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Mental health matters

Demand for Ferris counseling services increases

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Torch Reporter

Whether it be for depression, anxiety or addiction, a growing number of Ferris students are seeking counseling for mental health issues

According to its records, the Ferris Counseling Center administered 334 high risk, "triage" counseling sessions during the fall 2015 semester, a 22.3 percent increase from the 273 sessions administered in fall 2014. A session is considered a triage when a student is initially assessed in urgent need of care or when a student is referred to counseling by the Department of Public Safety for activities such as a suicide attempt or excessive alcohol use.

According to Tom Liszewski, a li-

censed professional counselor and substance abuse specialist at the Ferris Counseling Center, most colleges and universities in Michigan have seen a steady increase in demand for mental health services over the past several years.



Victoria Hudgins

Active Minds is a campus organization that promotes the discussion of mental health. Active Minds president and Ferris sports communication junior Victoria Hudgins said the group has become her home away

"The stigma about having mental health challenges is decreasing," Liszewski said. "People are more comfortable getting counseling these days."

from home at Ferris.

"A lot of people think talking about mental health is uncomfortable or they don't want to talk about an issue they may be having," said Hudgins. "Our goal is to tell students it's okay to talk about mental health. Depression isn't a bad thing. You can come out of it with a positive attitude."

Whether he's studying, at his job in the College of Business or serving as president of the American Marketing Association, Ferris marketing junior Alex Bray spends a lot of time on campus. According to Bray, the best way to de-stress is exercise.

"Work out, run, get outside if you can, anything to get your mind off work," Bray said. "You have to put yourself first. School comes second, no matter what."

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MENTAL HEALTH AT FERRIS

Seriously considered suicide	9.3%
Felt so depressed it was difficult to function	32.9%
Felt overwhelming anxiety within the last 12 months	60%

According to a Spring 2015 American College Health Association Survey of 1,147 Ferris Students



NEWS

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"A strong community is built on taking care of one another."
- Mickey Albright
See below for story

SafeRide turns 15



Photo by: Devin Anderson | Torch Reporter

The SafeRide bus prowls the night and provides a safe means of transportation to intoxicated Ferris students.

Ferris provides free transportation for intoxicated students

Devin Anderson
Torch Reporter

For 15 years, SafeRide has been a staple of night life at Ferris, giving thousands of intoxicated students rides home.

"I don't know why I don't ride this more often," said one student while riding last Saturday's SafeRide bus, contracted through Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride.

Another student yelled expletives about Star Shooters on her way out of the popular establishment before being delivered to a nearby fraternity house by the SafeRide bus.

Ferris State University pays \$525 a week to provide students free shuttle service from The Gate, Star Shooters, Gypsy Nickel Lounge and the Sawmill Saloon every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night of the fall and spring semesters.

"I've had a lot of fun and entertainment with some students," said Saturday's SafeRide bus driver, Jennifer Rosenogle. "Then there are some who are just obnoxious and loud. There can be arguing and fights on the bus."

According to Rosenogle, Shooters is the busiest stop for SafeRide, while she can only remember giving one ride from the Sawmill in the last several years.

SafeRide has given rides to 9,995 students since the service began in 2000. During the fall 2015 semester, SafeRide gave rides to 831 students. SafeRide coordinator Mickey Albright projects the ride count will top 1,600 for the 2015/2016 academic year.

"Safe Ride is a service provided to ensure that students have a safe and reliable form of transportation home if they find themselves unable to drive or depend on someone who is unavailable to get them home safely," Albright said. "Ferris is committed to help educate and provide safe alternatives for students when feasible.



Mickey Albright

We all make poor choices from time to time. We do not want a person's poor decision to result in a catastrophic event."

SafeRide is trackable on operating nights by using the DoubleMap Bus Tracker mobile application.

SafeRide is partly made possible by volunteers, who help gather riders at the bars, communicate addresses with the driver and help maintain a safe riding environment. Volunteers receive three hours of community service through the Volunteer Center every time they volunteer with SafeRide.

"A strong community is built on taking care of one another," Albright said. "Reflecting on this vol-

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unteer opportunity, a student should be proud that he or she has taken care of their peers."

Albright encourages users of SafeRide to support the service by "taking their turn" to volunteer.

To volunteer with SafeRide, call the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services at (231) 591-2685 or email volunteercenter@ferris.edu.

Drunk student can't find room

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

By Devin Anderson, Torch Reporter

Because I got high

Dec. 10, 2:30 a.m., officers investigated a broken window at Merrill Hall. Three subjects were found to be in possession of marijuana. Officers filed a warrant request to arrest the subjects for their possession and the broken window.

Two caught with weed

Dec. 12, 4:50 a.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Hallisy Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and a warrant request was filed to arrest them.

Intoxicated minor

Dec. 12, 7:40 p.m., officers investigated a disorderly student complaint in McNerney Hall. The subject was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Jailed for weed

Dec. 12, 11:45 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Bond Hall. One student was jailed for the possession of marijuana.

Smashed window

Dec. 16, 5:50 a.m., officers investigated a broken window pane in the front door of the Racquet Facility. The window had been smashed with a rock.

Ridin' dirty

Dec. 17, 10:40 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle in Lot 37 for an expired license plate. The driver was ticketed for driving on a suspended license.

Caught with weed

Dec. 17, 1:45 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Henderson Hall. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and officers filed a warrant request for the subject's arrest.

Fraud at Walmart

Dec. 24, 4 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff department with a fraud complaint at Walmart. Two subjects were lodged in jail.

Shoplifting at Meijer

Jan. 1, 7 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff department with a shoplifting complaint at Meijer. One subject was lodged in jail.

Not our house, let's party

Jan. 7, 4:20 a.m., officers investigated disorderly subjects at West Campus Apartments. It was discovered the subjects were partying in another tenant's residence and were removed.

Minor in possession

Jan. 8, 2:45 a.m., officers investigated a suspicious situation at the Racquet Facility. One subject was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

More weed

Jan. 11, 11 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Merrill Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

So much weed...

Jan. 11, 11:05 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

You're out!

Jan. 14, 4:36 p.m., officers removed a disorderly subject from the Bond Hall lobby.

From Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, the Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 136 parking citations totaling \$2,380.



Laying waste to food waste

Ferris dining services work to eliminate food waste

Elizabeth Yost

Torch Reporter

If one swipe gives you access to an all-you-can-eat cafeteria, why take just one plate?

Each week, over 39,000 students, staff and community members visit the Ferris State dining halls. A traffic flow that size creates the question, how much food is needed to satisfy these guests and how much is wasted?

With this issue revolving around tens of thousands of people, it's hard to imagine food isn't ending up in the trash. Despite this, Ferris' Food and Dining Services team members work diligently to eliminate food waste.

"We have been able to minimize our food waste by implementing multiple procedures," said Ferris Dining Services assistant director Michael Langan. "We cook everything in front of our guests. Nothing is prepared in the 'back of the house,' which ensures the food is as fresh as possible, and we

instituted a trayless system so guests now take and waste far less."

Many other procedures have been put into place, mainly at The Rock Café and The Quad Café. Both dining halls feature a computerized menu system that tracks usage and necessity based on historical data. The cooks also prepare all food in small batches to prevent unserved food.

A major focus in terms of preventing wasted food is proper storage. Dining Services team members monitor the condition of the food at all times, preventing waste due to heating or cooling issues. Food is always prepared as fresh as possible and in small portions to prevent unserved waste.

"We receive deliveries five days a week from approved vendors to serve only the freshest products," said Langan. "We have very little unserved food due to the small batch cooking procedure. Any small batches left are examined to determine if the quality is high enough for proper cooling and

reheating. We only dispose of food that would not be worthwhile or safe to attempt this."

These guidelines follow ServSafe rules, in which many of the dining halls' full-time staff are certified. Any food that can be saved is safely stored and prepared again. If not, the leftover food goes into a pulper for recycling. The food pulper was installed at The Quad Café and has been a major success; The Rock Café will be receiving one over spring break this upcoming year.

Each procedure put into place plays a small role in a major concept. Combine them all, and there isn't much food left over to waste.

"At one time, entire cases of food were thrown out due to inaccurate estimates of usage, as well as overproduction. Our guests would also take more food than they could eat when we offered trays," explained Langan. "Our procedures all minimize waste and reduce costs to our guests. Virtually all of the unserved or wasted food is properly saved."

NEWS BRIEFS

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Technology Maintenance Nights

There will be scheduled maintenance happening on university websites and affiliates on Thursday nights two to three times per month from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The first scheduled Thursday is Jan. 21 followed by Feb. 4. The full schedule can be found on the Ferris State "My Tech Support" page. Additionally, details on maintenance will be available on Blackboard and MyFSU as it occurs.

University Center One-Year Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, Jan. 22 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., there will be food, laser tag, karaoke, custom street signs, craft projects, prizes and other events happening in celebration of the opening of the University Center one year ago. The event is free and open to all students. Any questions can be directed to the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services.

Spring Sorority Recruitment

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., students have the opportunity to meet with members of the seven Panhellenic sororities on campus. This will be held in the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services office in the University Center. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

New Art Exhibit

The University Center will have a new art exhibit entitled "Indie Incubator: 'All About the Vinyl'" opening in its Fine Art Gallery on Jan. 29. There will be reception in the gallery from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The artwork was created independently by both Kendall and Ferris students and utilizes a variety of mediums. The gallery is free and open to the public 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Ferris State Torch Corrections

Manufacturing engineering technology junior Jacob Russell's name was spelled incorrectly on page 2 in the article "Making space" in Jan. 13's paper.

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



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MLK Freedom March

Ferris students took to the streets Jan. 18 in celebration of the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Change is the only constant

Ferris hosts Dr. Susan Hoban's talk on climate trends

Angela Graf
News Editor

Many people roll their eyes at the thought of global warming, laughing it off as an innately liberal theory. What if, however, they heard it broken down into small, indisputable and objective facts?

On Thursday, Jan. 14, Ferris students had the opportunity to do exactly that, hosting Dr. Susan Hoban, a senior research scientist from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Hoban works with an organization called the Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology (JCET), which in turn works with NASA.

While her focus is primarily astronomy, Hoban came to Ferris to give a lecture on the changing climate and trends that have been appearing recently in the atmosphere and earth itself.

Despite this not being her primary field of study, Hoban was well informed on the topic and stressed the fact that, unlike many fields, climate and weather are things that affect every person every day.

To begin the talk, she eased the audience in, giving a brief background of the earth's development and how it got to its present state.

Despite the initial uncertainty of some students, they quickly realized that the purpose of the presentation was not to scare or gain support for an agenda, rather it was to inform. Hoban even went as far as to discredit some of the things often heard in passing or from the media.

"If you hear people talking about one thing that's affecting the climate," said Hoban, "I would like you to be very skeptical about reports like that. The climate is an extraordinarily complex system and while one thing may have some impact on it, everything is interrelated."

One student in attendance was Ferris chemistry sophomore Kelsey Diamond. Diamond happened to find herself in strong agreement with some of the points made by Hoban.

"I think it was interesting how she used the history of the earth to give context to what is currently going on in our climate," said Diamond. "Drawing on the fact that there is change and there always will be change, it's just a question of how drastic and over what time period."

Hoban presented a timeline that did exactly that, dating back hundreds of years, illustrating the fluctuations and patterns in things like temperature, carbon concentration and a num-



Photo by: Angela Graf | News Editor

Dr. Hoban lectures to a full hall of people in the IRC about climate change.

ber of other measurements, building a strong foundation for her main points.

Ferris graphic design sophomore Alysha West appreciated the manner in which the information was presented and explained.

"I thought it was very informative, especially being a non-science major," said West. "I didn't think it was too far over my head; she was very good at being thorough in her explanations and making sure everyone was able to understand."

Hoban urged the audience to stay informed and pay attention to developments in the world of earth climate, cognizant of the fact that, despite interference and even opposing efforts, there are just some things that will forever continue to change.

"We're humans and we're smart and we'll adapt, at least over the short term," said Hoban. "Unless the pace of change gets out of hand."

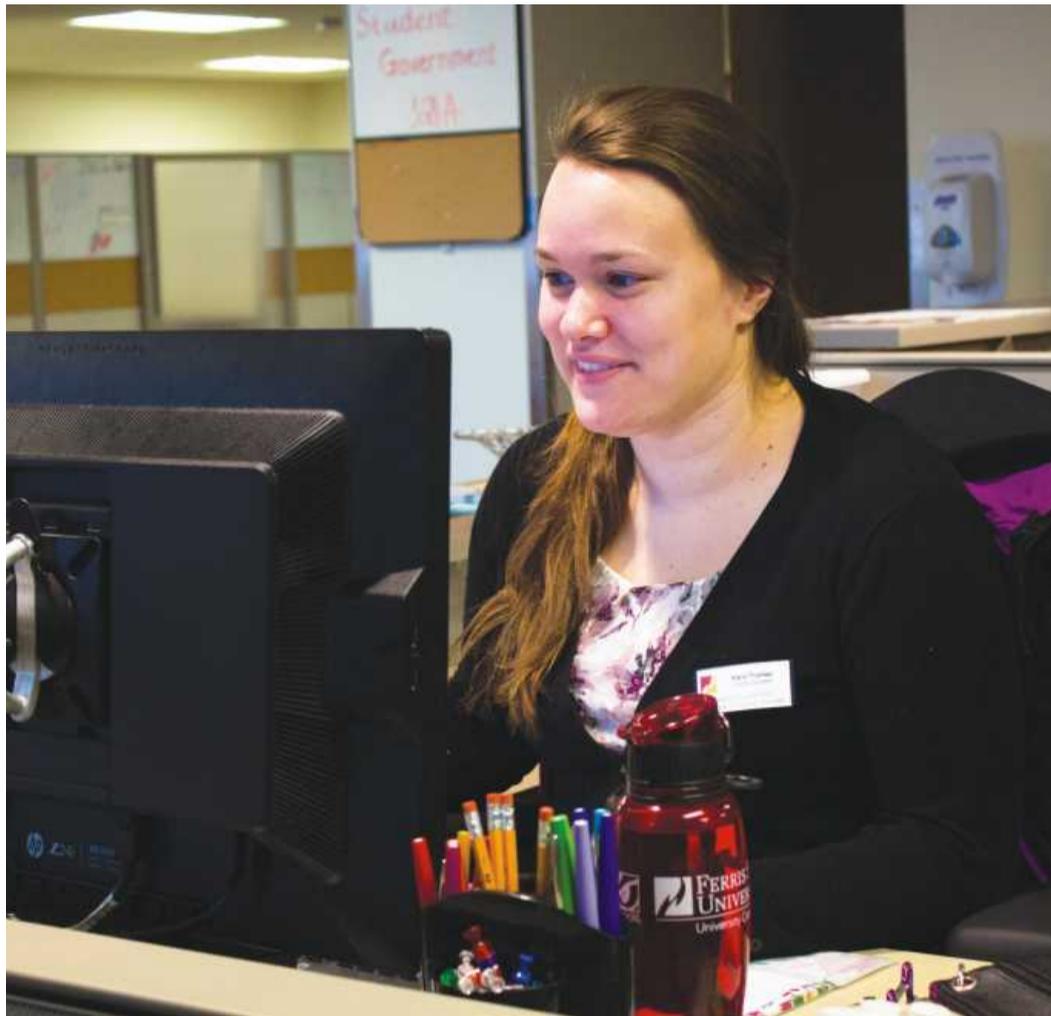


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Former Ferris student Katie Douglas-Smith can be found at her desk in the CLACS office, answering questions and assisting students.

Call me Katie

Katherine Douglas-Thomas joins the CLACS team

Angela Graf

News Editor

In September of 2015, the Center for Leadership Activities and Career Services (CLACS) welcomed a new member in a new position, former Ferris hospitality major Katherine Douglas-Smith.

Smith is, by definition, the CLACS Assistant. Her responsibilities include things like running the lobby, answering phones, working with the career center and helping plan events created by and for students. She is currently in the process of helping plan the spring career fair with Student Career Services Coordinator Michelle Albright.

Originally from Muskegon, Smith came to Ferris for the nursing program but changed after two years.

"I decided, 'if I go to school for [nursing], I'm going to go to the best,'" said Smith. "Also, my brother that's older than me and my two sisters that are younger than me went to GVSU, so I had to be different and Ferris is a huge competitor and I just liked the idea of a healthy rivalry."

Smith graduated from the hospitality management program in 2013 and began working in the hotel industry in Texas. Ultimately though, she and her husband made the decision to move back.

"This is where all my family is and my brother and his wife had just had a baby, too," said Smith. "We both wanted a change of pace and he has never lived in a place where it snows six months of the year."

The transition moving back in the midst of planning a wedding was chaotic, but Smith was ultimately happy to be back.

"I actually started here 10 days after my wedding, so that was a whirlwind," Smith said. "For me though, Ferris was home. It was my first place away from home at least. I was a student here for five years and this is where I got my degree, so it was exciting to come back."

Smith was very involved while attending Ferris, she was president of two different hospitality RSOs as well as helping plan their gala in the spring. She also made connections at Ferris that are still maintained today.

"One of the professors here, Amy Dorey, and I became really close when I was a student," said Smith. "She drove me to stay positive when I was having issues with stuff in the hotel industry. I never thought as a student starting college that I would make those relationships with my professors and teachers that I could then continue to use outside of college. Amy is just really an amazing woman and a great person to have to talk to."

Smith loves the outdoors, especially skiing and hiking. She also loves to cook but admits that for many people it just isn't a realistic career. That doesn't mean she gave it up completely.

"It's nice to have on the side, but my retirement goal is to open my own vineyard," said Smith. "Once I have all my experiences and have busted out into business and hospitality world, I want to retire at 50 and open my own vineyard."

For now, though, Smith is happy where she is, making connections with and sometimes being mistaken for Ferris students.

"My goals in the position are just to keep moving forward," said Smith.

reduce anxiety.

The Ferris Counseling Center administered a total of 1,177 sessions during the fall 2015 semester, providing students with one-on-one sessions, relationship counseling and group workshops for relieving test anxiety.

The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Birkam Health Center. Active Minds is open to anybody and meets at 6 p.m. on Mondays in the University Center, room 016.

MENTAL HEALTH from page 1 Ferris students seek counseling

Liszewski supports this, endorsing exercise as a method of promoting strong mental health.

"Exercise produces dopamine, endorphins and serotonin, all of which are what I call 'emotional shock absorbers,'" Liszewski said.

Liszewski also recommends a diet with less caffeine and sugar to

Cheater-cheater

Academic cheating on decline at Ferris

Shantelle Bonham

Torch Reporter

Everyone has probably cheated at some point in their life. Be it cheating on a test, a significant other or simply cheating on a new diet. The fact is, the process is all the same and eventually someone gets caught.

So why do people feel the need to cheat? At Ferris State University, academic dishonesty is not taken lightly and the repercussions of such an act can lead to long-term consequences.

"Faculty have the discretion to handle incidents of cheating a variety of ways," said Ferris Associate Dean of Student Life and Student Conduct, Nicholas Campau. "From deducting points on an assignment or test, receiving a zero on the assignment or test, failing the student from the class and/or referral to the Office of Student Conduct. In some rare cases, the incident of academic misconduct has been severe enough to have a student removed from their program and suspended from school."

This is clearly outlined and explained under "Academic Honesty" in the Ferris Registration and Academic Guide 2015-2016.

Campau also does presenta-

tions to inform students about the Office of Student Conduct.

According to Campau, when he asks his students what two academic misconduct policies are violated the most, their responses are always cheating and plagiarism, which is correct.

Plagiarism is often a topic of some confusion; many students believe it to be only copying whole passages of another person's work word-for-word. This, however, is not always the case.

In many situations, plagiarism is simply not referencing a source appropriately or taking credit for



Nicholas Campau

an idea, even if the original author gave their consent. Replacing words with synonyms still qualifies as plagiarism. It is apparent that the percentage of academic cheating at Ferris has declined significantly since the year 2012. With the help and cooperation of Ferris State students and staff working together, the hope is that those numbers can continue to establish an all-time low for years to come.

TIPS TO AVOID PLAGIARIZING

1. Have an understanding of exactly what plagiarism is.
2. Know the subject matter that is being discussed.
3. Cite everything, even things you don't think you need to.
4. Be careful—facts cannot be copyrighted, but the surrounding words can be.
5. Well known information and historical events do not need to be cited.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT REFERRALS

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2013-2014	14
2014-2015	13
2015-2016	9



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- Adam Crookston
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Meet AdGroup



Submitted photo

Ferris advertising RSO AdGroup gives its members opportunities for social and professional growth. Meetings are Thursdays at 11 a.m. in BUS 202.

For mad ad skills, start here

Jen Corrie

Torch Reporter

AdGroup, a Ferris registered student organization (RSO) based around advertising, combines both learning valuable skills and a relaxed, enjoyable experience.

Austin Syrek, a Ferris advertising senior, is the current president of AdGroup. "There's never a dull moment; we're definitely an energetic bunch," Syrek said. "We're just a really fun group to be around. For new members who come into our meetings, we're probably kind of scary at first."



Austin Syrek

But fear not Ferris students, because AdGroup does cool things year-round, and all group members get to be involved to make those cool things happen.

"In April, we have our national competition which is something we really focus on," Syrek said. "We go down to Notre Dame to present a full integrated marketing campaigns book that we create for a national brand. This year it's Snapple."

Ferris advertising junior Alex Wooning is the vice president of AdGroup.

"We run like a real advertising agency," Wooning said. "We go on agency tours around Detroit, Grand Rapids and Chicago so we can get the students in our RSO as prepared as possible."

Wooning said his favorite thing about being a part of AdGroup is the unity.

"Everybody is very quirky and everyone is welcoming," Wooning said. "It reminds me of the kind of ad agency I want to work in—one that's laid back but everybody still gets their work done and is serious about advertising. We all just work together very well. It's a good creative environment."



Alex Wooning

You don't have to major in advertising to be a part of AdGroup and benefit from it. If you'd like to learn valuable information about advertising and marketing regardless of your major, AdGroup is open to everyone.

Wooning said he used to be in the music industry management program before a professor convinced him to switch to advertising.

"I realized no matter what I want to do, I can still use advertising to get into music or start my own business," Wooning said.

Adam Crookston is also a Ferris junior majoring in advertising and an AdGroup member.

"As laid back as we are, we're a dedicated group, we work hard and we play hard," said Crookston. "It's not just grades when it comes to advertising. You have to prove yourself and why you deserve to get the job and what makes you stand out. AdGroup definitely gives that advantage."

AdGroup meets on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in BUS 202.



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Advertising junior Adam Crookston and advertising senior Austin Syrek chat at an AdGroup meeting.

Honoring thy mentor

Students talk about and thank their mentors

Nick Vander Wulp
Torch Reporter

January is National Mentoring Month and Jan. 22 is National Mentor Awareness Day to honor those who have taken an interest in the well being and success of others.

Mentors can come from all stages and walks of life. Parents, siblings, educators, advisors, professionals, classmates and friends can all be mentors to someone who's willing to listen and be taught.

"I'm thankful I had my mentors there to show me the way and to push me that extra step or extra mile to achieve my goal of coming to college," said Ferris criminal justice senior Aliah Scroggins. "And to push me to be the first high school and college graduate in my family."

Scroggins talked about the woman in her life who helped make much of her success possible and who continues to serve as an inspiration to her.

"Seventh through twelfth grade I had the same mentor," said Scroggins. "Her name is Beverly Payne and she was the principal. She saw the potential that I didn't see in myself. It was because of her that I graduated high school."

Ferris manufacturing technology freshman Kinyonia Leveston, a friend of Scroggins, said their friendship is one of the best things that's happened to her. Leveston said she looks to Scroggins as her mentor.

"Aliah has shown me so much, and she makes me want to do better for myself," said Leveston. "That's why I stay focused. I made the dean's list my first semester. Plus I work and I volunteer with a few different programs."

Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Kaylie Cole said she looked to her brother

growing up as an example. Ferris pre-nursing freshman Janina Clinton said her mom and her sister are the people who have helped guide her and teach her about life.

"My mom's a strong woman for what's she been through," said Clinton. "She had a kidney stone incident where she had to be hospitalized and she almost went into kidney failure. And a month later, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and she was strong through that. I've really looked up to her."

Instructors on campus can also be mentors and guide students to success. Ferris healthcare systems administration senior Tiyler Rush found one instructor here on campus to help her during her time at Ferris.

"Toni Windquist," said Rush. "She taught medical terminology. She would help in any way possible. I would definitely go to her for advice about keeping my grades up."

Ferris optometry student Brenden Manns said his mentor, Dr. James Miller, is on sabbatical for the year.

"He's helped me a lot in describing and driving home the importance of ethics in medicine," said Manns. "He taught his class from the perspective of striving to always do the right thing."

Giving thanks to the Academic Support Center staff was important to Ferris elementary education sophomore Taylor Davis and Ferris pre-med freshman Mary Partain.

"I've been able to go up there and talk with Karen GreenBay when I've been having a terrible day," said Davis. "She's always open to talk."

Relationships between the mentor and mentee can span a lifetime and it's about maintaining those bonds.

"You never know when you're going to need someone again," said Scroggins.



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Pre-pharmacy junior Kaylie Cole (left) and pre-nursing freshman Janina Clinton (right).



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Pre-med freshman Mary Partain (left) and elementary education sophomore Taylor Davis (right).



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Manufacturing technology freshman Kinyonia Leveston (left) and criminal justice senior Aliah Scroggins (right). Leveston looks up to Scroggins as her mentor.

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Yeezy is back



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Rapper, producer and fashion icon Kanye West will be releasing his long-awaited album "SWISH" on Feb. 11.

Students sound off on Kanye West's upcoming album

Travis Sacher

Torch Reporter

It's been almost three years since self-proclaimed god Kanye West has released a studio album.

This will change when Yeezy releases "SWISH" on Feb. 11. "SWISH" will be released by Kanye's own record label GOOD Music and Jay-Z's label Roc-A-Fella Records. Both are distributed by legendary Def Jam Recordings.



Jacob Evans

Since the release of "Yeezus" in 2013, Kanye has released songs "Only One" and "All Day," both featuring Paul McCartney. On Jan. 8, Kanye posted two tracks to his SoundCloud, "Real Friends" featuring Ty Dolla \$ign, and a snippet of "No More Parties in L.A." featuring Kendrick Lamar. These four tracks are rumored to appear on the unreleased album, though nobody knows for sure.

"No More Parties in LA' sounds like old Kanye and I dig that," Ferris music industry management sophomore Jacob Evans said. "I like the beat to 'Real Friends' but overall the song is just ok."

Ferris music industry management sophomore Duke Talley is a recording artist under the name Twenty of K2SG and also has thoughts on Kanye.



Duke Talley

"When Yeezy was projected on a building in NYC singing 'New Slaves' before the album was released, it was iconic," Talley said. "Since 'Yeezus,' let's look at what he's done. He has been spending time in the fashion industry, including a switch from Nike to Adidas."

Talley also said the changes in Kanye's life since 2013 may affect what he decides to rap about on "SWISH."

"He had North West with Kim and his son Saint West was born in December," said Talley. "He has dealt with constant hate from the public and media who resent him for his honest persona. His focus has been outside of just music. His mind is in different places. I'm not gonna say it will have a more mature sound, but it will be about more mature things—things a man has to deal with."



Dustin Darling

Ferris professional golf management junior Dustin Darling is an enormous fan of rap music and is also excited for "SWISH."

"I'm excited to see the extents he has progressed with this new album," Darling said. "He has changed his style drastically with his later albums and single releases being more of collaborations and portraying moral messages. All in all I am just excited for new music from this great artist."

Be alert for any more songs Kanye releases before "SWISH" drops on Thursday, Feb. 11.



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RSO feature: Outdoor Club



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The FSU Outdoor Club meets Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in BUS 206. Members get the chance to do a variety of activities outdoors including paintballing, hiking, skiing and building teepees.

Nick Vander Wulp
Torch Reporter

Ferris students looking for a club active in outdoor activities and social gatherings need search no further.

The Outdoor Club is a registered student organization (RSO) that participates in activities such as paintballing, skiing, building teepees and just hanging out.

Ferris criminal justice and psychology junior Kari Randolph and Ferris early childhood education sophomore Megan Vandenberg are members who are active in the organization and love to be involved in planning events and making ideas reality.

"We went up to Manistee to do a sturgeon release," said Vandenberg. "The Ottawa band of Indians tribal group was up there and we got to see some of the tribal things they do and release baby sturgeon back into the river."

Randolph said the Outdoor Club is really relaxed in the way the organization is run.

"We always keep events going on no matter how many people are there," said Randolph. "We went tubing down the river one

time even though we only had three people."

Ferris pre-dental hygiene junior Autumn Mirkle, who is the president of Outdoor Club, joined Outdoor Club her freshman year after being dragged to a meeting. She ended up staying after feeling so welcome.

"The club puts forth responsibility and initiative," said Mirkle. "One of the general members organized an event to roast hotdogs in this sick teepee we made. Outdoor Club is a really nice general club that encompass a whole of things people like to do and give them the means to find people who like to do the same thing."

Mirkle said she likes to see people get involved to help each other learn new outdoors skills like fishing or hunting. She said she thinks other groups can sometimes be exclusive or expensive.

"We went snowshoeing once," said Mirkle. "It was awful, but what was really enjoyable about it was trying something new with people in the club because we all sucked. We were all terrible at it."

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“Our cohesiveness is at a high level right now.”
- Josh Fleming
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Dual Threats

Huntesy, Guy join basketball team



Mark Hansen

Torch Reporter

Two Ferris State volleyball players are bringing their talents back to the hardwood, but this time to try their hand at another sport.

Ferris senior Alexis Huntesy and redshirt freshman Hannah Guy are also playing for the Ferris State women's basketball team this season.

Although the women's basketball team has struggled this season with a young group of players and injuries riddling their season, Huntesy has been stellar. Since coming on board for the Bulldogs, she's averaging 13.8 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. Huntesy talked about the transition and how she came up with the idea to dual-sport her final year at Ferris.

“I made that decision last spring, when Colleen [Lamoreaux-Tate] was still here; I had mentioned that I'd like to play. When Coach Faustin got here, I talked to her over the summer and we made that decision together,” Huntesy said.

The biggest transition from one sport to another is the conditioning; each sport has a uniqueness to it. Volleyball is about short bursts and jumping, while basketball, on the other hand, consists of a lot of running and endurance. Alexis talked about the toughest part of practices and the difference between the two sports.

“Probably running, it's taking a little bit to get in shape. I'm feeling better now, but at first it was really a challenge,” Huntesy said.

She's not alone in her transition though, as Hannah Guy has been with her every step of the way and has helped make going through the process easier.

“Instead of just being me transitioning it's been her, too, which is nice. [It's] just nice to have someone else that is going through the same thing as you no matter what you are doing, and I think she has done a great job as well transitioning,” Huntesy said.

Huntsy, Guy and the Bulldogs will be back at it again this weekend as they take on Northwood on Thursday, Jan. 21 and take on Lake Superior State on Saturday, Jan. 23.



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Senior Alexis Huntesy was a vital asset to the FSU volleyball team last season.

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Huntsy is averaging 15.1 points a game after joining the basketball team.

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Sports Shorts

Mark Hansen
Torch Reporter

Back on a roll

The men's basketball team has boasted a stellar season thus far, and were able to sweep last weekend and move to 7-3 in the GLIAC conference.

The Bulldogs started by handling Michigan Tech with a score of 93-61 and pushed the Huskies into turning over the ball 22 times in the contest.

Then the Bulldogs had a matchup against former Ferris Coach Bill Sall and his Northern Michigan Wildcats. The Bulldogs had 25 fast-break points compared to the 10 fast-break points the Wildcats managed. Ferris also found some help coming from the bench, as they outscored the Wildcats' bench 39-20.

The team will be back in action this week when they take on Northwood Thursday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 23 against Lake Superior State.

Win one, tie one

The Ferris State hockey team had a solid weekend as they were able to keep the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers from leaving with a win.

On Friday, Jan. 15, the Bulldogs ended up tying the Chargers 3-3 after a scoreless overtime. The game started off quick with a goal in the first few minutes of the game. The Chargers then got the next two goals and Ferris fought their way back before the contest ended 3-3 in overtime.

After not taking advantage of the seventh most penalized team in the WCHA, Ferris was able to get it done after a few injuries and some major penalties.

The Bulldogs cruised to victory as they never trailed in their 4-1 victory. The team returns to the ice on Friday, Jan. 22 and Saturday, Jan. 23 as they head to Minnesota to face Bemidji State.

Tough weekend sweep

The Ferris State women's basketball team has had a tough year and the trend continued as they dropped both games last weekend.

During the first game against the Michigan Tech Huskies, the Bulldogs weren't able to get it going from the three-point line as they shot 14.7 percent and the Michigan Tech Huskies were shooting a superb 53.8 percent from the three-point line as they smothered the Bulldogs in a 78-49 win.

Then the Bulldogs were back at it on Saturday, Jan. 16 when they took on the Northern Michigan Wildcats and the Wildcats were able to pull out a 79-64 win.

The Bulldogs are 3-13 overall, 3-7 in the conference and 11th overall in the GLIAC. Ferris will play on Thursday, Jan. 21 against Northwood and Saturday, Jan. 23 against Lake Superior State.

Hockey heading to Minnesota

Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

After a tie and a win last weekend, Bulldog hockey is on the road this weekend to take on Bemidji State.

The Dawgs went 2-1-1 when going up against the Beavers of Bemidji State last season.

With the Bulldogs' win last Saturday over Alabama-Huntsville, the team has finally hopped over the .500 mark, bringing their overall record to 10-9-5 with a .521 winning percentage. Ferris State currently sits at fourth in the league standings while Bemidji State sits at sixth.

After a bite from the injury bug last season, the Bulldogs had a tough January. Associate Head Coach Drew Famulak spoke on why that should not be an issue this season along with the consistency of the Bulldog's play this year.

"Right now, other than one of our players, we are completely healthy," said Famulak. "We are able to put our lines together and our defensive pairings together knowing that everybody is available to play."

Famulak also spoke on the scoring that the Dawgs have been receiving from some of the younger guys on the roster.

"We have had scoring, not only by committee, but also with some extra depth, and I have always felt like the freshmen have had the ability to

contribute offensively," Famulak said. "Obviously Corey Mackin came right out of the gates and was consistently on the score sheet, but recently it has been some of the other freshmen that are starting to find their groove and give us some offense as well."

Famulak is right about freshman forward Mackin, as he leads his team in goals scored with eight. Another young guy that has been making an impact is freshman goalie Darren Smith who has played and started most games in goal for the Dawgs this season. Though Smith has played most games, junior goalie Charles Williams has also played well for the Dawgs. Famulak talked about what to expect in goal going forward.

"You kind of want to go with the hot hand in goal, so what we will do is keep playing it by ear, but Charles has had some good minutes for us, not only at home but on the road as well," said Famulak. "Darren Smith has also had some good minutes on the road and at home. I think the hardest thing in that position is consistency, and they're both relatively young in terms of the amount of games they've played in their career. We just want to make sure that we keep them fresh and that there is some consistency moving forward."

The Bulldogs' game against Bemidji State will begin when the puck drops at 8:37 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, followed by another game Saturday, Jan. 23 at the same time.



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Freshman forward Corey Mackin has been one of many first-year players to make an impact on the ice for the Dawgs.

Corruption in sports

Recently, BuzzFeed News and the British Broadcasting Corporation released articles about the possible fixing of tennis matches at the highest level of the game, including at Wimbledon.

With the Australian Open in full swing, one of the sports' four major Grand Slam tournaments, the subject is a hot topic that has shaken the core of the tennis world.

According to an article by Simon Cox of the BBC, "Over the last decade, 16 players who have ranked in the top 50 have been repeatedly flagged to the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) over suspicions they have thrown matches."

According to the same article, investigations by BuzzFeed and BBC cite matches as far back as 2003, and possibly involve "betting syndicates" from Russia, Northern Italy and Sicily.

Novak Djokovic, the No. 1 player in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world rankings and a 10-time Grand Slam winner recently came out to say that he was offered \$200,000 to lose a first-round match of the St. Petersburg Open in 2007. Djokovic said he declined the offer, and he ultimately never even played in the tournament.

Djokovic said, "From my knowledge and information about match-fixing, there is nothing happening at the top level, as far as I know," according to the article by BBC.

Chris Kermode, the head of the ATP, said that the TIU has won 18 convictions, including six life bans since the TIU was set up in 2008. Most of these violations occurred at the lower levels of tennis. Some believe that the low earnings for players that don't rank in the top portion of the ATP rankings may lead to them accepting bribes and ultimately fixing matches.

Russell Fuller, a BBC tennis correspondent, said, "Only one of those [convicted] players has ever reached the top 200, and there are clearly temptations for lower-ranked professionals. Players outside the top 200 are unlikely to earn much more than £40,000 in prize money each year, and that is before coaching, travel and hotel expenses are taken into account."

The article also mentions that an examination of 26,000 match-



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

es were presented in 2007, but no action was taken.

Nigel Willerton, head of the TIU said, "All credible information received by the TIU is analyzed, assessed and investigated by highly experienced former law-enforcement investigators."

Whether or not these allegations of match fixing are true or not, one thing is apparent, there is no lack of corruption in sports.

Just last year, the FBI released charges against 14 defendants involved in the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) for racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering conspiracies, according to an article by the BBC.

According to the same article, "The US indictment alleges that US and South American sports marketing executives paid and agreed to pay 'Well over \$150 million' in bribes and other illegal payments to obtain lucrative media and marketing rights to international football tournaments."

Among these tournaments was the 2010 FIFA World Cup, where US prosecutors say a bribe of \$10 million was accepted to secure the location of the World Cup in South Africa.

Evidence of sports corruption has manifested itself not just in tennis and soccer.

The use of performance enhancing drugs in sports such as baseball and football has been an ongoing problem.

Just recently, the University of Louisville basketball team was allegedly providing money for players and recruits to participate in parties at an on-campus dorm that was used to house athletes and other students. The parties reportedly included strippers and prostitutes that were paid thousands of dollars to party with the players.

These allegations were made by former escort Katina Powell, in her book, "Breaking Cardinal Rules: Basketball and the Escort Queen."

The list goes on. Corruption in sports is nothing new, but it definitely needs to be addressed.



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Ferris sophomore forward Rachel McInerney lines up for a free throw. She averages 12.9 points per game for the Bulldogs this season.

Trying to find a groove

Lady Bulldogs hope to bounce back from 3-13 record

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Ferris State women's basketball will be on the road this week as they travel to Northwood on Thursday before making the trip to Lake Superior State on Saturday.

Another rough week was had last week as the Lady Dawgs lost twice at home to Michigan Tech on Thursday, Jan. 14 and then again to Northern Michigan on Saturday, Jan. 16.

The team's overall record currently sits at 3-13 with all three of their wins coming against league opponents. Some of the issues the Bulldogs are experiencing may come from the fact that at times they have only been able to dress up to eight women due to injuries, but that may also present opportunities.

Head coach Kendra Faustin, in her first year as Ferris women's basketball head coach, said, "In the long run, our pro-

gram and players will benefit from being put in roles that traditionally young players would not be in or be surrounded by veterans for support, both on the court and in leadership roles."

Faustin talked about some of the younger players who have stepped up and taken on more responsibilities due to the recent lack of veteran help due to injury.

"Hannah Evo and Rachel McInerney were just named captains for example," Faustin said. "A role they did not have at the beginning of the year as sophomores with little playing time and one that they have impressively grown into and earned."

Young leaders like Evo and McInerney will continue to be imperative to the success of the Bulldog basketball program, not only now, but in the future as well. But that is not to say that there are not any veterans still making an impact.

Senior guard Katie Ma-

vis is leading the team in assists per game and senior forward Alexis Huntley has been a beast on the boards, averaging 10.1 rebounds per game.

Last season, the Bulldogs fell to Northwood in both of their matchups during the regular season, while the Dawgs defeated the Lakers of Lake Superior State in both of their 2014-2015 matchups. No matter the outcome of last or this year's events, the Lady Bulldogs are keeping their heads in the right place and focusing on their goals.

"Overall we have stayed very positive throughout a season filled with adversity and a changing roster due to injuries," said Faustin. "We are focused on getting better every day."

Ferris State's game on Thursday, Jan. 21 at Northwood is set to tipoff at 6:00 p.m. and their Saturday, Jan. 23 game up north at Lake Superior State will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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Ready for the road

Dawgs to travel to Northwood, LSSU

Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

Ferris State men's basketball will play in-conference opponents Northwood University and No. 19 Lake Superior State University after last week's home sweep.

The Dawgs beat Michigan Tech last Thursday, Jan. 14, 93-61. They kept on rolling through Saturday, Jan. 16 when they beat Northern Michigan 96-79.

Ferris has played its way to No. 2 overall in the GLIAC. However, the Bulldogs are not the only No. 2.

Ferris and LSSU are involved in a six-team second place tie in the GLIAC posting in-conference records of 7-3. Northwood is only a game behind sitting at No. 8 and 6-4.

Ferris will play a Northwood team that defeated No. 1 in-conference Saginaw Valley 94-84 last Saturday. Last year the Bulldogs and the Timberwolves split the season series.

Senior guard Josh Fleming said, "We'll be ready for them. I believe our system will prevail if we stick to our system. Our cohesiveness is at a high level right now."

This game could turn into a barn burner as both teams are top five in points in the GLIAC, both averaging over 80 points per game.

After Northwood, the Bulldogs will take their road trip to LSSU. Ferris lost both matchups against the Lakers last year.

The maturation of senior center Jared Stolicker in a system that emphasizes effort and

intensity could change the look of this year's matchup between the Dawgs and Lakers.

Fleming said, "He's a major part of our team and what we have moving forward. It's great to see the improvement he's made. He's always been a great player but it's nice to see him get the credit and attention that he has deserved for a while now."

The difference between these teams is in the paint.

Stolicker is No. 1 in rebounds and blocks in the GLIAC, snagging 10.5 boards and three blocks per game. His team follows suit as Ferris is No. 1 in both categories averaging 41.7 boards and 8.4 blocks per game. LSSU averages 36.6 boards and 3.9 blocks per game.

In a game where both teams are evenly matched in terms of points per game, every possession counts. The Lakers are adept at creating turnovers as they average 8.8 steals per game.

Fleming is No. 9 in-conference for assists and turnovers. He has demonstrated the ability to keep the ball moving for his team and hopes to slow down the hands of LSSU.

Fleming said, "Our system consists of rebounding, defense, sharing the ball and running the break. We make people play at our pace."

Both teams play with high energy so the air in the building should be electric.

The Bulldogs play Northwood at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 and LSSU at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

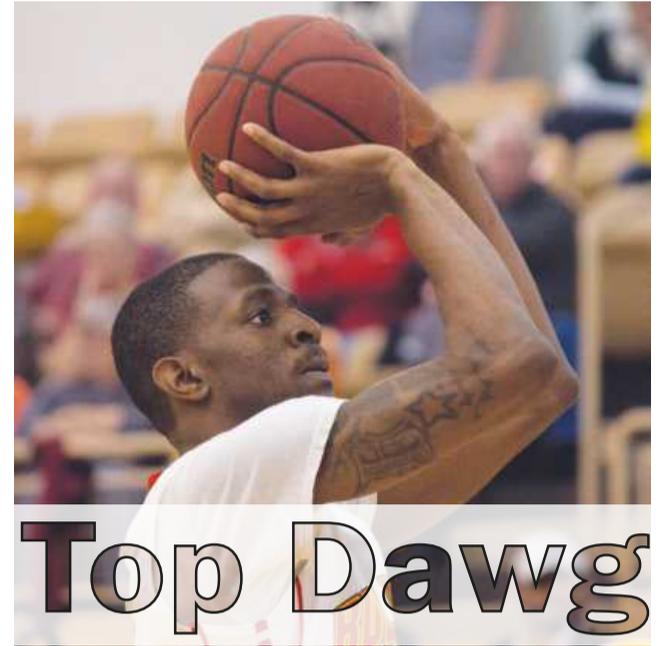


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Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The Ferris State men's basketball had a dominant couple of games in Big Rapids.

The Bulldogs blew out Michigan Tech 93-61 last Thursday, Jan. 14 and toppled Northern Michigan 96-79 on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Multiple players from Ferris put up great numbers in both games, including senior James Chappell. Chappell was one of five players to score in double digits against Michigan Tech, putting up 10 points, bringing down four rebounds, and assisting on six Bulldog buckets.

The Detroit native left an impact against Northern Michigan as well,

scoring 20 points, which was good enough to tie his season high. Chappell did much of his damage from the free-throw line, going 11-12 from the strike. He also grabbed seven rebounds in the contest.

Chappell is currently averaging 12.8 points, five rebounds and 2.7 assists per game so far this season. He will be a crucial part of Ferris' successes as the season rolls on.

The Dawgs sit at 13-3 overall and 7-3 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), which is good enough to be tied for second place in the conference.

Chappell and the Bulldogs hit the road this week, as they head to Northwood on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. and play at Lake Superior State on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m.



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When age is more than just a number

Age restrictions can make traveling difficult



Angela Graf
News Editor

When we're young we see our parents book a hotel room or rent a car while on vacation without a second thought. Looking back now, I wish it were that easy.

Like many college students this time of year, I am currently in the process of trying to plan a trip for the upcoming spring break with a friend. This doesn't sound like something that should be too complicated, right? Wrong.

One of the most under recognized areas in which modern day age discrimination abounds is within the world of travel. Some of you are probably nodding while others have no idea what I could possibly mean by this. Some of these acts of injustice are subtle, like the fact that children 12 and under and seniors 75 and older don't have to remove their shoes and jackets at security check-points in the airport.

How do TSA agents determine who falls within this range? The very exact science of "visual assessment." Moving past that minor inconvenience though, there are other restrictions that can cause much larger problems when trying to travel.

I will be 19-years-old by the time spring break rolls around, and my travel companion recently turned 20, so we have access to all the wonderful things that America has to offer our age group: enlisting in the armed forces, being shot at in a war zone, voting, getting a tattoo, digging ourselves into crippling debt via student loans, playing the lottery, buying cigarettes... hell, we can even lease an apartment.

What can't we do legally, though? Drink, smoke weed, go to a nightclub and book a hotel room. This doesn't seem like a big

deal until you try to plan a trip with friends and realize that the only "hotel" that will allow you to check-in while under the age of 21 is pay-by-the-hour and can't even be found on Yelp. Frankly, sleeping in the car with the doors locked seems like a safer (and cleaner) option.

I admit this issue varies in different cities and states with some being harder to find reputable lodging in than others. For example, the village of Schaumburg, Ill. has an ordinance requiring anyone checking into a hotel by themselves to be at least 21 years of age. Honestly, in my experience almost all major hotel chains will not allow you to check-in if you are under the age of 21, too.

Wait, you're over 21, you say? Great! You can book a hotel room and legally get drunk in it, but sadly you can't rent a vehicle to go sightseeing. The majority of rental car agencies require that the customer be at least 25 years of age. Some exceptions apply that allow renters to be 21, but that convenience is accompanied by an "underage fee."

Sadly, upon investigation I discovered that these providers are perfectly within their legal right to refuse lodging to people based on age as long as they are private businesses and not receiving federal aid.

While I understand the caution they are taking from a business standpoint, as a supposed adult, I object.

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Lemmy Kilmister, David Bowie and Alan Rickman.

Less than a month ago, these were notable individuals, but following the news breaking of their deaths, they became the biggest stars on the planet. Call it their post-mortem 15 minutes of fame.

It's ironic how an artist can be appreciated in life, but only becomes figuratively immortal after his or her literal mortality ends.

Even Leonardo Da Vinci died nearly penniless and with only a fraction of the fame that he would go on to receive in the centuries following his passing.

The most recent slew of fallen celebrities are fitting this same pattern. Their work has somehow become more valuable now that their hearts have stopped beating.

Now just like everybody else in the country, I'm caught up in the grief. We as a nation are collectively mourning these people that the

vast majority of us never even met.

It pains me to admit this, but I feel as if I didn't spend nearly enough time appreciating these celebrities in life. I never had the privilege to see Lemmy's band Motörhead, or the "Goblin King" himself David Bowie, in concert. Also, while I've seen most of the Harry Potter films, I've never written Rickman a tear-stained letter as a plea for him to send me an autograph, nor have I demanded a picture with him after a chance encounter in a supermarket.

Instead, I was too busy spending time visiting my ailing great-grandmother in the hospital. To make it even worse, all of that time was wasted, because she died even after weeks of my visits and like, three "get well soon" cards. And she didn't even do anything worthy of celebrity!

I just wish I would've known sooner that those celebrities didn't have much time left. I would've done more to celebrate them in life. I could've cherished our shared existence on this

Earth all the more in their waning days.

The tragic reality is that we get so caught up in living our own lives, and indulging in our own distractions, that the lives of others can flash by us in a blur. I was too busy making a futile effort to visit my great-grandma instead of listening to bootlegs of "Love Me Like a Reptile," watching Ziggy Stardust and editing Rickman's Wikipedia page.

In this time of mourning, I can only ask one thing of you readers. Don't make the same mistake I did. Live for today, and love your nation's celebrities while you still can. You never know when it will be too late.

DISCLAIMER: This column was rather satirical. The nation gets caught up in mourning celebrities, but we should really take their passing as a lesson to appreciate loved ones, because they won't be around forever either. Call your grandparents everybody. They miss hearing from you.

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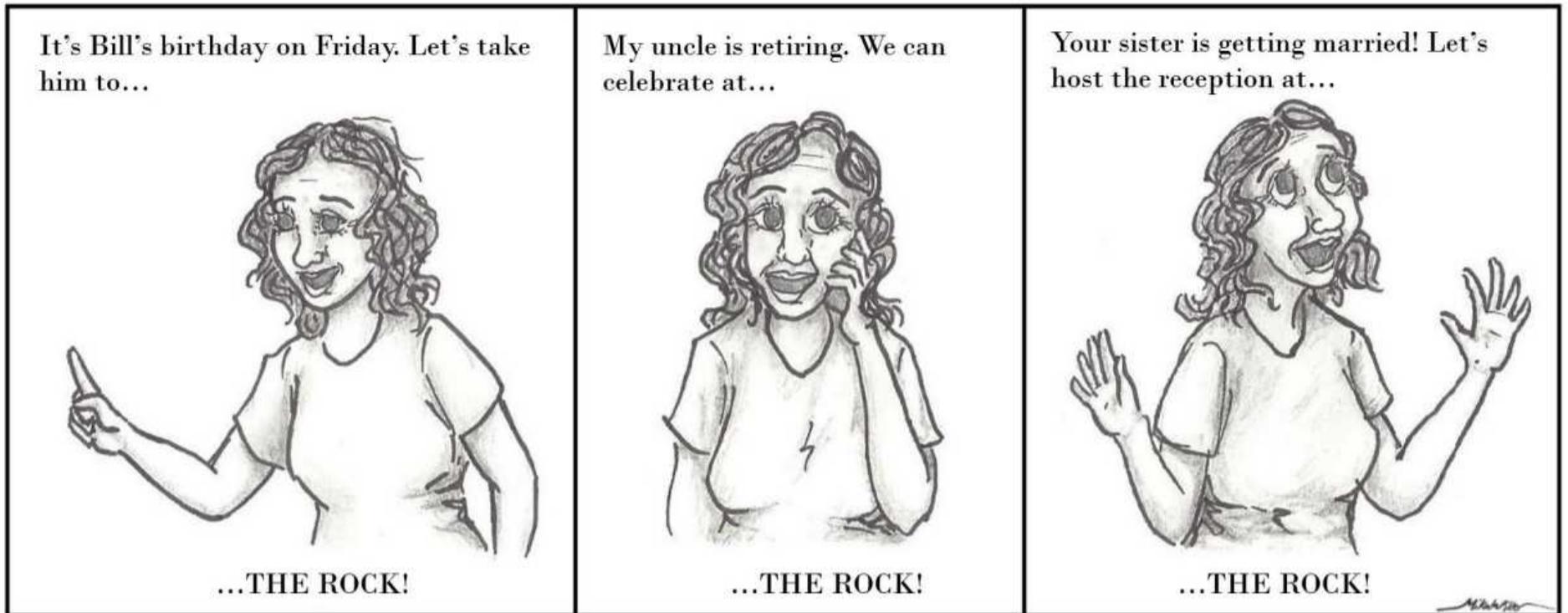


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Speeches 101

Speeches and presentations are possibly the most dreaded of all class assignments. It doesn't matter if you are a welding engineering major or communications, at some point you will have to speak in front of the class. I've learned that the only way to alleviate the nervousness is to be very prepared.

It's great to know what you are going to say, but if what you are saying sucks, your grade will, too.

Unless you are presenting your five-year plan at your company, there is no reason to make your speech boring. Everyone has seen the guy or gal who reads directly from his or her PowerPoint and concludes with the signature, "So, um... yeah. That's it." Don't shy away from entertaining visual aids like a funny YouTube video that you can tie back into your presentation. The class will love it and you won't go down in history as a boring asshole.

Posture is about 30 percent of the battle. Standing still with your hands in your pockets is a big middle finger to everyone in the room. Take your hands out of your pockets and pretend you're in the mafia. That



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means move your hands when you speak. Also, walk around a little bit. Think of the audience as a dinosaur that can only see you when you're moving.

If you've been in class for a couple weeks, you know which one of your classmates is the weirdo that likes to raise his or her hand. Call on that person. Ask someone a question. Getting the audience involved in your presentation is key to keeping everyone's attention. Bonus, it stretches out your presentation a bit when someone else talks.

Lastly, conclude your speech like an adult. Tie your main points together and do not forget to ask the class if they have any questions. If you know your material you should be confident in answering questions. If you don't know an answer, assure the asker that you will find out and let them know.



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Utilizing movement and non-verbal cues are keys to giving an engaging speech.

Teaching for the right reasons

As college students, we are forced to answer the never-ending questions of what we are studying in school and what career goals we are working towards.

As an aspiring educator, I rarely get an enthusiastic response about my field of study.

Instead of getting encouragement, my peers attempt to persuade me into another more "reliable" career choice. They speak of the low chances that I have of finding and keeping a teaching position while also reminding me that it would be hard to make a living on a teacher's salary.

Though I know that their intentions are good as they are focusing on my well-being, I still don't agree with them. While I understand the practicality of these concerns, I have thought through the potential consequences I may face because of my career choice.

I am fully aware that it may take me a significant amount of time to find a stable teaching position, and that I will absolutely not be living in luxury. I have come to the conclusion that I don't care about those possibilities. I am perfectly happy with the struggles I will face as a teacher, as well as the amount of money that I will bring in each month.



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The stigma surrounding teaching is only getting worse and I cannot express how sad that makes me. Teaching has become a "plan b" major for many students across the country. When their original plan fails, they see education as an easy alternative. They excite themselves with the perk of having a summer off, getting home before 5 p.m. and experiencing days off due to weather. What they don't realize is that none of those things are what teaching is about. If those were the reasons why college students chose to be in education, then our country should be ashamed of what education has become.

It has been made clear to me how powerful an influence a teacher has. I doubt I could put into words how grateful I am for the support that I have received from teachers over the years. I can easily name teachers that made impacts on my life and inspired me to have the desire to teach.

Though teachers are not often respected by

the public, I intend to be a part of changing the opinion and negative connotation that teaching cannot seem to shake. I hope that the public will begin to see the role that teachers have and how deeply it can affect their children.

My ambition is that one day students will come to me not only for help with their school problems, but other struggles that they face as well. A teacher is meant to teach students and I don't think that job is limited to things that are only academic. I want my students to learn from me, comprehending and actually retaining the information that I teach.

I am also not ignorant enough to believe that I will never learn something from my students. I have learned never to question the wisdom of a child; they often see things more clearly than adults.

If you had teachers that doubted your ability, or discouraged your interests then I am truly sorry for your educational experience. It is my goal to support and nurture my students from the moment that they walk into my classroom and that encouragement will not stop even after they walk out the door at the end of the school year.

Why the books are always better

Tuesday, Jan. 12 was one of the most disgraceful days on the planet to date. Why, you ask? I'm not talking about all the snow we got. I'm talking about the slaughtering of one of my absolute favorite book series with an atrocious TV show based off of said books.

The "Mortal Instruments" series includes six books by author Cassandra Clare, all following the story of a teenage girl from New York City named Clary Fray. Clary is living a quite ordinary life, until she discovers that she is a Shadowhunter—a half-angel, half-human warrior, set with the task to protect the ordinary (mundane) world from demons. It's full of lovable, colorful characters, villains that make you want to reach into the book and strangle them and enough action to give any dude-flick a run for its money. I simply love these books. They are perfection.

Naturally, film producers wanted to put Cassandra Clare's story on the big screen, and they failed. Immensely. Twice.

Their first failure was "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" movie, which came out in 2013. I watched the movie



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after reading the entire book series, and I cringed about every two minutes. The movie was terrible. Terrible effects for the magic elements, terrible actors cast for roles that they didn't fit into, etc. I'm cringing just thinking about it now.

So when I heard that they were scrapping the movie idea and turning "The Mortal Instruments" into a TV show called "Shadow Hunters," I got my hopes up; maybe they actually got it together and realized that the book fan base deserved better than the garbage they pumped out in 2013.

I decided not to watch any of the previews for the new TV series, so I could watch the first episode with a completely fresh perspective. The only thing I did beforehand was browse the designated Facebook page for the show and get a look at the actors.

So the night of the premiere, I sat down with a bowl of popcorn,

ready to see the story that I love so much come to life on my TV screen.

I don't think I could have been more disappointed. The original story was warped and twisted so much that it was pathetic. A few of the characters had once again lost their colorful personalities. The visual effects practically screamed low-budget. The seraph blades that served as the deadly weapons wielded by Shadowhunters were literally giant sword-shaped glow sticks. That, coupled with countless smaller details, were enough for me to actually yell, "What is this?!" at my TV screen.

I'd love to tell you every single reason why I think this show sucks, but since I'm out of space, I'll conclude here. If you haven't read the book series, don't watch the show (or the movie for that matter) because your view of the characters and story will be forever tainted.

All I can say is that hopefully someday, better producers will invest the proper time and money into a new film that better represents the books, so I don't have to cry myself to sleep at night.



Courtesy photo

The 13-episode television series "Shadow Hunters" premiered on Jan. 12.

2016 SPRING INTRAMURAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

LEAGUES

DIVISION	SPORT	REGISTRATION	ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER	PLAY STARTS
5 V 5 BASKETBALL	1/6 - 1/25	\$14.00	1/31	
4 V 4 FLAG FOOTBALL	1/6 - 1/25	\$14.00	1/31	
HOCKEY	1/6 - 1/20	\$130.00	1/24	
BROOMBALL	2/14 - 2/29	\$14.00	3/14	
4 V 4 VOLLEYBALL	2/21 - 3/17	\$14.00	3/28	
DODGEBALL	2/21 - 3/17	\$14.00	3/28	
SOCCER	2/21 - 3/17	\$14.00	3/28	

TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION	EVENT	REGISTRATION	ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER	PLAY STARTS
TEXAS HOLD'EM	2/1 - 2/12	FREE	2/12	
BAGS	2/8 - 2/19	FREE	2/19	
WATER POLO	2/5 - 2/15	\$7.00	2/21	
BATTLESHIP	2/12 - 2/22	\$7.00	2/28	
STRONGEST BULLDOG	3/6 - 3/20	\$7.00	3/20	
SOFTBALL	4/1 - 4/11	\$7.00	4/17	
BUBBLE SOCCER	4/8 - 4/18	\$7.00	4/24	
FLAG FOOTBALL	4/8 - 4/18	\$7.00	4/25	
SOCCER	4/8 - 4/18	\$7.00	4/26	

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Open Swim Monday - Thursday • 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Friday • 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday • 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday • 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

CLIMBING WALL
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Exam Week • Monday, May 2 - Thursday, May 5 6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday, May 6 6:00 am - 8:00 pm • Office open until 5:00 pm