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ABOVE: Ferris students enjoy musical acts at "Thursdays at the Office."
 LEFT: Ferris pre-pharm major John McClelland strums a solo piece on guitar.
 BELOW: Music industry management freshmen Tyler Schultz and Jake Trethaway share the stage in BUS 112.



Music industry management hosts weekly concert

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Opinions Editor

Lovers of live music can find a hidden gem on Thursday nights in Ferris' College of Business.

Every Thursday night at 7 p.m., music industry management (MIM)

students host musical performances by local artists. Until this semester, the event was called FSU Unplugged. MIM's recent move to Business Building room 112 inspired the rebranding, "Thursdays at the Office." Artists perform right inside the MIM office, which is home to a stage, sound equip-

ment, recording lab and an always supportive audience.

Ferris MIM sophomore Chase Dunneback has played guitar and sung covers and original songs for just over a year. Dunneback stole a recent fshow with an original song, "Mom's an Angel," written about a friend's mother who died of cancer.

He then went on to pick up the tempo with a mashup of modern pop songs.

"It gives students a place to go and hang out and listen to some good music from kids here at their own university," Dunneback said.

Hosting the show was MIM

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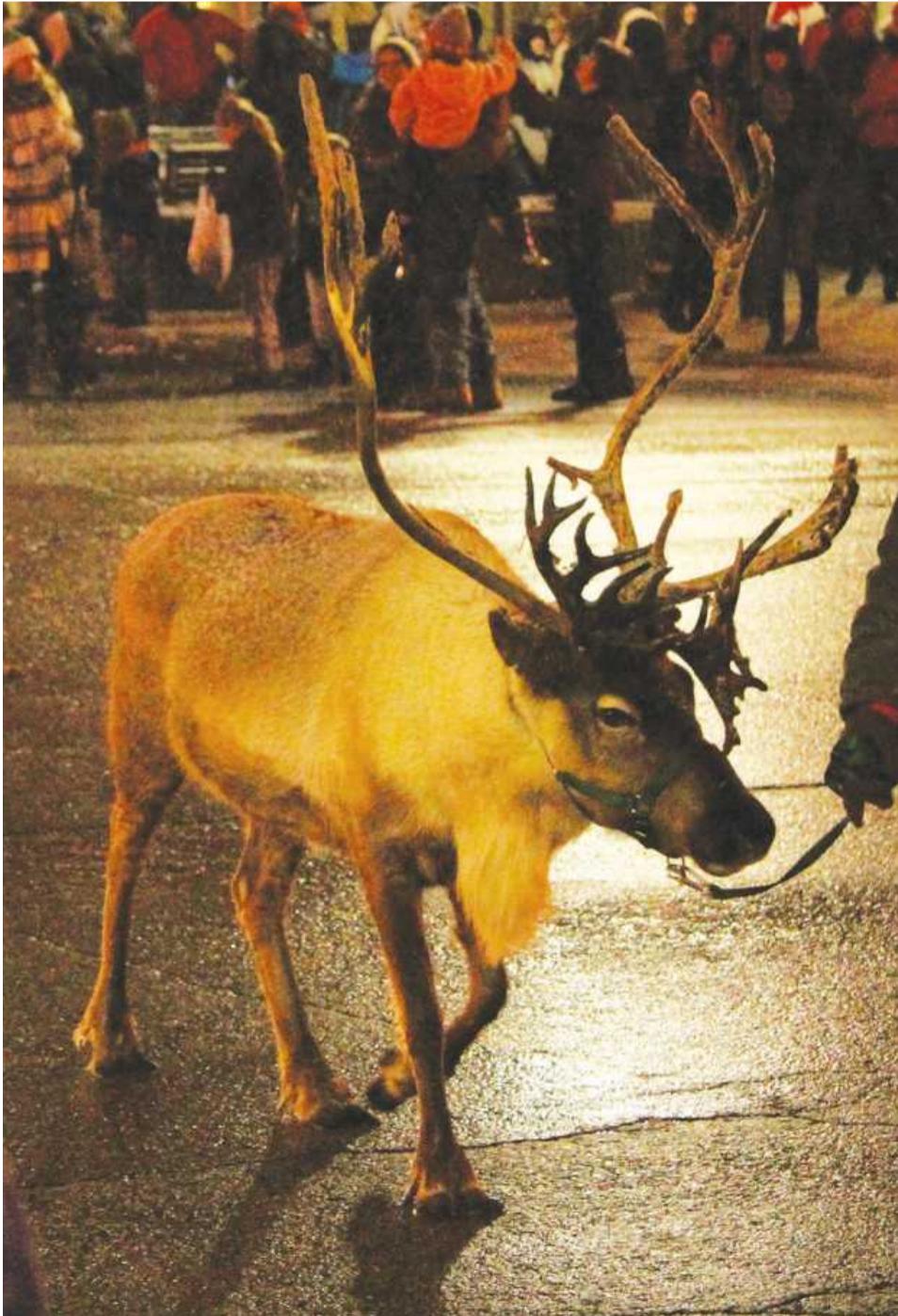
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"It was really cool to see the Big Rapids community come together like this."
- Ann Marie Clay,
See below for story



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Michigan Avenue was busy with the sound of firetrucks and clacking of reindeer hooves for the annual Festival of Lights parade.



A taste of Christmas

Festival of Lights parade ushers holiday cheer to Big Rapids

LIZ YOST

Torch Reporter

Hundreds of people flooded downtown sidewalks to kick off the holidays at the annual Festival of Lights parade in Big Rapids on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Big Rapids' annual holiday parade brought lights, music and holiday cheer to the city. The parade procession included a lineup of fire trucks, floats, cars, two reindeer and people from every corner of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Claus wrapped up the parade riding atop Santa's sleigh. Participants tossed candy to the children on the sidewalk and free hot chocolate was provided at a table run by Salvation Army volunteers.

"It was a perfect night for the parade, with the snow and the cold," said Big Rapids Mayor Mark Warba. "It was a good night, the floats and the crowd were great. It was a great holiday event for the community."

The parade drew in people of all ages, from bundled children to senior residents watching from their apartment windows, to college students preparing for the holiday break.

Ferris criminal justice junior AnnMarie Clay was a first-time attendee at the parade.

"This was a fun way to get to experience the city," Clay said. "I'm from a really small town and we don't have a holiday parade, so it was really cool to see the Big Rapids community come together like this."

After the procession, Reverend Jake Davis of the Lost and Found Church read the Christmas story from the Bible, as well as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Mayor Warba then presented Santa and Mrs. Claus with a key to the city and Santa led the crowd in a countdown to light the city's two-story Christmas tree in front of Chemical Bank.

Larceny at East Campus Apartments

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

Turn down

Nov. 10, 2:10 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint on North Campus Drive, where a vehicle was said to be playing music too loud. The driver of the vehicle was told to turn the music down.

Hit and run

Nov. 10, 4:50 p.m., officers investigated a hit and run accident in Lot 1.

Smelly stuff

Nov. 10, 5 p.m., officers assisted Cramer Hall staff with a marijuana complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Domestic complaint

Nov. 12, 1:05 p.m., officers stood by while the city police investigated a domestic complaint on Elm Street.

Weed in public

Nov. 12, 9:10 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Lot 5. One suspect was located and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Couldn't behave

Nov. 13, 1 a.m., officers investigated a disorderly person complaint at the Student Recreation Center during a private event. The suspect had been disrupting the event and was removed.

Assault

Nov. 13, 3:30 p.m., officers stood by while the city police handled an alleged assault at Apple

Ridge Apartments.

Stolen stuff

Nov. 13, 6 p.m., officers investigated alleged larceny at East Campus Apartments. The suspect was located and the property returned. The suspect was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Bumper cars

Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m., officers investigated a two-vehicle crash in Lot 17.



Lot party

Nov. 14, 11:40 p.m., officers investigated loud noise in Lot 55 and found a large group. The group was advised to disperse.

West campus party

Nov. 15, 1:20 a.m., officers investigated a loud party complaint at West Campus Apartments. The residents were advised to be quiet.

Fence hoppers

Nov. 15, 1:45 a.m., officers investigated a trespasser in a fenced-in area south of Lot 4. Two males were referred to the Office of

Student Conduct.

Shouting match

Nov. 15, 10:55 p.m., officers investigated a disturbance in the Brophy McNerney lobby, where two students were shouting and threatening one another. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Keeping the bread safe

Nov. 16, 12:25 a.m., officers assisted the city police with an area check at Panera Bread.

Harassment complaint

Nov. 16, 5 p.m., officers investigated a harassment complaint at Vandercook Hall. A female reported an ex-boyfriend had been insistently trying to contact her via phone and social media. The male subject was told to stop.

Lost credit cards

Nov. 17, 2:45 a.m., officers found two credit cards and are attempting to locate the owners.

Found bicycle

Nov. 18, 10:55 p.m., officers found an abandoned bicycle near Ward Hall. The bike was placed in storage.

Altered parking decal

Nov. 19, 10:20 a.m., officers discovered an altered parking decal on a vehicle in Lot 37. The owner was located and ticketed.

DPS issued 345 parking and traffic violations between Nov. 12 and Nov. 19 totaling \$5,740.

NEWS BRIEFS

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News Editor

Free "Straight Outta Compton" screening

CLACS will host a screening of "Straight Outta Compton" at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 in University Center room 202C. The event is a part of CLACS's "Bulldog Weekends," which provides on-campus activities to students on weekends. Popcorn will be provided.

FSU choir and band concert

Ferris' jazz band and choir will perform a holiday concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 in the Big Rapids High School Auditorium under the direction of Matt Moresi and Cate Arroe.

Voca Lyrica Holiday Concerts

Big Rapids' women's choir, Voca Lyrica, will perform three concerts of holiday music for students and the community at the United Church of Big Rapids. Candlelight concerts will be held with a brass quintet and an organist at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6. Voca Lyrica will be accompanied by the Big Rapids Children's Choir at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. For more information, visit vocalyrica.weebly.com.

New Ferris Foundation appointment

Jack Roberts, CEO of the search engine optimization firm Peak Positions, was recently appointed to the Ferris Foundation board of directors. Each year, the Ferris Foundation oversees millions of dollars in donations to Ferris State University.

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Students integrate learning with concerts

sophomore Ashlee Jones, who explained the shows not only benefit the artists, but give MIM students the chance to experience organizing and hosting an event.

"It's about entertainment and bringing people together," Jones said. "It gives people the opportunity to perform on stage."

Garage rockers Beach Thief closed the show. The band, comprised of Ferris students Josh Olszewski, Shawn White and Jordan McNaughton, performed several original, indie-style rock songs including a crowd favorite, "Mom, Can I Smoke Cigarettes?"

Along with Jones, the event was run by Ferris MIM students Brenden Long and Nick Graham. Graham said there are plans to eventually integrate standup comedy into "Thursdays at the Office."

Any Ferris student or member of the community interested in performing for "Thursdays at the Office" can contact Jones at jo-nea110@ferris.edu.

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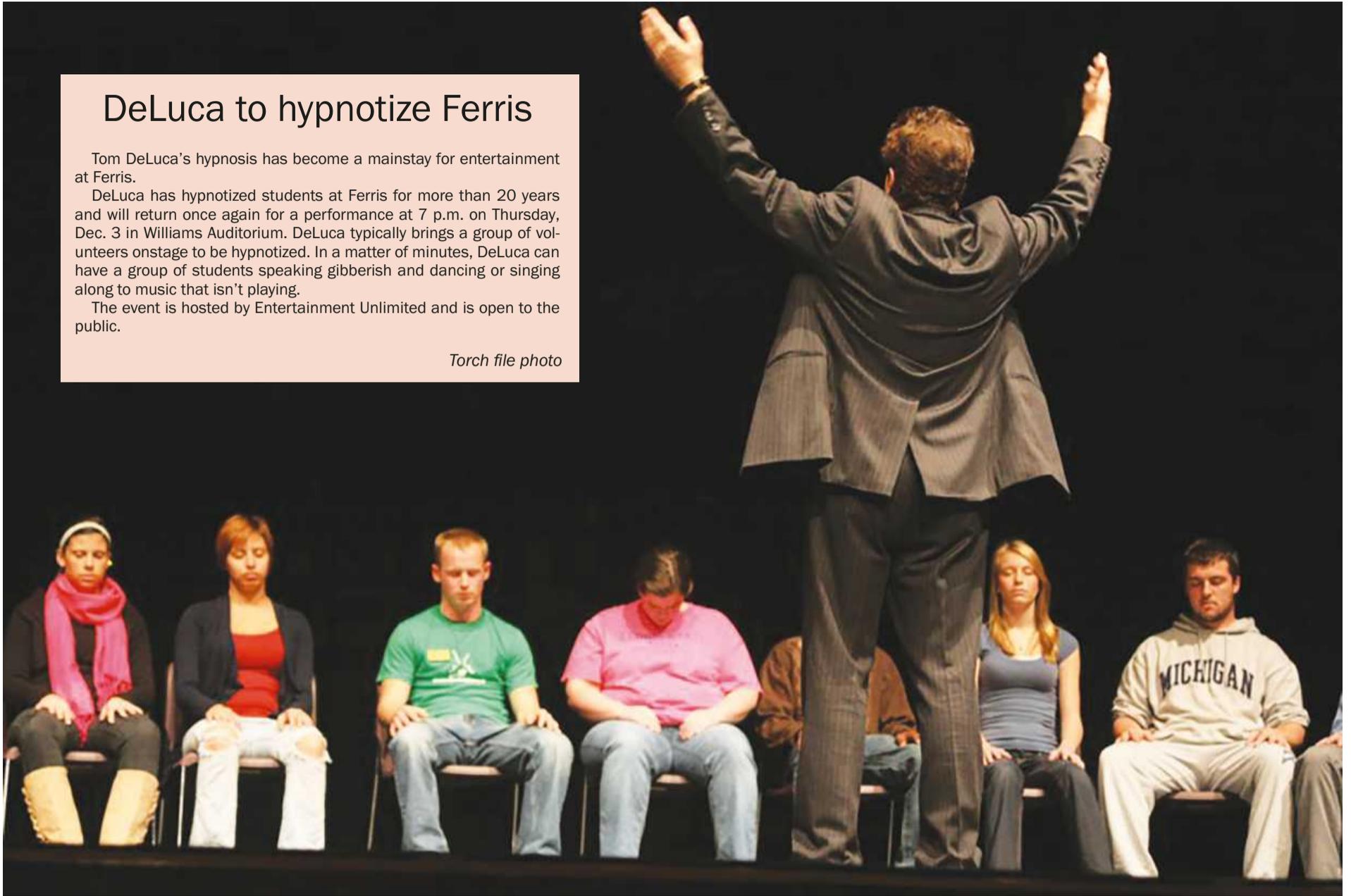
DeLuca to hypnotize Ferris

Tom DeLuca's hypnosis has become a mainstay for entertainment at Ferris.

DeLuca has hypnotized students at Ferris for more than 20 years and will return once again for a performance at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 in Williams Auditorium. DeLuca typically brings a group of volunteers onstage to be hypnotized. In a matter of minutes, DeLuca can have a group of students speaking gibberish and dancing or singing along to music that isn't playing.

The event is hosted by Entertainment Unlimited and is open to the public.

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Extra, extra, read all about it

Changes take root in Ferris' Readership Program

ANGELA GRAF

Torch Reporter

This year there have been some changes to the student Readership Program at Ferris, namely in its accessibility.

Most students' mornings consist of things like crawling out of bed, brushing their teeth, maybe putting pants on and then wandering out into the world for food and higher education. For some of those students though, an important part of that morning routine is stopping and picking up a newspaper to read about what is happening in the world.

One of the changes to the process of discovering news on campus includes a new newsstand in the University Center.

"We never really knew how many students got their newspapers from the newsstands, but we did know that the newsstands were popular," said Ferris accounting senior and Readership Program director Ben Brackett. "So we implemented the Swipe ID process in order to gain a better understanding of how many students are benefiting from the newsstands."

As for the future of print paper distribution on campus, there have been a number of requests that the stands be moved to various locations around Ferris, rather than just the University Center. In response to those requests there are tentative plans to place newsstands in a number of other places around campus, including the Pharmacy building and the College of Business, coming this spring semester.

Another way the Readership Program is branching out is through a USA Today mobile app called "The Buzz: Ferris State University."

"The Buzz provides students with national, world and campus news in one easy-to-use mobile interface," said Brackett.

The app features a variety of different levels of news. From *USA Today* there are latest news, life and sports headlines. From *USA Today College*, there are stories on College Life, Study Abroad and Careers, written by college students for college students. In addition to those, the latest Ferris State University campus reporting from the *Torch* is on the app as well.

According to Brackett, the hope is that the Buzz app will increase readership among those students that consume the majority of their news through their smartphones.

The Readership Program's newsstand is located across from the University Center Starbucks and features the Big Rapids *Pioneer*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times* and the *Torch*.

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From file cabinet to recruiting tool

Ferris launches first phase of redesigned website

DEVIN ANDERSON

News Editor

Those accustomed to the look of ferris.edu were in for a surprise last week when Ferris launched a bold, streamlined new web design.

Last week, Ferris launched the home, financial aid and admissions pages of a new ferris.edu.

Ferris web content manager Ted Halm describes the ferris.edu we're all used to as a glorified file cabinet, hosting more than 300,000 files. Halm said the site, which launched just over five years ago, was difficult to navigate.

About a year ago, Halm, with the help of father-son Ferris web developers Dale and Paul Hobart, began collaborating with a consulting firm on what would become a mobile, ADA accessible and recruit-

ment-friendly new website.

The development team surveyed touring students and worked with the President's Office and focus groups of current students. The site now adapts to any screen size and can be used with assistive technology to aid the blind.

"The site is a complete mobile revolution for Ferris," Halm said. "To build something that is mobile, ADA compliant and visual was a big challenge."

Visual indeed. The site pops with large photos and quick facts to attract potential students.

"To better serve recruitment efforts, the main audience for the homepage is prospective students," he said.

To appeal to all site-goers, the new homepage also allows a choice in the top-right corner whether you are a student, faculty or staff mem-

ber, alumni, donor, family member or visitor. Once the site is fully formed, these options will allow quicker navigation based on the type of viewer.

Halm said during research, it was found that 70 percent of Ferris students were accessing MyFSU through the Ferris homepage, so now the icon appears more prominently. Ferris' social media and News Services content is also integrated into the homepage.

At only about 10 percent completion, there is still more than a year of work ahead, according to Halm.

All the while, about 140 users contribute content to the site that Halm and his team have to check and edit daily.

"The expansion of the mobile market is something we want to keep up with," he said. "It's been a very positive experience."

Professor and part-time Santa Claus Entenmann shares his passions

MARI ANN LOUCKS
Torch Reporter

Known for his quirky marketing wisdoms, professor Blair Entenmann brings a different perspective to the classroom.

Entenmann, who graduated from Ferris in 1978 and has been teaching at Ferris since 2010, has more than 30 years of experience in sales and marketing, having developed Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle and Breakfast with Barbie cereals for Ralston Purina. In 1994, Entenmann started his own marketing firm, Marketing-Help!

He treats his students like they are employees, priding himself on his "tough but fair" teaching style, but he is most commonly known for his "WISMs." WISMs, also known as Wisdom in Sales and Marketing, are phrases he teaches students.

Entenmann's favorite WISM is one that his dad told him: "Get the money up front, stay out of jail and get the money up front." Others include, "Everything is negotiable," "A happy wife is a happy life" and "Don't worry, be happy, we can fix it."

However, Entenmann is not only focused on marketing. Though that is where his passion lies, he also makes himself available to any students that need assistance, even if their concerns have no relation to marketing.

"If someone needs help, I give it to them," Entenmann said. "I've had people ask for help with their resumes and once I had someone ask me to help him tie a tie. I'm here to help with more than just marketing."

When he's not working, the self-proclaimed Diet Coke addict loves to spend his time fishing and hanging out with his wife and dogs.

Entenmann is also a certified Santa Claus after attending Santa Claus University, where he learned what to do in different situations, like how you should hold a baby and what to do if a kid pees on the Santa suit. Entenmann is also a part of the Santa Claus Union.

"I love being Santa Claus," Entenmann said. "I volunteer at hospitals and parades, and I've given lectures in the Santa suit. I have 32 nieces and nephews who I dress up for. I do it for the joy."

Entenmann teaches Marketing 231, 321, 322 and 475.

"I'm living the dream," Entenmann said.



Blair Entenmann

Fasting for a cause

Students participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine

ANGELA GRAF
Torch Reporter

About one in nine people worldwide are hungry. That's more than two and a half times the population of the United States.

This is just one of the startling facts that students were read during World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, which began Nov. 13 and concluded Nov. 14. The honors students who participated in the event agreed not to eat anything from 11 a.m. Friday until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

There were 53 Ferris students taking part in the fast and each participant was also required to contribute a minimum of \$35 in donations. Some brought more though, coming to a grand total of \$1,872.

"They see all the numbers," said Ferris pre-optometry junior and famine co-director Rachel Bering. "But having them fast actually helps put it in perspective and gives them a little bit more of a personal experience. A little bit

more insight into the issue itself."

The participants were broken into five "tribes," inciting a playful competition between them during the day's activities.

The night kicked off at Brophy McNerney Hall with some light games and activities to get everybody acquainted and excited about what they were doing. The various tribes were given different points for a number of games like The Human Knot and Pictionary. Following these activities, everyone settled in to watch the movie "Madagascar."

"I thought the games and movie were a good way to pass the time and get our mind off the hunger," said Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Cassandra Kolka. "However, I wish the movie were related to the issue of hunger around the world and not something random like 'Madagascar.'"



Rachel Bering

Bright and early the next morning the hungry participants checked in at the Big Rapids Salvation Army and each tribe was assigned some kind of service activity. Volunteers moved boxes, cleaned and set up Christmas trees for the season.

"All I did was put up a Christmas tree," said Kolka. "But like the man who runs the Big Rapids Salvation Army said, 'it may not seem like you did a lot, but it makes a huge difference to us.'"

After volunteering in the morning, participants were given a short recess, providing the opportunity to sleep, study or go to the Ferris football game. The last leg of service work to be completed was the "Trading Up" competition, where each tribe was tasked with collecting as many non-perishable food items as possible within an hour and a half. The goal was to beat the previous year's 400 item collection.

This year's students went far above and beyond that, collecting more than 1,400 items to be

donated to Manna Pantry in Big Rapids. The winning tribe alone collected 500 items.

Ferris pre-optometry junior O'Malley Bosanic, one of the directors of the event, thought the drive was a good way to get students fired up and thinking about more than just fulfilling required service hours.

"It's just an easy way for them to get hours," Bosanic said. "That's how they see it, but once they start doing the event and reading and participating I think they realize what kind of impact they have, not only on our local community, but on the worldwide community as well."

Upon completion of the 30-hour fast, participants were given pizza and juice.

"I don't think people understand how privileged we are," said Ferris English sophomore and next year's famine director Shelby Klumpp. "It just makes you take a step back and look at the world and think 'wow, I'm taking my Rock passes for granted' and stuff like that."



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The yellow tribe unloads some of the food items that they collected. Students collected more than 1,400 items to donate to Manna Pantry in Big Rapids.

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"I was sitting there practically weeping from the funny remarks and the joy of being hugged by a cat named Josh."
- Jen Corrie
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INDIE ROCK AND HAWAIIAN PIZZA



Photo by: Devin Anderson | News Editor

Ferris juniors Jordan McNaughton, Josh Olszewski and Shawn White of Beach Thief recently performed in the Torch office for the new "Torch Jams" concert series. Watch video coverage at fsutorch.com

Beach Thief steals the musician spotlight

Jen Corrie

Torch Reporter

If you're looking for some fresh tunes to tap your toes to, Beach Thief has got you covered.

Beach Thief is an indie rock/garage pop band consisting of three Ferris music industry management juniors: Jordan McNaughton, Shawn White and Josh Olszewski.

The group met around their freshman and sophomore years and decided to form a band, since all three played instruments and enjoyed the same genre of music.

"It just happens that Jordan play drums, Shawn plays guitar and I play the bass, so we thought why not? Let's see what happens," said Olszewski.

They finalized the band membership over a viewing of a 1986 film, according to White.

"We all watched The Labyrinth (starring David Bowie) one night, and it was after that, we were like

yeah, we're a band," said White.

McNaughton came up with Beach Thief as a name on a trip to Ludington with a group of friends.

"It was a great day and we were hanging out on the beach," said McNaughton. "We decided to go out to the pier, and one of our friends was very concerned about our stuff on the beach. You know, you have your towels, and food and phones and such. Our friend was like 'I've got to go hide my phone, so no one takes it,' and I said, 'A beach thief! The worst kind of criminal.'"

The name Mantrap was also considered, but unfortunately is already occupied by a cover band that plays '70s music.

The Hawaiian pizza (specifically from Pizza King) loving trio has been writing, rocking out their original music and making an image for themselves by playing gigs in local bars and restaurants and at a few campus events.

In fact, the band's craziest moment onstage so

far has taken place at The Pub at Pizza King, where White had his homemade robot helmet taken by a random girl while he was playing.

White wears said robot helmet, which consists of a cardboard box, tinfoil, red duct tape and some foam usually during the closing song of their set.

"She was at a different level than everyone else, for sure," said White. "I thought she was just going to get up on the stage and dance, but she just took the robot head off of me and walked away with it."

Other than that, Beach Thief has been rocking the Big Rapids scene and working on some new music they plan to release soon.

Beach Thief's debut album, "Mom, Can I Smoke Cigarettes?" is available on Spotify and at beachthief.bandcamp.com.

For more information about Beach Thief, visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/beachthief-music.

Keeping off holiday pounds

Ferris students talk about diet and routine during the holidays

NICK VANDER WULP

Torch Reporter

The holiday season is upon us with winter break quickly approaching, and with the break usually comes holiday feasting and sometimes decreased activity.

Don't sweat about gaining a holiday bulge. The average weight gain from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day is one pound. However, studies have shown taking a break from exercise during the same time frame can contribute to a reduction of cardiovascular fitness of up to 20 percent.



Chase Caras

Working out for as little as 20 minutes per day can prevent the loss of hard-earned fitness gains. What's your plan to stay fit over the holidays?

"With the Tough Mudder coming up soon, over the holidays, I plan on working out more," said Ferris mechanical engineering technology freshman Chase Caras. "I live out in the middle of nowhere by Reed City, so I have plenty of room to run."

Caras said he has one weakness over the holidays. "My grandma makes a great pecan pie, so I get as much as I can," said Caras.

Ferris pre-medicine freshman Madeline Workman is a student worker at the Rec Center who likes to stay active during the holidays.

"At home in my barn I have a pull-up bar and I try to run in the winter," said Workman. "I also do squats and anything to get that cardio in, even a little bit. I also like downhill and cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. I actually really hate winter but it's not as bad if I can go outside and do things."

Eating right is also important to maintain good health. It doesn't matter how often someone works out, they're not going to see the results they want if they're not eating right, according to Workman.



Madeline Workman

"I make sure I'm consistent with my eating because I know I'm not going to get as many workouts in over the holidays," said Workman. "And obviously there are going to be delicious foods, so I really can't turn down the food. I try to keep track of what I'm eating because I'll eat worse foods than what I normally eat, but I'll eat less. If that makes sense."

Students who don't belong to a gym at home can still find ways to stay active indoors.

"I don't belong to a gym where my parents live," said Ferris molecular diagnostics freshman Nicole Auger. "I'll be doing home exercises, like sit-ups, push-ups and using the stairs for leg workouts."

Setting fitness and diet goals doesn't need to wait for the New Year's resolution. Getting started on goals right away can help create the positive habits needed for long-term behavior change.

"I don't think you need a New Year's resolution to say you're going to get fit," said Workman. "You can start setting goals tomorrow, like working out for 30 minutes a day. Something is better than sitting on the couch and eating an extra bowl of Cheerios, not that they're that bad for you."

Workman talked more about holding herself accountable for her goals and working at them until she meets them.

"I think the most important thing is setting goals that are attainable," said Workman. "Each day I set a goal for, say, 30 minutes of cardio today. And if I don't meet the goal, I set the goal again for the next day until I attain it. I set similar goals for my diet. Something like a goal to eat a cup of fruit for the day."



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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.

I'm in tears - literally



Jen Corrie
Torch Reporter

Unfortunately, I tend to look really sad when I'm laughing. If someone makes me laugh even a little, my eyes start to water and I always look distraught because I'm trying to wipe away the tears of joy without getting mascara everywhere.

This usually prompts the question of if I'm okay and a very grave expression by the person who made me laugh, but really it just makes me laugh harder. It's weird.

There was a perfect example of this a few weeks ago, as a handful of other Torchies and I celebrated one of our copy editors' birthdays. We were all having a good time, and at one point during the night, our news editor's adopted cat climbed up in my chair and laid down sprawled across my lap—pretty much giving me a hug with one paw—to take a nap.

Naturally, someone said something I found funny, and there was a domino effect from there. We have quite a witty staff if I do say so myself. Before I knew it, I had tears streaming down my face as I laughed so hard I could feel it giving me an ab workout.

It wasn't even that funny, and I'm pretty sure I made everyone feel a bit awkward that I was sitting there practically weeping from the funny remarks and from the joy of being hugged by a cat named Josh.

Another example that's even more extreme than the first happened when I was having a conversation with my older brother over a late night snack a few years ago. To be honest, I can't even remember what he said that made me quite literally ROFLMAO, but I can tell you this: they must have been the most humorous words I'd heard in my entire life, because I burst into a plethora of laughter-induced tears, and he into panic.

"Why are you crying?" He asked me in distress, after he'd finished laughing.

"I don't know!" I wailed, and proceeded to laugh and cry even harder, which is pretty much my main response when asked.

I'm pretty sure it took me about 10 minutes of rolling on the floor to calm down.

Moral of the story: if I'm ever talking to you and something you said makes me laugh and bawl my eyeballs out at the same time, take it as a compliment and give me a tissue. A cat to hug wouldn't hurt either.

Media Minute



Submitted photo

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Lifestyles Editor

The best shows I've ever watched have had the word "girls" in the title. "Gossip Girl," "Gilmore Girls" and, my most recent obsession, the HBO original "Girls."

I've heard great things about "Girls" since it first aired in 2012, but never watched it because it isn't on Netflix and I couldn't remember the password for the random person's HBO GO account I was using.

Thankfully, a friend recently lent me the first two seasons on DVD. Not surprisingly, I watched the two seasons in less than two weeks.

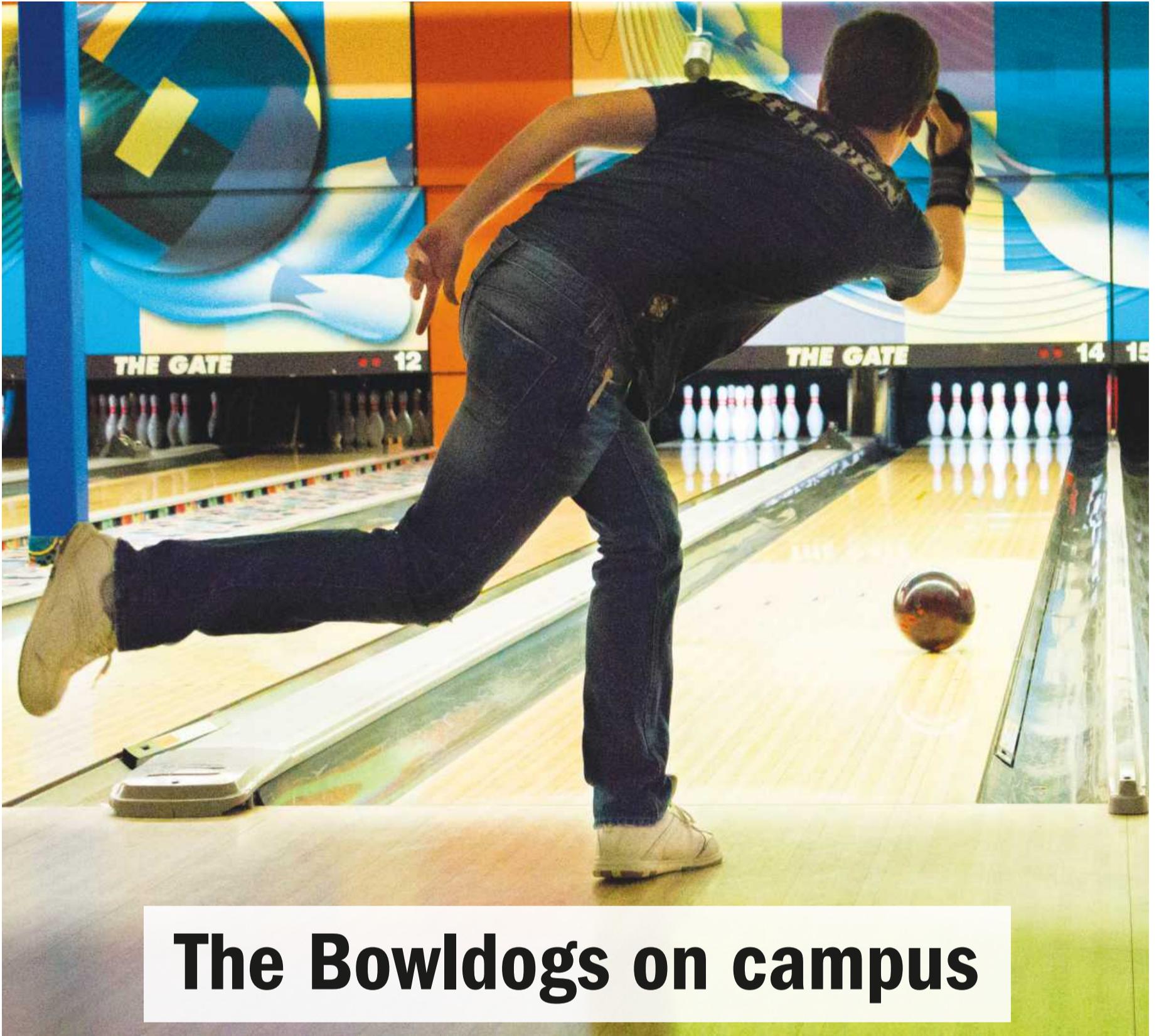
"Girls" is an accurate, hilarious work of art. So many shows about young women are misrepresentations of transitioning into adulthood and leave viewers feeling sad that they can't be as awesome as the characters on the show. "Gossip Girl" is amazing, but every time I would watch it I would feel inferior to Blair and Serena because my life wasn't as glamorous and exciting as theirs. Same for "Gilmore Girls." Why couldn't I be as smart as Rory, as

witty as Lorelai and eat whatever I wanted without getting fat?

I never feel jealous while watching "Girls." Instead I feel sympathetic, understanding and like I can genuinely relate to the characters. All four main characters have problems that are both humorous and real. They all have aspects of life they excel at and fail at. They are all beautiful yet envious of others. The girls in "Girls" represent every single 20-something woman who doesn't know what's going on in their life most of the time, myself included.

Dating, careers, family relationships, money troubles, mental issues—"Girls" tackles it all. There isn't a single episode I haven't related to and saw myself in Hannah, Marnie, Jessa or Shoshanna. "Girls" is also very weird and sometimes dark, but I have laughed out loud at every episode. Donald Glover aka Childish Gambino is also in a few episodes, which just adds to the show's amazingness.

If you want a show that accurately portrays becoming a real adult in tumultuous New York City, I recommend finding someone with an HBO GO account and borrowing it for a few weeks.



The Bowldogs on campus

Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

The Bowling Club is back this semester after a five-year break. Those interested in being a “Bowldog” can attend a practice on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at The Gate.

Ferris State students reinvent Bowling Club

ANDREA LENHART
Torch Reporter

With one of the only attractions in Big Rapids being The Gate, it was only a matter of time before Ferris’ Bowling Club made a comeback on campus.

The Bowling Club has been off campus for the past five years due to lack of leadership experience, but this year students reestablished the club and even renamed themselves the “Bowldogs.”

“I bowled in high school and fell in love with it, and I just really wanted to bring it to my college campus,” said Ferris undecided sophomore and president of the Bowling Club, David Hunt.

The current team is made up of eight members and according to Ferris secondary education senior Bill Palek, the team is a big mix of people, including men and women and ranging from freshmen to seniors.

“We do so much more than bowl together,” said Ferris pre-

pharmacy sophomore and secretary of the Bowling Club, Kathryn Pilczuk. “Things like eat at McDonalds, just hang out and we even go to church together.”

One word Palek uses to describe the club is “friendship.”

“The team is fun,” said Pilczuk. “We get along really well and just joke around together, but we are so supportive of each other.”

According to Hunt, the club has 11 tournaments lined up for the year, including bowling against Michigan State.

“I’m excited about the club because I get to bowl with people who love it as much as I do and we get to watch each other improve each week,” said Pilczuk.

According to Pilczuk, there is no experience needed to join, but you do need to be committed.

“If you have the will and want to bowl, you can join the Bowling Club,” said Hunt.

Palek has not been bowling for long, but he hopes to get better by bowling with the club. He has also met a lot of new friends.

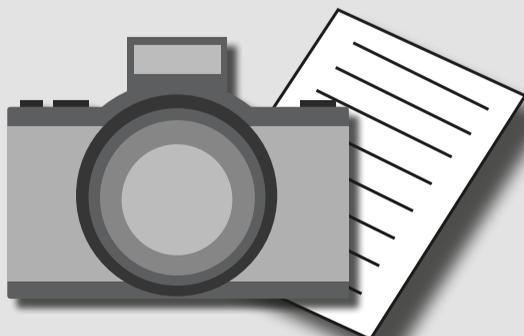
“It is a lot of fun and only two nights a week,” said Palek. “It gives me something to do instead of sitting in the house.”

The club practices at 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday at The Gate, located at 706 Perry Street. They meet Wednesdays after practice in a meeting room at The Gate.

“I hope this club will bring another fun competitive club to campus and that it is something anybody can do and have fun with,” said Hunt.

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"In that moment, the college careers of 17 Ferris State seniors ended where they began on Top Taggart Field."
- Cody Burkhard
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The Ferris State volleyball team has an outstanding 31-2 record on the season. The Bulldogs will be hosting the NCAA Midwest Regional as the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

Wiping the floor

Ferris looks to continue dominant season

MARK HANSEN

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State women's volleyball team is back in action this week as they take on Trevecca Nazarene in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Bulldogs have had a tremendous season as they won both the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) regular season and they also won the GLIAC tournament. The Bulldogs pride themselves on an outstanding 31-2 regular season record.

The Bulldogs took on the University of Findlay in the Finals of the GLIAC tournament where they won all three sets to give them an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs were rewarded with a No. 1 seed and get to host their first opponent Trevecca Nazarene, who is the No. 8 seed.

Senior middle hitter Caroline Heitzman is excited to host Trevecca Nazarene to start the tournament.

"Being able to host the NCAA Midwest Regional is a huge honor. We are so happy to be playing at home with extra seating for more of our fans. Being able to bring so

many great matches and great volleyball to Big Rapids is awesome! We are excited to represent the university positively and make everyone proud," Heitzman said.

Head coach Tia Brandel said, "Trevecca has a very strong offense with a couple very versatile and dynamic attackers. Being able to contain those attackers will be important."

Ferris junior setter and 2015 GLIAC setter of the year Stephanie Sikorski also said, "I think the biggest challenge for us will be getting used to playing in our new gym and to play a completely new team that we've never seen before. In our conference, we can sometimes play a team up to four times before we even start post season. It will be a great challenge to play a fresh team."

The Bulldogs will be not be playing in their regular gym, they will be playing in FSU's Jim Wink Arena.

Sikorski knows how big of an honor it is to be able to host this kind of game at Ferris State University.

"It's a huge factor for this tournament and can be such a great advantage for us. We love playing at home. We have so much pride for playing in 'our house' and in front our fans. We are blessed to have had so much support this year, and we are just excited that the sup-

port gets to continue as we take on a new challenge. We want to share this great experience the fans that have been there with us all season long," Sikorski said.

This is the first time the Bulldogs have hosted a match here at Ferris since 1989 when Ferris took on Gannon in the regional finals and the fourth time the Bulldogs have ever hosted NCAA tournament action.

"We are truly honored to be able to host the NCAA regional. The NCAA does a great job running an amazing championship for volleyball. For our program and our athletic department to be a part of the process is an honor. Our athletic department staff, led by Perk Weisenburger and Jon Coles, has worked very hard to make certain we have the opportunity to host. We are very grateful for their efforts," Coach Brandel said.

The Bulldogs are ready to take the next step and have a terrific mindset as they are taking each and every match as it could be their last.

"One day at a time; one match at a time. That is our only focus," Coach Brandel said.

The Bulldogs will be playing Thursday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. in Wink Arena.

Sports Shorts

BEAU JENSEN

Torch Reporter

Football falls short



Photo courtesy of Kevin T. McDermott

Jason Vander Laan threw five touchdowns against GVSU on Saturday, but it wasn't enough as the Dawgs lost the game 38-34.

CODY BURKHARD

Torch Reporter

The Ferris football season ended with a 38-34 loss in a rematch against GLIAC rival Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Lakers in the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 28 ending an era in Ferris State lore.

This is the second consecutive year the Bulldogs have ended an undefeated season in the second round to divisional foes that Ferris had beaten previously in the year. Earlier this season, FSU topped GVSU 61-24.

Saturday's game was much different from the previous encounter.

Grand Valley scored first with a nine-yard pass. Ferris would respond later in the first quarter when senior quarterback Jason Vander Laan threw the first of his five touchdown passes to senior receiver Antonio Agurs for 35 yards.

Agurs led the team this year in receptions with 65.

The Lakers wasted no time firing back throwing a 68-yard touchdown pass two plays later.

FSU and GVSU would trade scores the rest of the first half. During the span, Vander Laan threw two touchdown passes. The first was for seven yards to junior receiver Shakur Sanders and the following for 35 yards to sophomore receiver Jajuan Pollock.

Grand Valley struck last in the first half with a 30-yard pass, sending Ferris into the half trailing 20-24.

The Bulldogs were the first to score in the second half. A 30-yard punt return from junior defensive back Jaleel Canty set Ferris up at the GVSU 23-yard line when Vander Laan threw a touchdown to Agurs on the first play.

The Lakers would answer later in the quarter. After the GVSU score, FSU capped off a 13-play

83-yard drive with a 10-yard Vander Laan pass to junior receiver Jamel Lockett. This would be the last touchdown pass of Vander Laan's illustrious career.

Grand Valley drove the ball 78 yards on the next drive for the final touchdown of the game from the one-yard line with 8:23 left in the game.

Ferris could not respond this time as Vander Laan threw an interception at midfield. Still, the Bulldogs got the ball back down 34-38 with 4:16 left.

They drove the ball to their own 47, where they found themselves at fourth and eight. A chess match of timeouts between opposing coaches held the suspense in the air for what seemed like forever. An undefeated Bulldog team had one play to decide the season.

However, Vander Laan's pass was broken up as it was intended for senior receiver Jake Lampman.

Grand Valley would take the ball on downs and kneel the clock out.

In that moment, the college careers of 17 Ferris State seniors ended where they began on Top Taggart Field.

Lockett led Ferris receivers in the game with nine receptions and 87 yards with a touchdown.

As usual, the workhorse on the ground was Vander Laan with 126 yards on 21 tries. He also threw for 281 yards on 24-40 attempts with five touchdowns and two interceptions.

The defense racked up five sacks and two interceptions. The leading tacklers for Ferris were junior linebacker Anthony Darkangelo with 11 and senior defensive back David Churchwell with nine.

The Ferris football season came to a close the same way it did a year ago. It is the end of the Vander Laan era but the Bulldogs have many key returning starters such as Sanders, Lockett, Darkangelo and sophomore running back Jahaan Brown. With an abundance of talent left, Ferris State will look to make a run at its third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance next year.

Women's basketball starting slow

The Ferris State women's basketball team has had a rough start to the season so far, but GLIAC play has not yet begun. It is much too early in the season to judge the team, though, and they have time to get prepared for their GLIAC opener.

The Bulldog women do not lack in things to be positive about, as they have had different leading scorers in every game so far including their exhibition game against Michigan, a sign that the team has the ability to put points on the board.

The women have had a rough go-around on the boards, being out rebounded by 19 in their game against Cedarville last week. The Trevecca Nazarene Pops Duncan Classic in Nashville, Tenn. on Nov. 13-14 saw the Lady Dawgs sent back to Big Rapids after two losses during the weekend tourney. The team is back in action against Lake Erie at Big Rapids High School on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Hockey Splits Weekend

The Bulldog hockey team was looking for their first weekend sweep of the season last weekend before the Lake Superior State Lakers snuck by for a win on Saturday. The Dawgs handled the Lakers on Friday, protecting their side of the rink and shutting out LSSU in a 1-0 victory.

On Saturday, Ferris State seemed to have the game in the bag as they led LSSU 2-0 through the first two periods. The Lakers made the decision that they weren't going to allow the Dawgs to shut them out twice in one weekend, coming back in the third and scoring three goals to the Bulldogs zero. Two of those Laker goals came within the first two minutes of the third period.

Hockey will be back in Big Rapids this Friday, Dec. 4 when they begin the weekend series against Bemidji State at 7:07 p.m. in Wigleben Ice Arena.

End of an Era

With the crushing loss suffered at the hands of the Grand Valley State University Lakers last weekend, the Bulldog football team's season has come to a close. In a fitting end to what was an amazing career for quarterback Jason Vander Laan, he led his team not only in passing yards with 281 yards, but also in rushing yards with 126.

The records that Vander Laan broke will never be forgotten by the Ferris State faithful, but other seniors such as Justin Zimmer, Antonio Agurs and Jake Lampman have also had a lasting influence on the team. Zimmer was absolutely dominant this season, tallying up a team high 13 sacks while also piling up 28 tackles.

Lampman and Agurs were both weapons for Vander Laan, Agurs with the reliability factor, leading the team in receptions with 65, totaling to 641 yards. Lampman was the go-to senior receiver when Vander Laan looked to the end zone, racking up eight touchdowns and contributing 731 yards.

These are only a few seniors who helped to make this Bulldog football program top-notch, and hopefully they left a lasting impression on the younger guys to continue what they started.

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Mackin a statement



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Ferris State freshman forward Corey Mackin has been a great asset on the ice for the Bulldogs this season, scoring five goals and assisting on eight more, helping the Bulldogs to a 6-6-4 record.

BEAU JENSEN

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State hockey team has seen several freshmen step up to help get the Bulldogs started on the right track this season, and Corey Mackin leads the pack for the young guys.

Mackin, the 5-foot-8, 166-pound forward from Philadelphia, Pa. is the co-leader in total goals scored so far this season along with juniors Kyle Schempp and Chad McDonald with five. The Philly native is no stranger to being a scoring leader, as he lead the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) with 50 goals and 54 assists for a total of 104 points in the 2014-2015 season.

Mackin does more than just put the puck in the net, though, as he is

second on his team when it comes to assists with eight. Mackin credits his successes to those who surround him, such as people like Ferris State head coach Bob Daniels and his Bulldog brothers on the ice.

"Coach Daniels is continuing to help me every day," Mackin said. "My line mates Drew Dorantes and Tyler Andrew are helping on ice so much. They battle hard and I kind of find open areas on the ice and we all move the puck well."

The humble Mackin said that his teammates make life a lot easier on him. He says that the upperclassmen especially make life easier, both on and off the ice.

"All the older guys help out us

younger guys a lot, with things other than hockey, too," Mackin said." To name a few, Schempp, Simon Denis, Gerald Mayhew, and McDonald help a lot with how to carry yourself throughout the game as well as all around different aspects of the game."

As for preparation, Mackin says that he takes a nap and a shower before every game, and then goes to the rink where he takes the time to tape up his game stick and focus on getting his mind right before warm-ups. Whatever else it is that he's doing, it's working.

As for Mackin, it isn't difficult to buy into what Coach Daniels has done and continues to do for the Bulldog hockey program. "Coach

Daniels has a lot of history, not only within Ferris Hockey, but with the NCAA, and he helps me out a lot. He knows what it takes to get to the big stages in the tournament," Mackin said. "As a team, we are looking to try and get there this season."

Mackin and the Bulldogs are 6-6-4 overall on the season so far and will be in Big Rapids this weekend when they take on Bemidji State in Ewigen Ice Arena. The weekend series with the Beavers begins at 7:07 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 with a game at the same time on Saturday night.



Photo by: Marshall Scheldt | Sports Editor

The Ferris State men's basketball team is undefeated in the 2015-2016 season, outscoring their opponents by an average of 19.7 points per game on their way to a 6-0 start.

Men's basketball off to hot start

CODY BURKHARD

Torch Reporter

The undefeated Ferris basketball team looks to keep its streak alive against Lake Erie and undefeated GLIAC opponent Ashland after beating Wisconsin-Parkside 84-58 last weekend. Last year, the Bulldogs dropped three of their first four games.

However, they have won their first six this year by over 10 points behind impressive play from senior center Jared Stolicker.

Stolicker leads the team in points and rebounds averaging 19 points and 9.5 boards per game. He also leads the GLIAC in field goals made and blocks with 49 and 22 respectively. Senior forward Josh Fleming is in

the top five along with Stolicker in scoring in the GLIAC. Fleming has done much of his damage from behind the arc shooting 49.5 percent.

He will look to keep up his hot shooting at home first against the Lake Erie Storm, which has only allowed 25 percent on opponent three-point attempts.

Last year, Ferris stormed out Lake Erie 83-62. However, the

Storm is rolling having won three of their last four games including an overtime victory against Seton Hill.

After that Thursday matchup, the Bulldogs will tip off Saturday in their first in-conference action against the Ashland Eagles.

Ashland is undefeated and seeking redemption after losing both matchups last year against Ferris. Eagle's junior Wendell Davis

will challenge the Bulldogs as he leads the GLIAC in points and free throws made with 116 and 42. He averages 23.2 points per game and 84 percent from the charity stripe.

Ferris State will play Lake Erie on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. and Ashland on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.. Both games will be played at the Big Rapids High School.



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Top Dawg

MARSHALL SCHELDT

Sports Editor

The Ferris State men's basketball team is out to a very hot start. The undefeated Bulldogs have won every game by double digits this season.

Through their first six games, one player has been very impressive in every single game for the Bulldogs. Jared Stolicker, the 6-foot-10 senior center from Middleville is having his best season as a Bulldog.

Stolicker is averaging 19 points, 9.5 rebounds and 3.7 blocks per game so far this season. In last week's games

against Cedarville and Wisconsin-Parkside, Stolicker was dominant down low for Ferris State.

Against Cedarville, Stolicker had 19 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks in a 72-55 victory. He posted 13 points, nine rebounds and two blocks in an 84-58 win against Wisconsin-Parkside.

Stolicker and the Bulldogs will look to stay undefeated as they take the court against conference foe Lake Erie at 8 p.m. at Big Rapids High School (BRHS) on Thursday, Dec. 3. On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Dawgs will take on Ashland at 5 p.m. at BRHS.



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Deals on deals on deals

Why I love Black Friday shopping



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Shoppers enjoy doorbuster deals on Black Friday, but are oftentimes forced to wait in line hours before doors open and sales begin.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is appearing in our headlights. Thanksgiving break for me was a mix of crippling loneliness, explaining charges on my Ferris account to my mom and bourbon. Also I spent some of my time reading articles about the wretched companies forcing their slave laborers to work on Black Friday. I read these every year.

Black Friday is looked at by many as a manifestation of our country’s consumerism. To that I say, awesome. I love Black Friday and I hope it lives on forever. I even think it should be a national holiday.

This day of shopping reminds me of a harvest festival. All the farmers take a horse and buggy into town and sell their goods to other happy people. Certainly shopping



KIP BIBY
Opinion Editor

has evolved from that, but I feel a similar spirit in the mall on Black Friday.

I do not understand people who feel bad for the employees working on Black Friday. These people are paid, right? Some of them are even paid more to work on these days. I love the idea of people going to work even if that means waking up from a food coma.

The consumer is the real winner on Black Friday. I can sit in front of my TV in a pair of sweatpants watching the news and say, “I would never stand in line all night

for 25 percent off a laptop,” with indignation in my voice. But I don’t speak for everyone. Some people actually rely on these deals to nab a product they otherwise could not afford.

If you don’t want to Black Friday shop, by all means sleep in until 11 and watch “Narcos” for the rest of the day. But when an eight year-old opens a present on Christmas morning that her parents could only afford on Black Friday, do not go writing a letter to your congress members complaining about this day of commerce. Also, when Sally from Kansas City pays her rent check on time because of the extra hours she got working on Black Friday, don’t cry to your friends about the injustices of corporate America.

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Now that we as students have returned to campus following Thanksgiving break, I hope I’m not alone in stating that I am nearly spent.

The mental, emotional and physical burden of enduring a college semester has me approaching a breaking point, and meticulously counting down the days until winter break.

I believe that the timing of Thanksgiving break has a lot to do with my imminent collapse.

Consecutive weeks of an uninterrupted school and work routine make the pages of the calendar

seem to flash by in a blur. I went into the break astounded by the fact that November is coming to a close, but awoke for class this morning baffled by the fact that there are still several bitterly cold morning walks to lecture before finals even begin.

Unfortunately it’s about 395 years too late to reschedule the relative time of year that Thanksgiving falls on, so there is little chance that its accompanying break from school will be rescheduled.

Because of the amount of family time and travel—accompanied by

the obligatory stampeding midnight shopping frenzies—that occur, it’s also implausible to skip Thanksgiving break entirely.

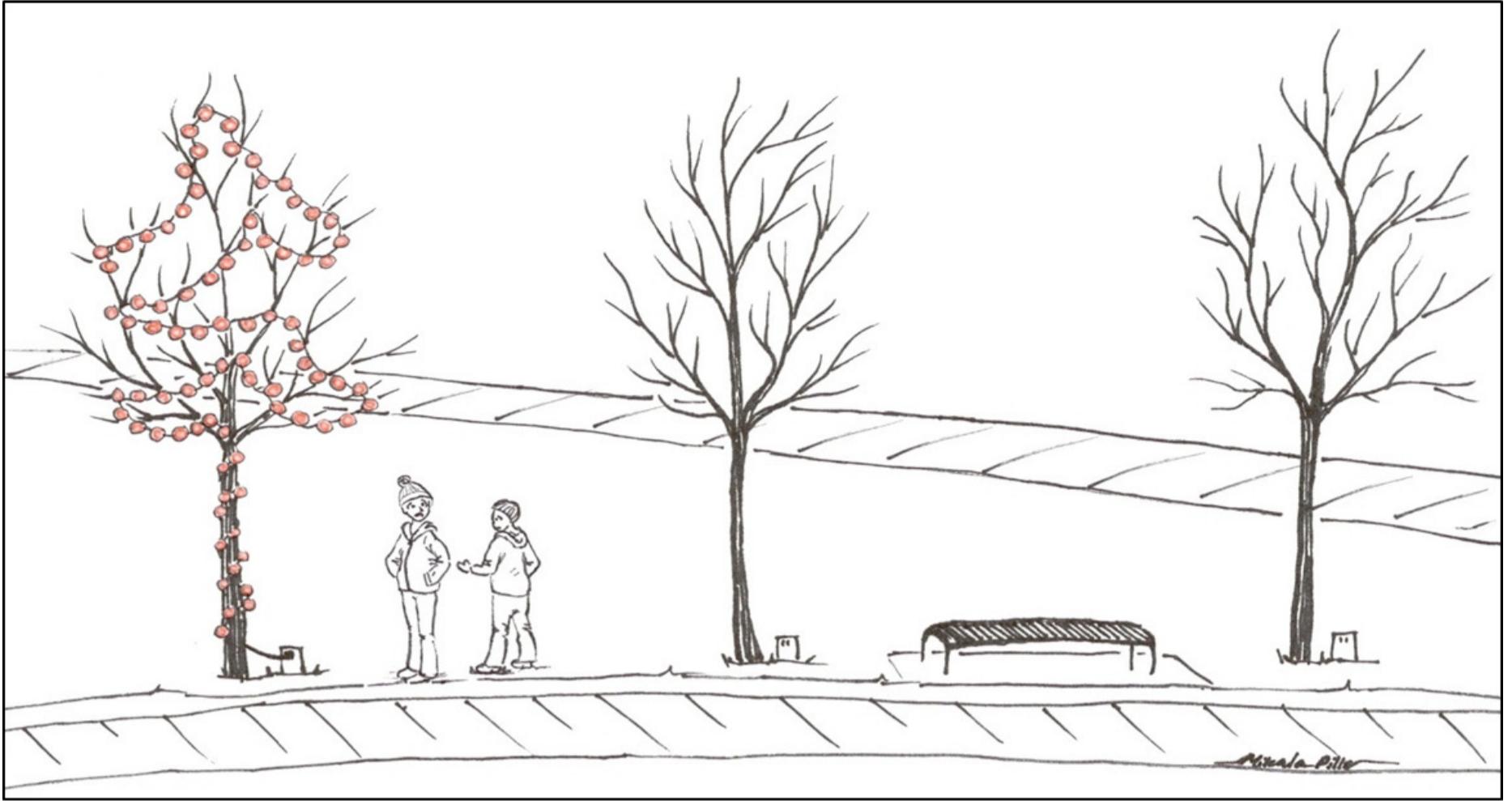
Therefore, the only solution is to make the most of the extended weekend break that we are allotted for Thanksgiving.

To do exactly that, I’d recommend ignoring all familial obligations and designating every minute of free time to catching up on sleep. Your extended family, which likely gathers strictly for holiday events, only cares to ask you about school anyway. This means that ignoring their

queries in the name of bettering your productivity in school will not only be understood, but respected by your elders.

Also disregarding homework assigned during the break is a must. If a professor decided to assign coursework over the break, he or she does not understand the concept of vacations, and should therefore be expected to never take a sick day and teach classes on Saturdays and Sundays as well.

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“So what about all the other trees?”
“The university decided to save money by only decorating their most promising trees.”

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MANO A MANO

To Trump or not to Trump

Pro-Trump



KIP BIBY
Opinion Editor

It is very easy to say that you hate Donald Trump. It is certainly more fun to root for the underdog than it is a billionaire. Also, you will hear his haters talk about how he is a racist, sexist bigot. While I do not agree with these assertions, I can somewhat understand them. I cannot say Trump is my first choice for the nominee but I would take him over Clinton or Sanders any day.

Trump is without a doubt a qualified candidate. To be at his level of business success takes nothing short of an unstoppable work ethic and a brilliant mind. The equitability of being the president and running a business (or many businesses) is certainly evident. Trump undoubtedly has a firm grasp on economic issues as well as a talent for negotiation. These are skills that nobody in Obama's staff apparently has.

While Trump does have a certain knack for putting his foot in his mouth, I would rather listen to the occasional “offensive” comment from a man who largely

improvises his speeches than a carefully written statement made by the staff of Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. Trump truly is genuine when he speaks and the American people realize and appreciate this. The proof is in the poll numbers.

I cannot say that Trump is a “nice guy.” He speaks his mind without regard for people's feelings. Many voters think of this as a bad thing because you know, feelings are important, right? The president should not be a nice guy.

We need a man or woman who can get things done, stand up to our enemies and put the economy of our country first. Donald Trump may in fact be the man to do it. I can only hope that one day people wake up and realize that nothing comes free in this world. We cannot afford to pay for everyone's healthcare, higher education and cigarettes.

Trump understands the impracticalities of the left's rhetoric and will preserve the things that are most important to our people: security, financial stability and our many freedoms.

I cannot say the same thing about the folks on the left.

No-Trump



LYNDZI SAKOWSKI
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Donald Trump slays me every time he speaks, and not in a good way. It physically feels like I am being stabbed by copious amounts of discrimination, offensiveness and unpasteurized, organic ignorance.

Yet, a lot of people defend Trump, “He's honest and really speaks the mind of many Americans.” Sure, he may be orating the internalized racism, sexism and ethnocentrism of many Americans, but that's exactly the point—these are things people shouldn't be saying out loud!

Secondly, Trump isn't even original. For one, he's ripping off the old ‘outcast a certain group of people from society with a visible marker’ trick. Hitler did it, and many other dictators before his time. You're not fooling anyone here, Donald; we all smell what you're up to.

Plus, Trump is really stepping up my stress game. I already procrastinate hours of studying, but now I have to develop coping skills for every time I encounter another

statement he made. It's like everything he says is supposed to be true, but isn't. Sort of like a “truism,” but instead a “Trumpism.”

Trying to unravel what his main thesis is in every quote he spews is taking away precious time I could spend regenerating brain cells. My personal “favorite” Trumpism is when he stated his love for “the Mexican people” and in the same breath announced, “but they are ruining this country.”

Is logic still a relevant thing? Not to this guy. I think his statements are truly just a stream of fallacies that are constant, somehow coherent to a large enough body of people. If I could pinpoint his top five fallacies, they would be: ad hominem, straw man, begging the question, appeal to emotion and faulty analogy.

Also, Trump refuses to answer questions. He's like a pissy toddler who knows for a fact he ate two cookies before dinner. Yet, when you ask about it he responds, “Yes, this is a problem. Cookies should not be consumed before dinner. I understand, it's an issue.”

A vote for Trump is a vote for ethnocentrism, continuing the cycle of violence against minorities and a vote for ignorance.



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