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Ferris students with six or more unpaid parking tickets will now have their cars towed rather than just immobilized. Check out what students think about this policy change.

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A concerning climate

Campus climate survey results show prevalence of sexual assault

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

The Sexual Misconduct Task Force released the results of their climate survey to measure sexual violence at Ferris, and the results concern many students.

The 2018 Campus Climate Survey was administered to 1,518 Ferris students. The results showed that 259 (17.1 percent) of students reported unwanted sexual experiences.



Morgan Edstrom

Within that group, women are the most vulnerable, with 220 (20.7 percent) reporting adverse sexual experiences.

"The numbers are a lot higher than I thought they would be, so it's just kind of eye-opening. I feel less safe, but not unsafe, if that makes sense," Ferris nursing freshman Morgan Edstrom said.

The rates are below the national average for the prevalence of sexual violence at college campuses and decreased from 2016, but the numbers are still significant, Ferris Dean of Student Life and Interim Title IX Coordinator Joy Pufhal said.

According to federal law Title IX, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Sexual misconduct on college campuses is included under Title IX, which, along with the investigation at Michigan State University regarding Larry Nassar earlier this year, prompted the issuing of the survey and a complete review of sexual assault policies.

Pufhal served on the task force. The survey began in 2016 and is administered every two years in the spring, with this be-

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The Task Force report includes results from the 2018 Campus Climate Survey administered at Ferris and completed by 1,518 students. Of those who responded:

17.1%

259 (17.1%) reported unwanted sexual experiences. Women are most vulnerable, with 220 (20.7%) reporting unwanted sexual experiences.

28.8%

437 (28.8%) reported experiencing stalking behaviors. Women are most vulnerable, with 342 (32.2%) reporting experiencing behaviors consistent with stalking

24.2%

367 (24.2%) reported experiencing relationship abuse. Women are most vulnerable, with 282 (26.5%) reporting experiencing abuse.

Ferris State University Sexual Misconduct Task Force Report - 2018



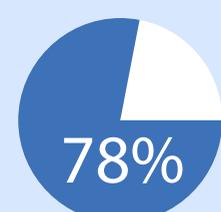
A sexual assault occurs in America every 98 seconds.



On college campuses, over half of the sexual assaults occurred in the first four months of the term, and a higher risk exists throughout the first and second years.



Traditional college-aged women are three times more at risk of being sexually assaulted.



Seventy-eight percent of college-aged males are more likely than non-students of the same age to be a victim of sexual assault.

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- Lilly Franklin - See below for story

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Sexual Assault

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ing the second year of participation at Ferris, Pufhal said.

"Building awareness of sexual violence is part of our overall anti-violence prevention education program, and our goal is simple: to stop it from happening," Pufhal said.

The full task force report can be found on the Title IX page of the Ferris website. The task force found 14 gaps total: seven gaps in policies, four in education and three different gaps.



Haley Leppert

One of the primary education gaps was internal education, and the university is implementing a series of educational offerings, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 14, with a presentation by speaker Scott Lewis, according to the President's Message to Campus email.

The results of the survey indicated that 1 in 5 of female Ferris students reported unwanted sexual experiences, 1 in 3 reported experiencing stalking behaviors and 1 in 4 experienced relationship abuse.

"I think when people see numbers, they actually realize how

many people go through problems like this," Ferris social work freshman Haley Leppert said. "Being a social work student, we kind of talk about these things, so to me, it wasn't really a

shock. But I think to some others who aren't really aware, they might be kind of surprised with the numbers."

Some students believe that although the numbers are down from two years ago, steps still need to be taken to address this issue.

"I think it is important to see what people are experiencing on campus. This is definitely concerning, and I think it should be something that we should try to address, but how we go upon addressing it I'm not sure," Ferris welding engineering and technology sophomore Kevin Volesky said.

There are methods for the prevention of sexual assaults, as well as ways for individuals to protect themselves. At Ferris, education about accountability, consent and bystander intervention skills are priorities, according to Pufhal.

"There are ways to reduce your risk when you go out," Pufhal said. "However, if someone is sexually assaulted I want them to know that it is never their fault, and help and support are available."

For victims of sexual assault, campus resources include confidential, no-cost support at the Personal Counseling Center. Additional resources can be found at ferris.edu/title-ix.

Parking policy penalty



Photo by: Taylor Davis | Torch Photographer

A student receives a parking ticket in the University Center parking lot. Since Sept. 21, the Department of Public Safety has handed out approximately 2,326 tickets.

New vehicle impoundment policy implemented at Ferris

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Ferris State University's Department of Public Safety recently sent out an email to students informing them of a parking policy change.

The new policy stated that starting Monday, Oct. 29, vehicles with six or more unpaid tickets found on campus would be towed at the owner's expense. Previously, the Department of Public Safety would immobilize vehicles located on campus that had accumulated six or more unpaid tickets.



Emma Bossenbroek

"If someone left their car in an illegal spot for longer than a few days, then I would get towing the car," Ferris criminal justice freshman Emma Bossenbroek

said. "But for the six tickets, just give them an immobilizer or a bigger fine."

The email sent to students stated that before the towing company releases a vehicle that has been impounded, students will have to pay off all their tickets. Since the majority of parking tickets at Ferris are \$20, an accumulation of six or more tickets could hurt students financially.

"It might be a little bit much," Ferris digital animation and game design freshman Lilly Franklin said. "Six tickets is definitely unreasonable, but I don't like the thought of towing cars."

Students were reminded in the email that unpaid tickets would not be taken care of on their student accounts. Instead, students must pay off their tickets in person at DPS or online through their website.



Lilly Franklin

"On one hand, I do understand it because they need those tickets paid off, but it's a little over the top in my eyes," Ferris pre-veterinary freshman Nicole King said.



Nicole King

"But I don't know if impounding them is the right choice. I think that they should go back to the locks and then take your lock off when you pay the tickets."

King said that students might struggle with the policy since some students let tickets go merely because they don't have the money.

"If someone's not paying off their tickets, it might just be because they don't have the money," King said. "Then once their car is impounded, it's \$120 right away. That might be hard for a person to just pay off."

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Identity theft isn't a joke, Jim

Cora Hall
News Editor

What's new?

Oct. 27, 9:04 p.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation in Brophy Hall. The case is still open.

Much drugs, very illegal

Oct. 27, 11:43 p.m., officers responded to

a report of a subject with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute in the East Campus Suites. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The investigation is still open.

Identity theft isn't a joke, Jim

Oct. 28, 2:33 p.m., officers received a report of fraud in Ward Hall. The investigation is still open.

Hit it and quit it

Oct. 29, 8:54 a.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run in Lot 1. One appearance ticket was issued.

This is why we can't have nice things

Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., officers investigated a report of malicious destruction of property in Bond Hall. The investigation was closed

due to a lack of leads.

Halloween looting

Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m., officers received a report of larceny at the University Recreation Center. The investigation is still open.

Ferris Department of Safety issued 362 tickets between the dates of Oct. 28 and Nov. 3 totaling \$5,635.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Cora Hall
News Editor

London, England

A Japan Airlines co-pilot was arrested for being almost 10 times over Britain's legal alcohol limit for pilots 50 minutes before he was to help pilot a flight to Tokyo. Katsutoshi Jitsukawa admitted to drinking two bottles of wine and five beers hours before his flight and pleaded guilty to exceeding the legal alcohol limit. According to the Kyodo News agency, the pilot had passed the airline's breath test before the driver of the bus the pilots were on reported him.

Original story by Ceylan Yeginsu. Nov. 2, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Tapachula, Mexico

After the first caravan of migrants made their stop in Tapachula in southern Mexico, two more are now on their way. The first caravan was able to move from Honduras into Guatemala and now Mexico and has inspired other migrants to go in large groups to travel to the United States. President Donald Trump sent troops to the border of Mexico and considered taking executive action to close the border to migrants, even those seeing asylum.

Original story by Kirk Semple and Elisabeth Malkin. Oct. 31, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Cairo, Egypt

The photo posted by the New York Times of young emaciated Amal Hussain went viral last week and drew attention to the dire circumstances war-torn Yemen is in. The 7-year-old passed away in a refugee camp four miles south of the hospital in Yemen. Hussain was one of the 1.8 million severely malnourished children in the country. The Saudi-led war in Yemen has escalated and prompted Western leaders to re-evaluate support of the war, and the United States and Britain have called for a cease-fire in Yemen.

Original story by Declan Walsh. Nov. 1, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Juba, South Sudan

Rebel leader Riek Machar returned to South Sudan's capital Wednesday, Oct. 31, celebrating a peace deal over two years after the fierce fighting in the city forced him to flee the country. A ceremony was held to mark the peace accord that Machar and President Salva Kiir, his long-time rival, and the leaders of other groups signed last month. South Sudan fell into conflict in 2013, after being established in 2011, when Kiir sacked Machar as vice president. Violence has since died down as both sides advocated for peace.

Original story by Reuters. Oct. 31, 2018. *The New York Times*.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cora Hall
News Editor

First generation students celebration

Enjoy a student, faculty and staff mixer 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the University Center history lounge. There will be cake, appetizers, other refreshments and prizes to celebrate first-generation students at Ferris. For more information, contact Jody Maloney at malonj10@ferris.edu.

Detroit Red Wings night

Join the Detroit Red Wings for a special Ferris State night to be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. Visit <http://www.detroitredwings.com/FSUnight> to purchase tickets or ticket packages that include a ball cap and opportunities to win in-game experiences or a signed Wings jersey. For more information, contact Kevin Bunce at KevinBunce@ferris.edu.

Veterans Day concert

Attend the 16th annual Veterans Day concert performed by Ferris' West Central Concert Band 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. The event to celebrate veterans will be held in Williams Auditorium and will include a special musical selection featuring music from all five branches of services. For more information, contact Scott Cohen at RichardScottCohen@ferris.edu.

Native American Heritage Month celebration

Celebrate Native American Heritage and learn about the rich culture of Native Americans 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in UCB 217. There will be a performance group and dinner, and guest speaker Steve Pery will speak on honoring and inclusion of veterans. For more information, contact Michael Wade at 231-591-2617 or omss@ferris.

Torch Corrections

In the Oct. 31 edition of the *Torch*, the photo for "Too much help" was taken by Interim Photographer Hunter Pariseau.

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Swinging back



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Mixed Martial Arts student club returns to Ferris

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

The Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) club has been inactive since 2017, but this year, Ferris digital media and history junior Stephen Bottke is working to change that.

Bottke said that MMA has had a formative impact upon his life, as has been practicing the sport since he was 16.

"It is the game in life that I love the most," Bottke said. "It is the thing in life I enjoy doing physically the most. It just makes me happy. I think it's one of the most useful life skills a person can have."

The club, which meets every Tuesday and Friday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room at the Student Recreation Center, was planning on meeting Tuesday, Oct. 23. However, due to technical difficulties, Bottke used word-of-mouth to get his message around campus, but it was less successful than Bottke hoped.

"It was an utter failure last week because there was no advertising," Bottke said. "I was concerned it would be a repeat this week."

However, around 20 students attended the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30, more than what Bottke was expecting.

"I'm absolutely giddy. I was willing to settle for having four or five people here, so having much more than my best expectations is a really good night," Bottke said.

Ferris criminal justice sophomore and club member Zach Olive said the club is helpful to his future career and is overall enjoyable.

"I'm in criminal justice, so being able to fight is a big part of my job. As soon as I hit my teen years and got into criminal justice, I started taking classes and learning hand-to-hand combat skills and sparring with friends," Olive said. "Also, hitting stuff is fun."

Any Ferris student can join the Mixed Martial Arts club, regardless of previous experience with MMA. The club is looking to provide students with training partners and expertise.

Ferris allied health sonography sophomore Suzan Roach attended the meeting and wanted to join the club for self-defense.

"Being a woman walking along in the dark, being able to have that in your back pocket just in case is nice," Roach said. "It's really cool to be able to get into it in college and have people the same age that are at your same learning level."



Steven Bottke



Suzan Roach

STEM secures new scholarships

New grant aims to provide opportunities and experience to freshmen

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

In Fall 2019, Ferris will begin a \$1.2 million grant program aimed at increasing enrollment and retention in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs.

The new grant project is called Project S³OAR, spoken as Soar-Three, which stands for Sustainable, Scalable Scholarships, Opportunities, Achievements and Results. The grant, which is provided by the National Science Foundation, will provide scholarships of up to \$10,000 to 36 STEM students per year for four years. In addition to the scholarships provided, S³OAR will also provide students with other opportunities including job shadowing.



Kristi Haik

"Another big part of this grant is that it's actually a research study. Students get scholarships, there's a program and it's designed so that they're successful, but we're also doing this comparative research study to see if shadowing between four and eight hours, three times during their first, second or later semesters gives students that sense of 'Oh my gosh, this is really

what I want to do,' or the opposite and helps them redirect," Co-Principal Investigator and Dean of Ferris' College of Arts and Sciences Kristi Haik said.

Some Ferris students are excited about the opportunities this program will give incoming freshmen.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity that opens up the doors for freshmen and a reason why someone would want to come to Ferris," Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Amanda Eslinger said. "It's a great opportunity for those students to have an opportunity to be job shadowing. Now as a sophomore, I'm like 'Oh shoot, I should have been job shadowing' and I think this will prepare them for the future."

In addition to the initial grant, there are plans to try to extend the program indefinitely through an \$8 million endowment.

"An \$8 million endowment at 4 percent return will generate about \$320,000 per year. What that means is we can have a cohort of students who get \$3,000 scholarships every year from now until the end of time," Haik said.

Running the program as the prin-

icipal investigator is Ferris mathematics professor Dr. Hengli Jiao, who has emphasized the impact that this grant can have on all students, calling on students not necessarily traditional to STEM fields to apply.

"We want to attract more students here and to emphasize to girls and minorities to apply. A lot of times when you have a program, it's a lot of guys, but we want to encourage all students," Jiao said.

Jiao said students should not be intimidated to not apply because they don't think they have the qualifications. According to the Ferris

website, the program is aimed at low-income but academically talented students.

"Sometimes students will think, 'Very highly qualified students are going to apply. I'm not going to apply this year because I'm not qualified,' and that is not the case," Jiao said. "We consider students' situations. If someone is from a big private school and you come from a rural school, those are factors. Maybe you have a lot of potential and just haven't realized the potential there."

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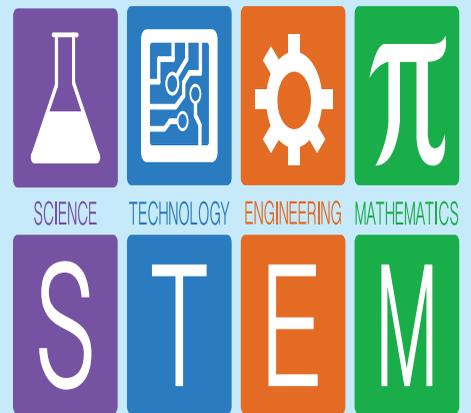
Amanda Eslinger



Hengli Jiao

Project S³OAR Objectives

- Increase the STEM enrollment of low-income, academically-talented undergraduates, particularly those from underrepresented groups in STEM, by 10 percent.
- Achieve a 90 percent retention rate during the transition from first to second year.
- Increase the retention and graduation rates of S³OAR Scholars compared to similar populations in both the STEM disciplines and the university.
- Document the program's sustainability and scalability.
- Determine the effectiveness of job shadowing STEM professionals on the first- to second-year retention rate of S³OAR Scholars.



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Empowering women

Scholarship provides extra help that makes all the difference for some students

Cora Hall
News Editor

After being a recipient of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) annual scholarship, Ferris biology professor Olukemi Fadayomi has made it her mission to give back.

"When I was in college, I got a scholarship from them to help with part of my education and I remember that this was very helpful, as an international student," Fadayomi said. "So, that money was very, very helpful and I always thought, 'If I even have the opportunity, I would want to give back to the group.'"

The scholarship totals in \$1,000 and one to three will be awarded this year. Applicants must be full-time junior or senior students at Ferris, have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, demonstrate financial need and attend the scholarship dinner if chosen. Fadayomi said the scholarship is part of their mission to "advance gender equity



Olukemi Fadayomi

for women and girls through research, education and advocacy."

"So the education part, it's really about access. If you cannot fund the education,

you don't have the access to fund, then you're not able to fulfill that. This scholarship is mostly for non-traditional students," Fadayomi said. "And \$1,000 does go a long way to help towards that equity and access to education. So, I think it's very important."

Ferris pre-dental sophomore Aliyah Sharifi said she believes the scholarship is a good way to empower women, especially non-traditional students.

"I mean, I think it's a good idea. They are trying to show women are powerful and wanting to have women step up in a way. So I think it's a good idea to have the scholarship," Sharifi said. "I work at a dental office and lots of the ladies I work with, they are going back to school and they have kids. They want to support their families and they want better income so they're going back to school to get a higher degree to get better income."

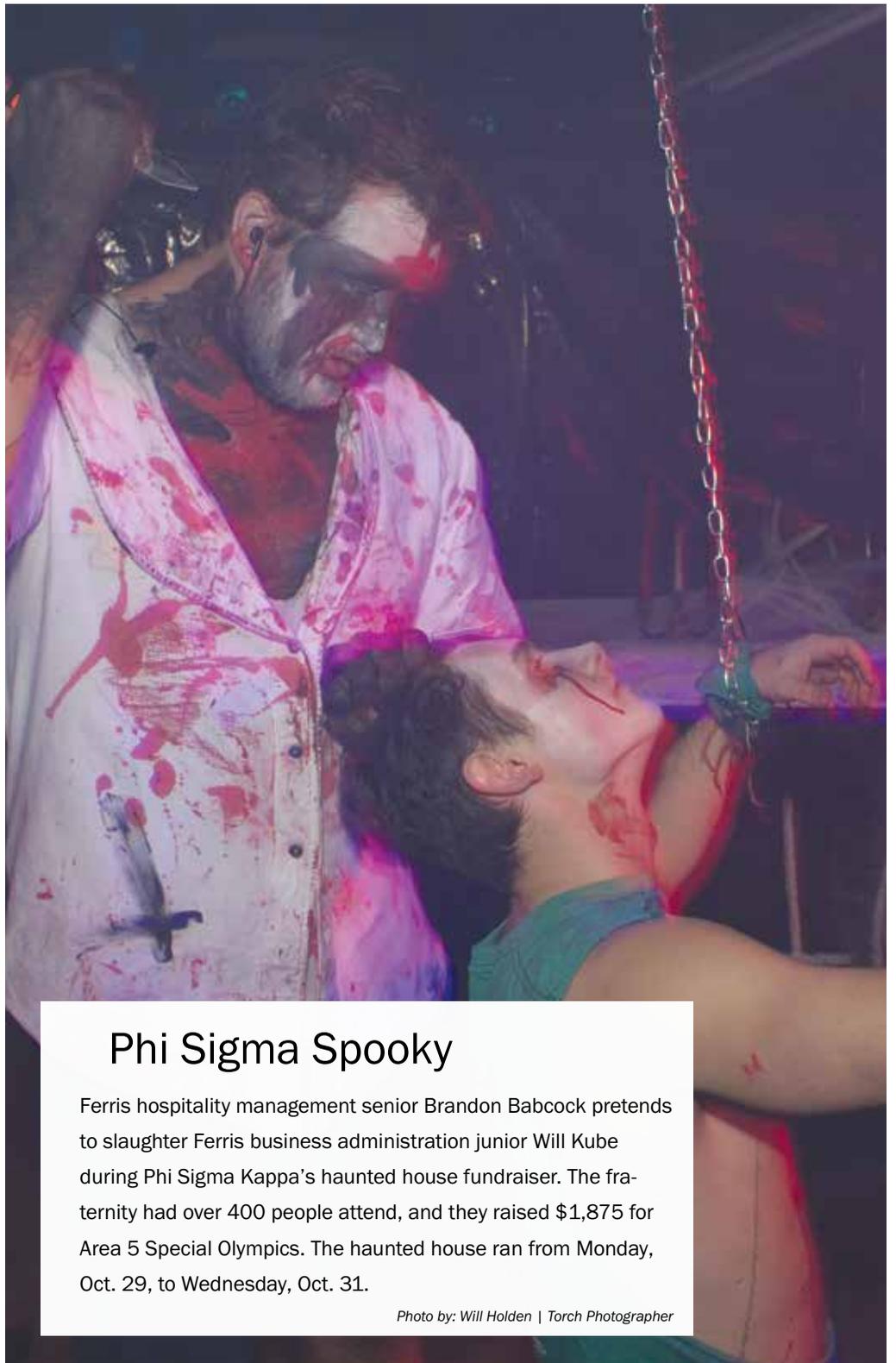
Fadayomi said along with the impact the scholarship had on her, she has seen the impact at Ferris, and applicants from previous years have told her they would not have been able to finish their last semester without the scholarship.

"It had a great impact on me," Fadayomi said. "It was very helpful for me that I didn't have to work a lot, so I was able to improve my grades, and that allowed me to be eligible for all the scholarships that saw me through graduate school."

Those who want to apply for the scholarship must email Dr. Olukemi Fadayomi with a letter of interest describing how they meet the criteria and two letters of reference from Ferris faculty by Tuesday, Nov. 13.



Aliyah Sharifi



Phi Sigma Spooky

Ferris hospitality management senior Brandon Babcock pretends to slaughter Ferris business administration junior Will Kube during Phi Sigma Kappa's haunted house fundraiser. The fraternity had over 400 people attend, and they raised \$1,875 for Area 5 Special Olympics. The haunted house ran from Monday, Oct. 29, to Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

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Criteria for the scholarship:

- Full-time junior or senior in any academic program at Ferris
- Demonstrates financial need
- Current GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must attend scholarship award dinner if chosen

How to apply:

- Write a letter of interest describing how you meet the criteria and include relevant life or work experience before or during college.
- Get two written references from Ferris faculty
- Email information to Dr. Olukemi Fadayomi (olukemifadayomi@ferris.edu). Make sure to include "AAUW Scholarship Application" with your name in subject line.

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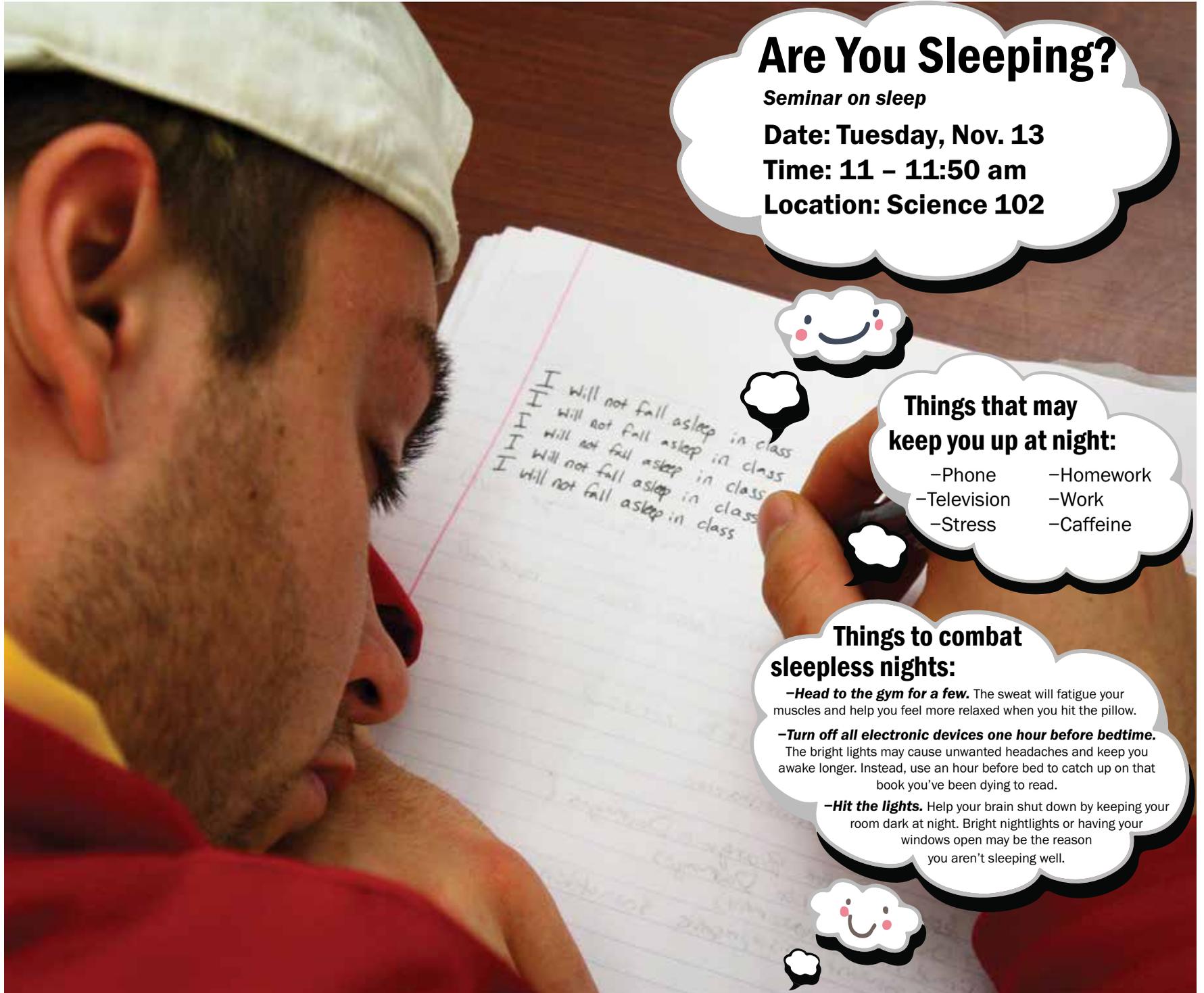


LIFESTYLES

"If I put in the time now, it'll be better for me in the end."
- Tekarra Coleman - See page 7 for story

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Close your eyes



Are You Sleeping?

Seminar on sleep

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 13

Time: 11 - 11:50 am

Location: Science 102

Things that may keep you up at night:

- Phone
- Homework
- Television
- Work
- Stress
- Caffeine

Things to combat sleepless nights:

-Head to the gym for a few. The sweat will fatigue your muscles and help you feel more relaxed when you hit the pillow.

-Turn off all electronic devices one hour before bedtime. The bright lights may cause unwanted headaches and keep you awake longer. Instead, use an hour before bed to catch up on that book you've been dying to read.

-Hit the lights. Help your brain shut down by keeping your room dark at night. Bright nightlights or having your windows open may be the reason you aren't sleeping well.

Ferris finance senior Josh Perkey struggles to keep his eyes open while balancing a social life and work load.

Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Learn about tips and tricks to falling asleep

Alicia Jaimes and Marissa Russell
Lifestyles Editor and Interim Reporter

As Ferris psychology freshman Olivia Harvitt closes her eyes at night, she struggles to stay asleep.

Though she gets about seven hours of sleep a night, Harvitt says a lot of that time is spent waking up throughout the night, and she reminisces on the days where she'd "sleep like a rock."

School, laundry, cleaning and other responsibilities often drift into Harvitt's mind as she lays down for the night.

"I'm a very bad sleeper. Sometimes music helps, and sometimes it makes it worse. It has to be cold though; I can't have it hot. So I have my window open all the time, so it's pretty cold in my room," Harvitt said.

Harvitt also believes that drinking a lot of water throughout the day helps her sleep better at night and not wake up constantly due to dehydration.

With only six hours of sleep a night, Fer-

ris biology freshman Andrew Valdez feels that his rest has gotten better since coming to Ferris.



Andrew Valdez

"I used to wake up with really bad headaches almost every day, and ever since I moved to school, I don't think that's ever happened," Valdez said.

Though Netflix and YouTube are what keeps Valdez up at night, he also uses these sites as white noise to fall asleep to.

Although Valdez gets less sleep on average than Harvitt, it seems Valdez feels better about the amount of sleep he gets per night. Ferris Retention and Student Success Academic Adviser Kimberly Boezwinkle, however, would consider that teetering on the edge of potential sleep deprivation.

"Everyone is different; however, the recommended hours of sleep per night for people between the ages of 18 and 23 is seven to nine hours per night. How much are they getting? It is hard to tell, but my guess would be three to six hours per night, and often much less," Boezwinkle said.

According to Boezwinkle, this kind of sleep deprivation

can cause moodiness, inability to concentrate, lack of motivation and even depressed moods. Though she doesn't consider herself a sleep expert, she has had many years dealing with sleep and how to combat restless nights. Because of this, she will be hosting "Are You Sleeping? How Sleep (or the Lack Thereof) Affects Your Academic Success" Tuesday, Nov. 13.

"In this presentation, I talk about how sleep affects the learning process, and how simple changes in their sleep habits can make a huge difference in their ability to learn and perform academically," Boezwinkle said.

During the presentation, students will assess their sleeping habits, learn to power nap and be given tools to help them fall asleep at night.

Boezwinkle strongly believes that improving the quality of sleep is within students' control. All it takes is some effort and a lot of commitment.

For more information on sleep and how it can affect you, visit Boezwinkle's Are You Sleeping? seminar 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in Science 102.

Olivia Harvitt

Bittersweet achievements



Photo by: Alicia Jaimes | Lifestyles Editor

Ferris health information technology senior Tekarra Coleman takes pride in herself as a first-generation student and hopes to inspire others to do so.

In the end, it matters

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

Ferris health information technology senior Tekarra Coleman didn't think she was going to attend a university until her counselor gave her a push in the right direction.

From Kalamazoo, Michigan, Coleman was never asked about the possibility of college at home. That is until her counselor called her into her office one day and asked if she ever considered Ferris. After learning about Ferris' Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), Coleman decided to attend.

"Being a first-generation student, honestly, it pushes you," Coleman said. "Because I know I will have better out of life."

Wishing she had more support back home, Coleman feels the struggle of being a first-generation student when family members don't understand the college process and wish she'd visit more often.

During her first year, Coleman gave in and found herself going back home a lot to visit her family and help where she could. The pressure Coleman felt made her realize something she hopes other first-generation students will recognize, as well.

"You have to want more for yourself," Coleman said, saying that it's OK to let go and focus on what's right for you.

Coleman finds being at Ferris to be bittersweet.

"Why was I so different?" Coleman said as she wondered why she had been the only family member to go to college.

Having an older sister, Coleman was able to see her go off to college, only to leave later and decide it wasn't for her. Because of this, she hopes to inspire her three younger siblings to attend college and learn a valuable life lesson.

"If I put in the time now, it'll be better for me in the end," Coleman said.

Once deciding to put her education first, Coleman found friends at Ferris who relate to her and her experiences as a first-generation student. "Funny," "self-driven" and "passionate" were a few words Ferris criminal justice senior and first-generation student Johnntia Mitchell used when describing Coleman.

"I chose those words because every time I see her, she's always on the go, such as volunteering, going to work every night and just being involved on campus," Mitchell said. "She loves what she does, and



Johnntia Mitchell

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You've got a friend in me



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Ferris architecture and sustainability sophomore Alex Loeffler snuggles with his assistance animal, Bella, as a way to combat anxiety.

Can I be of assistance?

Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

Ferris architecture and sustainability sophomore Alex Loeffler was a freshman living in a residence hall struggling with anxiety, but after bringing his cat Bella to Ferris, that all began to change.

"I just wasn't feeling at home here," Loeffler said as he recalled how hard it was to be away from home during that first year.

Many students refer to them as emotional support animals (ESA), but they are now known as assistance animals by professionals.

"I had some issues with anxiety and was making a three hour drive every weekend just to be somewhere that felt like home," Loeffler said. "It was around the end of the semester when I realized while I was growing up, we always had a pet at home. So, I started looking into what I would have to do to have my cat with me here, to bring a piece of home with me."

After researching assistance animals online, Loeff-

fler began emailing different people. This led him to the disabilities center where he talked to Ferris Assistant Professor and Educational Counselor Eric Wagenfeld.

Loeffler talked to Wagenfeld about what he was going through, and Wagenfeld agreed that getting an assistance animal may help him. After filling out papers and making sure Bella was up to date on her shots, he could bring her the following spring.

"It really helps that she's there because now it feels like an actual home that I can go back to," Loeffler said.

Loeffler also struggled with anxiety and feeling down when he would go back to his dorm until his next 8 a.m. class. Doing homework for twelve hours a day, Loeffler used to get anxiety. Now if Loeffler has a panic attack, Bella is there to comfort him.

"I felt like I was stuck in a room surrounded by all white walls and I was always in my dorm on my computer doing my homework," Loeffler said.

From first arriving at the campus to now, Loeffler has felt happier and calmer since Bella became his assistance animal.

To learn more about assistance animals on campus, call 231-591-3057 or visit Starr 313.

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- If a student has family history of mental health issues
- If a student feels depressed, anxious or they are feeling down
- If it is hard for a student to go to class

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Ferris pre-med and Spanish junior Qiana Lomax paints a sugar skull in celebration of Dia de los Muertos Thursday, Nov. 1, at West Campus Community Center.

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her personality is very fun to be around because she's hilarious."

Until last year, there wasn't a way to identify first-generation students. Now that there is, Ferris Retention and Student Success Academic Adviser Jody Maloney has been able to work closely with first-generation students, helping them get acquainted with campus and maximizing opportunities for personal and professional growth.

"Many people expect first-gen students to be cautious or to not have a plan for their future, because their parents didn't explain all of the little things about getting a bachelor's degree to them, but the reality that I've seen is that first-gen students are ambitious and often choose

programs that involve graduate school without hesitation," Maloney said.

To help create connections between first-generation students and faculty members, Maloney is taking part in a First-Generation Student Celebration from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the University Center History Lounge. The event, which is open to first-generation students and their friends, allows students to take part in interactive activities and have a chance to win one of three textbook awards for spring 2019.

"They want to achieve, and I find that inspiring," Maloney said.

For more information on the First-Generation Celebration, contact Maloney at malonj10@ferris.edu.

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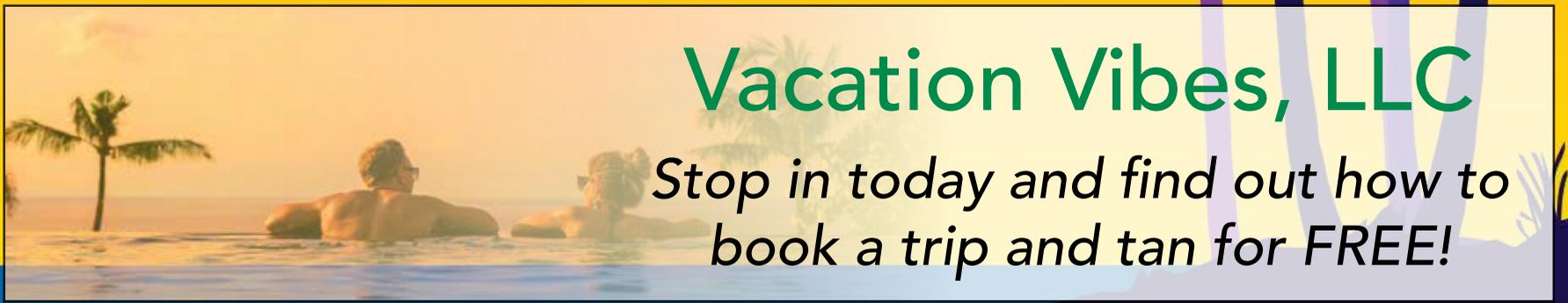
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Chasing perfection



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Ferris senior wide receiver Keyondre Craig and Ferris redshirt freshman Sy Barnett celebrate after a touchdown. The Bulldogs are looking to complete an undefeated season Saturday, Nov. 10.

Ferris football team looks to finish where the 2015 team left off

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Let's throw it back. The year is 2015 and the Ferris football team just wrapped up an undefeated regular season and came into the playoffs as one of the most feared teams in the nation. That team had real aspirations of bringing home the National Championship trophy to Big Rapids.

That story did not have a happy ending, however, as the team lost to rival Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in the second round of the playoffs.

There are a lot of similarities that can be drawn between the 2015 team and the Ferris football team of 2018, which currently sits at 10-0. However, there are also a lot of encouraging differences that could lead this team to capturing that elusive National Title that the 2015 team could not.

The first difference is how this team is built compared to its counterpart from three years back. The 2015 roster had seven

players that would spend time with an NFL team. That is practically unheard of for a Division II football team. They relied on that superstar talent to win games, but when that superstar talent had a poor performance in the playoff loss to GVSU, they lost.



Sam Heyboer

"There was a lot more individual talent on that team, but this year, we all play together and don't rely on a superstar to allow us to win," Ferris sophomore linebacker Sam Heyboer said.

On this team, there is more balance, and what they lack in true superstars, they make up for with solid all-around team play in all three phases of the game. This, as stated by Ferris offensive coordinator Steve Casula, boils down to the efforts of one man.

"We're lucky enough to have a group of kids that love football and love each other,

and that's all been built by our head coach, in recruiting the right kind of players and picking the right kind of people and making this an environment where our players have fun and want to be here," Casula said.



Steve Casula

Tony Annese was the coach back in 2015 and has been successful in preaching mental toughness. It seems that this year's team can focus on the present while also having their sights set on the National Title in Kansas City, Missouri, Saturday, Dec. 15.

Their motto in the locker room, started by Ferris senior offensive lineman Devon Johnson, is to "win every quarter" and not just every game. This mentality is to make sure that they keep the same amount of focus no matter the opponent and no matter where they are playing.

"Mental fatigue is more of a mental trap.

If you let yourself fall into the mental trap, then you'll believe in that fatigue over time," Ferris sophomore running back Marvin Campbell said. "If everyone just stays together and focused, we'll be fine."



Marvin Campbell

The football season is a long one, and as the 2015 team showed us, it's very easy to go from the top of the world to the offseason in the blink of an eye. But this team has its eyes focused on grinding through the rest of this season and is taking nothing for granted.

However, they still do have their eyes on the prize as well, even if it isn't their number one priority now. Just take it from Campbell on how he thinks this season will end.

"I see us hoisting that trophy," Campbell said.

Pick 6 specialist

Delon Stephenson proves why he's a starting Bulldog

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

In a sport where quarterbacks and wide receivers get all the glory, it's easy to forget about play-makers on the opposite side of the football.

Ferris sophomore linebacker Delon Stephenson is flipping that script, shocking Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponents with his football savvy.

"He's probably one of the smartest football players on our team," Ferris football linebacker coach Ryan Brady said. "He sees things very well on the field and puts himself in a good position to make a lot of good plays."

The defensive side of the football has always been called the "backbone" of a football team, supporting the squad when the offense can't. Defensive standouts don't always get credit where credit is due, but they often become the players that deliver a dagger at a crucial moment in a game.

Stephenson has delivered that dagger for the Bulldogs several times this season, delivering a team-high six interceptions (first in the GLIAC) - two of those resulting in touchdowns - and coming away with 51 total tackles.

"He's got really good ball skills," Brady said. "So, when the ball

comes his way, he takes advantage of it."

Stephenson is a rare talent at the Division II level, starting his collegiate career in 2013 with Rutgers University before transferring to Kansas Wesleyan University and then to his current home with the Bulldogs.

Ferris, who was slim at talent at the linebacker position following the departure of KC Zenner, Nick Huckabay and current Cleveland Brown Tavierre Thomas, found a missing piece for their defense.

Ferris senior defensive tackle Jamil Pollard, who has only been with the Bulldogs for two years, noticed a difference on the defense since Stephenson joined.

"I arrived last year, and our defense was amazing, but I felt we were missing something," Pollard said. "As the only returning starter, I can see that the defense has found the missing link."

Last year, the Bulldogs went 11-2, losing to Harding University in the NCAA Division II National Quarterfinals super regional championship.

This year, the Bulldogs are 10-0 and looking to post their second undefeated regular season in three years, with the last one coming in 2015.

The Bulldogs are set to face William Jewell University 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in Missouri.



Ryan Brady



Jamil Pollard

Fin-tastic start



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris freshman goalkeeper Roni Salmenkangas has gotten extended playing time for the Bulldogs and has proved his worth, starting the year 4-0 individually.

Freshman goaltender exceeds expectations far away from home

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Living a few hours away from home could be a hard transition for some college freshmen, but for Ferris freshman goalkeeper Roni Salmenkangas, about 4,180 miles separates him from home.

Salmenkangas is from Tampere, Finland, which is in the southwest region of the country. During his time in Finland, Salmenkangas played for the Hämeenlinnan Pallokerho (HPK) U20 (under-20s) team in the Jr. A SM-Liiga league. The transition for Salmenkangas has seemed to be no issue though, as he is 4-0 in the four games he has started, one being his first collegiate shutout.

It has always been a goal of Salmenkangas to play in the NCAA as he grew older. More and more players he knew from his Finnish league went on to play in college, so once his season ended, he decided to email a few colleges, with one of them being Ferris. The Bulldogs were clearly interested in him, so they made a few phone calls and various email chains. With former Ferris goalkeeper Darren Smith no longer on the team following his arrest regarding alleged sexual assault, Salmenkangas got his opportunity.

"He emailed us, it was just that simple. I didn't know anything about him," Ferris head coach Bob Daniels said. "This one intrigued me because Finland's got a reputation of producing a lot of good goaltenders, but I didn't know enough about the leagues he was in, so I asked Oskar Andren, who played in Sweden, about it and he said that, 'The team he played for was one of our rivals, I know that team. That's a really good team.'"

While Salmenkangas played for the HPK U20s, he

posted 1.58 goals against average in the 45 games he played, which is what Daniels saw that made him interested in the goaltender. According to Salmenkangas, the main difference between playing in Finland and playing NCAA hockey is the rink size.

"We have a really small rink here," Salmenkangas said. "We have Olympic-sized rinks in Finland, so hockey is so much faster here. Guys are so much more powerful, like crashing the net more often, so I have to bring more accuracy than in Finland."

Something that stands out about the young Finnish goaltender is that he does not show much emotion in between the pipes. Often, players all over the ice will get flustered or angry, but for a goaltender, staying calm and collected is the best mindset to be in.

"He's very calm in net, there's not a lot of drama, he's not flopping around a lot," Daniels said. "I haven't seen it yet, but I'm assuming if he were to give up a bad goal, he won't be overly demonstrative about it. When a team sees that he's cool, calm, not getting rattled, I think that really sends a message to the team that if he's not rattled, we shouldn't be either."

Most college athletes tour the campus, facilities and meet the team well before they become a student at Ferris. But for Salmenkangas, this was not the case. He never stepped foot in the United States before he committed. When he first came overseas, he was already committed as a Bulldog and enrolled as a Ferris student.

The culture shock of moving from Finland to Big Rapids was hard for Salmenkangas at first, he said, but his teammates helped him out and made him feel like he was part of the team right when he arrived on campus. Salmenkangas also noted the climate and weather helped ease the transition, as Michigan is not too different from his area of Finland.

"I think his future is very bright, though," Daniels said. "Just athletically, he's very gifted and he's really good in his ability to move side to side in net."

Salmenkangas and the Bulldogs are back home 7:07 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10, where they face off against the Michigan Tech. Huskies.



Bob Daniels



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Danny Collins
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All-GLIAC Honors

Both the Ferris men's and women's cross-country teams competed last weekend in the 2018 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships.

Friday, Nov. 2, the men's team placed 10th overall with 252 points and the women's team finished in seventh place with 159 points.

The women's team had an all-conference honoree last weekend, as junior Katie Etelamaki placed ninth in the 6k with a time of 21:50.2.

The men's team also had an all-conference recipient as senior Damien Halverson finished in 20th place with a 25:41.9 in the 8k race.

The teams will be back in action in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships Saturday, Nov. 17, located in Hillsdale.

Five in a row

The No. 8 nationally ranked Ferris women's volleyball team completed a perfect regular season record in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play last weekend.

The Bulldogs swept both of Michigan's upper peninsula teams 3-0 in Michigan Tech on Friday, Nov. 2, and Northern Michigan Saturday, Nov. 3.

With both victories, the Bulldogs secured their fifth-straight regular-season GLIAC Championship. The team finished with a perfect 16-0 record in conference play on the season.

The Bulldogs now sit a 23-4 overall on the season and are set to be the number one seed for the upcoming GLIAC Tournament.

The team will host Wisconsin-Parkside in the quarterfinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, inside Ewigleben Sports Complex.

Pair of accolades

Ferris seniors Nika Hein and Nicole Meylor of the Ferris women's tennis team received all-conference acknowledgment last weekend as the head coaches of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) voted after the conclusion of the GLIAC Tournament.

Hein was one of nine female athletes to be named to the All-GLIAC First Team, whereas Meylor received an honorable mention recognition.

The two competed together in doubles play this past fall season for the Bulldogs and helped the team finish in fifth place overall in the GLIAC Tournament.

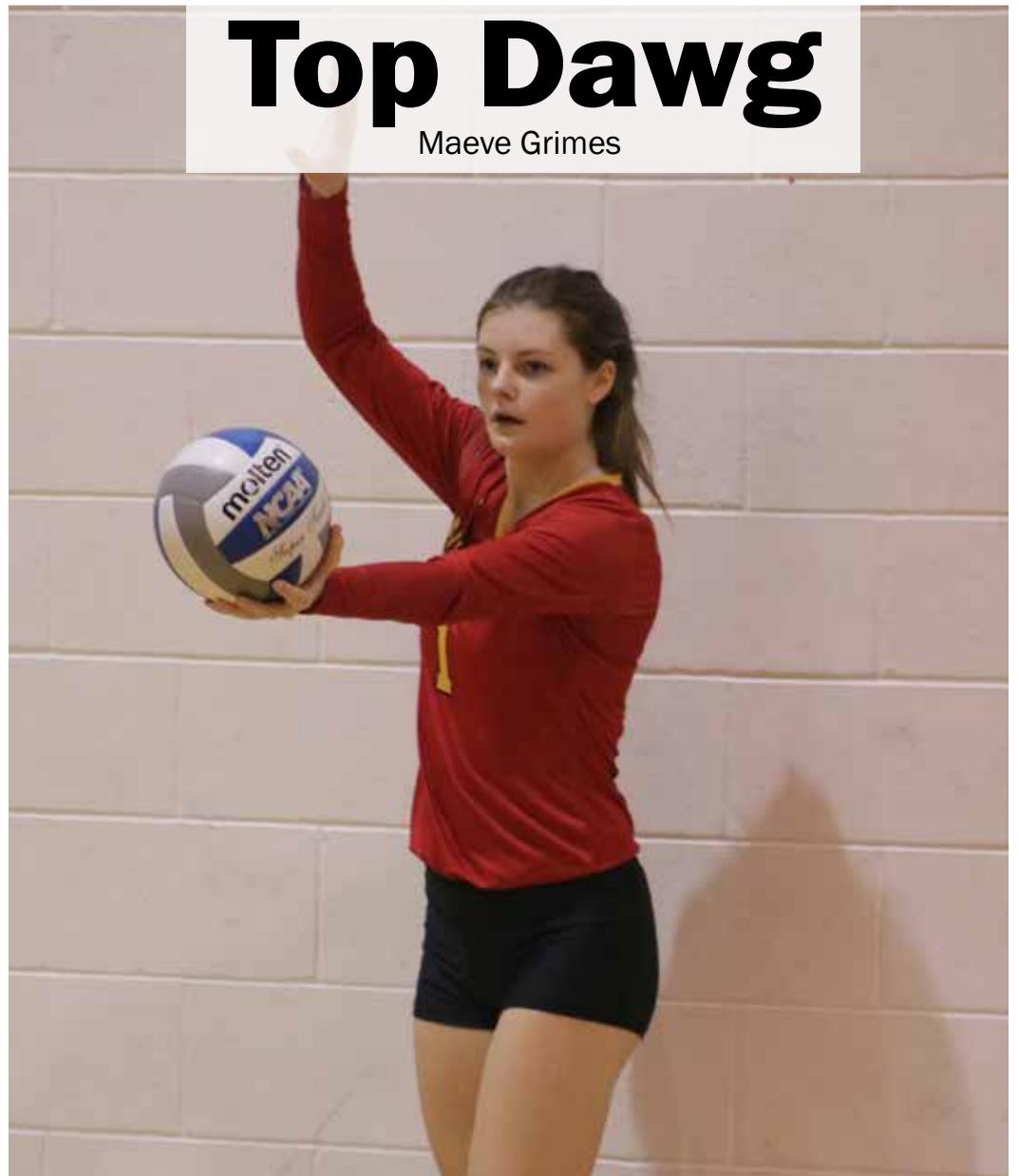
The Bulldogs ended the fall season by winning three of their last four contests to help build momentum for the upcoming spring campaign.

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Top Dawg

Maeve Grimes

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Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

Two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships for the Ferris volleyball and football squads, and a trip to the GLIAC Championship game for the women's soccer team made it difficult to narrow down a Top Dawg candidate.

This week, a member of the Ferris volleyball team is hauling in the honors.

The 23-4 Bulldogs captured their fifth-straight GLIAC regular season championship with a win over the Huskies of Michigan Tech. University Friday, Nov. 2.

The Bulldogs looked spotless as they swept the Huskies 3-0 with the help of Ferris junior setter Maeve Grimes. Grimes gave her team 36 assists, seven digs and one kill, adding six total attacks, as well.

After only playing in five games in her first season

and bringing in only two kills and eight assists, Grimes came back with a vengeance in year two providing a spark with 52 kills, 1,276 assists, as well as adding 229 digs and 161 total attacks.

This year, Grimes is already on track to break her previous season-high records. She's already up to 72 kills on the season and 249 total attacks. Grimes is also on track to best her previous season in the number of assists and digs, currently having 1,099 assists and 236 digs in 2018.

While setters normally aren't the center of attention, Grimes is sneaking in the points that have benefited the Bulldogs in the best ways. She might not always have many kills, but her number of assists make up for it.

The Bulldogs are set to play in the GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals Wednesday, Nov. 7, with Wisconsin-Parkside inside Ewigleben Sports Complex.

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL



Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Team Torch has back-to-back fantasy football victories for the first time this season, taking down the Ferris football team 107-100.

Ferris will have one more chance to even the score as they prepare for their regular season finale. After that, we will enter the NCAA Division II playoffs, where any players in the National Football League (NFL) are once again fair game in my pool of selections.

An offensive explosion gave the Bulldogs a 41-17 win over Davenport University in their final Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) match up Saturday, Nov. 3.

Ferris' offense continues to thrive when junior quarterback Jayru Campbell uses both his arm and his feet to make plays. Campbell threw for 142 yards and two touchdowns, and rushing for 145 yards and another two touchdowns.

Although Campbell didn't put up gaudy numbers in terms of passing yardage, he did spread the football across the field, finding six different receivers on the day. The Bulldogs have been at their best when their quarterback targets five or more receivers, surpassing 35 points each time Campbell has done so.

The Bulldogs are undefeated at 10-0, but two of their closest games (a 28-14 victory over Saginaw Valley State University and a 28-21 victory over Ashland University) are the only two times so far this season that less than five receivers have caught a pass.

Ferris' offense is also at its best when they use small chunk plays to tire the defense, then take a big play shot to gain momentum. Evidence of that revealed in the game against Davenport. On the Bulldogs' first scoring drive, they ran just four plays. The first three gained a total of 14 yards before Campbell uncorked a 43-yard touchdown pass to redshirt freshman receiver Sy Barnett.

If Campbell and the offense can continue this trend, they will easily dispatch William Jewell University 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in Missouri.

My picks for next week are as follows:

QB - Matt Ryan - Atlanta Falcons: Ryan's top receiver Julio Jones finally caught his first touchdown of the season last week. I'm sure Ryan is hungry to feed Jones again this week.

RB1 - Aaron Jones - Green Bay Packers: Jones can hit a gap in the defense like no other.

RB2 - David Johnson - Arizona Cardinals: Johnson doesn't get attention from the media, but he should.

WR1 - Michael Thomas - New Orleans Saints: Thomas had his best performance of the season last week against an undefeated Los Angeles Rams squad. Expect gaudy numbers when he takes on the Cincinnati Bengals this week.

WR2 - Tyreek Hill - Kansas City Chiefs: Hill's Twitter handle is @cheeta, so yeah, he's pretty fast.

TE - Trey Burton - Chicago Bears: The

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Russell Wilso	20
RB 1	Lamar Miller	7
RB 2	Alvin Kamara	34
WR1	Josh Doctson	12
WR2	Equanimeous St. Brown	1
TE	Hayden Hurst	3
D/ST	Kansas City Chiefs	5
K	Greg Joseph	5
FLEX	Calvin Ridley	20
Total:		107

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Jayru Campbell	39
RB 1	Marvin Campbell	10
RB 2	Robert Thomas	6
WR1	Sy Barnett	16
WR2	Keyondre Craig	8
TE	Dion Earls	3
D/ST	Ferris State	7
K	Jackson Dieterle	5
FLEX	Jevon Shaw	6
Total:		100

Bears are on fire and Burton has the best size on the team to make big plays.

D/ST - Buffalo Bills: The Bills play the New York Jets, who threw four interceptions last week.

K - Ryan Succop - Tennessee Titans:

Succop will see plenty of kicking opportunities against a New England Patriots defense that doesn't allow many touchdowns.

FLEX - Curtis Samuel - Carolina Panthers: Samuel is fast and can be dangerous as a receiver and a runner in open space.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Friday, Nov. 9:

- Women's Soccer (NCAA Tournament First Round), time TBD
- Women's Volleyball (GLIAC Tournament Semi-Finals), time TBD
- Women's Basketball vs. Davis & Elkins at 3 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Michigan Tech. at 7:07 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10:

- Women's Volleyball (GLIAC Tournament Championship) at TBD
- Men's Basketball vs. Davis & Elkins at 1 p.m.
- Football at William Jewell (Mo.) at 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Ursuline at 3 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Michigan Tech. at 7:07 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11:

- Women's Soccer (NCAA Tournament Second Round), time TBD
- Men's Basketball vs. Alderson-Broaddus (W. Va.) at 1 p.m.

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I’d like to consider myself a pretty calm and rational person. But, if I have to share the roads with ignorant, careless drivers for even another second, I think my brain is going to explode.

I’m not one to get road rage. Typically, I’m too busy partaking in my own vehicular dance party to let the occasional cut-off or slow driver bother me. However, lately that has not been the case. The quality of the drivers on the roads I navigate regularly has decreased so drastically that I can’t handle it anymore. Daily, I question how so many reckless people have a driver’s license.

Many of the common errors of drivers likely occur because of two things: either the driver forgot how these things work, or they simply don’t care. For a lot of people, driver’s training was completed a while ago. Therefore, it’s easy to forget what you learned years or even decades prior. For those who just don’t care, start to care. Your driving affects more people than just yourself.

As a result of my frustration, I present a condensed guide on how to drive like a conscious human being who knows how to drive. I hope that these notes help at least a handful of people and help preserve my sanity even a little bit.

1. Be conscious of your surroundings. This seems like a simple one, but it is so frequently ignored. If someone is tailgating you and you realize that you’re traveling far below the speed limit, go a little faster. Check your blind-spot before switching lanes. It’s the little things that we need to pay attention to.

2. Don’t cut people off. If you’re about to turn onto a street and there’s only one car driving towards you, why would you pull out in front of that car when there’s endless open road behind it? If you can avoid it, wait until there is adequate space before pulling into traffic. Don’t make people slam on the brakes to accommodate your rushed decision.

3. Your turn signal is there for a reason. Use it. Turn it on before you switch lanes or make a turn. Don’t turn it on miles before you make the turn, and don’t turn it on as you’re already turning. Doing either of these things defeats its purpose.

4. Give ‘em some space. On the expressway, if a car is on the shoulder, whether it is simply broken down or it is accompanied by an emergency vehicle, switch lanes to give those people a little extra space. I was in a car accident on I-69 last winter, and while we waited nearly an hour

Driving me crazy

for police to arrive, a surprising amount of vehicles refused to get out of the lane right next to our car, which rattled with everyone who passed. Be considerate and switch lanes to move away from cars on the shoulder when possible.

5. Don’t text and drive, and no DUIs. Come on, you guys. There’s absolutely no acceptable reason to drive while texting or while intoxicated. We all know better. Let’s all do better.

6. Brake for pedestrians. This is especially a problem on campus. If I had a dollar for every time I was almost smashed into when walking at the crosswalk by Hallisy Hall and the Timme Center, I could afford to pay a chauffeur to drive me across campus so I wouldn’t have to worry about getting hit when walking to class. When approaching a stop sign, especially one near crosswalks, look well in all directions before proceeding.

7. Turn your damn brights off. I literally cannot see anything if you’re driving at me with your brights on. Be aware that you have them on and when you see another car, even in the distance, turn them off.

8. Slow driving does not mean safe driving. Yes, when the weather is poor, it may be appropriate to go a little slower. However, con-

trary to what some may believe, driving 10 miles per hour under the speed limit often does more harm than good. It can catch other drivers off guard, causing them to slam on the brakes and possibly cause collisions. In addition, driving too slow can prompt unnecessary traffic jams. If you’re the only one on the road, go for it, but other than that, recognize the speed limit and drive with the flow of traffic.

9. Tailgating is rarely helpful and is always annoying. Personally, if someone is driving right behind me, I’ll speed up a little bit to get them off my back. But, if I’m going 15 over and you’re still driving two feet behind me, then you’re the problem.

10. Parking lot etiquette is valuable. Remember that you’re sharing the parking lot. If you feel ever so inclined to take up multiple spots, at least have the courtesy to park at the back of the lot.

These are just a few of the glaring errors that stick out to me every time I get behind the wheel. I could go on forever listing endless tips to perfect everyone’s driving habits. Overall, being conscious of the people around you and thinking before making decisions that will affect other drivers are easy solutions to many issues. Courtesy goes a long way, especially on the roads.

Haze-y views

Misconceptions about Greek life



Michael Reedy
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Greek life has been in the negative spotlight for quite some time, simply based on a few mistakes some individuals have made.

When I came to Ferris my freshman year, I knew regardless of what I heard or what I saw on the news, I was going to be a member of a fraternity. Coming from a family where my father and two of my brothers were part of a fraternity, I knew how special that bond was, so I knew it was something that I wanted, as well. Before rush started, I asked resident advisers (RAs) and others in my residence hall what they knew about Greek life, and to my surprise, I got the same negative responses, like, “Oh you don’t want to do that. All they do is drug girls and drink,” or “I heard that they haze pretty badly, like force-feed tons of alcohol down your throat. I even heard that in order to get in, you have to rape a girl, since all the brothers there do it anyways.”

I was astonished when I heard these people

talk about fraternities in such a way. All of the negative things said about these fraternities almost made me not want to try and join, since I was just a freshman and had no idea, but I decided to check it out and see whether or not these rumors were true.

Now, two years after becoming a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, it is very easy to say that everything I have ever heard about Greek life is insanely false. All of the date rape rumors and hazing rumors are so wrong, it blows my mind how anyone would think this or start these rumors. What was more shocking was that some of this gossip is coming from RAs — and even professors in some instances — which hurts the recruiting of new members. I’m not just saying these are false just because I am in a fraternity; every Greek that I have met places their morals high and are some of the most respectful people that I know.

One big reason Greek life has a bad reputation is because, every few months, something happens at a fraternity house or by a member and the entire groups get punished. Seeing and hearing these stories like “fraternity pledge dies from drinking too much alcohol while active members were hazing” would make someone assume that every fraternity

is like that. Just because there are a few bad apples that ruin the reputation of Greek life for some does not mean you should hold that view over every single fraternity.

Looking past the negative rumors that flood the ears of every Greek, it is nice to know the facts and positives that Greeks bring to not only the school, but towards the community, too. In the 2017-18 academic year, Ferris Greek organizations completed 3,672 total community service hours in which they raised nearly \$31,000 that went toward charitable causes. Actions like this never seem to make the news or are never heard about because everyone likes to focus on the rumors.

Along with all the false accusations, it would be interesting to see how many people throwing around rumors actually know fraternity or sorority members. Greek life at Ferris helps people network around similar goals and encourages networking and philanthropy, to name a few benefits found within.

While some bad apples are harmful to everyone’s perception, throwing out the whole lot is neither fair nor warranted. Give Greek life a chance.

Ridin' solo

Change group projects or get rid of them

The most dreaded days of my college experience thus far have started with the words "Everyone, please find a partner."



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Currently a junior at Ferris, I have encountered numerous professors who feel the need to take a paper or project and split the class into groups of two to three people to complete it. While I understand their intent, group projects end up hurting students more than helping.

Earlier in the fall semester, my professor for an English class mentioned that we'd be writing a five-page paper. Unfortunately, I didn't realize it was a paper we'd have to write and present with a partner.

The purpose of the paper was to pick a problem facing our career field and write a briefing on the issue to present to our future boss. What's the problem with that, you might ask? Well, 75 percent of my classmates are nursing majors, meaning I had to write a briefing on the medical field and not on my career field of journalism.

Another issue was the fact that my partner didn't think it was necessary for me to have any form of communication with him other than in class.

Long story short, my partner and I were not on the same wavelength, leading to a less than perfect presentation that landed us a "C" grade on the

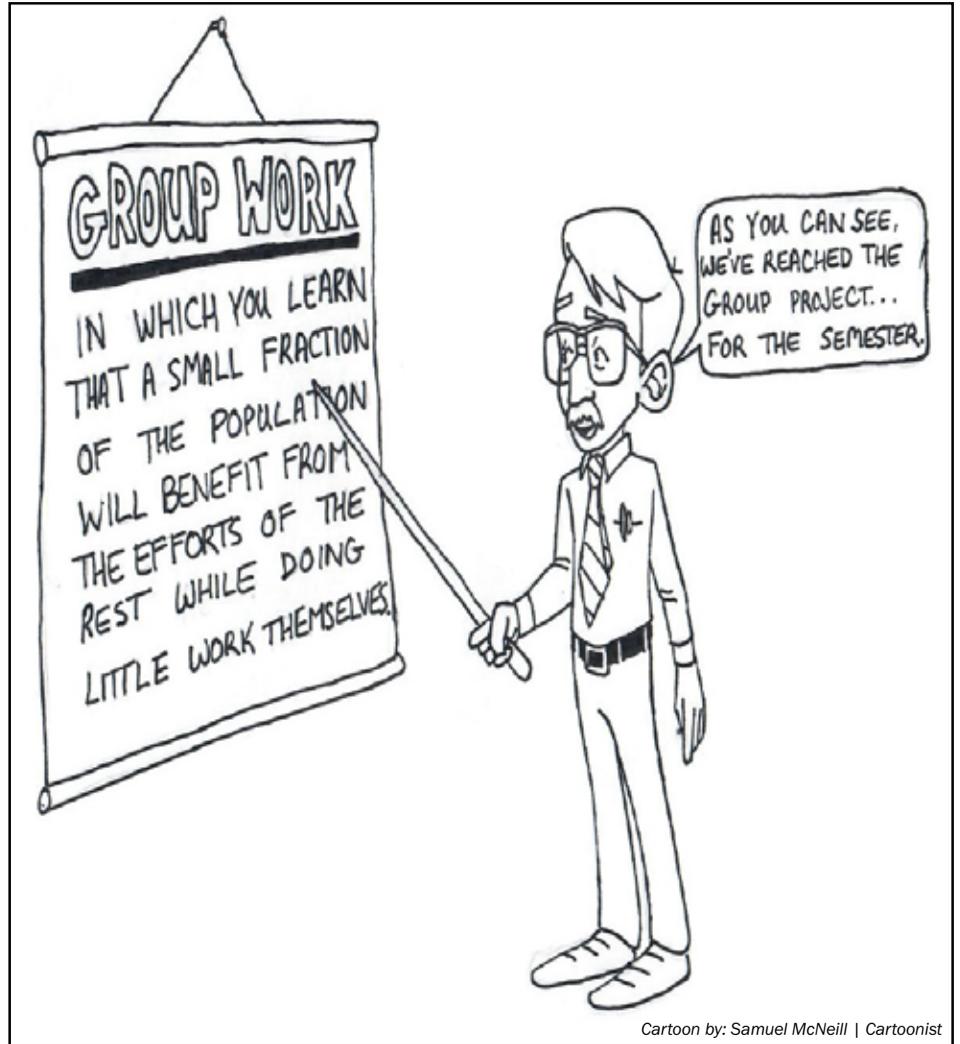
project. The real kicker here is that I did most of the work on the paper, but I received the same grade as my partner, who didn't contribute as much.

I believe the best way to learn is by giving a project all of your attention. When group projects come about, however, I spend more of my time worrying about what the other members of my group are doing, which doesn't give me a chance to devote myself fully to what I need to contribute.

So, here's what I'm proposing: instead of the traditional method of giving partners the same grade, judge each member of the group individually based on what they did on the project.

I don't want to be the one to say that group projects should be rid of altogether, because they are extremely beneficial and help students prepare for working as part of a team in future careers. If the way group projects are graded doesn't change, however, they need to be rid of entirely.

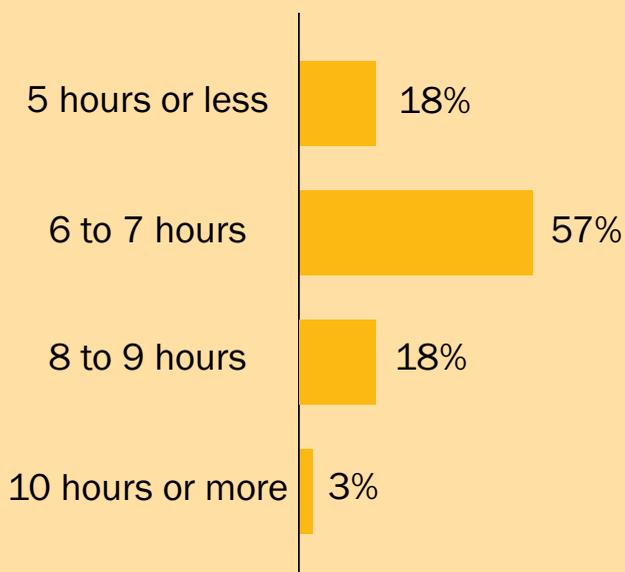
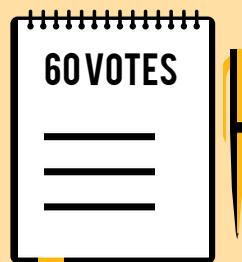
No student should have to worry that their grade might suffer because of someone else's lack of effort.



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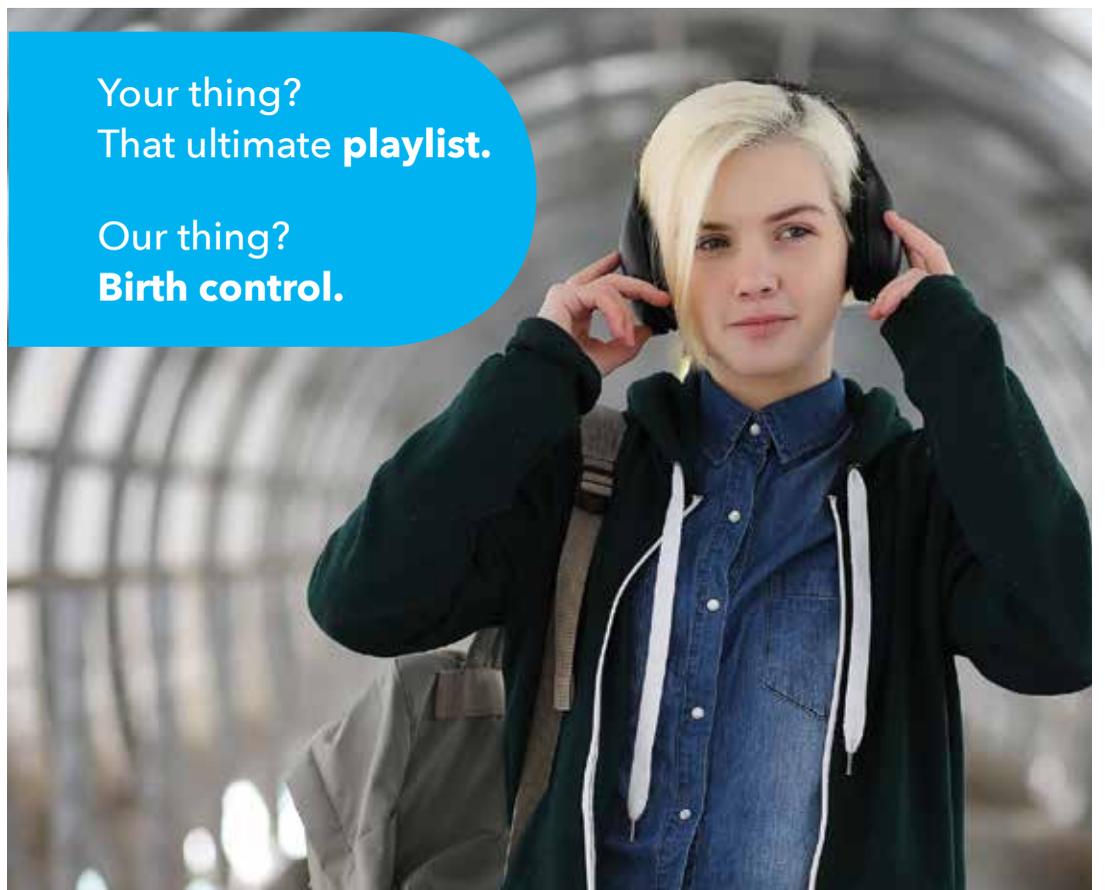
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