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The Ferris State hockey teams post season run came to an end in the Elite Eight when they fell to the Denver Pioneers 6-3, but not before they were crowned the WCHA Champions.

# End of the road

## Ferris hockey falls in the Elite Eight

Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor

The levee broke for the Ferris State hockey team late in their 6-3 loss against the University of Denver, putting an end to the Bulldogs' 2015-2016 season.

Ferris may have fallen, but they definitely did not give up easy, which was a mirror image of the rest of their season. It was a grind, but the Bulldogs never gave up.

"There's a lot of heart in that locker room," said Ferris junior captain Kyle Schempp in a post-game press conference. "Lot of great, great guys, and great seniors that lead our team. It's a special group, one I'll always remember. Biggest thing I'll take away is the heart in that locker room."

The Bulldogs won their first ever conference tournament championship and reached the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in Ferris history. Ferris State upset the No. 2 overall seed in the tournament and the No. 1 seed in the West Regional St. Cloud State in the first

round of the NCAA Tournament in a 5-4 overtime win.

Ferris wasn't as fortunate against Denver, but the Bulldogs made it further than many thought they would.

"Obviously disappointed in the loss and still a lot of pain," said Ferris head coach Bob Daniels after the game. "The reality, I know I mentioned it to the guys, is 48 hours from now it'll be quite a bit of joy. We still have a conference title and NCAA banner, so there is a lot to be thankful for."

After trading goals with the Pioneers for nearly three periods, the Bulldogs gave up three goals in the final 4:32 of the game to end their shot at the Frozen Four.

Denver doubled Ferris State's shot total 42-21 in the game, making it tough on Ferris State freshman goaltender Darren Smith. Smith made a barrage of saves to keep the Dawgs in it, but the offensive pressure of the Pioneers became too much for the Ferris defense and goaltender.

Ferris ended the year with a 20-15-6 overall record and a 13-11-4 mark in the WCHA. The

Bulldogs will graduate seven seniors and will return 20 players next season barring any transfers.

Defensemen Zach Dorer, Brandon Anselmini and Sean O'Rourke, along with forwards Kenny Babinski, Matt Robertson and goalie Ruben Medrano, were all at Xcel Energy Center for their last game as Bulldogs in the game against Denver.

"It's tough to say goodbye to the seniors," said Daniels. "They have won a lot of games for us, two conference titles, two NCAA tournaments, two regional finals. It's really especially painful. For as long as they've been on the ice for us they've been that good."



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Assistant captain, Sean O'Rourke with the Broadmoor Trophy.

### SEASON IN REVIEW

- Overall Record: 20-15-6
- Conference Record: 4-3-1
- Leading scorer: Gerald Mayhew (16)
- Longest winning streak: 5 games
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- Home attendance average: 1980

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# The old normal



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There is a whole portion of the Museum of Sexist objects devoted to misogynistic political propaganda comprised primarily of things targeting Hillary Clinton.



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There is memorabilia featured in the museum branded with phrases like: "How to train your bitch," "Ditch the bitch and let's ride," and "If he doesn't spank me, how will I know better?"

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

Many people think that sexism is yesterday's problem, but the Museum of Sexist Objects at Ferris proves otherwise.

The museum, which opened its doors in March 2015, is simply a room full of items that have sexism embedded in them. The objects were collected by David Pilgrim, Vice President for diversity and inclusion at Ferris.

There are multiple displays that represent the different parts of everyday life in which women encounter discrimination. This includes objects such as Barbie dolls draped in pink, magazines showing women in the kitchen or t-shirts with the words "It ain't cheatin' if she ain't breathin'."

"This is still happening, these mental structures are still out there," Ferris professor and lead faculty member for the Ferris Museum of Sexist Objects Tracy Busch said.

According to Busch, sexism is an issue that is often overlooked and the museum provides a place to view the matter firsthand.

"We kind of talk about gender after the fact," she said, "It's a useful category of analysis and must always be considered. If you put it all together, you realize there is something big going on."

The museum hosts many classes ranging from history and sociology, to communication and philosophy. The goal is to get more professors to bring their students and increase involvement and awareness.

"We don't think about it, we kind of just go with a lot of the stereotypes and don't critically analyze them," Busch said, "The museum gives you the opportunity to decode them."

Discussion of these problems is a major theme for the gallery. Ferris history junior Alyssa Rosebrugh has worked at the museum for over a semester and thinks there is room for conversations on the topic.

"The museum is very accessible and welcoming and very interested in questions and discussion," Rosebrugh said, "Most importantly, for me, is that students understand that being offended by something you see is normal and perfectly OK."

Rosebrugh believes that each student should visit the collection before they graduate.

"I think it's very important that student experience the museum, it allows an understanding of the severe sexism through the ages," she said.

This year marks the 30th year of the celebration of Women's History month. Ferris will conclude its celebration of the month on Thursday, March 31, with a showing and discussion of the movie "It's a Girl" and an expo entitled "Woman to Woman." Both events will take place in the IRC.

# Fraud at Menards, Walmart and Merrill Hall

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

Angela Graf

News Editor

### Let me in!

March 3, 7:50 p.m., officers investigated a broken door in Henderson Hall.

### Fraud at Menards

March 6, 3:25 p.m., officers assisted with a report of retail fraud at Menards. Two suspects were identified and lodged in jail.

### Failure to yield

March 7, 11:50 a.m., officers investigated a two-car accident. One person was injured and taken to the hospital and another was ticketed for failure to yield.

### Fraud at Walmart

March 12, 10:55 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff department with a retail fraud complaint at Walmart. One suspect was identified and lodged in jail.

### Improper plates

March 13, 12:45 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for improper plates. The driver was ticketed.

### Careless driver

March 15, 11:45 p.m., officers investigated a two-car accident in Lot 54. One driver was ticketed for careless driving.

### Damaged vehicle

March 16, 6 p.m., officers investigated a damaged vehicle in Lot 11. There were scratches on the passenger side that had been acquired sometime between March 14 and March 16.

### Too loud

March 18, 12:05 a.m., officers assisted housing staff with a loud party in the West Campus Apartments. The party was shut down and the attendees dispersed.

### Suspended license

March 18, 12:30 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle for defective equipment. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license and was ticketed.

### Wild night for this guy

March 18, 11:25 a.m., officers investigated a report of a disorderly subject in Lot 16, damaging vehicles as well as assaulting one stu-

dent. The subject was apprehended and lodged in the county jail.

### Breaking up is hard to do

March 19, 12:35 a.m., officers investigated a loud party complaint in the West Campus Apartments. They assisted in breaking up a party.

### Mystery smell

March 19, 11:15 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Cramer Hall. The source of the odor could not be determined.

### Weed in West Campus

March 19, 3:45 p.m., officers assisted the housing staff at West Campus Apartments with a marijuana complaint. The situation was handled by housing.

### Fraud in Merrill

March 20, 2:30 p.m., officers investigated a fraud complaint at Merrill Hall for unwanted credit card charges.

### You can't see me

March 21, 5 p.m., officers investigated a report of a disorderly subject in the Optometry Building. The suspected was removed from the premises.

From March 11 to March 24, the Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 579 violations totaling \$9,560.



# Ferris State Torch Corrections

Birkam Health Center's hours were incorrect in last week's edition. Birkam's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# Walking is so mainstream

## Students find alternative ways to get around campus

With the weather finally getting warmer, and traces of snow dissipating, shoes on the ground are slowly being replaced by wheels. People are finding different, faster and maybe lazier ways of moving between classes and around campus.

Bicycles are most prevalent. I see them lined up beside class buildings and residence halls. Less prevalent are skateboards and longboards, though still very popular. Very rare and maybe gone are the days of the scooter, the inline skate and the Segway though rumors persist.

And then there are wheelchairs, but that's different.

It was last September when I witnessed a hoverboard for the first time. To me it resembled a Segway people mover without handle controls. A young student was carefully teetering along the sidewalk near FLITE, momentarily lost balance and nearly landed headfirst into the concrete stairs leading to the building.

The hoverboard seems to be the latest fad in personal transportation, a sort of motorized skateboard rotated 90 degrees, perpendicular rather than parallel to the rider's direction of travel. You've probably seen them on Facebook. You might own one yourself. Though, if you have one on campus, you're committing a serious offense.

Ferris State's ban on hoverboards is a relatively new rule. It is not an isolated case. Campuses across the country are banning the device due to what is deemed a fire hazard.

"You cannot store them in your hall," said Sundrea Boykin, an administrative assistant of campus housing and senior in social work. "There are stories of them exploding and catching fire."

As with residence halls, they are banned in all campus buildings due to these reports of them causing fires. They are also banned from use on sidewalks as they do not contain any actual brakes.



Jonny Parshall  
Torch Reporter

"They're unpredictable," said Tre Hue, Ferris junior in electrical engineering. "It won't last long," he said referring to the trend.

I met Tre as he was standing at the top of a slight incline near the Timme building, about to escalate down the sidewalk on a longboard. Longboards are essentially elongated skateboards as one might assume from the moniker. It was a chance encounter as it was his first time on one.

"This is my first hill," said Hue. "I'm going to build it into an electric longboard. I need to learn how to ride it first."

He rode down the slope smoothly at first but bailed as his path grew steep and bumpy.

"He didn't make it very far," said nursing freshman Dakota Radloff, Hue's cousin and observer of the first attempt.

Like hoverboards, skateboards of all sizes also lack brakes, and therefore are not allowed on campus. Most riders are not aware of this rule. It's not a major offense, and they're rarely ticketed.

"We don't go out of our way to look for them," said Capt. James Cook, assistant director of Ferris DPS. "But there is an ordinance prohibiting them. They can be ticketed. It's been done in the past."

Normally DPS officers stop skateboarders to educate them of the ordinance. The rule covers any personal transportation device that lacks brakes.

Despite being a safety hazard, and therefore prohibited, skateboards are a perennial favorite and not likely to go away overnight. They are suggested to be a quick way to move around.

I met David Cory as he was returning to



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With the weather warming up students begin to scoot, bike and skateboard around campus.

his dorm with a skateboard in hand.

"Getting to class is downhill so it's fast," said Cory, a skateboarder and student in mechanical engineering. "Getting to my dorm is uphill. So it sucks."

Cory's message to fellow skaters resounded earlier words from Hue and Radloff: be careful.

"Don't be a burden to walkers," said Cory. "Try not to scare people. Look out for rocks."

"It's a good way to get around," said Radloff. "As long as everyone's parrying attention."

When told of a rule against skateboards, Cory's response was simple.

"I'd walk I guess."

"They don't mix well with pedestrians," said Capt. Cook. "We've had skateboarders run into cars. There have been accidents in the past."

David Cory, like many students, also rides his bicycle occasionally. There is no rule against riding bikes as long as they contain brakes and are secluded to use on roads. Still, sidewalks are a popular spot for bicycle sightings.

The main problem with bicycles, according to DPS, is theft.

"We do get bicycles stolen from the bike racks," said Capt. Cook. "Usually due to lack of securing them. Locks have been broken as well."

According to Cook, there were two reported thefts just last weekend.

There are many ways to move around campus, especially as the weather is nice and spirits are high. But it is always good to know the rules and be safe.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Angela Graf

News Editor

### "It's a Girl"

On March 31, the Diversity and Inclusion Office will be sponsoring a screening and discussion of the documentary film "It's a Girl." The film tells the stories of abandoned and trafficked girls, of women who suffer extreme dowry-related violence, of mothers fighting to save their daughters' lives, and of other mothers who would kill for a son.

One of the showings will be held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in IRC 104 and the other 6-8 p.m. in IRC 120 with discussion held by professors Teresa Bailey, Sharon Colley and Tracy Busch. For more details on the film, go to <http://www.itsagirlmovie.com/>.

### 2016 Women's Expo

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Epsilon chapter, will be sponsoring the 2016 Women's Expo on March 31 at 6 p.m. They are welcoming vendors to promote health, beauty tips and more. The expo is being held in the IRC Connector and will conclude in the Business room 111 with a guest speaker. For details on how to get involved, students can email [zetaepsilon-aka@gmail.com](mailto:zetaepsilon-aka@gmail.com).

### New art exhibit

Starting on April 4, the Ferris Fine Art Gallery, located on the second floor of the University Center in room 205, will be opening its doors with the new exhibit, "No Stone Unturned: Hybrid Landscapes & Eco Systems." This is a solo exhibit by Ethan Ross, recipient of Ferris State University's 2014 MFA Kendall Graduate Award. The gallery hours are:  
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# Ferris welding program receives hefty donation

Jonny Parshall

Torch Reporter

Students in Ferris State's welding engineering program can continue to work safely without the added costs thanks to a large donation from Airgas, Inc.

Airgas, Inc. is a Pennsylvania-based company specializing in the manufacturing and distribution of industrial, medical and specialty gases. It is the leading producer of atmospheric gases in the U.S. by volume and also supplies welding equipment and related products.

These donations stem from a partnership formed between the university and Airgas last year in an effort to boost welding trade and prevent the decline of skilled welders in the nation.

The donation—valued at \$50,000—covers a range of personal protective equipment including welding jackets, hoods, gloves and safety glasses.

The donation saves cash for Ferris welding students, who generally pay for the required equipment out-of-pocket. The products are expected to last students in the program for at least one year.

"This way they don't have to provide that," said Jeff Hardesty, welding professor and program coordinator. "That's getting provided for them, courtesy of Airgas."

Airgas delivered the shipment before an eager group last Thursday, March 24, at the Swan building.

Safety equipment is vital in welding processes as welders are exposed to extreme heat, brightness and dangerous gases.

Airgas will also continue to donate shielding glasses, as it did last year, for use in welding processes.



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Ferris welding engineering technology students Kate Wernecke (left) and Bobbi Jo Matheny (right) sort through welding supplies donated to the school by Airgas, Inc.

## Women empowering other women

Sophia Kruz presents a movement for change

Shantelle Bonham

Torch Reporter

Passionate artists and women working to empower other women come together to promote the Creating4Change life movement initiated by Emmy award winning filmmaker Sophia Kruz.

On Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., the documentary outlining the many struggles and challenges which women face everyday will be revealed in Kruz's film.

The film profiles women who have found innovative ways to use their art to tackle the most pressing issues they face as well as the women in their communities.

The documentary is said to pose the question: What is the role of art in the global women's empowerment?

"The seriousness of women's rights is expressed through dance, music and graffiti in the documentary, giving women the opportunity to utilize their talents to the best of their abilities," said Ferris

Department of Language and Literature Pam Davidson.

Creating4Change will feature four women from four different counties all working for one goal: change.

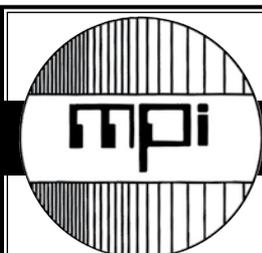
The various topics that will be discussed in the film are human trafficking, domestic violence and genital mutilation, raising awareness to each issue and posing solutions for all of them.

The documentary will showcase artists who are working with leaders in government, philanthropy, technology, public

health and education to create positive change.

This project was ultimately designed to raise awareness in regards to women's rights in the United States and abroad, promoting art-therapy based solutions to the most pressing challenges facing women globally.

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# Not dead yet

## How big business is saving Detroit

From the early 1900s all the way to the late 1950s, the city of Detroit was the manufacturing capital of America. Though the city was well known for its mass-production of cars, Detroit also played a massive role in providing ammo, tanks and other products for the military in the second world war.

It wasn't until the late 1960s that Detroit saw a frightening decline in production, growth and morale. Jobs started moving out of Detroit due in part to the rise of labor unions, and the city's middle class took off to the suburbs in response to the riots and the decline of property value as a result of government interventions like rent controls.

For years, liberal democratic leadership has dug the city into a massive hole, leading ultimately to the city filing for bankruptcy in July of 2013. Mayors like Coleman Young and Kwame Kilpatrick were some of the worst mayors a major city has ever seen. Issues with these city leaders are far too complex to tackle in this article but to put it in perspective, the key to Detroit was given to former murderous dictator of Iraq, Saddam Hussein by Young and currently there is a cold, dark prison cell in Texas occupied by Kilpatrick.

But there is hope. A place that has been haunted by democratic socialistic policies for over 50 years is finally making a rebound through just the thing so many of my fellow millennials hate; big business.

These days the city of Detroit is beginning to see somewhat of a turnaround with developments coming rapidly in districts like downtown and midtown. Businessmen like Mike Illitch and Dan Gilbert have been investing huge



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amounts of money into the city. Illitch, owner of Little Caesars Pizza, the Tigers and the Red Wings, has recently put forth a plan to build a brand new billion dollar arena for the Red Wings in the midtown area of the city. Gilbert, owner of Quicken Loans, has bought several properties all over the city which he plans to add to and renovate. The Quicken Loans owner and Michigan State graduate also has future plans to do a complete renovation on the Greektown district downtown and was a major voice in the M1 Woodward light-rail project set to open in 2017.

Developments like these by the men and women of big business are what fuel the spirit of the city. Job opportunities have the potential to put people back to work and to put the city back on top where it belongs.

The work of Gilbert and Illitch are prime examples of what capitalism can do to a city with as much promise as Detroit. Instead of criticizing and fearing these two businessmen becoming wealthier, we should hope they do so that they can continue to invest in a city we all know and love.

# Feeling opinionated?

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- Kip Biby, Opinions Editor

## Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Don't let recency fool you, this season was a huge deal for Ferris hockey.

Yes, it's true that the Bulldogs have made an NCAA Tournament run three times in the past five years. Yes, it's true that they've at least made it to the WCHA Final Five semifinals every year since joining the conference in 2013. And who could forget Ferris' incredible run into the Frozen Four where they fell just short of the national championship in the 2011-12 season?

As Ferris fans, it's important to not be desensitized to success on the ice. It was not always this way.

Ferris State head coach Bob Daniels has been the head of the organization for 24 years, and has claimed four conference championships for FSU. He's seen plenty of

success with the Bulldogs, having racked up 417 total wins during his tenure in Big Rapids, and holds the crown as the winningest coach in Ferris State history.

Daniels is the finest coach to ever stand behind the Ferris bench, but still, he's never led the Dawgs to a national championship.

It's just not an easy thing to do.

Ferris has been dubbed a hockey school by many, but it certainly isn't the premier hockey school in the country. Daniels must compete to bring in top talent with the likes of Boston College, the University of North Dakota, and even in-state competitor the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Teams like these seem to send multiple players to the NHL every year. They have little trouble draw-

ing in the biggest fish in the college hockey pond to play for their teams.

Meanwhile, the only Bulldog on the active roster that has been drafted is junior forward Kyle Schempp, who was selected in the sixth round by the New York Islanders in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft.

Ferris hockey must rely on fundamentals and leadership, rather than a rotating door of constant freshmen phenoms, because they're just so rare.

A look at the last quarter century of Bulldogs' hockey shows stability, with blips of monumental success. It just so happens, that many of those blips have occurred in the last five years.

What's with the sudden upswing? We weren't always competing for national championships every few

years.

Perhaps the seniors on the team are as much to thank as Daniels is for the Bulldogs' success.

Ferris fifth year senior defenseman Simon Denis led an experienced defensive core consisting of three other senior skaters. Denis, with fellow senior defenders Zach Dorer, Brandon Anselmini and Sean O'Rourke logged 541 games of combined experience for the Bulldogs.

Senior forwards Kenny Babinski and Matt Robertson, along with senior goalie Ruben Medrano also add a veteran presence in the locker room.

This season was nothing short of incredible, and it's important to not let the recent string of success be little that. The future—and present—are looking bright for the Bulldogs.

## How bout' them Bulldogs?

What's wrong with John?

Oh, he just lost on his March Madness bracket.



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If you can't afford to lose it, then don't bet it. After all, the house always wins.

# When gambling becomes an issue

How much money are you going to win from March Madness? Actually, the better question is how much are you going to lose?

There is no doubt that when you have money on a game it is more fun to watch. Hell, I think that's the only reason they still broadcast tennis. But what is not fun is your landlord showing up at your door to tell you the rent is past due. Even worse when he or she has a baseball bat. I guess there are worse things a landlord could do, ask Chapman Housing.

I am not sitting here telling you not to gamble. I even think they should loosen gambling laws and allow people to bet all they want. But I would like to share my thoughts, as a reasonable budgeter, on why I think gambling can be a huge waste of money.

I came up with this phrase a couple of mega millions ago, "Not buying lottery tickets is like winning the lottery very slowly." I put it in quotations because I feel that it will one day be a famous quote, used by millions to explain their anti-gambling ways. Americans love their lottery tickets. According to Derek Thompson from The Atlantic Magazine, in 2014, 70 billion dollars were spent on lottery tickets in this country.

What this tells me is that people want easy money and there is no easier money than winning the lottery. I get that. I would love to win millions of dollars, move to wherever and do whatever. But I understand that in order to achieve my goal of moving to wherev-

er, I have to, as A\$AP Ferg says, "put in work." There is no point in me telling you how low the odds are of a gambling habit paying off, also there is no point in me telling you to work hard and blah blah blah. You've heard it all before.

To be fair, the majority of people who gamble do not have a problem and gamble just occasionally for fun. Betting a few dollars on a game, playing Keno at The Gate or buying a scratch-off once in a while probably won't lead to your financial demise. But when it becomes a habit, life gets real hard real fast.

Experts estimate that about five percent of gamblers struggle with a gambling addiction. These addictions, like all addictions, are not pretty. We've all had the unpleasant stress that goes along with not knowing how we are going to continue to pay for our Netflix subscription, but imagine the crippling anxiety and guilt that goes along with not being able to feed your family.

Got a bit dark there, I know. Gambling can be the only fun way to watch NASCAR, or it can be a death sentence to your financial stability. Just remember the easy rule of thumb: if you can't afford to lose it, don't gamble it.



Kip Biby  
Opinions Editor

# Gentleman's game?

## Inequality on golf's biggest stage



Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor

The sport of golf is often considered a "gentleman's game," but at Augusta National Golf Club, the home course of The Masters Tournament, the term may be taken a little too seriously.

Augusta National is widely considered the greatest golf course in the United States, and it received the top spot in Golf Digest's list of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses. What isn't so great about Augusta is their membership policy.

One doesn't simply apply for a membership at Augusta, you must be nominated by a current member. Since Augusta likes to keep their membership number around 300, new members typically aren't admitted unless someone quits their membership or they die, and you don't quit a membership at Augusta.

But if you're a woman, don't plan on hitting the links at Augusta anytime soon. Of their roughly 300 members, only three of them are women. That's one percent.

There were no female members at Augusta until 2012, when former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Darla Moore, a financier from South Carolina, were invited to become members.

In 2014, a third female, IBM CEO Virginia Rometty accepted a membership to Augusta, bringing the female member number to a grand total of three.

Discrimination is nothing new at Augusta, though. The course didn't have a single black member until 1990 when Ron Townsend, a Gannett television division president, was extended an invitation to become a member at the course.

The course also used to boast all-white members, while all of their caddies were black. It wasn't until 1983, when pros were finally allowed to bring their own caddies to The Masters, that the bag jockeys were any color but black.

Since Augusta is a private course, they have complete control over who can become a member.

The Masters is the first of four major championships on the PGA Tour and it is the only major to be played at the same course every year. It is the biggest golf tournament of the year. Ask anyone.

Though there is no denying the sheer beauty and landscape of Augusta, it is tough to overlook the overwhelming discrimination at golf's greatest course.

So, if you plan to tune in to watch The Masters, which airs next Thursday through Sunday, April 7-10, think about what you just finished reading. Who knows? Maybe you'll even change the channel.

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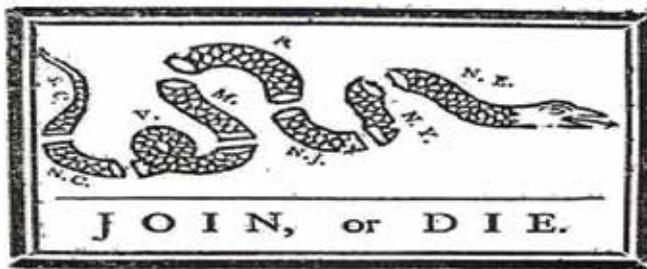
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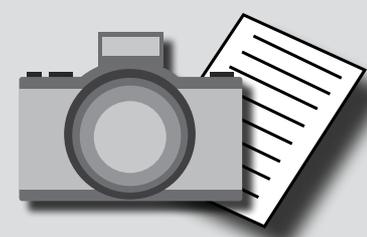
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## FERRISTEIN'S MONSTER

"Dalexared Vandangelo-Astormadden" creature nearing completion

Harrison Volt  
*Swim Champion*

Ferris State athletics have seen unprecedented heights of success in recent years, and one science nerd is looking to continue the Bulldogs' domination on every field of play.

Ferris State biology major, Gene Poole, is in the process of a new genetics project that would help Ferris State athletics in every sport.

Poole's plan was to extract DNA from some of Ferris State's best athletes, stir the DNA together in a petri dish, water it twice a day, place it under direct sunlight and wait for a "super-athlete" to grow within a couple months. The project is more than halfway finished and seems to be going well, according to Poole.

"My goal is to take the strengths from multiple athletes and mash them all together to create a super-athlete," said Poole.

He has taken DNA from Ferris goaltender Darren Smith to help with reflexes and dual-athlete Alexis Huntley to provide adaptability.

Poole also took DNA from center Jared Stolicker for height, quarterback Jason Vander Laan for arm strength and track star Damonta Madden's legs for speed and agility.

Recently, Poole extracted DNA from outfielder Alexx Astorga for hand-eye coordination, linebacker Anthony Darkangelo for strength and cross-country runner Logan Hammer for en-



duration.

Poole said that he wants to name the project Dalexared Vandangelo-Astormadden, honoring all athletes who participated in the project.

According to each of the athletes involved, they were entirely unaware of anybody retrieving samples of their DNA. Several were seeking restraining orders against Poole shortly after discovering his motives.

"I really hope that upon completion, my super-athlete could play for any Ferris State team that needed them," Poole said.

"I wanted my creation's sex to remain ambiguous so that them could play for a men's or women's

team without breaking any rules."

Poole says that he has already approached coaches about his project and has heard mixed reviews.

"Most coaches think that I shouldn't be trying to play God, but they probably don't even read the Bible," said Poole. "One coach asked me if I had ever seen 'Frankenstein,' 'Terminator' or 'The Incredible Hulk.' I've obviously seen all three. Where do you think I got this idea?"

The specimen's development is nearing completion, and is planned to be unveiled on April 15. The super-athlete should be able to enroll at Ferris State in the 2016 fall semester.

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# Tire Fire

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# Let's just get this over with

*Students set to participate in Big Event; will return to being assholes to locals immediately after*

**Courtney Costello**  
*Drag Queen*

Ferris' Big Event is just around the corner, and citizens of Big Rapids could not be more excited for their one day of respite from college students' antics.

"I just love having the students come out to help around my yard during the Big Event every year," 64-year-old and lifelong Big Rapids resident Evelyn Popsley said. "Though, I wish they wouldn't play loud music and throw up in my petunia garden the other 364 days a year."

The Big Event is an annual volunteer effort that sees hundreds of Ferris State students volunteering their time to perform labor around the houses of Big Rapids residents. Drawing 1,620 student volunteers last year, the event acts as a way of thanking the surrounding community and encouraging humanitarianism.

Yet residents of Big Rapids aren't the only ones benefiting from the annual volunteer event.

"It just makes me feel so good to help out citizens in the surrounding area," Ferris technical and professional communication junior Carley Succotash said during last year's event. "I

love—"

Succotash could not be reached for further comment, as she stopped mid-sentence to take several selfies with a rake in front of a house she was meant to be working on. At press time, the photo had accumulated 23 likes on Instagram, after being edited with a favorable filter.

Though the event is typically well-received by those it helps to serve, not all Big Rapids residents are thrilled after being cold called by students offering their volunteer efforts.

"These prissy college kids think they've done a service just because they offer to clean out my gutters," 71-year-old Paul Gerbstreet said. "I was fighting in 'Nam when I was their age. They don't know real service."

Gerbstreet believed that the students' actions during the Big Event are more about selfish purging of guilt, rather than actual good-hearted service for the community.

"Just because they act civil for one day doesn't mean they get a pass to be total assholes for the rest of the year," Gerbstreet said.

The Big Event will take place on April 16, and students or entire organizations can volunteer until the day of the event.

# SUCCESS!

*Student Government burns through entire student funds budget*

**Oliver Quint**  
*Moustached Shaman*

Ferris State's Finance Division and Student Government have once again successfully accomplished their task of spending the entirety of the student fees fund.

Each year, the groups are asked to decide how over \$300,000 in student funds are spent, and they did so by using it to fund their decision-making meetings.

Wayne Bersano said. "I'm incredibly proud of my associates. It's no small task burning through that much money while attempting to decide how to use it. It was truly a team effort, and I wouldn't have been able to do it without the rest of student government, nor without the thousands of dollars the university trusted us to spend responsibly," Bersano said. Yet not everybody

***"I had absolutely no interest in joining Finance Division before, but now I'm totally going for it."***  
***- Philip Dirnt***

"We really killed two birds with one stone with this one," Student Government Treasurer Benjamin Brackett said. "We were able to make ourselves look busy all year with meetings and spent all of the money we were asked to. The catering at each meeting was a big part of the spending, and we used a good chunk of the funds to get tailored formal wear, so that we wouldn't have any issues with the dress code at our meetings."

Due to persistent leadership and diligent work within Student Government, their annual spending goal was met for the 57th consecutive year.

"It didn't happen overnight, but after a lot of directionless meetings and pointless displays of fabricated importance, we were able to get it done," Student Government President

outside of Student Government is as excited to hear news of the accomplishment.

"I kind of wish they would've used it in a more proactive way for the rest of the students, but I guess I'm glad someone got to enjoy the funds," Ferris biology sophomore Evelyn McMillen said.

Nearly every Ferris student must pay an additional \$20 towards the fund. Because the funds are raised through student fees, Ferris students are going to extreme lengths to see that they reap the benefits of their spending.

"I had absolutely no interest in joining Finance Division before, but now I'm totally going for it. At least then I'll get something out of that 20 bucks I had to spend," Ferris accounting senior Philip Dirnt said.

Keep complaining about parking when you leave for class five minutes before it starts, then can't find a spot directly adjacent to the Business Building. If we all whine enough, I'm sure Ferris will build a multi-level parking garage.

# Horror-scopes



## Aries: March 21-April 19

Get out now, while you still can.



## Taurus: April 20-May 20

Your acceptance into grad school is actually just a long-developing epic April Fool's prank.



## Gemini: May 21-June 20

You're smart, attractive and your laugh is absolutely infectious! Literally, because you've contracted the plague.



## Cancer: June 21-July 22

All that time you spent learning Spanish is never going to pay off.



## Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

The complexity and depth of your amazing personality are rivaled only by your beauty. Oops! Take that that back. The stars were actually talking about Virgos here.



## Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

The stars changed their minds. You're dumb and gross too.



## Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

No matter how hard you work in school, or how successful you are in your career, you'll still be the fattest person at your high school reunion.



## Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

Next Tuesday you'll breathe in oxygen, exhale carbon dioxide, then burst into multi-colored flames spontaneously.



## Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

You're incredibly attractive, but only to lions, and only because they want to consume your flesh. Avoid the plains of Africa at all cost.



## Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

You'll accidentally slip into a wormhole which will transport you to another dimension. This new dimension will be exactly parallel to ours, with the only difference being that at least one person will like you.



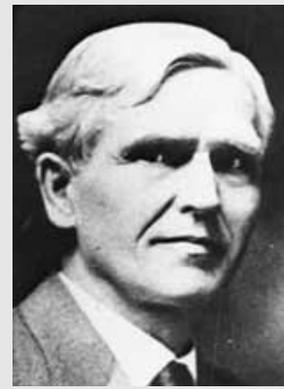
## Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Have you ever heard of "urethral lesions?" Well you might want to start doing some research, because the stars predict it's right around the corner for you.



## Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

You're a special snowflake! Sure, there are 7.125 billion people that also live on this planet, but not all of them survived a botched abortion like you did!



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"I'm in love with my roommate's boyfriend. We brushed hands once, and I really felt a spark between us. I don't know what to do. Should I tell him? Should I tell my roommate? I can really see a future with this guy. Sometimes I fantasize that something terrible will happen to her so that I can make him fall in love with me."

- Romantic Roommate

First of all, chill the hell out. What kind of person falls in love with their roommate's boyfriend? And over a simple brushing of hands? You're obviously insane.

Do not tell him how you feel. Do not tell *anyone* how you feel. In fact, collect all copies of this and light it on fire. Do you want your roommate to smother you in the night? I can guarantee that's what she'll try to do if you tell her.

But hey, in the off chance that something terrible does happen to her, then make your move, sister.

- Woodbridge

"My ex is trying to come back into my life. He started texting me out of the blue a few weeks ago. I don't know why he's talking to me again or what I should do about it. Is he just lonely and looking to hook up? Does he want to get back together?"

- Addled Ex-girlfriend

Obviously, you should sleep with him. Let's be real here, that's all he really wants. This will cause all those old feelings to reemerge, and when he tells you he doesn't want to get back together, you will, of course, become distraught. However, your emotional distress will cause you to lose approximately five pounds, and that's the real priority here, isn't it?

It is likely that your recent weight loss will lead to a new confidence. Perhaps this new confidence will attract new mates. Sleep with all of them. Show your ex you don't give a shit.

- Woodbridge

# Professor from hell

*Ferris English professor confirmed to be she-devil*

**Salvatore Opossum**  
*Sassafrass Collector*

Many Ferris students struggle with difficult professors—whether it be with tough assignments, favoritism, or a crippling sense of hatred and worthlessness—but what do you do when your professor is a real-life she-devil?

After several complaints to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean last month, the university has confirmed that Karin Demonica, a professor of English, is actually a she-devil.

“I knew something wasn’t right when she told us that if we didn’t have our homework done she was going to damn our souls to an eternity in hell,” Ferris social work sophomore Katie Owens said.

According to Ferris engineering junior Thomas Melbatoast, he had to withdraw from her class because of the emotional damage it caused.

“I couldn’t handle it,” Melbatoast said. “I had nightmares about her murdering me because I didn’t care enough about an assignment.”

Another student, Ferris biology senior Sean King, said that Demonica actually lit him on fire for being 30 seconds late

to class.

“I’m not kidding,” King said. “She looked at me, became enraged and then suddenly, I combusted. I will never be late again. I’ll also never walk again.”

“I’m just preparing these snot-nosed brats for the real world,” Demonica said. “They don’t realize how hard their careers are going to be; not every professor is as honest and helpful as I am.”

There have also been reports that Demonica summons demons during her office hours and sacrifices students who fail her class.

“Professor Demonica is the worst professor I’ve had at Ferris. She says that she’s preparing us for the real world, but the real world won’t be like this unless Trump becomes president,” said Ferris automotive freshman Britney Spheres.

“Frankly, I hope she goes back to where she came from,” said King.

Although many complaints about Demonica have been reported, the university has no current plans to remove her from the department. Regardless of the fact that “she’s a horrendous villain who makes students want to drop out and hang themselves,” Spheres said.

# Easter break

**Yolanda Johnson**  
*Short Order Cook*

While most people packed their bags and happily headed home for the mid-semester recess to see family and friends, not everybody was wholly satisfied with some of the specifics involved.

Although Ferris has recently implemented a new diversity and inclusion plan in an effort to make sure students from all walks of life feel comfortable at the university, some people just aren’t ready for change.

“I just don’t understand why we can’t call it Easter break anymore,” said chemistry freshman Jonah Abraham. “Most of the students are white Christians, right?”

Some students argue that the Christians are just the best at making themselves known though, not necessarily the most prominent group.

“I get handed a pocket Bible pretty much every day on my way to class,” said graphic design junior Randall Sutchert. “I tried explaining that I’m an atheist, but they keep telling me to read it anyway.”

Amanda Baylon is the head of Real Life, a Christian organization on campus. She also commented on the issue of abortion, quickly changing the topic from what was actually being discussed.

“What if somebody aborts the next Jesus?” said Baylon. “Nobody should be able to make decisions about their bodies if it could mean none of us being saved.”

Abraham thinks there is just a lack of knowledge about the Christian religion among the student body.

“I think everybody should be required to read the Bible, too,” said Abraham. “Then they’re more thankful and have an understanding of why they’re being given time off school.”

Real Life will be hosting a workshop on March 31 in room 202A of the University Center, celebrating Women’s History Month by teaching women how to be more godly for their husbands by raising kids and not challenging his authority.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. and students are encouraged to bring their Bibles, but if you don’t have one, a New Testament pocket Bible will be provided for you.



# Invasion?

**Dick Wither**  
*Eyebrow Aficionado*

An unidentified flying object was spotted near Ferris’ North Quad on March 26, prompting FSU’s Department of Public Safety to issue a campus-wide warning via text message and email.

The message was brief, leaving only the known facts, as there is a 140 character limit on the messages, and DPS is careful to not report any misinformation.

“A huge disc was seen floating near North Quad at 4:30 p.m. Though it wasn’t a frisbee it was similar in shape, but not in size. See [www.ferris.edu](http://www.ferris.edu),” the message read before reaching its character limit.

According to Director of DPS Bruce Borkovich, once the investigation into the disc has concluded, the department may consider extending the character limit so that vital information can be included.



# Spring pigskin preparation



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Several graduating seniors left a series of question marks on the field for the Bulldogs. Perhaps the most pivotal question, is who will replace quarterback Jason Vander Laan under center next season?

## Ferris football beginning spring practice

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The Bulldog football team has seen a few outstanding seasons fly by under the command of head coach Tony Annese. The flowers are blossoming and the birds are chirping, which can only mean one thing. Spring practices have begun.

Ferris State football may never be the same without Jason Vander Laan at the helm, but with the end of the JVL era comes the dawn of a new one.

The team took to Top Taggart Field on Friday, March 18, for their first spring practice of the year. With the graduation of guys like Vander Laan, Justin Zimmer and Jake Lampman, the coaching staff are looking for other men to take charge. Bulldog offensive coordinator Ryan Brady is ready to see who is going to step up to fill big voids left by last season's senior class.

“Obviously, you do not replace a guy like Vander Laan,” Brady said. “But it presents a great opportunity for a lot of guys at the quarterback position. Currently, all six quarterbacks are getting quality reps

and all are making really good progress. Our expectations as a program will not change with the departure of guys like Vander Laan, Zimmer and Lampman.”

Brady also talked about whether or not we can expect to see a shift in the play style for the 2016 season.

“Every year as a coaching staff, you tweak your system both offensively and defensively. This year will be no different,” Brady said. “As a coach, you design and implement your system to fit the strengths of your players. We have recruited very well at Ferris State and every class has been better than the previous, so we are looking forward to seeing some guys, young and old, have breakout seasons.”



Ryan Brady

Wide receiver Shakur Sanders will be entering his senior season with the Bulldogs. He was a dependable set of hands for Vander Laan last year, totaling six touchdowns on the season. Sanders said that we can expect to see a very similar offensive style but with less deigned quarterback runs.

“We will definitely throw the ball a lot more; the coaches want to utilize the weapons they have on the field,” Sanders said. “The quarterback position will determine one thing and that is who the starter will be. The offense we are creating now fits all of our quarterbacks.”



Shakur Sanders

Both Sanders and Brady gave names such as sophomore running back Jahaan Brown, redshirt freshman wide receiver Malik Taylor, sophomore cornerback Jevonte Alexander and junior offensive lineman Jordan Williams as guys who should stand out this season for the Dawgs.

The 2016 team will have big shoes to fill as a program. The Dawgs went undefeated in both the 2014 and 2015 regular seasons.

Ferris State football is currently slated to open up their 2016 regular season against the team who brought their 2014 undefeated season to an end, the Panthers of Ohio Dominican. Kickoff will be in Big Rapids at Top Taggart Field on Saturday, Sept. 3.



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Cody Burkhard  
Torch Reporter

Ferris junior Bailey Darwin led Ferris softball to four straight wins over the weekend against Lake Erie and Ashland.

The infielder from Chelsea earned Top Dawg for her hitting efficiency and scoring

which contributed to a high-scoring road trip for the Dawgs. Darwin had nine hits in 14 at-bats, nine RBIs, and four runs in the four games.

On Friday, Ferris beat Lake Erie 9-6 then 8-0 with the second game ending in the sixth inning. Darwin did most of her damage against Lake Erie earning three runs and six RBIs in the double-header. On

Saturday, Ferris beat Ashland 5-2 and then 7-4. Darwin did not earn as many runs in that double-header but still had five hits in seven trips to the plate.

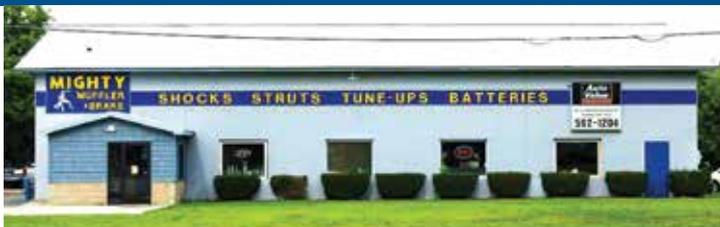
Darwin is second on her team in hits, runs and RBIs with 32, 16 and 21 respectively. She is second to sophomore outfielder Alexx Astorga who is fourth in-conference in those categories. These two have

aided in Ferris softball's nice start with a 19-9 overall record and 4-0 conference record as of Saturday.

Tied for first in the GLIAC, the Bulldogs will look to keep their in-conference winning streak alive at Grand Valley State. Game one starts at noon and game two is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3.

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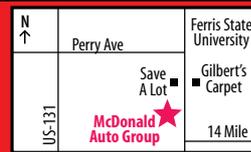
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# Turning it around



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The softball team has built a 19-9 overall record so far under new head coach Wally King, and has begun conference play 4-0.

## Ferris softball improving on last season's record

Mark Hansen

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State softball team was coming off of two losses to Davenport, but came out strong last week as they went undefeated to start conference play.

The Bulldogs took on the Lake Erie Storm and the Ashland Eagles in double-headers in Ohio on Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, starting play in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLI-AC) and the Bulldogs are now sitting undefeated at 4-0.



Sam Bates

The Bulldogs took down the Storm with their batting power as the Bulldogs won the first game 9-6, then the following contest 8-0. The Bulldogs then had a hard fought battle against the Eagles, but the Dawgs found their swing and took the first game 5-2, followed by a 7-4 victory.

Sophomore center fielder Sam Bates gave a little insight as to how the Bulldogs have had success this season.

"A major key that Coach King has been focusing on with us is fundamentals. He has really changed a lot of our swings and the way we throw. Making us stronger and more powerful at the plate and allowing us to throw more runners out when in the field," Bates said.

It shows that the Bulldogs are having more success at the plate this season as first year coach King has improved the batting average from a .246 mark last year, to the Bulldogs now hitting .308 so far this season.

"I have been working on being more consistent at the plate. Coach has helped with that because he makes sure we are locked in when at the plate. Coach has us working on inside pitches and really seeing the ball when we are in the box," Bates said.

Next up on the schedule for the Bulldogs are the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals, followed by rival Grand Valley State.

"The key to winning those games is being defensively strong and having our line-up be consistent at the plate," Bates said.

The Bulldogs will be facing SVSU in a double-header before taking on Grand Valley on Sunday, April 3. The games are set to begin at noon and 2 p.m. at Grand Valley.

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## An open letter to Ferris athletes

Dear Ferris athletes,  
When I took a job at the Torch, I had no clue what was in store for me.

I was only a couple weeks into a journalism class and had probably only written two articles in my life, and neither of them were published.

I have always been fascinated with sports, so I had read plenty of articles from journalists across the world about every sport from football to cricket. That was the only experience I had.

When I began working at the Torch as a sports reporter, I didn't know much about Ferris athletics besides the fact that our hockey team is usually pretty good.

After working as a reporter and now the sports editor for the Torch, I am now well aware of how talented our athletes are and how much they mean to my section.

There is nothing more depressing than writing about a team that loses every week. But I haven't had to do much of that because of how good Ferris athletics have been in my time with the paper.

I've gotten the privilege of covering three teams who have won back-to-back GLIAC titles, a hockey team who just made a run into the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tourney, two tennis teams that have made it to the NCAA Tournament and so much more.

As sports journalists, we don't create the stories, the athletes do.

Without the successes of Ferris athletics, the sports section would be a depressing section to write, but thanks to all of the hard work from Ferris athletes, coaches and staff, it's a hell of a good time and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Thank you,  
Marshall Scheldt



Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor



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# Ferris players prepping to be professionals

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris football seniors got a chance to show their talents to NFL and CFL scouts at major university pro days.

Central Michigan opened its doors on March 18 to quarterback Jason Vander Laan, receiver Antonio Agurs and offensive tackle Cody Dingeldey with scouts from 27 NFL teams and two CFL teams attending.

Vander Laan worked out as a quarterback and tight end. At 6 feet 3 inches and 248 pounds, JVL is a freakish athlete with a 4.77 40-yard time, so he has the physical ability to play in the NFL. However, some scouts think Vander Laan might have to change positions.

A scout was quoted in the Chicago Tribune by Brad Biggs saying, "He's Tim Tebow 2.0. Same offense, same throwing motion. He's

*"I just want to show scouts that I'm talented enough to play on the next level..."*

*Antonio Agurs*

going to have to play H-back."

Vander Laan has expressed his willingness to change positions if need be to play in the NFL—something that Tebow would not do, which could have led to teams turning away.

Agurs was approached by multiple NFL and AFL teams during his impressive pro day. He was the fastest player at the combine with a 4.47 40-yard time, but he did not outrun the attention of Raider's scouts prior to the

pro day.

The day of the workout, a Raider scout texted Agurs telling him to arrive early. The Jets, Dolphins, Rams and two AFL teams approached Agurs for interviews during the event in which the 5-foot-8-inch receiver had led all participants with a 2.6 short shuttle time and 9-foot-10-inch broad jump.

Agurs said, "I just want to show scouts that I'm talented enough to play on the next level. I don't care where I get drafted. I feel that the team that believes in me is the team I want to be a part of."



Jason Vander Laan

Dingeldey showed off his strength posting 31 reps in the bench press which was the third best of the day. He also had the fifth longest reach at 78 inches.

The University of Michigan held a pro day on March 18 with scouts from all 32 NFL teams present. Receiver Jacob Lampman and defensive end Justin Zimmer participated with Zimmer standing out among the Div. 1 talent.

Zimmer put the league on notice by benching 225 pounds 44 times. The most at this year's NFL combine was 34.

Zimmer said, "It was nerve wracking having all these scouts watching me. I wasn't nervous during the bench because once I got into it, I was locked in."

His athleticism for his size stood out the most. At 300 pounds, he ran a 4.8 second 40-yard dash and had a 9-foot-9-inch broad jump.

Lampman caught balls well according to reports. He ran a 4.57 second 40-yard dash, recorded a 39 inch vertical and a 4.35 second short shuttle.

These five players have their hopes set on a dream that began when they were kids. Now they are a month away from realizing that dream as men.

## Sports Shorts

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

### Softball soaring

The 2014-2015 Bulldog softball totaled only seven wins by March 26. This year, the Lady Dawgs have more than doubled that win count with 19 wins in the same amount of time.

Not only has the team done better to this point, they have already won more games this season than they did total last season. The same can be said for the 2013-2014 season where the Bulldogs won only 13 games over the course of the season. The last winning season came during the 2012-2013 stint when the team went 29-16.

Sophomore Alex Astorga has been huge for the Dawgs winning season so far. Astorga leads the team in both homeruns and RBIs.

The Lady Dawgs have a weekend matchup with GLIAC rival Grand Valley State University at GVSU on Sunday, April 3 starting at noon.

### Daaamn Daniels

Ferris State hockey head coach Bob Daniels has accomplished much over his time with the Bulldogs.

With their NCAA Tournament victory over St. Cloud State last Saturday, the Dawgs received their tenth 20 win season in the history of the program. The weekend win also marked the seventh time in Daniels' career that he has coached a 20 win season.

The Bulldog community also has Daniels to thank for being at the helm of all four of the Dawgs' Elite Eight trips.

Coach Daniels has been in the Ferris State program since 1989. That is 27 years that the Ferris State faithful have to be thankful for.

### Quarterback conundrum

There are some big shoes in need of filling when it comes to the Ferris State football program's quarterback position.

According to Offensive Coordinator Ryan Brady, there are six men vying for the right to start under center. Jason Vander Laan has graduated and is currently preparing for a potential career in the National Football League.

The names of those who could replace JVL include junior Trevor Bermingham, freshman Jevon Shaw, freshman John Higgins, freshman Travis Russell, sophomore Jordan Haan and sophomore Landon Grove. Bermingham has seen the most playing time of the six. He had a 77.4 completion percentage last year with one touchdown.

Though he has the most experience for the Dawgs, that does not guarantee a starting position for Bermingham. The Bulldog Nation will know whom their starter will be come Saturday, Sept. 3 when the Dawgs host Ohio Dominican in the first home game of the season.

## WCHA official dies as a result of pre-game warmup accident

### Referee's fall before FSU's March 18 game against Michigan Tech proves fatal

Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

Referee Oliver "Butch" Mousseaux lay still and unconscious on the ice. He was quickly swarmed by paramedics, and the pre-game music halted abruptly.

Confusion and silence fell over the slowly filling arena like a veil, and all eyes were locked on the growing pool of blood about the injured referee's head.

During pre-game warmups before the March 18 showdown between Ferris State and Michigan Tech, Mousseaux took a hard fall on the ice, and his helmet-less head absorbed much of the impact.

By the time he was carried off the ice, Mousseaux had regained consciousness, but once he reached the hospital, he was declared to be in critical condition.

Mousseaux's condition would not improve, despite the medical team's efforts to put him in a medically-induced coma to fight his intracranial swelling. Mousseaux died just one week later, on the morning of March 25. He was 48-years-old.

Following the incident, Mousseaux and his family saw an outpouring of support from the hockey community. A GoFundMe page was started soon after the accident, and between those donations (\$25,000) and funds generated by a separate donation page sponsored by Dawg Nation Hockey Foundation (\$85,000), over a hundred thousand dollars

were donated to Mousseaux's family.

Mousseaux—a Grosse Pointe resident and Colorado native—was the first Native American referee to work in the NHL. Due to his longtime commitment to work in the junior hockey and collegiate level and his pioneering efforts in the NHL, Mousseaux's referee jersey and skates are featured in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada.

According to an MLive article published March 21 by Pete Wallner, Ferris State Head Coach Bob Daniels spoke on his admiration for the late WCHA official.

"There is a genuine sincerity and politeness about him that defuses situations," Daniels said. "There's no question about that."

The level of support for Mousseaux in the wake of his accident was no surprise to Daniels, according to that same article.

"The hockey community at the collegiate level is a fairly small, tight-knit group, and there's no question how well liked universally Butch is," Daniels said. "He's such a positive and caring person. He has the prayers of everyone."

The level of concern on each person's face and absolute silence of the atmosphere was perhaps one of the most harrowing experiences of my life. I never knew Mousseaux, but it's obvious that his legacy touched the college hockey community, and his lifelong devotion to the sport will not soon be forgotten.



Photo courtesy of GoFundMe

Oliver "Butch" Mousseaux' referee jersey and skates are featured in the Hockey Hall of Fame for his work as the first Native American official to ref in an NHL game.

# PRESIDENT TRUMP?



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

If elected president, Donald Trump plans on cutting the Department of Education and the Environmental Protection Agency.

## How would college students be affected under a Trump presidency?

Nick Vander Wulp  
Torch Reporter

Donald Trump could be the nominee of the Republican Party in the presidential election.

Trump has said during the Republican debates and at his rallies that he plans to cut the Department of Education (ED) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Through cutting ED funds might affect higher education students in small ways, cutting funds to the ED wouldn't stop federal aid to students because it's a cabinet level department and services wouldn't stop after cuts.

However, cutting the ED would affect how student aid is granted and distributed. Federal blocks of grant money would be made to the states, making the state governments responsible for distributing the funds rather than the federal government.



Justin Austin

“Trump is personally not my first choice,” said Ferris criminal justice graduate student and president of College Republicans Spencer Redford. “But, I think the majority of Republicans will most likely support him if he is the nominee. I think Cruz has the most likely chance of getting the nomination behind Trump right now, and that’s why I’m supporting him.”

Redford said he supports Cruz because he appears to be a stronger constitutionalist than Trump, and Cruz is also a fiscal conservative.

Ferris political science and economics junior and president of Young Americans for Liberty Justin Austin argued that Trump might be better for the political process and the

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Spencer Redford

economic future of the United States because he would run the country like a businessman rather than a politician.

“Maybe Trump would go in and actually try to create more competition between universities, as far as them competing for profit,” said Austin. “Where universities are now relying on easy loans to people who shouldn't be getting them, it would seem with him being the way he is as a businessman, he would see that and intervene. What does that mean for the college student? It wouldn't mean ‘Bernie Sanders free college.’ Trump would be someone stepping in and making education more free market, more competitive and better for the individual student.”

Ferris professor of political science Richard Griffin said he doesn't see Trump getting the Republican nomination. Also, it's uncertain if the Republican Party will back Trump if he gets a majority of the primary delegates before the Cleveland Republican convention in July.

“The fight now is going on between the Trump supporters and the Republican establishment,” said Griffin. “And I don't blame them. They'll lose control of their party to Trump and the ‘Trumpites,’ he'll move on to something else and they'll be in shambles.”

Marco Rubio suspended his campaign on March 16, but he maintains control of the delegates he's won ahead of the Cleveland Republican National Convention to be used as “bargaining chips” in choosing the Republican nominee.

Ted Cruz is the leader behind Trump, but if Cruz and trailing competitor Kasich can secure enough delegates, they'll have the chance to force an open vote for the nominee in Cleveland this July, according to Griffin. When going into an open convention, it could be the presidential nominee is chosen on the second or third ballot, and according to Griffin the nominee could be Kasich.

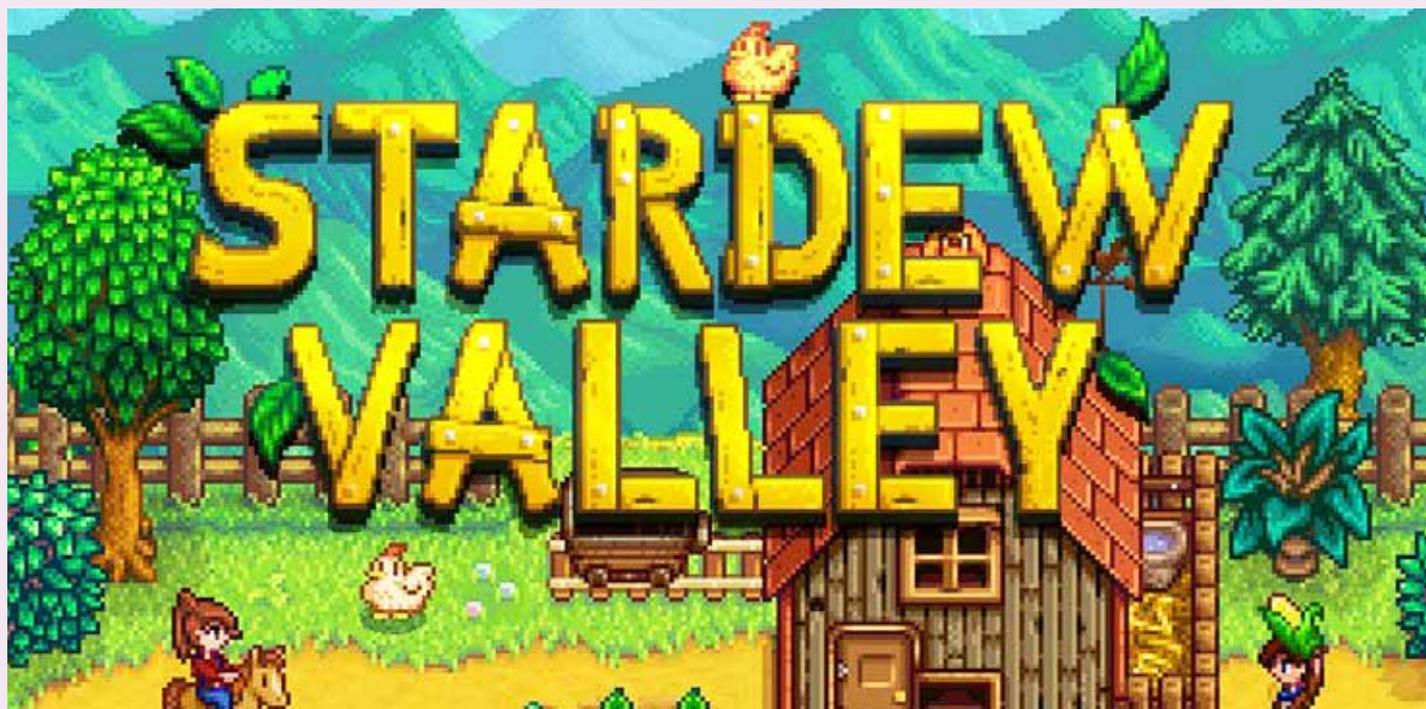


Robert Griffin

“These Trump supporters and Cruz supporters don't see the value of an education, because, for the most part, they didn't get one themselves,” said Griffin. “You know what Trump said? ‘I love the poorly educated.’ Well, the under-educated person's vote is just as good as yours or mine. I'm not an elitist snob or anything like that, but you have to see who he's appealing to.”

# Media Minute

## Stardew Valley



Hello, my name is Jen. I'm not addicted, but I've spent 17 hours playing a video game over the past two weeks, so I guess you could say I have a new obsession at the least: Stardew Valley.

Stardew Valley is an RPG (role-playing game) for Windows that was released in February. Even though it's only been available for a short time, it's a top game on Steam, which is an internet-based distribution gaming platform.

The storyline begins as you quit your crappy corporate job to take over your Grandfather's farm. Yes, a farm. Stay with me. You live a humble life on the farm, growing crops to sell and raising animals, but there's so much more to this game than that. It would be hard to fit all the details in a single article, but all the attention to detail is what makes the game so cool.



Jen Corrie  
Torch Reporter

While living in the game, you learn to catch fish, work in the extensive mines to procure raw materials and other valuable objects and help to save the little town from the invading "Joja Corporation." Joja is basically the 'enemy' in the game and threatens to put all the small business owners out of shop.

You can interact with all the people who live in the town and form relationships with them. Like real life, there are friendly residents in the town and rude ones. Every character has a unique schedule and it changes with the seasons. You can even get married in the game to your favorite single character after you build up their number of "hearts." By

talking to the character often, giving them gifts and getting on his or her good side when you're given a choice in dialogue, the character's number of hearts will increase. When it gets to ten, you can marry them.

Not only is the game fun and relaxing to play, but it has a pretty cool story behind it as well. A first-time game developer named Eric Barone made this game. ONE GUY. Of course, since its launch it's been updated and added to, but the fact that one man who had never developed a game before pumped out this detailed RPG after four years of work is incredible.

If you're into casual, relaxed PC games in which you can escape from real life, try Stardew Valley if you haven't already. It's \$15 on Steam and you can play it as much as you want, even after the storyline ends. It's worth the hype.

# Life as a student athlete

Hailey Klingel

Lifestyles Editor

Think about how busy your typical day is.

Now, imagine fitting in three or more hours of athletic activities into each day. That's the life of a Ferris student athlete.

"Being an athlete, you learn a lot more time management I think than you would not playing a sport," Ferris pre-dental hygiene sophomore Lexee Summers said. "You kind of get a feel for how it's going to be after you leave college and have to juggle a lot of things."

Summers, who is from Coloma, is the second base woman for Ferris' softball team. The softball team practices for three hours every weekday and has a few games a week. She said she gets up around 7:00 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. every day and often doesn't go to sleep until around 2 a.m.

"Coffee is definitely a big thing in my life," Summers said. "I find time to sleep, but I need to study, too. I feel like I have to really work to keep [my grades] as good as I can. If I wasn't a student athlete, I would have a lot more time."

Ferris mechanical engineering technology sophomore Chase Benson, who is from Delaware, Ohio, runs track and cross country at Ferris. He said that on top of having less free time than a traditional college student, another big difference of being a student athlete is how he made his best friends.

"The one thing that surprised me about being a student athlete is how close my friends on the team and I are," Benson said. "Most of my best friends are on the team with me compared to the ones in my classes or residence hall."

Though she's given up a lot to play college softball, Summers said she wouldn't change it.

"I give up a lot of my weekends and we don't ever get a spring break because we go down to Florida," Summers said. "We always go to Ohio for Ferris Fest so we don't get to do that, and we've never gone home for Easter because we always have a tournament. It's tough, but I love playing softball so if I have to give something up I'm not going to be crushed."

Summers said she'll miss her teammates and athlete status the most when she's no longer a Bulldog.

"It's kind of like a lifestyle," she said. "Just the sense of being an athlete... You have the title and you represent the school in a different kind of way. I'll miss the girls the most, though. I can probably play slow pitch after here but probably not with the same girls."



Lexee Summers



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# What a Jew does for Easter



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## The holiday of Passover

The Jewish holiday of Passover will be celebrated from April 22 through April 30. Passover, which commemorates Moses leading the Hebrew people out of slavery under the Egyptian Pharaoh around 1300 B.C., falls on the 15th day of the Hebrew month Nisan.

I've been asked, "What do Jews do for Easter?" many times in my life. The answer is, "Nothing. We celebrate Passover!"

Passover will begin at sunset on Friday, April 22 and commence at sunset on Saturday, April 30.

The most common religion in America is Christianity (77 percent of U.S. adults are Christian, according to a 2012 Gallup poll). Growing up as a Jew in a predominantly Christian country, I learned at a young age that my religion was not very common, even though I grew up in southern New York, an area with the densest population of Jews in the U.S. When I came to Ferris, on the first day I moved into McNerney Hall, someone told me I was the first Jew he had ever met. This situation repeated itself so many times that I'm actually intrigued if anybody I know or meet knows anything about Judaism. The very few Jews and myself on campus definitely struggle to keep up with traditions and form a community. So far, I've met three or four Jewish students and actively speak to one.

The religious ignorance I've experienced at Ferris is astounding. I've been asked why don't I have horns, larger ears and nose, and why I'm not wearing that "funny little hat" (Yamaka). I've been told



Travis Sacher  
Torch Reporter

Hitler had great policies and was a great leader and I've been asked if I actually believe the Holocaust was real. The term "Jew'd" is a verb I learned that is used when someone feels they were ripped off or shorted.

The amount of times I've been in the presence of anti-Semitic statements or jokes is innumerable. Most of the time the anti-Semite does not know they are in the presence of a Jew, mostly because they have never previously knowingly met a Jewish person. Sometimes someone I know will respond with, "Hey Travis is Jewish," which then leads the anti-Semite to follow with, "Oh you know I was just joking, bro." I'm sure you were, bro. Lastly, I've been asked if I wished I wasn't Jewish. My response is, "Nah."

Each year on the first Sunday following the ecclesiastical full moon, Christians and other dominations celebrate the holiday of Easter, which is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The only correlation between Easter and Passover is Jesus Christ's res-

urrection occurred during Passover, which falls on the 15th day of the Hebrew month Nisan. Occasionally celebration dates do overlap, but not every year, and not this year. Passover is an eight-day festival that commemorates Moses leading the Hebrew people out of slavery under the Egyptian Pharaoh around 1300 B.C.

For Passover, Jews have a Seder service and dinner on the first and second night of the holiday. The quickest Seder service I've attended was five minutes and the longest lasted three hours before I could finally eat. The gist of a Seder is to remember and understand the hardship of the enslaved Jews in Egypt and their exodus. The focal points of a Passover Seder are:

- Eating matzah (or unleavened bread) to show that the Jews had to escape and take their bread that had yet to rise.
- Eating bitter herbs to commemorate the bitter slavery Israelites endured.
- Recite the 10 plagues, which is a divine demonstration of power by Moses to "Let my people go."
- Recitation of the Haggadah—a liturgy that describes the Exodus.
- Asking and answering the Four Questions of Passover by the youngest member of the table.

- Singing songs and enjoying drinks and food while relaxing.

Besides having a Seder, many Jews will go to a Passover service at their Synagogue, and the Rabbi will recite Hebrew out of the Torah ("old testament"). While I attended religious school, my class would put on skits reenacting the story of Passover and sing Passover songs. An example of this would be the song, "Pharaoh, Pharaoh, Let My People Go!"

There is one Passover tradition similar to Easter egg hunts, which is the hiding of the Afikoman. The Afikoman is a half-piece of matzah broken into two pieces early in the Seder and eventually the head of the household hides the Afikoman somewhere in the house. The children search the house and the first two children to find both pieces win either money or candy.

So the question of what do Jews do on Easter can be answered quite simply: Go about our daily business as any normal Sunday and do our absolute best to not step on any rotten eggs.

Note: If you are a Jewish student looking for a Jewish community, please feel free to join the Ferris State Jews 2015-2016 Facebook Group or contact the faculty adviser for Jewish students Dr. Barry Mehler at mehlerb@ferris.edu.



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