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Graphic by Kaila Parent

Parties promoted through Twitter; public safety director weighs in

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

The days of passing notes in class are over; parties and other nightlife events are now mainly promoted using social media. On the Big Rapids main campus, the @TwerkFerris Twitter account announces parties weekly.

In addition to @TwerkFerris and its near 1,400 followers, @FerrisPartyRock was a popular account last year with over 3,000 followers. Information available at the click of a button sounds great, but might the transparency of this information make underage drinking an easy catch for law enforcement?

Bruce Borkovich, Director of Public Safety at Ferris, is commented on the emergence of social media and how it affects his job.

"Social media does make it easier to communicate and advertise any event," Borkovich said. "If [students] are looking to just have fun and have parties,

that's great. But it does give people a way to communicate for illegal activities, too."

James Beamon, a former Ferris student, used to help promote events with @TwerkFerris. In the past, parties have featured DJs and even free kegs. Some of these events were "icebreakers" for student camaraderie after

Celebrating Hispanic Culture



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

Members of the Sigma Lambda Gamma pose for a picture after the Yard Show on Thursday, September 25, 2014 in the North Quad.

HSO members kick off Hispanic Heritage Month

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Hispanic Heritage Month has arrived and members of the Hispanic Student Organization are getting underway with celebration and events.

"We have several events going on," Evangelina Guerrero, a junior in business administration and the president of the HSO said. "We just had the festival here in the office. We have Zumba night coming up, where we're going to be teaching students how to dance salsa and stuff like that. We also have a movie night planned, and a piña-

ta night with the sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma, the yard show, and an event called Two Cultures One Struggle, which is linked up with the organization B.L.A.C.K. Those are just a few events going on."

Heritage is very important to the HSO members, and although they enjoy their culture and are proud of their backgrounds, they are welcoming to everyone.

"I feel like the reason people don't branch out to different cultures is that they don't feel welcomed," Guerrero said. "I think branching out is good, so you can see the diversity within an organization. Culture is important because it tells where you came

from. I'm really into culture. I'm Mexican, so my roots mean a lot to me. It just represents a little part of who you are."

Maria Alvarado, a freshman in dentistry, agreed that the celebration of heritage is important. "We have a variety of cultures. We come from different states within Mexico, and we show off who we are as Hispanics."

"It brings diversity on campus," Maria Hernandez, a senior in social work and Vice President of the HSO said. "Everybody gets to share a little bit about their background and it really motivates and inspires the students. I see a lot of people that aren't educated about different cultures,

so they don't know where their boundaries are."

HSO members are also encouraged to participate in other organizations and events. By reaching out to other groups they learn new things about other cultures and find more avenues to share their own heritage.

"We always encourage everybody to attend, it doesn't matter if you're not fluent in Spanish, or if you're not of Latino background, we are always open to everyone," Hernandez said.

Tania Gonzalez, a sophomore in nursing and HSO secretary said she gets a cultural connection by being a part of HSO that she couldn't get anywhere else.

"People can assume things that are associated with other cultures, but once you get to experience it, you can see that it's something totally different," Gonzalez said.

For more information about the HSO, and how to get involved, go to <http://ferris.org-sync.com/SearchOrgs> and search "Hispanic Student Organization."

For more information about the events happening to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, go to the FSU event calendar at <http://calendar.ferris.edu/ViewNon-BannerMonth.html>.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs until October 15.



@TwerkFerris from Page 1

Social media seeps into the planning of parties in Big Rapids via @TwerkFerris

football games and Beamon said that social media was essential to get the word out.

"With Twitter, for example, people can retweet your promotion and it'll get to all of their followers," Beamon said. "It's one of the fastest and most effective ways to spread the news."

As a freshman Public Relations major, Chandler Owen doesn't exactly feel the same way about promoting potentially illegal activities.

"It's way too risky to be caught up in that. I'll leave the promoting up to the party throwers." As for attending, Owen is equally hesitant. "I usually steer clear of parties when they're publicized over the internet," Owen said.

Last year, ConnectedCops.net identified 772 local and state law enforcement entities with Twitter handles written in English.

According to Borkovich, Ferris Public Safety does not have a presence on Twitter, but it does

now have a Facebook page which is "kind of in its infancy." Overall, he's not too concerned about social media being a public safety issue.

"You'll find most of these parties are just young people getting together and having fun," Borkovich said.

But this doesn't mean Borkovich advocates excessive drinking, especially if the student is a minor. He stresses that drinking and assault, both traditional and

sexual, go hand in hand.

"There's no question that there's a correlation between the two. Everyone knows they have to be 21 in order to drink," Borkovich said.

As for the rumors of increased police action on Michigan Avenue this year, Borkovich said that "strategy hasn't really changed."

Welcome weekend is a different story. "We always try to police [welcome weekend] heavily," Borkovich said. "We want

students to have a great time, but we also want them to be safe. We want to try to stop any excessive drinking or drinking and driving, so we always enforce alcohol violations very strictly."

"We just really want to caution everyone, regardless of age, the dangers of over-consumption," Borkovich said.

For more information, visit the Department of Public Safety's new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FSUDPS.

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Homecoming "Tailgate on Ice"

Ferris State University's homecoming celebration, "Bulldogs Get Down with Motown," will be hockey themed in addition to the traditional activities. The Bulldog hockey team will host the University of Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 4 with the puck scheduled to drop at 7:37 p.m. But, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Ferris Alumni Association will be hosting its Tailgate on Ice event adjacent to the ice arena in the Ewigleben Sports Complex in the Multipurpose Room.

The \$25 cost for the event includes access to the tailgate party and a game ticket. The event will include traditional tailgating food, inflatables for kids, as well as, greetings from the Bulldog hockey coaching staff.

Hunger Around the World

Ferris American Marketing Association chapter will host "Hunger Around the World" in conjunction with Student Government on Sunday, Oct. 5. For the event, Student Government recommended a \$600 co-sponsorship, and the General Assembly approved the recommendation.

Latin@ Studies speaker sessions

"Hablemos: Speaking Spanish Together" sessions begin Monday, Sept. 29 in the Interdisciplinary Resource Center, Room 131. Sessions are from 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday through December 1. The sessions include instruction on the basics or beginning levels. The sessions will also offer participants the opportunity to increase their understanding of the distinct cultures of Latin@s in the U.S.

Eric Warner, a faculty member in the Languages and Literature department in Ferris' College of Arts and Sciences, will provide instruction. While the course is non-credit bearing, it is designed to create a community that is more engaged with the language and culture of Michigan's Latin@ community.

The program fee is \$75, which covers the cost of materials and support for instruction. To register, go to <http://www.ferris.edu/cps/>

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TORCH CORRECTIONS

In last week's "Top Dawg," the picture of Shakur

Sanders was taken by Kevin McDermott and was

provided courtesy of Kevin McDermott.

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The world at large

Media controversy surrounds new iPhone



Photo Courtesy of mctcampus.com

Apple recently unveiled the new iPhone 6, iPhone 6+ and the Apple Smartwatch at the Flint Center on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in Cupertino, California.

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

"I really like that it bends now," Jake VanAuker, junior in television and digital media production said. "The new iPhone is customizable to my lifestyle and now I can be an individual thanks to its Laffy Taffy-like structure."

VanAuker is joking of course, but it is true that the internet has been abuzz this last week with reports that the new iPhone 6 Plus bends in the front pockets of its owners.

On September 19, Apple released the new iPhone 6, featuring a 4.7-inch display and the iPhone 6 Plus, featuring a

5.5-inch display. Apple reports that it sold a record 10 million devices in its first weekend, with 4 million pre-orders in only a day.

In what has been referred to

as "Bendgate," several videos have been circulating, one titled "iPhone 6 Bend Test," that show people forcing pressure on their new iPhones until they bend.

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Double the tailgating, double the pleasure

Alumni Association to host hockey-themed tailgate event

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

Homecoming is a time of excitement all over campus, with all sorts of events for students and the community to take part in. “I’m really excited for all the activities for Homecoming,” senior journalism major Patrick King said. “Especially the parade and the College of Arts and Sciences Homecoming tent. All the free pizza and desserts will be satisfying.”



Patrick King
Senior journalism

“Lip synch is going to rock!” Kayla Garrett, sophomore hospitality major with an interest in music and theatre said.

This year, Homecoming Saturday will entail not just the annual Homecoming football game, but also a Hockey game. Because of this, the Alumni Association’s annual Tailgate on Ice event will be held prior to the hockey game, with several tailgate events held by the different colleges in Top Taggart Field before the football game.

This will be a busy day for the Alumni Relations office, who will have to take down their football tailgate tent during the football game and set everything up again in the Ewigleben Sports Complex’s multipurpose room for their hockey tailgate event.

“It’s a very fun, very busy day,”

Jeremy Mishler, Executive Director of Alumni Relations said. “[It’s a] great day for Bulldog alumni to be back on campus.”

“We usually expect several thousand alumni to be back in town and participating with all sorts of events,” Mishler said. “There are the events that we put on as a university for homecoming and then a lot of student organizations have functions that their alumni participate with. Some alumni are just back and town to get together with their old roommates and friends, so there isn’t a hotel room in town to be had, for the most part, and we know it’s going to be a big, fun weekend.”



Kayla Garrett
Sophomore hospitality

The Tailgate on Ice is open to the public, but has an admission fee of \$25 per person, which will cover a ticket to the hockey game, a parking pass and access to the tailgate area. The cost is only \$10 for season ticket holders, Blue Line members and those who have already purchased tickets.

“For the tailgate specifically, we usually see about eight hundred to a thousand guests at our football tailgate and we know we’ll see upwards of three hundred people at our hockey tailgate,” Mishler said.

Some of the activities featured will include photo opportunities with Motown-themed cutouts, incorporating the Bull-

dogs Get Down with Motown theme of this year’s Homecoming celebration, karaoke, prizes, inflatable games for children, a live performance of the Grill Guys—a radio show hosted by two Ferris alumni—and a DJ providing music. Mishler himself will be acting as the emcee for the evening.

“[There will be] lots of different types of tailgate food,” Mishler said. “Everything from chips and dip to wings and brownies and cookies, lots of stuff to drink—non-alcoholic, of course. It should be a good time, just typical tailgate fun.”

Catering will be provided by Ferris Catering Services.

The Alumni Association works diligently to keep alumni up-to-date with what’s going on on-campus through social media, mailing lists and an alumni magazine. Looking forward to next Homecoming, they are planning to hold a 50-year class reunion during Homecoming.



Jeremy Mishler
Director of Alumni Relations

The Tailgate on Ice Event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, in the multipurpose room of the Ewigleben Sports Complex.

A full schedule and registration for many of the Homecoming activities can be found at www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Homecoming/Schedule.htm.



Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

Brutus will be on hand per usual for homecoming festivities as they include two major sporting events this year.



BENDGATE from Page 3

Apple defends its sturdy design

suggests that “Bendgate” could be simply “a plot orchestrated by the mainstream media.” Apple enthusiasts have taken to the internet to analyze the bend test videos, calling them fake.

Meanwhile, Apple claims to have only received 9 complaints about bent iPhones. Apple even went as far as to invite a CNBC film crew into its “reliability testing lab” to prove the iPhone 6’s durability. The CNBC video shows iPhones in vice grips being tested by machines under extreme pressure. Dan Riccio, Apple’s head of engineering, claims that the new iPhone had been tested a record 15,000 times before its release.

Kenyatta Peterson, a junior in social work, says she’s perfectly content with her current phone, the iPhone 5c.

“I don’t think the iPhone 6 is worth it,” Peterson said. “It’s another overrated device.” So

what would entice her to get a new phone? “I would like a phone that doesn’t ask my location all the time,” Peterson said.



Kenyatta Peterson
Junior social work

Verizon recently began a promotion offering the new iPhone 6 for free if current users traded in their old iPhones and re-upped their contracts. Employees at Verizon’s Big Rapids branch declined to comment on “Bendgate.”

For specifics on the design and features of the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, visit apple.com.

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Photo of the Week



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Our photo of the week comes from Irma Collins. The moon rises over the trees in Big Rapids at the end of a warm stretch of fall weather.

T.J. Miller to perform at Ferris

Homecoming committee books nationally touring comedians

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

Ferris is about to get a little goofier for homecoming week as T.J. Miller is set to headline the Homecoming Comedy Show alongside Jerrod Carmichael and Sarah Tiana.

The show will take place in Williams Auditorium on October 2 at 8 p.m.

“I’m really excited to be able to bring someone that people actually know,” Josh Olszewski, Comedian Chair of the Homecoming Committee and sophomore in music industry management and public relations said. “That’s a rewarding experience for me, knowing that people are going to enjoy it.”

T.J. Miller is known for his roles in Cloverfield, She’s Out of My League, Transformers: Age of Extinction and the HBO television series Silicon Valley. Miller also hosts the popular podcast “Cashing In With T.J. Miller” and in 2011,

released his first stand up special “No Real Reason.”

Jerrod Carmichael made his movie debut earlier this year in Neighbors. Sarah Tiana has appeared several times on Reno 911! and on Chelsea Lately.

As for the show itself, Olszewski wants students to get excited. “Everyone likes comedy and they’re all really good comedians. It’s free, just come out and have a good time.”

The show will take place in

Williams Auditorium on October 2 at 8 p.m.

The Homecoming Comedy Show is planned by the Student Homecoming Committee. Ferris Students may attend free of charge

due to funds allocated by the Finance Division of Student Government. Olszewski said his process to apply for funding was simple.

“First I did research on different comedians and then filled out some paperwork. After I budgeted everything out, I went to the Finance Division,” Olszewski said. “I was kind of nervous at first, but they seemed really excited about it. That was really relieving to me.”

Olszewski said more students should apply for funding when they have ideas that will benefit students. “It’s not that hard. [The Finance Division] will help you through every step of the way,” Olszewski said.

For more about T.J. Miller, visit tjmillerdoesnothaveawebsite.com.

For information about homecoming events, visit ferris.edu/alumni/homecoming.



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LIFESTYLES

I'm not a crappy student because I have her—I have a 4.0—and I do have a social life

Amber Appel
Sophomore, Pre-Pharmacy
See page 8 for story

BAMtastic Comedy



Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

BAM Percussion performed on September 27 at Ferris State. The comedy percussion group has been traveling the world since 1999, and has performed in front of crowds larger than 5,000 people.

Ferris students get involved with comedy-percussion group performance

Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

Ferris students had the chance to get involved with a group that refers to themselves as the biggest, smallest show in the world.

The talented group, BAM Percussion, came to Ferris on Saturday, September 27 to wow the crowd.

"BAM is a comedy-percussion show," creator and manager of BAM Percussion Jean-Sebastien Dallaire said. "It started with three guys who wanted to do something different. We

wanted to do something that had theatricals in it and was more on the entertaining side."

The pulsating energy of BAM is contagious. Through drum-beats and laughs, it overwhelmed the audience. After 75 minutes of pow-



Jean-Sebastien Dallaire
manager

erful rhythms and hilarious sketches, the audience was left wanting more.

"It's a family show," Dallaire said. "There's no language barrier, so it's nice that everyone around the world can understand it. You can appreciate it if you're four or 84. It's fun for everyone."

The sketches involve a language that can only be spoken by BAM known as BAM speech, but with colorful expressions, BAM speech can be understood by everyone.

The show was very involved with the audience, going so far

as to bring a student out of the crowd to perform with them.

Criminal Justice freshman Abbie-Jo Johnson was the lucky audience member who was chosen to perform alongside B A M .



Abbie-Jo Johnson
Freshman Criminal Justice

"It was an adrenaline rush," Johnson said. "I

wanted to get on stage with them so bad. It was so exciting. I love getting involved with things."

BAM was constantly getting the audience to participate, such as clapping to the rhythm or mimicking the BAM language.

"The show was really great," Plastics Engineering freshman Patrick O'Neill said. "I loved how [BAM] brought the audience into the show."

BAM has been traveling around the world since 1999, performing in concert halls, theaters, festivals, schools, and outdoor stages in front



The comedy percussion group made it's return visit to Ferris with a bang.

Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

BAM from Page 6
Student performs on stage with international comedy act

of crowds of 5,000 and more. The group has also toured Canada, the United States, South America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, New Zealand, and 11 European countries, making everyone laugh in their own language.

Combine pulse-racing drum beats, humor for all ages and cultures, an intense rhythm, a couple of characters straight out of a crazy cartoon, and a lot of fun, and you'll get what BAM Percussion really is- a universal event made for everyone.

If you're interested in learning more about BAM Percussion, visit their website at www.bam-percussion.com.

Modern love

Why threesomes are overrated

I hate to shatter your college fantasies, but threesomes are absolutely overrated.

I know, college is pretty much the one period in your life where you will have the highest probability of fulfilling these fantasies of yours. However, I think it's time to revamp your wet dreams.

For the most part, the threesome fantasy stemmed from the greedy little minds of the male population's "lower brain."

Let's be realistic, females aren't too fond of sharing their man-candy (or woman-candy, whichever team you swing for.) And if any of you boys say that you'd willingly share a hot chick with another dude, you're lying.

Let me break it down for you. Obviously, the male dream is to have two females worshipping him like the alpha-man sex god that he thinks himself to be.

Let's be honest, at this age, college boys have a hard enough time pleasing one female. There's no way he can handle two.

Same goes with two males and a female. It's just more work. Don't even get me



started on the awkward positions you have to arrange three people into for everyone to have a good time.

Penises are weird and slightly intimidating as it is, I can't imagine why a girl would want two of them in her face.

If you are one of the two same-sex participants with one of the opposite sex, get ready for some naked, awkward, and unwanted competition.

Females are naturally inclined to start competing with each other when there's only one guy around. If he starts to favor one girl, the other going to get pissed off.

Talk about a buzzkill. Again, the same goes for you boys. You're always getting into these alpha-male battles. It's called peacocking.

So my advice for you is to keep your peacock to yourself and one partner and quit being so damn greedy.

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Bulldogs get down with Motown

Double Life

Ferris students balance academics with being a parent

Hailey Klingel

Ferris State Torch

Two Ferris students take on the seemingly impossible dual-role of being a college student and a parent.

As if maintaining college, work, and a social life wasn't stressful enough, these students may very well be considered superhumans.

"The biggest thing with having kids and going to school is finding a balance between the two," Nichole Spoering, healthcare assistance and administration senior said.

Being a mother of three, Spoering balances being a mom and a student by doing her schoolwork during the day while her kids are also at school. She finds she can be a positive academic role model for her children.

"While my kids work on homework, I do mine because it kind of motivates them to do theirs," Spoering said.

For pre-pharmacy sophomore Amber Appel, the biggest difficulty with being a full time student and parent is that she's always tired because she has to wait until her child goes to sleep to do her schoolwork. Also, Appel said that finding reliable daycare is time consuming and challenging.

"Getting homework done and

time management—no problem," Appel said. "The biggest stress is finding a daycare at Ferris; it's more stressful than my classes."

Appel also added that having a young child doesn't impact her ability to get the most out of college as much as one would think.

"I'm not a crappy student because I have her—I have a 4.0—and I do have a social life," Appel said. "It's not like Ferris puts us down, they give us a lot of opportunities."

One of those opportunities



Amber Appel
Sophomore Pre-Pharmacy

Appel received was a scholarship through Students with Children (SWC).

SWC is a group at Ferris that

addresses the needs of student parents by offering resources, activities, and services.

"I like SWC because of all the information about what's going on in the community," Spoering said. "It's also a way for my kids to meet other kids. I think the SWC program is wonderful. You get opportunities to meet different people, for kids to play with other



Thomas Haller speaks animatedly during "Parent University" at Crossroads Charter Academy.

Photo By: Harrison Watt | Editor-In-Chief

kids—just a lot of fun things."

SWC cosponsored an event with Parent University on Thursday Sept. 26 at Crossroads Charter Academy. Thomas Haller, a well-known author, psychotherapist, and relationship and parenting specialist revealed his "6 Best Parenting

Strategies" to those in attendance.

SWC also hosts "Coffee Talk Tuesdays," a series where members of Ferris' SWC gather to offer support to each other, talk about parenting, school, and life in general.

The next "Coffee Talk Tuesday" is Oct. 28 at 8:30 a.m.

at the Big Rapids Biggby.

Those interested in attending or learning more about SWC can contact Karen GreenBay at KarenGreenBay@ferris.edu.

Bustin Rhymes

Two seniors take the stage as a comedic rap group

Kelsey George

Ferris State Torch

Next time you want to discover some of the hidden talents here at Ferris, try checking out FSU Unplugged at Biggby Coffee or live music at Applebee's on Monday nights, and you may hear comedic rap from two of Ferris State's own students.

Seniors Evan Pazkowski and his partner, Siyong "Z" Lee have used FSU Unplugged to show off their comedic rapping skills.

"We were in Music Industry Management Association together, so we built our friendship there," Lee said.

Lee and Pazkowski made the group discovery when they combined their witty

humor and musical experience.

"One day, I spontaneously wanted to play at FSU Unplugged. Evan and I somewhat jammed before and we have similar music tastes, so we decided to give it a shot."

The group warns that some of their material may be considered pretty "inappropriate" by some audiences due to the Kanye West

and 2 Chainz covers.

This may not be for faint-hearted, classical music fans out there. It's more appropriate for those college students looking for a laugh.

"Evan is a great guitar and bass player, and I'm a beat-boxer. We also use an effect pedal called a loopstation in our performances," Lee said.

For those who are unfamiliar with this piece of equipment, a loopstation is a pedal that allows performers to record phrases and

have them be repeated throughout the song. Basically, you can create a whole song with just two players.

"Our intention is not so serious toward this act. We do it just to have a good time, and the atmosphere is always full of energy.

We just like to hang out with people and have a few drinks," Lee said.

If you're interested in sick beats and side-splitting humor, then you're in for a treat with Pazkowski and Lee.



Evan Pazkowski
Senior MIM



Siyong "Z" Lee
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10/2: Homecoming Comedy show at Williams Auditorium 8 p.m.

10/3: Women's Soccer 4 p.m. Student/Alumni Mocktail Mixer- 6 p.m.

Black Alumni Celebration—Apollo Talent Night FLITE 159 7 p.m.

10/4: Women's Volleyball Hosts Lake Erie 10 a.m.

Get Down With Motown 11 a.m.

Homecoming Parade 12 p.m.

Football Hosts Findlay 2 p.m.

Black Alumni Celebration Basketball game 5 p.m.

Hockey Hosts Michigan 7 p.m.

10/5: Five Star- Hunger Around The World IRC 12 p.m.

Five Star Event- Crop Walk 12 p.m.

Women's Soccer Hosts Malone 12 p.m.

10/8: Grocery Bingo BUS 111 7 a.m.

10/9: BEYOND Diversity: Diversity of Abilities Panel Discussion 6:30 p.m. Zumba 8 p.m.

Off Campus:

10/2: Karaoke at The Gate 9:30 p.m.

10/3 DJ Gary S & Glow Bowling at The Gate 9:30 p.m.

10/4-10/5 Four Green Fields Corn Maze 12-5:30 p.m.

10/5: Tuba Bach Chamber Festival 4 p.m Big Rapids High School

10/6: Stiletto Sprint 5:30 p.m in front of Artworks in downtown Big Rapids

10/6 Line Dancing at The Gate 6:30 p.m.

10/7: Couples Dancing 6:30 p.m. and DJ Barcode 9:30 p.m. at The Gate

10/7-10/11: Paul Collins Art Exhibit "America At Work" Tuesday through Friday 10 AM to 5:30 PM. Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM. at Artworks in downtown Big Rapids

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Kongos



Photo courtesy of iTunes

An album cover of The Kongos, provided by iTunes.

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Ferris hockey scooted into an Elite 8 appearance last year, and is looking to avenge a season ending double-overtime loss to North Dakota. Ferris was a goal away from their second Frozen Four in three years.

SEASON PREVIEW

The 2014-15 Ferris State hockey program looks to recreate the team's recent success once again as the Bulldogs season kicks off on Oct. 4.

After advancing to the regional finals of the NCAA Tournament last year, along with players of the 2011 freshmen class making it all the way to the National Championship Game, the Bulldogs have not feared the spotlight.

"We've got guys that are seniors that played in the national championship four years ago, and the younger guys went through the tournament last year, so a lot of us have had experience in big games," Kenny Babinski junior forward said. "We're a team that doesn't really allow the rankings to be a big thing in our minds, but I think that if we go out and just play our game we can live up to our expectations."

With experiences in the NCAA Tournament still fresh in the player's minds, they have set

their aspirations on a return trip to the Frozen four.

"We always think that we can achieve big things. There's always that confidence that we've got the right players and the right group of leaders leading us, so I don't see any reason why we wouldn't be able to run the table this year and for many years to come," Chad McDonald sophomore forward said. "Obviously the national championship is always the ultimate goal, and I think that with our recent success over the past couple of years, we're definitely up there with the teams fighting for it. We know that we can do big things and we've spent time on a big stage before, so we know how to handle that."

Upon hearing news of Michigan's Head Coach Red Berenson citing Ferris State as one of the top ten teams in the nation, the team was appreciative, but not shocked.

"I do think we are at that level. We have unbelievable talent on

our team, and for the last four or five years it's just been getting better. We've been drawing



Kenny Babinski
Junior forward

more and more really talented players to our program over the years, so I do think we are a contender for the top ten in the

nation," Gerald Mayhew sophomore forward said. The faceoff against the University of Michigan Wolverines will mark the beginning of the season for the Bulldogs as the team keeps the recent rivalry alive. While the players are highly optimistic, Head Coach Bob Daniels enters his 23 year at the helm knowing that the team can benefit from a bit of hopeful skepticism.

"I think this team has the

potential to pursue a conference championship, whether it comes in the regular season or in the playoffs, I think we have that opportunity.

We've got the pieces in place and we've got the leadership to be in the conversation of with a the conference championship," Daniels we also have a real good chance at qualifying for the NCAA national tournament. So that's what the expectations are.

I don't know that we're a ready-made team coming out of the gate, because all five players that we lost played key roles or us last year. Now I think we've got the right players to fill those roles, but it might take some time to get that chemistry."

Expectations for this team are unanimously lofty throughout the locker room, and the excitement among student spectators is equally high. Both the Dawg Pound and the hockey team will be fired up come this Saturday when this season officially begins.

Ferris will drop the puck against Michigan for the first time of the season on Saturday, Oct. 4th at 7:37 p.m.



“From the drop of the puck it's going to be a bloodbath out there”
Gerald Mayhew
 Ferris State Hockey Sophomore Forward
 See page 12 for story”

HOCKEY PREVIEW

DEFENSE

Despite the loss of their captain and leader of the defense, the Ferris State hockey program still has a core group of defenseman returning, and are looking to improve upon their 29-11-3 record from a year ago.

Scott Czarnowczan, 2013-14 senior captain, graduated after last season for the Bulldogs and has moved on to a career with the Idaho Steelheads. This leaves the Bulldog defense without the captain who scored 25 points for the Dawgs during last season's campaign.

The defense, though, is returning a strong core from a year ago. They will also be joined by a key defenseman who missed all of last season with an injury in junior Simon Denis.

Denis missed all of last season with a broken neck. Denis explains that the road back to playing for the Dawgs was difficult, but is more than excited to get back on the ice.

“It was extremely tough, definitely the hardest thing I've ever been through,” Denis said. “With all the support I've received, it has kept me in high spirits. It feels great after having a full season off, it had me that much more prepared and excited to get back to work. It's awesome to be back on the ice with my teammates and I'm beyond excited to get this season going.”

Although Ferris lost a key component during a successful season last year, Denis is confident that the team will strive during the 2014-15 campaign.

“It's tough losing Czarnowczan, but we're confident with the group we have,” Denis said. “We have a lot of strong returners and we have two good freshman, both Austin Kosack and Tyler Dorantes have shown a lot of things already and will definitely help with our defensive core this season.”

Junior goaltender, Charles Williams, is currently recovering from a torn Achilles which he suffered in May and is progressing and healing, all while doing physical therapy. Williams is confident in the Bulldogs for the upcoming season in both the back end of the defense and between the crease.

“We just have to take things one game at a time, we've been working hard in the off-season and during practices and I think it's going to be a strong year from

the back end,” Williams said. “A strong defense always helps out a goaltender and our defense should be strong again this year. We try to make it hard on each



Simon Denis
Junior defense

other during practice and everyone wants to learn from each other. It makes everything a lot of fun and a good learning experience for everyone.”

Head coach Bob Daniels said that the primary strength for the 2014-15 Bulldogs is the play of senior goalie CJ Motte, but said not to count the defense out as another key contributor to the success of the Bulldogs this season.

“We only lost one defenseman from a year ago, so we have a strong defensive core,” Daniels said. “I mean, it was a good defenseman that we lost, but we have a lot of players with a lot of experience on defense and in goal. So if our younger forwards can learn how to play defensively, we should be a really stingy team.”

Denis also had similar thoughts on playing in front of a 2013-14 Hobey Baker award finalist, which names the best collegiate hockey player from that year, in Motte.

“He gives us confidence knowing that he's back there and can bail us out if we need it,” Denis said. “It allows us to take more chances up ice with less worry because we know if we need that save, he can make it.”

Motte is looking to improve upon a 2014-15 season in which he logged a 29-9-3 record with a .938 save percentage.

The defensemen and goaltenders will unite to help Ferris State boast a stiff back end in 2014-15 as the team looks forward to success this season.

2014-2015 ROSTER

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3 Travis White	15 Mitch Maloney	24 Dom Panetta
4 Zach Dorer	16 Tyler Andrew	25 Sean O'Rourke
5 Tyler Dorantes	17 Jared VanWormer	26 Simon Denis
6 Kyle Schempp	18 Zach Szajner	27 Dakota Klecha
7 Jason Binkley	19 Andrew Mayer	28 Seth Adams
8 Andrew Dorantes	20 Gerald Mayhew	29 Charles Williams
9 Chad McDonald	21 Justin Buzzeo	30 CJ Motte
10 Ryan Lowney	22 Matt Roberston	31 Trace Pennock

OFFENSE

52 of the 138 goals Ferris State scored last season were scored by seniors.

This large chunk will be surely missed, but Ferris is looking to a younger group of forwards to power the team back into the National Tournament

Last year, the Bulldogs were able to average 3.21 goals and just under 30 shots per game. This year, Head Coach Bob Daniels believes that this success can be repeated once the pieces fall into place.

“Ideally when we hit our stride this year, I think we're going to be a really high-octane team that plays at a high speed, we're going to be super aggressive but stay disciplined and we're going to have highly-skilled puck movement,” Daniels said. “That kind of stuff will lead to more lasting success than being overly-physical to the point where we lack discipline. It's a fine between playing aggressive and losing track of the fact that we're trying to score more goals than the other team.”

While the class of 2013 will be missed, some key players are set to return and will try to make a name for themselves on a national level.

“Some players that could have breakout seasons this year are Kenny Babinski, Kyle Schempp and Justin Buzzeo. Now Justin has always been a scorer for us, but this year since he's a senior we're really looking for him to be a top-end scorer for us,” Daniels said.

The coming season could be one to remember for Ferris hockey, and with the incoming group of freshmen, the Bulldog

future is looking bright.

“I'm pretty excited about the whole group. Last year's freshman class was able to step in pretty quickly and make a difference. Guys like Gerald Mayhew and Kyle Schempp really stepped in and played well for us, along with Ryan Lowney on defense. This group that we've brought in this year is bigger physically,” Daniels said. “We lost a lot of size with last year's seniors, so our goal was to bring in more size. A goal for this group is to replace some of that size and help us in terms of our physical play. They probably won't show up a lot early on in the year, but I think that by the time their careers are over, they'll be very good, so I'm excited about the class in totality.”

As the Bulldogs made a run into the NCAA Tournament last year, Gerald Mayhew provided the spark that the team needed to win some of those games. Mayhew scored on a few late goals in the post-season that helped to lift Ferris to the win. The Bulldogs hope that he can learn from his success in the rearview mirror, and build upon it in the years to come.

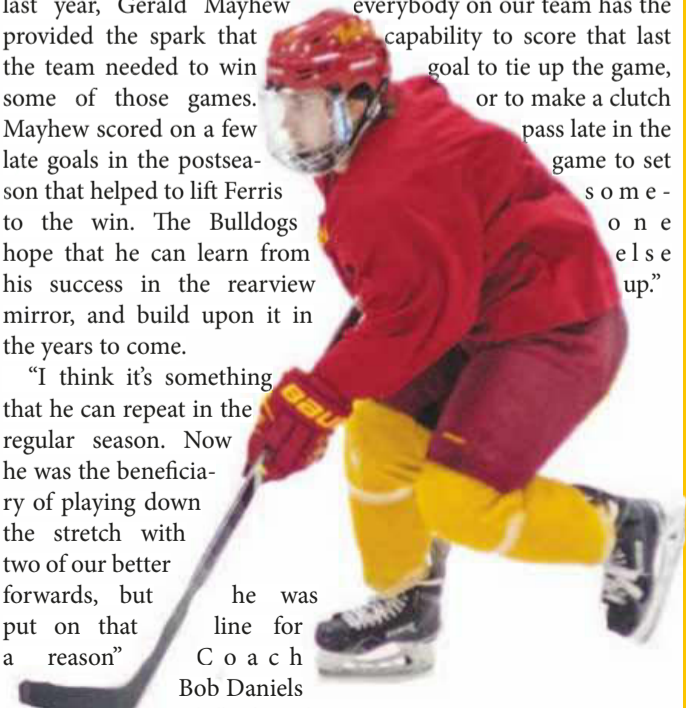
“I think it's something that he can repeat in the regular season. Now he was the beneficiary of playing down the stretch with two of our better forwards, but he was put on that line for a reason”

Coach Bob Daniels said. “He's real-

ly got a lot of talent and I think he could have a really good regular season. I think he's an emerging star in college hockey and he's got the potential to really be a dynamite player. He's certainly got the talent to do it, but he has to stay hungry and not become satisfied too early in his career.”

With so many key players on the offensive side, one has to wonder who the team would turn to late in the third period when the game is on the line. Questions still remain about who will be behind the scoring shot that sends the game into overtime, or elevates the team to victory. Fortunately, junior forward Kenny Babinski has an answer.

“The beauty of our team is that we can go to anybody or any line when we badly need a goal,” Babinski said. “I think everybody on our team has the capability to score that last goal to tie up the game, or to make a clutch pass late in the game to set someone else up.”



Sold out bout

Bulldogs Set to Square Off Against Michigan

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State opens the season against the University of Michigan Wolverines as the Bulldogs are set to showcase this season's squad, and rowdy fans in the home contest.

On October 4, Wink Arena will open its doors to a sold out crowd of fans and a pack of Wolverines as Ferris State takes on Michigan for this season's inaugural match-up. Over the last five years, the Bulldogs stand at 3-6-4 with every one of those wins taking place at home. Needless to say, home ice has proven to be a big deal for the Bulldogs against Michigan.

Pound-for-pound, the Wolverines and Bulldogs match up well together. There have been countless barnburners and some overtime ties resulting in no-decisions over the years. This time around will be interesting, since neither team has had much time to prepare for the opponent. Because of this lack of preparation in both corners, raw talent and physical prowess may trump strategy in deciding who delivers the knockout blow.

"They're a really good team this year, so we're just trying to get our stamina up as much as we can so that by the third period we can still be ramming them into the ground," Gerald Mayhew sophomore forward said. "It's going to be a battle. Even the smaller guys on our team are pretty physical, so I'd say that from the drop of the puck it's going to be a bloodbath out there."

Regardless of who the last team standing at the conclusion of the game is, both teams should be able to benefit from some stiff competition early on

in the season.

"I think that this first game is going to be awesome for us. We know that we've got weaknesses, we just don't know what they are yet. Michigan is going to make sure to point them out to us, but I think we'll give them a really good test too. We're both going to be sloppy, there's just no way around it," Head Coach Bob Daniels said.



Gerald Mayhew
Sophomore forward

The desire to play and intensity is definitely going to be there for both teams, but if this were a football game, it'd be one where you'd see a lot of fumbles, interceptions and maybe some untimely penalties. All teams want to know where their deficiencies are, and this is a team that will really probe all of our deficiencies which will be good for us. Maybe in the moment when it's happening it won't be so fun, but when we go back and look, we'll



Bob Daniels
Head Coach

be able to identify some areas that need work." With both Michigan and Ferris State acting as hopeful contenders for a run in the NCAA Tournament, even games early in the season can prove to be pivotal down the line. The Bulldogs and Wolverines are only scheduled to clash once this season, so whoever claims this victory will also claim bragging rights for the remainder of the season.

"I think it's a given that we need to play fast and maintain a high tempo to beat a team like Michigan," Kenny Babinski, junior forward said. "They're just as skilled as anyone else, so I think that the way to beat a team like that is by pushing the tempo and pushing the play every chance you get so that you can try to catch their defense off guard."



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Junior Forward lines up for a face off at during practice.

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Sports writer, Justin Aiken, sheds light on how he sees Bulldog's hockey fairing this season after losing key players from last year's run.



Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

recorded 25, 20, and 19 points, respectively.

When you include upperclassman such as senior defenseman Jason Binkley, who had 24 points during the campaign, and junior forward Kenny Babinski, who added 19 points, the returning core of this team is stronger than ever.

When you add an animal in front of the net like CJ Motte, who logged a 2.17 goals against average last year, what do you get?

Repeat performances, my friends, and maybe a little more. What do I mean by a little more? I mean another shot at a Frozen Four and National Championship appearance just like the Bulldogs had during the 2011-12 campaign.

Sure, the season hasn't even started yet, and the first puck drop isn't even until this Saturday. But what's not to like about this team?

With Bob Daniels at the helm,

as we all know, anything is possible with this program. The sky is truly the limit.

Strong returning forwards, a strong returning defense with fresh faces of freshman and the implementation of Simon Denis, who missed last season with a broken neck injury, and CJ Motte in the net. The Dawgs will have them contending for a spot in the NCCA Division I top ten ratings week in and week out.

All I'm saying is, there's a lot to be excited about with this team this year. The potential is there, the talent is there, and the coaching is there. With all that said, it all starts with one thing. Game one, a game against one of the perennial powerhouses of college hockey since the early 90s, the University of Michigan.

Get excited, start talking now, and start recognizing that this year could be something special for the Ferris State hockey program.

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Sports Shorts

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

Volleyball continues to pave through GLIAC

Ferris State volleyball didn't lose a set in their weekend GLIAC road sweep of Tiffin and Ohio Dominican.

More impressive is that volleyball has lost just three of 22 sets in their seven conference games to kick off the 2014 season, with all three losses coming to Grand Valley.

Ferris has climbed into the No. 15 spot in the national rankings in Division II Volleyball.

Junior Megan VanderMeer has put up 106 kills in 36 sets this season to lead the Bulldogs.

Women's soccer drops to Dragons

A 2-1 loss at the hands of the Tiffin Dragons has put Ferris in a sticky 1-4-2 start to the 2014 season.

Despite putting up a good front and playing Grand Valley State close (3-2 loss on September 20) Ferris has yet to win a conference game.

The Bulldogs only win to this point is a 2-1 overtime victory over Indiana Wesleyan back on September 16.

The record, while sluggish is slightly deceptive. The Bulldogs have a minus-six score differential (Have allowed six more goals than they have scored) in seven matches.

Defense hasn't been the issue in that Ferris has given up three goals only once, it's the offense that has only scored five goals in seven matches.

Ferris have only lost one game by more than a goal.

Junior forward Casey Shauman is pacing the Bulldogs with three goals.

Ferris lambasts conference foe; 4-0 for first time since 1995

#13 Ferris football has jumped to 13 in the Division II National Rankings after destroying Saginaw Valley State on the road to move to 4-0.

The Bulldogs plastered the Cardinals 47-13 to avenge a 2013 homecoming loss that cost Ferris a chance at the GLIAC Championship.

Junior quarterback Jason Vander Laan threw for 257 yards and four touchdowns on 20-27 attempts. Vander Laan also led the Bulldogs in rushing with 109 yards and two touchdowns.

Junior receiver Kenny Feyh and redzone threat (6 feet 6 inches tall) hauled in two touchdown catches to lead all receivers.

Junior wide receiver and team leading receiver in touchdowns, Jake Lampman, did not play.

#13 Ferris returns home for homecoming against #25 Findlay on October 4.

Top Dawg



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The Torch staff will pick one person a week, athlete or other, that we believe to have impacted Ferris Athletics and name them the "Top Dawg" for that week.

Richard Mead
Sports Editor

Alexis Huntley is having a start to remember in her junior campaign.

The 6 foot 1 inch tall junior outside hitter is third on the team in kills with 82, and has lead the Bulldogs in total kills in three out of the last four matches.

Last season, Huntley lead the Bulldogs in total kills with 375, averaging over three kills per set.

The nationally ranked No. 14 Bulldogs are off to a hot start in the GLIAC, and have yet to taper off.

Excluding their match with Grand Valley State (A 3-1 loss) Ferris has not lost a single set in conference play, posting a 18-0 mark without the Grand Valley State, and a 19-3 mark overall.

Last season, Huntley was seventh in the GLIAC in kills, and has helped highlight a balanced attack where three Bulldogs have 80 or more kills on the season.

Ferris is one game back of nationally ranked no. 12 GVSU (7-0) at 6-1 in conference play.

Huntley and the Bulldogs return home for homecoming weekend, where they have pivotal matches with Ashland on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. and Lake Erie at 10:00 a.m. to open up the homecoming sports festivities.

Ferris will see Grand Valley State at home on October 28 with a chance to avenge their September 23 3-1 road loss.

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"Preferably, let's have these conversations over coffee, but if you don't like coffee, I'll drink tea as well."

Tirzah Price
Letter to the Editor
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Letter From The Editor

Getting it wrong

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

The press messes up. You know it, you've seen it countless times on TV and in print.

Last week, you may have seen it in our paper. This is not a problem of the author, nor is it any one person's fault.

This was an error of judgement on the part of the entire publication.

The piece "Cup of Destruction," does not accurately depict the views of this publication, or even the views of the author.

There is no acceptable excuse for why this piece was handled by the Torch and then ran in the paper and on the website. It will remain there as a reminder that readers should stay active and respond in an appropriate manner as Tirzah Price and Sarah Newlin did.

This issue is less about the content of the story than it is the misdeed of this editorial staff failing to hold up journalistic standards, myself included.

It doesn't matter if this was an attempt at extreme satire, or if it was a real call-out of an entire demographic, this paper got it wrong.

The outpouring of comments on the website illustrates that readers have power, and the outpouring of letters to the editor does that as well.

As it's been said at multiple junctures, this is your paper. You can choose to be a part of it and many of you were.

The author has expressed his extreme resentment for this piece not just in the adjacent column, but in his personal life since this printed, and this staff has received a reality check.

This is not a condemnation of the piece. That would be easy. This is a condemnation of the process of handling stories and how we didn't follow it.

What disturbs me most is that this paper did not uphold the standards set within this column mere weeks ago, as pointed out by Newlin in her letter, which is unacceptable, not just on the paper's part, but my own as well.

An apology to the readers

With regards to last week's "Cup of destruction"



Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Since last Wednesday I've been getting everything from high-fives to threats of bodily harm over one highly offensive article about coffee.

I'm going to go more in depth, but in case you don't get the chance to read the rest of this, here's the sum of what I'm going to say: to those offended by what I wrote, I offer you my sincerest of apologies.

Of course, I was aware that my article contained more than a few less-than-fair comments directed at women - white women specifically. My thought was that these comments were so obviously hyperbolic that nobody would actually think I was serious. Well, a full week later, I realize that wasn't the case. Many people thought I was entirely serious when I said that women who drink coffee were the "degradation of the human race" and a few other things on that order. And so here we are.

Also, some clarification. Some in retort to this apology are going to quote the part of the article where I said I wasn't being hyperbolic. The hyperbole is my ranting about "basic white girls" and the various other comments I made about women, as well as the part about chemical dependency. I was not exaggerating when I said I really hate commercialized coffee. I don't like the attitude that surrounds it, nor the amount of money it takes from small businesses. Looking back on it I most certainly should have written my piece about the coffee, not the drinker. Lesson learned. I have no negative feelings towards

women based upon skin color, size or their gender. At all.

I used the stereotype of the "basic white girl" for comedy, and because it was something that I thought most people found humor in, both women and men. And perhaps they do. Perhaps the reason why that struck a chord with several of our readers was due to my handling of the stereotype. I apologize to you for the perpetuating of this negative stereotype. I realize that not only women drink coffee. It was an unfair accusation and one that, now that I know so many women were offended by, I'm sorry that I made in the first place.

I understand why my piece came off as highly judgemental. It certainly came off that way. I'll repeat that it was written to be purposely hyperbolic and exaggerated, and thus not meant to truly pass judgment on anybody - but that probably doesn't mean much. I said it and, intentional or not, I have to own up to it. I do not care if you drink coffee or what kind of coffee you enjoy, Frappuccino or what have you. It's your money, spend it as you please. I do care that we're contributing to the corporate machine when we purchase from Starbucks and coffee chains like it but, of course, not everyone shares my concerns. Some people just want their coffee, and they don't deserve to be berated for it.

Now, a few people called me

out for wishing harm on those who drink coffee. I'm not sure where you get this from. I'm not sure where this came from, having read over the piece several times now, but, of course, it's open to interpretation by everyone who reads it. So I apologize and state now that I don't wish harm on anybody over something as arbitrary as coffee.

This apology will likely not convince everyone that I'm sorry for what I wrote. It has never been my goal to go out and truly offend anyone. I thought that most people would be able to tell that the article was largely unserious. The fact that this wasn't the case is not a failing of the reader but of me as the author. Those who know me well enough to know I didn't mean what I said thought the article was harsh but still funny and theirs were the voices I listened to. I realize now that I don't write for my friends, I write for Ferris students and the greater Big Rapids community. My rants are not proper editorials and, as many have said, do not belong in the pages of this paper.

At the risk of saying it too often, I'll conclude by again offering my sincerest apologies to those who took my article to heart. Your comments, even the ones that wished me harm, do matter. This paper means nothing if we don't get feedback from the community we serve. I hope that from this point on you'll consider the Torch as a collaboration of several well-meaning people and not judge the entirety of it based on my own misguided opinions.



Dear Editor (and Mr. Fox),

I am writing in response to the article "Cup of Destruction" in the September 22, 2014 issue. I found this article to be extremely insulting and degrading and I was surprised that it was even allowed to be published. The very first sentence, "Every moment in the life of the average-income, American, teen through mid-

twenties white girl can easily be divided into two categories. They spend half their time texting and the other half either waiting in line for or consuming some over-priced, fat-filled, calorie-hogging monstrosity from Starbucks, and it is for this reason that they are the single biggest contributor to the degradation of the human race" is sexist and mean spirited. I am a woman in

my 20's and I volunteer, I study hard for all of my pre-medicine classes, and certainly do not spend half my time in line at Starbucks or texting. The majority of us women at Ferris have worked very hard to get where we are today and we plan on contributing to future society in our fields of study- quite the opposite of the "degradation of the human race." I realize

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life"

-Confucius



this is an opinion piece, but these comments should not be allowed to be printed in a newspaper. They should be kept in Mr. Rettinhouse's personal blog. One of the Torch's commenting policies is "to not submit inappropriate comments. Inappropriate comments include but are not limited to content that degrades others on

the basis of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity or religion." I suggest that the Torch follow its own commenting policy and, in the future, keep these types of articles and opinions out of the newspaper. Not only that, but I would like to point out from the August 22, 2014 issue of the Torch that Mr. Watt

wrote, "We wish to be visible, approachable, and trustworthy. Fluff pieces and lazy reporting are not an option." "Cup of Destruction" certainly does not fit these wishes. After reading this obscenely offensive article towards half of the Torch's readers, my respect for the Torch (to use Mr. Rettinhouse's words) went "down to, at best, a 3 out

of 10." Sexism does still exist today in 2014 and that will never change if opinions and articles like these are allowed, encouraged, and approved for printing. I ask that the Torch reconsiders the types of articles (opinions or not) that are approved for print and, if these changes are not implemented, in the words of Mr.

Rettinhouse, "then congratulations. In 20 years you can sit down and tell your children about how you were part of the problem."

Sincerely
Sarah Newlin

"I literally can't even"

This article is so disrespectful. Being called "the biggest contributor to the degradation of the human race" because I drink frappuccinos is so shallow. I get coffee because I am a full-time student that works hard to make a living for myself,

not because I am a white girl and "I literally can't even."

This is a disgrace of an opinion article. Write about topics that really matter in the world, not about what I drink and how it makes me a disgrace.

Former Torch Employee:

As a former Ferris student and Torch employee, I am appalled and ashamed that a column displaying obvious sexist and discriminatory remarks would be allowed in the student newspaper.

Clearly, there was no critical thinking or research conducted for this column. This is a very poor way to represent the Torch and the writer should learn to take more time to think critically and do some research before writing another opinion piece.

This was not a well-thought out column, this was a sexist, childish and narrow minded rant. Why would Ben care about who gets coffee from Starbucks, Biggby or wherever? Why single out white women in their 20s?

As a former Torchie, I'm very disappointed that this piece was even allowed to

be published. If this were to come through when I was there, it would have been sent back immediately and not allowed to be published. My reasoning for that is it was not written well, it's close minded and it's lazy.

I highly recommend Mr. Rettinhouse do some more research about the benefits of drinking coffee in moderation and gaining some knowledge on this subject. I also recommended that he should not be discriminatory and single out a specific group of people in his future columns.

If the Torch ever wants to be a strong and well-respected newspaper, then editors and writers need to look at content much more closely before it is published, do actual research before writing columns and think critically. Oh, and keeping sexist thoughts and remarks to oneself is a good idea, too.

Humans not coffee cups

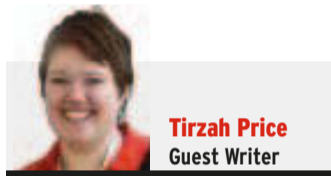
You know what's stupid?

S e x i s m .

Every woman faces it. Society is really great at telling women of all classes, ages, sexual orientations, and races that they are less than men. Women get paid 77 cents on the dollar compared to men. Women's reproductive rights are curbed and controlled by men in power. One in ten women ages 16-24 are sexually assaulted. Of those sexual assaults, 70% go unreported. Sexism, it can be argued, is one of the biggest contributors to the degradation of the human race.

When a column ran in the Torch earlier this week claiming that the "the average-income, American, teen through mid-twenties white girl" who likes texting and coffee is "the single biggest contributor to the degradation to the human race," I was understandably pissed off. First, who peed in Ben Rettinhouse's coffee cup? Second, why aren't men who like coffee equally responsible for this supposed degradation? Finally, why are white girls singled out and how is their coffee consumption so damaging to society? I typically find opinion columns interesting, but I wasn't prepared to see such flagrant discrimination printed in a student newspaper, reinforcing that overt sexism is somehow socially acceptable. Before my morning coffee, no less.

If you think that using an opinions column as a platform for expressing misogynistic vitriol against something as ridicu-



lous as coffee is a valid excuse for acting like a complete asshole, then let me clue you in—it's not.

People who are so pompous as to blame the degradation of the entire human race on white girls aren't "the scum of the earth." I'll save that description for people who are awful—rapists, murderers, and child molesters. You know, the truly awful people. But those people who employ this sort of sexism to make a point against coffee are intolerable and certainly do more to hurt society than expensive lattes. When I see someone blaming women for something that is not their fault, from rape to the collapse of Western society, my respect for that person vanishes. Ben Rettinhouse, you should be ashamed of yourself. Trust me, I'm not exaggerating here—you really should feel a significant amount of guilt and shame for your column "Cup of Destruction."

Discrimination is serious, with life-altering implications. Sexist, racist commentaries like Rettinhouse's don't just insult the "white girls" who like coffee—they hurt us all. Columns like Rettinhouse's (although I hesitate to even call that string of fifteen paragraphs a column) echo the sentiments that women hear every day in the media and in academia: you are less,

you are stupid, you do not matter. "Cup of Destruction" isn't just a poorly written, confusing rant by a narrow-minded man, but a shameful reflection of a lack of empathy for people who are different. Whether that difference is defined by gender, race, sexuality, or beverage preference matters not.

Discrimination and hatred are degrading our society. Not coffee. Not women. The solution? I'm afraid it's not as easy as giving up your iced mocha Frappuccino with whipped cream.

College is a time for new experiences. It's a time for education and ideas and meeting new people. It's a time to challenge yourself to look beyond your inner feelings, thoughts, and prejudices and see other people as human—flawed and varied and fascinating and full of worth. Human. Human beings, not coffee cups. If you refuse to change, you are part of the problem.

Men and women equally share the responsibility of calling out hate and discrimination when we see it. Not to belittle each other, but so that we can work together to change the messages we send out into the world. Let's talk about sexism. Let's talk about racism. Let's talk about our differences with the goal to minimize the distance between us, to develop empathy for each other. Preferably, let's have these conversations over coffee, but if you don't like coffee, I'll drink tea as well.

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How to Be a Good Male Ally to Feminism

Male supporters of feminism make sure you know all the facts

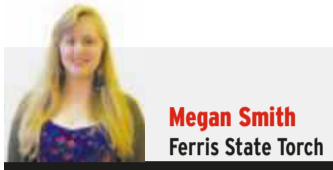
I've seen an increasing number of men claiming to be feminists and, while I'm glad you guys care, there are a lot of things I don't think most of you understand about feminism or your personal role towards the movement.

To make things clear, I've composed a list of rules for men to learn from if they want to be a good ally to feminism. If you won't hear me out, then maybe you don't care as much about feminism as you claim you do.

1.) Stop calling yourself a feminist. This isn't just me being mean and exclusionary to men (oh no, misandry!). I consider myself an advocate for the LGBT+ community, but as a heterosexual female, I cannot be a part of their community. There's a word to describe that: an ally. The same concept applies to feminism. If you are not female,

you are not a feminist. Sorry, not sorry.

2.) It's not about you. This is probably the most important thing for you to understand: you do not get a voice in feminism. If feminism helps you personally, that's great, but understand that feminism is a movement by women for women. You are not our priority, especially when you benefit from our oppression, whether you like it or not. You do not get to speak over women in feminist circles no matter how much you disagree their viewpoints (even if they are wrong, as a man, it is not your place to correct them). You do not get to derail women's conversations about their experiences with irrelevant comments like, "Not all men are like that!" Congratulations, my friend, on making this about you. Your job is to step back, listen to women's voices, and educate yourself.



Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

3.) Educate other men. Stop trying to prove to feminists that you are one of the Good Guys. Don't tell us, tell your friends! Call them out when they make inappropriate comments, when they fetishize women based on body type or race, when they catcall women, when they are abusive, coercive, manipulative or just plain disrespectful. Tell them when their behavior isn't okay with you and explain to them why they should stop. They're much more likely to listen to you than to us "man-hating Feminazis" (by the way, there's a major problem if you don't understand what's wrong about comparing feminism to the Holocaust).

4.) Stop watching porn. I honestly could not care less about your sex life or your masturbatory habits; that's not what this is about. Porn is extremely harmful on so many levels. It warps watchers' views of healthy sexuality and is responsible for the degradation, abuse and rape of women in the industry. I'm not going to do your homework for you, so visit thepinkcross.org or antipornography.org. Please be aware that The Pink Cross is a faith-based organization, which may make non-Christians uncomfortable, and both websites contain graphic descriptions of sexual violence and drug use.

5.) Drop the word "slut-shaming" from your vocabulary. This is something I would generally like to see everyone do, not just men (same with becoming anti-porn, for that matter). The problem with the word "slut-

shaming" is that it calls that very same woman you're trying to defend a slut. Why don't we call homophobia "f**t-shaming" or the racial profiling of black Americans "n****-shaming?" The answer is self-explanatory. I recommend replacing the term "slut-shaming" with "sex-shaming" or just plain ol' "misogyny."

6.) If you're a "sex-positive male feminist," get out of my face. I have a lot of problems with the sex-positive movement, namely how it tends to shut out rape victims and asexuals for whom sex is decidedly not inherently healthy or empowering. "Sex-positive" men, I know exactly what you're really after. Stop pretending you give a crap about liberating women from oppressive social structures. You're just in it for the sex, because feminists are "empowered" and are "less sexually inhibited."



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