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Student employees receive 35 cent hourly raise

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Torch Reporter

A pay bump is on the way for student employees at Ferris due to a Michigan-mandated minimum wage increase.

Ferris' four hourly pay lev-

els for student employees will all be increased by 35 cents for the Dec. 20 pay period.

Minimum wage student employees, for example, will have their hourly pay increased from \$8.15 to \$8.50.

This is the second of four pay increases that will eventu-

ally increase minimum wage on campus to \$9.25 by Jan. 1, 2018.

Student employment and financial aid advisor John Randle said the increase in pay focuses on treating students as fairly as possible.

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FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY



Prof. Robert Eastley PE 4.8



Robert Eastley

Education:

M.S. Civil Engineering, Michigan Tech
 B.S. Civil Engineering, Michigan Tech
 A.A.S. Civil Engineering Technology, Michigan Tech
Subjects: Architecture, Civil Engineering Technology and Construction Management



Dr. Nathan Garrelts 5.0

Education:

Ph.D. American Studies, Michigan State University
 M.S. Information Security and Intelligence, Ferris State
Subjects: Primary English



Dr. Caroline Stern 4.8



Caroline Stern

Education:

Ph.D. Capella University
 M.A. University of Michigan
 B.A. Oakland University
Subjects: English, Composition, Instructional Design, Document Design and Information Literacy



Prof. Bernadette Fox 4.8

Education:

M. Ed. / TESOL, Grand Valley University
 B.A. English Language and Literature, Grand Valley State University
 B.A. Communications, Grand Valley State University
 A.A. Pre-Law, Grand Rapids Community College
Subjects: English



Dr. Gary Huey 4.7

Education:

Ph.D. Washington State University
 M.S. Illinois State University
 M.A. Bradley University
 B.S. Bradley University
Subjects: History



Gary Huey

The top five rated Ferris State professors on ratemyprofessors.com

ANGELA GRAF

Torch Reporter

It's time to register for classes and to roll the dice with which professor will be best. As you type the URL into the search bar, you get that familiar feeling of anticipation mixed with just a little bit of fear that comes every semester.

The page loads, and you begin to wonder what exactly you are signing up for and, before long, you have your answer courtesy of ratemyprofessors.com.

The website is designed in such a way that you can search for professors either by school or by name. Then those results can be narrowed down by subject and

filtered by a number of ratings, including most helpful, clearest, easiest, etc. When rating a professor, students can also select a "chili pepper" icon to indicate a professor's attractiveness.

There are many ways to apply these filters to find the best and worst of the lot. Shown above are five of the best professors at Ferris State University, according to ratemyprofessors.com.

The most common comment from students on all of these professor's profiles is that they are helpful and truly care about the wellbeing and success of their students both in and out of the classroom.

"I know that students don't drive

brand new cars and I know that some of them have family and fi-

"My job is not to weed students out, my job is to teach the students..."

Dr. Caroline Stern

nanial problems," said Dr. Caroline Stern.

"They pay \$1,200 for my class. I understand the financial investment that they've made, so my job is not to weed students out, my job is to teach the students I have and if that takes more time on my part then that's worth the investment they've made in Ferris. That's part of my job."

Dr. Gary Huey, recipient of Ferris' 2014 Distinguished Teacher Award, feels the same about teaching. Having been teaching for 38 years, he just isn't ready to retire and leave his students yet.

"I have been teaching here since 1986 and I started [teaching] in 1977," said Dr. Huey. "I am 69 and people ask me, 'When are you going to retire and do something that

you enjoy?' and my response is always, 'I am doing something that I enjoy!' I'm just having fun and I'm making a pretty decent salary on top of it. I just feel like I've been incredibly fortunate that I've been able to spend the vast majority of my life doing something I love."



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“Life is weird and improv is an art form that celebrates that.”

- Matt Starr

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A change in the wind

Impact of University Center redirects campus traffic

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Torch Reporter

In fall of 2014, Westside Cafe served 27,647 people between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., while the University Center’s Quad Café has already served 80,999 during those times this fall.

There are a lot of projections made when there is major construction on a college campus. The time it will be finished, the amount of materials that are necessary, the labor, etc. What isn’t always necessarily a thought is how the building will change the campus as a whole.

The University Center (UC) opened in January of 2015 and has since had a major impact on the people and other buildings around it.

There have been a number of noticeable changes, particularly in reference to buildings designated for dining, the most obvious of these being the closing of Westside Café and Between Chapters Café.

When examining similar numbers at The Rock Café as the UC and Westside, there has been a drastic decrease from last year. Last fall between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., The Rock served 122,752 patrons. This year that has decreased 34.6 percent to 80,214. The Market saw a 46 percent decrease in sales between this fall and last fall. The IRC Starbucks is hurting, too, having seen a 27 percent decrease from last year in response to the opening of a new Starbucks in the UC.

“I knew they wanted everybody to go to the UC,” said Retail Dining Service Manager Laura Seay. “That was kind of the plan, but you just don’t realize in a huge project like that all of the little ramifications.” Those ramifications aren’t just showing in the Food and Dining Services department either. Scott Garrison, Dean of FLITE, has noticed some shifts as well.

While FLITE hasn’t seen a noticeable decrease in raw foot traffic since the opening of the UC, there is a set of numbers that reflects a change: the amount of space rented for us by students in FLITE versus the UC. From Jan. 1 to the present, FLITE has had 1,698 rooms booked by student organizations, whereas the UC has had 952 in less than half that time, from Jul. 1 to the present.

The goal of the UC is ultimately 4,000 rooms booked this academic school year, according to UC reservation coordinator Shana Beisiegel. Currently at 2,564, Beisiegel believes the goal will be met and exceeded.

“They talk about the residence halls as being your bedroom,” said Beisiegel. “That’s your personal space. Then The Rock and The Quad are your kitchen, and then we have actually referred to the University Center as being like a living room. This is the social spot.”

Ferris biology senior Megan Loftus is happy to have somewhere convenient to eat and spend time between classes.

“When Rankin was still around, there was Westview and Quiznos on that side of campus,” she said. “When Rankin was knocked down, the only dining options were Westside and The Rock. So, if you only had an hour between classes, it wasn’t really an option to walk to either of those locations. In these situations, I personally packed myself a lunch so I did not have to walk back and forth across campus.”

The University Center isn’t just a place to meet for different organizations or to socialize, though. In addition to this, for approximately 24 students, excluding those in food service at The Quad Cafe, it is also where they work.

“We have increased our student staff largely for this academic school year,” said Beisiegel. “There are lots of jobs, we did a huge job fair when we were in Helen Ferris this past year. It was great, we got to see students of all different phases at the institution.”

While the changes can be hard to read, the Ferris administration is more than ready to adapt with the campus.

“Who knows what’s going to happen?” said Seay. “The UC changed everything, it changed the whole dynamic, and anything can cause that change again.”



Photo By: Devin Anderson | News Editor

Mary Cook swipes in students at the Quad Cafe, where more and more students are deciding to dine between classes

	Fall 2014	Fall 2015
Rock patrons	122,752	80214
Westside patrons	27647	N/A
Quad patrons	N/A	80999
Market	46% decrease in sales and transactions from last year.	
IRC Starbucks	27% decrease in number of transactions form last year.	

PAY RAISE from page 1 Wages increase for students

“The 35 cent increase is going to every student employee, across the board,” Randle said. “We are taking all student employees into consid-

eration. We want this to be fair to everyone.”

Ferris dental hygiene major Aubrey Taylor is a Level 1 student employee in the Dean’s office in the College of Engineering Technology and says the new pay increase will be beneficial.

“Working on campus gives me an

opportunity to be more flexible if I have to study or if I have to attend an event for my program,” Taylor said. “There are some weeks where I can’t work as much as other weeks and that does put a financial burden on me. School comes first and campus jobs understand that, but with the new raise I’m going to be able

to miss a couple hours here and there for school and not have such a financial burden.”

Randle said the new pay increases will not impact the amount of hours the student employees are assigned to work.

“Departments knew that there would be an increase in student

pay raise,” Randle said. “We will be making sure they do not decrease student hours as a result.”

Michigan’s \$8.50 minimum wage goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2016. The wage will increase to \$8.90 in 2017 and \$9.25 in 2018.

Drunk car chase

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

Not a lightsaber

Oct. 24, officers confiscated an expandable baton from a student at The Rock. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Wrong way

Oct. 30, 2:30 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle traveling the wrong direction down Stewart Street. The driver of the vehicle was found to be intoxicated and was jailed for operating while intoxicated.

That smell

Oct. 30, 3 p.m., officers assisted McNerney Hall staff with a marijuana odor complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Damaged window

Oct. 30, 9 p.m., officers investigated a damaged window at Clark Hall. Someone had ripped the screen off the window. The suspect was identified and lodged in jail.

Doobie drive

Oct. 31, 12:50 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Ferris Drive for defective equipment. Marijuana was discovered in the vehicle. A warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office and one student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Drunk accident

Oct. 31, 1:35 a.m., officers responded to car accident in Travis Circle, where a vehicle had broken an axel on the curb. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

That smelly smell

Oct. 31, 2 a.m., officers assisted Travis Hall staff with a marijuana

odor complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

The usual

Nov. 1, 1:15 a.m., officers assisted the city police with a disorderly subject at Shooters.



Drunk car chase

Nov. 1, 1:30 a.m., officers assisted the city police with a suspicious vehicle on Maple Street. The female driver was found to be intoxicated while a male student was passed out in the passenger seat. While she was being arrested, the male woke up and sped off in the vehicle. Officers pursued the vehicle and later found it stopped on South Street. The student attempted to flee in the vehicle again but crashed near the Student Recreation Center. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Suspended license

Nov. 1, 2 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for defective equipment. The driver of the vehicle was ticketed for driving on a suspended license.

Too cool for school

Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m., officers assisted a professor with a disorderly student in a classroom.

Party in Merrill

Nov. 1, 11:20 p.m., officers assisted Merrill Hall staff with a large party in a room. Several students fled through the window of the room and two were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Weed in Merrill

Nov. 2, midnight, officers assisted Merrill Hall staff with an odor of marijuana complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Deer

Nov. 2, 9:40 a.m., officers responded to a vehicle that hit a deer on State Street.

Overstayed welcome

Nov. 2, 1:20 p.m., a student refused to leave a professor's office in the Allied Health building. The student was removed and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Didn't pay

Nov. 2, 9 p.m., officers investigated a fraud complaint at The Rock. A student had entered without paying. The student was identified and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office for his arrest.

Broken window

Nov. 4, 8 p.m., officers investigated a broken window at Bond Hall. No suspects could be identified.

No insurance

Nov. 4, 9:30 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Ferris Drive for speeding. The driver was ticketed for not having insurance.

Tickets

DPS issued 451 parking and traffic violations between Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 totaling \$7,540.

NEWS BRIEFS

DEVIN ANDERSON

News Editor

\$18 million goes to scholarship endowment

At last week's Ferris Foundation benefit event in Grand Rapids, the Board of Trustees voted to allocate Ferris' surprise \$18 million refund from the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System into the Ferris Foundation to be used for scholarships. President David Eisler said the goal is to double the Foundation's endowment fund to \$36 million by 2022.

Voorhees music festival

A wide variety of musical acts will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 at The Gate for Voorhees Fest. The student-coordinated production will feature 12 local and regional artists on two stages, one for rock music and the other for electronic and hip hop. Tickets will cost \$10 at the door.

What inspires you?

Artworks will host a reception celebrating 15 years in Big Rapids with its exhibit "Nature as the Common Element" at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13. The exhibit features painting, prints and fabrics by national artists Carrie Weis Sterner, Kristin Ettinger, Kathleen Van-deMark and Kym Nicolas. At 6 p.m., the artists will host a panel discussing "What inspires you?"

Thanksgiving recess

Ferris' Thanksgiving recess will begin at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Class will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

Ferris State Torch Corrections

In last week's front page story about Greek alcohol policies, the name Josh Beshup should have read Josh Bishop.

Corrections can be submitted through email at fsutorcheditor@gmail.com or by calling 231-591-5978

Honoring those who have passed

Circle of Tribal Nations hosts a feast to celebrate life

KIP BIBY

Torch Reporter

Ferris students recently feasted with a ritual comprised of drumming, fire, symbolic sacrifices and remembrance to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) and the Circle of Tribal Nations joined forces



Alex Costa

last week in an effort to honor deceased loved ones through a feasting ritual called Ghost Supper.

Bill and Nancy Fuchs, Great Lakes tribal experts, guided participants through the ritual which included creating a fire, sacrificing tobacco, eating meals and playing traditional drums. Attendees' late loved ones' favorite foods were brought and included a venison dish, lasagna and cornbread.

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Tribal expert Bill Fuchs fans a flame before students at Circle Tribal Nations' Ghost Supper event.

Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photography

Staying safe on State

SPEED LIMIT 35

MARI ANN LOUCKS

Torch Reporter

State Street is the busiest street in Big Rapids, causing traffic jams and, unfortunately, the occasional accident involving both drivers and pedestrians.

Ferris business administration sophomore Caleb Campbell knows firsthand the dangers of crossing State Street. On Nov. 2, Campbell was struck by an oncoming vehicle because a driver did not see him crossing State Street near McDonald's. Campbell chipped a tooth and had scrapes covering his face.

"She was pulling out of McDonald's and she didn't see me," Campbell said of the driver. "She only saw the oncoming traffic. She didn't look my way at all."

According to Department of Public Safety Director Bruce Borkovich, distracted driving and walking is to blame for the majority of accidents on State Street.

"We encourage students to put the cell phones down, take their headphones out and pay attention to what is going on around them," Borkovich said. "Our lives are so busy, and we have so many distractions, it can cause us to easily disengage from what's happening around us. Watch out for each other and protect each other."

Borkovich said that students should always stop, look and listen, when driving or walking in heavily populated areas. Even though texting and driving is illegal in Michigan, Borkovich knows that people still have their phones behind the wheel, which is dangerous to everyone, not just

the driver.

"If a driver sees a student walking, they need to slow down," he said. "If it is heavily populated, make sure you are not on your phone and have your foot near the brake."

Campbell, who is doing fine, encourages students to be cautious while commuting.

"Be careful if you are crossing the street, I know I'm going to be more careful from now on" Campbell said.

Borkovich said that he believes that fewer accidents would occur if students paid attention.

"Help each other out," Borkovich said. "Slow down. Just because a certain speed limit is posted doesn't mean you have to go that exact speed, especially when students are crossing the street."

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News Editor

“Saying yes” to Ferris

UCB improvisers perform, teach comedy workshop



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

UCB TourCo's Connor Ratliff hoists a "costume" onto his shoulders at a fictitious anime convention during TourCo's performance in Williams Auditorium.

A group of Upright Citizen Brigade's most promising young comedians kept students laughing with a completely improvised performance in Williams Auditorium.

Founded in part by Amy Poehler, Upright Citizens Brigade's UCB TourCo was brought to Ferris by Entertainment Unlimited. UCB owns four theatres, had a show on Comedy Central and has a training center. Over the years, UCB performers have included comedians such as Andy Richter, Horatio Sanz, Ellie Kemper and Ben Schwartz.

At the show, Ferris welding junior Dan Rooyakkers was brought on stage and interviewed about his day for information the group could improvise off of. He retold his day of making breakfast, roommate conflicts and a calculus class.

After the interview, the improvisers played out dozens of scenes absurdly remixing concepts from Rooyakkers' day, as well as a scene exploring Ferris' "haunted" Alumni Building with a baby ghost.

"I thought I had a pretty boring day, but it was cool to see what they made of it," Rooyakkers said.

UCB-style improv is quite different from the "Whose Line is it Anyway" format of games. The scenes constantly evolve and change. With just three text messages from the audience, the UCB TourCo group was able to improvise the entire second half of the show.

UCB TourCo improviser Matt Starr taught an improvisation workshop earlier that day in the University Center. About a dozen Ferris students improvised comedic scenes with Starr, who gave a crash course in the UCB-style of "saying yes" and "finding the game" in any given situation.

"In general, improv philosophy is good life philosophy," Starr said. "Since I started doing improv, I've found myself feeling awkward a lot less. Life is weird and improv is an art form that celebrates that rather than makes fun of it."

Buse Yilmaz, an international student from Turkey, had never tried improv comedy before the workshop.

"It was not as scary as I thought it would be," Yilmaz said. "Matt was really supportive."

Ferris hospitality junior Kayla Garrett is a member of Ferris' Improv Group who attended the workshop. She said the Improv Group has recently been experimenting with new forms of improv and was excited to learn from a professional.

"In the Improv Group, we've been doing some of the same things, but being taught from a professional standpoint was a lot more of a learning experience."

Ferris' Improv Group meets every Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the University Center. For more information about Upright Citizens Brigade, visit ucbcomedy.com.



Dan Rooyakkers

HERITAGE from page 3 Events held to celebrate Native American heritage

"The mourning part is over," said Bill Fuchs. "The Ghost Supper is a celebration of life."

Ferris forensic biology senior Alex Costa saw a poster for the event and decided to attend.

"It's so interesting," Costa said. "I like learning about the culture and seeing this type of social gathering."

Ferris professor of botany, plant propagation, microbial ecology, integrated ecology, non-major's biology and faculty advisor for the Circle of Tribal Nations, Scott Herron, explained the importance of the Ghost Supper in the Great Lakes area.

"The ability for Ferris to host something that has been happening for one hundred, two hundred years in Michigan's communities this time of year meant that we were able to do something to allow tribal students at this university to feel welcome and comfortable so that they can experience what they would have at their own community here," Herron said. "To allow people to see how fire plays into the culture

and how music functions today as opposed to what people think it is, really means we could educate those who came to a little glimpse of tribal culture."

The Ghost Supper was the first of three events organized by OMSS and the Circle of Tribal Nations for November, which is Native American Heritage Month.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, Steven Naganashe Perry of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and the Pine family of Garden River Ojibwe Reserve in Ontario, will be facilitating two birch bark workshops in the Science Building, room 231.

On Monday, Nov. 23, a meal and presentation to share Thanksgiving teachings from the Native American perspective will take place from 5-8 p.m. in the University Center. Lee Sprague, a former Tribal Council member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be a guest speaker. Students who are not able to go home for Thanksgiving are encouraged to attend and experience Thanksgiving in a new way.

Students interested in joining the Circle of Tribal Nations are encouraged to attend a meeting. Meetings are held every Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in IRC131.



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

On display at Ferris' Ghost Supper, deer skulls are known by many Native American tribes as caretakers of the earth.



LIFESTYLES

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“After my mind ran through scenes of ‘Pulp Fiction,’ I thought to myself, ‘What if someone IS tied up down there and I didn’t help him or her?’”
Marshall Scheldt
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TO AFGHANISTAN AND BACK



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Gabriel Mancil was deployed in Afghanistan in 2011 and then moved to Michigan in order to marry his wife and attend FSU.

NICK VANDER WULP

Torch Reporter

More than 2.6 million Americans have served in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, with thousands returning home annually to civilian and student life.

Ferris heavy equipment technology freshman and Army infantry veteran Gabriel Mancil is one of those thousands of student-veterans. Like many disabled veterans coming home from war, Mancil has chosen to continue his education with the Vocational Rehabilitation Bill. Similar to the G.I. Bill, Vocational Rehab pays for his school through a job training program for disabled veterans.

“Because I was infantry, the career choices when you get out are police officer, game warden or working in the prisons,” said Mancil. “If I went to be a police officer somewhere, I’d be stuck behind a desk. I don’t want that. I’m more of a hands on person.”

When looking at his career choices because of his disability, Mancil said he likes to work on truck engines and mess around with tools in the garage. When his tests from Vocational Rehab also indicated mechanical skill, he picked heavy equipment technology at Ferris State to pursue as a career.

Hailing from Warner Robins, Georgia, Mancil joined the Army in Feb. 2011 and completed basic training and advanced individual

training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After basic and infantry AIT, Mancil was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas to the 1-28, Audie Murphy’s old regiment during World War II. Mancil was there for about nine months before deploying to Afghanistan. Training was focused on deployment, with lots of physical training and lots of walking.

“I sought out the infantry because I didn’t want to be in a support role, I wanted to be where the action was,” said Mancil. “I was a rifleman in my squad, and I also carried the aid bag. I always had to carry it outside the wire, so I became proficient in delivering first aid until medical help could arrive.”

While training at Fort Riley, Mancil started talking online through a dating website to his future wife Suzanne. She’s from Fremont and she would drive to visit him in Kansas. They started dating in July 2011 and were married in October the same year.

Being an infantryman led Mancil to Combat Outpost Margah in the Paktika region of Afghanistan, where he was deployed from May 2012 to January 2013. The unit Mancil was in was dubbed Combat Company. It was fitting since this is what he had trained for.

“We were two miles from Paktika, so the Taliban would bring in the new guys they were training on their mortar systems,” said Mancil. “And they would use our little COP as a target. So when I first got there they were really bad at shooting at

us. They were about 100 yards outside the wire, and every day they would get closer and closer. If you look it up in the Army Times, my commander said we were the most mortared COP in Afghanistan.”

The Combat Infantry Badge was awarded to Mancil after a firefight he and his unit were involved in and is one of the awards he’s most proud of. While on patrol they walked through a village and the Taliban waited until they were about halfway back to the base before they started shooting at Mancil’s unit. His patrol successfully fought them off without losing anyone.

Other companies weren’t so lucky. Six soldiers were killed from the same battalion operating in the Paktika region while Mancil was deployed there.

“If someone got hurt anywhere in our AO, that’s our operations zone, they would do a communication blackout where no one’s allowed to use any computers,” said Mancil. “That way the family could get notified first. And the blackout would be anywhere from a day or two. So my wife would freak out.”

Sometimes it would be 45 hours into the blackout and someone would get hurt again, so it could be three or four days before people back home would hear from the soldiers stationed at COP Margah.

“One thing the Taliban loved doing was shooting at us outside of the wire, so we called it the Margah Mile,” said Mancil. “They had some spotters who sat on the mountain

tops and they’d see us outside. So we’d have to take off really fast when they started shooting. For the day, we were on an eight or nine mile patrol and the first and last miles were a dead sprint. So that was pretty fun. Back inside the wire, some people would be laughing and throwing up at the same time.”

Mancil broke a bone in his foot in Afghanistan and spent the last six weeks of his deployment feeling like there was always a stone in his boot. Mancil arrived back in the United States and got surgery on his foot, but he still has nerve pain that makes walking difficult some days.

Mancil spent the remainder of his time in the Army at Fort Riley and was medically discharged in January 2015. He and his wife moved to the Fremont area after his father-in-law told him about Ferris State University.

“It’s not bad here at Ferris,” said Mancil. “The instructors are really nice and they’re working to get me out some of the core classes like cultural enrichment because I was in the Army. You have to do stuff like that before you deploy, because you don’t want to offend. In training, for example, we were taught not to point with our left hand because it’s the hand they wipe with. It’s supposed to be really offensive.”

Heavy equipment associate professor Austin Williams enjoys having Mancil in his class. Williams said Mancil demonstrates great leadership qualities in class and has been helpful to others.

“During equipment operations, Mancil stepped in to help another student struggling to understand the controls without me having to ask someone,” said Williams. “He’s dependable and does well in class.”

Mancil and his wife Suzanne live in the Fremont area with their daughter, Emma Grace.

Army terms explained

AIT: Advanced Individual Training
COP: Combat Outpost
OP: Operating Post
AO: Area of Operations
Infantry: The on-foot ground fighting force in the Army.
Margah: The combat outpost in Paktika Province, Afghanistan

A bulldog goodbye

HAILEY KLINGEL
Lifestyles Editor

Ferris marketing senior Evan Pazkowski is a familiar face on campus.

Throughout the last four and a half years, Pazkowski has been extremely involved in Ferris life. From being the last homecoming king to the president of Entertainment Unlimited to hosting his own talk show, Coffee Connect, many students recognize and know him.

His time as a super involved bulldog is coming to an end, however. Pazkowski is graduating next month and leaving his Ferris home.

"I'm sad to leave Ferris, but I'm ready," he said. "I'm ready for new opportunities."

Pazkowski said he thinks he's mostly ready to enter life after college.

"I've never really experienced the real world," he said. "I've just gone from school to school to education to education so I've never gotten a taste of what the real world is like. But I think college has prepared me for the most part. There are always those things you can't predict, though, and that's what I'm looking forward to because life's boring if you can predict everything."

This year, Pazkowski was on the homecoming committee, a summer orientation leader and started Coffee Connect, a mini talk show where he chats with various Ferris leaders. The year before that, Pazkowski coordinated Ferris Fest 2014, featuring Karmin and Reel Big Fish, was a senior member of the finance division and hosted Ferris Out Loud and Battle of the Sexes.

"Ferris has given me an overwhelming amount of opportunity throughout my entire time here," Pazkowski said. "I've taken most of those opportunities and, boy, have they paid off. Ferris can offer such real-world application for a university setting. It's cool. I love Ferris."

Homecoming week last year is Pazkowski's best memory from his time at Ferris.

"That was just a blast," he said. "When you're running, your whole friend group comes in and helps with everything. That's the best because it feels like a team effort. You get to be represented and go to a bunch of events."

Pazkowski's second favorite Ferris memory is living in Miller and Taggart residence halls his first two years. Seeing his face on one of the banners on State Street is his third favorite memory.

Pazkowski did two internships while at Ferris, one at the Hyatt in Sarasota, Florida. Pazkowski was recently offered a job at the Hyatt in Grand Rapids, but turned it down. He's now looking for different jobs in marketing, entertainment and event planning.

"I've been going to a bunch of breweries and wineries," Pazkowski said. "I've also applied at a couple places in San Francisco. I've always wanted to live there. It just seems like a happening place."

Beyond that, Pazkowski plans to go to grad school for philanthropy and nonprofit leadership. A leadership institute called LeaderShape he attended this summer made him want to go into the nonprofit sector.

Pazkowski eventually wants to start a nonprofit that provides lessons from local musicians to kids who can't afford them.

Pazkowski said music has always been a huge part of his life. He plays bass, guitar, drums, piano, ukulele, mandolin, French horn and dobro. He also raps in the comedy and music duo, The U.S. Korea Free Trade Agreement.



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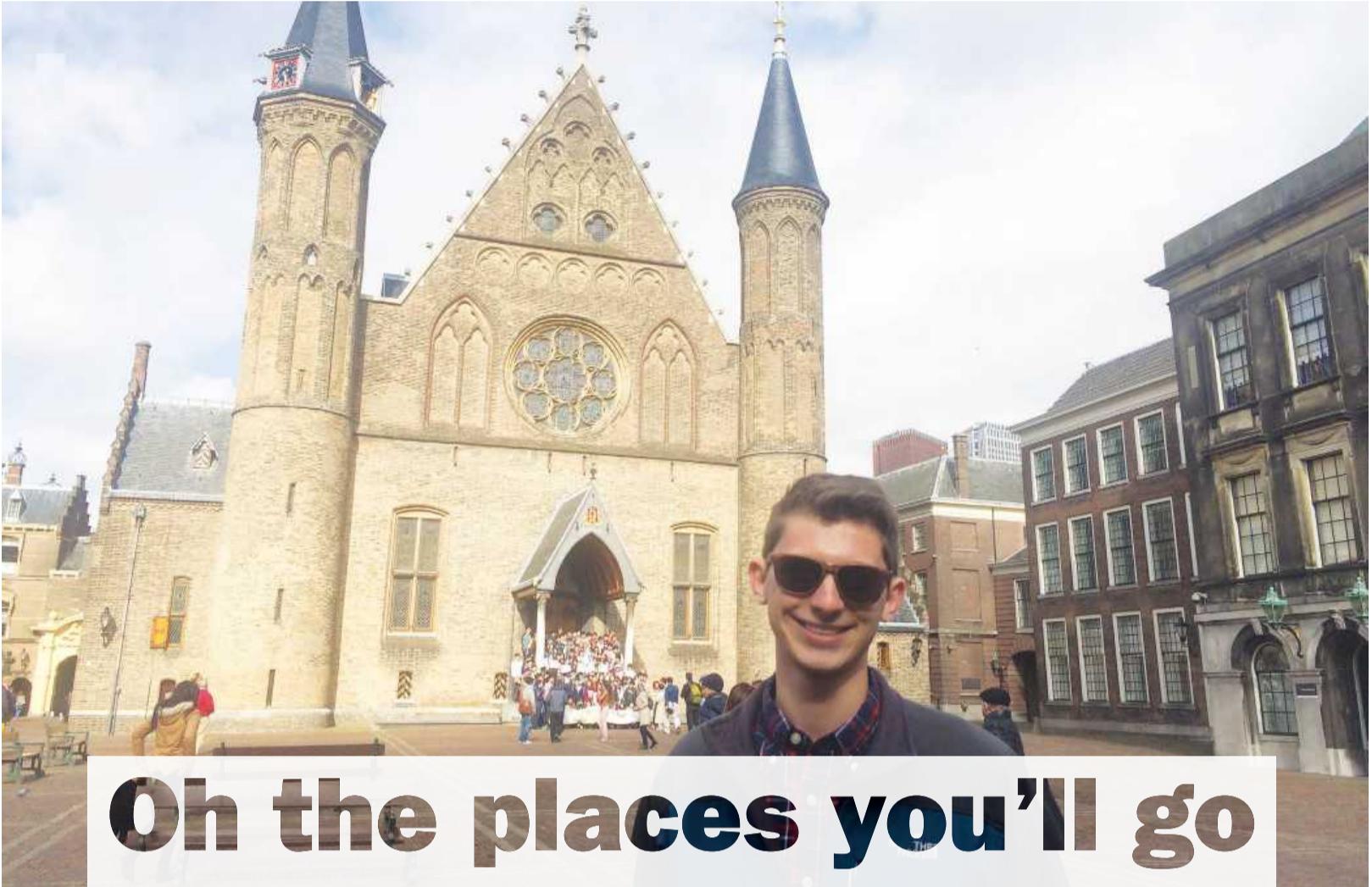


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Oh the places you'll go

Submitted photo

Student Government President Wayne Bersano poses outside a church while traveling in Germany.

How enrolling overseas can change your life

JEN CORRIE

Torch Reporter

Most students would agree that studying abroad is a good choice to make.

"There are really cool opportunities, and you don't have to break the bank to do it," said Will Sartore, Ferris' education abroad coordinator. "We try to accommodate as many students and majors as we can."

Sartore said studying abroad is a great opportunity for social, academic and personal growth.

"Find a place that interests you and start asking questions," Sartore said. "Ask what programs are available, research and start planning. Then come talk to us, and we can carry you to those next steps."

Ferris hospitality management junior and Student Government

President Wayne Bersano spent five months enrolled at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in Kleve, Germany.

Bersano lived in a house with people from five different countries while in Germany.



Will Sartore

"Every person brings a little piece of where they come from with them and I feel like I had the ability to get a sneak peek of so many different countries," Bersano said. "I can now say I have friends from almost every continent in the world and that is quite satisfying to say."

Bersano said the schooling at Rhine-Waal was different than it is at Ferris.

"It was difficult for me to adapt

to the different learning style, because in Germany instead of getting assignments, tests and quizzes throughout the semester, all you do is go to lecture and then you have to study on your own because there's just the final exam at the end of the semester," Bersano said.

There's also a new opportunity for Ferris students to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the world, Oxford.

Ferris is partnering with the Oxford Study Abroad Programme, or OSAP. The program allows Honors students from Ferris and other universities from around the U.S. to study at Oxford. It requires a GPA of 3.0 or higher, at least two years of college completed and additional application materials.

Dr. Peter Bradley, who is the director of the Honors Program at Ferris, is the main connection on campus to OSAP.

"It's like a guided independent study," said Bradley. "That's how everything is done at Oxford. You work one-on-one with a professor on a subject you're interested in. It's one of the more expensive programs, and it's incredibly intense. This is not the easiest way to get six credits. The experience would be invaluable, though, to have Oxford on your résumé."

Bradley said students have more opportunities to get immersed in a country's culture if they are there for a longer period of time.

"To really experience a culture, you have to do things like shop for yourself and cook for yourself," said Bradley. "Those are the kinds of skills that get developed in a foreign culture when you're living there. If you're just there traveling through, you don't get those kinds of experiences."

Students who are not Honors

students still can apply to OSAP with the help of Dr. Bradley.

For the students who don't want to go to Oxford, there are different tracks for studying abroad including shorter programs in Costa Rica and Italy and longer ones with Ferris' partner universities, including Rhine-Waal. There are also other places students can go besides the partner universities.



Dr. Peter Bradley

Students who are interested in studying abroad for any amount of time can attend the Education Abroad Fair on Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center to learn more about the programs.

Helping and learning

ANDREA LENHART

Torch Reporter

Some Ferris students take on a full credit load, are involved in an organization and still have free time while managing to keep their grades up.

Then there is Jared Meehan.

Jared Meehan is a Ferris actuarial science senior. This semester Meehan is taking 15 credits, is president of the honorary math society, Pi Mu Epsilon, is the community service chair for Gamma Iota Sigma, the vice president of Ferris' Red Cross Club and a member of The Bill Miller Band.

Not only does Meehan participate in extracurricular activities, he also works as a Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) facilitator.

An SLA facilitator is a student with good academic standing who has extensive knowledge in the subject in which they facilitate. The facilitator holds two extra weekly class periods in which he or she leads students by providing extra

practice and help with the material.

Meehan is an SLA facilitator for Professor Dharma Shetty's Math 115 course, which is Algebra II.

"There are so many reasons I wanted to become an SLA facilitator," said Meehan. "I have always enjoyed helping people with math. The feeling of helping someone understand something is much more gratifying to me than even learning the material myself."

Meehan's second reason for wanting to be an SLA facilitator is because of his dad, who is one of his biggest influences.

"My dad has always told me, 'The best way to learn is to teach,' and after tutoring and being an SLA facilitator, I couldn't agree more," said Meehan.

According to Meehan, if you love helping others, there really is not a hard part about facilitating SLA, except that it's a large time commitment.

In an SLA workshop, Meehan will go over class information, prepare worksheets for his students and make up a mock test for his students to study.

"My students are awesome," said Meehan. "I try to keep class as upbeat as pos-

sible by showing my enthusiasm and letting my personality come through. I always feel like students come to my workshops because they truly want to be there."

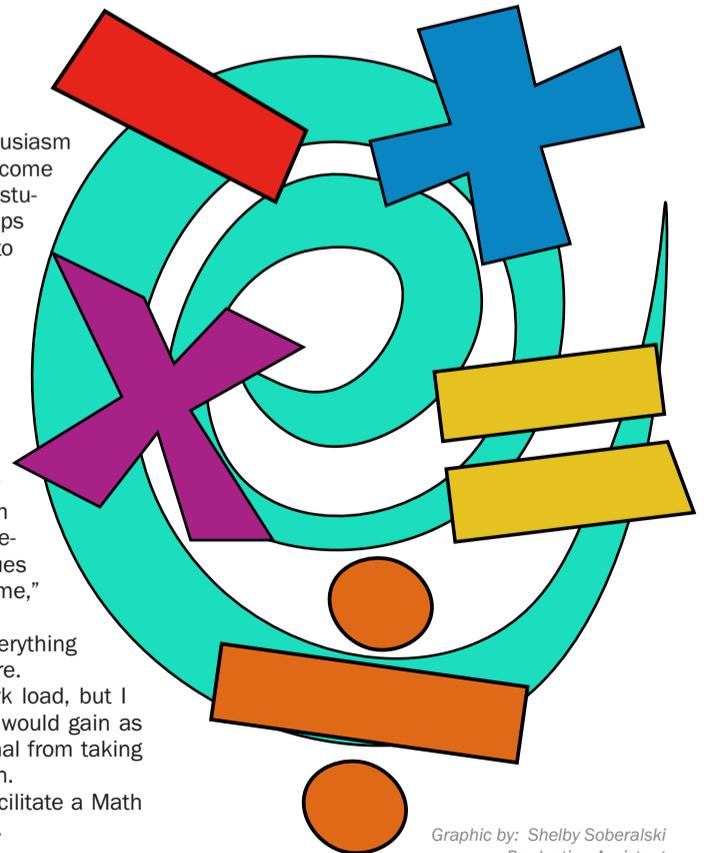
According to Meehan, at the end of his day, he feels like he has made a difference by teaching SLA. To him, that is one of the best feelings.

"I have also noticed a big difference in my upper level math courses from the fact that I have had recent practice with techniques I haven't used in a long time," said Meehan.

This experience is everything Meehan expected and more.

"I expected the full work load, but I didn't realize how much I would gain as a person and a professional from taking this position," said Meehan.

Meehan is excited to facilitate a Math 110 course next semester.



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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.

“Shooters”

Everyone who has been to “Shoots Magoots” has at least seen someone get thrown out of Big Rapids’ classiest establishment.

I know I have seen multiple friends and strangers alike being escorted out of Star Shooters by the intimidating bouncers dressed in black shirts. To go along with witnessing others being thrown out of Shoots, I myself have been sent packing on two separate occasions.

For the sake of this article, we’ll stick with the more interesting of the two.

After a long, 50-minute class on Friday morning, I returned home to my apartment to find my roommates drinking beer at noon. “Rough day?” I ask.

“Yeah man, are you trying to go to FAC?” he responds.

After pondering over the question for at least four seconds, I caved in and agreed that we should journey over to Shoots to grab some wings and beer.

Since FAC (Friday After Class) runs from 1-8 p.m., and anybody who is worth their weight in malted hops doesn’t go to Shooters

sober, my roommate and I decided we had a couple hours to kill before taking our talents to the bar.

Some friends came over and the pre-game began, lasting for a few hours. After multiple adult beverages, we were well on our way to “getting FAC’d up.” Little did I know, my roommate had been drinking for a while before we began the pre-game.

I called a friend to bring us to Shoots and she reluctantly agreed.

We split some pitchers, ate some wings, played a little pool and called her for a ride home. Being the great person she is, she came to our rescue.

As many of you may know, an after FAC nap is crucial in preparing yourself for the long night ahead of you. After we all went home to nap, we awoke around 8 p.m. and decided to figure out our plans for the night.

After multiple games of quarters, ride the bus and waterfall, we finally came to a decision. We would return to Shooters. This time, we took a cab and arrived at about 10 p.m., which is way too



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

early to go to the bar.

Upon arrival, we noticed that there were only about 20 other patrons strewn about the bar. By this time, my roommate, who was fairly new to Ferris, had consumed a decent amount of alcohol, leading to him having to use the restroom every 30 minutes.

This was probably his third or fourth time at Shooters, and he had no clue where the bathroom was. Instead of asking one of us, he ventured out on his own, searching behind every door.

We lost track of him until about five minutes later when he appeared from a door I had never been through before. I asked him what he was doing and he said looking for the bathroom, but he had something crazy to tell me.

“I just went in their basement, man, and you’re not going to believe this,” said my roommate. “I went down there to find the bath-

room and there was someone tied up to a chair. I freaked out and ran back up here to tell you.”

I immediately told my roommate that he was lying through his teeth and that the bathroom is at the other side of the bar. He kept insisting that there was someone tied up in the basement. I still didn’t believe him.

“Dude, how would I make this up? We need to go down there and help them,” he said.

After my mind ran through scenes of Pulp Fiction, I thought to myself, “What if someone IS tied up down there and I didn’t help him or her?”

Reluctantly, my roommate and I snuck downstairs, brandishing beer bottles as potential weapons. My heart was racing in anticipation. When I reached the bottom of the stairs, I saw a large empty room with a single desk on the far side of the room, but didn’t see anyone tied up.

“It’s in the next room,” said my roommate.

We cautiously made our way into the other room, and yet again nobody was tied up, but there were walls and walls of liquor.

Every single shelf was covered in booze, resembling the hull of a pirate ship filled with rum.

“Where is this person, man?” I asked.

“Oh, I knew you wouldn’t come down here unless I made up a crazy story, I just wanted you to see how much booze they had down here,” said my roommate.

I was relieved, but also wasn’t very happy that we went down there to see something you can see by entering any liquor store in Big Rapids.

Right as we walked up the stairs, a bouncer told us that we needed to leave. We tried to plead our case, but did so without result.

We were kicked out into the January cold wearing nothing but jeans and a long sleeve shirt.

Thankfully, our friend from before came to the rescue once again and returned us back to our apartment.

Moral of the story: Don’t go into Shooters’ basement. There is no one down there and you will get kicked out.

ANDREA GIBSON

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"Whoever coach tells to go out there will be ready."
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Goalies Charles Williams (above) and Darren Smith (below) have been splitting time in net for the Ferris State hockey team.

Who will start between the pipes?

FSU hockey utilizing two goaltenders

CODY BURKHARD

Torch Reporter

For years, CJ Motte was the man between the posts for Ferris State, but after his departure last season, two new goalies are fighting to fill the void for Bulldog hockey.

Throughout the 2015-2016 campaign, Ferris State has been back and forth between junior goaltender Charles Williams and freshman goalie Darren Smith.

Williams began the year as the starter but was pulled in favor of Smith during consecutive Friday games against No. 2 in-conference Michigan Tech on Oct. 16 and Wisconsin on Oct. 23. Williams allowed four goals through the first two periods against Michigan Tech while allowing that many goals in just the second period against Wisconsin.

Smith started each Saturday game that followed earning wins in both.

Williams said, "That's just how it went. The coaching staff made the decision to get pulled."

Smith has started four of the last five games and has an overall record of 3-1-1 compared to Williams with 1-3-1. One of Smith's wins came against No. 1 in-conference Minnesota State on Nov. 6. It was the first time Ferris has beaten Minnesota State since joining the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA).

On the year, Smith has a save percentage of .925 compared to Williams' .893.

Dave Cencer is the strength and conditioning coach as well as the goalie coach for the Bulldogs. Cencer, head coach Bob Daniels and the rest of the coaching staff make a collective decision each game on

who the starter is.

Cencer said, "We deal with that as an entire coaching staff. We go with the guy that we think has the best chance to win. There's things at practice that other people don't see. Charles has been excellent in practice and has a pedigree where he's been on some really good teams here and been a big part of that. At this point, we don't have one guy that's ahead of the other. They have different skill sets. We're going to continue to give them both opportunities to play."

Charles Williams has been behind CJ Motte the past couple years and finally had his opportunity to start this year.

"I learned a lot behind CJ. I didn't get to play much last year but I'm glad to be out there," said Williams.

Williams was injured most of last year and could not play. He did see limited action and played a big role when he did.

Cencer said, "Charles wasn't medically cleared to play most of last year. If he had been healthy from day one, it would have been a different situation in terms of him and CJ splitting action more evenly. Believe it or not we felt that highly of Charles. He was crucial in the second half of the season."

Williams says that there is no goalie controversy.

"I have faith in the coaching staff. They're going to do what's best for the team. There is no controversy. Whoever coach tells to go out there will be ready," said Williams.

Darren Smith is a freshman but has plenty of experience in the United States Hockey League (USHL) as a goalie for the Madison Capitols where he won multiple goalie of the week awards.

Smith and Williams have different

styles but the Cencer says there is little separation between the two athletes.

Cencer said, "Darren is more of a blocker goaltender. He's a bigger body. He has a natural sense of footwork that's involved in goaltending and the technical movements. He gets himself in the right position and the puck seems to just find him. He makes it look easy at times. Charles is a guy that relies on his athleticism and his amazing reaction."

Senior defender Simon Denis said, "Darren just seems to always be in position and doesn't have to move as much whereas Charles is crazy athletic and makes incredible saves."

Ferris hockey has an overall record of 4-4-2 with plenty of season left. They are currently No. 4 in the WCHA and have wins over the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the conference. Moving forward, they have a goalie tandem that is attempting to lead the Bulldogs to another deep run into the WCHA playoffs.

Cencer said, "CJ was once a freshman with little experience fighting for a spot and that's where these guys are at. We have two goalies that don't have the game experience so they're going through the same learning process. Yeah, we have two goalies, but that's a great problem to have. Both Charles and Darren can play at this level and we expect them both to play huge roles."

The Bulldogs will be in action next on Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14 as they take on Alaska Anchorage in Anchorage, Alaska. According to Cencer, the starter in goal will be determined game to game.



Season's end



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Ferris State senior midfielder Abby Meirndorf attempts a pass in a game against Northwood earlier this season.

UPCOMING HOCKEY SCHEDULE

NOV. 13-14

Ferris State at Alaska Anchorage, 11:07 p.m.

NOV. 20-21

Ferris state hosts Alaska, 7:07 p.m.

NOV. 27-28

Ferris state at Lake Superior State, 7:37, then 7:07 p.m.

DEC. 4-5

Ferris hosts Bemidji State, 7:07 p.m.

DEC. 11-12

Ferris at Northern Michigan, 7:07 p.m.

JAN 1-2

25th Annual Mariucci Classic in Minneapolis, Minn., 5 p.m.

JAN. 15-16

Ferris hosts Alabama-Huntsville, 7:07 p.m.

JAN. 22-23

Ferris at Bemidji State, 8:37, then 8:07 p.m.

FEB. 5-6

Ferris at Alaska, 11:07 p.m.

FEB. 12-13

Ferris hosts Northern Michigan, 7:07 p.m.

FEB. 19

Ferris at Michigan, TBA

FEB. 26-27

Ferris at Bowling Green State, 7:07 p.m.

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Vander Laan breaks another record

Jason Vander Laan now holds the record for most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in Div. II.

With four rushing touchdowns last week against Northern Michigan, Vander Laan brought his total to 75, which was enough to surpass Wheaton College's Shawn Graves' previous record of 72 rush TDs.

Vander Laan passed Graves earlier in the season to become the leading rushing quarterback in the history of college football at any division, a number that he is continuing to improve.

The FSU senior ran for 175 yards on 38 carries and four touchdowns against Northern Michigan last weekend. The Bulldogs will take on Walsh University at home in their last regular season game of the year.

FSU volleyball clinches GLIAC North crown

The Ferris State volleyball team didn't drop a set last weekend as they romped Lake Superior State (LSSU) and Northwood on their way to a GLIAC North division title.

Ferris improved their record to 26-2 overall and 15-1 in the conference with the wins.

The Dawgs handled LSSU 25-13, 25-7, and 25-11 in a match in front of their home crowd. The story against Northwood wasn't much different as FSU dominated the Timberwolves 25-9, 25-7, and 25-15.

In the two matches, senior Megan Vander Meer combined for a team-high 21 kills for the Bulldogs. Senior Danielle Dowd contributed 24 digs, and junior Stephanie Sikorski combined for 46 assists over the weekend.

Hockey splits with Minnesota State

Ferris State got their first win against the Minnesota State Mavericks since entering the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) two seasons ago.

Last Friday, Nov. 6, the Dawgs netted seven goals against the No. 1 ranked team in the WCHA. In the 7-4 victory in Big Rapids, freshman goalie Darren Smith made 34 stops to hold the Mavs at bay in a high-powered game.

The Bulldogs spread the wealth as senior defenseman Sean O'Rourke had two goals in the contest. Kyle Schempp, Andrew Dorantes, Chad McDonald, Gerald Mayhew, and Matt Robertson also had goals for the Dawgs.

Saturday's game ended in a disappointing 3-2 loss for the Bulldogs to bring their season record to 4-4-2. Midway through the second period, FSU lead 2-1 thanks to a goal from freshman forward Corey Mackin. The Mavericks would come back strong though, scoring two goals of their own in the second period to ultimately take a win back home to Mankato, Minn.

Cross country finish 10th and 11th at Midwestern Regional

The FSU men's cross country team placed eleventh out of 31 teams in the Midwestern Regional while the women's team finished tenth out of 30.

Grand Valley State took home first in both events with a team score of 43 for the men's and 45 for the women's teams.

For the men, Ferris State junior Logan Hammer placed 25th overall and first for the Bulldogs, followed by Holowaty (27), Clayton Springer (58), Kyle Richardson (76), and Hunter Nivison (86). Hammer's time was 31:43.290 on the day. This gave the team a total of 272 points in the event.

In the women's event, Jessica Delaney was the top placing Bulldog in 32nd place with a time of 22:03.396. Coming in behind Delaney was Emily Haynes (39), Racheal McDonald (58), Kristie Lesage (67), and Samantha Humphery (73), for a team total of 269 points.

Back on the court

Men's and women's basketball begin regular season play this weekend

The Ferris State men's and women's basketball teams will both be facing different challenges as they begin their regular season this Saturday.

Men's basketball is going to have to rely on different scoring options because their leading scorer last year, Drew Lehman, graduated last year. Lehman averaged 18.3 points, 3.6 assists, and 3.8 rebounds per game for the Bulldogs last season.

This past week the Bulldogs took on Central Michigan University (CMU) and Michigan State University (MSU) in exhibition matches to get an idea on how they've progressed, and what they need to work on before the season starts next week.

Sophomore Noah King talked about the exhibition games and how the Dawgs get the team ready for the season. "The exhibition games have helped to get a feel for my teammates and give us a chance to see what each of our tendencies are against the opposing teams. It's great that we get to play a couple D1 schools in CMU and MSU to start the season," King said.

The Bulldogs will be heading to Indiana next weekend to start off the season with games against Missouri-St. Louis and Quincy University in Allendale. "I am very

excited for the start of the season and I feel that this team can accomplish a lot this year. We just have to continue to get better each day and grow into our roles on the team," King said.

FSU redshirt freshman Zach Hankins said, "I feel like my role has increased and people look for me to produce a little. It's really exciting to be back on the court."

Hankins will be playing in his first collegiate game on Saturday. "I feel like the [exhibition] games are getting me ready to compete under pressure in the regular season," Hankins said.

As the men's basketball team heads to Allendale on Nov. 14 and 15, the Lady Bulldogs will be heading to Nashville, Tennessee for the Trevecca Nazarene Pops Duncan Classic. They will play against Kentucky Wesleyan on Nov. 13 and Trevecca Nazarene the following day.

The women's team just had a scrimmage against Hope College and an exhibition game against University of Michigan-Ann Arbor this past Sunday.

The Lady Bulldogs' head coach Kendra Faustin said, "A scrimmage is just a great way to prepare because it's a little more free and it's just a learning process and it was obvious through our scrimmage the things what we need to



Photo by: Marshall Scheldt | Sports Editor

Ferris State sophomore guard Noah King looks to enter the ball into the post past Michigan State's Bryn Forbes in an exhibition game against the Spartans on Nov. 9. The Bulldogs fell 93-57 in the Breslin Center in East Lansing, Mich.

work on. That's the whole purpose of scrimmaging especially a good scrimmage against Hope."

This is the first year under Coach Kendra Faustin and she has stressed that these players are catching on quickly. "It's scary when there is a coaching change. It's a big deal when you are a player and the way that our players have handled this transition in a positive way is really a testament to their character and we couldn't have asked for a better group to

make this transition with," Faustin said.

Senior guard Katie Mavis said, "I can't say enough good things about Coach Faustin. She's exactly what this program needed. She is passionate and knowledgeable about the game and wants us to be successful as basketball players and as young women. She has really helped me not just with my basketball skills but as a leader as well," Mavis said.

Coach Faustin also talked

about Mavis and her impact on the team. "It really starts with her, she's clearly our leader and she said, 'I want to have a great senior year and I know the way to do that is to continue to learn and make sure we stay positive.' That's what she's done and that's what she's communicated to the team," Faustin said.

Hitting the home stretch

MARK HANSEN

Torch Reporter

Ferris State football's regular season undefeated journey will culminate in this weekend's matchup against the Cavaliers of Walsh University.

Sitting at 9-0 on the season, the Bulldogs have one more hurdle to hop before being able to claim their position in the NCAA playoffs. Holding onto their undefeated record with a win over Walsh this weekend would be even more beneficial to the Dawgs playoff positioning. The Dawgs defeated Walsh 46-42 last season.

This weekend's game, being the last regular season home game, is senior day, where the team's seniors will be recognized before the game. Senior receiver Jake Lampman is excited to have the opportunity to play in front of the Big Rapids crowd for one last regular season game. Lampman put up impressive numbers last week, hauling in eight catches for 114 yards.

"It's a great day for our seniors to be undefeated in front of a home crowd to see what we've built over the last five years. To have the chance to win a championship again is a special accomplishment for us," said Lampman.

While the Ferris State offense has put together an impressive season, the Bulldog defense has been no slouch. Last weekend, the big men up front limited Northern Michigan to only 25 total rushing yards. FSU defensive line/strength and conditioning coach Tesfa Smith had high praise for his men on the defensive line.

"Ever since I got here before the start of the 2014 season, I have been impressed with the mindset of these young men. I'm blessed with a talented group that is so driven to be the best, and it started in January when we began our offseason conditioning," said Smith.

The drive that Coach Smith described is a big part of why these Bulldogs have been so successful the past couple years. Junior receiver Shakur Sanders talked about the importance for his team to know the goal of succeeding in the playoffs, but also being able to focus on each game one week at a time.

"Our team's priority this year is focusing on the game and opponent we play that week. Yes, we think about the playoffs and how it's going to feel to be back, but we still have another regular season game that is vital to our journey," said Sanders. "We have a goal, and that is to win a national championship, therefore it is extremely important for us to be in the playoffs and make it count."

Sanders and the rest of the Bulldogs have put in a lot of work to get where they are, and the Walsh Cavaliers are all that stands between them and the beginning of the rest of their journey.

Coach Smith said, "The play of the entire team is a result of all the pain they endured during the offseason. We are a team with one goal and that is to reach the pinnacle of college football."

The final regular season game will kick off at noon in Big Rapids at Top Taggart Field on Saturday, Nov. 14.



MARK HANSEN

Torch Reporter

This guy has been on fire and is definitely ending his college career in tremendous fashion.

Jason Vander Laan, a Frankfort, Illinois native and Chicago Christian High School graduate, has been unstoppable this year. Vander Laan had another stellar game as he ran for 175 yards and completed 15-of-20 passes for 197 yards while scoring five touchdowns in FSU's victory over Northern Michigan.

Vander Laan won the Harlon Hill trophy last year and is a candidate again this year that is

proving why he was voted the National Player of the Year in preseason polls. The Harlon Hill candidate has broken two NCAA records this season, breaking his second last weekend.

He became the leader in rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in Div. II after scoring four rushing touchdowns against NMU. His 75 career rush TDs were enough to move him past former record holder Shawn Graves who had a career 72 rushing scores.

The Bulldogs are 9-0 and are looking to finish the season undefeated once again. Ferris will play in their last regular season game against Walsh at noon on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Big Rapids.

The Ferris fantasy



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

Once again, the Ferris State football team found a way to get the best of me. Vander Laan combined for five touchdowns, which contributed heavily to his 41 fantasy points against Northern Michigan last weekend.

The Bulldogs put up plenty of points but had trouble stopping the Wildcats, especially in the second half. Although Vander Laan ran the ball a team high 38 times, Robert Thomas III got 12 carries and averaged five yards per carry in a solid performance for the Dawgs.

I wouldn't have even been in it if it weren't for the Oakland Raiders' wide receiver Michael Crabtree who caught two touchdowns in an overtime loss to the Steelers. This week will be my final regular season matchup against the Ferris State team, and I hope we can both end the regular season on a high note.

I will look to improve my 3-6 record and the Dawgs will look to complete their second consecutive undefeated regular season at a perfect 10-0. Ferris takes on Walsh University at noon at Top Taggart field in Big Rapids on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Here are my picks for this week:

QB: Cam Newton, Carolina Panthers:

Newton has been showing flashes of greatness that give me flashbacks to his years as an Auburn Tiger. The young QB has lead the Panthers to their first 8-0 start in franchise history and has been getting attention as a possible NFL most valuable player. I think he'll come off a huge week last week with another against the Titans on Sunday.

RB: DeAngelo Williams, Pittsburgh Steelers: Williams is the No.1 running back for the Steelers after Le'Veon Bell went down with a season ending injury a couple weeks ago. He has been nothing but spectacular when given the opportunity and I don't see that changing.

WR1: Jordan Mathews, Philadelphia Eagles: Mathews caught a 41-yard game winner last week against the Cowboys. Mathews is prone to making big plays in big situations so I'm not surprised. Look for him to have a big week against the Dolphins.

WR2: Davante Adams, Green Bay Packers: Adams had 11 targets last week in Green Bay's loss to the Panthers. He faces a Lions secondary that will put plenty of focus on Randall Cobb. Plus, the Packers are coming off their second straight loss, which makes Aaron Rodgers angry. I don't think Detroit wants to see Aaron Rodgers when he's angry.

FLEX: LaGarrette Blount, New England Patriots: The Patriots look good, I mean really good. Blount had a season-high 29 carries last week in a dominating performance against the Redskins. The Giants defense isn't much better, so expect this Sunday to be the same story as the last for Blount and the Patriots.

D/ST: Kansas City Chiefs: This is a bold strategy Cotton, let's see if it pays off for me. I'm banking on a really bad week from Peyton Manning. Like three interceptions bad, preferably one of those being returned for a touchdown.

K: Stephen Gostkowski, New England Patriots: Gostkowski has scored in double digits in six of his eight games played this year. Enough said.

UPCOMING MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 14
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Sunday, Nov. 15
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Saturday, Nov. 28
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Thursday, Dec. 3
Ferris hosts Lake Erie, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5
Ferris hosts Ashland, 3 p.m.

TEAM TORCH

POSITION	PLAYER	STATS	POINTS
QB:	MATT RYAN, ATLANTA FALCONS	30-45, 305 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	19
RB:	DOUG MARTIN, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	43 TOTAL YARDS, FUMBLE LOST	2
WR1:	JULIO JONES, ATLANTA FALCONS	10 CATCHES, 137 YARDS	15
WR2:	MICHAEL CRABTREE, OAKLAND RAIDERS	7 CATCHES, 108 YARDS, 2 TD	23
FLEX	GIOVANI BERNARD, CINCINNATI BENGALS	86 TOTAL YARDS	8
D/ST:	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	27 PA, 4 SACKS, 1 INT, 2 FF, 1 TD	14
K:	BLAIR WALSH, MINNESOTA VIKINGS	2 FG, 1 XP	8
TOTAL			89

FERRIS STATE

QB:	JASON VANDER LAAN	372 TOTAL YARDS, 5 TD, 2 TO	41
RB:	ROBERT THOMAS	60 YARDS, 1 TD	12
WR1:	JAMEL LOCKETT	102 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	16
WR2:	JAKE LAMPMAN	8 CATCHES, 139 TOTAL YARDS	14
FLEX	ANTONIO AGURS	49 TOTAL YARDS, 1 TD	10
D/ST:	FERRIS STATE	39 PA, 2 SACKS, 1 FF, 1 FR	0
K:	NATE IVESON	7 XP	7
TOTAL			116

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Invading the bubble



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Ferris' dining cafes should be student first

When the townies take it too far

“Slide to the left! Slide to the right! Take it back now y’all. One hop this time!” Am I doing the Cha-Cha Slide? I wish. I’m trying to get back to my table at The Rock on a Sunday morning.

There are few things more disheartening than being stuck behind the family of five with the screaming infant when you want nothing more than to get a simple cup of coffee. One of those things is when they come to sit down at the table right next to you.

Now don’t get me wrong, I love kids, really I do. I was a nanny for over a year and I volunteered at an elementary school before that. What I don’t love is when they are introduced into an atmosphere that they simply do not belong in and, I’m sorry, but a dining facility on a college campus is one of those places.

My first few days here it wasn’t that big of a deal, a minor inconvenience at the most. I’d have to look a little longer for a table, or be extra careful carrying that steaming cup of soup while unattended toddlers danced around my feet, or even stand in line an extra 10 minutes



Angela Graf
Torch Reporter

because some 50-year-old in camo gear took the last serving of fries.

I like to think I’m a pretty patient person though, so I persevere, but after about two weeks here I had reached my breaking point. Sitting with a friend discussing some now-forgotten topic, I had the audacity to say the word “f*ck.”

I am an 18-year-old living six hours from home, basically free of reprimand for most of my actions, so no, I don’t think very much about vocabulary while I’m hanging out with my friends. Nonetheless, Suzy Home-maker lumbers over to make me feel like a criminal.

“Excuse me!” she screeches in my general direction. “Could you please watch your language? There are children here.”

You don’t say! I must have missed that when I stepped over little Tommy’s abstract mashed potato art on my way to come sit down.

Let me just say this: you are on a freaking college campus where conversations about drugs, sex and drinking are pretty much the norm.

I will absolutely not apologize for simply acting and speaking my age. If you don’t want your spawn to be subjected to that, magical. There’s a Bob Evans up the road.

If you do choose to bring them here, just understand that anything they hear or see is on you, not us. So please, stop coming into a space intended for young adults with your toddlers and expecting us to change our behavior.

No, I don’t necessarily think that the so-called “townies” should be eradicated from The Rock entirely, though that sure would solve a lot of issues. Maybe only have it open to the public certain hours, or designate areas for families with children.

My point is that we pay a lot of money to have access to the places to eat on campus; the least we can be given in return is the ability to enjoy those facilities in peace.

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

404 error

For roughly a 24-hour interval towards the end of last week, the Ferris State Torch website was blocked by our university.

The block was issued because of a virus scare, which after thorough testing by our Webmaster and the university proved to be a “false positive.” No malicious content was found, despite the warning bells being sounded if a user was surfing the site on Internet Explorer with a specific anti-virus program.

The block was especially suspicious because of its timing. It seemed to be synonymous with an article that we published about new, strict policies being issued towards Greek parties. The story was drawing a lot of buzz, and some were stating how unfair the

new policies were. That is, until the content was blocked.

People reading from home were able to continue accessing our content, but any computer connected to Ferris’ Internet network was unable to open the website.

Ferris’ Technology Assistance Center received 14 complaints of the false positive, and in response blocked the website. Admittedly, this is initially a fair approach, especially in the wake of a serious security breach back in the summer of 2013.

However, the block was initiated and a university-wide notice distributed without any contact with any representative of Torch staff.

In addition, why the website had to remain down after ample

testing on multiple fronts remains a mystery to me.

The Torch is more than just a rag to read over breakfast in the dining café.

We have our ears to the ground. Our eyes are inquisitive, and constantly searching for new and interesting stories to share with our readers. We are the bullhorn that allows our community to get their message out to a mass audience. We are the voice of Ferris State University.

For over 24 hours, that voice was silenced.

Of course, there were still newsstands carrying the Torch around campus and the greater-Big Rapids area. Though the reality is, news is consumed online in the modern age.

Blocking the website, even for a short time, was a form of censorship.

One of the fundamental rights listed in the Constitution is the freedom of the press. That right was violated when the university refused to lift the block on our website.

I understand the initial caution and measures taken to protect Ferris’ network, but after proving that our website was clean, there is absolutely no reasonable excuse as to why it had to remain inaccessible for so long after the testing.

We serve Ferris State University, just as we hold it accountable for its actions. When the university chose to block our website it chose to block our rights.



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Zeta Tau Alpha poses in the Quad during their pumpkin smashing fundraiser for "Think Pink Week."



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Ferris television and digital media production student Michael Hermann hums through sheet music at a rehearsal with his capella RSO, Acaholics.

Get busy

Being involved in something will make you a better, happier person

"Your body is a machine, but your mind is its driver, and you must drive as far as your mind will take you, with achievement as the goal of your road."- Ayn Rand.



Kip Biby
Torch Reporter

Nobody can tell me that being a college student is a full-time job. You might have been told in your FSUS class or by your advisor that after considering study hours you will spend 40 hours a week working on classes but I have never met a single person who actually spends that much time doing school work.

Even if you do spend those hours studying, you still have 112 waking hours left in your week if you sleep for eight hours per night. Lilly Pulitzer did not design gorgeous planners so they can sit on your shelf unfilled.

I have to wonder, how many students at Ferris are not part of a single student organization, do not have a job or do not volunteer their time? What do they do with their days? What are they learning other than what their Marxist professors shove down their

throats?

College is the perfect time to expand your horizons. Your classes will only provide you with so much applicable knowledge. You have to get out there and experience something, create something and leave your mark on this school.

There are over two hundred registered student organizations at Ferris. Can't find one you like? Create one. The one you joined needs change? Get on the executive board and make the changes. The world is yours for the molding.

Being involved in a group, working a job, or giving back to the community will not only help the group, company or community, it will also help you. Self-esteem is the product of achievement. Think about how good it will feel to know what you are doing mat-

ters. Netflix will always be around, but you cannot get these years back. This is the time to develop skills and experiences.

"You've got a lot of very, very smart people standing by waiting for somebody else to do the work. Not a recipe for long-term solvency in my opinion."- Mike Rowe



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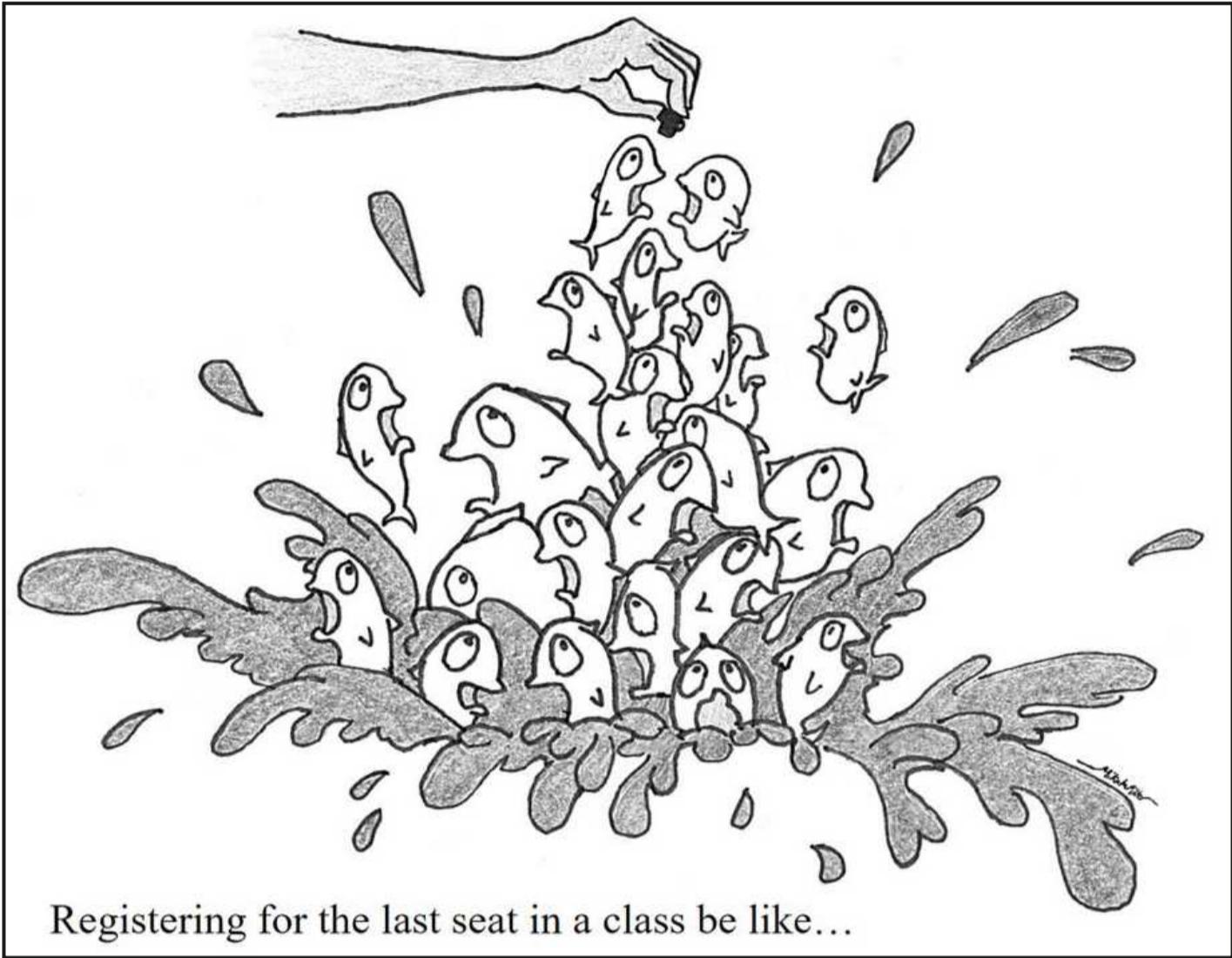


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