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Raising a-wear-ness

“What were you wearing?” exhibit concludes sexual Assault Awareness Month

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

A Ferris Title IX exhibit aims to debunk the stigma that what one wears can put them at risk for sexual assault.

“What Were You Wearing?” is a week-long display that reveals recreations of outfits worn by survivors when they were sexually assaulted. The exhibit, located in UCB 116, is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from April 23 through April 27.

“It’s to battle the myth that what you were wearing somehow gives someone else permission to your body and a lot of people will think, ‘oh, well what were they wearing? Like, if they were wearing something scandalous, then it’s kind of their fault.’ No, that’s not even close to true,” Ferris forensic biology freshman and Title IX Student Assistant Heidi Stauffer said.

“What Were You Wearing?” is the final event of Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Ferris. A series of events regarding sexual assault awareness were held throughout April, including workshops and a march. The events were coordinated by Stauffer, Title IX Coordinator Kevin Carmody and Ferris technical and professional communication and Spanish for the professions senior and Title IX Student Assistant Harley Harrison.

Student volunteers are available at the exhibit throughout the week to offer resources and emotional support to viewers. Among the volunteers is Ferris social work junior Nick Hadley, who is volunteering with the Social Work Association (SWA).

“We do a lot of close work with Title IX and Campus Needs You programs and we offer volunteers when we

need them,” Hadley said. “A lot of the time, the ideas of what we have aren’t really true, that what you’re wearing affects it, or like, you could literally be wearing anything. And I think it’s important that people are aware of that.”

Hadley said he thinks both survivors and advocates can benefit from “What Were You Wearing?”

“I think that the biggest thing that I’d like students to take away, specifically survivors, is that it’s not their fault, and people who aren’t survivors, I would just say that you can be supportive, and if you come here, you can get some of the statistics about how often it happens, and you just realize that it happens way more often than a lot of people think,” Hadley said.

Stauffer hopes the exhibit will inform others about how significant the issue is.

“It’s just something that I really want to make a difference in because it’s so relevant,” Stauffer said. “Everyone, even if you don’t know you know someone, you know someone who’s experienced it and I want to make that known so that people start being more involved and want to help more, instead of just, you know, pretending it doesn’t happen, because it does.”

For more information, contact Carmody at Kevin.Carmody@ferris.edu or visit the “Campus Needs You” Facebook page.

Editor’s note: Title IX’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month series was organized by Torch News Editor Harley Harrison, a student employee of their office. In order to achieve journalistic objectivity, Harrison was not involved in the production of content for these events.



Submitted photo

More than 200 balloons were displayed in the Quad to show the number of students who have been sexually assaulted while attending Ferris.



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Ferris social work junior Nick Hadley observing the “What Were You Wearing?” gallery, which challenges rape myths about what survivors wore at the time of their assault.

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"If you love it, go with it. Don't hold back."
- Haven Robinson - See page below for story

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Not very cheerful

Cheerleaders challenging strict regulations

Cora Hall
Torch Reporter

Many NFL teams are under scrutiny for the double standard that has long been ignored.

Former NFL cheerleader "Saintsation" Bailey Davis, 20, was fired for posting a photo of herself in a one-piece outfit in January. She was accused of violating the rule that states that the cheerleaders are prohibited from appearing nude, semi-nude or in lingerie on social media. Davis filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), addressing the fact that the New Orleans Saints have a set of rules for the female cheerleaders and not the male players, according to the New York Times.

That's not the only social media restriction put on Saints cheerleaders: they are also required to have private accounts and block all NFL players, according to the New York Times. They also cannot post photos of themselves in Saints gear or even disclose their affiliation with the team. Cheerleaders' personal accounts are never tagged in posts by the NFL team's official Instagram account. The restrictions limit cheerleaders' ability to promote themselves and players are not required to follow any of those rules.

"If the women of cheerleading are being restricted and not allowed to post in these certain formats then so should the men," Ferris biology education freshman and cheerleader Scott Vincent said. "Many players pose nude in photo-shoots to show off their athleticism, yet the cheerleaders are only allowed to pose in these ways when the NFL says so."

The Saints also have anti-fraternization policies. Cheerleaders are not allowed to be at the same restaurant or party as players and if a player is at the same place as them,

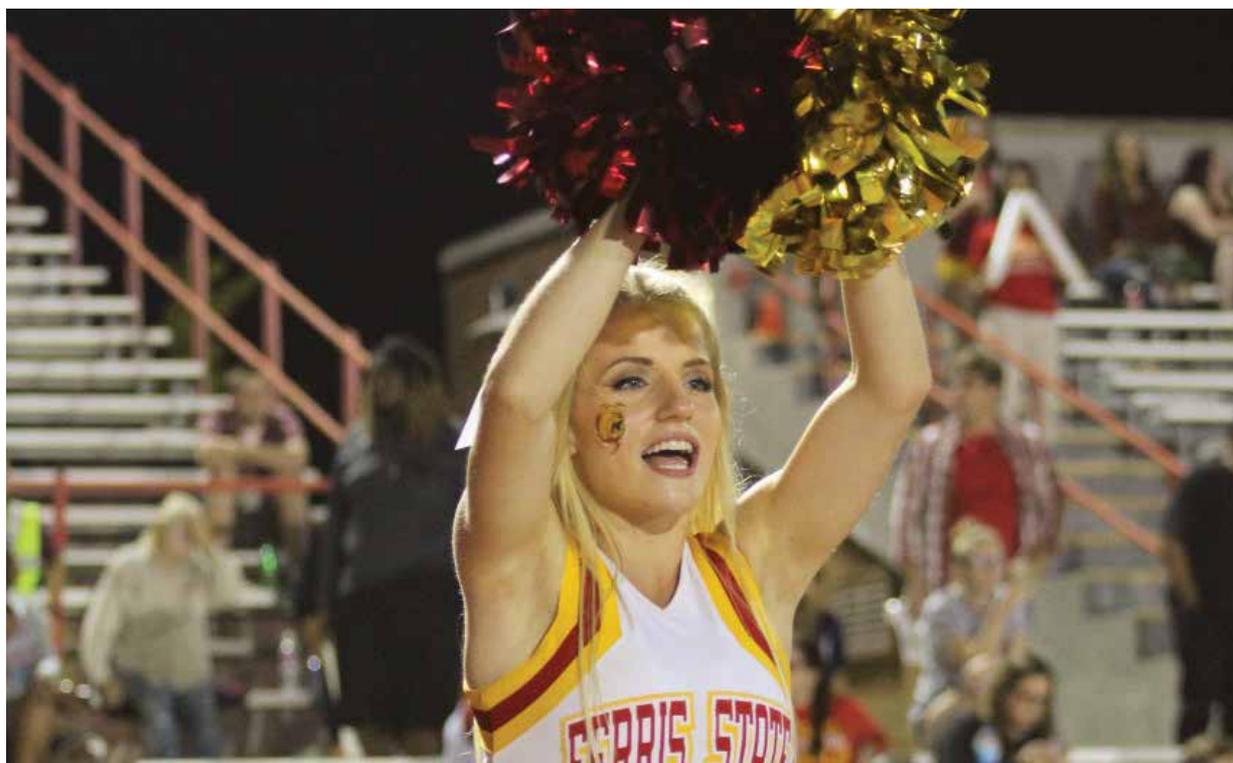


Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

The National Football League is under scrutiny for their alleged sexist restrictions for the professional cheerleaders.

they must leave even if they were there first, according to the New York Times. The team says the restrictions are to protect the cheerleaders from players preying on them and harassing them, yet the players are put under no restrictions in regard to their contact with cheerleaders.

While cheerleaders are not allowed to appear nude or semi-nude on their personal accounts, official cheerleading accounts constantly post pictures of the women in revealing bikinis. The women are not tagged and if they are named, only their first name is used and occasionally the first initial of their last name, according to the New York Times.

"As a male cheerleader, I feel that it is disgusting how people sexualize our athletes. The women of cheerleading are not always seen for their worth as they should be," Vincent said. "I have worked with many girls and they work hard and sweat just as much as any other athlete. For the NFL to use their girls as sexual objects is very offensive to the sport."

According to the New York Times, cheerleaders from other organizations have filed lawsuits over unfair working environments in the past. Members from the Cincinnati Bengals,

the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Jets won thousands of dollars after suing for poor pay and the fact that they were required to pay for their own makeup, uniforms and transportation. Oakland Raiders cheerleaders also settled a lawsuit over poor pay and are now paid minimum wage.

Ferris pre-optometry freshman and former cheerleader Lauren Zielinski said the cheerleaders should get paid above minimum wage.



Lauren Zielinski

"I think athletes in general should be paid more than minimum wage because wages should be determined on the type of work you are doing," Zielinski said. "However, I do not think that all athletes should be paid the same due to the differences in the line of work. Overall, I think that football would be considered a more dangerous sport due to the continuously strenuous situations each player is put into and therefore result in a higher pay."

A star on the rise

Ferris student Haven Robinson honored at banquet



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Ferris CAD drafting and tool design freshman Haven Robinson (center) was honored for having promise and potential in her field.

Landry Shorkey
Interim Reporter

Being a woman in a male-dominated industry can come with many challenges but can also be a rewarding experience full of success.

Last week, female students in the College of Engineering Technology (CET) were celebrated at an annual banquet held in their honor and the faculty that support them were also recognized.

Awards were given out to several individuals, one of whom was Ferris CAD drafting and tool design freshman Haven Robinson. She was awarded the Nontraditional Rising Star Student Award, which is meant to honor a young student who has already shown promise and potential in a predominantly male field.

Robinson is the only female freshman in the program, accompanied by just two more females in higher grade levels.

"In the first couple weeks, you definitely have to just be you and do your work, because the guys will look at you like 'what are you doing?' But once they realize you actually know what you're doing, they eventually come to you for help," Robinson said.

She got her start at Kingsley High

School and later attended the Traverse Bay Area Career Tech Center as a student in the drafting and design program.

"I just enjoyed the designing aspect. I kind of fell in love with something about it. It turned out I was good at it and I enjoyed it," Robinson said.

Since then, Robinson has excelled in her classes at Ferris and secured a summer internship at Great Lakes Stainless, Inc., where she plans to return when the semester finishes. She also plans to compete in the technical drafting event at the SkillsUSA state finals.

"Women do think differently. The importance of the field alone is that not many people are going into it—there's a high demand. That being said, for women there is a high demand in engineering," Robinson said.

On winning the Nontraditional Rising Star Student award, Robinson expressed her gratitude. After college, she plans to pursue her dream job of making injection molds for plastic parts, and encourages other young women to chase their dreams as well.

"It's really cool being able to be one of the only women in my program and to know that I can succeed in it. If you love it, go with it. Don't hold back," Robinson said.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Harley Harrison
News Editor

New Delhi, India

Eight states have now reported a cash shortage that has left ATMs empty and high restrictions on withdrawals at banks for the second time in the past 18 months. According to economists, the cash shortage is the government's fault, which causes a political threat to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is currently under criticism for his silence over the violent gang rape and murder of an 8-year-old girl.

Original story by Hari Kumar and Vindu Goel, April 20, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Managua, Nicaragua

Thousands of demonstrators clashed with government security forces in the streets of the capital for the third day. Two citizens and one police officer have been killed during the protests and dozens more have been wounded. The violent protests are in opposition to the newly announced changes in the social security program and college students and retirees alike have joined the demonstrations.

Original story by Kirk Semple, April 20, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Havana, Cuba

Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez became Cuba's new president on Thursday, April 19, and is the first person outside of the Castro family to lead the country in decades. Díaz-Canel has served as Vice President to Raúl Castro since 2013 but has remained a quiet leader behind the scenes. He is projected to serve two terms, which means the next 10 years.

Original story by Azam Ahmed and Frances Robles, April 19, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Fuzhou, China

One kangaroo is dead and another injured after visitors at a zoo pelted the kangaroos with rocks in an attempt to get them to move. The incident happened a month ago but public disgust has surfaced this week when a local newspaper published the story. This is not the first time the zoo has tolerated this behavior.

Original Chris Buckley, April 20, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Getting on the same page

Collaboration expected to be easier with student email change

Cora Hall

Torch Reporter

The process of switching all of Ferris to Microsoft Office 365 started with faculty and staff six years ago and it now finally has a completion date.

In December 2018, student emails will be switched to Office 365. Student Gmail accounts will not be deleted and no data will be eliminated at first. Ferris chief technology officer Jake Martin said the process will be non-destructive and everything students have in their accounts when they leave for break will be there when they get back.

"I really think that this aligns with the university's core values of collaboration, excellence, learning and opportunity. By putting everybody into a unified system, collaboration will be off the charts. Now the faculty members can work with the students to pursue excellence. It leverages the tools that we have to encourage that lifelong learning pursuit and opportunity for capstone. It's going to be a huge victory for the university and for students long term," Martin said.

Through Office 365, students will have free access to all applications in the Microsoft Office suite without downloading anything as it is web-based. According to Martin, Office 365 functions on every platform: Mac, PC, phones, iOS, Android and all web browsers.

"The cool thing is, the apps that Microsoft has developed for the mobile platform are easy to use, straight-

forward and you get access to the full suite of applications and the power of the applications they deliver through the web," Martin said. "It's a great platform."



Jake Martin

According to Martin, there is currently a "schism" between directories because students are in Gmail and faculty are in Office 365. Faculty cannot look up student accounts and vice versa and often, faculty emails will end up in student spam boxes. With everyone on the same system, that will no longer happen.

Ferris social work sophomore Kristina Samson said the change will be welcomed as there have been problems with Google in the past.

"I had a situation last semester where we had a project to do on Google Slides and we shared it with our professor but she never got it because her email wasn't on the same system. She never got it and we failed the assignment," Samson said. "If we were on the same page, it would be a lot easier."

Among the popular Microsoft applications—Word, Excel, PowerPoint—there are many other apps students will have access to, such as OneNote, Stream and Planner.

A Frequently Asked Questions form will be sent out to students to help with transferring data from Gmail to Office 365 and learning how to use Office 365.

- ON THE RECORD -

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

No one will suspect us after 4/20...

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Knock it off

April 12, 5:40 p.m., officers investigated a report of criminal sexual conduct in Finch Court. The case is still ongoing.

Off to the principal's office

April 12, 6:49 p.m., officers responded to a controlled substance violation at Finch Court. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct, one suspect was arrested, one citation was issued and one warrant was submitted to the prosecutor's office.

Snowstorms in April got me like...

April 16, 8:44 p.m., officers investigated a report of an obstruction of justice at South Street and Ives Street. One subject was arrested and one citation was issued.

Wait, what?

April 19, 11:53 p.m., officers received a report of a miscellaneous criminal offense at Northland Drive and 13 Mile Road. One suspect was arrested and one citation was issued.

Bond problems

April 20, 1 a.m., officers received a report of a 4th degree criminal sexual conduct, which refers to physical contact, in Bond Hall. The case is still under investigation.

What took you so long?

April 20, 11 a.m., officers received a report of larceny that happened Feb. 14, 4 p.m. in North Hall. The investigation is still ongoing.

Without a trace

April 20, 10 p.m., officers investigated malicious destruction of property in Lot 9. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

No one will suspect us after 4/20...

April 21, 6:30 p.m., officers responded to a controlled substance violation in the 1000 Block of S. State Street. One suspect was arrested.

Late delivery

April 21, 11:17 p.m., officers discovered a suspect in possession of drugs with the intent to deliver on State Street and Knollview Drive. The investigation is still ongoing.

Carried away at Ferris Fest?

April 21, 11:17 p.m., officers investigated an obstruction of justice at State Street and Knollview Drive. One subject was arrested.

But it's art!

April 22, 1:00 p.m., officers assisted hall staff with a report of malicious destruction of property at Clark Hall. The investigation was closed due to a lack of leads.

NEWS BRIEFS

Harley Harrison
News Editor

YBBW 28th annual fashion show

Attend the You Beautiful Black Woman's (YBBW) 28th annual fashion show 5-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 27, at the Holiday Inn. Student models will be displaying clothing provided by themselves and vendors from across the state. For more information, call Aa'Lona Jackson at (810) 247-7177.

BGC step Show

Join the Black Greek Council (BGC) for the annual Step Show as a finale to the Black Alumni Weekend. The event is open to all students 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 28, in Wink Arena. For more information, contact Jeffrey Carodine Jr. at carodij@ferris.edu.

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Second Chance Prom

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Under pressure

Activities designed to relieve stress of finals

Landry Shorkey
Interim Reporter

While the thought of preparing for exam week can be overwhelming, there are many activities available on campus to help ease the tension.

The University Center and FLITE will be accommodating the study needs of students with “Plan for the Exam” activities Sunday, April 29, to Tuesday, May 1.

“The goal of this is to create small breaks to help them deal with the stress of the week. We don’t want them to burn out, so we’re trying to give them some good releases but also not create an event where it’s distracting them from their studies,” Ferris reservation specialist Shana Beisiegel said.



Kristina Samson

Both buildings will be adjusting their hours during this period, with the UC and main library staying open until 2 a.m. and the FLITE deck staying open until 7:30 a.m.

The UC will be providing an array of snacks as well as 15-minute massage sessions. Students must sign up for the massages on a sheet that will be posted outside of UC Rooms 123 and 124 one hour before the first time slot on Monday, April 29.

“I feel pretty stressed because I’m a huge procrastinator, so I wait until the end and all these group projects that are due at this point, I’ve barely started,” Ferris accounting sophomore Anna Love said.

“Plan for the Exam” activities take place each semester leading into final exam week and are entirely free for students.

For students to further improve their study habits, the coordinators of the activities have partnered with the tutoring center to offer computers and study rooms for rent, as well as free index cards.

“It sounds nice, for sure. I think I’ll definitely do it. I’ve recently been coming across issues from my lack of ability to eradicate stress,” Ferris graphic media management freshman Shannon Corbett said.

FLITE will be hosting their own set of activities, one of the most popular being therapy dogs, which will take place under a tented area in the North Quad on Thursday, April 26, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

“If [students] have ideas about things they’d like to see, let us know. We have a suggestion box and they can email us things they would like to see for an exam week de-stress that we haven’t thought of,” Ferris outreach librarian David Scott said.

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PLAN FOR THE EXAM FUN

In the University Center:

- Snacks including puppy chow, trail mix and fruit
- Soft pretzels with cheese (Tuesday, May 1, only)
- Hydration stations with infused water
- Relaxation rooms
- Quiet zones
- Weekly planners
- Video games
- 15-minute massages

In FLITE:

- Nap room with sleeping bags, pillows, beanbags and soft lighting
- Free coffee in the FLITE deck
- Stick Together activity
- Therapy dogs (Thursday, April 26, only)

Piggin’ out



Graphic by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

OMSS prepares for annual barbecue

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Food, friends and Ferris are what the annual Pignic is all about.

Celebrating another successful year at Ferris, the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) is getting ready to host another annual “Pignic,” which has been a staple Ferris event since the 1980s.

“The Pignic was created as a way to encourage current students to continue to be successful and to strive for success and to celebrate another successful academic school year,” OMSS director Matthew Chaney said. “This has turned into a tradition and so we get a lot of alumni that come back to help celebrate, so it can range from 200 students and alumni up to between 500 and 600 people. I think if the weather is nice, we’ll have a really good turnout.”

The name Pignic has its own unique back story. The word picnic has ties to celebrations done during the Jim Crow era after lynching black people. To avoid the negative connotations behind the word, OMSS, under its former name Office of Minority Student Affairs, created the Pignic.

“The event seems like it would bring the campus

students closer and just to simply have a good time. I would definitely consider attending,” Ferris undecided freshmen Grace Musselman said. “I think this is good for the Ferris community because it could bring students, faculty and even families closer just to have a good time. And you don’t have to cook dinner.”

The event, which is completely open to the public, features barbecue style food including ribs and chicken and typically offers other activities like making wax hands, cornhole and other games.



Matthew Chaney

“Events such as these are good in a sense that it brings students together in celebration, strengthening cross program bonds. Also, the fact that community members are actively involved in this event furthers the partnership between the school and the community,” Ferris welding engineering technology senior Nick Mingle said.

The event will take place at the North Quad from 1–4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and will be moved to the Interdisciplinary Resource Center Connector in the event of inclement weather.



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“Spending 10 minutes on social media looking at anything race-related is enough time to prove racism is still alive in America.”

- Grant Siddall - See page 7 for story

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Chat with the chief

Editor-in-Chief, Angela Graf

I wasn't supposed to come to Ferris State University.

Three years ago I did the thing that every parent fears and every 16-year-old is warned about: I followed my high school boyfriend. I followed him so far that before I knew it, I was 350 miles away from home and everything I knew.

Long story short, it didn't last two months into my first semester here and not only was I not in Kansas anymore (Ohio actually) but I was alone.

So I picked myself up and I did the only thing I could do, short

of dropping out—I made a home here.

I guess the biggest thing I've gleaned from the whole experience is that you can make all the plans you want, but whatever is going to happen is going to happen.

So I'd like to thank a moment to thank a few people, and this is where you can probably tune out if you don't care about my personal life.

Thank you to my family for supporting me (mostly virtually) over the years. You didn't always agree

with my decisions, and that probably isn't going to change anytime soon but you stuck by me nonetheless.

Thank you to everyone at the Torch over the last three years; I can't imagine what my life at college would have been without you.

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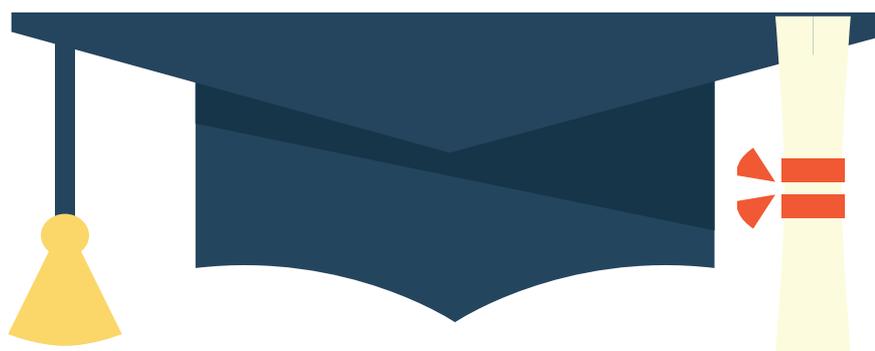
Thank you to every single person to ever pick up a paper or click a link—without you, my job wouldn't have been worth doing.

Finally, thank you to Keith. You have been my confidant, my mentor and my best friend. I cannot wait for our next chapter.

So with that dear reader, I bid you adieu. Go. Make mistakes. Pick the wrong door, walk through it and make something amazing.

Good luck.

Here comes the sap



Advice from a departing senior

After four years of homework, exams, late nights and way too many carbs, it's almost time for me to blow this popsicle stand.

I'm not much for sappy stuff but like my Torchie predecessors before me, I feel the need to write a senior sign-off column. Without further ado, here are some of the valuable things I've learned whilst getting my degree.

1. If you are capable and competent enough to own a pet, adopt a pet. They are huge sources of joy in a bleak world.

2. Meal prep. You don't even want to know how many pounds of mac and cheese I ate over the past four years, simply because I didn't have anything else prepared to eat and had no time to cook a well-balanced meal during the day.

3. Don't stop doing the things you love, even if you think you don't have enough time to do them. Your hobbies begin to shrivel away the longer you leave them, so keep them, rather than browsing the infuriating world of Facebook for two hours in a vegetable state.

4. If you're finally getting tired of almost getting t-boned in the UC parking lot, try parking at Prakken instead. You might have to walk a little bit farther but at least there might actually be a rare species of commuter parking over there.

5. Save your flipping money. Being an adult is hard and Starbucks doesn't help you pay your bills.

6. Always go on Meijer runs post-7 p.m. This is prime time for peace and quiet while you pick up groceries and odds are the aisles won't be clogged with people playing bumper-carts.

7. Go out with your friends. Go to the things you get invited to and enjoy the company of other human beings. Have a genuine conversation with someone over a pint of Oberon. Even if you don't feel like going, positive human interaction is almost guaranteed to make you feel better.

8. Instead of waiting in line to use the tiny two-stall restroom in front of the IRC Starbucks, walk a few steps over to the much bigger restrooms that are perpendicular to the Office of International Education.

9. While we're still on the topic of restrooms, here's a tip: if you're able-bodied, don't choose the big stall in the bathroom unless it's the only one open. If someone who has a physical handicap comes in, they will be waiting for that stall and for you to finish checking Snapchat and you will feel like a major jerk when you walk out and see them waiting for the handicap-accessible stall when you could have chosen any of the other stalls.

10. Finally, always get tater tots at Schuberg's, because they are the best in town and life is too short not to have tater tots with your meal.

After four years both at Ferris and at the Torch, I leave you with this important advice. Go forth and conquer, young Bulldogs. This is Jen Corrie, signing off for the last time. See you on the flip side.

You can't change my mind

Don't get in my way of success



Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

This is my honest opinion about people who want to date me right now: please stop disrespecting my wishes and understand there is nothing you can do to change my mind, no matter how amazing you are.

I love to talk to people. I will talk about almost anything but when I realize someone wants to be more than friends, I get this feeling of dread that clouds me for days on end. It makes me extremely anxious, I will tell you straight up that I do not want to be in a relationship and if the trend continues, you will try to convince me otherwise.

I find that extremely disrespectful. If I am giving you the chance to still be friends then please don't flirt harder or try to convince me that you are a genuinely good guy or gal. I don't find this entertaining or impressive in the slightest.

Winning my heart over is not some kind of game you should play, because I promise, even if you do, I will cut you off very quickly. At this point in my life, I am trying to become the person of my dreams—the woman that wakes up excited to start her day. I'm sorry if you think that having you in my life is going to make me want to wake up every morning. You are sorely mistaken.

Words or actions will not change my mind. What will change my outlook on life is when I start seeing hard work pay off. I am at the point where I am seeing that and damn, do I want more. I am hungry for one thing: success. I want to look in the mirror every day and say to myself with confidence, “damn, look at that badass woman.” That's what I am hungry for at this point in my life at least. As well as an endless supply of false lashes and tacos.

I deeply care for the friends I am blessed to have, for my car, for my family, my grades and my future. Don't ask me to spread my ability to care in a romantic direction. I love seeing my friends happy in relationships—don't get me wrong. I look forward to the day that I feel ready to love romantically again. For now, I'm satisfied with honing the art of loving my past, present and future self.

Comments on color

Issues of race in the media are a breeding ground for racist comments

Racial bias is a real issue and the most recent viral event at Starbucks shows that as well as anything.

For those who aren't familiar, two black men were arrested and escorted out of a Philadelphia Starbucks on April 12 for suspicion of trespassing. They entered the building and sat while waiting for a business partner. A manager asked if they wanted to purchase anything and they declined. The police were then called approximately two minutes after the men entered the building and they were arrested.

According to the men, they were not told what they were being arrested for or read their rights. Despite one Starbucks official describing the stores as community hubs where people could meet and use WiFi without making purchases, the incident still took place.

What happened was wrong and also a function of racial profiling and that's something I would think everyone could agree upon. Unfortunately, that isn't the case.

"They were asked to leave because they were not paying customers. They refused. Why can't black men act civilized?" A comment from Fox News' Facebook page said.

This comment, although more blatantly racist than most of the others, echoed the sentiments seen scattered throughout a comment section that is riddled with comments about how no one would care if this happened to white people.

"They're only getting criticism because the two men were black. What's new?" Another commenter on in the same comment section said.

Despite the fact that this situation seems to strongly point towards it being an act of racial bias and prejudice, so many white people seem to be afraid of admitting that racism exists in modern America. Rather than recognizing and condemning a racist situation, many white people instead took this opportunity to play the



Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

victim and act as if the incident getting media coverage is completely unwarranted and only because they're black.

The suggestions in the comment section repeatedly attack the media for reporting on racial issues and that isn't anything new.

"Hating America seems to pay him well. Only its a loss for the book coz liberals and blacks dont read and conservatives wont buy it," a woman in a Fox News comment section on Facebook said about Colin Kaepernick's book deal.

These comments took me in total, approximately five minutes to find and I had about 10 others that also would have fit. Keep in mind that these comments calling black men uncivilized and saying they can't read weren't taken down by Facebook's vetting process, so it is unknown what kind of other, more racist material has been removed.

Spending 10 minutes on social media looking at anything race-related is enough time to prove racism is still alive in America. Events like the one at Starbucks give people a chance to come together and denounce an incident of racism, and instead hundreds, if not thousands of white social media users used the incident to denounce media coverage of racism.

To deal with the incident, Starbucks will be shutting down all of their stores on May 29 for racial bias training. People have already taken to social media to say they'll no longer go to Starbucks because of the training. To them, I hope Starbucks says good riddance, and to them I ask that they also stay off social media because their racist commentary is slowing progressive movements by the media to address racism.



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GOT AN OPINION?

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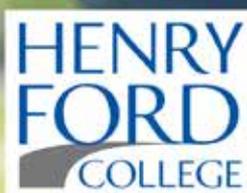
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Deadlines and panic attacks

Slow down and smell the coffee

My chest tightens and lungs spasm like I can't breathe. I try to take a breath while I hear my heartbeat in my ears. My hands sweat as the room swims around me. All I can do is ride out the storm when a panic attack hits me like a freight train. Unfortunately for me, one of my main stressors is school.

Deadlines are the worst thing imaginable. Yes, that is a hyperbole but when I wake up from a dream about me failing my high school science class, which I passed four years ago, I get a little stressed out. I've always stressed myself out about my classes and grades, and that hasn't changed ever since I came to college. The funny thing is that college is the easy part, everything that comes after is hard.

I was always taught by my parents to treat my education like a full-time job. I've always taken that to heart, so when my anxiety strikes, I feel like a failure that can't do anything right. I'm the type of person who is extremely competitive and perceived shortcomings on my end are hard to reconcile. I want to be the best at whatever I do, and working on all cylinders all the time is exhausting. I know I'm not alone in my feelings.

It's time to stop and smell the coffee. Taking a break isn't a bad thing and I know a lot of us need the reminder as we finish up the semester. We cannot continue to drain our energy by ignoring what our bodies say. I know that 10-page paper due in class looks intimidating but you



Marley Tucker
Opinions Editor

can do better work when you nourish your brain. Take a step away from your laptop. Take 10 minutes to sip on your coffee and enjoy fresh air before the busy day begins.

Taking the time to care for your needs isn't a cop out. Recognizing when it's time to care for yourself shows you are in tune with your body and soul. Our life is one of constant connection. What we all need to realize is that our worth is not measured by our productivity. Self-care is not weakness, and it isn't the end of the world if we have to take a break. I struggle with this notion because I jump from project to project constantly. This isn't sustainable and I know that. Creating new habits takes time and focus. I know I can do better for myself, and I know that you can too.

When that deadline creeps up, don't panic. You are made of stardust and iron and no one can get in your way. Take the time to gain some perspective and do what is right for your body. It might seem like an impossible task but taking a break recharges your batteries so that you can conquer that mountain of homework without it taking over your life.

I'm the hero of this story

You're the only person who can save yourself



Kaitlyn Kirchner
Office Manager

I hate to break it to you, but your life isn't a movie. You're not a damsel in distress and you don't get a prince (or a princess—I'm not here to judge). No one is coming to save you. No one walks into your life and fixes it for you. You cannot find your worth or your purpose in other people.

For me, this lesson hit me like a truck. I put my worth into another person and I thought that I needed them. I thought they could save me from myself. When it ended, I couldn't find my purpose because I had put it in this person who didn't want it. This sent me into a tailspin of anxiety and depression. I had neglected my mental health by putting my worth into someone else. I spent a long time trying to find my worth again.

The thing about epiphanies is that they just hit you out of nowhere. I was walking to class one day when I was just overwhelmed by the thought that I was unstoppable. I am capable of doing anything I put my mind to. I'm getting my degree, I love my job, I have incredible friends and I am happy with my life. I don't need anyone else to save me because somewhere along the way I saved myself. Everything I'm saying is a cliché and you never believe them until one day when you do.

Not everyone needs the same kind of saving but if you find yourself in a situation where you feel helpless, remember that your reality bows down to you. Your life can be anything you want it to be. You are worthy and you are unstoppable. Now go fight that dragon yourself.

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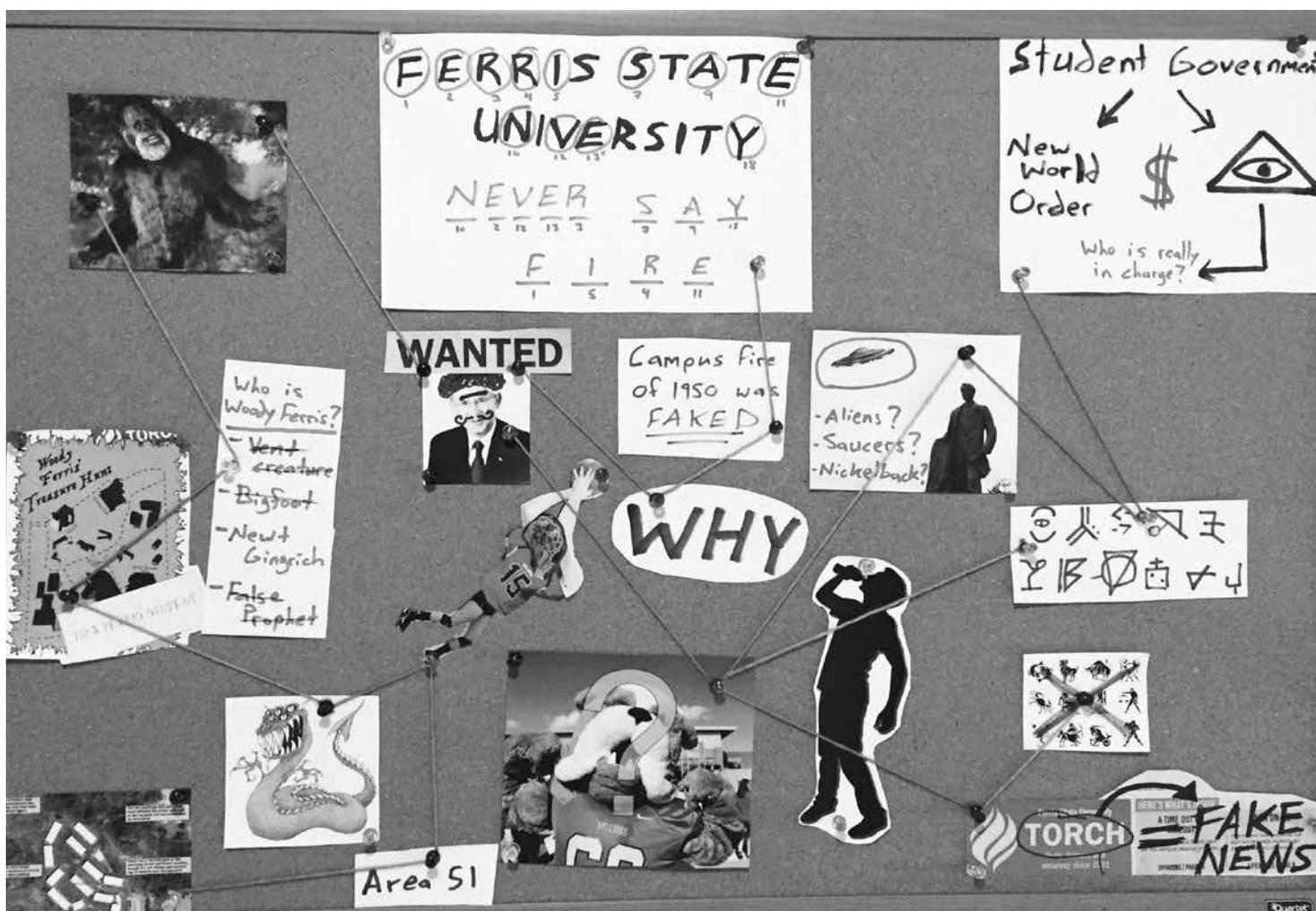
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WAKE UP, SHEEPL!

Ancient, powerful Ferris secrets finally exposed



The truth is out there! Open your eyes! Trust no one! Invest in cryptocurrency without being a douche about it!

Pepe Silvia
Totally Not Crazy

OK, pay attention because I don't have much time and the feds are going to be triangulating on my position any moment now.

You think Ferris State Institute burned down in 1950? You think THE MEDIA (a.k.a. the Torch) is feeding you the truth? You think this university is led by a regular human and not a reptilian/pleiadian paranormal hybrid? You've been spoon-fed nothing but lies, my friend.

I'm going to explain everything, but you'll have to burn this after reading. They must not know that their secret is out.

See, Area 51 is actually located in Big Rapids, which is where they created the perfect athlete so that Ferris basketball could win

the national championship, thus diverting attention away from chemtrails and gay frogs.

However, they also accidentally created a monster which inhabits the vent near Hallisey Hall and was discovered by a mysterious man with the alias, "Woody Ferris." So who is Woody Ferris?

Well, at first I thought it was Bigfoot but he was actually illegally poached by President David Eisler, who is also actually the one who wears the Brutus costume during campus events.

Want proof? Ask yourself this: have you ever seen Eisler and Brutus in the same room together? Of course you have! That's because Eisler has been cloned to do Woody's bidding!

Anyway, if you unscramble some letters of "Ferris State University," you get the phrase, "Never

say fire." The deception is hidden right in plain sight! Ferris' great fire of 1950 was faked in order to cover up extra-terrestrial activity which resulted in the destruction of most of the underground secret government labs that still operate below campus.

If you follow the money, you'll see that Ferris' student government is acting as a shadow organization to mask the real puppetmasters running the world and controlling the research going down in those labs.

What's happening in the labs is truly horrific. They're experimenting on freshmen to...

[TRANSMISSION TERMINATED]
[DO NOT BE AFRAID]
[WE ARE THE FUTURE]
[HUMANS ARE TEMPORARY]

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

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In memoriam

Harley - *El Editor del News*
1996 - 2018

In the most tragic, horrifying and pleasingly ironic event of the year, Harley, 21, died in a motorcycle accident 11:11 p.m., Saturday, April 21, in a town significantly better than Big Rapids.

Strippers dressed as police officers are investigating the accident but they believe it may have been caused by either Harley's choice of riding a Suzuki instead of a Harley Davidson or because the Fuckboy she wrote about wished for revenge at 11:11. The investigation is still open.

A witness with incredible hearing said that Harley's last words were, "¡No mames!", which we believe must be an inspirational phrase but we won't bother to translate it.

Meninists everywhere are rejoicing that there is one less feminist in the world and her reporters are all relieved that they won't have any story assignments this week. Harley's chihuahua fox terrier mix, Che, is deeply saddened by the event—although he got distracted by his cute, curly tail before he could comment further.

She leaves behind a lot of wine bottles, a few half-dead plants, a crappy car that sounds like an airplane and a shit ton of homework that she probably wasn't going to get done anyway.

There will be two funerals, because when your parents are divorced you get two of everything and they're both scheduled at 10 a.m., April 32 so that she can miss her English class that morning.

Angela - *World's "Best" Boss*
1997 - 2018

At approximately 3 p.m. April 22, Angela drank herself to death on Barefoot wine following a two for \$10 sale at Meijer. Her final words were, "it's not alcoholism until you graduate." Her family is organizing a bar crawl in her memory.

Jen - *Snarky Wordsmith*
1995 - 2018

Ferris journalism senior Jen has moved on to a better place. On Monday, April 23, she was run over by a lime green Elio, a three-wheeled car, on Stadium Drive while walking to her marketing class. Though Jen was crushed under the weight of the horrendous-

ly ugly vehicle, the driver was seen shaking his fist and yelling something about millennials being entitled to his insurance money.

She is survived by her three-year-old black lab, Axel, and her fiancé who wanted to be included in her obituary, Nathan. Jen requested in her last words that mourners send boxes of Milk Bones to Axel instead of flowers.

Keith - *Newspaper Delivery Boy*
1996 - 2018

Keith died doing what he loved—dying.

He is survived by no one as he was not born but created, when a viscous trash slurry collided with a swamp rat. His wish for a Viking funeral was met with initial enthusiasm but ultimately vetoed because it'd just be too much fuss. All loss is tragic. Except this one.

Abbey - *Owns a Camera*
1994 - 2018

At 5 p.m., April 23, Ferris senior Abbey was found deceased while in the act of trying to rescue yet another stray cat. Upon further investigation of her campus apartment, DPS officers found 18 previously stray cats from around campus. "I was wondering where the drain cat went!" said one Ferris student during the investigation. An animal shelter is being opened in her memory, since there were too many cats to take to ARC.

RIP



Blazed and Confused

Big Rapids covered in mysterious fog on April 20



A thick, fragrant haze hung over all of campus beginning Friday morning, April 20, and persisted until a light wind dispersed the fog and pushed a slew of munchie wrappers toward the outskirts of town.

Mary Jane
Casual Stoner

Friday, April 20, marked a strange day for the Big Rapids community. The town was covered by what was originally assumed to be a thick fog that smelled vaguely of skunk with a slight hint of Fruity Pebbles. A sample of the fog was collected and further investigation revealed it was 68 percent marijuana smoke and 32 percent vape fog.

Ferris music industry management junior Theodore Williamston was seemingly unphased by the smoke cloud.

“Oh shit, I didn’t even notice! That’s lit man,” Williamston said, then scurried off towards the river at 4:15 p.m.

Tire Fire reporters were unable to interview any other students as they were either hiding inside from the smoke or hotboxing their cars.

Reporters were able to catch up with Myrna Jenksing, a community member, and get her thoughts on the fog.

“I’m revolted. This better be some natural phenomenon and not some dumb college kids smoking the devil’s lettuce. Something needs to be done. That’s why I’m taking my son out of town for the

day, this fog is making him sick!” Jenksing spoke of her teenage son whose symptoms consisted of bloodshot eyes and a permanent grin.

Ferris State Department of Public Safety was out in full force trying to control the chaos. They had multiple stations set up with bags of chips and bottles of Mountain Dew to try to catch the perpetrators. “It’s the munchies that get you, that’s why we’re out here like this,” Ferris criminal justice senior Jacoby Christen said, who works for DPS.

Fortunately for some, the fog subsided for the most part Friday night but for some reason the cloud remained around Oakwood apartments until Saturday night.

Reports indicate that all the snacks in Big Rapids have been purchased and subsequently consumed during the fog. Walmart manager Brayleigh Jackson was shocked to see the snack aisles completely empty.

“We make sure to stock enough snacks to feed the entire town for 12 weeks, I cannot understand how this happened. That fog really made people act weird. I saw two guys fighting over the last bag of Cheetos.”

Eisler Says:

“I can’t wait for all these damn students to get out of Big Rapids so I don’t have to wait in line at the Rock.”



Stop wasting your life. Read the *Tire Fire* while you still have the chance. All of life is fleeting and you’re wasting time maintaining relationships with friends and working to better yourself while you could be putting the *Tire Fire* in your brain. Do it.

*Read the *Tire Fire* published during the last week of every month!*

Which campus building are you?



- FLITE:**
- Likes to smell books
 - Actually studies
 - Kind of a nuisance



- East Campus Suites:**
- Constantly misplacing their phone
 - Obsessed with The Office
 - Loner



- The Quad:**
- Overachiever
 - People-person
 - Probably folds their socks



- The Rock:**
- Gives extra but only when asked
 - Popular in high school
 - Never texts back



- West Campus:**
- Binge drinks
 - Still uses the phrase "YOLO"
 - Just wants to be loved



- The UC:**
- Dog-lover
 - Has three friends
 - Super cool

- OFF THE RECORD -

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

Harvey Hankerson
Root'nest Toot'nest Sharpshooter in the West

Shot to the heart
April 18, 12:59 p.m., three students went and ate at the Rock without telling their friend who had already asked when they were going to eat. The three students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for being assholes.

Show me the numbers
April 18, 8:45 p.m., a professor still has not entered any grades into Blackboard, no one knows their grades and the class is essentially anarchy at this point.

The hell is this white powder?
April 19, 2:17 a.m., there was snow on the ground. Dear Mother Nature: *middle finger emoji*

Prison of tears
April 19, 1:15 p.m., a professor announced that the final will be May 4 at 2 p.m. and everyone in the class considers skipping and taking yet another L. What kind of monster...

Get a different room
April 19, 1:39 a.m., a roommate and her boyfriend started screwing to "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran and were just so ungodly loud that the entire hall woke up just in time for the crescendo.



Probably a business major
April 20, 6:11 p.m., a student checks out the last study room only to open his Blackboard and look at the study guide for a minute and then fuck around on his phone for two hours.

Blazed, baked and thoroughly toasted
April 20, 4:20 p.m., officers found four students hot boxing their living room with illegal substances. The students were all too high to understand what was going on so the officers confiscated the cannabis and just left them to order four pizzas and sleep it off.

White girls: 0 Elevated surfaces: 1
April 21, 11:11 p.m., officers responded to a call from Shooters because three girls were dancing on the bar and fell off in domino form when trying to start a grind train. They were minors, of course, and were all issued MIPs.

FFS
April 23, 3:01 p.m., the Rec center played country all day in the weight room yet again because there's nothing like lifting weights to "Marry Me" by Thomas Rhett.

Quitcheerbitchin'
April 24, 6:30 p.m., A freshman with only one exam to prepare for whined on her Snapchat story about how horrible studying is.

SPORTS

"I think the sky is the limit for this team."
-Najeem Hoesin - See page 11 for story

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Senior weekend sweep



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Ferris sophomore first baseman Sarah Meredith eyes a pitch in the Bulldogs' 4-2 win against Saginaw Valley State University Saturday, April 21.

Ferris softball extends win streak

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

The Ferris softball team completed an undefeated weekend of softball as the Bulldogs celebrated their Senior Day this weekend.

The Bulldogs swept the Wayne State Warriors in a pair of games on Friday, April 20, and swept the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on Saturday, April 21.

In Friday's action, the Bulldogs defeated the Warriors 5-3 in game one before pulling off a thrilling 4-3 comeback win in extra innings in the second matchup.

In game one, Ferris senior Emily Reed pulled off three hits for the Bulldogs and drove in three runs to lead the team in runs

batted in (RBIs). Ferris sophomore pitcher Abby Highway threw for seven innings and gave up three runs on eight hits on the day.

In game two, the Bulldogs took a 2-1 lead in the third inning before Wayne State tied the game in the fourth inning. Both squads then got a solo run in the seventh inning. The Bulldogs closed out the win in extra innings with a walk-off double from junior third baseman Lexi Hongisto.

Against the Cardinals, the Bulldogs completed the sweep with wins of 3-0 and 4-2.

The successful sweep of the Cardinals fell on the Bulldogs' Senior Day, when the team honored Sam Bates, Emily Smith, Katie Scheuer, Emily Reed, Lexee Summers and Hannah Leppek.

"I always thought that going into college, I would make friends but I never thought I would be this close with all of my teammates. The memories we have created over the years have been so great," Ferris senior pitcher and first baseman Sam Bates said.

The Bulldogs have struggled this season with scoring runs and getting consistent hits. The team averages a .264 batting av-

erage and only averages two runs per game. However, last weekend was the spark the team needed.

The Bulldogs scored once in the third inning and knocked in two more runs in the fifth while accumulating nine hits on the day.

Highway pitched all seven innings to complete the shut out. She only allowed three hits in game one.

Bates pitched game two for the squad and went the distance with all seven innings. She gave up eight hits with a walk and two runs.

Ferris senior Lexee Summers, freshmen Kodi Ramirez and Paige Kortz all compiled two hits in the second matchup and Summers added two RBIs with her at-plate appearances.

"The senior class is incredible. They're such a fun group of girls to be with, both on and off the field," Ferris sophomore first baseman Katrina Merrick said. "They're

great leaders and have done an amazing job at making the team come together."

With the wins last weekend, the Bulldogs extend their winning streak to four games.

The Bulldogs are now currently 12-24 overall on the season, with a 6-14 GLIAC record. The team is currently in last in the GLIAC standings.

"Not only have the seniors impacted me as a player but also as a person," Ferris freshman centerfielder Paige Kortz said. "Despite the age difference, they never treat anyone as if they were inferior. They always go out of their way to help anyone on the team, not because they were told but because they wanted to. Getting to know such an amazing group of ladies was a privilege, let alone getting to play along side them."

With the Bulldogs only having 10 regular season matchups left, the team will be looking to keep their momentum going, as they will be back in action against Tiffin University on Tuesday, April 24, in a double-header at the FSU Softball Field. Game one will begin at 1 p.m. and game two to follow at 3 p.m.



Paige Kortz

Sports Shorts

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Celebrate the champions

The Ferris men's basketball team held a free "Celebrate the Champions" night on Friday, April 20, as the team was honored in a unique way in Jim Wink Arena.

The special event was held for Ferris students, staff, fans and alumni.

The night began with a replay of the National Championship game on CBS and speeches from players and coaches.

The event also featured special games featuring the players and included autographs from the players, photos with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II trophy and shooting contests with the players.

In conclusion of the event, Head Coach Andy Bronkema and senior wing Noah King participated in the "Shave Their Beards" fundraiser for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy in honor of Mitchell Peterson, who is the brother of Ferris sophomore guard Michael Peterson. Mitchell Peterson has been part of the Bulldog men's basketball team this year as an honorary member.

The newest Falcon

Huge news struck the Ferris athletics community on Wednesday, April 18, as former defensive tackle Justin Zimmer signed with the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL.

Zimmer spent last year in training camp with the New Orleans Saints and then became a member of the Montreal Alouettes, a Canadian League team.

Zimmer finished his Bulldog athletic career as a three-time All-GLIAC First Team selection. Zimmer was held in high honors in his time in Big Rapids as he was a nominee for the Gene Upshaw NCAA Division II Lineman of the Year Award and the Cliff Harris National Small College Defensive Player of the Year Award during his senior campaign in 2015.



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FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Clean sweep

Ferris men's tennis sweeps Davenport and Wayne State to claim third straight tournament championship

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

For the third straight year, the Ferris men's tennis team are GLIAC tournament champions.

The 20-2 Bulldogs didn't lose a single set on the weekend, defeating Davenport and Wayne State each by scores of 5-0. The Bulldogs eliminated fifth seed Davenport on Saturday, April 22.

The Bulldogs jumped to a 3-0 lead after a strong doubles round and were able to bury the Panthers after a pair of singles victories by sophomore Austin DeBruyne and

freshman Mathis Guerre.

Ferris swept the weekend with a 5-0 win over Wayne State on Sunday, April 22. Wayne State, the second seed in the event, failed to slow down the Bulldogs' effort that has won Ferris 17 games in a row.

The victory came exactly two weeks after the Bulldogs were able to defeat the Warriors on the road by a score of 5-4. This time, Wayne State was no match.

Ferris was once again able to finish 3-0 in the round of doubles before Guerre and sophomore Pablo Munoz Baroja were able to end the weekend with a pair of singles

victories.

The Bulldogs went undefeated in conference action all year, claiming their fourth straight regular season GLIAC championship before sweeping through the tournament last weekend for their third straight GLIAC tournament championship.

Although the Bulldogs were almost guaranteed a spot before the tournament, Ferris locked up a spot in the Midwest Regional that begins on Saturday, April 28. Ferris will be one of the top seeds in the event, in what will be win or go home.

Top Dawg

Katie Scheuer



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Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Top Dawg is bouncing towards the dugout once again this week.

The Ferris softball team is on a roll, winning six games in a row over the weekend. Shining in the Bulldogs' recent success has been senior outfielder Katie Scheuer.

Scheuer started her weekend Friday, April 20 when her team took on Wayne State. Scheuer was on fire with the bat in her hand, ending the doubleheader with three hits, including a home run, and two runs.

Following a dominant sweep of the Warriors, the Bulldogs moved on to face the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals Saturday, April 20. Scheuer didn't do as

much scoring as she crossed the plate only once, but she did aid her teammates by posting two hits while also posting a run-batted-in (RBI).

Fresh off four wins, Scheuer's squad prepared to host the Tiffin Dragons Sunday, April 22. Scheuer didn't take a break as she posted five hits including two RBIs, a triple base hit and she even crossed the plate once herself.

The Bulldogs were hoping for a good stretch of games to help them forget their rough start to the season and this past weekend provided. Now sitting with a 14-24 record, the Bulldogs hope to keep it rolling. Ferris will be back in action Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m. when they take on the Northwood Timberwolves in Midland.

Swinging into action



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The Ferris football team competes in the annual Crimson & Gold game. The Crimson team defeated the Gold 49-47.

Ferris football returns in Crimson & Gold game

Jessica Brown
Interim Reporter

The Ferris football team closed out spring play with the annual Crimson & Gold spring game on Friday, April 20.

The Crimson team, comprised of offensive players, squared up against the Gold team, which consisted of the defensive players.

After four quarters of play, the Crimson team topped the Gold by a score of 49-47. As a whole, the team was able to showcase all that they have been working on this spring during countless training sessions. New players were able to show that they will be a positive addition to the Ferris team.

"I think the sky is the limit for this team," junior safety Najeem Hosein said. "We're loaded with talent. Once we figure out how to fine-tune everything, we can be a very dangerous team. I think there is a lot of new guys that can come in and make a huge impact. There are a lot of younger guys that haven't gotten much playing time as well that can come on the scene and make things happen, especially on the defensive side."

After the first quarter, long-time Ferris trainer Dave Lucey was honored at center field. Lucey will be retiring after this school year. Video tributes played on the big screen as former players and coaches congratulated him on a successful career.

The second quarter proved to be a quarter of pivotal plays. At the beginning, Hosein intercepted a pass by Travis Russel, returning it for a touchdown. This touchdown brought the defense to a 25-9 lead. Later in the quarter, Junior quarterback Jayru Campbell completed a 45-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Keyondre Craig with five minutes left in the quarter. At halftime, the score was 25-21 in favor of the defense.

"It was good to play in some nice spring weather and get to run around and see young guys make some plays," Coach Brad Corpe said. "We have a lot of guys competing for key spots, and days like today are a great opportunity for us to see what they can do in a game situation."

The Bulldogs will return to Top Taggart Field in just a few months to begin summer training in preparation for the 2018 season.

New coach, same success

Tennis head coach finds success in first year at the helm

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Paired with a strong emphasis on discipline, Ferris tennis head coach Daniel Hangstefer has quietly become the writer behind a successful story for the Bulldogs.

There is no question that Ferris has built a strong tennis foundation over the past few years, with the team claiming a pair of 20-plus win seasons, two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) regular season and tournament championships, two Midwest region championships and a national semifinals appearance.

That success has become expected. Hangstefer has made sure it's stayed that way. It's tough when coaches are coming in through a revolving door but the players have bought in.

"Coach Hangstefer has brought a whole new dynamic to the team by focusing a lot more on the idea of discipline," senior Simon Levy said. "I would say Coach Hangstefer is a lot more concerned with controlling the little things. The team is slowly but surely starting to adjust."

After spending four seasons building Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado, into a successful program, Hangstefer came to Ferris and has done what was expected of him, continuing the success that the Bulldogs have become known for.

Things haven't slowed down a bit with the coach-

ing change. The Bulldogs are 20-2, GLIAC tournament champions for the third straight year and are riding a 17-game winning streak into the Division II Midwest Regionals this weekend.

Hangstefer has challenged his new players in all the right areas, channeling the same drive that past coaches have used to establish that success so frequently in recent years. A drive in the players that is necessary for the accolades they've gathered.

"Motivation, hard-work and discipline are key qualities that help build successful programs," Hangstefer said. "I think we have a lot of motivated players on the team who want to win at a high level. It's important that we continue to channel that motivation into positive hard work and discipline."

Asking a new coach to continue the rich tradition of winning that Ferris has is tough but Hangstefer has answered the call. The Bulldogs now sit in a comfortable spot, so close to yet another Midwest region championship.

"We have to continue to practice and compete like champions that want to achieve something great. Our goal is to get to top 10 in the country. We are very close. If we continue to practice and compete at a high level, I believe the guys can reach that goal," Hangstefer said.



Daniel Hangstefer



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Flying high

Another successful year of special Olympics in the books for Sports Careers RSO



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Ferris sophomore center Cole Walker competes against Area 5 Special Olympics athletes in the Sports Careers RSO's 13th annual Heart to Heart basketball game.

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

The smiles resting on the players faces said it all. The Ferris Sports Careers RSO once again found a way to bring athletics and community together.

Ferris men's basketball Coach Andy Bronkema, the Ferris men's basketball team, Ferris women's basketball Coach Kendra Faustin and the Ferris women's basketball team joined Special Olympians in Area 5 in the 13th annual Heart to Heart basketball game.

"It's absolutely awesome. We're so appreciative of the Ferris teams for being involved because of how much the Area 5 athletes look up to them and enjoy playing alongside them," Sports Careers President Sean Williams said. "It was definitely an added bonus that the men's team won the national championship. It helped get some more people out to the game which made it even more special for the Area

5 athletes.

A game ball signed by the national champion Bulldogs fetched more than \$1,000 in an auction held during the game.



Meg Jean

The heart to heart game paired with the first ever poly hockey showcase event a few days prior as the Ferris hockey team squared off against the Special Olympic poly hockey team in an exhibition match-up that also saw select items auctioned off.

"The events went very well," Williams said. "We raised \$3,100, which is obviously important but the game itself was the most important aspect and I thought it went well. All the athletes had a great time and it's always great to see the Ferris players interact with them."

The total funds were the most ever raised in the special

Olympics series, thanks to the help of the added hockey event and national championship memorabilia. The funds raised are donated to Area 5 Special Olympics, which serves 69 special Olympian athletes between Osceola and Mecosta counties.

"Each year is very special but this year was our best yet," Sports Careers Vice President Scott Vandersloot said. "As a graduating senior, I was proud to be a part of the event and I have to thank many members of the RSO for the hours of work they did to make this thing a success. I'm just happy I got to be a small part of it."

Both the Sports Careers RSO and all the Sports Communication Program classes that were involved certainly built a moment that the special Olympian athletes will cherish forever.

"It was so rewarding. It was amazing and I couldn't have asked for a better turnout for both events," senior Meg Jean, who coordinated the events, said.

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Fan of the tan?

What 59 percent of college students are doing today

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

The American Academy of Dermatology Association (AAD) found that 7.8 million women and 1.9 million men in the United States tan indoors.

Within this range, 59 percent of American college students have reported using a tanning bed in their lifetime, according to aad.org.

While many students understand that tanning indoors can lead to dangers such as cancer, they continue to do it based on the belief that a "base tan" can help protect the skin when tanning outdoors.

"I have used tanning beds this semester but I only used them for going away to Flor-



Jenna Miller

ida for spring break, so I wouldn't burn like crazy. I don't use them all year long and I don't think there is a need to. I don't think it's healthy," Ferris dental hygienist senior Vanessa Wojno said.

However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found that a getting a base tan is not safe, with tanning bed use increasing the chance of getting sun-burned.

"I think tanning beds are extremely dangerous and an unnecessary hazard. Especially when you can go out and buy a tanning lotion that won't harm you in anyway," Ferris history

senior Mikayla Baarlaer said.

According to cdc.gov, the use of tanning beds can also cause premature skin aging, changing in a person's skin temperature and increasing the chance of contracting blinding eye diseases.



Vanessa Wojno

"I'm not fully informed or educated on the dangers of tanning beds but I do know it can cause skin cancer, so that's something you want to be aware of. Because I know that it can be dangerous, that's why I think you should only go in so often if

you do tan," Ferris pre-dental third year Jenna Miller said.

The truth behind sun-kissed skin

- Women younger than 30 are six times more likely to develop melanoma by tanning indoors
- Use of tanning beds before age 35 can increase the risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, by 59 percent
- Treating skin cancers gained from indoor tanning costs \$343.1 million a year, meaning those effected saw an economic loss of \$127.3 billion
- While one sunburn can double your chances of melanoma, using tanning beds before the age of 30 increases your risk by 75 percent. Occasional use of tanning beds triples your chances.
- Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults between 25-29 years old, with young people between 15-29 years old coming in second.
- Melanoma is the leading cause of cancer death in women 25-30 years old and the second leading cause of cancer death in women 30-35 years old.

The above information was found at aad.org and melanoma.org

Technologically speaking

The convenience of communication

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

While technology, social media and cell phones are typically seen as hindering real-life interaction, many students are faced with having to utilize these tools to keep their love lives.

“Due to social media and cell phones, it has made it very easy to keep in constant contact and made it easier to have a long-distance relationship,” Ferris physical therapy sophomore Hannah Marcotte said.

She admits that she was wary about having a long-distance relationship at first but is happy with how it’s working out. Marcotte and her boyfriend, Johnnie, met at their summer job last year and immediately bonded over their shared love of tennis. They have been together for eight months.

As Marcotte’s long-distance relationship grew, she and her boyfriend went from simply talking on the phone to FaceTiming—always making time for one another.

“Every night we FaceTime for at least an hour. It’s a good way to connect face-to-face,” Marcotte said.

While some couples use technology to keep in touch with their partners, others have found their cell phones to be a way to meet new people.

“Technology helped us meet. We were in the same class but he started messaging me on Facebook and that helped bring us together,” Ferris elementary education freshman Melanie Jarrell said.

Jarrell and her boyfriend, Jonathan, have been together for a year and a half. She goes home two to

three times a month to see him.

“We text and video chat almost every day. It’s important to have a good balance between how much we talk though and giving each other some space,” Jarrell said.

In the midst of this technological age, Jarrell has a few tips on keeping a long-distance relationship alive.

“It’s important to realize in the beginning if you think a long-distance relationship will work for you or not. Commitment and communication is key,” Jarrell said.

Though technology can be key when it comes to communication, it does have drawbacks when it’s the only way to communicate.

“There can be miscommunications over text or things can be misread, like she may think I am mad when I am not, or vice versa,” Ferris criminal justice freshman Jaedyn Childs said.

Because of the possibility of a miscommunication and possible fights, Childs strongly dislikes texting or Snapchatting her girlfriend of two years. She would prefer just talking on the phone when they are not together.

“We have a rule of no phones while hanging out, watching movies or when we’re out doing something special,” Childs said.

While technology is a tool that helps keep these college couples together, they also realize the importance of getting their faces away from screens when their partner’s faces are the more important thing to be viewing.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER?

“My current boyfriend and I used to work together, then we became friends. Then he became my boyfriend.” - Ferris music industry management sophomore Allyson Hunter

“I was going out with this one girl and she ended up leaving me for my current girlfriend’s brother. My current girlfriend’s name is Paige.” - Ferris music industry management sophomore Troy Wietecha

“I met my boyfriend, Berek, at Shooters when he introduced himself to me. We exchanged Snapchats and got to know each other over lunch at the Quad during the next few weeks.” - Ferris criminal justice sophomore Jenna Roland

“My girlfriend, Kayla, was the designated driver one night and picked me up from Taco Bell at 2 a.m.” - Ferris heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration sophomore Spencer Dodde

“My boyfriend, Kyle, was in my creative writing class in high school and my friend encouraged us to start talking.” - Ferris radiography freshman Allison Dion

“I met my girlfriend, Courtney, because she was a pretty girl in my English class and we started talking.” - Ferris professional golf management sophomore Patrick Butler

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