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NEWS

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Clearing the water

City of Big Rapids ensures that water is clean

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Recent reports have revealed that the average level of lead in Big Rapids water is three parts per billion (PPB) but residents of the city can, for the most part, remain calm.

According to Big Rapids City Manager Mark Gifford, the city takes numerous precautions to ensure high quality drinking water.

“[The water plant] was originally built as a surface water treatment facility so there was an intake out in the river, it drew water out into the plant and it was treated and distributed out,” Gifford said. “In about 2000, they changed that and now our water comes from wells that are out by the airport.”

This change from river water to wells has made a significant difference in the quality of drinking water.

“When the water was taken out of the river, you can imagine there was a lot more opportunity to be, not contaminated but have contaminants in it. So that’s changed,” Gifford said. “Going to ground water made it so we had a much more sta-

ble water source so the water that comes out of the ground is the same tomorrow as it was yesterday.”

But the source of water wasn’t the only change the city made, especially after the famous Flint water crisis.

“It’s really pretty fascinating and every day that water is sampled. Every day, 365 days a year, somebody works at the water plant. Every day, no weekends off, no holidays off and there’s rigorous standards to that treatment,” Gifford said. “And what comes out of the water plant has zero lead, zero copper and all those things people worry about. There’s nothing in the water that should worry anybody when it comes out of our water plant.”

These rigorous standards were confirmed by the superintendent of the water plant, Steve Cook, who explained the filtration process. The water is treated for iron and magnesium before it reaches one of the three filters, and a minimal amount of chlorine is put into the water at the head of the plant.

After the water is filtered, it goes into one of the two reservoirs, where it remains until distribution needs it. The water is then gravity-fed into high service pumps, which send the water to one of the four water towers.



Mark Gifford



Photo by: Harley Harrison | News Editor

The water that is treated by the Big Rapids city water plant has zero lead in it when it leaves the plant.

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Where are they now? | Checking in with Ferris Dreamers



Photo by: Marcus Gurnee | Interim Photographer

Daniel Caracheo is a DACA recipient at Davenport University.

Cora Hall
Torch Reporter

Life is full of uncertainties but for Dreamers, the future is only getting more unpredictable.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a program geared towards protecting undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. The program started in 2012 from an executive order by former President Barack Obama and it provides temporary legal status for a renewable two-year term to all its recipients, who are often known as Dreamers.

In September of 2017, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the DACA program would soon come to an end, which means on March 5, 2018, many Dreamers’ permits will begin to expire with no way to renew them.

“I wasn’t certain about the future but at least I had something,” Davenport freshman Daniel Caracheo said of DACA. “Now I don’t know for sure. For example, if DACA doesn’t get renewed, I won’t be able to renew my license, I won’t be able to get another job or permit—so it really puts me in a

limbo for a lot of things, including education.”

Originally from Mexico, Caracheo moved to Michigan at the age of five. He currently studies at Davenport University where he received a full-ride scholarship.

“On one side, I kind of just want stability and I just want to be able to think in the long-term and in that sense, I have considered even maybe Canada as an option,” Caracheo said. “But then there’s also that other side of me that also thinks that while I haven’t been that connected with my Mexican culture, I really feel for them and I feel like I’ve had a lot of opportunities and gained a lot of skill and I think that I would like to maybe someday go back.”

Congress has deliberated over which permanent solution to adopt in place of DACA, if they vote to replace it at all. Many Dreamers have advocated for the Dream Act, which was almost passed in 2011.

Through the Dream Act, DACA recipients would be automatically granted conditional permanent residency for up to eight years and then have the ability to gain naturalized citizenship. Recipients

would still be vetted and required to pass certain security checks, according to immigration lawyer Richard Kessler, who believes the Dream Act is the most comprehensive option for the country.

If no permanent solution is in place when DACA expires early next year, it will have an effect not only on its recipients but on the economy as well.

“There are big employers in Grand Rapids—booking.com is one that comes to mind—and it probably has, I don’t know how many, maybe 40 to 50 DACA people working there, most of them bilingual—which is a special skill they want. It will affect the military; there are over 900 DACA people in the military. So it’s going to have a big effect, not only on the young people but on the economy as a whole,” Kessler said.

Until March 5, Dreamers’ lives hang in the balance as congress decides on a permanent solution.

“It’s terrible but I think obviously I think it’s going to be tremendously difficult on these individual young people,” Kessler said. “It’s almost worse to having been kind of given a taste of freedom and then have it taken away.”

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Someone call Nancy Drew!

Harley Harrison

News Editor

Partners in crime

Nov. 10, 10:14 p.m., officers arrested two suspects and referred both to the Office of Student Conduct for violating the Controlled Substance Act and for a narcotics equipment violation.

Keep it civil

Nov. 11, 7:56 a.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic assault in Finch Court. Two warrant requests were submitted and two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Bros in Brophy

Nov. 11, 9:49 p.m., officers assisted Brophy Hall staff with an odor of marijuana complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Drugs, drugs, drugs

Nov. 12, 1:24 a.m., officers assisted hall staff in Clark Hall for an odor of marijuana complaint. One subject was arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

You can run, but you can't hide

Nov. 13, 2:49 a.m., officers arrested one subject in Lot 44 for a narcotics equipment and controlled substance violation. The subject was also referred to the

Office of Student Conduct.

Someone call Nancy Drew!

Nov. 13, 7:15 p.m., officers investigated a report of larceny after a subject lost items on the sidewalk on the way to Williams Auditorium from Clark Hall. The missing wallet was found but the money inside it had been stolen. The case was closed after a lack of suspects.

A hostile environment

Nov. 13, 10:13 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint in North Hall. A warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Searching for clues

Nov. 16, 1 p.m., officers investigated a report of larceny in the West Commons. A warrant request was submitted.

What happened here?

Nov. 16, 5:02 p.m., officers responded to a report of a malicious destruction of property in Lot 71. The case is still ongoing.

Busted in Bond

Nov. 17, 1:44 a.m., officers assisted Bond Hall staff with a controlled substance violation. One student was arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Harley Harrison

News Editor

Harare, Zimbabwe

After being put under house arrest by the military, President Robert Mugabe was removed from office, which ended his almost 40 year reign. Over the past week, thousands of citizens and members of the military took to the streets in unity, protesting Mugabe's presidency. Mugabe will be replaced by his right-hand man, Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Original story by Jeffrey Moyo, Nov. 18, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Sinai Peninsula, Egypt

235 people were found dead and roughly 109 were injured after Islamist militants detonated a bomb inside a mosque and then shot at the worshipers trying to flee. The attack has been determined to be the deadliest terrorist attack in Egypt's modern history.

Original story by Declan Walsh and Nour

Youssef, Nov. 24, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Beijing, China

A kindergarten has been accused of feeding children pills, jabbing them with needles and forcing them to strip naked. While the accusations have not been confirmed by police and education officials, many members of the Chinese public and commenters on the Internet fear that the accusations are true.

Original story by Chris Buckley and Karoline Kan, Nov. 24, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Rwanda

Rwanda has offered to help thousands of African migrants who are being held in Libya and reportedly being auctioned off as slaves. Rwanda's Foreign Ministry claimed that it was horrified and that it would house or help repatriate the migrants.

Original story by Alan Cowell, Nov. 23, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Beautiful gems

Award-winning media maker, social critic and writer Erica Williams Simon spoke to a ballroom packed with students about life and finding your place in the world.

See page 15 for the full story.

Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor



NEWS BRIEFS

Harley Harrison

News Editor

St. Andrews cookie walk

Join St. Andrews Episcopal Church Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 10 a.m. in fundraising for local outreach programs including Our Brother's Keeper and the Manna Pantry. Attendees can purchase homemade holiday cookies, Rada knives, corn brooms and Manna Pantry soup mixes, with all proceeds going back to the community. For more information, please call the church at (231) 796-5473.

Open circle

Join the Hispanic Student Organization, the African Student Union and the National Organization for Women for a discussion about social issues and diversity on campus. The discussion will take place in the Interdisciplinary Resource Center room 131, Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 11 to 11:50 a.m. For more information, contact Christian Gomez at gomezcc1@ferris.edu.

Holly jolly DIY

Visit the Center of Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) to decorate gingerbread cookies and ornaments for free Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the CLACS Office. Call CLACS at (231) 591-2685 for more information.

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Need a Lyft?



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The new Campus Drive app provides both jobs and rides for students at Ferris.

New law allows rideshare companies to operate in Big Rapids

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Whether you don't have a car, or you want to get back safely from the bar, rideshare apps make affordable travel easier.

Public transportation in Big Rapids is basically limited to Dial-A-Ride and while it can be a cost-effective way to travel around town, the many stops can make it a time-consuming experience. Although there are multiple taxi services inside the city, rideshare apps weren't available until recently. Rideshare organizations provide a car service arranged by privately owned vehicles for a small fee, such as Uber or Lyft.

"A lot of my friends use [taxis] to get to parties and to get back from parties," Ferris pre-nursing freshman Hayley Beering said. "I also have a friend who just walks everywhere so I think that he'd benefit a lot from [more options]."

Before March, rideshare services were not allowed in the city due to issues with licensing and the fact that Michigan had no formal regulations on the industry. With the passing of the Transportation Network Company Act on March 21, rideshare apps are now treated like taxi services, which allows them to operate in Big Rapids.

Pre-nursing freshman Lindsey Burns believes that rideshare

apps will cut down the prices of taxis and help students who don't have a car at Ferris.

"One of my friends doesn't have a car and when she wants to go to Meijer to get something, she always has to get her suitemate to drive her so she would probably use [rideshare apps] to get around," Burns said.

Right now, at least two rideshare apps, Lyft and Campus Drive, are competing for the business of residents and students in Big Rapids, which may allow students an easier way to travel.

Many people have heard of Lyft, which is the second largest rideshare app in America and only trails Uber in users. Campus Drive is the lesser-known option for students but could greatly benefit Ferris students looking for rides and students looking for jobs.

The Campus Drive app is exclusively for students and uses only student drivers, which is something that many Ferris students find to be an aspect that sets Campus Drive above other rideshare apps.

"If I had to choose between Uber, Lyft and Campus Drive, I'd probably choose Campus Drive because they're more your age,

they know what you're doing and they get the experience," Ferris pre-nursing freshman Alexis Hartzell said. "It would be more comfortable and knowing that you're going to get a student would help a lot."



Alexis Hartzell

a vehicle that is a 2007 model year or newer.

In comparison, Lyft also requires drivers are at least 21 years old, but only requires a 2005 model year or newer vehicle that has four doors and seats at least five people.

Lyft is available for both Android and iOS, Campus Drive claims to also be available on both platforms but as of November 24, could only be found for iOS. A Campus Drive representative was unable to be reached for comment about the issue.



Lindsey Burns

The weight of the word



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Ferris alumnus and Curator of the True Black History Museum Fred Saffold III was one of three members of a panel discussion focused on the usage of racial slurs at Ferris.

Ferris frat hosts panel discussion on use of racial slurs on campus

Meg Lewton
Torch Reporter

One six-letter word can have a larger impact than people may realize.

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, the Ferris chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity held "The 'N' Word," a panel discussion on the racial slur in the University Center. The event intended to inform students about the history and the role of the word in society.

"It's just one of those things to create discussion and dialogue to get perspective and not just be judgmental," Ferris history senior and President of Omega Psi Phi Kristopher Alexander said. "I wanted to have a black side and then a white perspective on the word as well, because it's very prevalent and this is one of those uncomfortable things that people do but don't really want to talk about."

The panel consisted of Ferris history professor Dr. Kimn Carlton-Smith, Ferris social work professor Dr. Rita Walters and Curator of the True Black History Museum Fred Saffold III. About 20 students attended the discussion.

Alexander was inspired to host

the event in response to the Office of Multicultural Student Services' (OMSS) discussion on racism and privilege earlier this semester, where the word was one of the topics mentioned. Alexander wanted to have an entire event to dig deeper into the topic.

"I feel like this is a topic that's been shied away from for many years and that people don't want to talk about," Ferris business administration and legal studies junior and Vice President of Omega Psi Phi Zachary Bowman said. "It's a sensitive topic but it's also the elephant in the room, especially being at Ferris."

Alexander hoped the discussion would be eye-opening to Ferris students who haven't had experience with the "N word" in the past and don't know its impact.

"Coming from Detroit, coming to Big Rapids, it was a completely different demographic. And I know some people come from country or small places where they might not have interacted with black people before or anything like that," Alexander said. "Let's talk to each other as a person from different backgrounds to learn and to grow and to know each other and understand each other on a broader level."

Ferris social work junior Alyssa Herl, who has had little exposure to the topic in her hometown, found the discussion informative.

"I didn't really know much

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Just one more

Break your Netflix addiction in time for finals

Meg Lewton
Torch Reporter

Watching TV in large quantities is an easy way to procrastinate, so it's time for Bulldogs to save Netflix and chill until winter break.

A study conducted by Dr. Geoffrey Graybeal and published by the student newspaper, The Daily Toreader, revealed that nine out of 10 college students are Netflix users. The study also showed that 88 percent of people admit to binge-watching on Netflix, which means watching three or more episodes at one time.

Binge-watching commonly leads to procrastination. Ferris social work sophomore Allyson Yarger explained that watching Netflix often distracts her from other responsibilities.

"If you really get into a show, then you want to know what happens next instead of doing homework or studying for a test," Yarger said. "One time I watched a lot, like maybe eight hours."

Aside from being a form of entertainment, Netflix can have some positive effects on students, as well. Ferris pre-pharmacy senior Jordin Woodward said that playing TV shows while studying



Jordin Woodward

helps her focus. "I'm more of a person that likes to have it on in the background," Woodward said. "Some of my attention does go to that instead of what I should be doing but I like to study with noise in the background, so in that way, it kind of

helps, too."

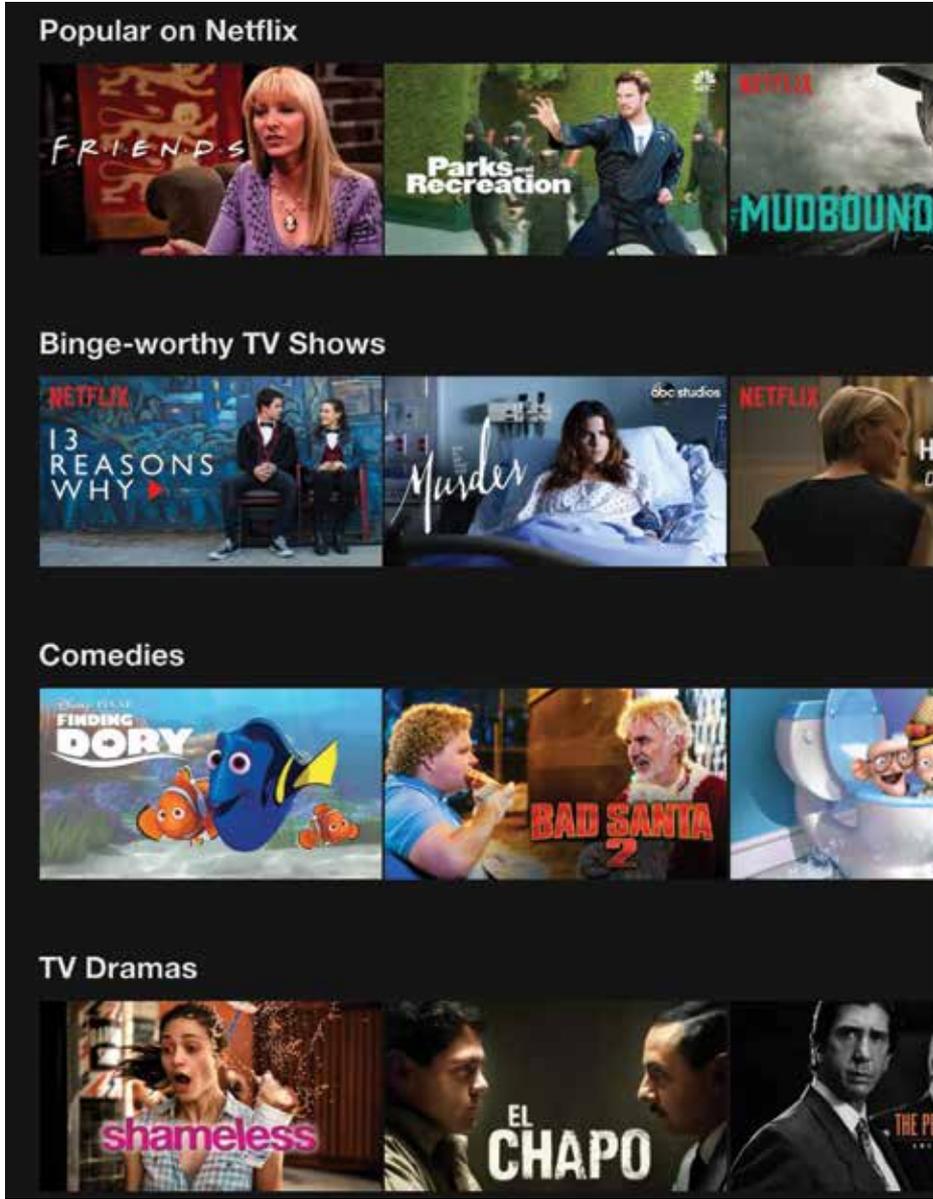
Ferris business administration junior Sommer Piro agreed that she uses Netflix as white noise but it can sometimes distract her.

"Sometimes I do like to have the TV playing while doing homework for some background noise but it can't be a show or something that I'm really into, otherwise I will put all my attention towards the TV," Piro said.

Despite the role it plays in student procrastination, Netflix use in moderation is okay. According to an analysis of Graybeal's study by technographics.com, Netflix users can curb their addiction by setting a timer to turn off the WiFi for the night and turning off auto-play. It also suggested that viewers stop the episode three-quarters of the way through before the episode's climax so the viewer won't be stuck with a cliffhanger.



Sommer Piro



A new study shows that 88 percent of students binge-watch Netflix.

Promotional photo



Photo by: Harley Harrison | News Editor

The city water plants have three filters that catch all contaminants before water is sent to the reservoirs.

Water

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It's important to note that fluoride and phosphate are added to the water. The phosphate protects the water from the pipe and other contaminants in the pipe. When the water leaves the plant, it has zero lead in it and the well water is also tested each year.

"If there's something in those test wells that come back bad, that gives us a 10-year window to move our wells to a different aquifer and stuff like that before it actually reaches the wells themselves, and so that's tested every year. All four wells are inspected every year, tested for performance and cleaned and things like that," Cook said. "And so it's pretty maintenance intensive, I guess, for a lack of a better term. We go through and just make sure we're not going to have any troubles with the

water supply."

So with such an extensive process completed by the city, how does the lead get into the water?

"Now, we used to [test] it once a year, now we do it twice a year and many more locations. And what they mandated is that you try and find contaminated places," Gifford said. "So we did all these samples, all across town, in all these targeted locations and 90 percent of those come back with nothing in them. No lead—zero. Very few of them come back with very small amounts of lead and how it gets there is from the contact with the plumbing in somebody's home or apartment or that kind of thing.



Steve Cook

That's where it gets into the water but it's very rare."

Older homes that have outdated plumbing are more likely to have lead contaminants in the water than newer plumbing systems but regardless, it is the homeowner's responsibility.

"And so what the city does is provide an opportunity for anyone, not just city residents to have their water sampled and see if, in fact, their plumbing is in any way affecting the drinking water within their own homes or businesses," Big Rapids Public Works Director Heather Bowman said. "That's a service that has been available for a very long time."

According to Cook, anyone who is concerned about the quality of their water can have it tested by the city for \$26. More information about where to get the testing supplies and how to test your water can be found by contacting the city water plant at (231) 796-6231.

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about the history of the word," Herl said. "I came from a small, rural town, where there's like no African-Americans. It's not something I've been exposed to in my life."

The long-term goal of the event is to inspire students to terminate their use of the word.

"I pretty much feel like a lot of people, they know about the topic but there's no change to the topic," Bowman said. "Hopefully something will come about this and everybody can take the steps towards the right thing."

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OPINIONS

“Net neutrality is for the consumer and it should stay that way.”
-Marley Tucker, see below for story

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Chat with the chief Editor-in-Chief, Angela Graf

I have a stutter. Ever since I was a little kid, I have been tripping over my words, losing them somewhere in my mouth while my tongue tries to keep up with my brain.

I have a stutter, so sitting in class in grade school during popcorn reading was the single worst feeling in my young life. I was terrified that someone was going to call on me to read one of the paragraphs that I didn't get to rehearse in my head.

I have had boyfriends make fun of me because, to them, it's cute or funny or whatever but I

have to laugh to swallow back tears. Inside I want to curl up and die. It's not funny to me and drawing attention to it only makes it all the worse.

I have a stutter, so class presentations and staff meetings at work still make me break out into a cold sweat. I've learned to compensate and be overly conversational and confident, there's no way I could mess up but sometimes I still do.

I did speech therapy for a while, and I practice what I'm going to say over and over again in my head before I open my

mouth but still sometimes things get twisted.

My stutter pops up and waves to me, reminding me that it can make me look like an idiot at any moment, which as you can imagine, only makes me all the more nervous.

I have a stutter, and I remember when I was 16 that I started referring to my mother by her first name when she wasn't around. Most people thought it was because I thought it was cool, some other parents even accused me of being disrespectful but really I just have a hard

time with the letter "M." Saying "my mom" was a living hell.

If you hear me trip and see a look of sheer panic on my face while I try and think of a synonym, just be patient and smile. Don't look at me like I'm growing a third arm out of my chest.

If you know someone with a speech impediment, be patient and positive. Don't joke or be overly sympathetic. Odds are they deal with this on a daily basis—just give them a second.

I have a stutter and I probably always will. And that's okay.

Cyber wars

Kiss your Netflix goodbye without net neutrality



Marley Tucker
Opinions Editor

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently unveiled its plan to change regulations that allow equal access to the Internet, otherwise known as net neutrality. They were hoping we'd be too busy eating turkey and cranberry sauce to notice what's happening but we did.

I read through their proposed plan as I was browsing "Business Insider" and I think it's awful for multiple reasons. Net neutrality is the last defense for a free and open Internet against one where your Internet service providers can make it harder for you to access parts of the net.

Here's the deal: the FCC wants to change regulations that ban Internet service providers from dictating how broadband—referring to high-speed Internet access that's faster than dial-up—is used. Without that rule, the FCC can't protect you from providers abusing lack of competition in the industry.

Do you remember the sound of dial-up? Think back to your childhood. It's almost 2018 and I for one don't want to experience maddeningly slow Internet access like I'm playing Minesweeper on Windows 95 because a corporation wants me to buy into a payment plan.

The future of the Internet is on the line here, quite literally. This entire situation sounds like the setup of a dystopia society from a George Orwell novel. We'll lose more than net neutrality if we set up this kind of precedent where corporations can do what they want.

Point blank, broadband providers shouldn't decide which websites, apps or content you can use. Verizon has challenged this notion before. What will stop them from blocking political opinions, competitor's content or restricting access to information?

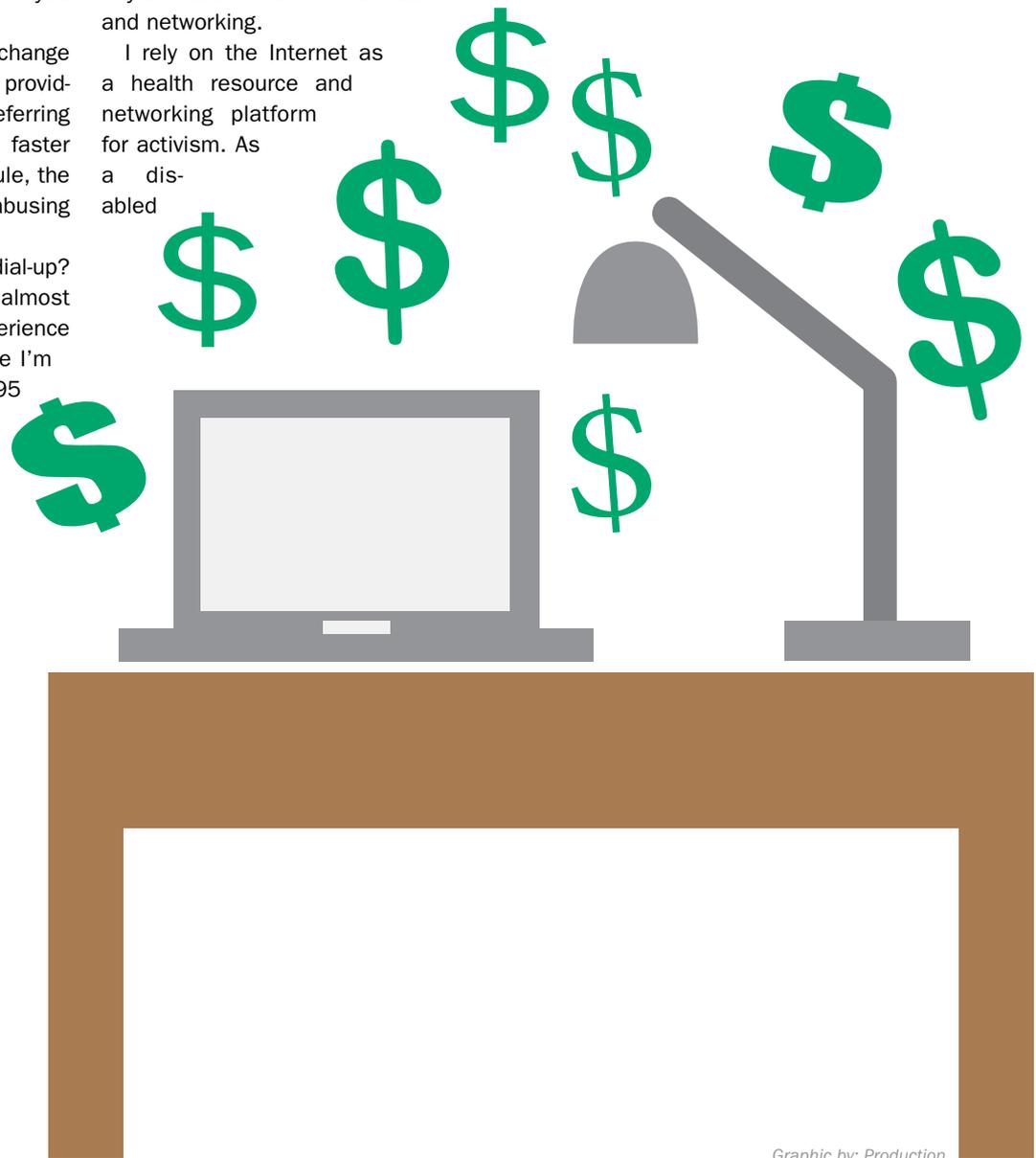
This plan is not out there to benefit consumers. This lack of transparency is extremely concerning. Rolling back current regulations might also make it possible for corporations to strong-

hold Internet companies to pay for faster connections. This can drive up the prices of things we hold dear like Netflix, Skype and Facebook. It will also discriminate against people in lower tax brackets and those who rely on the Internet for information and networking.

I rely on the Internet as a health resource and networking platform for activism. As a disabled

woman, the Internet is sometimes my only tether to the outside world when I am particularly ill. I participate in support groups through social media and connect with people in legislation to ensure disability rights are given due diligence. I am not alone in this.

Losing access or being forced to pay for something that is currently free does not sit well with me and it shouldn't for you. Net neutrality is for the consumer and it should stay that way.



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Screw-ge you

There's never a bad time for Christmas music



Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

It's that time of the year, folks! Thanksgiving has come and gone and as I type this, Christmas music is humming through the speakers of my laptop as it has been since Nov. 1.

I know what you're thinking: "Wait a second, did this guy seriously just say he has been listening to Christmas music since Halloween?"

To which I respond with a hearty HELL-TO-THE-YES!

Growing up, I was always told by my parents that Christmas music was not to be played until at least the day after Thanksgiving. I can remember loading my MP3 player with holiday tunes, just so I could listen to them without being scolded.

I never quite understood why it was such a bad thing to want to fill my life with holiday cheer a little earlier than everyone else.

There are thousands of Christmas songs out there, yet I'm expected to be emotionally and spiritually fulfilled with only 25 "appropriate" days to listen to them? Why is it such a big deal anyway? It's not like I skip Thanksgiving every year. I'm still going to slip deep into a food-induced coma in late November.

Also, I don't see any Thanksgiving-themed music to tide me over until it's "appropriate" to listen to my Christmas playlist. Think about it—October is filled with Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and the classic "Monster Mash." December has "Let it Snow" and "Baby it's Cold Outside" but I don't see any November ballads dedicated to turkey and stuffing. Someone should get on that.

If one-day Justin Bieber replaces his holiday hit "Mistletoe" with "Mashed Potato" or Eartha Kitt rises from the grave to introduce the world to a new version of her hit "Santa Baby" with the title "Turkey Gravy," I'll be glad to give it a listen.

Until that day arrives, you can expect to hear the best of Mariah Carey and Michael Bublé's respective Christmas albums permeating through the walls of my resident hall.

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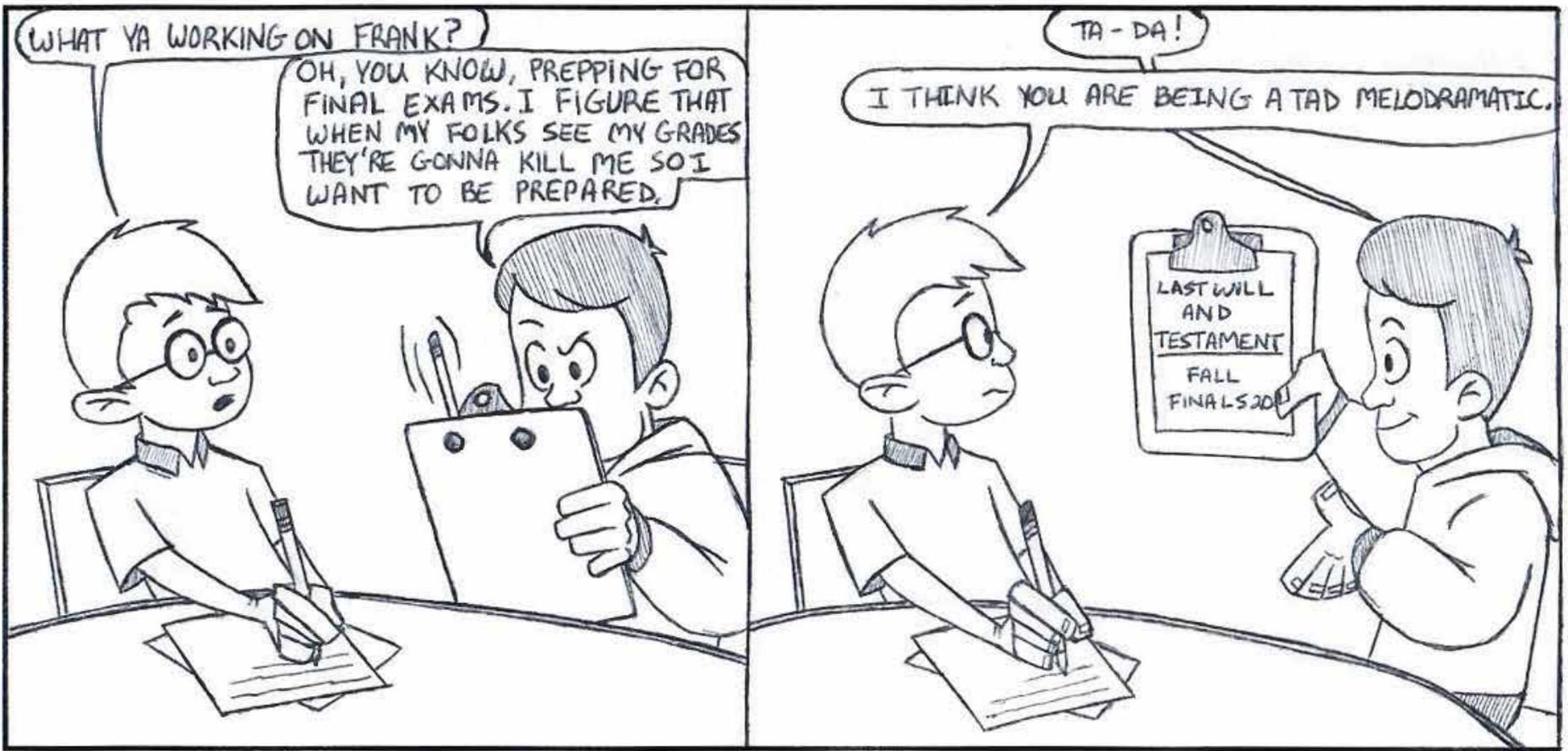


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Three cheers for volunteers

Consider volunteering to change one person's life

Lately, I've been having the recurring thought of my presence in this world actually having a purpose. As I'm walking across campus to class in the mornings, with the cool winter air on my face and my peers around me, I can't help but feel as if I am part of a statistic—just another college student here to earn a degree. While there is absolutely nothing wrong with that, I can't help but feel like I want to be doing something more.

In college, it is so important to be intentional with our time. We sometimes fall victim to spending all day on a Saturday in bed because we are "just relaxing." Our busy class and work schedules, extracurricular activities, mountains of homework



Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

and social lives can prove to be exhausting after a while. A lot of us do not want to spend extra hours that we could be watching Netflix volunteering. I think that volunteering has gained a negative connotation over the years, especially in a college setting. A lot of us view it as the number of hours we have to get done or working without the payment. And I can agree with you. There's a lot of other things I would

rather be doing than raking a stranger's leaves in the freezing cold or spending all day prepping food for a soup kitchen.

The volunteer life may not be glamorous but it is worth it. Becoming involved in volunteer work allows you to see a community in a completely different way. It allows you to become close to the people of the community, establishing solid relationships that help you grow as an individual. For example, volunteering at an assisted living or nursing home will allow you to form friendships with the residents and learn from what they have to say.

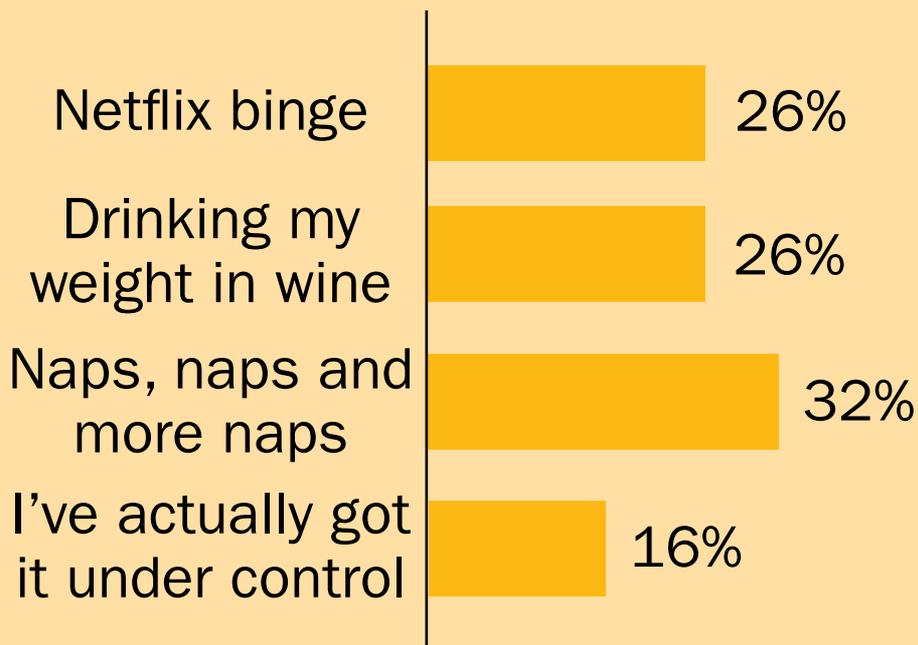
Our world needs more volunteers. Recently I've learned that the little things matter. I seem to idolize trips to foreign

countries that work to rebuild homes and care for sick children. While this is a wonderful opportunity, it is not the only way to change the world.

We often miss that changing the world can start in our very own community. Maybe it's something small like volunteering a few hours of your time to help a friend with calculus homework. Maybe it's raking your neighbor's leaves or watching your friend's cat while they are away. Big Rapids has many amazing organizations that are looking for volunteers, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the American Red Cross. Go out and change the world.

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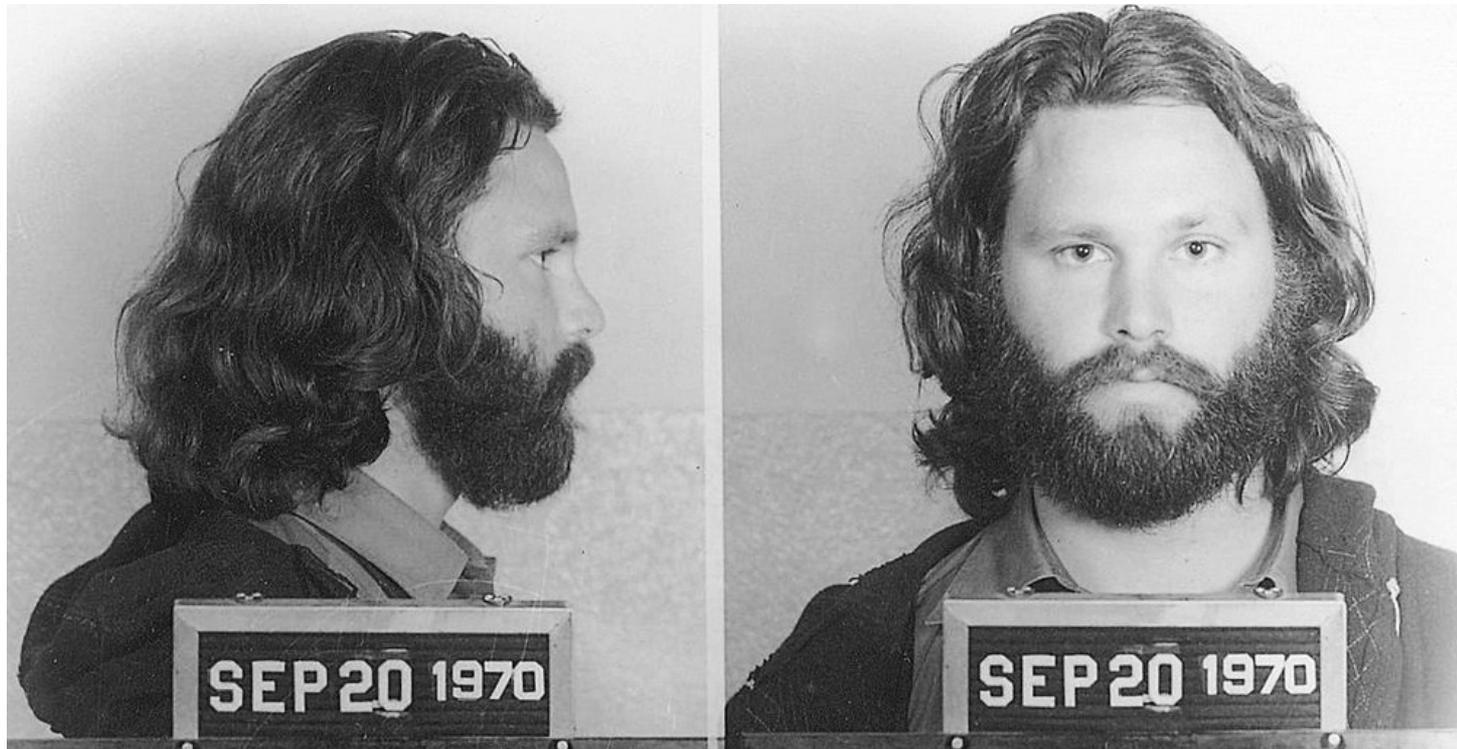
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Make the most of your mugshot

Josten's expands from high school yearbook photography to commemorating the legal troubles of college students



This guy's mom probably would've loved a few glossy 8 x 10" Josten's portraits of this cheerful mug.

Axel Treecross
False Prophet

Mugshots taken by the local campus police force are about to get a lot more glamorous.

Readers may recall ordering from Josten's, which has always been in the business of taking high school yearbook photos but there's a vacuum once students go to college.

"The only photos taken of college students are usually poorly-lit selfies covered by Snapchat filters," Josten's photographer Edwin McGorning said. "That's not what parents want as a keepsake for the most formative years of their kids' lives."

Josten's was looking to change all that by partnering with select campus police forces, including the Ferris State Department of Public Safety.

Since Monday, Nov. 20, Josten's has been responsible for taking all mugshots of students arrested or ticketed by Ferris DPS and makes the photos available to the parents of the

students at a reasonable cost.

"Don't get me wrong, I was a bit disappointed that my son was caught with weed in his dorm for the third time this semester but I was so glad that the folks at Josten's captured a snapshot of my little guy's college experience for us," Ferris accounting freshman Willy Schuther's mother Theresa said.

Schuther decided to get ahead of the holidays this year by turning her son's mugshot into the family Christmas card and it was all thanks to Josten's affordable prices.

At the cost of just \$19.99 for photography and printing plus all of the student's financial aid due to the drug charge, the Schuther family will be ringing in the holiday season in style.

Some of the other more extravagant packages offered include a collection of wallet-sized portraits, a larger-than-life cardboard cutout of mommy's little delinquent and a coffee mug bearing the disoriented mug of the incriminated student.

"This partnership has been great for us. Now we don't have to waste time taking our own mugshots and the extra income has allowed us to buy all kinds of cool cop stuff," Ferris DPS Officer Marty Wiggum said.

With the extra revenue, the department has invested heavily in coffee and donuts, opting to spring for extra large mochas and lattes instead of black coffee, which has also necessitated the purchase of bigger utility belts to compensate for the extra calories.

"We were also able to pay for an improv class for everyone on the force. Our one-liners during arrests are better than they've ever been," Wiggum said. "Oh, and we bought a tank. See what happens if you don't feed the meter now."

For those interested in commemorating their mugshot for their parents, just ask your arresting officer for a photo package order form while he's reading your Miranda Rights.

Coasting super seniors graduating in December casually counting the amount of homework assignments they can skip while still barely passing the class

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New study by Ferris professor finds correlation between proclaiming Saturday is for the boys and girls not wanting to hang out with you any day of the week

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"Wow, that person must be really important," said no one of business student wearing a suit to class every day

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Tire Fire Satirical insert laced with absurdity, hyperbole and going way too far

Pull out this section for the hardest-hitting fake news ever put to print

Say uncle

Obnoxious uncle makes racist comments at Thanksgiving... again

Roz Well
Alien Enthusiast

Thanksgiving is intended to be a peaceful day to celebrate with your family and it would be if someone stopped inviting your racist uncle to dinner.

With any sane family, the conversation tactfully avoids politics. With uncle Randy, he will find any reason to bring up the election, immigration and oddly, Miley Cyrus. By the time you've sat down to dinner he has already insulted four religions, six races, women and all Democrats.

He uses his turn to say what he's thankful for to exclaim, "Thank God for Trump, he's gonna make America great again!"

It would be a welcome break for your family to interrogate you about why you haven't graduated yet, or why you're still single. However, everyone sits in stunned silence as Randy instead makes sexist comments about Hillary Clinton and racist comments about Barack Obama.

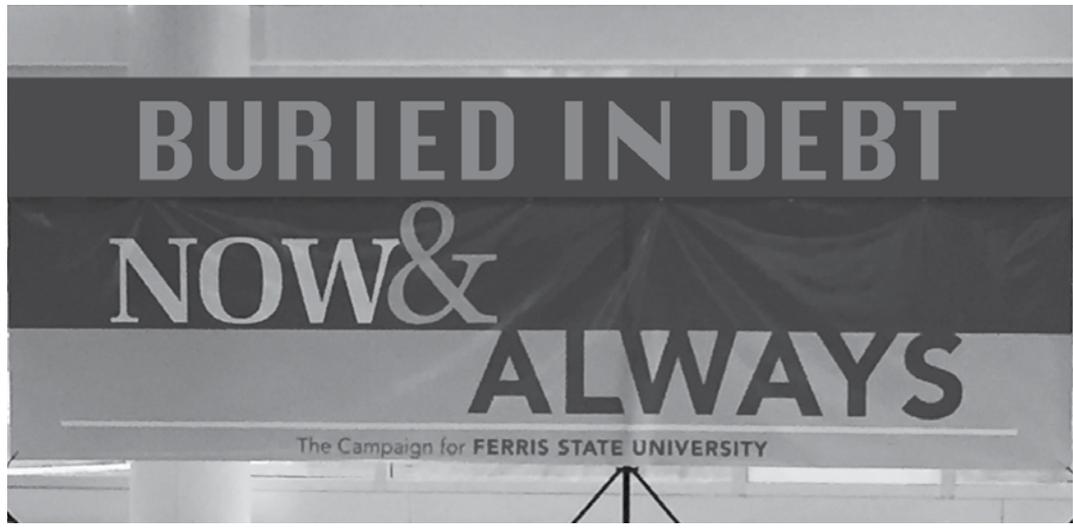
He complains about all of the food but brought nothing to contribute because, "It's a woman's job to be in the kitchen."

No one really knows who actually invites him but nonetheless, he shows up every year regardless of how many times the venue has been changed. He barges in every year and shouts, "The party's here!" as he lugs a case of PBR through the door.

He then proceeds to chug beer as if he is some sort of alcoholic trout. There is a direct relationship between the number of beers he's had and the decibel of his voice.

Once he has insulted every single person at the table plus the rest of the world, uncle Randy finally switches from politics to why no woman is good enough for him and that's why he's not married.

As soon as uncle Randy is finished with his case of beer, he takes most of the food without asking anyone and leaves without so much as a goodbye.



A banner stands above the west exit of the University Center, serving as a constant reminder that Ferris students will never stop opening their wallets to FSU.

Ferris hitting up current students, recent graduates still incapacitated by student loan debt for donations as part of brand new fundraising campaign

Beau Weelhaus
Tickle Monster

Ferris has launched a fundraising campaign to squeeze every last penny out of its current students and recent graduates in hopes of reaching \$80 million in donations.

"Don't get me wrong, I love my university but you know what else I love? Being able to afford food," Ferris marketing junior Kate McCarthon. "How is Ferris just going to casually spam me with emails asking for donations when I'm already on the wrong end of \$36,000 in student loans?"

The Ferris Foundation's Now & Al-

ways Campaign was launched in grand fashion on Friday, Nov. 10, with a launch party offering food, a keynote speaker and a \$250 ticket price.

An invitation to the launch party was sent out via mass email to the entire Ferris community, including all current students crippled by tuition costs.

"I'm not about to sacrifice half a month's rent to go rub elbows with a bunch of rich snobs," McCarthon said. "Someone needs to tell these people that the campaign isn't helping students if current students are the ones giving the donations."

Representatives of the Ferris Foundation

were surprised to find that students didn't appreciate being bombarded with demands for cash handouts.

"Don't these people understand that we're doing this for them? Don't they appreciate our efforts? Won't they give us their money?" Ferris Foundation President Marcus Merkin said. "I mean, we're accepting any amount, be it \$1,000, \$20,000 or your first born child. Any amount helps our campaign."

At press time, the Ferris Foundation was drawing up plans to hold students' transcripts for ransom until a donation is made.

Tire Fire Poll Results



What made you want to enroll at Ferris?

I was turned away from literally every other accredited university.



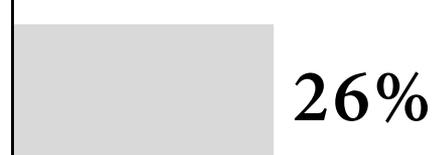
I look damn good in crimson and gold



I wanted to major in golf management, which is totally a real major, OK?



I'm mentally unstable and not to be trusted.



Cheap thrills

Black Friday: a day when 50 percent off just isn't enough



This is either a photo of Black Friday shoppers or a scene from AMC's "The Walking Dead." We're honestly not sure which.

Freeda Friday *Recovering Shopaholic*

Politeness was tossed aside as Big Rapids residents and Ferris students alike woke at the crack of dawn to buy an abundance of things they, "absolutely had to have."

Black Friday, once again, swept the nation like the black plague. Though America's favorite holiday began Wednesday, the actual Friday of Black Friday began Nov. 24.

"Geez, I wanted to try my hand at Black Friday this year but what a mistake that was," Ferris penny-pinching junior Fredrick Rick said. "I woke up at 3 a.m., drove out to Grand Rapids and found that almost everything was almost gone. All that was left was about 100 salt and pepper shakers and who the hell needs that?"

"I bought 100 salt and pepper shakers for only three cents," Ferris money management sophomore Kendra Allen said. "It was such a steal."

This was Allen's 17th year going Black Friday shopping. The 18-year-

old still remembers her first sale when she helped her mom roundhouse kick a fellow shopper who was trying to buy up all the Mickey Mouse pacifiers.

"This is a real bonding experience for my mom and I," Allen said. "I even bought us matching rings this year which will for sure help fend off the crazy bargain shoppers."

Because of the bargain deals, Black Friday is known for bringing a lot of the crazies out not only on the road but in the stores as well.

"I screamed at a cashier until they cried," Ferris human resources senior Lisa Kook said. "I mean, I had sales and coupons where everything should've been free but they insisted I still owed a 50-cent tax. People are seriously ridiculous on this holiday, just give me the free stuff, damn it."

Kook plans to sue the cashier who got in her way of having an excellent Friday.

"I'm not trying to be rude or anything, I just don't understand how some people can just be so oblivious to how they

treat people," Kook said.

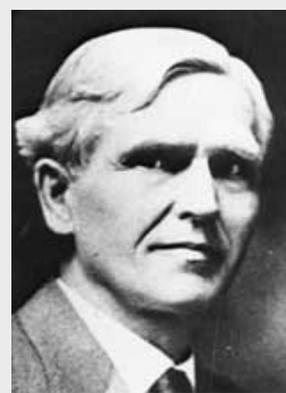
Ferris construction freshman and box store manager Bill Quad was one of the unfortunate people who were stuck working the day after Thanksgiving.

"God, I hate Black Friday, it makes me hate people more than I already do," Quad said. "I've just gotten into the habit of giving them whatever they want, except this year there was this crazy lady that was mad about having to pay 50-cents. I mean, I was just really stern about it and basically told her tough luck. Nobody scares me."

Quad proceeded to jump out of his skin as a customer asked him to point them to the nearest bathroom.

Crazies and cashiers alike, Black Friday will forever be America's favorite holiday because of all of the unbeatable bargains it offers and the adrenaline it provides.

"I've never felt more alive," Ferris psychology junior Ashley Ham said, twitching as she held up her new pair of UGG boots she got on sale for \$199.99.



Ask Woodbridge

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"I am a freshman at Ferris and I have a really hard time not laughing when people fall off their longboards or bikes. My friends says that I'm embarrassing but I can't help it, it just comes up like hysterical vomit. What should I do?"

- Andrea the sadist

First off, you're a freshman so whatever you do, you'll be an embarrassment. Secondly, just wait for black ice. That's when the real fun begins.

- Woodbridge

"Dude, I am so fricken cold. How do I stay warm during winter?"

- Frozen Freddy

That is, without a doubt, the worst question I have ever heard. You live in MICHIGAN. You can't "stay warm." Michigan winters imply coldness and death. Think dementor climate or the Upside Down. Got it? Good.

- Woodbridge

"As a broke college student, I'm not sure I can afford to get everybody gifts. What should I do?"

- Christmas Carol

Do not fear. You can make a number of homemade gifts to substitute your lack of funding. For example, you can use your tears from exam week to water flowers for your mom. Once you start getting creative, the possibilities are endless.

- Woodbridge

"I just got back from an engineering internship where I lived alone and had super fast Internet for my online gaming. Now that I'm back in Big Rapids, I have to deal with bad Internet speed and a roommate. Should I just bite the bullet and do more productive things, or attempt to remedy my situation?"

- Landon of Traverse

Wait, do you mean to tell me that you still do online gaming? How old are you? I'm going to suggest that you get a social life. Maybe travel, learn how to ride a bike, make friends, go to a party, clean what I can only imagine is a pizza box-infested apartment, talk to your roommate or learn to cook. This is guaranteed to help solve your insufferable first-world problem.

- Woodbridge

"I'm not sure what I want for Christmas, everything just seems so childish. Suggestions?"

- Mild Mike

Ah, yes. Welcome to adulthood, where gifts are significantly less materialistic. I might suggest asking for the following: a nap, sanity, a new presidential election, silence, no plans, time and more naps.

- Woodbridge

This is hookup hell

Ferris student stuck in perpetual walk of shame

William Smith
No, Not That One

It's everyone's biggest fear, seeing someone you hooked up with in actual daylight. For technical communication junior Elaine Jankowski, that fear has become a disturbing reality.

She met Ferris professional tennis management sophomore Topher Anderson at Oakwood, and went home with him one night. She thought that everything would work out and she'd never see him again.

Much to Jankowski's dismay, as soon as she arrived on campus she ran into Anderson. As it turned out, Jankowski's ENGL 269 class had a new teacher's assistant. To Jankowski's horror, the teacher's assistant was Anderson.

"I immediately wanted to get up and leave but I was sitting in

the front row and I couldn't go anywhere," Jankowski said.

She fled the Starr building after her class, but she ran into Anderson again at the UC Starbucks. Coincidentally, Anderson had just been hired as a barista, which Jankowski realized as "Tasty Topher" handed over her Grande non-fat no-whip pumpkin spice latte, smiling in a lovable rascal kind of way.

"I love a girl who likes her pumpkin," Anderson commented.

"I almost dropped my drink, but it was like, ten dollars," Jankowski said.

Jankowski's roommates took her out to the bar on the weekend, in an attempt to get her plastered so she could forget the events of the past week.

However, Anderson had also gone out with his roommates,



Nightmarish hookup and Ferris student Topher Anderson looks on from behind the Starbucks counter at the woman he's stalking.

and bumped into Jankowski. In her drunken stupor, Jankowski started screaming belligerently and threw her drink at Anderson.

Bouncers removed Jankowski from the building. Jankowski only had this to say about that evening: "I was never supposed to see him again, why does the universe hate me?"

During the Tire Fire's exclusive interview with Jankowski,

Anderson sauntered up and provided some unexpected commentary.

"Hey girl, whatcha doin' this weekend? We can Netflix and chill on Friday but Saturday is for the boys," Anderson said.

Jankowski's only reply was to lean over and vomit on the floor in the middle of the University Center.

- OFF THE RECORD -

Campus exploits that aren't necessarily illegal or reported to DPS but probably should be

Harvey Hankerson
Bruise Editor

Hang another banner

Nov. 19, 4:30 p.m., the Ferris State volleyball team allowed the rest of the GLIAC some modicum of false hope in the conference tournament before destroying them all on their way to another championship.

Really, dude?

Nov. 21, 10 a.m., a male student who hasn't shown up to lecture in, like, six weeks asks a classmate for the notes from the last seven chapters as if that's what is going to turn his life around.

Traumatic for both parties

Nov. 21, 2 p.m., a male dorm resident thought he would have time for a quick masturbation session before his roommate returned from The Rock Cafe. He was wrong.

The ultimate sin

Nov. 22, 11 a.m., a dastardly economics professor refused to cancel class, or even make attendance optional, in a lecture that started just one hour before break began.



Make it stop

Nov. 25, 8 p.m., every radio station agreed to commence the relentless bludgeoning of the public with Christmas music.

Back to business

Nov. 27, 8 a.m., all Ferris students bellowed a collective groan as Thanksgiving break comes to an end and regular classes resume.

This isn't high school

Nov. 27, 1 p.m., a timid female freshman student actually raised her hand to ask her FSUS professor if she could be excused to use the bathroom.

It's called the "silent zone" for a reason

Nov. 28, 6 p.m., a female student sneezed on the third floor of FLITE. She was forcibly removed by library staff and banned from ever returning.

Policing politeness

Nov. 28, 11 a.m., a male student walked through a door being held open for him by another student in the Starr Building and failed to mutter, "Thanks."

SPORTS

"When we need you, you got to suit up and do what you got to do."
- Keyondre Craig - See page 10 for story

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Did someone say dynasty?



Photo by: Will Schafer | Interim Photographer

Senior Nicole Malouhos spikes a ball over the net. The Ferris volleyball team is on fire after claiming their fourth straight GLIAC title.

Ferris women's volleyball makes history in Big Rapids

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

The Ferris women's volleyball team captured the 2017 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Tournament (GLIAC) Championship for the fourth consecutive year on Nov. 19 against Michigan Tech.

This achievement of the women's team makes them the first team in league history to capture four straight GLIAC Championships.

The team also captured the regular-season GLIAC Championship title for the fourth straight year with a 13-3 league mark.

The Bulldog volleyball team is led by head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, who is in her 22nd year at Ferris. Brandel-Wilhelm knows that to be successful, you can't

dwell on past accomplishments.

"Every season is a new season. We consistently focus on the team we have and the season we are in," Brandel-Wilhelm said.



Ayanna Buckley

The Ferris women's volleyball squad received its seventh consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament berth as the announcement of this year's tournament field was made in an online selection show Nov. 19.

The selection is no surprise after finishing the 2017 campaign with a 23-7 overall record.

"We always aim to be 1 percent better every day and that's just a part of the cul-



Nicole Malouhos

ture our coaches have instilled into us," senior middle hitter Nicole Malouhos said.

The senior class has posted an overall record of 109-21, has made four straight NCAA playoff appearances, two straight NCAA Midwest regional finals appearances and has won four straight regular season GLIAC Championships and four straight GLIAC Tournament Championships.

"Our seniors are fantastic," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "They have grown as players and leaders for this team. We are so proud of their work and their accomplishments and their leadership."

Ferris will be making their seventh consecutive NCAA Tournament bid and has advanced to at least the regional semifinals each of the last six years. Ferris' upcoming regional appearance will represent the program's 22nd all-time.

The Bulldogs have compiled a 17-22 overall record in the NCAA Tournament.

"All 16 people are all in. The red shirt freshmen, the people who don't play, the people who are close to playing and the starters," senior middle hitter Ayanna Buckley said. "We go into every practice with the mindset to get better."

The team will be in action on Thursday, Nov. 30 against McKendree University in the NCAA Midwest Region Quarterfinals at 6 p.m. in Romeoville, Illinois.

Straight to the top

Bulldog football dominates top-seeded Fort Hays State 31-7

Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

The Ferris football team should've kept the bus running when they pulled up to Lewis Field stadium in Hays, Kansas on Saturday, Nov. 25.

With the always-daunting task of taking down the top seed in the NCAA Super Region 3 ahead of them, players and coaches alike knew they would have to be sharp. The Bulldogs made a steak knife look dull in their 31-21 victory.

After a scoreless first quarter that saw both defenses stuff the opposing offense, the Bulldogs pulled away before halftime as senior kicker Wyatt Ford knocked through a field goal and senior Jahaan Brown added a touchdown

run to lead 10-0.

The small crowd of fans that made the trip south had a bit of a scare coming out of half, when the Tigers broke off a huge 66-yard run to close in on the Dawgs.

Head coach Tony Annese didn't even blink, however, as his offense went on to score 21 unanswered points in the second half. Brown put the team on his back, toting the pigskin 17 times for 57 yards and finding the end-zone twice.

The Ferris defense had a big game as well. Senior Tavierre Thomas recorded six tackles on the day as he continues his dominating year. Junior defensive lineman Zach Sieler fought through double and triple teams all day and still managed to record a sack.

While the offense exploded and the defense main-

tained its impressive momentum, the punters for the Dawgs deserve a ton of credit.

Senior Jordan Haan and sophomore Jackson Dieterle had possibly the two most unsung performances of the day. Haan punted three times and averaged 50.7 yards while pinning the Tigers inside their 20-yard line twice. Dieterle punted four times for a 45.3 average, with all those balls landing inside the 20.

Knocking off Fort Hays State was huge for Ferris and with the Ashland Eagles losing, the Bulldogs will host another home NCAA Division II playoff game next weekend.

Ferris football will head back to Big Rapids as they prepare to take on the seventh-seeded Harding University Bison Saturday, Dec. 2, at 12 p.m.

Make or break

What it means to make the playoffs from players' perspectives



The Ferris football squad currently stands as the number four seed in the NCAA Division II Super Region Three. They are set to square off against number seven seed Harding University Bison on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Top Taggart field in the Super Region Three Championship Game.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 31-21 victory over the number one seed Fort Hays State Saturday, Nov. 25.

In the preseason, we were ranked as a consensus top five team nationally in every pre-season Division II national poll, including as high as number one by College Football America. We were also picked number two by D2Football.com and third by the AFCA Coaches poll.

We understood the expectations for this season and knew we couldn't be content with our previous success. Our head coach Tony Annese stressed to us that we need to prove our capabilities week in and week out.

As a team, we are very honored and excited to make the NCAA Division II playoffs. However, we know there is still a lot of work to be done and we're not satisfied just yet.

This season we finished 9-1 overall and 8-1 in GLIAC action. We also re-claimed the Anchor-Bone trophy to beat the Grand Valley State Lakers on Oct. 21.

We also won the GLIAC first-round playoff game against the Ouachita Baptist Tigers in a 24-19 victory at Top Taggart Field. This is the fourth-straight season the Bulldogs have had 10 wins or more, which accounts for the best stretch in school-history.

My teammate, senior defensive lineman Chris Okoye, said it best: "Although we have made the playoffs consistently over the past few years, we are not going to be satisfied until we bring that trophy all the way back to Big Rapids."

In Annese's sixth season at the helm for us, he has accumulated a record of 60-13-0 (.817). This marks his fourth straight playoff appearance and ninth total in the school's history. Last year marked our second-ever trip to the national semifinals and matched the 1995 team, which fell on the road at North Alabama, for the highest finish in school history.

Saturday's matchup will feature the first-ever meeting be-

Double whammy

Ferris football employing two-headed monster in Bell and Russell



Photos by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Sophomore quarterback Travis Russell (left) and senior quarterback Reggie Bell (right) both show off their skill running the football. The Bulldog football team has started employing a two-headed attack with both guys sharing snaps.

Jacob Carlson Torch Reporter

For the second straight year, the Bulldogs will be battling in a third-round NCAA Division II playoff game when they host Harding on Saturday, Dec. 2, but this year's journey has been anything but normal.

Coming into the season, the goal for the Bulldogs was to keep senior quarterback Reggie Bell healthy. After Bell's ankle injury in the second week of the season, sophomore Travis Russell was called on to lead the team on the road against Ashland in a nationally televised game.

Russell struggled, going just 12 for 29 through the air for 98 yards and two interceptions. The Bulldogs came away with a 20-3 loss and without Bell, any offensive hope was fading away. Since then, Russell has gone 83 of 159 for 1,144 yards through the air with nine touchdowns. He's also added 447 yards and six touchdowns on the ground.

"A lot of guys have been encouraging him as the season's progressed. Throughout the games, he's been doing better and his confidence has been building up. We always



Malik Taylor

knew he could go out there and roll just as good as the other guys," receiver Malik Taylor said.

Russell led the team to three straight victories after his rough start against Ashland and proved to his teammates that he was capable.

"He's doing good. He's gotten comfortable with us receivers. He's getting more confidence every week," receiver Keyondre Craig said.

Just when things started rolling again for the Bulldogs, Bell was nearing 100 percent health and with a tough Grand Valley team around the corner and playoff hopes on the line, Russell was back on the bench.

Bell threw for 228 yards against the Lakers but added 91 yards on the ground including two touchdowns, one with only 15 seconds to go that tied the game. What was most impressive with Bell's performance was that he led two touchdown drives in the final minutes of the game after taking shot after shot from an aggressive Laker defense.

"Reggie did what he had to do. That's playing tough, that's the game. When we need you, you got to suit up and do what you got to do. He has a lot of heart," Craig said.

Since the 28-27 win against Grand Valley, Bell and Russell have both seen action for the Bulldogs. The growth of Russell has given the Bulldogs an opportunity to take some of the pressure off Bell's shoulders, who has thrown for 1,122 yards and seven touchdowns while adding six more on the ground, along with 539 yards.



Keyondre Craig

No matter who's under center at any point against Harding on Saturday, the team is comfortable and confident with either one of the two quarterbacks.

"It doesn't matter which quarterback is out there. We all have confidence in both of them. Whichever one goes out there is going to go out there and do good," Taylor said.



Top Dawg

Mitch Maloney & Jackson Dieterle

Photos by: Sam Cavotta & Keith Salowich | Torch Staff

Brenden Samuels
Torch Reporter

It's been a while, Bulldogs. With so much happening in the world of Ferris sports over the past week, it was almost impossible to pick one Top Dawg. So, I didn't!

This week, the Top Dawg honors will land both on the gridiron and the ice.

First up is senior forward Mitch "The Machine" Maloney for the Bulldog hockey team. The Bulldogs unfortunately have gone 1-3 over the past two weekends but Maloney has been nothing short of outstanding.

In the Dawgs' 3-2 overtime loss against the Michigan State Spartans Nov. 18, Maloney found the net on an unassisted goal that put his team on the board.

Maloney's real doozy of a game came Friday, Nov. 24, when the Bulldogs headed south to take on Alabama Huntsville in a Thanksgiving weekend showdown. Maloney may have had enough to eat the day before but he was still hungry for more.

Maloney started his day by assisting on a Corey Mackin goal that put the Bulldogs up 3-2 in the second period. The third period is where he really went

off, scoring three unanswered goals to record the hat trick and give his team a 6-2 victory.

The Bulldogs may have lost their second matchup with the Chargers Saturday, Nov. 25, by a score of 5-3 but Maloney found the net again, bringing his goal total to four on the weekend and 12 on the year.

The next Top Dawg recipient is a real kicker. The Ferris football team advanced to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals after taking down the undefeated Fort Hays State Tigers. In this game, one performance outshined the others and it came from an unlikely source: the punter.

Yes, punters are people too and sophomore Jackson Dieterle proved that with four big plays that might just have been the key to the big 31-21 victory Saturday, Nov. 25.

Dieterle had his fair share of punts in this game, as both teams remained scoreless through the first quarter. The stage wasn't too big for him though, as he managed to average 45.3 yards on four punts, with every one of those balls pinning the Tigers inside their own 20-yard line.

Both Bulldogs had big games and will look to continue their momentum this weekend.

Rockin' out

Members of the Ferris hockey team form unlikely band

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Millions of young music listeners have been left helpless after One Direction split a year and a half ago but they may just have a new band to obsess over, right here at Ferris.

The Don Cuatros, a group made up of four Ferris hockey players (Drew Dorantes, Tyler Dorantes, Nate Kallen, and Dominic Lutz) is the newest boy band looking to steal your girlfriends' heart this holiday season and they are on the verge of something stellar after recently discovering a need for their musical ability.

"I don't think our skill level is quite there. If we practiced for a long, long time maybe we would be there," Lutz said.

OK, so maybe they aren't exactly the new Backstreet Boys but the band certainly has potential.

Lutz began playing the guitar during his stint in junior hockey as a way to get rid of the stress that came with the high-level of hockey at a young age. Thanks to his dad, Lutz found a passion in the guitar and has been playing since.

The formation of the group began in August when Lutz whipped out his six-string Fender acoustic and played some tunes for his teammates. Soon, defenseman Nate Kallen chimed in with his amazing work on the keyboard and the Dorantes brothers backed up Lutz on the guitar.

Kallen, who comes from a family with a rich history in music, credits his parents for providing him with the talent that other members of the group say is leading the charge.

"My mom is a professional pianist and singer and my dad played professional tuba. So, I played the trombone for like five years growing up and the piano. I kind of lost touch for a while and he just brought it back and we started jamming," Kallen said.



Andrew Dorantes

Right now, the biggest concern surrounding the band is the fact that it is heading in no clear direction without a lead-singer.

"I think what we're lacking right now mostly is a singer," Kallen said. "Right now, Tyler Dorantes is great and he's been our energy for sure. We all try singing but no one really has a stand out voice."

Drew Dorantes tends to think that he has a good idea on who should be leading the vocals for the Don Cuatros if it came to that.

"In the locker room, I think [Craig] Pefley and [Zac] Tierney. They have good chemistry too," Drew Dorantes said.

Another big question mark surrounding the group is the lack-luster combo of Dorantes brothers. The two tend to chime in on the guitar but know exactly where they stand with the group.

"My brother and I battle for the worst one in the band but I think I edge him out," Drew Dorantes said.

For now, the group is good with jamming to some tunes in their free time but it may only be a matter of time before the Don Cuatros are rocking in a stadium near you.

Sports Shorts

Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

Finding a spot

Bulldog football has been able to produce some NFL quality talent over the last few years, one of those talents being Jake Lampman, a new wide receiver for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers practice squad.

After some great special teams plays for the New Orleans Saints in 2016, Lampman had a run-in with injuries that set him back a bit, resulting in being cut during summer camp after making it to the final round of cuts.

The Saints' decision to let Lampman go resulted in making a jump just a few states over to Florida, where Lampman will work to make a spot on the main roster, just as he did in New Orleans.

In other Bulldog alum news, Jason Vander Laan has landed on the Colts 53-man roster while Justin Zimmer headed north to become a member of the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes.

Reppin' the Dawgs

Senior Trevor Holowaty, the lone representative for the Bulldogs in the 2017 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships, placed 127th in Evansville, Indiana.

One of just four runners from the Midwest region selected to participate after placing 10th in the 2017 NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships, Holowaty had a great final year under the Bulldog banner.

Holowaty took first-team All-GLIAC honors after a great performance in this year's GLIAC Championships. With a team full of young runners, Bulldog cross country looks to send a few more runners to the Division II Championships next season.

Rachel 1K

Bulldog women's basketball is off to a hot start and one element of that start came in the form of senior forward Rachel McInerney's 1,000th career point.

The 1,000-point mark came for McInerney in a win over the Rangers of Wisconsin-Parkside on Wednesday, Nov. 22, where she recorded 10 points and 12 boards for a double-double. The 1,000-point performance came on a slower night for McInerney, as she has been averaging 16.8 points per game so far in 2017.

Playing the most minutes of any Bulldog, McInerney has made a huge impact for the Bulldogs on the hardwood in scoring and on the defensive end of the court.

The 2016-17 season saw the Bulldogs amass only five wins all season, while the 2017-18 season has already begun with an undefeated 5-0 record, a sign of good things to come for the program with McInerney leading the charge.



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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Ferris football just keeps on rolling through the competition while simultaneously obliterating the Beaulldogs, as if my fantasy season wasn't already lost long ago.

As we continue to take on the powerhouse program for fun at this point, the Bulldogs continue to edge out their NFL competition, especially in the quarterback and running back positions.

Both Reggie Bell and Jahaan Brown produced 17.5 fantasy points for Ferris, as Bell recorded one touchdown pass on 168 yards through the air. Despite being the leading rusher, Bell was unable to find the end zone on the ground. Instead, Bell left that up to Brown who ran in two touchdowns of his own on 57 rushing yards.

Not one of my offensive players were able to breach ten points this week. The highest performer, quarterback Alex Smith, gained seven fantasy points while running back Ameer Abdullah amassed only four.

The receiving core of A.J. Green and Stefon Diggs combined weren't even able to breach the ten-point mark as the two gathered a total of 9.5 points.

My fantasy defense was the highest performer this week and boy, did they perform. The Chargers defense gained 19 fantasy points in a 28-6 win over the struggling Dallas Cowboys.

My second highest performer, kicker Stephen Hauschka, was able to bring the Beaulldogs 13 points after a nice victory over the Chiefs, another program who has lost their groove as of late.

We're drawing closer to the point where saying "there's always next week" just won't cut it anymore for the Beaulldogs, so I'm playing a wild card this week.

We were lucky enough to have Bulldog kicker, Ol' Reliable himself, Wyatt Ford, make the week 13 picks as the Dawgs look to put up big numbers and advance even deeper into the playoffs when they take on Harding in Big Rap-



Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

ids at noon on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Here are Ford's picks along with some background as to why his picks will get the Beaulldogs their second win of the season:

QB- Tom Brady: Stick with the G.O.A.T. With a lot of injuries on the Bills offense, it may put a lot of defense on the field against the Patriots offense and give Mr. Brady more opportunities to carve up Buffalo.

RB- Kareen Hunt: Hunt's been silent the last few weeks, perfect time for him to explode against a struggling Jets team.

WR 1- Marquis Lee: Still without Andrew Luck, the Colts' defense will be forced to step up. I'm guessing they'll have a tough time against Lee, who has two touchdowns in the last three games.

WR 2- Dontrelle Inman: Solid option after being picked up out of free agency and already becoming one of Trubisky's favorite targets. Inman has nine receptions for 135 yards so far and will be a main target over the middle against the 49er defense.

FLEX- Cole Beasley: With struggling offense and no Zeke, everyone is focused on Dez, so Beasley may be able to find open spots in the defense where they aren't as focused on.

Defense - Ravens: An inconsistent Lions offense will face a big test at M&T Bank Stadium. Matt Stafford will have to take some chances over the middle, allowing this secondary to make some big plays.

K- Brandon McManus: Struggling offense and great weather in Miami may give McManus a lot of opportunities with the kicking game.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

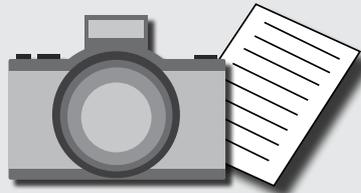
Position	Player	Points
QB	Alex Smith	7
RB	Ameer Abdullah	4
WR1	Stefon Diggs	5
WR2	A.J. Green	4.5
FLEX	Corey Clement	2.5
D	Los Angeles Chargers	9
K	Stephen Hauschka	13
Total:		55

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Reggie Bell	17.5
RB	Jahaan Brown	17.5
WR1	Malik Taylor	11.5
WR2	Brandon Walker	12
FLEX	Davontae Harrington	6
D	Ferris State	3
K	Wyatt Ford	7
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Sophomore running back Josh Walker makes a cut in the backfield. The Bulldog football team is rolling in playoff action.

Playoffs

Continued from page 10

tween the Bulldogs and the Harding Bison and will be the second time in which the Bulldogs have faced a team from Arkansas this year.

We have tremendous respect for Harding, their players and their coaches. We understand what is at stake and we look forward to competing against the Bison on their home field.

We have been able to rattle off nine straight wins to finish the year and we believe our success has stemmed from our dedication and attention to detail to be successful.

We all understand the moment that is in front of us—to play in significant games such as this one—and this is why we committed to play football at Ferris and for coach Annese.

Senior defensive back Tavierre Thomas knew nothing else mattered when we hit that field on Saturday.

"It's playoffs, you have to give it all you got," Thomas said.

This year was the fourth year in a row in which Ferris has hosted at least one playoff game at Top Taggart Field.

We would like to give our Ferris faithful a shout out for their support and love this season. This year, Top Taggart had a total attendance of 25,180 and an average 5,036 per game—good enough for second in the GLIAC this year.

We will be back in action for the third round of the NCAA Division II playoffs on Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 12 p.m. at Top Taggart Field.

LIFESTYLES

"I imagine that the average college student would view ballet as being painful to do but beautiful to watch." - Angela Dato - See below for story

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On pointe

A performance perfect for the season

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

With Thanksgiving over, students can look forward to Christmas and all of the possibilities for entertainment this holiday season.

"Every year, the Arts and Lecture Committee brings performers and lecturers to campus as part of the Arts and Lectures Series. This year, they decided to bring two events—the first was Nell Painter, who came last month and the Nutcracker," Administrative Assistant for the Academic Senate Arts and Lectures Committee Sylvia Maixner said.

Performing at many universities and event centers across The United States and Canada, the Nutcracker is brought to Ferris by Canada's Ballet Jorgen. It has been at least 15 years since The Nutcracker was performed at Ferris.

"I have not seen a ballet before—I'm more of a heavy metal lady than a classical music one. However, now that I have a child, I'm more open to going to see different things, if just to open her mind to all of the great things that are possible out there in the world," Maixner said.

Like Maixner, there are students on campus who have never seen a professional ballet performance before but can respect the musical art it entails.

"Ballet is known to have instru-

mental music rather than popular music, so people just look past it and think instrumental music is slow and nothing exciting," Ferris music industry management sophomore Megan Yuchasz said.

Yuchasz has never been to a ballet before but has respected the form of dance ever since she took ballet classes when she was younger.

Ferris digital animation and game design sophomore Angela Dato is another student who hasn't seen a professional ballet performance before but has practiced her own forms of dance.

Dato has been practicing tap since she was 6 years old and started taking ballet and jazz classes around the age of 10. Dato is part of a tap company, the Detroit Tap Reparatory and used to be on a competitive dance team in middle and high school.

"I imagine that the average college student would view ballet as being painful to do but beautiful to watch," Dato said.

The performance of The Nutcracker by Canada's Ballet Jorgen will be held Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Auditorium.



Angela Dato

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Co-existence

With approximately 600 visitors, Ferris instructor Kathleen VanDeMark showcased her exhibit "Wolf Series" which came to an end Tuesday, Nov. 21.

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Six years and counting

Gypsy Nickel Lounge celebrates anniversary

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

The Gypsy Nickel Lounge celebrated its sixth anniversary by hosting the second-annual customer appreciation night which included many Ferris students who find Gypsy Nickel to be their saving grace at the end of the week.

In celebration of the day, the bar featured domestic bottles, well shots and pop, specialty cocktails and free cake.

Ferris pharmacy second year, Andrew Zwerlein was one of many members of the community to attend the event, sharing his views of the restaurant as well as why many students come to Gypsy Nickel.

"They could have a few drinks while they relax after a stressful day of classes. They could play a game of pool or a board game. They could enjoy good bar food. They could let out their burning desires to sing karaoke," Zwerlein said. "Gypsy is a place where the entire Ferris community can engage with each other and I believe it will be like that for a long time to come."

Zwerlein also said that the Gypsy Nickel is where he became more outgoing after making friends who encouraged him to check out the bar and restaurant.

"Last year, I had some great friends who pushed me out of my comfort zone and one night they dragged me to Gypsy's karaoke night. Next thing I know, I'm up in front of the entire bar singing a song, which was a lot less nerve-wracking than I thought it would be," Zwerlein said.

Many students favor a particular part of Gypsy Nickel that keeps them coming back, such as the drinks offered.

Ferris heavy equipment service engineering technology senior Nathan Price has found his own love for craft beer to be what made him interested in Gypsy Nickel.

"I love craft beer and Gypsy provides a great selection of craft beer on draft at a decent price along with great bar food so it's a win-win combination," Price said.

Ferris environmental biology senior Meagan Cykon discovered that a fun atmosphere and great drinks are her salvation at the end of the week.

"It is just a great place to unwind after a crazy week of classes. The Gypsy is always an interesting experience

when there is live music, or if it is karaoke night," Cykon said.

Ferris construction management junior Sebastian Najeeb Maqi heard about Gypsy after talking with friends about sushi night Thursdays.

"The one time we went to Gypsy on a Wednesday, which is also karaoke night, we drank a ton and all got a chance to sing and have a blast humiliating ourselves," Maqi said.

As well as having a collection of "day-of-the-week" events that students love, Gypsy also has daily specials.

"I first learned about Gypsy when I was a senior in high school from one of my friends who attended Ferris. However, I did not actually go to Gypsy until my sophomore year. I went for the first time for a friend's birthday," Ferris biology senior Caitlyn Filzek said. "What I like most about Gypsy is the \$1 tacos and the drink deals they have."

The Gypsy Nickel is open every day from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and students can go to gypsynickel.com for prices and upcoming events.

Bound to the books

Rekindle your love for literature

Katlin Merby
Torch Reporter

Students will find themselves involuntarily cracking textbooks open over the next few weeks in preparation for exam week. Luckily, the English Society has a goal of helping students open books they actually want to read.

The English Society Used Book Sale Fundraiser took place Tuesday, Nov. 14.

"Books were donated by professors, family and fellow students," Ferris English senior and English Society president Alexa Bourne said.

Though the English Society has done a bake sale this year to raise money for the Shakespeare festival which will be held on April 11, this is the first year where a book sale was held as well.

"I was new to campus and didn't know many people. I went to the major mixer and I met the president of the English Society and got roped into going to a meeting. I haven't missed a meeting since," Ferris English sophomore Paige Brady said.

Brady has been the vice president of the society since spring 2017 and will be working behind the scenes at the Shakespeare show.

"The book sale is a great way for us to see who really is interested

in literature. Our group has always been very small," Ferris English senior Michelle Harvey said.

Being the English Society treasurer since 2016, Harvey is excited for the society to be adding more to the Shakespeare festival this year other than just scenes.

There are some students on campus who seem to have their hearts bound to all things literature, while some are looking to rekindle that bond.

"I never really get captured in a book enough anymore to make me want to read it over watching Netflix or fooling around on my phone. After writing scores of essays on novels in high school, I lost that touch with books and moved on to films and video-based media," Ferris television and digital media productions sophomore Marcus Gurnee said.

What inspires Gurnee to read a book is generally a suggestion from a friend. However, he hasn't heard any suggestions in a while. Even though classic literature is not one of his top picks as far as genres go, he does think highly of Shakespeare.

"I think Shakespeare was revolutionary in writing, as he broke the normal boundaries of that time. In today's literature, there are no boundaries," Gurnee said.

For more information on the English Society and their upcoming events, visit facebook.com/FSUEnglishSociety or contact English Society president Alexa Bourne at bourne@ferris.edu.

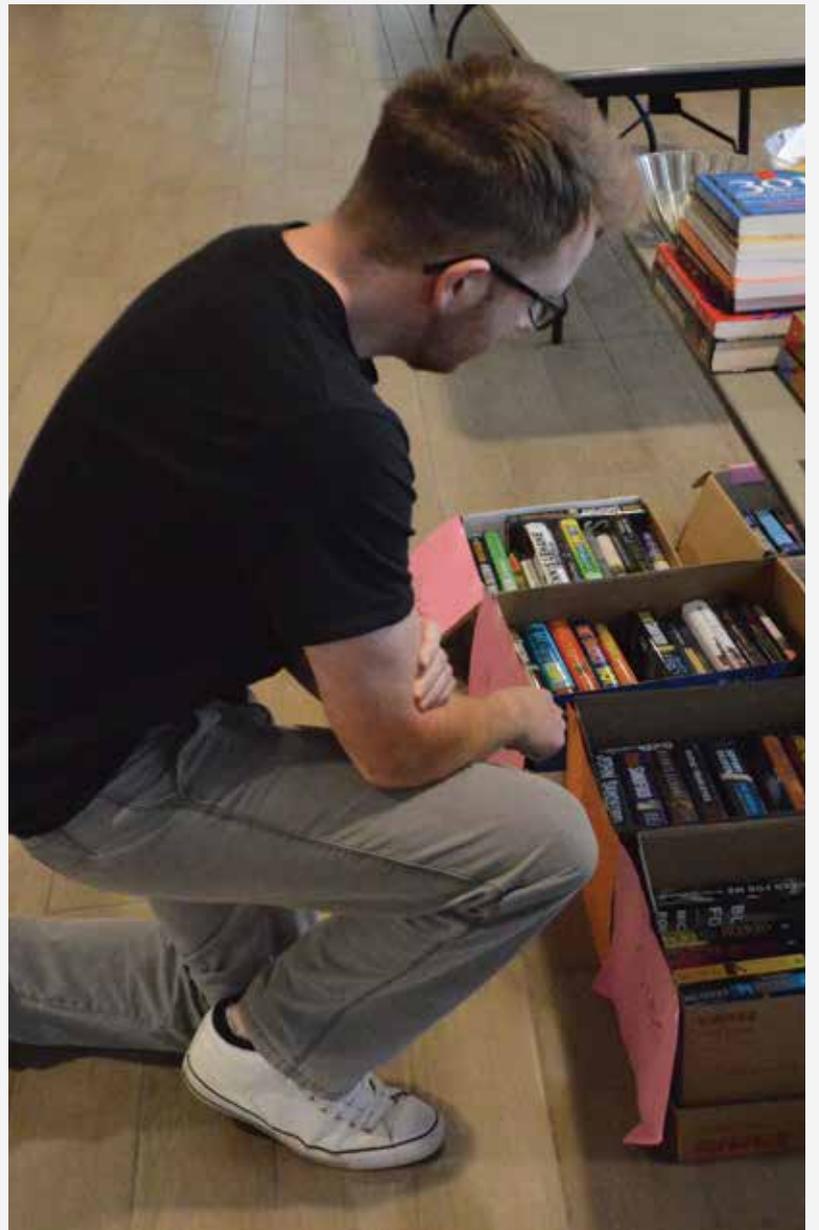


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Students rediscovered reading for pleasure at the English Society's used book sale Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Life in the fast lane

A free way to avoid bad weather

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

As the days grow colder, the shuttle bus capacity increases.

Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Daria Laisure discovered she walks less to and from class on account of the change in weather.

Laisure, a resident advisor in Brophy hall and honors student, must manage her time carefully in order to meet her requirements and deadlines, whether that is running to classes, going to events or managing her hall.

"I did live across campus last year but I didn't take the bus. I didn't have the app to see where the bus was and my schedule was more difficult to time with the bus. I was also a freshman and was embracing

the campus life of walking," Laisure said.

While she still prefers walking to most places, Laisure finds the cold weather pushing her into the confines of the shuttle bus.

"Living in Brophy, the furthest south residence hall, walking for 10-15 minutes in the cold isn't preferred," Laisure said.



Allison Brooks

chooses the shuttle over walking against the chilly winds that have engulfed Ferris as of recent.

Ferris graphic design freshman Allison Brooks has known Laisure since their junior year of high school and has become her suitemate at Ferris since then. Brooks also



Photo by: Lauren Jones | Interim Photographer

As temperatures drop, Dial-A-Ride offers a free way to stay warm on the way to class.

"I personally like to walk to get some exercise into my busy schedule but as the days get colder, having the shuttle is a nice alternative," Brooks said.

Dial-A-Ride and Ferris Shuttle Driver Jason Boman has found students often benefit from the shuttle because they don't need to worry about a car or parking.

"I have only been driving for Dial-A-Ride for three months but the most interesting

experience has been the couple of times I drove the Safe Ride late on Friday and Saturday night. I think a lot of students choose to ride the shuttle because it, fairly quickly, can get them close to any place on campus," Boman said.

Students interested in the free shuttle bus service and would like to see where the shuttle is located, can do so by downloading the DoubleMap app.

It's OK not to know

An inspiring event connected through tragedy

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

"How many of you here know exactly what you are going to do right after you graduate?" Erica Williams Simon said.

The room instantly fell silent. Everyone looked around in shock, to see that no hands were raised in the air.

"It's OK to have no idea what you're doing after graduation. No one does. Uncertainty is OK and not only is it OK, it just is," Simon said.

"Gems with Erica Williams Simon" was an event that left many inspired, Monday, Nov. 13, at the University Center.

Simon is an award-winning content creator, educator, host and social critic. Graduating with a degree in African American studies, she went directly into social activism centered on millennials, where she could passionately share her captivating story to audiences across the nation.

Unsure of what Simon's speech was going to be about, Ferris automotive engineering and technology sophomore Shaylee Meyer was part of the team who decided to bring Simon to Ferris.

"I liked when she told the story about her father, who was her best friend, passed away. I think there's a lot there to be said about overcoming tragedy and

circumstance because that's something that molds you and it can either bend or break you,"



Erica Williams Simon

Meyer said. "I just think it was really inspiring that she went through a hard time and she became like she is now, trying to inspire rooms filled with hundreds and hundreds of people."

After graduation, many Ferris students may not know where they will work, where they will live or who they will be. Simon reassured the audience that that's OK. Her talk was separated into four parts of self-improvement with a common concept of not knowing.

The audience loved Simon's self-empowerment words, especially Ferris biology senior Kaitlin Estep.

"I was super inspired," Estep said. "I didn't really know what it was about coming into it. I really liked how she used her personal story at first. She talked about her dad passing away and I think it added to her whole story. I think it made a lot of other people connect with her."

"Gems" was brought to Ferris by the Panhellenic Council, IFC and the Student Activity Fund.



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