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Money talks

Students give opinions on cost of Ferris

NICK VANDER WULP

Torch Reporter

Ferris State University ranks with the second highest average student debt among Michigan universities, just behind Michigan Tech.

The average student debt for the 2013 – 2014 academic year at FSU was \$35,720, a figure that named FSU as a high-student-debt university in the Institute for College Access and Success’ publication “Student Debt and the Class of 2014.”

Ferris has taken steps to help keep costs low for students. Among these are increasing the financial understanding of students, constraining costs, doubling the scholarship base available to students and reducing the time to graduation.

“I really like what Ferris is trying to do, where it’s trying to be a career college,” said Ferris electronics engineering technology junior Tim McManus. “It’s good because in a lot of ways it’s what employers want, even though not a lot of them realize that’s what they want. So I think that Ferris is one of the bigger bangs for your buck.”

Ferris social work junior Anya Miller said she uses financial aid from filing her Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year. She also applies for scholarships to help keep her debt down.

“I think now my debt is around \$13,000, but when I graduate it might be around \$25,000,” said Miller. “I’m going to be getting a master’s, so that’s more school and more debt. However, I never really got help through the university when I was going about paying for college. I just got my financial aid and kept applying for scholarships. I think they could do a better job of making students aware of what financial options are available.”

Students like McManus and Miller think Ferris could add more value to getting a degree by providing more focus on financial planning information, degree counseling and career placement.

“There are a lot of people who come to college and don’t know what they’re going to do or don’t have the maturity to know what they’re good at,” said McManus. “And on top of this, the fact is that people are leaving with ridiculous debt, even more money than they’re going to make in their first year on the job. And it’s not like people are going to make money and just pay their loans. They have to pay for room and board and all that good stuff.”

For students with less marketable degrees, another problem arises with students accumulating debt they’re unable to pay. Sometimes they’re unable to use their degree and can remain underemployed, according to McManus.

“I think professors want the best for students, ‘wink, wink,’ but the university has to keep the lights on,” said McManus. “Keeping the doors open costs money. There’s no magic bullet to fix the situation.”

Some courses require students to take on additional costs to complete. These courses can also be required for the degree students are working toward.

Ferris automotive engineering technology junior Dakota Anderson said there’s a required class for his degree called automotive service requiring students to buy tools to complete the class.

“It’s a six-credit class. That’s a lot of money,” said Anderson. “They also require \$7,000 in tools in order to do it, and you can’t take the class without the tools. I know kids who are borrowing up to \$10,000 to get the tools to take this class.”

Although living on campus may lend itself toward more success for incoming freshmen, the price tag can still be high for some students.

“I had to borrow \$14,000 for this school year,” said Ferris graphic design freshman Jessica Balcazar. “But that includes my living expenses on campus, my meals and my classes.”

Ferris’ president David Eisler addressed the student debt problem in a statement his office issued in early November, saying overall student debt has declined an average of \$1,600 during the 2013 – 2014 academic year from the previous year.

Eisler also said work had been done by Ferris to bring the net cost of education in line with other public universities in the state.

Last year saw record donations to the university, with Ferris bringing in \$12 million along with contributions to student scholarships. Speaking of scholarships, the FSU board of trustees voted to invest Ferris’ recent surprise \$18.6 million refund into the Ferris Foundation with the goal to grow the Foundation’s fund to \$36 million by 2022.

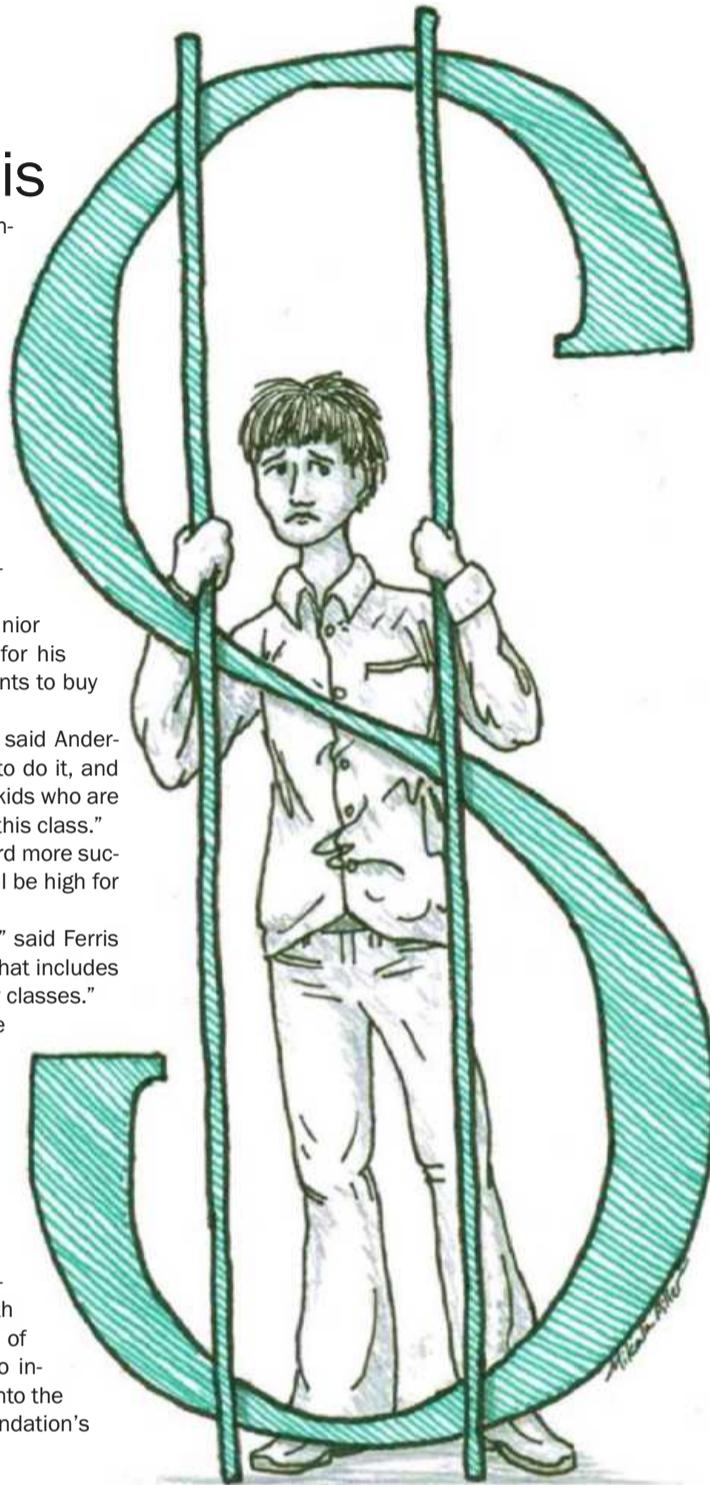


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Wayne Bersano, Perk Weisenberger, David Eisler, Janine Ward-Roofe, Angela Roman, John Urbanick, Lola Schultz and Jerry Scoby field questions from students for “State of the University.”

Ask the administration

Greek party policy, enrollment concerns discussed at open forum

DEVIN ANDERSON

News Editor

Ferris students had plenty of questions to ask of university leaders last week at Ferris’ “State of the University” event.

In a half-full section of the University Center ballroom, students voiced their concerns to Ferris President David Eisler and a panel of university and student leaders.

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Student caught with BB gun

A roundup of this week's crime at Ferris State University

Harassment

Nov. 5, 10:30 p.m., officers investigated a harassment complaint in Big Rapids and escorted a female victim back to her residence.

Weed complaint

Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint at West Campus Apartments. The incident was handled by housing staff.

Assault

Nov. 6, 2:30 p.m., officers investigated an assault complaint in Bond Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

That smell

Nov. 6, 11:20 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Domestic assault

Nov. 7, 11:40 a.m., officers stood by to assist the sheriff department in response to a domestic assault at Ryan Creek Apartments.

Found softball equipment

Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m., a softball mitt and two softballs were turned in to DPS from the west intramural fields. The owner is asked to retrieve them.

Turned down

Nov. 8, 1:45 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at West Campus Apartments. The students were told to be quiet.

Assault

Nov. 8, 3:45 a.m., officers were

informed of an assault in Big Rapids. The victim did not wish to pursue criminal charges, but officers assisted her with retrieving her belongings.

More assault

Nov. 9, midnight, officers responded to an assault complaint in Ward Hall. A suspect was identified and referred to the Office of Student Affairs. He was suspended from Ferris while the victim did not wish to pursue criminal charges.



Butt grab

Nov. 9, 1:30 a.m., officers assisted the sheriff department with investigating an inappropriate touching complaint at Oakwood Apartments. The victim reported a male had grabbed her butt.

Stolen bike

Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m., officers received report of a bicycle stolen from a rack outside North Bond Hall.

Damaged bike

Nov. 9, 2 p.m., officers received report of a bicycle damaged on a rack near Lot 61.

Fight at SRC

Nov. 9, 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a disorderly subjects complaint at the Student Recreation Center. Three male students who had been fighting left prior to officers' arrival.

Caught with BB gun

Nov. 9, 9:30 p.m., officers received the report of a handgun at The Rock. The subject was identified and was found be carrying a BB gun that looked much like a Beretta handgun. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

That smelly smell

Nov. 10, midnight, officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Student hit by car

Nov. 10, 6:15 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident at the intersection of North Warren Avenue and Campus Drive. A car had hit a female student and drove off.

Social media harassment

Nov. 10, 7 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint at Vandercook Hall. The incident involved a vulgar post to social media and the investigation continues.

DPS issued 457 parking and traffic violations between Nov. 6 and Nov. 12 totaling \$7,410.

NEWS BRIEFS

DEVIN ANDERSON

News Editor

College of Pharmacy awards hundreds of scholarships

At a recent pharmacy scholarship reception, more than \$650,000 was awarded to 293 students in Ferris' College of Pharmacy for academic and professional achievement. Four \$10,000 scholarships were also awarded from Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman's recent \$5 million donation to the College of Pharmacy.

Students place in building competition

Students in the construction management and architecture programs recently took second place at an Associated School of Construction Region 3 building competition in Illinois. The team featured Ferris students Layna Beer, Nate Demerly, Mark Mirandola, Maycee Robinson, Jason Souvak and Meghann Zmuda and was coached by Suzanne Miller, Chris Cosper and Joe Pacella.

Students to present research

Ferris communication students Gabriella Hagen, Phil Hartley and Joe McClernan will present research colloquiums at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 in University Center room 116. The presentations will be moderated by Dr. Sandy Alspach.

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UNIVERSITY from page 2 Students raise Ferris concerns at open forum

dent leaders during the Student Government-coordinated event.

Heated discussion began about an hour into the forum. One student's concern regarding the new "events with alcohol policy" for Greek organizations led to questions from several others about the validity of the policy and whether or not it could apply to other registered student organizations or Ferris athletic teams.

Angela Roman, director of the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS), clarified that the policy applies to Greeks because they are the only campus organizations permitted to have alcohol at events and that the policy was updated simply to reflect Greek event standards at a national level.

"Greek organizations at Ferris are doing a fabulous job," Roman said. "We're not seeing any unsafe incidents recently, so we're really excited about that."

Business administration senior Dylan Carpenter and public relations senior Kaitlyn Patrick, both members of Ferris Greek organizations, pressed further. Carpenter cited a section of the policy that states a party can be considered a Greek event when 50 percent or 20 members of an organization are present with alcohol, suggesting RSOs and athletic teams could be having similar events.

"These organizations aren't held accountable the way Greek organizations are," Carpenter said.

Roman said there have been no allegations of unsafe behavior from the types of events Carpenter described and asked for any other Greek questions to be asked in private. Roman has been contacted by the *Torch* for comment.

Reduced student employment hours were a concern for Ferris music industry management senior Olivia Odette. She noted two reductions in budgeted work hours since she started working at CLACS as a sophomore and asked the panel why she and other students couldn't be budgeted more hours. Jerry Scoby, vice president for administration and finance, said reductions can be explained in part

by a rising minimum wage, on its way to \$9.25 an hour by 2018.

"Budgets have stayed flat for student wages, but minimum wage is going up in Michigan," Scoby said. "Departments have the same purchasing power, but because wages have gone up, they can't buy as many hours."

President Eisler added there are no plans to reduce the student employment budget and that the administration is hoping to increase the budget to accommodate the new minimum wage.

Carpenter also had concerns about a projected decrease in high school graduates and what affect that would have on Ferris.

"We're not of the idea that we're going to shrink," Eisler responded. "We believe we can grow in this en-

vironment."

Vice president for student affairs Janine Ward-Roof said she and an enrollment task force has been working to make sure Ferris enrollment stays up.

In other action, Eisler responded to a question from Colleges Against Cancer vice president Cody Wise that the university currently has no plan to make Ferris a smoke-free campus. Chief technology officer John Urbanick also announced the return of a "classifieds" section to MyFSU later this academic year.



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Tickets are required for all ceremonies. All students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to access/print starting November 5, 2015. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced.

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Carnival of Culture

Diwali festival promotes cultural integration



Photo's by: Elizabeth Yost | Reporter

Above, Jyotsna Uddavolu applies henna to students at Ferris' Diwali celebration.



ELIZABETH YOST

Torch Reporter

Ferris State students danced and enjoyed Indian food at a Diwali festival last week to celebrate and learn about Indian culture.

The Diwali-themed international carnival was held in the IRC last Friday night. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is comparable to the American New Year celebration. It represents the victory of light over dark. The Hindu celebration is a five-day ritual that occurs between mid-October and mid-November on a Western calendar.

"We wanted to call it an international carnival so it was fully inclusive," said Lisa VonReichbauer, assistant director of the Office of International Education. "We chose Diwali as

the theme since it fell on this week."

Sai Goutham, a first year graduate international student at Ferris, explained how Diwali is celebrated in India.

"When we celebrate, we wake up early in the morning and we pray to our goddesses," Goutham said. "We clean all of our stuff so everything is new, and in the evening we eat and set off firecrackers."

The festival began with a presentation that explained Diwali and what it means in Indian culture. Throughout the night, participants experienced Indian music and dance, sported henna body art, tasted traditional Indian dishes and participated in a sand art activity known as Rangoli.

The event was planned by the International Student Organization (ISO) and the Indian Student Association with help from the Music Industry Management Association. Ferris information security major Sai Teja is an ISO board member

who helped organize the carnival.

"We've been planning this for about two months," said Teja. "We gathered our friends and people we know to help us make the food and decorate and do dances. We wanted to bring all types of people here, so we hung up all of the international flags to bring everyone together."

The festival brought in an audience of more than 100 people of many nationalities.

"I've really enjoyed learning about the purpose of Diwali and what it means," said Ferris sophomore Collin Grand. "I've learned about their culture, like why they wear certain things and the purpose behind henna. It's been really fun."

Ferris State currently has around 110 Indian students, but that number has been decreasing over the past few years, according to VonReichbauer.



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Keegan Murphy and Madison Hawley plan a walking route with vice president for administration and finance Jerry Scoby.

Comfortable on campus

Ferris leaders walk campus to address student safety

KIP BIBY

Torch Reporter

Student safety has proven to be a high priority for Ferris as several campus leaders took a frigid walk across all of campus last week to assess night lighting.

Ferris President David Eisler put it simply, "The objective is to find spots that are dark."

The group started out at 9 p.m. last Monday from the West Campus Community Center and from there made their way through campus.

Along with Eisler, the group consisted of Student Government representatives Madison Hawley

and Keegan Murphy as well as associate vice president for the Physical Plant, Mike Hughes and vice president of administration and finance, Jerry Scoby. Ferris' director of public safety, Bruce Borkovich, was included in the night survey but was called away on an emergency.

Murphy, director of public relations for Student Government, took the time with campus leaders to not only assess campus safety, but to address key issues related to university life such as the budget, emergency action plans and new campus projects.

"I was overall very pleased with the experience," Murphy said. "It

was a good opportunity to get some important questions answered and make sure the campus is well lit."

Murphy went on to say he is impressed with the grounds crew for maintaining campus the way it is.

Overall, the group found just one light out. The issue was promised to be addressed immediately.

While visible light was the main focus of the project, the group also focused on ensuring no student would have a problem finding an emergency phone on campus.

Student feedback or issues related to campus safety can be reported to DPS at 231-591-5000.

Standing in solidarity

Ferris students show support of victims of terrorism

ANGELA GRAF

Torch Reporter

To show support for victims not only of attacks in France, but of daily acts of terrorism all over the world, Ferris students stood in the North Quad from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, wearing French colors while holding the French flag and a sign that read:

"Take a moment of silence for victims of violent acts around the world. Paris, Kenya, Nigeria, Lebanon, Syria, Baghdad."

The three students holding the flag are all Ferris law enforcement majors: junior Travis Hill, junior Michael Leech and sophomore Kyle Fite. After hearing about the attacks on Friday, Leech wanted to do something more significant than just change his Facebook profile picture.

"Even if people just take 10 seconds," he said. "It shows that we can stop our busy schedules and realize that there are other people out there and that they need us just as much as we needed them 14 years ago. It's just a chance for us to show that we do still care about the world around us."

In addition to the sign, Leech had names of the other countries writ-



Photo by: Angela Graf | Reporter

Travis Hill, Michael Leech and Kyle Fite wear the French colors in the quad to show support for victims of recent attacks in France and across the world.

ten on his shirt.

"It's not just to take Paris into consideration but also other nations that have been attacked both recently and in the past," said Fite.

"It opens the eyes of some students when they walk by and read that there are places other than Paris being attacked and that whole other places exist outside of their own world and social media."

On the evening of Nov. 13, 2015,

a series of coordinated terrorists' attacks began in Paris, France, and the surrounding area by the group known as Islamic State (ISIS).

These attacks included mass shootings, suicide bombings and hostage situations. There were a reported 129 people dead as of Nov. 15, although that number is supposedly going to rise in the coming days. In addition to the lives lost, there were at least 352 people injured.

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Ferris DPS discovers mobile meth lab in Lot 23

DEVIN ANDERSON

News Editor

A team of Michigan drug enforcement officers were "the ones who knocked" last week after a meth lab was discovered in a vehicle on Ferris' west campus.

Mark Kevin Peterson, 30, was arrested and arraigned on one count of manufacturing methamphetamine, two counts of operating a meth lab and one count of possessing meth. Peterson was also charged with one count of maintaining a meth lab in presence of a minor due to a child's car seat found in the vehicle.

Ferris night patrol officers discovered Peterson's vehicle in Lot 23 around 9 p.m. on Nov. 9. According to Ferris DPS director Bruce Borkovich, Peterson quickly drove off to Robin Court Apartments upon seeing the officers. It was later discovered Peterson had been staying there with his girlfriend, a Ferris student.

After finding the vehicle's license plate to have been expired and further investigating, DPS contacted the Central Michigan Enforcement Team to assist in arresting Peterson.

Evidence of more meth lab equipment was later discovered in the woods nearby. Peterson faces up to 20 years in prison.

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"There are a lot of things you have to manage, but by doing all this you learn how to better manage yourself."

-Elias Arshiya
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Woman's best friend

College life with a service dog



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Mary Schuler poses with Esther, who helps Schuler detect drops in her blood sugar. Esther has helped Schuler through four seizures this year.

ANDREA LENHART

Torch Reporter

On your way to class, you may have noticed someone walking around with a black Labradoodle.

You may have asked to pet the dog, and after being denied permission, you may have wondered why.

Well, that Labradoodle's name is Esther, and she has one very important job, which is to protect Mary Schuler.

Schuler is a Ferris psychology sophomore and is a reactive hypoglycemic, which means she has low blood sugar and could have a seizure at any time.

"Esther can give me about a minute

warning before I have a seizure," Schuler said. "My blood sugar will drop really low pretty quickly and she will give me a warning so I can sit down so I won't fall and hit my head."

According to Schuler, blood sugar is a smell and Esther is a natural alerter, which means Schuler did not train her to do that part. Esther could be picking up on a seizure or an increased heart rate by smell or sense.

When Esther catches on to a seizure, she will get really close to Schuler while keeping eye contact, head-butt and start pawing. If they are walking, Esther will stop in front of Schuler and paw at her again.

When Schuler does have a seizure, Esther will lay on top of Schuler to help get her

out of it. Esther has caught on and helped Schuler through four seizures this year on campus.

Being a college student and needing a service dog is not that much different according to Schuler; it is like having a toddler with you at all times.

"It might be different in a sense that I have special dietary restrictions, a dog and times where I can't be out and about like everyone else," said Schuler.

Schuler said her friends have been very accommodating and sometimes change their plans to coordinate with her health.

"Esther is a teenager so she is kind of a punk right now, and she sleeps during my classes or she will just sit quietly under my desk," said Schuler.

When Esther is off duty, which means she does not wear her vest, she loves to run, play catch, chew on bones, eat scrambled eggs and watch T.V.

According to Schuler, Esther is very professional when she has her vest on and is very playful when her vest is off.

"She is a completely different dog when her vest is off, but she still does her job," said Schuler.

Schuler said Esther loves to work.

"She loves to carry things, so when she gets antsy I will give her my keys to carry in her mouth so she feels like she is doing something," said Schuler.

So you got an MIP?

Three FSU students explain what to expect

HAILEY KLINGEL

Lifestyles Editor

You've probably heard a story or two about someone who has an MIP, but what does that really mean?

You can get a Minor in Possession (MIP) misdemeanor in Michigan if you are younger than 21 and drinking, have alcohol with you, tried to buy alcohol or are drunk. The consequences can be any or all of the following: A fine, a community service order, participation in substance abuse prevention or a substance abuse screening order. People who don't have prior convictions might be able to get probation and have the charges dismissed upon successful probation completion.

The consequences of getting caught with a fake ID can be up to 93 days in jail or a fine of up to \$100.

The *Torch* interviewed three anonymous Ferris students who got MIPs to explain the process.

Q: When did you get an MIP?

A:
Student 1: Nov. 2013
Student 2: Aug. 2014
Student 3: Aug. 2014

Q: What were you doing when you got it?

A:
Student 1: We were walking outside and one of my friends had a cup in his hand. An undercover cop drove by so he threw the cup down and the cop stopped us for littering. I

got one because I had a backpack on and I wouldn't let him look inside it. Apparently, by looking at my eyes the cop could see I was drunk and could smell alcohol.

Student 2: My friend drove us to a house party and we had to walk because it was a few blocks away from the car. We all got out and we started walking down the sidewalk and two cops on bicycles jumped out of nowhere and were shining their light on us and made us sit down on the sidewalk. They said they stopped us because a guy we were with, who was 21, had a beer in his hand. They went around the circle and made us all do Breathalyzers.

Student 3: [Was with Student 2]

Q: What was your reaction when you got the MIP?

A:
Student 1: I was pretty pissed. I was really nervous about how it would affect everything. But in the grand scheme of things, it wasn't too bad.

Student 2: I cried basically the entire time from when they stopped us to all night after. I cried a lot the next day too.

Student 3: I was definitely scared and disappointed in myself when it first happened. It was embarrassing to be given an MIP in front of students walking by to go to parties. I was also really worried about what might happen to my future job search with an MIP.

Q: Can you take me through the process of what happened after?

A:
Student 1: didn't want it on my record since I was trying to get into grad school, so I did the deferral program. I had to go to court three or four times. After my last day at court, I had to write in a monthly report to my probation officer for a year, do 32 hours of community service, a psych evaluation and take a class. If I were to do it again I would have just taken the MIP on my record.

Student 2: They give you the ticket and it has the court notice on

it, so you go to that and that's where you plead guilty or not guilty. You can plead guilty and pay the fine upfront and take it on your record for five years. I pleaded not guilty and did the community service and stuff because they take it off your record as soon as you finish the probation. I got off after seven months because I went in to ask if I could leave the state to go to Chicago, and they said yes, but to come in and do a drug test as soon as I got back. After I came back, I did the drug test and passed and they just let me off probation.

Student 3: I went to court twice. The first time was to plead guilty or not guilty. The second court date was for the sentencing. I took it on my record because I wanted the process to be over. I was tired of hearing about court dates and being upset about it all the time. I figured having one on my record might hinder me getting a job but it isn't the worst thing in the world to have on your record. The career path I chose isn't as strict as being a doctor or lawyer, so I made the choice of taking it. It hasn't impacted my life in any way, but I also haven't graduated and started job hunting yet.

Q: How much did everything cost?

A:
Student 1: About \$1,000 after everything.
Student 2: About \$1,000.
Student 3: I think around \$500 or \$600.

Q: How did your parents react?

A:
Student 1: They were pissed. They were really disappointed. They were pretty stressed out about it and didn't trust me for a while, so it was kind of tough.

Student 2: They weren't mad at me, they just felt bad because I was freaking out. They helped me decide to do the probation because they didn't want it on my record either or it to interfere with getting a job later.

Student 3: My parents were disappointed in me but they were just happy I wasn't caught doing more serious offenses like selling drugs or murdering someone. They also knew I'm still young

and prone to making mistakes so they told me to learn from the experience and stay out of trouble from then on.

Q: Did you change your behavior after you got the MIP?

A:
Student 1: I would either go to parties and not drink or I would stay in my apartment and drink. I just wouldn't go out in public and drink. I guess it didn't really stop me from drinking, just where.

Student 2: I never go out anymore. If I do go out, I'm always the DD or I'm sober. I'm not going out drunk at all until I'm 21 because if you get another one, it goes on your record and there's nothing you can do about it. The first one isn't so bad, but when they see you have two, that's when employers might think that's kind of messed up.

Student 3: I didn't drink for a long time after I got it.

There are many more rules and much more information on the MIP process. Visit <http://goo.gl/irMMbM> to learn more.

How you can get an MIP

If you are younger than 21 and are:

- Caught drinking
- Found with alcohol in your possession
- Attempting to buy alcohol
- Found to be drunk

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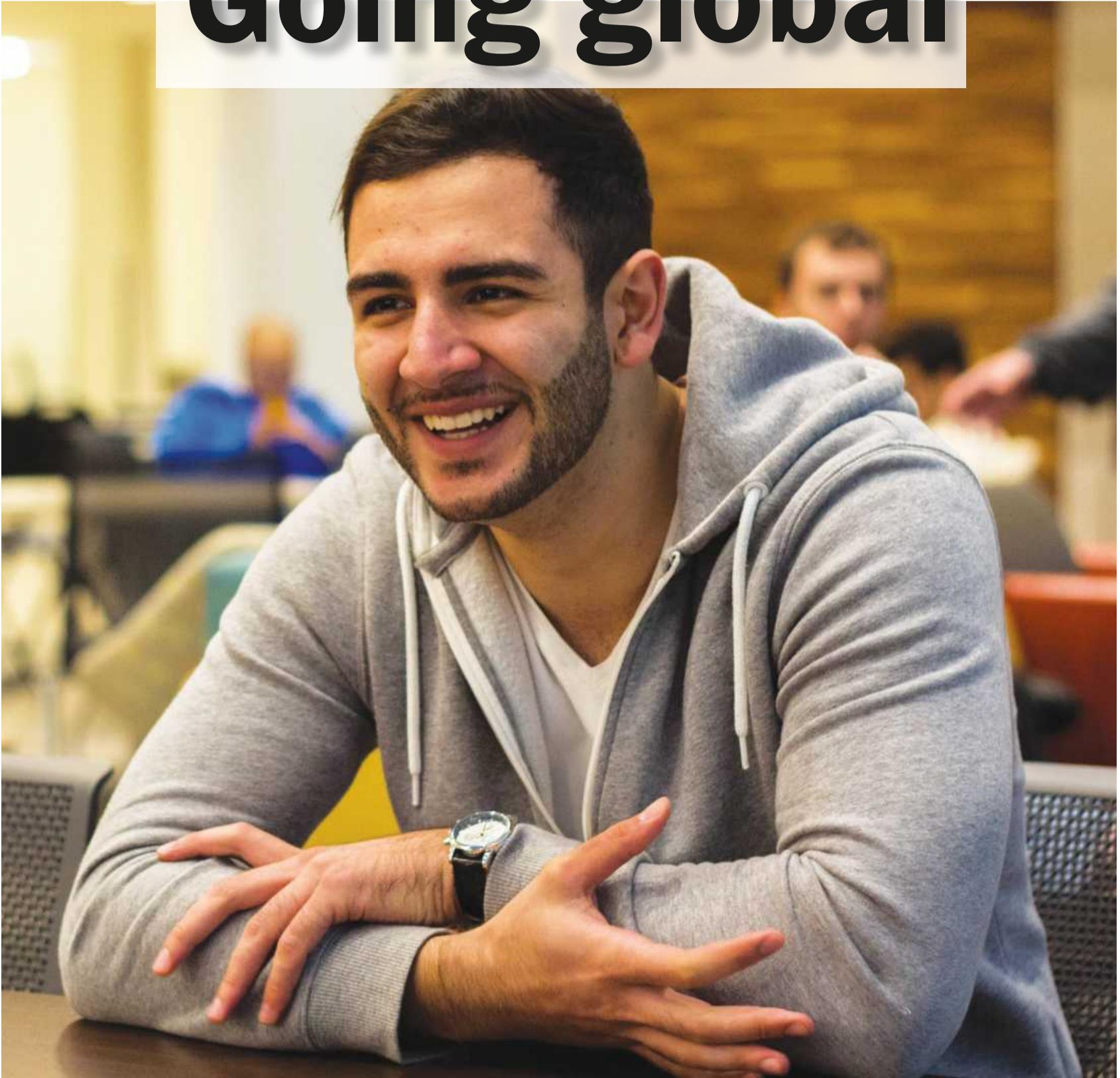


Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Elias Arshiya was born in Iran but is studying at Ferris through an exchange agreement with Rhine-Waal University in Germany.

New perspectives from a German exchange student

JEN CORRIE

Torch Reporter

Elias Arshiya (Sabaghi) is a long way from home, but he's made himself a home here at Ferris.

Arshiya is a German student who has come to Ferris for a semester through the exchange program. He was born in Iran but moved to Germany with his parents when he was two. Arshiya studies at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, one of Ferris' partner universities in Germany.

He is currently studying international business and social sciences and is graduating next year. He will be heading back to Germany at the end of the fall semester.

"I love my program; international business is the only thing I could imagine studying," said Arshiya, who later plans on going to grad school and then going into some type of sales with his degree in international business.

"I think Ferris is a very nice place," he said. "It's small, but it has its positive aspects. The people are very cool to each other and the American culture is very open. It's a nice place to study."

Arshiya said there are some similarities between Germany and the U.S., since both countries are westernized, but you really have to see the differences for yourself to truly take them in.

"That's the reason you have to go abroad," he said. "Some things you can't explain, you have to experience it for yourself. [Studying abroad] improves yourself as a human being, who you are, what you see and think."

The main difference between Rhine-Waal and Ferris, or really any German and U.S. universities are the exams, according to Arshiya.

"In Germany, it's really performance-based," he said. "We only write one exam for every subject, which is the final grade. I think both have their advantages and disadvantages."

Arshiya has enjoyed his time here overall and it's been extremely beneficial for him to study abroad. His advice for students (German and American) is to go abroad, because it's such a valuable experience to have.

"It's not easy," he said. "There are a lot of things you have to manage, but by doing all this, you learn how to better manage yourself. It's something you learn that's not learned from books. You have to get a visa, you have to get an apartment in a different country and you get to know new people of different backgrounds and cultures. I think if you know this, you have a huge advantage over people who don't go abroad."

Arshiya, however, is counting down the days until he can see his girlfriend and eat his favorite German fast food.

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"We're just focusing on playing hard and not taking any opportunities to play for granted."

Alexis Huntey
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The Ferris State volleyball team will begin play in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. against the Huskies of Michigan Tech. FSU is the No. 1 seed in the tourney.

One game at a time

BEAU JENSEN

Torch Reporter

The Bulldog women's volleyball team capped off a great 2015 regular season, but this end is just a new beginning as the GLIAC Tournament kicks off on Wednesday night.

Ferris State volleyball brought their overall regular season record to an impressive 28-2 with a .933 win percentage. The Dawg's regular season conference record ended at 17-1 with their final win coming against Saginaw Valley in an exciting 3-2 victory last weekend. Their 17-1 conference record matches last year's win total, while the Dawgs improved on their overall record from last year, winning four more total matches.

Looking back and acknowledging the great season the Bulldogs produced is all

well and good, but according to senior outside hitter Alexis Huntey, the focus is on the GLIAC Tournament and their next opponent. Huntey said that the team's success is helped by all the work that the ladies put in during the offseason.

"It's definitely an exciting time of the year, but we're just focusing on playing hard and not taking any opportunities to play for granted," said Huntey.

Huntey and the other Bulldog upperclassmen are no strangers to victory when it comes to the GLIAC Tournament. The women brought home the GLIAC Tourney title last season after defeating Grand Valley State University in the championship game on GV-SU's court.

Ferris is now focused on the Huskies of Michigan Tech, their opponents in the first

round of the tournament. The Dawgs were able to lock in a home matchup for the first round, taking on a Huskie team that Ferris State swept 3-0 this season on the Huskie's home court.

Senior outside hitter Megan Vander Meer made it difficult for the Huskies to get the ball down, hauling in 16 digs for her team in the regular season matchup. Huntey and Caroline Heitzman led the offensive charge in the Bulldog's win, tallying up 11 kills apiece.

According to assistant coach Christa Jung, these hardworking Bulldog women are focused on constant improvement in a conference that they know will always come ready to compete.

"One primary thing that our team focuses on is getting better every day," Jung said. "I

think that when we reflect on past games, we are constantly evaluating the things on our side that we can get better at and improve on."

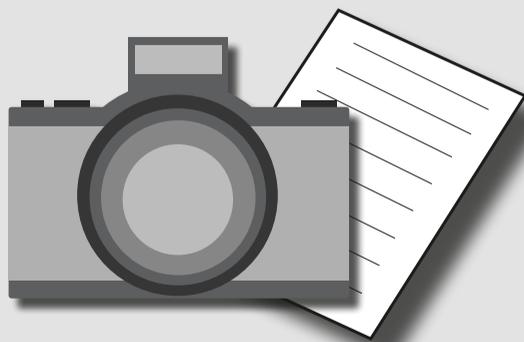
Coach Jung said that the senior leadership on the volleyball squad is a huge part of the Bulldog's success, as they set an excellent example for the younger players when it comes to work ethic and the values that the team holds.

Jung said, "We aren't finished yet, we are still improving, and will continue to do so."

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Sophomore forward Mitch Maloney and the FSU hockey team host the Alaska Nanooks in Big Rapids this weekend.

Returning home

FSU hockey to take on Alaska in Big Rapids

MARK HANSEN

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State Bulldogs returned from a road trip last week in Anchorage, Alaska to take on the Alaska Nanooks this weekend in Big Rapids.

The Bulldogs are sitting in third place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) with a record of 4-3 and eight points.

The Dawgs have been without head coach Bob Daniels for family medical issues. Associate head coach Derek Famulak and coach Mark Kaufman are taking the reins and leading this team until he is able to return.

"The team has been dealing with it well. We have Coach Daniels in our thoughts and prayers but we also have a lot of trust in our whole coaching staff and feel very

comfortable getting the job done under Coach Famulak and Kaufman," senior defenseman Zach Dorer said.

Associate coach Famulak also appreciates the leadership that this Bulldog team has with its upperclassmen in this critical time. "We have tremendous leadership from our upperclassmen and captain Kyle Schempp. Kyle is surrounded by strong assistant captains in Sean O'rorke, Simon Denis and Jared Van Wormer," Coach Famulak said.

Senior defenseman Zach Dorer knows that the coaching staff can get the job done while Coach Daniels is away. Alaska is 2-3 with five points in the WCHA but the Bulldogs know how important it is to stay focused and play the way they know how. "We will need to be solid defensively, and play within our systems. When

we stick to our game plan we can play with anyone," Dorer said.

Captain Kyle Schempp said, "We have to just play our game and not try and do too much."

Associate head coach Famulak agreed when he said "To be successful special teams are critical. On our power-play and penalty-kill we need to be heavy in front of both nets and win the one v one battles."

The Bulldogs will be playing Alaska at 7:07 p.m. in Ewigleben Ice Arena on Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21.

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The Ferris fantasy



Marshall Scheldt Sports Editor

Nov. 21 at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids.

Here are my picks for this week: QB: Tony Romo, Dallas Cowboys: Romo is finally returning to the field for the Cowboys this Sunday against the Dolphins. The Cowboys were 0-7 in his absence, and I expect him to come back and put up big numbers against the Fins.

RB: Adrian Peterson, Minnesota Vikings: I don't really know what's wrong with the Packers defense lately, but I think Adrian Peterson will be running through them all game long come Sunday.

WR1: Dez Bryant, Dallas Cowboys: With Romo coming back, look for him to throw to his favorite target on multiple occasions against Miami. Even if he doesn't throw Dez the ball to start the game, we know Bryant will plead his case to get more targets as the game progresses.

WR2: Danny Amendola, New England Patriots: With Julian Edelman out with an injury, Tom Brady will be looking Amendola's way plenty of times against the Bills.

FLEX: Greg Olsen, Carolina Panthers: Cam Newton loves throwing the ball to Olsen, plain and simple. Targets equal catches which equals yards which equals points.

D/ST: Philadelphia Eagles: The Eagles will be matched up against an anemic Buccaneers offense this week. I think famous Jameis Winston is going to have an off-week against the Eags.

K: Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis Colts: Vinatieri is 42 years old, but the guy's leg performs like its 22. He is arguably the greatest kicker in the history of football. He can make it from anywhere on the field.

TEAM TORCH

POSITION	PLAYER	STATS	POINTS
QB:	CAM NEWTON, CAROLINA PANTHERS	240 TOTAL YARDS, 2 TD	22
RB:	DEANGELO WILLIAMS, PITTSBURGH STEELERS	69 TOTAL YARDS	6
WR1:	JORDAN MATHEWS, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	21 YARDS RECEIVING	2
WR2:	DAVANTE ADAMS, GREEN BAY PACKERS	10 CATCHES, 79 YARDS	9
FLEX	LEGARRETTE BLOUNT, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	77 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	13
D/ST:	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	13 PA, 5 INT, 5 SACKS, 1 FF	21
K:	STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	2 FG, 3 XP	11
TOTAL			84

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QB:	JASON VANDER LAAN	226 TOTAL YARDS, 5 TD	35
RB:	JAHAN BROWN	92 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD, 1 FUM	13
WR1:	JAMEL LOCKETT	95 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	15
WR2:	JAKE LAMPMAN	16 YARDS, 1 TD	7
FLEX	SHAKUR SANDERS	28 YARDS, 1 TD	8
D/ST:	FERRIS STATE	7 PA, 2 INT, 1 SACK	10
K:	NATE IVESON	FG, 1 FG MISSED, 5 XP	7
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Senior guard Josh Fleming takes the ball to the basket against Michigan State's Javon Bess in an exhibition earlier this season.

Hitting the hardcourt

MARK HANSEN

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State men's basketball team has their first home game of the season coming up this weekend.

The Bulldogs played Missouri St. Louis and Quincy in Allendale last weekend where the Bulldogs won their first game against Missouri St. Louis 80-55 and won against Quincy with a score of 91-68 to start their season 2-0.

The starting rotation is a little different this year without All-American selection, Drew Lehman, who graduated this past May and is now playing overseas

in Iceland.

Junior College transfer Peter Firlirk will be looked at to help immediately as he will be in the main rotation to start the year. "I like being at Ferris so far. I love the team and the basketball program," Firlirk said.

It's always tough to get into the flow of things when you aren't familiar with how things are running or how someone likes something done a certain way, but Firlirk knows that is something the team just has to work on together.

"We have a lot of talent so we really just have to get more chemistry and play hard," Firlirk said.

Senior guard Jibreel Jackson said, "It feels good to be heading

to my senior year. I'm excited to see what my senior year has in store for me."

Head coach Andy Bronkema has talked very heavily in practice on how important it is for the Bulldogs to play within their limits.

"Bronks has stressed staying in our system in practice," said Jackson. "Instead of doing our own thing just stay in our system and it will prevail and the result is wins."

The Bulldogs will take on St. Joseph's (Ind.) at 6 p.m. on Nov. 21 in Wink Arena for their first home game of the season.

Soccer season successes

BEAU JENSEN

Torch Reporter

After a crushing loss to the Ashland Eagles in the GLIAC Tournament, the Bulldog soccer team had their 2015 NCAA Tournament hopes taken away.

Ferris State needed to defeat the Eagles in order to partake in the NCAA Tournament, and the team just missed the mark. Grand Valley State University is the lone GLIAC competitor to make it into the tournament.

These women have accomplished a lot over the course of their 2015 season. Bulldog soccer set a school record this year for most wins in a season with 14 while placing second in the league rankings, another school record.

The accolades do not stop there, though, as the Bulldogs set the school record for most shutouts in a season with eight. But according to senior defender Ashley Bradstreet, it takes more than just a few school records to make a team worthy of the respect that she feels the soccer program is striving for.

"We talk about being proud of what we've accomplished, but not satisfied," said Bradstreet. "We raised the bar this year and the program has received recognition which will hopefully lead to some recruiting power to continue to build the program."

Bradstreet is a 2015 All-GLIAC second team defender. Freshman defender Erica Bartlett was also awarded the GLIAC second team honor while senior forward Casey Shauman was an All-GLIAC honorable mention. Head coach

Andy McCaslin is looking forward to a new season where different personalities can come out and shape the team in absence of the eight graduating seniors who will be missed.

"We've got a great group of kids in the program that work extremely hard, and it is an exciting time for the program going forward," McCaslin said.

The loss to Ashland that bumped the Dawgs from NCAA Tourney contention took place at Grand Valley's facilities after two late goals in the last five minutes of the contest propelled the Eagles past the Dawgs. McCaslin emphasized the effect his seniors had on the season.

"The seniors did a tremendous job of leaving a legacy of what we want it to look like going forward with their leadership and work rate," McCaslin said. "Going forward, we'll be better having had this group of seniors through that got it. They understood what it meant to be a Ferris State soccer player and have definitely left their mark."

McCaslin was presented with GLIAC Coach of the Year honors for the outstanding season he was able to orchestrate. Bulldog senior Maddie Haustein was awarded the GLIAC Goalkeeper of the Year for creating seven shutouts and winning 13 regular season games. She made 144 saves in the net over the year.

No matter the outcome, the Ferris State women's soccer team has put together a 2015 season worthy of praise as they look to come back with even more intensity next year.



Top Dawg

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MARSHALL SCHELDT

Sports Editor

The Ferris State hockey team has been getting help all season long from team captain Kyle Schempp.

Schempp, a junior forward from Saginaw, contributed again in a big way last weekend against Alaska-Anchorage. In the first game of a two game series, the Bulldogs won in overtime on a game winning goal by Schempp. The goal was his fourth of the season.

Schempp also tallied his seventh assist of the season on a Simon Denis goal during the second period of play. He has 11 points on the sea-

son, which is good enough for third overall on the team behind junior forward Gerald Mayhew and freshman forward Corey Mackin.

Schempp is also part of the National Hockey League's (NHL) New York Islanders organization as he was drafted in the sixth round, 155th overall in the 2014 NHL entry draft.

Schempp will look to tack on some more points for the Bulldogs this weekend in a home matchup against the Alaska Nanooks. The puck will drop at 7:07 p.m. on both Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 at Ewigeben Ice Arena in Big Rapids.



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Connect to life, not Wi-Fi

I recently got back from a class trip to Toronto, Canada for a conference and had an amazing time. I'm a senior studying Graphic Design and not only was it fun to get away for a few days, but I also got to hang out with some of my closest friends outside of the U.S.

Want to know what added to the fun? I barely used my iPhone. I say barely because I still called and texted home to let loved ones know I wasn't the next plot for a "Taken" movie.

I can't begin to tell you how rewarding and nice it felt to not be constantly checking my phone. First off, my phone thanked me for not having to charge it every five hours. The bus ride itself was about seven hours. To every college student's delight the bus had Wi-Fi, but only in the United States, not in Canada. So once we crossed the border, we were cut off from the inter-webs. Some people were lucky enough to have data packages and some were not. This is when people started taking naps and pulling out books. Gasp! A few people pulled out a deck of cards and started playing Euchre. After playing a few games, everyone commented on how fun it was to be playing a game together and not alone on their phones. Not something you think of everyday.

I looked around and



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saw more people engaging in face to face conversation and seemingly enjoying themselves. Over the course of the next few days, I noticed this progress. Whenever we sat down to eat at a restaurant or go out, almost nobody had a phone in their hand. If they had a phone out, it was to take a group picture or use Maps to find our next location. Our hostel had Wi-Fi, so everyone would wait to post until the evening.

There were 30 students on the trip and I honestly felt that I was able to connect better with some of the students that I didn't know so well because my phone wasn't constantly glued to my face. We enjoyed each others company and laughed, shared stories and made some great memories.

I was able to pay attention a lot better during the conference because I wasn't getting distracted by a vibration in my pocket. Nor was I so worried about posting the perfect Facebook status about how fun my trip was. I knew it could wait.

So I urge all my fellow students out there to try and forget the electronics more often. Turn off your electronics and go talk to people instead of messaging them. Try commenting on someone in person instead of online, and I'm sure you will get a better response. Even though I didn't totally quit technology for the whole trip, it still made my time more worth while. If I can do it for four days, I'm sure you can, too.

So what are you waiting for? I dare you to try it for a day. Good luck!

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Dawgs get the shaft

This weekend, the Bulldogs will be hosting a playoff game on Top Taggart Field for the second consecutive year after an undefeated regular season.

While this is great news for Ferris football fans and a testament to the incredible 2015 season thus far, it is also a slap in the face.

Head Coach Tony Annese and the rest of the FSU football squad are deserving of a week off after another lossless season. Last year the Dawgs earned a first-round bye week before hosting a game in the NCAA Div. 2 Playoffs, and it seems glaringly obvious that they should have been awarded that same luxury again this season.

The Bulldogs were named the No. 2 seed in their region. Joining the Dawgs in that same region are

familiar GLIAC foes Ashland and Grand Valley State, who are seeded at No. 3 and No. 6 respectively.

The lone team ranked ahead of the Bulldogs is Midwestern State (Texas), who will benefit from a first-round bye. This decision is a blatant screw job by the brains behind this bracket.

According to D2football.com, Midwestern St. is ranked No. 11 in the nation, yet somehow claimed the top seed in a GLIAC-heavy region despite trailing in the same poll to Ferris State, Ashland, Colorado State-Pueblo and Ferris' first-round opponent Texas A&M-Commerce.

How did the Mustangs of Midwestern St. earn such a prestigious seeding and a weeklong siesta despite being ranked behind four of the teams in their own region?

Seemingly the only distinction between the teams was many of them—including Ferris State—only played 10 games this season, but Midwestern St. played a full schedule of 11.

However, the kicker is, the Mustangs actually lost that lone additional game to Texas A&M-Commerce back in October.

It seems that the Bulldogs bye week to start the season this year is coming back to bite them, as it would've presumably been a victory. McKendree (Illinois), who the Bulldogs dominated in a 75-14 contest to start their undefeated 2014 campaign, was also scheduled to play the Bulldogs in Big Rapids to start this season.

Yet the Bearcats of McKendree opted out of a rematch in 2015, deciding that another potential walloping blemish so early in the

year may be detrimental to the rest of their season.

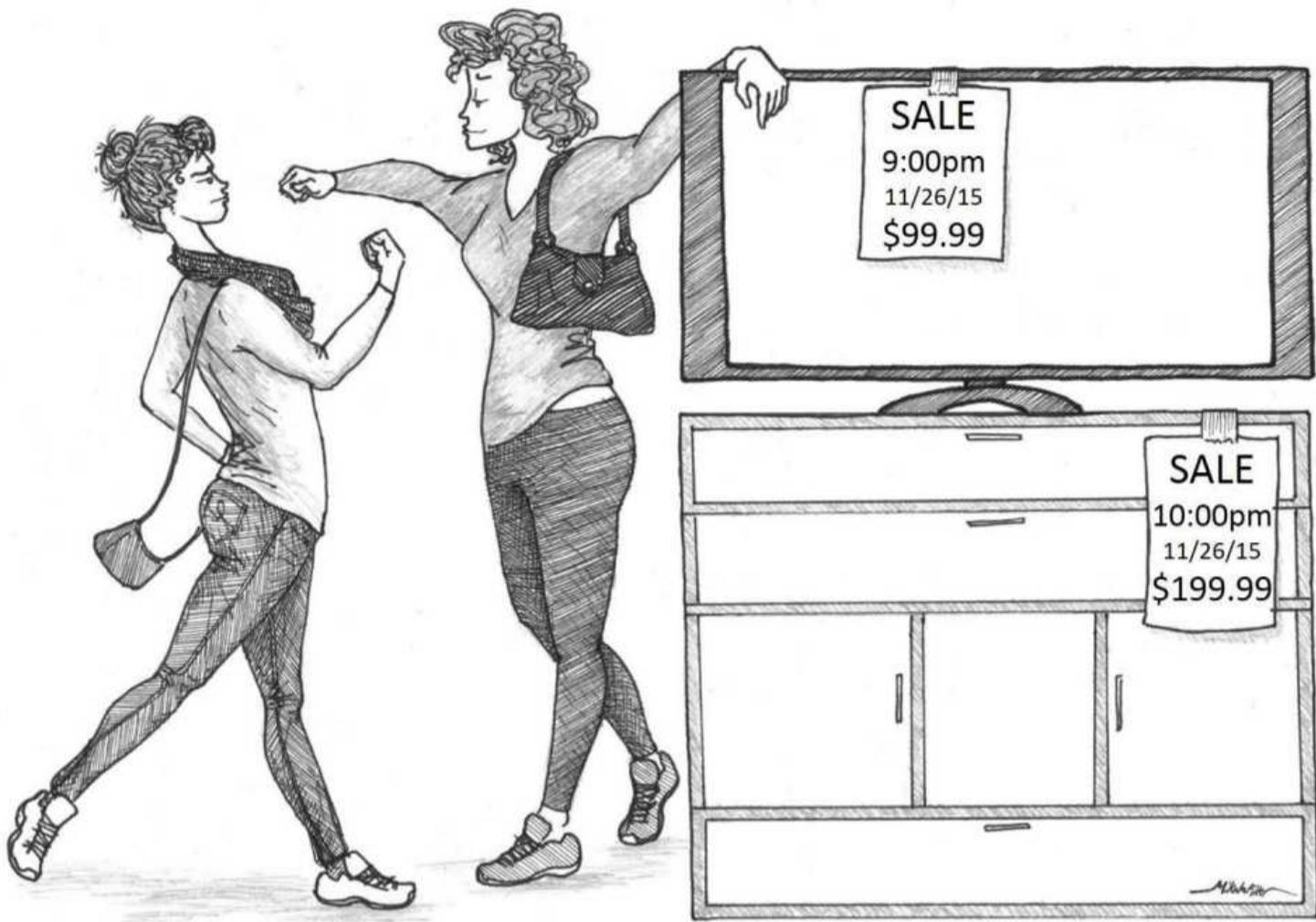
Perhaps had the Bulldogs played their season home-opener against McKendree as scheduled and won the game handily, they would've been listed as the top seed in the region and received a first-round bye week in the playoffs to rest up for their next opponent.

Of course, the past is unchangeable, and Ferris must play with the hand that they were dealt which is admittedly not a bad hand to move forward with. They still get to host a team traveling from halfway across the country in the playoffs.

The stage is set for the Bulldogs to make a run into the post-season.

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Sovereignty at stake in El Salvador



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A delegation of El Salvadoreans stand together against mining efforts in the Arcatao community. Featured is a mural that reads: "Say no to mining, say yes to life."

This past October, the NGO US-El Salvador Sister Cities visited FSU's campus to discuss the serious issues of water pollution, human rights and current trade policies that are affecting El Salvador. The importance of these discussions is massive because these issues not only affect El Salvador, but the human population as a whole. Water is one of human's most basic needs for survival. Clean, accessible water allows communities to flourish and succeed. Unfortunately not everyone can turn on their kitchen faucet and drink the water that flows from them as many of us in the U.S. can.

El Salvador has some of the most limited clean water sources in the world. A study completed by the United Nations Development Pro-

gram in 2010 found that El Salvador placed as the third highest country in Latin America to have unequal access to water. Another study took samples from 55 Salvadoran rivers and the results indicated that 90 percent of the samples were unsafe for human consumption, regardless of the water being treated through boiling, chlorinating or filtering, and some estimates are as high as 98 percent. This is a major problem, not only for El Salvador, but increasingly for the whole world.

The issue of water is closer to our backyard than some might think. Recently, in Colorado more than three million gallons of waste water from a closed gold mine was unintentionally released into the Animas River, which caused it to turn



Sarah Monley
Guest Writer

yellow while also releasing arsenic, asbestos and cyanide, among other harmful materials which produce airborne toxins. These toxic materials can cause health issues for many years to come according to toxicologists on site.

Although this river in Colorado is now heavily polluted, the United States will continue to have water. But El Salvador would not be so lucky. El Salvador is now trying to prevent these accidents from happening to the biggest watershed in their country.

International mining companies have seen the potential profit that has remained hidden underneath the mountains of El Salvador. The greed and power of these companies has impacted not only El Salvador's overall health, but financial security as well. One of the major mining companies, Oceana Gold (formerly "Pacific Rim") has filed a lawsuit against El Salvador for over \$300 million for their refusal to allow the mining of their minerals.

El Salvador is coming to a crucial crossroads in the beginning of November. Salvadorans will have the ability to have their voices heard regarding the mining of gold in their country. A delegation of people from all over the world, including one of our own from

Ferris State University, has been invited to provide solidarity and accompaniment to the Salvadoran people during this pivotal time.

The international delegation will be heading to a former mining site as well as the proposed site that is in the center of the current lawsuit against El Salvador. The delegation will also be providing electoral observation to verify if it is fair and free and to provide witness in any potential cases of injustice, fraud, intimidation or any other illegal tactics in regard to the voting process to guarantee that the Salvadoran voices will be heard loud and clear.

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