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Academic services move to FLITE

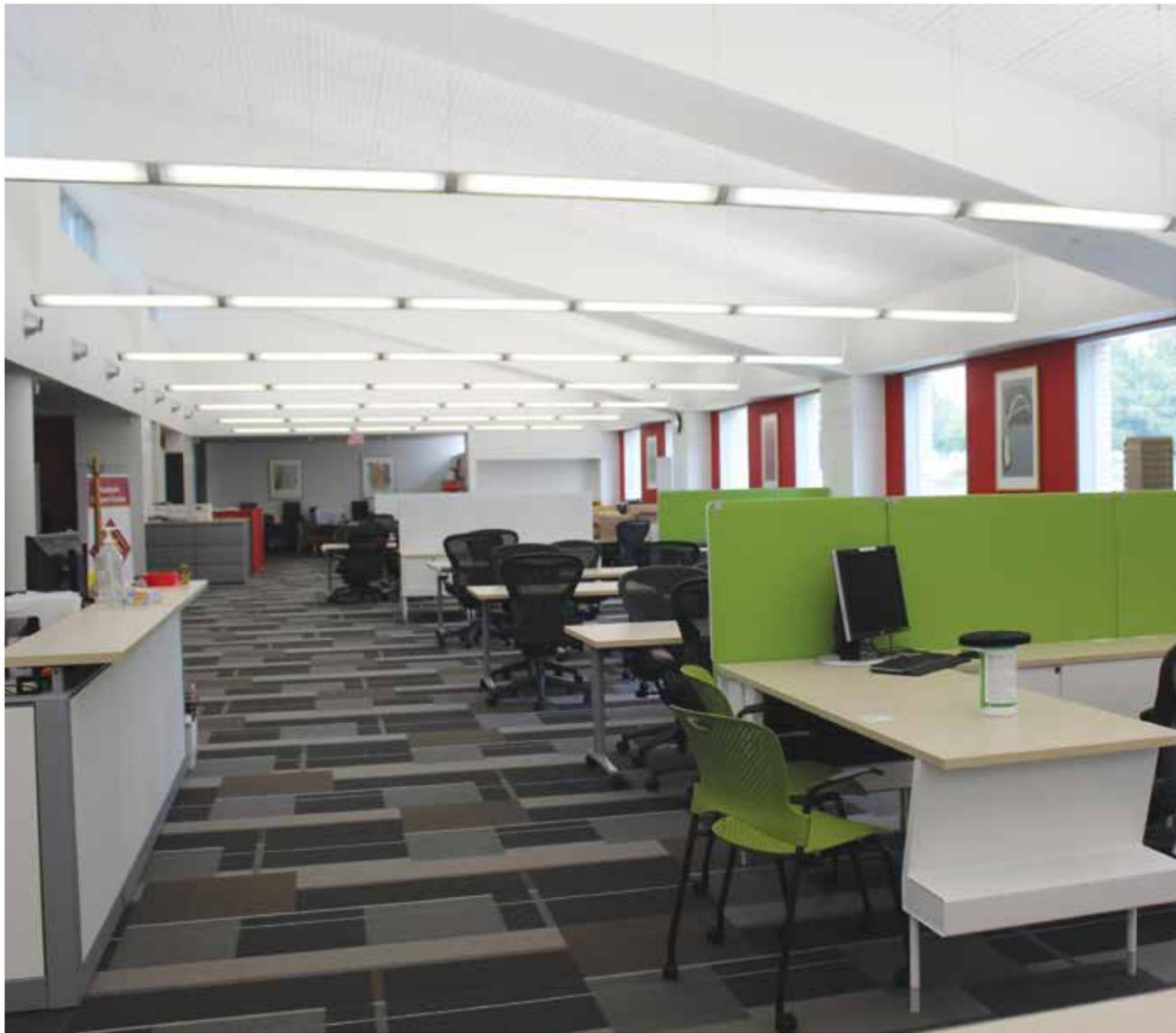


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The new Academic Support and Writing Center is on the first floor of FLITE.

Center hopes to gain a wider range of students

Cora Hall
News Editor

The Academic Support and Writing Centers (ASWC) will be moving to FLITE this year in an effort to localize all the academic services available to students.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Paul Blake said students often come in thinking they have a writing problem but they really have a reading or visual problem. Having all services in one building will allow for easy referrals, especially with the plan to eventually have an optometry clinic available, according to Blake.

"When I was teaching here, I had a student in class once who was able to identify a visual problem and what this student said was, 'Oh my God, you mean I'm not stupid?' Because they had felt for a lot of years that they were less than intelligent

because they couldn't identify the barrier. Once we identified the barrier we got past it and the person had a whole new sense of confidence that they had never had before. So, I hope that's what we are going to have for a lot of students," Blake said.

ASWC has set records every year for student participation, but Blake hopes the move to FLITE will enhance the already climbing numbers and begin to normalize students getting academic help.

"For example, it could be a pre-op student who just hit a barrier with, say, organic chemistry. There are ways to get past those barriers that have nothing to do with disabilities or have nothing to do with deficits, we just need to identify what the problem is so we can correct it," Blake said.

"I think as students realize that that's what we are doing, that's what it's there for and they can have access to multiple services and get a better sense of what those services are, I think we are going to find we have real increase in usage."

Ferris health care systems administration junior Alison Dodd said she believes the center will get a greater amount of attention after its move to FLITE. Dodd has utilized the services at the center since her freshman year and now works there.

"Having the centers and FLITE all within one building makes everything so much

easier to access when needed," Dodd said. "Just being steps away from all of those students who may run into some challenges when completing their homework or projects will now allow them to feel more at ease knowing there is a center full of staff that are ready to help them figure out whatever the issue may be so that they are able to walk back to their work space and continue their work."

FLITE is a location that makes more sense for the centers, according to Ferris English senior Sam Kodeski, who works at the Writing Center.

"I'm hoping that it's going to be a more open and quieter atmosphere. It can be a little loud here and some students might be embarrassed—because we usually read the work out loud—and it's hard for them to listen to the words being spoken aloud because it's a personal thing," Kodeski said. "So, having an area that's a little bit quiet and we can sit and talk and have a one-on-one conversation with out the distractions will definitely be beneficial – not only for students that come in but for us as a whole."



Sam Kodeski

New year, new campus

Major building projects finished over summer break

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

With the completion of this summer also came the completion of several significant building projects on campus.

Ferris' Physical Plant Associate Vice President Michael Hughes was part of a team that carried out a series of renovations, which addressed safety concerns and student needs. One of the larger projects was the expansion and renovation of the Swan Annex, with a cost totaling \$30 million.

"One of the primary goals for the Swan Annex project was to provide additional state of the art learning space for the welding, advanced manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology programs," Hughes said. "Some of these programs have student waiting lists to enter the program for up to two years. The completion of this project should allow for a significant reduction in the time prospective students have to wait to enter the program."

A popular building for many Bulldogs, the Student Recreation Center, also underwent expansion and renovations. According to Hughes, students can expect to see the addition of a new weight room, improvements to locker rooms and renovation of office, yoga and exercise spaces. The total cost for the project was \$6.268 million.

Other notable changes include renovations to several residence halls, the most significant being Clark Hall.

Clark Hall now has "new exterior curtain wall system, improved lounge spaces, community kitchen and work out room," according to Hughes.

Several parking lots on campus have been repaved, including Lots 6, 27, 30 and 37. Sixteen new parking spaces have been added to Lot 57, and 45 new parking spaces have been added to Lot 36.

"Obviously, better roads and increased parking, especially in the center of campus, will be appreciated by the entire campus community," Hughes said.

As for which areas on campus are selected for construction, there are programs in place to make the proper determinations.

"We have a master planning process to determine our major capital project priorities. Additionally, we have a Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance program that has been in place for a number of years to try and address significant maintenance needs," Hughes said.

Student opinions are also taken into account when deciding on changes made to campus. In response to student comments and the administration's annual night lighting survey, a 100-foot tall light was added between Cramer and Bishop Halls.

"I have been working at Ferris for approximately 31 years," Hughes said. "Being a Bulldog, it has been an honor to work at the institution that I graduated from and to have been involved in so many significant and wonderful changes to the campus physical environment over the years."

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NEWS

"I believe that any time we can offer additional options to our students, that provides for a better chance of meeting the needs of all students."

- Gheretta Harris - See page 5 for story

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Mo' money mo' problems

Ferris raises in-state tuition prices

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

For Michigan residents, Ferris' tuition prices have increased for what is at least the tenth consecutive year.

This year's tuition increase of up to \$29 per credit hour for freshmen and sophomores marks the biggest tuition increase in at least the past 10 years. It also signifies a 45 percent increase in tuition over the last decade, in which tuition has risen from \$300 per credit hour to \$435 per credit hour.

Undergraduate tuition is now \$435 per credit hour for all students, including out-of-state students. For Michigan residents, the increase will cost freshmen and sophomores an additional \$29 per credit hour (\$435 per 15 credit hours) and an additional \$16 for juniors and seniors (\$240 per 15 credit hours), which totals about 6.9 and 3.7 percent increases, respectively.

For out-of-state and Canadian students, the flat-rate tuition significantly decreases. For freshmen and sophomores, tuition will drop by \$174 (\$2,610 per 15 credit hours), compared to the \$609 per credit hour charge during the 2017-18 academic year. Juniors and seniors will see a decrease of \$194 per credit hour (\$2,910 per 15 credit hours). These changes total around 33.3 and 36.5 percent decreases, respectively.

While on the surface the decrease for out-of-state and Canadian students seems large, the decrease will not actually change what out-of-state students pay for tuition, according to Director of Budgetary Planning and Analysis Sally DePew.

"The change to assess in-state tuition to U. S. non-resident and Canadian students was based on the fact that the University had provided a tuition discount to U. S. non-resident and Canadian students which awarded the difference between in-state and non-resident tuition," DePew said.

"Students were assessed the non-resident tuition rate and then received the discount to bring their cost to in-state rates. That practice was confusing for students and families so the change was made."

Enrollment numbers for the 2018-19 academic year have not yet been released, but Ferris has seen large decreases in students over the last two years. According to DePew, decreased enrollment has not impacted tuition rates.

"The decline has no influence on tuition decisions. It is University practice that when enrollment declines, the budget is reduced to offset that decline. Ferris' tuition increase was in line with most Michigan public universities and remains below the average rate for fiscal year 2019," DePew said "For fiscal year

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- ON THE RECORD -

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

Literally no one asked for this

Cora Hall
News Editor

Hands to yourself, please

April 23, 12:01 a.m., officers investigated a report of criminal sexual conduct in the 4th degree at Bond Hall. One subject was arrested.

You high bro?

April 27, 3:32 a.m., officers discovered controlled substance and narcotics equipment violations on Campus Drive and Perry Street. One subject was arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Nah, are you?

May 16, 8:59 p.m., officers received a report of a controlled substance violation on Ferris and Family Drive. One subject was arrested.

Literally no one asked for this

June 12, 2:24, officers discovered a subject guilty of indecent exposure in Lot 56. The case was closed and the warrant was denied.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

Headphone Disco

Dance the night away at the Headphone Disco 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 in the North Quad. The event, hosted by Entertainment Unlimited, allows students to sing and dance to music heard through wireless headphones. For more information, contact CLACS at (231) 591-2685.

Founders' Day Extravaganza

Celebrate Ferris' foundation at the Founders' Day Extravaganza 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 in the Quad. The celebration includes food, games and prizes. For more information, contact Kathryn Thomas at (231) 591-2682 or thomask53@ferris.edu.

Bulldog Bonanza

Come learn about registered student organizations and local vendors at Bulldog Bonanza 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 in the University Center. Talk to people in RSOs you may be interested in and take home free prizes. For more information, contact CLACS at (231) 591-2685.

Bulldog Bubble Blast

Join CLACS and the campus community 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 in Ewigleben Sports Complex as they attempt to break a world record for the most people blowing a bubble at the same time. Participants also have the chance to win prizes. For more information, contact Michele Albright at clacs@ferris.edu.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

Kerala, India

A state in India experienced its worst flood since 1924. At least 324 people were killed and nearly 220,000 more were left homeless. The Indian government is working on relieving those affected. Original story by Maria Abi-Habib, Aug. 17, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Barcelona, Spain

On Aug. 17, King Felipe VI of Spain held a tribunal ceremony for the anniversary of a terrorist attack in Barcelona, when a van swerved down a famous Barcelona boulevard, killing 16 people and injuring more than 100. The ceremony included a flower laying and religious read-

ings. Original story by Raphael Minder, Aug. 17, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Beijing, China

The Chinese government fired 10 officials from the China Food and Drug Administration and punished dozens more after faulty vaccines were administered to children across the country. Hundreds of thousands of children were given faulty vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Although the government claims the children are unharmed, parents are angry about the situation and skeptical of the healthcare in China. Original story by Javier C. Hernández, Aug. 17, 2018. *The New York Times*.

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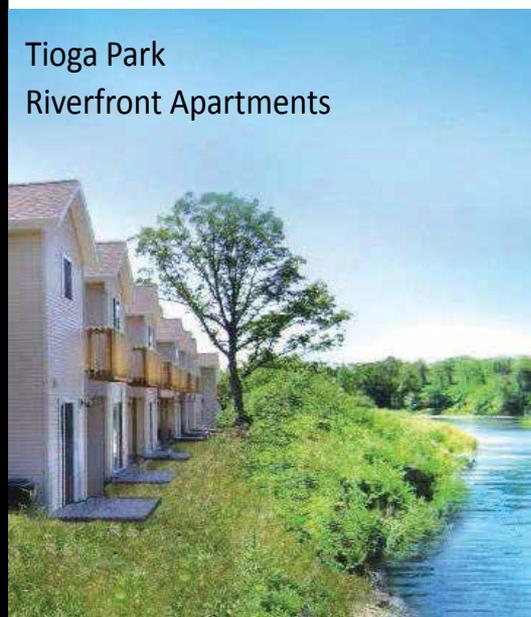
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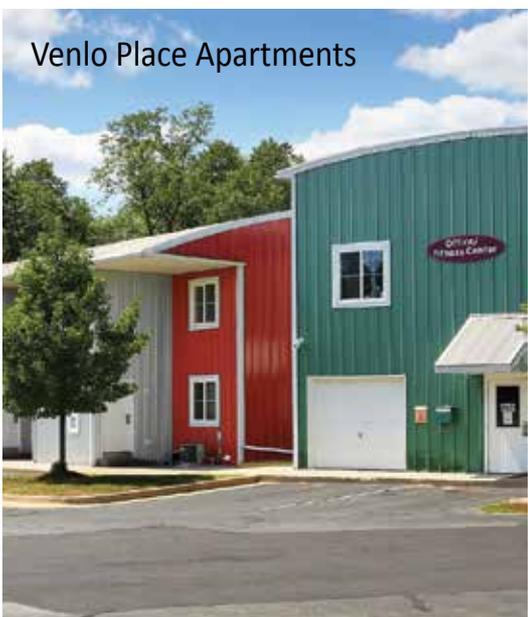
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2019, 10 universities increased tuition by a larger dollar amount than Ferris so we will remain competitive."

Despite many universities raising tuition by more than Ferris, many students are still upset by another year of tuition increases.

"It's too bad I wasn't in college ten years ago because I would have loved getting to pay \$100

less per credit hour," Ferris medical laboratory science senior Kathleen Gray said. "As a college student paying for school with little help from the family, it is a struggle knowing that tuition rates are increasing again. Before attending Ferris in the fall of 2017, I was at community college and the tuition there is a lot more affordable. Now I am having to take out loans and look for more scholarships in order to pay for school. That's never fun."

Change of carbonation



Pepsi partnership provides positive opportunities

Cora Hall
News Editor

The Ferris Board of Trustees decided during the 2017-18 school year that Ferris would begin a partnership with Pepsi after having Coca-Cola products on campus for 20 years.

Along with dispensing beverages on campus, Pepsi will provide the opportunity to get a food truck in the near future, give athletics access to Gatorade, expand athletics concessions, offer access to their Hello Goodness healthy vending program and establish the Pepsi Perseverance Endowed Scholarship, according to Associate Vice President Gheretta Harris.

"I believe that anytime we can offer additional options to our students, that provides for a better chance of meeting the needs of all students," Harris said. "It is our goal to better understand those needs and to adjust accordingly."

Pepsi has pledged \$50,000 to go to an endowed scholarship for students who live on campus and use dining services as a part of the Ferris Futures Scholarship Program and \$7,500 annually to support the Ferris Foundation for the life of the contract, according

to the Ferris website.

Athletics will be provided with coolers, towels, squeeze bottles, cups and Gatorade products. Pepsi will also help expand athletics concessions to an athletic field where concessions aren't currently available, according to Harris.

"We have new Gatorade bottles we use during games and a Gatorade fridge that we are going to use to keep chocolate milk at our field so we can have them after practice as we run off to class," Ferris pharmacy senior and women's soccer defender Carley Dubbert said. "It's very important to stay hydrated because your coaches expect you to be performing at your best ability each day."

The Hello Goodness vending program consists of healthier beverage and snack options that are low-calorie, low-fat, kosher, gluten-free and low-sodium, according to Harris. The first installments of the vending machines will be in the Student Recreation Center and the Hagerman Pharmacy Building.

For students who would rather drink Coke, The Market and Snack Shack will carry Coke and Diet Coke for the first year of the agreement to assist with the transition.



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"You would be surprised at what is laying around your house unused,"
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First week festivities

SUNDAY

Aug. 26

Uncamping in the Quad

Location: Campus Quad
Time: 2-5 p.m.



MONDAY

Aug. 27

Dounts After the Drive

Location: Sidewalk in front of
Wheeler Pavilion Lot 37
Time: 8-10 a.m.

REC Fest

Location: UREC basketball court
Time: 6-9 p.m.



TUESDAY

Aug. 28

Student Job Fair

Location: University Center 202
Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Grilled Cheese in the IRC

Location: IRC
Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



WEDNESDAY

Aug. 29

Make S'more Friends

Location: LGBTQ+ Center, University Center
Time: 5 p.m.

Headphone Disco

Location: North Quad
Time: 9 p.m.



THURSDAY

Aug. 30

Founder's Day Faculty Picnic

Location: Campus Quad
Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

Founder's Day Ice Cream Social

Location: North Quad
Time: 4-6:30 p.m.



FRIDAY

Aug. 31

Disk Golf @ FLITE

Location: FLITE
Time: 1-3 p.m.

Late Night Movie

Location: University Center 202
Time: 9-11 p.m.



SATURDAY

Sept. 1

Michigan's Adventure Trip

Location: Muskegon, MI
Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

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Home sweet home

The guide for decking out your dorm

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

It's that time of year where residential veterans and first-timers alike will find themselves in cohabitation for the next nine months in a place that'll have you missing your hometown bed. So, unpack your bags. It's time to turn a bleak space into your home away from home.

"My roommate and I planned ahead of time what color scheme we were going to go with," Ferris biology sophomore Sarah Johnson said. "We bought our bedding and decor in that color scheme to give a more unified vibe. It was fun getting to decorate our room and seeing all the stuff that she had bought and showing her all the stuff I bought.

It's like a little design project."

If Walmart and dollar stores have taught us anything, it's that bedding and decor do not have to be expensive. Many stores have a back-to-school section carved out specifically for college students where you'll find many classroom and dorm room essentials.

"My number one tip would be to add Christmas lights or pictures. You can add pictures or posters of things that you like or interest you. Or you could add chairs and beanbags if you like gaming and watching TV—really make it a home away from home," Johnson said.

Though Christmas lights will create a more aesthetic atmosphere, photos of friends and family can make a dorm more personable. Tape and tacks are not allowed on dorm walls, but students can use command strip to hang tapestries, picture collages or posters for an added flare.

"I got my bedding and some storage stuff from Walmart for 50 bucks. They have a section specifically for going back to school with some good deals," Ferris business junior Alex Jackson said.

Target, Walmart and Meijer have back-to-college sections with items directed towards on-campus living, ranging from hangers to mini-fridges, at discounted rates.

"For me, I made a list of everything I thought I needed in my room, then I went around my house and looked for everything that my family already had that we weren't using. You would be surprised at what is laying around your house unused. I didn't have to buy a lamp or hangers or a laundry basket. We even had some sheets laying around," Ferris pre-nursing sophomore Carmen Del Clare said.

CHEAP DORM ESSENTIALS

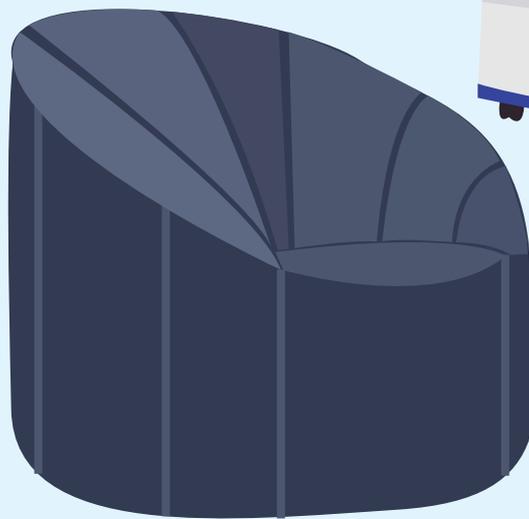
Suitable storage

Storage is essential in a tiny dorm room. Small things like papers, sweaters and endless free Ferris toys really start to add up in space.



Sit and stay a while

Lounge seating is perfect for visitors in your dorm, as well as chilling and watching TV or doing homework.



Warm and cozy

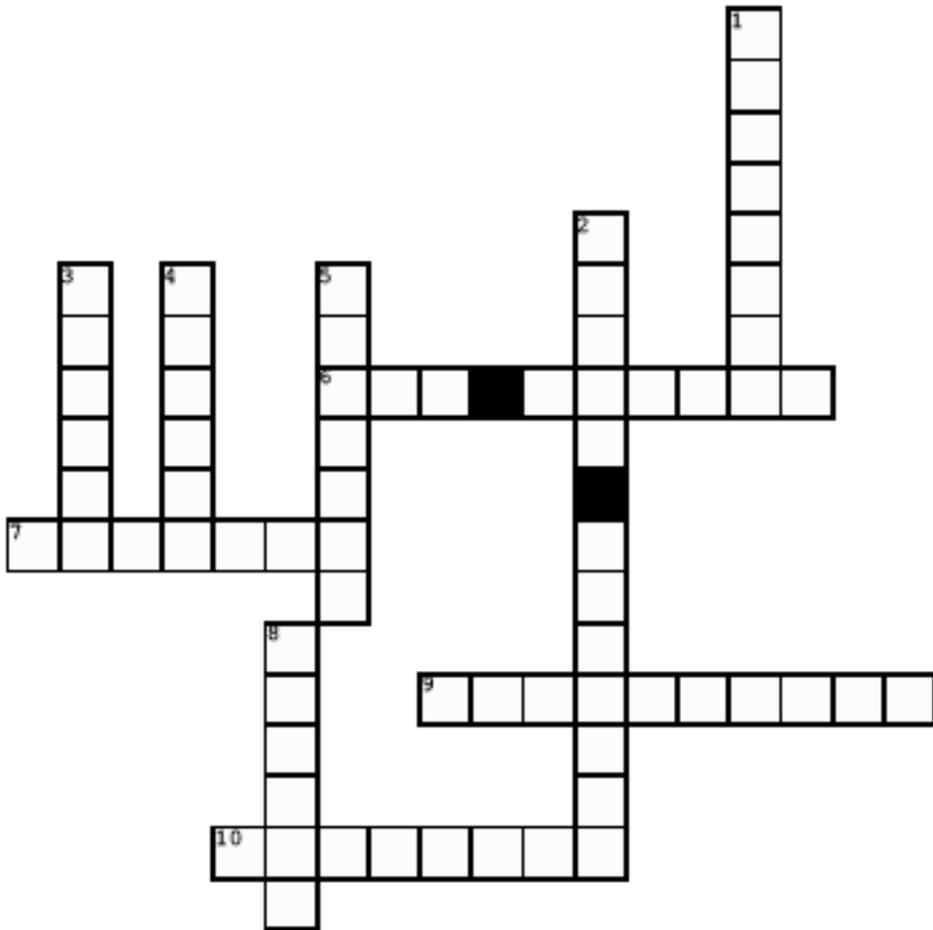
A fun throw blanket is a great addition to any bland dorm room bedding. Get one with a fun print or color to really stand out.



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Welcome Back

Test your knowledge with some Ferris fun facts!



Across

- 6. Free place to exercise
- 7. _____ and gold
- 9. _____ N. Ferris (Founder)
- 10. Ferris _____

Down

- 1. Person you're forced to co-habitate with
- 2. Cheapest food college students buy
- 3. President _____
- 4. On-campus health service
- 5. Biggest issue on campus
- 8. Name of your Ferris mascot

(Answers located at the bottom of the page)

Work hard, play hard



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Working on campus will provide students with the opportunity to thicken their wallets while finding employment that understands your class schedule.

Dollar signs in the eyes

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

As a new year at Ferris begins, so does the opportunity for students to find employment.

This is the first year the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) and the Bulldogs Beginnings Committee have partnered together to provide students with a chance to meet with multiple on-campus employers all in one place.

"I plan multiple large employment recruitment fairs each academic year. I am excited to kick off the CLACS Career Center schedule by coordinating this Student On-Campus Job Fair that supports our own university community by matching campus jobs with students that need them," Coordinator of the CLACS Career Center Michele Albright said.

Various departments across campus were invited to be involved with the job fair, presenting students with over 400 job opportunities. Some employers include Athletics, Dining Services, the Physical Plant and TAC, with 30 additional departments registered for the event, as well.

"Dress to impress as you would any interview. Bring multiple resumes, a class schedule, student

ID and a positive attitude," Ferris nursing junior Caitlin Dorton said. Aside from giving students the opportunity to earn extra money during the school year, the job fair will also provide students with the chance to network with experienced employers and get an early start with campus involvement.

"This can definitely help students in the future because it is preparing them for that 'big interview' that is to come. It will also help get them more prepared in the application process as well as revamping their resume and cover letter," Ferris social work junior Marina Robbins said.



Marina Robbins

Students looking for additional employment opportunities can refer to the Ferris Student Employment website or visit the CLACS Career Center via Handshake in MyFSU.

The Student On-Campus Job Fair will be held in the University Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28.



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Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

- 6. Rec Center
- 7. Crimson
- 9. Woodbridge
- 10. Bulldogs

Down

- 1. Roommate
- 2. Ramen Noodles
- 3. Eisler
- 4. Birkam
- 5. Parking
- 8. Brutus



You didn't hear it from me

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Wish I would've known

Tips from a graduating senior

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

Starting new at an unfamiliar place can be hard and having to learn the ropes is never easy.

Knowing even just a few things before starting fresh can always make a new start easier, so here are a few tips to help with transitioning into college life.

TIP #5

Students are able to take fruit out with them at the Rock and the Quad. However students are unable to use to-go boxes at the Rock.

TIP #6

Figure out how long it takes you to get to class and where your class is at. Knowing this can benefit you in the long run—more time to sleep in or grab a coffee.

TIP #7

Online classes can be hard but staying on top of them is key. Don't make the mistake to think you can cram the whole course load in one week.

TIP #1

Parking meters are free after 5 p.m. The exception is the Rock Cafe (Lot 39) meters in which parking is enforced until 8 p.m.

TIP #2

Students can receive discounts on many things, automotive being one. Repairs for vehicles from 2002 and newer have a shop fee of \$5 and no labor charges for repairs.

TIP #3

Additionally, students receive discounts with their FSU ID at the Katke Golf Course and on Ferris hockey game tickets.

TIP #4

All sports, except hockey, are free for students to attend so long as they have their student ID.



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Five hot takes on Ferris Football



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Wide receiver, Malik Taylor, lines up for the snap.

Bulldog football looks to dominate following another excellent season

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

With summer coming to a close and the number of sunny days limited, students are flocking back to Ferris’ campus one by one.

Fall is right around the corner and while most people are thinking about sweater-weather, my mind is set on football. After another deep run in the playoffs last year, the Ferris football team is hoping to impress with another great season.

The following are very strong takes that I believe will happen during the upcoming season. These are simply predictions, so please don’t hold them against me if they don’t come true.

1. The Bulldogs will be GLIAC champs again.

Ferris has not won the GLIAC since winning it back-to-back in 2014-15. For the past two years, it has been a close competition between both Ashland and Grand Valley, but the Bulldogs came up short in 2016-17. However, this upcoming season Ferris is ranked #8 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) nationwide preseason poll where Grand Valley is at #10 and Ashland at #15. I believe behind head coach Tony Annese, who is the most winningest active coach in Division II football right now, the Bulldogs will have what it takes to bring the GLIAC Champs title back to where it belongs.

2. The defense will still be a powerhouse.

With big names like Zach Sieler, Chris Okoye and Tavierre Thomas going to the NFL following the 2017 season, there will be some new faces on the field this upcoming season. Since there are only a

few returning starters on defense, new players have some big shoes to fill. With a new defensive unit, it can be difficult at times to be consistent and have everyone on the same page. However, Ferris’ tradition of having such a strong defense, they will work out any kinks they have by the season opener and be as great as they were in previous years.

3. The offense will be strong yet again.

With the departure of Reggie Bell, the question that is on everyone’s mind is, “Who will be the Bulldogs’ starting quarterback?” As that question is still up in the air, it seems that we will not find out until the season opener. Between Jayru Campbell, Bret Mooney and Travis Russell, I think whoever does get that starting job will ball out and have one heck of a year behind a strong Bulldog offense who averaged 423.7 yards per game last season.

Another question lingering is if we will see the same up-tempo offense we have seen in previous seasons.

“I think we have a lot of different weapons that can keep up with the pace we have set in the past. “Even though we might have lost some key players, I think we got a lot of people that can step up and make plays for us,” Ferris wide receiver Josh Walker said. “We always have the mindset that we can continue to move forward and progress. I think Dion Earls will have a breakout year, he’s always been good but this will be his first chance to really shine and step up and make big plays happen”

A few players to watch for this year will be Ferris senior wide receiver Malik Taylor and Ferris senior running back Robert Thomas III. Taylor looks to have another great year coming off of the 906 yards that he totaled up in the 2017 sea-

son, while Thomas looks for more of a workload with the departure of Jahaan Brown. Thomas finished last season with 334 yards on 63 rush attempts.

4. A star will be born.

One big question that we will have to find out during the season is who is going to send it and replace that great sideline dancer that was kicker Wyatt Ford? It seemed Ford brought a special vibe towards the team with his silly phrases and his impressive dance moves – which will be tough to replace – but in his absence, I believe a new star will shine and step forward as being a tone-setter for the whole squad.

5. Mark your calendars for Dec. 15.

I am going to say it now because I have so much faith in both the players and the coaches: the Ferris football team will follow in the footsteps of the Ferris men’s basketball team and be the second team in Ferris history to win a National Championship. I know this is a very bold take, but the Bulldogs have now been to the National Quarterfinals in back-to-back seasons, with one of those years making it to the semifinals. I believe that this year will be the year they take care of business and secure the bag. There is a long road ahead and several great teams to face along the way, but with pure grit and persistence, I believe they will achieve this remarkable feat and become National Champions.

The Bulldogs are set to kick their season off 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at Top Taggart Field as they face the East Stroudsburg Warriors in non-conference play.

Sports shorts

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Softball-A-Thon

The Ferris softball program is set to hold their unique eight-hour “Bulldog Softball-A-Thon” Saturday, Sept. 8, located at the Ferris softball field in Big Rapids.

The event will highlight opportunities to support the softball program and will provide opportunities for the Bulldog female athletes to intermingle with the community, members on campus and other families to help expand the softball program’s network.

The Bulldog softball program is asking fellow sports teams, families, community members, alumni and student-organizations to come to the field and compete against the softball student-athletes. There will be variations of play that consist of slow pitch, fast pitch or whiffle ball softball.

The event is set to run for eight-straight hours from approximately 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Each team will have to pay \$80 per inning for this event. If people do not have a desire to play in the actual games, there are opportunities for people to sponsor an inning for \$80, as well.

There will also be a meet and greet table present at the event for spectators to meet the Ferris student-athletes. The daylong event is also set to have a “Throw like a Girl!” competition, Bulldog softball merchandise and gear sale and auctions for prizes.

The time is now

The Ferris men’s and women’s track and field teams will be looking for new talent throughout the student body as they set to host tryouts for the 2018-19 season Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Top Taggart Field.

Participants must have a completed physical within the last six months and a waiver form containing sickle cell clearance.

Each participant must be registered with the NCAA eligibility center and must possess a 10-digit ID number. Freshman at Ferris need to be a full qualifier and current students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 with 12 credits passed each semester.

Tryouts for running events and throwing positions are available. Final roster spots will be announced after tryout performance and academic requirements have been reviewed.

Shining stars

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) announced its 2018 All-Academic Teams and Scholar-Athletes this past summer, as 10 student-athletes from the Ferris men’s and women’s teams received personal awards for their success in the classroom.

On the women’s side, six members received acknowledgement as apart of the All-Academic Team: Silvia Verebes, Nika Hein, Teodra Stefanovic, Arien Kissinger, Lauren Lomax and Nicole Stay.

The men’s side saw four members receive honors, which consisted of Simon Levy, Daniel Bennett, Steward Sell and Pablo Munoz Baroja. All-Academic Team awards as apart of the ITA are awarded to programs with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

In terms of earning an ITA Scholar-Athlete award, an athlete must have a 3.5 grade point average for the current semester, be a varsity letter winner and have been enrolled at their existing university for at least two whole semesters.

Both teams will be looking to continue their successes once again for the upcoming school year on and off the court as they both begin play in early September.



Ferris State University Tire Fire



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Freshmen quickly learn that signing up for all 8 a.m. classes was a horrible mistake

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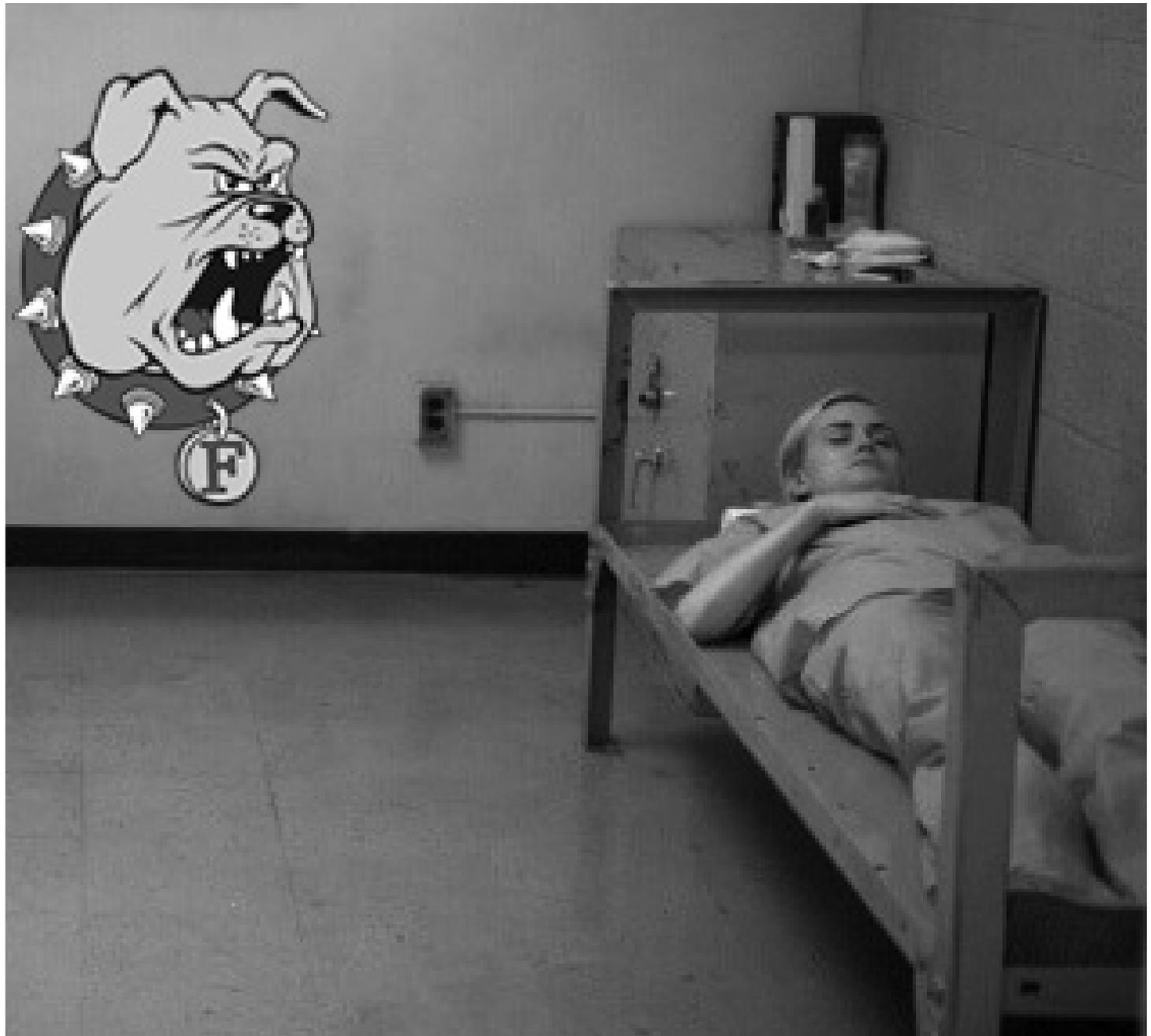
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Tire Fire editor scrambles to finish first issue on time

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College debunked

Ferris takes more away from you than your money



This scene of Netflix's Orange is the New Black was actually filmed in Ward Hall.

Gail Goodwoman
Help me

College is a experimental time, filled with new friendships, experiences and mistakes. A lot of mistakes. Here are some common occurances freshmen encounter.

Squad Goals

EXPECTATION: "I'm so excited to meet my roommate," Ferris social work freshman Julie Jingle said to her exhausted parents in their overpacked minivan. "It will be like having a sleepover every night".

REALITY: Jingle has not seen her roommate in months. Someone told her that they heard her roommate is living with her boyfriend in Campus Creek. Jingle is lonely.

Get Some Grub

EXPECTATION: "This food is so good. I wouldn't mind eating this every day," Ferris marketing freshman Daniel Dawson said after stuffing himself with his second plate of Mongo from the Rock.

REALITY: "This food is so good," Dawson said to himself

after his second plate of Mongo, third cheesecake and fourth burger. Dawson has gained 30 pounds.

Party Animal

EXPECTATION: Ferris early childhood education freshman Gail Goodwoman never drank a sip of alcohol before coming to the beautiful lawns of Ferris. She goes to church. She attended parties, but only as the DD.

REALITY: Goodwoman is in the hospital. She drank too much jungle juice at a frat party. Someone call her parents.

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Tire Fire

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Horror-scopes



Aries: March 21-April 19

This month is a good money month for you. Go to a casino and put ALL your money on black.



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Two words: food poisoning. Avoid Mongo at all costs.



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Do not attempt to join Greek life. The stars say it's because you're two faced.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

You're just a number to this university, not a person.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a failure? Give it a couple weeks and you will.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Don't give up! The stars say you might make a friend this month!



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

Maybe college just *isn't* for you.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

Love just isn't in the air for you this month. On second thought, it's not looking much better next month either.



Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

Look, I think we should just be friends.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

Your crowning achievement is that you were the fastest sperm cell. That's it.



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Please just stay inside this month. All the stars are saying MRSA.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

Your friends don't really like you, they just pity you.

Tire Fire Poll Results



What did you do this summer?

Vacationed all around the world! The Bahamas, Europe, Pandora

The 1%

Workied my life away as a slave to capitalism

99%

Was reminded why I don't live with my parents anymore

69%

Took summer classes so I can leave this shit-hole quicker

11%

Oh, freshmen

The only reason to thank God you've aged

Mitzy Fitzgerald
Civil War Reenactor

Welcome back, Bulldogs, to yet another year of hair pulling, stress and resentment towards your younger self for deciding to further your education.

Being a senior this year, I find that I have gained a sixth sense during my time here at Ferris. I know when a class is going to suck, I know when the Rock's food is at "top-notch" quality during the day and I know who the freshmen on campus are.

I don't know if it's my years at Ferris that have changed me or my experience in retail, but I get weirdly uncomfortable whenever I encounter a freshman. They always look so happy, so well-rested and full of hope. The atmosphere changes when they step on campus.

Here's when I know the babies on campus have arrived:

1. The Rock is full during move-in weekend. Parents have a love/hate relationship with dropping their kids off at school. They hate that their kid is leaving but are willing to trade them in for an all-you-can-eat buffet weekend.

2. The bookstore is flooded. Because who else really buys textbooks for their classes anymore?

3. Swag for days. I'm talking the matching sweatshirt/sweatpants combo with the bulldog hat and lanyard and the look in their eyes that says, "I am the flyest person on campus."

4. The early bird. Always the first one to class, but 97% of the time, it's the wrong class.

5. They are smiling, like all the time. Seriously. You do know you're

at school, right?

Now that I've given you the sixth sense, let's find and help our younger Bulldogs become the successfully lazy students we all strive to be.

They may argue they don't want to skip class - that they plan to keep their 4.0 - but these are naïve thoughts that will fade by the end of the week.

Just wait until they discover how many absences they can have without failing a class or timing how long of a drive it takes to get to class so you can sleep in until the last possible second.

Yes, I said drive. The "oh, campus is so beautiful" urge to walk every day will pass come November.

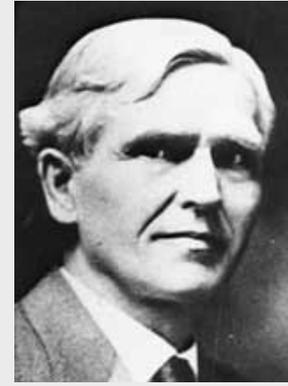
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"How can I drag myself out of bed in the mornings so I can make it to all of my 8 a.m.s?"
- Sleepy Sam

First of all why did you take 8ams? Rookie mistake, but not the end of the world. Here's the deal. You chug Red Bull like it's water and you're a eel or something like that. It's easier to go to class on a caffeine high rather than groggy. Don't sleep, that's the secret.

- Woodbridge

"How do I maintain my relationship with my girlfriend while she's at MSU on a cheerleading scholarship and I'm here? I love her very much but I don't have a car to go visit her."

- Heartsick Hank

Well, to be frank with you, Hank, your cheerleader girlfriend is probably getting railed by most of the football team. Especially since you're here because you're not smart enough to get into MSU. Unless you're packing some serious heat down there then you're probably SOL buddy.

- Woodbridge

"How do I tell my parents that I don't want to come home every weekend?"

- Loner Louis

What kind of degenerate are you? Your parents are probably going to be DEAD soon. If you don't go home every single weekend then you are the worst son ever. I don't care if it's a fourteen hour drive home, you do it out of necessity for a shower with decent water pressure and laundry you on't have to pay for.

- Woodbridge

"Where are the best parties?"

- Clueless Claudia

If you don't know at this point, it's too late..

- Woodbridge

"Why does the Tire Fire suck so much? And if everyone hates it, how does it still exist?"

- Soon-to-be-dead Sarah

The Tire Fire is like herpes. It never goes away. It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma. Why do things like wasps and armadillos exist other than to strike fear into the hearts of the innocent? Also, we can't track down their slimy editor, so this pathetic attempt at humor lives on.

- Woodbridge

(New) big man on campus

Division I transfer Taylor Adway understudies the success of Zach Hankins



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Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Everyone on campus knows how big of a role Ferris starting center Zach Hankins played in the journey for Ferris' first ever National Championship.

Hankins was a monster on defense, where he tallied up a total of 127 blocks and nearly averaged a double-double putting up 14.9 points per game and 9.9 rebounds per game. With his outstanding play, it was well deserved that he got awarded with the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II National Player of the Year.

After the season, he announced that he was transferring to play Division I basketball at Xavier. While this was much deserved for Hankins, it left many wondering about who may fill in his spot. Enter 6-foot-9 forward Taylor Adway, a Division I transfer from Toledo, who is both versatile on defense as well as offense.

"He plays the way that we want to play. He's mobile and athletic," head coach Andy Bronkema said. "I think he's got some more versatility that maybe people saw at Toledo. They needed him to do certain things for their team to be the best. I think he's got a little bit more in the tank and we're hoping to bring it out here."

Bronkema shared that although Adway had enjoyed his time at Toledo, he may have been looking for new challenges and new opportunities to expand his game and play a different style.

"He did his homework - him and his father - and we were one of the schools he wanted to consider and once our interests aligned with his, it was pretty much a done deal," Bronkema said.

During his 2017-18 season at Toledo, Adway averaged 14.8 minutes per game, while posting 4.7 points and 3.6 rebounds per game.

Trying to top last year's performance is going to be very difficult since the Bulldogs only lost one game during their National Championship season, posting an overall record of 38-1.

"This year's team has the same goal as last year's team, which is to be the best we can be. Right now, first place is available so we're going for it - but you don't get to first place by focusing on first place. That's not how it works. Focus on things that are more important than that and then hopefully it's a by-product," Bronkema said.

The Bulldogs open up exhibition play Saturday, Oct. 27 at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C., where they were invited to play the Division I Duke Blue Devils. Game packages to go see the Bulldogs play are available at the Ferris Athletics Ticket Office and must be purchased by 5 p.m. Sept. 4.

FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Welcome back Bulldogs! It's time for yet another installment of the Torch's Ferris Fantasy Football.

Considering the fact that this will be my first time heading this section of sports, I decided to put my own spin on things.

The biggest thing to note is that this year's Fantasy Football will be ran as a point per reception (PPR) league. This will produce larger numbers for wide receivers and tight-ends, making them more relevant in

the scoring column.

Another change to note this year is the fact that I will only be allowed to pick one player from a certain team per week. For example: if I were to pick Antonio Brown of the Pittsburgh Steelers, I could not pick another Steelers' player in the same week.

As always, no player can be repeated in the regular season. If I do manage to make the playoffs, this rule will be thrown out the window.

I look forward to seeing the scores of professional players and Ferris athletes alike. Hopefully Tony Anese's squad doesn't embarrass mine too much.

Calling all golfers

Ferris golf to host open tryout

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

For the third year in a row, the Ferris men's golf team will be hosting an open tryout over Labor Day weekend.

Current coach and former Ferris golfer Kyle Wittenbach has a few reasonings for hosting an open tryout.

"We have a large pool of players in the PGA Golf Management program that have been playing, practicing and improving over their years here and want to prove themselves as an NCAA athlete while making the team more competitive," Wittenbach said.

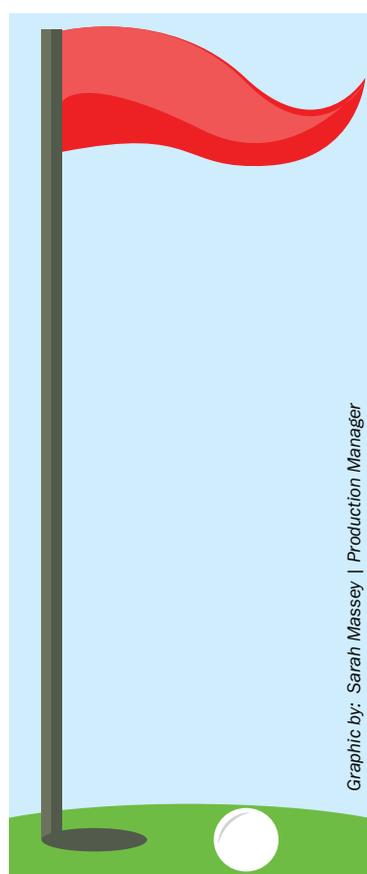
Wittenbach knows the importance of finding potential players via the open tryout after he made the team through a similar route

during his tenure as a Ferris golfer.

"I played for Ferris during 2009-2012 and made my way onto the team through a tryout process of similar format, therefore I see the utility in searching for and finding players that may have slipped through the cracks or had a non-traditional journey to Ferris State as a player," Wittenbach said.

"According to NCAA Rules and Regulations, high school athletes are allowed one tryout per university during their high school career so I invite top prospects for future classes, typically juniors, to participate in the tryout to prove themselves under collegiate conditions and pressure."

The Bulldogs begin their quest towards a NCAA championship by opening their season in a match play tournament at Northern Michigan University in Marquette Saturday, Sept. 8.



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- Marley Tucker - See page 16 for story

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

If you’ve been on social media or had a conversation with anyone over the past few months, then you’ve probably heard about the controversy behind plastic straws.

The debate surrounds the fact that plastic straws contribute to the massive amounts of trash in our oceans. According to National Geographic, Americans use about 500 million straws every day, many of which enter the ocean and harm marine wildlife.

This sparked a movement to limit straw use. Many establishments stopped providing straws or only made them available upon

request. Some cities have even proposed plastic straw bans, such as New York City, Seattle and Malibu, according to USA Today.

In theory, this is a good idea. However, as the issue becomes more prominent in the news and on social media, it has come to my attention that banning straws can be harmful to some. For instance, some people with disabilities rely on straws daily, whether it is because of a physical disability or they need the routine of using a straw. If certain bars and restaurants stop carrying straws altogether, people who need straws

are more limited as to where they can go.

Furthermore, some people are actively focused on limiting their straw use, which is great. However, they aren’t necessarily limiting their plastic use elsewhere. It helps to stop using straws, but if people are still leaving trash on the beach and throwing away thousands of plastic grocery bags every day, the planet is still in danger.

I am all for limiting straw use. I’m doing my best to avoid straws when possible and I know many others who are doing the same. However, I don’t think it’s neces-

sary to remove straws altogether from restaurants, as there are people who need them.

The best course of action is to use straws less frequently or entirely if you do not need to use them. But why stop there? So many items that are common in our lives contribute to the tons of trash polluting the ocean, so we should be mindful of how much trash we produce daily and where that trash goes.

There’s so much more we can do to save the planet. Let’s not stop at straws.

Other ways to save the oceans

- Use reusable containers instead of disposable ones to store food and water.
- Bring your own reusable bags to the grocery store.
- Buy food in bulk rather than in single-serve containers.
- Pick up your trash at the beach.
- When dry cleaning clothes, request that you pick them up without the plastic coverings.
- Avoid releasing balloons and paper lanterns into the sky, as they may end up in the ocean.



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Gone too far

Has America gotten too sensitive?

A question I have heard in the past few years, and one I have gladly jumped aboard in debating, concerns America’s prevailing attitudes today. It is a valid question: Have we as a nation become too sensitive?



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As it seems in any classroom or social setting, people today must tiptoe around what they are going to say or how they’re supposed to address somebody for fear of offending various individuals. Now, is that entirely a bad thing? No, not really. In fact, being sensitive to how others may feel is a great quality to have. Empathy is crucial in our society, but when is it taken too far? At what point does sensitivity become aggressive, with its nature being turned around into something almost unrecognizable? People make honest mistakes, and it is hard for many to correct behavior or learn when the atmosphere around an issue becomes almost oppressive in its wake.

Allow me to try and clarify what I mean by using this real life example. I’m in the grocery store and I come across a couple, guy and girl, with the girl looking like someone I knew. I approached her and said a joke. The couple ends up turning around with a confused look on their faces, as she’s not who I thought she was. I apologized and said something along the lines of how she looked like a friend of mine. Now, I assume they were just not having a great day or something, but you’d have thought by their reaction that I purposely insulted them. The person that I thought I knew exploded on me saying how their pronoun was “them / they” and I had no right to assume things. I apologized and went on my way, having no idea how to deal with the given

circumstances.

Now that may be an extreme situation, but it is not the first time I have heard of an incidence like that where people blow up over small incidents. I’ve had friends and acquaintances deal with similar situations, and you can just hop on YouTube and there are plenty of videos about vocal outbursts in public that are dealt with in a similar fashion. I think this is when we go too far in handling sensitivity.

If someone makes a mistake and isn’t intentionally trying to insult you or someone else, give them some grace. Adapting to a constantly shifting social construct is almost impossible to do on a whim and it takes time. Patience is needed on all sides. Instead of blowing up in public, we could have easily gone our separate ways without any fuss.

It almost feels like to not oppress one group of individuals, the other group must be oppressed. It’s almost like a social version of serfdom in my eyes. I am no expert on this sort of content; rather, this is just my opinion from all that I have witnessed and have seen firsthand. It’s almost like to provide fairness and privilege to one group, another’s fairness and privilege must be taken away, and there are a lot of issues to unpack within that kind of mentality.

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Why does one have to be a lonely number?

Strength can be found in solitude

As I sail through my last few weeks of summer and prepare to enter my junior year, I am savoring every last drop of alone time that I can before friends, professors, academic advisors, bosses, coworkers and anyone else I interact with begin to demand time from me that I cherish.



Alongside my parents, I have placed high expectations on my head ever since it was final that I was an only child; there was this never ending list of things that society wanted me to learn or do at a specific pace.

For the past week or so, I have had the privilege to study something that truly gives me the will to live: the art of tap dancing. After attending the Motor City Tap Fest last weekend, I felt more connected to a community of people than I ever have in my entire life. It was a combination of bliss and passion that was more powerful than anything I had seen at a wedding or other joyous occasion.

Because I was doing something that I love, I have been more productive while being alone this past week than I have ever been while being barked at by others. I am more comfortable being alone than I ever have in my entire life because I have what I am passionate about with me constantly. Don't get it twisted: I adore so many of my amazing friends, family, mentors and teachers. It just turns out that I feel most productive while alone.

Aiming to be inspired every day, by the earth and by people both living and passed, is my goal each and every day. Having the same goal every morning is something that has helped me build self-love and respect.

I encourage all students, no matter which grade or year they are in, to learn how to be productive alone. It is truly a superpower when harnessed in its full capacity. The way I go about making my alone time productive really isn't lonely because I am being inspired by others when I am practicing what I am passionate about.

Regardless, my belief is that self-love is best found through some solitude. At the end of the day, if you have built up the love you have for yourself then you have been productive in the most important way possible. So go ahead and give yourself a break from the judgement, eyes, touches and emotions of others. Learning to find pleasure in life by yourself just might pay off for your mental health this year.

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Contentedness through clarity

Sometimes happiness is just a decision away

This summer I found myself hundreds of miles away from everything I ever knew. Separated by time commitments and logistical difficulties, it would be months until I saw anyone familiar in my life, and I learned a lot about myself in the ensuing months of new adventures and trials.

You can learn a lot about yourself when you're forced to thrive in an environment so foreign and new to you. Like an exotic flower in a tropical climate, you are forced to bloom with the gentle urgings of the environment around you, and that is what happened to me when I completed my internship on Mackinac Island this summer. An introvert at heart and nervous about living alone on an island, I didn't know what to expect when settling in all those months ago.

Truly, I am continually shocked by how nice people are in northern Michigan. Unused to kindness from strangers in that respect, I tried my hardest to familiarize myself with the community around me. Did I succeed? I'd like to think so, but the genuine friendship fostered around me made my task rather simple. Nurturing those roots in the community took time and I can count



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many on the Island here as my friends.

Working long hours and traveling by foot and bike all around the Island burnt me out. I was depressed and struggled to find enjoyment in the natural beauty all around me for a while. I was in a bike accident midway through my internship that made my job painful to do and I wanted to take a break. Did I? No, and to the shock of virtually no one, I stuck it out. Through sheer stubbornness, I approached each day as a new challenge. That mentality helped me adjust to living on my own in a place completely foreign to me, and I think it is important to learn to look ahead and appreciate what is in front of you.

As a college student, burn out isn't something un-

common in my repertoire. I know why it happens and I tell myself that it won't happen again until it does. I know many people can relate to that. I am no stranger to confronting my problems, and doing so in a new setting has helped me identify the cracks that need repair. I've always been thankful for the serenity of nature all around me, but it wasn't until I sat on the highest peak of the mountain to watch the Perseid meteor shower that contentedness and clarity washed over me. What are my problems in the grand scheme of things when I can see the expanse of the Milky Way about my head in the night sky? How can I capitalize on that feeling?

In short, sometimes it takes new situations and environments to recognize what makes us tick. Perhaps taking yourself away from what is comfortable will help you find happiness in unexpected places on campus this year. Throwing myself into a new job on an island certainly made me recognize the strength in myself, and I'm confident that if the opportunity arose that you would feel the same way. That kind of growth is what many of us need to excel.



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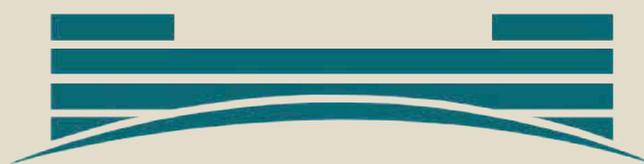
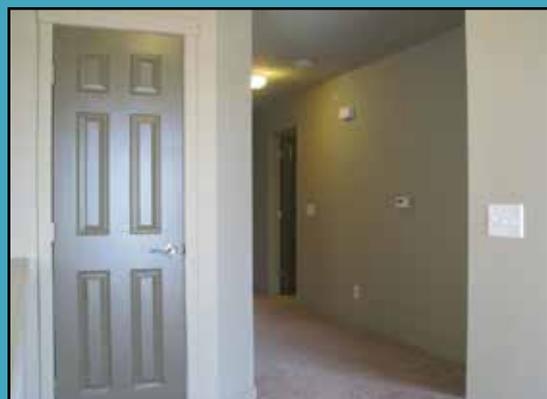


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