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Double Dawg Domination

Football and Volleyball take GLIAC titles and head to NCAA Tournaments



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Football defeated Walsh to move to 11-0 and claim a first round NCAA tournament bye as well as the GLIAC crown. Volleyball docked the Lakers at Grand Valley to take the GLIAC and move on to NCAA tourney. See page 10 for more coverage.

Happy 130th, Ferris

A look at how Ferris has changed



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The Old Main in 1895, which burned down on February 21, 1950.

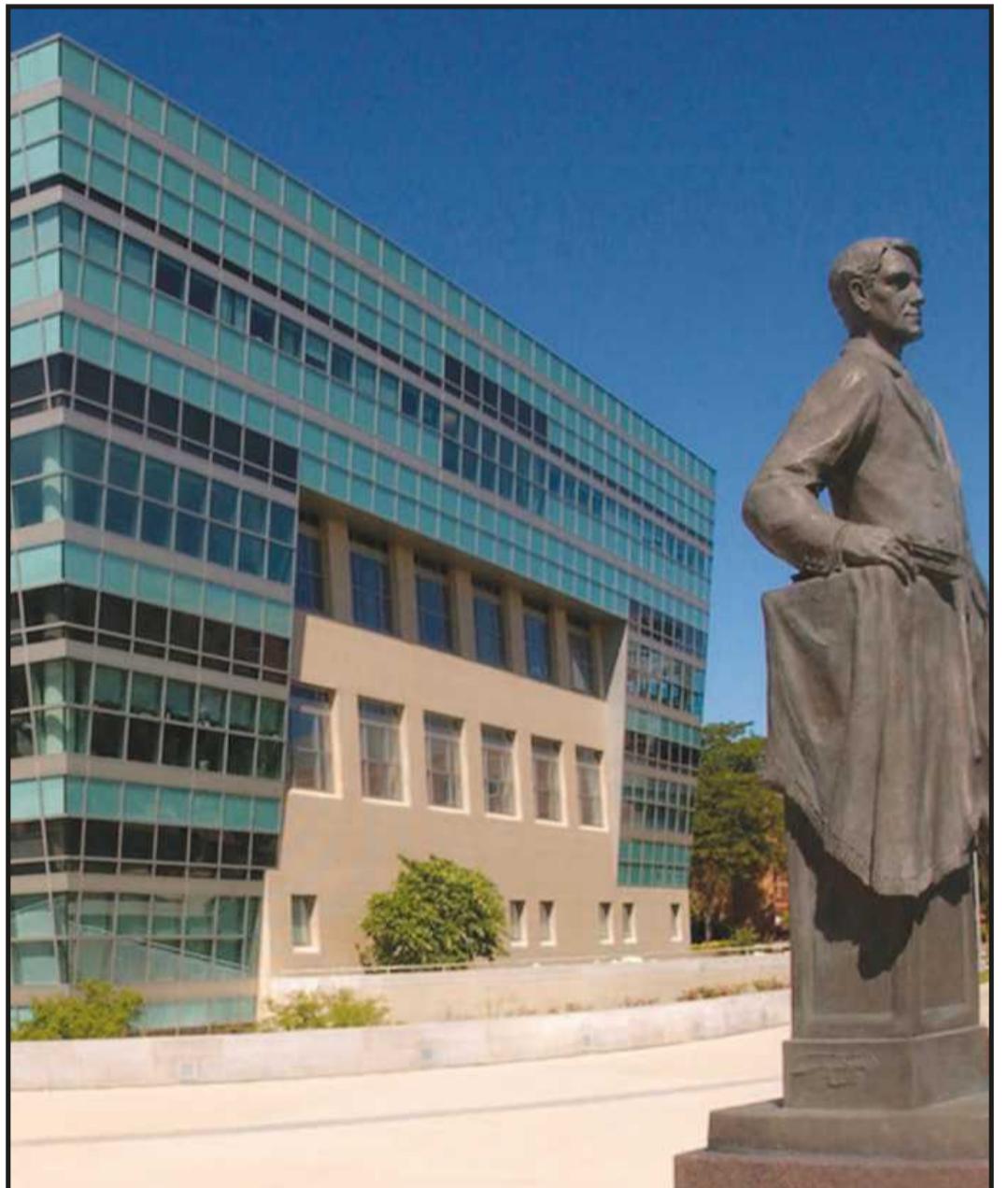


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Woodbridge Ferris stands sentinel in the quad in front of FLITE library.

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

This year, Ferris State University is celebrating its 130 anniversary.

Two of Ferris' longest-serving faculty members shared the changes they've experienced over the years.

"When I came here, the Science Building was the Pharmacy Building," said Dr. Robert Friar, the biology professor whom many students may remember if they attended his Sex and the College Student lecture their freshman year. "I came in '67 and they moved into the new building in 1970. The Arts and Sciences Commons did not exist. There was the Starr Building and there was the Science Building and student enrollment was increasing."

Friar described some of the different plans for expansion, including one plan to extend the two buildings, a plan to connect the two buildings with more classroom and laboratory spaces and finally a plan

to build the offices of the ASC building that stands today.

Another change Friar described was the addition of the College of Optometry in 1974. The program moved into the new Optometry Building on State St. in 2009 and the old building was scheduled for implosion.

After 47 years, during which he impressively used no sick leave, Friar's time at Ferris is drawing to a close. He plans to retire after this semester, though he will continue to teach his Human Sexuality class part-time in the Spring semester.

"The library was brand new the first year I was here," Friar said. Coincidentally, another of FSU's longest-serving employees works in the library and has firsthand knowledge of the changes it has undergone.

"People years ago found out that they might have to spend hour after hour in a library to find something," said Ann Breitenwischer, a reference librarian at FLITE who has worked on campus for 45 years. "Obviously, now with all the computers, it goes

much faster. You don't have to do things by hand like you used to."

Students using the library's online catalog today can search not only the library's physical collection, but also a wide variety of online databases and journals.

Breitenwischer remembers the very first computer brought into the library and the process of updating the building's technology.

"The big thing there was computerization, which actually started in the mid-'70s," Breitenwischer said. "It was very exciting to get the first computer in the place. We basically were working to transform card files—which was the way that you went about finding books—into a computer approach. That occurred in 1989. We were able before the decade of the '90s began [to] literally get rid of the card catalog, and then it was all on computers."

Another major change for the Ferris Library was the construction of FLITE. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new building took place in 1999 and library staff was able to move into the building in March of 2001.

Before FLITE, the Timme Center for Student Services was home to the university library. After the move, major renovations were needed to transform Timme into the student services building it is today.

Both Friar and Breitenwischer have witnessed a number of changes for Ferris, including several university presidents, the installment of new buildings and technology, and the school's name change from Ferris State College to Ferris State University. Undoubtedly, there will continue to be changes in the university's future.

"I foresee more and more online instruction," Friar said. "I worry about this. One of the very important roles of a teacher is to be a role model. It is very difficult to be a good role model in online teaching." Friar is also in hopes that we will start teaching students how to handle money wisely and manage debt.

"One of the things that is predicted is that the people who could be recruited to go to Ferris or any university in the United

States is going to be a very varied group of people," Fran Rosen, Acquisitions and Collection Development Librarian who also works for the Diversity and Inclusion Office, said. "I hope Ferris develops along with that and I really hope Ferris finds a way to recruit and retain a more diverse workforce, like faculty and staff. I don't think that's a place where we've really been keeping up."

Some other more obvious changes for the university include the construction of the new Student Center, which will officially open next semester.

While Friar may be scheduled to retire after this semester, Breitenwischer has no plans to leave Ferris for the time being.

"I think that some good things are happening here and that's one of the reasons why I'm not willing to pull away just yet," Breitenwischer said. "I think what we need to do is keep working together, and, by that, I mean faculty, staff and students. What is it that is going to be best for the next group of students that come along?"

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Re-opening of observatory

A celebration for the grand re-opening of the Rawlinson Observatory on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 P.M. in SCI 102. It will begin the celebration with a presentation by David DeBruyn, the former director of the Chaffee Planetarium in Grand Rapids. Following the presentation, visitors will proceed upstairs to the observatory for a view of the night sky.

Student Debt

With the student debt discussion panels, President Eisler said he had made way with decreasing student debt. A four-part plan is serving as a blueprint for these efforts – Contain costs, raise financial support, double scholarship base, and reduce time to degree by one year.

University budget

This Thursday, Nov. 20, IRC 115, at 11 a.m., President Eisler will be hosting a forum on the university budget. He has presented these regularly for the past several years with the goal of sharing budget information and providing insight into university finances. With a portion of state funding now based on a formula that takes into account our university's performance on a number of metrics, the link between Ferris' goals and Eisler said that the resources we need to reach those goals is closer than ever.

Panels on diversity

This week there are several events in the universities ongoing exploration of diversity. On Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 3-5 p.m. in FLITE 240, the Center for Latin@ Studies is celebrating its two-year anniversary with Testimonios: Impacting Change. The Center will announce a leadership transition, hear from student panelists and enjoy appetizers from the El Granjero Mexican restaurant.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, as part of Native American Heritage Month, the presentation "Fifty Years On - Wounded Body and Soul," will take place in Williams Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Will and Company, based out of Los Angeles, will perform their play, Native Visions, highlighting the lives of important Native Americans who have shaped our country. This production explores social justice issues faced by the Native American community, including destruction of native lands, poverty and self-determination.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6:30-8 p.m. in SCI 126, Professor Dan Noren will be part of a panel that will delve into the topic of diversity of languages as a part of Ferris' BEYOND: Diversity series. More information about these and other events is available on the university calendar accessible from the Ferris home page.

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Student crashes into tree with bike

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

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Nov. 14 at 3 am, complaint about improper cellphone use at Merrill hall. Victim said he received a call from a person who claimed the victim owed them money. Victim said they felt threatened.

Nov. 14 at 12:25 am, officers stopped a vehicle on State near Knollview, driver was found to have an expired license and was ticketed

Nov. 13 at 11:15 am, report of two car accident on Ferris drive at 205th avenue.

Nov. 12 at 9:30 pm, officers assisted hall staff at Ward hall with a marijuana complaint. One subject referred to the office of student conduct.

Nov. 12 at 9 pm, report of a civil dispute in lot 3. Victim stated damage was done to his car by a friend.

Nov. 10 at 2 pm, report of credit card fraud complaint. Student living in West Campus received info of card being opened in their name.

Nov. 11 at 10:55 am, one car personal injury accident on Ferris drive. Subject lost control of vehicle on 15 and drove over 200 yards before hitting a tree. Subject was a 90 year

Nov. 11 at 10:30 pm, report of suspicious subject in lot 4 attempting to break into cars.

Nov. 11 at 6:30 pm, report of gate arm being broken off at Birkin Health Center.

Nov. 11 at 7:55 pm, report of hood ornament stolen from vehicle in lot 5.



Nov. 9 at 12:30 pm, officers stopped a vehicle on Perry. Drivers received traffic ticket.

Nov. 9 at 5:40 pm, officers assisted with a two car accident at Perry Ave.

Nov. 7 at 10:05 pm, officers assisted staff at Clark hall with marijuana complaint. Handled by housing.

Nov. 8 at 10pm, report of a harassment complaint at Travis hall, victim was receiving unwanted phone calls.

Nov. 7 at 3pm, report of money stolen from a wallet. Wallet found in lot 10, money had been removed.

Nov. 7 at 2:40 pm, report of hit and run in lot 3.

Nov. 9 at 2:45 am, officers found a person laying on the ground near Pickell drive. Victim was riding bike and crashed into a tree.

Nov. 10 at 3:45 pm, report of domestic dispute in West Campus.

Nov. 11 at 12:05 am, officers stopped and spoke with intoxicated subject on Cedar. Subject was transported to residence.

Nov. 10 at 8:50 pm, marijuana complaint in Travis hall. One subject lodged in county jail.

Nov. 8 at 11:40 pm, officers investigated disorderly complaint at Vandercook hall. Two minors were ticketed for MIP.

Nov. 9 at 10:40 am, officers were called about intoxicated male in East Campus.

Nov. 8 at 2:20 am, officers received information of a trespasser in the construction area of the new University Center. Subject was found with stolen property.

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Home for the Holidays?



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Out of state students face long travel through likely snowy conditions to reach family and friends for the holidays.

Travel time vs. turkey time, how students are managing hitting the roads

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Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Ferris is home to a good number of students who come from other states and countries. With that being said, is four and a half days really enough for students who aren't from Michigan for one of our nation's major holidays?

Freshman Indiana native and Technical Communication major Tyler Jenkins doesn't think so.

"I don't have classes on Wednesday, but having classes until noon, I just think it's kind of pointless to have even that Wednesday class. I have a bunch of other friends that go to bigger universities that get out the Friday before, so they have a whole week for Thanksgiving break. Being far from home, the travel is a little difficult in the middle of the week, it's kind of hard to adapt and then come back the following Monday," said Jenkins, who plans to spend his Thanksgiving break back in Indiana with his family and hometown friends.

Colleen Lewellyan, a first year pharmacy student who came from a suburb of Chicago, agrees that Wednesday morning class isn't necessary.

"Having classes Wednesday morning doesn't allow for a lot of time when traveling after classes, especially with how early it gets dark this time of year," Lewellyan said.

However, according to Bryan Marquardt, Director of Housing and Residence Life, 2013 statistics stated that 91 percent of Ferris students lived in Michigan.

"This left 877 students who lived outside Michigan: 404 were international and 391 lived in Indiana or Illinois. This left 82 students who potentially lived more than a day's drive home, other than international students."

"I have attended and worked for universities for 35 plus years and Thanksgiving break has started on Wednesday or Thursday at the schools I attended and worked for during this time. The length of the break works well for most students. If students are not able to make it home due to the distance or travel time on Thanksgiving, one good point is that the holiday break starts two weeks later and is four weeks long," Marquardt said.

On the other hand, Lewellyan said that it's not just out of state students that need extra travel time.

"This year, I'm going home

with my boyfriend for Thanksgiving," Lewellyan said. "He's from Hancock, in the U.P and it's an eight hour drive from Ferris to his house, compared to the four hour drive to mine."

For any international or non-Michigan native students who aren't planning to travel home for Thanksgiving, or for the upcoming winter break, Marquardt said, "Housing and Residence Life offers break housing in Bond Hall for all students who choose not to leave Big Rapids for Thanksgiving or the holiday break. East Campus Suites and the FSU Apartments are also open 365 days a year."

On-campus housing closes on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and reopen for students to return the following Sunday.



Awarded for educating KCAD chairperson named educator of the year

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Dr. Cindy Todd, chair of the art education program at Kendall College of Art and Design, has been named Educator of the Year and Higher Ed. Educator of the Year by the Michigan Art Education Association

"How do you even react to something like that? It's such a once in a lifetime opportunity to be recognized in that kind of way," Todd said. "You kind of get that smile-big-and-start-giggling reaction."

Todd, who's been at KCAD for the past ten years, said that getting the job for chair of art education was "really sincerely a dream come true."

"I have always known that I wanted to be a teacher," Todd said. "I can remember being in

sixth grade and playing school in my basement. I've literary known that I've wanted to do this since elementary school. It's all I've ever wanted to be and it is completely fulfilling and satisfying for me. There's so much joy in getting someone to the point of understanding that it's hard to describe."

Todd said that the impact she has on her students is one of the best things about her occupation as an educator, "You can make such a difference in what happens in the next generation, one child at a time. You can have an enormous influence."

"I think one of the most wonderful effects that my career has had on me is the enormous exposure to people, particularly to maturing individuals. You learn so much about people, and about the human dynamic. I find that to be really fascinat-

ing and enjoyable," Todd said, on her career in art education.

The biggest piece of advice Todd has for students aspiring to be educators is to make sure you want to teach.

"I never talk anyone into being a teacher. You've got to want that and enjoy that, otherwise every single student you touch deals with your dissatisfaction, and I think that's a terrible thing for everybody involved," Todd said. "That's the first thing I tell every single person in the program. If you can't wake up every single day and say 'I get to do this' then you need to change your job. It's got to be something that fulfills you, right straight to your heart."

Dr. Todd received her awards Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Michigan Art Education Association conference, held in Lansing.



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Dr. Cindy Todd received her awards Saturday Night at the Michigan Art Education Association conference held in Lansing. She's taught at KCAD for the past ten years.

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LIFESTYLES

Native American tradition has unfortunately been stomped on and told 'that's not okay'

Tori VanOffelen
Ferris State University
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FINE DINING

Can you smell what The Rock is cooking?



Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Ferris prides itself on its superior dining services, but students may not always share the same appreciation. If you went on a tour of Ferris before deciding to go here, it's almost guaranteed that the Rock was a destination.

"Basically every year since I've gotten here, the Rock has gotten worse," music industry management senior Gabriel Aikins said. "When I get there at noon, it's not surprising if the line to get in is literally outside."

Since Westview closed a few years ago, most students have turned to the Rock as their go-to place to eat in between classes, leading to the issue of too many people and not enough space.

However, the Rock's overcrowding problem will be over next semester, Assistant Manager at the Rock Tom Pizzo said.

"The Quad Café is going to open," Pizzo said. "So that takes care of our problem. The Quad's in the right spot, so it's going to be busy and people are going to want to go there. So that will alleviate our problem here at the Rock."

The fact that the Rock is open to the public also contributes to the lack of space during prime meal times. It can be extremely frustrating when students can't find empty tables yet see many overtaken by large groups of "townies."

"We are open to the public, and because we are, we can't turn people away," Pizzo said. "Our customers that live in the area realize how nice it is, how good it looks, and how good quality the food is."

Upon first entering college, most students can agree that the Rock's open-til-midnight buffet-style food seems awesome. But after eating there every day, their view of the Rock's food being "good quality" may start to decline.

"I really like salads, but I don't like the salads here," pre-pharmacy sophomore Lindsey Gerstler said. "And the fruit is so gross. The bananas are so small, I don't know if they're banana mutants or something."

Photo By: Hannah Ringler | Photographer

After the closing of Westview, The Rock has seen a major increase in traffic due to it being closest to most classes in terms of distance.

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Battling Ebola



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Ebola has claimed over 5,000 lives in Africa, and a very small number of cases in the United States have been reported as well.

African Student Union hosts fundraiser to fight epidemic

Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

The African Student Union (ASU) hosted a fundraiser to raise awareness as well as funds to fight the Ebola epidemic.

The event began with a video that described what Ebola was and how it can be spread through a community. One in every two people who got Ebola in this most recent outbreak have died.

"5,168 people in Africa have died of Ebola," ASU president Oliver Fom Kom said. "Ebola is not a joke. It is an

epidemic that requires more attention from the world."

The first Ebola outbreak occurred in 1967 in Germany when a team of scientists worked with infected monkeys from Africa to develop a vaccine for Poliomyelitis. The scientists were later found dead of what at the time was an unknown cause.

Ebola didn't return until 1976 where it showed up in Africa. Doctors believe Ebola returned from contact with Fruit Bats.

As of 2014, Ebola has spread from Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Africa has seen

roughly 12,000 suspected cases of Ebola throughout the year.

The first United States case of Ebola happened Sept. 19 when a native of Liberia flew to Texas. He was hospitalized on Sept. 28 and died on Oct. 4.

"The main question I get during visits is 'doc, do I have the flu or Ebola,'" Doctor Harpreet Singh said. "This fear of Ebola is why I prefer to spread knowledge, not panic. Knowledge leads to strength and betterment."

According to Doctor Singh, a person infected with Ebola would "have to cough in a per-

son's eyes to contract the disease." He also stated that the likelihood of anybody contracting Ebola is very low.

People infected with Ebola show early symptoms, such as fever, headache, unexpected bleeding or bruising, muscle pain, diarrhea and vomiting. Ebola can only be spread through bodily fluids, objects infected with the virus (needles, medical equipment) or infected animals.

Singh stated that although the symptoms of Ebola are similar to the flu, people infected with

the flu will show all symptoms within 12-24 hours, while people infected with Ebola won't show symptoms for 2-21 days. If a person doesn't develop symptoms after 21 days, then they won't get sick with Ebola.

If you'd like to learn more about Ebola, you can visit Doctor Singh's website at www.icrush.org/ebola.

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Native American Heritage Month

Circle of Tribal Nations honors Native Americans in November



Ferris previously held a celebration in the quad for Native American Heritage Month. Submitted Photo

Hailey Klingel

Ferris State Torch

November is full of holidays and celebrations, but one group on campus chose to honor Native American students.

Ferris students may be unaware due to the fact that a very small percentage (.9 percent, according to Cappex.com) of the student body identifies as Native American.

The Circle of Tribal Nations is a group that attempts to broaden Ferris' understanding of Native Americans to more than that .9 percent.

"Even if no one is doing anything, we're making people aware," Pre-Medicine freshman Elizabeth Nystrom said. "We're just raising the chances that people will [do something]."

So far for Ferris' 2014 Native American Heritage Celebration, the Circle of Tribal Nations hosted a Birch Bark Medallion Workshop in which participants learned to make birch bark, porcupine-quilled medallion necklaces. They also annu-

ally make and sell traditional dream catchers as a fundraiser for the programming they do.

Some members of the Circle of Tribal Nations also attended a "Ghost Supper" to celebrate deceased ancestors and loved ones at the Isabella Indian Reservation near Mt. Pleasant last weekend, Nov. 14-16.

"Native American tradition has unfortunately been stomped on and told, 'that's not okay,'" English education sophomore Tori VanOffelen said. "Our RSO basically focuses on keeping tradition alive, learning about it and respecting it."

VanOffelen's interest in the Circle of Tribal Nations stemmed from her desire to expand her knowledge about her Native American family history.

"I didn't know anything about it because the person who was full Native American in my family lived at a time it was looked down upon to be Native American," VanOffelen said. "So, that information gets lost with time and a lot of people today don't know about their Native American heritage because of that."

Due to past prejudices, many Native American students "have been tentative to speak on behalf of a race containing 500 different nations, 100 different cultures and countless religions," Secondary Advisor to the Circle of Tribal Nations Andrea Lodholtz said.

"There are more differences than similarities and stereotyping has created unnecessary academic and personal challenges for many of our tribal students," Lodholtz said. "Thus, our Circle is a support group in many ways."

On Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Williams Auditorium, the Circle of Tribal Nations is sponsoring "Fifty Years On - Wounded Body & Soul." This event features a social justice presentation from Will and Company, a theater group from Los Angeles. They will explore issues faced by the Native American community fifty years ago and the role those issues play today.

An early Thanksgiving meal offering free, Native American food will also take place Nov. 24 at 5 p.m. in the IRC.

DINING from Page 6

Students have expressed dissatisfaction with campus dining

No matter where you go, mass-produced food isn't going to be the greatest. And the Rock is still a college dining hall, so expectations can't be astronomical. But, some students are too fed up to realize that Ferris' dining could be worse.

"Just because it's better than other places doesn't mean it's good," Aikins said. "It's really just less bad."

Van Alstine disagreed, saying that the dining services Ferris provides are better than most other schools in the area.

"I think the Rock, on a good day, is better than pretty much anywhere else I've

been," Van Alstine said.

No, Ferris' dining isn't five-star quality. And students may not understand exactly why it's run the way it is, but the Rock's workers try their best to make the experience of eating at a dining hall every day a little better.

"We figured out what we needed to do to put ourselves a little bit better than the other universities, and we did it," Pizzo said. "The quality of our services is over the top. As for the problems of overcrowding and the non-student customers that go here, I'm glad that it's being alleviated."

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Modern love

8 Reasons why you should date an older man



Sarah Force
Ferris State Torch

Let me start off by giving you my definition of "older." I live by the rule of thumb that if he is old enough to be my father, then he's a no-go. However, there are many reasons why having a relationship with an older man is just all around better.

Older men have self-confidence. He isn't worried about impressing his frat buddies or looking like the alpha male. Older men have been there, done that and discovered who they are. This ultimately makes them confident in themselves, and we all know that confidence is oh so sexy.

Older guys have a more stable tendency. No more dating absolute losers and wondering if you'll have to pay for dinner tonight. Older guys are (usually) more stable and established. Disclaimer: Losers do get older and not all of them actually grow up, so be able to identify if the prospective older guy is just a man-child.

You don't have to worry about him being loyal. Trust issues are undoubtedly the most frequent and difficult

issue in most relationships. When dating older men, gone are the lonely nights wondering if he went out without you, who he's with or why he's not texting you back. Older men have had their fun and appreciate the value of commitment and loyalty. For the most part, the young bucks just want to play.

It goes without saying- older men are definitely more experienced. Remember my article about not being a two-pump chump? Older men have this down to a science. They know what they like and how to please a woman. Let him take control and he might show you a few new things you didn't even know you liked!

Maturity is not overrated. There's nothing better than a man who can be serious and have serious conversations with you when necessary.

Ladies, we all know when a man has some nice facial

hair. That perfect amount of scruff is just mouth-watering. Obviously, older men can not only grow it better and more evenly, but they also have more experience with taking care and maintaining their perfect scruffy look.

Older men have the advantage of intelligence in several areas. Not only can they have meaningful conversations with your family, but they have been places and seen things. They can provide perspective without coming off as obnoxiously opinionated. More stories, experiences, and better conversation are all a part of the package. Older men have also been in more relationships to learn from, so they know how to handle obstacles that might come your way.

Last, but not least, older men will devote themselves to take care of you. You don't have to worry about if he's going to be there for you when life kicks your ass. You won't feel like he has better things to do because he will truly appreciate you.

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11/19: Fifty Years On- Wounded Body & Soul 7 p.m. Williams Auditorium
 11/20: Freestyle Comedy Show 7 p.m. Williams Auditorium
 11/21: Dodging Diabetes Dodgeball Tournament 6 p.m. at the UREC
 11/22: Bulldog Hockey Hosts Alabama-Huntsville 7:07 p.m.
 11/22: Men's Basketball Hosts Lewis 3 p.m.
 11/24: The Real Thanksgiving with OMSS & Circle of Tribal Nations 5 p.m. IRC
 11/24: Grand Re-opening of the Rawlinson Observatory 7 p.m. in SCI 102
 11/25: Men's Basketball Hosts Grace Bible
 11/26: Thanksgiving Recess begins at noon!!
 11/29: Men's Basketball Hosts Albion
 11/30: Women's Basketball Hosts Tiffin
 12/1: Sex in the City HIV/AIDS awareness
 12/2: FSU Concert Choir Holiday Concert 8 p.m. BRHS Auditorium
 12/3: FSU Jazz Band Holiday Concert 8 p.m. Williams Auditorium
 12/4: Kwanzaa Presentation 11 a.m. FLITE 159
 12/4: An Evening with Tom Deluca, Hypnotist 7 p.m. Williams Auditorium
 12/5: Last day of classes!

11/19: Cornhole Tournament 8 p.m. at The Gate
 11/19: American Red Cross Blood Drive 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital
 11/20: Karaoke & \$1 Ladies Bowling 9:30 p.m. at The Gate
 11/21: Ballroom Dancing 7 p.m., DJ Gary S & Glow Bowling 9:30 p.m. at the Gate
 11/21-11/22: Grand Rapid Comic Con 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday at the DeltaPlex Arena in Grand Rapids
 11/22: Wayland wsg Devin and The Dead Frets, Kill All Control, Stone Thrown 6 p.m. at The Intersection in Grand Rapids
 11/22: Holiday Farmer's Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. City Hall Parking Lot
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 11/28: Blood on the Dancefloor 6 p.m. at The Stache in Grand Rapids
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ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Lana del Rey

Genre: Dream Pop, Tripp Hop
Like: Lorde, Angus and Julia Stone, The Neighbourhood

Sinatra." Her style is the perfect combination of vintage and modern. Her cinematic voice coupled with the atmospheric music is almost mesmerizing.

ease. Her Wikipedia page also states that contemporary music critics have called Del Rey's voice "smoky", "gravelly", and reminiscent of Marilyn Monroe. If that isn't talent, I don't know what is.

Beyonce might have some competition for "Queen B" status. 29 year old Elizabeth Grant aka Lana Del Rey came onto the scene when she signed her first recording contract in 2007, releasing her first digital self-titled album in 2010.



Del Rey is more than just another pop artist. She is an icon. Not only are Del Rey's musical sound and lyrics unique, but her voice is something you have never heard. Nobody could replicate her if they tried.

Her two most recent albums, "Born To Die" from 2012 and "Ultraviolence" from 2014 are both incredibly noteworthy. No matter what your musical preference, Del Rey will capture your heart. Her music holds so many unique aspects that it provides an appeal to all tastes.

Del Rey's draws influence from Elvis Presley, Amy Winehouse, Janis Joplin, Nirvana, Eminem, Bruce Springsteen, and Britney Spears. She has described herself as a "gangsta Nancy

According to her Wikipedia page, Del Rey possesses a contralto vocal range described as captivating and highly emotive. She is able to transcend from a high, girlish timbre down to a low, jazzy sound with great

If you have yet to witness the sheer talent and otherworldly sound of Del Rey, then you are most definitely missing a vital piece in your music collection. Honestly, Lana Del Rey is more than Artist of the Week. She deserves to be Artist of the Decade.



Overheard at Ferris

"Good thing about Ferris snow, it fills in the potholes"

The Rock

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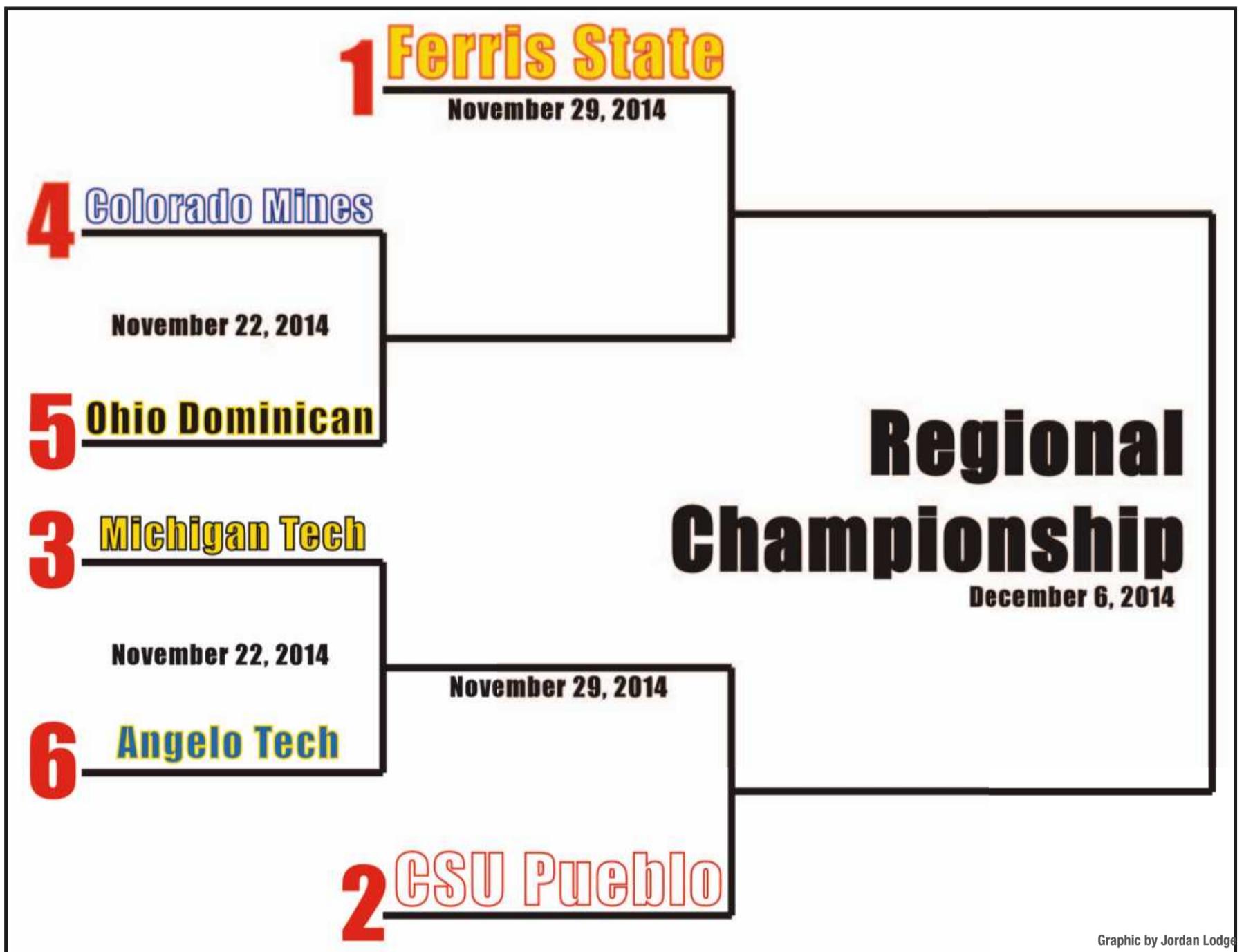
SPORTS

“We lost last year in the Elite Eight so we know what that feels like and we don't want to feel like that again.”

Megan VanderMeer
Ferris State Volleyball
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FOOTBALL

UNDEFEAT



Bulldogs have two other GLIAC teams in Super Region

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

Nobody said it would be easy, but the 2014 Ferris State football team has ran the tables en route to an undefeated season and earned a first round bye in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

The Bulldogs have been placed in the fourth region of the tournament, along with two other GLIAC foes, the Huskies of Michigan Tech and the Ohio Dominican Panthers. This marks second consecutive year that three GLIAC teams have been placed in the fourth Super Region.

With the first round bye, No. 1 Ferris State (11-0) will await the winner of the first round match-up between No. 5 Ohio Dominican (9-1) and No. 4 Colorado Mines (10-1) on Nov. 22. The Bulldogs have the opportunity to face Ohio Dominican on Nov. 29, if they can get past the Colorado Mines Orediggers.

The Orediggers have a prolific passing offense, led by sophomore quarterback Justin Dvorak. Dvorak was second in the country in Division II in passing yards and touchdowns, finishing the 2014 campaign with 3,878 yards and 34 touchdowns. Colorado Mines finished third in

total offense in Division II with 522.8 yards per game and were first in total first downs with 320.

The Bulldogs defeated Ohio Dominican, as a part of their undefeated season, on Oct. 18 in Columbus, Ohio in a match-up where both teams entered the game undefeated. The Bulldogs walked away with the win, logging 459 yards of total offense in the 34-19 victory.

Junior quarterback, and Harlon-Hill nominee, Jason Vander Laan led the Bulldog offense with 18 pass completions on 26 attempts for 207 yards and two touchdowns. Vander Laan also logged 63 yards on the

ground with one score. Red shirt freshman Jahaan Brown was a force for the Bulldog offense as well, as he recorded 124 yards on the ground with one touchdown. Brown also had two receptions for 59 yards to lead all Bulldog receivers.

The junior signal caller has been a problem for opposing defenses all season long. Vander Laan finished the 2014 campaign 15th in the nation in rushing yards with 1,328, by far the most for a quarterback in Division II. His 19 rushing touchdowns was tied for the fifth most in Division II, and the most by a quarterback. Vander Laan also

logged 2,140 yards through the air for the Bulldog offense, with 27 touchdowns, which was the ninth most in Division II, and just four interceptions.

The Bulldogs first game during the NCAA Division II Football Playoffs will come on Nov. 29 at Top Taggart Field. Game time is to be determined.

Ferris have five other playoff berths in school history, with all five coming between 1992-1996. The Bulldogs are 5-5 all-time in playoff history. The deepest run in school history was to the 1995 National Semi-Final. It's down to the top 24 teams in Division II.



EATED



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The Bulldog's beat the Northern Michigan Wildcat's 35-17 to secure a share of a GLIAC title a week before downing Walsh to take the whole thing.



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Jamaal Jackson trucks his way towards the endzone.

Offensive Prowess

- 1:** NCAA ranking in total offense (Division II)
533.5: Offensive yards per game average.
- 2:** NCAA ranking in scoring offense (Division II)
47.8: Points per game average.
- 4:** NCAA ranking in rushing offense (Division II)
334.5: Rushing yards per game average.
- 1:** NCAA ranking in 3rd down conversion pct. (Division II) with a 55.3 percent third down conversion.



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Jamaal Jackson (27) celebrates with Cody Dingledey (64) following a touchdown over Northern Michigan that sealed the game for Ferris.

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HOCKEY

OFFENSIVE ERUPTION



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

This past week, the Hockey Team paid tribute to our Nations Veterans and current soldiers by wearing camouflage jerseys, and paid tribute in style, winning 10-2 in Thursday night's contest over Alaska-Anchorage

Bulldog offense shakes struggles with 14 goal weekend and 10 goal game

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Barring the latest series the Bulldogs, have found some trouble putting points

on the board, which they'll look to remedy this weekend against Alabama-Huntsville. The team currently stands at a 6-5 overall record including marquee wins over the University of

Michigan and Michigan State, but they have also given up some upsets to underdogs this season such as St. Lawrence. The primary shortcoming that seems to be keeping Ferris' from running the table is offensive woes, but it may just go deeper than that.

"I think that our problems offensively stem from not playing good enough defense," head coach Bob Daniels said. "It's very difficult to score when the other team has the puck, and I felt that we weren't playing as aggressively on defense as we normally do. We weren't making a large amount of mis-

takes on defense, but we were just playing very passively. We ended up stuck in our own zone for long periods of time and we weren't creating turnovers that lead to scoring chances. Also, it's harder to draw penalties when you don't have the puck, and you're more apt to take a penalty then to give yourself a chance on the power play."

Some may argue that the issues have been resolved, citing evidence from this past weekend when the Bulldogs outscored Alaska Anchorage 14-2 in a two-game series. However, further testing will be required

before recognizing whether the Bulldogs have truly pushed through their slump according to Daniels, and a weekend series with Alabama-Huntsville at home this week is a golden opportunity to do just that.

"I feel that we have to address our defensive deficiencies first, then once we get that cured we'll be more of an offensive team. Obviously we scored a lot this past weekend, but I don't think we're out of the woods yet. We still have work to do, but it was nice for that series to see some of the work come to fruition," Daniels said.

This defensive passivity resulting in offensive deficiency can not be attributed to just one player, nor any one group of players, making it ever harder to overcome.

"Hockey is an interesting sport in that you have forwards and defensemen, but it's really the whole team playing both offense and defense. Even if the defensemen are playing great, if the forwards aren't working hard defensively, then it's two guys trying to defend against five guys and you've got problems,"

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VOLLEYBALL



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Ferris after a 3-2 victory over Grand Valley State at home. The Bulldogs are now 2-1 against Grand Valley State this season.

Bulldogs Dock Lakers

Ferris makes NCAA tournament for fourth consecutive year

Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State volleyball team will play in the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight year on Thursday.

The 23-5 Bulldogs will take on the 22-7 Lewis University Flyers at host Grand Valley State University.

The team is coming off a first place finish at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament where they beat Grand Valley State 3-1 for their first conference tournament title since 2004 in Allendale.

The win against Grand Valley was the team's tenth in a row. In that ten-win run, the Bulldogs have only lost three sets, all of which have been dropped to Grand Valley State.

The Bulldogs look to continue that run on Thursday where the team will be playing as the No. 2 seed in the tournament. The Flyers of Lewis

University are the No. 7 seed and will be playing in their ninth straight NCAA tournament.

It's all about keeping the tempo under Bulldog control according to the team.

"We will keep playing Bulldog Volleyball," senior middle hitter Claire Grawburg said. "The only team that can beat us is Ferris State, so we will prepare to play our game."

The team has experience playing in the NCAA tournament for the last three years, and they will try to take that experience with them.

"I think it helps because we know what it takes to get through regionals. Except our region is much different than last year, so we just have to stay on our toes and be ready for anything," said sophomore setter Stephanie Sikorski.

The Bulldogs made it to the quarterfinals of the tournament last year before falling in a heartbreaking loss to BYU-

Hawaii 3-2 in a five setter. The Bulldogs remember that feeling.

"We lost last year in the Elite Eight so we know what that feels like and we don't want to feel like that again," junior hitter Megan Vander Meer said.

The team has set their goals as high as they can for the tournament.

"Our goal this year is to win regionals again," junior libero Danielle Dowd said. "We want to make it to Nationals again. We will do everything in our power to make it a reality. Our overall goal would be to walk away with a National Championship."

The longest NCAA tournament run for the volleyball team came from 1982-1987 where the Bulldogs went to the tournament for six straight years.

The time of the match at Grand Valley is to be announced. If the Bulldogs beat the Flyers they will go on to play the winner of the Grand Valley State vs. Missouri S&T game on Friday

BASKETBALL

DETERMINED

Bulldogs tip-off home schedule

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

After finishing last season with a 10-16 record, the Bulldogs are looking to improve upon their weaknesses and capitalize on their abundance of returning talent to contend for a divisional title.

2013 was a roller coaster season for the Bulldogs, as they scorched through a perfect 5-0 in December, then lost all but one game in January. This initial win streak showed the Bulldogs what they're capable of accomplishing, and now they just need to continue striving for consistency.

"We're a team that is hungry for more. We're looking to compete for the north division title and qualify for the conference tournament. We've set a standard that we want to achieve and compete at, so we'll try to do that and just see where the wins and losses fall. None of us are satisfied with the results from last season, so we're just a team that is looking for more," said Head Coach Andy Bronkema.

Although the winning momentum from the end of last season didn't carry the Bulldogs to where they were striving to go, it may have had some lasting effects transferring into this season.

"I think it helped. It was just a sign of everybody maturing. It was our second time playing those teams, and the difference between winning and losing is often very small, so to come out and pick up a win against those teams the second time showed us that our players and system were kind of getting over the hump a little bit," said Bronkema. "I think that the confidence goes into the next season with individual players, but as far as a team, I think every year is a brand new season."

Ferris State surrendered just Raymoan McAfee to graduation, and were able to develop the talent they already have while also pulling in a few talented freshmen.

"One of our guys that got hurt early on last year is James Chappell. He played three road games with a torn hamstring and ended up getting a redshirt for the rest of the year. Everyone else is back and hopefully a little bit better," said Bronkema. "Our captains Drew Lehman and Dietrich Lever are looking to lead the way, and then we've got some talented juniors in Jared Stolicker, Josh Fleming and Jibreel Jackson, so those are just some of the guys who we're really looking to for a big contribution."

Ferris' team may be somewhat undersized when compared to the rest of the con-

ference, but the Bulldogs are looking to use a blend of speed to counteract their lack of size in comparison to the rest of the conference.

"We're a little bit smaller, so we're trying to use our quickness to run the floor. Defensively, we're trying to have really great ball pressure and cover ground. We want to help and cover ground on great closeouts so that we're utilizing our skill and speed," Bronkema said.

The Wayne State Warriors, who were the regular season conference champions last year, have migrated to the southern division of the Great Lakes Conference, while counterpart Hillsdale takes their place in the north. This move seems likely to increase competition in both divisions.

"Every team in the both divisions is strong. Grand Valley is returning the most, and they're a very physical team. Michigan Tech and Lake State both made tournament runs last year, and they've returned some very good players too. Then Northwood and Saginaw picked up some talented transfers. There's not one easy game on our schedule, but there's also not one clear favorite that everybody is looking up at," said Bronkema.

Through exhibition play, the Dawgs have competed well with good competition. They lost to division-1 foe Oakland University 94-87, then beat up Calvin on their way to a 92-58 victory.

Since then, Ferris has dropped a heartbreaking triple overtime game to Quincy on the road, and followed it up with a one-point loss to Missouri-St. Louis.

A mixed showing to open the season, Ferris will return home for three games.

"Well exhibition games are just one step up from a practice, so we can gather some good information about how our team is progressing, but it really doesn't mean much for the season," Bronkema said. "Sometimes people like to score watch in the preseason, but every game is different. We were happy with a lot of things in both of those games, but we also saw some things that we needed to work on, and we've addressed them since."

Now that regular season play is underway, the Bulldogs are playing through their non-conference schedule, and will play three consecutive home games on Nov. 22, 25 and 29. The Bulldogs will then hit the road for Ohio as they begin their conference slate against Lake Erie.



Sports Shorts

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Women's hoops heads to Tennessee

Through exhibition play, the women's basketball team has scored no more than 35 points in either of its two preseason contests. However, considering that the Bulldogs climbed the Divisional ladder to play Division I talents Notre Dame and Toledo to shake off the rust of last offseason, the Dawgs' offensive struggles can be temporarily excused.

This Friday, Ferris will take to the court in Nashville Tennessee to take on Kentucky Wesleyan, thus opening their regular season. On the following day, they will take the floor once again against hosting university Travecca Nazarene.

They will look to capitalize on lessons learned against tough competition as they finally match up with a team better suited to their level of play. The Bulldogs will then play Cedarville on the road on Nov. 25 before hosting their first home game of the season and beginning conference play against Tiffin on Nov. 30.

Bulldogs fall to Quincy in triple-OT

The Ferris State men's basketball team opened the regular season with a heartbreaking loss by the hands of Quincy in triple overtime. As regulation expired, the score was knotted up at 76-76. The two teams then exchanged points shot-for-shot for the ensuing two supplementary periods before Quincy finally claimed the victory, winning 109-107.

Leading the Bulldogs in both points scored and minutes played was senior Ferris wing Drew Lehman, who was on the floor for 50 minutes while racking up 29 points. Also making a difference for the Dawgs was junior Josh Fleming, who scored 22 points and dealt out 5 assists.

The Bulldogs will look to grow from their early endurance-testing triple overtime marathon as they host Lewis on Nov. 22 in their home opener.

Shauman and Wood earn All-GLIAC Honors

Determined to improve upon a slow start to the season, the Ferris State soccer team began to catch fire as the season wore on. Their 6-10-2 overall record was enough to earn them a spot in the GLIAC Postseason Tournament for the fifth consecutive year, which is the longest streak in the team's existence.

Helping to accomplish that feat were Ferris junior forward Casey Shauman and senior midfielder Riley Wood. Shauman earned All-GLIAC Second Team laurels by recording 9 goals and 6 assists this season. Wood was the recipient of All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Honors as she accounted for 5 goals and 1 assist while also playing in every game played this year.

While Wood has played her final season in a crimson and gold jersey, Shauman will return next season along with a host of other Bulldogs who are looking to continue the streak of qualifying for the GLIAC Tournament, and hungry to contend for the league championship.

Top Dawg



Photos by: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Tia Brandel-Wilhelm (Left) and Tony Annese take home Top Dawg honors after their teams took home undisputed GLIAC titles this past weekend.

Justin Aiken

Ferris State Torch

Head coaches round out this week's Top Dawg largely because their teams have qualified for the NCAA tournament.

Two seasons ago, Ferris State football finished a 6-5 season with a last minute win over Northern Michigan. Head coach Tony Annese spoke of a team headed towards the top of the GLIAC, and few believed him according to Annese.

An 8-3 in 2013 mark put a little more faith in the gridiron gang, though the team wasn't quite there.

Fast forward to Nov. 15. Down 11 points as the fourth quarter began,

Annese willed the Dawgs to a 46-42 win to seal a perfect regular season at 11-0.

6-5 in 2012, 8-3 in 2013 and now 11-0 in 2014. Annese has improved his team's record every season since his move to Big Rapids.

Tia Brandel-Wilhelm has crafted an identity. In her 20th year at Ferris State, Brandel-Wilhelm is taking her team to their fourth consecutive NCAA tournament.

A 23-5 overall record and a 17-1 regular season GLIAC record shows that Ferris State has dominated the conference.

On Nov. 16, Ferris traveled to Grand Valley to take on the Lakers in the GLIAC tournament championship game. Fittingly, the Dawgs danced off the court 3-1 vic-

tors over their Laker counterparts and into the NCAA tournament, where the two could meet again in the second round.

Brandel-Wilhelm has coached over 500 Ferris victories in 20 seasons and has appeared in 10 NCAA tournaments.

Brandel-Wilhelm's Bulldogs finished in the Elite 8 last season after a loss to BYU-Hawaii.

Annese's fast rise to success and Brandel-Wilhelm's longevity have turned their respective teams into National Contenders, and they are by definition Top Dawg's.

The two enter the NCAA tournament coming off of victories.



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Bulldog offense erupts for 14 goals in sweep

Daniels said. "The problem doesn't lie with just one group. It's the forwards and the defensemen, and I don't want to leave the coaches exempt, because we did a very poor job to ensure that we were prepared defensively in the beginning of the season."

Rectifying an issue as damaging as this is difficult to do midseason, especially if there is a division in the locker room. However, in the Bulldogs' case, their seems to be progress being made.

"We needed guys like Justin Buzzeo and Jason Binkley to buy into that philosophy when we addressed it. We needed some seniors to say, 'you know what? The coaches are right. The fault isn't with the offense, it lies with the defense.' For some of our better, older players to buy into it the way they have is a great thing for us. That's the kind of senior leadership that

you need when things aren't going as planned," Daniels said.

Along with insufficient preparation prior to the season after being skimped out of the ordinary two weeks of practice in favor of a game against Michigan, something else attributed to the team's defensive downfall.

"I think one of the reasons that we weren't playing aggressively on defense is that CJ Motte is an excellent goaltender. We may have started using that as a little bit of a crutch. Even though we weren't necessarily playing great defensively, CJ was great in net, so it wasn't showing up on the scoreboard. Yet, a lot of that was just due to CJ playing so well. Even though the other team isn't going to score a lot of goals with him in net, we're not going to score a lot either when we don't have the puck and we're using him as a crutch," Daniels said.

When playing teams from

around the country, traveling long distances can weigh on away teams. Players are students just like us, and therefore have just as much homework to complete while also spending entire weekends in hotels and on buses. Needless to say, a team can gain an advantage when hosting a travel weary team.

"Well it's no question that it favors the home team on these long distance trips. I'm pretty sure Huntsville is going to bus here, and that will be an 11 or 12 hour bus ride, so that's an advantage for us. Conversely though when we go back to play them we have that same disadvantage," Daniels said.

This weekend, on Nov. 21 and 22, Alabama-Huntsville will play the role of vagabond when they travel to Big Rapids to take on the Bulldogs in Ewingleben Arena. The puck drops at 7 p.m.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOV. 20
Volleyball @ NCAA Regionals

FRIDAY, NOV. 21
Volleyball @ NCAA Regionals*

Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 7:07 p.m.

Women's basketball @ Kentucky Wesleyan, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22
Cross country @ Regional Championships (Evansville)

Volleyball @ NCAA Regionals*

Men's basketball vs. Lewis, 3:00 p.m.

Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 7:07 p.m.



OPINIONS

FERRIS STATE TORCH

"There are about 100,000 people in the U.S. that are on a waiting list for an organ, but only 15,000 donate, so you'd be doing a public service"

Dylan Peters
Ferris State University
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Letter From The Editor

Headline

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

I promised myself that at all costs, I'd avoid writing about Ferris sports in this column as much as possible.

So I won't talk about how the Volleyball team just shellacked Grand Valley in Allendale to win the GLIAC tournament.

I won't talk about how they're entering their fourth consecutive NCAA tournament, or how there's a chance they could have an epic rematch with the Lakers at Grand Valley in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Nor will I talk about how the football team erased a double-digit fourth quarter deficit to grasp a perfect 11-0 regular season record and in that an undisputed GLIAC title as well as an NCAA tournament first round bye.

It would be against my word to speak of the camo-clad hockey team's incredible eruption to win a 10-2 game over Alaska-Anchorage this past Thursday, nor their 4-0-shutout domination the next evening.

Between Thursday, Nov. 13 and Sunday Nov. 16, Ferris athletics may have had one of their finest weekends in school history. Two teams taking home undisputed GLIAC titles, another shaking their offensive struggles and scoring 10 goals in a game for the first time since 2002.

It left fans "Wow-ing" their collective way out of Ewingleben Ice Arena. The weekend left Ferris State's archival defeated in Grand Valley's building.

In cars and apartments around the town and state, fans listened as Jason Vander Laan (again) bulwarked his way into the end zone, this time with 36 seconds remaining to clinch a title.

The sweetest part is that it isn't over. This gets better. Football could have multiple home playoff games. Take a look at the snow coming down. What's more epic than football in the snow? It's that old Lambeau feel, "The Frozen Tundra." Football as it's meant to be played.

Hockey is just getting started, and soon the team will play in one of the greatest traditions in college hockey, the Great Lakes Invitational in the home of the Detroit Red Wings, Joe Louis Arena.

That weekend of triumph is in the past. And I'm still not going to talk about it.

Honor thy senior?

Why our generation is the best yet



Graphic by Jordan Lodge

Respect your elders. It's a rule we were taught since the beginning of time. But what if your elders don't respect you?

They call us Millennials, among other things. Also known as Generation Y, we are the sprouts born between the early 1980s and the late 90s. Generation Z are the kiddies in high school right now that were born mid-to-late 90s to present day.

While each generation has moved mountains in its prime, our generation has the lovely privilege of catching the utmost crap from our elders.

How many times have your parents and grandparents ragged on you and "kids these days" for being addicted to technology? Forget that they too have their noses shoved into their tablets and smartphones - we are clearly the spoiled and un-



Sarah Force
Lifestyles Editor

appreciative ones. They had it so much harder than we did, therefore we don't deserve what we have now. Simple math.

Excuse us, granddad, for seeking and applying knowledge and making advances in the world of technology. The thing is, our generation isn't the only one reaping the virtual benefits here.

If Baby Boomers and Generation Xers had the technology we have now during their youth, they would be immersed in it just as we are. Except they are, aren't they? They may not be on Yik Yak, but you've seen them on Facebook.

I think it's about time we stand up for ourselves and each other. I would rather be a part

of a generation that wants to be too instantly connected with one another than a generation where blacks couldn't drink out of the same damn water fountain as whites. I'd rather be a part of a generation where movements are being made to accept gay marriage than one full of segregation and discrimination.

Women were self conscious to the point of starving themselves to appeal to men, and now we have progressed towards embracing our quirks and differences and having an environment of self acceptance. Modern media, music, and even advertisements are now influencing viewers to not feel inferior, but to love and accept themselves. We don't deserve to be shamed for growing up in the world they made for us and trying to make it even better.

I watched an advertisement on

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work."

-John Lubbock



Want a kidney?

Body parts to sell for tuition



Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

If you're like me, then you've considered just about everything to pay off your tuition and loans. But there is one idea that I've been throwing around in my head for a while.

I was in my morning class when I came up with the idea of selling my organs on the market. I figured it was a stupid idea at first, but I did some research and, although I now have a very questionable browsing history, the numbers I found were astounding.

Did you know the average kidney's street value, depending on the buyer, ranges from \$3,000 to \$85,000? A Japanese kid sold one of his kidneys for roughly \$5,000 to a group of "transplant tourists" to buy an iPad and iPhone.

Did you know the average gallbladder's street value is \$7,000? Do you know what you could do with that money?

There are about 100,000 people in the U.S. that are on a waiting list for an organ, but only 15,000 donate, so you'd be doing a public service.

I'll be honest with you, it's most likely illegal to sell your organs (editor's note: it's definitely illegal), but I doubt that will stop some people from trying it.

Hell, if you're really good friends with someone, ask them if you can have one of their organs to sell. That's a great way to test how great and close your friendship is.

If you think it's too extreme to sell your organs, then maybe try shooting a little lower. If you can catch my drift.

I'm talking about sperm, guys.

Being a sperm donor can gain you an average of \$1,000 per sample. That covers about one three credit class. And you'll also have some extra spending money for pizza. Love pizza? So do I.

Ladies, your eggs are worth just about \$8,000. If you're an underclassman and a Michigan resident, then your average tuition cost is \$10,444 per year (\$10,668 for juniors and seniors). So donating your eggs could cover about 80% of your tuition. Just sell your kidney to cover the other 20% and you're good to go.

Sometimes, it's good to go the simple route. Sell your hair and make some money.

You can only do this if you have long hair, naturally. Some people have been paid \$1,000 for their hair. You're probably not going to make \$1,000 for your hair. I'm sure \$100 is more realistic. Think of how much pizza \$100 can buy.

I hope this has helped some of you get ideas for paying off your brutal loans and tuition. If you decide to sell an organ and succeed, you're welcome.

Faces of Ferris



Tyler Scott
Senior, biology

"So how I met my special lady was that I started working at a liquor store, cause ya' know liquor. And there was this girl there and I looked at her and I was like, "I'm gonna get her to date me." But she, ya' know hated me. And so I just went after her and annoyed her and annoyed her and annoyed her and annoyed her and so she stopped talking to me. So I just kept going for it and she eventually she decided to go out with me, maybe to get me to stop talking to her and now we've been dating for three years. And now we live together. So that's a love story."



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Generation Y has embraced acceptance and diversity.

YouTube where a group of college students our age asked random people on the street if they would date a woman that was raped. The study found that a higher percentage of younger males said yes. The video showed one younger male saying, "Just because she was raped, that doesn't mean it was her fault." Meanwhile, the older men in the video shook their heads in disgust.

This ad perfectly portrays

how our views as a society are changing. I am proud of this generation and how far we have come with acceptance, diversity, and making the world a better place. So give me the internet, the iPhones, the tablets and you can take your prejudices and ignorance. Just think of where we will be once our generation is running the world.

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