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Ferris celebrates Black History

Students attend and discuss black history events hosted by OMSS

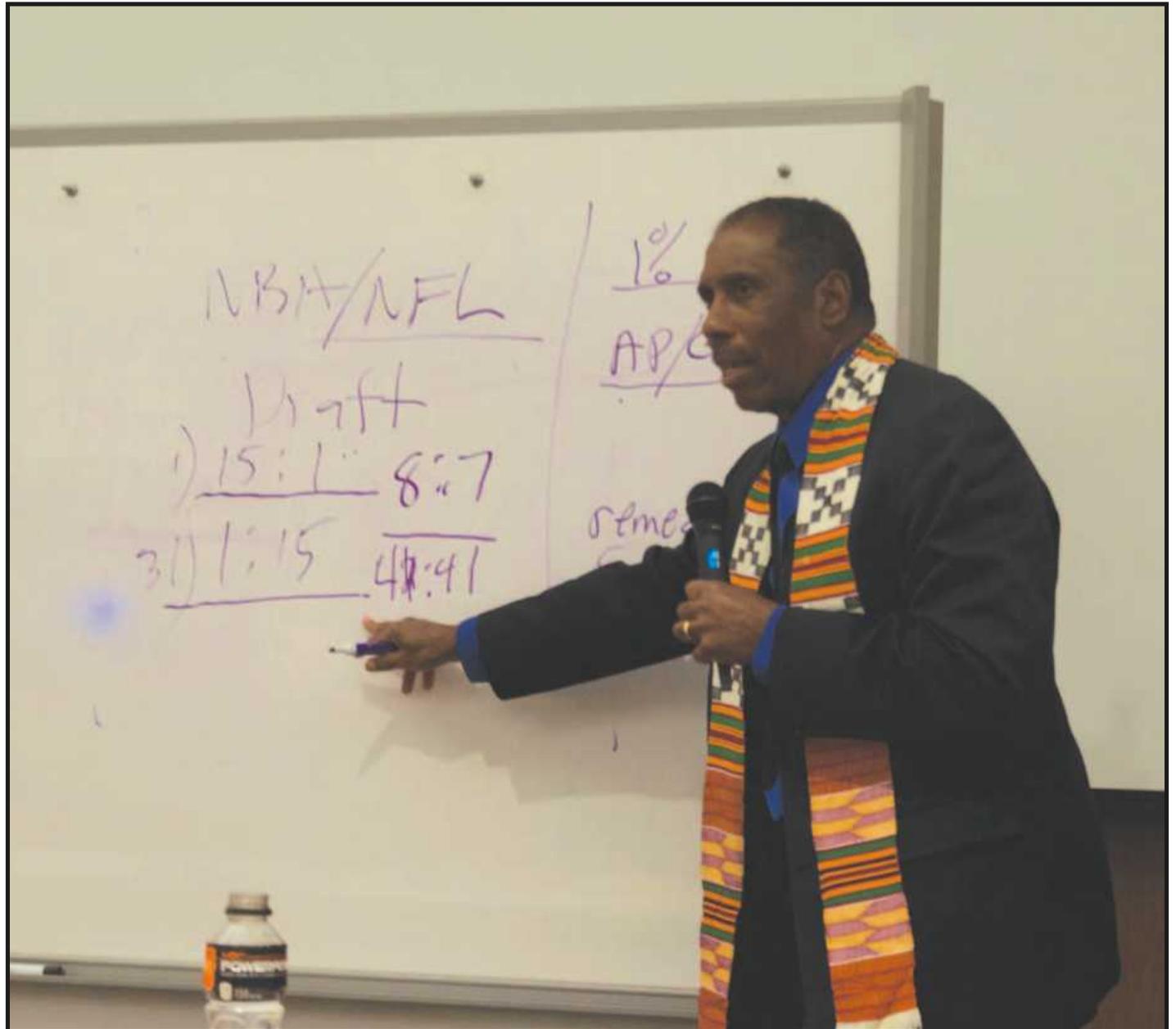


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Dr. Juwanza Kunjufu spoke to college students about modern racism issues on Feb. 11 for black history month. He compared opportunities to students using the NBA/NFL draft as an example.

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State University celebrates Black History during the month of February.

The celebration of Black History started out at as a week long celebration in 1926 and in 1976 it became a month long celebration. Ferris has been celebrating Black History since the beginning of this tradition.

On Feb. 11, the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Zeta Beta Chapter presented Dr. Juwanza Kunjufu to help educate Ferris students about black history.

"[Dr. Juwanza Kunjufu] is a scholar, his resume speaks for itself, and we figured his experience and research would be beneficial for students on this campus," Mi-

chael Wade, Assistant Director of OMSS said. "I hope that students learn more about African American history while we celebrate Black history month, that's the first thing. The second is I hope students learn something they didn't know before, we always try to spark their interest."

According to Wade, OMSS is hosting five Black History events this month to spread cultural awareness on campus.

"I work with OMSS and to me, Black History month means recognizing the struggle African Americans have gone through," early education sophomore Megan Hornburg said. "Also, it means knowing how much they have overcome to be here today with all the freedom they get to have."

Some students feel Black History should be celebrated for more than just one month.

"Black history means a lot," psychology junior Domonique Ferguson said. "I feel like Black History month is underrated. I feel like people don't take enough time to learn about Black History. I don't feel like it should be celebrated throughout the month, I feel like it should be celebrated every day of every month."

Dr. Kunjufu spoke about African Americans in college, aiming to not just address the issues, but to spread hope.

"There's more black men in prison than in college," said Kunjufu, "but tonight I give good news. I'm not talking about the problems, I am talking about the solutions."

Many Ferris students that attended the presentation felt pride that this university celebrates Black History.

"I think it is dope that I am able to go to a college that cele-

brates black history," sports communication sophomore David McPherson said. "Like, my first year here people in the community looked at me differently, like when I was at Walmart, and being from Royal Oak, I wasn't used to that. When I sit in class, students talk about how wrong it is that people still get treated like that, I have never seen students be racially biased. I think it is really cool how people on campus treat people of other racial ethnicity."

In most areas, racism has greatly decreased since the days of Rosa Parks, but like all of our history, it is important to remember and recognize what people had to go through to get where they are at today.

"People who don't know their history are destined to make the same mistakes over and over again," said Kunjufu.

The Toad

The Torch interviews the creator of FSU's new satirical news source

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

A newly launched satirical newspaper entitled The Toad has been sparking conversation all around campus in recent days. The "news" source, featuring such stories as "Pregnancy Rates Among Ferris Students Through the Roof" and "Valentine's Day Present Backfires" is run by Kip Biby, a sophomore psychology major. Biby sat down with the Torch for an exclusive interview to discuss his new comedic enterprise.

The Torch: How did you get the idea to start The Toad? Did you draw inspiration from any other satirical newspapers?

Biby: I've had the idea since I've been at Ferris. I wanted to be a Torch writer initially, but I really prefer satire. There is a group at Baylor University called The NoZe Brotherhood that writes a satirical newspaper. That's where I drew the most inspiration.

The Torch: What is it about satire that appeals to you?

Biby: Sometimes it helps to not take issues so seriously. Satire helps to do that.

The Torch: "What is your "mission" in running this paper?"

Biby: I want it to be something that students and staff at Ferris are excited to read. I want The Toad to be something people talk about and enjoy and I want the name to go hand in hand with Ferris. And the paper itself just

needs to be hilarious.

The Torch: Are you currently the only person behind The Toad or are there multiple writers?

Biby: I write the articles, but people sometimes help me with the ideas. I had a guest writer for the Valentine's Day for women article.

The Torch: Are you planning to run The Toad on your own or do you hope to eventually have multiple people writing and updating the webpage?

Biby: Well, I'm looking for people, especially someone who is handy with a camera. But I do want people to write with me.

The Torch: What kinds of people or qualities are you looking for?

Biby: Funny people.

The Torch: You mentioned you had a guest writer for one of the two Valentine Tips articles. What was the story behind that?

Biby: I'm not qualified to give tips to women about Valentine's Day. But I can't say who the guest was. The idea for the article was mine, but the content was not.

The Torch: How do you get the ideas for your articles?

Biby: Things people are talking about on campus.

The Torch: What is your favorite thing about managing The Toad so far?

Biby: The writing is fun and having a creative platform.

The Torch: What are some of the challenges in managing the newspaper on your own?

Biby: I love writing the articles and I don't really do it on a schedule. I just write when I have an idea, so on that front it's not so bad. But one challenge I have is getting a large following.

The Torch: What kinds of tactics are you using to spread the word about The Toad?

Biby: Well, I have a Twitter and a Facebook, I have a pretty good circle of friends who support it and I have been basically just spreading it by talking with people. But I hope to pass out some literature.

The Torch: With your Weekly Advice Column, were the questions real submissions from readers? How can readers send you their questions?

Biby: [They were] fake questions.

The Torch: Are you planning to continue having that every week?

Biby: Yeah.

The Torch: Do you have a favorite story or stories that you've featured so far? And do you have any plans for future stories?

Biby: Yeah, I have plans for future stories. I don't want to give them away, but the "Condom Cannon" has been my favorite.

The Torch: Alright, is there anything else you would like to add?

Biby: The Twitter is @FerrisStateToad and I'd like to add that the official mascot of The Toad is Aspen the Cat.

Students can read The Toad at <http://ferrisstatetoad.blogspot.com>. Anyone interested in photography or writing for The Toad is invited to contact Biby at biby@ferris.edu.

The contents of the box

New print lab for Graphic Media Management students



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Roberta Figolia and Paige Lavery, both sophomores in the Graphic Media Management Program, demonstrate how to use the new large format printer, that was in the box.

Devin Andeson
Ferris State Torch

The Torch recently pondered the purpose of the large box in the IRC in a column called "What's in the box?!" Now, we have the answer.

The box is empty and has been since January 8. It is waiting to be recycled.

However, the box used to hold a FujiFilm Acuity LED 1600 Inkjet Printer, valued at \$120,000 dollars. The printer can print on anything up to 63 inches wide by an infinite length and up to one half inch thick. Its uses include printing bumper stickers, car wraps and plastic signs; it can even print on aluminum.

Patrick Klarecki, Graphic Media Management professor and program champion, explained that the printer is "part of a consignment agreement with FujiFilm USA and Ferris State University meaning we get to use it for free."

The Graphic Media Management program is only two years old. The former Printing Program, rooted in the College of Engineering Technology, was reshaped to better fit the industry.

"That process led us to move

the program to the College of Business, completely redesign the curriculum and start the Graphic Media Management Program," said Klarecki.

With the Acuity printer, the Graphic Media Management program also added an Epson F2000 InkJet Garment Printer. The University has committed to building a new instructional lab for the Graphic Media Management program in the College of Business. The program's new equipment will replace some "obsolete" printing equipment in the Swan Building from the Printing Program.

"Students studying in Graphic Media Management are in high demand because, upon graduation they will know how to use this technology," said Klarecki. "Students in Graphic Media Management also like to make cool stuff!"

Construction on the new printing lab is expected to begin within a few weeks and will be complete by the fall 2015 semester. The Graphic Media Management program reports a 100% graduation placement rate.

"So what is in the box? Great career opportunities," said Klarecki.

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Photo of the Week



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This past saturday, February 14th, the Hockey Game had a Star Wars theme, where Star Wars characters came to the game in full costume.

Meet your deans

Student government hosts first dean meet and greet

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

In hopes of encouraging students to form relationships with their college deans, Student Government hosted its first ever Meet and Greet with deans from around campus last Tuesday. The Meet and Greet is expected to become an annual event.

"Everyone should know who their dean is just because if you have any questions or any concerns about your college, you can directly go to your dean," said Harmin Gill, junior nursing and psychology major who is on the Internal Assessment Division for Student Government. "Having a good relationship with your dean is always important, in my opinion."

Christopher Cimko, senior health care systems administration and health information management major and Senator to Student Government for

the College of Health Professions, was the coordinator of the Meet and Greet event. Along with the rest of the Internal Assessment Division, he was responsible for contacting all of

the deans involved and planning and advertising the event. "A senator [for Student Government] pretty much is a student that represents a college," Cimko said before the event.

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TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

University Center dedication set for tomorrow

The brand new University Center has caused a buzz on campus, and the opening festivities are coming to a close.

An excerpt from the weekly President's Memorandum from 14 years ago showed that the new University Center has been well over a decade in the making.

The event will take place in the atrium near the fireplace in front of the book store beginning at 11 am on February 19.

The event includes live music, guided tours, and brief remarks from those that have been with the project throughout its duration.

Despite the Center having been open for well over a month to the general public, a ribbon cutting ceremony will also take place.

Documentary viewing in University Center

The new University Center is bustling with activity this week.

The documentary "Waste Land," will be shown tonight from 6:30-8:30 pm in the University Center's room 202C.

The BEYOND: Diversity initiative is responsible for the showing, of the documentary, which documents artist Vik Muniz who collaborated with the garbage pickers of "Jadrim Gram-acho," the world's largest waste dump.

BEYOND: Diversity is showing Waste Land to explore the issues of dignity and creativity as well as social change.

The event is free to all.

One Night in Harlem

The Black History month at Ferris celebration rolls on with an event outlining the Harlem Renaissance.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services is in charge of the event where Ferris students will prepare presentations and present to the campus community.

The presentations will be based on and presented in honor of the Harlem Renaissance.

Presentations take place on Feb. 25 in the University Center room 202A at 7:30 pm.

Info sessions will be held on Feb. 10 and 12 in the OMSS offices at 6 pm.

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DEANS from Page 2

Scott Garrison, dean of FLITE, seeks out student feedback

"Per the student guidelines and bylaws in our constitution, each senator is required to have a meet and greet social event for students to meet with the dean of their college to learn more about their college, what the dean does, what programs there are. It's an informational session for students to meet with their dean. Every senator has to do this every semester. It's a requirement of being in Student Government, but this year the executive board decided to do a campus-wide event, so it's the first semester we're doing that."

Every college on campus was represented at the event. A few deans who were unable to attend, such as David Nicol of the College of Business, were able to send in substitutes in his place. The event was also attended by President Eisler and Associate Provost Paul Blake.

"I really think that [this event] is a great way for students to connect and get the reference they need," said Jamie Klinger, junior business administration major and student worker at FLITE. "I know that Dean Garrison is here from the library and it's a really great opportunity for students actually to interact with him, because they don't see him during the day, which is unfortunate."

Scott Garrison, Dean of FLITE, is one of the few deans whose job caters towards students of all majors, not just a specific college. FLITE is a valuable resource for students to study and gain information they need for their classes.

"When Chris invited me to participate, I wanted to be here to be able to answer questions that students have about the library, hear any concerns they might have," Garrison said. "Any time I get a chance to meet a student, I also want to ask them questions about how the library could be better and serve them better. I think [this event] is wonderful. It's great to see so much interaction going on between students and deans from all across the university. It's nice, too, that we have deans that are not just from the academic colleges, but we also have Dean Wright from Student Life, we have Dean Salomonson from Student Enrollment Services. It's just a great event and I hope it grows year after year."

"What we like to say is [that] in enrollment services, we're the first point of contact for students and we're one of the last offices involved in waving goodbye," said Kristen Salomonson, Dean of Student Enrollment. "We take applications through admissions, we process financial aid, we're the Registrar's office, we have the Communication Center which answers all of the inbound calls for the university, and we also do institutional research and assessment services and then we end up with commencement at the final end. As soon as you walk into Ferris, you're greeting some form of the enrollment services staff, and we're there during your final day when you're getting your cap and gown, so it's pretty cool."

Salomonson sees a connection between her work and

that of Leroy Wright, Dean of Student Life. She said they both have the highest priority of putting students first.

"I think for me, as Dean of Student Life, the biggest part of my role is to focus on developing a happy, healthy student leader on campus," Wright said, "so that encompasses working with all the Student Life departments to encourage student involvement. I think from a service perspective, my goal is to listen to students, understand what student issues are, understand what student concerns are and work with different departments and different divisions to make sure that the student voice is heard [and] make sure that student needs are being met."

Cimko had a raffle planned for the event, which had to be cancelled due to small attendance. Students would have received a raffle ticket from each dean they visited as incentive to meet with all of the deans and increase their chances of winning a prize. Student Government ended up handing out the prizes to students.

"I think that it's a good turnout," Klinger said. "I'm disappointed that it wasn't more students that came out, because there was a campus-wide e-mail, but I don't think students feel that it's as important as it really is."

"It's a first-year event, so I guess it was kind of good for a first-year event," Gill said. Student Government is optimistic about larger attendance in the years to come.

The final candidates El-Sayed and Throop



Submitted Photos

Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed (left) and Dr. Elizabeth Throop (right) are the final two candidates for the provost position.

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

The final two candidates for the position of Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs are Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed and Dr. Elizabeth Throop.

Both ladies visited campus during the first week of February, to meet faculty, staff and students, and answer any questions during their open forums.

El-Sayed's open forums were on February 2. She is currently serving as Associate Provost at Kettering University.

"I consider myself an educator and a builder," said El-Sayed. "The builder part of my personality is that I like to make things work. I like to take on those challenges."

"I really believe in the power of experimental learning, and that through this we can help our students have this transferrable skill set, where they understand how to make wonderful things happen and be productive in different contexts and different environments," said El-Sayed.

On the position of Provost, El-Sayed said: "A provost is a key communicator, but then also able to execute and work with all teams, in order to find strategies where all of our work is honored to do what's right for our students, and what's right for our institution."

El-Sayed also stated that she felt that her life mission and Ferris' mission are aligned.

The final candidate to visit campus was Dr. Elizabeth Throop, who answered questions in her open forum on February 5.

"I read about what [Ferris] does, and I think it really reflects my life with this blend of traditional academia, but also very intentional professional and pre-professional programs, still with a liberal arts emphasis. I think that's absolutely crucial," said Throop.

Throop said that she is very interested in encouraging success and productivity, as well as helping students deal effectively with the burden of affording college, and maintaining the emphasis on general education.

"One wish would be to en-

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Media Minute Through the crowd



Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

How many of you readers out there have heard of Warped Tour? Probably a good percentage of the people reading this article.

Well, Through The Crowd has played Warped Tour. And I know you're thinking, "yeah man, a ton of bands have played Warped."

Although, not all Warped bands have a drummer that goes to Ferris. You read that right, ladies and gentlemen.

The alternative, pop-punk band consists of Connor Ragan on vocals and guitar, Andrew Heiler on lead guitar, Tony VanBuren rocking the bass, and Ferris's own Justin O'Donoghue on drums.

The band's biggest influences are that of Blink-182, Sum 41, Nirvana, Alkaline Trio, The Wonder Years, and The Story So Far.

Justin O'Donoghue is what some would consider a rock star. I know I sure as hell do.

I got the privilege of meeting Justin when he came here at the start of the school

year from New York. I'm not gonna lie, I fan-boyed a little bit when he told me that his band has played Warped.

According to O'Donoghue, he and Andrew both graduated Avon High School together in 2012, and Connor and Tony both graduated Geneseo High School in 2013. Everyone met due to the proximity of their schools.

"We actually just signed with management for the first time," O'Donoghue said. "We have been completely [independent] to this point, and we're excited to see where the Inner Late

Agency can take us; we're looking to tour this summer."

"The environment behind the scenes at Warped is crazy and to think that some bands do it every day makes us appreciate them that much more. They're working their ass off every day," O'Donoghue said. "The online Ernie Ball Battle of the Bands was how we landed the spot; it worked out for us really well. When doing that, you can't half-ass it because if you do, you'll fall off the charts. So we decided to go really hard on it and it paid off. Warped Tour is where

we sounded our best and had one of the best atmospheres as far as the crowd goes so it was definitely one of our favorite shows we've played as a band."

The band anticipates landing a spot on stage for this year's Ferris Fest.

"Dude, we better! Honestly, if we don't get a slot for the main stage or second stage, we might just come and have a huge house show somewhere," O'Donoghue said. "We will play Ferris Fest, mark my words."

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Final provost candidates

sure the strength of the general education program," said Throop. "I really do believe that a liberal arts education which is uniquely American is also at the core of having an effective democracy."

"I really look for people's strengths," said Throop. "I assume the best out of people until proven otherwise."

Throop also stated: "When there's a decision to be made, after consulting with the appropriate people, I will make a decision, and I'll be clear about having made that decision and take responsibility for making that decision."

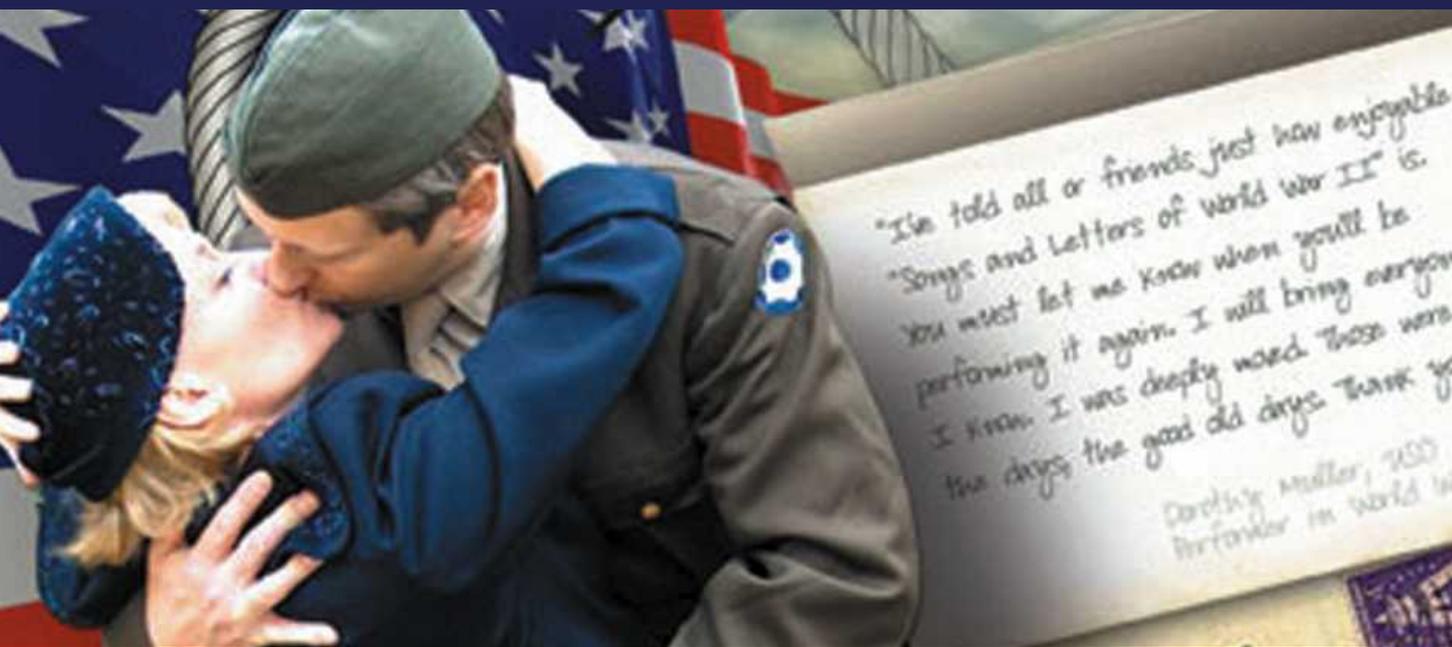
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“I like it so much that I’m trying to bring it to the school and touch as many people as I can with it.”

JP Kuhlman
Ferris State University
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Time for him to fly



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Current Student Body President of Ferris State University, Andrew Kalinowski, will be graduating this May with degrees in Professional Golf Management, Accounting, Finance and Spanish.

Kalinowski's final stretch of Student Government presidency

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

The next election for Student Government is on its way, and with that comes the soon departure of current President Andrew Kalinowski.

Kalinowski is a senior studying professional golf management, accounting, finance and Spanish. He came to Ferris in the fall of 2010, was elected Student Government President in December of last year, and then was reelected for this year.

Kalinowski said that seeing all the progress that has been made in Student Government has been the biggest highlight of his time there.

“Last year, we only had around

10 committees we sent students to, and then in this period we have over 30 different committees that we send students to, which is amazing, because that means that



Andrew Kalinowski
Senior, president

students’ opinions are being more heard across campus and in the community,” he said.

Also included in his highlights was that representation of student senators and organizations has increased about 200 percent since last year, and the

new events Student Government has been able to host, including the Meet and Greet the Deans event last week, and a Leadership Dinner happening later this year.

Kalinowski is finishing his term as Student Government president on a positive note all together.

“Being in Student Government allows you to work with all the different organizations across campus, so that’s what I think I’m going to miss the most, is being able to meet and learn about all the different students, learning what they like to do, and then helping them out with getting what they would like to see on campus,” said Kalinowski.

“When it comes to leaving this year, I guess it’s bittersweet. The bitter part being

leaving Ferris State and leaving everyone that I know, but at the same time, I would be there as an advisor for the next president and new executive board, so if they ever need help they can have me as a resource, and not only myself but past presidents as well,” said Kalinowski.

“I’m also excited about moving on too, and finally getting into the workforce and having all the different opportunities come up, it’s very exciting and I can’t wait to see what happens next,” he said.

“My biggest advice for the President next year would be to really try to empower different students and give them more leadership opportunities,” Kalinowski said, regarding the upcoming election. “The big thing with being the president of

student government is trying to delegate to different people and trying to have them in charge of a whole different opportunity across campus, so basically not necessarily leading, but training leaders how to lead.”

“I would like to give recognition to the executive board and to all the student leaders across campus. My part is bringing students together and giving them opportunities, but when it comes to having these amazing events and all the opportunities that we bring to the students, that’s really because of student leaders, the executive board and the different representatives in Student Government, so I want to thank all of them for their hard work,” he said.

Finally, Kalinowski touched on

Modern Love

The Giver

It has been said that relationships should be 50-50. Well, I believe it should be 100-100. Unfortunately, life has a funny way of never working out the way it should, so things tend to be more 40-60 or 30-70.

There is always someone that will go a little further for the other. The one that cares a little more and loves a little harder. That's why we call them the givers.

Givers put everything they have into the relationships they are in. To their partner, it's just one chapter, but to a giver, the relationship is the whole book.

Naturally, givers are the best kind of people to be in a relationship with. More so when you're both givers. But you know what? Most of the time, being a giver kind of sucks. Givers expect to receive the same affection, commitment, and unconditional love as they provide because that's the only way it makes sense to them.

It's hard for us to understand how you can be in love with someone and not be completely smitten with them. Why wouldn't you want to shower them with love to show your apprecia-



Sarah Force
Lifestyles Editor

tion for their very existence?

While we enjoy catering to our lovers, in the same note, all we want is to be shown the same love and appreciation. Some of us are lucky enough to find someone that can provide that for us. Or, you end up falling in love with someone that is about 0% romantic.

Do you know how hard it is being a complete giver and being engaged to someone who is not in the least bit romantic or affectionate? Frustrating.

Everything about being a giver is bittersweet. Yes, we are the best type of lover to have, but since we are so giving, we're easily taken for granted. We're also clingy. We set the bar high for both our significant others and ourselves, yet we are the ones always left disappointed.

Despite all of that, there is always one very rewarding aspect of being the giver of a relationship: they will never find anyone better than you.

Pet Savers



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Animal Rescue Coalition has taken in over 900 homeless dogs.

Kelsey George
Ferris State Torch

Being in Big Rapids all semester, some students might get a little nostalgic for their furry friends back home.

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Pet Savers is a student organization working to educate people about responsible pet owner-

ship, along with providing student volunteers and fundraisers.

"Many of us have pets at home and miss them while we're at school," biology and pre-veterinary student and Pet Savers president Michelle Dunn said. "So

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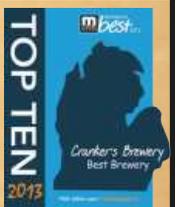


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Changing the game

CrossFit takes fitness to a whole new level

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Two or three times a day, one Ferris student walks out to his garage and teaches a workout class that will kick the butt of even the most avid exercisers.

CrossFit is a fairly new fitness phenomenon that combines functional movements with weightlifting, gymnastics, and cardio. The equipment used includes barbells, dumbbells, gymnastics rings, pull-up bars, jump ropes, kettlebells, medicine balls, plyo boxes, resistance bands, and mats.

“Basically, the goal is always

to have a high level of intensity,” automotive engineering junior JP Kuhlman said, “which is really where we get our results.”

Big Rapids doesn't have an affiliated CrossFit location, so Kuhlman voluntarily holds classes in his garage. To become a certified coach and instruct other students, Kuhlman had to complete a CrossFit Level One Certificate Course, costing him \$1,000.

Kuhlman participates in CrossFit workouts for about 10 hours a week. Even though there are two other Ferris CrossFit coaches, Kuhlman still teaches from 10 to 12 hours a week and

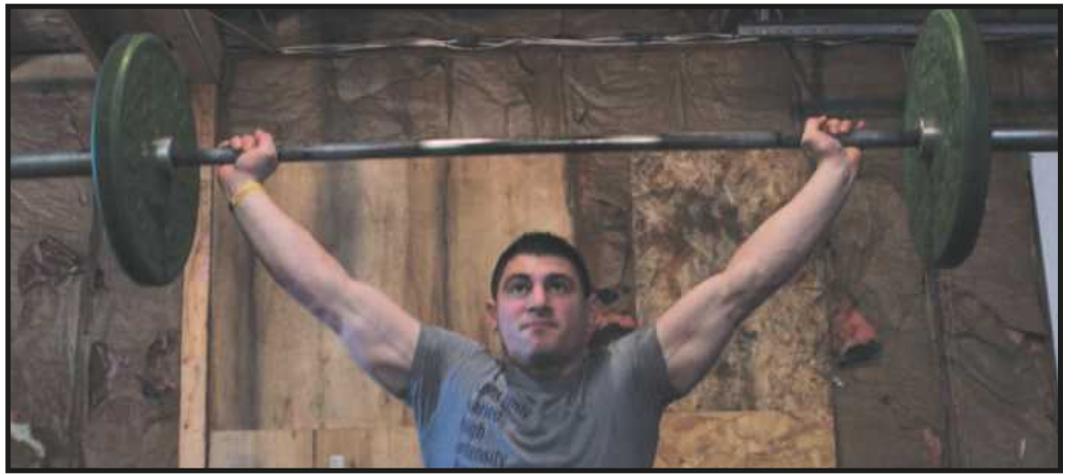


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JP Kuhlman demonstrates his Crossfit expertise in his home gym located in his garage.

creates daily workouts for those who attend his classes.

Usually, if college kids are spending around 20 hours a week on something along with classes, it's a part time job. For Kuhlman, however, all his CrossFit activities are strictly volunteer work to share his love of the sport.

“He does a great job at explaining everything and is able to help with any questions I have,” healthcare marketing junior Madison Earl said. “Every class he dedicates time to the development of skills, where he breaks down the movements and shows the group how to practice.”

Kuhlman tried CrossFit for the first time to increase his strength and stability while involved in junior hockey. He saw instant improvements, continued with CrossFit, and started to get seriously involved around Jan. 2014.

“I thought, ‘wow, this is real-

ly challenging and I like it,” Kuhlman said. “So, I stuck with it and I've seen massive improvements and it's pretty much

changed

my life.”

The

first time

Kuhlman

did a chal-

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workout,

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“That stimulus

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ing about is

really primal,”

Kuhlman said. “I think that's

one of the reasons people like

it. Like with modern day stuff,

we don't ever really have to do

anything like our early ancestors

had to do, like run away while

there are wild animals chasing you. You'd have to haul ass to get the hell out of there, and you don't ever have to do that these days. And I think when you get to that intensity inside, your body wants more of it.”

Earl agreed that there's just something about CrossFit that sets it apart from other workouts.

“I won't lie, although I do CrossFit five to six times a week, I'm always sore at some point throughout the week,” Earl said. “Every day is different and every day is killer. Regular workouts get boring and you can find yourself just going through the motions just to make it through your workout. It's not like that with CrossFit.”

The community aspect of the classes is also a major component of the CrossFit experience.

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Looking back and moving forward for Student Government head



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Student Body President, Andrew Kalinowski, reflects on a great time and service spent at Ferris State University. He graduates this May.

the importance of getting involved from the senior perspective. "As an incoming freshman, everything on campus can be a little confusing in what to be involved with," said Kalinowski. "So my biggest advice to give to a freshman would be to get involved as much you can. Join as many RSO's as you can, learn different perspectives because there's a lot of benefits that can come out of that. When I've been

interviewing with employers this past year, looking for job opportunities, the biggest thing they look for is leadership experience. Student Government facilitates that, as well as any other organization here on campus. So get involved, try to get leadership experience, and you can help lead an organization to greatness."

PETSAVERS from Page 7
PetSavers RSO, makes a difference in the lives of locally abandoned animals with help from shelter

we enjoy giving our time to help the pets in the Big Rapids area. We're all about helping animals."

Along with promoting awareness about pets and pet care, the organization also partnered up with the Animal Rescue Coalition (ARC) of Mecosta County.

"We started out as an organization that placed homeless pets into foster homes until we were able to find their forever homes," Dunn said. "Now we shifted our focus to providing a student volunteer workforce for this no-kill shelter."

During her time at the shelter, Dunn grew fond of one dog in particular. "Recently I've been able to watch the complete transformation of a dog, Nina," she said.

"When she arrived she was in bad shape and very skinny, but in just a few short weeks, she's almost back to full health. It just goes to show what some care and human interaction can do for a dog."



Michelle Dunn
Ferris State University

Many members of Pet Savers volunteer regularly at the ARC and work with the dogs and cats currently housed there.

"Our shelter opened on October 1, 2012," founder and

owner of the Animal Rescue Coalition Cate Arroee said. "So far we've taken in over 900 homeless dogs and 300 homeless cats."

Aside from working with the ARC, Pet Savers raises awareness about what it takes to become a responsible pet owner.

"Many college students get a pet for their house or apartment, but may not realize the time, money, and care that's required to properly care for a pet," Dunn said.

The Animal Rescue Coalition is always accepting student volunteers, but this is no simple job; animal experience is required, and volunteers are expected to come in for weekly training.

CROSSFIT from Page 8
Ferris Student operates Crossfit studio from converted garage in downtown Big Rapids

your headphones in and run on a treadmill for a bit, and go home and not really talk to anybody," Kuhlman said. "Every time we're in there we're having conversations and talking about our lives and stuff. It kind of brings everyone closer together and keeps you wanting to go back to the gym."

There are currently about 15 students and three faculty members involved with Ferris' CrossFit, but Kuhlman and a few others are looking to start a legitimate CrossFit affiliate

catering to the entire Big Rapids community in August 2015.

"I like it so much that I'm trying to bring it to the school and

touch as many people as I can with it," Kuhlman said. "I put a lot of time into it, and it takes a long time to do, but I like to do it

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Kevin McDermott
Ferris State University
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MENS BASKETBALL

THE HOME STRETCH

Ferris Basketball prepares for last three games



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The Ferris State Men's Basketball team has had quite the spectacular season and they are in their final-home stretch.

Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State men's basketball team is coming to the home stretch of their season, and there are playoff implications on the line. The 18-7 Bulldogs haven't helped their cause the past two weeks, dropping four straight conference games after being atop the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Yet compared to a 10-16 overall record, and a 9-13 conference record last year, the Bulldogs are still surprising some fans with the quick turnaround this year.

Junior center Jared Stolicker has been a large part of the team's success this winter, and is not entirely surprised by the team's impressive level of improvement from last year. "I mean we knew the talent that we had and that if we worked really hard that we had the potential to do anything," Stolicker said. "People just had to step up and do their part, and if everyone did their part then we didn't really have a ceiling, we could really go anywhere we wanted to." Having already clinched a spot in the conference tournament, the Bulldogs have marked the

Division II NCAA Tournament as their target destination. They sit at 14-5 in the conference which puts them just two games behind Lake Superior State and Saginaw Valley State. In order to make the NCAA Division II Tournament, the Dawgs must either win the GLIAC



Jared Stolicker
Junior, center

outright, win the GLIAC tournament, or finish as a top four team in the region. It is possible that the Dawgs could surpass LSSU and SVSU as Ferris plays out their final three games of the season, as both of those two teams appear on the remaining schedule. If the Dawgs win against Hillsdale and SVSU this week, and Grand Valley next week they have a chance at winning the conference, even with a couple of losses from LSSU and SVSU. "The GLIAC is always tough top to bottom. I think Northern Michigan is last in the GLIAC and we lost to Northern [two

weeks ago.] Every game is a grind, that's for sure," Stolicker said. The Bulldogs play at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, an away game at Hillsdale. They will return to Big Rapids for their last two games of the season on Saturday and the following Thursday. "It's great to play in front of the home crowd. It helps having all the fans and support there, and it's always tough for other teams to play on the road so it's nice to be at home," Stolicker said. Two hours before the Bulldogs play, the women's basketball team will play the same schedule as the men's team, also capping off their regular season at home.

SOFTBALL

Flying South

Keith Salowich
Sports Editor

Much like the migratory birds of the area did at the beginning of the winter, the Ferris State softball team flocked to Alabama to escape the cold and get back on the diamond.

The team took part in the Charger Chillout hosted by Alabama-Huntsville and played through a demanding ten-game stretch of doubleheaders from Feb. 6-10.

"It was a really great experience this year to be able to head down south so early. Being a Midwest team, we are usually limited to indoor facilities until much later than other softball teams around the country," junior outfielder Rachael Gabrielson said. "Being able to go down to Alabama and compete against some really good teams will help us when we begin league play."

Facing off against top-tier talent in the sunny south revealed some glaring weaknesses in the Bulldogs' game. The Dawgs were shut out three times, scoring

more than 3 runs only once on their way to a 1-9 record in the first ten games of the season.

"We are going to work on being aggressive at the plate instead of letting the pitcher control the game," sophomore infielder Sarah Johnson said. "Hitting is our focus right now, since you can't win games without scoring runs."

Both the coaches and the captains of the team are working to ensure that the team learns from these early season obstacles to earn success later.

"We have three captains and a senior leader. (Senior pitcher) Cara DeLange, Rachael Gabrielson, (junior outfielder) Taylor Verbic and I were selected by the coaches at the start of the season to lead the team," Johnson said. "One of our main goals this year is to hold each other accountable on and off the field."

Hoping to improve on last season's 13-20 overall record, the Bulldogs are set to continue their 53-game season in 2015, which nearly doubles the amount of games that they played last year.

"Our expectation is to come out and show everyone how hard we have been working. What makes this year different from last year is that we now have a chip on our shoulder," Gabrielson said. "Last season did not reflect the team that we are this year, and we are ready to prove it."

The Dawgs finished last season on a sour note, losing their final seven games to GLIAC competition. However, this year, they're anticipating a different result.

"Honestly, we can accomplish anything. We have a great group of girls that get along great and have a lot of talent. It's just about using each of our skills and coming together as a team," Johnson said.

The Bulldogs will be spending their Spring Break soaking up some sun in Clermont, Florida, but not as part of a vacation. They'll be playing a daunting 18 games from March 6-15 at the National Training Center against teams from all across the country beginning with a doubleheader against Southern New Hampshire.

2014 Softball Stats

Season Record Overall	Season Offense Team Bat AVG: .246	Season Pitching Team ERA: 3.82
Record: 13-20	Runs Scored: 136	Complete Games: 6
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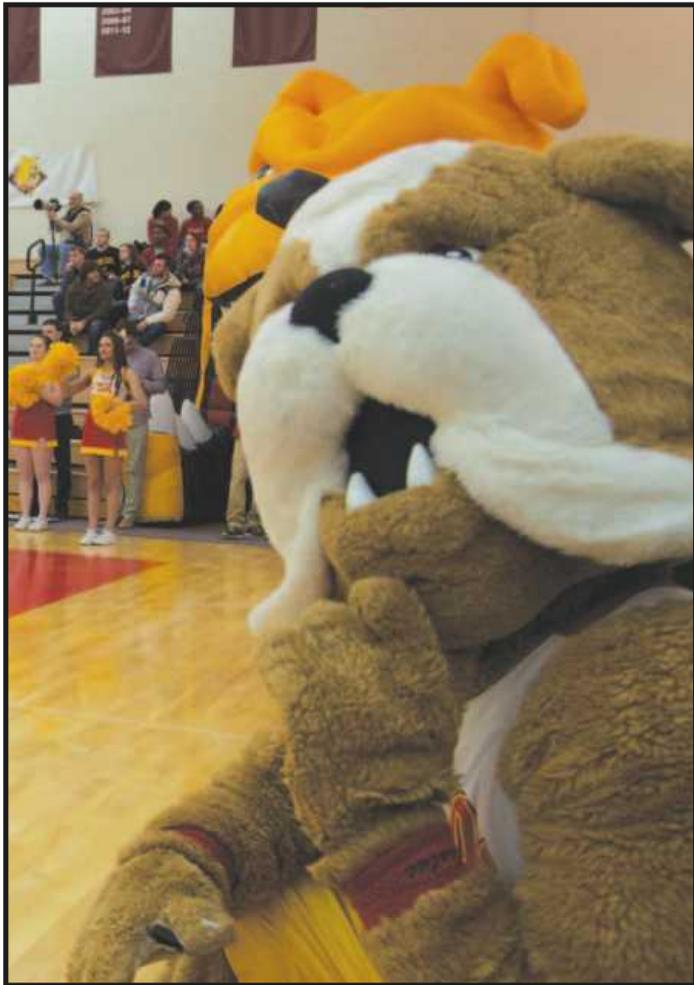


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Brutus enjoys watching a Men's Basketball Game.

Shooting Sports



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Ferris State Alumni, Kevin McDermott, shoots a basketball game at Wink Arena.

Ferris alum makes living working for his former university

Keith Salowich
Sports Editor

Behind every great sports photograph, there is a great sports photographer, and Ferris alum Kevin McDermott has etched his name among the elite in his field.

"I've been taking photographs for over thirty years, and I've always wanted to get into sports photography. I met (Athletic Director) Perk Weisenburger at a regional hockey game up in Green Bay and built a relationship, then I met (Assistant Athletic Director) Rob Bentley, who was kind enough to give me

a sideline pass to Ferris sporting events," McDermott said. "Then one thing lead to another, and the school started using my work."

Building relationships within Ferris State's athletic department proved to play an integral role in bringing McDermott back to his home away from home in Big Rapids. Though both McDermott and his career in photography had advanced, the school had been growing with him while he was away.

"I graduated from Ferris as part of the class of '79 in the school of business. It never ceases to amaze me how much the school

has grown from the time when I was here, especially the athletic department," McDermott said.

It took McDermott over 30 years to bring his career full circle and back onto the campus of Ferris State, but the family atmosphere acts as a magnet that constantly draws him back.

"One of the things that I really enjoy is just being around the people of Ferris. The thing that really brings me back is just being around what I consider to be the best people in the world," McDermott said.

Because athletes are constantly on the move and focus more on winning the game than posing for a photo, there is an element of luck to sports photography. However, McDermott has learned how to anticipate the action and knows exactly what he's looking for in his next featured picture.

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Top Dawg



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Jared VanWormer led the Bulldog's to win in overtime against Bowling Green.

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

After a split with the nationally-ranked Bowling Green State Falcons, the Ferris State Bulldog's hockey team was lead this weekend by sophomore forward Jared VanWormer. VanWormer takes home this week's Top Dawg honors

after posting a three point weekend, which included two goals in the series finale on Saturday evening. VanWormer's second goal on Saturday night was a game winner in overtime to push the Bulldog's record to 12-18-1 on the season and a 7-11 record in WCHA play. VanWormer also assist-

ed on the Dawgs lone goal in Friday's contest, as the team fell to the Falcons 4-1. The 6-foot, 191 pound forward hails from Traverse City and has posted 13 points on the season, which includes six goals and seven assists. VanWormer appeared in 27 games for the Bulldogs in 2013-14, where he tallied five points with three goals and two assists.

PHOTOGRAPHY from Page 12 Ferris alum Kevin McDermott graduated 36 years ago, but has recently returned as a sports photographer for the university

somebody in the fourth quarter who is sitting on the bench and you can see that they've absolutely left it all on the field, or if it's a really tight photo of eyes or facial expressions, it should evoke some sort of emotion from those who are looking at it," McDermott said. Of course, in order to capture and inspire such emotions, the photograph must be focused in on a relatively tight subject rather than taken as a distant landscape photo. "I prefer nice, tight shots. I think that a big problem with people just starting off is that they have these nice wide shots, but there's just so much in the photograph that has no bearing on the subject," McDermott said. "The eye should go directly to that subject and not be distracted by what else is going on in the photo that has no relevance to what you're trying to show." Having been taking pictures for 30 years, McDermott has built an expansive port-

folio consisting primarily of sports and travel photos. Still, he's able to recall acute details of all of his favorite shots. "A favorite photo of mine that has been used often by the athletic department is a group shot right before a football game two years ago. There were some dark skies in the background and the sun was shining down directly on the team," McDermott said. "I got a really nice, low shot, so it kind of looks like I arranged everybody, but really that's just the way it was. I was able to capture some really good expressions of the guys who were getting their game faces on and preparing for the battle ahead." McDermott's work is regularly featured by the university's athletic department to complement news or recaps of games, so next time you spot his byline or see him shooting games, know that there is a Bulldog who has found his way back home behind that lens.

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My advice for the music lovers out there; you keep on keeping on.

Kelsey George
Ferris State University
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Letter From The Editor

Attendance

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

I will be the first to bitch about the appalling cold in Big Rapids.

I shouldn't be surprised. I picked this school knowing I would likely endure well over 100 feet of snow over the course of my time at Ferris. The bone-chilling temperatures as of late have been exceedingly hard to avoid.

What I will do is call out those of you that are wearing shorts this time of year. You guessed it; I'm not entertained by your lack of pants.

I'm by no stretch a germ freak. Like most human beings, I don't want the flu. In the words of an influential YouTube sensation "Ain't nobody got time for that."

It may come as a surprise that dressing poorly for the weather does weaken your immune system. To those of you walking home from Shoots in the wee hours of Sunday morning in your bro-tanks and jorts, stop it. Call a friend. Or call me. I have no issue getting out of bed and designated driving (I charge four bucks a ride).

The one thing that really grinds my gears is when those people get sick because of their poor judgment and still refuse to skip class.

Stop coughing on my back, go back to sleep, it's your own fault you're sick. I should not have to pay the price for your lack of common sense.

While I know tuition is expensive and skipping class will put you behind, that's not my problem.

What makes me the most furious is when I succumb to the flu and realize it's because some jerk didn't have the common sense to dress for the weather and didn't have the courtesy to stay home.

It should just be common courtesy.

Attendance policies prohibit that. We're already paying to come to school, why are professors requiring us to come to class when we should be self-motivated by our empty bank accounts or the thought of letting our parents down?

We understand professors want us to succeed, but we should not need the security net of an attendance policy. If a student takes advantage of a class with no attendance policy, they should be forced to pay the price. That's how it works out in the real world.

57th GRAMMY Awards

Highlights from one of the biggest nights in music



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Sam Smith snagged four Grammy's, winning all but one that he was nominated for.



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It was that time of year again when all of our favorite and well known artists came together at the LA Staples Center in Los Angeles, CA to celebrate each other at the 57th Annual Grammy Awards.

Lots of performances and fashion faux pas were seen on stage and the red carpet. We saw men in dapper tuxedos and women in bushels of fabric and diamonds. Among the best dressed, according to Vogue.com, were Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, Ariana Grande, Rihanna, Wiz Khalifa and Ciara. And the worst being Madonna, Iggy Azalea, Meghan Trainor and Charli XCX according to Entertainment Tonight.

Aside from the foolish and somewhat extravagant fashion choices of these celebrities, what would the Grammys be without performances? From Madonna's strangely intriguing performance to a once in a lifetime duet from Sam Smith and Mary J. Blige, my favorite of the night came from the heartfelt tribute from her majesty, the Queen herself; Beyoncé.

I mean come on- whod you

think I'd say? She graced the Grammy stage to introduce John Legend and Common as they all performed popular songs from the movie "Selma." Tying for my favorite as well was the performance of "Four Five Seconds" by Rihanna, Kanye West and Paul McCartney. And if you haven't heard it, get your life together and do so. Quick.

But "why does the Grammys even exist?" you may ask. Simple. Awards. Lots and lots of small, gold, trumpet-style awards. Everything from the Best R&B Performance to Album of the Year were among the nominations.

Twitter lit up with excitement as Sam Smith won almost every category he was nominated for including: Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Album. Beyoncé was also a top winner, taking home four of her own to add to the collection.

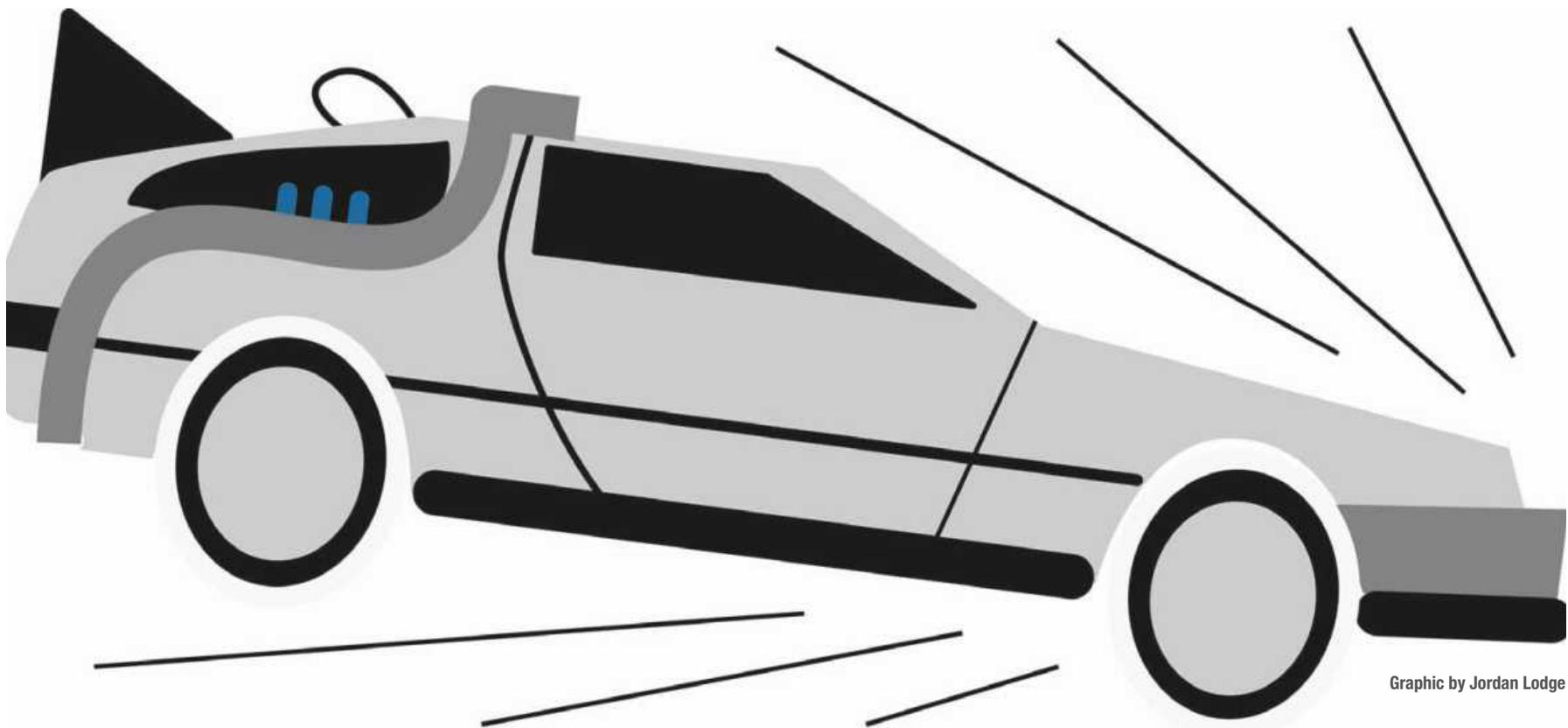
The night's biggest spectacle came from the almost hijacking of the show after the announcement of the winner of Album of the Year. For those unfamiliar, let me fill you in. Kanye West is arguably Beyoncé's number one fan. No jokes. We learned this when he decided to take the stage in 2009 at the Video Music Awards after Taylor Swift won the Video of the Year Award-over Beyoncé. Kanye took the mic during her acceptance speech and told the entire world that it was Beyoncé who rightfully deserved it (the clip is on YouTube). So when he started towards the steps to do the same to Beck, Capitol Records label artist, I'm sure we all didn't breathe right then. But he quickly turned around and went back to his seat.

The Grammys come every year. But of course, you never know what to expect. It's one of my favorite award shows that reoccurs. And I look forward to it every year. So if you didn't watch it, that's sort of lame. But no worries. They've got their own website. Exclusive right? Yeah, I know.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Don't think, just do."

-Horace



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Welcome to the future

The future kind of really sucks

The year is 2015. Arnold Schwarzenegger was cloned (along with many other rich people) and killed a lot of evil corporate jerks, Marty McFly traveled here to save his son, Rick Deckard became a Blade Runner and the first permanent colony has been established on the moon.

News flash, none of this has happened. Jaws 19 isn't even in production (I'm not even sure if the Jaws series made it past 3, which is probably a good thing). Fiction made the future look and sound really amazing. 2015 was overhyped and I'm disappointed.

I started 2015 just like any other nerd; excited. Anyone who's seen Back to the Future II was excited. I was excited for the flying cars, hoverboards, color changing hats, self-drying jackets, cloning and self-tying shoes. When I look around, I wonder why teens aren't wearing their

jeans inside out with their color-shifting hats and auto-adjusting and drying jackets. I mean, that's the fashion of 2015, is it not?

None of this has happened yet. Granted, it's only February and the future doesn't happen overnight. But I have a feeling we won't get any of these exciting gizmos in the near future (to be honest, most of the things from Back to the Future have been made, but they aren't as exciting). But not all hope is lost. There is still a holographic light shining at the end of this tunnel.

A company in Massachusetts called Terrafugia (I never heard of it until a few days ago) has invented a car with collapsible wings capable of flight and they're expected to be on the market this year. Dude, that's so awesomesauce! How cool would it be to fly your car to class and work? Let's just pre-



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tend that flying cars wouldn't cause a lot of traffic issues. It'd be like we're living in Star Wars!

The people need their talking garbage cans and I'm not talk-

ing about your noisy neighbor that listens to bad music that keeps you up at three in the morning. I'm talking about the garbage cans that move around so my lazy ass doesn't have to get up and throw my stuff away. Plus, they would talk to me. I love talking to things that talk back to me, especially if

they're taking my garbage away.

The people want the future where \$100 is seen as spare change, pizza only takes a couple of seconds to make and my drink comes out of the table. I want the future that feeds my impatience and laziness. I want the future that the Back to the Future series promised me.

Faces of Ferris



Ericka Martin
Sophomore, DMS

What would you like to see more of on campus, or change about campus?

"I'd like to see a lot more parking on campus, considering that there's not that much parking around, especially in the middle of the day when most students have their classes. There isn't enough room for everyone and it's getting really cold this time of year. One thing that I would change, there isn't a whole lot I would change, this is a great campus to be on."



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Music Shaming

We're all entitled to our own music tastes



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Nickelback, lead man, Chad Kroeger performs during a football game at Ford Field in Detroit.

If you're anything like me, music is a crucial part of life. Wait, no. It's more than that. If I could fill my venti Starbucks cup to the top with music and directly ingest it, I would.

We all have different reasons for listening to music. It calms us down, it pumps us up and lets us feel every emotion imaginable. In the wise words of The Eagles, "some dance [listen] to remember, some dance [listen] to forget. Same difference, right?"

Aside from our motives for listening, we all have different musical tastes and interests.

Some of us are into good ol' classic rock (i.e. me), some of us may praise the works of Juicy J, and some may think Luke Bryan is the be-all-end-all of country.

That's perfectly fine; every person is entitled to his or her own favorite genre. What isn't fine, however, is making somebody feel inferior to you because of their music taste.

When did it become okay to put down someone based on their music taste? Does anybody realize how truly messed up that is? I can name countless instances where I've gotten sideways



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looks after admitting that I love rock, alternative and grunge. "Britpop is for hipster wannabes, why do you listen to that sh*t?"

Oh, I don't know, maybe because I have this crazy idea that I'm allowed to enjoy whatever type of music I please. I know, it's insane, right?

No. Nothing bothers me more than witnessing somebody talk about a particular musical group

or artist they love, and being shot down by some arrogant jerk who thinks their opinion actually matters. It breaks my heart to see someone so passionate about music, only to feel belittled and humiliated for talking about what makes them happy.

Personally, I'm not a huge fan of certain music genres, but by no means would I ever ruin another person's vibe just because their taste doesn't sync up with mine.

Let's review the manners that were drilled into our heads during our glorious years of primary education, shall we? If you can't

say anything nice, don't say anything at all. Remember that one?

Making somebody feel uncomfortable for liking a certain type of music is like criticizing a duck for having webbed feet. It's beyond the realm of control. Metaphors, children.

My advice for the music lovers out there; you keep on keeping on. Blast your Taylor Swift. Head-bang to your Metallica. Sip green tea to your John Mayer. Whatever genre makes you happy, you do you.



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