

Policing by the numbers

Ferris arrests fewer students for alcohol violations compared to GVSU, SVSU

Nick Vander Wulp

Torch Reporter

The number of minors caught with alcohol and referred to university disciplinary action has risen sharply compared to arrests in the residence halls at Ferris State University.

Alcohol referrals to disciplinary action on campus have risen 66 percent, from 246 referrals in 2012 to 409 in 2014. However, the number of arrests in Ferris' residence halls has fallen by 55 percent from 49 to 22 in the same time period.

Ferris State University department of public safety has reported in their 2014 Annual Security and Fire Report the number of arrests and referrals to student conduct for alcohol violations. While the number of arrests has been relatively low compared to other universities— 49 in 2012, 18 in 2013 and 22 in 2014—the number of referrals to student conduct have been significantly higher with 246 in 2012, 360 in 2013 and 409 in 2014.

“There’s lots of ways for students to get alcohol. I hope they don’t get in trouble, but they need to be told ‘do not drink,’” said Ferris plastics engineering freshman Jay Jiang. “If they are taught better what will happen if they drink, I think students wouldn’t have as much trouble.”

Ferris director of the department of public safety (DPS) Bruce Borkovich said it’s not a policy change for his department to refer students to Student Conduct for discipline rather than giving tickets and sending them through the criminal system.

“We try to really use good judgement and a lot of discretion when we’re dealing with young people here,” said Borkovich. “If we catch you drinking and we find out you’ve never been in

trouble before—you’ve been this perfect person and you’ve done everything right, you decided to drink this night, you’re not 21, you’re not arguing, you’re not fighting, you’re not lying or anything—very often the officers will just say, ‘You know what? We’re just going to send you to Student Conduct rather than write you a ticket, so you don’t get any kind of criminal record.’ That’s the discretion the officers have. They’ve used it well almost to a fault.”

Grand Valley State University has taken a much different approach on their Allendale campus. GVSU police make far more arrests than referrals to their student conduct: arrests in the residence halls have risen from 113 in 2012 to 149 in 2014 with a total of 361 arrests from 2012 to 2014. In the same time period, there were only nine referrals to student conduct for non-judicial punishments.

“Don’t drink at all if you’re underage,” said Ferris communications sophomore Taylor White. “Ferris maybe could have more workshops and education about drinking and what the consequences are, and maybe if the university had a fine. I’ve never had a ticket so I don’t know how it works, but people don’t want to get in trouble and pay money. So maybe a fine will get people to stop drinking on campus.”

“You have to be responsible for yourself because there isn’t anyone who will really watch you when you’re away from home. If people drink off campus, they need to be responsible, educate themselves and know their limits of drinking,” said White.

Saginaw Valley State University remains steady in the number of arrests on their campus from 2012 through 2014 as well as the number of student conduct referrals. Liquor law arrests at Saginaw Valley totaled 282 in their residence halls. Breaking down the numbers, 100 arrests were made in 2012, 71 in 2013 and 111 in 2014 by Saginaw Valley University police; 80 student referrals were made in 2012, 106 in 2013 and 74 in 2014.

“Most of the underage kids try to keep it on the down-low in the residence halls and not get caught. Even though they’re not causing trouble, they can still get in trouble because they’re underage and they’re not supposed to be drinking,” said Ferris building construction sophomore Marlena McAllister.

The punishment students get depends on how many times they’ve been referred to Student Conduct and the severity of each previous incident was.

2012 - 2014 CRIME STATISTICS

Liquor Law Referrals

On Campus	Off Campus
2014 - 8	2014 - 0
2013 - 7	2013 - 0
2012 - 4	2012 - 0

Liquor Law Arrests

On Campus	Off Campus
2014 - 19	2014 - 0
2013 - 25	2013 - 0
2012 - 29	2012 - 0



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Michigan Senate passes bill to change MIP charges

Charge to go from misdemeanor to civil infraction if passed by House

Hailey Klingel

Lifestyles Editor

On March 3, the Michigan Senate passed a bill that would reduce the consequences of getting a minor in possession (MIP) charge if approved by the House.

Right now, an MIP charge is a misdemeanor and goes on the offender’s record for seven years. An offender might be able to get the charges dismissed upon successful probation completion.

Under the new Michigan alcohol bill, an MIP would be a civil infraction for the first offense. A second or third MIP would be a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor gives the offender a criminal record and employers or anyone who does a background check can

see the charge.

You can get an MIP if you are under 21 and caught in possession of alcohol, purchasing alcohol, consuming alcohol or blow a .02 or higher on a preliminary breath test.

If minors were to get an MIP under the new bill, they would receive a civil infraction ticket. The fine would be up to \$100. The options for getting a civil infraction ticket are admitting responsibility and paying the fine, denying responsibility and asking for an informal court hearing (meaning no attorney can be present) or denying responsibility and asking for a formal court hearing (can hire an attorney).

A Ferris music industry management sophomore, who wished to remain anonymous, got an MIP about a year ago when he was

19. He said he had to pay \$325 and now has a misdemeanor on his record until he’s 26. He said he agrees with the pending changes to the MIP law.

“I think the change would be really good,” he said. “A lot of states have [the civil infraction rule]. I was in California in January and we asked our Uber driver what would happen if we got caught drinking underage and he said we would just get a ticket and it’d be done.”

The student said he’s slightly worried about how having a misdemeanor will impact his life.

“I’m worried about it to an extent,” he said. “I just applied for a job and had to write that I had a misdemeanor. As long as I’m honest

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The Ferris State Ukulele Club performed at Relay for Life, providing entertainment for the 1,142 participants that took place in this year's event.

Impeached

Student Government Director of Finance removed from office

Keith Salowich
Editor in Chief

After six consecutive hours of trial, deliberation and voting, former Director of Finance Dylan Carpenter was impeached from his position on student government's executive board.

On March 2, Carpenter was charged with—and found guilty of—hampering the organization and its work, neglect of duty in office and conduct tending to injure the good name of the organization.

Members of student government were not willing to discuss the actions taken that led to charges being placed against Carpenter.

Despite the lengthy trial and questioning, Carpenter saw the trial as being “not at all” fair.

“A lot of things weren't specifically in the rules or in Robert's Rules, so it was just left up to the interpretation of the parliamentarian,” Carpenter said.

Yet the other end of the defense stand saw the trial as fair and sound.

“I believe that we looked at our constitution and we looked at Robert's Rules of Order, and we followed exactly what it said to do to a 'T.' I think the



Dylan Carpenter

process is set up to be fair, and we followed the process,” student government president Wayne Bersano said.

The voting members of student government, tasked with voting on three charges and eight specifications one at a time, formed a long line that stretched around the outside of the room.

“I kind of felt like it was just a march to my execution with the round of votes,” Carpenter said.

According to Bersano, the impeachment process was unprecedented to any of the active members of student government.

Ferris political science junior Justin Austin will serve as interim director of finance for the Finance Division for the remainder of the year.

Relay remembers

Cancer awareness by the numbers

Jonny Parshall
Torch Reporter

The American Cancer Society's (ACS) Relay for Life took place at Ferris on Friday, April 1, in Wink Arena. The event was organized by the ACS and Ferris State's Colleges against Cancer (CAC) registered student organization (RSO).

Relay for Life serves two purposes: it is a fundraiser, collecting donations toward cancer research, and an educational opportunity to spread awareness. Participants walk laps around the arena, stopping to donate at the kiosks of participating RSO teams.

This year's Relay had a hero theme. Each team selected a patron superhero, which ranged from moms to power rangers. There was a carnival atmosphere to the event—fun, but punctuated with somber moments.

Here's a closer look at Relay for Life through numbers, and what it means:

1,685,210—the number of new U.S. cancer cases diagnosed so far in 2016, according to the ACS website. Over 56,000 of these have been in Michigan.

599,690—the number of cancer deaths in the United States this year.

“A lot of my family has been affected by cancer,” said CAC president Catherine LoSchiavo, a sophomore in music industry management. “A few close ones have passed.”

\$48,682.58—the total money raised by

this year's Relay event. Donations are used to fund cancer research and aid patients undergoing cancer treatment. And the money is still coming. As checks are cashed and sponsorships finalized, the grand total should be known by May.

“I can feel good knowing that I'm helping fund research and prevent deaths,” said LoSchiavo.

1,142—the total number of participants

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—Catherine LoSchiavo

present for Ferris State's Relay event this year. This tops last year's attendance of 836.

62—the number of teams competing for donation dollars. Each team represented a different academic group or student organization. The Media Communications Association offered pictures with Deadpool, portrayed by Ferris television and digital media

production sophomore Justin Campbell.

“Cancer sucks,” said Campbell. “That's the Deadpool-approved statement.”

Many of the teams set donation goals. The Social Work Association and Law Enforcement academy had both broken their \$1,000 goal early in the evening. A lot of the money had been pledged through sponsors before the evening of the event, with teams having dedicated weeks or months in planning.

“I feel people want the challenge,” said Ferris criminal justice senior Joseph Doll. “We'll probably get up to two grand.”

“If you work hard, you can accomplish anything,” said Ferris criminal justice senior Tracy Lownsberry.

17—the number of survivors present at this year's event. The Social Work Association's patron survivor was Limbo, a 15-year-plus survivor dressed to party.

“[Relay for Life] means hope for those struggling with cancer, as well as those helping those with it,” said Ferris social work sophomore Makayla Holloway.

1—the number of people it takes to make an impact on cancer through Relay for Life according to the ACS.

“Money toward research is money well spent,” said Doll.

“It means creating new birthdays,” said Ferris social work sophomore Garret Prophet.



Three stolen bikes and a spare tire

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

By Angela Graf, News Editor

Slip 'n slide

March 23, 6:45 p.m., officers found a vehicle in a ditch on 15 Mile Road near Katke Golf Course. The vehicle slid off the road and hit a tree due to the slippery conditions.

Chillin' at the Holiday Inn

March 23, 7 p.m., officers located a damaged vehicle in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. The vehicle had been involved in a road runoff due to the slippery conditions. The case was taken over by the state police.

Mobile marijuana

March 24, 3:05 a.m., officers responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle in Lot 4. Two subjects were ticketed for the use of marijuana.

Hospital scam

March 25, 1:30 p.m., officers responded to the report of a phone scam. The victim had received calls saying they owed money to a local hospital.

Stolen bike

March 25, 4:20 p.m., officers received a report of a stolen bike from the south side of Merrill Hall. The bike had been taken sometime within the previous 24 hours.

Another stolen bike

March 25, 7 p.m., officers received a report of a stolen bike from north of Bond Hall. The bike had been taken sometime within the previous 24 hours.

Felony warrant

March 25, 9:50 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff department in seeking the subject of a felony warrant in Oakwood Apartments. The suspect was later apprehended.

Domestic dispute

March 27, 3:35 a.m., officers responded to the report of a disorderly subject in Bond Hall. The subject was involved in a domestic dispute and transported to a hotel for the evening.



Stolen spare

March 27, 9 p.m., officers investigated a spare tire stolen from a vehicle in lot 3.

Student hit by car

March 28, 1:50 p.m., a car hit a pedestrian in front of FLITE Library. The pedestrian was taken to the hospital for evaluation but suffered no long-term injuries. The driver was ticketed with failure to yield to a pedestrian.

Harassment in Hallisy

March 28, 4:45 p.m., officers responded to a harassment com-

plaint in Hallisy Hall. The subjects involved were told to leave each other alone.

Drunk driver

March 28, 6 p.m., officers assisted state police with a drunk driver near 15 Mile Road. The driver was arrested and lodged in jail.

Harassment in Puterbaugh

March 28, 9:30 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint in Puterbaugh Hall. The subjects involved were told to leave each other alone.

Ridin' solo

March 28, 11:30 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with a one-vehicle accident on 15 Mile Road.

Wild in West Campus

March 29, 2:40 a.m., officers responded to a loud party complaint in West Campus Apartments. The tenants were told to quiet down.

OWI

March 29, 3:45 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Family Drive. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated (OWI).

Yet another stolen bike

March 29, 9:50 a.m., officers received a report of a stolen bike from the West Campus Apartments. The bike had been taken sometime within the previous 24 hours.

DPS issued 308 traffic and parking violations from March 25 to March 31, totaling \$4,930.

NEWS BRIEFS

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News Editor

Conference on aging

On Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 8, Ferris will be hosting a conference on how aging affects future careers, economics and our personal lives. This will provide an opportunity to think together about this topic, share research and insights, discuss the challenges and consider the implications. Faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to attend. It is free and no registration is required. This conference will be held in the IRC, IRC Connector and the Business Building on April 7 and the University Center on April 8.

Infinite Black Suitcase

At 7:30 p.m. on April 7 - 9, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, FSU Theater will be performing Infinite Black Suitcase by EM Lewis. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students. They can be purchased in advance online at www.ferris.edu/arts or at the box office the day of the performance.

Queer Monologues

On Monday, April 11, Ferris students will be sharing their coming-out stories or stories of others, through spoken word poetry. This event will take place in UCB 202 and will kick-off D-SAGA's annual spring pride week. To conclude the evening, Ferris alumnus Zack Brewer will be sharing his coming out story and offering advice for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies of the community.

Ferris State Torch Corrections

Jacob Lampman's NFL combine times were incorrectly reported in last week's *Torch*. The Ferris alumnus recorded a 4.47 40-yard dash time and a 4.11 short shuttle run time.

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

The truth behind "gendercide"

Ferris hosts "It's a Girl" documentary and discussion

Harley Harrison

Interim Reporter

Every day girls are abandoned, aborted and even murdered solely because of their sex in a term known as "gendercide."

On Thursday, March 31, at 6 p.m., students gathered in the IRC auditorium to watch and discuss the documentary, "It's a Girl." The film took the audience to both India and China to show the horrors of being a daughter due to both cultural customs and unethical laws.

The practice of "gendercide" stems from sexist customs that favor men over women. One of these customs, found in both India and China, is the idea that

when a woman marries, she leaves her family to become a part of her husband's family. As both China and India lack nursing homes, parents prefer to have a son so that someone will take care of them when they grow old.

In India, dowry also pays a huge factor in "gendercide" because the parents of a bride are expected to pay the parents of the groom. For many, a daughter is equivalent to a loss of money and a son is equivalent to a gain of money.

According to the documentary, China participates in "gendercide" due to the one child law, which was uplifted after the documentary. Any woman who was illegally pregnant would be forced by the Family

Planning Committee to have an abortion.

Due to this preference for girls, many parents would abort the child if it was a girl or abandon the female baby. This has led to 37 million more males in China than females.

This overpopulation of males has increased prostitution, the kidnapping of girls and sex trafficking.

When asked why students at Ferris should be aware of this issue, Ferris Professor Dr. Teresa Bailey argued an excellent point.

"Michigan is one of the top five states for sex-trafficking," said Bailey. "Women are told they have a job and end up trapped in sex slavery."

Dr. Bailey herself took action after watching a similar documentary by adopting a baby girl from China who had been abandoned at a train station. The audience was urged to adopt, donate, petition world leaders and bring awareness to others.

"I think one of the main ways to help end a situation like this is to bring awareness to help start a change," Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Alexandra Rueger said. "I was excited that they gave resources to take action."

For more information, go to www.itsagirlmovie.com or rent the documentary on Netflix or Amazon Video.

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Industrial chemistry

Shantelle Bonham

Torch Reporter

Beer and Wine brewery as a curriculum here at Ferris? That's exactly right.

After 60 consecutive years of offering an associate's degree in industrial chemistry at Ferris State, it was decided that a bachelor's degree in the field was much needed.

With such rapid growth in demands of manufacturers, along with the nationwide interest in producing beer, wine and distilled products, the value and worth of this program has been proven to increase over time.

According to Ferris associate professor of physical sciences Mark Thomson, there are endless opportunities in this field.

"It's important that they be made aware of the possibilities available in industrial chemistry," Thomson said.

With Thomson's longtime experience in home brewing, along with his teaching tactics in physical sciences, he uses a unique technique when giving students the knowledge needed to produce their own products.

He explained the two ways in which a student can go about the bachelor's program in industrial chemistry: through a manufacturing track or a fermentation track.

The manufacturing track has a concentration in engineering and statistics, while fermentation focuses more on the hospitality and food safety aspects of the industry.

Fermentation primarily focuses on the production of beer, wine, cheese and yeast, ultimately allowing students more hands-on experience in their desired field of study.

As the 2015-16 academic year began, Thomson was informed that they received their first declarations for a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial chemistry and several students who took interest in the program intending on changing majors.

He anticipates the pursuit of a bachelor's degree in industrial chemistry to increase and is hoping to see rapid growth of up to five to 10 students a year.

"I'm all about pushing students into directions they haven't been pushed before [and] exposing them to things that they haven't thought about before because this program has done that for me," said Thomson.



Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Photographer

There are two ways in which a student can go about the bachelor's program in industrial chemistry: through a manufacturing track or a fermentation track.

"Trying to move forward"

Birkam Health Center responds to student complaints

Angela Graf

News Editor

On March 16, the Torch ran a story featuring several anonymous Ferris students detailing negative experiences that they had had at Ferris' Birkam Health Center.

There were a variety of issues brought to light by the students interviewed initially, but

following the original story many students and alumni responded via Facebook, Yik Yak and on the Torch web page.

One of the most common complaints seemed to be pertain to billing and insurance issues.

"They assured me it was only a \$35 copay," commented Rachael Bach on the Torch Facebook page. "Six weeks later I get a \$500 bill from spectrum hospital for labs. And then three weeks later another \$105 bill from Birkam. That's money I don't have. So much for \$35. I'll never go back."

The Director of Student Affairs Budget Management, and Acting Director of Birkam Health Center, Deanna Goldthwait provided some insight into why that is such a commonly occurring issue.

"We've actually been working very closely in the last few weeks with the representative at Spectrum's lab to try and mitigate any issues

there," said Goldthwait. "Just to make sure that what we tell them that they're going to be charged from spectrum is what they get charged, because I know we had heard that that was an issue."

Another issue that continually appeared in student accounts was the medical staff being insensitive and not listening to what they, the students, were trying to say.

"I went there my sophomore year for treatment for an anxiety disorder," said a commenter on the Torch webpage going by the username Jesus Smith. "The doctor told me all I needed to do was incorporate more vitamin c in my diet and to grow up. Great place. Very professional."

Goldthwait acknowledged that there have been issues in the past and is hopeful that the new doctor, Peter S. VanDeMark, as well as a change in leadership with a new director on the horizon, will bring about a positive

change.

"I really believe that my goal for the new director coming in is to do some major marketing campaigns and really bring the students in to get a positive experience," said Goldthwait. "Because we do know that there's always a reputation that we're trying to get around and improve on."

Goldthwait also clarified that the \$47 fee included in each student's tuition is what keeps the doors open, providing roughly 70% of the center's revenue, as opposed to what patients pay when they visit.

Birkam Health Center has seen more than 3,300 patients this academic year to date, and from summer 2014 through spring 2015 provided over 10,000 patient visits.

"The thing I really want to focus on is that we are trying to move forward from the past and the way things have been," said Goldthwait.

2016 MAY COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 6, 2016 and Saturday, May 7, 2016

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Tickets are required for all ceremonies. All students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (6) six tickets and are available at Grad Fair on March 22, 2016, tickets must be reserved by midnight on May 5, 2016. Electronic tickets will be available for students to access/print starting March 22, 2016. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced.

Commencement Program - Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, February 26, 2016 for their names to appear in the Spring 2016 Commencement Programs** or their name will not appear in the Commencement Program. In order to have the program printed and back in time for the ceremonies we have to adhere to these deadlines. Contact your college's Commencement Coordinator if you have any questions.

Friday, May 6

Time	College
3:30 pm	College of Health Professions
7:00 pm	College of Arts & Sciences College of Pharmacy Doctorate in Community College Leadership

Saturday, May 7

Time	College
9:00 am	College of Business
12:30 pm	College of Education & Human Services Michigan College of Optometry
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No stone unturned

Ferris Fine Art Gallery welcomes new exhibit

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

Oftentimes, it's hard to fully grasp the meaning of art; however, this is not the case for the "No Stone Unturned: Hybrid Landscapes and Eco Systems" exhibit.

The photographic exhibit, which opened at Ferris' Fine Art Gallery on April 4, was created by recent graduate from Kendall College of Art and Design Ethan Ross. Ross won The Master of Fine Arts competition in which the winner is awarded a solo exhibit. The solo exhibit was bought by Ferris and is part of its monthly rotation.

"Each exhibit is really unique. That's part of our goal, to be diverse not only in the medium and the genre, but in the concept and themes," gallery director Carrie Stermer said.

On display this month is a series of black and white photographs that show different parts of the environment and how humans have affected the landscape. The collection ranges from nature in the reflection of a commercial building to a tree with a pink ribbon around it, signifying that it is going to be cut down.

"We are trying to exhibit a lot of different works that will hopefully spark interest in our students," said Stermer. "I would imagine that anybody who has any interest on the impact they have on the environment would be interested in this exhibit. Each piece kind of addresses a different way of looking at how we impact the environment."

Ferris undecided freshman Colin Knapp was thoughtful about the collection. "It's interesting to me. It's about places where no one seems to look," Knapp said.

Knapp's favorite photo, titled "It's a Really Nice Place to Raise a Family," is a picture of a quaint house surrounded by gravel and construction with a few lone trees left. He believed the photo was trying to prove a point.

"It shows one side of residential and the other side is mass construction," said Knapp. "That's because of us. Nature is gone because we need a road."

Ross will be at the Fine Art Gallery to talk about his exhibit at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. Food and drinks will also be provided.

For more photographs by Ethan Ross, visit www.eross-photography.com.

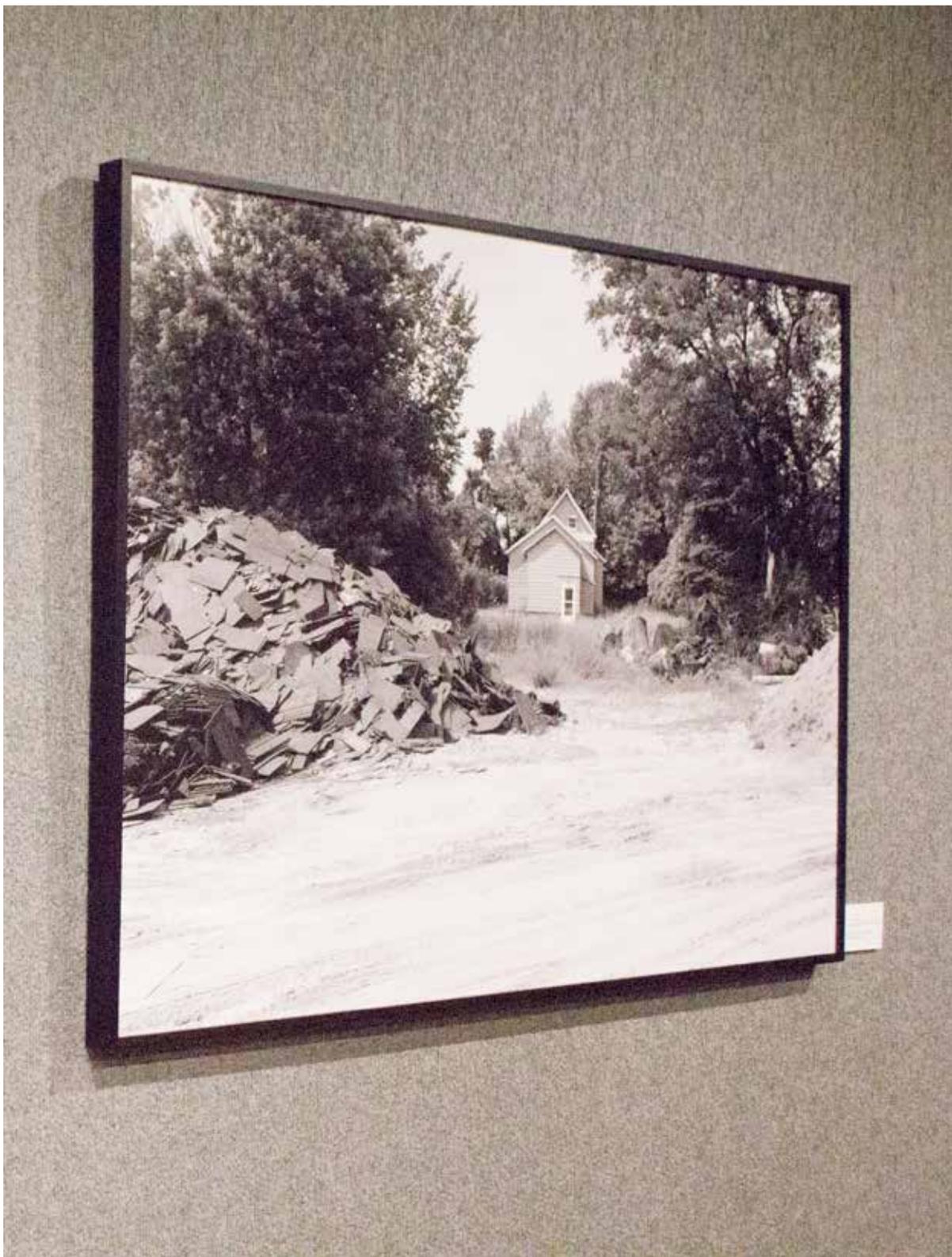


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One of the many new pieces of art by photographer, and Kendall College of Art and Design alumni, Ethan Ross on display in the Ferris Fine Art Gallery.

MIP from page 1 Changes in MIP charges

with people I think it's fine. I'm going into the music industry, though, and many people have drug or alcohol problems."

In an MLive article, Senator Rick Jones, who introduced the bill, said MIPs are "clogging up the courts." CBS Detroit reported that there were about 40,000 first-time MIP arrests from 2009 to 2013.

Ferris Department of Public

Safety (DPS) assistant director Jim Cook said he doesn't necessarily think MIPs are "clogging up the courts." He said he doesn't know why the legislation was introduced, but it could be because young adults with MIPs are finding it harder to get jobs with a criminal record.

Underage drinkers shouldn't get too excited about the pending MIP changes, though. The bill was first introduced on May 14, 2015, and took nearly a year to make it through the Senate alone.

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Application deadline: MAY 15, 2016



Alumni Association

*All submissions must be made on line using MyScholarships. Visit <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/admission/financialaid/scholarship/Incoming/myscholarships.htm> for more information.

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“The police should make sure students are safe instead of attempting to abolish drinking.”
- Anonymous
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Fake IDs at Ferris



Illustration by: Mikala Piller | Cartoonist

How students get them, what happens when they use them

Nick Vander Wulp
Torch Reporter

Fake IDs have opened the possibilities for underage drinkers to gain access to alcohol, bars and clubs.

A Ferris business administration sophomore who spoke on the condition of anonymity has a fake ID. He said most of the time identification cards aren't questioned and have all of the appearances of legitimate out-of-state government-issued identification.

"It's a website where you had to email a picture of your face on a white background, and you also send your information. You could pick your address or a random address. You could pick which state you wanted. Obviously, you don't choose Michigan if you live in Michigan," said the anonymous Ferris business administration sophomore.

When the ID came in the mail, it came in a box with a bunch of chopsticks because they couldn't just ship the IDs alone, said the anonymous sophomore. It's too suspicious and they'd most likely be nabbed by customs when they come to the United States.

"I would go over to the liquor store, they stared at me once or twice, but after that they didn't care," said the anonymous sophomore. "The only time I got caught with it was when I was on spring break in Panama. I tried to get into this concert, and the bouncer looked at my

ID and said, 'This is fake.' I argued with him about it and told him everything he wanted to hear, that all of the information was mine. After calling his bluff, he let me inside. That was the only time I was ever questioned about it."

Minors and underage college students sometimes try less sophisticated methods to buy alcohol at the liquor stores in town. They try using an expired ID, saying they forgot their identification at home or by saying some of the other workers on staff know them. Along with less sophistication, these methods don't stand up to scrutiny.

"One time this kid came in and one of my coworkers at the time was a resident advisor at Ferris, and she said she knew him and he might be underage," said Grunst Brother's clerk and Grand Rapids Community College associate welding student Lucas Armand. "So I checked his ID and it was out of date. It had been expired for four years and it said he was 30 years old. I told him his ID was definitely expired, and I couldn't sell to him. He was cool about it and he left."

The Gate in Big Rapids takes an electronic approach to identifying fake IDs, using a method to read the information strip on government-issued identification. Security at The Gate also receives additional training on what real pieces of identification look like, so they know what to look for and how to spot fakes when they're presented.

"We have a scanner. If we can also tell that it's visibly fake, and if it doesn't scan, we'll take another good look at the ID. After that, if we don't think it's good, then we have to take it," said Ferris electrical engineering junior Jeff Stiver. "We give the card to the manager, and they can either take it up with him or they can leave."

Over the last few months, there have been five fakes taken by Stiver and the others who work security at The Gate.

Big Rapids Department of Public Safety (DPS) sergeant Jim Eddinger said they occasionally respond to calls at Shooters or The Gate for fake identification or minors drinking.

"It doesn't happen all the time, but it does happen fairly often where we'll get a call for people they've caught drinking underage. We'll give them the preliminary breath test (PBT), and we usually end up giving them a citation for minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol," said Eddinger.

What Eddinger urges everyone to do is be safe and be responsible. Being close to the end of the semester, there's bound to be more Thursday, Friday and Saturday night parties, and Eddinger encourages roommates, fraternities and sororities to be neighborly and responsible among themselves when it comes to who's drinking alcohol.

Minors who get caught with a fake ID can get a fine of up to \$100 and, in some cases, jail time.



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Students have been known to pack into Oakwood Townhouses' courtyard for marathon partying during past Ferris Fests.

Ferris Fest shenanigans

Ferris DPS and students talk drinking

Travis Sacher

Torch Reporter

Music Takes Action, formerly known as Ferris Fest, is only a few weekends away and the overall vibe this year is substantially more positive than last year.

Students have shown more approval for the selection of Lupe Fiasco compared to Big K.R.I.T. and Mayer Hawthorne. The weekend will likely be filled with great music, good vibes and lots of work for Ferris' Department of Public Safety (DPS).

One of the reasons Ferris Fest transformed into a fundraising event dubbed "Music Takes Action" is to diminish the party connotation with the event. Regardless of the name, the weekend of

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Minors' hands are marked with black X's at bars to let bartenders know they are under 21.

Under 21 but still having fun

Minors give opinions on underage drinking

Jen Corrie

Torch Reporter

It's no secret that underage college students consume alcohol.

Whether it's at parties, at bars with the help of a fake ID or just at home with some help from older friends, many Ferris minors don't shy away from the red Solo cup. The Torch talked to three students at Ferris who aren't 21 about underage drinking. All three students wished to remain anonymous.

A male sophomore said he drinks one or two times a week to have a good time and relax on the weekends. As for the legal drinking age, he thinks it should be changed.

"As someone who already drinks, I obviously disagree with it, especially when I'm being called a minor as a legal adult," he said. "I think I'm at an age where I can make decisions for myself about what I want to consume. I think the drinking age should be 18, which is when you're considered a legal adult."

On the other hand, a female freshman said she agrees with our Canadian neighbors.

"Personally, I think it should be lowered to 19 like it is in Canada, because most kids who are drinking now are drinking illegally," she said. "They'll find a way to drink whether it's through older siblings or older friends. They're going to get alcohol somehow."

However, she said that she doesn't tend to party too often.

"I guess I'm a social drinker," she said. "I only drink when I'm with my brother and his legal friends so I would say maybe three times a year, tops."

She did say that some of her friends like to party, though.

"One time when I was a freshman in high school, my friend got a bottle of UV Blue from

her brother, and she drank 75 percent of it by herself," she said. "She excused herself to use the bathroom (she seemed fine) and about 15 minutes passed, so I went to check on her and she was passed out with no pants on and there was vomit everywhere. I woke her up and told her to clean it and she said, 'No, I've got to sleep for school,' and fell asleep on the couch. I cleaned up everything, and when she woke up the next morning, I told her about what happened. She said that she went to the bathroom and went to sleep."

"I think I'm at an age where I can make decisions for myself about what I want to consume."

— Anonymous

She didn't remember throwing up at all and she still doesn't believe me."

A male junior insists that he drinks once a month, at most. However, he is indifferent on the legal drinking age.

"I have no issue with the current drinking age," he said. "I know in the past the age was reduced to 19. I wouldn't be opposed to the age being changed to that, but I wouldn't say I'm a proponent of it."

The junior also said that he doesn't think that underage drinking could be classified as a problem here at Ferris.

"I would say it would be on about the same level as other schools," he said. "I know a fair amount of other minors who drink but I also know many who don't."

FERRIS FEST from page 7 Do police patrol Ferris Fest too much?

the event is more known for its massive block party at the Oakwood Townhouses than for the performers of the festival. At the block party, students can expect to see a couch burning, a field covered in empty beer cans and the whole front field filled with parked cars. You can also expect hundreds of highly intoxicated college students.

The university would like this weekend to focus on safe fun at the festival, not drinking and parties. One way Ferris will enforce that is by utilizing four units of police force: Ferris State DPS, Big Rapids DPS, Mecosta County Police and Michigan State Police.

Ferris DPS director Bruce Borkovich stressed that the weekend is for the students to get outside and enjoy a live music concert and the police are there to patrol and keep the students safe.

"DPS will be patrolling the concert, Big Rapids Police will be in the town and on campus and the State Police will be partnered with them," Borkovich said. "We are there to show our numbers, keep the event and students safe and only intervene if somebody is committing a violation."

Students have a different opinion of the motives of the police force, specifically related to students drinking. An early childhood education junior who preferred to remain anonymous said she thinks cops should leave students alone when it comes to drinking.

"The police should make sure students are safe instead of attempting to abolish drinking," she said. "The first concern should be safety. Now that I am 21, I will definitely be way more drunk at the concert and afterward now that I do not have to worry about getting an MIP."

Brandon Swanson, an information security and intelligence sophomore, came to Ferris from Illinois and was shocked by the controlling nature of the police force.

"The police do not do much to keep us safe, they just negatively impact students' future," Swanson said.

Swanson added that yes, the drinking age is 21, but many underage college students drink. He doesn't feel minors should be criminalized for partaking in an action all college students do, as well as most people in our age group all over the world.



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Carry on my wayward Dawgs



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After a run to the Elite Eight in the 2015-2016 season, the Ferris State hockey team will have some rebuilding to do next year after with the departure of eight players.

Ferris hockey says goodbye to seven seniors

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The seniors of Bulldog hockey have carved up college ice for the last time but not without leaving their mark on the way out.

Defensemen Brandon Anselmini, Simon Denis, Sean O'Rourke and Zach Dorer, along with forwards Matt Robertson, Kenny Babinski and goalie Ruben Medrano have all laced up their skates for the final time under the Bulldog banner. All seven players will graduate from Ferris State this spring. These men helped the Dawgs to their first conference tournament championship in the team's history in 2016.

Denis has the most history as a Dawg as the last man at Ferris from the historic 2011-2012 team that reached the national championship game. Denis recently signed a pro contract with the Fort Wayne Komets of the ECHL. He expects great things from the remaining Bulldogs.

“The team at Ferris is in very good hands,” said Denis. “There are a lot of good leaders in that locker room along with high quality players that are going to help the program succeed for years to come. It's hard to believe that I won't be a part of it after so many years, but I have the utmost confidence in every guy on the team to continue to grow the program.”

As a member of the Komets, Denis joins former Bulldogs Garrett Thompson, Pat Nagle and Mike Embach. Thompson is known among the Bulldog faithful for scoring the only national championship game goal in the history of the hockey program.



Darren Smith

Denis is not the only Dawg to sign the dotted line on a pro contract. Babinski signed his contract with the ECHL's Alaska Aces.

Along with the departing seniors, junior Bulldog Captain Kyle Schempp has also played his last game for the Bulldogs, and has signed a two-year entry-level contract the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the NHL's New York Islanders organization.

Head coach Bob Daniels told ferrisstatebulldogs.com that he and the rest of the program are going to miss the seniors.

“These kids have come a long way,” said Daniels. “I think back to when they were freshmen and I remember the banquet that year, a lot of the seniors got up and spoke and said, ‘I don't know about this freshmen class,’ but they were young and immature at that point, but boy they came on and really gave us an awful lot to be proud of.”

Ferris freshman goalie Darren Smith, deemed the na-

tion's top rookie netminder of the 2015-2016 season by College Hockey News, said the men leaving the team played a big role in making his first year easier.

“Kyle [Schempp] and the seniors were obviously a big part of our team,” said Smith. “They led the team and were great role models for us younger guys. They definitely helped me out a lot this year, making my transition from juniors to college hockey a lot easier. They gave me confidence at the beginning of the year when I didn't have that much experience at the college level.”

As for the future of Bulldog hockey, Denis talked about the many positives that potential recruits would gain from playing hockey for Ferris State.



Simon Denis

“The draw of playing for a championship contender is very big,” said Denis. “To have the opportunity to win a championship year in and out with the opportunity at NCAA tournaments are huge. Also, the coaching staff here really helps players grow to be the people they want to be, not only as a hockey player, but as a person. You can see the track record that's there with good hockey players, but to see the success that come to players that move into the real world is tremendous.”

New coach, new year

FSU softball's Wally King making a big impact

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris softball has risen from the bottom of the GLIAC to top contenders under new head coach Wally King.

The Bulldogs had a combined record of 29-56 in the 2014-15 seasons but have started this season 21-9 and 6-0 in the conference. This turnaround is evidence of King's coaching ability.

Junior infielder Bailey Darwin said, "He's the best coach I've ever had. He understands the game so well and does whatever he can to make us better at the game."

King's instructional approach to coaching has revitalized the Bulldogs who are tied for first in the GLIAC. Communication barriers between the players and coaches contributed to their lack of success the last two years.

"We were just told what to do, regardless if it made sense or not. We never got reasoning for what we were doing," said Darwin.

“He’s the best coach I’ve ever had.”

— Bailey Darwin

King brings a disciplined approach to coaching. He gets his players in the positions that suit them and expects accountability. However, he communicates what he wants in a way that has inspired the Bulldogs like never before.

"He's a good mix between seriousness and knowing how to have a good time," said Darwin. "He doesn't just tell us what to do. He gives us reasoning for everything we're told to do. That's something we haven't had in the past."

King was a Div. 1 associate head coach on a Syracuse team that was king of the Big East for two years, earning back-to-back conference tournament titles in 2010-2011. A player on those

teams was the all-time Syracuse home run leader, Jasmine Watson.

Watson, a three-time All-Big East selection, joined King this year as an assistant coach for Ferris after coaching with him for the Orange last season. She has seen a change in King's coaching approach since he started coaching the Bulldogs.



Wally King

Watson said, "He was a totally different guy than I was used to. He knew he had to back off a little bit just so he can help them understand the game a little better."

From filming practices and showing the players or doing nothing but fielding practice

for the first week of training, King has micromanaged every aspect of the Bulldogs' game and has them understanding what it takes to win.

"What we do is break down everything. No two players are the same, so individualized attention is important," said Watson. "We show the girls how to do it and explain every step of the way."

King has brought a winning culture. He has turned around a starving program, but this job at Ferris has brought a win to his family life.

"With him being away at Syracuse, it was harder on him and his family because he was away. I've seen him be able to go see his daughter play at Hudsonville High School now and I know that makes him happy," said Watson.

King's wife, Sue, and their four children reside in Hudsonville. His Michigan roots go back even further.

He was a former standout prep student of Forest Hills Central High School and is an alumnus of Hope College. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology then earned his master's in social work from Grand Valley in 1994.

He worked as a social worker and special education instructor at Northview High School in Grand Rapids where he was also head softball coach. He also has a history of turning around teams. In his two seasons at Northview, King's team led the state with 28 home runs, which was a 21 home run improvement over the previous season.

King has had success at every level he's coached at. Another success story is already being written in Big Rapids, but much is left to be told.

Sports Shorts

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Three Dawgs grab all-tourney honors

The good news continues to mount for the Bulldogs after their season came to an end in the Elite Eight of the NCAA playoffs.

Three Bulldogs claimed all-tournament honors after reaching the West Regional Championship Game. Freshman in goal Darren Smith, junior forward Jared VanWormer and junior forward Gerald Mayhew all received honors.

Smith and VanWormer were both named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team while Mayhew received the honor of joining the ESPNU All-American Team. Smith, who has excelled in the net all year, made 29 saves during the Dawgs game against St. Cloud State.

VanWormer notched the game winner in the same game, his second on the night. Mayhew was good for a goal and then an assist on VanWormer's game winner on the night. All three men are slated to return next year for the Dawgs.

Football lands new coach

With former assistant head coach Rob Zeitman leaving Ferris for a job in Div. I football at Kent State, Ferris football introduced Kyle Nystrom as a new full-time assistant coach.

Former Chippewa, Nystrom was the interim head coach for Central Michigan University football when Dan Enos left the team at the end of the Chip's 2014 season. Nystrom will serve as the co-defensive coordinator and linebacker coach for Ferris.

Some of Nystrom's successes as a coach for Central Michigan came in the form of a win at the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in 2012 and an appearance in the Bahamas Bowl in 2014.

The Dawgs are back on the field for spring practices in preparation for the upcoming Crimson and Gold spring game on April 16 at 12 p.m.

Ferris basketball participates in All-Star Game for a cause

The Champions of Character West Michigan All-Star Game was drowned out by the sound of Bulldog dominance.

Five different senior Bulldogs competed in the event, including forward James Chappell, center Jared Stolicker, forward Josh Fleming, guard Jibreel Jackson and for the women, guard Katie Mavis. The teams the men and women Dawgs were representing each won their games.

Chappell took home the MVP honors for the event with 21 points, leading his men's team to a 94-75 victory. Head coach Andy Bronkema was the co-head coach of the winning team in his second straight year at the event.

Mavis' all-star team won their game by just one point in a 70-69 finish. The event's proceeds went to the Champions of Character Lecturing Initiative. The initiative promotes respect, leadership and sportsmanship among other great qualities for student athletes and spectators in area school systems.



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From sea to shining sea

Mark Hansen

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State men's tennis team is known not only for its success but for the amount of players they bring from other countries.

Ferris has brought in 7 of their 11 players from foreign countries, coming all the way from Jamaica, England, Germany, Australia, Russia and Indonesia.

"Recruiting is all year round in tennis. In particular, with international recruiting, it's really a lot of connections with recruiting agencies," head coach Chad Berryhill said.

Coach Berryhill took his experience from Central Florida and the connections with recruiters to get players that he wants for this team. Those connections helped inspire players like Rob Camplin and Simon Levy to play for Ferris.

Junior Rob Camplin is from England and came to Ferris after working with recruiters and talking about coming to the states to play collegiate tennis and be in school.

"I was hooked up with an agent who helped other college scholars that were in my high school at the tennis academy that I went to in London. I paid him and he looked at certain colleges for me and found 10-15 colleges, which fitted my criteria and my level of tennis," Camplin said. "Coach Chad called me and asked me to come for a visit and the rest is history."

Simon Levy was a different story because although he is from Jamaica, he was in Canada when he was recruited by Berryhill.

"I was in Canada and I started the recruiting process really late, so I was behind on contacting schools and behind on talking to coaches. What happened was I had someone who helped me speak to universities, he was basically a recruiter for me and had connections to Ferris," Levy said.

Coach Berryhill has brought in a lot of international recruits in the four-year span since joining the Ferris program in 2012 and has led the Bulldogs to their first outright regular season conference championship in over 20 years last year. The Bulldogs also finished second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC) tournament. The Bulldogs are currently leading the division with a 13-4 record and are undefeated in the conference.

"One of the things we touch on is our tradition of having good tennis teams, we've had All-American type players, we've had top 10 teams in the country, we've had national champions, that way they know we've had success here" Berryhill said.

The Bulldogs will be back at it again this weekend when they take on Lake Superior State on Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m. and Michigan Tech on Sunday, April 10, at 10 a.m. Both matches will be at the Ferris State Racquet Facility.

Within putting distance



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Ferris senior Zak Kiefer and junior Cody Simons pose on the green at Big Rapids' own Katke Golf Course.

Men's golf places 11th in Midwest Region Invite

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris golf took 11th place at the third Midwest Region Invite over the weekend with the GLIAC Championship in putting distance.

The Bulldogs competed with 24 region teams on a par-72 course last Saturday and Sunday. Ferris posted 627 strokes in two rounds, scoring 318 and 309 on respective days at The Jewell on April 2-3 in Botavia, Ohio.

Sophomore Jack Weller placed highest for Ferris at sixth with 149 total strokes, shooting 77 and 72. Sophomore Seth Terpstra placed 20th posting 154 total strokes with 79 and 75.

The last Bulldog in the top 50 was sophomore Ryan Bayer at 41st place. He posted 157 strokes with 78 and 79.

Rounding out the remaining Dawgs, freshman Andrew Hammett tied at 102nd totaling 167 strokes with 84 and 83 while Zak Kiefer finished 119th totaling 174 strokes with 89 and 85.

The Bulldogs finished in the middle of the pack, but that wasn't the case in the fall. Ferris took first in the first two region invites with multiple Dawgs in the top-10. However, the finish at the first invite of the spring is the usual for the Bulldogs in GLIAC competition.

They placed seventh in the GLIAC North Invitational on Sep. 20 and 21, and fifth among 13 teams in the GLIAC Spring Invitational on March 26 and 27.

Senior Justin Haase said, "It's still early in the season but we can rank with the best of the best. We just have to do it."

The Bulldogs will par up in the fourth Midwest Region Invite before the GLIAC championship.

The fourth Midwest Region Invite begins Sunday, April 10 and Monday, April 11 in Noblesville, Ind., and the GLIAC Championship starts Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17 in Nashport, Ohio.

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The Ferris State men's golf team had to cope with some dreadful weather last weekend, but the inclement conditions would not slow Ferris sophomore Jack Weller. Weller was the only Bulldog this week to finish in the top 10 in the Dawgs' latest tournament.

Weller, a 6-foot-4-inch Swartz Creek native shot a 77 on day one and 72 on the second day. Weller finished with 149, which was good enough for sixth place.

Weller is our Top Dawg this week because his seven over par round kept the Bulldogs within striking distance as they placed 11th in the tournament at The Jewel in Elks Run, Ohio at the third Midwest Region Invite of the year. The

team shot a total of 627 with five players' two-day totals taken into account.

The Bulldogs placed first overall in the first two Midwest Region Invites of the season.

They will look to bounce back in Indiana next weekend as they participate in the fourth Midwest Region Invite.

WrestleMania recap with a Bulldog twist

A record crowd of 101,763 people sat in awe of the spectacle that was WWE's WrestleMania 32 Sunday night at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

The event hosted names from the past such as the icon Sting and up-and-comers of the future like Baron Corbin, of WWE's developmental brand, NXT. Like the Ferris State Bulldog athletic teams, the performers put on a great show for their fans.

The event began with a ladder match for the prestigious Intercontinental Championship, won by the often-overlooked Zack Ryder. Reminiscent of Ferris State's very own wide receiver Shakur Sanders climbing over the safety to go up and grab the football, Ryder snagged the title that hung from Jerry Jones' giant Jumbotron.

The New Day may be the most popular group in the WWE today as the lovable Tag Team Champions twerk in the ring and even have their own brand of cereal, Booty-O's. Like the senior basketball tandem of James Chappell, Josh Fleming and Jibreel Jackson, the three men that make up The New Day put in a lot of work to leave it all out on the court, or in this case, the wrestling mat.

No matter how popular The New Day may be, nobody supersedes the fame of the Texas Rattlesnake, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin. The Stone Cold of Ferris State is without a doubt former quarterback Jason Vander Laan. He may be gone from Ferris, but his name will always carry weight.

After The New Day took a loss to The League of Nations, Stone Cold along with Heartbreak Kid Shawn Michaels and Mick Foley strolled down the WrestleMania ramp and rearranged the faces of each of the New Day's competitors.

With a Stone Cold Stunner to the



Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

"Bulgarian Brute" Rusev, the beautiful tune of Sweet Chin Music to "Mexico's Greatest Export" Alberto Del Rio, and a Mandible Claw to the mouth of the Irishman Sheamus, the three legends stood tall, proving age doesn't mean everything in the world of wrestling.

Like a Royal Knockout out of nowhere, anything can happen in the WWE. The third annual Andre the Giant Memorial Battle Royal match saw dozens of men trying to throw each other over the top rope to claim the prestigious Andre the Giant Trophy. In what was a surprise to everyone watching, Shaquille O'Neal entered the battle royal. Lasting only a couple minutes, the contestants teamed up to eliminate the 7-foot-1-inch NBA Hall of Famer.

The WWE's version of Ferris State's Justin Zimmer, the monster Brock Lesnar, demolished crowd favorite Dean Ambrose in a street fight where all rules go out the window. Not even a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire could halt The Beast Incarnate Brock Lesnar from sending Ambrose to Suplex City before pinning Ambrose for the three count.

One highlight of the night came in the form of the most electrifying man in sports entertainment, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson teaming up with John Cena to take down the Wyatt Family. You could say The Rock is the Gerald Mayhew of the WWE, as he always shows up in the clutch to send the crowd home happy.

Usually the most entertaining part of WrestleMania involves The Rock, but this year, Shane McMahon provided the wow moment. McMahon tried to silence The Undertaker once and for all by jumping off the 20-foot Hell in a Cell structure on to the announcers table below. He missed the Deadman, but if you have not seen the leap, find the GIF on Twitter and watch it ASAP. The Undertaker got the victory after the big fall.

It was time to play the game in the main event as Triple H defended his WWE World Heavyweight Championship against the "Samoan Monster" Roman Reigns. Triple H is like the Bob Daniels of wrestling, the seasoned veteran who calculates strategic game plans to get the victory.

Triple H fought dirty like only The Game could, but his antics were not enough to fend off the challenger, as Reigns sealed the historic night standing tall as a three-time WWE World Heavyweight Champion.

Whether it's Snoop Dogg walking his cousin Sasha Banks to the ring for her WWE Women's Championship match, Shaq randomly entering a battle royal or Randy Orton hitting the famous "RKO Out of Nowhere," there is something in the world of wrestling for everyone, Brother!

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Beauty in the eyes of the beholder?

Impossible beauty standards created by the media

The ideal female—predominately thin, yet impossibly toned and curvaceous, accompanied by perfect skin, teeth and hair.

I mean, let's be honest with ourselves, ladies. Naturally, these standards are completely impossible to obtain. No one is born with an hour glass figure. Some people are blessed with beautiful teeth but unfortunately a lot of us had to get braces. And I don't care if you have the prettiest skin alive, there will be flaws whether it be a few creases here and there or those dark circles underneath your eyes



Shantelle Bonham
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that you hate.

What I'm trying to say is that nobody is perfect, but unfortunately the media continues to define

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Midnight munchies

It's 11:15 p.m. on a Tuesday. I'm hungry.

Thankfully, I have a meal plan, and live within spitting distance of The Rock.

I descend several flights of stairs and take a handful of steps into Ferris' dining facility, and I am greeted by the familiar pungent aroma of greasy fried foods.

Why is it that the only foods available to students late at night are so unhealthy? The Rock actually has a menu specifically called the "late night" menu that regularly features such delicacies as cheeseburgers, fries and even fried macaroni and cheese bites. I'm not making that last one up.

Sure, Mongo Grill, the salad bar and the deli station are all also open, but

the fact that much of the food available late at night could serve as a fat-filled hangover cure for students on campus is head-scratching at best and disturbing at worst.

Well, at least I can jump next door to fetch something from The Market. I can choose from chips, candy or nothing.

Again, I will acknowledge that The Market has some healthy options amid the massive selection of otherwise empty calories. One can order a smoothie or buy some fresh fruit. Though to reach anything of nutritional value, one must first wade past discounted Easter candy, family sized bags of tortilla chips and entire cakes. Again, not making that last one up.

Metabolism reaches its lows at night

when a person is sleeping. Stuffing one's face full of fried foods at The Rock or sugary treats at The Market 20 minutes before bedtime is not conducive to a healthy lifestyle, but limited choice at that time of night leaves students on campus with few other options short of fasting.

Late night Ferris State dining is to the freshman 15 as partying every night is to failing a class. One doesn't necessarily lead to the other, but it sure as hell makes the other more likely.

If students have the willpower to skip the fried foods for a salad and the chocolate bar for a kale smoothie, then more power to them. Though Ferris' current arrangement certainly isn't making it easy.

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beauty by that of a woman who is. It bothers me especially when I see young women and girls everywhere trying to live up to a cultural norm that is so unrealistic and forever changing.

The media makes me sick with its extremely superficial and contradictory views of what true beauty really is.

Now men must be honest, too. Why is it that women have to comply with these standards and men don't? I'm not saying that men aren't judged based upon their appearance. I am saying that the pressure on women to be attractive and the lengths we are expected to go in order to be attractive is much more significant.

I mean, think about it. The probability of seeing an unattractive man with an attractive woman is much more likely to occur than that of a "not-so-good" looking female with a really good looking guy. I mean, why is it that women spend over an hour picking out a dress to wear and doing hair and makeup to go to a party and all guys have to do is throw on a pair of jeans and a t-shirt to go to the same exact function?

As defined by the media and promoted by every advertisement out there, the expectation of beauty is a bar that is set extremely high. The truth is, no one can live up to these expected societal beauty ideals naturally. Not even Beyoncé "woke up like this." Why do you think women like Nicki Minaj and Kim Kardashian sustained so much plastic surgery? Why do you think models everywhere continue to be subjected to Photoshop and enhanced images? It is primarily because this artificial definition of beauty is exactly that—artificial and fabricated in every way.

Overall, the media promotes a distorted perception of what beauty really is, ultimately creating consciousness for people everywhere to try and obtain a norm that, by nature, nobody can.

So ladies, do not fall subject to the unrealistic cultural beauty standards of this century. Choose not to allow societal expectations to define how beautiful you are. And most importantly, when you get up in the morning, look in the mirror and keep in mind that beauty doesn't need makeup, only confidence.



Photo By: | Multimedia Editor

The Area 5 Bulldogs went 8-1 last year and won the district championship.

We've all been there, sitting in class when your professor hands out a huge, time-consuming assignment that no one wants to do. "Ugh, this is so retarded," your friend says as everyone nods and agrees. Heck, maybe you were even the one that said it. It's a normal phrase and people don't think about it.

But we should think about it. The R-word is not only offensive, but also exclusionary. Judging someone and classifying them by their intellectual ability is no different than judging someone by the color of their skin, their religion or their sexual orientation, all of which are wrong.

"Well for one, that word is very hurtful," point guard for the Area 5 Big Rapids Bulldogs Special Olympics basketball team Nick Borders said. "Nobody should use it. People with disabilities are just the same as normal people; we should never be treated different."

Borders, 31, from Big Rapids, is arguably the



Megan Hiler
Torch Reporter

Ferris State Bulldogs' biggest supporter and fan. He comes to almost every sporting event to cheer on Ferris athletes. Borders knows distinctly what it's like to be labeled with the derogatory word.

"When people call me that, I just say 'Whatever' and I walk away. I try not cry but it's tough," Borders said.

This is why we should think about it. The word can hurt feelings. By thinking about the people being harmed by its use, we are taking the first step in the right direction to cut the word out of our vocabulary.

I know people always say, "I didn't mean

anything by it," or "What's the big deal?" But the slur is almost always used when talking negatively about something. Think about it, no one ever said, "Hey! Did you see last week's episode of 'Grey's Anatomy?' It was so retarded; I loved it." But they have said, "They killed off my favorite doctor again on 'Grey's Anatomy.' It was so retarded."

How would you feel if a word that used to be used as a diagnosis for you was now used as a synonym for stupid, dumb or unpleasant? There is a negative connotation attached to it. It prevents people with intellectual and cognitive disabilities from being viewed as equals. The word is offensive, hurtful and downright wrong.

So next time you are complaining about something or want to call someone a name, choose a different word. If you can't think of one, buy a dictionary.

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