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Ferris State attempts to go green to size up to comparable schools

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

Some might say recycling at Ferris State University is mediocre at best, though efforts are being made to create a more environmentally-friendly campus.

According to Abby Booms, president of the Bulldog Sustainability Alliance, one of the reasons for this deficit is a lack of resources; the school's recycling program just isn't one of Ferris's highest priorities right now. This sentiment was echoed by Chris Luchies, supervisor at Recycle of Mecosta County, which has a partnership with Ferris.

"I'm told that Ferris is one of the few schools in Michigan

that doesn't have a sustainable recycling program set up within their dorms. I think it's got to be driven by the administrative side of [the university]," said Luchies.

Pick-up locations for recyclables are only at Ferris's dining halls—The Rock Café and West Side Café—and other dining facilities on campus, such as Starbucks and the Between Chapters Café in the FLITE library. There are also places for students living in the East Campus Suites and West Campus Apartments to drop off their recyclables. A truck from Recycle of Mecosta County makes rounds to these locations six days per week.

Recycle of Mecosta County also has an open-door policy

with Ferris, allowing students and faculty to drop off their recyclables. The facilities are located on 424 N. 4th Street and are open from nine until eleven am on Mondays, three until five thirty pm on Thursdays, and nine am until one pm on Saturdays. The FLITE library is one place on campus that makes use of the open-door policy. According to Leah Monger, Department Head of Digital Support Services, the library uses a "guillotine-like contraption" to cut the binding off of outdated books before sending the books to be recycled.

Though Recycle of Mecosta County is staffed mainly by volunteers, they have a few paid employees who are mostly work-

study students at Ferris, such as Patrick King, who is a junior journalism major.

"What I like about working at the recycling company is that it works around my schedule very nicely," said Peters. "Chris understands that college is a huge priority and is more than happy to work around that."



Leah Monger
Digital Support Services

Recycle of Mecosta County is

off-campus, but there are also efforts on-campus to combat the lack of recycling. The Bulldog Sustainability Alliance led by Booms holds recycling events in the IRC and an annual Earth Day event. Booms suggests that students can lead a more "green" lifestyle by following the "Three Rs": Reduce, reuse, recycle. Reduce the amount of water you use washing dishes or taking a shower. Reduce the amount of plastic products you use. Reuse. Reuse butter containers for leftovers. Reuse a larger plastic bottle instead of constantly buying a new one. Buy a refillable bottle for drinking water. Recycle. Once a product can no longer be used safely, recycle it. There are

Beer, Booze..... and Books



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

Jim Mathews talks to Ferris Students at the annual Beer, Booze, and Books event that was held on September 11, 2014 at Williams Auditorium in order to educate incoming students about the controversial topic of new freedom and alcohol.

Alcohol education helps acclimate freshmen

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

The annual informational program “Beer, Booze and Books” took place last Thursday, presented by Jim Matthews in Williams Auditorium.

With the intent to educate on general effects of drinking too much and the danger it can bring, many students expected it to be boring and “wished they were back in bed,” according to the live audience survey via text message that was a continual part of the program.

However, many students gave

more than one laugh during the 50 minute presentation, from short video clips and Matthews’ witty comments, not to mention their own anonymous survey results on various topics associated with college kid stereotypes.

While most students voted on the first question that they’d rather “be back in bed,” 21 percent of the crowd at the 7 p.m. presentation voted that they wanted to know more about alcohol and the health problems associated with it.

“21 percent... that’s good!” Matthews said upon seeing the results on-screen.

According to the “Beer, Booze and Books” website, Matthews, a professional speaker and member of the NCAA Sports Sciences



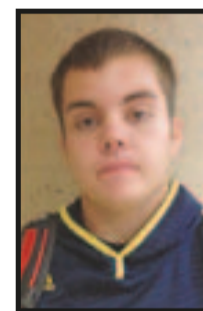
Kristen Verrill
Freshman, undecided

Speaker Registry has given his “Beer, Booze and Books” presentation over 400 times to more than 4,000 students.

“While teaching courses dealing with alcohol and drugs, it became apparent to me that my students lacked fundamental information about alcohol consumption,” Matthews said in a statement found on Ferris’s page about the event.

The bulk of information in the presentation included how alcohol can lead to violence, regretful choices and sexual assault. How drinking too much can affect your academic and work life, as well as, insight into how addictions are formed were also among topics discussed. Matthews also addressed low-risk drinking and how students can still drink without falling into the traps

of addiction or poor decisions. On answering the survey question about how many drinks



Brad Schlieter
Freshman pre-med

each student consumes per week, 47 percent of the crowd voted that they typically don’t consume any alcohol during their week, which was good news to Matthews, wheth-

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RECYCLE from Page 3 **Recycle is staffed mainly by volunteers, but allows Ferris students to gain hours**

three recycling receptacles on campus that students can utilize: East Campus Suites parking lot, behind the Rock, and West Campus.”

Booms understands the lack of motivation to recycle, especially with the limited resources on campus. The reason she first joined the group was to fulfill the

Honors Program’s RSO requirement.

“At the time, I wasn’t a recycler,” she said. “We don’t have that much recycling at home. We don’t have a huge facility where we can take recycling. In the last four years, however, recycling has become a part of my life.” Booms has become more conscientious

about which items should be recycled or thrown away and has even influenced her family to make more eco-friendly choices. She and her organization are always trying to find new ways to educate others—especially the student population—on the importance of recycling.

The Bulldog Sustainability Al-

liance extends an invitation for students to attend their meetings every other Tuesday at eleven AM in FLITE room two fourteen. Their first recycling event is October 2nd from eleven am to five pm in the IRC and they encourage students to stop by their table tonight (September 17th) at Bulldog Bonanza.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Bulldog Sustainability Alliance can email bulldogsustainabilityalliance@gmail.com or contact Booms personally at boomsa1@ferris.edu. To learn more about Recycle of Mecosta County, visit their website at www.recyclemecosta.org.

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

SAGC collecting change for DeVos Children's Hospital

Ferris State University students, faculty and staff are encouraged to donate some of their loose change to help "Cover the Seal" for a good cause.

Student Alumni Gold Club members will be collecting change on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the North Campus Quad. Student Alumni Gold Club (SAGC) members will be using the change to cover the Ferris State University seal in the North Quad.

A student leadership organization, SAGC serves as an official chapter of Ferris' Alumni Association. The group hosts the annual event as both an outreach opportunity and to give to a good cause. "Cover the Seal" proceeds benefit the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. The first 500 people to donate \$3 or more will receive a T-shirt from the SAGC and the Alumni Association.

Update on KCAD president

The search for the next president of Kendall College of Art and Design is moving forward with the recently announced search committee.

In his most recent memorandum to faculty, President Eisler noted that over the past few weeks has been working with Kendall Academic Dean Ron Riksen and Art Education Program Chair Cindy Todd, who have sought volunteers for the search committee.

To quote, "They have developed a committee broadly representative of Kendall College of Art and Design, and which also recognizes Kendall's important engagement in Grand Rapids."

ArtPrize calling for volunteers

With Grand Rapids' hugely successful ArtPrize competition is on the horizon, Kendall College of Art and Design is seeking volunteers to staff its exhibition, "IAM: Money Matters," in the Woodbridge N. Ferris building, which begins Wednesday, Sept. 24 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 12.

Kendall is looking for volunteers to contribute a total of 2,500 hours to man the exhibition about money and consumption. Volunteers are needed to serve in registration, exhibition and as greeters.

Volunteers need to attend a training session this Thursday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can sign up and choose one or more shifts by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944aca72da46-artprize2>.

State history conference

On Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27, the Historical Society of Michigan's 140th annual meeting and state history conference will take place.

The conference will feature sessions about both Ferris State University and the City of Big Rapids.

The conference includes a number of presenters from the Ferris State faculty. David Pilgrim will provide the keynote speech Friday evening, speaking on the Jim Crow Museum. Melinda Isler will lead a session entitled "Woodbridge Ferris: An Enduring Legacy"

The complete program will include sessions on the African-American communities of Mecosta-Remus and Idlewild, suffragist Anna Howard Shaw and conservative thinker Russell Kirk, to name a few.

Professors Doug Haneline (professor emeritus of English) and Scott Herron (biology and biology education program

The world at large

A snapshot of the Ebola outbreak

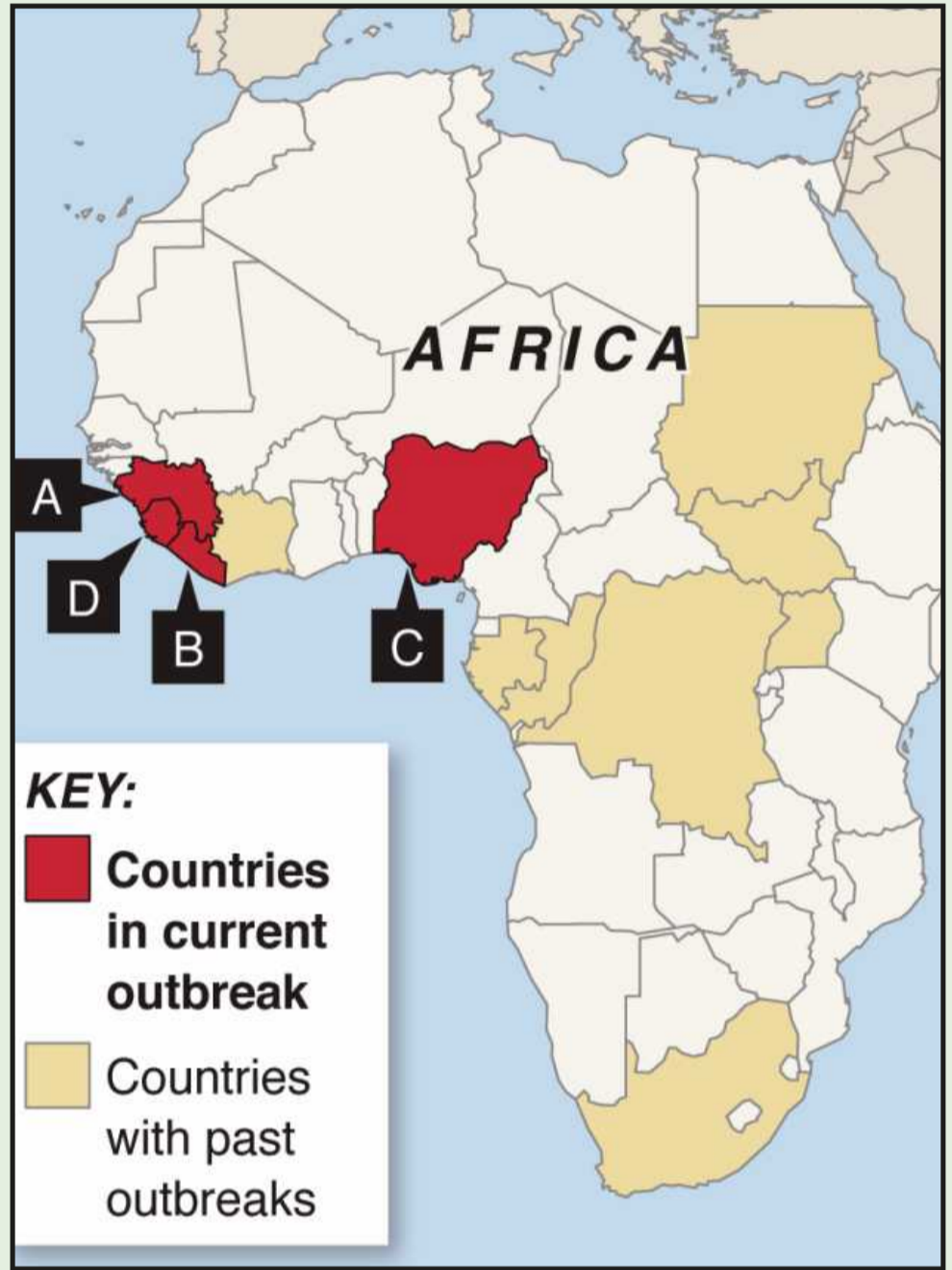


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The World Health Organization called a press conference in which Dr. Isabelle Nuttall stated that "air travel, even from Ebola-affected countries is low-risk for Ebola transmission."

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

It's what the World Health Organization has called "one of the world's most virulent diseases" and has already taken over 2,000 lives. The Ebola outbreak started in West Africa and has now spread to Nigeria, but experts say that the virus could become a worldwide health crisis if

its not extinguished now. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, a leader with the World Health organization spoke to ABC News about the Ebola virus. "It's at this time that we have to jump on it, because the numbers just keep getting larger and larger," Fukuda says. "It just becomes more difficult to control." So what exactly is Ebola? The virus is transmitted through contact with

bodily fluids, inducing a hemorrhagic fever that attacks multiple organs and causes bleeding. Patients generally report headaches, exhaustion and muscle aches as early symptoms. Typically, experts report that up to 90 percent of Ebola cases are fatal, but the aggressive response to the current outbreak in Africa has brought the number of deaths

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Freshmen become acclimated to college freedom

er it was accurate or not. After more laughs, survey questions and solid facts, Matthews closed the program with his own contact information for students and by telling the crowd: "College can be the time of your life, but don't let the time of your life ruin the rest of your life." "I thought the program was very informative," freshman

undecided major Kristen Ver-rill said. "What surprised me the most was the speaker's humor and the results of the survey about how many students engage in sexual activity." Freshman pre-medical major Brad Schlieter agreed that the presentation was a good source of information. "I thought it was a good speech to help students

have a successful year at college. It was more of common sense stuff though." Schlieter said. However, it did surprise him how much students actually drink.

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Ferris conducts internal research

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The general consensus at many Universities is that funding internal research is both an important part of a student's education and an investment in America's future.

The National Science Foundation reported in 2012 that Johns Hopkins University has the leading University research budget at \$2.1 million. It might come as a surprise that here at Ferris, internal research is also conducted. Students and faculty are awarded thousands of dollars every year to explore work in their fields.

Coordinated by the Office of Academic Research, the Student Research Fellowship provides students full time work for a 10 week summer in

collaboration with University faculty. Additionally, the Faculty Research Grant is available to fund initial phases of faculty research necessary to apply for other grants and funding.

Dr. Karen Barkel, Internal Research Program Coordinator, wants students and University faculty to know about the great opportunities that exist in the world of research.

"The whole point of the Office of Academic Research when it got started a few years ago was to try to increase the resources faculty had to do work and especially to involve students in their work," Barkel said.

A student typically applies in collaboration with a faculty member in their field of study. The Faculty Research Committee, as part of the Office of Academic research,

selects around 12 students a year to conduct research under a \$3,500 stipend. Being awarded a grant, though, is no cakewalk for students. Barkel stressed that a faculty involvement is key to sustaining growth with these projects.



Dr. Karen Barkel
Internal Research
Program Coordinator

"Undergraduates come in and go out fairly quick," Barkel said. However, faculty members undergo research that can develop over years, so students may get involved for a stipend-paid period of time,

"then the student graduates and other students come in," Barkel said. "So the research might be specific to a student. But it's usually going to be part of a faculty member's generalized research program."

One example of such a program was a stem cell research project in 2013 under the supervision of Dr. Jim Hoerter, Professor of Biological Sciences. Students used zebrafish and UV rays to observe the formation of melanoma.

A video on the Ferris website shows a lab with dozens of fish tanks and students working with radiation equipment and computer software to discover the relationship between solar radiation and melanoma.

Other grants have funded research in multiple fields of study including Graphic Design, Communications

and Psychology since 2011.

The application process has already begun for research to be conducted during the summer of 2015; the application deadline is Friday, March 6. Dr. Barkel encourages students to ask their professors about what research opportunities are available.

"If students are interested, they might know faculty that are doing research," Barkel said. "The only real requirement is that the student must be returning to Ferris in the fall."

There are a variety of other grants available for faculty and students here at Ferris; to see a breakdown of the research funding, the application and abstracts from all previous Student Research Fellowship recipients, visit the Office of Academic Research at ferris.edu.



EBOLA from Page 3

Healthcare professionals fight Ebola in Africa to lower mortality

down to roughly 60 percent.

There is currently no cure for the Ebola virus. Though patients are usually isolated and kept hydrated, there is no official treatment for the virus either.

However, CNN reported in August that an experimental drug known as ZMapp was administered to an infected American missionary, Dr. Kent Brantly. Within an hour of receiving the drug, Brantly's condition vastly improved. Another American missionary, Nancy Writebol was soon after treated with ZMapp and received similar results. Brantly and Writebol have since returned to the U.S.

For Nathan Babcock, a junior in the nursing program, the prospect of working in Africa with Ebola patients is both frightening and exciting.

"This is something that people going into the medical field have to be prepared for. There is a high risk of death; all it takes is one wrong move," Babcock said. "I think it would be a good opportunity for a medical professional, so the bottom line is yes, I would go."

For a comprehensive breakdown of the Ebola virus, visit the Birkham Health Center webpage and find Ebola under "Communicable Diseases" at ferris.edu/birkamhealthcenter/.



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Moving on out

With the age restriction lowered, how many students are seeking off-campus residence?



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Cramer Hall, one of Ferris State's residential buildings, lay emptier than normal. The new off campus living allowance has contributed to a decreased population in this residence hall.

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

With the age to move off-campus lowering to nineteen prior to the start of the school year, some may have predicted that sophomores and above were going to make a mass exodus from campus residency.

Now, with Cramer Hall housing about half of what it was built to carry, it looks as though that assumption might be correct. However, according to Bryan Marquardt, Ferris's Director of Housing and Residence Life, there's no reason for the university to worry.

"Our current occupancy on campus is over 90 percent, which is good," said Marquardt. "While we would like to be at 100 percent we feel 90 is a good percentage. All halls are above 50 percent occupancy some are at 100 percent."

While not addressing the alleged situation at Cramer, Marquardt went on to explain that Ferris is always looking at the incentives to offer to students.

"We are currently evaluating our rates for the 2015-16 school year and our incentives. The campus plan is to set the rates and incentives by mid-October and start our Early Bird contracting in early December for the upcoming year," he went on. "The University has for the

past three summers upgraded almost all our Residence Halls to include new carpeting, furniture, study rooms, front desk areas, robust wireless, and much more."

Marquardt also made a point to mention that with living on campus comes internet, cable, water, electricity and heating all included in the cost of living in campus residences. He said that, all things considered, campus living is competitive with the cost of living off campus.

Morgan Kelley, a senior in the respiratory care program, agreed with Marquardt's statement.

"You notice the difference [in cost]," said Kelley, "but it's not an extreme difference."

Kelley, who has lived off campus for two years says that she moved off campus for the benefit of gaining life experience and not because campus facilities were lacking.

"I really enjoyed living on campus because of how close everything is," Kelley said. "I felt I needed more experience paying for my own stuff and maintaining my own place."

In spite of the assumptions that students would be leaving campus more quickly and eagerly than ever, the consensus seems to be that campus has more benefits than drawbacks. The coming years and addendums to policy will dictate if such a view continues into the future.

“Our current occupancy on campus is over 90 percent.”

Bryan Marquardt
Ferris Director of Housing and Residence Life

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“I like playing here because it’s one of the few outlets in Big Rapids.”

Jordan McNaughton
Music Industry Management
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The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Ferris State welcomes Coach Herman Boone as guest speaker



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

Legendary high school football coach Herman Boone speaks to Ferris students about diversity on September 10, 2014 at Williams Auditorium. Boone was played by Denzel Washington in “Remember the Titans,”

Kelsey George Ferris State Torch

Ferris students had the opportunity to witness a speech from a man that made history.

On Wednesday, September 10th, Ferris State University had the great pleasure of welcoming Boone as a keynote speaker. If the deafening applause from the audience didn’t display how well respected Boone is, nothing else could have.

Coach Herman Boone has been referred to as nothing short of a legend. From his impressive coaching tactics that won him

and his team the 1971 Virginia State Championship to his significant efforts in bringing diversity and acceptance to new light, Boone is a highly admirable man.



Casey Cooper
Senior, social work

“I think the whole diversity aspect of his speech was the most influential,” Ferris senior Casey Cooper said. “He knows

firsthand about the struggles people went through, and he’s relating it to the business world.”

Another student expressed a deep appreciation for Boone’s successes in history.

“I find it amazing how in 1971, Coach Boone found the ability to bring two separate races together with football and in the end have them all love each other equally as a team,” said Jamison.

Boone stood on the stage for an hour following his event, shaking hands and signing autographs until he had reached everyone that had lined up.

Long after the event had

ended, Boone sat down with reporters.



Brandon Jamison
Junior, social work

“Back when I was coaching, the thought of the day was how we were going to get through the day,” Boone said.

Moving mountains for the sake of diversity and equality was no walk in the park for Boone.

“It was tough getting through practice when your field was surrounded by angry parents who had angry things to say. It was a job just getting through it,” Boone said.

Though long retired, Boone still had a lively sense of humor. When asked about how he had spent his retirement, Boone smiled wide and said, “Restin’, dressin’, and lookin’ at Jerry Springer.”

The remaining audience in the auditorium burst into laughter.

In the influential movie Remember the Titans, Denzel Washington portrays Coach

Unplug and unwind

FSU Unplugged allows students to display talents at Big Rapids' Biggby

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Coffee, friends, and acoustic music are all you need for a relaxing Thursday evening.

FSU Unplugged is a bi-weekly event hosted by Ferris' Music Industry Management Association (MIMA) that takes place at Biggby coffee.

The first Unplugged of the year took place on Thursday, September 11. The show featured four performances of Ferris students singing and playing acoustic guitar.

Music Industry Management (MIM) sophomore Shawn White covered artists such as Jack Johnson, Death Cab for Cutie,

and shared some original pieces with those in attendance.

For only having experience with guitar for about a year, his show was well received by the crowd. Those listening weren't the only ones who loved his act.

"Playing in front of people is one of the best feelings," said White. "Ever since the first time

I played in front of people, I was hooked."

MIM junior Marshall Sheldt performed after White, and also enjoys showcasing his talent to the community.

"It's a good atmosphere, and I get sick of playing in my room sometimes," Sheldt said.

Sheldt said while he gets nervous playing in front of an

audience, the support of the Music Industry Management Association (MIMA) members that attend help him show off his skills.

One of those members, MIM sophomore Jordan McNaughton, came to FSU Unplugged to support and to play. He tends to have themes for his acts, and this week featured acoustic covers of female pop stars.

McNaughton played at almost every FSU Unplugged event last year and hopes to make it all of them this year.

"I like playing here because it's one of the few outlets in Big Rapids," McNaughton said. "It feels good to show off stuff you're proud of."

MIM sophomore Josh Olszewski provides the outlet for students to show off what their proud of by coordinating this FSU Unplugged event.

According to Olszewski, the all-around good vibes of the show are what draws students to FSU Unplugged.

"It's just fun," Olszewski said. "Everyone likes music and coffee shops have a nice, relaxing feel. You can just talk with your friends and listen to music."

Students wanting to experience the good talent and great coffee of FSU Unplugged can attend the next event on Sept. 25th at Biggby or email FSUunplugged@gmail.com for more information.



Shawn White
Sophomore, music industry management



Jordan McNaughton
Sophomore, music industry management



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Jordan McNaughton plays his guitar at Biggby during FSU Unplugged every other thursday night starting at 6:30 pm.



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The crowd at Biggby enjoys Jordan McNaughton, a sophomore in Music Industry Management, play his guitar to some well known songs and some original works.

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Music can enhance any moment- including intimate ones.

If you don't have a sex playlist, you can get started with these songs to jumpstart your libido (that aren't cheesy and Marvin Gaye-esque) and enhance your sexual experience.

Climax, Usher - The title of this song makes the content of it apparent. I'm almost positive that it's an accepted fact that Usher is the king of sexual music, so you know this one is going to be good.

Pyramids, Frank Ocean - You may have to decipher metaphors to detect the suggestive messages in Pyramids, but if that's too much effort for your preoccupied mind, Frank's sensual voice and the slow tempo are enough to get you going.

Summertime Sadness (Cedric Gervais Remix), Lana Del Rey - This song isn't really about sex, but Lana Del Rey's



Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

voice is tremendously seductive and the song alone makes you feel electric, so it definitely makes the cut.

In the Morning, J. Cole (feat. Drake) - I know you're probably thinking that there's no way two mainstream male rappers in a song together can be a turn on. Well, listen and think again—this song might have you wanting to "hit it in the morning."

Adrenalize, In This Moment - This song's fast tempo and high energy is sure give you (and your partner) the drive needed for what's about to transpire.

Lotus Flower Bomb, Wale (feat. Miguel) - In my opinion, Lotus Flower Bomb is the best song on this list. It's an exceptional song in general,

but Wale's suggestive, poetic raps and Miguel wanting to "teach you all the sounds of love" make it a great song to get it on to.

Body Party, Ciara - This song is very feminine, but also very great. Ciara declaring, "your body's my party, let's get it started" seems like it'd be way too cliché to be arousing, but trust me, it's not.

Skin, Rihanna - Skin is basically about stripping, so if you're looking for a song to accompany the giving (or receiving) of a strip tease, look no further. Rihanna has always dominated the making of sex music, which is apparent when she's begging her lover to "put your skin, baby, on my skin."

Adorn, Miguel - Like The Weeknd, Miguel's voice is a dream. I think any girl can attest that hearing Miguel begging to "let his love adorn" us is a surefire way to set the mood.

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Creating harmony

BEYOND initiative promotes diversity with one-note instruments

Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

Ferris students gathered in the North Quad to learn and play an Indonesian instrument for the BEYOND initiative.

Tuesday, September 9th marked the beginning of the BEYOND Initiative at Ferris, where many students played the angklung in harmony, despite having no previous music experience.

"The BEYOND Initiative is an exciting series that is in its third year," International Development Intern Katie Davidson said. "The first year was BEYOND: The Silk Road, last year was BEYOND: Mythologies, and this year, the Office of International Education is partnering with the Diversity and Inclusion Office and the Office of Multicultural Student Services for the theme of BEYOND: Diversity."

The angklung is a musical instrument originating from the 13th century made of two bamboo tubes.

"What's unique about the angklung is that it only holds one note," Program Coordinator and Director of the Indonesian Embassy Tricia Sumarijanto said. "So, you need a group of people to play the instrument to make music."

BEYOND: Diversity doesn't go from school to school to introduce a new kind of music to students. They travel for another reason.

"This is to support diversity

on campus," Sumarijanto said. "It's a chance for students to experience a new culture not by watching, but by doing it. With music and through diversity, we can bring peace and harmony."

Many students showed up to watch as demonstrated how to play the angklung.



Katie Davidson
Intern

"I've never seen anything like that," Health Care

Administration senior Ellen Pritchard said. "The coordination was very interesting. I wasn't



Rebecca Tinsley
Junior, nursing

expecting each instrument to make a different sound."

Each instrument had a number at the base.

Tricia would hold up a specific hand signal that let each student know when to play their instrument.

"It was really cool," Nursing junior Rebecca Tinsley said. "Learning how to play was exciting. I didn't expect it to be that simple."

Although the crowd at Ferris was a big one, it wasn't nearly the biggest crowd Tricia's had.

"In 2011, the Embassy of Indonesia held an event at Washington D.C.," Tricia said. "We broke the Guinness Book of Records for the biggest angklung orchestra. We had 5,000 people

from different nations."

According to Davidson, the BEYOND Initiative will be hosting events linked to the theme of diversity that will span across the year.

Students can expect the next BEYOND event to come early October. Students will learn

about diverse cultures, perspectives, and how they can co-abroad to learn about the new cultures firsthand. instrument and the House of Angklung by visiting their website at www.houseofangklung.com.



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

Irma Collin's photo of the week captures the last warmth we may have for awhile near FLITE.



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Herman Boone gets excited and emotional in the audience after his speech at Williams Auditorium on September 10, 2014.



BOONE from Page 6

Though long retired, Boone still showed his fiery passion that Denzel Washington depicted in the movie

Boone. When asked about the movie, Boone had nothing but positive things to say, even accrediting much of it as true fact.

"It is such a dynamic movie. It has thrust my name throughout every household in this country, as well as many foreign countries," Boone said.

Despite being an all-star in the movement for equality and his extensive success as a football coach, Boone remains humble, though confident and passes on his knowledge to younger gen-

erations.

"Even today, coaches write me every week for suggestions, plays, and philosophies," Boone said. "It's a thrill to be able to pass on these things to young coaches and in doing so, it keep your legacy going."

Coach Boone had the ability to boost the spirits and mentality of every player on his team, regardless of their backgrounds or home lives.

"It was amazing for me to watch some of these kids from the projects go on to great

schools and make something out of their futures; becoming heads of pharmaceutical companies, mayors, police chiefs, etc.," Boone said.

Coach Herman Boone's speech on Wednesday evening opened up the eyes of everyone in the audience. It was a highly attended event, filling almost the entire Williams Auditorium, and shined a light on the importance of equality, diversity, and acceptance for all.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

In This Moment



Genre: Alternative Metal

Like: Motionless in White, Butcher Babies, Halestorm

A lot of people tell me that I like "scary" music. If this is something you hear a lot, then you're going to love In This Moment. What's better than screaming guitar riffs, powerful lyrics, and a tall, hot blonde with some sick screaming pipes? That's what I thought. Fronted by the ever-so-gor-

geous Maria Brink, In This Moment has been tearing up the music industry since 2005. Get this, Ozzy Osbourne's bassist also became their band manager that winter. It didn't take them long to get picked up by Century Media Records.

Maria's vocals range from a sweet, sensual whisper to an earth-shattering, gritty scream to give you the best of heaven and hell. However, there is one element to the band's music that remains consistent, and that is the deep messages

behind their song lyrics. In my experience, especially with the "Blood" album that dropped in 2012, you can literally feel the raw angst, love, and hate hidden beneath each note. The emotion can be felt not only from Maria's voice, but the captivating guitar riffs and the wildly thunderous drum lines. Each song is contagious, and you'll find it to be rather difficult to resist cranking up the volume and rocking out. In This Moment will definitely get your "blood" pumping.

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THINGS TO DO

ON CAMPUS, BIG RAPIDS, GRAND RAPIDS & MORE

CAMPUS FUN

OFF CAMPUS

9/18 Delta Zeta Turtle Tug 7 p.m. in the South Quad

9/18 Fagbug Nation: Best Gay Car Movie of the Decade! 7 p.m.

9/20 Women's Volleyball 3 p.m. at the Ewigleben Sports Complex

9/20 Women's Soccer vs. Grand Valley 5 p.m. at FSU Soccer Field

9/20 Football vs. Grand Valley 7 p.m. Top Taggart Field

9/23 Hispanic Heritage Celebration Mixer 11 a.m. IRC 131

9/23 Five Star Speaker Kristen Hadeed: Fortune Through Failure 7 p.m. at Williams Auditorium

9/18 Karaoke at The Gate 9:30 p.m.

9/18 Live music at Founders Brewer's Company in Grand Rapids Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 9:30 p.m.

9/19 September Shakedown 9 p.m. at The Gate

9/19 Germanfest 6:30 p.m. Downtown Big Rapids

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SPORTS

FERRIS STATE TORCH

“Grease is one of my favorite movies and that I sing along to every song in it.”

Chris Okoye
Ferris State Football
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FOOTBALL



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The Ferris State football team lifts the Anchor-Bone trophy following the 2013 installment of the Grand Valley State game. 2013 was Ferris State's second consecutive victory, giving Ferris a shot to win their third straight against GVSU

Ferris has opportunity to hold onto Anchor-Bone trophy for three years

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State football will play its first home game against archrival Grand Valley State this Saturday as the Dawgs look towards starting 3-0.

The football match-up between Ferris State (2-0) and Grand Valley (0-2) goes back quite a ways. With the first game played in 1971, the rivalry known as The Anchor-Bone Classic is in its 43rd showing. The series record currently stands at 27-14-1, with Grand Valley claiming the majority of the



victories, despite Ferris winning the last two.

At this point, Grand Valley has already travelled all the way to California to take on Azusa Pacific, and played Ohio Dominican at home. Their first trip resulted in a double overtime loss, 26-23. In the Laker's second game, they suffered another close defeat, 28-24.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs have recorded a record-breaking blowout victory against McKendree 75-14, and also defeated Northwood in good fashion, 27-7. Having shown that they can win on the road early, the Bulldogs will be returning for their first home test.

Redshirt freshman running back, Jahaan Brown, is one example that a player doesn't need to be around for years to develop strong feelings against a school rival.

“Yes, I have a lot of Bulldog pride now. I've adopted everything that a senior has,” Brown said. “I dislike Grand Valley just

as much as the next guy on our team. For me, every time I step on the field with them it's personal.”

Although emotion and hype play a part in every rivalry game, Brown and the rest of the team have maintained a level head.

“Our team is very business-like. We go out there and take care of what we need to do, so the conference win is more important to us than any bragging rights. Bragging and boasting is not what I do,” Brown said.

In his third season at the helm for the Bulldogs, Head Coach Tony Annese further emphasized that his team refuses to get caught up in the hype.

“I think we're really focused on the task at hand. We know that we're only guaranteed eleven chances at this,” Annese said. “I like to compare it to a ladder. You have to step on every rung of a ladder, and if you miss a step, then you end up falling down. We've taken the first steps against McKendree and Northwood, and

now we're stepping up to Grand Valley. And I feel very confident that we'll give our best effort at that home opener.”

For the past two years, the Bulldogs have successfully taken care of business. In the 2012 season, the Dawgs visited Grand Valley's own Lubber Stadium and took the win and the Anchor-Bone Classic Trophy home with a final score of 54-44. In the following season, the men in the crimson and gold also came out on top, winning 40-24 during a rainy night contest.

However, when looking at the seasons preceding 2012, the last time the Bulldogs beat the Lakers was last century in 1999.

Redshirt freshman linebacker, K.C. Zenner, was around for the Bulldogs' triumph over the Lakers last year and believes his experience with the rivalry will help to keep him focused and humble.

“They have a great program and they always come out and play tough. I have a ton of

respect for them,” Zenner said. “Still, this game doesn't have any more hype for us than any other game on our schedule. We view everyone as being dangerous.”

While the Lakers can boast the sixth year senior experience of Heath Parling at quarterback and talent in receiver Jamie Potts, Coach Annese and the Bulldogs still remain confident in their own team.

“We've been more multifac-



OFF THE RECORD

Off the record with Chris Okoye

At 6'6" and weighing in at 380 lbs, true-freshman defensive lineman, Chris Okoye is the biggest player featured on Ferris State's football roster. Looking towards having an impactful college career, Okoye sheds light on what goes through this big man's mind.

Torch: First off, how did you discover football growing up?

CO: All of my older cousins were playing it.

Torch: At what point did you realize that this was the sport for you?

CO: Junior year, when lacrosse didn't go as planned.

Torch: (laughs) So you played lacrosse? You had to be the biggest player on that field right? Lay any monster hits?

CO: Oh yeah, (laughs) gave a couple kids concussions, I may play some club at Ferris.

Torch: Oh sweet Jesus, those club guys better



Richard Mead
Sports Editor

watch out. So now that you were focused solely on football, what did you try to convey to college scouts in high school?

CO: That I'm a guy they could use to help better their program as a whole, that not only am I a good athlete, but I'm a good person.

Torch: When you got that call from Tony Annese, what ran through your head as you decided to sign with Ferris?

CO: That I was joining a great up and coming team with a tremendous coaching staff that was going to continue to help turn the program around and make it great.

Torch: Now, let's get this out of the way, you are kind of a big dude. You stick out like a sore thumb from the roster as the overall biggest player on the team. What were the reactions from your new

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Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Okoye stands an imposing six feet six inches and tips the scales at 380 pounds, making him Ferris State's largest player.

Picture of the Week



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The sun sets at McKendree, the site of Ferris State's week one 75-14 victory over the Bearcats. Ferris, now 2-0, prepares for Grand Valley this week.

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TENNIS

Double Trouble



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Shawnee-Ann Brelsford and Noelly Longi Nsimba congratulate each other following a won point in a doubles match.

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State women's tennis starts 2014-15 season off strong as the teams early success rests on the shoulders of the Bulldogs own dynamic duo.

Early on this season, the Bulldogs posted a 3-0 record, which includes two impressive victories against Lake Superior State (9-0) and Michigan Tech. (7-2) in GLIAC play.

Ferris State has been led early this season by the one-two punch of junior Shawnee-Ann Brelsford and freshman standout, Noelly Longi Nsimba. Brelsford and Nsimba are partners on the doubles court and hold a 2-1 record so far this season.

As a freshman, Nsimba has been impressive on the court for the Bulldogs early in her collegiate career, remaining undefeated in singles with a 3-0 record. For Nsimba, adjusting to collegiate tennis has been a smooth transition.

"I was doing tournaments, so playing every day like we are doing here isn't new for me," Nsimba said. "When you come in as a freshman I think you have a little bit of pressure on you because you want to impress and play your best game right away, but naturally you start feeling

more comfortable with everyone and the team and you feel less pressure."

Both Nsimba and Brelsford have been happy with how the Bulldogs have preformed so far



Noelly Longi Nsimba
Freshman

this season, but think there is always room for improvement for the team during the stretch that is to come. "We've done really well considering we have a new team and had only two weeks to get to know each other both on and off the court," Brelsford said. "Our schedule is going to get more challenging from here, so I think its great that we started the season on a positive note and gained some confidence."

Brelsford and Nsimba both agreed on one important factor that the Bulldogs need to improve upon during the season, that being the team's doubles play on the court during their startup.

"I've always considered myself more of a singles player, but strong doubles is a must in college tennis," Brelsford said. "We have been working a lot

on doubles during practice and as a team I think the main focus right now should be forming close relationships with each other and working together as a team."



Shawnee-Ann Brelsford
Junior

Nsimba had similar thoughts on the issue concerning the improvements of the doubles



Chad Berryhill
Ferris tennis head coach

play. Nsimba said they need to feel more comfortable with each shot and get to know their partners better. Nsimba and Brelsford will be leaned on heavily as Ferris looks forward facing conference foes for the remainder of the regular season.

The Bulldogs next match is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 17 as they face the Timberwolves of Northwood University in a GLIAC match-up with first ball set to be served at 2 p.m.



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Ferris State football's giant on singing, his hair and food.



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Okoye, rocking his patented flat-top look on the sidelines during Ferris State's 27-7 victory at Northwood in week two.

teammates when they first shook your hand?

CO: (laughs) They were all in shock, they didn't believe I was fresh out of school and then they just began to explain to me the massive expectations they have for me.

Torch: How much of a balance do you think there has to be when it comes to size vs talent to be a good ball player? My example would be someone like Yao Ming who some thought was only effective because of his size.

CO: I know some fairly large guys who aren't good at sports, and I know some who are. I mean size is a huge help but it's not everything. It's just another tool in the shed.

Torch: Ok, let's lighten up the conversation a bit, what you have for breakfast this morning?

CO: Orange juice, steak and a ham and cheese omelet with hash browns.

Torch: Biscuits and gravy with black coffee on this side. Now, I carry around a spare tire myself and I light up when I see a Chinese buffet. What's

your go to food joint when the hunger is real?

CO: Definitely Olive Garden. Gotta carb hard.

Torch: what's the one thing that you wouldn't want Coach Annese to know about you?

CO: That Grease is one of my favorite movies and that I sing along to every song in it.

Torch: Should they count your flat top in your roster height?

CO: I wish (laughs), they took my height in like June when the flow wasn't nearly as nice

Torch: What's been the toughest part for you in college as a freshman apart from football?

CO: Not smelling when hurrying to class from football. It's often very tempting to skip showering when you have a 2 o'clock class and practice ends at 1:45.

Torch: Last question, how do you see your bulldog career unfolding?

CO: Hopefully a couple conference & national titles.



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Ferris State will take on Grand Valley State this week in hopes of beating them for the third consecutive year

eted with our passing game. We're trying to throw the ball more effectively and not lean on our quarterback so heavily, though he really has been a dynamic rusher for us the last couple of years," Annese said. "I know that our versatility is something that a lot of teams that play us have to

be concerned about. Our ability to run the ball, pass the ball and all of the options that we have in the running and passing game make us tough to prepare for."

The Bulldogs and Lakers will square off at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids this Saturday, Sept. 20th with kickoff slated for 7 pm.



Sports Shorts

Richard Mead
Sports Editor

Football rumbles past Northwood

Ferris State football got their foot in the door of the national ranked list after their terrorizing of McKendree, 75-14. The Bulldogs kicked the door in last Saturday as they put Northwood, a GLIAC opponent, away with a score of 27-7.

The Bulldogs are now nationally ranked at 18th in the country at the Division II level of collegiate football. This ranking came in the heels of another offensive explosion on the road.

Ferris State put up early points on the board against Northwood in their first conference matchup of the season, scoring twice in the first six minutes of the contest. These scores came from the legs and arms of star quarterback, Jason Vander Laan, as he ran for a 67-yard touchdown, and threw for a 56-yard strike to receiver Antonio Agurs.

Northwood's only points on the night came on a 1-yard touchdown run with seven minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Ferris next hosts Grand valley for their first home game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 20th at 7 pm.

Men's golf starts season with tournament win

It didn't take long for the Ferris State men's golf program to post their first team win of the 2014-15 season as the squad won the Watrous Intercollegiate Team Championship.

The team traveled to Saginaw Valley State for the Al Watrous Intercollegiate Tournament, held on Sept. 13th and 14th, which signaled the official start to the team's season. The group took the overall victory with a two-round score of 582, which consisted of scores of 294 and 288, respectively.

The Bulldog's success was in large part due to the play of junior Ben Cook and sophomore Cody Simmons.

Ferris next heads to South Haven, MI for the GLIAC Fall Invitational, which starts on Sept. 20th and runs through the 21st.

Women's Tennis remains unbeaten

The women's tennis squad has extended their unbeaten streak to 4-0 after a close victory over conference foe, Saginaw Valley, on Sunday.

The team was lifted by their singles play early on, as flights one through four all took wins in their three-match sets. Stand outs ShawneeAnn Brelsfor and Noelly Longi Nsimba took their matches in two rounds as the first and second flight players.

Nsimba and Brelsford then teamed up in doubles to post Ferris' only doubles win, posting an 8-2 victory as the first flight doubles team.

Bulldogs women's tennis will next head to Northwood, MI on Wednesday, Sept. 17th to face off against the namesake university as the team looks forward to keep their unbeaten streak alive. The matchups are scheduled to start at 2 pm.

Volleyball wins back-to-back conference games

Ferris State volleyball kicked off the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season with definitive wins.

The squad won each of its three matches against both Saginaw Valley State and Wayne State, respectively. The 3-0 victories lifted Ferris to 4-2 overall, 2-0 in the GLIAC, starting their conference season off as an unbeaten.

The Bulldogs have yet to play a single home game as each of their matchups, including the first four of which came during the Tampa Invitational, have been on the road. Three of four of their road wins ended 3-0 in favor of the Bulldogs, the lone one out being a 3-1 mark over Indianapolis at the Florida based tournament.

Ferris opens their home schedule against Walsh University on Friday, Sept. 19th held at the Ewigleben Sports Complex. First serve is slated for 7 pm.

Top Dawg

Ferris State Football, K.C. Zenner

Richard Mead
Sports Editor

As the Bulldogs (2-0) faced off against Northwood this past Saturday, one player stood out among the Bulldog's defensive group.

Redshirt freshman linebacker, K.C. Zenner, was seen flying all over the field, racking up tackles and game changing plays as Ferris shut down Northwood.

Zenner, who plays in a hybrid linebacker/safety position in Ferris' defensive scheme, has stepped into big shoes this year as fills in at a spot left open in the off-season by former Ferris standout, Marvin Robinson. Despite the differences in stature between Zenner (5'11", 205 lb) and Robinson (6'5", 210 lb), they show similarity in playmaking ability.

In his first game action in

2014 against McKendree a week ago, Zenner tallied six total tackles and one sack in Ferris' historic 75-14 beat-down of the Bearcats.

Zenner followed that performance with an even better one against Northwood on Sept. 13. Zenner more than one-



K.C. Zenner
Freshman linebacker

upped his tackle total with nine stops, but that was only the beginning of his impressive stat line.

Zenner shadowed Northwood's signal caller, breaking down and wrapping up the QB for the first sack of his Bulldog career. The play was listed as a loss of three

yards against Northwood.

Roaming in the defensive backfield for the Bulldogs, Zenner also added his first interception of the 2014 season. Northwood junior quarterback, Mark Morris, tried to sneak a pass past Zenner, who then plucked it out of the air and ran the pick back 19 yards.

Zenner's play early on this season has impressed as he has been able to show off both strength and finesse at his position. He has shown aggressiveness in the front seven to come up and make tackles, and has showcased solid coverage skills to play the ball well while it's in the air.

Zenner, and the rest of the Bulldog's defense, will have a tall order next week, as they face off once again against GLIAC rival, Grand Valley, on Saturday Sept. 20 with kickoff slated for 7 pm.

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OPINIONS

So when you said, "wow, that's so retarded" I bet you didn't mean to say "slow".

Shelby Soberalski

Photo Editor

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Letter From The Editor

One of ours

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

Its not a coincidence that ISIS is waging terror on journalists.

In America, we have the right to free speech and press. Journalists have a platform to stand upon on use that right

Islamic extremists do not hate us for without reason, though I cannot argue they have a good one. Islamic extremists hate freedom. They hate that we speak our minds and impose our will.

Steven Sotloff and Jim Foley are Americans. Sotloff and Foley are journalists. It hits close to home in the journalism community.

This morbid intimidation will fail. ISIS, as Jon Stewart said following 9/11 about terrorists, lives in chaos. Chaos cannot sustain itself. No matter how organized ISIS may seem, as long as there are people in this world fighting for peace, terror can and will be destroyed

Fighting for peace seems like an oxymoron, but ask yourselves what are terrorists trying to win?

If a terrorist cell were to successfully carry out their grand scheme, what would the world look like? If they want it to themselves, what does that do for them? They're fighting for more fighting.

If the world were to submit to their demands, they would be able to impose their extremist ways on the Middle East. What terrorists fail to understand is that no matter how many people they kill, someone will always be there to fight back.

Peace makes sense. Chaos and destruction lacks any sort of meaning, and terrorists will be destroyed before discovering this crucial point to life.

The path ahead is most likely bloody. Some reports suggest that ISIS is even more powerful than Al-Qaeda was at their height

British aid worker David Haines was the most recent execution by ISIS. The use of the label "British" and the label "American" must end in order to defeat this enemy. The label must become "Human."

This is not an American problem, nor is it a British problem. It's not even a Middle East problem. This is a crisis of humanity.



Graphic by Kaila Parent

You're so retarded

When was the last time you said the word, "retard" or "wow, that's so retarded"?

I hear these phrases through passing all the time and I honestly could not be more offended. Do you even know what "retard" means? The Meriam-Webster dictionary defines it as a verb meaning; "to slow down the development or progress of (something)". So when you said, "wow, that's so retarded" I bet you didn't mean to say "slow".

We are all so-called adults now, we should at this point have some sort of filter on our speech, and a vocabulary sufficient enough to describe negative things in our life without degrading an entire group of people within our society. Hearing people describe minor problems as "retarded" displays a complete lack of empathy towards your fellow man in my eyes.

Ok, so what's the big deal? Why get so offended? I myself

am not mentally retarded but my older sister, Jolee, is. She was born with autism and she is also handicapped and she is classified as severely multiply impaired. My sister has facial deformities and at 23 years of age, she mentally is at a three year old level. Jolee has a vocabulary of only 3 understandable words and will sometimes mumble others. She may not look normal or act like a normal 23 year old, but she is brilliant and more beautiful than

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

-Henry Adams



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Why using the word retard is offensive and unnecessary

any other person I know. Retard is much more than just a label. Whenever I hear someone say, "that's so retarded," it is always in a negative connotation and always out of context. When people look at Jolee, they often think she's stupid and can't do anything. That's not the case at all. I don't understand why people need to associate her disabilities with such negativity. Although her life situation is not perfect, she lives a perfectly happy life. She doesn't chose to live life negatively, so why do you have to classify that for her? I think it's cruel to just judge her for her disabilities when she is capable of so much. She has an infectious smile and laugh and could easily be anyone's best friend. If you can get over the fact that she is "so retarded" you would see that her disabilities make her a genuine and loving person, a person who won't judge you back. Equating your petty, everyday problems to the lifelong trials and ordeals that millions of people and their families deal with is representative of plain immaturity and is deeply offensive. Your casual judgment of a group of people that have no say in their lot in life has led me to judge you, and with good reason. Next time, please think before you speak; Jolee, myself and the disabled community at large appreciate it.

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Nudes, slut-shaming, and victim-blaming

Where your privacy is breached, it's somehow your fault



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"They shouldn't have been a whore and sent nudes if they didn't want them getting out."

This wasn't the dominant sentiment when a 4chan user leaked hacked nudes of several celebrities - largely women, with Justin Verlander and Dave Franco as collateral - but it was a vocal one. Most disturbingly, it wasn't anonymous internet posters shrugging off this violation. It was spouted off in hallways, classrooms, public places. How dare those women take nudes and be upset that someone leaked them!

Other forms of theft don't inspire the same "well don't set yourself up like that" attitude, but when it comes to a woman who dared to take some photos, it's suddenly wholly the victims faults. Nevermind that the they're personal photos, supposedly protected by Apple's security, possibly automatically uploaded by Photo Stream. Instead of blaming the guy who stole their information and vio-

lated their security, we call them sluts.

It's a part of the rampant slut-shaming that still happens all-too-often, a piece of the ridiculous double standards we hold for women in our society - especially women who are celebrities. Because they dare to flash some skin in photoshoots and on magazine covers - which is what sells, a product of an industry and society they had no part in creating - guys think they have a right to see everything.

It's backwards, it's hurtful, and it's dangerous. Guys ask for the nudes, then say "serves you right" if anyone but the entrusted recipient sees them. Double standards are convenient, aren't they? Relationships are difficult, especially when apart. There's a lot of texting, a heap of phone calls, and a non-stop string of hyper-personal inter-

actions. Note "personal." Yet it's the women who get their pictures stolen and leaked, the women who get shamed. Again, Verlander and Franco are afterthoughts in just about every way.

At least Jennifer Lawrence doesn't have to worry about her career falling apart because of this. When guys pull this with a woman who isn't famous, she has to live with fear of the repercussions, without the million-dollar acting career to fall back on.

The worst part is that this is only a piece of a greater problem, an example of the inequality. The rules are different for women - there are far more of them. As Amanda Hess at Slate put it, it "is both a criminal act and a widespread attack on female sexual agency." The one bright side with all of this is the backlash against the leaker, the movement to ignore the photos, and the push for criminalization of such leaks. Maybe one day there will be something resembling sexual equality for everyone.

Bringing booty back

How popular culture is finally changing body image in a good way

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You have all seen them, the images of overly photo-shopped models plastered all over magazines.

You know you can never look like them, but somehow you still stare in the mirror and wish your body were in that shape.

Within the last few years, there has been a spike in eating disorders across college campuses. According to the National Eating Disorder Association, 25% of all college females have struggled with an eating disorder - and how can you blame these girls?

With fads such as the thigh gap popping up everywhere across social media and stars getting idolized for having a 20-inch waistline, it isn't hard to believe women across the nation are skipping dinner to watch the scale's numbers drop.

It seems popular culture and the media have intensified the body issues women already have and are making even size 2 girls call themselves fat.

This is all changing, though, and that's a relief. Celebrities are taking the influence they have and turning the tables - or, as Meghan Trainor puts it in her new song "All About That Bass," "bringing booty back."

Nicki Minaj, Jennifer Lawrence, Iggy Azalea, J-LO, Kim Kardashian and newcomer Trainor are saying enough with all the skinny culture. We have a huge backside and curves and we

are damn proud of it.

Since leaving high school and coming to college, I couldn't avoid gaining the freshman fifteen, and I obsessed every moment over all the weight gain from Rock pizza and weekend beers going straight to my thighs and butt.

It was awful, and I hated that I had to go up a pant size - until all these celebrities starting showing off their curves, reminding me that it was okay. It wasn't skin and bone models anymore that were being seen as the ideal - it was real-sized women who were a healthy weight.

Celebrities like Jennifer Lawrence are speaking out to Hollywood and refusing to lose weight for roles. Lawrence stated she didn't want to influence young girls into dieting or having body issues because they wanted to look like her.

It's ridiculous that girls at normal weights are dieting because they want to see their hip bones and a gap between their legs.

Its time to start looking up to these females. Embrace that booty, ladies. Love your body no matter what shape or size you are, because every inch of you is perfect from the bottom to the top.

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