



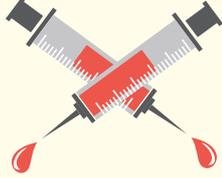
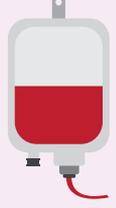
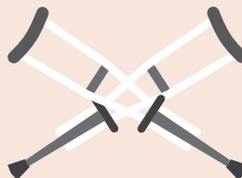
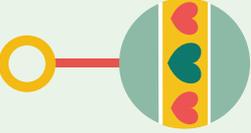
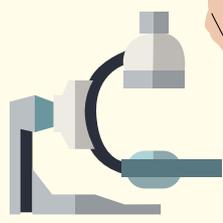
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 Average cost of ER trip without insurance: \$1,233	 Average cost of tetanus shot without insurance: \$25-60	 Average cost of blood work without insurance: \$1,500
 Average cost of non-surgical broken arm without insurance: \$2,500	 Average cost of uncomplicated vaginal birth without insurance: \$9,600	 Average cost of ambulance ride without insurance: \$600-1,000
 Average cost of echocardiogram without insurance: \$1,000-3,000	 Average cost of CT scan without insurance: \$1,200	 Average cost of chest X-ray without insurance: \$370



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The impact the Affordable Care Act has on college students

Harley Harrison
Torch Reporter

One of the biggest promises of President Donald Trump's campaign was the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare.

While congress is hoping to replace the ACA, there is much debate as to how they will go about doing that.

So, what does the ACA do for college students? Or, in better terms, what will happen to college students if the ACA is repealed but not replaced?

"Right now, it lets me have health insurance through my parents," said Ferris social work sophomore Stephanie Weller. "If it was gone, then I wouldn't have health insurance or anything like that and I wouldn't be able to take the prescriptions I need. I wouldn't even be able to go to the doctors if I needed to."

According to healthcare.gov, college students are mainly impacted by the Young Adult Coverage branch of the law. This allows parents to keep their children under their health care plan until the child turns 26 years old.

Not only are prescriptions expensive without the ACA, birth control may no longer be covered by health insurance

if the law is repealed.

Healthcare.gov says that all healthcare plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace must cover counseling and contraceptive methods for women which includes barrier methods, hormonal methods, implanted devices, emergency contraception and sterilization procedures.

"At the very least people need access to birth control and things like that."

Téa Caragao

many Americans get their health insurance through their employers, that isn't an option for most full-time students.

"I have a job, but it's a part time job because I'm a full-time student, too," Weller said. "So, it doesn't cover any ben-

efits or anything, so I get that all from my parents. I'm sure many other students are just like me too."

According to an article published by ABC.com titled "Top Six Health Insurance Options for College Students" by Chris Keesel, other options for health insurance while attending a university include signing up for a health care plan at school, which Ferris does not provide for traditional students, applying for health insurance through Medicaid or skipping health care altogether.

"If college students had to pay for insurance on top of college expenses, or even just regular expenses like food and necessities, I mean it's already a bit much, but it would be just so much more," Caragao said. "I don't pay for insurance, so I don't know how much it does cost. But I know it's quite a bit."

The future of health insurance for college students is unknown until congress makes a decision on how to replace it, if they choose to do so.

If you wish to learn more about the Affordable Care Act, more information can be found at healthcare.gov.



Téa Caragao

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NEWS

"I learned that discrimination towards women runs deeper than just not getting paid the same as men," - Johanna Vander Ploeg, see below for story

Angela Graf | News Editor | grafa1@ferris.edu

22nd Annual Image Award Show

RSO hosts award show honoring student excellence and supportive staff

Matthew Miller

Interim Reporter

Black Leaders Aspiring for Critical Knowledge (BLACK) hosted a night of laughs, awards and singing at the 22nd annual Image Awards to honor the students at Ferris State.

LaMira King, a Ferris State student at the time, wanted a way to show acknowledgement to the minority student at FSU. This led to the first ever Image Awards in 1995.

Many awards were handed out Saturday, Feb. 11. There was a comedian, Joshua Adams, dance performance by Platinum from Michigan State University, a poem written and read by Talesha Wright and to finish off the night, a performance by 2013 American Idol contestant Malaya Wats.

The winners for each of the awards are nominated and then voted for by Ferris students through the OrgSync site.

Award recipients throughout the night were Christopher Moore, Kappa Alpha Psi, Epsilon Tau chapter, Emon Merriman, Talesha Wright, Tavierre Thomas, Danyelle Gregory, Matthew Chaney, Briana Johnson, Michael Wade, Ellyse Ghoston, You Beautiful Black Women, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Rho chapter, Brian Chandler and Taylor Williamson.

The sitting president of BLACK is Ferris criminal justice senior Brian Chandler. He took home the W.E.B. Dubois Outspoken Student Award.

Ferris business administration senior Taylor Williamson is the president of You Beautiful Black Woman (YBBW). Williamson took home two for herself and the organization took home three, making it a combined five wins for Williamson and her organization.

"It was an epic night," Williamson said. "One that I am going to remember. I was so happy and excited to win the award and happy for YBBW as well. We work so hard for this and this night proved that hard work will pay off."



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

Ferris criminal justice senior Emon Merriman won the Jessie Owens Athletic Award, recognizing her exceptional athletic ability.

YBBW were deeply honored to win so many awards and are looking to continuing making an impact on the Ferris campus in a positive way.

Ferris radiology senior Arshano Mckenzie, the president of Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Beta chapter, also took home an award.

The fraternity was also honored to win the award and excited to celebrate afterwards.

"The challenge is in the chase and the joy will always be in the journey. You can't stop," Mckenzie said. "Join in. Go to as many things as you can. College is about finding how you want to live your life."

A film championing change

Director makes surprise "appearance" to discuss women's rights documentary

Marley Tucker

Interim Reporter

"There are no more excuses," appeared on the screen at the Ferris screening of the documentary film "Equal Means Equal," which explored how women are treated in the United States in a provocative way.

Ferris' Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) hosted the event and revealed a surprise opportunity after the film to chat with the writer and director of the documentary, Kamala Lopez.

The viewing room in Business 111 was full of students and faculty. Crimes against women, such as sexual assault, were highlighted in the film and were unsettling for those who did not expect the graphic imag-

ery.

"I wasn't surprised but the statistics shocked me. Seeing it all together made me pretty sick and I just want to take action now and become more involved," said Ferris undecided freshman Emily Shewan.



Emily Shewan

The film enlightened students who were previously unaware of the urgency surrounding the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Ferris social work junior Johanna Vander Ploeg came to the event because she wanted to learn more about how legislation affected women's rights.

"I learned that discrimination towards women runs deeper than just not getting paid the same as men," Vander Ploeg said. "It's rooted in laws passed by the federal government where women receive little protection from corporations."

After the documentary, a short panel discussion with Ferris faculty members summarized points in the film while students waited to speak with Lopez.

"It's not just about women. When we mistreat, oppress and unjustly treat women what we're actually doing is giving permission to other groups to be treated that way," said Ferris assistant psychology professor Penny Nichols-Whitehead.

Lopez responded to questions from the audience over the phone after a brief intro-

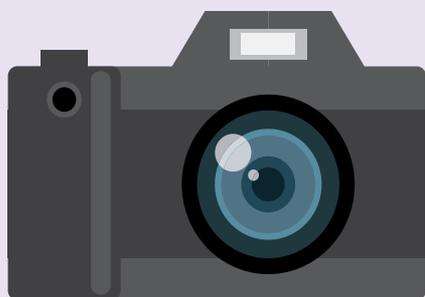
duction by Ferris Associate Provost Dr. Roberta Teahen.



Johanna Vander Ploeg

"I personally think that we must include men in this struggle because without them we will never win this war," Lopez said. "It makes no sense whatsoever that the only civil rights struggle in this country that has failed is the fight that has no men as it's members. We cannot allow that to stand anymore."

To get involved on campus, the National Organization for Women (NOW) chapter at Ferris meets 7:30 p.m. in FLITE 438 on the first and third Thursday of every month.



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- ON THE RECORD -

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

Couldn't hold it

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Screwy sticker

Feb. 2, 11:50 a.m. officers investigated an altered parking decal in Lot 55. The owner was identified and ticketed.

Smash and dash

Feb. 2, 6 p.m. officers investigated a report of a hit and run accident in Lot 66.

Forgot how to car

Feb. 3, 11:05 p.m. officers stopped a vehicle on South Street for defective equipment. The driver was found to be in possession of a suspended license and was ticketed.

Drunk in the dark

Feb. 3, 11:05 p.m. officers stopped a vehicle on Knollview Drive for not having headlights on. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was lodged in jail for OWI.

Duking it out

Feb. 4, 1:50 a.m. officers responded to a two person fight in the lobby of Merrill-Travis Hall. One left the scene but both individuals were identified and had warrants sent to the prosecutor's office.

Learn how to car

Feb. 4, 2:05 a.m. officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Fuller Avenue for not having headlights on. The driver was found to be in possession of a suspended license and was ticketed.

Sip-sip pass

Feb. 4, 3 a.m. officers spoke to multiple subjects in a parked vehicle in the McDonald's parking lot. They were in possession of an open bottle of liquor. One subject was issued an MIP and was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Nothing physical

Feb. 4, 4 a.m. officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the East Campus Apartments. Officers contacted the

suspect and found it to be a verbal argument with no incidence of physical assault.

Ghosted

Feb. 4, 7:45 p.m. officers responded to a trespassing complaint in Travis Hall. A suspended student was seen in the hall by hall staff. Officers were unable to locate the individual and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Snapped

Feb. 4, 8 p.m. officers investigated an incident of malicious destruction on Travis Circle. A vehicle had its passenger side mirror broken off and the owner suspected her ex-boyfriend. A warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Couldn't hold it

Feb. 6, 12:40 a.m. officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in Cramer Hall that had urinated in the hallway. The subject was identified, issued an MIP and was ticketed.

Bumper Derby

Feb. 6, 10:10 a.m. officers responded to a two vehicle accident in Lot 37.

They smoked it all

Feb. 6, 8:20 p.m. officers responded to a report of marijuana in McNerney Hall. The suspect was contacted, however no contraband was found and the incident was handled by hall staff.

Green thumb

Feb. 6, 10:15 p.m. officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Merrill Hall. One individual was identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Bad Samaritan

Feb. 7, 12:15 p.m. officers responded to a report of a fraud. The victim had lost their wallet on campus and while it was returned, one of the cards was used during that time.

The Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 378 tickets between the dates of Feb. 2, and Feb. 8, totaling \$6,090.

Cartoon special

"Couldn't hold it"

Cartoon by: Mikala Piller | Cartoonist



NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Pin fall

Ferris' American Marketing Association is hosting the College of Business' annual semester bowling tournament to raise funds for a Feed America foodtruck. This will be held at The Gate's new location, 393 South 3rd Avenue, 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Contact Dominic Hasbrouck at hasbrod@ferris.edu for more information.

Raising the baton

Maestro John Varineau will conduct the Grand Rapids symphony orchestra as part of this year's Festival of the Arts. The performance will also feature percussionist and world-renowned marrimbist, David Hall. The show will take place in the Big Rapids High School Auditorium 4 p.m Sunday, Feb. 19.

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Your Voice Matters

Panel of Ferris Administrators opens the floor to student questions and concerns

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Student Government hosted a panel of Ferris Administration for their annual Student Voices Matter, but this year, there was a different focus.

"It's an event that Student Government hosts every year, but with all the issues that have come up with the recent election, it was an opportunity for students to bring any issues they have, whether it's political or something on campus," said Ferris health care systems administration senior Katie Thompson.

Mark Schuelke, Director of the University Center, Joy Pufhal, Dean of Student Life, Jerry Scoby, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof, Vice President of Student Affairs, Director Bruce Borkovich, Chief of Ferris' Department of Public Safety, Dr. David Eisler, President of Ferris State Uni-

versity, Carrie Donovan, Assistant Dean of FLITE and Josh Olszewski, Student Government President made up the panel.

Students raised questions from 'Will Ferris do a better job with snow removal and salting?' to 'What is Ferris doing to protect international and LGBT students?'

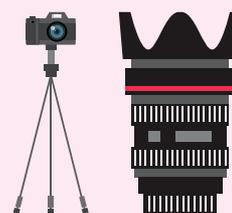
The panel had a response for every question, took notes and promised to pass information along to the person that could make a difference.

Ferris students may see the outlets in the IRC fixed, a mobile app with Ferris events and information, more campus apartments, outdoor seating and events that help students learn about Ferris history.



Katie Thompson

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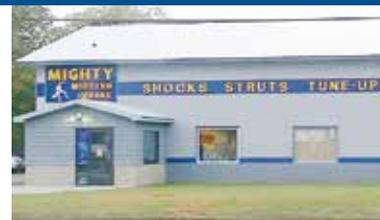
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What's in a name?

The history behind the names of some Ferris buildings

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

Ferris campus still houses buildings that were constructed dating back to 1929. Have you ever wondered where the buildings on campus got their names?

This information is courtesy of the University Archives, which has compiled a detailed list of the history behind the names of all your favorite buildings.

The **Alumni Building** was built in 1929 and is the only building that survived the campus fire in 1950. Originally, it was a multipurpose building right next to Old Main, one of the first buildings on campus built in 1894. The Alumni Building was named after the thousands of alumni who donated funds towards its construction.

Birkam Health Center was built in 1957 in order to replace the Ferris Institute Hospital, another victim of the campus fire in 1950. In 1988, the center was named in memory of Dr. Frederick Birkam, a former Ferris staff physician and chief of medical services.

Cramer Hall was known as the first "skyscraper" residence hall when it was built in 1968. The building was named after William Cramer who not only taught botany and biology at Ferris but was known for spending countless hours in the woods looking for specimens while running a greenhouse in the Old Main building.

Merrill Hall was built in 1961 and receives its name from Karl D. Merrill who held an impeccable track record at Ferris through attending, teaching and serving as the Dean of Commerce and Dean of Men. He eventually became Vice President of Ferris in 1937 and acting President of Ferris in 1952.

Miller Hall was built in 1963 and was named after Judge William Miller. Miller had a private law practice and also served on the Ferris Board of Trustees from 1950 to 1962. He was a Delta County prosecutor for eight years before serving as a probate judge for 13 years.

The **Prakken Building** was constructed in 1951 with its original name the "East Building." It was renamed in 1976 after Lawrence

Prakken, an Ann Arbor native and member of the Ferris Board from 1950 to 1977. Prakken contributed to the formation of the Michigan College of Optometry and was also an educational publisher.

Rankin Student Center was built in 1958 but was renamed in 1972 after Donald Rankin. Mayor of Big Rapids for three years, Rankin also served as the Ferris Dean of Men, Dean of Students and Dean of Student Services throughout his 30 year old career at Ferris.

Starr Educational Center was built in 1962 and was named after Raymond Starr who played a significant role in the state's acceptance of Ferris as a state institution. He was the first chair of the Board of Trustees in 1950 and he also had a career serving as Michigan's attorney general, an associate Michigan Supreme Court judge and a federal district judge.

Top Taggart Field was constructed in 1957 and named after former Ferris football player, William Clinton "Top" Taggart. An end and halfback for the Bulldogs, Taggart returned to Ferris as a coach in 1912. He also formed the Petroleum Oil Company, allowing

him to remain a strong financial supporter for the Bulldogs. He received an honorary doctorate in 1964 from Ferris and a Distinguished Alumni award four years later.

Travis Hall was built in 1961 and named after Bert Scott Travis who graduated from and taught at Ferris. He taught a wide variety of subjects including civics, mathematics and spelling while also working in the business office. He was a co-owner of the school starting in 1921 and lasting until 1931.

Ward Hall was built in 1963 and named after Mary Rood Ward, a prestigious woman who worked her way up from a business office assistant in 1931 to the Dean of Women in 1943 where she remained until 1951.

Williams Auditorium, originally called Starr Auditorium, was built in 1962. The auditorium was renamed in 1986 after Governor G. Mennen Williams who accepted Ferris as a state school in 1950.

For more information on other building names on campus, you can visit the University Archives Collections in Alumni 101 or ferris.edu/alumni/historical.

\$10,000 to Parkinson's research

Assistant professor granted funding for research project

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Jennifer Lambert, an assistant professor in pharmacy, was granted \$10,000 for Parkinson's disease research.

Lambert attended Kalamazoo College for a Bachelor degree in Chemistry, and went to graduate school at the University of Michigan for a PhD in Pharmacology.

When Lambert was doing her postdoctoral fellowship at the Van Andel Institute in neurodegenerative science, she learned about a job posting for an Assistant professor of Pharmacology.

While Lambert was looking for her postdoctoral fellowship, she was mainly interested in neuroscience and neurologic disease.

After learning about the position at the Van Andel, and that they were studying Parkinson's disease, her interest for studying the disease grew.

"As soon as I learned more about the disease, I became extremely interested. It is such a terrible disease that has no cure, so we need as many people working on it as possible," Lambert said. "Since starting my fellowship, I also found out that my great uncle was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease,

so now my interest is of a personal nature as well."

Lambert is using her interest for neurology and linking it to Parkinson's disease

"My hypothesis is that brain injury earlier in life can cause changes within the brain that lead to the development of Parkinson's disease," Lambert said.

According to Lambert, she is going to use an artificial system and cultured cells to see whether these substances cause neurodegenerative changes like those observed in human Parkinson's disease.

"This is a very common technique, but requires the use of large quantities of antibodies, which are very expensive," Lambert said. "I also wanted the extra funding to be able to pay a student to assist me with the research."

Lambert explains that she will benefit greatly from this funding and conducting research, but the student will also benefit by getting hands on experience, which could assist that student with their career opportunities.

"I think the college and university will also benefit from the increased publicity around this project, and I certainly hope that the field of Parkinson's disease research and



Courtesy Photo

Assistant pharmaceutical professor Jennifer Lambert developed a personal interest in Parkinson's disease after her great uncle was diagnosed.

one day Parkinson's patients, will benefit from the new knowledge generated through this project," Lambert said.

For Lambert to receive this funding, she had to write a letter of interest, once the letter was accepted, she had to formally apply. Lambert waited for several months before learning her research was accepted for funding.

According to Lambert, she applied for the same funding in 2015 and was rejected. She decided to apply again after reviewing

comments and suggestions.

"If I learned anything, it is that you shouldn't be too disappointed by failure, and sometimes you need to try several times before you succeed," Lambert said.

Lambert is humbled and motivated by the outpouring support from family, friends, colleagues and students.

"Now that my work has been recognized, I especially want to do a good job," Lambert said. "I will try my best to deliver."

PANEL

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An international student from South Korea asked the panel what they plan to do to help international students feel safe after the recent travel ban.

President Eisler thanked this student for being at Ferris and said, "We will work with and support you, and we want you and your friends here."

The panel also said that if any international student feels unsafe, that the Department of Public Safety is a safe place to go any time or day.

The event was live streamed and according to Thompson, it was the first time Student Government live streamed an event.

"I think it went well, it was our first time doing a live feed of an event, so I was happy to see people posting and tweeting questions," Thompson said.

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Vagina Monologues is an annual performance that hits on issues like consent, childbirth, reproductive health and the power of finding yourself, that affect everyone, not just women.

Vagina Monologues

If your vagina could talk, what would it say?

Melanie Bale

Interim Reporter

With the support of Women Information Services (WISE) and the Ferris Social Work Association, Ferris hosted the annual production of "The Vagina Monologues" Friday, Feb. 10, as a part of V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women and girls.

Written in 1996, Eve Ensler created this play based off the interviews of hundreds of women of different ages and races, detailing their personal experiences with all things sex and women's health related.

As political controversy and raging opinions bombard so-

cial media, the performance took care to ensure the audience understood that equality was the main goal. Man-hating had no place at this event.

Prior to the show, tables lined the promenade around Williams Auditorium. Members of WISE, Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance (D-SAGA), Active Minds, and the National Organization for Women (NOW) displayed informational tri-folds, buttons saying "I love Vagina... Monologues," steps and ways for students to help or donate, and most importantly, a community of support for women.



Landon McDaid

As men and women donning pink hats, beaded necklaces and pro-vagina pins began filtering in, a PowerPoint was projected onto the back wall of the stage displaying statistics from health organizations around the world, as well as feminist quotes from women like Eleanor Roosevelt and Malala Yousafzai.

Running for nearly two hours, "The Vagina Monologues" was a clever, entertaining and profound wake up call. Ferris sophomore Landon McDaid shared what impacted him the most.

"The 'Not So Happy Fact,'" McDaid said. "It spoke to me because I didn't know these things happened to women in other countries."

Each of the 14 monologues gave the audience a different perspective covering topics such as sexual consent, childbirth, menstruation, the importance of reproductive health education, the power of finding yourself and the acceptance of transgendered women.

"I'm shocked. It's so sad that these things happens to girls who are so young," said Ferris student Taylor Matan.



Taylor Matan

As the event came to a close, students gathered both in the auditorium and out, engaging in constructive conversation about the topics portrayed in Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

The spokeswoman for WISE stressed the importance of speaking with someone about your experiences and seeking professional help with trauma.

WISE offers a 24-hour help line and 24-hour shelter for anyone who may need these services.

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Tickets are required for all ceremonies. All students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (6) six tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to reserve or print starting March 28, 2017. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. Tickets must be reserved by Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 11:59 pm.

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Friday, May 5	
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Time	College
9:00 am	College of Engineering & Technology
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Kel Yeah!

Comedian and actor Kel Mitchell visits Ferris

Alexandra Bourne
Torch Reporter

Nineties kids at Ferris State University got the chance to relive their childhood Tuesday, Feb. 7, as actor Kel Mitchell, known for his roles in “All That,” “Kenan and Kel” and “Good Burger” performed at Williams Auditorium for the first time ever, courtesy of Entertainment Unlimited.

“When I do my college shows, I turn it into a party,” Mitchell said.

He stayed true to this promise with audience participation, as well as freestyle dancing, singing and beatboxing, along with stories of fans following him in the grocery store with grapes in their nose.

Mitchell, a writer and director as well as a comedic actor, has made a return to Nickelodeon on their new show, “Game Shakers.” He reprised his character Ed, from “Good Burger,” during the 2017 pre-show for the Super Bowl.

“I was a reporter undercover as Ed from ‘Good Burger.’ We had a good time. I got to meet Lady Gaga,” Mitchell said during a Q&A session regarding opening for the Super Bowl.

“I thought that bringing Kel to Ferris would be exciting,” said Ferris State music industry management senior Lacie Tryan, who is a past programmer for Entertainment Unlimited and is the current Music Takes Action coordinator. “After all, the 90s are back. With TV reboots such as ‘Fuller House’ and ‘Gilmore Girls,’ Kel Mitchell couldn’t come at a better time.”

The performance showcased nostalgia of his previous 90s shows, standup comedy, a Q&A session and a meet and greet with Mitchell featuring the famous “Kelfie” or selfie with Mitchell.

“I actually messed up in the ‘All That’ audition and I thought it was over,” Mitchell said about how he got into TV. “I actually started out in theatre. I played Jesus in a play before I even got on TV and that was fun. I remember I had some haters. The homies I really wanted to impress, they came in laughing at me. If I didn’t keep doing that, I wouldn’t be on TV. So, keep following your dreams. Don’t listen to the haters.”

Mitchell received a Cable Ace Award in 1997 for Best Actor in a comedy series for “Kenan and Kel.” He received a Kid’s Choice Award in 1999 for Best Actor in a comedy series for “All That” and “Kenan and Kel.” He later received two Day-time Emmy nominations in 2001 and 2002 for his voice-over role of T-Bone in the PBS Series “Clifford the Big Red Dog.”

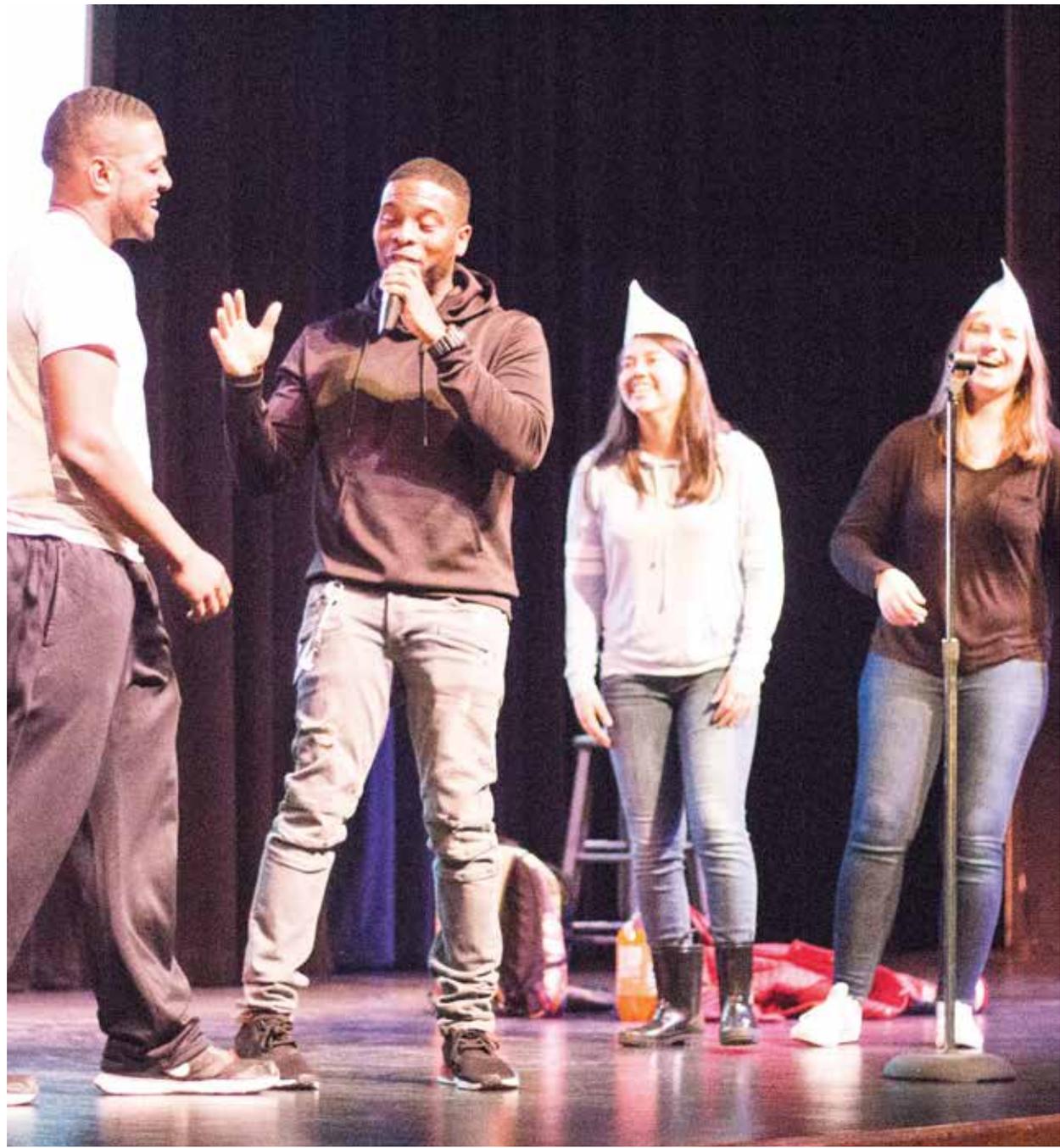


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Film, TV and voice-acting star Kel Mitchell gets some students on stage for some improv comedy during his show in Williams Auditorium.

According to Mitchell, being on Nickelodeon is not very different now than it was in the 90s, it’s the social media that’s changed and the slime.

“Slime was made out of apple sauce and food coloring,” Mitchell said. “Now they step it up, it’s an artificial science concoction. It feels cool, but it gets stuck in places you don’t

want it to get stuck in.”

When asked if he could be any fruit, what would he be and why, Mitchell responded with kiwi.

“Kiwis are annoying though,” Mitchell said. “Little furry skin. It’s like licking Chewbacca.”



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Marina City is the second band in a three band series featuring indie groups.

Independent Showcase rocks on

Marina City continues concert series of self-sufficient artists

Adrianna Walker
Torch Reporter

Marina City delivered a rousing performance for the second night of MIMA’s Independent Showcase.

The Chicago-based band played a one-hour set Thursday, Feb. 9, in the business building to a much larger and enthusiastic crowd than on opening night of the showcase. Having expected a smaller turnout, the group was happy to rearrange their setup toward the end of the performance to move around more lively.

Following the set, the six-member band moved to a packed MIMA office for an intimate question-and-answer session with concertgoers.

The band members reflected on their influences, the importance of social media in the music industry and what it’s like being an independent group.

“You’re less important than gum stuck on someone’s shoe,” joked lead singer Ryan Argast. “It’s not easy at all.”

Argast, who went to college for music business, shared his advice for making it in the music industry.

“If you don’t have an internship or you’re not doing something outside of class in the music business, I highly encourage you to do that,” Argast said. “Otherwise, everything just goes in one ear and out the other. Take what you’re learning and apply it to something right now, not four years down the road.”

The band also touched on how it navigated 2015 Warped Tour, where it was the only unsigned band. Marina City scored a 96 percent buzz rating in the Ernie Ball’s Warped Tour Battle of the Bands—a competition with hundreds of competitors.

“As an indie band, I think your mission is to get really close with a lot of bands that are signed onto labels,” said drummer Eric Somers-Urrea. “Or if there are music industry people on tour, get close to them without being overbearing.”

The Q & A session ended with Argast giving his best advice for students hoping to enter the music industry.

“The minute you feel comfortable, that’s the minute you need to move on with something else,” Argast said. “And that’s vocalwise, businesswise, whatever you’re doing. Always stretch yourself to be better.”

The third and final performance of the Independent Showcase will take place Thursday, Feb. 23, in BUS 111 with Grand Rapids natives likemelikeyou. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students.

Valentines Day is for suckers

Why pay full price when candy is on sale Feb. 15?

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Valentine's Day is a day for lovers to show their affections through expensive candies, cards and flowers.

Support for paying full price on the holiday is waning, and many don't want to spend big bucks on what they perceive to be a commercial holiday rather than a truly romantic one.

According to an article by the New York Post, 2017 has seen a \$14 billion drop in Valentine's Day spending, the largest drop since 2009.

Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Samantha Cavotta said she and her boyfriend won't be doing any Valentine's celebration until at least Wednesday, Feb. 15.

"That day, I don't plan on doing anything because I have classes all day," Cavotta said. "My boyfriend and I are doing post-Valentine's Day, where we're going to buy the 50 percent off Valentine's Day stuff. We'll do dinner at a later day."

Cavotta said the actual day means nothing to her.

"Fifty percent off candy. That's the sole purpose of this holiday," Cavotta said.

Here's a rundown of a few inexpensive ways to spend Valentine's Day:

Go dancing. The best part is this can be done in the living room. Throw on some tunes and do a few steps together. Shooters is another free option—no cover at the door.

Share a meal together. While this is usually thought of as going out to a restaurant, that's not necessary. Preparing a meal at home can be romantic when set up properly (and not burned).

Spend some time together in a park. Big Rapids during the winter isn't the most hospitable place to spend any longer outside than necessary, but outdoorsy types might like this free option.

Write each other a love letter. Handwritten letters are a dying art. Taking the time to show your flame your love by writing legibly could make memories that last a long time.

Buy a gift that isn't outrageously overpriced. Instead of finding those gifts that are marked up for the holiday, find out what your significant other likes and/or finds useful. This will make a good impression on more practical partners.



Photo by: Tia-Jane' Oakes | Interim Reporter

Ferris alumna Cindee Wilcox told her story to a group of young women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Not your average engineer

Ferris alumna talks making it in a male-dominated field

Tia-Jane' Oakes
Interim Reporter

Women in the College of Engineering Technology (CET) came together to connect and embrace what made them choose their field at a dinner hosted by Ferris Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Ferris welding engineering technology junior Chelsey Porter said she attended Ferris because she heard the university has one of the best CET programs.

Approximately 30 women in CET were able to discover some commonalities outside of the academic program.

"Being in a man's field can be different. But I haven't experienced that here at Ferris," said Ferris welding engineering technology junior Cheyenne Kelly.

According to engineeringonline.ucr.edu, since the 1980s, the amount of women in the engineering workforce has increased 14 percent—a drastic uptick from only 5.8 percent.

Ferris alumna and keynote speaker Cindee Wilcox claims being the only woman in plastics engineering technology in the 80s was an advantage and she didn't want it any other way.

Wilcox was able to discuss her successful career in engineering working for companies such as Nestlé and Kraft food the women in attendance at the dinner.

"There are obstacles men don't have to go through that women do because engineering is a male-dominated field," Kelly said.

"I had three years of engineering before attending Ferris, so I knew this field was for me," said Ferris architecture freshman Jeanette Woolridge.

Besides thriving in a male-dominated field, Wilcox encouraged students to take international trips. She believes discovering the beauty of life and nature is something everyone should experience if graced with the opportunity.

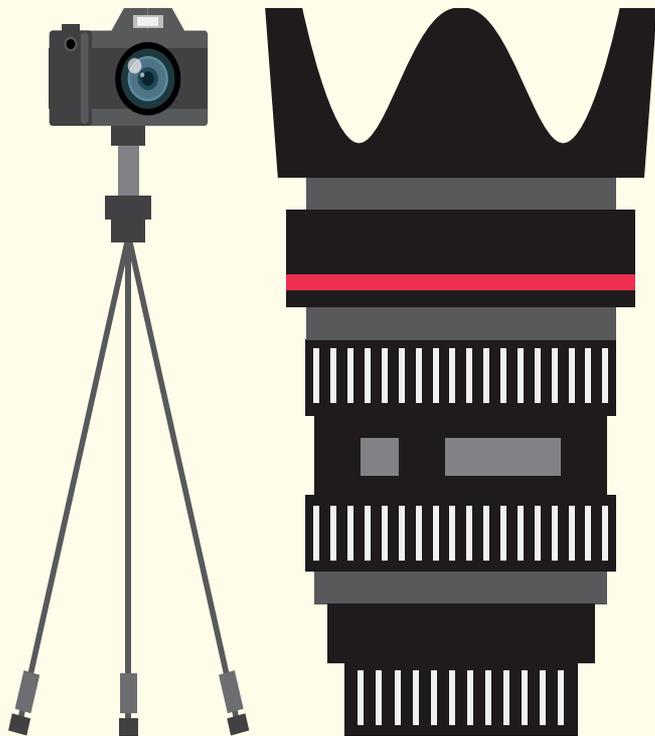
"The networking events really give you an opportunity to learn about other students who are in fields that are similar to you," Kelly said. "Maybe meet some new friends or someone who can help you in your career once you graduate."

Since attending the engineering networking events, Porter has accepted a job that she will begin at the start of her post-graduation career.

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Ferris students took the opportunity to meet with and get a signed book from Lawrence Ross, speaker and author of the book "Blackballed: The Black and White Politics of Race on America's Campuses."

Alicia Jaimes
Torch Reporter

Racism. A word that evokes strong emotions and reactions on university campuses that, because of the past, many in the United States still struggle to come to terms with. "How do I feel included on this campus?" was the idea that sparked author Lawrence Ross's latest book "Blackballed: The Black and White Politics of Race on America's Campuses."

Ross arrived at Ferris Thursday, Feb. 9, to promote his book and speak with students about campus racism, the history of it and how to prevent it.

"Race is a biological nothing," Ross said. "Race is a sociological something."

Ross began his lecture by asking students to point out members of each race in the

room. Reluctant students' first lesson was the need to see race. Being colorblind is an issue that may seem like it's fixing a problem when it's adding to it, according to Ross.

Ross discussed how being colorblind is insulting and is used to ignore the issues of racism on campus, issues such as symbolization, Greek life and mockery.

Ferris advertising and integrating marketing communications senior Shelby Washkevich attended the event for her African literature class, but discovered connections between Ross' message and her everyday life.

"I'm also Greek so it was interesting to see the role Greek life plays in what he talks about," Washkevich said.

Ross stressed past and present issues with racism in sororities and fraternities throughout his lecture. He showed pictures

of students from universities with faces painted black along with themed parties where students and pledges dressed as slaves.

As racism in Greek life was unveiled, Ross also showed students how racism is closer to home than they may think.

Harvey Jordan, Richard Russell and Ben "Pitchfork" Tillman were examples Ross used in his lecture. He described these men and their part in racism (such as Jordan's involvement in the sterilization of African American men) and then proceeded to list off present day dorms, statues and buildings dedicated to them.

Ross discussed the problem that sym-

bolism creates and how people see these buildings every day and continue to do nothing and continue to not see what these men represent.

"You don't belong on campus" read a sign shown throughout Ross's presentation. This sign not only represented the violent acts and racial slurs students have said and continue to use, but also represented the lack of inclusion among racial groups, according to Ross.

Ross has written six books and has lectured at more than 600 colleges and universities.

Ross' visit was one of many for the guest speaker series in honor of Black History Month brought to Ferris by the Office of Multicultural Student Services.



Shelby Washkevich



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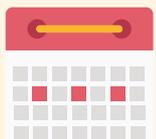
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- Feb. 15** - Dinner and a Movie:
Invitation to Dance
UC 202 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 15** - Latin Film Night
IRC 131 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15** - His House Christian Fellowship
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- Feb. 16** - Women's Basketball
Wink Arena 6 p.m.

- Feb. 16** - Men's Basketball
Wink Arena 8 p.m.
- Feb. 17** - Men's Hockey
Ewigleben Arena 7:07 p.m.
- Feb. 18** - Women's Basketball
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- Feb. 18** - Men's Tennis
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- Feb. 18** - Men's Basketball
Wink Arena 3 p.m.
- Feb. 18** - Men's Hockey
Ewigleben Arena 7:07 p.m.
- Feb. 19** - His House Christian Fellowship
UC 203 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Feb. 20** - Career and Internship Fair Day 1
UC 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Feb. 21** - What employers wish you were taught in college
Science 102
11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
- Feb. 21** - Career Boot Camp: Millenials in the Workforce
Granger Atrium at 11 a.m.
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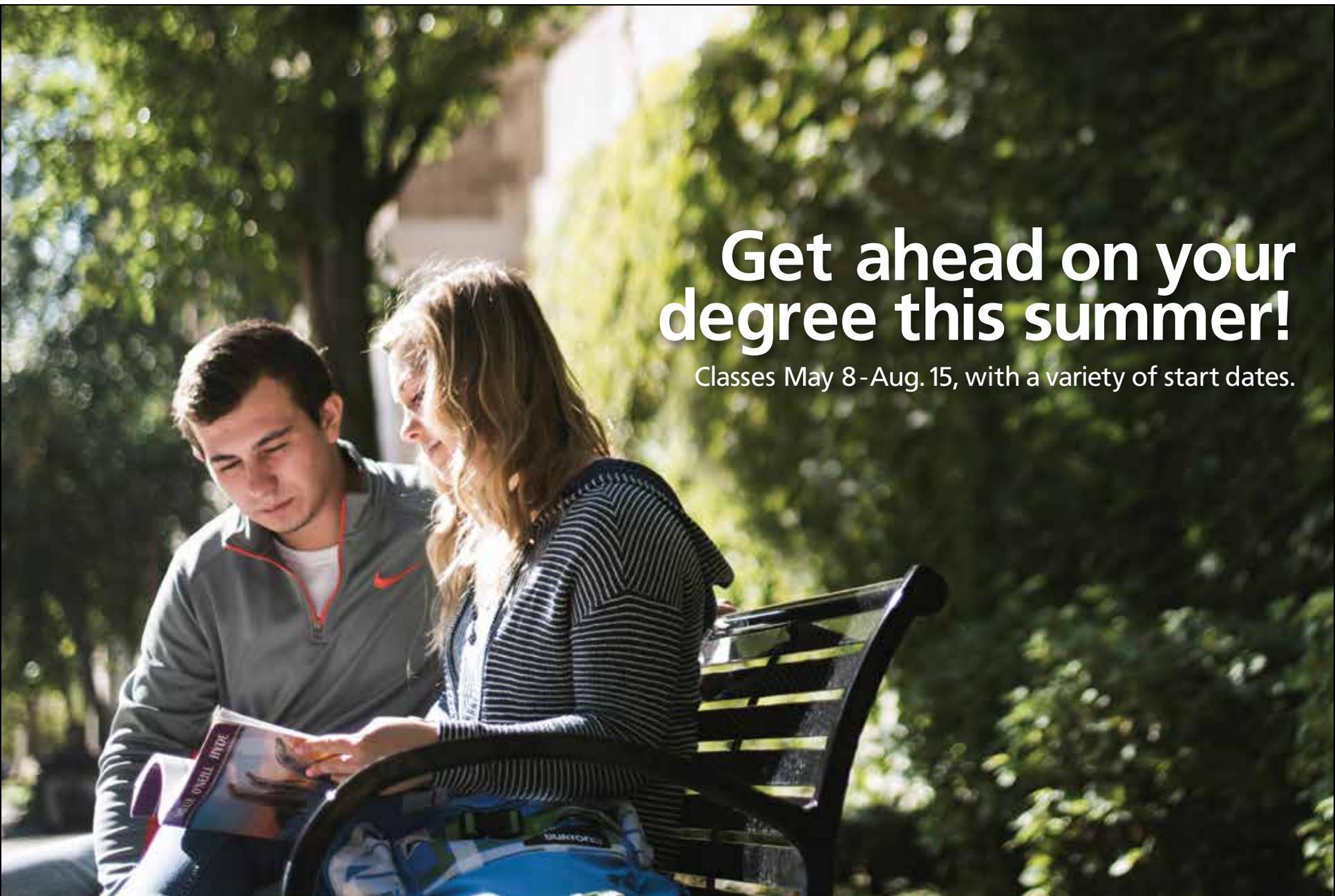
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One billion rising

Michella Renna dances at the "One Billion Rising" festival to raise awareness for ending domestic abuse, women's wage gaps and other social issues. Canned goods and money, among other donations, were accepted during the event. Proceeds will go to My Brother's Keeper and WISE.

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"Home court advantage is a beautiful thing. Haven't got to play that many games in front of the home crowd this year it feels like, so it's really nice to finally be at home and be playing in front of our fans." - Drew Cushingberry See page 11 for story

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The Bulldogs will take the ice against the WCHA's last place Alaska Anchorage Seawolves 7:07 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, and 7:07 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in Ewingleben Arena.



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Ferris women's basketball tips off 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in Wink Arena.

THE RED OUT RETURNS

Taking initiative to promote healthy hearts

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Wearing red to this weekend's games not only backs the Bulldog athletic programs, but also supports heart health thanks to RED OUT the Wink and the Rink.

Ferris State students in the Sports Careers registered student organization (RSO), in conjunction with other students in sports communication courses, are working to present RED OUT the Wink and the Rink once again Saturday, Feb. 18.

The day of red begins 1 p.m. with the women's basketball team hosting Michigan Tech. The men's game follows at 3 p.m. where they will also host Michigan Tech, both games taking place inside Wink Arena. To cap off the evening, Bulldog hockey will host Alaska Anchorage 7:07 p.m in Ewingleben Ice Arena.

With the Red Out taking place throughout the day, all spectators are encouraged to wear red in support of heart health as the RSO works to raise money for the Spectrum Health of Big Rapids Cardiac Rehab Unit.

Sandy Alspach, adviser for the Sports Careers RSO, helped start the Red Out event four years ago. Alspach said that she believes the RSO has embraced the event as a part of their social identity.

"Every year, we try to make it bigger and better," Alspach said. "We still have one target philanthropy. That's the cardiac unit at the local hospital so that everything in the community stays in the community."

In the concourse of the sports complex, the RSO will have games, activities, a silent auction and much more to encourage the sports

fans of the day to donate to their healthy cause.

"It's associated with sport and fitness, which is totally on mission for what Sports Careers RSO is about," Alspach said.



Sandy Alspach

Sports communication senior Cierra Buckner is running the Red Out event for the second year in a row. Buckner, along with her "street team" have been connecting with organizations from the community to help market and promote

the event.

"My favorite part is game day and seeing all of our work being executed," Buckner said. "It's stressful putting it together, but at the end of the day when we take a picture with the check with the foundation representative, it lets me know we made it."



Cierra Buckner

Ticket sales on the day still go to the Ferris State athletics program, but the RSO will be collecting monetary donations throughout the day along with their many activities in hopes of reaching their goal of buy-

ing a new treadmill for the patients recovering in the cardiac care unit.

Last year, the Red Out event raised more than \$600, an amount the RSO hopes to top come this Saturday.



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The Dawgs will host Northern Michigan 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, and host Michigan Tech 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in Big Rapids.

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Stepping stones

Ferris women's basketball looks to build off strong recent performances

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

Ferris women's 2017 basketball season has been nothing short of a struggle, but players are looking to improve one game at a time.

With a 5-19 record thus far, the Bulldogs have suffered through a season of tough losses with a win sprinkled in here and there. Players are not letting their poor record affect them. Instead, the players are looking forward.

"We are focused on the next two weeks of the season," said Ferris junior guard Ally Christman. "We know we won't be making the tournament this year, so we are focused on improving and ending the season on a strong note. If we can do that, it'll be a big help heading into next season."

The Bulldogs are tied for 13th place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) with Wayne State.

Nonetheless, the team is preparing in practice as they would if their record was 19-5. The Bulldogs continue to watch tape on their performances and run drills at game speed to improve shooting and defense.

"At this point, we're focused on building chemistry," said Ferris sophomore forward Abby Nakfoor. "Our practice is about an hour to an hour and a half at the end of the season with film sessions before or after."

Even with the record looking the way it does, the Bulldogs



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Ferris sophomore guard Alexis Bush is one of five underclassmen playing at least 10 minutes per game on a young Ferris team.

have shown a capability to compete with many opponents. Seven of their 19 losses have come with a less than 10-point margin, which is something the team can build from

With only three games remaining in the regular season, time is running out on the 2017 season for the Bulldogs.

Fans hoping to see the Bulldogs finish strong can catch

them at Wink Arena 6p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, when they host Northern Michigan.

Ferris women's basketball will see home court again 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, against Michigan Tech for the Red Out the Wink and the Rink event.

Sports Shorts

By Cody Burkhard - Torch Reporter

Locked up

Bulldog men's basketball has earned a share of the GLIAC regular season title after routing the Northwood Timberwolves Saturday, Feb. 11. Every Ferris player scored in the game with four scoring in double digits. Zach Hankins led the way with 22 points in the 107-71 road victory.

The Dawgs had a 15-game winning streak snapped by Lake Superior State Thursday, Feb. 9, when the Bulldogs were held to just 20 percent from the three point line in a 83-79 home loss. However, Ferris has positioned itself for playoff success with this rebound win.

At 15-3 in conference, the Bulldogs will guarantee home-court advantage in the GLIAC tournament if they win two of their final three games.

Dude, Where's my broom?

With the playoffs fast approaching, Ferris hockey has yet to get a weekend sweep. Head Coach Bob Daniels has stressed the importance of getting six points in a weekend by winning both games. However, the Dawgs came up short again this weekend against Michigan Tech.

The Bulldogs beat the Huskies 3-2 Friday, Feb. 10, but were routed 5-2 the following night. Despite not being able to come away with six points again, Ferris is fifth in the WCHA with 32 points. The Dawgs are separated from ninth place by just three points so if they fail to win consecutive games, they could be out of the eight-team WCHA tournament.

Ferris plays last place Alaska Anchorage Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18, when it could vulture points from a struggling team. The Dawgs have a chance to negate points from No. 6 Lake Superior State in the last weekend of the season.

"I just kept run-ning"

Ferris track and field competed at the Grand Valley State "Big Meet" over the weekend with multiple personal bests and top-20 finishes.

Twenty-two Bulldogs placed in the top-20 at the two-day event with personal bests coming from Sarah Utchel and Hanna Price. Utchel placed eighth in the 60 meters with a time of 7.95 seconds. Price placed 17th in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.5 seconds.

The top finisher of the weekend was Cody Stilwell who placed second in the weight throw with a Div. 2 national qualifying score of 58-10.75.

Other males to place in the top-ten were Jon Cook and Logan Hammer. Cook placed sixth in the high jump with a height of 6-feet-4.75-inches and Hammer placed sixth in the 3000-meter with a time of 8:43.50.

Emily Haynes-John placed fifth in the women's 3000 meters with a time of 10:16.18 and Natalie Perry placed seventh in the mile with a time of 5:09.91. Two ninth place finishers included Hayden Francisco who ran the 60-meter in 7.33 seconds and the male 4x400 relay team which includes Lucas Harris, Nate Meyer, Hunter Redman and Chris Triffo with a time of 3:35.59.

Ferris will be in action next in Allendale at the Grand Valley Tune-Up meet Friday, Feb. 17. The GLIAC Indoor Championships will be Friday, Feb. 25, and Saturday, Feb. 26, in Findlay, Ohio.



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Top Dawg

Corey Mackin

Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

The play of Ferris sophomore forward Corey Mackin was pivotal in last weekend's 1-1 series split at Michigan Tech.

Mackin scored the first goal of the game to help the Bulldogs' offense roll their way to a 3-2 win Friday, Feb. 10. The 5-foot-8, 167-pound forward was also credited with an assist on the following night while winning 23 face-offs and taking four shots over the weekend.

The second-year standout has the team's second most goals with 10 on the season, which matches his total from last season. He also takes runner-up for points on the season with 22.

The Bulldogs will take on Alaska Anchorage for the second time this season when the Nanooks come to town 7:07 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in Ewigleben Arena.



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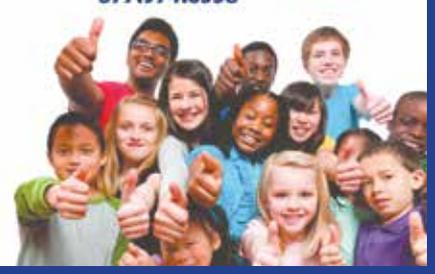
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Bandwagon fans in Big Rapids

When the Chicago Cubs won the MLB World Series, “fly the W” was seen everywhere in Big Rapids from pickup trucks to every other apartment window and wall. When the Patriots won Super Bowl LI, “Brady’s the best” was yelled throughout the parking lot at my apartments. Facebook became flooded with GOAT memes and all-of-a-sudden Patriots fans saying “deflate this.” My question is, where was this support for either team before the success?

The Cubs are one of America’s most beloved franchises, being the loveable losers of most of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. After hiring manager Joe Maddon, the Cubs became top dogs. Prior to the 2016 playoffs, you could not tell who was a Cubs fan here at Ferris unless you talked to them. Now that the Cubs are world champs, just look at their Facebook timeline and Chicago jerseys bought in October. All aboard the bandwagon.

Next stop on the bandwagon is the New England Patriots. Unlike the Cubs, the Patriots have been the model franchise in all of sports for most of the last decade... depending on your perspective. Some would call the Pats cheaters as they have been involved in infamous scandals such as Spygate and Deflate-



Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

gate. Despite heavy sanctions placed on the organization for each scandal, the Patriots have more wins than any other team and have won five of seven Super Bowls they’ve played in the last 15 years.

Prior to the Super Bowl, there was nothing but hate for the perpetual AFC champs. However, history repeats itself as Facebook feeds switch from pictures of deflated Lombardi trophies to pictures of Jesus holding a baby goat with the face of Tom Brady. Beware of the bandwagon fan who gloats that his team won when they didn’t go through the struggle of losing with them.

Here’s how to spot one at Ferris:

1. If someone is walking to class with Patriots gear and they have not worn it all year, you have a bandwagon fan.

2. If you see your social media feed filled with more Patriots images than ever, your friends are bandwagon fans.

3. If you see someone get out of their car with Patriots gear and a “fly the W” flag... Understood?



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Brothers Pinckney High School senior Adam Sieler (left) and Ferris sophomore defensive end Zach Sieler (right) will play on the same team for the first time ever next season when they both suit up for the Bulldogs.

Signed, sieled and delivered

Brothers Zach and Adam Sieler make Ferris football a family affair

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

Next Fall, Zach and Adam Sieler will lace up their cleats and put on their shoulder pads as they have for so many years. But this time it’s something special. For the first time, the brothers will pull matching crimson and gold Ferris State jerseys over their heads.

Zach, the older of the two brothers, is a sophomore standout on Ferris’ defensive line. Zach lead all GLIAC players in 2016-17 with 19.5 sacks and was named National Defensive Player of the Year.

“We’ve never had the chance to play together.”

- Zach Sieler

offensive guard. Adam will play offensive line at Ferris and is just one of 29 Bulldog recruits signed on National Signing Day.

Adam insists that there is no sense of competitiveness between he and Zach, but his words say otherwise.

“We are more supportive than competitive,” Adam said. “That may change when we play in the next few years, but I do believe I am further ahead of Zach than he was at my age.”

Zach, a highly talented recruit, was redshirted for two seasons before getting his chance on the field. Adam’s a young player, and will likely serve at least one year as a redshirt.

The age gap between the two brothers never allowed them to play on the same team, but both are excited to finally have the opportunity.

“We’ve never had the chance to play together,” Zach said. “It’ll be nice having him around next year even with him being a redshirt. It’ll give us a chance to see who the best player is.”

When asked who would win in a Sieler-on-Sieler showdown in the weight room, Adam said brother Zach had the advantage. As for who would win in a battle down in the trenches, both brothers had the same thing to say:

“We’ll just have to wait and see.”

Zach was a force on the defensive line that proved to be a danger to opposing quarterbacks. Meanwhile, Adam will be attempting to protect his quarterback on the offensive line. They may be brothers at home, but they’ll be enemies on the practice field come next fall. May the best Sieler win.



Zach Sieler

Focus on the finish

Men's basketball team inches towards tourney time

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

After the loss of their 15-game win streak, the Ferris State men's basketball program is back to focusing on the next game up.

The 21-4 Dawgs fell to Lake Superior State University last week after not losing a single game since early December. Though that streak is dead, their place among the top of the GLIAC is very much alive. Junior point guard Drew Cushingberry is still focused on what's happening with his team at the present moment.

"We don't like to look past any one opponent we face, just stay focused on one game at a time," Cushingberry said. "The streak was nice, but we are just having fun playing hard out there."

Cushingberry averages 10.7 points and plays 26.8 minutes per game, second in playing time only to leading scorer and sophomore post Zach Hankins. The team has four different players who average more than 10 points per game, something beneficial to a team ensuring multiple players contribute come tourney time.

Last season's Bulldogs were forced through a gauntlet of away games in the GLIAC Tournament, something they may not have to do this year as they sit atop their conference.

"Home court advantage is a beautiful thing," Cushingberry said. "Haven't got to play that many games in front of the home crowd this year it feels like, so it's really nice to finally be at home and be playing in

front our fans. It's a fun environment to play in and it always helps to feed off the crowd's energy."

Even though the program was unable to capture home court in the playoffs last season, they were still able to produce a 20-win season. With a win over Wayne State Sunday, Feb. 4, of this season, the Dawgs eclipsed that 20-win mark again, giving them their third straight 20-plus-win season in a row.

Junior wing Noah King has been through all three of those 20-win seasons. After the recent loss snapped their current 15-game streak, King said there's no reason to keep that loss in their heads.

"We just get back to work," King said. "Obviously, the loss hurts because we expect to win. But we just have to get back to work and focus on the next game. There's still a lot of season to play."

With only a couple more weeks until GLIAC tourney play begins, as the rankings currently sit, Ferris would play against eight-seed Hillsdale as the No. 1 team in the conference in the quarterfinals.

Ferris State men's basketball will be back in action 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, against Northern Michigan in Big Rapids.



Drew Cushingberry



Noah King



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Ferris sophomore post Zach Hankins leads the team in points, field goal percentage, blocks, rebounds and minutes played.

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Billionaire businessman and Michigander Mike Illitch died at 87 this past week.

He owned the Detroit Red Wings. He owned Detroit's Fox Theatre. He founded Little Caesars in a suburb of Detroit. He helped build Comerica Park and the soon-to-be-unveiled Little Caesars Arena.

The man's influence on the city of Detroit and its inhabitants during his life was unmatched.

He spent lavishly to help the Red Wings and Tigers rebound from periods of insignificance. Illitch brought the name "Hockeytown" to Detroit when the Wing's won four Stanley Cups under his ownership. He also started and sustained their 25-season playoff streak dating back to 1990, as he purchased the team in 1982.

Meanwhile, the Tigers won two American League pennants and had the first Triple Crown winner in

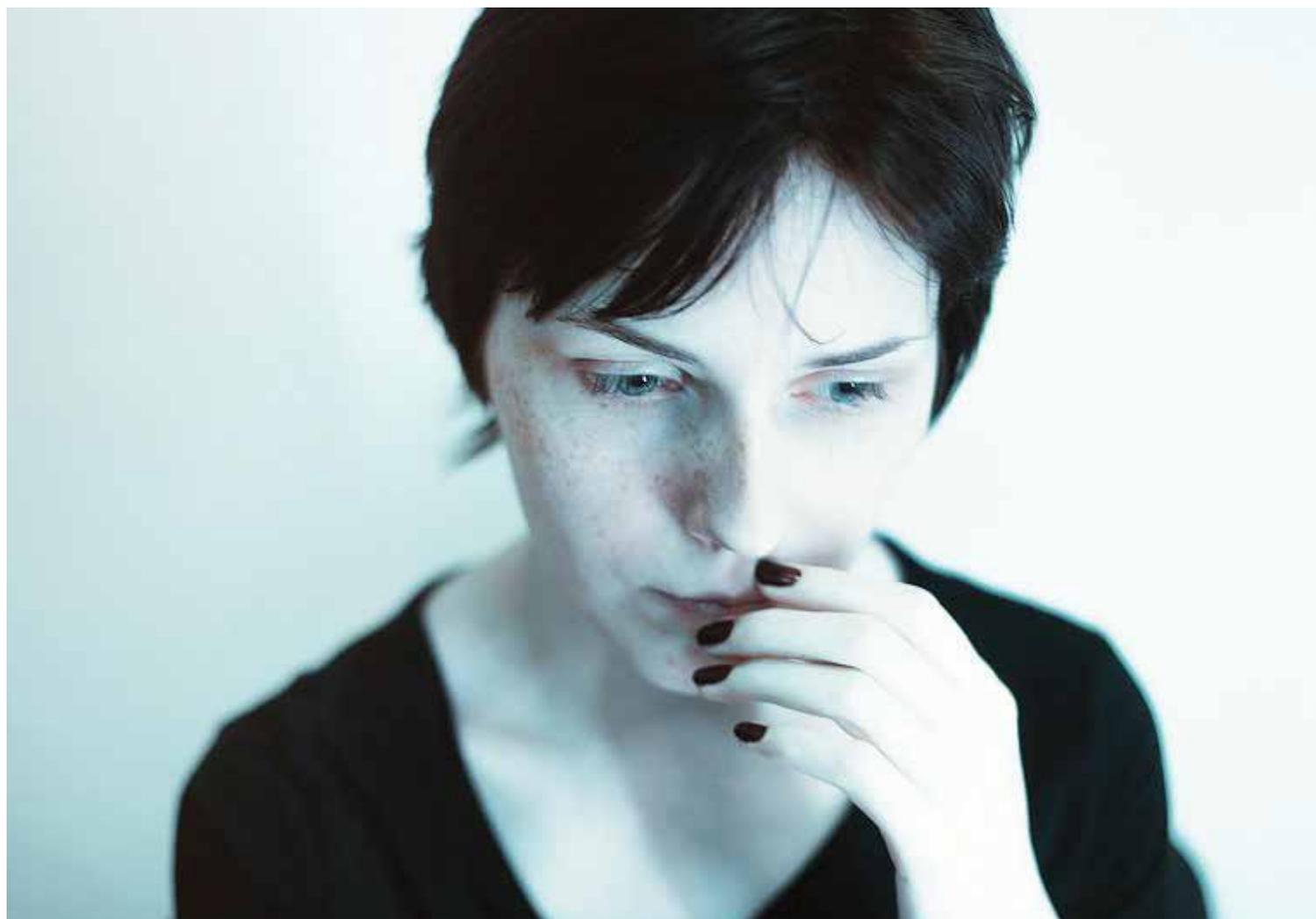
45 years under Illitch's oversight.

But in addition to helping struggling teams bounce back, Illitch has also helped the Motor City rebound from a recession that tanked the domestic automotive industry.

Illitch's company poured billions of dollars into restoration projects and charities benefitting Detroit. His fingerprints are all over what's been dubbed: "The Comeback City."

Not only am I a southeast Michigan native, but I also come from a Hot-N-Ready family. Both of my parents worked all throughout my youth, so when the house breadwinners came home burned out from work, they oftentimes had a couple of \$5 pizzas in hand from Little Caesars.

The death of Illitch is a devastating loss to Michiganders everywhere. Rest in peace, Mr. I.



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Counseling at Birkam Health Center or WISE are both confidential resources to turn to in the event of sexual assault, while the Ferris State Department of Public Safety and the Office of Student Conduct can support victims and take legal action against the responsible parties.

Rape ignorance

Why aren't we talking about rape?



Moriah Van Order
Guest Writer

Rape is the topic nobody enjoys talking about. The whole concept of rape makes people uncomfortable.

Rape is a topic that needs to be discussed because it could happen to you, your best friend, your roommate or significant other. We need to talk about it because rapists are getting three months of jail time or probation, as long as they promise to stay celibate. Because I have run into girls crying outside of parties due to running into someone who only looked like the person who assaulted them. I have heard boys question whether what they experienced was rape or not, simply because they are males, and men "do not get raped" in society's eyes.

I have heard people shamed because of the way they were dressed before their sexual assault. I know victims who were asked if they

they're okay.

Discuss healthy boundaries with your partner(s). Be educated on the topic and understand the long lasting effects that sexual assault has on a person. Be patient and empathetic, if someone is not your "ideal" victim or they are not coping the way that you think they should, that does not make their experiences any less valid.

If someone discloses to you that they have been sexually assaulted, be mindful of the self-doubt, self-blame and stigmatization they are feeling. They trust you with this information. Tell them you are there for them, you are glad they felt safe enough to trust you and most importantly, tell them they are not alone.

Some confidential resources you can suggest are the Counseling and Birkam Health Center or WISE. Some reporting resources are Ferris Department of Public Safety, Title IX, Student Code of Conduct, Residence Hall Staff and Professors.

had led the person on and questioned if they were drunk or sober when it happened. These factors do not matter or constitute the victim being assaulted. What matters is the fact that someone took something from another person, someone violated their entire being, and someone took their safety.

I know you get it. Rape is bad. So, shut it down. Shut down the rape jokes and speak up if one of your friends makes one. Hold each other accountable and look out for people. If you see someone trying to get the already drunk freshman even more drunk in order to take them home, call them out. That's predatory behavior. If you see someone pushing another person away or if they just look really uncomfortable and the person won't leave them alone, ask if

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Leave love alone

Why people need to stop complaining about Valentine's Day

I am so sick of hearing people complain about how horrible Valentine's Day is.

We get it. It's a Hallmark holiday perpetuated by social norms. How very hipster-esque of you to point out. But do you know what else Valentine's Day is?

It is a breath of fresh air. I take five classes, work upwards of 15 hours a week, pay bills, pay rent, deal with roommate drama, am currently in the process of applying for internships and frankly, my boyfriend is busier than I am most days.

Is it so damn awful that there is a day where you have an excuse to just stop and enjoy a little time with the person you love?

Nobody is telling you to buy the overpriced chocolate, go to a fancy restaurant or make a big fat huge deal.

Just drop the homework, step away from the computer and make a meal together. Play a board game. Watch a movie. Light a candle and have some really great sex without worrying about the essay you have to write afterwards.



Angela Graf
News Editor

And I know that you can do these things any day of the year. But why do we make a turkey on Thanksgiving? Wear costumes on Halloween? Blow off fireworks on the Fourth of July?

Because, why not?

I get that not everybody is in a relationship. You're single and you don't want to deal with the holiday and that's totally fine. Maybe you went through a bad breakup—we've all been there.

But look around. The world can use as much love and joy as it can get right now.

So take advantage of the marked-down chocolate on the 15th and please, pull up your pants and stop crapping all over it for everyone else.

Down with V-day

A not-so-positive view of Valentine's Day

Seriously, what is the point of Valentine's Day?

There is only one holiday that is more worthless and useless and that's Columbus Day.

Why do temporary couples need to spend money and stage affection for their significant other? I know I already angered many people in "serious" relationships by saying temporary. So, let's look at some numbers on relationships.

According to an article and poll done by USA Today, only 28 percent of marriages come from two people attending the same university. So maybe two or three out of every 10 Ferris relationships will end up together. But this statistic means nothing, because a student may be dating another student at Ferris, break up, feel like their lives are over and somewhere down the road marry another Ferris student. So, in my eyes, every relationship ends.

Even if you somehow miraculously end up marrying your current partner, the marriage will more than likely end in divorce. The current divorce rate in the U.S. is about 50 percent for first marriages. The number will rise and your life will go to total hell when you add your marriage to the ever-growing list of divorces.

I did not always hate Valentine's Day. I loved making bags with cards and candy for my classmates in elementary school. As a child, I imagined myself having a beautiful wedding and living a happy life with somebody special. That was the opposite of what I witnessed every day growing up with parents who hated each other and used the excuse of their children for staying married. Ultimately, like



Travis Sacher
Opinions Editor

more than half of marriages will, it ended in divorce.

Sure, I'm a firm believer of living in the present and not what could be in the future but this day just is a waste. I have indeed celebrated Valentine's Day with former partners. I did my best to be romantic, spent too much money and went out of my way for people who are no longer associated with my life.

There's a stigma against Valentine's Day for those who don't celebrate. It's an exclusive day for people who are happy with another person by society's standard of a relationship. If you have nobody to celebrate with, what is the point of this day? Why do a select few get the privilege of experiencing the day of love because they were lucky enough to find the special person for them?

Clearly, my views of Valentine's Day are pessimistic. I just don't see the need for people in relationships to celebrate their special bond. You're supposed to do that every day already. If you don't, you shouldn't be together. If you do, my social media feeds let me know on the daily how happy you are with your significant other. Do the world of single, sad, bitter, bereaved folks a favor: don't boast about how perfect your Valentine's Day was.

Should you be shot for protesting?



Aaron Willmore
Guest Writer

The Ferris State Torch posted a photo on Facebook Monday, Feb. 6, of six police cars and a message that read, "In the wake of national protests, a heavy, precautionary police force is present at the Ben Shapiro five-star event in the UC."

The comments suggested that if you were not "friendly protesting," you would be kicked out of school and receive possible jail time. I have heard frequently that protesters should be detained. There are people who say anyone who speaks out against the President or gather to protest should be arrested, hit by cars and even go as far to say those who protest should be shot.

Republican leader Dan Adamini from Marquette County called for another Kent State shooting Thursday, Feb. 2, on his now deleted Twitter channel. His tweet said: "Violent protesters who shut down free speech? Time for another Kent State perhaps. One bullet stops a lot of thuggery."

This tweet was in response to the violent protesters who caused a disturbance at UC Berkley during a Milo Yiannopoulos event. Yiannopoulos is the far-right editor at Breitbart News and encourages white supremacy on college campuses.

When Adamini "jokingly" called for another shooting the world did not take it as a joke. The Ohio National Guard opened fire on Kent State students May 4, 1970, while they were protesting the war in Vietnam. Two protesters were killed and two students were killed

while walking to class. It is not a joke to say one should open fire on protesters to stop protesting. It is a verbal attack on the citizens of this country.

Many on the right say that protesting the current President is un-American. They believe that those with opposing viewpoints do not deserve to voice their objections and opinions, yet, at the same time, these people were the ones utilizing their rights to protest back when Obama was President, only they were protesting with racist intent that was fueled by the current president's claim that Obama was not born in the United States.

It is a fallacy those on the right have created, that protesting is un-American. Protesting is protected under the first amendment, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. If laws were enacted where we could no longer gather in protest, then what would we say of true freedom of speech?

A protest is not something people are supposed to like. A protest invades your comfort zone, provoking you to complain. If you feel uncomfortable then the protest has succeeded.

People who are absolutely baffled by it accompany every protest. There is no right way to protest and there is not a way for everyone to just all find a way to get along.

People differ on many different things, and if we all got along then there would be no individuality. We would be bland forces who would never bring new ideas to the table.

Aaron Willmore is a transfer television and digital media production sophomore student from Central Michigan University who is also seeking a minor in history. He wrote about the issue of freedom of speech through protesting because, "people often forget that you have the right to voice an opposing point of view. People should not be killed, arrested, or hit by cars for protesting," Willmore said. Find out more about Willmore at bigohpow.cf

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Up all night with the Zombies

Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare is the best version yet

Most college students pull all-nighters to study for exams they have the next day. I pull all-nighters to see how far I can get in my rounds of Call of Duty: Zombies.

Without a doubt, if you cannot find me or reach me on my cell phone, it is because I am in the middle of my Zombies match and ignoring all homework and responsibilities. Except for right now when I had to pause my game to write this column.

Call of Duty: Zombies, along with the PlayStation 4, are some of the greatest things to be on this Earth since Jesus Christ. My PlayStation allows me to hook up my Spotify account, rock out and kill endless waves of the undead. Then look at the clock and realize I just missed my morning class and now I am too tired to make it to my afternoon class.

It's a rough life.

With the new DLC map pack for Call of Duty, which came out Tuesday, Jan. 31, you find yourself in the middle of a Rave in the Redwoods. The map is awesome and the best Zombies map to ever be created.

It's challenging for a game to compete with the Call of Duty series even with the new release of the Resident Evil movie and video game, which came out Tuesday, Jan. 24.

With the new VR headset for both Xbox



Matthew Miller
Interim Reporter

and PlayStation, it seems that the DLC map pack for Call of Duty still wasted more people's money.

I did get the Resident Evil game and it had a nice storyline to it, along with it scaring the shit out of me a couple of times. Yet, I still find myself playing Zombies more than ever, as my PlayStation is never turned off and zombies is always on it.

To make matters worse, I have my PlayStation connected to my computer so if I am in FLITE or the UC, I can play if I have my controller.

Even though I know that the PlayStation 4 is the better gaming system, I will play Halo on Xbox with my friends. Halo is the only reason the Xbox is still being bought. If I had an Xbox, I would still be playing Zombies on it, though.

Call of Duty: Zombies just seems to have a hold on me and I cannot break it, but only lose track of time and reality as hordes of zombies are after me. I have a problem.

Want to play? Add me: minimanmatt on the PlayStation Network.



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Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare is the 20th installment of the video game franchise spanning consoles, PC and mobile device platforms.

What do you see in this ink blot?

Uh...

