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Skype-King for President

Bersano wins student government election from overseas

Mari Ann Loucks
Ferris State Torch

Via Skype from Germany, Wayne Bersano was introduced as the new Student Government President.

Bersano is a sophomore in the Resort and Hospitality Management program and has been studying abroad. Even though it was 1:00 am in Germany, Bersano was present at the meeting on his campaign manager's phone, Chauntel Wooten.

A total of 633 students voted in this year's Student Government presidential election. This is over a 100 percent increase from the 272 students who voted last year. Bersano won the election with 379 votes, while his opponent, Dylan Carpenter, had 251 votes.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone who was involved in the election," said Bersano from Wooten's phone screen. "I hope everyone is looking forward to next year because we are going to help make Ferris great."

Wooten, formerly the Director of Internal Assessment, organized and executed Bersano's campaign since he was not present on campus during the election.

"I want to congratulate Wayne Bersano on his victory, and Chauntel and [Bersano's]



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The newly elected Student Body President for the 2015-2016 school year, Wayne Bersano, accepts over Skype.

team on all of their hard work," said current Student Government President, Andrew Kalinowski. "I believe he will do an exceptional job and I'm

very excited to see his team recruit the student body and the rest of the general assembly."

In terms of the election, Kalinowski said, "Both candidates did

an exceptional job campaigning."

Bersano will be inaugurated via Skype at the Student Government meeting on April 20 meeting. Bersano will start running

the meetings as president on April 27.

Getting to know Leslie Bellavance

Kendall president begins college's new 'conversation'

Devin Anderson
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Leslie Bellavance has been named president of Ferris' Kendall College of Art and Design.

Bellavance currently serves as dean and director of graduate programs at the School of Art and Design at Alfred University's New York State College of Ceramics. She will succeed interim president Oliver Evans officially on July 1.

Jenelle Grenier, a junior illustration major at KCAD,

looks forward to having a new president. She asked this of Bellavance: "How do you see your strengths aligning with KCAD's mission and core themes and how would you go about inspiring and motivating us around a common vision?"

"When I visited the KCAD campus last month," answered Bellavance, "I perceived a commitment on the part of faculty, staff and students to the key elements of the KCAD mission of developing leadership in art, design, art history and

art education as well as providing learning experiences that foster individual development and civic engagement."

"This is also a moment for KCAD, as a community, to look to the future and enhance its strengths," said Bellavance.

Bellavance explained that, as president, she would like to initiate a strategic planning "conversation" that would take place campus-wide. That, said Bellavance, will focus KCAD on a common vision. KCAD's Strategic Planning and Re-

source Council recently distributed a survey to students as the first step in this process.

The position of president was chosen by a presidential search committee, comprised of 12 Kendall faculty and three Grand Rapids community members. The committee formed after the unexpected resignation of former KCAD President David Rosen in April 2014.

"[Bellavance] brings a national reputation, a depth of higher education experience and an appreciation for the Kendall

mission of preparing students for careers and leadership positions in a wide range of art and design fields," said Ferris President David Eisler. "She has both the background and skills to help advance not just Kendall, but the broader arts and design community in Michigan."

Since her appointment, Bellavance has had meetings with Eisler and has also met with the Ferris President's Council.

"I am very impressed with the leadership at both KCAD and Ferris," said Bellavance. "My new

Tom Hill to present in sports speaker series



Photo Courtesy of FSU Photo Services

Hill was co-captain of the 2012 Frozen Four Ferris Hockey team and is now director of Hockey Operations at Miami of Ohio.

From on the ice to behind the podium

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

If you are a Ferris Hockey fan, there is an event coming up this Wednesday to mark on your calendars.

Director of Hockey Opera-

tions for the Miami Redhawks and past captain of the 2012 Ferris NCAA Finals hockey team Tom Hill will be speaking in a presentation, to wrap up the Sports Speaker Series of 2015. "This semester we had three other guest speakers. Each semester we shoot for four guest

speakers," said Nathan Wells, Student Game Day Manager.

"Tom will share how he got connected with the Sports Communication program: completing the keystone course- COMM 389 Sports Communication, how he pursued the Masters in Sport Studies at Miami on the

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TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Dylan Peters
Opinions Editor

Torch moving offices to Alumni building

The Torch offices, which have been house in the student recreation center's room 102 since January 2013, will again be moving.

This time, the move is away from the center of campus, to the Alumni building in room 011.

The decision came down on March 18 that the Torch would be moving offices, but initially it was thought that the Torch would be moving into an already occupied space on the third floor of the Starr Building.

Eventually on April 10, Rick Kurtz, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, handed down his decision to the Torch that they would be moving into the space in the lower level of the Alumni Building.

Money Smart Week

Ferris will be taking part in Money Smart week on Wednesday, April 15 from 3-7 p.m. Money Smart is a national awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances and is open to students and the general public. Ferris will be awarding \$1,250 in scholarships during Money Smart Week.

Other events hosted during Money Smart week are "Your Money - Good Advice!" on Monday, April 20, "Buying a House - The American Dream" on Tuesday, April 21, "Loan Repayment: Steps for Success" on Wednesday, April 22, "Auto Finance 101" on Thursday, April 23, and "Foundations of Investing" on Friday, April 24. All events start at 11 a.m. and are repeated at 7 p.m. in FLITE 240 Reading Room.

New board members

The Ferris Alumni Association Board has approved four new board members: Judith Collins, historical architect and compliance coordinator of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; Luke Edington, production sports engineer for Gentex; Susan Wyckoff McFarland, with the Social Security Administration in Sheridan; and Rick Rolf, with Thrivent Financial in Grand Rapids

Living the dream

Author, sports broadcaster and long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad will be the keynote speaker for this fall's Ferris Foundation Benefit. In 2013, in her fifth and final attempt, she fulfilled her lifelong dream of completing the 110-mile swim from Cuba to Florida at the age of 64.

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Leslie Bellavance, pictured above, will succeed interim president Oliver Evans on July 1.

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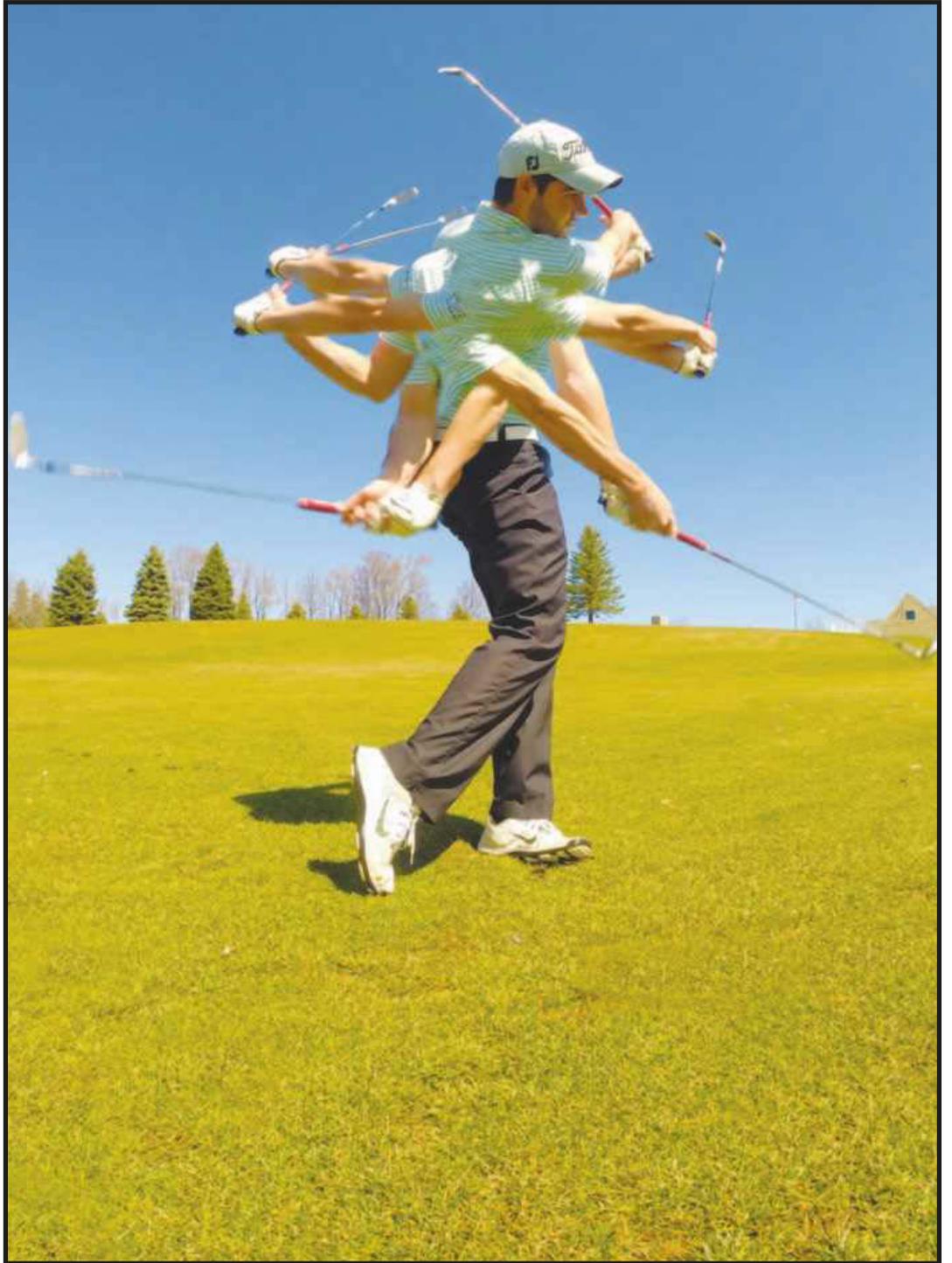


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Jack Weller, a freshman in Professional Golf Management, gets his golf game going in this beautiful spring weather.

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position is two-fold; I am president of KCAD and vice president of Ferris. In these roles I intend to strengthen the relationships between the two institutions and look for opportunities for collaboration that will benefit both.”

Bellavance received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree summa cum laude from Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia as well as a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Chicago. She has 35 years of experience in higher education, including 24 years with University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin as director of graduate studies in the Department of Visual Art, interim associate dean of the of the Peck School of the Arts

and professor of Visual Arts.

Bellavance is an artist herself, whose work has been widely exhibited across the United States and Europe. For two summers, she taught painting at Ox Bow School of Art in Saugatuck, Michigan.

“It was a great introduction to the beauty of western Michigan and over the years I have visited there in the summers,” said Bellavance. “I am very excited about moving to Grand Rapids.”

For more information on Leslie Bellavance and her artwork, visit lesliebellavance.com.

For more information on Kendall College of Art and Design, visit kcad.edu.



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Former Ferris hockey player to speak today in the IRC

advice of his coach Bob Daniels and his academic adviser, myself (we both wrote recommendations), and has moved from a Master's student teaching skating to a Master's candidate as Director of Hockey Operations at Miami of Ohio - a premiere DI men's hockey program," said Dr. Sandy Alspach, professor of communication.

"Tom represents the best of Ferris hockey on two fronts: he

served as co-captain of his team during a national championship run, and he has gone on to contribute in the field of men's ice hockey in his graduate studies," said Alspach. "He is also a representative of the sports communication program, showing that a student with minor in this area can maximize his or her academic experience to forward his career."

"Tom, being alumni of Ferris State and co-captain of the fro-

zen four team we thought would be an exciting speaker. It reaches to an audience of not just people that want to work in sports, but to people who enjoy sports and are fans of Ferris sports as well," said Wells on the presentation.

"We hope that attendees will take away how a person's passion for his or her sport can be operationalized into a career in the



Sandy Alspach
Communication

field using the best combination of Ferris academic opportunities," said Alspach. The general expected outcome

for this event is between 20 and 100 people, but both Alspach and Wells hope for a great turnout on Wednesday night.

The free presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. located in IRC 120.

Ferris Hockey coach Bob Daniels will be introducing Tom, and there will be a photo opportunity after the presentation with Tom and the second place national championship trophy.

"We are thrilled to host our first Sports Speakers Series feature speaker who has achieved an academic credential in Sports Communication from Ferris," said Alspach. "I can think of no better example of what we promote as a Sports Communication graduate, whether at the major or minor level, than Tom Hill."

Light it up blue



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

The Delta Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, raised money for Autism Speaks.

Alpha Xi Delta celebrates Autism Awareness Month

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

The Delta Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta recently participated in Light It Up Blue, an Autism Speaks campaign that takes place throughout the month of April, which is Autism Awareness Month. Blue is the official color for autism awareness

"[Autism] is an extremely common disease that 1 in 68 children are affected with," said Joselyn Dlouhy, junior pre-optometry major, public relations vice president and coordinator of the event. "It is necessary that people are aware of this to increase our quality of interactions with people diagnosed with autism. It is also a disease which has a wide spectrum of severity that most people are unaware of. I think awareness is key to im-

prove relations with the autistic."

Founded in 2005, Autism Speaks is one of the most well-known organizations for promoting awareness of autism spectrum disorder, a neurological condition that can affect behavior, social skills and communication ability. Those on the autistic spectrum may engage in repetitious behaviors and speech patterns, be unusually sensitive to sensory stimuli, have difficulty recognizing social cues or verbally expressing themselves and a number of other diverse symptoms.

On their website, Autism Speaks claims that they have become "the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families."

"I think organizations dealing with autism should have autistic people at the forefront of the organization and it should be to spread awareness about the condition itself and to stop fear-mongering around it," said Evelina Jones, sophomore English education major, "to normalize it so people will accept their children instead of being afraid of raising

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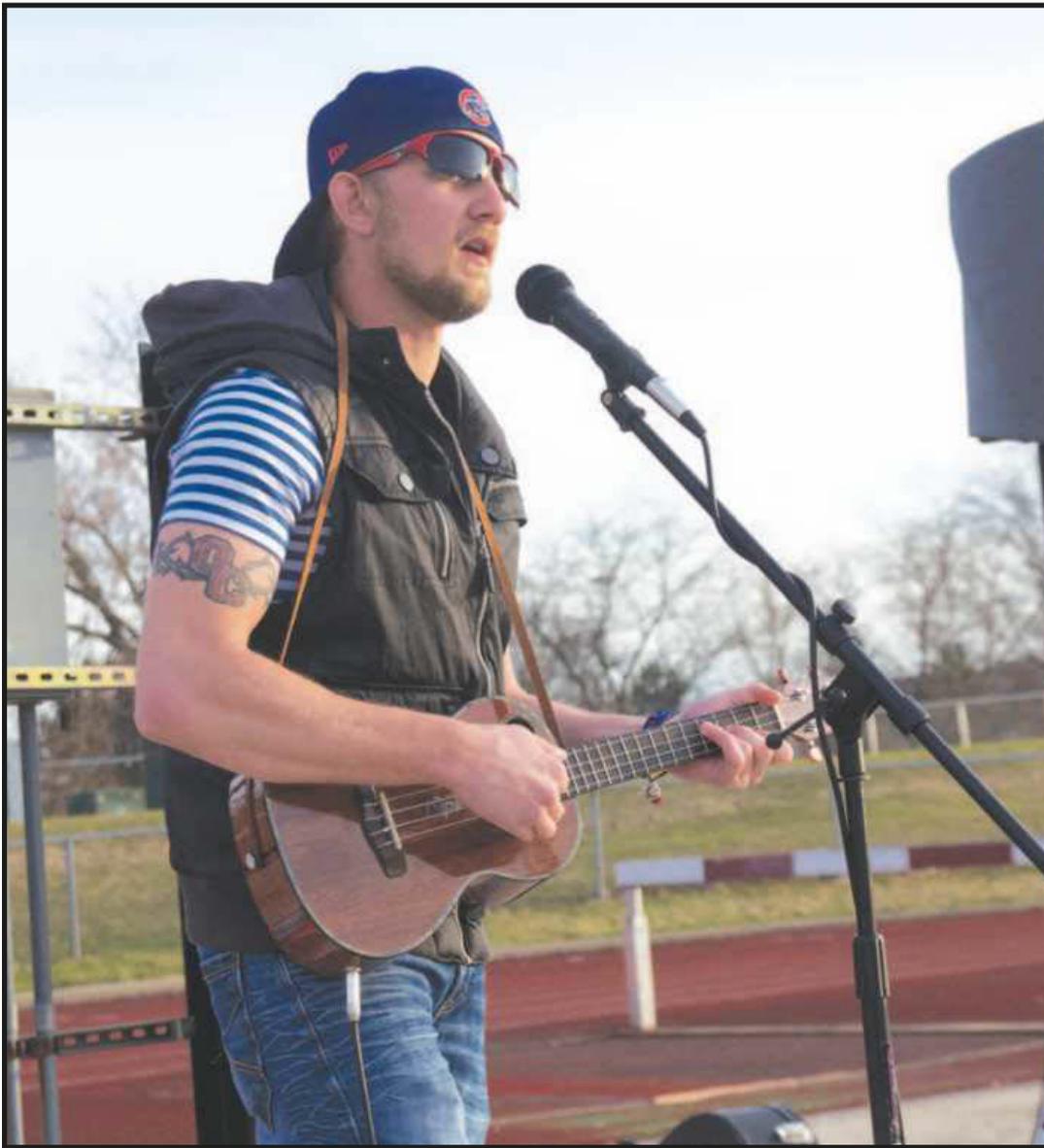


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Musical talent, Chas Burtchett, came and sang at the Light It Up Blue Event. Burtchett, is on the Autism Spectrum.



AUTISM from Page 4

Alpha Xi Delta is a great organization to support

a child on the autistic spectrum. I wish that it was promoted more in society, that there were more autistic characters who are labeled autistic and normalized in media representation.”

The national Alpha Xi Delta sorority first began its affiliation with Autism Speaks in 2009, taking on the organization as its official philanthropic partner.

“Alpha Xi Delta is a great organization to support,” said Becca Marchetti, freshman social work major, “because on top of the great sisterhood and the bonds we all create with each other, it also gives you awesome leadership skills and you get to be comfortable with another population, like autism. We meet a bunch of families with kids that have autism. All the parents are so resilient to kids being bullied, to their kids growing as a person and learning new things.”

This is the 2nd year that FSU’s chapter of Alpha Xi Delta hosted its own Light It Up Blue event. This year’s event took place on April 12th, featuring the musical talents of Chas Burtchett,

an Autism Speaks advocate who sings and plays guitar, free blue foam glowsticks and Pie a Xi, a fundraiser in which students could pay \$2 to throw pies at members of the sorority.

“I’m super glad that everyone’s getting involved with the Pie a Xi, because obviously it’s kind of messy and it’s not fun to get whipped cream in your face,” said Marchetti said, “But all the proceeds go to a good cause. I’m glad a lot of people showed up.”

According to Dlouhy, Alpha Xi Delta raised over \$900 for Autism Speaks between the Pie a Xi fundraiser and Football FrenXi, a flag football tournament that took place earlier in the day.

“[My] favorite aspect was getting the community together for a great cause and showing we care by lighting it up blue,” Dlouhy said. “I loved the environment being around friends and peers listening to live music at sunset. It was truly an uplifting event for a great cause.”

To learn more about Alpha Xi Delta at Ferris, visit ferris.alphaxidelta.org.

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Shelby Taylor
Ferris State University
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Founder of Warped Tour

Music industry guru Kevin Lyman to speak with students



Photo By: Sarah Force | Lifestyles Editor

Thousands of people enter the parking lot of the Palace of Auburn Hills at the Vans Warped Tour in 2012.

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

What could be better than hundreds of brilliant artists performing at one venue on the same day?

That's exactly what Kevin Lyman thought when he created the annual Van's Warped Tour.

The name "Kevin Lyman" may not ring a bell for you all, but I bet you've heard of Warped Tour.

"[Lyman] made his career out of learning how to brand [and] learning how to put out an idea he wanted," music industry management junior Olivia Odette said. "He used his passion and put it into a bigger idea and created a festival that has been going on for 20 years. And he did it by himself because it was his dream and he wanted to do it. It started off with Blink 182, Paramore and Newfound Glory. Just old bands that were really small and barely had any atten-

dance, and that's how it started."

Warped Tour is the longest running North American music festival tour, and it's celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

"It's more than just a big deal for the music program," Odette said. "He's the kind of guy who will come and be a big inspiration to the students, even if they're not in the music major. He's basically telling you to live your dream and do what you want to do. So that's what I hope to bring with him; an inspiration to students so they actually do what they want to do."

If you've been feeling a little unsure about your path in life

and future career, listening to Lyman's story may help you out.

Victoria Pizzuto, a junior in music industry management, has heard Lyman speak before and knows he won't disappoint.

"I think that everyone at Ferris has passion and drive for what they are trying to do with their lives, but after being drained in schoolwork and everything else on our plates, it can be easy to lose sight of that," Pizzuto said "I trust that Kevin Lyman will remind me of how badly I want this, why I got into it in the first place, and spark the flame that has been going out recently."

Since he's been in our shoes before, Lyman has the special ability of relating his messages to college-aged people, according to Pizzuto.

"He knows what obstacles you will hit, and he knows how to overcome them," Pizzuto said. "He knows a lot of people around the work in all industries and is an

extremely valuable asset. I promise that Kevin Lyman will discuss something you're curious about and will answer any question you have without holding back."

Music industry management sophomore Kyle Pickard has been a dedicated Warped Tour attendant for the past five years and is excited to listen to the man behind the event.

"He's such a big hitter in the industry, just getting to sit in the same room with him to hear his tips and secrets is hugely beneficial," Pickard said.

Pickard aspires to do something similar to Lyman someday and has known

about his work for a while.

"I want to do something with a label and be closely involved with music and musicians like Kevin," said Pickard. I can almost guarantee that I will take a lot from his speech. Hearing about his own success will definitely fuel me and inspire me to do the best I can in whatever career I choose."

Odette, who's helped with planning and coordination of the event and is Lyman's contact of the day, encourages all students to come and listen to Lyman's success story.

"It's just going to be inspiring and motivational, and it'll be fun because it'll have a music twist to it which is really what the music industry management program is trying to bring: some fun for some people," said Odette.

Kevin Lyman will be speaking in BUS 111 at 7 p.m. on April 16. The event is free.



Olivia Odette
Ferris State University



Victoria Pizzuto
Ferris State University

Modern love



Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

Somewhere, current and former Torch staff members are rolling their eyes. Yes, I got my chance to write Modern Love, and I'm going to write it about how to not be nervous around the person to which you're attracted.

It's a surprisingly common trait, common enough that even people like me suffer from it quite often. I don't profess to be an expert in "how to get your crush to like you back," but I am well practiced in just opening my mouth and saying the words "Can I buy you dinner sometime?"

Shockingly, that gets shut down all the time. But real-

ly, what damage has been done when you get rejected?

A lot of poor self image happens when a person takes external opinions of them too seriously.

You could feel awkward and ashamed for awhile, but where has that ever gotten anyone?

I've been criticized for it plenty of times, but I just keep trucking. The person said no, I move on as soon as the word "No," has been uttered.

My grandfather used to tell me "Why waste your time caring about what other people think about you?"

And I don't. I roll my windows down

and sing "Blank Space," at the top of my lungs, I dance every time I hear Uptown Funk and my favorite country song is "Save a Horse," by Big and Rich. My favorite movie is Sleepless in Seattle and yes, I have cried watching it.

The people around you do stupid and hilarious things every day. The person you have a crush on probably has a bevy of embarrassing background, like most of us do.

So do you really care what these people who drink until

they piss themselves and have fallen out of the shower while singing really think?

When they reject you, do what I do: think about all the dumb stuff that person has probably done and laugh it off.

For me, dating got hard when asking someone to dinner became too old fashioned. I'm not hip, or as the kids say "on the fleek."

I was taught to hold the door open for a lady, I was taught table manners (a simply baffling concept which many people I know don't seem to understand), and I was taught to take the check after dinner. Sue me; that's what I was taught to do, so I do it.

It's not for everyone. I've had people I hold in high regard tell me while it's nice, it's not for them. The right person for me will want that stuff.

On that note, even the right person might not want to settle down right then. Patience is key here.

Most importantly, every once in awhile, someone is going to say yes. That's how I find solace in the mass of rejection.

To refer back to my sports writing days with an analogy, you might go awhile without a goal, but you never know when a puck is going to land on your stick in game seven of the finals with a wide open net.



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Urban Elegance

YBBW to host 25th annual fashion show

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

You Beautiful Back Woman (YBBW) is back for the 25th annual fashion show, but this year they're giving Ferris a new kind of throwback. "This year the theme is Evolution of Fashion: Urban Elegance," senior in sports communication and the vice president for YBBW Shelby Taylor said. "We will be showcasing fashion trends from the 1970's to the present." Past themes have included "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Fashion in New York."

According to Taylor, the YBBW fashion show has been a success for 25 years because every year there are more ideas due to the ever-changing fashion trends. YBBW members are excited to show how history repeats itself and old fashion trends are coming back into style. "This year will be different because we won't just be modeling," Eligah said. "We will have dances in between each scene, and that's my favorite part about this year's show."

According to Eligah, planning and rehearsals typically start the semester before the show to allow time to plan and organize all the room and model bookings as well as perfecting the show. The organization must have put the time to good use as they have kicked things up a notch. "I don't want to give too much away because it'll ruin the sur-



Submitted Photo

The YBBW Fashion Show is April 18.

prise, but the audience will be blown away with this year's show," Taylor said. "This year, we are also showcasing our creativity because in the past we usually had performers for in between the scenes, but this year it will be

the models dancing." This will also be the first year that they have professional hair and makeup stylists volunteering on the day of the show. "One secret I will give away is that there may or may not be a celebrity host," Taylor said.

"This show also gives other organizations on campus the opportunity to get involved as well," political science junior and general member of YBBW ShanTel Eligah said. "We want to get more women involved from every organization." According to Taylor, the last scene will be "Rep Your Org," giving the audience the chance to show some pride and demonstrate why their RSO is unique.

The 25th annual YBBW fashion show will take place in room 202 of the University Center on April 18th at 8 p.m.

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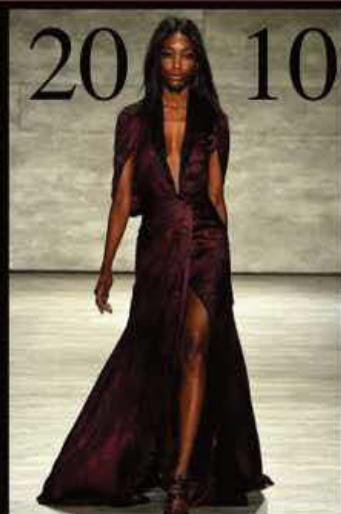
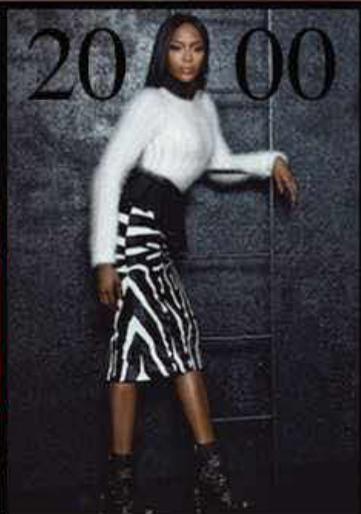
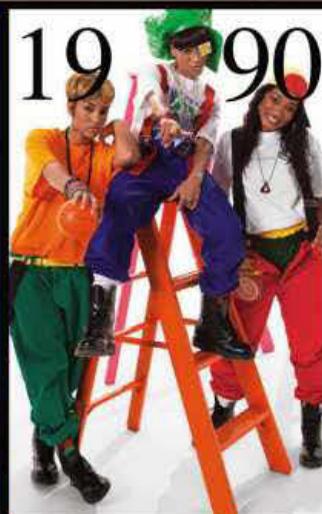
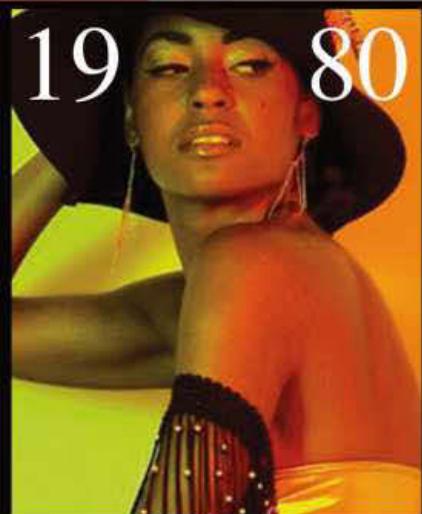
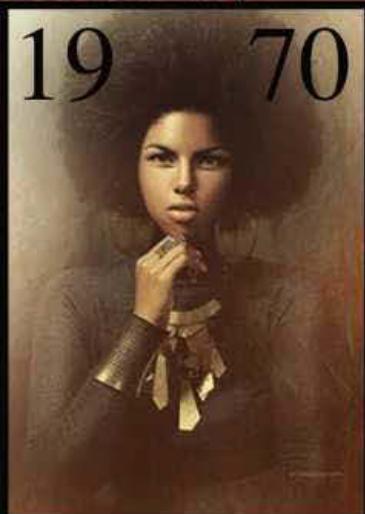
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“Although he played well at Augusta, a course so pristine it makes the Ferris State Katke course look like a cow pasture.”

Jimmy Demery
Ferris State University
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FOOTBALL

Crimson vs. Gold



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The Crimson vs. Gold game is this coming Saturday at Top Taggart Field.

Football squad set to square off in spring game

Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State football is back in action this Saturday, as the Bulldogs will play in the annual Crimson & Gold spring game at 12 p.m. at Top Taggart Field.

Last year's game was a close one before the Gold team was deemed the victor by a score of 29-24 over the Crimson squad. The scoring system is different in the game, where each first down results in a point, and defensive takeaways are rewarded with three points to the defense. These methods go along with

the traditional scoring methods.

The Dawgs are coming off an 11-1 season last year after going undefeated in the regular season and falling to Ohio Dominican 46-33 in the second round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs after having a bye in the first round. The Dawgs began spring practices on March 20, and will end the spring season with the game this Saturday.

“Just having family and friends coming out and appreciating our hard work makes the memories,” said senior wide receiver Jake Lampman, “It’s a lot of fun! It’s just a chance to debut the young guys and their talent. They’re just

trying to crack into the lineup and the competition is awesome! It’s fun to see these younger guys get to showcase why they were recruited. There’s a lot of great talent coming in this year.”

The Bulldogs will be returning upwards of 50 players from last year’s GLIAC champion team. Among the players returning is quarterback Jason VanderLaan, the 2014 Harlon Hill Trophy winner. The Harlon Hill is the Division II equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

Also returning to the Bulldogs is fourth year Head Coach Tony Annese, who led the Dawgs to their first playoff appear-

ance in 18 years last season.

“Well the spring game for us is more for show, so we break-up our teams and we’ve had fun in the last couple of years; it’s been competitive. Jeff and Brian Carmody are going to be the honorary coaches, so we’re going to have fun with it, and it’s a good opportunity for our guys to be competitive but also enjoy the day,” said Annese.

Just because the team will be having fun doesn’t mean they aren’t working hard in the offseason.

Annese said, “Most of these guys come to work every day with the mindset of from the

moment the season ended to the moment spring ball began they’re trying to improve themselves individually. We got a lot stronger in the weight room, winter conditioning was awesome and now we’ve got spring ball.”

The Bulldogs will be working toward making another playoff run next season, hopefully this time a little deeper into the postseason. The team will kick-off next year’s regular season on Sept. 5 against an opponent that is yet to be announced. In their first game last year, the Dawgs demolished McKendree University by a score of 75-14.

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Tiger Who?

Watching an icon fall from relevance

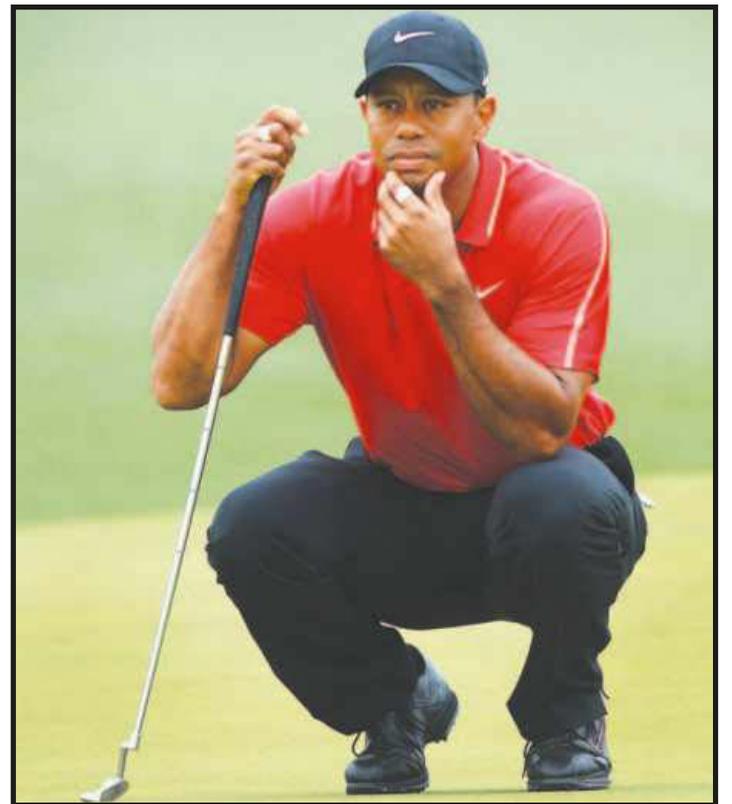


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Tiger Woods looks over the second green prior to putting during the final round of the Masters on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.



Jimmy Demery
Ferris State Torch

As a devoted Tiger Woods fanatic for as long as I can remember, this is hard to say, but Tiger Woods is no longer the most important athlete in golf.

Now that title belongs to both Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, two young superstars who have both won major championships. Rory already has four to his name at the tender age of 25, and Spieth just won the Masters Tournament in historic fashion

this past weekend to grab his first at the incredibly young age of 21.

He did it in Tiger-like fashion, distancing himself early and keeping the mistakes to a minimum. He broke numerous records and was the tournament's first wire-to-wire winner since 1976.

All that being said, Tiger did

compete at the Masters this year, finishing in a tie for 17th in his first tournament in over two months. Considering he shot the worst round of his career in February, this was a strong showing.

There were flashes of vintage Tiger, fist pumps and birdie putts, but the fact still remains that the upcoming U.S Open will mark the seventh anniversary of his last major win. He now sits on 14 major titles,

See Tiger on Page 12



Money Smart Week events will be held in FLITE Reading Room 240. Each event will be held at 11am and repeated at 7pm each day

Monday, April 20 - Mark Munzenberger of Greenpath Debt Solutions

Managing Your Money – Good Advice!

Learn about the importance of budgeting, credit, and having a good plan for your finances. Whether you are a first year college student or a senior getting ready to graduate, the time to start developing good money habits is now! How does credit reporting work? What options will I have for repaying my student loans? What are common mistakes people make with their budgets? Should I use a debit or credit card? Get ready for a fun and educational workshop on money!

Tuesday, April 21 - Mark Munzenberger of Greenpath Debt Solutions

Buying a House – the American Dream

Owning your own home can be one of the most important yet challenging financial goals anyone sets for themselves. Why? Because the process can be very intimidating, especially for first-time homebuyers. This workshop will cover the ten (10) most important aspects of the home buying process – from financing, choosing a location, working with various professionals like realtors and inspectors, home maintenance, to the closing process.

Wednesday, April 22 – Rebecca Vokes, FSU Financial Aid Advisor

Loan Repayment: Steps for Success

There are a lot of options available – especially when it comes to federal student loan repayment. Learn the basics for successful loan repayment.

Thursday, April 23 – Monica Dellar and Bob Horan of Babb Ford

Auto Finance 101

There's many things to consider when purchasing or leasing a vehicle. Should you buy new or used? Should you buy or lease? What are the advantages and disadvantages? This workshop will give you the facts you need to know before you step foot at a dealership to look for new transportation.

Friday, April 24 – Kyle Hondorp of Edward Jones Investments

Foundations of Investing

This presentation will include the following rules for investing – develop a strategy, choose quality investments, diversify your portfolio, invest for the long term, and focus on what you can control. These rules will be applied to retirement planning and ample time will be provided for questions.



TIGER from Page 11
New faces are emerging on the PGA tour

four shy of Jack Nicklaus' 18, which is the benchmark Woods set for himself as a young man.

But ever since Woods won the U.S. Open in 2008 with a torn ACL, things just have not been the same. He blew a lead in the final round of the 2009 PGA Championship to little-known Y.E. Yang, and his personal life unraveled later on that year as his extensive extramarital affairs became public.

Since then, besides a successful five-win 2013 season, the question has been asked over and over, is Tiger back? And although he played well at Augusta, a course so pristine it makes the Ferris State Katke course look like a cow pasture, his hopes of surpassing Nicklaus' record seem to be dimming.

A few years ago, Tiger Woods

on the decline could have been a death sentence to a struggling golf industry. Ratings, attendance, and interest in the game are all way higher when Tiger is playing, but it seems now that there are golfers capable of carrying on the torch.

Golf is the only sport where fans don't root for the underdog. It's all well and good if a nobody is on top of the leaderboard early in the tournament, but come the back nine on Sunday, people want to see their heroes succeed. It is a sport that needs superstars for people to be interested, and two new ones have arrived in McIlroy and Spieth.

McIlroy, a candid Irishman, is capable of blowing the field away when he brings his A-game, and Spieth, the talented Texan, just became the second youngest

Masters Champion ever. Both, if they stay healthy, have decades ahead of them of competing for titles and major championships and both could end up going down in history as two of the greatest the game has ever seen.

Although Tiger Woods has done things in the game of golf that have never been done before, such as winning four straight majors, it seems his time at the top of the game is over. He is no longer invincible, and the kids who used to watch him in wonderment are now beating and out-driving him. Woods' fall from excellence is still a significant blow to the PGA Tour, but with young, marketable, and likable superstars such as McIlroy and Spieth to take up the mantle, he has left the Tour in good hands.



Sports Shorts

Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

Softball Splits

The Ferris State softball team went 2-2 last weekend in a pair of doubleheaders in Big Rapids.

The Dawgs were shut out by the Tiffin University Dragons in both games of their doubleheader on Saturday. Ferris State fell to the Dragons by scores of 4-0 and 7-0. The Bulldogs only had three total hits in both games combined. Sophomore shortstop Sarah Johnson had a hit in both games, and freshman left-fielder Sam Bates had a hit in the second game.

Sunday was a different story for the Bulldogs as they rallied back to beat Ohio Dominican in both games of their doubleheader. In the two games, the Bulldogs won 7-6 and 5-4, with both victories coming in extra innings.

In the first game, the Dawgs posted 16 total hits on their way to the 7-6 victory. Sophomore pitcher Megan Hiler pitched the bulk of the game for the Bulldogs, allowing four runs on three hits and a walk.

In the second game, the Dawgs came back to win late to push past Ohio Dominican. Sophomore pitcher Stacy Thompson was awarded the win for the Dawgs after pitching 7.1 innings, allowing four runs on five hits. Senior pitcher Cara DeLange was given the save for the Bulldogs by getting the last two outs of the game to give the Bulldogs a 5-4 win.

Ferris State has another double header against Wayne State University today in Big Rapids. The games will be played at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

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Top Dawg



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Laurent Galarneau prepares for a serve in a recent tennis match.

Jimmy Demery
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State's Laurent Galarneau earns Top Dawg honors this week as he led the Bulldogs to two impressive wins over Northwood and Wayne State. The Northwood victory was

spectacular, as Northwood has won 20 consecutive GLIAC Championships, and 171 out of their last 172 league match-ups. Galarneau, the top singles player for Ferris State, set the tone against Northwood with a 6-0 victory in the first set. He then went on to win in a tiebreaker. He was also strong against Wayne State, winning in

straight sets over the Warriors' ace Mohamed Fazyf Kechai. With the two wins, the men's tennis team moves to 7-0 in GLIAC play and remains in first place, all the while inching that much closer to the GLIAC title that they so desperately covet.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 15

Softball doubleheader vs. Wayne State, 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Track & Field at GVSU Classic, TBA

Softball doubleheader vs. Lake Superior State, 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Track & Field at GVSU Classic, TBA

Women's Golf at Walsh, TBA

Men's Golf at GLIAC South, TBA

Men's Tennis at Walsh, 10:00 a.m.

Football spring game, 12:00 p.m.

Softball doubleheader vs. Grand Valley State, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 19

Women's Golf at Walsh, TBA

Men's Golf at GLIAC South, TBA

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When will it end?



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Suzette Shaw, 50, screaming "You can't kill" lays down on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the site where a homeless man was killed by LAPD officers.

Letter From The Editor

The end

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

In about two weeks, I'll be leaving the rec center with a box full of personal belongings, probably looking very distraught.

Three years ago this July, Annie Benson, (Or Mary Anne, or Mary if you prefer) took a chance on me. I was just a punk high school reporter with very little direction.

Every day since I've been at college, I've identified as a Torch employee.

On May 1st, that will cease to be true.

So we come to the obvious question; what is it I got out of this?

Is it a pretty spot on my resume? Definitely. Was it a great experience? Absolutely.

The problem I have is that it has been a constant. Every day in my young adulthood has had some connection to this paper.

I'm not at all worried about what will happen to this place after I go. They're in fantastic hands. I'm a little frightened for myself.

I've seen several people go through the doors here. Some leave in a depressing cynicism, others leave sadly, and others storm out.

I could use the "Real World," line to scare the crap out of myself, but its too cliché for this instance. I've seen plenty of real world stuff here.

Last year, a student was shot at the Venlo apartments. I didn't sleep until the stories were done. That's what real world reporters do.

Then, I stood and listened to students who felt wronged by our reporting. I experienced a completely new perspective of reporting.

I want desperately for people to understand how journalism works, but in the age of Facebook and Twitter, it seems less and less possible every day.

What I learned is that true journalism is a vastly misunderstood field. It's been watered down by bad networks and people that are willing to sell out.

The other thing I learned is that there is very good journalism being done out there, but it sometimes can be hard to find.

You won't regret looking. It certainly changed my life.

Police shootings need to stop

Yet again, it has happened. Another unarmed black man was gunned down by a white police officer Saturday April 4 in North Charleston, S.C.

Walter Scott, a 50 year-old resident of North Charleston, S.C., was shot at eight times and killed as he fled from a police officer, an encounter that started as a routine traffic stop.

The officer, Michael Slager, was charged with murder the Tuesday following the murder. The quickness at which this charge came down is heartening, but it comes nowhere close to repairing the damage that has been wrought the past few years by police-involved shootings.

Slager claimed that he shot Scott after they were wrestling for his stun gun, but a bystander was videotaping the encounter. The horrifying video shows Scott fleeing, and at a range of approximately 15 to 20 feet before Officer Slager opened fire.

Slager later in the video appeared to pick an object up from the spot of the original



Jimmy Demery
Ferris State Torch

scuffle and place it near Scott's body, presumably to strengthen his case that he feared for his life.

That is central to this issue. Police officers seem to have a get of out jail free card by saying they feared bodily harm or death from a suspect, and if it's the suspect's word versus a police officer's, or the suspect is dead, the officer is likely to get away with it.

Thankfully in this case, someone on the scene was videotaping and caught the officer red-handed. Who knows whether or not George Zimmerman would have been convicted, or Darren Wilson indicted if someone was on the scene with a camera rolling.

In our history classes growing up, we learned about the atrocities committed in our country by Americans, and learned about times of terrible racial prejudice such as the Jim Crow days. Will

we want to be looked at one day as the generation that stood idly by as unarmed black men are gunned down almost indiscriminately by the very people who are supposed to serve and protect us?

Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, and now Walter Scott. These names are imprinted on the American consciousness, or at least they should be. And it should not take another killing to re-spark the debate.

No amount of anger or retribution will bring the dead back to their loved ones, but the least we can do to honor their memories is to ensure this never happens again. Ensure that when a police officer uses excessive force, he or she is held culpable.

If what that takes is purchasing body cameras for every single law enforcement officer in the United States then so be it. Some will complain about the monetary cost of that, but you cannot put a price on preserving the sanctity of life, and making sure that all citizens, especially minorities, feel safe.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler."

-Anonymous

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Living with an Autistic Sister



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Jolee and Shelby Soberalski are sisters from Ludington, MI. Jolee, was born with Autism. Shelby is a Junior studying Graphic Design and Art History.

Why Autism Awareness month is so important to me

April is autism awareness month. I'm sure you've seen it around campus and might have seen it online. But why should you care about it? What's the big deal?

To me, it's a very big deal.

In February of 1991, my sister, Jolee, who was born with deformities and complications. The umbilical cord had been caught around her neck before birth and caused brain damage. Her face was pushed in and during the first year of life, she had more surgeries than most people will have in their lifetimes.

After much thought, my parents decided to have another child, and I was born in August 1993. At the time when I was born, Jolee was doing pretty well. She wasn't developing at the normal rate for her age, but she could speak quite a few words.

When I was a few months old, Jolee had another surgery. One

of her eyes would look up and another would look down, so the surgery was to correct it.

As a result of this surgery, Jolee stopped talking at the age of 3. She wasn't mute. She would still mumble, but it wasn't a structured vocabulary like it used to be. That was when our mom discovered that Jolee had autism.

Growing up with an autistic sibling has been quite the adventure. When she was born in 1991, there wasn't much known or accepted about autism. Most of the time, the parents were blamed for bad parenting, which is not the case. A lot of people would judge Jolee and didn't want to get to know her.

I remember asking my parents when I was younger why Jolee was different than other people. My parents responded with, "Everyone is different than you. Nobody is the same,



Shelby Soberalski
Ferris State Torch

but that doesn't mean that they should be looked down upon or treated any different than you want to be treated. Everybody needs love and fairness."

It wasn't always easy having an autistic sibling. Since she couldn't talk, she couldn't tell us what she wanted or needed. Jolee is currently 24 years old, but she's mentally stuck at a three year old level. She is obsessed with Dora, Barney and all those little kid shows. She can't dress or bathe herself. She's totally dependent on my parents and I to take care of her.

But there is nothing that I would change about her.

She likes to eat all my food, she pinches me, she knows exactly

how to push my buttons and she flirts with my boyfriend. But she also gives the best hugs, has the most infectious smile, makes me laugh and has the biggest heart I've ever known.

I never asked for a sibling with disabilities, but she's been the best gift I've ever been given. I'm so lucky to have her in my life. She's my best friend, my rock, and my world. I can't imagine where I would be today without her. Even though she has complications, that doesn't stop her. She lives a full and happy life.

Every day I wake up and I'm thankful that I can talk and walk and do what I do in life. I know that there are people out in the world that aren't as fortunate as me. My sister hasn't been dealt the best cards in her life, but she is the happiest person I know. She doesn't complain or ask for pity. She's simply happy and lives

her life to the fullest. If that isn't the best role model a younger sister could ask for, I don't know what could be. She's taught me so many things in life and she inspires me to be the best I can be.

I wish that everyone could have the chance to get to know someone with autism. It really opens your eyes to the world and makes you think. So the next time you see someone who looks different than you, or acts differently than you, just stop and think. You don't know what daily struggles they have. They are people too.

Jolee is a lot more than an autistic person. She loves music, movies, books, basketball and much more. Everyone on the autism spectrum is different and deserves to be respected as the beautiful human beings that they are.



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