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The Bulldog guide to Marijuana

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

All forms of marijuana are prohibited in the residence halls and on any property controlled by Ferris State University.

In 2008, voters chose to legalize medical marijuana in Michigan and while there is a push to fully legalize for recreational use, federal law still prohibits the use of the drug entirely.

So what happens when a Ferris student is medically approved to use marijuana, but lives in the residence halls of a federally funded institution like Ferris?

"Ferris State University is a recipient of federal financial aid,

It's going to be legal everywhere soon, but this is going to be a weird, miserable in between point.

C.L. Lindsay
Attorney

which requires us to abide by federal law where marijuana is still prohibited," said Erik Wessel, Ferris Director of Student Conduct.

To this, attorney C.L. Lindsay says, "It's a mess."

Lindsay is founder of the Coalition for Student & Academic Rights. Through this non-profit network of lawyers, Lindsay has been free legal advocacy and counseling to students and professors for over 15 years. He spoke at Williams Auditorium on March 31 about issues concerning alcohol and drug usage here at Ferris.

"Marijuana is going to be legal everywhere soon, but this is going to be a weird, miserable in between point," said Lindsay.

How do medical marijuana patients on campus deal with Ferris' marijuana prohibition?

"They don't," said Lindsay. "Colleges exist outside of the law and they can do almost anything they want."

Card-carrying medical marijuana patients can't keep prescriptions in the residence halls or in their vehicles. The medical card prevents students

from being charged with possession by law, but on campus, marijuana is still prohibited.

There isn't much precedent for a student being able to fight this, either. Lindsey explained that with colleges and universities, courts usually favor a legal doctrine known as "academic abstention," where judges tend to act in the interest of academic institutions.

"Judges are really gun-shy about going against the wishes of an institution," said Lindsey. "So it would be hard to win against a college anyway, and really hard to get medical marijuana approved in the residence halls."

In Michigan, 14 cities have voted to decriminalize marijuana. While marijuana remains illegal in these cities, an offender is often ticketed and fined a small amount. In Big Rapids, marijuana has not been decriminalized and punishments can include fines upwards of \$1,000 and jail time.

For Ferris students, however, marijuana is sometimes handled differently than its schedule 1 drug classification would suggest.

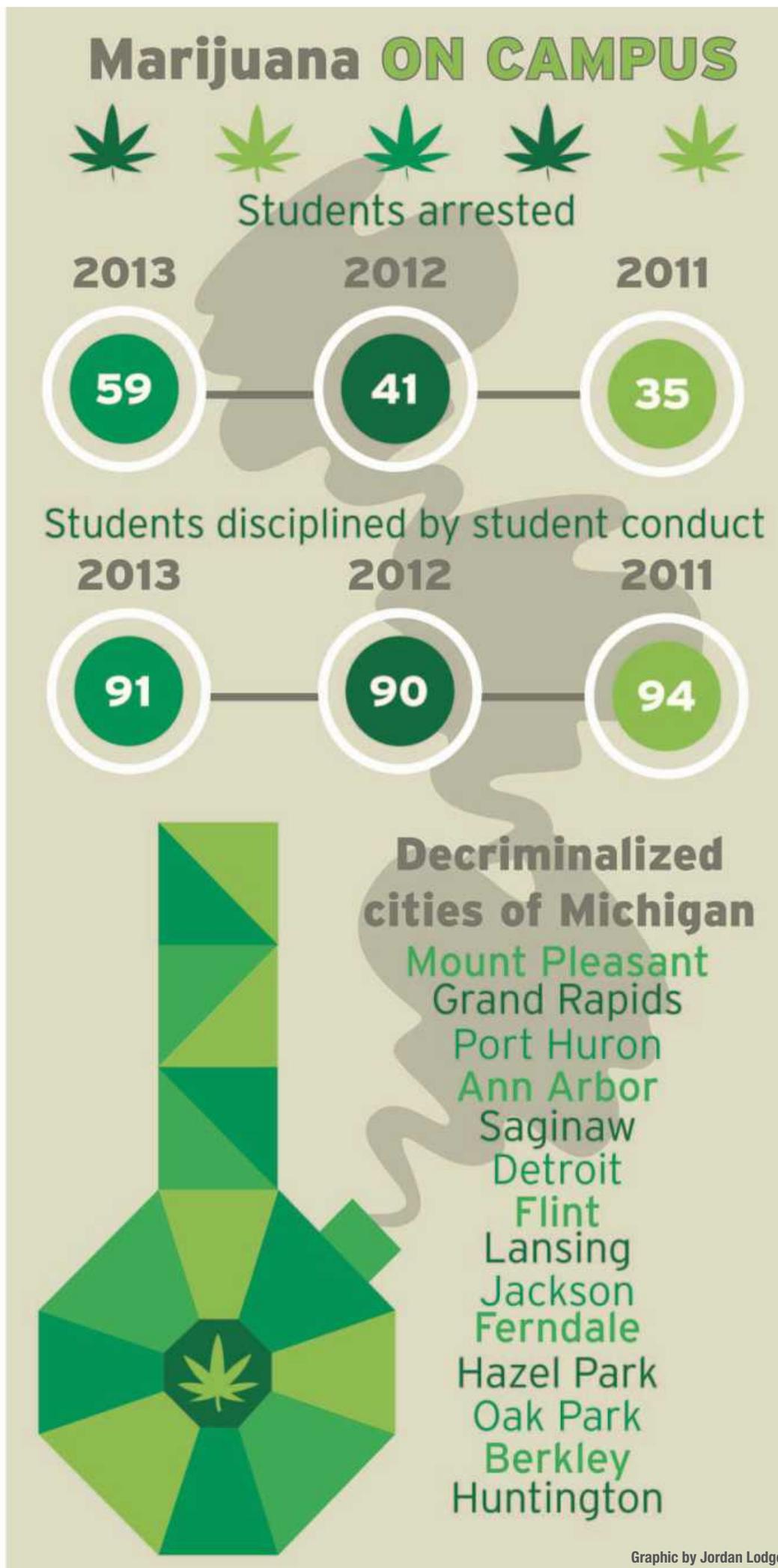
"Whether an officer writes a ticket and sends a student to a district court or if they do a student conduct referral, we leave it to the officer's discretion," said Captain Jim Cook, Assistant Director of the Ferris Department of Public Safety.

Cook also said there is no set amount of marijuana that can surely merit an arrest. Officers look for quantities of a drug that would prove a student's "intent to sell."

Those familiar with the Torch's "On the Record" crime report may observe that many cases involving marijuana don't result in a ticket, but rather a referral to the Office of Student Conduct. In the student conduct scenario, students are usually given a warning or required to complete "Marijuana 101," an online drug education program.

In fact, Ferris reported in 2013, police handled 150 drug-related complaints. 59 of them resulted in arrests while the other 91 were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.

"If we wrote a ticket on every marijuana possession or use, the courts would be jam-



Farewell Mr. President

Andrew Kalinowski prepares to step down



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Andrew Kalinowski will graduate this May and electing a new president is under way.

Mari Ann Loucks
Ferris State Torch

Andrew Kalinowski, Student Government President, reflected on his time as president and offered advice to the future president.

Student Government recently announced its candidates as Dylan Carpenter and Wayne Bersano. Kalinowski said he had a very positive experience as president and is eager for the new president to continue the success of student government.

“Being Student Body President was the best experience I have ever had. It has been an honor to serve as Student Body President for these past two terms. The best part of the position was that I was able to

make a positive difference for the students at Ferris State University and the community,” said Kalinowski. “I wouldn’t have done anything different. Student Government has surpassed expectations, has been more successful than ever, and has a strong leadership that will continue next year which will continue this momentum.”

For the new candidates, Kalinowski offered advice for how to keep Student Government moving forward.

“My advice for the candidates is to care about every student and organization on campus, meet with as many organizations as possible, find out what the group of students want, and to find a way to deliver that need. I wish both Dylan Carpenter and Wayne Bersano

no the best of luck. They will both do great things for this university,” said Kalinowski.

Kalinowski encourages students to vote in the elections, because every vote matters and will effect Ferris students.

“The only election I have lost was by one vote and I have seen two tied elections in a 200 student organization. The decision of the next Student Body President is vital for this campus,” said Kalinowski. “The President can have a huge impact on how student funds are distributed, the relationship with the community and administration, and large events throughout campus.”

Voting begins at 9 pm on April 6 and will continue until April 12 at 11 pm. Students can vote on OrgSync.

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DPS and OSC weigh in on marijuana usage

packed,” said Cook. “A lot of things go through an officer’s mind in these situations. We’re human and nobody wants to be the hanging judge. We understand ‘college life,’ if you will.”

Cook does not, however, want to see marijuana legalized or decriminalized.

“The goal of the conduct process is to provide opportunities for education and reflection while ensuring a safe community,” said Wessel. “That said, it is important for the student population to understand the far-reaching potential impact of the decision

to use or possess a controlled substance on academic progress and future employment.”

Marijuana is currently decriminalized in these Michigan cities: Mount Pleasant, Grand Rapids, Port Huron, Saginaw, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Jackson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Oak Park, Berkley and Huntington Woods.

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Blake named Provost

Dr. Paul Blake has been announced as the New Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Blake has served in this role on an interim basis since last May when Fritz Erickson left the position vacant to pursue the Presidency at Northern Michigan University.

Blake is not a new face at Ferris, he has been here since 1989, initially as an English professor.

He has also served as associate provost and associate dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Blake earned his Ph.D. in English from Michigan State University, where he also received his Bachelor's degree.

Notably, Blake is also a graduate of the Management Development Program at Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

DisArt Festival opens in Grand Rapids.

The largest ever disability arts festival in the United States will open in Grand Rapids this Friday.

Exhibits will open in Kendall's Gallery's in the Ferris Building in the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art.

Dr. Chris Smit developed the project, and the centerpiece is known as "Art of the Lived Experience."

This is the first time this exhibit will air in the US, having already been at DaDaFest in Liverpool, England.

Football FrenXi and Lit it Up Blue on Sunday

Alpha Xi Delta at Ferris State University will host the sixth annual Football FrenXi for Autism Speaks.

Football FrenXi is a flag football tournament that will take place at Top Taggart Field.

All proceeds for the event will go to Autism Speaks.

The registration fee is 50 dollars per team and the deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 8.

Games begin at 1 pm.

Contact Joselyn Dlouhy for questions or registration at dlouhyj1@ferris.edu.

Turn up the Good 2015

Get ready to drop the bass in outer space



FSU Torch File Photo

Turn up the Good from 2013 was a packed and fun filled show.

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

EDM fans and music lovers on campus rejoice; this year's Turn up the Good is upon us.

"This year, headlining for Turn up the Good will be Nortroniks, a DJ artist based out of Grand Rapids, along with Ty Beat, who is also from Grand Rapids, and both of them include live drum-

ming into their performance, along with their electronic music. Then opening is GOSH PITH, which is a duo from Detroit," said Jordan McNaughton. McNaughton is a sopho-

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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

Bringing cultural awareness to the Ferris community

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

The Office of International Education is deep in preparations for the 27th annual International Festival of Cultures, a free event that celebrates the varied cultures of the university's international students.

This year's festival is coordinated by senior nursing major K.lee Barnes.

"I went to it last year and I thought it was really cool," Barnes said, "so when the opportunity arose to help coordinate it this year, I was really excited about it. You get to meet a lot of new people. One of the really exciting things about the festival is [that] I've met a bunch of different people from many different cultures and had them explain to me what they wanted to do or what recipes they're doing. It's pretty cool."

The International Festival of Cultures features a variety of tables from different countries around the world so that stu-

dents can learn about different cultures and taste popular cuisine from those countries.

There will also be live entertainment throughout the event, including music and dances performed by various groups and RSOs around campus. A children's room will be available with crafts and face painting for younger attendees.

To collect food from different tables, attendees will need to use food tickets. Students will be given 3 free tickets when they arrive. Additional tickets for students and community members can be purchased for 50 cents each.

Jordan House, junior public relations major, is coordinating much of the public-

ity for the event.

"I am the Public Relations Intern for

enjoyed the parts I have been able to participate in, and I look forward to the event itself to see everything come together."

The art promoting this year's festival features

several hand-

prints representing different cultures. The Office of International Education is hoping to have a banner at the event for students to decorate making handprints to form a tree. This will be the first time such an activity has been featured at the festival.

"I think the Festival of Cultures is important for Ferris and the community, because it allows students, faculty, and community members to unite and enjoy fes-



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Photo Of the Week



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With spring arriving, soon campus will be full of life again.



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Nortroniks to headline this years Turn Up the Good concert at the Gate

more music industry management student who is this year's booking agent for Turn up the Good, which is Ferris' annual electronic music concert. This is the fifth year that Turn up the Good has ran.

This year, the concert, which will have an outer space theme, will take place at The Gate, on Friday, April 17. The doors will open at 8:30 p.m. and the music will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are five dollars in advanced and ten dollars at the door.

"It will feature electronic music in general, a lot of dance and dubstep," said McNaughton. "Some of them have a trap influence. A lot of our artists this year mix a lot of different

sounds and genres, which I think people are really going to like."

"You can buy tickets from any music industry management student, in our office which is BUS 124, at The Gate, or online through our website [www.musicindustrymanagementassociation.org]," said McNaughton.

A good turnout is expected for this year's Turn up the Good, es-

pecially with last year's turnout.

"Last year we had over 900 people show up," said McNaughton, "and we're expecting to match or surpass that this year. We're also going to be in the IRC a week before the show, so come check us out. We're going to have a spaceman in the IRC, it's going to be pretty cool."

"Ultimately, it's just a lot of loud, fun music that people can dance to," said McNaughton. "People are just looking to have a good time, and they can definitely expect to have one this year."

For more information, check out the Turn up the Good Facebook page or www.musicindustrymanagementassociation.org.



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“Ultimately, it’s awareness that can lead to activism.”

Tracy Busch
Assistant Professor of History
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Life as an RA



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In this file photo, a Resident Advisor (RA), helps one of her residents move into her dorm room.

Residential Advisors discuss the rewards and challenges of the job

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

One of the first people freshmen meet when they come to campus is their Residential Advisor (RA).

What freshmen and possibly even RAs themselves may not realize is how influential RAs can be to first year students who live in the resident halls.

“When I first got to campus, my RA always had her door open and was always open to answering my questions about how things work,” pre-nursing freshman Nikki Matzki said. “Even now, when I walk in the building, the RA at the front desk asks how I am doing. It’s a friendly atmosphere and it makes the transition from living at home

to on campus much easier.” When students hear about the RA position, they might just assume that RAs take on the job because of free housing and other benefits.



Lyndsey Lampe
Ferris State University

“If you’re in it for the money, do not do it. Do it because you want to help people,” business administration junior and second year RA Lyndsey Lampe said. “The job is 24/7. Even when I’m not in the building, people still recog-

nize me as an RA, so I have to uphold the image of representing the housing department and Ferris as a whole.”

From spending hours on door decor, fire drills, late hours at the front desk and talking to residents, RAs feel like they have a full time job.

“One of the hardest things about being an RA is being available all the time and having someone always knocking on my door,” elementary education junior and first year RA Kayla Martin said. “However, I do value the experiences and the ability to help those in need.”

According to Martin, RAs put on programs to help the residents bond and get to know one another. Usually it is something fun, with a

small educational background.

“My job is rewarding, even when only a few students come



Kayla Martin
Ferris State University

to a program. It’s still rewarding to know that I am doing [well] to those that did show up,” Martin said. First year students that move into the residence halls may tend to think of RAs as someone to get them in trouble for drinking or being too loud at night, but that is not the only reason why the halls have RAs.

“I like to think of myself as a big sister instead of a figure with authority,” Lampe said. “Since this is my second year being an RA, I get to see my old residents on campus. They still know me and come up and talk to me. The recognition from them is awesome because obviously I had a positive impact on them.”

Although, RAs hope to be a friend to their residents, they are still there to protect them and make sure they are safe.

“My residents are my friends. Even though I like to hangout with them, I cannot pick favorites, and I cannot let them get away with doing stuff,” Lampe said.

One of the most difficult duties of an RA is knowing when to draw that line between a friend and an advisor.

Modern love

My trip to Fantasies



Dylan Peters
Opinions Editor

It's probably common knowledge that Big Rapids is home to a sex shop called Fantasies Unlimited.

I've never been there before, so being the investigative journalist I am, I decided to go on an adventure and explore the unknown.

Immediately when walking in, my first thought was, "Oh, man. This is Christian Grey's red room of pain." Except there were penises and naked women everywhere.

I started off by exploring the tobacco smoking products. There was a pipe that looked very similar to the one Gandalf the Grey smoked in the Lord of the Rings. It cost \$50 and being the poor individual I am, I decided to not buy it.

Next, I circled around the large collection of sex toys lined up on the walls. All the sex toys came in different shapes, sizes and colors. Some had the most ridiculous names,

such as "Old Lady Blow-up Doll" or "Asian P****." I'm sure that the latter is racist, by the way. They even had electronic dildos. You know, the ones that move around by themselves.

Just as I passed the fists and enormous dildos, I saw something that I never seen before: a two-headed dildo. I thought it was just a myth. I never thought one existed. It looked like two dildos glued together and was roughly two feet long.

In case you're unaware of what a two-headed dildo is used for, it requires two people and lots of rocking back and forth. If you need more information, Google it.

After that, I went on to the large video section. The clerk working that day estimated there were about 1,800

adult videos in stock. I was astounded. I didn't even know there were that many porn videos in existence.

I didn't pay too much attention to them (because contrary to popular belief, I don't watch porn), but one caught my eye that made me laugh. I don't remember the title, but it was loosely based off of *The Avengers*. Kudos to the costume department for that movie because the superhero suits looked really authentic.

Last but not least, I found ice cream. Real ice cream! Not penis shaped or in any way sexual. It was my lucky day, but I found myself asking, "Why is there ice cream in a sex shop?" I didn't understand. I figured I'd bothered the clerk enough, so I kept my mouth shut.

At the end of my adventure, I left the store empty handed (I don't trust ice cream from a shop full of penises).

Resident Advisors share their experiences on the job

"You know you're an RA when you knock on a resident's door and you hear 'oh shit, it's the RAs,'" Lampe said.

According to these RAs, they want their residents to know that they are there to help and have a good time with their residents, not to watch their every move and get them in trouble.

"One of my favorite memories with my RA is when everyone in the hall played card games," pre-radiography freshman Abby

Harmala said. "I look up to my RA. She is very helpful and always acts like she is in a good mood, even though she may not be."

According to Lampe, the experience of being an RA and skills from the job are rewarding because they are needed in every major.

"There have been residents that have left notes under the door," Lampe said. "I didn't realize how influential I would be because of my job."



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Understanding Sexism

New museum raises awareness of sexism and feminism



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There are lots of pieces in the Museum of Sexist Objects and they range from children's toys, to Adult novelties, to posters and books.



Photo By: Therese Vainner | Photographer

The newly opened Museum of Sexist Objects is located in Starr 314 and is comparable to the Jim Crowe Museum of Racist Memorabilia.

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

If you think feminism is over-rated and sexism doesn't exist, you need to go visit the Ferris Museum of Sexist Objects.

The museum, which had an open house preview at the end of March, is full of hundreds of tangible examples of the oppression women have been facing for a long time and continue to face today.

"I think people of this generation coming up think it's a problem of the past, but most of the things in this room have been purchased in the past 5-10

years," Tracy Busch, assistant professor of history and the faculty lead for the museum said.

Some of the objects in the museum are clearly misogynistic and objectifying, but others might require a little more thought on why they made the cut.

"There are still a lot of sexist images and ideas out there, and we're perpetuating them and

we think that we're in a post-feminist, post-sexist society, but in reality, it's still there," Busch said.

For example, the Easy-Bake Oven is on display. Most of us girls probably had this childhood toy growing up and didn't think twice about the problem with baking tiny cakes in a mini purple oven.

"There's not necessarily anything sexist about it, but it goes along with gender norming," Busch said. "If you're giving that to your daughters and not letting your son play with it, you're giving your daughters a consistent message that that's where her value lies; in doing housework."

However, some of the items



Tyler Felty
Ferris State University

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SEXISM from Page 8

New sexist museum at Ferris raises understanding of women's oppression

in the museum, such as a calendar featuring nude women, aren't objects and ideas strictly pertaining to women. We can easily find pictures and items featuring naked men in many places and stores, so why are more issues raised when women are the ones being objectified?

"I think that while it does go the other way and we do have bad stereotypes of men, it's really the oppression of women because we don't have the power in the country," psychology senior Brittany Wellman said. "Straight, white, middle-aged males have the privilege in the country."

Psychology senior Tyler Felty also agreed that history is a huge factor in why objectification of women is seen as such a problem.

"It's not up to a male-dominated patriarchy to decide that women shouldn't have the right to have these same statuses when you're in a culture that portrays such misogynistic tendencies," Felty said. "We're talking about the systematic objectification of women throughout thousands of centuries of time."

According to Professor Busch, the purpose of the museum

is to show people that sexism is still an issue women deal with and to help them understand how it affects our lives.

"Ultimately, it's awareness that can lead to activism," Busch said. "Sometimes you need a place like this to put all the pieces of the puzzle together."

If you do go to the museum and are inspired to take action, Wellman said there are a lot of opportunities to encourage change, even here on campus.

"There's a lot of stuff you can

do, like promoting the museum so more people know about it," Wellman said. "And obviously, stop making stupid sexist comments and stop participating in a lot of the stuff we see in there. I think part of it is just realizing what the problem is and not dismissing women and dismissing the idea that we have equality."

The Museum of Sexist Objects is located in Starr 314. According to Professor Busch, the museum is open for limited hours until it opens permanently in fall 2015.

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SPORTS

“Really this indoor season was one of the better ones that we’ve had in a while.”

Jared Kelsh
Ferris State University
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SOFTBALL

Dawgs battle in Big Rapids

Ferris State set to host 16 consecutive home games



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The Bulldog Softball team, has just begun a long stretch of home games against GLIAC opposition that will last through April 20.

Keith Salowich
Sports Editor

The snow has finally cleared on the softball diamond here in Big Rapids, and the Bulldogs are taking advantage of the open field with a long stretch of home games.

The Dawgs kicked off their home schedule, hosting the Lake Erie Storm in a doubleheader last Friday. They fell to the Storm in the first game 8-5, but the offense responded in a big way, racking up 10 runs on 11 hits to take the second game 10-3.

The following day, the Bulldogs hosted Ashland, but dropped both games, first losing 9-3, then 5-1.

With four home games in the books, the Dawgs can still look ahead to hosting 12 more contests in Big Rapids over the next month.

“We are really excited to have a long stretch of home games. Last year’s weather affected games quite a bit so it is nice to have several home games and to be in a setting that is most comfortable for our team. We also enjoy the fans that come out and support us,” junior outfielder Rachael Gabrielson said.

The Bulldogs have struggled thus far this season, currently sitting on an overall record of 10-26.

A portion of the blame may lie with the pitching, as no true ace seems to be established in the rotation. Senior pitcher Cara

DeLange boasts the best ERA with 3.39, but holds a lackluster record of 1-8 this season.

Meanwhile, the starting pitcher with the best record and most innings pitched is sophomore Megan Hiler who has notched a 4-6 record so far, yet has allowed 6.02 earned runs per game.

Of course, pitching is only one dimension of the game, and the Bulldog offense is in need of some improvement as well. The Dawgs have surrendered 200 runs this season, while scoring only 141 of their own. Ferris is also falling to over twice as many strikeouts as their opponents, as the Dawgs have compiled 252 while their opposition has gone down on just 122 strikeouts.

“We’ve been focusing on hit-

ting in practice and being aggressive at the plate so our batters can go further in the pitch count,” sophomore infielder Sarah Johnson said.

A long series of games in front of a friendly crowd could be the spark that the Bulldogs need to ignite and turn their season around.

“I think home games add more excitement and also a little pressure as well because we want to represent a strong Ferris softball program. For me, playing at home definitely provides a spark,” Johnson said.

Once this home slate has concluded, the Bulldogs will have just six road games remaining before the GLIAC Tournament on May 1, which takes place in Findlay, Ohio.

“We face every team the same way. It could be Lake Superior State or Grand Valley State, we just approach every game the same. The GLIAC has a lot of really good teams this year and we enjoy competing with those teams day in and day out,” Gabrielson said.

Though the Bulldogs have a lot to look forward to this season, the most immediate threat and pressing matter on their minds is undoubtedly the doubleheader matchup with Lake Superior State this afternoon at home. The first game of the series will begin at 3 p.m. with the second game getting started soon after at 5 p.m.

HOCKEY

Senior Send-Off

Three Bulldogs ink professional contracts



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Senior goalie, CJ Motte, has signed with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers of the American Hockey League (AHL).

Jimmy Demery
Ferris State Torch

Senior Bulldogs Justin Buzzeo, C.J. Motte, and Jason Binkley have all signed professional contracts in the past few weeks, thus taking the next step in their hockey careers.

Motte, a goalie standout who racked up 66 wins over his career at Ferris, has signed with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers of the American Hockey League (AHL) who are affiliated with the NHL team the New York Islanders.

Motte's senior season was not as successful as prior ones, as he posted a 17-19-2 record in the net. However, his Bulldog teammate junior defenseman Simon Denis does not think that will hold him back in the next level.

"CJ is a top-notch goalie, one of the best in the coun-

try and has proven that in his four years here," Denis said.

Motte was a top 10 nominee for the Hobey Baker Award for the 2013-2014 season, an award given to the best collegiate player in the country. He is sure to be a welcome addition to the struggling Tigers as they currently sit on a 24-33-6 overall record.

Senior forward Buzzeo took his talents to the Gwinnett Gladiators of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL), where he immediately made an impact scoring once and assisting on another in his first two games for the Gladiators.

Buzzeo, who is 25, hails from Windsor, Ontario and also had his best season for the Bulldogs in 2013-2014, notching 14 goals and 18 assists. The Gladiators, who serve as the affiliate of the NHL's Arizona Coyotes,

BASKETBALL

The problem with college basketball

A wise man once said that all good things must come to an end. Now I wish that he was lying, but from what I've experienced in my 21 years on this planet the wise man was right.

In this case, March Madness has come to a close. On Monday night, the Wisconsin Badgers fell to the Duke Blue Devils to give Duke their fifth National Title of all time, all coming under one of the greatest college coaches of all time, Mike Krzyzewski, better known as Coach K.

Though my favorite team, the Michigan State Spartans didn't bring home a title this year, I can say that I was ecstatic to see the Spartans since they were a No. 7 seed.

But you know what made me just as happy as seeing Michigan State make their Final Four run? Kentucky losing their first game of the season to Wisconsin in the Final Four, that's what. I don't like Wisconsin by any stretch of the imagination, but I think that Kentucky embodies all that is wrong with college basketball.

Kentucky coach John Calipari's concept of "one-and-done" completely destroys the integrity of college athletes being called



Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

student-athletes. Kentucky gets damn near all of the best high-school recruits in the nation because they know that if they put on that Wildcats jersey, it will most likely only be for one or two years before they can go on to cashing checks as an NBA player.

Now I guess I can't blame Kentucky entirely for this, since the NCAA only requires a player spends one year playing college ball before going to the NBA. Before 2006, high-school basketball players could completely forego college basketball and head straight to the NBA. Kobe Bryant and LeBron James are two greats that decided to go that route.

I honestly think that it's better to go straight from high school to the NBA rather than creating the illusion that these kids are actually going to college for an education. From what I've seen that's a joke. They go to college for a year because they have to in order to make it to the pros.

According to CBSSports writer Sam Vecenie, out of the top 100 draft prospects for the NBA, 10 are from Kentucky. Out of those 10 Kentucky play-

ers, there are ZERO seniors on that list. That means, if these 10 players decide to declare for the draft, then they will forego their graduation for a shot at the NBA.

Of those 10 players, four are freshman, four are sophomores, and two are juniors. Let that sink in.

Another thing to add, Calipari played nine of his best players in the Final Four game against Wisconsin. All nine of these players are on the list referenced above.

The sick thing is that if all of them decide to declare for the draft this season, then Kentucky will probably come back just as powerful next year with plenty more freshman phenoms who will more than likely have a short stint as a Wildcat before heading to the big stage.

The NCAA should require, like NCAA football, that the STUDENT-athletes should stay at least three seasons before being able to declare for the draft. Also I think that it shouldn't be a requirement for players to even play college basketball before going pro, especially if they are just going to do so for one or two seasons. In my opinion, it takes away from the integrity of the game.

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Seniors from Page 11

Senior athletes leave their legacies behind

are also having a tough season and are currently 18-43-6.

Binkley, a durable defenseman who played in nearly every game this season for the Bulldogs, signed with the ECHL South Carolina Stingrays, an affiliate of both the NHL Washington Capitals and Boston Bruins.

Binkley played in 156 games wearing the crimson and gold, and is coming into

the best situation by far of the three with the Stingrays being 39-18-1 thus far this season.

Denis' praise did not stop at Motte, as he also acknowledged the positives of his teammates Binkley and Buzzeo.

"Binkley and Buzzeo are two skilled guys who have great work ethic and smarts on the ice that will contribute big time in pro hockey at both

ends of the ice," Denis said.

When it comes to preparing its players for the next level, Denis believes that Ferris has a leg up on the competition.

"Our coaches place a sense of work ethic that we believe is stronger than other schools. We know what it takes to win and know we have to work to earn everything we get," Denis said.

With three former players now in the professional ranks, it is clear Ferris State does something right preparing its players for the next level.

Although they have moved on from Ferris State and Wink Arena, these three players made huge contributions to some of the best teams in Ferris hockey history, and are sure to continue their success in Bridgeport, Gwinnett and South Carolina.

Track & Field opens outdoors Men and women at Alma invitational

Keith Salowich
Sports Editor

With the passing of the Alma Invitational this past Friday, The Bulldogs stepped out of the indoor arenas and into the sun for the start of the outdoor track & field season.

Both the women and men of the Bulldogs' track & field program took fourth place at the invitational meet, compiling 89 and 87 points respectively.

However, the Bulldogs ended the indoor season on a bit of a sour note, as the women's team earned 11th place while the men took home 13th place in the indoor GLIAC Championships back in early March. Still, standout athletes dot the roster, and individual accomplishments came in spades during the indoor season.

"Really this indoor season was one of the better ones that we've had in a while. We had four provisional national qualifiers and we had a total of 30 P.R.'s (personal records) during the indoor season," Head Coach Jared Kelsh said.

The Bulldogs attempt to use the indoor season as a tool, as they learn and further hone their skills through early competition in preparation for what is to come.

The indoor season is used as a sort of training segment for the outdoor season according to Kelsh, allowing the runners to see what they'll be facing once they're forced outside.

Now that the Bulldogs are braving the elements in outdoor meets, they are looking ahead to competitive contests on the horizon.

"Later in the season we'll be going to the Hillsdale 'Gina' relays, and they always put on a big meet towards the end of the year. We're also going to the Grand Valley Classic, and that's always pretty competitive for us," says Kelsh. "Those are probably the two biggest meets we'll be heading to this season other than the GLIAC Championships."

Facing off against conference competition so often yields great experience and familiarity benefits for the Bulldogs.

"The GLIAC is probably one of the most competitive conferences in Division II. Leading into the indoor championships we had three GLIAC teams ranked in the top five teams in the country," says Kelsh. "So, having the opportunity to see these teams two or three times gives us a better hold on what our competition is and what we will be facing later in the season."

The Dawgs will next compete on April 11 at Hillsdale in yet another conference meet.



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Men's Tennis extends winning streak

The Ferris State men's tennis team extended its winning streak to five-straight matches with a road victory over Lewis University on April 2.

Despite losing the top three positions in singles the Bulldogs hung tough to pull out a 6-3 win, which was their sixth victory in the last seven matches, moving them to 12-5 on the year.

The number one doubles team for Lewis is ranked third nationally, but the Ferris State team of Laurent Galarneau and Aaron Dial pulled off an electrifying upset, winning 8-5.

Ferris State is 5-0 in conference and atop the GLIAC conference. Up next for the team is a crucial conference match-up against Northwood on April 9 at home.

Track and Field starts season strong

Both the men and women's track and field teams opened their outdoor seasons at the Alma Invitational over the holiday weekend. Both got off to very solid starts to their 2015 campaign.

The Bulldog's men's team totaled 85 points in the 10-team meet, beating out Division I Central Michigan along with six other teams.

The women's team totaled 89 points in a 9-team meet, finishing the highest of the three GLIAC teams competing.

Softball team begins league play

The Ferris State softball team began its conference season against Lake Erie, battling the Storm to a split on April 3. The Bulldogs won the second game in decisive fashion, scoring eight runs in the fourth inning en route to a 10-3 victory.

That victory proved to be the lone one for Ferris State this past week, as the Ashland Eagles swept them on April 4, losing 9-3 and 5-1 respectively.

The Bulldogs hung with Ashland for almost the entire first game, but the Eagles put up six runs in the top of the seventh to seal the game.

On the positive side, the Bulldogs are in the midst of a 16-game home stand, which leaves plenty of time to sort out the kinks. Their next contest is a home doubleheader against Lake Superior State today at 3 p.m.

Women's tennis finishes their season in dominant fashion

The Bulldog's women's team also took on Lewis for their regular season finale, and the Dawg's finished their season strong, prevailing 6-2.

The win was Ferris State's fourth in a row, and they have won six of their last seven, finishing at 19-8 on the season.

The Bulldog's must now wait on the NCAA Division II Selections, which will be announced later this month. Ferris State will be competing in the Midwest Regional, with matches beginning in early May, against an opponent who has yet to be decided.

Top Dawg

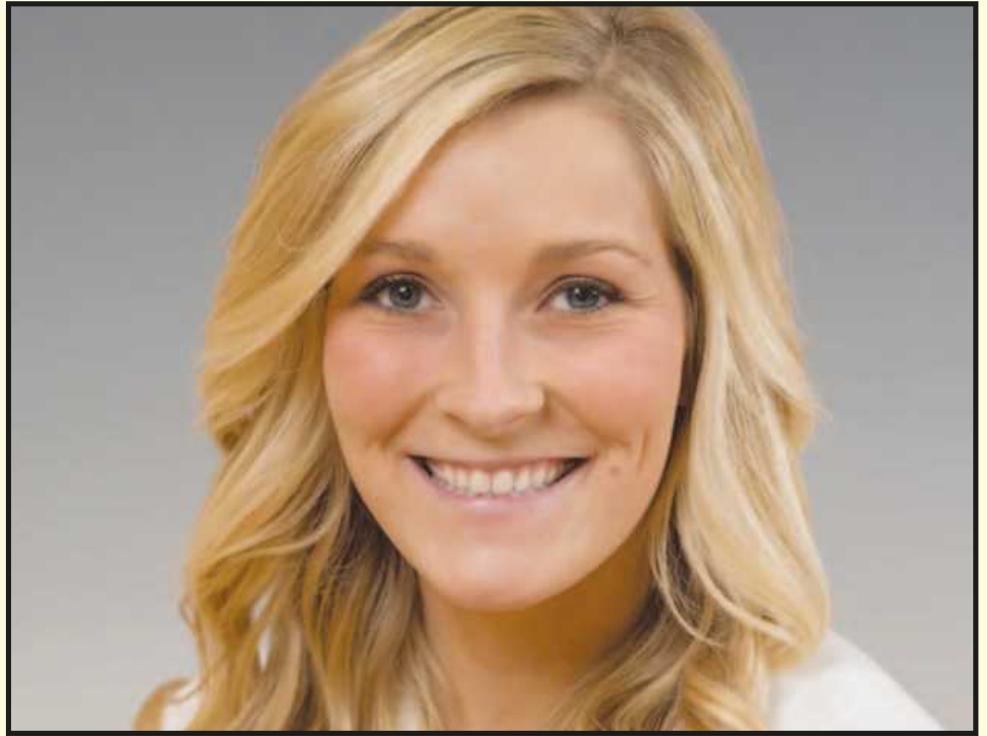


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The Bulldog softball team had two doubleheaders this past weekend and received some great hitting from this week's Top Dawg, Bailey Darwin.

The sophomore infielder from Chelsea, Mich. was 6-13 in four games against Lake Erie and Ashland University,

which combined for a .462 batting average in those four games. Darwin hit two singles, three doubles, and a home run to give her 5 runs batted in (RBI) for the Bulldogs. The home run was Darwin's first as a Ferris State player.

Darwin upped her batting average to .211 on the season with her outing in the two doubleheaders. She has 23 hits on 109 at bats for

the Bulldogs with 7 RBI's and 11 runs on the season.

The team went 1-3 in the doubleheaders, with their only win coming against Lake Erie last Friday by a score of 10-3. Darwin hit a double and a home run in that outing.

The Bulldogs currently sit at 10-26 on the season and will play again today in Big Rapids against Lake Superior St. beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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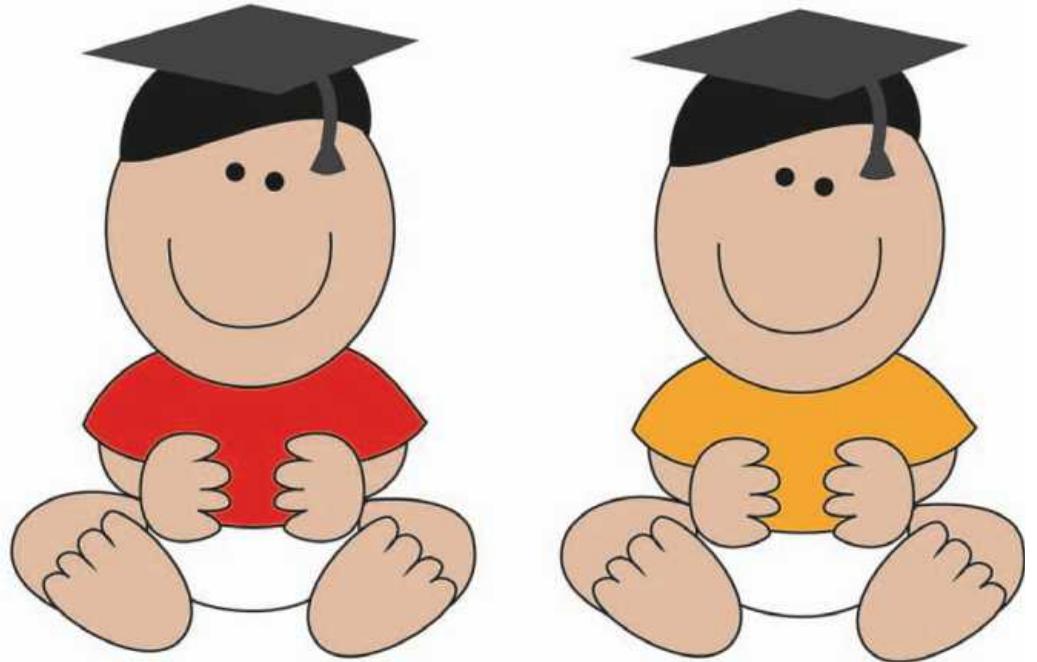
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BABYSITTING



Disturbing realizations of the similarities between high school and college

Letter From The Editor

Home?

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

Where do we belong?
By June, the Torch offices will have moved twice in three years.

We moved initially from a dingy and cramped space in the basement of the old Rankin Center to more spacious but less visible digs in the back of the Rec. Center.

In June, I'll no longer be a Torch employee. My three years are up at the Torch, and there is still much on my plate in terms of wrapping up and transitioning to a new regime.

I've toured potential spaces where the Torch could end up. All have potential to be appropriate future spaces, and I'd be happy to work in them as well.

What begins to happen over this time and these circumstances is the formation of the question "Where does the Torch belong?"

It's a tricky question, and one Torch adviser Steve Fox and I have mulled over constantly, as well as the rest of staff.

Initially, a space in the Starr Building was proposed, which died before it had a chance to be explored when administrators realized the space was already in use.

The Torch is not an academic entity, being on the third floor of an academic building didn't make a whole lot of sense.

An outside pipe dream of many staffers was to work in the brand new University Center, where many other student organizations have already fallen under.

As much as I personally would love to see the Torch in gorgeous office in the heart of campus, it doesn't make sense either. We report on student organizations. To appropriately do so, we should be removed enough so that we are not influenced by them, but close enough so that we can keep an eye on them.

There aren't many spots on campus where that fits the bill. Currently, the Torch is touring spaces in the Alumni Building.

Both spaces present positives and negatives, as all spaces will. More than anything, the Torch needs an appropriate and permanent home. It needs somewhere that suits the returning staff. The decision needs to create a long-term home for the Torch in a place that the Torch is comfortable.

It's no secret that the college scene is vastly different than the old days in high school.

Coming from a school with K-12 in one building and a graduating class of 26, I experienced a culture shock of a lifetime coming to Big Rapids. These major differences are what make the transition so substantial.

However, nearing the end of my college career I actually noticed a few disturbing similarities between high school and college that I believe shouldn't exist.

Come the first day of a brand new semester, the classroom is a free for all.

You get up 20 minutes early so you know you're going to rightfully claim the best seat to be "yours" for the entire semester.

It happens every single time. The first day seating arrangement ends up being the same through the entire semester. We are creatures of habit.

Nothing is more devastating than coming to class one day and someone is in your unofficial "seat." However, nothing makes me feel more like a child than when an instructor assigns seats.

Seriously? We are legal adults. We can operate a vehicle, buy tobacco and lotto tickets; half of us can legally drink, and you're going to tell us where to sit for the rest of the semester? No thank you. I assign my own seat.

Most professors say it's



Sarah Force
Lifestyles Editor

because they want to be able to remember your name, but by the time they finally do, the semester will be over anyway.

You know what else should have been left in high school? Busy work. If we end a chapter early and have nothing to do the day before an exam or a break begins, just cancel class please and save everyone's time.

I can do homework on my own time, in the comfort of my own room. I come to class to be taught. If there isn't anything worthwhile on the agenda, I'm not coming, which brings me to my next point.

There are many wonderful, intelligent instructors on campus, but I've encountered some that have failed to show any added value in actually coming to the classroom.

Sorry, but I learned to read in elementary school. I have no interest in walking or driving across campus to sit in a stuffy room and watch a PowerPoint be read out loud to me.

Too often, I have felt that by sitting in a classroom, I'm wasting time when I could be studying or writing my own notes. Give me the book, the quizzes and the tests, and I will teach myself this

course for less than half the price.

We are paying tens of thousands of dollars for these classes. If I'm getting straight A's on all the graded work, I should not be able to fail due to attendance.

I know, I probably sound like a terrible, lazy college student, but check out the facts. I came here on a scholarship in the Honors program, I was third in my class and I've been on the Dean's list more often than not.

Having an attendance policy in college is redundant. If a student chooses not to come to class and it affects their grades, that is their problem to deal with. Guess what? If the student fails the course, the student will have to pay to take the class again and the instructor still gets paid regardless.

However, if a student doesn't feel that there is value in going to class as often as the class is actually held, but still gets above average grades, then they should not be penalized.

It's an instructor's job to teach and provide the value in the classroom, not to make sure the students are being responsible, doing their work and attending class. We were babysat in high school; we don't need that here.

We are adults. We are paying to be here. We should manage our responsibilities and should not be treated like children.

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Why am I attending Ferris State University?

So I just recently learned that a students' average debt at graduation is about \$29,000.

Imagine my surprise when I learn that the average Ferris student graduates with \$37,000 in debt. And that doesn't include books, housing or any of that stuff.

So I'm left with one question; why the hell am I attending Ferris?

I must be out of my mind going to school here. Did you know that only 17 percent of students get their financial needs met from Ferris? Compared to Saginaw Valley State University's 31 percent and Central

Michigan University's 58 percent, Ferris is doing a crappy job.

The only reason I'm going here is because I'm from Big Rapids. I can live with my parents while attending school and save myself some money. Or so I thought.

I did some calculations and if I were to go to CMU and live on campus during my four years, I'd still save more money than living at home and attending Ferris (only about \$1,400, but that's still a lot).

Statewide, Ferris is the 30th best college in the state of Michigan. Think that's good? There's



Dylan Peters
Opinions Editor

only 39 colleges in Michigan.

Now you're probably wondering why you're attending Ferris with all of this negative information I shared. There's a silver lining.

Research shows that graduates from Ferris have a very high employment rate with salaries starting at an average of \$50,000 per year. In 2009, the employment rate of graduates was at 93 percent. That's

very impressive and comforting.

One of my classes discussed the pros and cons to Ferris. Although many of my fellow classmates thought of the breweries and safety of the campus as pros, nobody mentioned the graduation rates or employment rate.

The faculty at Ferris was something my class mentioned as a pro. I don't know about you, but I haven't met a professor that didn't care about my future. Also, every faculty member I've talked to has had real-world work experience.

I wouldn't know what I want-

ed to do with my life if it weren't for Ferris. I know it sounds cliché, but it's true. I started out wanting to get a high paying job with no concern with what I really enjoyed. With the help of the career counselors and my professors, I found what made me truly happy: writing.

So it boils down to this. Would you rather save money and have trouble getting a job or would you rather spend more money and be almost guaranteed to get a job after graduation? I don't know about you, but I'm going with the latter.



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