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National Suicide Prevention Week

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 - Karlee Schweizer
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Celebrating our founders



Students, staff and community members participate in Founder’s Day

Harley Harrison
 Torch Reporter

Thursday, Sept. 1, marked Ferris’ Founders’ Day, the annual celebration of Woodbridge and Helen Gillespie Ferris.

The festivities kicked off at 11 a.m. in the University Center when President David Eisler spoke to an overflowing room of students, faculty, staff and community members about his hopeful plans for the future of Ferris.

President Eisler’s speech began with a story about Woodbridge and Helen Gillespie Ferris and the very beginnings of what is now an expansive university. He then reflected on topics including student enrollment and success, debt distribution, campus development and leadership development, among so much more.

“The optimism at Ferris is infectious,” Eisler said.

The President’s speech wasn’t the only overflowing event on Founders’ Day.

The celebration and ice cream social taking part on the North Quad attracted a large amount of the Big Rapids community. Food, ice cream, music and games were all provided for free to those who attended.

“I really like the ice cream, the free food in general and the mechanical bulldog,” said

Ferris pre-dentistry junior Christian Watson. “It helps establish a sense of campus community, it keeps hold of your traditions and you can meet up with a lot of friends you haven’t seen in a while.”

The ice cream social was also a great way to get more students involved with groups on campus, who were able to set up information booths. Students could visit each booth, obtain goodies and sign up for activities around campus that interested them.

“They have so many different areas of campus here that you can see and look at so that if you didn’t know something was there, you can find out more about them. It’s a way to get more people involved on campus,” said Ferris spanish for the professions and psychology sophomore Nick Capell.

Ferris business management sophomore Tiachante Adkins agreed.

“All the information that they’re giving about the school is actually very great for people like me,” said Adkins. “Last year I didn’t get out that much so now I know more.”

While it is a fun-filled, free event, Founder’s Day is recognized as much more by Ferris students, faculty, staff and community.

“It’s important because you’re being thankful for someone that created something,” Adkins said. “Something that you can learn from and build your career off of.”



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Familiar faces were everywhere at Ferris’ 2016 Founders’ Day celebration with DPS Director Bruce Borkovich and Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion David Pilgrim serving up ice cream while bands Beach Thief and City Sun took the stage.

Trashed and travelling

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Screech!
Aug. 16, 10:20 a.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident near Pickell Hall.

You can't do that
Aug. 17, 8:20 p.m., officers observed a female strike a male on State Street near Morrison. The suspect was arrested for domestic violence and lodged in jail.

Trashed and traveling
Aug. 18, 12:30 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Fuller. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was lodged in jail for OWI.

Night prowler
Aug. 18, 10 p.m., officers investigated a report of a suspicious subject near Taggart Hall. The suspect was located and removed from the grounds.

Why?
Aug. 19, 11:15 a.m., officers assisted the Sherriff's Department with disorderly subjects in the Walmart parking lot.

But really, why?
Aug. 19, 11:52 a.m., officers assisted the Sherriff's Department with disorderly subjects in the Menard's parking lot.

Creepin'
Aug. 20, 1:20 a.m., officers observed a suspicious subject on Warren Avenue near Pine Street. The subject was contacted and found to be violating probation. The information was forwarded to the probation office.

Keep calm and...
Aug. 23, 3:12 p.m., officers assisted the Big Rapids police in locating a wanted vehicle. The

vehicle was involved in an incident in front of JCPenny's during which a female believed she was being abducted. The claim was the result of a miscommunication and was ultimately unfounded.

Welcome weekend
Aug. 26, 11:55 p.m., officers assisted the Sherriff's Department with a situation in the parking lot of the Racquet Center. Two subjects were charged with MIPs.

and the student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Crash!
Aug. 29, 6:45 p.m., officers investigated a two vehicle accident, resulting in damage of property, in Lot 2.

That's not my name
Aug. 30, 1:10 p.m., officers were provided with information indicating an incident of insurance fraud. The investigation is ongoing.

Trouble on west campus
Aug. 30, 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in the West Campus Apartments. The suspect was identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

#Ignore
Aug. 31, 1 a.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint in Bond Hall. The subject, who was experiencing unwanted contact via text, was advised not to respond.

Wait... what happened?
Aug. 31, 8:43 a.m., officers responded to a car-bicycle crash on Stadium Drive near Campus Drive. The bike had struck the car, resulting in minor injuries.

Dealing dope
Aug. 31, 11:10 p.m., officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in Lot 28. One student was arrested for the distribution of marijuana.

Brokenhearted
Sept. 1, 2:45 p.m., officers assisted the Sherriff's Department with reports of a woman screaming and crying near Lee's Autowash off of State Street. The woman was located and was found to be in distress following a breakup.



Mary Jane in Merrill
Aug. 27, 12:20 a.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Merrill Hall. The situation was handled by hall staff.

False alarm
Aug. 27, 5:20 p.m., officers investigated a report of marijuana near Birkam Health Center. The suspect was contacted and was not found to be violating the law.

Very mature
Aug. 28, 9:15 a.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism in Vandercook Hall. An unknown male had written profanities and drug references on doors and door frames. The investigation is ongoing.

Really funny
Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m., officers observed a subject activate an emergency blue light in Lot 55. The situation was found to be a prank

NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

"Big Fish"
Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 6, through Thursday, Sept. 8, auditions for Ferris' upcoming play "Big Fish" will be held in William's Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The sign-up sheet can be found backstage at William's; everyone must sign up for a slot if they wish to audition. Any questions can be directed to Katherine LaPietra at KatherineLaPietra@ferris.edu.

Students with children
On Thursday, Sept. 8, the kickoff for the Students with Children program will be held in the West Campus Community Center at 5 p.m. This is an opportunity for student-parents to meet, mingle and discuss available community resources. Children are welcomed to attend and food and refreshments will be served. It is required to RSVP via email at studentwithchildren@ferris.edu or over the phone at (231) 591-5034.

Women in Engineering
On Thursday, Sept. 8, there will be an evening reception held in room 202C in the University Center welcoming newly enrolled female students studying a program within the College of Engineering and Technology. The event is open to everyone and will commence at 6 p.m.



Ferris State Torch Corrections

On page three of the Aug. 29 issue of the Torch, the date of the Homecoming football game was misreported. The correct date for the game is Sept. 24.

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Ferris adds new international station at Quad Cafe

Megan Hiler
Torch Reporter

Unsatisfied sushi cravings are now a thing of the past as gourmet sushi is now offered in the Quad Café right here on campus.

This is the first year the delicacy will be available here at Ferris and thanks goes to the director of dining services, Lori Helmer. Helmer became familiar with the company, Sushi with Gusto at the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) convention.

"We are always trying to be ahead of the trends in the food industry," Helmer said. "Sushi is a very popular item in the food service world."

The idea of sushi being made available by campus dining also stemmed from the fact that there was no other place serving sushi in Big Rapids.

"We have been hearing a lot of students driving to Grand Rapids to buy good sushi before it came to campus," Helmer said. "We are hearing a lot of excitement."

The cuisine was introduced on Wednesday, Aug. 31, in the Quad Café. Students can eat the sushi there, or take it home. There are also party trays available for purchase that will be sold at The Market

located next to the Rock Café.

Mike Langan, the assistant director of dining services, believes that the sushi not only tastes good but is of premium quality.

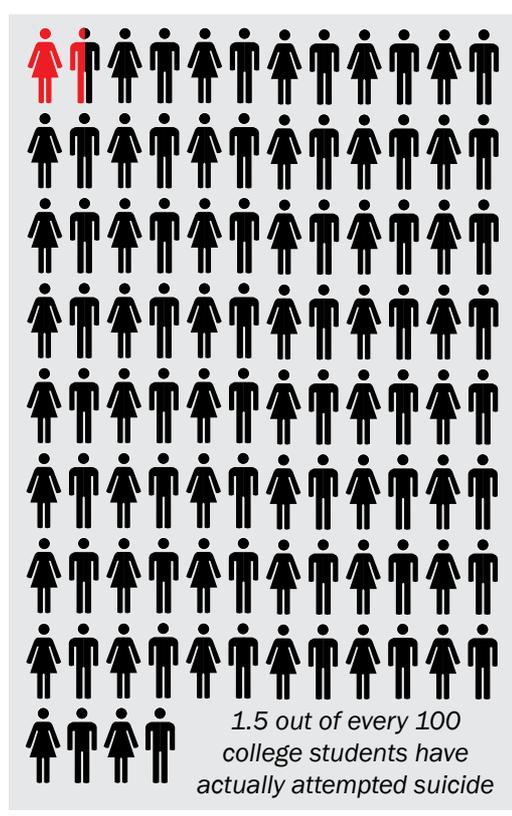
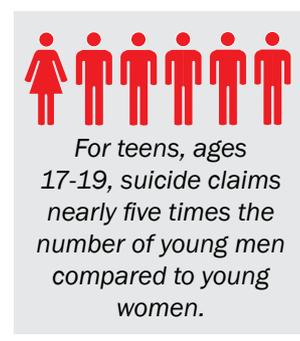
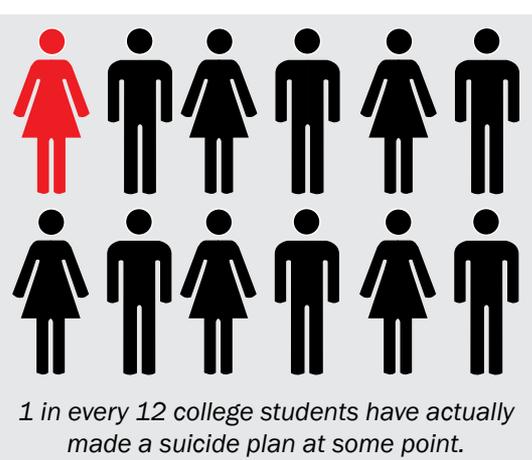
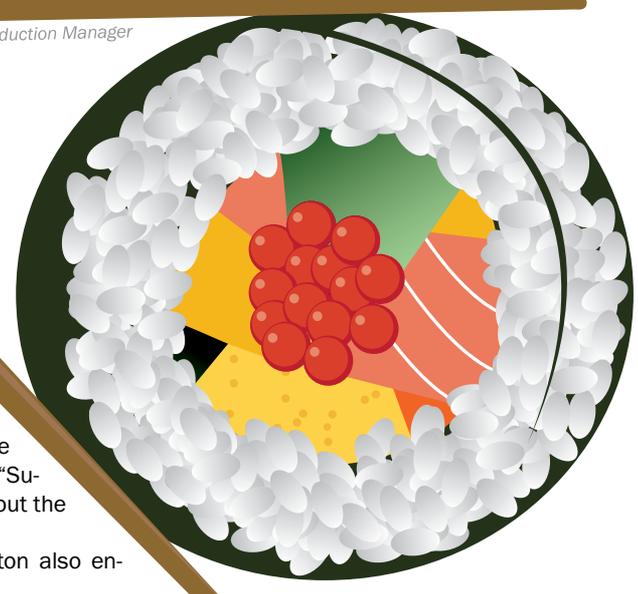
"The sushi is such good quality sushi. I'm pretty tight with my wallet, but I'm more than happy to dip into it," Langan said. "Sushi is so much more than raw fish. It is about the marriage of the rice and the sauces."

Ferris pharmacy freshman Deidre Heston also enjoyed the dish.

"I eat sushi often and its pretty good for being pre-packaged," Heston said. "I would eat it again."

There are many different options available including raw food items, which are clearly labeled and even cooked dishes. There is also a certified sushi chef on site and menus available to take home.

The sushi is now available at the Quad Café. The hours of operation for Sushi With Gusto are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.



FRONT PAGE FEATURE

Travis Sacher
Torch Reporter

Students are no exception to suicidal thoughts or actions. As this continues to be an issue, measures have been taken to raise awareness on suicide prevention.

National Suicide Prevention Week began Monday, Sept. 5, and concludes Sunday, Sept. 11, one day after World Suicide Prevention day.

Elisa Pacheco Cotter, a Ferris counselor in the personal counseling center on the second floor of the Birkam Health Center, stated that per year, 5,079 young adults take their own lives.

"For every suicide death in young people, it is estimated that there are 100 plus attempts made," Cotter said.

The suicide rate for students on college campuses currently sits at 7.5 percent according to National Data on Campus Suicide and Depression. The majority of those deaths are male students.

"Suicide is the second leading cause of death among the young adults (15-24 years of age), after accidents (11, 836)," stated Cotter.

13 years ago, the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) declared Sept 10, 2003, to be the first official World Suicide Prevention Day, in a major effort to bring international awareness to one of the most common killers of international youth. In 2011, an estimated 40 countries around the world participated in this event and that number continues to grow.

'Connect, communicate, care' will be the theme of this year's National Prevention Day, and it cannot fit any better into the system already existing here at Ferris.

Offered to students at no cost, Ferris State's main resource for mental health assistance is the personal counseling center, located on the second floor of Birkam Health Center.

"The Personal Counseling Center is a safe and confidential campus resource staffed with trained licensed mental health professionals," said Lindsay Barber, Director of Birkam Health Center and the Personal Counseling Center. "We are the primary resource on campus for any students in search of care for a multitude of mental health issues in order to foster academic and personal success."

Aside from the health center, residence halls and their staffs offer several of their own programs and personal assistance to their students regarding mental health.

"We hold certain programs that raise awareness for heavier topics, and suicide and mental health are included in those most of the time," said Bianca Broniec, Ferris music industry management (MIM) junior and Senior Resident Advisor (SRA) for Puterbaugh and Henderson Halls. Broniec also noted, "In our first floor meetings of the year, we try to emphasize the fact that we're available to talk whenever residents need. In addition, we can utilize our bulletin boards to raise awareness for suicide prevention."

One registered student organization (RSO) on campus that raises awareness for suicide prevention is Active Minds, an international group that raises awareness on suicide and is home to 413 chapters worldwide, expanding much farther than just the parameters of the Ferris campus.

Suicide awareness and prevention is not limited to this week. It is a non-stop effort to battle against a major issue surrounding youth worldwide.

To help raise awareness this week, the American Association of Suicidology encourages everyone to change their social media profile pictures to the 2016 ribbon for National Suicide Prevention Week.

"Remember, suicide is not the problem," Cotter said. "Suicide is the perceived solution to problems that seem unsolvable."

SUICIDE RISK FACTORS

- Mental health conditions
- Traumatic life events
- Prior suicide attempt
- Sense of isolation
- Lack of support
- Impulsivity issues
- Substance abuse issues
- Poor coping skills
- Access to a suicide method

FACTORS THAT CAN HELP

- Close relationships with friends, family or faculty
- Adequate sleep, diet and physical exercise
- Readily accessible counseling services.

Always stay with someone who is in crisis. If you or a friend is in danger, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

The vast majority of 18-year-olds with depression have never been treated for it, according to ACHA. In a 2008 ACHA study, 25.6 percent of male college students and 31.7 percent of female students reported that on at least one occasion in the last year, they had felt so depressed it was difficult to function. Between 8 and 10 percent reported feeling that way in the last two weeks.

*All above information came the American College Health Association.



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One of the many unique places on campus that students work is the Card Wildlife Center located on the ground floor of the Arts and Science Commons in room 011.

Not your everyday job

Students share their experience working at different places on campus

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

It is common for college students to have to work during the semester, but not everybody is clocking in at The Rock or the University Center.

While many students on campus do work in the dining halls or behind the desk in a residence hall, there are quite a few with jobs that aren't so common.

Emily Cortes, a Ferris sophomore in psychology, dresses students in business attire so that they can give presentations and go to job interviews while looking professional.

Cortes works at The First Lady's Attic located in the University Center in room 134. The program is designed to provide students with one professional outfit per semester to assist with giving in class presentations and professional interviews at no cost.

Some of Cortes' job duties include helping students determine what is appropriate, pick out professional clothes, logging them in the computer, making sure each student fills out the correct paperwork and adding new items to the inventory as they arrive.

"One moment that made me proud to work at the First Lady's attic was when this one student came in and was worried about what to wear for her interview," Cortes said.

"I helped her pick out an outfit and she said it made her feel confident and more comfortable."

According to Cortes, this kind of business is not typical on campus, but she knew she wanted to be a part of this opportunity the moment that she found out about it during her freshman orientation.



Emily Cortes

"It seemed really useful and helpful to students," said Cortes. "It has also taught me time management. I now have to figure out when I'm going to do homework and how much time I will need to get to classes and work."

Just across the quad, Karlee Schweizer, a Ferris second year senior in environmental biology, teaches students ranging from kindergarten to college about the wildlife here at Ferris State.

Schweizer works at the Card Wildlife Education Center located on the ground floor of the Arts and Sciences Commons in room 011. The wildlife center is free of charge and serves as a natural museum, showcasing over 180 wildlife specimens from around the world.

According to Schweizer, during a normal day the workers are considered to be the face of the Wildlife Center. They give tours to classes from the schools in surrounding areas and from within the college itself.

"There was a fifth grade class that came in last semester and the group seemed shy and quiet at first, but I was able to get them interacting," Schweizer said.

Schweizer said that at the end of the tour, the teacher came up to her and said that this was the first time they have been excited about science and nature and that it was a great experience for her.

"Giving tours can be kind of challenging sometimes," said Schweizer. "Some groups get in here and ask a lot of questions and then there are groups that are shy, and it can be hard to change the tour on the spot to fit the group that is in at the time."

According to Schweizer, this is a unique experience for all students to learn because of the resources they have, including a jaguar, lion and many more wildlife creatures.

One perk Schweizer has encountered from working on campus is that she has learned to manage her time and has increased her ability of being able to work well in a team environment.

"Since my job goes along with my major, I learn new stuff everyday," said Schweizer. "Working on campus has given me a unique opportunity to learn while working."



Karlee Schweizer



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"We wanted freshmen to come out and have a good time, get to know other freshmen and get to know our organization," - Ty Carson
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The Michigan Renaissance Festival, huzzah!



Photo Alexandra Bourne | Torch Interim Reporter

Ferris political science freshman Patience Gwion poses with a masked ventriloquist who hosts the "Ded Bob Sho" at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holley.

The only good evil is medieval

Alexandra Bourne

Torch Interim Reporter

The smell of roasted turkey legs so large it takes two people to finish, fill the air amidst cries of "down with the mayor!" from a mob of angry villagers.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival is an annual event that runs every weekend for seven weeks in Holland. Each weekend is a different theme with different events, but there is always an abundance of food, performances, vendors and people dressed in character.

"It's like a history day, but a fun history day, something that you actually enjoy," said Ferris political science freshman and first time festival-goer, Patience Gwion. "It's not like one of those class trips you take where you look like a tourist. It's a good experience. I probably would have never gone or heard about it before. The food was really good, and it was culturally enriching. Some of the guests even look like they work here because their costumes are so nice."

According to the website, the festival covers 17 acres of land, contains 17 themed stages with continuous entertainment and hosts over 300 artisans.

"I really like the creativity and how much time people put into making them," Gwion said. "I think it's super cool because normally people don't take the time

to be crafty or make things."

"It's something different all the time," said festival marketing manager Kim Heidger. "There's something here for everybody."

Jim Peterson, the owner of the festival and former promoter for the Rolling Stones, began the festival in 1979. According to the festival's website, it "regularly attracts more than 250,000 visitors from Michigan, surrounding states and Canada."

The festival performs several jousting tournaments and comedy shows each day, as well as music, theatre and dance. Some weekends one could buy a ticket to have tea with Queen Elizabeth I, and there are various events, face painting, games and rides for children as well. In past years, people have chosen to have legally binding Renaissance weddings on site.

"I think that the show is kind of like going to Disney World," Heidger said. "You get a different experience at every age. When you come as a kid, you look at princesses and fairies. As you get older, you see it in a different light, understand more and enjoy the different comedy shows."

For those who are old enough, there are mature-rated comedy shows, as well as a happy hour and a pub crawl that is held three times each day.

"I loved how interactive it was with the crowd," said Gwion. "I liked the whole time-travel thing, how it



Photo by Alexandra Bourne | Torch Interim Reporter

The tournaments attracted all sorts of rough characters, including this knight.

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EU hosts welcome party for students

Throwback Time Machine kicks off semester with musical time warp

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Dancers and revelers showed up to party at a late night event hosted by Entertainment Unlimited (EU) to start off the school year for students and the student organization.

Throwback Time Machine was the first music event of the school year on campus and was unique in its interactive and multimedia experience.

"In the past, we've done some things that were similar; we've done Silent Disco with headphones as a welcome back event," said Lola Schultz, Ferris music industry management senior and president of EU. "We thought if that did well, then this would do well. This year, it's a dance party with a DJ, and it has a cool throwback theme to it."

The dance party covered songs from the last four decades and featured a button on stage to "throw back" the music and send the it to a different period in time, according to Josh Kinnersley, business manager at HD Spectrum LLC and associated with Throwback Time Machine.

"We wanted freshmen to come out and have a good time, get to know other freshmen and get to know our organization," said Ty Carson, Ferris public relations senior and vice president of programming at EU. "Also, they get a chance to relive the music we know from the 80s, 90s and 2000s era."

EU is just getting started for the semester and has several events lined up through the next few months, including a couple of five-

star events.

"We try to bring in more diverse things and look at what people are presenting, and work with that to bring in fresher things," Schultz said.

The next EU-hosted event will be a five-star event featuring Lauren Berger, also known as the Intern Queen, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the University Center Ballroom (UCB).

"She's known as the intern because she completed 26 internships during her four-year span in college," Carson said. "After college, she turned that



Lola Schultz

idea into a business called Intern Queen Incorporated, and now she does a lot of talks around college campuses about professional readiness."

The following events in October are Daniel Martin, The Magician at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Williams Auditorium and Nerdology at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the UCB. EU will also host Sex Signals, another five-star event, at 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 19, in the UCB.

During November and December, EU will host two other events. Grocery Bingo will take place Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the UC Ballroom and hypnotist Tom Deluca will be performing Thursday, Dec. 1, in Williams Auditorium.

For more information on Entertainment Unlimited and upcoming events, they can be found on Facebook and on the university Orgsync webpage.



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Ferris students turn back time to the '80s, '90s and '00s at the Throwback dance party.

Artworks serves artists and Big Rapids

Students have plenty of opportunity to volunteer and intern at Artworks Cultural Center

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Artworks Cultural Center is a hidden gem to students of Ferris State University, and it offers plenty of artistic and volunteer opportunities to the entire community.

Located in downtown Big Rapids on Michigan Avenue, Artworks celebrated their "sweet 16" birthday earlier this year by featuring art in their gallery made by community members, Ferris State faculty and students.

Internships are available during the summer and fall semesters at Artworks. This past summer Morgan Payne, a Ferris public relations senior, completed her summer internship there. Payne found out about the internship and applied after job-shadowing for a day in the spring.

"One of my favorite parts was being able to host some events," Payne said. "One of them was Evening of Harmony. Being a musician myself, it was really cool to do that."

Payne enjoyed a variety of other activities during her in-

ternship including touring other art galleries and participating in different art classes. The highlight of these examples were being able to tour Midland's Center for the Arts and a pottery class designed for kids to make whatever they could imagine.

"Students should check out Artworks because a lot of people on campus have no clue what it is they do there," said Payne. "It's amazing to meet all of these people and talk with them and share all of things Artworks does in the Big Rapids community."

Artworks also is heavily involved in the performing arts, music and teaching workshops. It has recently sponsored performances such as "Mary Poppins" and "God of Carnage," involved with Music in Pocket Park and teaches classes to people interested in learning pottery, basket weaving, painting, acting and dancing.

"If artists want to get involved, we have a jury process, and students would be as welcome as anyone else to have their art juried into our gift shop, and we would sell it for

them," said Lynne Scheible, executive director of Artworks Cultural Center.

Opportunities to get involved in Artworks abound for those who appreciate the arts and have talents that lie in other areas.

"The way that many students connect with Artworks is by volunteering," Scheible said. "We end up with a lot of students who do anything from face painting to cleaning and organizing to hosting events for us."

According to Scheible, Artworks is always looking for instructors—those with artistic talents who also have the desire to teach.

"In September, there will be an industrial arts exhibit, and 13 manufacturing companies in our area are going to show the thing they produce. It's called 'What's in the Truck?'" Scheible said. "We'll have a reception, and students are always welcome. There will be trucks on the street and a chainsaw artist, so that'll be a fun event."

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Spreading light and joy

New exhibit at Ferris' fine art gallery makes a splash

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

A new art exhibition is now available not only in the Ferris State Fine Art Gallery but in downtown Big Rapids, too.

David Zinn, a street artist and professional illustrator, is unlike past artists featured at Ferris State University. This is because Zinn will be completing his work in the gallery and on site instead of having finished it in advance.

"We rarely get to see an artist at work in the gallery. Most work comes to us prepared and ready to install," Ferris Fine Art Gallery Director Carrie Weis Stermer said. "What's exciting about David's visit is that he will be creating work on site in areas that inspire him. He'll be outdoors—weather permitting—and engaged with visitors who can observe and interact with him

while he works."

According to Stermer, the goal of this year's art exhibitions is to be thought-provoking and cause discussion.

"The overriding theme for the gallery exhibits this season is 'Exploring'. I'm interested in having our exhibits explore subject matter, feelings, interactions, etc.," Stermer said. "This particular exhibit titled 'Spreading Light & Joy' is about exploring what happens when we take time for creative play in a community environment."

Stermer is particularly fond of Zinn's ability to see the good in things that others might not.

"What I like most about David's work is that it is playful and engaging. I love that he looks at an environment such as a cracked sidewalk or a clump of weeds growing along the pavement and he can envision a scene of characters," Stermer said.

"I prefer drawing on places that feel forgotten or ignored," Zinn said. "I also have a weakness for small moments of beauty, like a perfectly isolated tuft of grass or an unusually smooth rock."

Zinn's sidewalk chalk work began in 2001 with business logos, superheroes and cartoons. He has been a professional illustrator for 25 years but has been drawing ever since he can remember.

"When I started drawing in public, the question I got most often from people was, 'when did you start drawing?' the only response to that question is to say 'well, I started drawing when you started drawing'," Zinn said. "And the logical question for me to ask them is, 'when did you stop?'"

Zinn's specialty is anamorphic art, which is art that when looked at from certain angles, the drawing looks like it is standing on the sidewalk, peering around

a corner or looking over the side of a wall.

"It doesn't sit quietly in a frame and wait for you to notice it. It's right there," Zinn said.

The exhibition begins Thursday, Sept. 1, through Wednesday, Sept. 28, and Zinn will be in town Thursday, Sept. 22, for the reception and presentation. He can also be spotted working on his artwork on the sidewalks of downtown Big Rapids and on campus.

"David's ability to create something joyful and playful in those spaces is a reminder to slow down, let your inner child escape once in awhile, be open to looking at your surroundings in a completely different way, and let your creative mind wander and be ignited," Stermer said.

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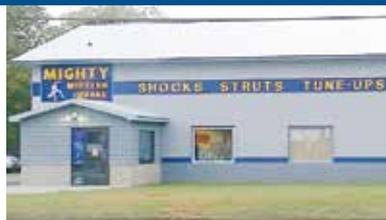


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Some whimsical street art by artist David Zinn. He specializes in street art that gives the impression of standing, sitting or action using the corners of buildings, nooks and other urban features.

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took you back in time. It was a new experience for me. I thought it was super cool, it opened my eyes a little more.”

“Before I’d actually worked for the Renaissance Festival, I’d only been here one time,” said Heidger, now in her fourth season working with the festival. “I really enjoyed myself and was looking for an internship to finish my degree, and I just loved it here.”

This year the festival continues until Friday, Oct. 2, and during the closing weekend there is a Shakespeare takeover in honor of the 450th anniversary of his death.

From 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30, there will be a Royal Masquerade Ball which will include a six-course meal, champagne, live entertainment and more.

A special event this year for the third annual Halloween in Hollygrove is the Phantom’s Feast. The event description reads, “Wine and dine with the Phantom of the Opera as he reviews your favorite Halloween musicals like ‘Rocky Horror Picture Show,’ ‘Little Shop of Horrors,’ ‘Young Frankenstein’ and many more! Enjoy a five-course gourmet feast, games, prizes and a souvenir goblet! Dress to impress!”

The event is held at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from Oct. 8 to Oct. 30.

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Tournament events at the Michigan Renaissance Festival include jousting, individual jousting and hand-to-hand combat.

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Serving up a new season

Ferris men's tennis back on the court

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Get your rackets ready and lace up your tennis shoes, because the Ferris State Bulldog men's tennis team is back after an amazing 2015-2016 season.

Last season, the men of the Bulldog tennis squad held a 25-5 overall record, winning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship as well as the regular season outright after defeating Grand Valley State University in the GLIAC title match. Best of all, the team made it to the Final Four of the Div. 2 2015-2016 tournament picture, a first for the Ferris program.

Steward Sell, a freshman on the team last season, earned the victory in the singles competition during the Final Four match that the team lost against Hawaii Pacific.

"Making it to the Final Four was above and beyond what we had expected. It was one of the coolest experiences I have had, and to share it with the guys was awesome," Sell said. "Our team goal was to make it to the Sweet 16, and when we accomplished that we were stoked. Each win after that was icing on the cake."

Sell also said that the expectation for the 2016-2017 season is to work even harder so they can continue to improve their game. The team learned last year that anything is possible with hard work and they expect to pick up right where they left off. Head Coach Chad Berryhill claimed 2016 GLIAC Coach of the Year honors for men's tennis, and was a huge part of the team's success.

"Coach was extremely happy with the results last season, but he tells us that this is a new year and what happened last year doesn't matter for this season," Sell said. "We're going to have a target on our backs more than ever now and we have to step up to the challenge again and work harder."

Conner Hunt is a senior for the Bulldogs this year. Hunt, who ran doubles with Sell in their Final Four loss, talked about where some of the team's focus is this year.

"I think we definitely let people know that we are here," Hunt said. "We have our goals as a team, but we do not have anything to prove to anyone else. We know that we have teams gunning for us now, but we do not pay attention to any of that. We are focused on ourselves and on our results—no one else's."

Hunt's expectations for the team this year have not changed, and he is excited about all the work his fellow teammates have been putting in.

"Our doubles lineup will probably change somewhat, but we have about everybody back from last year," Hunt said. "We have some new talent and people have been putting in work over the summer, so it will be interesting to see how it shakes out. We are all excited to see what happens."

As one of the five Bulldog teams to claim a conference title during the 2015-2016 school year, the team proved that they have what it takes to be considered a top team in the conference. The Dawgs also broke a school record with their 25 overall wins, adding another accolade to their already great season.

The Dawgs will begin their journey back to the top when they start their season at the Warhawk Invitational in Whitewater, Wisconsin, Friday, Sep. 9.



“Coach was extremely happy with the results last season, but he tells us that this is a new year and what happened last year doesn't matter for this season.”

- Steward Sell

Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics

Ferris men's tennis player Steward Sell from Kalamazoo, was one of three freshman on last year's team and the only Michigan native on the squad.

Player to coach

Former Bulldog lands new coaching job

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Former Ferris volleyball standout Caroline Heitzman has landed an assistant coaching job at the University of West Alabama (UWA).



Caroline Heitzman

Heitzman accepted the job as a graduate assistant in February after UWA flew her to Livingston, Alabama for an interview. She was looking for a coaching job that would help pay for her Master's program which UWA provided. Plus, the Alabama weather didn't hurt.

Heitzman said, "I just fell in love with the campus. When I went back to the Michigan snow, I knew I wanted to be here."

She is now part of a revamped UWA coaching staff. Former Head Coach Jordan Lay accepted a job at Wofford College after Heitzman's arrival leaving assistant coach Alexis Meeks the head coaching position. Meeks then hired former University of Essex graduate student assistant Robert Chilcoat as an assistant coach.

The UWA Tigers have been stagnant, going 20-41 over the previous two seasons. Heitzman and this young coaching staff look like they're changing that trajectory. This team has gone under .500 in the preseason for the last four years but the Tigers have gone 3-1 this year.

"This start is so monumental," Heitzman said. "I'm looking forward to turning this program around."

Heitzman happens to know quite a bit when it comes to winning volleyball. She was a key part of a Bulldog squad that went 33-3 last year and was ranked No. 1 in the nation for several weeks. She herself was an All-GLIAC and two-time NCAA Div. 2 Midwest Region All-Tournament player.

From a player to a coach, she has now seen both sides of the sport.

"Playing as a Bulldog was the time of my life," said Heitzman. "If I were to continue volleyball I knew I would need a different role."

Communicating her volleyball knowledge to her players was a bit of a struggle when she first started this coaching job.

"Coaching is like having a thousand keys and a thousand doors. You have to find the one that matches," said Heitzman. "It's tough, but rewarding."

Heitzman will spend two years at UWA earning her Master's degree in student affairs in higher education. Afterwards, she hopes to work with student athletes through advising or recruiting. As a former student athlete, she understands the importance of these roles.

"I firmly believe everyone has a niche they can pay forward," Heitzman said. "My niche is being organized and efficient at time management. Helping students gain organization and time management in their academics is an area I want to assist in."

From a Bulldog to a Tiger, player to coach—Heitzman looks to turn around a program and hopefully some students' lives.

UPCOMING HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

September

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9 - Women's Tennis vs Michigan Tech	1:00PM
10 - Women's Cross Country Ray Helsing Bulldog Invitational	8:30AM
10 - Women's Tennis vs Lake Superior State	10:00AM
16 - Women's Soccer vs Ohio Dominican	1:00PM
17 - Women's Golf - Bulldog Invitational	-----
17 - Men's Golf vs GLIAC North Invitational	-----
18 - Women's Golf - Bulldog Invitational	-----
18 - Men's Golf vs GLIAC North Invitational	-----
23 - Men's Tennis - Bulldog Invitational	TBA
23 - Women's Volleyball vs Walsh	12:00PM
24 - Men's Tennis - Bulldog Invitational	TBA
24 - Football vs Ashland	3:30PM
30 - Women's Soccer vs Ashland	3:00PM

October

1 - Men's Ice Hockey vs Alabama-Huntsville 5:07PM

Sports Shorts

By Brendan Samuels - Torch interim reporter

Going Mobile

Ferris State Athletics has officially released its first-ever mobile app, the "Ferris State Front Row", through the App Store and Google Play.

This app is free to download and will allow Bulldog Fans to access statistics, score updates and game recaps for all FSU sports programs.

In addition, news updates, videos and other content will be available, allowing Bulldog fans to access their favorite sports with the tap of a screen.

Now Hiring

The FSU softball team will be searching for a new head coach following this season after it was announced that former Head Coach Wally King accepted a job coaching for a Div. 1 program.

King served as head coach for one season at Ferris and led the Lady Bulldogs to a 20-game improvement. As the softball team searches for a new head coach, former assistant coaches Adam Kirkpatrick and Jasmine Watson have been appointed interim head coaches.

Volleyball off to slow start

Ferris State volleyball hosted eight teams from around the country during a two-day invitational between Sept. 2 and 3.

The Bulldogs played in four matches of their own, going 1-3 during that span. Their lone victory came in their season opener against West Virginia State, who they shutout to the tune of 3-0.

The Dawgs fell to Cal St. San Bernardino, Minnesota Duluth and Winona State through the rest of the invitational.

Ferris will next see action when they head to Florida to take part in the Palm Beach Volleyball Invitational on Sept. 9-10.



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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The Ferris State football team took care of Ohio Dominican last Thursday in a 41-0 win to kick off the 2016-2017 season.

Now this Thursday, Sept. 8, the NFL season kicks off in a rematch of last year's Super Bowl as the Denver Broncos take on the Carolina Panthers at 8:30 p.m.

The beginning of the NFL season brings the beginning of everyone's favorite thing—fantasy football.

Last year, I started Ferris Fantasy Football, where I pick an NFL fantasy team to go up against the best of the best from Ferris State from that particular week.

Starting this week, I will be creating an NFL fantasy football team and will compare the stats of my fantasy roster to the stats of the Bulldog football players.

Each week I'll choose one quarterback, one running back, two wide receivers, a tight end, a defense/special teams and a kicker from various NFL rosters. These players will go head to head against the best performers of Ferris from that particular week.

Here is my roster:

QB: Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh Steelers - Roethlisberger has arguably the best wide receiver in the NFL to throw to in Antonio Brown. Pair that with the fact that the Steelers are taking on the No. 25 pass defense from last season and Big Ben could have a big day.

RB: Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams - Gurley is an absolute animal. The only thing I can see stopping Gurley this season is a freight train and the 49ers' No. 29 ranked rush defense is far from that.

WR1: Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh Steelers - As mentioned before, Brown might be the best receiver in the NFL. Plus, it's always a good idea to pair a wide receiver with your quarterback so that you can double up on points when both players are involved.

WR2: Amari Cooper, Oakland Raiders - Cooper is hands down the best receiver on Oakland's roster and they seem to utilize him proportionally. He is also playing against the second worst pass defense from 2015 in the New Orleans Saints.

TE: Jason Witten, Dallas Cowboys - Witten seems to be a security blanket for the Cowboys and gets plenty of targets in the red zone. With Tony Romo out for 6-10 weeks with a back injury, rookie Dak Prescott will likely be looking Witten's way on several occasions, especially with Dez Bryant questionable with a concussion.

FLEX: Ryan Mathews, Philadelphia Eagles - With a rookie quarterback in Carson Wentz starting for the Eagles, I look to them to hand the ball off plenty on Sunday. With Demarco Murray playing for the Titans, Mathews is the No. 1 guy now for the Eagles.

D/ST: Seattle Seahawks - The Seahawks have a dominant defense, and their opponent, the Miami Dolphins have a less than perfect offense. Boom, roasted.

K: Justin Tucker, Baltimore Ravens - Tucker is a very good kicker. The Ravens are playing a good Bills defense, so they may have some trouble finding the end zone. That leaves Tucker to pick up the pieces.

We'll see how my team fairs against the Bulldogs as they take on Michigan Tech at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, in Houghton.



On the road again

Ferris football heads to Houghton

Photo by Aubrey Kemme: | Multimedia Editor

Ferris junior quarterback Reggie Bell made a big splash in his first game as a Bulldog, totaling three touchdowns and combining with junior running back Jahaan Brown to rack up 181 rushing yards.

Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

Ferris State football looks to continue its dominance on the road this

weekend against the Michigan Tech Huskies.

Both teams had blowout wins in their season openers against GLI-AC opponents. Ferris routed Ohio Dominican 41-0 while the Huskies

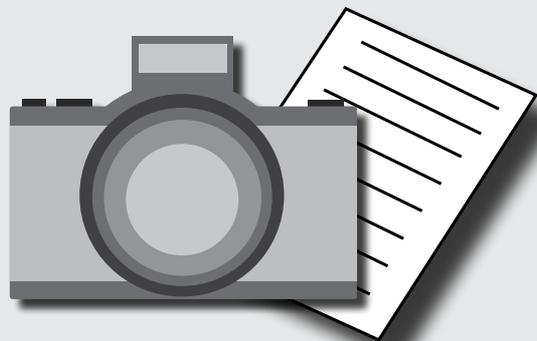
took down Walsh 33-7.

Senior Michigan Tech quarterback Brandon Cowie set a school record for completion percentage in that game completing 92.8 percent

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FOOTBALL

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of his passes going 26 for 28. This also tied a GLIAC record for passing efficiency.

Junior quarterback Reggie Bell was just as effective in his Ferris debut against Ohio Dominican throwing for 154 yards with two touchdowns. He also ran for 102 yards and a touchdown.

Both Ferris and Michigan Tech sport talented offenses with experience across the board, but defense may determine the outcome. Ferris head coach Tony Annese spoke highly of this year's defense.

"This is the greatest group

of young men I've ever been around," Annese said.

The Bulldogs returned 16 defensive players with game experience this year including senior preseason All-American linebacker Anthony Darkangelo. This was evident in last Thursday's shutout victory. They allowed 198 total yards and caused four turnovers and five sacks.

Michigan Tech was just as dominant allowing 146 total yards, holding Walsh to 0-10 on third down conversions.

Ferris won the last four matchups against the Huskies. Last year, Ferris won 24-14 with former All-American quarterback Jason Vander Laan sealing the deal late on a rushing touchdown.

The Bulldogs, led by Bell and an experienced defense will look for another win in Houghton at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.



Tony Annese

Bulldogs don't make the cut

Zimmer and Vander Laan cut from NFL teams, Lampman makes practice squad

Marshall Scheldt

Torch Reporter

Three former Ferris State football players, Jacob Lampman, Justin Zimmer and Jason Vander Laan, were cut from their respective NFL teams this past week.



Jacob Lampman

Former Ferris wide receiver Jacob Lampman initially went undrafted to the Baltimore Ravens. Lampman was then cut by the Ravens, but was later selected by the New Orleans Saints.

Lampman survived the first round of cuts by the New Orleans Saints but was cut during the team's final cuts on Sunday, Sept. 4. Although he was cut from the 53-man roster, Lampman has been named to the Saints' practice squad.

While at Ferris, Lampman caught 153 passes for 2,320 yards and 26 touchdowns and was named an All-GLIAC selection in his final year as a Bulldog.

Justin Zimmer, a former defensive tackle for the Bulldogs was cut by the Buffalo Bills on Tuesday, Aug. 30, when the team needed to lower their roster count to 75 players before their final preseason game.

Zimmer played three games with the Bills and tallied three tackles as a defensive tackle and even got a couple of snaps as a fullback.

In his time at Ferris State, the Greenville native compiled 216 tackles, including 26 sacks and 48.5 tackles for a loss. He was named a two-time All-American as well as a three-time All-GLIAC selection. Zimmer was also a nominee for both the Gene Upshaw Div. 2 Lineman of the Year Award and the Cliff Harris National Small College Defensive Player of the Year Award for two years in a row while at Ferris.

Former Ferris State quarterback Jason Vander Laan was cut by the New York Jets on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Vander Laan went undrafted to the New York Jets and was to be utilized as a tight end for the team, despite his outstanding performance as a quarterback for Ferris State.

While at Ferris, Vander Laan was a two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner, an award for the best player in Div. 2 college football. Vander Laan also set the record for most rushing yards all-time by a quarterback in any division. He was also a two-time All-American and a four-time All-GLIAC selection.



Justin Zimmer



Jason Vander Laan



Top Dawg

Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Last week we took a look at the three men vying for the title of Ferris State quarterback. Reggie Bell answered any questions still floating around as to who has what it takes to step up and lead the Dawgs.

The expression "big shoes to fill" was an understatement for the young men looking to start under center for the Bulldogs, but junior quarterback Reggie Bell grabbed those big shoes and slid into them comfortably.

A transfer student from Eastern Michigan University and a California native, Bell became a Bulldog in the spring of 2016. When the smoke cleared on the quarterback battle, Bell was standing tall after an amazing performance against the Panthers of Ohio Dominican in Ferris' season-opener at home.

It's tough denying the Cali native Top Dawg honors this week as Bell led his team in both passing (154) and rushing (102) yards for a combined 256 yards on the day. Bell scored three different times, recording two touchdown passes, both to senior receiver Jamel Lockett. His other score came on a 73-yard jaunt to the endzone, reminiscent of predecessor Jason

Vander Laan, though maybe a bit speedier.

Bell was able to rack up all 256 of his total yards in just over three quarters of play, as senior quarterback Trevor Birmingham entered the game in the fourth quarter to relieve Bell. In last year's game against Ohio Dominican, JVL had 159 passing yards through four quarters of play—five more yards through the air than Bell had during the 2016-2017 season opener.

He may be a new face around Big Rapids, but Bell certainly made a statement when he played for Eastern Michigan University. During the 2014 season, Bell was one of only seven quarterbacks in the nation to lead his team in both rushing (562) and passing (1,297).

In order for Bell to get people's attention after the stalwart Vander Laan graduated and went on to the try his luck at the big leagues, he had to make a statement. Being at the forefront of a 41-0 victory for the Dawgs against the team that knocked Ferris State out of the playoff picture in 2014 is a good place for Bell to start his case for being the man under center.

Bell and the rest of the Dawgs will be on the road this week as they head north to Houghton to do battle with the Huskies of Michigan Tech. The game will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 10.

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"The word *victim* is no longer a word to her but a part of who she is—a pillar in the center of her being that he put there without asking,"

- Angela Graf

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Professional photographer Yana Mazurkevich created a series of photos entitled "Dear Brock Turner" focusing on some of the issues that women face when reporting accounts of sexual assault.

A rapist named Brock Turner

In January of 2015, a 20-year-old Stanford student named Brock Turner took an intoxicated young woman behind a dumpster and sexually assaulted her. He penetrated her with a foreign object against her will. He treated her as a means to an end. He raped her.

I contemplated whether or not I should even write this piece because scrolling through social media, the reaction to his sentencing seemed so unanimous. It was absurd. Six months with the chance of parole in three, which he got having been released on Monday, Aug. 22.



Angela Graf
News Reporter

The judge in charge of the case, Aaron Persky, said that he feared that a sentence spanning any longer would have a "severe impact" on Turner and a severe impact was too much for a man who marred and distorted the life of a woman forever.

Let me take a moment to run down some of the

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Rainbow dreadlocks

In a difficult first week featuring roommate squabbles, 8 a.m. classes and a trip to the emergency room, my respite came in the form of a stranger with multi-colored dreadlocks.

I had just finished one of those early morning classes when my girlfriend mentioned that her car's tires were running low on air and the warning light had come on. We drove to a local gas station to fill them up but had no cash, let alone quarters, to use the machine.

While contemplating what

we should do, the woman with multi-colored dreadlocks who had overheard the discussion of our struggle approached. She said hello, handed me a five-dollar bill, then turned and walked away just as mysteriously as she had come.

I was awestruck. This is the kind of "pay it forward" thing that you occasionally see on the internet but never really expect to see happen in your own life. It was certainly the first time that this level of random generosity had happened to me.

In the end, we found out that a

different gas station offered free air so we didn't even need the money. Those five dollars are still sitting in my wallet and will remain there until I decide how I'd like to pay it forward.

Perhaps I'll donate it or pay for a stranger's coffee. Or I could add it to a savings fund, wait a few thousand years for it to compound interest, then offer a Rainbow Dreadlocks Memorial Scholarship to Ferris students.

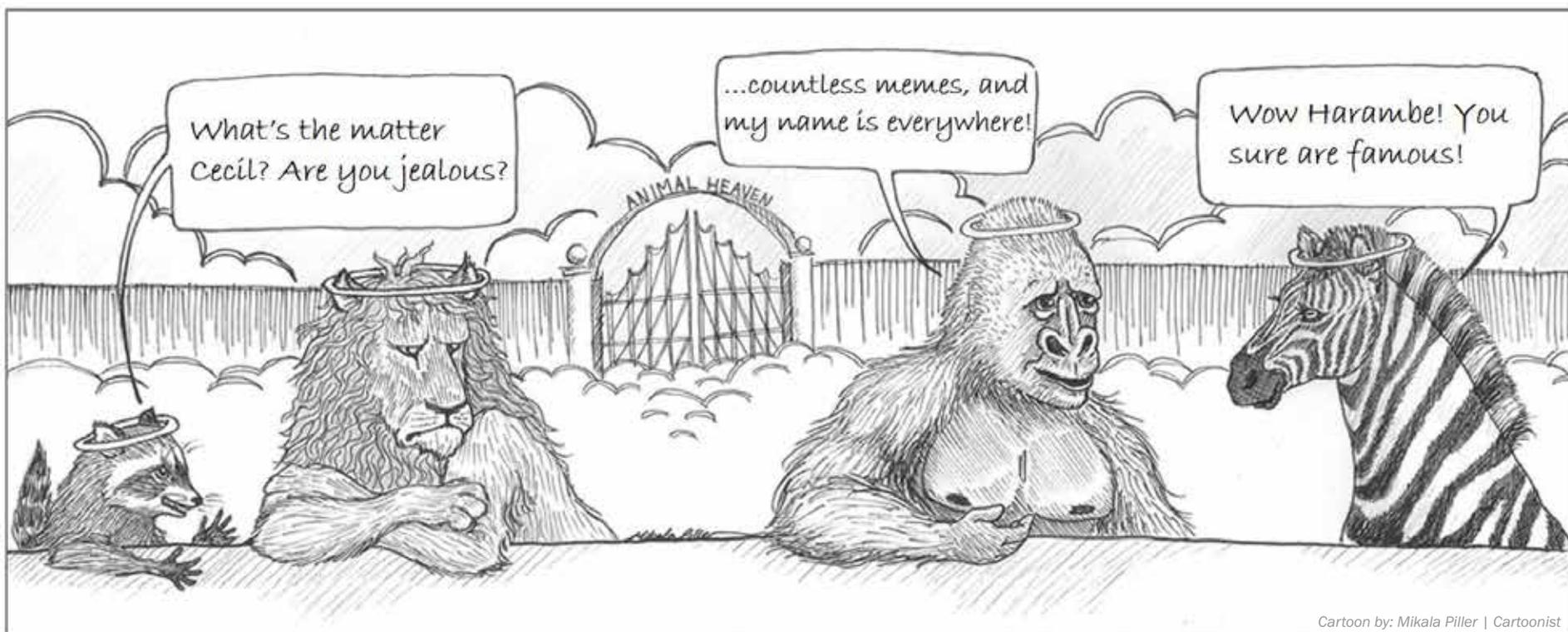
There really is no wrong way to make someone's day.

I'd like to thank you again if

you're out there reading this, kind stranger. You made my whole week with that one kind action.

Yet more importantly, if you're not that kind stranger, become one. Each of us has the power to improve the existence of others even if they are just a random person at the gas station, on the sidewalk or in the library.

Even if it's just a small random act of kindness, it can mean the difference between a miserable week and a memorable one.



Cartoon by: Mikala Piller | Cartoonist

Redemption with a Riseball

When a coach is more than a coach

When I think about who has helped me not only succeed in sports but in life as well, I obviously think about my parents. But there is another person who I think about every time, who not only made me the pitcher I am but the person I am today. That person is my pitching coach, Rick Plangger.

Rick has been in my life for over seven years. I met him my freshman year of high school when I moved back to Michigan and he taught me how to throw the riseball—my best pitch to this day. Going to pitch often felt like a job, but when it was with Rick it was never a chore to me. He is the funniest person I know and made me love the game again.

Many athletes can agree with me when I say the transition from high school to college is difficult. You go from being the best on your team to a team where everyone is just as good, if not better. I felt lost. After several different coaches and pitching coaches, I felt even more lost in the sea of new recruits, different pitching mechanics and new motions.

I was told I was too skinny to throw hard. I was told that hitters would not swing at my riseball at this level. It was true, I was not a shred of what I used to be. In an effort to earn more playing time, I changed my motion, stopped throwing the riseball and tried to gain weight. For the first time in my life I became an athlete that I did not recognize.

After not throwing much my junior season, I was ready to throw in the towel. I was done. I had accepted the fact that my best years of my softball career were in high school. This was when I got a text from Rick that said, “How is your summer going?”

I knew he was referring to summer ball but I didn’t want to talk about it, and was frankly embarrassed about how bad I had been pitching. Instead, I told him about my internship. Rick then asked me how my pitching was going. I told him not well, about how my size was getting in my way and how I felt as if I were a “lost cause”.

Rick responded, telling me that I was “totally wrong” and said it was “just the



Megan Hiler
Torch Reporter

opposite,” and he told me to come see him that week. I was hesitant, but for the first time in three years I felt a small twinge of hope that I was able to be a good pitcher again.

I felt like a freshman in high school again going back to Rick’s to pitch. We started from the beginning. I kept going back to him all summer. After each session I not only felt better but faster and more in control. I was having fun playing softball again. I didn’t dread pitching anymore.

Rick made me enjoy the game again. He was the only person who never told me I was too skinny to throw hard. Instead, he told me how strong my legs were and how my long skinny arms were perfect for whip. I was laughing more and was excited about picking up the yellow ball each pitching session. I took pride in watching my catcher miss the pitches I threw because they were moving again.

All athletes have a coach that has impacted them the most in their life. The one that made them love the game in the first place, or find it again when that love disappeared. There’s always the one that believed in them when no one else did. I have been blessed to have multiple amazing coaches throughout high school and college, but for me, that standout person was Rick Plangger.

Rick helped me in more ways than one. He is the only coach who has stuck by me not only throughout high school but in college as well. He never judged me or got mad when I came back throwing completely different than how he taught me. He made me laugh when I was depressed about how bad I was. He gave me hope. And for that, I am forever thankful for Rick Plangger and am lucky to have him by my side through my last year of softball.

Thank you so much, Rick.

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effects of rape for those of you who might now know.

She will have nightmares. She will wake up crying and still feel the tips of his fingers pressing into her skin.

She will be afraid to go on a walk by herself and when she does she will constantly look over her shoulder. She will feel defenseless.

Her relationships with her family and with her friends will be altered. They will never understand exactly how she is feeling and she will never be able to tell them.

She will feel weak, alone and misunderstood. The word “victim” is no longer a word to her, but a part of who she is—a pillar in the center of her being that he put there without asking.

My mom always told me growing up that when someone tells you that you hurt them it is not up to you to say that you didn’t. When I read her letter back in June, one of the quotes kept resonating in my head.

For days I heard her, “Your damage was concrete; stripped of titles, degrees, enrollment. My damage was internal, unseen, I carry it with me. You took away my worth, my privacy, my energy, my time, my safety, my intimacy, my confidence, my own voice...”

He was in and out of jail during our summer break, home with plenty of time to register as a sex offender before his family’s Labor Day barbecue. Not to in any way dwarf this particular case by any means, but the worst part of all of this is that he spent more time behind bars than most rapists ever will.

Touching someone without their consent is never okay. Having sex with someone while they are unconscious is never okay. Raping someone is never okay.

I, like many people, sit here and wait for the day that three months in jail for sexual assault becomes a thing of the past and whether or not a woman had a drink that night is no longer a factor.

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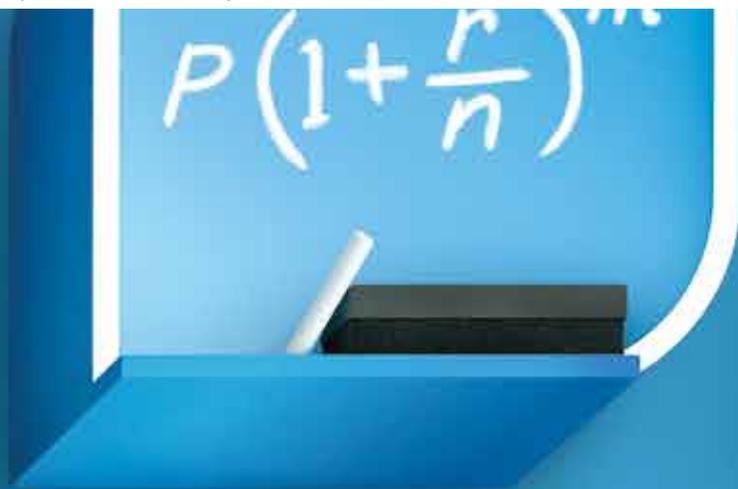
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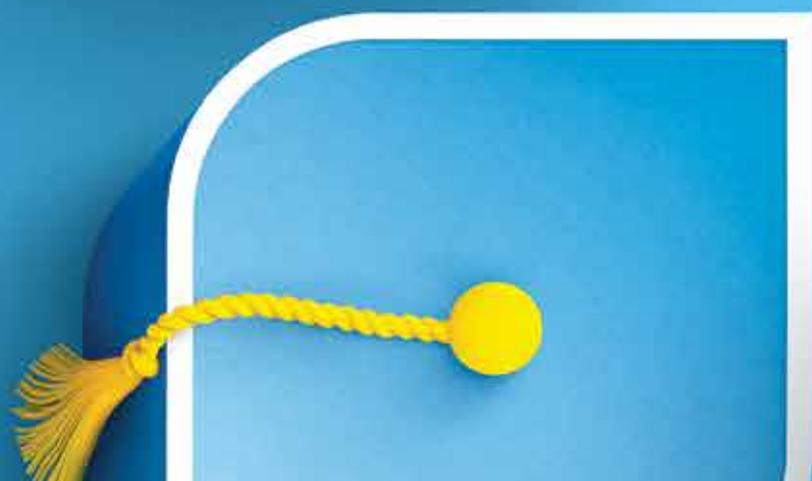
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