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The \$50,000 allocated to SSA for the event now goes back into the Student Activity Fund.

At its Jan. 21 meeting, Finance Division approved

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"We have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other. That's the truth, and anything else anyone tells you is a lie." - Tamika Mallory See page 5 for story



Photo By: Chris Martin | Photographer

Ferris students gathered in the University Center for food, drinks and various activities on Friday, Jan. 22 to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the building's opening.

Elizabeth Yost

Torch Reporter

Students flocked to the University Center Friday, Jan. 22 to celebrate the building's first birthday.

The event ran from 8 p.m. to midnight across the UC and drew in hundreds of students and staff eager to participate in the various activities. The building featured three floors of festivities.

Upstairs on the second floor, guests could participate in a video gaming group, ride the mechanical "bulldog" (yes, it's what you think it is), mix and match bowls of ice cream and join intense games of laser tag. The Market gave out free drinks, smoothies and food in unlimited quantities.

"The mechanical bulldog was a lot of fun to watch people try to hang on as they got swung around," said Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore David Hunt. "The caricatures were a huge hit, too."

On the main floor, participants could enjoy karaoke as they grabbed free Starbucks samples or were decorated in temporary tattoos. Multiple crafts were spread around the room, including cookie decorating and leather crafts.

"There was free food everywhere, and the karaoke was on point," said Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Kathryn Pilczuk.

Downstairs was the hotspot of the building, yet possibly the slowest. Students waited anywhere from an hour to over two hours to customize their own Ferris street signs. The line looped throughout the basement and all the way up the stairwell. While they waited, they could participate in lifesize jenga, sip hot chocolate or try to win a t-shirt by shooting

"Tonight was a great time for all the students to be able to enjoy a lot of great games, food and everything," said Hunt. "It was a really fun time."



Ferris students Rachel Mitchell and Kaylie Bohn get their caricatures drawn at the University Center one-year anniversary celebration by artist Dave Johnson.

Ferris State Torch

The drunk driving the drunk

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

By Devin Anderson, Torch Reporter

Assist to drug enforcement team

Jan. 15, 11:50 a.m., officers assisted the Central Michigan Enforcement Team with transporting a Rogers Heights resident to the Mecosta County jail.

Pipe swiped

Jan. 15, 8:45 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Clark Hall. Two students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

U-can't-turn here

Jan. 16, 1:20 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Ferris Drive for an illegal U-turn. The subject was found to be intoxicated and jailed for operating while intoxicated.

Too many shots at Shoots

Jan. 16, 2:10 a.m., officers assisted the city police with a disorderly subject at Shooters. The subject was lodged in jail.

50 shades of illegal

Jan. 16, 2:50 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Maple Street for erratic driving. The driver was found to be intoxicated, in possession of marijuana and operating on a suspended license and was lodged in jail. The passenger was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Expired plate

Jan. 17, 12:10 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Maple Street for an expired plate. The



driver was ticketed.

Drunk and drunker

Jan. 17, 1:50 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on South Michigan Avenue for speeding. The driver was found to be intoxicated and jailed for operating while intoxicated. The passenger of the vehicle was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Need for weed

Jan, 18, 8:15 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Merrill Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Bumper cars

Jan. 19, 2:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident

Bumper cars round two

Jan. 20, 9:05 a.m., officers responded to a two-car accident

Thieves in Merrill

Jan. 20, 6 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff department with retail fraud at Walmart. Officers discovered two students had hidden stolen property in their rooms in Merrill Hall. Both students were lodged in jail.

Jan. 20, 9:20 p.m., officers investigated a larceny complaint at the Student Recreation Center. A student reported money stolen from his wallet in an unlocked locker.

in Lot 9.

in Lot 57.

Locker larceny

Between Jan. 14 and Jan. 21, the Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 454 parking citations totalling \$8,080.

Moment of stillness

Ferris communication professor George Nagel chimes a bell, lulling television and digital media production sophomore Krynn Porter and human resources staff member Mandi Sterly into a calm meditation for the semester's first Mindfulness Practices Laboratory on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Each week, Nagel welcomes all students, faculty and staff to explore meditation and mindfulness concepts.



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Bulldog Challenge

From Friday, Jan. 29 to Saturday, Feb. 6, the SCHOLAR Peer Mentor program will be holding a competition. Mentors and mentees are invited to participate in a challenge in which they locate as many statues of bulldogs as possible in the Big Rapids community and take pictures with them. The pictures will be posted on the program's Facebook page, and after the competition's conclusion, the team with the most photos of the most bulldogs will win a prize.

New ownership at The Pub

Following fall exam week, The Pub and Pizza King in Big Rapids closed. According to staff members, the property is now under new ownership, and although the date is uncertain, Pizza King will soon reopen. There are not currently plans to reopen The Pub.

Career week

Next week is career week, hosted by the Center for Leadership Activities and Career Services (CLACS), and its events will span from Monday to Friday, Feb. 1-5. There will be multiple opportunities for help with resumes as well as a Career & Internship fair and interviews with potential employers. Details on individual events can be found on the CLACS website at ferris.edu/clacs/.

Ferris State Torch Corrections

A story that appeared in the Jan. 13 Torch titled "DPS issues thousands of parking tickets" reported the Ferris Department of Public Safety collects more than \$1 million in revenue from parking tickets each year. The figure actually refers to department revenue including the sale of parking permits.

DPS Parking Tickets and Revenue

2012-2013 - 2,477 citations, \$216,669 collected

2013-2014 - 4,130 citations, \$244,453 collected

2014-2015 - 3,377 citations, \$230,166 collected

Through December 2015 - 7,660 citations

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News Ferris State Torch

Ferris students speak out on Flint water crisis

Keith Salowich Editor in Chief

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The tap water in Flint has been poisoned by lead, and it is apparent that members of the state government knew about it.

Flint taps were once supplied with treated

water from Lake Huron, but were switched over to be supplied by the Flint River in April of 2014. The more corrosive water in the river led to the leeching of lead from aging irrigation pipes. The situation has

been deemed a federal state emergenby СУ Presi-Barack dent Obama.

Lead poisoning is unique in that once it inflicts damage, cases. many that damage cannot be undone in many cas-Children es. are especially vulnerable to lead poisoning, which can cause learning, behavioral or physical disorders and death in severe cases.

Ferris second optometry

Graphic by: Jordan Lodge | Production Manager graduate student Adrian Wright is a Flint native, and his familial ties to the area make the situation all the more horrid.

"There is anger-a lot of anger, because my family is there. A lot of loved ones are there, so there's anger that it got to this point," Wright said.

Wright, also known by his performing name D'arin, was so troubled by the situation that he was moved to write a rap song called "Better Times" about Flint's struggles.

"That was handled with impunity to say the least. They don't care about my community to say the least. We should start a dang mutiny to say the least. Make them drink that poison to say the least," Wright says.

Following that verse is another one further detailing his frustration.

"Heard your piece, basically forget our daughters and our lovely niece. Our sons and our fathers and our nephews, damage is done ain't nobody you can rescue.'

However, it's not only Flint natives that are speaking out against the way the water crisis has been handled by the state.

"I find the whole situation to be absolutely horrible and I believe it could've been prevented. With people being trained in the fields they are in, they should have seen this coming and been able to fix this before it's a problem. It's what they're paid to do," said Ferris social sophomore work Garret Prophet.

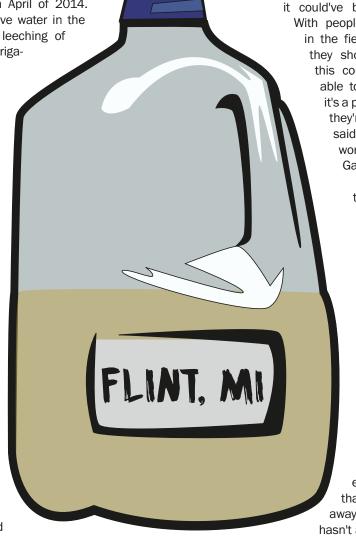
Accusations of the state's shoddy handling of the situation were common, as Ferris business administration freshman Remington Jankowski also spoke to that effect.

"I believe [the government] tried to avoid this whole situation because it would cost too much money and thought that it would just go away, but it obviously hasn't and they are still not doing everything pos-

sible to fix the problem," Jankowski said. "This situation could have been avoided."

Petitions have appeared in various formats calling for Governor Snyder, among others, to face legal action and Prophet agrees with that sentiment.

"I feel legal actions should be taken upon the government for not doing the jobs they're paid to do," Prophet said.









Speaker Jasmine Hall shared her stories about the value of the peer mentor program at the SCHOLAR luncheon on Jan. 19.

Scholars show their appreciation

Shantelle Bonham

Torch Reporter

On Jan. 19, Ferris students tuned in to listen to guest speaker Jasmine Hall at the Socio-Cultural Holistic Learning and Retention (SCHOLAR) Mentor Appreciation Luncheon where food, conversation and an inspiring message were provided.

January is mentor appreciation month and Ferris mentors and mentees from all over campus came together to effectively recognize and express their appreciation for the support given through the peer mentor program.

"Having someone to talk to is great," said Ferris undecided freshman Amy Whiteman. "Especially since I came into Ferris not knowing anyone."

Jasmine Hall, a neuro-science major who has overcome many challenges by utilizing the power of mentors, spoke from personal experience in regards to the hardships and obstacles that college students face every day. She stressed

the importance of aiming high, getting out of your comfort zone and always believing in yourself.

The SCHOLAR Mentor Program gives students the opportunity to connect with other students who have been in their exact shoes, making it easy to engage and understand the difficulties they may endure in the college atmosphere.

Mentors ultimately support and encourage scholars to excel in academics and other programs that would enrich their college experience. Toward the end of the luncheon, certificates were given to the mentees on behalf of the program for their participation and dedication.

Through the peer mentor program, students develop positive, powerful and personal relationships with one another. The program promotes that trust and security at Ferris is the ultimate goal to a successful environment for students to grow and learn effectively.

"You guys are powerful, you understand me?" Hall said. "Don't be good, be great!"

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Marching towards social justice



Photo by: Liz Yost | Torch Reporter

Nationally recognized guest speaker Tamika Mallory gave a presentation on social justice and activism on Jan. 21.



Photo by: Liz Yost | Torch Reporte

The annual MLK Freedom March wrapped up in the University Center where hot beverages were served and OMSS Director Matthew Chaney (left) and Assistant Director Michael Wade (right) concluded the event.

Students participate in 30th annual MLK celebration

Elizabeth Yost

Torch Reporter

Students came together last week to celebrate the life and work of Dr, Martin Luther King, Jr. in a variety of immersive and interactive ways.

The week-long celebration kicked off on Monday, Jan. 18 with the 30th annual MLK Freedom March. This event has been occurring since the celebration began. This year, the walk drew in over 300 participants willing to brave the below-freezing temperatures to honor Dr. King.

"This year and last were a couple of our best turnouts since the event began 30 years ago," said Ferris Office of Multicultural Student Services assistant director Michael Wade. "It's great to bring everyone here to participate, despite the weather."

The walk began at the University Center, looped past Vandercook Hall and FLITE library and returned to the University Center for postmarch acknowledgements. Participants huddled around their hot beverages as awards were given out to nominated students and RSOs who have shown exemplary volunteer or positive service. The student recipient winner was Ferris criminal justice freshman Jordan Cobbs, and the RSO recipients were the NAACP Student Chapter and Real Life.

Throughout the week, many other events continued to honor the work of Dr. King. Tuesday, Jan. 19 featured the annual student tribute,

where students and RSOs presented tributes and speeches. The nationally-known Tunnel of Oppression was hosted by the Ferris Office of Housing and Residence Life in Ward Hall over the duration of the week. "Your Words Have Power" was a featured discussion focusing on inclusivity on campus and was sponsored by Advocacy and Education for Gender Identity and Sexuality (AEGIS) and the Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA).

The celebration week was wrapped up with guest speaker Tamika Mallory. Mallory is a nationally-recognized leader and advocate for social justice and activism. She was introduced by NAACP Student Chapter president Breia Harris. Bronx hip-hop artist Mysonne read a short empowerment piece to set the stage for Mallory's talk.

"Activism is defined as the process in which a person or group of people campaign on behalf of social and political change," said Mallory as she took the stand. "If that is the case, I was raised in activism. I was raised to believe in the power of my voice."

As Mallory continued, she spoke on her origins in activism and what motivated her to pursue her path. She discussed Dr. King's life and his work during our parent's generation. Her speech revolved around a theme: truth and lies.

"Lies create fear," said Mallory. "We have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other. That's the truth, and anything else anyone tells you is a lie."



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"Have you ever seen an old man in an ugly sweater holding a cat?" Lyndzi Sakowski See page 8 for story

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Write about anything you have an opinion on - classes, policies, politics, issues that matter to you. Send me your personal diary. It probably won't make print but at least I'll have something to read that does not involve Donald Trump.

My email is at the top of this section. Send an email with your opinion attached, and I will be in touch. Let's write!

- Kip Biby, Opinions Editor

Nice buns, hun



Jonny Parshall Interim Reporter

It seems only a year ago they were just a rumor, a purported craze embraced by big city hipster gents keen on offbeat fashion. But as the weather warmed, the hats came off and the truth came out: man buns are here and now a reality.

You've noticed them. You probably remember witnessing your first man bun and giggling softly. Well, you're probably not giggling now. The joke's over. Man buns are serious busi-

So just how popular is the celebrated top knot? To put it this way, if one were to create a drinking game involving sips of alcohol for every man bun spotted on campus, that person would be dead within hours.

It raises many questions: Who started this? Who encouraged this? Professional soccer players? Hipsters? The Illuminati?

It could be the style was inspired by women (duh, Jonny). The lazy sloppy-bun-and-yogapants style is an ideal low-maintenance fashion choice for the female student with early classes. Well, we men can be lazy, too. And jealous. Nothing is sacred.

The popularity of the man bun isn't necessarily new. It goes back to ancient Persia. Or something. Who cares about the history, anyway? It cannot save us now.

Like any fashion trend, it is important to

know when a fad has reached critical mass. One surefire method is examining Hollywood. As soon as something is embraced by the superstar elite, there is no containing it. Last year alone, Chris Hemsworth, Bradley Cooper, Jake Gyllenhaal, Shia LaBeouf, Kit Harringon, Justin Bieber and Leonardo DiCaprio were sporting the illustrious 'do.

With the red carpet's seal of approval in place, the look has spread across demographics like wildebeests, infiltrating even the less fashion-minded male populace.

There are some male students so impatient to be trendy they throw in the hair tie before their locks are even long enough to sustain the trademark look, each one resembling a drunk and slightly bewildered samurai warrior on his day off.

Those who know me have been thinking this whole time, but Jonny, how can you criticize these fellows when you yourself wear the infamous m-b? Not everything I do is a good idea, you guys. I realize I need a haircut, and with student loans rolling in, maybe it's time to say goodbye to it. My girlfriend likes it so I'm hesitant.

So there. The man bun, though maybe a slightly clever idea at the start, has clearly gotten out of hand. The novelty has worn off; it's overstayed its welcome. Three cheers to every dude whose New Year's resolution is to cut the damn thing off before it has grown too powerful to kill. Amen?

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

It was 1:44 a.m. as I stared at the blank word document open on my laptop, racking my brain to decide on a topic to write about in this

It was far from the first time I was kept up long into the night working on this publication. Rare is the day that I am not spending at least some amount of time working on matters pertaining to the Torch. Pondering this thought, I came to a conclusion on my topic.

It had to happen eventually. This is my column on how much journalism means to me.

First, I'll provide some background on my life around the industry. My father was a sports journalist for longer than I've been alive. I spent my youth earning hardearned tips by delivering newspapers around my neighborhood. I worked on my high school newspaper, and submitting an application at the Torch was a necessary part of my campus tour at Ferris. I practically have newspaper ink in my

While growing up, I wanted to be a journalist. I was sure that's what I would earn a degree in, and spend my life doing. Then I realized what a dire state the industry was in.

Publications were struggling to come by subscribers and advertisers in a world where one could just as easily read "listicles" online and place an ad on craigslist for free.

Yet here you are, the reader, see-

Joy-nalism

ing this article online or holding the physical paper in your hands. The Torch was founded in 1931 and it has endured.

Around this time five years ago, former Torch Editor in Chief Ben Thayer wrote an editorial titled "Not going anywhere," about his belief that newspapers—at least smaller town newspapers-would endure even despite the ongoing rapid advances in technology.

Journalists serve a grander purpose than just writing fluff pieces for a tabloid magazine. We hold people accountable for their actions, and present true and unbiased information in an understandable and widely accessible medium.

There is a reason that freedom of

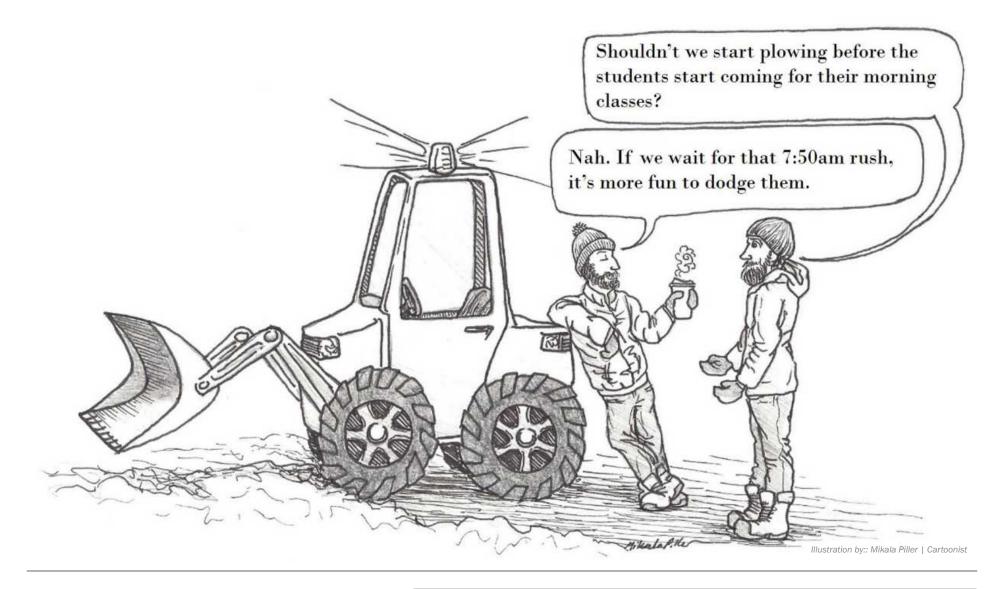
the press is a constitutional right.

Journalists act as a link between society and the individual, bridging the gap and forming a means of communication between the two. It can be a platform for the individual to stand on, or a public forum for the blending of ideas in a commu-

Journalism is important to me, because it is important to the world.

Because of its relevance in our society, I cannot imagine a future in which real journalism no longer

Ben Thayer may have said it best. We're, "not going anywhere."



Pushing politics aside at the movies



Kip Biby Opinions Editor

As a film buff, you can find me at the movie theater almost every weekend. But on Wednesdays, you can find me at the weekly meeting of the College Repub-

Hollywood is a very liberal place, almost to a fault. Many of today's movies are riddled with left wing political undertones, not surprising considering so many movie directors and producers are opponents of conservative ideas.

Back in October, one of my favorite directors, Quentin Tarantino (I know, I'm basic), went to a Black Lives Matter rally in New York City and said, "When I see murders, I do not stand by... I have to call a murder a murder and I have to call the murderers the murderers." When he said that he was referring to the police.

As I mentioned, and you probably surmised from my past articles, I am a conservative and I stand with the men and women who put their lives on the line every day for our safety. So I was put in a hard spot. Tarantino's movie, "The Hateful Eight" was coming out soon and I was very excited to see it. I had to ask myself whether or not I should skip the movie on principle.

After some thought, I realized my lapse in judgement. I love Tarantino's films and for me to miss out on a good movie because the director is a dick is cutting off my nose to spite my face.

Once in awhile a movie will come out that does align with my political beliefs. I've mentioned in a past article that my favorite film of 2015 was Mad Max. Mad Max, to me, represented a government whose rule over the people has reached a North Korean level of communism. The main characters act as the liberators of the oppressed.

I might roll my eyes at the Carmike Cinema at the political messages but I refuse to stand outside with a picket sign protesting WALL-E. Awful cartoon. But sometimes I just want to chill and watch a movie.

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Feelin' the Bern

There are three reasons why Bernie Sanders is my candidate: his grassroots background, the liberal tone of his campaign and the change he seeks is what we need. Also, have you ever seen an old man in an ugly sweater holding a cat? Your eyes won't forget and your heart will cry. Despite the way he pulls at youthful issues and heartstrings, Bernie Sanders is the missing piece in the puzzle of making America great again.

First, Sanders' grassroots involvement is reassuring. Grassroots movements are important as they are driven by the community. According to Native CDFI Network, grassroots campaigns are often at local levels. Why is this important? This is a credibility point for Sanders, since grassroots campaigns seek out as many volunteers from the community as they can. More community involvement, more solidarity in a community. So Sanders' background is colored with community outreach. A true for-the-people, by-the-people, down-to-earth gentleman.

Those who really know about Sanders know he's down for the progressive cause. He is a breath of fresh air compared to the strict, tense, hostile tone of Capitol Hill. According to the *Washington Post*, there are reasons we shouldn't just call him a liberal. For the most part, Sanders remains middle ground in the decisions he makes. In this way, he encourages bipartisanship among our hostile lawmakers—a crucial happenstance. His political agenda is one that Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians can find themselves agreeing to. However, Sanders is mostly a socialist and works to bring social welfare issues, terrorism and education onto the forefront of America's concern.



Third, Sanders is the change we need to make America great again. My main reason for asserting this is his position on peace and war.

Sanders said, "We must move away from policies that favor unilateral military action and preemptive war, and that make the United States the de facto policeman of the world."

He understands the relevancy of necessary justice, but also doesn't want America involved in so many wars. In this light, Sanders is a true voice for peace that many of our previous presidents have overlooked in their pursuit of greatness. To make America great again, Sanders will work towards dismantling wealth inequality and fighting for a livable wage; he advocates for a political scene that doesn't involve big money scams. Sanders also represents veteran rights; he believes that taking care of the men and women we send off to war is a priority.

As you've read, there are many reasons why people are feelin' the Bern lately. Not only is it a catchy phrase, but Bernie Sanders just happens to represent the diverse needs of Americans. Ultimately, Sanders has my vote this upcoming election because his main platform envisions a greater America than we've seen before. His ideas and plans for this country boil down to one crucial value that we could all use more of: democracy.

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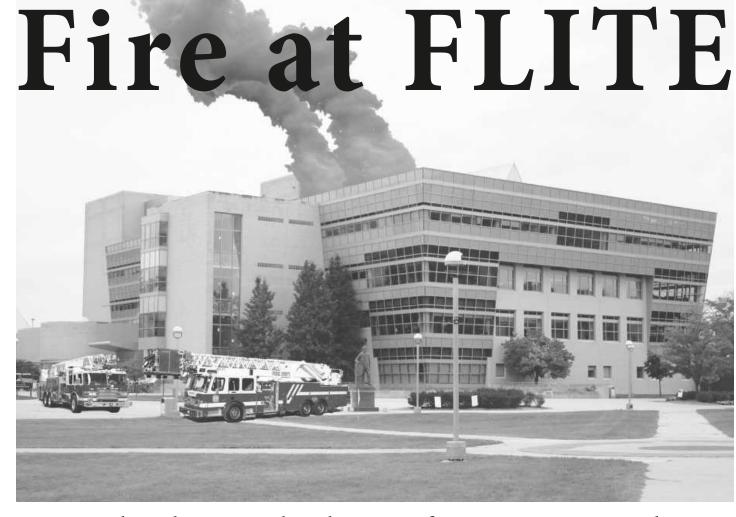
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Tragedy claims the lives of 44 Ferris students

Beatrice Bourbon *Chain smoker*

A fire on the third floor of FLITE led to the death of 44 Ferris State University students and approximately 3,000 books around 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26

According to Big Rapids fire chief Rick Richards, a student smoking marijuana in the bathroom started the fire.

The flames spread from the bathroom to the main floor of the third level, which has a strict no-noise policy.

"I noticed the fire

coming towards the main part of the floor, but I was too scared someone would say 'SHHHH!' and flip me the bird if I said anything or called for help, so I just sat there in silence," said Ferris public relations sophomore Jenna Starbuck, who survived the fire with only moderate burns to her face.

The fire blazed for more than an hour before FLITE patrons on the second floor noticed the smell and called for help.

FLITE librarian Sher-

ry Jones said she was browsing cat statues on Etsy when she smelled something burning and called 911.

"This is a horrible tragedy," Jones said. "We had no idea the silence rule would become the silent killer. I'm just glad the fire stayed on the third floor, though."

The student who started the fire is being held in custody at the county jail. Richards said he will likely be charged for manslaughter on up to 44 counts.

"I don't even know what to say," said the

student who started the fire, whose name has yet to be released. "I was just trying to get high so I could focus when studying for my pre-pre algebra exam. Now my life is over forever."

Classes are canceled for the remainder of the week, and the Counseling Center hired 14 temporary grief counselors for students to talk to.

President Eisler will appear in a press conference at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at the University Center ballroom to discuss the FLITE fire and the next steps.

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Ferris undeterred by obvious danger weather presents

Hypothermia isn't all that bad, right?

Chirps McHagelin

Retired High School Quarterback

This week marks the 97th anniversary of the last time Ferris State canceled classes due to inclement weather.

Of course, in that span the students have faced blizzards, mountains of snow and hypothermic subzero windchills, but the university prides itself on providing education even in the face of the obvious danger that walking to class on such days presents.

"It's not really that bad," says Ferris marketing senior Delbert Gutierrez. "Around this time of year people walking to class tend to get frostbite and have chunks of their fingers and toes fall off. Walking on the severed pieces of flesh really helps the rest of us to maintain traction and not slip on the ice."

Ferris recognizes that students walking across campus in the frozen tundra that is Big Rapids are at risk, so in an attempt to mitigate that risk, the majority of on-campus housing is centralized near academic buildings. Wait, no it isn't.

Well at least there are plenty of parking spaces near buildings where classes are held allowing everybody to get a good spot so students won't have to be overexposed to frigid conditions walking through parking lots. Actually, never mind. That one isn't true either.

"I actually chose Ferris for its winters and steadfast refusal to cancel classes," said Ferris plastics sophomore and former rebel soldier that served on the ice planet Hoth. "It really shows persistence and dedication. Plus the conditions are basically the exact same as my home planet Hoth, if not colder."

According to university administrators, Ferris is hoping to eventually top the world record of 129 years without calling off class. The previous mark was set by a Catholic school during the Middle Ages, though its doors remained open primarily because its student body consisted of refugees that were forced to attend as a result of the Spanish Crusades.

Big Rapids weather forecast			
****	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
Temp.	0°F	Awful	Misery
Windchill	-11°F	-85°F	0°K
Wind speeds	36 mph	127 mph	Fatal
Chance of snow	Yes	110%	Duh
Chance of Ferris canceling classes	0%	0%	0%

Hallisy hell hole



What really lies below the vent?

Jackie Wuppers Lunch Lady

The vent belching hot—albeit putrid—air outside of Hallisy Hall can be a godsend for students walking to class on a frigid morning, but has anyone ever stopped to wonder where the warm air originates?

"I think it has something to do with the building's heating and cooling system," Ferris HVAC freshman James Stibletts said. "I'm not entirely sure though, propbably because I only went to class six times last semester."

If a heating and cooling system was to blame, it would seem rather peculiar that Hallisy is the only residence hall on Ferris' campus with a vent spewing hot fumes adjacent to its grounds, despite every building having the same system for regulating temperature.

While this possibility is a decent enough guess, after some intense investigative journalism and a bit of breaking and entering, the truth can finally be revealed.

A creature lives below Hallisy Hall. It is not of this earth, yet it doesn't seem to have descended to our world from space either.

The creature crawled forth from the very depths of hell.

It's an enormous snake-like creature with venomous fangs and blood-red scales. Think of the basilisk from "Harry Potter," but with more eyes and sharp, jagged appendages.

This creature exhales the foul-smelling gas that some students resort to walking through during their colder commutes. Yet it doesn't lie dormant without feeding.

The hell spawn below Hallisy must be fed once per month, and it feasts on only one thing.

Human flesh.

So how does Ferris appease this bloodthirsty creature without raising eyebrows or amber alerts?

That question can be answered with another question. Have you ever seen a group of 20 yellow baggers exit the Timme Building, only to see 19 of them make it back?

Yes, that twentieth member of the pack is sacrificed. Sometimes the tour guides lure them into the lair with promises of sorority girls that, "just love younger guys." Other times, they are assured that a real life college rave lies on the other side of the heavy wooden door seperating mankind from the serpent.

Whatever the excuse, Ferris finds ways to keep its biggest and hungriest secret happy so that it doesn't surface and pose a threat to the students actively attending Ferris. Speaking monetarily, the lives of touring high schoolers mean far less to the university than a full-time student already forking over their tuition money.

So long as the creature is picking its teeth free of yellow bags and "class of 2016" apparel, students at Ferris are safe, and can stroll through the warm air that the Hallisy hell hole offers.

Horror-scopes



Aries: March 21-April 19

If you're reading this, it's already too late.



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Your Aquarius friends are facing a difficult bout of turbulence. Help them to stay grounded by planning a surprise party for them!

Make sure they don't catch on to the plan!



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Have you ever had the world rupture beneath your feet and spew molten rock as the demons of hell drag you screaming into the underworld? No?! Well you're long overdue. Watch out this week.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

Play the following numbers in the lottery. 3-8-23. I can't promise you'll win on them or anything, but that is the date of your inevitable, painful death.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

You shouldn't have done that thing that you did, but now it's too late because you already did that thing that you did. You don't have much time left.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Members of ISIS will join and take over your RSO, but you'll be too focused on building your résumé to quit, resulting in you joining their ranks.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

You know how they say everybody has a dopple-ganger? Well yours just committed seven murders, and you're going to take the fall for it.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

Your dreams of stardom will come true when you appear on the evening news after a heroin junkie lights you on fire.



Saggitarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

Your parents will finally admit that you are adopted, right before they try to give you back.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

She's pregnant.



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Every Taurus you know is conspiring against you. They are always watching and nowhere is safe. Don't trust them. Try to get the upper hand by playing dumb until you have the opportunity to strike first.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

You're going to have your tongue ripped out by coyotes, then have your eyeballs stung by wasps until they swell and explode. Following those minor setbacks, you'll find a long-forgotten five dollars in that pair of jeans you haven't worn in months. So that's cool.



Ask Woodbridge

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"I've successfully claimed some prime real estate in my lecture hall through the first weeks of class. It's in a dark corner in the back, so I can sleep through class and the professor hardly even notices! It's been great so far, but I'm worried that once the semester starts to wear on people, they'll challenge me for my unofficial assigned seat. How do I prevent seat swipers?"

- Back Row Bro

Your first plan of action should be to take the animal kingdom route. In the wild, it is customary to urinate on one's property in order to claim ownership. So do that.

If that doesn't work, eat a can of beans every day before class. As everyone knows, beans are the magical fruit and the more you eat, the more you toot. The constant flatulence emerging from your rectum will repel your competition.

If pissing and farting doesn't work, the last option you have is to use your mechanical pencil to dig a chasm to the center of the earth to serve as a barrier around your seat. Watch as the pitiful potential seat-stealers fall to their fiery deaths.

- Woodbridge

"I'm really having a hard time adjusting to my new professor. Her teaching style is rather robotic, and her movements autonomous. Honestly, I'm a bit worried that she's some kind of experimental android, and even more worried about my grade.

It's gotten so bad that I even briefly considered trying to sleep my way to a passing grade, but there's one fatal flaw in that plan. Robots can't feel love, Woodbridge. THEY CAN'T FEEL LOVE.

My plea isn't that she's fired, (or has her battery removed, depending on the validity of this android theory), but that I can just manage to scrape by with at least a C+. What can I do to help my chances?"

- Me actually, in real life

Bring your professor a steaming mug of motor oil every day before class to grease her gears and get you on her shiny side.

Sleeping your way to a C+ is not a bad idea. While robots cannot feel love, this does not mean they can't feel pleasure; however, since you are human and she is a robot, it would not end well for you. Trust me on that one—Ferris has been employing robot professors since I founded the university (we hardly have to pay them anything, but that's another story). Screwdrivers, wrenches and hammers are all pleasing to the average mechanical female. When in doubt, just put it in her tailpipe.

As a last resort, there is nothing robots love more than the destruction of the human race. If you're really set on getting a C+, offer the professor your life as payment. You'll be dead, of course, but at least you'll have that C+!

- Woodbridge



Drinking for glory

FSU bookstore holds Captain Morgan posing contest to promote Ferris branded drinkware

Lee Ho Dam *Blind Cobbler*

Ferris State University held a contest at their bookstore to determine the student with the best drunken pose while imitating the Captain Morgan brand mascot.

The idea came to staff at the bookstore after noticing a slight decrease in Ferris branded shot glasses from \$8,000 last spring, to just \$6,750 this past semester. The FSU bookstore included a cash prize of \$100 to the student with the best pose, with runners up getting \$75 and \$50 for second and third place respectively.

"We wanted to promote our products in the store, so what better way than to hold a drinking contest that included the iconic pose of Captain Morgan?" said FSU bookstore manager Cheryl Waters. "We set up a mini-bar selling shots of Captain to students over 21. There was a lot of falling down, but overall it was a good time."

Most students had a blast participating despite some vomit and minor injuries after knocking over some bookshelves. What was most attractive to students besides the prize money was the bookstore holding a promotional price. Five dollars was the going price for a shot glass adorned with the iconic Bulldog logo the majority of the day, and the price was reduced to three dollars during the bookstore's "dead hour."

"For a while the line was backed up outside the building and around the corner. I was pretty lucky to get in line at a decent spot so I barely made it in for the happy hour," said FSU business management senior John McKenney. "I'm stoked about the hundred bucks, too. I'm definitely going to Shooters if I win."

McKenney participated in the posing contest after downing seven shots in a row and getting his photograph in Captain Morgan's famous pose. He immediately vomited on the floor afterward.

"I'm missing class for this. Who can pass up a chance at \$100 for more beer? Who knows, I might even drive down to the Lansing Deja Vu if I win," said FSU information technologies junior Ricardo Ross. FSU's Bulldog Brutus was at the promotion tipping up students arms who would sometimes get skittish after the third or fourth shot and patting students on the back after their fifth shot.

An impromptu cheer squad joined Brutus after several students wanted to turn back during the contest.

"There were a lot of girls, and some guys too, that started cheering and chanting for their fellow shot takers along with Brutus. It was a really good time," said FSU marketing senior Chelsey Griffin.

Student workers were being encouraged to pick up shifts to help with the clean up.

"The promotion was a huge success," said Waters after the alcohol was gone. "Not only did we make up our shortfall from last year, we blew our best one-day sales record out of the water by raising over \$5,000 in drinking glassware sales. We even sold a good amount of Ferris branded beer mugs and wine glasses."

The winner of the contest will be determined by next Monday.

New digs for hockey team

Ferris to begin construction on hockey team-only residence "palace"

Frank Cappacetti

Professional Wrestler

Ferris State has decided that the hockey team has brought in enough money for the university that they should give back to the players.

Administrators have concluded that they will build a dormitory strictly for the hockey team. The goal is to give the players room to study, relax and enjoy their experience at Ferris State to its fullest.

The plan is to build the complex where parking lots 20, 23, 47, and 48 currently are, just outside of Ewigleben Sports Complex, where the Bulldogs play hockey.

"From what we hear from our students, they have plenty of parking. Almost too much, actually," said Bob Roberts, the Head of the Decision-Making Department at Ferris State.

Hockey players will each have their own rooms, with a guest bedroom, a living area and two bathrooms with a jacuzzi in each. A 24-hour personal chef, server, security and a chauffeur will also be assigned to each player to ensure a comfortable living environment. Multiple door attendants and receptionists will be available in the lobby, as well as a bell-hop if needed.

The players are obviously excited.

"Bro, I'm gonna get to skate around with my flow bros on the weekends while we're saucin' passes and beatin' asses. Then, during the week, I get to chill with my boys until practice, which is pretty sick cause the ice is right next door. I can't really think of anything better than that, my man," said one player.

The seniors on the team are disappointed that they"ll be missing out on the new addition.

"Honestly, I'm debating breaking my own leg so that I can try to get a medical redshirt and stay one more season just for the jacuzzi," said one player.

The university did not give an exact figure for how much the project will cost but one administrator said, "Well when you add it all up in brass tax, it's gonna cost us, uhhh, well a shit ton of money."

"We're also trying to stimulate the local economy, ya know, create jobs," said Roberts, "Gotta hire people to plan, to build and to work at the place when it's all finished up."

Roberts said that employment services will be taking applications for these positions starting at the end February.

Construction is planned to start at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, and there is no immediate time frame for when the project will be completed.

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Marshall Scheldt

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"I feel like we added even more depth than what we had last year."

- Conner Hunt See page 11 for story

Shooting for the top



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Senior point guard Jibreel Jackson has been playing important minutes for the 15-3 Bulldogs, averaging 6.7 points, 2.8 assists, and 25.6 minutes per game.

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris State men's basketball will take on No. 1 in-conference Saginaw Valley State, rival Grand Valley State and GLI-AC opponent Hillsdale with first place on the line.

Ferris and these three teams will alternate matchups with each other this week.

First for the Bulldogs is the No. 7 in-conference Hillsdale Chargers. The Bolts go to Big Rapids having lost three of their last five games. Last year, these teams split the series.

Sophomore guard Noah King said, "We've been preparing for Kyle Cooper who is considered a great player in the GLIAC."

Senior forward Kyle Cooper leads the GLIAC in points per game and is second in three-point percentage with 23.2 and 45.2 respectively. His 6-foot-7-inch frame could cause matchup problems for the Bulldogs whose tallest perimeter player is senior Josh Fleming at 6-foot-6-inches.

King expects Fleming to see action against Cooper.

Ferris beat the Saginaw Valley Cardinals twice last year by five points per game. At the time, the Cards were No. 2 in the GLIAC. The roles are now

switched.

Saginaw Valley is No. 1 at 10-2 in the GLIAC, one game ahead of Ferris at 9-3. The top team coming to town is bringing motivation to the Bulldogs.

Sophomore guard Drew Cushingberry said, "Taking on the No. 1 team is motivation but it should be fun. We're trying to win the GLIAC and this is what we play for. This is who we have to knock off."

Cushingberry is fourth in the GLIAC in assist to turnover ratio with three assists per game. This displays this team's mentality of "sharing the ball and having fun."

The other half of that team mentality instilled by head coach Andy Bronkema is defense and rebounding. The Bulldogs did just that as the team held the Cards to 23 points in the second half of the first game. Center Jared Stolicker had 17 rebounds total.

Junior guard Quentin Ruff said, "Coach stuck that mentality in our head at the beginning of the season and beat it in our brains, but every player on this team has the mentality to win. Everybody's going to do what they got to do to get that win."

After Saginaw Valley, Ferris will have the Grand Valley State Lakers in their sights.

Last year, the Bulldogs won the first game in overtime 96-85 on the road, then blew the Lakers out of Big Rapids 77-55.

Cushingberry said, "Last year we came out with a lot of intensity and we have to do that again. We're a tough gritty team that knows how to win and make big plays when it's time to make big plays."

Grand Valley is in a four-way tie for third place at 8-4, a game behind Ferris. All of the Lakers' losses were to top five GLIAC opponents.

Anticipation is high for this year's matchup like it is in every sport between these rivals, but it is too early for the Ferris players to look ahead.

Ruff said, "We're taking this one game at a time. We're just worried about Hillsdale right now, but you can tell a lot of people are looking forward to it."

If Ferris wins out through Monday, they will be No. 1 in the GLIAC. However, they could share that spot.

The Bulldogs will be 12-3 after winning against Hillsdale, Saginaw Valley and Grand Valley. In this scenario, the Cardinals must win against Hillsdale and Grand Valley to share No. 1. If not, Saginaw Valley falls to No. 2.

The Dawgs will be at Hillsdale at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28, then host Saginaw Valley State at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30 and Grand Valley State at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1.



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Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

Grabbing 63 saves and boasting a .955 save percentage after last weekends battle with the Bemidji State Beavers was Ferris State freshman Darren Smith, who earns top dawg nods this week.

The 6-foot, 184-pound freshman from Ontario, Canada has started 16 of the Bulldogs' 26 games between the pipes this season and has been garnering national attention in the process. Smith was recently

named WCHA Rookie of the Week after his performance against Alabama-Huntsville on Jan. 15-16, and he was awarded the distinction for the second consecutive week for his work against the Beavers.

After logging just 45 minutes through the Bulldogs first five regular season contests, Smith has emerged as the go-to goalie for the Dawgs as of late. He has started 16 of the past 21 games in the crease.

Having tallied 465 saves, a .928 save percentage and a .618 win percentage thus far this season, Smith is on pace to outperform last season's performance by Bulldog alum CJ Motte. Motte finished his senior season with a .922 save percentage and a .482 win percentage, which are both marks that Smith has surpassed thus

The Bulldogs will next see action this weekend when they head to Alaska in hopes of improving their 9-7-4 WCHA record. It'll be a late start in Fairbanks, with the faceoff set for 11:07 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6.

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FEB 4TH



MARK ROSE

Mark is best known as a solo artist, and as former front man of indie/emo rock band Spitalfield. He has spent the greater part of the past decade writing, recording, and performing-and is showing no signs of slowing down.

FEB 11TH



RIVAL SUMMERS

Rival Summers is a pop band from Detroit, MI. Since its conception in 2008, the band has released two EPs and two full length albums, and has toured extensively showcasing their own brand of honest and uplifting pop music all across the United States. The band is currently working on their newest full length album due for release in early 2016.

FEB 18TH

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Ferris tennis will utilize depth as season begins

Mark Hansen

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State men's tennis team has hit the courts getting ready to start the season against new GLIAC member, Dav-

The Ferris State men's tennis team is back in action as practices have gotten longer and the Bulldogs' season has be-

Last year, the Bulldogs were able to make it to the second round of the NCAA midwest regional final but lost to Drury 5-2.

It's a new season and a different group of Bulldogs to lead the way to winning another regular season GLIAC championship. Ferris won the outright regular season championship for the first time in 20 years and were also close to winning the GLIAC tournament championship as well but lost in the finals. The Bulldogs have a new identity as they are without former number one Laurent Galarneau and other key players Roger Hernandez and Aaron

"I think we were definitely spoiled last year with having guys like Laurent Galarneau, Roger Hernandez and Vasil Surduk as our top three; they basically gave us three number one players and Tyler Bridges, who played four, is very experienced," said coach Chad Berryhill. "Those top four were really good and our doubles were exceptionally good at the end of the year. This year we are not as spoiled at the top, but we definitely have some good guys."

Berryhill said that this new roster will feature some players who lack experience. "Those big top three guys aren't all

there as Vasil is the only one back and will depend on him a lot to play the top of the lineup," said Berryhill. "We are 10 guys deep so each and everyone of those guys could easily play in the lineup because we have depth." Berryhill said.

Two guys that are going to be in the lineup that will definitely play a huge role will be freshman Till Von Winning and Stew

"Both of those guys have big games, both definitely have experience from the juniors and how that's going to carry over to college tennis will be interesting. Till's a guy who very well could have beaten the guy who won our regional in the fall as he barely lost to him in a third set, but we know that Till can play at a high level. Stew was a state champion in Michigan and he's played a lot of good guys, he knows quite a few guys over at Western and trains with a bunch of the Western guys, so I don't think the big stage will be a problem for him," Berryhill said.

Conner Hunt was able to play sixth in the lineup last year and will be working to be in the lineup again as he knows this lineup is going to be tough.

"I feel like we added even more depth than what we had last year. Everyone can beat everyone on any given day, so it makes for a lot of competition at practice. I still see myself as able to play and contribute in the lineup. There are a lot of quality guys who can play and win on our team, so we really can't go wrong with whoever ends up making it," Hunt said.

The Bulldogs will be in action as they begin their season Friday, Feb. 5. at 11 a.m. at the Ferris State Racquet and Fit-



FSU junior Conner Hunt is a key returning player for the Bulldog tennis team this season.



Hockey building momentum

Marshall Scheldt

Sports Editor

The Ferris State hockey team might be finding their game.

The Bulldogs have amassed six points in their last four WCHA games. Though the Dawgs are yet to fully sweep a weekend, they have grinded their way to a win and a tie in each of their last two series.

In mid-January, the Bulldogs tied Alabama-Huntsville 3-3 in the first game of their series and then earned a 4-1 win the following

Last weekend was a similar story. Ferris traveled to Minnesota to take on the Bemidji State Beavers in a matchup of two teams close in the WCHA standings.

The Dawgs got a crucial two points in an overtime thriller on Friday, Jan. 22. Ferris scored first, but soon trailed Bemidji by a goal after the Beavers' John Parker scored two goals to take a 2-1 lead.

The outcome looked grim for the Bulldogs as they trailed late into the third period, but with just 25 seconds left, FSU senior defenseman Simon Denis ripped a shot past the Bemidji goalie for his fifth goal of the season.

It didn't take the Dawgs very

long in overtime to seal the deal. Just 47 seconds into the overtime period, FSU sophomore forward Mitch Maloney banged one in to give the Bulldogs a 3-2 victory in a budding rivalry game.

Three goals seems to be the magic number for the Bulldogs this season, as they are 9-2-3 overall when scoring three or more goals and just 3-7-3 when putting the biscuit in the basket less than three times.

The following night, the Bulldogs and the Beavers were back at it. This time, the game wasn't quite as exciting. Once again, Ferris struck first, but not until early in the third period on a goal by sophomore forward Andrew Mayer.

The Beavers answered back with under six minutes left in the game. The rest of the third period and the subsequent overtime would go scoreless for both teams.

The Bulldogs have a week off and won't be back at it until Friday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 6 against Alaska. The games will take place in Fairbanks and will begin at 11:07 p.m. EST.

Ferris currently sits at 11-9-6 overall and 9-7-4 in the WCHA which is good enough to be tied with Michigan Tech for third place.

Bulldogs celebrate after a goal by Ferris State junior forward Jared VanWormer, who has three goals on the season.

Sports Shorts

Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

FSU boasts 78 student-athletes on GLIAC all-academic team

A total of 78 Ferris State student athletes were rewarded for their work in the classroom when they received Fall GLIAC All-Academic laurels last Friday, lan 22

Six different athletic programs were represented among those named to the team, including volley-ball, football, soccer, women's tennis and men's and women's cross country.

In order to qualify, the student-athlete must be an active member of a team at the end of the fall semester and have at least a 3.0. If a student-athlete achieves a 3.5 or higher he or she is placed on the Academic Excellence team.

Women's basketball drops two on the road

The Ferris State women's basketball squad suffered two road losses last week, moving their overall record to 3-15, and stretching their losing streak to six straight

The first loss came at the hands of Northwood on Thursday, Jan. 21, when they fell 62-57. Despite Ferris sophomore forward Rachel McInery netting 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds for a double-double, the Dawgs were unable to overcome Northwood's balanced scoring attack and 20 points from the bench.

Then, on Jan. 23, the Dawgs lost by double digits to Lake Superior State 62-51. Leading the team in points once again was McInery who scored 18 and fell just short of a second consecutive double-double with nine rebounds. Contributing nine points and four rebounds off the bench was Ferris freshman guard Margo Brown, who clocked 25 minutes in the contest.

The Bulldogs next shot at earning a win will be when they hit the road at Hillsdale this Thursday, Jan. 28. Tipoff against the Chargers is set for 6 p.m.

New teams joining GLIAC

Marshall Scheldt

Sports Editor

Ferris State athletics will be seeing some new competition in the years to come.

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) has announced the addition of two new schools joining the GLIAC after accepting membership.

The announcement, made on Thursday, Jan. 14 will see the addition of Davenport University and Purdue University Calumet, pending acceptance into the NCAA membership process. Both universities are part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) currently and are expected to begin GLIAC competition in the 2017-2018 academic year.

The GLIAC currently has 16 total teams, but by the year 2017, the additions of Davenport and Purdue Calumet will not be the only changes to occur in the conference.

In July, Malone will be entering the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC). Five other teams announced last June that they will be leaving the GLIAC for the GMAC in 2017. Those teams include Hillsdale, Walsh, Findlay, Lake Erie and Ohio Dominican. This will bring the GLIAC total to 12 teams by the time 2017 rolls around.

Davenport is currently in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) of the NAIA and are more than prepared to make the jump to Division II and the GLIAC. Starting in 2011, Davenport has won the WHAC All-Sports Trophy for five straight years.

With the addition of the two teams and the departures of others, the GLIAC will be a much different picture come next year.

Track and field running into SVSU open

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State men's and women's track and field team are ready to run into Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) at the end of the month to get their season rolling.

Bulldog track and field officially kicked off their 2016 portion of the season on Friday, Jan. 15 when they made the trip to Allendale to take on a number of Division I programs as well as GLIAC schools in the GVSU Bob Eubanks Open. With that meet under their belt, the team will be heading to Saginaw Valley State on Saturday, Jan. 30 to compete in the SVSU Cardinal Open.

The team, now beginning its second full year under head coach Jared Kelsh, has acclimated well to the change of leadership and enjoy the new management according to junior thrower Rachel Long.

"Kelsh brings a different atmosphere to the team that we didn't have before," Long said. "He definitely motivates our runners before and during our meets and he is actually interested in how the throwers are competing."

Long led her team in the weight throw at the Grand Valley meet coming in 17th place.

Junior distance runner Logan Hammer said the team is very excited to test their limits this season.

"We have a very young team with very high potential," Hammer said. "After get-

ting one race in, we know what we need to improve on. Ferris has never been a team to go to the GLIAC conference meet and win everything."

Hammer, who led all Bulldogs in the mile with 15th place at the GVSU Open, is confident that his teammates are capable of bringing in some wins to the organization. Hammer said that even though the Bulldog track and field team doesn't receive a lot of recruits or publicity, what they do have is a team of very dedicated athletes.

"People may not realize it, but because we are one of the only schools in the conference without an indoor track facility, we have to run every run and every workout outside," Hammer said. "If it's 10 below zero and snowing, the Ferris team is outside, working out, running in the roads, between cars, in the slush, with frozen mud up to our chest. That's what makes this team so amazing to be a part of."

The dedication shown by the Dawgs is a good sign of things to come for Ferris State track and field who hope to build off of a good showing at Grand Valley.

Long summed up the team's goals when she said, "I think a lot of us are looking forward to making a name for Ferris State track not just as individuals, but as a team."

The team will head to SVSU for the Cardinal open on Saturday, Jan. 30 to continue a season that they hope makes a statement for Bulldog track and field.

TRACK AND FIELD SPORTS SCHEDULE

January-April

Jan. 30 at SVSU Cardinal Open **Univ. Center, Mich**

> Feb. 12 at GVSU Big Meet **Allendale, MI**

Feb. 13 at GVSU Big Meet **Allendale, MI**

Feb. 19 at GVSU Tune Up **Allendale, MI**

Feb. 27 at GLIAC Championships **Tiffin, Ohio**

Feb. 28 at GLIAC Championships **Tiffin, Ohio**

March 26 at Dick Small Invitational **Defiance, Ohio**

> April 2 Bulldog Open **Big Rapids, MI**

April 9
at Michigan State
Spartan Invite
East Lansing, MI

April 22 at GVSU AI Owens Invite Allendale, MI

April 23 at GVSU AI Owens Invite Allendale, MI

April 28 at HIIIsdale Gina Relays **HiIIsdale, MI**

April 29 at Hillsdale Gina Relays **Hillsdale, Mi**

> April 29 at Aquinas Open **Grand Rapids, MI**

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Lifestyles Editor klingeh@ferris.edu "Music doesn't privilege one group over another group." - Carrie Weis Stermer See below for story



Photo by: Nick Vander Wulp | Reporter

This vintage vinyl player with vinyl butterflies is a piece in the FSU Fine Art Gallery exhibit, Indie Incubator: "All About the Vinyl," which opens Friday, Jan. 29.

FSU Fine Art Gallery celebrates history of music

Nick Vander Wulp

Torch Reporter

Stylized vinyl records, old vinyl covers, dusty diamond-tipped players, music-themed skateboards and photography deck the Ferris State University Fine Art Gallery.

Carrie Weis Stermer, director of the FSU Fine Art Gallery, said the motivation for new art in the gallery, set to open Friday, Jan. 29, is the celebration of music and how it transcends barriers.

"What has been designed transcends any particular generation or genre of music," said Stermer. "It's really inclusive, so you have things that represent historic jazz artists up to contemporary, modern artists. You get to think about what music means to you and you can see and understand that music is one of the artistic forms that doesn't look at race or gender. Music doesn't privilege one group over another group. Music really opens the barriers in the sense that you just listen to it, it sounds great, it makes you feel great and it doesn't matter who made it."

Smithsonian Folkways Music and their work in publishing and documenting people's music from around the world was an inspiration to the music

industry management students working on the vinyl-themed gallery. Laura Dion, a marketing specialist from Smithsonian Folkways, will be a guest speaker on the opening night of the art gallery.

"Smithsonian Folkways is a department within the Smithsonian Institute," said Stermer. "That they have someone willing to come here to Ferris and talk to our students and our community, share what they do and tell how we can be involved in what they do—it's appreciated."

Students from Kendall College of Art and Design (KCAD) created graphics for skateboard decks as part of the vinyl music theme in 2015. Some decks feature musicians Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon, Freddie Mercury, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley and Jim Morrison. Most other decks feature vinyl records, a cassette tape and other music-related images.

"The concept for the deck was all about the vinyl and how music has transcended barriers," said KCAD graphic design senior Dru Hornak. "When I began the concept, I was thinking about how to visually portray that. I started listening to multiple types of music and then I realized music is universal. So I decided to hand draw the word "music" in graffiti in the seven most common languages."

While the gallery is open, some of the music that

will be playing is part of the Don Halm Collection donated to Ferris, which includes more than 1,900 vinyl albums. Ted Halm, who has been the Ferris sports information director for 34 years and is now web content manager for the university, donated the music to Ferris.

Stermer expressed how excited and grateful she is to have worked with students in the music industry management program at Ferris as well as partners from some of the other disciplines on campus who have helped make this gallery possible.

Ferris plastics technology engineering senior Nathan Lee assisted with the vinyl art project. He helped to make and rework the vinyl cut-outs from the drawings submitted by art students.

Lee said lending his insight to the actual making of the vinyl records in the project was a really great experience.

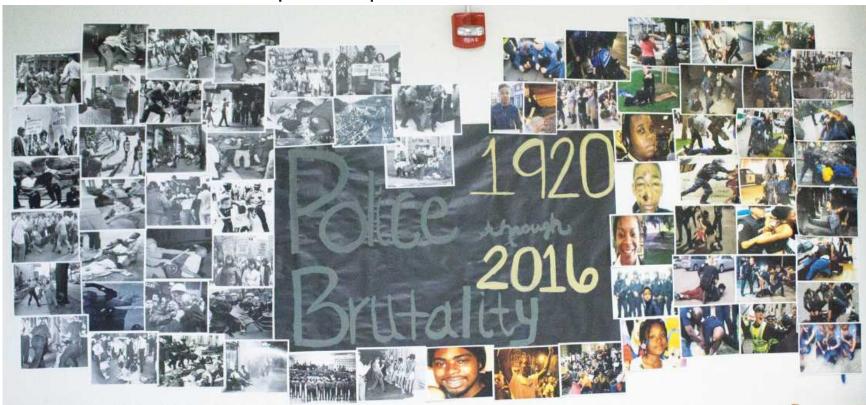
"I thought it was cool," said Lee. "Even though I didn't work very closely with the art students, it was nice to collaborate with them and see what they envisioned and wanted on a vinyl record."

The art gallery Indie Incubator: "All about the Vinyl" opens at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29 in the Fine Art Gallery located inside the University Center.

Week of Jan. 27 - Feb. 2, 2016

Tunnel of Oppression

A few of the impactful pieces from OMSS' 2016 exhibit



hoto by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

This display exhibited various pictures of police brutality against blacks in the United States from 1920 to 2016. The pictures included recent controversial incidents such as Trayvon Martin of Sanford, Fla., Eric Garner of Staten Island, N.Y., Freddie Gray of Baltimore, Md., Michael Brown of Ferguson, Mo. and Laquan MacDonald of Chicago., Ill

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Lifestyles Editor

Every week of MLK Day, pictures, posters, documents and displays hang in Ward Hall's basement depicting forms of oppression in the United States. The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) organizes this event each year. Some of the topics covered in the 2016 Tunnel of Oppression were racism, sexism, various forms of privilege, religion, the Syrian refugee crisis, sexual orientation, gender identity and many more.

"It's not about assigning guilt, and it's not about feeling shame, but it's about turning whatever emotion you have while walking through the exhibit into awareness or action," said the hall director of Cramer Hall, Joseph Rolnicki, who helped plan the 2016 exhibit.



Photo by: Nick Vander Wulp | Reporter

Some quotes from this straight male privilege poster include "Expressing affection in most social situations and not expecting hostile or violent reactions from others" and "Raise, adopt and teach children without people believing that you will molest them or force them into your sexuality."



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Below this picture read a quote by Donald Trump that highlights modern day sexism:

"Look at that face! Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine, the face of our next president, I mean, she's a woman, and I'm not supposed to say bad things, but really, folks, come on. Are we serious?" - Trump talking about Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Next to these pictures was this quote by Phyllis Chesler:

"When I say that women are oppressed, I do not mean that men are never oppressed. Men are, but not because of their gender, but because they are poor men, or racially despised men, or homosexual men or men who do not conform to strict gender stereotypes. Women are oppressed in these ways, too, and in addition, because of their gender."

tinderactions

Dude: You are very attractive.

Me: Thank you.

Dude: Do you not take compliments well?

feel sad, possibly even despair.

Me: How dare you.

Dude: What if all the vodka in the world ran out? I bet you'd

Dude: Hi. Can I be honest with you? I'm a pretty straight forward guy.

Me: Sure, straight forward is good.

Dude: I'm usually a nice guy, but I'm in a rage mode to have some really rough and kinky sex.

Dude: Are you ticklish?

Me: I think so.

Dude: I bet you respond well to that.

Me: I get violent.

Dude: I'm stronger.

Me: That's uncomfortable.

Dude: Are you a Barbie doll?

Me: No, I'm not.

Dude: Really? Because your boobs look

too good to be real.

Dude: Hi, so I'm sorry but I was looking at your photos and fell down the stairs. I'm going to need your phone number for insurance reasons.

Dude: I enjoy long walks on the beach while the sun sets, eating ice cream cones, turtle racing and reading/writing poetry.

Dude: If you were a vegetable, you'd be a cutecumber!

Dude: Shower pickles are the best thing to wake up to after a night out.

Me: What's a shower pickle?

Dude: I have no idea. I just wanted to see if you'd respond.

Kira Poncin

Copy Editor

Tinder, the favorite dating app of many single 20-somethings, sparked an idea, which I've dubbed "tinderactions." Such instant interactions with the singles in your area can often be flattering or even romantic, but more often than not, it's funny or downright creepy. Below are some of the "tinderactions" I've collected during my time on Tinder; some are my own experiences and others were shared with me.

Although it may seem like I'm poking fun at these earnest gentlemen who are just looking for love in a hook up, it should be noted that above all, I appreciate the right swipe, the momentary company and the laugh at their expense. See you on Tinder, Ferris State lads.

To share your own Tinder experiences, go to ferrisstatetinder-actions.tumblr.com/submit.

Dude: My dogs are the bomb. The female humps the male daily.

Dude: Do you have a lot of credit card

aept?

Me: No. None at all.

Dude: Do you have a history of being a crazy white girl?

Me: What??

Dude: Are you a crazy white girl?

Me: ...No.

Dude: Okay, just seeing if I want you to

be my girlfriend.

Me: Ummmm no.

Dude: No?

Me: NO.

Dude: Has your name always been Kira

or is that like a recent thing?

Dude: You're kind of mean.

Me: I know.

Dude: You should remedy that. **Me:** The only thing that needs to be remedied is this empty wine glass.

TORUM CONTROL

Torch staff members write about a slightly embarrassing aspect of his or her life because hey, we all have those.

Like a lot of others out there, I love to shop.

You name it—I'm always excited to purchase new shoes, new books to read or video games to play. However, over the past few years, I've realized how annoying the physical task of shopping is, especially in malls and department stores. However, I still like to go to the mall. I'm kind of a walking contradiction.

First, certain types of sales associates annoy the crap out of me. You know, the ones who practically follow you around the store trying to upsell you as much as possible or ask you every five minutes if you need any help. I'm perfectly fine and if I need help, I'll ask for it—thank you.

Now, I completely understand that it's a sales associate's job to help their customers, and I'm also aware that companies constantly prod their employees to interest the buyer in buying more than they came in for. However, I've dealt with a ton of store employees who completely overstepped this concept. I don't need a personal assistant while I browse for a new pair of jeans.



Jen Corrie Torch Reporter

With that being said, I don't hate all sales reps and I've had plenty who were very polite and helpful but didn't overstep any boundaries, especially in stores like LUSH and Hot Topic. However, some other stores in the mall and elsewhere should take notes from their employees.

Second, some of the other mall-goers seriously need to take a chill pill. I kid you not, I've gotten a dirty look from a 13-year-old girl who looked like she'd walked out of an ad for Forever 21 because I took too long putting various toppings on my FroYo. (I was trying to make a frozen yogurt banana split, okay? That requires more than one topping.)

I've also had the parking space that I was politely and obviously waiting for stolen by a woman in an SUV who was the definition of an aggressive driver.

At a mall outside Boston, I got a bottle of Dr. Pepper from

a vending machine that fizzed over upon opening. There was a smoothie place nearby, so I asked the cashier if I could have some napkins, since there were none to take on the counter. She seemed confused, so I told her what happened. She narrowed her eyes at me and asked, "Nothing to eat or drink?" I replied, "No, thank you, I just need some napkins please." She proceeded to gingerly hand me a single napkin from behind the counter and looked at me as though I was a complete scumbag for not ordering a smoothie with it.

However, despite being constantly annoyed with mall shopping, I still find myself wanting to take a trip to the mall every once in awhile. I have no idea why, since I find online shopping perfectly dandy. Maybe it's because it's something I can do outside of my hometown for a breath of fresh air. Maybe it's because online shopping simply isn't the same, despite its conveniences. The world may never know.

Knock knock

"30 Rock" star to host comedy event

Travis Sacher

Torch Reporter

Have you ever dreamed about making the crowd at Williams Auditorium burst out in laughter?

If you have, you will finally have your chance on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. when One Joke Wonder takes to the main stage of the auditorium.

One Joke Wonder will be brought to you and hosted by actor Kevin Brown, who is best known for his role as Dot Com in the television series "30 Rock." Thanks to Entertainment Unlimited (EU), Ferris' student body will be captivated by this comedic competition.

The show is run by students who volunteer to tell jokes while Kevin Brown serves as the main emcee. Students who attend should expect a night full of fun and laughter. The set up will be similar to an open mic night for musicians or a poetry slam.

Over the course of the show, students will have the opportunity to go on stage and tell any joke of their choice. The joke can come from anywhere: another come-

dian, a book, previously told to them or entirely original. These one-time comedians will want to choose the joke they believe will give them the best chance at winning over the crowd with laughs and cheers. The audience will reply with their opinion on each joke. At the end of the show, the One Joke Wonder trophy will be handed out to the volunteer who received the greatest and loudest laughs.

Ferris music industry management junior and EU programming coordinator Lacie Tryan brought One Joke Wonder to campus. Tryan is a big fan of the show "30 Rock" and is ecstatic for One Joke Wonder.

"We thought this would be a fun event because it allows for the students to be involved," Tryan said. "I've found students like being involved in events rather than just sitting through them."

Tryan expects a great turnout for the show.

"Ferris students—come on out to One Joke Wonder and let your favorite joke be heard," Tryan said.

Visit EU's Facebook page and click on the One Joke Wonder event page for more information.



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