



Ferris State University
TORCH
Truth, fairness and accuracy since 1931

HERE'S WHAT'S INSIDE

TRUMP: ONE YEAR DOWN

How did Trump do in his first year of presidency? Read up on student opinions from both sides of the political spectrum.

NEWS | PAGE 4

WHERE DID EVERYONE GO?

Dive deeper into the drop-off in fan attendance from men's to women's basketball at Ferris.

SPORTS | PAGE 10

Need for knowledge

Do students understand their loan debt?

Angela Graf & Megan Lewton
Torch Staff

Roughly 13 percent of the American population currently has student loan debt, be it private or federal, subsidized or unsubsidized—it's a luggage that is dragged for decades by many working professionals.

The Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings conducted a study in 2014 looking at how familiar students are with their loans. In that study, 28 percent of first-year college students reported that they didn't think they had any federal debt when, in reality, they did.



Megan Lynch

Ferris hospitality management and digital marketing junior Madison Tollstan admitted to not knowing much about her own financial situation.

"I know absolutely nothing [about my loans], except that I have to pay the interest on it," Tollstan said. "My parents kind of set that stuff up."

Ferris respiratory care sophomore Lizzy Miedzielec echoed Tollstan: "I know that I help fill out FAFSA but my mom is usually the one who takes care of requesting my student loans for the semester."

Miedzielec also stated that she doesn't believe she knows enough about the loan process to be able to do it on her own.

Where does this lack of information stem from?

A 2015 study by Champlain College stated that only five states required high school students to take a personal finance course.

"I wasn't taught in high school or here, and I still don't really know much about loans," Ferris



Lizzy Miedzielec

forensic biology and biotech senior Megan Lynch said.

While 66 percent of public college graduates are collecting their diploma while in debt, only five states are requiring education on basic money management, and Michigan is not one of them.



Madison Tollstan

Furthermore, according to the FAQ about Ferris' FSUS 100 course, personal finance and money management are not covered topics.

Ferris does have resources to help students better understand their financial situation through the financial aid link on ferris.edu, however, they must take the initiative to do so.

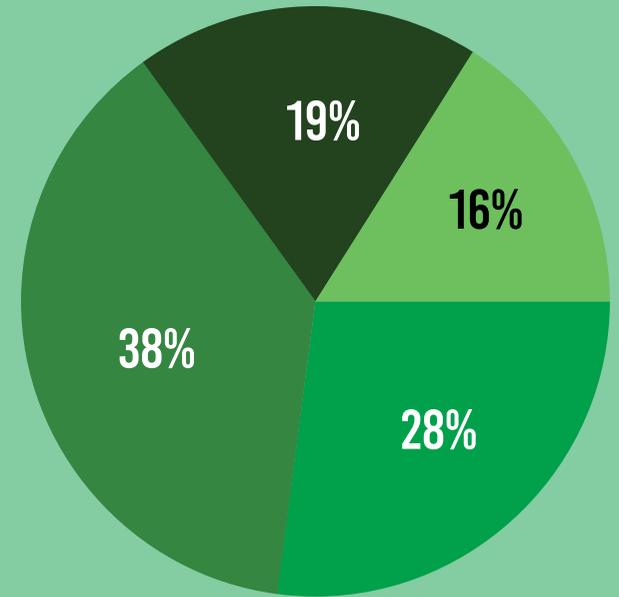
High school graduates are entering into long-term, high-interest loans, the average cost of which amount to a down payment on a house. Many are doing it before the age of 18—they

can't legally drink, they can't vote, they can't enlist in the military but they can change their financial future forever.

"I think high schools should have mandatory seminars that teach you about student loans, and even colleges could have mandatory Five-Stars or events to be like, 'This is what you need to know about your loans. This is what you're doing. This is how much you owe,'" Miedzielec said. "Because I have no idea how any of that works."

To learn about your loans, contact the Ferris financial aid department in the Timme Building, or get in touch with your private lender.

STUDENT ESTIMATIONS OF THEIR DEBT



■ "I DON'T KNOW"
 ■ UNDERESTIMATES
■ CORRECTLY ESTIMATES
 ■ OVERESTIMATES

Information from the Brown Center for Education at Brookings: "Are College Students Borrowing Blindly?"



45% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS DON'T KNOW THEIR CREDIT SCORE



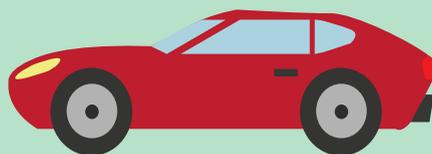
THE AVERAGE MONTHLY STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT IN 2018 FOR BORROWERS BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS OLD IS \$351



1.4 MILLION UNDERGRADUATES TOOK OUT PRIVATE LOANS FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR



PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH AN AVERAGE OF \$25,550 IN DEBT BEFORE INTEREST



THE COST OF A NEW 2018 FORD MUSTANG IS \$25,585



THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A DOWN PAYMENT ON A \$127,750 HOUSE

TERMS TO KNOW

SUBSIDIZED LOANS -
 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS THE INTEREST ON THE LOANS WHILE THE STUDENT IS IN COLLEGE (CURRENTLY AT 4.45% FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS -
 INTEREST BEGINS ACCRUING AS SOON AS THE LOAN IS TAKEN OUT (CURRENTLY AT 4.45% FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

FIXED RATE LOAN -
 STAYS THE SAME OVER THE COURSE OF THE LOAN'S LIFE (RATE DEPENDS ON LENDER AND LENDER'S PARENTS CREDIT AND INCOME)

VARIABLE RATE LOAN -
 CHANGES AS MARKET INTEREST RATES CHANGE (RATE DEPENDS ON LENDER AND LENDER'S PARENTS CREDIT AND INCOME)

Information from Student Loan Hero: "A Look at the Shocking Student Loan Debt Statistics for 2018."

Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager

Got news? Let us know.

Email: fsutorcheditor@gmail.com
 Phone: 231.591.5978



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
 FERRIS STATE TORCH



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER
 @FSUTORCH



ADD US ON INSTAGRAM
 FSUTORCH



WATCH US ON YOUTUBE
 FSU TORCH

Connect with us on social media - Read articles online at www.fsutorch.com

NEWS

"If we didn't do it, who would do it? How would the campus get shoveled and salted without us?" - *Kyler Koopman* - See below for story

Harley Harrison | News Editor | harrih12@ferris.edu

Salt and preppers

Groundskeepers prepare walkways for students

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

On cold, icy mornings, while many Bulldogs are still asleep, students working with the Grounds department are already outside salting the steps.

The Ferris Physical Plant and the Grounds department are in charge of keeping walkways clear of snow and ice during the winter season.

The process is more complicated than it seems. According to Interim Grounds Manager Supervisor Scott Wilcox, the tasks involve many workers and take about 12 hours on average to complete.

"Typically, if it's snow we'll start at 3 in the morning. That means getting up and Public Safety giving me a call if there's two inches or more of snow that we need to clear. Then I'll get up and have to call in 12, sometimes 13 guys to come in at 3 in the morning and start their day," Wilcox said.

The routine varies depending on the severity of the weather.

"A lot of it depends on the snowfall and when the snow starts. If it starts in the evening before and it's done by 3 a.m., that's perfect, because the snow is done falling from the sky and we can plow what is there. If it continues to snow when we're plowing in that 12-hour process, the sidewalks or the roads that we started on 12 hours ago have another four inches of snow on there or however long it's snowing, so we have to start the process all over again," Wilcox said.

Full-time workers utilize machinery to drive around campus, plowing and salting the sidewalks, roads and parking lots. Student workers are in charge of salting the steps of buildings, as well as salting handicap locations, shoveling curb cuts and clearing fire hydrants of snow and ice.

Although the workers put in a lot of effort to salt the sidewalks, the salt isn't always effective in melting the ice.

"The problem we've had this year so far is that salt does not work below 17 degrees and we've had a lot of days this winter so far where it's been below 17 degrees, where salt will sit there but it will not melt [the snow]," Wilcox said.

Wilcox said a large challenge workers face in the winter is a lack of sleep.

"During the wintertime, a lot of the time I don't get very much sleep because I'll be getting up two or three times in the middle of the night just going out and checking if anything has happened and deciding if I have to call in. If it's a storm that's predictable and we know when it's going to start, we will plan on it the day before and I'll tell the guys we'll start at 3 in the morning. That way, they can



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

A map of the Ferris grounds shows the different areas that need to be salted.

plan their evening and get lots of sleep before coming in," Wilcox said.



Mark Eichenberg

Often, students have complaints regarding the conditions of the sidewalks. According to Director of Plant Operations and Project Manager Mark Eichenberg, students and faculty can report slippery areas on campus and the groundskeepers will fix them.

"They get called into our front desk dispatch station up here and we turn around and let Scott know that that's a concern and we'll turn around and end up taking someone off what they're doing over here to try to go and address that. But if we do take them off the

path and route that they're on now, obviously we're not getting that one done because you can't be in every spot on campus at all times. We respond to those as we get them," Eichenberg said.

Wilcox said the effort put into the process isn't always visible.

"Our salt is white and snow is white. So it may not look like there's anything on the sidewalk but there's salt on there," Wilcox said.

Student workers like Ferris marketing student Kyler Koopman want fellow Bulldogs to understand and appreciate the work that goes into clearing the walkways every day.

"If we didn't do it, who would do it? How would the campus get shoveled and salted without us?" Koopman said.

Gaining access

A look at the use of access codes in Ferris classrooms

Cora Hall
Torch Reporter

College is expensive and it only gets pricier when students are required to buy access codes for their classes.

These pieces of paper that contain unique combinations of letters and numbers give students access to online content such as homework assignments, quizzes, practice tests and, most of the time, an electronic version of the textbook.

According to a study done by the Student Public Interest Research Group as reported by the New York Times, the aver-

age price of an access code bought at a campus bookstore is around \$100.

"I think it was beneficial but do I think \$60 is the right price? No. If they could decrease it, I think that makes more sense," Ferris pre-optometry freshman Gabrielle Kippen said. "I don't want to say it's not worth it because would I rather pay \$0 and not have the software? No."

Ferris mathematics professor Jean Walling expressed that she believes access codes are worth the money because of all the extra content that comes with it.

"There is so much support and I hate to say you don't need me but you can go home and find ways to get your questions answered," Walling said.

There have been many studies conducted to see whether students were more successful in a traditional class setting or an online delivery. In studies done by Professor Barbara Stern of James Madi-

son University, Dr. Steven Stack of Wayne State University and Associate Professor

Anna Ni of California State University San Bernardino, it was concluded that a student's success in the class was independent of the mode of instruction.

Many professors are now integrating an online delivery with in-class time and many students have found this combination beneficial.

Though the cost of access codes is ridiculous, according to Ferris journalism and technical communication junior Marissa Van Alst, she benefited from her class being a mixed delivery of in-class and online.

"I think I was more successful having

it be mixed delivery because lectures are sometimes difficult to listen to. Having mixed delivery allows students to learn at their own pace a little more," Van Alst said.

Walling explained that the access codes are useful for math classes because through WebAssign, students can get immediate feedback on homework questions along with video explanations of the specific problem and the ability to ask her questions directly from the homework.

"Some students are too shy to raise their hand in class or too shy to come to my office hours but they don't mind using that," Walling said of the "Ask My Teacher" feature. "So it does open up the communication and I think that's awesome."

Explaining that she believes that it helps her students greatly, Walling said that she wouldn't have kept using WebAssign if she thought differently.



Marissa Van Alst

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Embezzled endeavors

Harley Harrison
News Editor

A for effort?

Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m., officers received a report of an attempted break in of an automobile in Lot 64. The investigation was closed after a lack of leads.

License and registration, please?

Jan. 11, 7 p.m., officers arrested one subject on Cedar Street and State Street for a controlled substance violation and

operating a vehicle without a license. The subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Dealers in the UC

Jan. 11, 10:27 p.m., officers investigated a narcotics equipment violation and a possession with intent to deliver in the University Center. One warrant request was submitted and one student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Young and wild

Jan. 12, 11:04 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in North Hall. Upon investigation, officers found a minor in possession and referred the student to the Office of Student Conduct.

A hassle in Hallisy

Jan. 15, 11:05 p.m., officers arrested one subject in Hallisy Hall for a controlled substance violation. The subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Embezzled endeavors

Jan. 16, 12:05 p.m., officers investigated a report of embezzlement in the University Center. The investigation is still open.

It's 5 o'clock somewhere

Jan. 16, 4:16 p.m., officers arrested a subject at Meijer for drunk driving.

Sexual assault

Jan. 17, midnight, officers received a report of sexual assault in North Hall. The investigation is still open.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Harley Harrison
News Editor

United States

Exactly one year after President Trump took office, the federal government officially shut down after the senate was 10 votes short of approving spending measures. While there have been proposed temporary budgets, senators have yet to come to an agreement.

Original story by Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Thomas Kaplan, Jan. 19, 2018. *The New York Times*.

East China Sea

Jan. 6, an Iranian tanker crashed into a freighter while carrying 136,000 tons of oil and by Jan. 14, the tanker sank after a huge blast that set fire to the surface of the water. The oil spill is spreading rapidly and it is believed that 30 Iranians and two Bangladeshis died, although only three bodies have been recovered.

Original story by Gerry Mullany, Jan. 15, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Hawaii

Residents of Hawaii were thrown into a state of emergency after an emergency alert text message warned citizens of a ballistic missile threat. The message came from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and was revoked after 38 minutes. The agency assured that the alert was human error and not done by hackers or a foreign government.

Original story by Adam Nagourney, David E. Sanger and Johanna Barr, Jan. 13, 2018. *The New York Times*.

South Africa

Several H&M stores were closed after protests erupted over a perceived racist advertisement was released. The advertisement showed a black child wearing a sweatshirt that said "coolest monkey in the jungle," while two other jungle-themed sweatshirts without monkeys were modeled by white children. H&M has since apologized and stopped selling the sweatshirt.

Original story by Jacey Fortin, Jan. 13, 2018. *The New York Times*.

NEWS BRIEFS

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Study with the Betas

Join the members of Sigma Lambda Beta Thursday, Jan. 25, at noon in the reading room on the second floor of FLITE for a weekly study session. For more information, contact Gaspar Nunez at nunezag@ferris.edu.

Coffee with Kevin

Join the Title IX Office staff Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 7-9 p.m. in University Center 116 for free coffee and a discussion about Title IX. For more information, contact the Title IX Office at campusneedsu@gmail.com.

WANTED

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Ferris State Torch

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR:

We are seeking an organized student (enrolled in at least six credit hours) for the Editor-in-Chief position during the 2018-19 school year. Candidates must write well, possess excellent leadership skills and be prepared to work the entire school year. Candidates should be familiar with printed and digital publishing techniques. Qualified students can receive competitive wages for up to 20 hours per week. Ability to work and train in April and August of 2018 is necessary. Prior journalism experience or training desired.

APPLICANTS NEED TO SUBMIT:

- Resume
- One-page (typed) essay answering the following:
 - >> Why do I want to be Editor-in-Chief?
 - >> What should be the goals of a student-run newspaper?
 - >> How will I, as Editor-in-Chief, ensure that the newspaper reaches its goals?
- Copies of articles or other written work
- At least two references (recommendation letters not required)

SEND RESUME, ESSAY AND CLIPPINGS TO:

Steve Fox at stevenfox@ferris.edu

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28, 2018

The Torch offers a chance to work in a professional "real world" environment and adds excellent credentials to your resume.

Straight to voicemail

Department of Public Safety warns students of phone scams

Harley Harrison
News Editor

If there is one thing all students hate, it's getting a phone call from an unknown number.

The situation gets worse, however, when the person on the other end starts asking for money.

Ferris Director of Public Safety (DPS) Bruce Borkovich claims that college students are the most vulnerable to these phone scams, especially during tax season.

"So I just kind of wanted to refresh the campus community—this is really the time of year when you start seeing the scams that are out there and some of them can be particularly targeted at students," Borkovich said.

According to Borkovich, there are two common types of phone scams this type of year that come from fake IRS agents or government officials. IRS phone scams will typically target students by claiming that they owe back taxes and then threatening them with the loss of financial aid or scholarships. Government scams will usually claim that there is a warrant out for the students arrest and that if they do not pay bond money, they will go to jail.

"If authorities think you owe them money and they are seeking that money, they generally don't do it over a phone call. There'll be official correspondence where you can prove and track who someone is and show that it was legitimate," Borkovich said. "The problem is, in some cases, the scammers have figured out from a technological standpoint a way to use the phone number and make it show up from the IRS, from the FBI or from a particular police department."

Borkovich advises that students should never give out personal information, such as Social Security numbers or bank account numbers, over the phone unless they are certain of who is calling.

"Another very sad thing that really angers me is that sometimes our international students are targeted and they are threatened with deportation," Borkovich said.

So what should students do if they receive a scam phone call or email?

"The bottom line is I want to give people these simple, simple ways of dealing with this, without getting too complicated," Borkovich said. "For one, if a phone call or email or something doesn't feel right, it's probably not right—hang up, delete the email. Any threat that someone makes over the phone is generally bogus."

Borkovich also advised students to let an unknown number go to voicemail because scammers do not generally leave voicemails.

While no scams have been reported on campus since Jan. 1, two local businesses have already fallen victim to scammers, according to Borkovich who has been in contact with local police agencies.

Students who receive a phone call or email that may be a scam are welcome to report it, even if DPS can't generally take direct action on it.

"It's still a good idea to report because reporting it helps us to stay on top of it and helps us to communicate back that, 'Hey, here's a new thing that's going on, we want you to be aware of it,'" Borkovich said.

DPS can also check the legitimacy of the phone

Scams | see page 5



Facing criminal charges?

Contact Attorney Kozma today for a free consultation:

796-0885 or 689-6636

Also visit us at our website:
www.kozmalawfirm.com

Mr. Kozma has zealously and aggressively represented the rights of the accused for 37 years.

Let his experience work for you.



Trump's most retweeted tweets

Trump tweeted the phrase "fake news" 146 times in 2017

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

"We must stop being politically correct and get down to the business of security for our people. If we don't get smart it will only get worse"

↻ 74,083 ❤️ 239,639

"Why would Kim Jong-un insult me by calling me "old," when I would NEVER call him "short and fat?" Oh well, I try so hard to be his friend - and maybe someday that will happen!"

↻ 270,872 ❤️ 616,939

"Despite the constant negative press covfefe"

↻ 98,007 ❤️ 123,306

"I have great confidence in King Salman and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, they know exactly what they are doing...."

↻ 110,238 ❤️ 110,238

"Who can figure out the true meaning of "covfefe" ??? Enjoy!"

↻ 82,514 ❤️ 203,674

"During my recent trip to the Middle East I stated that there can no longer be funding of Radical Ideology. Leaders pointed to Qatar - look!"

↻ 85,963 ❤️ 76,255

"Peaceful protests are a hallmark of our democracy. Even if I don't always agree, I recognize the rights of people to express their views."

↻ 88,344 ❤️ 391,477

"Now that the three basketball players are out of Chi, and saved from years in jail, LaVar Ball, the father of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of what I did for his son and that shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!"

↻ 76,023 ❤️ 265,600

Trump: one year down

What happened in those 365 days?

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

President Donald Trump's first year in office was full of controversy, accomplishments and tweets.

Trump promised a lot during his presidential campaign and while he may not have hit the majority of the 100-day goals that he set, the rest of the year proved to be more successful.

The final three months of 2017 saw the national unemployment rate fall to 4.1 percent, which is the lowest unemployment rate since December of 2000, when the rate was 3.9 percent in the final month of Bill Clinton's presidency.

Just in time to fit into the first year of Trump's presidency, the Dow Jones closed at a record high of \$26,115.65 on Wednesday, Jan. 17. This has been widely attributed to investors' faith in Trump's new tax plan.

Said tax plan, which made \$5.5 billion in cuts, is widely regarded as Trump's largest accomplishment over his first year. The cuts, which largely benefit major businesses by cutting their tax rate by 14 percent, have played a major role in companies like AT&T and Boeing announcing that they will be giving back to their employees, and Apple announcing they will be creating 20 thousand more jobs in America over the next five years.

"I would say the two biggest accomplishments are the tax reform bill—\$5.5 billion in cuts across all lines: corporate tax cuts and individual tax cuts—and appointing Neil Gorsuch, who is a staunch conservative, to supreme court," Ferris construction management senior Chris Kohane said.

Other Trump supporters at Ferris are also happy with what he was able to accomplish in year one and that he has made attempts to keep many of his campaign promises.

"I think that overall he has done well. Has he lived up to everything he said he would do? No. But regardless, he has at least made an attempt on most of what he promised in the campaign," Ferris electrical engineering technology senior Nathan Reeder said.

With all of President Trump's accomplishments in his first year, it was also a year that continued on the path of his controversy



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

President Trump has just completed his first year in office.



Chris Kohane

ridden campaign trail. It took less than three weeks after his election before Trump accused Hillary Clinton of receiving millions of illegal votes during the election and blaming that on his loss of the popular vote.

Then, shortly after he officially took over as president, Trump accused former president Barack Obama of wiretapping him during his election campaign. That accusation was denied by former FBI director James Comey, who was fired during his investigation of Trump's collu-

Trump | see page 5

Oprah vs Kanye: 2020

Who will "Rock" the elections?

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

In August 2015, rapper Kanye West announced he will be running for president in 2020 and since then, many celebrities have jumped on board.

The real question when it comes to celebrities running for office is who is serious and who isn't? It has happened before—Ronald Reagan is the most famous of celebrities before Donald Trump to run for president. Reagan served as president from 1981 until 1989 after serving as governor of California from 1967 until 1975. Before that, Reagan was a Hollywood actor.

Other celebrities that have run for political offices include Arnold Schwarzenegger, Howard Stern and Clint Eastwood, amongst dozens of others.

Many celebrities have already set their goals high for 2020, most recently famous celebrity Oprah Winfrey made her announcement to run for president at the Golden Globes during her acceptance speech for the Cecil B. DeMille Award.

Recent polling from Morning Consult showed that only 24 percent of Americans want Winfrey to run for president. Polling from Public Broadcasting Service showed her more favorably with 46 percent of Americans wanting her to run.

"I don't think that a celebrity is the best person to run. I do like Oprah and I think she has wise words to say but I don't want a repeat of someone with no experience

being a politician. I don't think celebrities should be the ones to run," Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Lucas Orosco said.

As for West, his 2020 bid has been met with a lot of criticism but also skepticism as to whether he will actually run or not.

In an August 2016 interview with BBC reporter Annie Mac, West said, "When I talk about the idea of being president, I'm not saying I have any political views—I don't have views on politics—I just have a view on humanity, on people, on the truth."

Some Ferris students are even more opposed to West running than they are of Winfrey running.

Another celebrity who has spoken about the possibility of running for president is Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Johnson has said that, due to his filming obligations, a run in 2020 isn't very possible but 2024 could very well see Johnson on the ballot.

"I can tell you with all honesty that the consideration comes at the desire from a large amount of people that would like to see this happen," Johnson said in an interview with USA Today in December 2017.

While Johnson ponders the idea, students are uncertain of whether or not they would actually vote for Johnson.

"The Rock' has been a public figure for many years, maybe he would be a good president, I would just have to see what his ideas are and how he would help America," Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Eric Finn said.

While it is unlikely that all of the celebrities that have announced their presidential bids will actually run in the future, what is known is that President Trump's victory has inspired many celebrities to pursue their own political aspirations.



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is considering a run for office in 2024.



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Oprah Winfrey announced her run for presidency at the Golden Globes.



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Kanye West aspires to run for president in 2020.

Scams

Continued from page 3

call or email for students, so they don't have to wonder whether it was real or not.

"You're not risking anything by calling and checking, but remember that trigger is if there's a threat or if they're asking for money, it's probably a scam," Borkovich said.

Students can contact dispatch for non-emergencies by calling (231) 591-5000 or emailing dispatch@ferris.edu.

Trump

Continued from page 4

sion with Russia during the campaign.

In addition to those controversies, some Ferris students are worried about Trump's Twitter and about his treatment of minorities and the LGBTQ community.

"I think immigration reform is not being approached the way that it should be. He wants to end DACA and the Dreamer Program and implement the Succeed Program, which I think is too strict and won't do what it should for the American people," Ferris social work freshman Mikaela Buresch said. "What's stood out most for me is the back and forth with North Korea. I think he's acted very unprofessional."



Nathan Reeder

As for Twitter, many supporters and critics of Trump at Ferris think he should step away from tweeting.

"Social media wise, he shouldn't have a social media account. It has to stop, he talks way too much and he has to stop that," Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Eric Finn said.

His critics echoed those same sentiments regarding his social media use.

"I think he should put down his phone. That would be best for him. Especially when he talked about Kim Jong-Un and how his button was bigger, it just makes him look even worse," Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Lucas Orosco said.

As a whole, Trump's first year in office has been one of the most highly controversial and scrutinized years for any recent president. It has been full of ups and downs and ended with an economic record. Trump's presidency has been a polarizing issue for much of America, including Ferris, and looks to continue that trend into year two.



Pancakes in the IRC

Ferris Coordinator of Activities Nicholas Smith serves breakfast with Ferris Title IX Coordinator Kevin Carmody.

Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

Summer for success

Academic Affairs hosts Summer Opportunities Fair

Landry Shorkey
Interim Reporter

If you believe that summer is strictly a time for sleeping in and watching Netflix, you'll want to reconsider.

Academic Affairs hosted their first ever Summer Opportunities Fair and the options for having a fun and successful summer break are extensive.

The two-day event took place Thursday and Friday, Jan. 18-19 in the UC. Students benefited from learning about the services offered by Ferris after the end of spring semester, while also enjoying free food and prizes. Ferris Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Paul Blake stressed the importance of the fair.

"This is the first annual event. It got started through Academic Affairs because we wanted to do something beyond what normally gets done at Dawg Days and have a specific focus on summer, because I don't think most

students really know what kinds of opportunities are available," Blake said. "I don't think most students know that there is free housing available if you take six hours of credit during the course of the summer."



Alyssa White

ships and more taking place throughout the summer.

"A few students I've talked with are in some curriculum that they might want to change. We're talking about summer but we have all of the colleges represented, so they can see what is here and go talk to many people," Ferris

Executive Assistant to the Provost Robin Hoisington said.

Hoisington also expressed her desire for all students to expand on their knowledge of normal services, such as housing or admissions and learn about the unique and less well-known chances to take online courses or utilize the Shimadzu Core Laboratory.

Ferris elementary education freshman Alyssa White said her excitement for the study abroad programs were what drew her to the Summer Opportunities Fair. There are a total of 15 study abroad programs offered by Ferris, with trips to countries like Haiti, China, Scotland, Costa Rica and Italy.

"I think everyone should come to this event. There is a lot of information, tons of booths, free stress balls and it's fun," White said.

For anyone who was unable to attend the Summer Opportunities Fair, a link will be made available through the university-wide announcements.

Work on Mackinac Island This Summer – Make lifelong friends. The Island House Hotel and Ryba's Fudge Shops are seeking help in all areas: Front Desk, Bell Staff, Wait Staff, Sales Clerks, Kitchen, Baristas. Dorm Housing, bonus, and discounted meals.

(906) 847-7196
www.theislandhouse.com

taste.
quality.
value.

2016 MEGOSTA COUNTY People's Choice

Best Breakfast in Town

Ala Mode Cafe

611 Maple St. • Big Rapids • 796.6633
7am-3pm (Closed Mon) • Early Bird Special 7-9am
Friendly & Clean • Homemade Pasties

LIFESTYLES

"I loved the connection that we were making with students that we had never met."
- Natalie Rogers - See page 8 for story

Alicia Jaimes | Lifestyles Editor | jaimesa@ferris.edu

Happy anniversary, UC!



Photo by: Marcus Gurnee | Torch Photographer

Students were able to try virtual reality games and roller skating at Ferris' third anniversary celebration for the University Center.

Students let loose to celebrate

Brianna Hammtreee
Torch Reporter

The third anniversary of the University Center (UC) at Ferris was celebrated with food, games and prizes.

The event was held Friday, Jan. 19, and involved a virtual reality system, balloon artist, a roller skating rink in the ballroom and the return of the human statues and signs.

Ferris public relations senior Brooke Bewak helps put on the event as one of the student staff members and has found the event to be chaotic but in a good way.

"I would definitely say it's the energy and the atmosphere—it's like so busy and kind of chaotic but it's like a good chaotic. Everyone's having fun, it's usually

a good time to see people you don't usually see because of scheduling throughout the year, so you'll see them there and it's a good time to reconnect with everybody while doing a whole bunch of fun activities. I think just in general it is an exciting and fun atmosphere," Bewak said.



Brooke Bewak

Ferris Director of the UC staff Mark Schuelke agrees that the environment is often different for events such as the UC anniversary.

"It's a different environment for a nighttime event like this as opposed to the daytime. So it's great to see the students come out and enjoy the faculty in a different way as opposed to how they use it during the day," Schuelke said.

One of the most popular things about the UC anniversary seems

to be food, with this year's anniversary offering a variety of fried foods such as elephant ears, fried pickles, mozzarella sticks and mini corn dogs.

Those in attendance could also enter their names into a raffle for the chance to win prizes such as an Apple watch or a Keurig, as well as mittens customized for Ferris as giveaways.

"Sometimes we're surprised by what students want. This year they suggested like a really nice coffee pot or Keurig. I would have not have thought that would be something they'd want but it was," Ferris reservation coordinator Shana Beisiegel said.

Ferris general studies freshman Jake Falkner was new to the experience of the UC anniversary and found he will most likely attend the one next year.

"This is my first time going to the anniversary because it is my first year. I like it because there is a lot of food. I think the activities are cool too because skating is a pretty interesting thing to do," Falkner said.



Photo by: Marcus Gurnee | Torch Photographer

Social work and sociology sophomore Brittney Rickerson and marketing sophomore Trevor Gorze celebrated the evening with free food and prizes.

I think I'm falling for you | Nobody does it quite like Ferris

“WHAT DO YOU YELL WHEN YOU FALL ON THE ICE AROUND CAMPUS?”

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter



“I don't fall, I'm a hockey player,” Ferris plastics engineering freshman Spencer Wamsley said.

“Woah shit,” Ferris plastics engineering freshman Bryce Schafer said.

“I just sit there in disappointment after I fall,” Ferris forensic biology freshman Lia Korzeniewski said.

“Oh shoot,” Ferris business administration sophomore Mckayla Rella said.

“Ahhhhhhhh,” Ferris HCSA sophomore Alison Dodd said.

“I would gasp or scream, then laugh,” Ferris pharmacy sophomore Casey Kloosterman said.

“Oh shit,” Ferris civil engineering freshman Okema Moore said.

Senior status

When one door closes...

Brianna Hammtreee
Torch Reporter

The final semester before graduation can be an exciting but equally daunting time but for Ferris biology and pre-pharmacy senior Erin Duma, it's a time to remember all that Ferris offered her.

Duma is one of many students to be graduating from Ferris this spring but will be returning next fall to begin her journey as a graduate student.

Duma, who has a twin brother also attending Ferris, has two minors, one in Spanish and another in women and gender studies. She was previously a pre-med student for three and a half years before switching over to pharmacy.

“When I work in the medical field in the future, I would love to be in the women's health field. I think it's really important to support women and to have a better knowledge of various cultures and how women are impacted by practices around the world. It will make me a better pharmacist and citizen because I have a broader and more

open-minded perspective from the things I've read and seen,” Duma said.

While she has an idea of what she hopes to pursue, planning the near future still remains a bit difficult.

“It's hard to make plans in the future when the next four years will be devoted to grad school. I'm hoping to do well and learn how to be an excellent pharmacist in that time. It would be nice to take a vacation or two. I'm just working towards establishing my career so I can land a stable job and then figure out more of my future,” Duma said.

Ending her final year of undergrad on a positive note, Duma has found her senior year to be relaxing compared to previous years, in which she took 16 credits in addition to being employed as a resident advisor (RA).

This year, Duma is still an RA but was able to reduce her course load to 12 credits. Duma is looking forward to a smooth semester before recommitting herself to the workload of pharmacy school.

With Ferris being her first school of choice, Duma found the overall transition overwhelming but soon found a group of friends that made the experience much easier for her to adapt.

“I have full confidence in her ability to succeed in pharmacy school and was very excited for her when she got accepted—she worked so hard in undergrad. However,

I am going to miss her terribly,” Ferris pre-med senior Amanda Gilliam said.

Having originally worked as a desk service assistant (DSA) during her sophomore year, Duma decided to apply for an RA position and has been working as an RA for the last two years at Ferris where she met Ferris elementary education senior Melissa Harvill.

“Erin and I clicked really well when we first met at our group meeting a couple of years ago. We come to each other when we need advice, just to talk or an ear and shoulder to lend. We have gotten so close because of how much we share with each other,” Harvill said.

With all that college gave to her, it's only right that Duma wants to give back to students who are coming up on their final semesters at Ferris.

“I think the most important thing for juniors to keep in mind is that you will most likely only experience college like this once. Don't get too caught up in school to enjoy yourself but also make sure school is still a priority. Savor the last year or two that you have here before you have to go be an adult, because it's scary out there in the real world. Also, keep making friends and being involved because a lot of times your original group of friends will start to graduate and it's still good to have people around to support you,” Duma said.

LIKE US ON
FACEBOOK AT
FERRIS STATE TORCH

HONEST & AFFORDABLE CAR CARE

Mufflers • Brakes
Struts • Shocks
Undercarriage Specialist
FOREIGN
AND DOMESTIC

MIGHTY
MUFFLER
& BRAKE

Auto Value Certified Service Center ASE CERTIFIED Certified Mechanics on Staff Locally Owned and Operated

FREE ESTIMATES

North End of Town
1204 N. State St.
Big Rapids, MI

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER

592-1204

Get CRAFTY

Your one stop shopping
for craft supplies.

Area's largest selection of yarn!

Over 1500 Shades of Yarn, DMC
Floss, Paints, Fabrics & More

Located inside
Movies 'N' More

104 N. Main Street
Evart, MI 49631
231-734-0399

MULTIMEDIA MADNESS

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

Seeing your work come to life is a dream come true for some of the students in Dr. Fagan's poetry classes.

The "Indie Incubator: From Poem to 3D Print" exhibit began with a collection of poems written by students and, thanks to the help of many students and faculty members, became an exhibit everyone can enjoy.

"The poems are based on four types of conflict—about eight poems were selected. Those poems went to the Kendall College and students from the life drawing illustration class gave the poems a character. Those characters were given to the digital animation students who turned the characters into 3D models. After that, they were given to students at the 3D printing program," Ferris gallery and museum director and Ferris and Kendall alumna Carrie Weis said. "We are using the gallery, in this exhibit, to showcase what students in different programs are doing."

The students started working on the project at the beginning of last semes-

ter. Each student had about three weeks to work on their portion of the project.

"I hope that viewers are able to see the relations between all the mediums. Each artist has their own vision and as collaborating artists we work to create a unified idea," Ferris digital animation and game design sophomore Angela Dato said.



Angela Dato

Dato worked hard to keep to the original design of the 2D artist as much as possible and because of this, there was no personal spin added to the end result. Her main goal was to imagine the character in a 3D space.

"My favorite aspect was seeing things come together. The entire sculpt began with a sphere so when things started to take shape, it was really exciting for me," Dato said. "I also really enjoyed making the cracks on her skin. It was the very last thing I worked on and it was a lot of fun getting to cut into the sculpt."

Much like Dato, Ferris digital anima-

tion and game design sophomore Natalie Rogers hopes people viewing the exhibit will feel inspired to make their own art.

"I loved the connection that we were making with students that we had never met. I felt like I was contributing to something big and being a part of the design process was incredible," Rogers said.

Rogers' portion of the project took her more than 21 hours to complete.

"I hope that future students in the program will have the opportunity to participate in a collaborative project like this one and that I will be able to be involved in another activity like this," Rogers said.

The "Indie Incubator: From Poem to 3D Print" exhibit will be held in the UC Art Gallery from Jan. 19 through Feb. 28. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a reception with food and refreshments on Friday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. where students will get to meet the artists.



Submitted photo

Ferris digital animation and game design sophomore Angela Dato's work in a 3D medium.

Let's get caffeinated

Coffee with the Bulldogs

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

Cool and refreshing

Cookies and cream dream

"My favorite drink is the Java Chip Frappuccino but I like to add white mocha instead because it makes it taste like a cookies and cream kind of flavor," Ferris senior and Starbucks barista Joseph Hilsbos said.

The cold crew

"I like the Vanilla Sweet Cream Cold Brew. It's the most caffeinated drink that Starbucks has and it is pretty smooth going down. It's really good," Ferris freshman and Starbucks barista Liz Rugh said.

Vanilla bean queen

"When I go to Starbucks, I usually get the Vanilla Bean Frappuccino with two pumps cinnamon dolce and two pumps toffee nut. But I also really like Donut Shop Keurig cups with only French vanilla creamer. I like it so much, it's my favorite," Ferris pre-dental hygiene freshman Peyton Samons said.

Warm and delicious

The medicine ball

"I like Frappuccinos of any kind but Starbucks has a really popular drink called The Cold Buster. It's peach tranquility and jade citrus mint tea, steamed lemonade and honey. It's a really popular one around this time of year," Ferris pre-nursing senior Rebekah Kubiak said.

Toffee softy

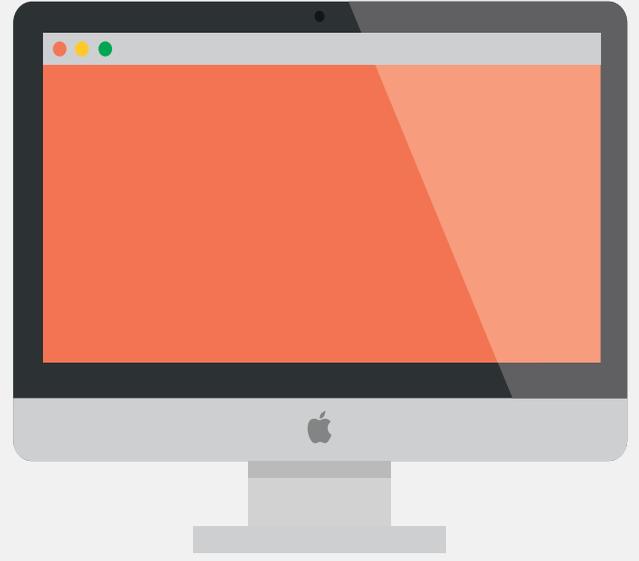
"My favorite is the caramel macchiato, it's a really popular one here. But it usually comes with caramel syrup and I put toffee nut syrup in it. It's a little bit of a different version and the iced version of the caramel macchiato is really good too. It's definitely one of my favorites," Ferris social work junior and Starbucks barista Mackinzy Folkes said.



WE ARE HIRING PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Applicants should be proficient with the Adobe Creative Suite and have graphic design experience

If interested contact Editor-in-Chief, Angela Graf, at grafa1@ferris.edu



STUDENT DISCOUNTS

Show your FSU ID at
any of these participating
businesses for discounts!

OIL CHANGES
\$16.95

CALL FOR DETAILS.

Ask About Our
FSU Discount
FSU ALUMNI OWNED & OPERATED

AAA Approved Auto Repair

ASE BLUE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

BOSCH Service

Quality
Car & Truck
Repair

14905 220th Ave.
just west of US 131

231-796-8320

Mon - Fri: 8am - 5:30pm
www.qualitycarandtruckrepair.com

FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY
Student ID

Brutus Ferris

12345678

FREE
initial diagnostics with
repair over \$100.00*
(\$36.25 value)

Johnson's
Automotive

johnsonsauto.com

1305 N. State St.
Big Rapids

231-796-3700

*Some Exclusions Apply. Must show Student ID

CUT IT OUT AND BRING IT IN • EXPIRES 2/28/18

10% DISCOUNT for Ferris students

WE DELIVER!

BIG RAPIDS • 231-796-6666

**1/2 Ham, Turkey, Pizza or
Veggie Grinders for \$3.00**

ORDER **online** www.mancinosnw.com

GOODWELL
AUTO

We offer unbeatable prices,
reliable experience and efficient
service in a comfortable,
friendly atmosphere.

FREE
INITIAL
DIAGNOSTICS
WITH REPAIR
OVER \$100.00*
(\$36.25 VALUE)

*Some Exclusions Apply. Must show Student ID

Goodwell Auto Repair serves Big Rapids, Mecosta County and the surrounding areas with top quality automotive repair and maintenance.

Sales • Service
14585 220th Ave • Big Rapids • www.goodwellauto.com
231-592-1457

PARIS AUTO SALES

SERVICE CENTER
OF BIG RAPIDS

**10% OFF
A REPAIR OF \$150.00
\$19.99 OIL CHANGE**

WITH STUDENT ID

18415 Northland Drive, Big Rapids **231-796-7355**
OPEN: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SPORTS

"It's taken a lot of work to be here but we can still always get better, and we are striving to do that." - Zach Hankins - See page 12 for story

Brendan Samuels | Sports Editor | samuelb1@ferris.edu

Where did everyone go?



Photo by: Sam Cavotta & Keith Salowich | Torch Staff

Freshman Adrienne Anderson (left) and sophomore Greg Williams (right) drive their teams down the court. Fan attendance has been considerably lower for the women's basketball team this season, despite a jump in success.

Ferris women's basketball experiencing drop-off in fan attendance

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Anyone who has attended a Ferris women's basketball game this year has noticed the lack of attendance in comparison to the preceding men's basketball game.

Typically, the women's team would kick off the day's action with the men following them up. However, the Ferris State Athletic Department changed the schedule this season so the men play the first game and the women finish off the night in hopes of boosting fan attendance.

Has it helped? Not one bit.

Could it be the simple fact that the men's team is 20-1 and are currently ranked No. 5 in the nation and the women haven't had as successful of a season? Or could it be something more complex, such as the stigma that women's sports aren't as interesting as men's?

"I think people just enjoy watching the competition of men's basketball rather than women's and how it is more entertaining," Ferris senior football player defensive end Dylan Roney said.

The Ferris women are 10-9 overall

on the season and are currently having one of their best seasons in recent years. This is the same team that only won five games last season.

The team started the year 6-0 but ran into a bit of a rough patch in the month of December and early into January in which they went 2-7.

During that stretch, the Bulldogs dropped games to the No. 1 ranked Ashland Eagles and the No. 12 ranked Michigan Tech Huskies.

"I think the women's basketball team has gotten off to such a great start this season after struggling with injuries last year and brought in a lot of talented freshmen, as well as having talented players back from injury, that fans have been caught off-guard," Ferris senior communications assistant Scott Vandersloot said. "It is also tough to compete for students' time when the men's team is nationally ranked but I think if the students see some of the women's games, they will be hooked as they've been very entertaining this



Drew Cushingberry

season and won and competed well against some great teams."

This is a very competitive group of players and coaches this season that have had extremely entertaining games this year, with six of the Bulldogs' losses having been decided by five points or less.

"Personally, I choose to stay for the girls' games because I find them exciting and entertaining," Ferris senior guard Drew Cushingberry said. "I know there isn't as many athletic plays like dunking but there are fundamental plays that win and lose the game that you appreciate if you enjoy the game of basketball. I truly wish people would stay for them because they are a young, exciting team to watch as they press and get up and down."

At the end of the day, these are scholarship athletes that practice and work just as hard as any other sport at Ferris and this is a very young and exciting team with a lot of upside in their future.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams will be in action Saturday, Jan. 27, when they take on Lake Superior State at Wink Arena. The men will lead off at 1 p.m. and the women will follow up at 3 p.m.

Swinging in before you know it

Ferris softball ready for action

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Not too many things spell out spring better than the smell of fresh cut grass and the sound of metal bats drilling another Ferris home run.

Though it may seem far off, softball season is fast approaching and the Bulldogs have their sights on opening day.

"As the season approaches, we have really been focused on having intensity and purpose with every rep we take during practice," Ferris sophomore outfielder Jacki Stone said. "We have been working on getting stronger and faster all winter long and now we finally have the opportunity to put it all together and get rolling. On top of that, we have all been working on improving our knowledge on every aspect of the game."

The Bulldogs are coming off a season where they put together a 18-23 record. The Bulldogs went .500 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play with a 11-11 record, finishing seventh in the conference before ultimately falling to second seed Wayne State, 1-0 in the opening round of the GLIAC tournament.

The Bulldogs will be heading into the 2018 season under new guidance as Kristin Janes was hired in July of 2017 as the program's 12th head coach. Janes will replace Adam Kirkpatrick, who was named interim coach last season after former head coach Wally King moved onto the Division I level after leading the Bulldogs to a 36-18 record in 2016.

Janes spent the previous five seasons rebuilding Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College's program that sported a 0-42 record the year before her revival. Janes built the program into a competitor in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference which is considered one of the best conferences at the junior college level.

"I love our coaching staff," Ferris junior third baseman Lexi Hongisto said. "They understand that softball is incredibly important to us but they also understand it isn't everything. They have done a great job so far and they've made it clear that they are not going anywhere anytime soon. Our coaching staff is incredibly committed to our team and they have made us all have a whole new love for the game. I can't say enough good things about our coaches."

The Bulldogs were led last year by Hongisto, who sported a .321 batting average and team leading 23 extra-base hits, including six home runs. Hongisto's power almost earned her a spot on the All-GLIAC conference team, as she was listed as an honorable mention for the team. Hongisto looks to lead the team back to the GLIAC tournament by season's end.

"We'd like to improve our record from last season but ultimately we'd like to make it to the GLIAC Tournament and show the other teams that we're there to compete and win some games," Hongisto said.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to kick off their season with a trip to the University of Southern Indiana for a trio of double headers before heading down to Florida where they are scheduled to play 11 games during spring training.

The Bulldogs will officially kick off their conference season on the road against Grand Valley State University (GVSU) on March 21.

Sports Shorts

Jessica Brown
Interim Reporter

Defeating the newcomers

Ferris' women's basketball pulled out a win over the league newcomer Purdue Northwest in the first-ever series matchup on Thursday, Jan. 18.

The Bulldogs defeated the Pride with a final score of 94-68, while shooting 46 percent from the floor and 88.9 percent from the line.

Ferris junior guard Alexis Bush and sophomore wing Riley Blair totaled a team-high of 15 points each. Adding to this success was Ferris sophomore forward Lilly George, who finished with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Bulldogs will face rival GVSU in Allendale on Saturday, Jan. 20, with tip-off set for 6 p.m.

Leading the region

The Ferris' men's basketball team took the lead in the GLIAC after their hard-fought 92-78 victory over Purdue Northwest on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Senior guard Drew Cushingberry led the team with a total of 23 points and seven assists. Ferris junior guard DeShaun Thrower made his first start of the year with 18 points and seven rebounds.

With their win and Lake Superior State's loss to GVSU, the Bulldogs took possession of the top spot in the GLIAC.

The Bulldogs will go head to head against GVSU on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Fieldhouse Arena in Allendale with tip-off set for 8 p.m.

Annese in the spotlight

Ferris' head football coach Tony Annese was featured as one of the main speakers for the 46th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Clinic on Thursday, Jan. 18, in Lansing.

Since the arrival of Annese six years ago, the Bulldogs have posted the best winning percentage of all 21 collegiate programs in the state of Michigan. Annese has won 83 percent of his games as head coach, which is the most of any current GLIAC head coach.

Twice, Annese has been named Super Region Coach of the Year at Ferris and is also an inductee in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Behind the bench

Thoughts on the man behind Bulldog hockey for the past 26 seasons

For almost 30 years, Bob Daniels has come to work every day with the goal of improving his hockey team.

When the casual fan takes a peak at Daniels' record as the head coach of the Dawgs, the word that may come to mind is average, mediocre even. Daniels carries a 440-460-101 record with him currently after the Bulldogs were swept Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19-20, by Bemidji State but it's time we dig deeper than the casual fan and look further into what Daniels is to Bulldog hockey.

Daniels, 58, was a three-time coach of the year in the North American Junior Hockey League with the Hennessey Engineers before making his way to Ferris. Daniels was named the head coach of the Bulldogs after three seasons as an assistant under John Perpich (1989-90) and Bob Mancini (1990-92). Now in his 26th season, Daniels is the longest-tenured and all-time winningest head coach in program history.

This season hasn't been the best and the Bulldogs are on pace to be the 14th team under Daniels' guidance to finish below .500 but when you look at it logically, what Daniels has been able to accomplish at Ferris far and wide exceeds expectations.

In his first 21 seasons, Daniels' Bulldogs were a member of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA), routinely going up against much more talented teams such as Michigan State University, Ohio State University and University of Notre Dame (ND). Daniels kept the Bulldogs in it as Ferris went 350-378-84 under Daniels' guidance in the CCHA, claiming two regular season CCHA titles and two National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament appearances, including a National Championship appearance in 2012.

The Bulldogs were far from the most talented in the CCHA but under Daniels' leadership, the Bulldogs were able to put Big Rapids on the map. A small town just less than 60 miles north of Grand Rapids was suddenly home to one of the best teams in college hockey and Daniels was awarded both CCHA and National Coach of the Year awards in 2012.

Just when the Bulldogs were becoming kings of the CCHA, the Big Ten got involved and the landscape of college hockey was in for a shake-up. The CCHA folded and the Bulldogs became a member of the WCHA heading into the 2013-14 season and have remained there since.

The Bulldogs went from the top of the college hockey world, dominating the CCHA, to a conference with little prestige; from weekly appearances on Fox Sports Detroit to being televised less than Ferris'



Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Division II football program in the last few years and from beating powerhouse teams like University of Michigan (U of M) and ND to mediocrity. This is not a Daniels issue, this is a college hockey issue. The Big Ten has ruined college hockey.

Recruiting is an essential part of college hockey. Imagine the thoughts going through future National Hockey League (NHL) players when they are deciding where to play:

"Hmm, should I live in a small town where I'll play against a few big-name schools in front of less than 2,000 people a night and never get a chance to play on TV? Or should I make the few hour trip east and play for U of M in one of the nicest arenas in college hockey while my family and friends watch on TV every week as I put hockey in front of academics?"

Easy choice.

Through that, Daniels has still been able to assemble a team capable of once again putting Ferris in the national spotlight. The Bulldogs may not be the flashiest but they are capable of beating teams like U of M on the road in overtime, a team whose roster is almost completely owned by the NHL.

Daniels has shown his ability to develop the players into some of the game's best. Look at Chris Kunitz and his success-filled career, and players like Gerald Mayhew, Kyle Bonis and Chad Billins who have stuck out in recent years.

Though this year has given us a team unable to live up to its potential, Daniels is far from the reason Ferris isn't bringing in a conference title every year. In fact, Daniels is the only reason this program even has a chance. Believe me, they will have plenty of chances to get back to the national championship with Daniels behind the bench.

Since college hockey started, 42 schools have heard the final buzzer on their program, including three right here in Michigan: Hillsdale College, Wayne State University and U of M Dearborn). We can thank Daniels that Ferris isn't one of those teams because to stay alive with a program like this, you need stability and Daniels has been the best at providing that since 1992.

Though this team hasn't given the fans what they want these past two seasons, fans should be thankful that Daniels has given the program everything he has.



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER
@FSUTORCH



Ferris State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion or creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, veteran or military status, height, weight, protected disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by applicable State or federal laws or regulations in education, employment, housing, public services, or other University operations, including, but not limited to, admissions, programs, activities, hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, or retention. Retaliation against any person making a charge, filing a legitimate complaint, testifying, or participating in any discrimination investigation or proceeding is prohibited.

Students with disabilities requiring assistance or accommodation may contact Educational Counseling & Disabilities Services at (231) 591-3057 in Big Rapids, or the Director of Counseling, Disability & Tutoring Services for Kendall College of Art and Design at (616) 451-2787 ext. 1136 in Grand Rapids. Employees and other members of the University community with disabilities requiring assistance or accommodation may contact the Human Resources Department, 420 Oak St., Big Rapids, MI 49307, or call (231) 591-2150.

Inquiries or complaints of discrimination may be addressed to the Director of Equal Opportunity, 120 East Cedar St., Big Rapids, MI 49307, or by telephone at (231) 591-2152; or Title IX Coordinator, 805 Campus Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307, or by telephone at (231) 591-2088. On the KCAD Grand Rapids campus, contact the Title IX Deputy Coordinator, 17 Fountain St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, (616) 451-2787 ext. 1113.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

SILVERNAIL
REALTY



For Rent:

Clean 1 to 6 Bedroom
Apartments and Houses.
Deposit Required.
No Pets Allowed.
CLOSE TO CAMPUS
Some with **FREE HEAT**

www.silvernailrealty.com
(231)796-6329

17810 205th Ave. Big Rapids

Wintramurals

A look into intramurals during the winter

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Ferris prides itself on diversity and equal opportunity for its students and the same goes for the realm of sports.

Intramurals provide students the chance to showcase their athletic ability in a much more relaxed environment.

“My favorite part of my job is working with my staff and training them to become better officials. I also like seeing them grow and develop skills they never knew they had,” Assistant Director of Intramural and Clubs Sports Justin Harden said. “I enjoy being on the courts and the fields as well with the participants. I like knowing that students enjoy the opportunities we provide for them and that they appreciate the work we do in order to provide these opportunities of engagement.”

For the spring semester the Ferris Recreation Center (Rec) offers 5 vs. 5 basketball, 4 vs. 4 indoor flag football, 4 vs. 4 volleyball, dodgeball, broomball, ice hockey and indoor soccer. They also offer different events including trivia night, table tennis, Euchre tournaments, March Madness Bracket Challenge, Water Olympics and billiards.

There is no requirement per sport for teams and each team has the opportunity to pick the time slot they want to play. Due to the use of two courts, there is only four teams per division.

Each week the teams face opponents that have signed up for the same time slot. The Rec does their best to get all



Submitted photo

Ferris students compete in a Broomball contest. Winter Intramural sign-ups are drawing to a close but students can register up until Sunday, Jan. 28.

teams involved even if the time slot that they wanted is full.

“The best part of my job during the months of intramurals is that I get to meet new people every time I come into work. It’s great to be around all the students

having a good time playing the sports they love,” senior Recreation Sport Office Assistant and Intramural Supervisor McKenna VandoorNIK said.

Students can get involved by going to the Rec and asking for help in setting up

a team by creating an IMLeagues account.

For anyone interested in intramural sports, it is not too late to sign up. Intramural registration for the spring semester is open until Sunday, Jan. 28 at midnight.

Sinking the ship

Ferris men’s basketball continues to improve with win over Grand Valley

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

With their win over Grand Valley State University (GVSU) on Jan. 20, the Bulldogs lead the nation with 20 wins and have set themselves up for a marquee matchup with Lake Superior State University (LSSU) on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Though trailing at halftime, the Bulldogs were able to battle out a close 87-81 victory over GVSU. GVSU beat LSSU a few days prior and showed the Bulldogs that they wouldn’t be backing down from another big challenge.

The Bulldogs now have sole ownership of first place in the GLIAC and will have to defend that Saturday, Jan. 27, when they take on LSSU in a rematch of their only loss this season as they host the Lakers in front of what should be a crowd full of energy. The Bulldogs are undefeated at home this year thanks to the home-court advantage.

“The energy is amazing, the games are always exciting and the gym is almost always booming with energy,” Ferris senior wing Noah King said.

The Bulldogs traveled to Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 16, where they dropped their first game of the year against LSSU, 79-74. The loss dropped Ferris to second place in the conference but a LSSU loss to GVSU has the Bulldogs back in first with LSSU looking to jump them.

The game should be a preview of the exciting basketball yet to be played as we get closer and closer to the home stretch of the year. This Ferris team is three-time defending GLIAC tournament champions and they will look to continue that excellence

this season.

“It’s taken a lot of work to be here but we can still always get better, and we are striving to do that,” Ferris junior center Zach Hankins said. “I don’t think anyone here has lost a GLIAC tournament, so we know we can do it.”



Zach Hankins

After the game with LSSU on Dec. 16, the Bulldogs have eight more games to close out the regular season in February, including a rematch with GVSU on home court to close out the season on Feb. 24.

If the Bulldogs can get a victory in their next game against LSSU, they will have a two-game lead for first place and that is a cushion that certainly makes things easier for a team that has gotten so used to winning. A win against LSSU means the Bulldogs would be able to afford a loss or two and still be able to hold onto that first-place spot. Although, this team would rather keep winning.

“We just want to be the best team we possibly can this year and try to go for every feat that’s available for us this year,” King said.

This Bulldog team is capable of doing very good things as they approach this home stretch and it all starts with a potential win against LSSU that could very well be the stamp on the envelope on an impressive season.

The Bulldogs and LSSU are set for their rematch battle on Saturday, Jan. 27, in Wink Arena at 1 p.m.

Top Dawg

Drew Cushingberry

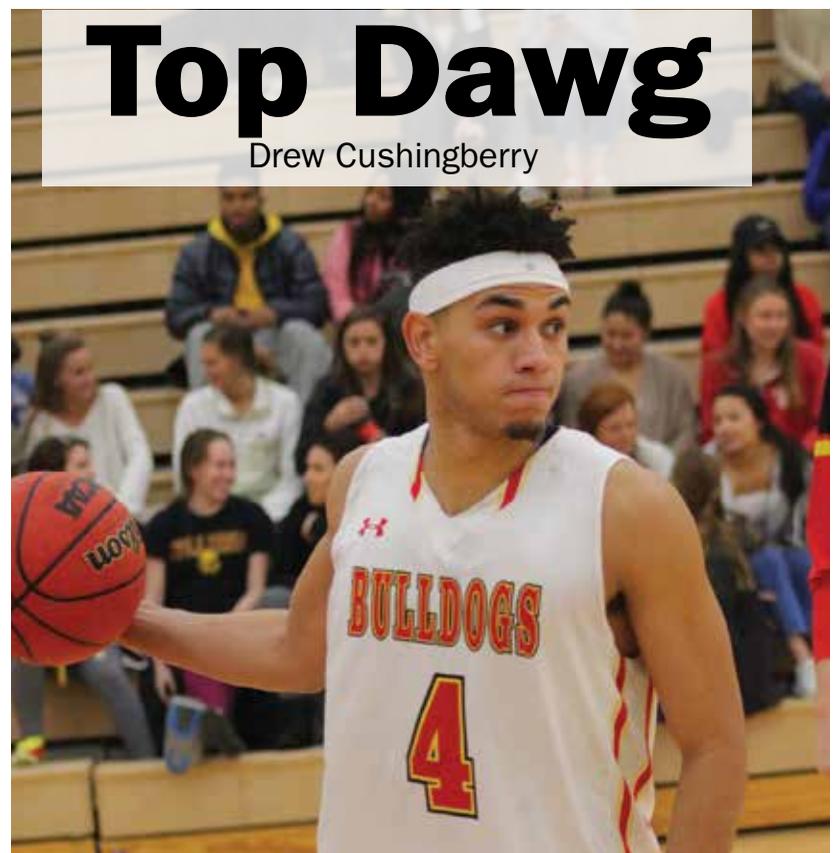


Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

The Ferris men’s basketball team is on a high right now and that is thanks in part to the big time play of senior guard Drew Cushingberry.

Cushingberry has enjoyed a great season to this point, averaging 13.8 points and 3.2 rebounds per game, along with a total of 123 assists on the year.

The past week has seen more spectacular play from Cushingberry, starting with the Bulldogs’ Thursday, Jan. 18 victory over Purdue Northwest. Cushingberry lead his team in that game with 23 points and seven assists en route to the 92-78 win.

Cushingberry carried his momentum into Ferris’ Saturday, Jan. 20 matchup with arch-rival GVSU. Showcasing his play-making ability, Cushingberry recorded 10 points and four assists.

Having a senior presence like Cushingberry has proved to be a huge advantage as the Dawgs have compiled a 20-1 record and most recently, have claimed the top spot in the GLIAC standings.

The Bulldogs will have a pivotal matchup ahead of them as they will have to take on LSSU, who sit directly behind them on the GLIAC leaderboards. That game will take place Saturday, Jan. 27, in Wink Arena at 1 p.m.

FERRIS STATE TORCH

ENTER TO WIN
1st Prize \$100
2nd Prize \$75
3rd Prize \$50



FERRIS STATE
TORCH

Best Of Big Rapids
2017

Best Of Big Rapids

2017

Ferris State Torch Best Of Big Rapids. Deadline March 23rd.
Mail to: FSU Torch, C/O Pioneer Group, 115 N Michigan Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307 or drop off at Torch Office/Room 011

in the basement of the Alumni building
or enter online at www.FSUTorch.com
Vote for Your Favorites!

- | | |
|---|--|
| Best Apartment/Housing Complex _____ | Best Hotel/Motel _____ |
| Best Bank _____ | Best Ice Cream Store _____ |
| Best Bar _____ | Best Jewelry Store _____ |
| Best Bargain Meal _____ | Best Late Night Eatery _____ |
| Best Bookstore _____ | Best Mexican Restaurant _____ |
| Best Breakfast _____ | Best Nail Salon _____ |
| Best Cell Phone Provider _____ | Best Oil Change _____ |
| Best Church _____ | Best Party Store _____ |
| Best Coffee Shop _____ | Best Pizza _____ |
| Best Downtown Business-nonfood _____ | Best Place for Lunch _____ |
| Best E-Cigarette/Smoke shop _____ | Best Place to Dance _____ |
| Best Fast Food Restaurant _____ | Best Place to Hear Live Music _____ |
| Best FSU Athletic Team _____ | Best Place to Take a Date _____ |
| Best FSU Fraternity _____ | Best Professor _____ |
| Best FSU Residence Hall _____ | Best Resident Assistant _____ |
| Best FSU Sorority _____ | Best Restaurant-Chain _____ |
| Best FSU Student Organization/RSO _____ | Best Restaurant-Local _____ |
| Best Golf Course _____ | Best Salon/Spa _____ |
| Best Grocery Store _____ | Best Sandwich Shop _____ |
| Best Gym/Health Club _____ | Best Tanning Salon _____ |
| Best Hamburger _____ | Best Tattoo Business & Body Piercing _____ |
| Best Happy Hour _____ | Best Thrift/Vintage Shop _____ |

It's time to vote for your favorite person, place or thing!

To be eligible for the drawing you must fill out at least 75% of the poll. The Pioneer employees and families are not eligible to vote.
All entries must be turned in or postmarked by Friday, March 23, 2018.

**Please fill out
to enter our
contest!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Good Luck!

FERRIS STATE
TORCH

OPINIONS

“You can only live off of grandma’s Christmas money for so long.”
- Marley Tucker - See below for story

Marley Tucker | Opinions Editor | marleyitucker@gmail.com

The Ferris State Torch is published on 27 Wednesdays throughout the academic year. This student-run newspaper is printed by The Pioneer Group.

OUR LOCATION
Alumni Building 013
410 Oak Street
Ferris State University
Big Rapids, MI 49307
fsutorch.com/letter-to-the-editor/

The Ferris State Torch welcomes comments on topics of interest to the general readership. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length and The Torch reserves the right to edit for length. Letters will not be edited for grammar, punctuation or spelling. The Torch will not print letters deemed to be libelous or obscene. All letters must be signed by their authors and include his or her phone number.

Unsigned editorials appearing on this page are the opinion of The Torch and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the university’s administration, faculty or staff. Signed columns represent the opinion of the writer. Inquiries regarding editorial content should be directed to the Editor in Chief at (231) 591-5978.

To advertise with the Torch, contact Hannah Evo at the Pioneer Group: (231) 592-8391. hevo@pioneergroup.com

Student media retain the same rights, responsibilities, privileges and protections afforded by the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution and under applicable state laws.

The Torch and fsutorch.com, the student newspaper and its accompanying online version focused on Ferris State University, are public forums for student expression. Student editors have the authority and responsibility to make all content decisions without censorship or advanced approval for both the print and online editions of the student newspapers.

- TORCH STAFF -

- Editor in Chief**
Angela Graf
(231) 591-5978
- Production Manager**
Sarah Massey
- Production Assistant**
--
- News Editor**
Harley Harrison
- Lifestyles Editor**
Alicia Jaimés
- Sports Editor**
Brendan Samuels
- Opinions Editor**
Marley Tucker
- Multimedia Editor**
Abbey Good
- Web Supervisor**
Keith Salowich
- Office Manager**
Kaitlyn Kirchner
- Podcast Manager**
--
- Cartoonist**
Samuel McNeill
- Visual Content**
Samantha Cavotta
Kaitlyn Kirchner
Megell Strayhorn
Marcus Gurnee
- Reporters**
Jacob Carlson
Danny Collins
Briana Hammontree
Megan Lewton
Kat Merby
Grant Siddall
Cora Hall
Holly Baker
- Interim Reporters**
Jessica Brown
Landry Shorkel
- Managing Copy Editor**
Jen Corrie
- Copy Editors**
Rebecca Bostic
Ebony Morrisette
- Distributor**
Keith Salowich
- Adviser**
Steve Fox
(231) 591-2529

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

Not the place

So I want to talk for a moment about all the reasons that another celebrity running for president in 2020 is a horrible idea.

If you haven’t read the story on page four this week (which you should by the way), we discuss some of the individuals that have thrown their hats into the political ring, so to speak. This includes but is not limited to Oprah Winfrey, Kanye West and Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson (although Johnson claims he’s waiting for the 2024 election).

My first argument against this movement is simple: Donald Trump. While a particularly extreme case, he is an example of what happens when people that aren’t involved in politics

get involved with politics. He missteps at almost every turn and runs what is perhaps the most absurd Twitter account out there.

He seemingly has no understanding of complex policy and has made it his mission to appoint equally inept government officials *cough* Betsy DeVos *cough*.

In addition to them not necessarily being qualified for the job, celebrities taking part in the presidential race seriously skews the logic that voters are using; there will surely be a significant number of people voting for Oprah purely for the sake of voting for Oprah.

While the turnout may be high-

er, it enables those voters to base their decision on a name and their preconceived ideas about the candidate, rather than actually taking the time to research their stance on social and political issues.

Electing celebrities one after the other sets a bad precedent; when will it stop? Will it suddenly be a requirement for the job?

Running for president would ruin who Oprah currently is as a public figure.

She is the most successful black businesswoman in America. She is a sexual assault survivor who has used that platform to change the lives of countless others. She is a talk show host, an actress and an

entrepreneur. She is not a politician.

She is not someone that should have to decide whether or not it is time to declare a nuclear strike. She is not the person that should be determining tax and healthcare policy. She should not be rubbing elbows with corrupt, misogynistic career politicians.

The role of the president is a dirty job—let Oprah stay the charismatic, philanthropic, celebrity figure that she is.

Oh, and in regards to Kanye? Nobody that has been involved with the Kardashian family to that degree should be allowed any modicum of power. Just sayin’.

Money woes Little lifestyle changes can save your wallet

You come home from class only to freeze in horror. There in the dark abyss of your mailbox—bills, bills and more bills.

We have a heavy burden that accompanies our diplomas. According to collegecalc.org, Ferris graduates leave campus with an average of \$36,930 in student debt.

We shake hands with our professors on graduation day and then get a letter in the mail to remind us to pay back our loans. Our futures are bright as we slowly sink into the sea of entry-level employment. It’s not all bad but money tends to be scarce when you actually need it.

Being a young adult is all fun and games until you remember that huge tab you paid off after going to Shooters last weekend. With tuition being crammed down our throats, we all have to be smarter with our finances to survive. As an aforementioned young adult, I know we aren’t all going broke buying avocado toast.

To save money, you have to be proactive. Don’t be the type of person who always mooches off of their friends. We’re all broke.

So what can we do? There are little things that can add up every month and blow your budget to smithereens. Let’s go through a couple of tips and tricks that can save some money—you can



Marley Tucker
Opinions Editor

only live off of grandma’s Christmas money for so long.

It’s pretty easy to get a credit card when you’re a college student. Paying it off? Not so much. If you get a credit card, I would recommend getting one with the lowest interest rate and only charge what you can pay for.

Keep a manageable budget with wiggle room for emergency expenses. To set money aside, I like to keep a coin jar for all of my dimes. A full two liter pop bottle full of dimes equals around \$700. It takes time but doesn’t require a lot of effort to do.

Buy a Sunday newspaper and clip some coupons for groceries. If that seems too time consuming, you can use mobile coupons found on your phone to save some cash. Go to your favorite grocery store’s website or use sites like coupons.com and check what deals they have going on.

Join an online product reviewing site. Websites like PINCHme give you free products you qualify for so that you can review them and post on social media. Like all college students, I love free stuff and they deliver!



I’ve been bamboozled!

If there is one thing that college has taught me thus far, it’s that saving a couple bucks here and there makes a difference in the long run.

One easy way for me to do this is renting or buying used textbooks. I’ve saved hundreds of dollars by doing this and as a student with loans, a car payment and monthly rent, those couple hundred dollars are invaluable.

But when a professor lists an access code as a required material for the class, my stomach drops knowing that this means I’ll have to buy my textbook new in order to get the access code.

On average, access codes are around \$100. Coupled with the super-cool and not at all inconvenient fact that most textbooks are bundled with the access code, this means that I will probably spend \$120 to \$150 more than I would have if I had rented or bought a used book.

In the past when I’ve bought access codes, they really have been pointless. One was used solely for homework that the professor never graded and it really did not help me learn anything at all.

I never even opened the other one. I emailed my professor to ask if I needed the access code or if I could buy a used book without the access code, as the difference in price was more than \$100.

I was told that the lab that



Cora Hall
Torch Reporter

came with the access code would greatly benefit me in my success in the class. Not sure if this meant it was required or not, I bought the access code with the new text book, spending \$160.

Hindsight is 20/20, people. We never once used the MyArtsLab that came with the access code; all the homework was done with Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, which you now have to pay a monthly subscription to use.

So I ended up having to sign up for a year-long Adobe Creative Cloud membership at \$20 per month. All in all, I will have spent \$400 for a class that is not even specifically for my major. That’s an entire month’s rent for me this summer.

It’s fine, I’m not mad about this at all.

While I do think that the materials offered by access codes can be beneficial in how students learn, I think they are extremely over-priced. All the content is online, so why does it cost so much? Shouldn’t the Internet be making our lives easier?

College is far too expensive as it is—don’t bleed us all dry by making us buy textbooks new just to get access codes.



Cartoon by: Samuel McNeill | Cartoonist

No, I don't know what I'm doing

Enjoy life without planning everything

We always ask kids what they want to be when they grow up. They usually know what they want to do. However, I do not. As a matter of fact, I have absolutely no idea what I'm doing right now.

I'm mostly unsure of what I want to do with my future but I don't want to have everything planned out. I don't need to know exactly what's going to happen—I just want to enjoy being young while I'm still young. Why should I have to worry about what I'll be doing in a decade or two? What's the point?

Please stop telling me I need to have everything figured out. I'm young and I'm still in college. Who says that I have to have a plan of exactly what I want to do or where I want to go or who I want to be with? Why do I need to have all of this planned now?



Kaitlyn Kirchner
Office Manager

I'm nineteen, I don't need to have my hypothetical children named or my future house picked out. Stop pretending that I'm the odd one out because I don't know what I want in life. We're all in the same boat.

Let me live in the moment; let me enjoy the things that I'm doing and the people I'm with. Who decided uncertainty was always a bad thing? I'm at a crossroads and I'm fine with feeling out my options.

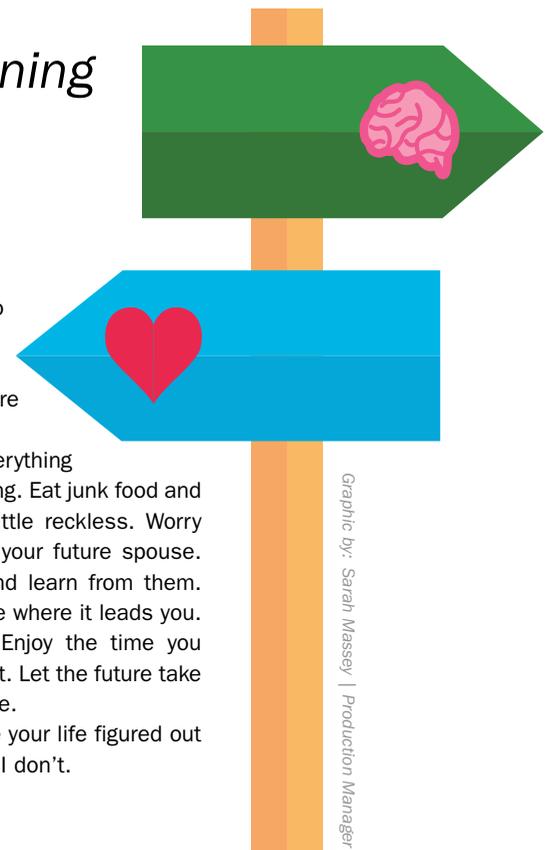
Hear me out for just a second: why do you need a wedding themed Pinterest board?

Why do you need to know everything now? Nothing is certain and no one will know the future until it happens.

Stop trying to figure everything out. Just enjoy being young. Eat junk food and stay up late and be a little reckless. Worry about your classes, not your future spouse. Make some mistakes and learn from them. Follow your heart and see where it leads you.

Live in the moment. Enjoy the time you have while you still have it. Let the future take its course at its own pace.

You don't need to have your life figured out every second of the day. I don't.



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager

TORCH POLL RESULTS

How do you feel about Trump's first year?

NUMBER OF VOTES:
74



Stay updated on campus news by liking us on Facebook or following us on Twitter

TOBACCO
THE ORIGINAL TOBACCO BAR
• OUTFITTERS •
FRESHWATER
vapor

MAXX VAPOR
\$22
100mls

• \$10.00 60mls - **EVERYDAY** • Huge **GLASS** Selection • **CBD**, Liquids & Gummies • **KRATOM** Focus & Relax • **CIGARS** Walk In Humidor
Big Rapids on Northland Dr. • 231.537.2088
On the southside of campus, Next to Save-A-Lot! **OPEN EVERYDAY!**
FSU STUDENT FRIENDLY!
www.freshwatervapor.com



Where you and your perfect living come together

Homes & Apartments

Find the size and price that fits you...Perfectly.

Near Campus.
Well maintained.
All utilities included.

FREE \$25

Gift Card to local retailer

Must be approved applicant.

Restrictions may apply.
Lease must be written at market rent.

FREE* \$250

Gift Card to local retailer

*Approved applicants who sign a 12-month lease by May 1, 2018 are entered to win a \$250 gift card.

Restrictions may apply.
Lease must be written at market rent.



Let our experienced, friendly staff take the stress out of finding and leasing your next living space.

Real Property Management
INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS

305 North Michigan Avenue
Big Rapids, MI 49307

231-527-5000 Rpminv.com



Call Now! Apply Today!