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Ferris State University  
alumnus Collin Rose dies in  
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## #NoType, no problem

### OMSS starts campaign to break down stereotypes on campus

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

Racial stereotyping has been a hot topic among people across the nation and Ferris students are no exception.

The #NoType Campaign, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) is a way to keep the talk about race going. The campaign is an extension of the "Conversations on Race" panel discussion held in October covering the Black Lives Matter movement, peaceful protesting and racial stereotyping.

Ferris communication senior Paul Hicks is the mastermind behind the campaign.

"The #NoType campaign is an opportunity for students to share what they personally are doing to help fight against stereotypes on campus," Hicks said. "We have students

sharing how they are standing up for others who are being stereotyped, but we also have students who are sharing what they are doing to disprove or stand up to stereotypes people have about them because of their race, gender, religion."

To get involved, the OMSS is holding an Instagram competition in which students can post pictures showing how they fight stereotypes. The top posts can win prizes and get featured on the OMSS Instagram account @fsuomss.

According to Hicks, the campaign is designed for all students to look at how they treat others that differ from them.

"I think students will respond very positively, but I think it will be a challenging discussion for students who do not feel stereotyped and will require them to think deep about why that is and what they can do to stand up for others," Hicks said.

In addition to the Instagram challenge, students are also able to take a pledge against stereotyping with Hicks Friday, Dec. 2, in FLITE or the University Center Thursday, Dec. 1. There will also be a discussion hosted by Hicks in FLITE room 159 Tuesday, Dec. 6.

"I think it is important to hold events like this because so many students go about their lives not realizing the impact stereo-

types have on others and as a result they never challenge or even think about issues that don't directly impact them on a daily or weekly basis," Hicks added. "Events like this give students a chance to think critically about what is going on around them."

Ferris sports communication senior Dami-on Nelson is the special programs coordinator for the OMSS and also helped finalize the concept of the #NoType campaign.

"The best part to me was seeing how many people participated and voiced their opinion on how they help to battle against stereotypes," Nelson said.

Nelson himself has been a victim of stereotyping.

"Everyone thinks that since I go to Ferris and I am a black male that I am here to play sports. I have to tell people all the time that I am just here for academics. I think this will help fight against stereotypes because people will realize that black males can go to school for more than just athletics," Nelson said.

"The goal is to promote the importance of intercultural exchange and connections with members of our campus community by debunking negative stereotypes," Hicks said.

For more information about the #NoType campaign visit ferris.edu/omss.



Courtesy photo

Angela Graf

News Editor

Wayne State University Police Officer and 2010 graduate of Ferris' criminal justice program Collin Rose died of a gunshot sustained in the line of duty.

According to an article by the Detroit Free Press, Rose, a K-9 unit officer, was patrolling several blocks from campus in the Detroit neighborhood of Woodbridge with his two dogs in the vehicle Tuesday, Nov. 22.

It was reported that Rose was most likely in the process of apprehending a suspect in a 911 call when gunshots were fired, one of which hit the officer in the head.

The suspect, 31 year-old Deangelo Davis, was arrested the evening of Nov. 22 and has a criminal record of violence against police officers. Davis was formally charged with first degree murder Friday, Nov. 25, following Rose's death in the hospital Wednesday, Nov. 23, according to the Detroit Free Press.

Neighbors claim that Davis is homeless, receiving meals from I Am My Brother's Keeper Ministry and living in a nearby park. Davis is currently being held without bond in the Wayne County jail.

After Rose earned his Bachelor's of Science degree from Ferris in 2010, the Richland native worked at his hometown police department before joining the Wayne State University Department.

Rose was nearing completion of his Master's of Science degree in police administration at Wayne State University and was engaged to be married in 2017.

"This is a very sad day for everyone in the Ferris State community," said Ferris State University President David Eisler in a statement released on Nov. 23. "Officer Rose was an excellent student, a leader among his peers and a consummate professional dedicating to protecting and serving. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this very difficult time."

Honoring Rose's love of animals and dedication to the force, his family and fiancée ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the following charities: Police Unity Tour, Vested Interest in K9s, Project Paws Alive, Inc. and the Brotherhood for the Fallen and Detroit Dog Rescue.



David Eisler

## Tis' the season

### Ferris students volunteer for Salvation Army



Photo by: Harley Harrison | Torch Reporter

Ferris optometry graduate student Ethan Zimmerman enjoys the opportunity that bellringing provides to give back.

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

This time of the year, it's quite common to hear the familiar Salvation Army bell before you enter the store for some holiday shopping.

"So far this season, the Salvation Army has seen over 150 Ferris State University students register to be volunteer bellringers for it's Red Kettle Campaign," said Salvation Army Development Director Chris Vallette. "This is more than ever at this stage of the campaign. The best part about it is they are bringing their friends and having fun while ringing."

Last year, more than 300 Ferris students volunteered for the Salvation Army for bellringing, which was a record high according to Vallette.

"I volunteered because it's good to give back to the community," said Ferris undeclared freshman Kaci Garver. "I am having fun."

The Salvation Army has nine bellringing locations in the Mecosta, Osceola, Lake and Newaygo counties including four locations in Big Rapids at JCPenney, Big Lots, Walgreen's and

Walmart.

"Bellringing is as fun as the volunteer makes it!" Vallette said.



Kaci Garver

We require all bellringers to wear the red 'I'm a Bellringer' apron, ring the bell and be friendly to all who pass by. We encourage our volunteers to sing carols, play an instrument, greet people, smile and of course, thank those who stop and donate to the kettle."

Bellringing shifts are two hours long, although volunteers can sign up for as many shifts they are able to do.

"Well, I've always kind of had a passion for volunteering. I did it in high school a lot at the local hospital. It comes around like this time of season. I like to give back," said Ferris optometry graduate student, Ethan Zimmerman. "Salvation Army actually

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# NEWS

“We see a steady decline of Native American students and we want to be proactive to try to change the direction around.” - Scott Herron

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# Diversity on campus

## Minority groups at Ferris not being recruited equally

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Diversity is one of Ferris' core values and what the university is known for. Yet, not all diversity groups have been receiving the same attention from admissions or support groups on campus.

Ferris biology professor and adviser of the Circle of Tribal Nations Scott Herron has been involved on diversity wide committees and has noticed that the only demographic groups not to be increasing are the Asian American and Native American groups.

“We see a steady decline of Native American students and we want to be proactive to try to change the direction around,” Herron said. “Right now, Ferris is struggling to get students of any kind. Thinking outside of the box is key.”

According to Herron, there was a former Ferris State Recruiter that would recruit Native Americans at Tribal Colleges and was told by the university to stop recruiting at Tribal Colleges.

There is an American Indian Tuition Waiver that became a law in the 1970s which states that if an American Indian meets criteria of having 25 percent Indian blood, being a part of a federally recognized tribe and a being a resident for one year, tuition would be free at public universities.

“If Ferris is worried about recruiting Native Americans because they won't make any money off of them that would be terrible because there is always a stereotype that all Native Americans will fit that criteria, which most of them do not, so why not continue to recruit Native Americans?” said Ferris junior in pre-medicine and vice president of the Circle of Tribal Nations Elizabeth Nystrom.

According to Herron, the lack of knowledge of the American Indian Tuition Waiver is trickling down and ultimately causing the drop in admissions for Native Americans.

“We do have individuals on campus who are doing good things, like Jason DaDay, who invited a Saginaw Chippewa group to tour campus last year and continues to find different groups to invite to campus,” Herron

said.

According to Jason DaDay, assistant director of admissions communications, two separate Michigan-based tribes contacted Ferris for a campus tour.

“I have worked with the tribal representatives to create an engaging campus visit experience that provides the attendees with important information to help them make their college selection decision,” DaDay said.

According to Nystrom, the only people that are making an effort to support Native Americans are Scott Herron, Jason DaDay and Andrea Lodholts—the secondary advisor for the Circle of Tribal Nations.

“Three people out of the entire university are making an effort and even then each person can only do so much,” Nystrom said. “Scott is a professor and Andrea runs the Green House, so technically it's not even in their job description.”

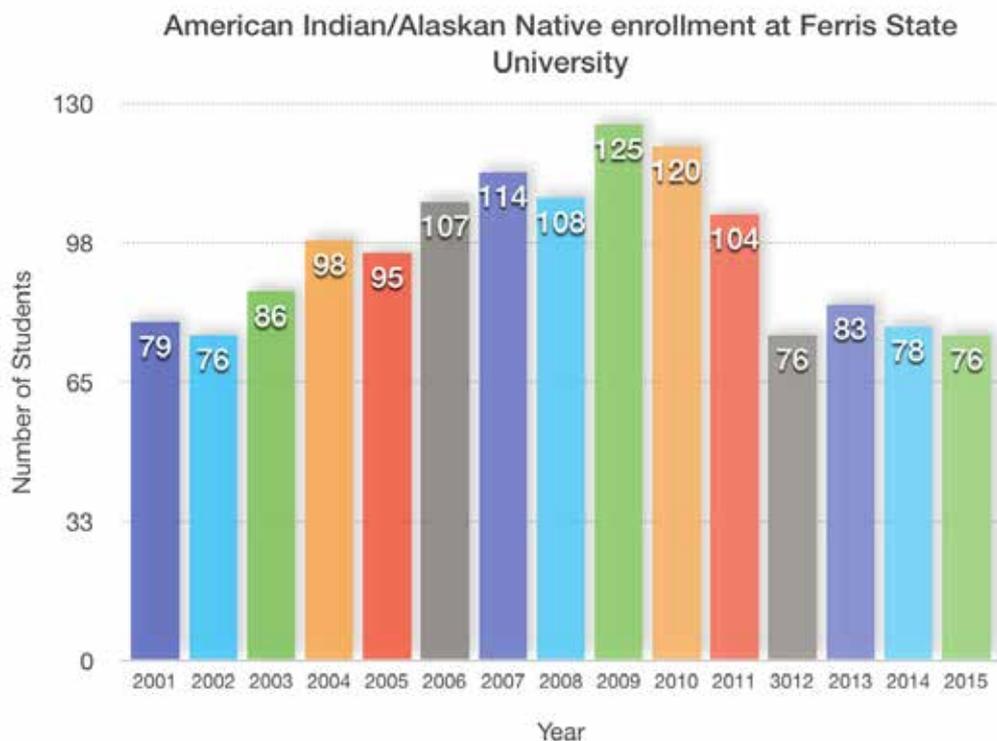
According to Herron, the blame is not on the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) because this has been a problem

for the past 14 years when Ferris was supposed to be becoming a more diverse university.

“When I first started here, OMSS only had two or three employees in their office. They do a great job at programming, for some things that they feel comfortable doing,” Herron said. “Michael Wade, assistant director of OMSS, has been the one programmer for the entire university and he works with us really well. I do not put the blame on him. I put the blame on administration. If they care about diversity and growth, why is a department like OMSS not growing with the university?”

The student organization, the Circle of Tribal Nations, is the only support group on campus for Native Americans and has been involved in recruiting and programming.

“Circle of Tribal Nations has been going above and beyond what students should be doing but it's because nobody else will do anything,” Herron said.



# Burning out cancer



Graphic by: Jordan Lodge | Production Manager

## Ferris employees and students work together to help those battling cancer

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Ferris United Against Cancer, a group formed of Ferris employees, is teaming with the welding department to raise money to help support Ferris employees, family members and friends who are struggling financially while they undergo cancer treatments.

The welding department will build a fire ring for the highest bidder at an online auction.

“The welding department has made fire rings in the past as a fundraising event for their group and have generously offered to help us with our fundraising,” said Debi

Whitman, Ferris student financial services coordinator and member of Ferris United Against Cancer.

The highest bidder will receive one four-segment fire ring, 34 inches in diameter and can pick the following personalization options to be included: deer, fish, trees, horses, letters, numbers, FSU Torches and BR Cardinals. All other ideas are welcomed but may be turned down.

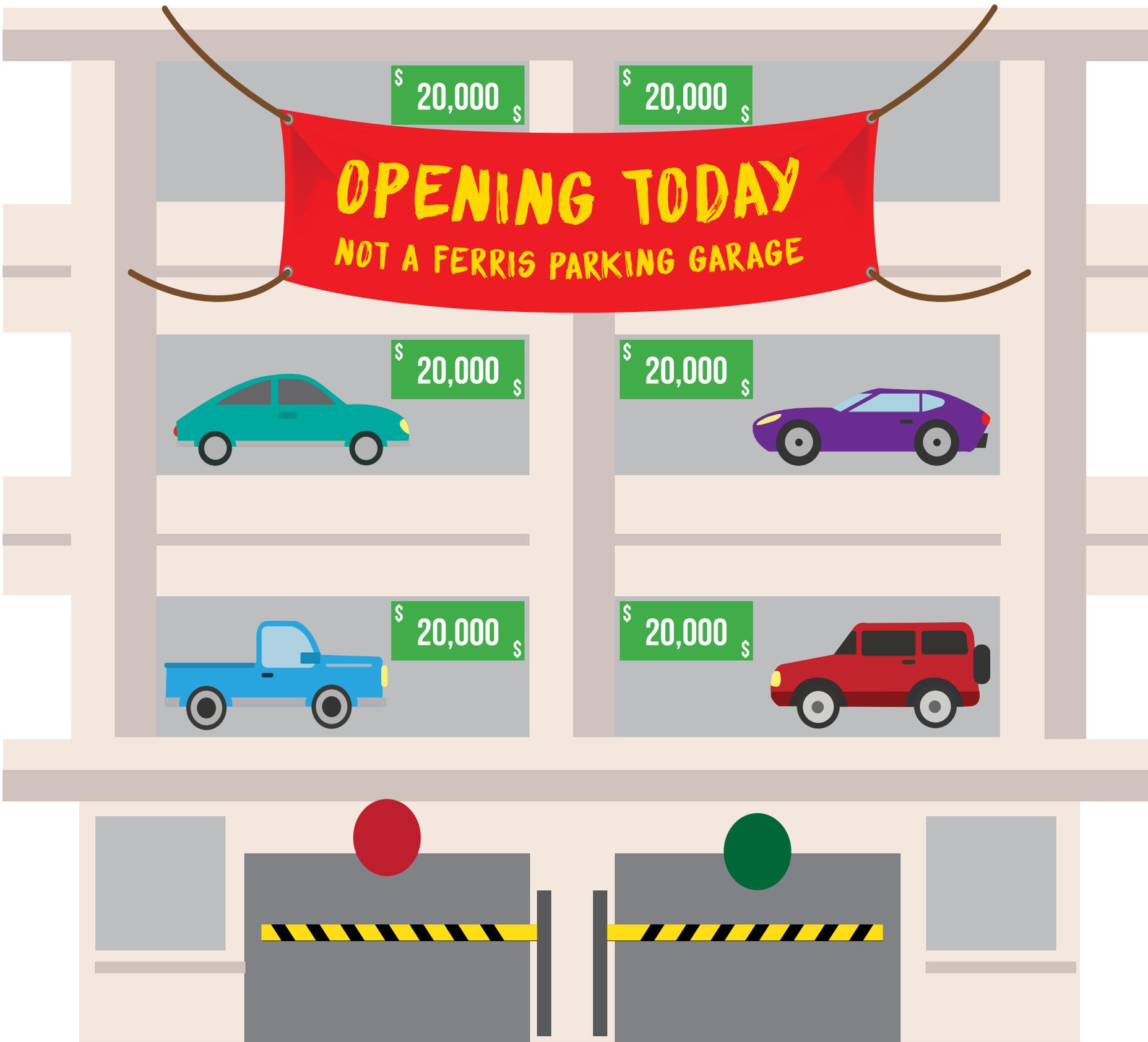
Bids can be emailed to [kramerq@ferris.edu](mailto:kramerq@ferris.edu) by Friday, Dec. 9, with “FIRE RING BID” in the subject line.

More than one bid is welcomed, and the highest bid will be accepted.

“I think we can raise as much money as possible. The higher the bid, the more people we can help,” Whitman said.

More details on the event and the group can be found on the Ferris United Against Cancer Facebook page.

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# No parking for you

*Garage deemed too expensive a solution to parking problems on campus*

Andrea Lenhart  
Torch Reporter

Parking will always be a problem on campus. Many students wondered why Ferris hasn't built a parking garage to make parking easier and the answer is not because of city ordinances.

A parking garage would make the lives of commuter students easier but is not practical for Ferris or Big Rapids.

"The city has never told Ferris 'no' when talking about a parking garage. We have some construction and zoning regulations but our disposition is to assist in growth and devel-

opment," said Big Rapids City Manager Steve Sobers. "We never take a 'stopping' position."

According to Sobers, the city and university work together in planning and communication so that the infrastructure that is needed will always be available to make Ferris the best university in the state.

A parking garage will not help that matter.

Sobers says the city looked into parking garages a year ago when they were looking to renovate downtown near the Carmike Cinemas to add additional parking and soon abandoned the idea.

"Parking garages are very expensive," Sobers said. "They

cost about \$20,000 per parked car. A massive parking facility at Ferris would add considerable cost and ultimately raise tuition a significant degree."

Ferris public relations junior Alix Sermon believes that parking garages would help more students get to classes easier, and if they charged students for a pass to park in the garages rather than parking passes, more people would buy them.

"It usually takes me 10-15 minutes to find a parking spot and I leave my house 20 minutes earlier to give myself time to find a spot," Sirmon said. "I feel it would be worth it to put up parking garages regardless of the cost."



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# Chapter of the year

*Ferris Lambda Kappa Sigma recognized nationally*

Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Ferris' Lambda Kappa Sigma pharmaceutical fraternity has taken part in a multitude of events on campus, including winning first place in the Lip Sync competition during homecoming week.

Harley Harrison  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris women's pharmaceutical fraternity Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS) has been nationally recognized as chapter of the year by LKS.

The Ferris chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma was awarded the LKS 2016 Chapter of the Year and the Chrysanthemum Award at the LKS national convention this past July.

According to Ferris pre-pharmacy and biology junior and sports chair of the fraternity Rebekah Kubiak, the chapter won the award by more than doubling in size over the past year.

"We were all pretty excited about it," Kubiak said. "I mean, it's kind of a really big award to receive as a chapter, a really big

honor." The Ferris chapter was founded in 1953 and went from having approximately 20 members to almost reaching their cap of 60 members within a year.



Rebekah Kubiak

"Really just being more active, our president told us that the other chapters will only meet like monthly, maybe. They don't really see each other very often, while our chapter meets every Monday," said Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore and sisterhood chair Taylor Flood. "Some chapters don't necessarily require volunteer hours and work outside of the chapter and we have to do eight hours or so."

The chapter is also very involved with

Greek life, making it one of the most active chapters, according to Kubiak.

"We have our own social rights and I don't think every chapter does. So, we get to participate in Greek Week and homecoming, while they really don't. It's more of a professional thing for them while it's 50/50 for us," Flood said.

The Ferris chapter is involved with philanthropy work for a program called Project Hope.



Taylor Flood

"We have something that we call 'Coffee Hour,'" Flood said. "There's a lounge in the pharmacy building here at Ferris and all of our new members—once they're initiated and active for two semesters—go and sit

in the lounge and sell snacks and stuff to the students that are there to raise money for Project Hope."

Coffee Hour was an ongoing fundraiser that lasts throughout the semester and all of its proceeds were given to Project Hope. Last year, LKS raised approximately \$1,000.00 according to Flood.

"[Project Hope] is basically an organization that helps with medication and supplies—pretty much what we do as pharmacists," Kubiak said. "We donate the money that we earn in our coffee hours and we did a chili cook-off and all the profits from that went straight to Project Hope."

For more information on how to get involved in the chapter, they can be found on Facebook at Lambda Kappa Sigma Ferris State University.

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# - ON THE RECORD -

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

## Crash course

Nov. 10, 4 p.m. officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Lot 1.

## Fire in the hole

Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. officers responded to a vehicle fire in Lot 36.

## Run, run, run

Nov. 11, 8:55 p.m. officers assisted the Sheriff's Department with a vehicle fleeing and eluding in the downtown Big Rapids area. When the vehicle eventually stopped, three males bailed out of the vehicle and attempted to run from the police. The individuals were apprehended and all three were jailed on multiple counts.

## You've been warned

Nov. 12, 1:20 a.m. officers stopped a vehicle on Maple Street near Warren Avenue for defective equipment. The driver, a non-student, was found to be a minor in

possession (MIP). The alcohol was confiscated and a warning was issued.

## Suspension

Nov. 12, 2:10 a.m. officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Knollview Drive for defective equipment. The driver was found to be in possession of a suspended license and was ticketed.

## Open season

Nov. 12, 9:15 a.m. officers responded to a report of a damaged vehicle near the Heavy Equipment Center. Evidence indicated that a deer had run into the parked car and caused damage.

## Buds in Bond

Nov. 13, 1 a.m. officers responded to a report of marijuana in Bond Hall. One individual was identified and ticketed.

## Street Fighter II

Nov. 13, 12:55 p.m. officers made contact with two females

arguing on the corner of Maple Street and South Michigan Avenue. One was served an MIP for consumption and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

## No one was harmed

Nov. 13, 8:55 p.m., officers responded to an assault complaint in Bond Hall. An investigation revealed a couple that had been arguing. Both were referred to the Office of Student Conduct but neither had any indication of injuries.

## Clark's kush

Nov. 14, 7:35 p.m. officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Clark Hall. No contraband was found and the situation was handled by housing.

## Admitted guilt

Nov. 14, 9:40 p.m. officers responded to a report of marijuana in Cramer Hall. No contraband was found but four students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for admitted use of an

illegal substance.

## Turn down for what

Nov. 14, 11:10 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint in Bond Hall. The occupant was contacted, asked to turn the noise down and was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

## McStoney

Nov. 15, 1:10 a.m. officers responded to a marijuana complaint in McNerney Hall. One individual was identified and ticketed for possession.

## Leave me alone

Nov. 15, 4:55 p.m. officers responded to a harassment complaint in Travis Hall. A student was receiving unwanted texts from an out-of-state unknown subject.

## Assault in West Campus

Nov. 15, 8:45 p.m. officers responded to a noise complaint in the West Campus Apartments. A passerby reported seeing a female

outside the residence crying. The victim reported having a verbal argument with an acquaintance after which the acquaintance struck her on the face. The officers identified a male student as the suspect.

The investigation is ongoing but the victim does not want to press charges.

## Merry Jane

Nov. 15, 10:10 p.m. officers responded to a report of marijuana in Merrill Hall. Alcohol was recovered during a room search and the student(s) involved were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

## Separate

Nov. 15, 10:55 p.m. officers responded to a harassment complaint in Brophy Hall. A student was receiving unwanted texts from their ex-boyfriend. The individuals were told to leave each other alone.

## Cartoon special "OPEN SEASON"

Cartoon by: Mikala Piller | Cartoonist



## NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

### Early contracting kickoff event

Students are invited to sign their on-campus housing contracts for the Office of Housing and Residence Life next year at an upcoming campus-wide event. There will be prizes and giveaways as part of the event including a free long sleeve gameday t-shirt, \$80 in Bulldog Bucks and free 2017-18 Ferris parking passes for juniors and seniors. Participants will be entered for a chance to win a 55" Google Cast television, a free single room for a semester (2 available) and a free gold meal plan for a semester (2 available). Students can sign their contracts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University Center or West Campus Community Center Wednesday, Nov. 30.

### Bake sale

Students will be selling baked goods in the IRC Connector to raise money for the Association of Clinical Laboratory Sciences Wednesday, Nov. 30. The organization is saving to take their annual trip to a conference in Kalamazoo in April.

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### SALVATION ARMY

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gives back to a lot of different organizations in the community and they take care of a lot of people whether it be the homeless in inner cities, children's after school programs, even their clothing stores give a percentage of all their profits back to the community in some shape or form."

According to Vallette, the donations collected from the Red Kettle campaign will go to services such as emergency and disaster services, summer youth and teen camps, an after school community center and rent, heat and electricity assistance.

"I think it's important because they do so much to help the com-

munities and it's just a way to put in time for a good cause," said Chippewa Hills high school senior Rachel Lobet.

Last year, the Salvation Army succeeded their goal of \$90,000 by raising \$104,000. This year they have a goal of \$100,000 according to Vallette.

"The Red Kettle Campaign is celebrating it's 20th year in the Big Rapids area," Vallette said. "We have been blessed by the community over those 20 years and have been able to use the funds they provided to expand our programs and services. This has helped us meet the need of more people each year."

The Salvation Army is still looking for volunteers and those who are interested can go to [sabirapids.org](http://sabirapids.org) for more information.

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“How many people will we let fall through the cracks of society because we wouldn’t take the time to help them process their feelings.” - Jasmine Nettles  
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## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Precious seconds count when an armed killer is in the area and it’s up to emergency alert services to notify those in proximity to the danger on a college campus.

A man drove his car into a crowd of students at Ohio State University (OSU) Monday, Nov. 28, then exited the vehicle and began attacking students with a knife. Officers quickly responded and dispatched the attacker, but rumors swirled over an active shooter and a second suspect throughout the morning and afternoon.

In the wake of reports of the ac-

tive shooter on campus, the OSU Emergency Management text alert read: “Buckeye Alert: Active Shooter on campus. Run. Hide. Fight. Watts Hall. 19th and College.”

The tone was urgent. It was prompt. It was descriptive while remaining concise. The emergency alert did what it was intended to do.

Meanwhile and closer to home, there were reports of gunshots heard at Hillcrest Oakwood Properties approximately one mile from Ferris State’s campus last week. The Mecosta County Sheriff’s De-

partment fielded the reports in the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 20.

Students were notified via Ferris’ emergency alert system at approximately 2:20 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, nearly 36 hours after the initial report.

The latest Ferris emergency alert regarding gunshots read, “FSU BR Campus Timely Warning - 11/19/16 incident off campus at Oakwood Apartments. Mecosta Cty Sheriff’s Dept. incident, refer to ferris.edu for details.”

We were told the location and to

refer to Ferris’ website to read up on a vague “incident” at Oakwood Apartments that had transpired the previous morning. This is unsafe and entirely unacceptable. Ferris’ emergency alert system failed Ferris students.

How many lives were saved at OSU because of the prompt emergency text alert? Would Ferris students receive the same timely and descriptive notice of an active shooter on campus? We’d like to think so but recent evidence points to the contrary.

## Torch alert



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## Unspoken truth of mental illness in the black community

I’ll be the first to admit; I did not think poor mental health was a thing.

And there’s a simple explanation for it: I was never told that poor mental health was a thing.

Growing up, I was raised in the church. So whenever you were sad, would get mad for no reason or saw other children or adults acting out in the strangest of ways, you were told to pray about it. At the same time as “the feeling will pass, you’ll be fine.”



Jasmine Nettles  
Managing Copy Editor

As I’ve gotten older, I’ve come to learn that that just simply isn’t true.

According to the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Services, African-Americans are 20 percent more likely to experience major depression, suicide, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and anxiety than other races.

Factors of these statistics have proven to be exposure to violence, poverty and the lack of support systems in their homes and com

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# Reasons why I love Christmas movies



Travis Sacher  
Opinions Editor

The end of Thanksgiving means one thing: it's now the most wonderful time of year.

Wait, aren't you Jewish, Travis? Yes, I am and was raised Jewish, but that does not mean that I do not have a huge appreciation for Christmas-themed movies.

My love for Christmas movies began as a small child being introduced to classics such as the Home Alone series, How The Grinch Stole Christmas and The Santa Clause series.

In the month between Thanksgiving and Christmas, each year, I do my best to watch all of my favorite Christmas movies. Besides the one's mentioned above, my list includes The Polar Express, Elf, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, Fred Claus, Deck The Halls, Eight Crazy Nights, A Christmas Story, A Christmas Carol, Miracle on 34th Street and so on.

The reason I love Christmas movies: they always have a

great, warm ending. Unlike horror films or mind-benders, Christmas movies always have a positive ending where everyone is happy. They make you feel really good and excited for the holiday season and usually are pretty comedic.

When I was a kid, each evening I would tune in to the ABC Family 25 Days of Christmas movie marathon special. Whether I was watching the special or just had it in the background while doing homework or having dinner, the house always had a cozy feel.

The same will happen for this holiday season. As finals week is approaching and crunch time is already upon us for the semester, I will do my best to play a Christmas movie or Christmas-themed episode each night for the next few weeks.

Another reason Christmas movies are so great is the familiarity that comes with them. I'm sure most college stu-

dents know the agony of scrolling that comes with choosing what to watch on Netflix with more people than while watching by yourself. It is impossible for us to agree on something to put on the television. But who will argue with the choice of Elf or The Santa Clause with only a few weeks until the holiday?

Nobody watches Christmas movies between the months of January and November but consistently in the month of December, which means most people are at least familiar with the popular seasonal films.

I personally love Christmas movies because I don't celebrate Christmas. It gives me a connection to something that almost everybody around me graciously gets to enjoy each year while I do not. There are very few Hanukkah related films.

Growing up, the only special I really ever watched was A Rugrats Hanukkah special, which Tommy celebrated because Didi's parents were Jewish Russian immigrants.

Eight Crazy Nights is a hilarious Adam Sandler Hanukkah/Christmas animation film but the list does not stretch far after that.

Christmas movies mean that school is almost done for the year and the holidays are upon us. And once the

## MENTAL HEALTH

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munity.

Now I love numbers when trying to prove a fact-based point. So, let me throw some at you.

In 2014, according to the U.S. HHS Office of Minority Services, 13.2 percent of people or 45.7 million people in the United States identified as Black or African American. Of those 13.2 percent, more than 16 percent of those people had a diagnosable mental illness. That's only seven million people!

With numbers this high and low, how is it that African Americans continue to suffer in silence?

As an African American, the first thing I can tell you is that barriers for seeking help with your mental health are misconceptions created by loss, socioeconomic status, lack of trust in people and feeling ashamed that you need help to make yourself feel better.

You may also feel like people in your community may judge you, it goes against your religion or faith to seek professional help or you may not have adequate health care coverage for the treatment you know that you need.

The stigmas surrounding the reality of mental health is a major roadblock for African Americans and I know this because I've been there.

The fact of the matter is that our community just doesn't talk about it, citing all of the factors I listed above. But how long are we going to not address it? How many people will we let fall through the cracks of society because we wouldn't take the time to help them process their feelings?

An example of this misguided assistance would be Kanye West. In November of 2007, West's mother passed away suddenly due to complications from a cosmetic surgery. Some called it simply a freak accident but Kanye? Well, he called it devastation.

I watched as his personality began to change, his music got darker, album covers became so jumbled and confusing that I couldn't understand their meaning, his violence with paparazzi and his misogyny was blunt and very much "in your face."

He didn't have any family outside of his mother, but with all of the celebrities surrounding him in the industry, no one noticed that his behavior became erratic? And that it seemed to worsen over time? I did.

A few weeks ago, the rapper reportedly had a psychotic breakdown after a show in San Jose, California where he ranted about his relationship with Jay-Z and his wife Beyoncé and after also talking about his political views.

I've paid attention to Kanye West only because of his crazy exploits in the media. And anyone with logical reasoning skills will agree that he hasn't been the same since his mother died.

Kanye is quoted when asked about his mother following her death saying, "I don't want to go too into it, it'll make me emotional."

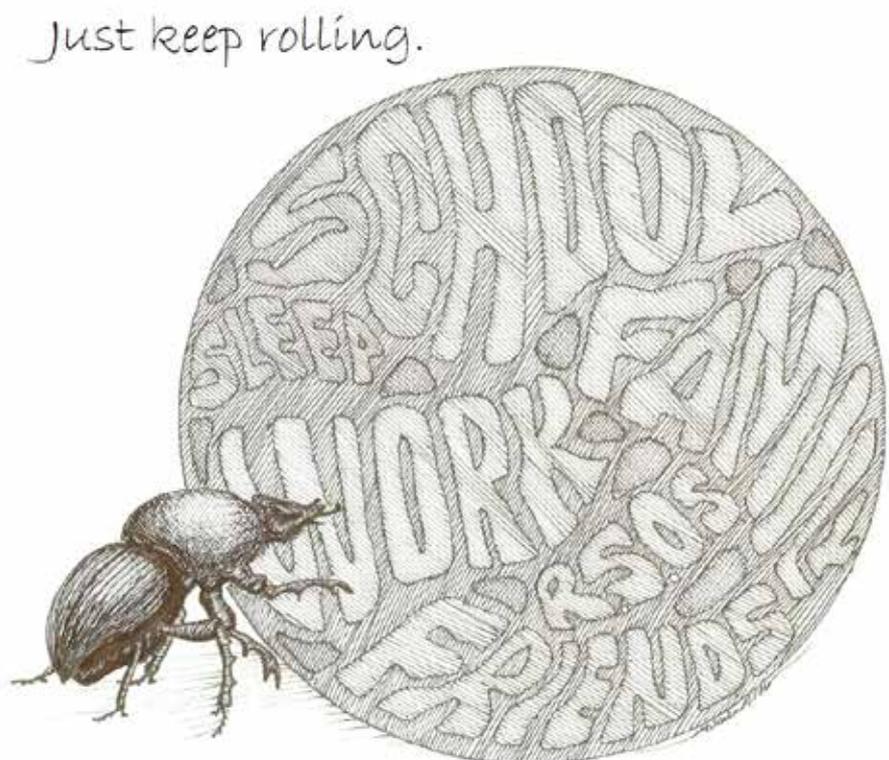
That statement was from an interview only a few months ago. His mother died nine years ago. And if you follow his incidents, they all happen around the same time—his mother's birthday and the anniversary of her death.

Failing to properly grieve is one of the key triggers or signs of poor mental health. I'm not a doctor and I'm in no way officially diagnosing Kanye West. But his family spent Thanksgiving in a psychiatric ward of a Los Angeles hospital, so I'm thinking I'm on the right track here.

My challenge to all African Americans is to not be so concerned with how needing help to overcome mental illness will make you look! At the end of the day, the only person you should be worried about is YOU.

As a young adult from an extremely impoverished city, it is very easy to get lost in your head and seem to not be able to find the exit.

The headline of this opinion editorial is to





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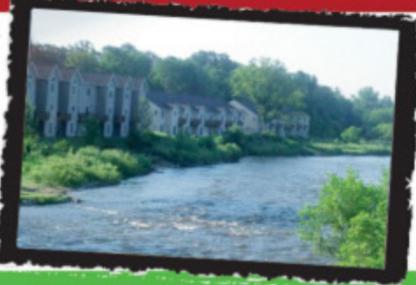
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## On their tails



### *DPS implements drug sniffing dogs in residence halls*

**Clarice Singarton**  
*Deodorizer*

In an attempt to discourage marijuana use, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has decided to place drug sniffing dogs in each of the residence halls on campus.

"I like dogs a lot and I hate the Devil's lettuce, so the whole thing just kind of fell together," said Director of DPS Bruce Borkovich.

Despite his optimism, students have a slightly different take on the benefits of the program.

"I don't care that they're trying to decrease the number of people that smoke pot," said Ferris accounting freshman Chris Dorian. "I just can't get over all the damn barking at all hours of the night."

Sources report that upon being placed in the buildings, the dogs immediately went crazy, running through the halls sniffing and scratching at dozens of doors.

"As soon as they handed me the dog, he ripped the leash right out of my hand," said Brophy McNerney Resident Advisor Pamela Krut. "It's like the poor thing didn't know where to turn first, he was so overwhelmed."

At night, people walking past the residence halls can hear the dogs barking and howling as they constantly detect drug users.

"I used to smoke weed in the dorms," said Ferris biochemistry sophomore Joshua Loomperskin. "But I go off campus to do it now because it's really hard to enjoy a

good high with all the noise."

The initiative has been labeled a failure by a number of county officials as its biggest accomplishments include spurring a 15 percent decrease in the number of students living on campus next semester and completely clogging the Mecosta County court system.

"I wish they would get rid of the dogs," said District Attorney Michelle Cooper. "It's become a real pain in the ass. We've had to try over 40 cases of possession just this month. I'm actually an advocate for legalization now."

Steps are currently being taken to remove the dogs from the halls so that smokers and non-smokers alike can once again get a good night's sleep.

Christmas fanatic and Big Rapids local assaults cashier who wished her "happy holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas"

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Mounds of dropped food accumulate outside Rock Café as a result of seagull migration

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*Tire Fire* reader checks out right column of front page

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### Eisler Says:

*"Never let anyone tell you your degree is worthless. I majored in playing the clarinet for God's sake."*



## Tire Fire

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# Band formed in dorm room destined for superstardom

*New “artists” poised to make a splash in the music industry*

**William Shelder**

*Nose Tackle*

The next band to blast onto the music scene may very well be composed of four students from Ferris State.

Vocalist Jim Morteson, guitar player James Hendricks, bass player Buck Tentwhistle and drummer John Mahnob are all music industry management freshmen and recently formed a band that they, “swear will make the big time.”

“We’ve really been getting our names out there. Well, kind of. We’ve changed our band name three times since last July but I think the “Silly Willies” are here to stay,” Hendricks said.

The band also went by “Cloaca,” “Toxiconomous Hippopotamus” and “Led Zeppelin II” before settling on their current name and receiving a cease and desist order last week.

“I’d say we’re an alternative, grunge, pop-punk band. We’re really original and are pretty much pioneering a new genre all together with the three and a half songs we’ve written,” Tentwhistle said.

The Silly Willies’ forthcoming album “Astroturf Earth Gala 9,000” will feature a mix of original songs and mediocre-at-best covers and is set to be released on the band’s Soundcloud page Friday, Dec. 16.

“We wanted to get it out before the Christmas season, because our album will make a great stocking stuffer. We’re projecting sales anywhere between one and 45,000 downloads in the first week, so we’re trying to keep expectations realistic,” Morteson said.

From humble beginnings on the floor of a dorm room, The Silly Willies have risen to a state of remote local notoriety and are determined to prove that they have the chops to make it in the music industry.

“Most of our shows have been around Big Rapids at open mic nights. We’ve tapped into the local scene really well. I mean, even The Beatles started out small,” Morteson said.

To date, the band has played a two-song set at three different open mic nights, plus a sparsely attended house show in Hendricks’ parents’ garage.

“I just picked up a new pack of those glow in the dark strings and my solos are way better now,” Hendricks said. “Plus our drummer finally picked up a proper drum stool so we can stop stealing my mom’s dining room chairs to all our gigs. We’re right on the brink of becoming rock icons. I can feel it.”

# Double life

*Unimpressive student struggles to keep track of lies he told relatives on Thanksgiving*

**Malik Richards**

*Stray Golf Ball Collector*

Thanksgiving is a time for family, reflection and shamefully lying to those you love and/or visit twice a year for major holidays.

Ferris marketing junior Billy Buzzbuns is just one of many unimpressive Ferris students who chose to lie to his family rather than admit his shortcomings over the holiday break.

“At first I was just going to lie about having a girlfriend. I was so sick of hearing that question over and over again each year. I mean, I’m fishing so just waiting on the right girl to bite and I’m optimistic. I figured it was only a matter of time,” Buzzbuns said. “Then it just got out of hand.”

Buzzbuns’ extended family also inquired about the state of his grades, expected graduation date and whether or not he had secured an internship yet.

“Okay, so maybe my stats professor has a different perception of my grade in his class than my aunt who I lied to. What Dr. Foose doesn’t know won’t hurt him,” Buzzbuns said.

At press time, Buzzbuns’ was teetering on the edge of falling to a C- in STQM 260 and had just been notified by his adviser that he’ll need to take on a fifth year of classes to earn his degree.

“I’m close to nailing down an internship, so that was more of just a little white lie,” Buzzbuns said. “I’ve Googled a couple of places around Detroit that take interns sometimes, so I’m just getting ready to make some calls to make it official.”

Nearly everything Buzzbuns told his family between Nov. 23-27 was a lie, yet his family has nothing but praise for him.

“We’re all very proud of Billy,” Buzzbuns’ 74-year-old grandma Doris Bradley said. “At first I was worried when he said he changed his major to become an astronaut/lawyer/pharmacist, but I put those doubts aside when he said he had straight-A’s. He’s such a bright young man and his totally real girlfriend sure is lucky!”

While Buzzbuns escaped another holiday without letting down his extended family, he’s now tasked with keeping track of all the lies he told so as to not reveal his true disappointments.

“I’m just hoping that my great-grandpa finally kicks the bucket before grades are finalized this winter,” Buzzbuns said.

The *Tire Fire* is celebrating its birthday Thursday, Dec. 8! Can you believe you’ve been reading this sewage for a year? Read more on [fsutorch.com/tire-fire!](http://fsutorch.com/tire-fire!)

*Check out the Tire Fire in the last Torch of each month!*

# Horror-scope Hall of Fame

*In celebration of the Tire Fire's birthday, check out all the best Horror-scopes from the past year!*



## Aries: March 21-April 19

You will get an incurable, oozing rash through contact with this newspaper (or keyboard if you're reading electronically).



## Taurus: April 20-May 20

You might as well eat that extra slice of cake. You're going to Hell for your unholy ways anyway. If you're going down, you should go down happy, tubby.



## Gemini: May 21-June 20

You will enjoy a rich and rewarding sex life with the partner of your dreams. Though, neither of you will enjoy it as much as the guy across the street who owns a pair of binoculars.



## Cancer: June 21-July 22

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



## Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

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



## Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

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



## Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

The company of your dreams will pass on you for the internship in favor of someone way hotter.



## Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

The condom in your wallet is about to expire, but it's okay because you're not getting laid any time soon anyway.



## Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

The stars don't find you worthy of their prophecies.



## Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

A couple of guys who are up to no good will start making trouble in your neighborhood. You'll get in one little fight and your mom will get scared, so you'll be sent to live with your Auntie and Uncle in Bel-Air.



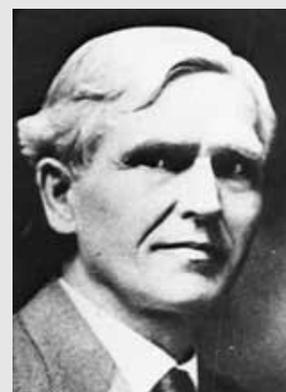
## Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

A new opportunity will present itself and excite you. Just remember, autoerotic asphyxiation can be dangerous for rookies.



## Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

She's pregnant.



## Ask Woodbridge

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**"So I am a senior and was supposed to graduate in May. I went to my adviser's office to pick my classes for next semester and she told me I will have to be here for another semester. I am very sick of Big Rapids and I just want to graduate and be done. What do I do?"**

**- Bored in BR**

Bored guy, I get that you want to get out of Big Rapids but it sounds like that's just not an option at this point. So my advice is for you to just make the most out of this town. There are plenty of things to do. For example, there is a beautiful Walmart you can loiter in. If you get bored of that, you can take scuba lessons from the guy who lives behind the liquor store. Fair warning, he is a little bit rough around the edges and he insists on watching you change into your bathing suit but he does know a thing or two about scuba diving.

**- Woodbridge**

**"Hey Woody, my friends and I have nothing in common. When we go to eat, I get a burger and they always order sushi or other fancy foods like shrimp scampi. Whenever I am watching Netflix, they are reading books. When I am drinking PBR, they are drinking scotch. I feel like an idiot when I am with them but my taste is my taste. How do I relate to them?"**

**- Connor the Commoner**

First of all, my name is not Woody. Do I look like a cowboy to you? Second, shrimp scampi is the furthest thing from a "fancy food." The way I see it, every group of friends has a diverse set of personalities. Like a hockey team has different positions, so do friend groups. There is the funny one, the serious one, the smart guy, the dummy, etc. Your group sounds weird though.

Are you talking about friends or a book club? Here's what you do, get yourself a mon-ocle and really change yourself. Start reading Shakespeare, eat all your meals at the vastly overrated Blue Cow and only listen to Mozart. The key to relationships is to change everything about yourself to fit in. Problem solved.

**- Woodbridge**

**"I'm worried that my girlfriend may be a little crazy. She checks my text messages twice a day, won't allow me to order coffee from female baristas and is starting to develop the same angry glare that I've noticed her mother uses. Any advice?"**

**- Confused and Concerned**

Run.

**- Woodbridge**

# Mascot brawl

*FSU's Brutus attacks GVSU's Louie in response to social media fued*

**Jordy Grappleton**  
*Desert Wanderer*

Brutus was arrested over the weekend for assaulting Grand Valley's Louie the Laker.

Louie and Brutus were in attendance at a Grand Rapids night club at midnight Saturday, Nov. 26, when Louie reportedly began chanting "F.U. FSU". Brutus then threw a dog dish full of vodka at Louie's face and beat him senseless.

This comes on a weekend before Grand Valley and Ferris will face off in the Super Region IV final which is a rematch of a game that started the confrontation.

The beef all started earlier this year when Ferris football lost 35-28 to the Lakers.

After the game Louie tweeted, "We just gave the Dawgs the bone to take home the Anchor-Bone."

This is in reference to the Anchor-Bone Trophy that is given to the winner of this rivalry.

Brutus responded on Twitter with, "Seamen are too cocky."

GVSU faithful bashed Brutus' attempt at a comeback as he was ridiculed the rest of the week. One tweet said, "Every dog has his day, except for Brutus apparently."

Months after the game, tensions were high when Louie and Brutus spotted each other at the night club prompting Louie to start the chant. After Brutus brutally beat Louie, he reportedly said, "Ferris State is going all the way this year."

Brutus is being held on bond and will likely face leash arrest for the remainder of the semester.

The Bulldogs and Lakers will have the opportunity to settle the score between their respective mascots at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in Lubbers Stadium.



# Tire Fire Confession:

*I, a baboon, am actually writing most of this content under pseudonyms*

**Bobby**  
*Baboon, Tire Fire Ghost Writer*

The human I work with is the most simian writer on the *Torch*, and it's appalling to me to make the comparison to my own kind.

I really don't know why they keep Lee Ho Dam around. He stinks worse than I do and I mean this in every way possible. After he submitted his latest story, I sat for hours trying to decipher and

spellcheck my way through mangled quotes and nonsensical garbage.

"I had sent the story back to Lee so Bobby the baboon could edit it for him," said *Tire Fire* Meaning of Life section editor Nicole Von Wingel.

"Bobby was much more professional in handling this matter, and he didn't throw his feces at the screen either, unlike Lee."

Between the various grunts and trying to pick bugs and fleas out of my hair, Lee taps on the keyboard with the proficiency of a goat performing complex heart surgery. I think if he just planted his face on the

keyboard repeatedly he'd construct better sentences.

"Lee submits the worst opinions, too," said *Tire Fire* Opinions and Assholes editor Trevor Sanders. "What does it even mean to be a rational opponent of freedom? Who says shit like that? At least Bobby keeps Lee in line and does the actual writing for the assignments given to them."

I completely agree with Sanders. This guy Lee is as red as my baboon

ass. When he's not trying to be funny, which usually is a sad sight to behold, he's talking about how "seizing the means of production" is the sexiest thing on the planet. He's clearly insane and has no idea what he's talking about.

Our copy editor, Kristen

Peterson, once told me she can't even anymore, she can't even.

I mean, bless my ancient upright ancestors, I've done nothing but bitch about this waste of evolution. When I'm doing all of the work though, there has to be some way to blow off steam. So I'm printing this in the *Tire Fire*. It's not like Lee can read anyway.

**"Bobby was much more professional in handling the matter and he didn't throw his feces at the screen either, unlike Lee."**

**- Nicole Von Wingel**

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# Upcoming events

Nov. 30 - You pick up this newspaper

Dec. 5 - You realize how many project due dates and exams you have coming up and have a tearful breakdown

Dec. 8 - Happy birthday Tire Fire!

Dec. 9 - Final day of classes

Dec. 9 - Day one of a 72-hour scramble to study notes and/or learn course material for the first time

Dec. 12 - Exam week begins

Dec. 12 - You fail your first exam

Dec. 15 - Lady's night at a sleazy bar

Dec. 17 - Students vacate campus

Dec. 19 - Final grades are due

Dec. 19 - You check your final grade

Dec. 19 - Another tearful breakdown

Jan. 9 - Students pay a huge sum for tuition to start this brutal cycle again

## SPORTS

"I'm feeling very confident in what I can do in the net." - Justin Kapelmaster See [page 11](#) for story

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**"Rematch at Grand Valley"**



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Ferris State is 4-2 against Grand Valley since Head Coach Tony Annese took over after the 2011 season, but has lost two in a row to the Lakers including last year's loss in the playoffs.

# ROAD TO REDEMPTION

## Bulldog football to take on Grand Valley in the NCAA quarterfinals

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Thanksgiving was, "a little nicer" this year according to Ferris State football Head Coach Tony Annese.

The Bulldogs defeated the Colorado School of Mines Orediggers 38-17 Saturday, Nov. 26, to advance to the Super Region IV final.

Ferris advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Div. 2 playoffs for the first time since 1995 and will play undefeated rival Grand Valley Saturday, Dec. 3. The Bulldogs lost in the second round of the playoffs the last two years on Thanksgiving weekend.

"It's all about a different year. Our guys fought hard in both of our losses on Thanks-

giving weekend the last two years," Annese said. "We fought hard this time. Good things are going to happen to people who do the right things and focus on being the best they can be. You can't find a better example of that than Trevor [Birmingham] and Shakur [Sanders]."



Tony Annese

for the first 10 games of the season.

"To me, it doesn't matter who's back

Senior receiver Shakur Sanders and sophomore receiver Malik Taylor have shown the ability to make key plays with senior quarterback Trevor Birmingham running the offense as effectively as junior quarterback Reggie Bell, who ran the offense for

there. They both want to win and they both have control of the offense," Sanders said.

Birmingham has an unbelievable 1,043 all purpose yards and 16 touchdowns in the last three games replacing Bell.

Sanders had 214 yards and a touchdown against the Orediggers in what was the best game of his career. These two seniors were part of Annese's original recruiting class, which has seen the team lose the last two years in the playoffs after undefeated regular seasons.

Both of those playoff losses were played in Big Rapids, including a loss against Grand Valley in 2015. That 38-34 loss came after Ferris dominated the Lakers in the regular season 61-24.

Grand Valley beat Ferris 35-23 Saturday, Oct. 8, this year giving the Bulldogs

their second loss of the season and putting their playoff hopes in doubt. However, Ferris rallied off five straight victories, scoring over 40 points in every game to earn the No. 2 seed in Super Region IV.



Shakur Sanders

The Bulldogs have a chance to reverse the roles of 2015 by spoiling an undefeated Grand Valley season and making a run at the Bulldogs' first ever national championship.

With a chance at redemption and to reach the national semi-finals with a win, the Bulldogs will have a lot on the line 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, when they take on the Lakers at Lubbers Stadium in Allendale.

# Sports Shorts

By Johnathon Gustin - Torch Reporter

## Playoff football ticket information, student fan bus set for Saturday

The starting time and ticket prices for Ferris State football's matchup with Grand Valley State have been set.

The Bulldogs will take on Grand Valley State in the third round of the Div. 2 NCAA Playoffs 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Lubbers Stadium in Allendale.

Ferris State students can receive a ticket to the game and a bus ride to the stadium for \$10. The tickets are on sale on a first-come, first-serve basis at Ewigleben Box Office. The bus for the game will leave Ewigleben at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Non-students can purchase their tickets for \$15 by either calling the GVSU Ticket Office at (616) 331-3200 or online at GVSUTickets.com.

## Women's basketball still winless

The Ferris State women's basketball team has started their 2016-17 campaign on the wrong foot.

The Bulldogs are 0-5 to start the season and have been outscored by opponents by an average of 23.4 points per game. Their last loss came at the hands of Lewis by a score of 82-57.

## Basketball schedule changes

Both the men's and women's basketball games set for Thursday, Dec. 1, have changed their location and time due to the NCAA Div. 2 Midwest Regional Volleyball Tournament taking place at Wink Arena throughout the day.

The women's game will now be played at 6 p.m. and the men will follow at 8 p.m. Both teams will be playing the Ohio Dominican Panthers at Big Rapids High School.

## Former Bulldog called up to AHL

Former Ferris State hockey defenseman Brandon Anselmini has received his first call up to the American Hockey League (AHL).

Anselmini, 23, is now on the roster for the AHL's Texas Stars, the National Hockey League (NHL) affiliate of the Dallas Stars after an 18-game stint with the East Coast Hockey League's (ECHL) Idaho Steelheads. While playing for Idaho, Anselmini scored two goals to go along with nine assists.

While Anselmini was a Bulldog, he recorded 56 points in 149 career games, with 13 goals and 43 assists. The Guelph, Ontario native signed an AHL Standard Player Contract with the Texas Stars July 7, 2016.

Anselmini could see the ice at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, as the Stars take the ice against the Chicago Wolves at Allstate Arena.



# Top Dawg

Shakur Sanders

Photo by: Samantha Dow | Torch Photographer

Marshall Scheldt

Torch Reporter

Ferris State senior wide receiver Shakur Sanders had the best game of his college career against Colorado Mines in the NCAA Tournament.

The 6-foot-1-inch Kentwood native showed why he was a preseason All-American candidate against the Orediggers Saturday, Nov. 26. Sanders reeled in eight catches for a career-high 214 yards and a touchdown. The 214 yards from Sanders was more than the rest of the Ferris State receiving core combined, as he averaged 26.8 yards per reception in the contest.

The Bulldogs went on to win the contest, and Sand-

ers' lone touchdown catch was the turning point in the game. With the score locked up at 10-10, Sanders caught a 14-yard pass from senior quarterback Trevor Birmingham to give the Bulldogs the lead. The Dawgs never relinquished it for the rest of the game and took home a 38-17 victory.

Sanders has a team-high of 42 receptions on the season for 810 yards and four touchdowns, which are both good enough for second best on the team.

Sanders and the Bulldogs will take on Grand Valley State 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Lubbers Stadium in Allendale. In Ferris State's first matchup against Grand Valley this season, Sanders caught four passes for 94 yards in a 35-23 loss.

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# Kappy in control

Ferris freshman goaltender Justin Kapelmaster and sophomore goaltender Darren Smith have split starts between the pipes this season, but Kapelmaster has produced a perfect 5-0 record in his five starts.

## Ferris hockey slow start rejuvenated by freshman goaltender

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Ferris State has a recent history of great goaltenders, and freshman Justin Kapelmaster is making his case having recently taken over the position for the Bulldogs.

Kapelmaster, also known as Kappy, joined the Bulldogs for the 2016-17 season behind sophomore goaltender Darren Smith on the depth chart. Smith had a breakout freshman year during the 2015-16 season but was substituted out for Kapelmaster midway through the current season.

Kapelmaster, a Coral Springs, Florida native, has played in six total games, playing in the only five Bulldog victories so far this season.

"Not playing the first few games was a little tough, but I knew I had to be ready to go when my name was called and

work hard up to that point," Kapelmaster said.

Prior to Kapelmaster's time in Big Rapids, he played in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) where he was named Goaltender of the Year for the 2014-15 season, leading his team to a regular season title.

After his stint in the OJHL, Kappy headed to the North American Hockey League (NAHL) to play for the Wichita Falls Wildcats where he helped lead the program to a Robertson Cup Final appearance with four total shutouts on the season.

"Every time you move up a league, just like in junior hockey, it takes some getting used to and the transition to Division I just takes time," Kapelmaster said. "I'm feeling very confident in what I can do in the net and my team playing strong in front of me makes me feel just as confident in them."

The Dawgs first made the switch to start Kapelmaster in the second game of the series against rival Minnesota State which happened to be the first win of the 2016-17 season for the Dawgs.

It's tough for any goaltender to succeed without a strong defensive unit in front of him, and senior defenseman Ryan Lowney is a veteran who has played in front of a number of different goaltenders during his Bulldog tenure.

"Darren and Justin have both been good this year, al-

though Darren's record does not give him any justice, he has played well," Lowney said. "Justin has played outstanding for us and helped us pull together some wins."

Not only does Kapelmaster already have two assists on the year from the goaltender position, he is also undefeated as a starter.

"It is always nice to have someone in goal that we are confident with," Lowney said. "When we know that they are playing their hearts out between the pipes, it motivates us to play that much harder to help him out. But it is nice having that dual threat in net between Darren and Justin night in and night out."

As for Kapelmaster's thoughts on taking over in goal, he said that what Smith did last year helping his team win the WCHA was phenomenal.

"I think the main thing is that whoever is in net, the other guy wants whoever is playing to have great success, and that is huge between goalie partners—in my opinion—to have confidence in each other," Kapelmaster said.

Kappy will be looking to keep his undefeated streak as a starter alive as the Bulldogs are back in action on the road at Alabama-Huntsville 8:07 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.



Justin Kapelmaster



Ryan Lowney

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# Next man up

## Ferris State men's basketball prepares to begin conference play

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The Ferris men's basketball team has found early success despite having to fill empty spots on their roster following the loss of last year's seniors.

After losing key players in Jared Stolicker, Jibreel Jackson, James Chappell and Josh Fleming to graduation in the off-season, Head Coach Andy Bronkema has found comfort in solid play from his young roster.

"That's the beauty of the 'next man up' system," Bronkema said. "While it's hard to lose talented players, it's a great chance for the younger guys who are developing to take their game to the next level."

Make no mistake, Bronkema's "next man up" system has worked as starters and role-players alike have found success on the court.

Junior guard Drew Cushingberry has played an unselfish brand of basketball and currently leads his team with 13 assists.

Also playing well for the Dawgs is sophomore center Zach Hankins. Hankins, a red-shirt freshman last season, has been a terror for opposing teams in the paint. To this point, Hankins leads the Bulldogs with 51 rebounds, 97 points and 11 blocks.

"There's certain things that we need from our guys for us to win" Bronkema said. "Drew Cushingberry gives us stability and flow within our team. Zach Hankins is a good low-post presence for us. The team is really built around the fact that any player can step up on any given night."

The young players have done a great job filling the holes on the roster and giving Ferris fans an optimistic look at the team's future.

Players such as sophomore Markese Mayfield, freshman Cole Walker and freshman guard Greg Williams have given the team valuable minutes off the bench. Mayfield has shown flashes of starter potential, scoring 47 points through five games which is good enough for third on the team.

Whether the starters or role players are finding success matters not as the Bulldogs have battled their way to a 4-1 record to start the season.

Bulldog fans can see the men's basketball team in action as they open conference play 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, against Ohio Dominican at Big Rapids High School.



Andy Bronkema

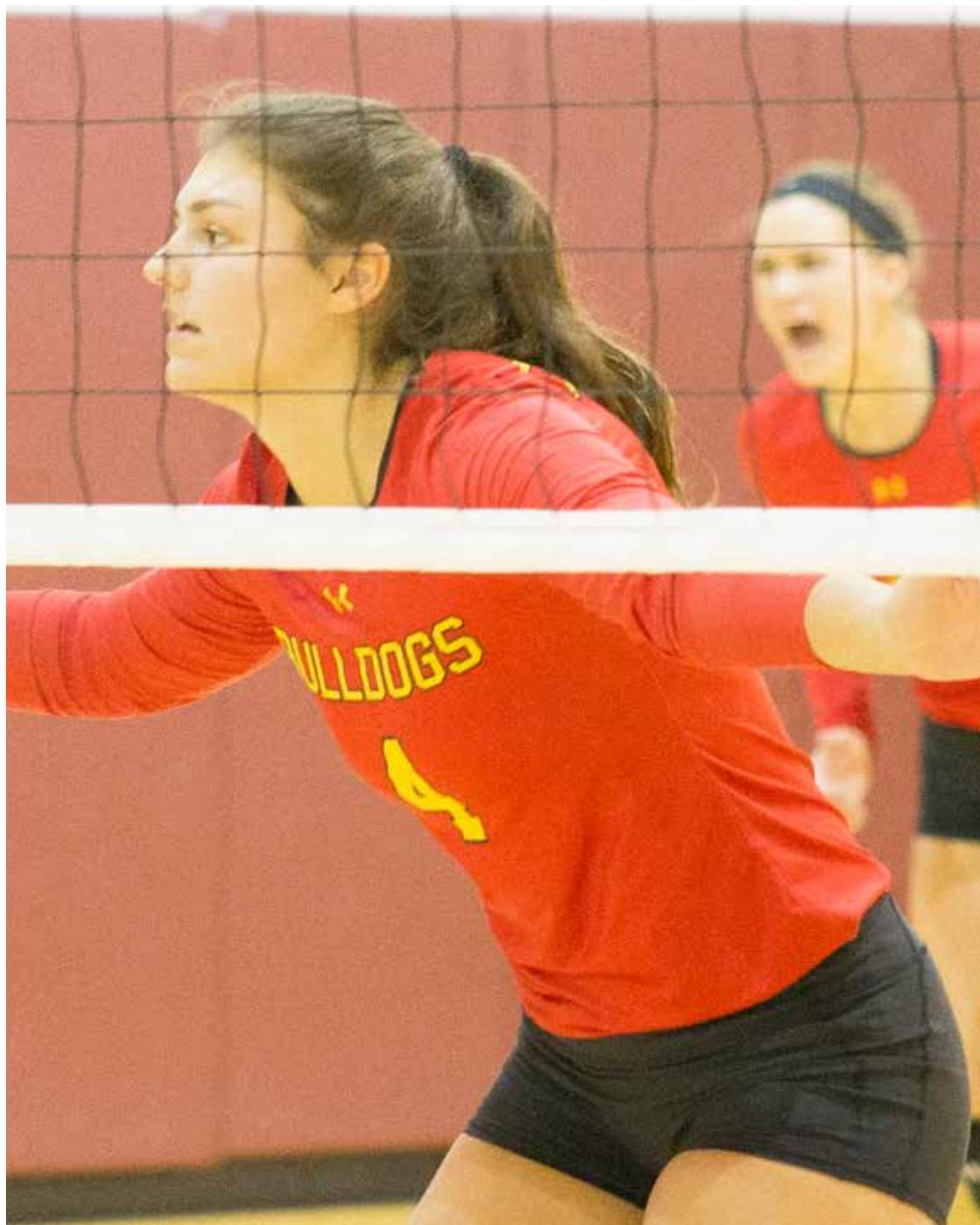


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Freshman outside hitter Allyson Cappel currently leads the Bulldogs with 408 kills in 33 matches this season.

# Back to the tourney

## Ferris State volleyball will host Midwest Regional Tournament for the second straight year

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

A 24-game win streak that has held strong since September is on the line for Bulldog volleyball in the first round of the NCAA Div. 2 Midwest Regional Quarterfinals.

No. 1 seed Ferris State volleyball is looking at a first round rematch against the Bulldogs of Truman State University, a team that Ferris beat 3-0 in the first round of the Midwest Regional Volleyball Crossover earlier this year.

The Dawgs will look for a similar result with help from freshman outside hitter Allyson Cappel, who has been a force on the court this year for Ferris State, leading her team in kills with 408.

"I don't think we are feeling the pressure too much," Cappel said of the Dawgs' berth into the tournament.

Cappel added: "We know what we need to do in this week and we are not focused on outside factors such as our streak and seeding. We are focusing on one game at a time and not worrying about the future results."

The program has not allowed an opposing team to win more than one set since late October against Wayne State, winning every game since either 3-1 or 3-0.

On the other end of the spectrum from the young Cappel, libero Kaley Konjarevich is a senior who has been around for the team's past few successful seasons. Konjarevich, just like Cappel, was adamant on the fact that the team is focused on the game ahead

and not their 24-game win streak.



Allyson Cappel

"We do not feel any pressure towards keeping our streak going because it is not something we have focused on," Konjarevich said.

The Dawgs ran away with the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Title last year, a season where they lost only three games total, only to fall to two-seed Rockhurst in the NCAA Regional final.

"We do not compare ourselves to last year's team," Konjarevich said. "We have worked really hard to stay present in every moment, whether that is during practice or during a game. The work we have done and continue to do is what will carry our team during this post-season."



Kaley Konjarevich

The berth into the tourney will be the team's 11th entry and sixth consecutive, under Head Coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm. Brandel-Wilhelm's 21 seasons at the helm of the Bulldogs have been impressive, especially as of late, as she led the Bulldogs to their first number one nationwide ranking in Ferris State history during the 2015 season.

As the hosts for the Midwest Regional Tournament for the second straight year, Ferris State will be playing at home 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1, at Wink Arena.



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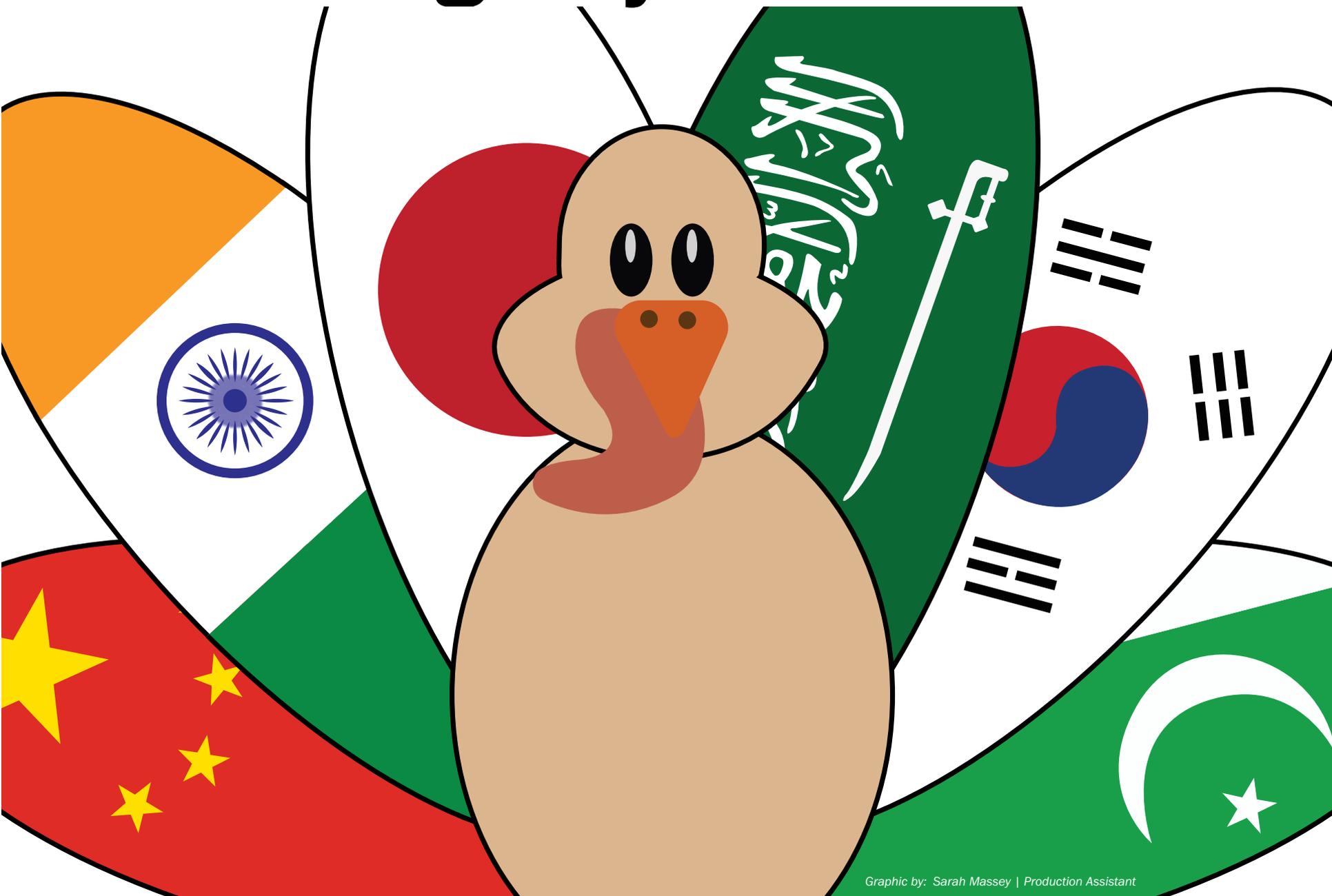
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# LIFESTYLES

In China, many youths are really interested in Christmas more than Thanksgiving. And even lots of people don't know Thanksgiving, - Pei Xia  
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## A long way from home



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### International students talk about their Thanksgiving experiences

Nick Vander Wulp  
Lifestyles Editor

Many students took advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday to go home, visit their families and any of the other various rituals they participate in to celebrate.

A few international students studying at Ferris are taking the opportunity to explore during the holiday and immerse themselves in United States culture.

Thanksgiving provides an opportunity for many to travel because it's an extended break, but usually doesn't allow most international students to return home.

"Before coming to America, I have never heard about Thanksgiving," said Ferris international student from Japan and international liberal arts sophomore Erina Ueno. "Because I think Thanksgiving is for Christians and almost all Japanese are Buddhists. So, we don't have a holiday quite like this."

Ueno said she experienced some traditional foods of Thanksgiving during a dinner hosted by Ferris to give participating international students the experience of a turkey

dinner and a turkey induced nap.

Ferris international student from Pakistan and business administration sophomore Umair Razzaq said how he appreciates the amount of time taken for holidays here in the United States. For much of the year, Pakistanis don't get more than one day per week for rest.



Umair Razzaq

"Here we have a lot of holidays like Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas break, so it's really good for us international students," Razzaq said. "When we stay in the USA and when we have a break, we can explore different areas of the U.S. I enjoy much of Michigan such as Detroit, Lansing, Big Rapids and Grand Rapids. This Thanksgiving, I have plans to go to Chicago to check if people sleeping outside of the store on Black Friday is real."

Some international students have more experience with American holidays from previous exchange opportunities, such as Ferris international student from South Korea and professional tennis management freshman Simon Lee, and he drew on some similarities of Thanksgiving and a Korean holiday known as Chuseok.



Simon Lee

"We have a week holiday in every September and the whole family is gathered to one house," Lee said. "We make traditional food and we celebrate for our ancestors so it's kind of similar."

Ferris international student from Saudi Arabia and human resources freshman Sara Almaydan said they also celebrate a holiday like Thanksgiving.

"My favorite holiday is like Thanksgiving in my county but we call it Eid al-Fitr," Almaydan said. "When we finish fasting from Ramadan, we celebrate by gathering the whole family together and say thanks to each other because we did the fast for the whole month. Then we eat traditional food."



Sara Almaydan

Almaydan said she will also go to visit a friend in Detroit, eat an American Thanksgiving meal and go Black Friday shopping. "In China, many youths are really interested in Christmas more than Thanksgiving. And even lots of people don't know Thanksgiving," said Ferris international student from China and accounting freshman Pei Xia. "So, this is my first experience for Thanksgiving and I spend this holiday with my family. I ate some roasted turkey and some different kinds of Chinese cuisines cooked by my aunts. I also went shopping in Macy's and JCPenney because of the big sale. It's so interesting and incredible."



Erina Ueno

Black Friday shopping is also a big deal for Ferris international student from India and associate degree level HVACR student Anirudh Baliga. He planned on visiting Grand Rapids during the holiday and finding some sales at the factory outlet mall.

"Thanksgiving is kind of similar to the Diwali festival we had earlier this semester where there is food and family time," Baliga said. "The difference is that there is a lot more energy during Diwali. This time around, I'm thinking of going to my roommate's house where they're celebrating Thanksgiving so I'll get more experience about how things are done during Thanksgiving break."

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# You will go see the hypnotist

## Tom DeLuca returns to Ferris for pre-holiday show

Alexandra Bourne

Torch Reporter

Entertainment Unlimited (EU) are set to host hypnotist Tom DeLuca once again to mesmerize Ferris students.

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca will return to Ferris 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1.

"Tom DeLuca is known to be a Ferris State tradition," said Ferris hospitality management junior and EU member Justin Stevenson.

According to Stevenson, DeLuca has been coming to Ferris for approximately 25 years as part of a tour of Michigan colleges.

"It's always a really good show," DeLuca said. "They have a really good turnout, and the students are interesting."

DeLuca began inducing hypnosis as a therapeutic measure for a psychology professor, and his show has evolved independently ever since.

"All I work with are volunteers on stage," DeLuca said. "It's fun. You never know how it's going to go because you never know who will be up there."

DeLuca said he tries to fit different parts of the acts to the personalities of the people on stage.

"What I really like is the energy," DeLuca said. "We have some good crowds at Ferris."

DeLuca said he likes meeting people before the show and getting to know the people who have hosted him.

Twenty volunteers will join DeLuca on the stage for the performance and each show is different.

"My favorite part of the event is the interaction of the student body," Stevenson said. "Seeing the reactions to the show is hysterical. I love going to this show every year and seeing what he comes up with."



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Tom DeLuca mesmerizes students before exam week during his Dec. 2015 performance at Ferris State University.

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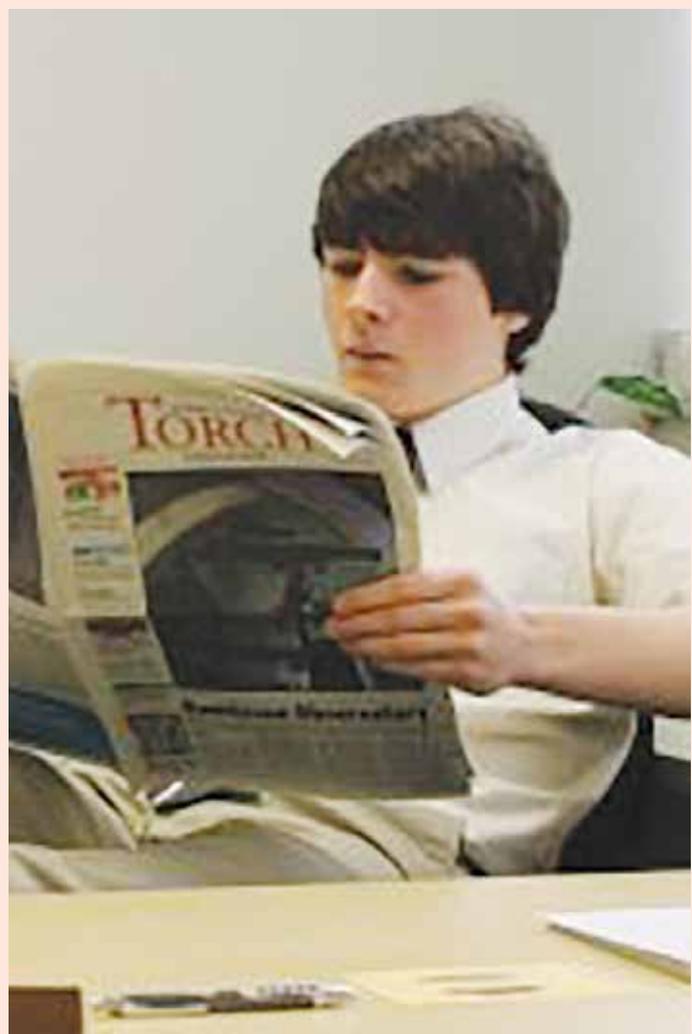
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I'm a junior studying biology, with just a pinch of journalism for good measure. My dad was a sports writer for the entirety of my upbringing, which pushed me to get involved in my high school newspaper and various other publications that eventually led me to the Torch. I'd guess that I've written about 8.6 million words in my lifetime, but that estimate is based on very little thought and absolutely zero arithmetic.



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Students enjoy a game of basketball at the Rec. The fitness facility is open this semester until 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, and will be closed for Christmas break. For more information visit U-Rec's page at ferris.edu.

# Making fitness a priority

## Students talk about their preferences for either the Rec or Racquet Center

Adrianna Walker  
Torch Reporter

For Ferris students who like to stay active, the often-crowded Student Recreation Center (UREC) would appear to be the ultimate fitness hub on campus. But students have also taken to the second option in the Ferris Racquet and Fitness

Center.

Ferris professional tennis management senior Sydney Berens goes to the Rec a couple times a week. Berens enjoys the weight room, takes advantage of the indoor track, pool and hot tub. But she prefers going to the Racquet Center instead.

"Because of my program I'm [at the Racquet Center] all the time with the tennis courts and it's only a two-minute walk from Oakwood," Berens said. "They have TRX bands there I can do a workout on and also it's quieter."

Berens isn't the only one who uses the Racquet Center and its assortment of courts and fitness classes more than the Rec.

Ferris marketing senior Jessica Wilcox said: "I mainly go to the Racquet Center. I will go to the Rec Center when it

happens to be too busy at the Racquet Center or just need a change of scenery."

Wilcox likes that there are more machines at the Rec, specifically the ellipticals, but also stressed that she doesn't like how crowded the facility is when she has time to use it

Ferris health care systems administration senior Haley Jones faces the same issue when using Ferris' workout facilities.

Jones goes to the UREC only twice a week and enjoys the indoor track the most.

"The university could improve the size of the facility," Jones said. "I don't go as often as I would like to and choose to use the small facility my apartment complex has, because in the time frame I'm available to go, it's often too crowded to use the machines I would like to use."

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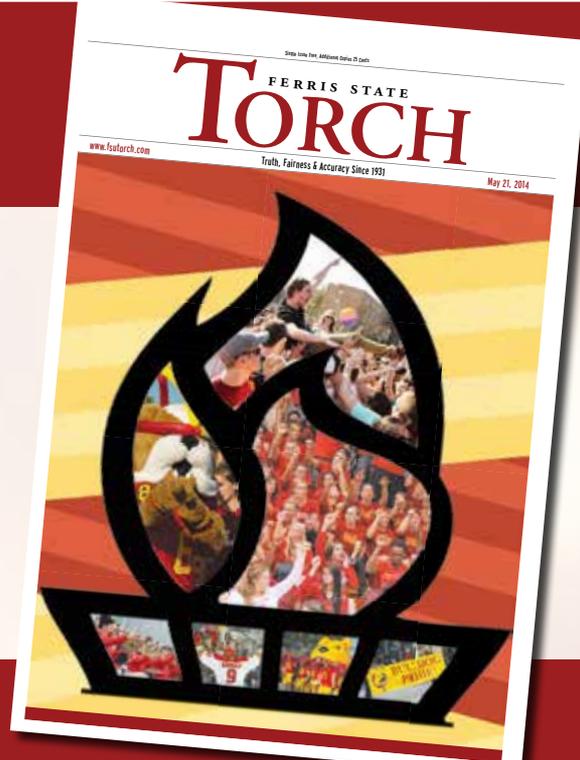
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# Hot college butts



## Ferris State students give insight to the ups and downs of smoking

Alicia Jaimes  
Torch Reporter

Quitting smoking is one of the simplest and most difficult decisions students can make about their health.

According to the Ferris State University smoking policy, smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of the exterior doors of all Ferris State University facilities unless officially designated otherwise by the university. This law, however, does not stop students from enjoying a smoke or two between classes.

Cigarettes, vaping, hookah and cigars have all been seen around campus at one point or another, begging the question, "How often do people smoke?"

Smoking cigarettes and the occasional cigar, Ferris national marketing and foreign exchange student Bas Keizer was willing to answer that question.

"Depends on the time of the year," Keizer said. "In the summer, you smoke more, in the winter not so much because no one wants to be out in the cold."

Keizer also said that if weather isn't a factor, he typically smokes two to three cigarettes a day. When asked, Keizer said he has succeeded in quitting his smoking tendency every so often. He even took a break for a full year but found himself back to having the occasional cigarette.

Along with Michigan weather, Ferris music industry management student Chris Taber included that people also smoke more when they drink.

Neither students have experienced their friends harp-

ing on them about the downfalls of smoking. However, Keizer did say that his parents talk to him about it from time to time.

When it comes to smoking, it doesn't affect just the individual but loved ones as well. Ferris music industry management junior Zach Wise said his friends and family would advise him about smoking at least once a week. Their typical advice was that he should quit smoking before it's too late, in which he responds that he is aware of the consequences.

Each method of smoking has different benefits, but one main reason people smoke is to relieve stress. Wise has tried different smoking methods but chose cigarettes and hookah as his smoke of choice.

Wise said he has tried to quit but always came back to smoking after a couple of days. He has tried electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) a couple of times—as a "healthier" alternative—but they were not reliable in his experience. After the e-cigs would break or their batteries died, Wise would find himself buying a pack of cigarettes again.

Although he does not come from a smoking home, Wise said that he does not think this affected his usage.

"I started smoking at 17," Wise said. "While hanging out at local metal and hardcore shows because it was the thing to do and all my friends did."

Wise smokes about once an hour and said he would call himself an everyday smoker. When asked, he said he would like to quit smoking at some point.

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## JINGLE BELLS

### Ferris Jazz Symphony and West Central concert bands holiday concerts coming soon

Tia-Jane' Oakes  
Torch Reporter

Winter is right around the corner and students in the Ferris Symphony and Jazz band are getting ready to give Ferris students some holiday tunes to vibrate to.

Ferris annual holiday concerts are quickly approaching. Ferris Symphony and West Central Concert Band Director Richard Scott Cohen and Ferris Jazz Band Director Matt Moresi are excited for students to sit back and listen to popular Christmas songs before exam week.

"I really look forward to sharing the work of the band with the public," Moresi said.

The Ferris Jazz Holiday Band concert is Thursday, Dec. 8. The Ferris Symphony and West Central Band concert, "A Symphonic Santa Sunday," will be Sunday, Dec. 11. Both concerts will be in Williams Auditorium.

The songs performed at the concert will range from upbeat ballads to slow melodies. Songs that will be familiar to students will include "Silent

Night" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

The "A Symphonic Santa Sunday" concert will be kid friendly. Children can expect to see Santa Claus and local clown, Dynamite.

"I always like the sing-along towards the end of the concert. It's fast and very familiar music," Cohen said.

Students who plan to attend the Ferris Jazz Band Holiday concert can expect to hear holiday music arranged in a number of styles. Music from traditional big band swing to mambo and rock.

The songs that will be played at this concert will be different than the last few holiday concerts.

"Changes since last year include new band members, different songs and a few small group performances," Moresi said.

Both bands have additional concerts coming up in the spring semester.

For more information about Ferris' band visit the Music Center located on North Quad.



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