

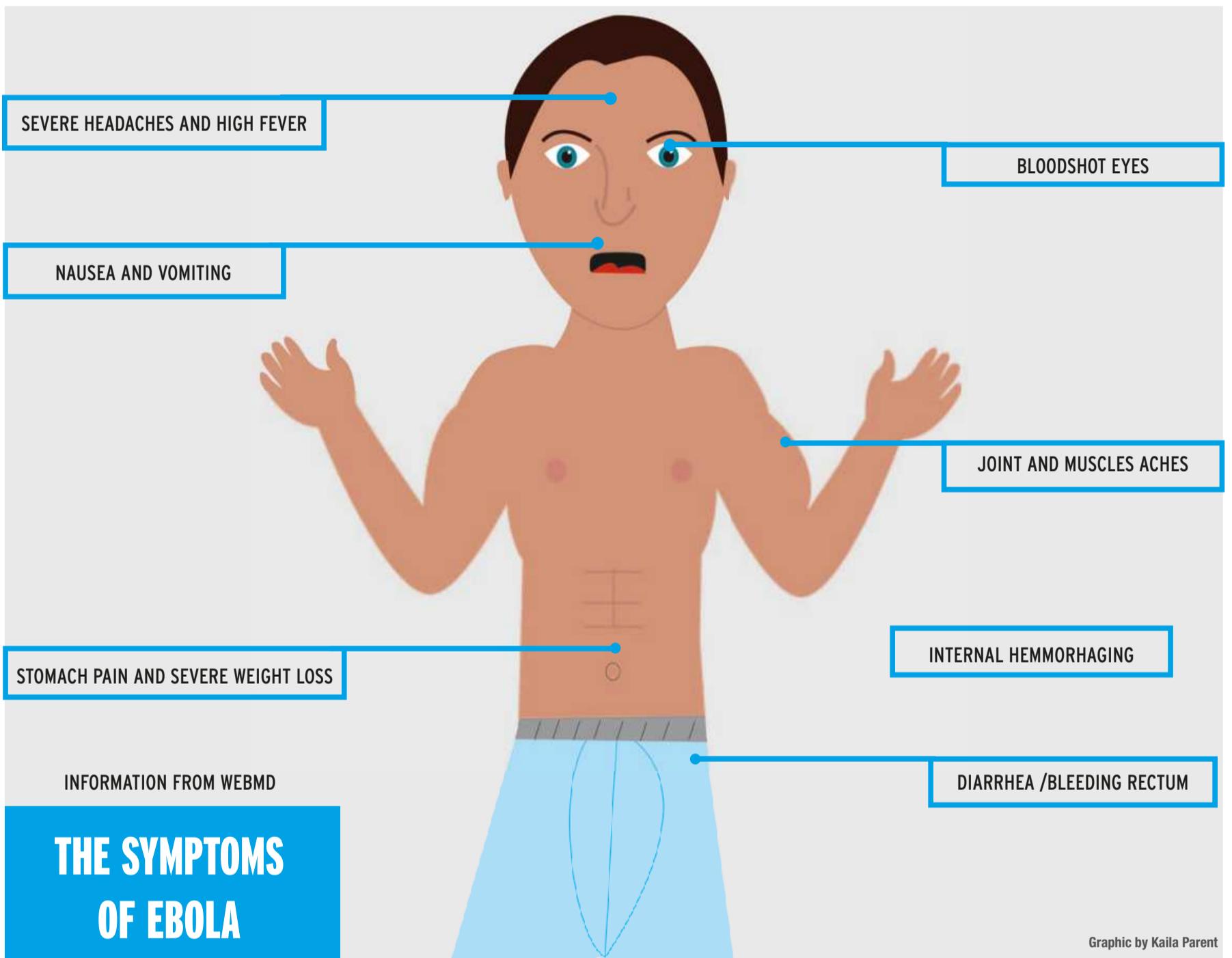
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Ferris forms Ebola "task force" *Committee assembled to address the potential Ebola threat*



Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Lately, national news has focused heavily on the Ebola epidemic, and the few patients the U.S. has seen. To ensure safety of students at Ferris State University, a committee of faculty and staff has been assembled to address the potential threat.

The longstanding Communicable Disease Committee has been addressing this issue, as it did with previous illnesses such as H1N1 and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS.

"This group meets periodical-

ly regardless of any health concerns," said Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof, Vice President for Student Affairs. "When a health concern exists, the committee meets more frequently to stay abreast of updates or concerns that could affect campus."

According to Birkam Health Center and the FSU Communicable Disease Committee, "The Birkam Health Center monitors all infectious disease updates and alerts through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the

Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN). These systems are in place to help

us become informed as soon as a potential health threat presents itself so we can then inform and educate the campus community."

The staff at Birkam intends to potentially treat the disease, should it occur, by following "to the letter" the recommendations of the CDC. Every patient that makes an appointment is screened and then asked if they're showing symptoms or have recently travelled. If so, the patient would then be isolated and transported to a hospital for further evaluation.

The doctors at Birkam are also learning how to properly put

on and remove the necessary personal protection equipment, should they see any potential cases, to protect themselves and others during the evaluation and transport process. Arrangements have also been made with the community first responders in terms of transporting any possible patients to the hospital.

Dr. Susan Davis, physician at Birkam and Dr. Renee Vander Myde, Birkam's director, both agreed that as of right now, the Ferris community shouldn't be worried about the disease coming to campus. As of right now, only a handful of people in the

State Election Viewpoints

Students chime in about their intent to not vote



Photo courtesy of mctcampus.com

President Barack Obama casts his early votes at Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center in Chicago Monday, October 20, 2014.

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

Before Tuesday's state election, students, faculty and staff were polled on their participation, knowledge and personal opinions on the candidates and issues. The poll showed that, as is widely suspected, many students do not vote.

Time and transportation are some of the factors that students agreed limited them from being able to participate in casting a vote.

"[I'll vote] if I find the time to go home, because you have to vote in your township," said Amanda Sizemore, junior math education major.

Another significant factor, at least for lack of participation

in local elections, is that many Ferris students, who make up a significant portion of the Big Rapids community, aren't from the Mecosta area, and thus aren't registered to vote on local candidates.

"For students, it could be difficult if they're not registered here," agreed David Scott, librarian at FLITE. "They probably didn't think to get an absentee ballot, so they're not going to go home on a Tuesday night. I think we need to make it easier [for students] to vote."

What are some of the other reasons students don't participate in elections?

"Probably because they don't have a lot of information on the election itself," said Courtney Zeilinski, sophomore communi-

cations major, "and I guess if they knew more about the issues and they had a stronger opinion, perhaps then they would vote."

Zeilinski admitted to being one of those students who didn't vote out of lacking information, but she said, "I do think it's important for students to vote so they can kind of take a role in what's going on and be a part of it and get involved."

"I don't know, I've just never voted for the States," said Marie Okoin, sophomore sonography major and native of the Ivory Coast. "I think it's a lack of knowledge. It's not that [students] don't think it's important, they just don't think it's going to make that much of a difference. [But] it's better to be educated. Whoever they're going to elect is

going to affect you positively or negatively, so it's really important to vote. Maybe I should think about it."

"I think [students] are sick of it," said Rodney Gardei, computer technician. "They're sick of the politics and the fighting and the never getting anything done; same old, same old."

Natalee Larson, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, said that the likely cause of college age students deciding not to vote was the time it took to go through the process.

"I think people care," said Larson, "but they don't realize that their effort can make a difference. They think they don't have a part in politics in a way, at least based on the people I know."

Other students have more per-

sonal reasons for choosing not to vote.

"I've never voted and I don't really plan on voting," said Kachine Bean, senior construction management major. "Part of it is religious reasons, but also because I choose not to, because the only person I'd vote for is Jesus Christ. Whoever God has chosen [will win]."

What were some opinions around campus on the candidates themselves? "They're all a bunch of bozos," said Scott. "I think they're all pretty terrible. I've become a little disenfranchised. I will probably not vote for the 'Elephant.' I don't vote for Elephants; I vote for Donkeys."

"I'll probably vote for Snyder [for governor] again," Sizemore said, "because I like what he's al-

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EBOLA from Page 1

Committee members work to keep campus safe, including police chief

United States have tested positive for the Ebola and are being kept either in quarantine or under close surveillance. Thus far only one American Ebola victim has died in the United States.

"This is to keep the campus safe," said Dr. Davis. "If you want to call it precautions, that's what it is, but we want to be safe here at the health center. We want to keep the health care providers,

the students on campus, and the staff safe."

"In terms of it being precautionary, the chances of anybody here being exposed to Ebola or coming with Ebola is very unlikely, but it's important to always be prepared," said Vander Myde.

Dr. Davis said that the best way to steer clear of the disease would be to make sure you're not going anywhere affected. "I

would certainly say to be concerned when traveling, and avoid the countries that this is coming from, and that is usually in Africa."

However, with the seasons for illness upon us, the staff at Birkam is also concerned with a much more common issue.

"I think it's a great time to be focusing on what probably presents a much larger risk to this

campus, which is the flu." Said Vander Myde.

Dr. Davis and Vander Myde advise to make sure to get a flu shot, standing at least three feet away from anyone who's sick, and taking care of one's health in general, such as hand washing, eating a healthy diet, and getting enough sleep to stay healthy this season.

Ferris department of public

safety chief Bruce Borkovich was also named to the committee as a law enforcement official.

Borkovich is in his second full year as the police chief at Ferris after serving on the BAYANET narcotics team in Mount Pleasant.

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Ben Rettinhouse
New Editor

Student debt forums

Over the next two weeks Ferris State will be offering five forums on the issue of student debt to the Ferris community. Two open forums are scheduled: the first in Big Rapids on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in IRC 115 and the other in Grand Rapids on Monday, Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Kendall College of Art and Design Woodbridge N. Ferris Building room 217. This will provide background and analysis of student debt, share thoughts and seek your ideas on how to act on this issue.

Because time-to-degree is a major contributing factor in student debt, Provost Paul Blake has scheduled three student debt sessions for faculty members. These are in different sites across the university and all are scheduled from 4-5:30 p.m. Paul and President Eisler will be working together to elicit your thinking on this critical topic. The schedule for these faculty-oriented sessions is Monday, Nov. 3, in MCO 210 for the Colleges of Health Professions, Pharmacy and Optometry, Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Granger Auditorium 10, for the College of Arts and Sciences, FLITE, and Retention and Student Success and Monday, Nov. 10, BUS 111, for the Colleges of Education and Human Services, Business and Engineering Technology.

Together We Can Make a Difference

Registered student organization The African Student Union is seeking to further raise awareness, and funds, to fight the outbreak of Ebola virus in Africa. ASU will begin its two-week effort, "Together We Can Make a Difference: An Awareness and Fundraising Campaign to Address Ebola in West Africa," with an event from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the West Campus Community Center.

There will be cultural entertainment and an opportunity to donate to Africans in Medicine, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that helps provide medical supplies, coordination with other Ebola-response organizations and information about the West African epidemic. ASU will also set up donation boxes at various locations on the Ferris campus as well as at Nawal's Mediterranean Eatery in downtown Big Rapids, through Dec. 1.

Native American heritage celebration

Throughout this month there will be a trio of free public events in celebration of the heritage of native peoples. This series started last month and continues this Friday, Nov. 7, with a Tribal Museum Tour and Tribal Harvest Feast. Participants will depart campus for Mt. Pleasant at 3 p.m. after meeting in the IRC Connector.

The trip includes a tour of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, and a Ghost Supper with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. RSVP is required to attend this limited-space event.

Assault at The Rock

A round-up of this week's crime across the FSU campus

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Marijuana complaint in residence hall

October 29 at 6:50 pm, report of a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. Warrant request was filed and turned in to prosecutor's office.

Hit and run in lot 17

October 29 at 10:30 pm, report of a hit-and-run that occurred at an unknown point of the day in lot 17.



Altered parking permit

October 28 at 1:30pm, officers investigated an altered parking permit found on campus. Owner of the vehicle housing the permit was found and ticketed.

Odor complaint in science building

October 27 at 6:05 pm, fire department was sent to the Science building due to an odor complaint on the first floor. The odor dissipated and the air quality was checked and deemed clear by officials.

Assault reported at Rock

October 27 at 8:15 am, report of an assault complaint that took place at The Rock Café. Suspect was identified and lodged in the county jail.

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Lack of time during the day to vote hurting polls

ready done so far in office, and probably Sprague [for Senate], because he's vying for education and I'm interested in education."

Corey Nichols, sophomore architecture major, has personal experience with Governor Snyder.

"Rick Snyder is my mom's friend's cousin," said Nichols. "He's very strict on the topic of healthcare. He doesn't like Obamacare, I can tell you that! Rick just doesn't have a very good 'human' view. He's very against human and civil rights. Mark Schauer, I hear, is very liberal in that sense. I will not be voting for Rick. He's done great wonders for the economy, but other than

that, I don't really agree with any of his [views on] human rights and social issues."

Even those planning to vote admitted that they did not have enough information on the November 4 election when asked last Friday.

"I haven't been following it as much as I should have," said Gardai. "I usually vote a straight Republican ticket anyway."

"[I know] only a little bit, but this weekend I am researching," said Larson. "I really have not looked into it until now."

One of the issues voted on in the election was a wolf-hunting season in Michigan.

"It's more of a local issue for

the Upper Peninsula," said Gardai. "They should be deciding for themselves instead of the whole state deciding what's best for them up there."

"As much as I am for animal rights, I feel like we can tackle bigger issues other than that," said Nichols. "I go against the hunting of wolves. A bigger issue to me is [that] in Russia, they're actually hunting gay people."

Voting takes place on November 4 at a variety of local precincts. Those not registered to vote in the area are recommended to request an absentee ballot for there voting area.

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Social media for students

The benefits of networking online



Photo courtesy of Luke Wyckoff

Luke Wyckoff is a Ferris Alumni who is the president of Social Media Energy.

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Ferris alumni Luke Wyckoff, President of Social Media Energy, came in to speak to students about the positives of using social media. The main points of his presentation included how social media can be beneficial and the outlook for the future of it.

"I think that Luke's presentation is quite valuable, and I hope that students took the opportunity to go and check it out, because with social media, I think it's really important to make sure that you're fully understanding what you're doing and using it in the best possible way," said Social Media Director, Sandy Gholston. "I think the vast majority of people who use social media use it in a positive and productive manner, to use it as a powerful communication tool, to reach a wide range of audiences that maybe

you wouldn't otherwise reach."

Gholston continued to say that, despite that users might not enjoy the face-to-face interaction of human communication, the use of social media sites is a great tool to use for less personal forms of communication.

"It's really a great tool to use to stay in contact with people, to get messages across, and for businesses to communicate with potential customers," said Gholston. "Buy and large, it's used in a very positive manner."

Social media certainly has its benefits. "Over 50% of people learn about breaking news on social media," according to socialnetworking.procon.org. The site also says "67% of federal, state and local law enforcement professionals surveyed think social media helps solve crimes more quickly."

Freshman undecided major Shania Rosenogle said that social media has been beneficial for her.

"Social media has been beneficial for me because it has helped me form friendships and document my experiences and adventures. Instead of only having a memory of it, social media gives you that opportunity to be able to share your experience with everyone."

Despite the benefits of social media, it also has downfalls, from lack of privacy to lack of face-to-face conversation, but when used correctly and in a positive manner, it can be beneficial.

However, some just prefer more direct ways of communication, like sophomore and product design student, Zack Cox. "I personally don't use social media such as Facebook and Twitter very often. The way I see it, if I want to see everything someone is doing I'll call or text them. It's a great tool for staying in contact with people, but a lot of kids our age take it to an extreme."



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Flu shots being administered in preparation of the upcoming flu season.

Flu season

the "important" shot

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

Over-looked this year due to the "Ebola crisis", the changing of the weather should remind Ferris students that with the new season comes the flu season.

"Thousands of people die every year from influenza," said Candace Price, registered nurse and Office Coordinator at Birkam Health Center, who said the flu is one of the most easily spread viruses on campus. "Many students are living under close corridors. Influenza can easily be spread by coughing, laughing, sneezing or even singing."

Although the flu has yet to be spread widely on campus, according to Price it wouldn't take much for it to happen. With only a few untreated cases able to spread the virus rapidly to the point of it getting out of control.

Ferris student Phil Hartley, a junior studying physical therapy, concurred with Price's sense of urgency in getting a yearly flu shot, saying that not only should students get the shot, but its their responsibility to do so.

"A lot of people don't even realize the risk involved. They

think 'it's not going to happen to me,'" said Hartley. "It's so stupid that people are putting their health at risk. Though it may be true that pharmaceutical companies are trying to make a profit, for the most part, they're concerned about the public health."

Hartley said that a large portion of student's deference to getting shots is due to the fear of receiving a shot; a fear that Hartley says is baseless.

"There's no reason to be scared of needles with the flu shot. It's not that painful and over before you know it," said Hartley. "The longest part is



Phil Hartley
Junior, physical therapy

sitting in the waiting room." The flu vaccine is covered by most insurance providers at Birkam Health Center; students may call ahead for an appointment. A "rapid test" for the flu is available for those who are experiencing symptoms.

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The Sex Diaries Project



The sex diaries project will come to Ferris courtesy of Arianne Cohen on November 10.

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

What is the best way to learn about yourself? Writer and TED speaker Arianne Cohen encourages keeping a journal of “every thought and encounter in your relationship and sexual life.” Cohen is bringing “The Sex Diaries Project” here to Ferris with an interactive 5-Star event.

“I’ve never been to Michigan,” Cohen says. “I’m thrilled to finally get up there and hear all about the private lives of students, and help out as much as I can.”

A Harvard graduate, Cohen has appeared on The Martha Stewart Show and contributes regularly to publications like The Guardian, Vogue, and The New York Times.

Cohen’s book “The Sex Diaries Project,” is a collection of over 1,500 real sex diaries, exploring the bedroom, relationships and marriages. On the Sex Diaries Project website, you can share your own experiences anonymously and read the diaries of others.

“I greatly value privacy—there’s a reason that The Sex Diaries Project is anonymous! Privacy gives us space to be safe and develop our thoughts on something,” Cohen says. “I think it’s important to be transparent and honest about our wants and needs around sex with sexual partners—and the precursor to that is being honest enough with ourselves to know what we want, and communicate that clearly.”

Cohen’s presentation is brought to campus as a 5-Star event by Entertainment Unlimited. Following Cohen’s interactive lecture, there will be a question and answer session.

Evan Pazkowski, President of Entertainment Unlimited, discusses the relevance of the event. “It’s obvious we need to talk more about sexual responsibility,” Pazkowski says. “So we thought it was the perfect time to bring this event to campus.”

“Sometimes, talking about something or writing it down helps you get it in perspective, which I think is kind of what

[The Sex Diaries Project] is all about,” says Aaron Wyse, co-publicity chair for the event.

Cohen is excited to be bringing her expertise to a college campus. “I love college students—I think I still am one at heart,” Cohen said. “College students

face so many exciting sexual and relationship choices, and I really enjoy providing a fun, safe place to talk about that.”

So how might a relationship expert like Cohen feel about college relationships as they relate to, say... Tinder?

“I’m all for interesting ways to meet people,” Cohen says. “We get so much information from visual cues—facial shape is partially determined by the particular bath of hormones a fetus is exposed to in utero, so when you look at a photo of someone, you’re

actually getting some cues about their personality and intellect.”

The Sex Diaries Project will be in Williams Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 10. The event is free thanks to funds allocated by the Finance Division of Student Government.

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ERIC ALVA

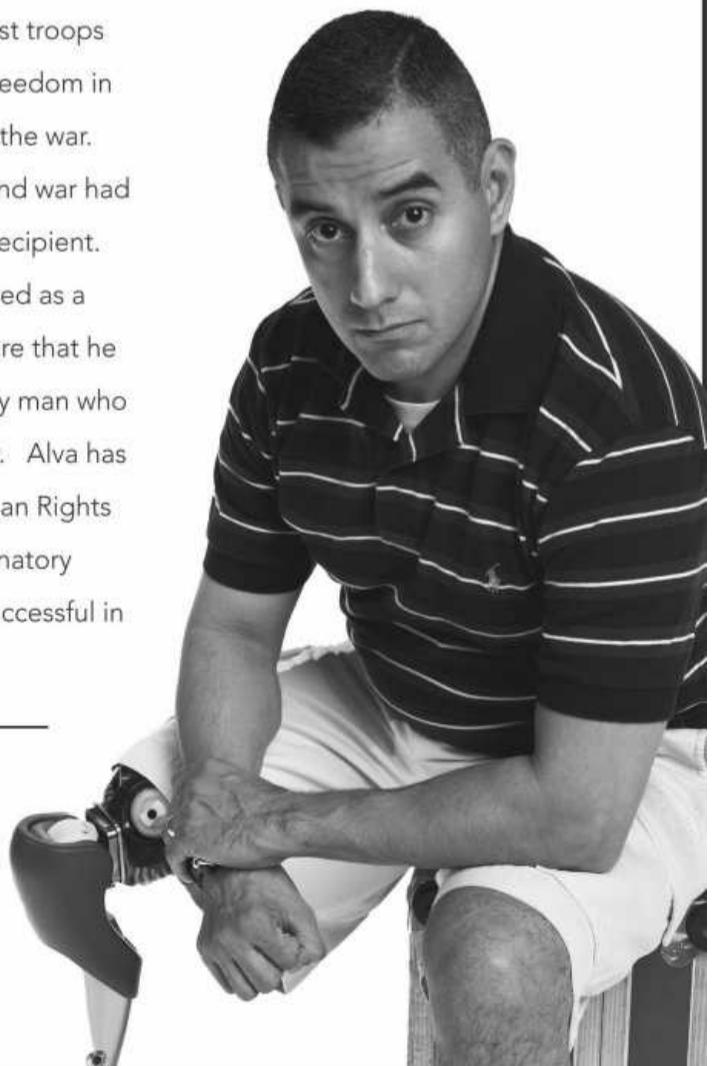
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FERRIS STATE TORCH

LIFESTYLES

We started Shred for the love of board sports, specifically longboarding and snowboarding

Blake Novosel

Computer Information Systems, Senior
See page 9 for story



Photo By: Dylan Peters

The Torch sports staff will select a Bulldog student-athlete each week based on athletic performance. Nominations may be sent to torch@ferris.edu.

SPICE IT UP!

Latin band creates harmony and promotes diversity

Dylan Peters

Ferris State Torch

Described as the “best Latin alternate band” by LA Weekly, Las Cafeteras is known for their energetic multi-lingual performances that bring the crowd together.

Before their performance in the IRC, Las Cafeteras gave a workshop presentation in the College of Business and talked to students about stereotypes and racism using videos, music, discussions and laughter.

“They talked about the reasons we stereotype and why it’s bad,” sophomore Dinah Jankoviak said. “They told us to make our own judg-

ments and not base them off of someone else’s opinions. So we paired up with people and learned about their backgrounds instead of looked and judged.”

Las Cafeteras talked about diversity and stereotypes in a way that made everyone feel comfortable. Hector Flores, one of the vocalists of Las Cafeteras, said that people need to do two things- ask about cultures and apologize for any mistakes.

“I really enjoyed it,” freshman Sabrina Timmer said. “I’m happy to learn about other’s ways. [The workshop] proves that everyone has stereotypes, but some can prove them wrong.”

Several students found the workshop to be eye-opening.

“The workshop was really informative,” pre-respiratory junior Geoff Amor said. “It gave me a better perspective on how different cultures are.”

After the workshop, the band set up in front of Starbucks and played music for the students.

Las Cafeteras combines music styles such as Afro-Mexican, hip hop, folk and Native American to create a new and unique sound to their performances.

They have shared the stage with bands such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and Ozomotli. They are currently on a 52 day tour traveling across the United States to bring people together with

dancing, music, and love.

“The music isn’t what I usually listen to, but I like it,” said Amor.

“It’s very unique. I’ve never heard of this type of music before.”

The music energized the crowd. Las Cafeteras got students to dance and sing along with the unique music.

“I love the music,” Timmer said. “It makes people happy, some like to sing and dance to

it. They’re smiling and having a good time and that’s great.”

At the end of the performance, Las Cafeteras held a raffle for students that participated in the workshop’s survey. While some students won prizes such as a gift card to Starbucks, one lucky student won a \$200 scholarship.

“You’re the future of the country,” Flores said to the crowd, “and the future looks hella beautiful.”

If you’d like to learn more about Las Cafeteras and their music, visit their website at www.lascafeteras.com. You can also find them on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.



Sabrina Timmer
Freshman

TOP 5 yaks



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< New Hot

The older I get, the more understandable Britney Spears's 2007 meltdown gets. 82

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So poor that my grocery list is becoming my Christmas list. 52

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Walgreens Pharmacist: "why do you think you need the plan b pill?" Me: "cause there's an egg hunt going on where it shouldn't be." 78

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Well.... the meeting with my advisor was nothing like PornHub made it out to be 69

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Shoutout to the girl at the Rec who got on a treadmill, took a selfie, then left. 61

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

The Pretty Reckless



Photo courtesy of iTunes

An album cover of ThePretty Reckless, provided by iTunes.

Genre: Alternative Rock
Like: Paramore, Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, Flyleaf

Let's rewind a little bit to the year 2000. Anyone remember Cindy Lou Who from "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"? Adorable little blonde girl, right?

Wrong. That actress-turned-badass is Taylor Momsen, guitarist and lead singer of the band The Pretty Reckless.

Momsen traded in pigtails and rosy cheeks for push-up bras and red lipstick, and her music is a direct cor-

relation of this transition.

Formed in 2009, the band consists of Taylor as lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Ben Phillips (lead guitar, backing vocals), Mark Damon (bass) and Jamie Perkins (drums).

The Pretty Reckless debuted with their album Light Me Up back in 2010, with the more familiar songs being "My Medicine" and "Make Me Wanna Die." Since then, the trio has been working on their newest album, just released this year, titled Going To Hell.

If you're one for the hard rock, post-grunge sound, this band is defi-

nitely worth checking out. I'm talking to you, Nirvana and Soundgarden fans.

Momsen does an excellent job at switching from rough, scratchy vocals to an angelic harmony in a single second. Check out the band's song "Goin' Down" and you'll see what I mean.

Despite all the talent this New York City-based band has to offer, may the faint-hearted listeners out there beware: most of the content they produce is highly controversial and usually explicit.

SHREDDING



Graphic by Kaila Parent

Kelsey George
 Ferris State Torch

When Scott Barger founded Ferris Shred a few years ago, he had one goal in mind: create an easygoing environment where boarders of all kinds can get together and share the same passion.

Whether your terrain of choice is asphalt or Aspen, Ferris Shred was made to celebrate all types of board sports whether it's skateboarding, longboarding, or snowboarding.

When Barger graduated last year, he passed along the reins to Mechanical Engineering Technology junior Daniel Zinn and Computer Information Systems senior Blake Novosel.

"We started Shred for the love of board sports, specifically long-

boarding and snowboarding. We also wanted to bring the community together and make new connections," said Novosel. "I started longboarding my freshman year but wanted to take my skills above and beyond just cruising around campus."



Daniel Zinn
 Junior, mechanical engineering

"When I was introduced to the downhill scene, I got so into it that I now ride all over the state on a regular basis with riders from all over. We're one big family here in Michigan," said Zinn. "[Shred] is a way to

get people who think boarding is cool to see a new level of the sport. It's all about spreading the stoke."

The last two years, Shred has hosted the Fat Rapids River Rush, a six-mile race on the river walk along with a slide jam on a local hill.



Jacob Bleshenski
 Freshman, psychology

"Last year there were about 100 riders, and we're hoping to see some more big numbers this spring. Also, we're looking to start the first ever snowboard team this winter," said Novosel.

Shred has a group on Facebook with over 200 members where boarders of all kinds can come together and talk about the hobbies they share, set up outings, and even buy, sell, or trade equipment.

"I found out about shred from members of the group, and I'm considering joining the snowboard team this winter," said Psychology freshman Jacob Bleshenski.

Snowboarding, skateboarding, longboarding; whatever your forte, Shred was created so students can meet up, share stories, go on trips, ride together and just have fun.

For all students potentially interested in learning more about Shred or just meeting up with some cool people, contact Blake Novosel via Facebook.

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Sal Vasallo takes home top prize in the Torch Halloween Costume Contest in classic school spirit pride as Lego Brutus.

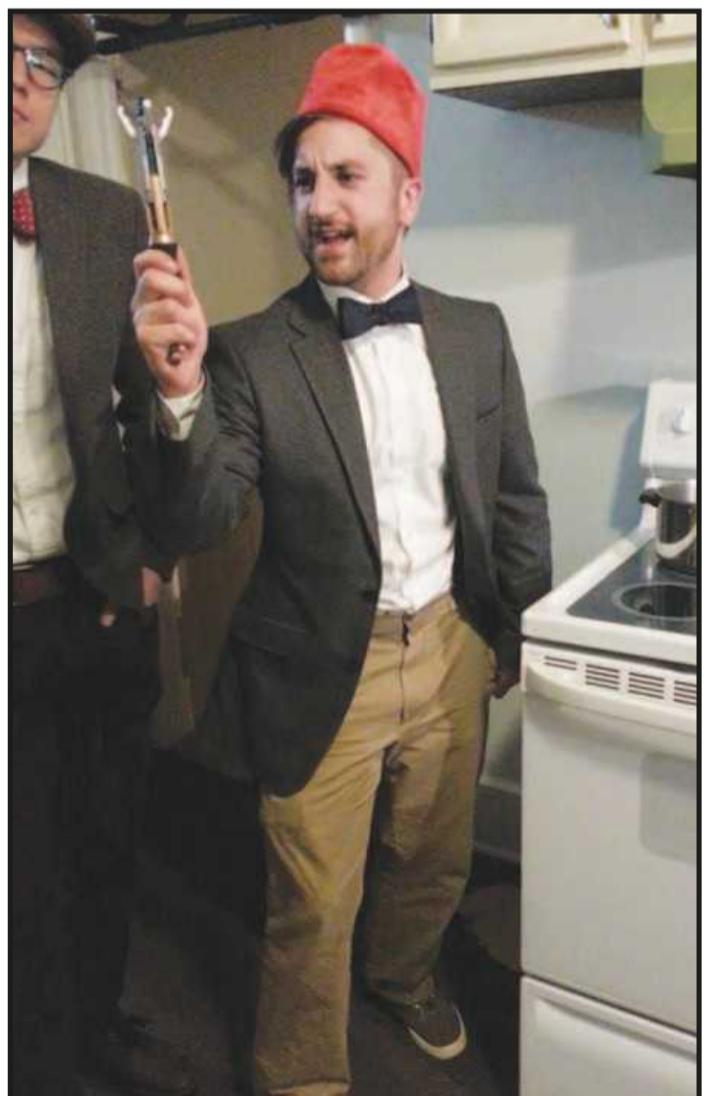
Second Place



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Loagan Bixman and Andrew Klarecki take home second prize as Wayne Campbell and Garth Algar from "Wayne's World." Party on Wayne, and party on Garth!

Third Place



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Kevin Robb takes home third prize as Dr. Who.

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- 11/6: Shanahan Book Signing 3 p.m. FLITE lower level lobby
- 11/6: FSU Jazz Band Fall Concert 8 p.m. in Williams Auditorium
- 11/7: Arts & Lectures presents: Eric Alva 7 p.m. in Williams Auditorium
- 11/7: Women's Volleyball hosts Wayne State 7 p.m. at Ewingleben Sports Arena
- 11/8: Football Hosts Northern Michigan 12 p.m.
- 11/8: Women's Volleyball hosts Saginaw Valley 5 p.m. at Ewingleben Sports Arena
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- 11/8: Disney After Dark: A Burlesque Tribute to Disney 9 p.m. at Billy's Lounge in Grand Rapids
- 11/9: iCrush 5K at Big Rapids Middle School
- 11/11: \$1 Games & \$1 Shoes & DJ Barcode 9 p.m at The Gate

Modern love

Does size really matter?



Sarah Force
Ferris State Torch

Men seem to think that their self-worth is directly related to how many inches they're packing in the nether regions.

They also seem to think that the one and only way to satisfy a female is to have a long enough tool to push a certain button.

Well, boys, how do you explain lesbians? A girl can just as easily satisfy a girl without even having one of those "tools." I know you've seen the videos.

Sure, to an extent it's kind of a bonus if you have some nicely sized junk, but there's a fine line between a pleasant surprise and the next American Horror Story.

Truth is, us ladies are a lot more complex. It's going to take more than just anything over 5 inches to satisfy us.

We are like ovens. It takes some time to heat us up.

Whereas men are like micro-waves, all you have to do is turn it on, push a button and he's good to go! Okay, that was an awful metaphor, but you catch my drift.

According to a 2014 study in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, the average length of an American male's erection is slightly over 5.5 inches and only 2% of guys are packing 8 inches or more.

In all reality, everyone is unique and everyone has different preferences. Different people enjoy different things and are satisfied in different ways. It's important to learn your partner and how to get them going.

If your size is below average, find a lover that enjoys that

over a huge dong. If you're packing mad heat, I'm sure you can find someone who isn't entirely too intimidated by it. If you're worried that your God-given man-bits won't do the trick, there are many different sex positions that I'm sure you've researched by now that can accommodate for that. (I.e. doggy style, cowgirl)

So whether you're rocking an anaconda or a gardener snake, it doesn't necessarily mean that you're a lost cause in the sack.

If you don't take it from me, take it from the sexpert, Dr. Hernando Chaves. He is an author for AskMen.com, a clinical sexologist and sex coach in Beverly Hills, CA.

"It's a myth that a large penis equates to sexual satisfaction or relationship happiness," Dr. Chaves said.

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-Yik Yak



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SPORTS

“I heard that last year she played some games on a torn ACL”
Katie Mavis
Junior, women's basketball
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FOOTBALL

Dawgs take on Wildcats



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Undefeated Ferris closes out home schedule with Northern

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-chief

Following a 66-56 shoot-out win with Lake Erie, the 9-0 Bulldogs will have a shot to reach double digit wins at home against Northern Michigan.

“We started with a football game and ended with a track meet,” head coach Tony Annese said. “Total offense, 708 versus 706, I know our defense is going to be a little discouraged by our productivity.”

Annese joked that the turf was so worn out that it may need to be replaced after the 122 point explosion.

Despite the defensive strug-

gles to stop Lake Erie's offensive onslaught, the Bulldogs came away with some positives.

Ferris garnered multiple awards, with Division II player of the year candidate Jason Vander Laan snagging GLIAC player of the week honors, while the offensive line was named the National Offensive Line of the week.

Vander Laan also broke the GLIAC single game quarterback rushing record with 284 yards on the ground. Vander Laan finished with three rushing touchdowns and three passing touchdowns.

The AFCA coach's poll has Ferris State ranked fourth in the nation, while Ferris is ranked

first overall in Super-Region Four.

Now Ferris turns their attention to a 2-7 Northern Michigan team that has played Ferris close over the last two seasons.

It took a last second touchdown to receiver Jake Lampman to best the Wildcats in 2012, while Ferris escaped with a 35-22 victory at home last season.

This marks the second consecutive season that Northern Michigan will visit Top Taggart Field.

Northern Michigan quarterback Shaye Brown has thrown for 1,912 yards and averages 239 passing yards per game, which is third best in the conference. His top target, Marcus Tucker, has

five touchdowns on 646 receiving yards.

Tucker is the only Wildcat to be named GLIAC player of the week in any category, as a special teams player on Oct. 20.

Tucker is the GLIAC leader in kick return yardage with 651 return yards. He has no touchdowns on kick returns, but has an 84-yard return to his name this season.

Wyatt Jurasin leads the Wildcats on the ground with 655 yards and five rushing touchdowns in eight games.

Ferris will enter the contest on a nation leading 13-game win streak, while the Wildcats come in having lost six of their last seven games.

The Bulldogs played close with a now 4-5 team, and head coach Tony Annese was less than pleased with certain aspects of the game, but is thankful that the team came away with a victory. A loss in college football can be the difference between a home and a road playoff game.

“It's almost like a new lease on life,” Annese said. “Being able to be 9-0 now, have a Northern Michigan come here to clinch a share of the GLIAC title. I told them at half time, you should be able to feel that ring about a quarter of the way down your finger.”

WHATS AT STAKE

- A share of the GLIAC title
- Ferris State's first GLIAC title since 1999
- A home playoff game
- An NCAA playoff berth (First since 1996 when team went 10-2)

- A top three NCAA ranking*

*Ferris was ranked number one in the nation in four national online computer polls

MENS BASKETBALL

Back at it

Bulldogs prepare for regular season

Marshall Schedt
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State Men's Basketball team kicks off their exhibition season against Calvin College on Saturday.

The Bulldogs were 10-16 overall and 9-13 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last year. With a hard fought 94-87 exhibition loss at Division I Oakland University last Saturday, the Bulldogs face a Calvin team this weekend that is one of the better teams in Division III. Last year the Bulldogs beat Calvin 85-70.

The team wants to turn it around from the losing record last year, but they don't want to forget what happened a season ago.

Second year Head Coach Andy Bronkema said that the team wants to "Build on what we did last year. We figured out a lot about ourselves."

Bronkema said that he believes the biggest strength of his team is the balance and teamwork that they have throughout the court. With seniors Dietrich Lever and last year's scoring leader Drew Lehman, the team has

veteran support in the back-court with championship experience. The two players were both on the team when they won the North Division in the 2011-2012 season.

Along with the senior guards are returning junior center Jared Stolicker and wing player Josh Fleming, who Bronkema calls a great all-around talent. The team also has 7 incoming freshmen and one transfer on the roster this year. Coach Bronkema says that some will be red-shirted and others will play bigger roles on the team.

The Bulldogs have high goals set for this season. Senior shooting guard Matt Poches said the goal for the team is to make the GLIAC playoffs and win the conference tournament. In order to do this the team will have to be a top 4 team in the north division, but they don't want to settle for fourth.

"When first place is available, we're not going to settle for second," Bronkema said.

The team plays Calvin College at 3:30 p.m. in Big Rapids on Saturday.



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The Torch sports staff will select a Bulldog student-athlete each week based on athletic performance. Nominations may be sent to torch@ferris.edu.

WOMENS BASKETBALL



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Bukur dribbles through defense during practice. Bukur spent last season at Kirtland College and hails from Russia.

From long distance

Natalia Bukur: A Russian Bulldog

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Sophomore guard on the women's basketball team Natalia Bukur has come a long way to suit up in the crimson and gold of Ferris State.

Originally hailing from St. Petersburg, Russia, Bukur must've packed a killer 3-point shot with the rest of her luggage when she made the trip across the Atlantic Ocean.

"She's a really good athlete. She's very offensive-minded, I mean she can shoot from anywhere. She's learning the system and it might take her a while, but she can downright shoot." Head Coach Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate said.

Bukur specializes in shooting from 3-point range. She claims to have been blessed with natural talent, but also stressed that she has worked to refine her characteristic shot.

"Her three-pointer is defi-

nately the best part of her game. She can nail a three-pointer from anywhere on the floor," junior guard Katie Mavis said.

Though her offensive prowess will help her to find her way onto the floor, she must also adapt a strong defensive game to match, which means adjusting to some unfamiliar strategies.

"I put a zone in the other day and she just took to it really easily. When we started practice we did skills with the team and in man-to-man she just wasn't getting it as well as I thought she would," Lamoreaux-Tate said. "Then when we put in a zone she understood the concepts and everything, so I said 'Wow you really know this zone!' and she just smiled and said 'Yeah, that's all we ran in Russia.' Then it all made sense."

Another struggle that Bukur is fighting to overcome is recovering from an ACL injury that plagued much of her last season, which was spent playing for

Kirtland Community College.

"I heard that last year she played some games on a torn ACL, so to play through that really says a lot about her work ethic," Mavis said. "Still, as far as practice goes, she's always working hard and getting into the drills.

We have to explain it to her a little bit more in-depth, but once she gets the hang of it she's good."

Despite the slight bouts of confusion when dealing with new surroundings and systems, Bukur says that she has no trouble with any language barrier, and she is fitting in well with the coaches and team.

"That's how our team is with any newcomer. We just try to



Natalia Bukur
Sophomore, guard

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WOMENS SOCCER



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The Women's soccer team at a practice earlier this season during the early morning fog. The Bulldogs have a chance to take on rival Grand Valley State in the GLIAC tournament.

Bulldogs crack the tournament

For the fifth straight year, Ferris takes a shot at the championship

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Following a disappointing first half of the season, which transitioned into a hopeful turnaround, the Ferris State soccer team has earned a spot in the GLIAC Playoffs. This will mark the Bulldogs fifth consecutive berth in the tournament.

This tournament berth was no happy accident, as it took a conscious team effort to stay afloat after beginning the season on a bad note. Thankfully, the Bulldogs were able to pull together as a unit and began

turning the tides of the season early in October, as they were able to put together a series of 5 wins in just 7 consecutive games.

"We struggled to score and play a full 90 minutes in September. We are still the same team, and have the same goals now as we did then. We have just found a way to click and compete," senior midfielder Riley Wood said.

Sophomore goalkeeper Savanna Wojtanowski, who was recently awarded with GLIAC defensive player of the week honors, believes that the team's defensive unity has been a major strong point on the season.

"They all play great defense. Not just the defenders, but the midfielders and the forwards. We're all playing defense as a team, which is great," Wojtanowski said.

For the past two years, the Bulldogs have been able to advance past the quarterfinals in the GLIAC Tournament. However, there have never been Dawgs playing for a Tournament Championship, but this reinvigorated squad will hope to change that.

"We're hungry for a championship because we know we have it in us. This year started off rough, but I think we clicked at the right time," Wood said. "We are only improving and winning more

games, while some teams are starting to fall off at this point. So I think we are in the right position to enter the tournament."

In order to advance, the Bulldogs will have to take on some stiff competition. After dropping a game to Grand Valley State at home 3-2 and then again getting bullied in a 7-2 loss in Grand Rapids, the Bulldogs will take on their old nemeses once again to start the GLIAC playoffs this week.

"We are confident with how we are playing and we knew that to win the GLIAC, which is one of our goals, we would have to play Grand Valley at some point," Wood said. "We have gone toe-to-toe with them every

game and our coach has prepared us for this. It's hard to beat a team three times in one season, so we're ready to take them on."

Grand Valley State ended the season with a 15-2-1 record, and finished second in the GLIAC Conference Championship with Ohio Dominican. They enter the tournament as the #10 team in the nation. Not to mention, they've won the GLIAC Tournament six years in a row.

If Ferris were to beat GVSU, they would then move on to the semifinals for the third straight year and take on the winner of the Michigan Tech and Walsh matchup.

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Impressing the States with a jump shot from 3-point range

make her feel at home and let her know that she is a part of the family," Mavis said. "I'll bet last year was more about adjusting for her and this year she's more accustomed to the culture and the language, so she's definitely fitting in."

The strong family atmosphere and support that she has found from her team has helped Bukur to not only make the transition to the Ferris State area, but also to a whole new country.

"My city is like the second capital of my country, so it is a very big city. I like smaller towns too, so coming here is not a problem for me," Bukur said. "But I will go back to Russia

when I am done with school."

Approximately 4,400 miles lie between Bukur and her hometown of St. Petersburg, Russia. Whether or not she can make a shot from that distance has yet to be seen, but with her perceived ability from beyond the arc, it shouldn't be ruled out entirely.

The team will open exhibition play against Notre Dame on November 5 and Toledo on November 8. The Bulldogs will then hit the road to play a two-game series in Nashville, Tennessee against Kentucky Wesleyan and Trevecca Nazarene on November 21 and 22, respectively to tipoff the regular season.

Last Season

Kirtland College

15 games played

14.6 points/game

39.1% three-point

5.7 rebounds/game

33.3 minutes played per game



Sports Shorts

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

Hockey splits with Sparty; goal scoring becoming issue

The Bulldogs have scored three goals in the last 15 periods of play and have gone 1-4 over that mark.

Senior forward Justin Buzzeo, the 2013-14 team leader in points, just tallied his first point of the season in the seventh game of the season, scoring the lone goal in a 4-1 loss to Michigan State.

Ferris is averaging 1.43 goals per game this season, and their powerplay is working at a 1-30 clip.

Fortunately the defense has been glowing. The penalty kill is strong at 90 percent overall. CJ Motte has a .943 save percentage and a 2.01 goals allowed average on the season, and has kept the Bulldogs alive this season.

Men's basketball plays close with Division I Oakland

A 94-87 road loss is what the men's hoops squad has to build on.

Fortunately, that loss was in exhibition, nonetheless to a Division I opponent.

Ferris visited the Golden Grizzlies on November 1, and came away eight points shy of victory.

Senior guard Drew Lehman had 26 points to pace the Bulldogs, while junior center Jared Stolicker added 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior forward Josh Fleming added nine points and a team best 15 rebounds.

The Bulldogs have their conference home opener against Lewis on November 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Rehm named GLIAC player of the week second straight time

Senior Courtney Rehm has helped lead the Bulldogs to a 15-1 league record.

For the second consecutive week, Rehm nabbed GLIAC player of the week honors.

Rehm had a team high 36 kills with 22 digs, four blocks and four aces on the week.

The senior helped Ferris come back and take down No. 14 ranked Grand Valley 3-2.

The Bulldogs then swept Northwood 3-0 and had six more kills in a 3-0 sweep of Lake Superior State on the road.

Rehm also reached a distinguished career mark, notching her 1,000th career kill as a Bulldog. She is the 18th player in school history to reach that mark.

The Bulldogs return home to host Wayne State and Saginaw Valley State on Nov. 7 and 8.

Rehm will be honored on Senior Day on November 8, as it will be one of her final games in a Bulldog Uniform.

The Bulldogs are nationally ranked no. 22 overall.

Top Dawg



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

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

In a shoot-out against the Lake Erie Storm, the nationally ranked Ferris State Bulldog football team walked away with a 66-56 win, to improve to 9-0, and were ca

Vander Laan was extremely efficient in Saturday's contest, finishing 13-for-15 passing and totaling 215 yards through the air and three touchdowns. Vander Laan also ran the ball a team high 29 times and finished with a season high in rushing yards with 289. He also recorded three rushing touchdowns in the Bulldog victory.

With his performance on Saturday, Vander Laan has eclipsed the 1,000 yard rushing mark for the season, totaling 1,163 yards in just nine games, averaging 129 yards a game on the ground for the Bulldogs with 13 rushing touchdowns. Vander Laan also has 1,658 yards through the air for the Dawgs, with 24 touchdowns and just three interceptions on the season.

The 6-foot-4, 241 pound quarterback hails from Frankfort, Ill. and is an All-American candidate. The junior captain is a returning All-American and All-GLIAC honoree, as he started all 11 games for the Bulldogs in 2013 and set the

NCAA Division II single-season rushing record for a quarter back, finishing with 1,607 yards. Vander Laan ran for 21 touchdowns in 2013 and also finished with 1,741 yards through the air with nine touchdowns.

With just two games remaining for the Bulldogs in the 2014 regular season, Ferris State is looking to make a deep run in the playoffs and will turn to their junior captain to lead them. Their junior captain who is looking to surpass last season's rushing and passing numbers, and who has the potential to be named the Division II Player of the Year.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5
Women's basketball @
Notre Dame, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7
Women's soccer @ Grand
Valley State (GLIAC
Playoffs)
Volleyball vs. Wayne
State, 7:00 p.m.
Hockey @ Northern
Michigan, 7:07 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8
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Women's basketball @
Toledo, 12:00 p.m.
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Letter From The Editor

Holiday Cheer

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-chief

I'm an early Christmas-er, and I have no shame.

On the morning following Halloween, I woke up and got in my car to find Christmas music playing on the radio.

I turned it up, and much to the chagrin of one of the more epic walk-of-shame crowds I had ever seen, I rolled my windows down as I drove through the campus of Michigan State.

A few stopped to yell at me that I was nuts. One woman started clapping. Per usual, I got a mixed bag of results.

I hear your arguments and yes, I understand that Christmas is still nearly two months away. No, I do not care.

For me, this will be one of the most awkward holiday seasons in my lifetime. For one, I won't have my tradition Thanksgiving dinner. I'll be in the midst of a nine-hour work related road trip.

Secondly, I had a traditional family. I love them all very much. But the traditional context is now past tense.

It's new to me, and I'm not sure how to handle it despite the best advice from my friends that have experienced this phenomena. For the first time in my life, I may not see my whole family on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Since I returned to school in August, like many of you, I am stressed, exhausted and impatient.

I need to feel cheery. I need a little of that holiday feeling far earlier than some because it's the only thing helping me to wake up in the morning.

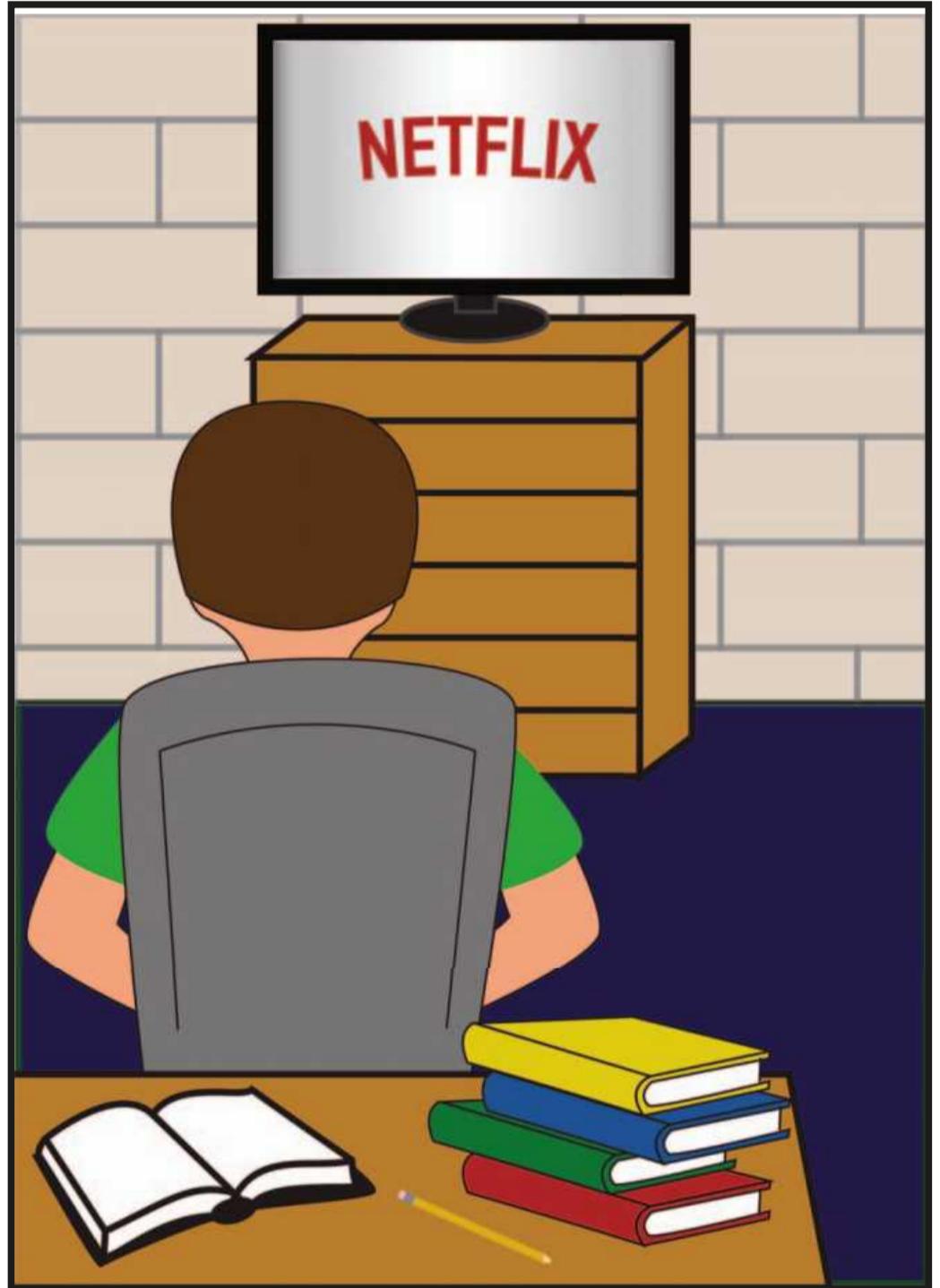
My problems are no greater than yours. I struggle with them because I'm poor at handling emotional issues and not at all afraid to admit it.

So yes, I'm going to listen to Christmas music, because it helps me. I won't judge you for despising my early Christmas-ing as long as you keep it to yourself.

I'll try my hardest to keep my early Christmas-ing out of your face unlike I did when I was at Michigan State if it bothers you that much.

SLIP-SLIDING SENIOR

Advocating for the age-old adage one C at a time



Graphic by Jordan Lodge

As eternal as time and almost as inevitable as death, the senior slide has wrapped another hapless class into its Netflix-heavy embrace.

What few articles pop up on Google when searching this malady relate the phenomenon to high school and the dreaded effect it can have on college admission. Even Urban Dictionary, our most vaunted source of definitions for collegiates, keeps the term confined to high school. I must be a late bloomer - after hanging out somewhere in the vague netherworld that is "not quite a 4.0" for my entire life, I've slipped



Tyler Hanan
Opinions Editor

into the wholly non-sarcastic "ah good, a C" stage.

I've spent my entire college career with my hands in twelve other pies already, distracted as could be. Surely, if any were to avoid the slide, it'd be the students who were already smart slackers. Yet here I am, late assignments in half of my classes and mediocre test scores in the other.

The hell of it is, I don't feel bad about it.

Here's the thing: I'm not just

binging "Arrow" on Netflix - although I DID do that, along with "Bob's Burgers." I did a few internships - plural - this summer, along with some other industry work.

I returned to school with four measly classes to mop up, and there are far more daunting things just past them on the horizon that worry me far more.

The specter of a second internship looms; a fabled real life, adult, non-video store clerk job is needed immediately after. My loans are waiting - I just got an email about them today. I filtered that particular bit of e-postage into another folder so

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

-Walt Disney



NOVEMBER PANIC

Exams aren't far off: How to prepare for success

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Life after college is just around the corner



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If you need help, ask for it. Don't be too proud to go to someone you know (Or don't, there is a tutoring center) for help. You're only cheating yourself if you give away an opportunity for success.

It's the time of the semester when everyone looks at their calendar and realizes "Crap, it's November."

Final exams sit a little over a month away. There's a half-week off for Thanksgiving. The first semester is winding to a close.

If I know most of you, you're panicking. I like to call it "November Panic."

It's a crazy phenomenon. One night you're partying it up on Halloween, and then you wake up on Monday morning and hear Christmas music on the radio.

This month is, in the words of Ferris Hockey public address announcer Jason Daday, "Crrrrrrrrrunch Time!"

The only difference is you're not on your feet. Or cheering. You get to book a room at the library for the next few weeks and panic your way through exam studying or term paper writing.

For those of you that are new to this, it's not actually that bad.

Here are a few steps to going home in mid-December with

a smile on your face, based on my experience getting no lower than an 88 on a final exam in two years of college.

Step one: Start now. You don't need to cram. It's been well documented that cramming does not work in the long run. Your brain can only process so much at once.

Step two: Kick one of your party nights off the books. If you go out Thursday-Saturday, take Thursday night as a study night. I know you'll be bummed the few times you don't go out, but you'll be more bummed to see a 60 percent on your exam.

Step three: Schedule out your study time. Pick one to two hour segments maybe three times a week over the first week, four times over the second week and five to six (vary per major, I know you forensic biology majors probably need to segment in day-long sessions) the last week. Notice that's scheduled three weeks out from exams. Not the night before, not two months out.

Step four: Reward yourself.



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I'm like a puppy. I expect a treat when I get done. For me, that treat is Nutella. I would lock my jar of Nutella away until I got a certain amount done. It takes discipline, believe me, I nearly hit one of my roommates that stood between me and my jar of Nutella, but I did it.

Deprive yourself of something you love, and take it only when you accomplish something.

Step five: Sleep. I repeat, sleep. I am a former athlete (emphasis on former) and the most important night of sleep in preparation for competition is the night before the night before.

Example: I have an exam on a Wednesday. So I go to bed early on Monday. I know Tuesday night it will be hard to sleep because I'll be nervous, so I get as much as I can on Monday night.

You need sleep. You'll

feel sharper on exams when you have plenty of it.

Step six: Eat well. That doesn't necessarily mean eat healthy. I knew a kid that needed to chug a coke before swimming because he was convinced it worked for him. It would have made me puke, but it worked for him. Eat what works for you, and eat plenty of it. If you believe in it, it will work.

More than the food itself it's the belief that the food will work for you that helps. Any sort of belief you can get in your corner will help, even if it's as innocuous as eating skittles.

Step seven (optional): Pray to every religious/famous figure you know. I do it out of superstition. It works for me because I believe it works for me. I've yet to figure out which one is helping me, but I have narrowed it down to the fact that there's a chance Bill Murray is looking out for me in his infinite wisdom.

it wouldn't stare at me with all those zeroes, but I KNOW its there. If I had a bed frame, I'd suspect it of hiding under my box spring every night.

It's daunting knowing that in a few short months, I'll be submerged and drowning in debt, probably for the next few years. Making money doesn't happen fast (But the lottery seems like a good investment).

This slippage isn't all "Arrow" abs and H. Jon Benjamin-voiced mayhem - it's a scramble to prepare for the end. Sure, a final project is important, but so is how I pay for the class with the project.

It's difficult enough to get a job right out of college when you're trying; am I really going to focus more time on the project than my post-graduate paycheck? If I'm splitting my focus 80-20, that 80 is going towards the more lasting bit. If a job cares more about my murderer's row of C-pluses than it does about my stacked resume, the priorities there are off before they've even interviewed me.

That being said, they may have their reasons. They may see those C-pluses and think "Slacker."

At times, rightfully so.

I've reached the point in my college career where there is no return. When I screw up, I cannot go back and fix it. It's there because next semester, I won't be here.

Preparing for all of this is overwhelming. Applying for jobs that I can't take until January are clouding my academic judgement.

What am I to do if I graduate and still I'm in a hole without a career advancement?

Not all senior slides are the same. Applications, interviews, resume building and more just seem more important than a random quiz right now.

READ INTO IT

Domestic Violence

October is over but the issue of abuse still stands



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October may be over, but that doesn't change the fact that more people should be aware about Domestic Violence and how to watch for it. According to domesticviolencestatistics.org, Around the world, at least one in every three women have been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime and most often they know or are related to their abuser. Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship claim that a boyfriend threatened them, if they thought about breaking off the relationship. But the statistic that gets me the most, about every nine seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten. That's roughly 9,000 women a day. And its not only women, men do experience abuse as well.

According to helpguide.com, domestic violence and abuse are used for one for one purpose: to gain and maintain control over you. The abusers use fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to wear you down and keep you under their thumb. Your abuser may also hurt you, threaten you, or try to hurt those around you. These types of abuse don't discriminate. Domestic abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to physical violence. Although the physical abuse is the most obvious, the mental and verbal abuse is very severe.

According to *Breaking the*

Silence Handbook, Any situation that you are forced into that is unwanted, unsafe or degrading sexual activity is sexual abuse, no matter what. Even if you are in a committed relationship be it with a boyfriend/girlfriend or a spouse, forced sex is an act of aggression and violence. Additionally people whose significant other abuse them sexually and physically are at a higher risk of serious injury or death. Even if you think that your situation seems minor compared to other instances that you've read or heard about, there isn't a "better" or "worse" form of abuse.

If you feel that you are victim of any type of abuse, there are a lot of resources to students right here on campus. You can talk to counselors at Birkham, you can talk to advisors, a trusted adult or even get restraining orders from campus police if needed. Go to www.ferris.edu/birkhamhealthcenter.com or you can call them at 231-591-2614. If you feel that you need to talk to the Department of Public Safety, you can call them at 231-591-5000 or visit them at the DPS office located in Bond Circle on the west side of campus. Check out loveisrespect.org, or thehotline.org. For more information you can call the National Domestic Violence hotline at 1-800-799-7233, it may just help or save a life.

Mom lets go to Shooters

My impression of Big Rapids' only "night club"



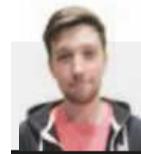
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The Torch sports staff will select a Bulldog student-athlete each week based on athletic performance. Nominations may be sent to torch@ferris.edu.

On any college campus, the weekend is a gift that offers students a small release from the monotony and stress of the workweek.

For many, the weekend involves studying or maybe playing video games, but most students seek the ultimate thrill that Big Rapids has to offer: getting drunk. As an incidental salute to our pal Brutus, the "On The Record" section of the Torch regularly sees students behaving like actual bulldogs. Among this army sized demographic of beer guzzling, booty shaking Skrillex enthusiasts are the special few that stumble their way down Michigan Avenue to the magnum opus of all party-related affairs: Star Shooters Restaurant and Bar.

With over 10,000 students attending class on Ferris's main campus, one might think it odd that Shooters is the only youth-oriented, dare I say it, "night club" in town. Reviews on Yelp call Shooters "absolute trash" and "the largest meat market in Big Rapids." Shooters does advertise eight flavors of "famous chicken wings," but that probably isn't the meat he was referring to. Shooters' old website used to advise you to "treat yourself, your family, and



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friends," to its amenities." That almost sounds like a challenge. Next time my mother is in town, I'll assure her that the Blue Cow can wait; we're going to Shooters.

Alright, mom, lets take a look inside. Depending on the night, there may be a cover charge (on this particular night, it's \$5). Upon entering, the fast-paced magic of the place overwhelms me. The lights are shining on dozens of beautiful girls expelling a primal urge to dance with the beat of the club's quaking sound system. Then I'm rudely bumped into by an oblivious thirty-something who can't possibly be a Ferris student, and I have to double take at what I had previously seen. Those lights illuminate wood paneling and a film of unfathomably brown grime. The room goes silent for an instant as the iPod that's plugged in shuffles from hip-hop to country. Wait a second, why are all these people here again?

Anyways, let's find a table, mom. This one is too dirty (not sure with what substance) and that one is occupied; don't worry, he's just taking a nap. A look around: sober guys sheepishly

walking laps around the club, slightly less sober guys playing pool, and not even slightly sober guys and gals treating themselves to cigarettes on the front patio. What a sight to behold! Everyone is crowded around the bar in the middle of the room. There are a few ladies seated and four times that many men feverishly hovering around these girls as if buying them drinks were brokering at the New York Stock Exchange. Listen, my review can't be complete until I use the restroom. A deep breath, and here we go...

To my surprise, no feces on the floor, but lets not get ahead of ourselves. Those craters in the earth used to be white porcelain and they're called toilets. The keyed writing on every reachable surface does make for some nice reading, though. There's not any toilet paper; Shooters would either like you to get creative or just abstain from wiping.

Sorry I brought you here, mom. But look, the nightly drink specials are actually quite impressive and this is probably the busiest place in town right now. Everyone is having such a good time, too. I suppose we should just leave them be. My conclusion? Star Shooter Restaurant and Bar: not a place to bring your mom.



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