.

Greenhouse gases already exist and help maintain heat, but with extra, too much heat is trapped and abnormally increases global temperatures.

According to NASA, most climate scientists concur that the main cause of climate change is human expansion of the "greenhouse effect."

There is no doubt that these happenstances are destructive to the atmosphere. Things

could continue to get worse, which is no small consequence in the slightest. However, if you find yourself moved or wanting to make a difference, here are some suggestions to reduce your "carbon footprint."

Walk whenever you can instead of driving. Transportation amounts to 28% of greenhouse gas emissions, according to the EPA. Get that exercise in and reduce emissions.

Savor energy: shut that light off! Even if electricity is already paid for, it is still burning fossil fuels. Remember, coal is the main source of energy for houses.

Learn more. Do research. A good place to start is the library. Or, look at NASA's website. Check out their article, "Climate Change: How do we know?" They have a lot of good things to say.

Whether or not you acknowledge climate change, this article still is just meant to provide insight on why the weather has been a shit show, and why it may continue to escalate unless something is done. Remember guys, stay informed, stay warm and stay classy.

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