

CRACK A BOTTLE, CRACK THE WHIP

Ferris buckles down on Greek party regulations

MARI ANN LOUCKS

Reporter

Nothing more than a six-pack and no liquor. Fraternities say throwing parties isn't as easy or fun as it used to be, thanks to Ferris' newly enforced Greek event policy.

The policy, updated this year for the first time since 2006, states that twelve-packs, cases, pitchers and beer bong are not to be present at any Greek gathering, whether the gathering is formal or informal. The new policy also details that kegs and hard alcohol are never allowed, no matter the size. Playing drinking games and consuming shots of alcohol also violates the policy.

"It just seems a little intense," said Ferris political science senior and Pi Kappa Alpha member Josh Beshup. "Greek life has become very censored because of what's happened all over the U.S. I don't think the policy really makes anything safer."

The events to which the policy applies are defined as a "gathering with alcohol where either 50% of chapter members are present, or 20 or more attendees, affiliated or not affiliated, are present at one time." The events must be registered on OrgSync and must be approved at least 72 hours prior, with a complete guest list. Alcohol cannot be present at events held on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless there are no classes the day following the party. At least two sober monitors are required at every event.

Party attendees get wrist-banded and are handed a punch card for a maximum of six drinks. Drinks go to a designated beer check person and no more than one alcoholic beverage can be consumed by a party-goer at a time.

"There is a misconception that consuming alcohol is just a part of the college experience and everyone does it," said Matt Jones, Greek life coordinator. "Not everyone is consuming alcohol and it doesn't need to be part of the college experience. Consumption of alcohol is very often a contributing factor to other injuries and crimes."

Jones said the policy was created with the help of students.

"All social Greek chapters have rules and guidelines from their national headquarters and their insurance providers," Jones said. "The University along with student input, updated the policy to be sure to include all the rules they were already mandated to follow. The University did not want to provide rules without offering support so the new policy also provides tools to assist Greek chapters in hosting safe and legal events with alcohol."

Caleb Neiman, a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and the Secretary for the Interfraternity Council (IFC), said that they were completely unaware that there was going to be a policy change.

"We had no idea we would be getting a new alcohol policy and we were never consulted," said Neiman. "We are all really confused about the policy; we are going in blind."

Jones said the policy is being put in place to help students participate in events with alcohol safely.

"The events with alcohol policy is a means of educating our students on how to host a safe event with alcohol, specific to Greek Life," Jones said. "Limiting RSO events with alcohol and creating rules to ensure the safety of our students has a positive impact on student success."

Neiman feels like the rules use fear tactics with the specific regulations outlined in the policy.

"There used to be a lot of discussion about the policies, and there isn't anymore," Neiman said. "I feel like there are so many ways to get in trouble. For example, if someone shows up with a fifth of Fireball, we have to find a way to cover it up or we will be punished. We have been using the old methods for so long. We need a comprehensive understanding of the violations."

Similarly, an alcohol task force has been created by the University to find trends with the alcohol use on campus. According to Vice President for Student Affairs Jeanine Ward-Roof, the task force is composed of members of various expertise.

"The task force will review current data related to alcohol misuse and abuse by students to better understand how these issues relate to student success," Ward-Roof said. "The task force will be asked to review the effectiveness of current policies and make recommendations for changes and future policies to remedy alcohol misuse and abuse."

"A new alcohol policy is a step in the right direction to improve the Greek Life Community at Ferris," Administrative Vice President of the IFC, Austin Vela said. "The old policy did not reflect the current times. The Greek community has had a proactive approach to understand the policy. The organizations want to be positive that they follow what the policy states."

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“People with disabilities are the largest minority in this country.”
 - Luis Carlos Montalvan
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Veteran delivers heartfelt speech

Bestselling author speaks to crowd for disabilities awareness month

KIP BIBY

Torch Reporter

With his life-saving golden retriever by his side, Army veteran and bestselling author Luis Carlos Montalvan gave an impassioned speech to a packed crowd as an event for Ferris' Disability Awareness Month.

Students packed into Wink Arena last Wednesday to hear Montalvan speak about the importance of disability awareness month and the stories told in his bestselling book, “Until Tuesday.”

“The importance is huge. People with disabilities are the largest minority in this country,” Montalvan said. “The fact that Ferris State University has made it such an integral part of its academic year, the culture of the campus and the focus of some courses is phenomenal.”

Ferris freshman Ashley McFarlane was hooked after being required to read it for a literature class.

“I just fell in love with the book. Especially for people who have family members who serve or have served in the military, it’s a great opportunity to understand what’s going on with them.”

Montalvan, who served as a captain in the Army until 2007, spoke about living with disabilities, his

service dog, Tuesday and how to be an advocate for issues related to disabilities.

In addition to his decorations for service in Iraq, Montalvan was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He is a qualified military parachutist and has conducted airborne jumps with Czech, Thai and Slovak armies.

“Until Tuesday” tells the story of Tuesday, the charismatic golden retriever who helped Montalvan overcome post-traumatic stress disorder and alcoholism. Montalvan also talked about the rights of people using service dogs and how important they are to people living with a disability.

Montalvan stuck around after his speech until nearly 11 p.m. to sign copies of his book, take pictures with fans and to hear stories from others affected by disabilities.

This event rounded off Ferris' Disability Awareness Month, which included a wheelchair basketball game, resource fair and several speakers. This year was the Americans with Disabilities Act's 25th anniversary.

Photos by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Luis Carlos Montalvan speaks about overcoming PTSD and disability to a packed Wink Arena.



Driver hits pole, two televisions stolen from Walmart

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

Fleeing FLITE

Oct. 21, 5:10 p.m., officers investigated a complaint from FLITE of two subjects yelling profanity. The subjects had fled upon officers' arrival.

Car accident

Oct. 22, 1:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident in Lot 1.

Outstanding warrant

Oct. 22, 8:15 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Northland Drive for having an outstanding warrant. The driver of the vehicle was arrested.

Car hits pole

Oct. 22, 11:40 p.m., officers responded to an accident in Lot 1 in which a driver struck a street pole.

Everyday low price

Oct. 23, 9 a.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with recovering two stolen televisions from Walmart at West Campus Apartments.

Followed for 50 miles

Oct. 23, 11:40 a.m., officers assisted Grand Rapids police with locating a driver from a hit and run accident at West Campus Apartments. The investigation was inconclusive.

Dude, where's my bike?

Oct. 23, 5:05 p.m., report of a stolen bicycle from a rack outside Travis Hall.

That smell

Oct. 23, 7:40 p.m., officers assisted Mc Nerney Hall staff with a marijuana complaint. Two students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and one of the two students was ticketed for marijuana.



That smelly smell

Oct. 23, 11 p.m., officers assisted Travis Hall staff with tracing a marijuana odor. One Travis Hall resident was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Another car crash

Oct. 26, 11:55 a.m., officers responded to a two-car accident in Lot 2.

Another car crash

Oct. 26, 3:05 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident on Maple Street.

Peeping

Oct. 26, 9:40 p.m., officers investigated the report of someone using a flashlight to peek into car windows in Lot 5. No one was found.

Home sweet home

Oct. 27, 6:50 p.m., officers assisted Pickell Hall staff with moving a student. The student had received a new room assignment and refused to leave.

Boo!

Oct. 27, 10:05 p.m., officers responded to the complaint of someone in a mask scaring people outside The Rock. No one was located.

Marijuana in public

Oct. 28, 9:40 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Lot 4. Two students were identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

NEWS BRIEFS

DEVIN ANDERSON

News Editor

Bill Nye visit delayed

A visit to Ferris by Bill Nye the science guy, originally scheduled for November, will be delayed until next semester due to scheduling conflicts. The Student Secular Alliance, which will coordinate the speaking event, has not yet announced an official date.

New Kendall president to be inaugurated

Leslie Bellavance will be inaugurated as the 13th president of Ferris' Kendall College of Art and Design at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids. Bellavance, an accomplished art professor and nationally exhibited artist, was appointed in March. An exhibit of her art will be on display in the Woodbridge N. Ferris Building in Grand Rapids until Dec. 5.

Average Ferris student debt decreases

Michigan Technological University has now surpassed Ferris as the Michigan public university with the highest average student debt. Ferris is now second-highest with 2013-14 graduates having an average of \$35,720.

Ferris receives record-high donations

In the past year, Ferris has received a record breaking \$12 million dollars in donations. This includes a \$5 million donation by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman to the College of Pharmacy.

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TORCH IN TEXAS

Seven *Torch* staff members traveled to Austin, Texas for the 2015 National College Media Convention.

Below, Texans march down Austin's famous 6th Street in celebration of Halloween and Dia de los Muertos, or "Day of the Dead."

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Inconvenience with convenience

Students adapt to Market scaling back hours of operation

ANGELA GRAF

Reporter

Although bad news for the students that stop in to grab an afternoon smoothie, necessary changes have been made in order to preserve revenue and ideally boost the efficiency of running the on-campus convenience store.

As of Monday, Oct. 26 the on-campus convenience store, The Market, scaled back their daily hours from 12 p.m. – 2 a.m. to 5 p.m. – 1 a.m. in an attempt to save money previously being lost in operation costs.

Although serving a different

purpose from The Market, the real culprit behind the change is suspected to be the University Center.

“Once the University Center opened things shifted,” said Retail Service Dining Manager Laura Seay.

According to Seay, traffic dropped off at The Rock, The Market, and even led to the closing of Between Chapters Café, previously located in FLITE library.

“This semester, now that summer happened and orientation was over here [near the UC] and everything else is over here, the traffic flow on campus is all over here,” said Seay. “Even The

Rock’s lunch count has dipped and the Quad’s numbers have gone up.”

Although this change doesn’t impact everyone, particularly students that live off-campus or have a meal plan that doesn’t include Bulldog Bucks, those that do live close to the convenience store are a little perturbed.

“I think those hours are a little short and that now students will have to go off-campus during the day to get snacks and other accessories,” said Ferris marketing freshman and Miller Hall resident Zach Ineson.

Despite the inconvenience of this change in hours for some students, there were a lot of fac-

tors that played into choosing the new hours.

“When we originally opened it was open 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.,” said Seay. “Kids don’t get up though and they have classes, so it was just nothing in those first two hours so then I rationed it back to noon because I know, my son is 21, and he’s up until four o’clock in the morning. So then I thought, well, we’ll stay open until two!”

One question many students are asking, Ineson included, is

why not just lower prices to increase interest in The Market and, in turn, revenue?

“If you look at any convenience store, if you go to Wesco even, it is what it is,” said Seay. “The reason that prices are so high is because when you go to a grocery store, Walmart or whatever, they buy cases [of products]. I have to cut a case in a quarter so cost goes up. There are certain warehouses just for convenience stores, wholesalers ... I can order six coffees instead of 24. 24 would go out of date and I would have to throw it away because we just aren’t a grocery store, it’s a convenience store.”



Zach Ineson

Bridge closing slows traffic

Construction affects Gypsy Nickel, Tioga

MARI ANN LOUCKS

Reporter

Businesses and residents surrounding the Baldwin Street bridge are counting down the days until their daily commute does not include a traffic jam.

The Baldwin Street bridge that crosses the Muskegon River has been closed for months and is not expected to be completed until summer 2016.

Alek Swiercz, a manufacturing engineer student at Ferris, said the bridge closing has significantly increased the time he spends commuting to school from his Tioga Park apartment.

“During certain times of the day, like for my 8 a.m. class, it takes almost 20 minutes to get to school,” Swiercz said. “It’s the same from 3-6 p.m. It should not take 20 minutes to travel 2-3 miles. For my 8 a.m. class, I have to leave before 7:30 because I don’t even get onto the main road because traffic is so backed up.”

Businesses are being impacted

by the bridge closing as well. According to Yer Xiong, the manager of the Gypsy Nickel Lounge, some customers don’t realize the business is still open due to its proximity to the bridge.

“Customers are still finding their way to our establishment but seem to be having a harder time getting around the detour,” Xiong said. “The biggest obstacle has been getting the word out that we are still open for business despite the road closure. We have launched a whole new line of daily specials in order to persuade customers to come the long way around.”

People headed to the northeast side of town now travel across the Maple Street bridge and then up North Fourth Avenue. Swiercz said that, due to the construction, there is a speed trap on North Fourth Avenue that is heavily monitored by police officers.

“If you go a couple miles over the speed limit, you get pulled over,” said Swiercz. “There’s no way to avoid it. It’s the only way in and out of the Tioga Park apartments now that the bridge is out.”



Photos by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Navigating the north-east side of Big Rapids recently got more difficult as the Baldwin Street bridge is under construction.

Shot or snot

Birkham Health Center competes in flu vaccination challenge

ANGELA GRAF

Reporter

You grab the door handle to leave your residence hall on the way to that pesky 8 a.m. lecture, something you dread on a daily basis. But don't worry, you won't have to go later this week because you just unwittingly contracted the most infamous of seasonal bugs: influenza.

There are a number of ways to protect yourself against the flu but what has been proven to be the most effective is a simple vaccination. Birkham Health Center Clinical Coordinator Cande Price tries her best to stress to students the potential severity of this disease and the importance of prevention early on.

"Influenza is not something to sneeze at," said Price. "It can even cause death in its worst scenario. It's very important not only for the individual to be protected, but also when you're protected and I'm protected and somebody walks in that doesn't want the vaccine they are protected by the herd and the community."

Birkham Health Center is working hard to spread awareness of this fact among the Ferris student body by taking part in a flu vaccination challenge with other Michigan colleges and universities put on by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"Basically the state health department and division of immunizations want young adults to be cognizant of their health and one of those things is immunizations," said Price.

There are 16 schools participating in the challenge and they are divided into three categories by student body population. Ferris is considered a mid-sized school for these purposes, falling between 10001 and 25000 in population. Other schools in the mid-sized category are Wayne State and Grand Valley State. Ferris is still relatively small despite its classification as a mid-sized school and as a result is currently bringing up the rear in the challenge.

Wayne State has administered 900 doses of the influenza vaccine thus far in the competition while Ferris is at 110, only ordering 800 units for the entire season.

Students, particularly those going into health and human services, have noticed the lack of concern projected by younger people about vaccinations.

"I recently watched a documentary about how under-vaccinated our generation really is," said Ferris molecular diagnostic sophomore Olivia Licari. "This shows with the large amounts of previous non-existent diseases like the measles and whooping cough coming back."

According to Price, you don't even have to go to Birkham for your vaccine in order to help increase Ferris' ranking.

"Even if you don't get your vaccine here from us, from the Health Center," said Price. "If you got it at Walgreens you can still say that you are a Ferris student."

As for the people that elect not to be vaccinated, Price has heard any number of reasons as to why they think that not being immunized is the safer option.

"People have told me such things like 'I have gotten the flu from that flu shot' and as much as you tell them that's not possible they are adamant," said Price. "There's a two week period it takes to start fully protecting yourself. Maybe in that two week period you were exposed."

Another common misconception is that reactions to the vaccine itself can appear as flu-like symptoms. Some of these minor problems include hoarseness, cough, fever, headache and fatigue. Price said that these are normal and usually dissipate within 24-48 hours.

The importance of these vaccines isn't lost on everyone though. "I think that getting your flu shot is very important," said Licari. "It helps keep you and others who are more vulnerable safe."

For further information about immunizations or how to schedule appointments for them, call Birkham Health Center at (231) 591-2614.



LIFESTYLES

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“As a 14-year-old boy I essentially wanted to be Rory Gilmore.”
- Keith Salowich
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From deployment to Ferris

FSU Veterans Association helps student veterans transition back to civilian life

Members of the FSU Veterans Association pose in the Veterans Association room in the CLACS office. This room is place of comfort and understanding for FSU Veterans Association members.

NICK VANDER WULP

Torch Reporter

The members of the Veterans Association of Ferris State University are like a tight-knit family.

To the active duty and former members of the military on campus, the Veterans Association room tucked away in the Center for Leadership, Activities and Careers Services (CLACS) office on campus is a safe place. It is a room for veterans to be social, laugh and joke with others who have served in the United States military.

“I think the biggest thing for veterans is that it builds morale,” Ferris television and digital media production senior Amber Johnson said. Johnson is an Army veteran and served in the Iraq war. “It’s

really important to still have that camaraderie. This is like the safe house. When you’re in the service, regardless of what branch it is, it’s really nice to come back here and be with people who have endured the things you’ve endured, or they understand where you’re coming from on certain issues whether they be political or not.”

According to Ferris manufacturing engineering technology junior and Veterans Association president William Green, the biggest advantage is the network the Veterans Association has on campus. Green is an Army veteran who served in Iraq.

Even with this help and support from each other and from resources provided by Ferris, academic life can be challenging for veterans coming to a university for the first

time.

“Adjusting to the open schedule of student life can be hard for some veterans,” said Veterans Association student advisor and Ferris computer information systems graduate Chuck Rathbun. “Because of their time in the military, they’re used to a rigorous schedule and they can often over-commit themselves by taking on too many credits.”

Members of the military generally earn some college credits based on their job and experiences while in military service. To service members returning home and attending university, some experiences like foreign deployments being ignored as credit opportunities is a source of deep frustration.

“We as veterans who have gone out to foreign countries on tours

lasting up to a year are being told we need global awareness credits. It’s almost an insult,” said Johnson. “After coming back from deployment, what more can we do to show that we’re culturally enriched?”

Adjusting to being around younger students can also be a challenge, said Rathbun. This can lead to what’s known as the “Billy Madison effect” to many student veterans.

More true for veterans than the general population, failing to adapt to student life can lead to burn out and leaving school.

“Veterans have a high dropout rate when it comes to school,” said Green. “I’ve seen a statistic, I think 75 or 85 percent of veterans who go to school dropout within a very short amount of time. They just can’t adjust or they can’t deal with it. I also

read that Ferris has one of the highest retentions of veterans that go to school.”

Green said he couldn’t help but wonder if a number of factors help Ferris retain former and active military as students, such as an active membership of students in the Veterans Association on campus to the small town feel of Big Rapids and plenty of things to do outdoors.

As an organization bringing up these issues, and with the help of on-site resources like Jacob Schrot speaking with members of the Ferris State University administration, the Veterans Association might have a victory in addressing grievances veterans have at Ferris.

The Veterans Association meets at 11 a.m. every Thursday in room 121C of the University Center.

2015 DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

Saturday December 19, 2015

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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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Saturday, December 19

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Live Group Sex Therapy at Ferris

What really goes down when you get it on

JEN CORRIE
Reporter

Daniel Packard's mission in life is to make people laugh.

What better to laugh about than other people's frustrations?

Ferris students can air their sexual grievances at Packard's Five-Star event on Monday, Nov. 9.

Using cell phones to his advantage, Packard will be using a combination of stand-up comedy, live polling and communication technology to answer any questions the audience has about their love lives, hook ups or anything about their partner in general they might be embarrassed to ask.

Any attendee can have a question answered anonymously from the audience, potentially providing a good laugh for other attendees while getting their question answered.

"The show should have a good mix of humor and education," said Ferris applied mathematics and computer science senior Josh Moscatello. "I'm going to the event, and am excited to see how the students react to it and what they take away from the event."

"You know why we like to hear 'Yes! Yes! Yes!' when we're in bed? It's for all the other times we've heard 'No! No! No!'" said Packard in a promotional video on his presentations. "This isn't about sex, this is about the politics in sex that sometimes get in the way of love."

It's hinted in the video that women will often go

to other women when they have questions about men, vice versa for men about women, and going to friends instead of the partner directly in all romantic relationships. Packard hopes to address the miscommunication and other issues that can create a barrier between two partners in a relationship.

The Live Group Sex Therapy web page says, "Women love the show because they learn helpful information most men will never tell them. Men love the show because they get insight into the way women think. The result for both is more self-confidence and the tools for a more successful relationship."



Josh Moscatello

Five Star Event Information

Date: Mon., Nov. 9

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: UC Ballroom

Cost: FREE



Photo courtesy of ciaspeakers.com

"This isn't about sex, this is about the politics in sex that sometimes get in the way of love."

- Daniel Packard

GWAR!

KIP BIBY

Torch Reporter

Fox News host Greg Gutfeld once said about Gwar, "If Pearl Jam had a male singer, if U2 didn't have a tool as a frontman, if Metallica actually had balls, they still wouldn't be Gwar. That's because, plain and simple, Gwar rules."

Gwar is not your grandma's metal band. They are loud, mean and other-worldly. Simply put, Gwar is a shock-rock band that Bill O'Reilly undoubtedly has frequent nightmares about.

Best known for their outrageous costumes, disturbingly violent live performances and a fanbase rivaled only by Diet Coke drinkers, Gwar has controlled their niche genre since their album "Scumdogs of the Universe" came out in 1990.

None of the original Gwar members are still active in the band. The last to go was David Brockie, known better by his hilarious stage name, Oderus Urungus. He died in 2014 of an apparent heroin overdose.

Gwar has two songs that stick out to me as their greatest hits. The first is a cover of Alice Cooper's "School's Out." Lyrics such as, "I never went to school, if I did I would have majored in killing," make the song just slightly better than the original. The next song that will grab the hearts and souls of every listener is Gwar's cover of the classic Kansas song, "Carry On My Wayward Son."

I wouldn't blame you for leaving Gwar off your dinner party playlist, but do not write them off. Something about their music makes you feel at home, at peace and ready to take on your finance midterm.



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November noises

ANDREA LENHART

Torch Reporter

What to expect at this month's concerts

November is about to get musical. Almost every week this month there will be a concert where Ferris students can show off the skills they've been perfecting all semester. What to expect at each concert is featured below.

**FSU Jazz Band – Fall Concert:
Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. in Williams Auditorium. Free admission.**

According to Matt Moresi, the FSU Jazz Band director, a jazz band is closely related to the stage bands of the '20s and '40s, which played swing music for people to dance to. The modern version continues that style, but plays a more diverse set of musical styles.

According to Devin Vargo, a Ferris music industry management sophomore and FSU Jazz Band guitar player, the band has been preparing for the fall concert since the beginning of the semester and the audience should expect to hear a lot of well-played music.

The fall concert will feature the music of iconic piano player and jazz composer Thelonious Monk. The styles of the music will be swing, rock, funk and Latin.

"We do more improvisation than most bands on campus, which means we get to play stuff off the top of our heads and do solos," said Vargo. "We just have to play it in the same key as the song."

According to Moresi, besides learning technically challenging individual parts, the band has to make them all fit together.

"A lot of the members returned from last year, so we are comfortable with each other as a group and have found our sound and way of playing things," said Vargo. "We really hope that we get a great turn out from the audience because it will be a good show."

FSU West Central Concert Band – 13th Annual Veterans Day Concert: Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. in Williams Auditorium. Free admission.

The FSU West Central Concert Band (WCCB) will perform their 13th annual Veterans Day Concert this weekend. The band consists of 70 woodwind, brass and percussion players and is a mix of Ferris students and community members.

The WCCB is sponsored by Ferris State University as part of its "Music for Life!" program and presents a series of varied and diverse concerts throughout the concert season.

According to Scott Cohen, the director of the band, this concert will celebrate the vital role that our veterans and active military personnel have provided and continue to provide for our nation.

FSU Symphony Band – Fall Concert: Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. at Williams Auditorium. Free admission.

The Ferris Symphony band consists of 70 woodwind, brass and percussion players and is primarily made up of Ferris students and a few community members.

This concert is a fun mix of very contrasting genres, including film music from Westerns, a world famous circus march, a beautiful lullaby, electronica, a Spanish style march composed by Scott Cohen and a collection of brand new pieces composed this summer based on the Ferris' Fight and Alma Mater songs.

FSU West Central Concert Band – Fall Orchestra Concert: Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in Williams Auditorium. Free admission.

This orchestra is composed of only string instruments and according to Scott Cohen, the orchestra's director, there are 24 string players who play the violin, viola, cello or the string bass.

This concert will have a variety of pieces from classics by Mozart, Bach, music from England, Italy, France and modern American pieces.

"Something the audience should expect to hear are pieces that were composed by a member of the orchestra," said Ferris radiography sophomore Brandi Brandt, who is a member of the orchestra. "Marshall Williams is a member and composed original pieces over the summer."

Williams is a retired Ferris professor and during the fall concert the orchestra will premiere his original piece, "Serenade for Strings."



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Ferris music industry management senior Elizabeth Smith practices her bassoon skills at a FSU West Central Concert Band rehearsal.

TORCH CONFESSIONS

Every week, a Torch staff member will write about a slightly embarrassing aspect of his or her life because hey, we all have those.

“Gilmore Girls”



Confession: I thoroughly enjoy watching the TV series “Gilmore Girls”

Photo courtesy of MCTcampus.com



Keith Salowich
Editor in Chief

There are several paths to demonstrating masculinity, but watching “Gilmore Girls” on television is not one of them.

The show features a pair of quick-witted female leads in single mother Lorelai Gilmore and her teenaged daughter Rory who engage in rapid-fire dialogue wracked with references to pop culture, music and literature.

One needs only to look to the feminine nature of the theme music of the show, both to get a feeling for why my fanaticism for the program is considered a confession, and to understand my loyalty to the show.

“Where you lead—I will follow anywhere,” sings recording artist Carole King and her daughter, as images of Rory and Lorelai flash across the screen and my imaginary pair of X-chromosomes surface, thus gluing my eyes to

the screen.

Rory is 16 when the show begins, but the series follows her development and journey through young adulthood. She dreams of attending Harvard University, but in a twist of events, ends up at Yale where she serves as editor in chief of the Yale Daily.

It may seem strange for me to closely identify with a female character, but I’ll admit that as a 14-year-old boy I essentially wanted to be Rory Gilmore.

Not in the sense of a gender change, but because she was intelligent, approximately my age and had dreams of becoming a journalist. Ending up just like Rory was my goal.

I also related to Lorelai through her

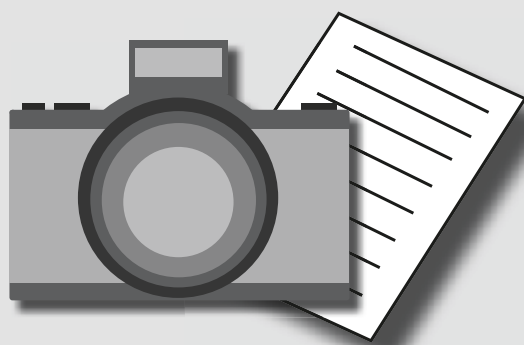
snarky quips and music sense, which pretty much solidified the series’ total control over my life for a time. Both of these characters—among others on the show—listened to and often referenced great music. Giving nods to the likes of Metallica, The Ramones and Black Sabbath established a pipeline between the writers and my soul, and allowed them to win over my undying fandom.

The full series is available on Netflix, and it was even recently announced that the show would be reborn exclusively on the streaming service, in four new 90-minute episodes that I am way too excited for.

A release date has not yet been set for the revival of the show, but rest assured that 360 minutes of my existence will almost immediately be spent binge-watching them soon after they’re made public.

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"Last year we took the breaks off and took our foot off the gas pedal. This year is different."
-Shakur Sanders
See below for story

CHASING PERFECTION



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

The Ferris State football team has won 23 straight regular season games. They will look to improve that streak to 24 as they take on Northern Michigan this Saturday in Marquette, Mich.

Ferris football looks to remain undefeated against NMU

CODY BURKHARD

Reporter

After breezing through Lake Erie 70-19, the undefeated No. 3 Ferris State football team will take on the 5-4 Northern Michigan Wildcats this weekend.

Last year, Ferris beat Northern Michigan 35-17. The Bulldogs outgained the Wildcats 483 yards to 278. Northern only converted two of their 13 third downs.

This year's matchup looks favorable for Ferris as the Wildcats have allowed seven 30-point games and 414 yards per game this year. Ferris averages 538 yards and 45.8 points per game on offense. Senior receiver Antonio Agurs said that the Bulldogs will prepare this week like any other week.

"We're just going to come at it like we do every week. As a receiver, it's not really our job to get the ball. We want to set the edge and block to open things in our offense and

other teams are starting to notice," Agurs said.

Ferris senior quarterback Jason Vander Laan will not be the only record-setting quarterback on the field. Northern Michigan junior quarterback Shaye Brown set a school record for passing touchdowns in a season this past weekend throwing for his 23rd.



Antonio Agurs

Brown has passed for 2,595 yards, completing 188 of 284 attempts this season.

Ferris junior receiver Shakur Sanders said that around this time last year, complacency set in for the Bulldogs, but this year is different.

"We got complacent and didn't have a sense of urgency," said Sanders. "Last year we took the breaks off and took our foot off the gas pedal. This year is different. We're going full steam and not letting up.

Our defense and our offense are locked in. We want to win a championship. A conference title isn't enough. We expect that. We want a national title."

Sanders came into the year as a pre-season All-American and has 157 yards on 13 catches with four touchdowns this season. The numbers may seem smaller than last season, but this year Ferris State has an abundance of talent at the receiver position drawing targets away from Sanders. Sanders has also missed some time this season due to injury.

Senior receivers Agurs and Jake Lampman are the leading receivers on the team so far this season. Agurs has 49 catches, 519 yards and Lampman has raked in 34 catches for 516 yards and seven touchdowns.

Ferris will look to keep their 23 regular season game winning streak alive against Northern Michigan on Saturday Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. in Marquette.

No. 5 bulldogs coming home

Sports Shorts



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

The Ferris State volleyball team dropped from No. 1 to No. 5 in the nation after last week's loss to NMU.

BEAU JENSEN

Reporter

The No. 5 ranked Ferris State Bulldog volleyball team will play their last regular season home games this weekend.

The Lady Bulldogs will host Lake Superior State this Friday before taking on Northwood on Saturday. Last year the Bulldogs sweep the Lakers in Sault Ste. Marie 3-0. Ferris State's competition against Northwood last year saw similar results when they defeated the Timberwolves 3-0 on Northwood's court.

Alexis Huntley led the Bulldogs in kills against Lake Superior State last year with eight, while Megan Vander Meer added sev-

en kills of her own. Both Huntley and Vander Meer have been dominant in that category this season and are sure to play a big part in this weekend's contests. Senior libero Danielle Dowd was great in last year's game against the Timberwolves, leading the team in digs with 13. Vander Meer led the team in kills with 12.

Ferris State suffered their first GLIAC loss of the season last weekend when they made a trip to Marquette to play Northern Michigan. The Wildcats of Northern Michigan, who the Bulldogs beat 3-0 last season in Big Rapids, defeated Ferris State 3-2 on a Halloween day matchup. Northern Michigan came back to win the last two sets after the Bulldogs were up

2-1 through the first three. This was Ferris volleyball's second loss of the season.

In order to get back to the top of the nation among Div. II teams, it will be imperative for the Bulldogs to win out the rest of their regular season games. The University of Tampa, the No. 1 ranked team in the country before Ferris State was crowned the best, slid all the way down to fifth in the division-two poll after suffering a weekend-upset loss.

Ferris State will start the weekend's contests off with Lake Superior State at noon on Friday. Saturday's game against Northwood will start at 3 p.m. Both games will be played in the Ewigleben sports complex.

The Ferris fantasy



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

When I saw that Ferris State dropped 70 points on Lake Erie last weekend, I knew that my fantasy team was going to have a tough time matching up this week. I was right.

The Bulldogs put a beating on Lake Erie and could have produced many more fantasy points to beat me this week. Ferris State's second-string quarterback Tyler Birmingham would have put up 26 fantasy points this week with an impressive stat-line.

Birmingham completed 10 of 12 passes for 181 yards, a TD, and an interception. He also ran the ball five times for 57 yards and two touchdowns in the 70-19 victory. He replaced Vander Laan late in the second quarter after the Bulldogs had already pulled ahead to a 42-6 lead.

The FSU defense stepped up big, forcing four turnovers in the contest and compiling six sacks. David Churchwell led the Dawgs with 10 total tackles and 2 interceptions.

My record sits at 3-5 against the Bulldogs in fantasy football. Their record on the gridiron is 8-0. Lets

see if we can both get a win this week as Ferris takes on Northern Michigan at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 in Marquette, Mich.

QB: Matt Ryan, Atlanta Falcons: Ryan has been iffy lately but I expect him to have a big day against the 49ers. San Francisco is ranked 29th overall in pass defense.

RB: Doug Martin, Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Martin matches up against a Giant's defense that let up 52 points last week. Sure all of the touchdowns were through the air, but Tampa Bay's offense revolves more around their ground game with rookie quarterback Jameis Winston at the helm. Look for Martin to put up big numbers.

WR1: Julio Jones, Atlanta Falcons: Julio Jones might actually be from a different planet. If San Francisco keeps him to under 100 yards and a couple touchdowns, I'll be very surprised.

WR2: Michael Crabtree, Oakland Raiders: Crab and the Raiders take on a Steelers defense that is

ranked 28th in pass defense. He has been getting consistent targets from Derek Carr. I expect the Steelers to key in on Amari Cooper, leaving Crabtree with single coverage and the possibility of a big day come Sunday.

FLEX: Giovani Bernard, Cincinnati Bengals: This is a hit or miss option. Despite only getting one carry last week, I think Bernard will pick up the work load against the horrendous rush defense of the Cleveland Browns.

D/ST: Philadelphia Eagles: The Eagles match up against a Dallas Cowboys team who is currently starting their third-string quarterback. Romo will be back soon but I don't think it will be this week. I don't know if Matt Cassel has what it takes to make a huge impact for an NFL team.

K: Blaire Walsh, Minnesota Vikings: Walsh has been kicking the football very well lately and he'll be playing against a stout St. Louis defense that doesn't allow many touchdowns. Look for Walsh to make some long field goals to get the Vikings on the board this week.

Soccer drops game to GVSU

The Ferris State women's soccer team ended their winningest regular season in history with a road loss to the No. 2 Grand Valley State Lakers 2-0 on Friday. In a matchup of the top two seeds in the GLIAC, Ferris State only had one shot on goal which came from senior forward Casey Shauman.

The Bulldogs are 8-1 at home outscoring their opponents 19-5, but Ferris has had far less success in away games. On the year, they are 4-3-1 on the road being outscored nine goals to 10. Grand Valley has been unstoppable regardless of venue all year outscoring their opponents 76-7. However, a Ferris defense that has eight shutouts on the season held the Lakers to a below average scoring day. On the year, Grand Valley averages 4.47 goals per game.

Looking towards the GLIAC Tournament, Grand Valley and Ferris State are the one and two seeds respectively. If both are able to win their sides of the bracket, they will play again in the finals. In the first round, Grand Valley will host Malone and Ferris will host Northwood at Big Rapids High School.

Cross Country prepares for Regional Championships

The Ferris State cross country team is heading to the NCAA-II Midwest Regional Championships on Nov. 7. Last year, the FSU men's squad placed seventh overall by totaling 291 points while the women's squad was 14th overall with 398 points.

Last year, Andrew Harper was the top dog for the Ferris men taking the 19th spot. Junior Logan Hammer was the top runner still on this year's roster placing at 41. For the women, junior Samantha Humphrey led the team placing 54th overall.

FSU football blows out Lake Erie

No. 3 Ferris State football had a blowout win against Lake Erie this past Saturday 70-19. Nine different Bulldogs ended up scoring in the game. The defense was stout as well as Ferris had three interceptions and six sacks allowing only 4.3 yards per play. The leading tackler for the Bulldogs was senior David Churchwell with 10.

There was a quarterback not named Jason Vander Laan that ran for two touchdowns. Junior quarterback Tyler Birmingham came in for relief duty passing for 181 yards on 10-12 throws. Vander Laan threw for 200 yards and four touchdowns and led the team in rushing with 105 yards. The leading receiver for Ferris was senior Antonio Agurs with 112 yards on six catches. Junior Shakur Sanders and senior Jake Lampman had two touchdowns a piece with 35 yards and 58 yards respectively.

Ferris State has two regular season games left against Northern Michigan and Walsh. Ferris looks to keep their 23 game regular season winning streak alive. The Bulldogs will take on the 5-4 Northern Michigan Wildcats Saturday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. in Marquette..

TEAM TORCH

POSITION	PLAYER	STATS	POINTS
QB:	ANDY DALTON CINCINNATI BENGALS	23-38, 235 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD, 2 INT	11
RB:	TODD GURLEY ST. LOUIS RAMS	146 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	20
WR1:	ANTONIO BROWN PITTSBURG STEELERS	6 CATCHES, 47 YARDS, 1TD	11
WR2:	JOHN BROWN ARIZONA CARDINALS	-----	0
FLEX	GREG OLSON CAROLINA PANTHERS	6 CATCHES, 79 YARDS, 1 TD	14
D/ST:	ARIZONA CARDINALS	20 PA, 1 INT, 1 FR, 1 SACK	7
K:	MATT PRATER, DETROIT LIONS	1 FG, 1 XP	4
TOTAL			67

FERRIS STATE

QB:	JASON VANDER LAAN	305 TOTAL YARDS, 4 TD	34
RB:	ROBERT THOMAS	48 YARDS, 1TD	10
WR1:	JAKE LAMPMAN	58 YARDS, 2 TD	17
WR2:	SHAKUR SANDERS	35 YARDS, 2 TD	15
FLEX	JAJUAN POLLOCK	88 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	14
D/ST:	FERRIS STATE	19 PA, 6 SACKS, 3 INT, 1 FF, 1 FR	16
K:	NATE IVESON	10 XP	10
TOTAL			116

Top Dawg



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Andrew Dorantes had two goals and an assist last weekend for FSU, including a game-winner.

MARSHALL SCHELDT

Sports Editor

The Ferris State hockey team received big contributions from sophomore Andrew Dorantes last weekend.

The 5-foot-10 forward from Waterford tallied three points in two games for the Bulldogs as they split a series with the Michigan Tech Huskies. In the first game of the weekend, Dorantes scored a goal late in the first period and assisted on a Corey Mackin goal in the second.

The Dawgs couldn't hold onto an early lead and lost in an overtime thriller 5-4 with just 46 seconds remaining in the contest. Ferris would even out the series on the following night, and Dorantes

played a big role once more.

On Halloween night the Bulldogs and Huskies were locked in at 2-2 as the end of the game was nearing.

With 1:21 to play in the third period, Dorantes got one by MTU goalie Jamie Phillips off assists from Brandon Anselmini and Corey Mackin. Ferris State won 3-2 to improve their record to 3-3-2 on the season.

Dorantes has five points this season with two goals and three assists. He will look to tack on some more points this upcoming weekend as the Bulldogs take on the WCHA's top team in the Minnesota State Mavericks.

The puck will drop at 7:07 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday Nov. 7 at the Ewingleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids.



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

FSU head coach Andy Bronkema and the FSU basketball team will have their hands full this week as they take on Central Michigan University and Michigan State University in preseason exhibition games.

Big Competition

FSU basketball to take on MSU and CMU

CODY BURKHARD

Reporter

The Ferris State men's basketball team takes on Division I schools Central Michigan and Michigan State this week in exhibition match ups.

The Bulldogs take on Central Michigan University (CMU) at the Chippewas McGuirk Arena in Mount Pleasant on Nov 7. The Chippewas were chosen to win the Mid-American Conference West Division (MAC) and the league tournament in preseason poll. The Chippewas have two seniors, Chris Fowler and John Simmons, that were named to five-member All-MAC Team.

Senior wing James Chappell was able to talk about the opportunity of the team playing these games. "I think when we play these few exhibition games we have to focus on us exactly. We still are competing to win the game but if we do more on focusing on defensive rotations and things of that nature we will win," Chappell said.

After the Bulldogs take on the Chippewas, two days later the Bulldogs will take on Michigan State University (MSU) at the Breslin center in East Lansing and the game will be televised on Big Ten Network (BTN) plus. Michigan State is ranked 13th in the nation according to ESPN

USA Today Coaches poll.

Michigan State has quite the history and under Coach Tom Izzo's tenure and has been exceptional. One national championship and seven Final Fours in 17 seasons would be considered great by any measure for a normal coach. Coach Izzo is not a normal coach though, he takes teams that aren't considered championship caliber teams and wins games.



James Chappell

Ferris red-shirt freshman Andrew Meacham has been a huge Michigan State fan while growing up. "It's exciting getting a chance to play against one of the better division one programs in the country. I grew up going to MSU games and cheering for them, so it'll be different going to East Lansing and trying to beat them," Meacham said.

Michigan State will be facing a talented Ferris State Bulldog team that's bringing back four seniors and two talented sophomores that saw significant time in their initial seasons a year ago.

Ferris coach Andy Bronkema will be coaching against Izzo, who is considered one of the

best coaches in college basketball.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. Great opportunity and the fact that he is willing to play us and help us out there, but we're just trying to see how our team is going to develop. We got some guys that are wondering if they are going to be in the rotation or whether they are going to fall into play this year. I'm sure he's got some question marks about his team and the preseason is the time to get those answers and that's what I'm focused on," Bronkema said.

The Bulldogs were chosen in preseason polls conducted by the conference's head coaches to finish second to Saginaw Valley State in the GLIAC North Division preseason poll. Bulldog seniors, Josh Fleming and Jared Stolicker were among the five players named to the preseason All-GLIAC North Division First Team.

Senior wing Josh Fleming is prepared to battle against CMU and MSU. "It'll be fun to go out there and compete with those teams. They both have really good players and MSU's basketball program has a lot of great history behind them. I'm excited for the opportunity to see how we match up with those two good teams," Fleming said.

CONFERENCE RECORDS

**FOOTBALL
GLIAC STANDINGS**

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| 1. Ashland 9-0 | 9. Northwood 4-4 |
| 2. Ferris State 8-0 | 10. Findlay 3-5 |
| 3. Grand Valley State 6-2 | 11. Hillsdale 3-5 |
| 4. Michigan Tech 6-2 | 12. Lake Erie 2-6 |
| 5. Ohio Dominican 5-3 | 13. Walsh 2-7 |
| 6. Northern Michigan 4-4 | 14. Saginaw Valley State 1-2 |
| 7. Tiffin 4-4 | 15. Malone 0-8 |
| 8. Wayne State 4-4 | |

**HOCKEY
WCHA STANDINGS**

1. Minnesota State 4-0
2. Michigan Tech 3-3
3. Alabama Huntsville 2-1-1
3. Alaska Anchorage 2-1-1
3. Northern Michigan 2-1-1
6. Ferris State 2-2-0
7. Bowling Green 1-1-0
8. Bemidji State 0-3-1
9. Alaska 0-2-2
9. Lake Superior State 0-2-0

**VOLLEYBALL
GLIAC NORTH DIVISION**

1. Ferris State 12-1
2. Grand Valley State 10-3
3. Saginaw Valley State 9-4
4. Michigan Tech 8-5
5. Northern Michigan 6-7
6. Wayne State 6-7
7. Northwood 6-7
8. Lake Superior State 0-13

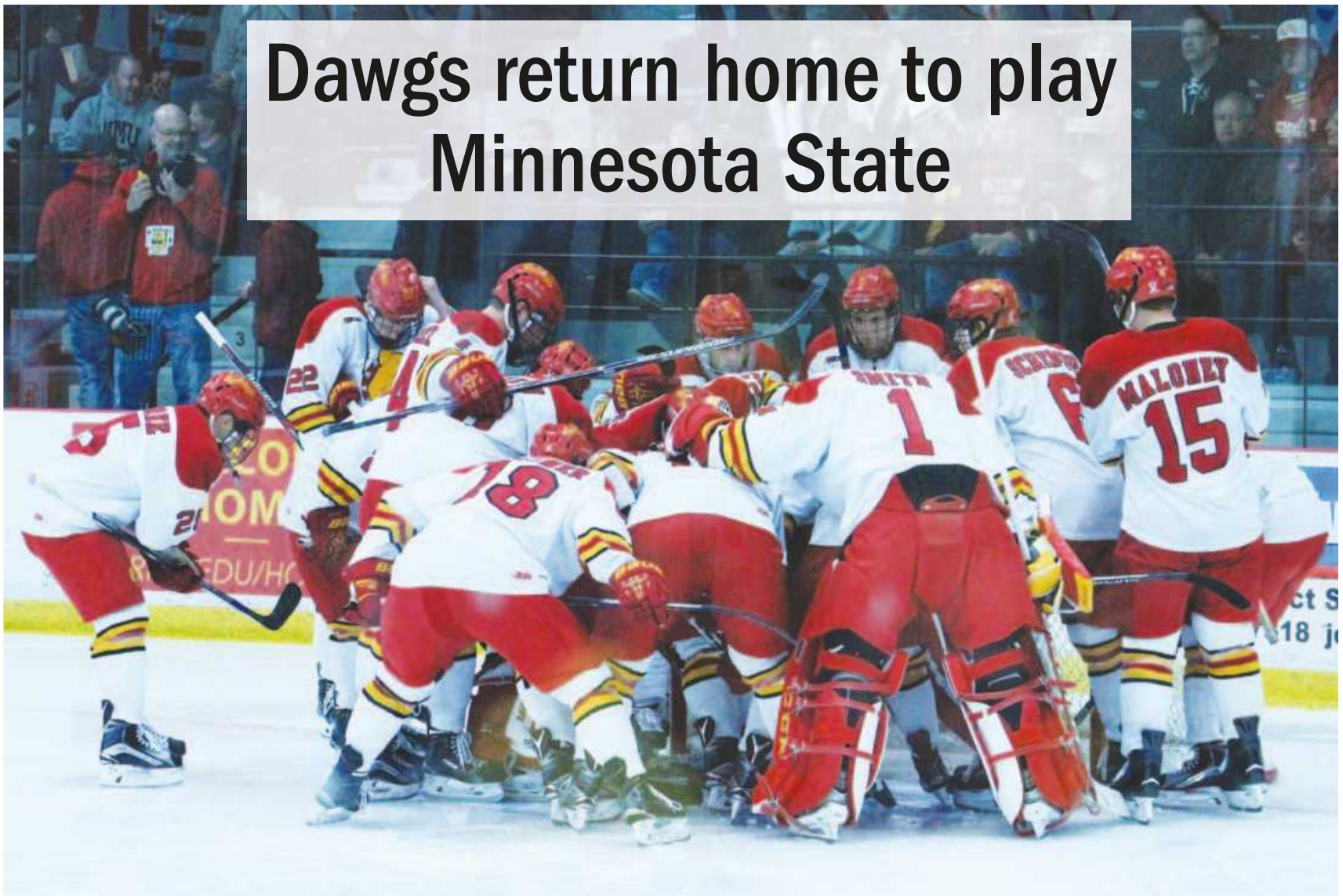


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Above: The Ferris State hockey team celebrates a win at home, something the Dawgs will try to accomplish this weekend against Minnesota State.

Left: FSU junior defenseman Ryan Lowney and the Bulldogs have a tough matchup ahead of them against the WCHA's top ranked team.

BEAU JENSEN

Reporter

The budding rivalry will resume this weekend when the Bulldog hockey team hosts the Minnesota State Mavericks.

The last two Ferris State hockey seasons have seen some intense games between the Bulldogs and the Mavericks, but the Dawgs have not been able to come out on top. The Bulldogs are 0-8 when facing Minnesota State in the past two seasons, playoff games included. Last year, the Mavericks knocked the Bulldogs out of the WCHA semi-finals.

The 2013-2014 season saw Minnesota State take the Bulldogs out of the hunt for the Broadmoor Trophy and the WCHA title, but Ferris State was still able to make it into the NCAA tournament. Head Coach Bob Daniels saw the rough point in last year's season as an opportunity for his team to overcome and bounce back.

"Last year, while it was a tough year right in the middle for a stretch where wins were allusive, we finished the season very strong," said Daniels. "I was so proud of them. We never gave up on ourselves and we never gave up on the season."

Daniels knows the importance of perseverance, especially in a long hockey season. The Bulldogs currently sit at 3-3-2 on the season with a 2-1-2 home record. Last weekend saw an exciting series in Houghton against the Michigan Tech Huskies. An overtime goal sealed a 5-4 victory for the Huskies on Friday, but the Bulldogs came back ready to play on Saturday, taking down the Huskies 3-2.

In Friday's game, the Bulldogs looked dominant with three goals in the first period, and the Huskies only found the back of the net once. The rest of the game saw a dominant performance from Michigan Tech as the Huskies outscored the Dawgs 4-1 after the first period. Junior goaltender Charles Williams had 26 total saves.

Freshman goaltender Darren Smith played a huge role in Saturday's win, reeling in 18 third period saves. Smith summed up 36 total saves in the Bulldog's Saturday victory. The winning goal came courtesy of sophomore forward Andrew Dorantes with only a few minutes left in the game.

The Bulldogs are aware of the fact that Minnesota State is a challenge in their season that will be no easy feat to accomplish, and Daniels has confidence that his team can make this rivalry interesting. The puck will drop on both Friday and Saturday at 7:07 pm in Ewigleben Ice Arena.



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“There is a certain pressure to get a kick-ass job and show that you made something of yourself.”
Hailey Klingel
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Stand with Planned Parenthood



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Both the pro-life and pro-choice sides of the debate hope to make their voices heard by protesting.

It's more than just abortions

It is widely known that in the past year there have been a number of videos released by anti-abortion activists in a smear campaign against Planned Parenthood.

These videos were nothing more than a stunt that allowed for political conservatives allied with anti-abortion activists to push the same dangerous misogynistic agenda that they have been pushing for decades: ban abortions, shut down health care centers and cut women off from critical reproductive care. Newsflash: Planned Parenthood doesn't just provide abortions, they also supply birth control, emergency contraception, sex education, rape counseling and fight for immigration reform. However, to expand on this would result in a completely separate article.

As a woman and an advocate for women's health, it was dis-



Angela Graf
Reporter

turbing watching Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood's President, attempt to publically apologize on YouTube for something that it is simply unnecessary to apologize for.

One of the biggest flaws within the pro-choice movement is that we sidestep the real reason that most women do get an abortion: they had consensual sex that, despite the possible use of a birth control method, resulted in an unwanted pregnancy. For some reason not wanting to be a mother or carry to term and put the child up for adoption isn't a good enough reason to get an abortion, we have to mumble things about incest and rape and

life-threatening medical situations. How about just not wanting to have a child because of an accident?

The videos that were released were edited far past the point of accurately portraying what was being discussed in them, which there was nothing wrong with in the first place. These fragments play on emotions and make the blunt references to various methods of abortion out to be something villainous and despicable.

Is it so difficult to understand that medical professionals don't always discuss their work in a way that is aesthetically pleasing to the general public? It is just as much their job to look at the human body as a machine that needs to be fixed as it is a mechanic's to look at a car. If they were general surgeons discussing the slicing and dicing

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Registration for the winter term of classes has already begun for some, and like every registration period, it is a bloodbath.

There are no friends when it comes to registration; there are only competitors for the coveted seat in the class with the highest rated professor on ratemyprofessor.com.

The perfect class times are also up for grabs, but only for those who painstakingly await the hour when the floodgates open and students are allowed to enter their previously decided upon CRN course numbers.

It's such a desperate process simply because of what's at stake. Not only are students forfeiting

hundreds of dollars per credit hour, they're also committing hundreds of hours over the span of the coming fifteen week semester to a select group of classes that they may or may not get into.

That helps to explain why I unblinkingly stared down the clock at 10:29 a.m. Monday while on my laptop. I squatted in the Arts and Science Commons lobby, just daring the clock to roll over to the next minute so that I could frantically type in my desired courses before they filled up and I was added to the dreaded purgatory that is a course waitlist.

I was fortunate enough to get into all of the classes that I was hoping to, but the mounting feel-

ing of extreme anxiety leading up to the moment of registration can be a toxic amount of stress for students to deal with.

Each student is issued an adviser to help guide him or her through the tumultuous and stressful path to graduation. Yet with multiple students to oversee for every adviser, it must be difficult to prioritize individual students, especially during registration season when everyone is clamoring for their attention.

Nevertheless, each student has a hold placed on his or her account, which forbids the adding or dropping of classes until that student seeks out his or her adviser for a meeting. How much clarifica-

tion and relief can come from this brief melding of minds may leave a bit to be desired.

For as much as students are spending on tuition, it shouldn't be such a struggle to get into the classes that are necessary to graduate. In an ideal world, such stiff contention wouldn't be necessary thanks to plenty of options at varying times throughout the day, but unfortunately that world cannot reasonably exist.

Therefore, registration will go on as a Hunger Games style showdown, where there are no winners. All that we can hope for is that the odds be ever in our favor.

Registration frustration

How do I go from college to career?

When I was a senior in high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life.

I had no passions, no clue where to go to school, no idea where I wanted to end up and didn't know what to do when I graduated. At the end of my senior year, I filled out a lot of scholarship applications. On every application, there was always the question: "What are your career and life goals? Describe them below."

Whenever I was asked that, I would answer it in a way so that it related to the scholarship I was filling out. Since I had no decided career plans, I decided that meant I could pretend I was considering everything. If I was filling out an application for women who planned to go into technology, I would say I wanted to be an engineer (I didn't want to). If I was filling out an application for potential scientists, I would say I wanted to be a chemist (I definitely didn't want to). You get the picture.

Though it was unethical, I had a pretty good strategy going. One time, I filled out an application for a student council scholarship (I went to five meetings in four years, so I deemed myself a member). I had already filled out too many applications to count and I knew I had absolutely no chance of winning, so I filled it out honestly.

When I was prompted to "Explain how I would use the leadership skills I learned in student council in my future career," I cracked.

Instead of stretching the truth as I had been doing, my ballsy self answered the question with 100 percent honesty. I quoted a graduation speech I had read a few weeks earlier by a student from another school named Erica Goldson. The quote was this:

"While others sat in class and



Hailey Klingel
 Lifestyles Editor

doodled to later become great artists, I sat in class to take notes and become a great test-taker. While others would come to class without their homework done because they were reading about an interest of theirs, I never missed an assignment. While others were creating music and writing lyrics, I decided to do extra credit, even though I never needed it. When I leave educational institutionalism, will I be successful or forever lost? I have no clue about what I want to do with my life; I have no interests because I saw every subject of study as work, and I excelled at every subject just for the purpose of excelling, not learning. And quite frankly, now I'm scared."

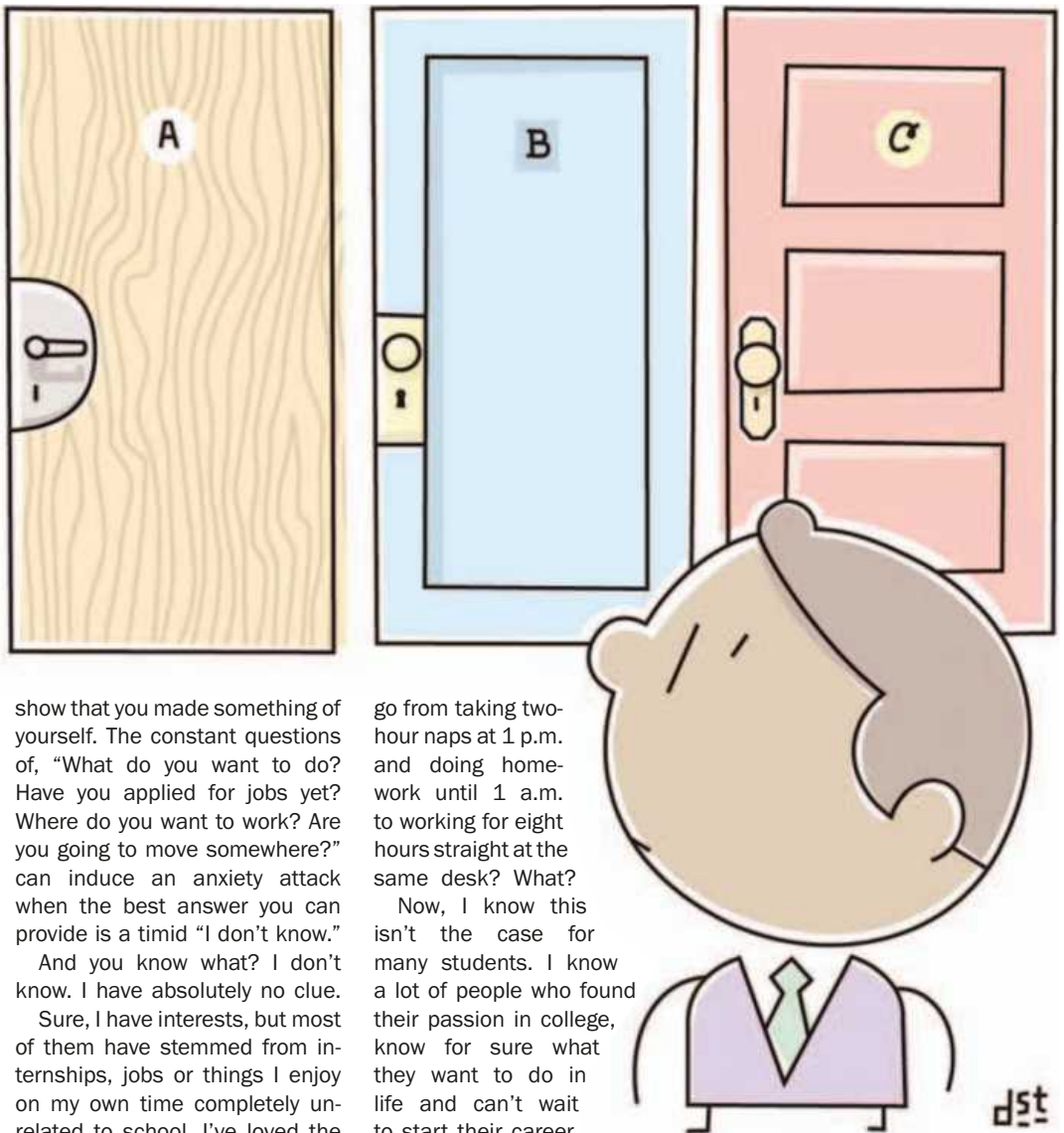
Needless to say, I didn't get the scholarship.

But, when I feel the panic of cluelessness that I felt as a high school senior, I always think back to that quote and think how true it is for me and many other students.

And, lately, I have been thinking about it a lot, because I'm in the exact same position now.

Like many other Ferris students, my time here is coming to an end. In six months, I'll be done with my undergraduate education. After being told what to do for 21 years, I will be handed a piece of paper signifying that I can now be a real, working adult—which is what I'll be expected to do.

And, quite frankly, that is terrifying. I know that I don't have to do anything I don't want to come May, but when you're in your last year of college, there is a certain pressure to get a kick-ass job and



show that you made something of yourself. The constant questions of, "What do you want to do? Have you applied for jobs yet? Where do you want to work? Are you going to move somewhere?" can induce an anxiety attack when the best answer you can provide is a timid "I don't know."

And you know what? I don't know. I have absolutely no clue.

Sure, I have interests, but most of them have stemmed from internships, jobs or things I enjoy on my own time completely unrelated to school. I've loved the internships I've done, but I'm not sure I would have if they had lasted longer than a few months. I've also had classes I've enjoyed, but none that have piqued my interest enough to help me figure out where and how I want to spend 40 hours of my life every week.

The thought of having a real, 9-to-5 career is crazy. I'm going to

go from taking two-hour naps at 1 p.m. and doing homework until 1 a.m. to working for eight hours straight at the same desk? What?

Now, I know this isn't the case for many students. I know a lot of people who found their passion in college, know for sure what they want to do in life and can't wait to start their career.

However, I know more people who are scared and half-heartedly considering life paths that just sound "okay" because they don't really know what else to do.

We are taught to work the system, but what do we do when we're almost out of the system and we're still as clueless as we

were when we entered? I wish the 9-to-5 job wasn't the expectation of life after college, because it is going to be a wake up call for those (myself included) who were memorizing definitions of abstract terms a few weeks prior.

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ABORTION from page 14
 Planned Parenthood provides many services for women

involved in transplant surgeries as opposed to abortion providers there wouldn't be such a problem. I am going to say something that

nobody that considers themselves "pro-life" wants to hear: an aborted fetus is medical waste. Simple as that. The mothers are not ignorant to what is going to happen with their aborted baby either. If it wasn't being taken and used for research, which could potentially benefit countless patients in the future, it would be thrown away.

People that hold issue with that fact are of course going to hold issue with anything involving abortions and might as well stop reading.

Additionally, nobody is talking about the reasons behind these late-term abortions, which is when most fetal tissue used for medical research is procured, or the learning and positive results of that research because that isn't the image they are trying to paint. In a stroke of irony, the primary use of this research is to find and create treatments for other sick infants and children... but abortion providers are demonic beings that steal living babies from their mothers without consent and chop them up for no good reason to make a profit, right?

If you are personally against abortion, that's fine. Nobody is telling you to get one. Just do me a favor and try to have that same level of respect for your counterparts, because they are leading a whole life under a set of circumstances that you know nothing about. For them, obtaining a safe and legal abortion might just be the right decision.

The police never think it's as funny as you do.



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Netflix and chill

How it can be healthy

Taking 13 credits, working and being an RA, I've turned into that person who will quickly retreat back to their residence hall room for some well needed "me" time. And you guessed it, that time almost always involves two things: Netflix. And chill.

No friend, not that Netflix and chill. I'm talking about the worn out pajamas, Jimmy John's and darkness type of Netflix and chill. Alone.

There are some days I forget that I'm just a student like you all. I'm a student with a full time course load, RSO commitments and a job that requires my attention 24 hours a day and seven days week. Sometimes I fizzle out.

It's on those days that I make it a priority to get away from everything that's causing me to run out of my juice. Even though it's just me in my room, I lock the door and try to disappear.

My room is pretty cozy, so I've been told, so it's fairly easy. I set up my lap-



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top, change out of my jeans and throw on my fuzzy Little Mermaid pajama pants then crawl into bed. With my Netflix queue ready, I scroll and pick.

Lately, it's been "The Office" and "Drop Dead Diva" at the top of my list. I pick an episode, cuddle under my blanket with that good ole Jimmy John's sub and just, chill.

It's perfect. And I try to do it twice a week. Although it may sound frivolous, because apparently everyone thinks that getting drunk and partying should relieve stress, it's so needed.

I have had friends get upset with me for being MIA, when really, I wish I could be partying.

But I know that for the sake of my per-

sonal development and mental wellness, I need to be MIA sometimes.

Ironically, I have no friends who would rather sit and watch movies with me instead of taking shots. So Netflix and chill, bed for one.

I encourage every student and even faculty or staff to take a night and just chill. Whether it's with bae, your cats or a friend. Do it.

My hall director has taught me that it's okay to want to be by yourself. Sometimes you need to be. Don't be afraid to say, "Hey, I'd love to hang out, but I need to just chill by myself for a while."

When you're planning your schedule for the week, set aside time for some chill. It doesn't have to be a six-hour chill session, but you could just relax and watch that movie you've been dying to see that's saved in your Netflix queue.

So Netflix and chill. It's LIT.

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