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Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

The Ferris football team prepares to do battle in the trenches. The Bulldogs extended their record to 13-0 on the year and advanced to the NCAA D2 Regional Championship game Saturday, Dec. 1.

Bulldogs' fend off late comeback to defeat Northwest Missouri State University

Mollie Hamelund
 Torch Reporter

The Ferris football team continued its journey to an NCAA Division II National Championship, but this time they took the field without their starting quarterback.

Ferris junior quarterback and Harlon Hill Trophy candidate Jayru Campbell was a surprise scratch from the 27-21 victory Saturday, Nov. 24, in the NCAA Super Region Three Semifinals action with the Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, Missouri) Bearcats. Campbell was sidelined with a shoulder injury sustained in the Bulldogs' 21-19 victory over Harding University (Searcy, Arkansas) the week before.

"It happened in the second quarter last week," Ferris head football coach Tony Annese said. "It's insane. You know, normally when you lose your quarterback, you might lose some of the mental toughness. You know, like the confidence, the swagger, the belief that we're going to be alright. We didn't waver. Nobody on this team wavered."

With Campbell on the bench, Annese got creative and utilized three different quarterbacks, with Ferris junior Travis Russell receiving most of the snaps under center.

"Travis had to wait a long time," Annese said. "I saw the pain in his eyes throughout the season waiting for his opportunity, and the opportunity presented itself and he took full advantage of it."



Tony Annese

Annese's creative scheme came to fruition on the first play of the game, as Ferris junior slot receiver Jevon Shaw delivered a 71-yard bomb pass to Ferris redshirt freshman receiver Sy Barnett. The Bulldogs capped that drive off with a two-yard touchdown run from Ferris sophomore

running back Marvin Campbell. The offense continued to move well in the first half, heading to the lockers with a 20-7 lead.

The Bulldogs struggled heading into the third quarter, as

Russell tossed an interception that was returned for a touchdown by Missouri senior defensive back Jack Richards. The two teams battled back and forth for the remainder of the game, until the scoreboard read 27-21 with just 13 seconds remaining.

The Bearcats' last hope rode on the leg of Missouri sophomore kicker Parker Sampson, who attempted an onside kick that his team recovered. Ferris sophomore defensive tackle Austin Simpson ended the game, however, sacking the Bearcats' quarterback and forcing a fumble that was recovered by the Bulldogs with all zeroes on the timer.

Ferris improves to 13-0 on the year, while Missouri falls to 10-3 to end their season. The Bulldogs will continue to monitor the status of Campbell, but hope to have him available for the NCAA Division II Regional Championship.

The Bulldogs will be on the road for the first time this post-season, as they take on Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, Arkansas) 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

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Bye bye Blackboard

Ferris is looking at services to replace Blackboard

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

The current Blackboard system is on its way out at Ferris as the university looks to replace it with a newer program.

A team of 34 Ferris faculty members is currently in the process of examining new programs to replace Blackboard, which Ferris has used since 2010. Those programs include Instructure Canvas, D2L Brightspace and the newest version of Blackboard, Blackboard Ultra.

Ferris English professor Zac Wendler describes himself as one of the "unfortunate few" who has been using Blackboard since he was in high school and now uses it as a professor. He said he's been on both sides of Blackboard for around 20 years. One issue he has had is Blackboard deleting files his students have submitted. He said those issues have made him resistant to online teaching.

"That program has been the bane of my existence my entire educational life," Wendler said. "Having something that is solid, reliable and for god's

sake simple would really make me reconsider my reluctance to teach online. I don't want to have to go through 20 menus to bring one file from my last class to this one and that's just about what I have to do. It's a real pain."

Demonstrations of the programs, which students are welcome to attend, began in early November with Brightspace. Demonstrations of Brightspace and Blackboard Ultra will also take place before a decision is made.



Jackie Hughes

"We've been preparing for being forced to upgrade. We have our infrastructure in place. Last summer we moved to SASS (screening assessment and support services) so we're hosted in the cloud," Ferris Instructional Technology Coordinator Jackie Hughes said. "We got that implemented about a year and a half ago because we knew Blackboard Ultra needed that to run on but it does not make good business sense to upgrade without reviewing

other technology."

After the systems are demonstrated, FLITE, the office for Retention and Student Success - and every university college will each receive two votes which they can use to vote for two of the three systems. From there, a system will be chosen and a one-year transition period will take place between July 2019 and July 2020, when the university's Blackboard contract expires.



Deven Martin

Many students are excited to get rid of Blackboard, a program they feel is heavily flawed.

"I do practically everything from my phone, and the Blackboard app is trash. It looks pretty and makes the web interface look like shit, but it gets nothing else right," Ferris informational security and intelligence sophomore Deven Martin said. "If they can bring in a system where the mobile app works and I can actually do stuff from there, they'll have my vote."



Torch File Graphic

The gift of life

Students donate 113 pints to blood drive

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Students had the opportunity to get "Pizza for Pints" at the blood drive hosted by Kappa Psi and the Pharmacy Leadership Society.

The total raised from the event Thursday, Nov. 15, was 113 pints of blood, which equates to about 528 lives saved. Participating students received a voucher for a free medium Jet's pizza.

Ferris pharmacy sophomore Amber McKeever is vice president and philanthropy chair of Kappa Psi, and served as the student coordinator for the blood drive.

"Donating blood is very important," McKeever said. "This is literally the only way patients who need blood can get it. I'm sure all of us can think of at least one person who has needed a blood transfusion. When you donate blood, you can save three lives and when you donate through Michigan Blood,

it's for the patients in the surrounding areas."

Michigan Blood Interim Site Lead and Director of Donor Services Dawn Kaiser has worked for the organization for five years and has more than 20 years of blood bank experience.

"One out of seven hospital visits results in a blood transfusion. If volunteers do not donate, the life saving gift may not be available to friends and families who need it. We depend on volunteer blood donations every day," Kaiser said.

On average, Michigan Blood collects 114,000 donations each year, with each donation saving or enhancing life for up to three patients. However, the risk of blood shortage increases as the holiday season draws near.

"There are holiday and seasonal shortages because people are busy with vacations and family, but the need for blood never

takes a holiday," Kaiser said. "We need at least 500 donations every day to sustain an adequate blood supply."

Several Ferris students who donated in the blood drive said that they feel donating blood is important.



Gabriel Walker

"I just think it's the right thing to do. I'm a donor on my driver's license. If I can help people, I'll help people," Ferris television and digital media production junior Gabriel Walker said.

Ferris psychology freshman Bailey Hendricks donated for the third time and said she hopes to make it a regular experience.

"A lot of people in my family kind of have blood issues, and so I feel like I know other people do. I might as well help out and give what I can while I can," Hendricks said.



Bailey Hendricks



Evan Schaap

"I feel like it's important because, I mean there's a lot of students here, so you can get a lot of donations in one area versus having to wait for donations to come in."

Upcoming blood drives will be taking place Jan. 24 and March 21. Students can sign up on the Michigan Blood website or at tables that will be set up in the University Center.

"You get to save lives," Ferris construction management junior Evan Schaap said. "One day you might need it."

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Occasionally I'll hit somebody with my car

Cora Hall
News Editor

Couldn't resist

Nov. 10, 1:41 a.m., officers received a report of a controlled substance violation in McNerney Hall. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and the investigation is still open.

Seeking justice

Nov. 10, 10:29 p.m., officers investigated a report of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree that was reported to have happened on Oct. 17, 2017 in Bond Hall. The case is still open.

This makes sense to me

Nov. 10, 11:58 p.m., officers responded

to a report of an obstruction of justice at the Isabella County Sheriff's department in Mount Pleasant. One subject was arrested.

Serious reports

Nov. 10, 10 p.m., officers investigated a report of criminal sexual conduct that was reported to have happened on Aug. 31, 2018 at Campus Creek Apartments. The case is still open.

Lock your dorm

Nov. 11, 9 p.m., officers received a report of an armed robbery in Brophy Hall. The investigation is still open.

Group effort

Nov. 12, 11:23 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance viola-

tion in Brophy Hall. Three subjects were cited for possession of marijuana.

Brophy bake

Nov. 15, 9:25 p.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation in Brophy Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Stealing seconds

Nov. 16, 1:25 a.m., officers received a report of larceny at The Rock. The investigation is still open.

Occasionally I'll hit somebody with my car

Nov. 19, 9 a.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run, and a private property damage accident in Lot 19. The case is inactive due to a lack of leads.

Drive safely

Nov. 20, 9:34 p.m., officers investigated a misdemeanor traffic violation at Bond Circle and Ferris Drive. One subject was arrested.

Mary Jane strikes again

Nov. 20, 10:57 p.m., officers received a report of a controlled substance violation in Bond Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 567 tickets between the dates of Nov. 11 and Nov. 24, totaling \$9,500.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Cora Hall
News Editor

Paris, France

Thousands of French protesters, who were calling for President Emmanuel Macron's resignation, were met with tear gas and water cannons Saturday, Nov. 24. The movement was organized on the internet, not backed by a party or union, and was protesting the rise in fuel taxes at the capital. Macron has barely addressed the issue and many French mayors were concerned about the protesters' anger not being heard while France continues to be one of the most highly taxed countries in Europe.

Original story by Adam Nossiter. Nov. 24, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Khost, Afghanistan

At least 27 soldiers were killed and dozens were wounded in a bombing inside an army base in Afghanistan during Friday prayers on Nov. 23. The mosque that was attacked was inside the headquarters of the Afghan Army's 1st Brigade, 203rd Corps and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. This bombing came just days after a suicide bombing that targeted a religious ceremony in the capital that killed at least 55 people. Officials said that this year the daily death toll is

between 30 and 40.

Original story by Farooq Jan Mangal and Mujib Mashal. Nov. 23, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Niamey, Niger

About 50 unidentified armed men kidnapped 15 girls overnight Saturday, Nov. 24. The girls were seized in a village about six miles from Toumour near the Niger border with Nigeria. No responsibility was claimed but the Islamist extremist group, Boko Haram, has kidnapped students in the past as a tactic to terrorize the population.

Original story by Reuters. Nov. 24, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Toronto, Canada

St. Michael's College School in Toronto, long known for its hockey, is now in the spotlight after multiple hazing videos were posted online. One showed a young student being pinned down and sexually assaulted by schoolmates with a broom handle. Six students, ages 14 and 15, were arrested and now the total count of videos to emerge has climbed to six. Both the president and principal of St. Michael's have resigned and multiple alumni have reported being hazed while at the school decades ago.

Original story by Catherine Porter. Nov. 23, 2018. *The New York Times*.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cora Hall
News Editor

LGBTQ+ Resource Center Coffeehouse

A drop-in Coffeehouse will be held in the LGBTQ+ Resource Center 4 – 6 p.m. on Wednesdays starting Nov. 28. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available and the new coordinator, Sarah Doherty will be in attendance as well. For more information, contact Doherty at (231) 591-2658 or SarahDoherty@ferris.edu.

Marijuana is Legal – What Now?

Michigan cannabis activists Rick Thompson and Jamie Lowell will be speaking on campus about the process of legalizing marijuana 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28. They will discuss when it will become legal, the details of the legislation and the future of the marijuana industry in Michigan. For more information, contact Monica Pittiglio at pittigm@ferris.edu.

Five star speaker: David Wheeler

Attend the five star speaker event where David Wheeler will be sharing his story of tragedy when his son, Ben, was killed during the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting Dec. 14, 2012. Wheeler and his wife started Ben's Lighthouse, an organization for children's support in Newtown and other communities affected by trauma. The event will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in University Center 202. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at eu@ferris.edu.

Cookie walk

Join St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in their 32nd Cookie Walk fundraiser 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. They will be selling home-baked cookies, Rada Cutlery, Corn Broom and Manna Pantry Soups at the church located at 323 S. State St. For more information, email standrewsbr@gmail.com.

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Culture shock

Latino students find a community at the Center for Latin@ studies

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Some Latin@ students at Ferris find it difficult to set aside time to celebrate their culture and diversity while also maintaining their college schedule.

The Center for Latin@ Studies is a Ferris student organization that encourages Latino students to celebrate their diversity and culture in everyday life. The center's website states that they work to get students to and through college by building on the strengths of the students' culture and identity.

Ferris elementary education freshman Mariana Marin knows firsthand how the center helps students find a community and it encouraged her to not give up on her education.

"My senior year of high school, I got pregnant. So, I had my doubts about whether I would go to college or not," Marin said. "But I always tried to stay positive. Even though I knew it was going to be hard, I always wanted to go to college and finish my education. When I first came to Ferris, for some reason I felt like I was the only Hispanic person here."

According to Marin, someone approached her while she was at the University Center and offered her information for a meeting about Hispanic student organizations. Marin followed up and now has been a part of the center for a month.

"I was a stay-at-home mom, just stressing out. When I started coming to the center and meeting more people, I found help here. I feel really good now," Marin said. "At some point I just couldn't do it, you know? By my-

self. I thought I just wasn't going to finish college. But I found many people here that have been helping me through a lot."

Ferris digital animation and game design junior Dakota Lynch first found the center while looking for a job. The community at the center and gathering of people with similar cultures to him is what ultimately led Lynch to apply for the job.

"It's really nice to know that there is a spot for me to hang out and have fun with people who have similar backgrounds and similar stories. I feel at home there. I've only been working there a few months, but I feel like they just get me," Lynch said. "Before I came here, I felt really alienated and I didn't know what it was. Now that I'm here and I'm around people that are kind of like me and have similar backgrounds, it feels comforting and warm."

The center, located in IRC 131, is open until 9 p.m. every night. If students just want a place to study in, they can also look to the center, as it is one of the flex-tutoring sites across Ferris's campus. According to Center for Latin@ Studies Executive Director Kaylee Moreno, this is to encourage students to come to the center whenever they need to connect with their culture.

"It's a space where students can find someone that looks like them, that has some of the same backgrounds as them," Moreno said. "There is a chance for students to explore the diversity within the community, but there's also a chance for them to feel a sense of connectedness to their hometowns and to their culture."



Dakota Lynch



Mariana Marin

Bitter aftertaste



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Interim Photographer

Juul pods are on the shelves at Rise Smoke shop, other smoke shops, stores and gas stations all around Big Rapids. Fruit and food flavored pods will no longer be sold in stores an attempt to curb underage vaping and nicotine addiction

Juul suspends selling flavored pods in stores and stops social media promotion

Cora Hall
News Editor

The rising trend of Juul brand vaporizer pods, especially among minors, may dissipate with the fruit flavors no longer being sold in stores.

The announcement from Juul Labs that they would no longer sell most flavors of pods in retail stores, as well as discontinue social media promotions, was made after receiving pressure from the Food and Drug Administration over teenage vaping, according to the New York Times.

Government data from 2017 shows that over three million middle and high school students reported using e-cigarettes and one-third said the flavors were a big factor in their choice.



Lauren Barkell

Many students believe underage nicotine addiction is an issue and Ferris dental hygiene freshman Lauren Barkell said the decision to stop selling the pods may be too late. "Obviously it's bad because they're all getting nicotine addictions at super young ages and they don't realize how bad it is for you because they just think it's cool," Barkell said. "I think it's a little too late because even if the Juul brand stops doing that, they're still going to go to other vape shops to get other juices for other Suorins or whatever."

Ferris welding junior Kolin Groom also said he does not believe the move will have much of an impact on existing users.



Kolin Groom

"For new users of the product I think it'll help, but for those who are already using a Juul or already know about the thing, I don't think it'll make a difference," Groom said.

Juul Labs retains more than 70 percent of the e-cigarette market share in the U.S. and said they would keep mint, tobacco and menthol flavors in stores to prevent users from reverting to menthol cigarettes, according to the New York Times.

Groom said he believes that while the flavors may

have played a part in youth interest, it may not be the whole reason for its appeal.

"I think that is actually a very good point, but I think the other point is the social media portrays Juul as a popularity type of thing and all the cool people have a Juul," Groom said. "So, it's not just necessarily mint or mango or whatever flavors they have, it's how they portray it in the media."

Other aspects of the Juul, such as its size, may have attracted minors to it, according to Ferris welding junior Brian Hitts.

"I think the size plays a huge factor. They're able to hide it, and it's easy and compact, so I feel like that's what made it more convenient for them to have it, just the sheer size of it," Hitts said.



Brian Hitts

The online verification process for buying Juul products will also be tighter to ensure customers are 21 or older and eventually they will have a real-time photo requirement to match a buyers face to their government-issued ID. Some companies have even voiced support for raising the age to 21 for purchasing all tobacco and vaping products, according to the New York Times.

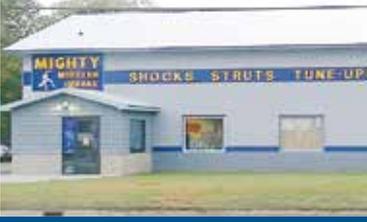
"I think it's a good idea to try and control some of it, but either way, people are going to get it. They still find loopholes or people buy for them, so it's just what age group are you going to try to restrict buying," Hitts said. "Who are you going to make responsible for buying the product? So if you push it to 21-year-olds, now it's who's helping who out and how are they getting it if they aren't 21, and where do you go from there."

Juul said it will be shutting down its Facebook and Instagram accounts in the U.S. that promoted using flavored pods and according to its release, it would ask major social media outlets, such as Twitter and Snapchat, to assist them in policing posts that promote underage use of e-cigarettes.

According to the New York Times, several officials met with e-cigarette and tobacco companies to discuss ways to discourage youth vaping and threatened to take e-cigarettes off the market if teenage sales were not curbed.

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Ferris criminal justice and psychology senior Tess Strasser folds t-shirts being sold at the rummage sale that was held Nov. 16 as a part of the United Way campaign.

Another person's treasure

Volunteer Center continues annual United Way fundraising with rummage sale

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

The Student United Way Campaign held a rummage sale in the West Campus Community Center where students and staff were invited to purchase items that had been donated earlier that week.

Items like clothing, household items, cooking utensils and children's books were available during the Nov. 16 sale. Any items that were not sold that day were donated to 27 local Big Rapids businesses, such as Salvation Army, to be sold there.

"It's really nice to be able to go out and do different things and raise money for United Way, which is such a great organization, and they give back so much to Big Rapids and Ferris itself," Ferris criminal justice and psychology senior and Student Government Director of



Ciara Kibby

Philanthropy Tess Strasser said.

Bulldogs are encouraged to visit the Volunteer Center in the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services, regardless of their field of study.

"I think this is a way to put something that might be someone's 'rummage' to make it someone else's treasure," Ferris biology junior Ciara Kibby said. "It felt really good to help with something that helps others."

Each year, the Volunteer Center holds a fundraising campaign for United Way. They host events, such as the Student Business Expo and the Winter Crafts and Bake Sale, where students can donate to the campaign. These funds go to several nonprofit groups and community service programs in the Mecosta and Osceola counties.

"Without this financial support from United Way, many programs would not be able to operate," Career and Volunteer Center coordinator Michele Albright said. "We would love for the community to know that students from Ferris State University care and want to make a difference for others."

The fundraising campaign has raised around \$1,500 so far, half of their \$3,000 goal. However, Albright said that raising these funds can be challenging.

"Fundraising is always difficult on a college campus because students generally do not have much cash on hand," Albright said. "Therefore, it takes a lot on creativity and multiple efforts to pull in a little bit of money at a time."

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- Marley Tucker - See below for story

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

I try not to be one to complain about the slippery sidewalks in winter. I understand that it takes the workers time to plow and salt everything, so I tried to be more considerate when the sidewalks are a little slick.

That is, until I recently slipped and broke my ankle when walking to class.

Every Michigander knows that winters in this state are brutal. Encountering slippery walkways this time of year is not uncommon. I knew there would be snow and ice, and I prepared the best I could. I wore boots that have good traction and I left early for class so I could take my time walking. But it still wasn't enough, and now I won't be able to walk to class at

all for a little while.

Students pay thousands of dollars every year to attend this university, and yet, on multiple occasions I've contemplated skipping my classes for the day so I can avoid a potential fall.

It's not that I'm clumsy. I'm constantly seeing people slipping on the ice, sometimes catching their fall, sometimes not. It's ridiculous how common it is.

Sure, sometimes there's salt on the sidewalks. But a lot of the time, the amount of salt is inadequate for the amount of ice and barely makes a dent. A few hours after my fall and my release from the hospital, I drove past the scene of the crime and saw a sprinkling of salt on the area.

Imagine more salt

Judging by the continuous slips of other students, I assume it didn't help much.

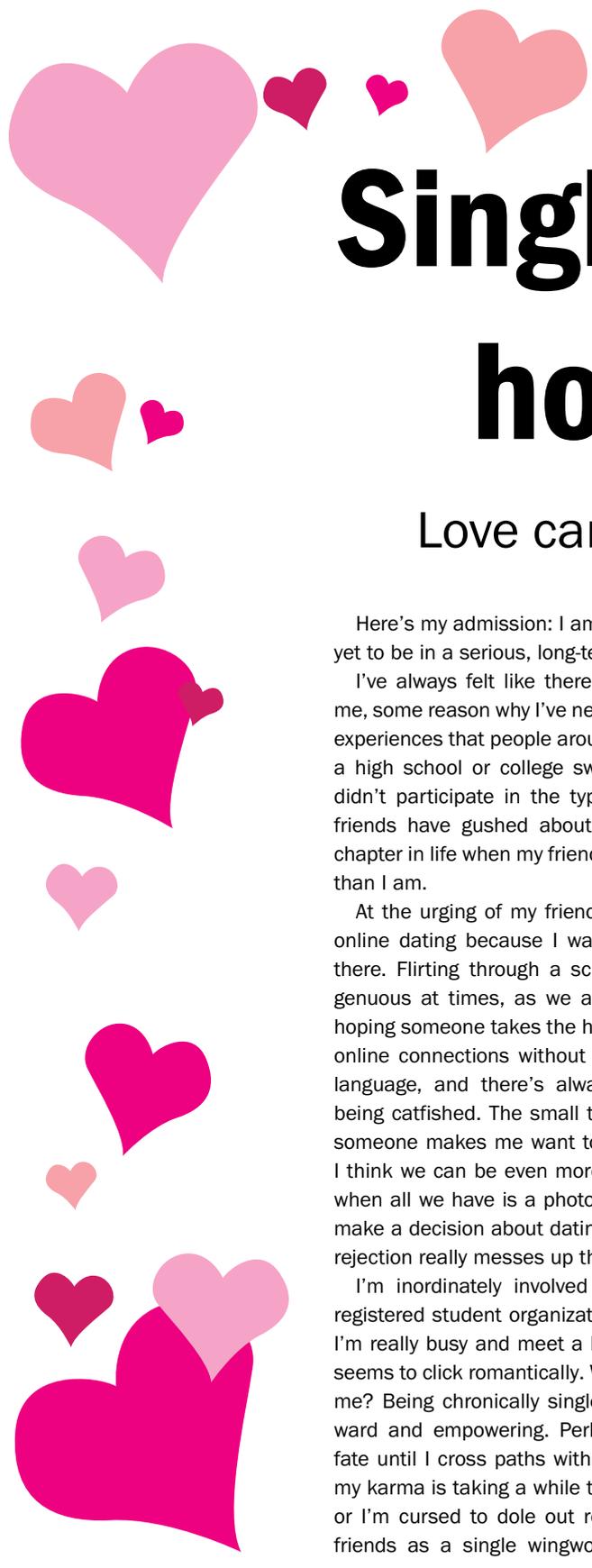
The slick sidewalks at Ferris have been a problem since I became a student here, but I could overlook it up until this point. Now, I have to somehow figure out how I'm going to finish the semester while being on bed rest, and I'll probably have an even deeper fear of snow and ice than I did before. I wouldn't wish this on anybody, but sadly, I'm definitely not the only one who has fallen victim (pun not intended) to Ferris' slippery walkways.

It's time for this to stop. No longer do I want to face my walk to class anticipating a fall. I'm sick of watching others wipe out and

I'm sick of praying that the same doesn't happen to me.

Ferris, please plow and salt your sidewalks: all of them, not just the most commonly walked ones (and even those are absurd). On top of that, make sure the job is efficiently done. A little cluster of salt isn't going to cut it. It's incredibly dangerous to leave the sidewalks covered in snow and ice. Weather predictions are so accessible nowadays. When a snowstorm is coming, I'd hope that there'd be more preparation on how to clear campus to allow students to get to class safely.

Bulldogs, put on your no-slip boots and pray for the best. It's going to be a long winter.



Single but not sure how to mingle

Love can be confusing and unexpected

Here's my admission: I am 22 years-old and I have yet to be in a serious, long-term relationship.

I've always felt like there was something off with me, some reason why I've never had the typical dating experiences that people around me have. I don't have a high school or college sweetheart to reminisce; I didn't participate in the typical milestones that my friends have gushed about. I feel like I skipped a chapter in life when my friends are on a different page than I am.

At the urging of my friends, I dipped my toes into online dating because I was told to put myself out there. Flirting through a screen feels kind of disingenuous at times, as we advertise our best selves hoping someone takes the hook. I am so confused by online connections without being able to read body language, and there's always the fear that you're being catfished. The small talk after you match with someone makes me want to set fire to my eyeballs. I think we can be even more critical about someone when all we have is a photograph and crafted bio to make a decision about dating. Instant gratification or rejection really messes up the dynamic.

I'm inordinately involved on campus in multiple registered student organizations and work part time. I'm really busy and meet a lot of people, but no one seems to click romantically. What does that say about me? Being chronically single is simultaneously awkward and empowering. Perhaps this road I walk is fate until I cross paths with the right person. Maybe my karma is taking a while to kick in from a past life, or I'm cursed to dole out relationship advice to my friends as a single wingwoman forever. Instead of



Marley Tucker
Opinions Editor

investing my time in relationships that may have been ill-suited, I spent it working on myself. I'm an independent woman who is OK with cultivating her own success. I don't have to wait on anyone to grasp at my own scrappy ambitions, and I can sustain myself by emphasizing the importance of balance and alone time. I know my own worth that is not dictated by anyone else.

However, being alone is hard sometimes. It seems like everyone I know is either getting engaged or having children. I love fiercely, and it would be nice to feel that in return. I'm passionate about the people I spend my time with, so not having anyone feels hollow in my chest. Sharing pieces of myself to someone genuinely interested in the soul of who I am is a tantalizing ideal.

I used to believe that I couldn't love someone until I learned to love myself, but I've found that logic flawed as the years go by: both can coexist in my life. It is not my job to fix others and there is no reason why I have to be in a toxic relationship for the sake of the principle. I love watching other people in love, and long to feel it in return, but I am young and there is plenty of time for me to find happiness in another person. Being chronically single is daunting sometimes, but just like college I have to keep working at it. Love isn't easy, after all.

Land shark season

Read the fine print when looking for housing off-campus



Taylor Davis
Torch Photographer

After freshman year, the idea of living in the residence halls becomes dreadful. Even though most people do not forget their first college roommate, sometimes that experience is not positive. If you are one of the lucky ones, you may have gotten to choose your roommate. However, if you're like the rest of us, you were placed with someone you have never met and may even have nothing in common with. It all depends on the luck of the draw.

To avoid being placed in a potentially uncomfortable situation, the idea of getting your own apartment comes into mind. As an angsty teenager, I would always scream at my parents that I would move into my own apartment and be just fine without them. I never did. The reason for this was because of the expenses that add up and the land shark landlords that I would have to deal with. Not all property owners adhere to the definition of a land shark but the one thing people care about the most is money, and they do not care how they get it.

When on the search for my first apartment, I looked

around at the various options that Big Rapids had to offer. Many places had very tempting offers that promised the world for you with such great values. They all compete for the attention of a potential contract signer even if that means not mentioning the fine lines in the contract and forgetting to mention the numerous fees.

I will say that the most significant benefit of these apartments is that you can bring friends with you to sign on for the same apartment. However, if you are as unlucky as my first apartment roommate, you may get promised a unit and be placed in another with random strangers.

If you are not the apartment type, feel free to take a gander at what property owners have to offer regarding a

house. Some houses may not be in the best shape, but they cost the most money. If you are looking to save money and sign for an older home with less visible benefits, keep your eyes open; during your search, look at everything, because sometimes you can end up signing a contract for a house that will fall apart in front of your eyes.

Living off campus, in my experience, cost thousands of dollars less in the end. I hope that you are cautious when looking for your apartment. Make sure you read all the terms, and you are aware of all the fees you must pay before you live at that apartment and throughout your stay. I would also suggest looking at all the rates available in town and compare prices because some are much higher than others. Lastly, in case you are behind in life, signings have already begun and I would jump on it now. If I had known what I know now, I might not have signed up for where I currently live. With my last words, I wish you good luck.

Preserving the integrity of journalism

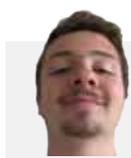
Here at the Torch, that's not an issue

Journalism has evolved immensely over the years. There are so many different types of journalism now that news can be presented in many different ways. That includes getting information through print, social media, online and throughout the media via radio and television. However, one of the biggest things that get overlooked in the field of journalism is how these writers and TV personalities get their information. This universally comes from sources, and one way to get that information is through interviewing said sources. How you question your sources is very important, and when it comes to interviewing, there is a certain etiquette that I, as well as most people, believe there should be.

Many reporters out there seem to ditch this sort of etiquette. They do this to receive clicks and shares. While ultimately the point of journalism is to have people look at and read your work, many journalists partake in these without regard to how this makes the person they interviewed look.

An example of this occurred last week when I believe a reporter asked Michigan football player Karan Higdon a baiting question. What this means is that this particular reporter was out for likes and clicks with no regard for Higdon. While it didn't blow up to any significant sort of level, the question was laid out to make Higdon look bad regardless of what he answered.

The watered-down version of the question that the reporter asked was if Higdon could guarantee victory against Ohio State like his coach did as a player. This question puts Higdon in a difficult spot as either way he answers leaves him open to criticism. If



Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Higdon says he doesn't guarantee victory, he looks like he doesn't have the confidence that they can win. If he does ensure success, it makes it look like he's cocky to people who only see the headline and not the context of the interview.

Now like I stated earlier, this situation wasn't too bad, but this happens all the time in journalism. Being able to build trust with the people you interview should be one of the most important aspects of journalism.

If the people you interview don't trust you or view you like a shark just looking to take advantage of what they have to say, then chances are they will be on guard and won't give you anything good to say.

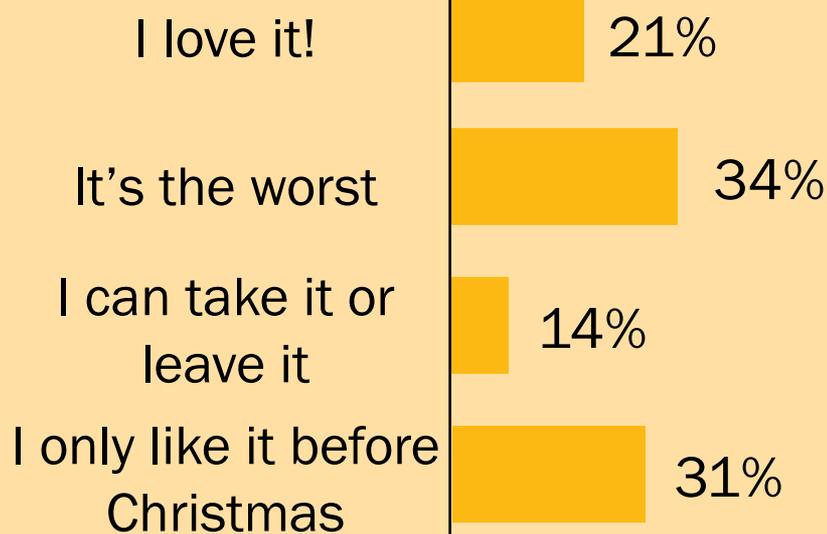
All in all, some journalists out there will deceive people to get attention I work to treat all the people I interview with the utmost respect, as do the other Torch reporters, and that's how it should be everywhere. We don't try to twist anybody's word, and we don't force unreasonable questions on to anyone. All this is to keep the integrity of journalism alive and well while others continue to destroy that integrity. We adhere to the guidelines given by the Society of Professional Journalists to ensure this.

Now, not all journalists are guilty of doing this, but it is a problem that is spreading. Luckily, we work hard to ensure that you don't have to worry about these issues with the Torch.

TORCH POLL RESULTS

How do you feel about all the snow?

58 VOTES



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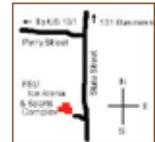
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Keep hating eggnog, please

Despite what some say, eggnog is
tasty and I love it

When asked about the holiday season, it's either you love it or hate it, right? Well not me. I really love it...Thanksgiving dinner? It's tasty, everyone can expect that. Christmas? That's cool, too, feels nice to give and receive every once in a while. But eggnog? EGGNOG? That's what the holiday season it really about — for me, at least.

My eggnog obsession started way back in elementary school. My first memories when it comes to this are captivated by Christmas decorating and a cup of eggnog. While most people in the house were satisfied after just one cup, it was no surprise when I was back for my second or third. I'm not ashamed to admit the urge has gotten even worse over time.

In high school, I even started anticipating the first day the stores would begin carrying eggnog. In my opinion, November 1 should be the National Eggnog Release Day. I mean, what's the hold up? The older I get, the earlier in the year I start craving eggnog.

This may sound funny, but coming to Ferris has been the lone reason for my belief in fate. The world worked in my favor when I got to Big Rapids. How? Because the Walmart here sells eggnog year-round!

I'll never forget when I made this fantastic



Megell Strayhorn
Multimedia Editor

discovery. It was an ordinary April day of Walmart shopping, and BAM! Eggnog, right there in stock. I couldn't fully believe it until I checked the expiration date, but I was ecstatic to say the least. I was there for a new half gallon so often, I'm sure I was the only reason forcing them to restock eggnog in the month of June.

If you are someone reading this going "Ew, this guy is gross, I hate eggnog!" then I love you, because I don't have to worry about sharing with you. On the other hand, if you're someone going "Wow I've never tried eggnog. Maybe I should!" then no, disregard everything you just read. Eggnog is terrible and causes bad grades.

No, I'm kidding, but on a serious note if you're looking for a nice wholesome beverage to help treat malaria, look no further than eggnog. According to Mobile Cuisine, eggnog was often recommended to treat malaria and other diseases in the 1800s.



Ferris State University Tire Fire



The second truest, fairest and most accurate student newspaper on campus

Parking ticket numbers skyrocket after students give up on walking to class but refuse to buy a parking pass

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Worldwide shortage of men's hoodies as significant others start stealing them for the winter

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Guy still wearing "Bill Schuette for Governor" hat as if it will change anything

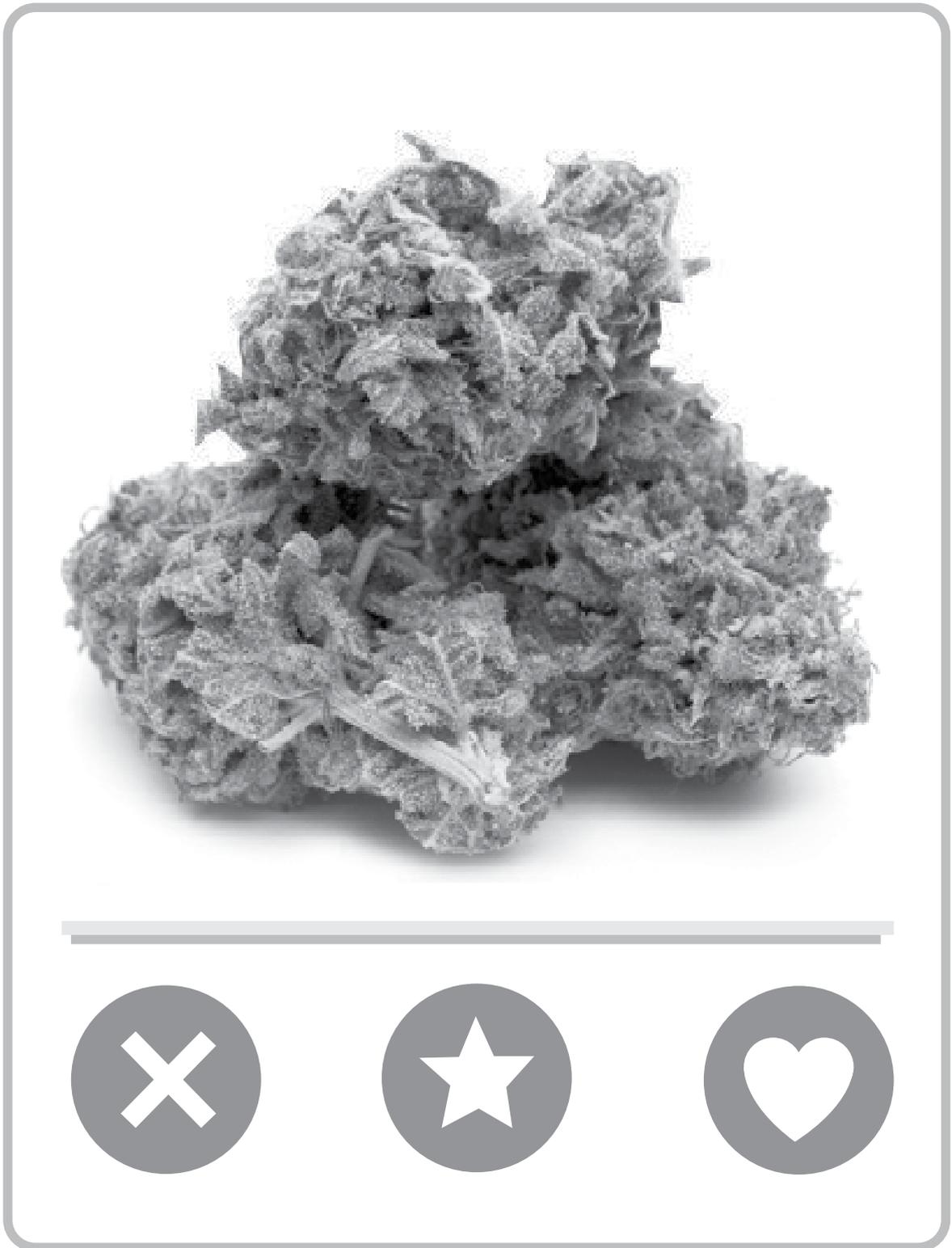
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Baby Boomers collectively lose their shit over passage of Proposal 1 and just life in general honestly

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PlentyofCoke

It's Tinder...but for drugs



Blanche Hackney
Old-Ass Secretary

Following the passage of Proposal 1, the legalization of recreational marijuana, Michiganders are starting to get creative with their methods of obtaining that "good kush".

The "Gas 2 Grass" app has taken off since the Nov. 6 election, allowing stoners to order rides to their dealer's house, and dealers have started setting up booths on the sidewalk, taunting police officers.

The newest way to obtain your "broccoli" is by a new app labeled as a "dealing site", piggybacking off

of the success of dating websites.

The most popular of these emerging sites is "PlentyofCoke", an app that pairs up dealers and buyers. When signing up, users are prompted to choose their drug of choice, from "the devil's lettuce" to coke, to Xanax that some college kid stole from his mom.

"PlentyofCoke" very closely mimics the viral dating app "Tinder," in which users swipe to connect with dealers. On the flip side, dealers are also allowed to swipe on buyers, deciding whether or not they want to sell to them, or if dealers think they're narcs. Will you start swiping?

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Tire Fire

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

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

Horror-scopes



Aries: March 21-April 19

Your professor will say there's no final but make you come to class anyway



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Your significant other may find your filthy ways charming but for the love of God, clean out your email.



Gemini: May 21-June 20

You think winter break will be a well-deserved vacation, but we both know you don't deserve a vacation, and you only signed up for overtime to feed your fast food habit.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

Stress is at an all-time high. Luckily — oh wait. That's it.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Let the stars be the first to tell you that nobody likes your cooking and the smell is horrific.No more late-night munchies, please.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You've discovered the perfect balance between procrastination and panic-induced adrenaline. Savor it because finals week is imminent and all your tests are cumulative.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

Your Mongo fortune cookie will have more meaning than your horoscope this month.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

If you leave your friends on "read" one more time, they are going to leave you. What's more important, straight A's or a social life? Think about it.



Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

A caffeine withdrawal only happens when you stop supplying your soul with jittery goodness.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

Dude, turkey season is over. Get a salad.



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

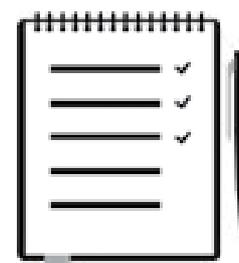
I can't believe you're still playing Fortnite.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

You've received some exciting news lately, but don't get your hopes up. It'll never be allowed on campus.

Tire Fire Poll Results



What's your favorite part of the holiday season?

Eating a meal that I didn't have to put in the microwave

89%

Making my mom take care of me like the child I am on the inside

75%

Presents and free food because I have 38 cents to my name

100%

I hate holidays because I don't experience joy

Too damn many. Who hurt you?

Intoxication Station



Students rally for a warmer drunk walk to Taco Bell

Aquaman
Surprisingly hot

It's that time of year again, folks: the weather is starting to change and the warmth of summer starts to fade away. Sidewalks start to get icy and everyone is reluctant to break out the winter coats and accept defeat.

That's where a group of students called the Students For Heated Underground Sidewalk Transport System Coalition (SFHUSTSC) come in. The SFHUSTSC is lobbying for a system of underground sidewalks between Shooters, The Gypsy Nickel, Taco Bell and McDonald's. They hope to evoke sympathy from the community so they will contribute to their GoFundMe.

"It's getting too cold to walk to Taco Bell from Shooters! It was fine when it was warm but now it's cold and I am so not wearing a coat to the bar," Ferris business administration sophomore Bayleighanne Cooper said.

In a press conference on Monday, Nov. 19, chairperson of the SFHUSTSC board Hunter Down said in a speech that they will fight for warm sidewalks, no matter what it takes. He

then very gracefully leaned over and vomited all over the DIY stage that he made out of a wobbly beer pong table.

The press conference was followed by a march to the city of Big Rapids human resources office. Big Rapids human resources coordinator Martha Stuart, said in an interview, "I have absolutely no idea what's happening. Who are these kids? Why are they all drunk?"

University President David Eisler was unavailable for comment as he has still not returned from his alien abduction. Critics of the SFHUSTSC are worried that the students' rally will shine an unfavorable light on Ferris students.

Tire Fire reporters caught up with Maria Smart, a realistic studies junior, to ask what her thoughts were on the movement. "This might actually be the dumbest thing I've ever seen in Big Rapids. We don't need an underground tunnel system, we need smarter students. Winter happens every year, just take a damn coat to the bar. It doesn't even weigh a pound, you'll live."

The SFHUSTSC wanted to link their GoFundMe, but they were too drunk.

In memoriam

Marley - Clever Girl 1996-2018



At approximately 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, Marley, 22, died in a hit-and-run vehicular accident in front of Star Shooters in Big Rapids.

The investigation of the accident is ongoing. According to bartenders, Marley consumed a considerable amount of liquor in the aforementioned establishment before her demise.

She was previously spotted at Gypsy Nickel undergoing the death sauce hot wing challenge before onlookers attempted to stave off her self-destructive spiral.

After downing an indeterminate amount of Irish Car Bombs and tequila shots, Marley was seen pushing past a crowd of townies before the fatal collision.

Eyewitnesses believe that she thought she saw Jeff Goldblum across the street and ran into the

road without looking for traffic. Her last words were, "Life, uh... didn't find a way."

Her dying wish to be cremated and put into an hourglass to always remind her brother to go to class on time is still pending.

In lieu of flowers, Marley's friends ask that you make a purchase at your local convenience store or brewery and get rip roaring drunk at home with someone you love and contemplate life and the bottomless void that is Big Rapids.

Additionally, all of Marley's friends will be asked to gather at a local coffee shop, to be designated in the future, to have a cup of Joe and read her unfinished novels and hastily scrawled jokes that will never see the light of day.

Eisler Says:

"The Rock has a great Thanksgiving spread."



The morning after

The best love-hate relationship you'll ever have

Will Ferrell
Not that funny

As Thanksgiving 2018 comes to a close, Ferris nutrition junior Ashley Winterbottom is feeling the after-effects of a holiday well done.

"I have a love-hate relationship with Thanksgiving," Winterbottom said. "I love the turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. I hate feeling bloated for the rest of the week though."

Being a hardcore nutritionist with an interest in fitness, Winterbottom admits that Thanksgiving can bring out the worst in her.

"I don't think I do too bad on Thanksgiving," Winterbottom said. "Sometimes though, I swear I smell turkey and everything just goes black."

Ferris psychology senior John

Turk agrees that his girlfriend, Winterbottom, can get a little wild on Thanksgiving Day.

"Her eyes get all peeled and sharing is no longer an option," Turk said.

"Her family wanted to play the game where everyone says what they're thankful for, but when they got to Ash, all she could mumble was 'turkey' between bites. It was a little scary."

Turk said that this may be his final year with his girlfriend due to the fact she's abnormally obsessed with all things Thanks-

giving. He's nervous she doesn't realize just how obsessed she really is.

"Sometimes though, I swear, I smell turkey and everything just goes black."

-Ashley Winterbottom

A self-proclaimed Thanksgiving fanatic, Winterbottom said she has a system to fend off the post-turkey bloat.

"I drink a whole bottle of Pepto Bismol, two bottles of water and proceed to slip into a food coma until classes begin again," Winterbottom said. "If that doesn't work, well, then I'm

just in pain for the remainder of the week. But it's always worth it, am I right?"

A Ferris secondary education junior Brita Water would be one student who disagrees with Winterbottom's theory.

"I'm her roommate, and just let me say, it's never worth it. Drink Pepto Bismol. If not for your sake, then for your roommate's," Water said.

Something Winterbottom wishes she could change about Thanksgiving is the wardrobe requirement, saying she doesn't like the judgement her pants give her after a day of eating. Because of this, she is considering purchasing maternity pants to help with next year's festivities.

"When your pants are stretchy, your stomach is happy," Winterbottom said.

Harrowing Holidays

How to answer those cliché family questions

Jack Turkey
Captain

With the rapid succession of "family holidays" – Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year, etc. – some young people dread going home because their family interrogates the hell out of them.

To help you prepare for these interrogations and survive your family get-togethers, here are some of the most common interrogation questions with varying answers:

As are what you'll probably say to end the conversation as quickly as possible;

Bs are what you might say if you want to put the spotlight on someone else;

Cs are the awesome comebacks you wouldn't think of until a week later.

(You're welcome.)

When are you going to get a boy/girlfriend?

- a. I'm more focused on my classes right now.
- b. [Younger sibling's name] had sex with their boy/girlfriend yesterday.
- c. When someone on my level turns up – I've learned a lot about who not to date from you.

When are you going to propose/get married?

- a. We're more focused on our classes and finding a place to live right now.
- b. So, Uncle Jerry, how's the surgery recovery coming along?
- c. As soon as the baby is born.

What do you want for Christmas?

- a. *nervous laughter* Socks are always great, Aunt Linda.
- b. I actually want to only give this Christmas – for example, giving no shits as to what I receive.
- c. A Weasley sweater.

When are you moving out?

- a. Sometime after graduation, maybe a week to a month later.
- b. Actually, I'm moving in with some friends to keep them out of rent trouble with the IRS.
- c. Not soon enough.

When are you graduating college?

- a. [actual graduation date]
- c. Not soon enough.

When are you going to stop being an immature smart ass?

- c. NEVER.

Tryptophan is a hell of a drug.

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

Giving Thanks:

What are you grateful for?

I know I'm grateful that my family isn't full of psychopaths who want to run a 5k on Thanksgiving.

SPORTS

“We shouldn’t be a Division I team.” -Matt Capasso - See page 10 for story

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Jayru 4 Harlon Hill



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell takes off past defenders. Campbell is one of 37 finalists for the Harlon Hill Trophy awarded to the best football player in Division 2.

Ferris quarterback finds success after troubled past

Michael Reedy & Brendan Samuels
Torch Reporter & Sports Editor

The Harlon Hill trophy, awarded to the Most Valuable Player in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II, may be coming back to Ferris thanks to junior quarterback Jayru Campbell.

Campbell placed himself in the Ferris single-season record books in the 2018 season, as he currently sits at first in yards of total offense with 3,672, first in touchdowns responsible for with 43 and 9.8 total yards of offense per attempt.

Campbell’s ability to make plays with his arm as well as his legs have made him dangerous to opponents all year. During the regular season, Campbell attributed 2,368 passing yards as well as 1,162 rushing yards, making him responsible for 62 percent of Ferris’ total yardage.

Campbell benefits from great offensive line play, a unit he credits for much of his success. A big part of that offensive line has been Ferris senior tackle Devon Johnson who was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year.

A long journey for Campbell started with back-to-back high school state championships at Detroit Cass Tech in 2011 and 2012. From there, Campbell was offered several Division I offers, including Alabama and Notre Dame, before he ultimately chose Michigan State University (MSU). In January of 2014, however, Campbell was arrested after video went viral of him slamming a Cass Tech. security guard to the floor.

Campbell lost his scholarship to MSU but found his way to Garden City Community College (Garden City, Kansas), where he made his collegiate debut in 2015. Campbell helped lead the Garden City Broncbusters to a Junior College National Championship in 2016 before leaving for Big Rapids.

After serving one year as a redshirt in 2017-18, Campbell found himself in the middle of a quarterback competition as Ferris head coach Tony Annese searched for Reggie Bell’s replacement. Campbell ultimately won the job and hasn’t looked back since.

Now Campbell is driving the Bulldogs toward a Division II National Championship, something that the program has never been able to accomplish, even when Ferris alum Jason Vander Laan brought home the Harlon Hill trophy back-to-back in 2014 and 2015.

Comparing statistics from 2014 and 2015 when Vander Laan won the Harlon Hill, the quarterbacks seem to have very similar stat lines. Vander Laan threw for 2,140 yards in 2014 and 2,239 yards in 2015, both less than what Campbell has thrown this season. For the ground game, Vander Laan rushed for 1,328 yards in 2014 and 1,319 yards in 2015, which has a slight edge over Campbell’s total from this season.

The difference is that Campbell faces steep competition in the other 36 candidates for the Harlon Hill Trophy. One man that stands out is Bowie State University (Bowie, Maryland) senior quarterback Amir Hall. Hall stands atop the NCAA Division II leaderboard in passing yards with 3,865 and is sixth in the nation with 29 passing touchdowns. Tack on 445 yards rushing for Hall and he edges out Campbell in yards of total offense.

The Harlon Hill Trophy winner is set to be announced Friday, Dec. 14, but Campbell and the Bulldogs are focused on advancing past the Elite 8.

Ferris will take Ouachita Baptist University 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, for the right to advance to the Final Four.



Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Top Dawg honors are landing on the gridiron this week, but instead of one Ferris athlete garnering the title, there will be two.

The two-seeded Ferris football team advanced to the NCAA Division II Regional Championship with a 27-21 victory over the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (Maryville, Missouri) Saturday, Nov. 24. With Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell riding the bench with a shoulder injury, the Bulldogs needed big plays from other positions on the field.

Perhaps the biggest play for Ferris came with five seconds remaining on the clock. Bearcat redshirt freshman quarterback Braden Wright dropped back, in desperate need of points with his team down six, but instead of finding an open receiver, Wright hit the turf and so did the football.

Ferris sophomore defensive tackle Austin Simpson fought his way through blocks and charged towards Wright, coming up with a sack and knocking the ball loose. Ferris junior defensive end Austin Edwards fell on the ball as the clock hit all zeroes.

This wasn't the first time Simpson met Wright in the backfield as he recorded two tackles on the day, both of them sacks. Edwards also had a habit of wrecking the Bearcat offense, charging through the line for 1.5 sacks and eight tackles.

The victory keeps the Bulldogs in hot pursuit of a NCAA Division II National Championship and improves their record to 13-0.

Ferris will be on the road against Ouachita Baptist University 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



Top Dawg

Austin Simpson and Austin Edwards

Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

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Sports Shorts

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Bulldogs running to National Title



Katie Etelamaki

For the first time in school history, two Ferris cross country runners have been selected to represent the Bulldogs in the NCAA DII National Championship race in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Ferris junior Katie Etelamaki and senior Damien Halverson have the chance to be part of school history as they will both make the trip to Pennsylvania Saturday, Dec. 1.

Both runners earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) honors Nov. 3 in an event in Grand Rapids. Both runners also finished as all-region honorees during the NCAA DII Midwest Regional Championships at Hillsdale College.

Etelamaki earned her National Championship bid as she automatically qualified placing sixth in the women's 6K race. Halverson was chosen at-large after he finished seventh overall in the men's 10K race.

The men's race begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, with the women's race following at 12:15 p.m.



Damien Halverson

New Faces

Ferris has appointed Madison Heilman as the new Athletic Camp Coordinator after previous coordinator Mike Przydzial moves to coordinator of event operations and special projects.

Heilman will manage all 17 Ferris sports camps that happen throughout the year, but mostly in the summer. On top of her position, Heilman will also work with Ferris' management staff and game operations.

Heilman is a graduate from Central Michigan University (CMU), where she earned her Bachelor of Applied Arts degree and her Master of Arts in Sports Administration. Heilman was also a CMU Athletics Intern where she helped with game management and event operations, preparing her well for her new position.

Making the jump

Should Ferris Athletics be elevated to Division I?

Bulldog athletes have been playing at a high level for a long time now, but over the past year the university has seen success unlike anything they've experience before. From an NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship to an undefeated regular 2018 season for the football team, success is becoming a tradition for many programs.

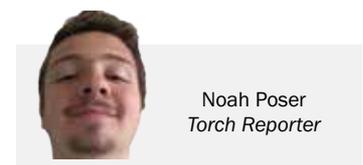
So, with all the success, why are the Bulldogs still a Division II school? A better question might be: If moved to Division I, would Ferris experience the same amount of success?

The simple answer: No.

"We shouldn't be a Division I team," Ferris football senior tight end Matt Capasso said. "We haven't even won a National Championship at the Division II level. With that said, I believe we could compete with some MAC schools."

Mid-American Conference (MAC) universities are Division I schools that don't receive as much national attention. The MAC includes schools such as Central Michigan University (CMU) and Western Michigan University (WMU). Moving Ferris to these ranks would make sense, but then comes the problem of playing highly regarded Division I talent.

The Bulldogs don't have a very strong resume when it comes to competing against Division I powerhouses. Take for example the Ferris hockey team, the only Division I squad for the Bulldogs. Each year, the Bulldogs take on universities like WMU and Michigan State University (MSU), but over the



Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

past four seasons Ferris is a measly 4-12-1 against WMU, MSU and the University of Michigan.

Then there's the case of the Ferris men's basketball team. Hot off a 2017-18 Division II National Championship, the Bulldogs got the chance to take on legendary Division I powerhouse Duke University (Durham, North Carolina). The Bulldogs received an old-fashioned beat down, falling by a score of 132-48.

The talent gap between Division I and Division II is fairly large for the most part, as the Bulldogs don't have a player like Duke freshman forward Zion Williamson. However, players capable of playing at a higher level often find themselves playing at Division II.

"Our coach does a good job recruiting athletic and talented players that possibly could have played for a Division I mid-major program," Ferris men's basketball junior wing Greg Williams said. "So maybe in the future, if the tradition of winning is sustained and that reputation of having really talented players continue, then



Greg Williams

Gone but not forgotten



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris junior defender Tia VanSuilichem inbounds the ball. The women's soccer team wrapped up a historic season with a loss to GVSU in the NCAA playoffs.

Record-breaking season comes to an end for Ferris women's soccer

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

The Ferris women's soccer team's historic campaign came to an end at the hand of rival Grand Valley State University (GVSU), as the Bulldogs dropped a 2-1 match.

The Bulldogs met the Lakers for the third time this season Nov. 16 in the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen, but this time it was for all the marbles.

The squad jumped out to an early 1-0 lead at 1:04 in the first half when Ferris junior defender Tia VanSuilichem ripped a shot past the GVSU goaltender. The assist came from Ferris freshman Pia Nagel and the goal marked the sixth of the year and third of the NCAA Tournament for VanSuilichem.

The Lakers soon answered to tie the contest at 1-1 in the first half when GVSU freshman forward Timia Robinson netted one in past Ferris junior goaltender Alison Chesterfield.

The scoreboard didn't show it, but GVSU dominated the game, placing 34 shots on goal and finding the net at 69:48 off the foot of Laker freshman midfielder Chelsea Graves to end the match with a 2-1 victory.

"As we walked off the field, I was so proud of my team. We were the first team to score first on them and we did that in two different games. We put up a fight and didn't let them have it easy," Ferris junior forward Morgan Irwin said. "I couldn't be prouder, especially for the seniors for putting four years into the program. We made a historical run and now we can't wait to get back after it."



Morgan Irwin

While the loss stings for Bulldog players, coaches and fans, it doesn't diminish what the program accomplished this season.

Under Ferris head coach Andy McCaslin, the Bulldogs finished the season with a 17-4-3 record and a 9-2 road record, the best marks in the program's 20-year history. Ferris also reached the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time in school history and knocked off two straight wins in the first two rounds of the tournament before falling to GVSU.



Bri Rogers

The team finished second in the final Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) standings, which is the highest ranking in the 20-year history of the program. The Bulldogs were also nationally ranked for the first time in the program's history. The squad got all the way up to No. 13 nationally in the 2018 United Coaches Poll.

"I think we definitely changed the standard to which we hold ourselves to in the future. Even though we had the most successful year in program history this year, now we're focused on exceeding those standards from now on," Ferris sophomore forward Bri Rogers said.

Ferris also was able to break several records this year such as highest winning percentage of .778, fewest losses with four, most goals scored with 50 and the most shutouts recorded with nine.

"This group has really propelled us into the next stage of Ferris soccer. We've got alums and recruits who are so excited about what this team has been able to accomplish and wanting to be a part of what we're doing," McCaslin said. "When we recruit we talk about doing things that have never been done before and this group accomplished so much this season. And they're such great people and representatives of what Ferris Athletics is all about. We're all really proud of them."

The Bulldogs will return 31 players next season as the team looks to continue building on a historic campaign.

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that could translate into moving to the Division I level sometime down the road."

Success looks to be part of the Bulldogs' future for a long time to come. After a Fall season saw three teams make the NCAA playoffs in women's soccer, volleyball and football, only time will tell if Ferris has what it takes to make the jump to Division I.

Without National Championships, it's hard to make a case for the Bulldogs, even if it is plausible to imagine that they could

beat some lower tier Division I universities.

"The Division II level is best for our program due to our size and our school's resources," Ferris senior cross country and track runner Zach Mckenzie said. "One of the great things about running cross country and track



Zach Mckenzie

at the Division II level is we still have the opportunity to compete against Division I teams on a regular basis at many meets."



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday, Nov. 29:

- Women's Basketball at Wayne State 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Wayne State 7:30 p.m.

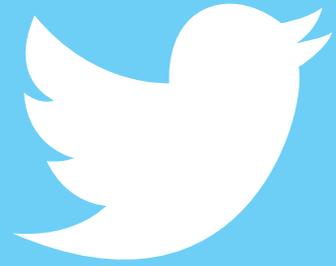
Friday, Nov. 30:

- Hockey at Alaska 11:07 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1:

- Men's and Women's Cross Country at NCAA D2 National Champions (Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania)
- Football at Ouachita Baptist 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Ashland 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Ashland 3 p.m.
- Hockey at Alaska 11:07 p.m.

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Loud and proud

Ferris cheer team heading in new direction



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The Ferris cheer team pumps up the crowd. The club is undergoing a transition with a new head coach.

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

Ferris athletes have given fans plenty to cheer for over the past year, but the Bulldogs' main source of cheering is currently finding their way through a tough transition.

The Ferris cheer team has been a familiar presence at Bulldog football and basketball games for several years, but the club was left in shambles after their coach departed following the 2017-18 season.

With Ferris experiencing so much success, the team needed to find new leadership in order to continue making appearances at games. Fer-



Bailey Reiter

ris nursing senior Bailey Reiter, a veteran on the team, knew someone had to lead the squad, so she grabbed the reins.

"I was frustrated and decided the only way that I'm going to be able to change this is if I apply for this position," Reiter said. "Some of the returning girls and men I have definitely seen step up and take on and help with the leadership roles, even if it's just encouragement or being friendly."

Reiter is set to graduate with her undergrad in December 2018, so she won't be able to compete with the Bulldogs for the entirety of the year. Coaching allows Reiter to be part of

the team without fully competing.

Along with sideline cheer, Reiter will head the stunt team, which was started just a year ago and is on the more competitive side of cheer. Stunt involves performing often complex routines against other universities and differs from the sideline aspect of cheer immensely.

Reiter and the cheer team have also begun recruiting new members, even if they have little to no history in cheerleading. Ferris digital animation and game design junior Cory Tyrell came to the squad a year and a half ago with no prior experience in the realm of cheer.

"I decided to do cheerleading because of the idea that I'd be able to get myself back in shape and tumble like I use to do when I was younger," Tyrell said. "I love tumbling and there were never any opportunities to practice when I got older."

Not many men decided to join the cheer team, a big factor Tyrell noted for not joining his high school's team. But once he arrived at Ferris, he was persuaded to try out by a close friend on the team and he hasn't regretted it since.

"I never did cheerleading before," Tyrell said. "After being on the team though, I can say that everyone is inviting, and more guys are a welcoming sight."

With football season nearing a finale, the cheer team will gear up to take the sidelines for the Ferris men's and women's basketball games.

FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The running backs dominated for Team Torch, handing us a 175-89 victory over the Ferris football team in this week's fantasy match up.

The Bulldogs held off a late comeback attempt in the NCAA Division II Super Region Three Semifinal from Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, Missouri), coming out with a 27-21 victory.

Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell was sidelined with a shoulder injury he sustained a week ago, a big reason the Bulldogs were unable to compete in fantasy numbers. Ferris junior quarterback Travis Russell took over for Campbell, but only managed to put one touchdown on the board, leading to a low score at that position.

Ferris sophomore running back Marvin Campbell and red-shirt freshman Evan Cummins both punched in touchdowns on the ground to give the Bulldogs a bit of a boost, but with five positions failing to break double digits in fantasy points, Ferris didn't stand a chance.

The defense for the Bulldogs had possibly their best game of the season, constantly disrupting the Bearcats' offense to the tune of four sacks, one interception and a forced fumble.

The loss for Ferris puts them behind Team Torch by three games, as the record currently stands at 7-4 in favor of Team Torch.

The Bulldogs venture to Arkadelphia, Arkansas for a Regional Championship showdown with Ouachita Baptist University 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Here are my picks for next week:

QB - Andrew Luck - Indianapolis Colts: I haven't picked Luck yet this year, but he's been playing solid football in his return from injury.

RB1 - Nick Chubb - Cleveland Browns: Chubb has come on late after the Browns traded his running partner in Carlos Hyde.

RB2 - Todd Gurley - Los Angeles Rams: The Rams play the Detroit Lions. Can you say slaughter?

WR1 - Julio Jones - Atlanta Falcons: Jones is the best receiver in the league in terms of athletic ability. Let's see him use that big frame to pull down some 50/50 balls.

WR2 - Michael Thomas - New Orleans Saints: Thomas has been on fire in sophomore campaign.

TE - Greg Olsen - Carolina Panthers: Olsen is an old reliable target for Cam Newton. When in doubt, look for



Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Newton to find big No. 88.

D/ST - Chicago Bears: I like the Bears' chances of dominating a New York Giants team that relies on Saquon Bark-

ley a little too much.

K - Mason Crosby - Green Bay Packers: Crosby has had some struggles this season, but I'm sure he'll hit plenty of point after attempts in a rout of the Arizona Cardinals this week.

FLEX - Stefon Diggs - Minnesota Vikings: Speed kills and Diggs has plenty to spare.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE		
Position	Player	Points
QB	Aaron Rodgers	11
RB 1	Ezekiel Elliott	25
RB 2	Saquon Barkley	33
WR1	Antonio Brown	15
WR2	Larry Fitzgerald	11
TE	Jordan Reed	13
D/ST	Los Angeles Chargers	10
K	Justin Tucker	11
FLEX	Christian McCaffrey	46
Total:		175

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE		
Position	Player	Points
QB	Travis Russell	17
RB 1	Marvin Campbell	14
RB 2	Evan Cummins	7
WR1	Sy Barnett	12
WR2	Keyondre Craig	12
TE	Davontae Harrington	5
D/ST	Ferris State	8
K	Jackson Dieterle	9
FLEX	Dion Earls	5
Total:		89

LIFESTYLES

"You have these voices in your head where it says you aren't good enough, you can't do it, like you're not going to win." - Stephanie Udell - See below for story

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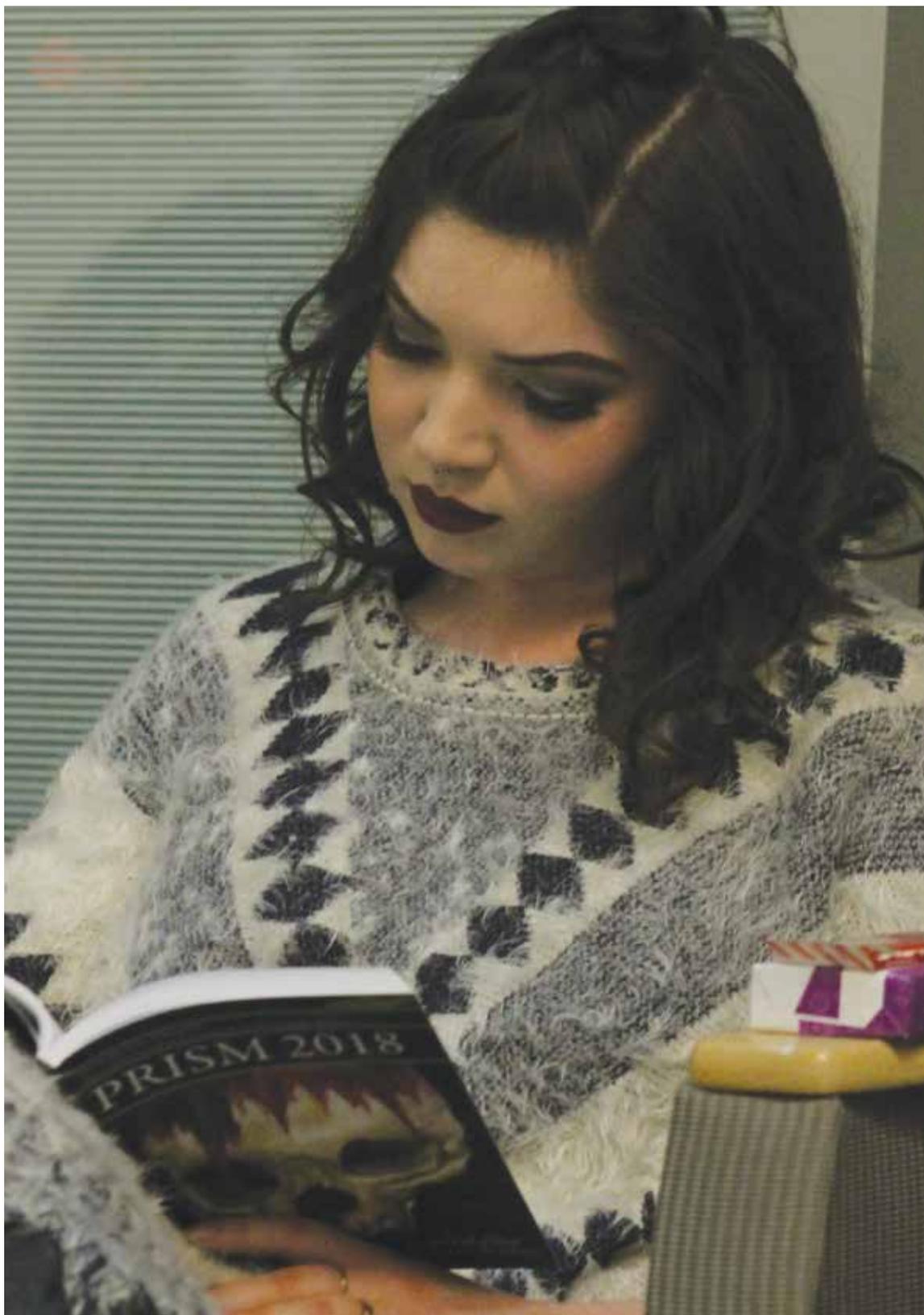


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Ferris English junior Stephanie Udell was one of four Prism creative writing winners to read her short fiction piece "An Apple a Day."

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

The lights were low and the audience small as Ferris advertising junior Madison Keliin was the first of four Prism winners to read her own work.

Prism is an annual student writing and art competition that is held by Ferris and sponsored by the Department of English, Literature and World Languages. Prism 2018 winners were able to read some of their work at FLITE Tuesday Nov. 13.

A first-time contestant, Keliin began with her Prism poem that won first place, "Fifty Shades of Grey Matter," which was about a previous relationship and the attraction to an individual's mind.

"Poetry, to me, is one of the most creative and challenging forms of writing there is. It makes me choose my words with more care, and lets me express my thoughts in a way that I can visualize," Keliin said.

Madison Keliin

As well as winning first place, Keliin

also won honorable mention for her poem "Eggs.", a feminism piece which was the first poem she ever wrote and based upon a personal experience.

"The thing is, sometimes I think I get too personal with my writing sometimes. And I think sometimes I should pull back, but then I remind myself that this is where you're supposed to be personable and where you're supposed to express yourself and push boundaries," Keliin said.

While Keliin fought off the fear of being too personal, Ferris English junior Stephanie Udell fought the fear of losing.

"The experience was nerve-wracking. You have these voices in your head where it says that you aren't good enough, you can't do it, like you're not going to win," Udell said.

After battling the self-doubt, Udell, another first-time contestant, was a short fiction winner after submitting her piece "An Apple a Day." In this piece, Udell reflected on mental health and the stigma it holds within eating disorders, wanting to explore this topic because of its criticism in society as a taboo topic.

Ferris history senior Mikayla Baarlaer's preferred writing approach is writing shorter when it comes to flash fiction or poetry, saying she likes the quick impact the story provides.

Baarlaer earned honorable mention for her work, "Paper

Eggs.

A poem by Madison Keliin

"Standing at the corner of the kitchen at my aunt's Easter afternoon I come to revelation. The same five women frantically scurry from cupboard to sink just as my heartstrings do. Frail and fragile these closed mouthed women bend elbows and knees young to elderly women sick with hands filled with vibration. A sensation grand within my soul is held back by a soft-spoken mouth lined with the color of desperation. To be heard to be noticed to be praised to not bring the wrong kind of attention to myself, I think to myself.. This vibrato in my grandmother's fingertips I notice must be result from decades of internalizing her clenched fists. Maybe not. She may need no ligation, but her prostration leaves me weak. Weaker I melt when I see awkward impatient faces sitting front row refusing to lift a single finger nor bat an eyelash except for me. We can all clearly see, yet all that is offered is grotesque sympathy. I pull my mother aside asking why. Why do the same five women clean up and cater every family occasion? Her grin speaks for her. Now you know what it's truly like to be a woman in this world she says. How come no one says anything? Go ahead and try! I stand in my own way and I know it's my own fault. My excuses paper thin. But I-I have no authority I don't want to be rude to them. Usually I say whatever is on my mind but for now I remain angered and tongue-tied. The fact that her wisdom is shrewd kills me inside. I just wish that she was wrong and that I had the courage to speak up, but the only words I can muster is 'Can I help?' and grab myself a dish. Now there are six."

- "Eggs." as written by Madison Keliin

Find the rest of Keliin's work here: <https://nosidamwrites.weebly.com>

Weight," a short fiction tale about a girl who is in love with the constellation Orion and reflecting on this infatuation while sitting beside her boyfriend.

"The hardest part about entering the Prism would have to be gathering up the courage to submit something. The writing can be hard, sure, but it can be even harder to put yourself out there. You just have to remember that the worst they can say is no, and no one will be any the wiser," Baarlaer said.



Mikayla Baarlaer

Art categories for the contest include: pen and ink, oil, watercolor and acrylic.

According to the contest rules/guidelines and the terms and conditions, students who are interested can submit their Prism work through <https://prismcontest.submittable.com/submit>, before the March 25, 2019 deadline.



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A Bulldog breaks a sweat in her free time as she works on her cardio at the Rec Center.

No pain, no grain, no gain

Fun Ferris fitness

Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

Since coming to college, Ferris welding engineering junior Jacob Balogh's fitness and nutrition have increased dramatically.

"I wrestled my whole life, so I was always nutritious and worked out, but coming here in this new Rec Center is pretty awesome," Balogh said.

Aside from having a rest day every two weeks, Balogh spends an hour and a half to two hours every day doing his workout routines.

These routines focus on each muscle



Patricia Oyler

group and change every couple of months to keep things interesting.

Some students visit the Student Recreation Centre (Rec) to stay fit, but Ferris nutrition and food service management junior Patricia Oyler focuses more of her attention on the nutrition side of health.

"Diabetes runs in my family, and being hypoglycemic, I need to make sure I'm getting enough sugar each day so that I don't pass out," Oyler said.

Ensuring she eats three meals a day, O-

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Farewell Fall

Before snow came to Big Rapids, students celebrated the multicolored leaves of fall by doing crafts with CLACS Thursday, Nov. 15 in the University Center

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B-e-a-woman

One and the same

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

Since her freshman year, Ferris political science junior Charnice LaGrone has felt connected to You Beautiful Black Woman (YBBW).

Drawn to YBBW by the empowering name and welcoming members, LaGrone has grown from general member to community service chair, saying the registered student organization (RSO) has helped her transition from high school to college over her three years at Ferris.



Charnice LaGrone

“Our mission is to unify all women, not just black women,” LaGrone said. “We focus on promoting community outreach and helping others in our community and reaching out to those on campus to make them feel comfortable and welcome.”

Along with making the community feel welcome, YBBW members feel just as welcome since joining this

RSO and consider it a very friendly and supportive organization.

“Even though we have a business aspect and we work and it’s a lot of hard work because we are a small organization that put on a lot of events, but we also have fun, and we go out, we’re normal people,” Ferris

business administration senior and YBBW assistant to the president and vice president Aalona Jackson said.

As well as an organization that considers its members more like sisters, YBBW strongly believes in volunteering and hosts events frequently throughout the semester, including this year with a twist.

“We host social events, and this semester we implemented like, more so educational events, like bringing awareness to certain topics,” Ferris mortuary science senior and YBBW member Larrionna Umphryes said.

As part of their new speaker series “Kickin’ it with the Queens,” YBBW members are hosting a conversation on self-care from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the University Center Founders’ Room. This event

will address the importance of self-hygiene and how to manage it in a financially-friendly way.

Believing in the importance of networking, many YBBW events are collaborated with organizations like Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS), Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS).

Ferris OMSS pre-college programs coordinator and YBBW Adviser Danyelle Gregory is proud of how far this RSO has come since first becoming their adviser in 2015.

“It has been a pleasure to get to know the girls and help them navigate all the different aspects that encompass being a college student. I have enjoyed watching



Larrionna Umphryes

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Student Advice Column

You didn't hear it from me



On a break

Fighting mind-numbing default mode



Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

Hello all.

Now that turkey day is over and we all feel a little bit slower than usual, it's time to kick things into high-gear and drag our stuffing-stuffed selves to the finish line.

In my four and a half years at Ferris, this is about the time I start to notice an unfortunate pattern. Professors assign their final projects, you pick up some extra shifts before winter break, you make promises to friends you “just can’t break” and voila — you’re over-extended and stressed.

Now your free time seems limited and, of course, you’ve managed to have every sort of writer’s, homework and brain block that’s imaginable and it’s crunch time. Sound like you? Well, I have a solution for you: take a break.

No, seriously. Take a break.

According to Psychoogy Today, “Breaks increase productivity and creativity. Working for long stretches without breaks leads to stress and exhaustion.” Be sure to bookmark this to use next time you’re home for the weekend and your parents are asking you why you aren’t studying.

If you’re one of those people who find themselves staring at their computer screen just waiting for your genius to find you, take a break. Stretch. Get your blood moving again.

I’m not saying take an hour-long break for “just one episode of (insert ‘the best TV show ever’ here)” because we both know that “one episode” really means 10 and if you’re over-extended, there’s no way you can fit 10 episodes into your to-do list of responsibilities. Save the binge for the winter break.

Instead of an hour of rest, Oxford Learning suggests a 10 to 15 minute break while inc.com suggests implementing a break every 90 minutes. Before you cringe at the thought of a solid 90-minute study session, the site did say that taking a break every 50 minutes is also a good option when studying or doing homework.

During your break, remember, 10 to 15 minutes isn’t super long, but it will give you enough time to stand up, stretch your arms up to the ceiling, reach down and touch your toes and maybe take a walk around your kitchen. Just enough time to remind your body not to go into mind-numbing default mode. This, along with some deep breaths, should help wake you up and keep you more alert as you sit back down to finish your homework.

So, go ahead, try it next time you’re home and let me know what you think. If your mom sees you and nags about not preparing for your finals, give her the quote and remember: you didn’t hear it from me.

Need advice? Send your questions to torchadvicecolumn@gmail.com to be anonymously featured in the last edition of every month.



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You Beautiful Black Woman is a student organization that welcomes any woman who is interested in networking and building friendships.

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them grow and mature into amazing young women," Gregory said. "I have had the opportunity to build a relationship with each one of the girls. They are like my own daughters."

Referred to by many members as "Mom J," Gregory is honored to be their adviser.

"These young women are full of potential and I believe they will go on to do amazing things and continue to embody what YBBW stands for: 'Queens by Nature,'" Gregory said.

To join YBBW, students can contact any members. From here, they will be included in an email this spring

for new potential recruits. Though any student is welcome to join, be prepared to get out of your comfort zone, network and find a group of sisters.

"It's about bringing unity to campus in a way that shows that we support each other, that we want what's best for each other and to help each other out on a level that is not common, whether it be academically, socially," Ferris criminal justice junior and YBBW public relations Lexie Thomas said. "It's just for you to feel welcome, for you to understand that there are people just like you. Their story might be a little bit different but we're all one in the same."

Students can visit the YBBW page on orgsync or email them at ybbwferris@gmail.com.

Upcoming YBBW events

Kickin' it with the Queens: A conversation on self-care

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 28
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: University Center
Founders' Room

A Cool Salute to Our Troops: Join YBBW and CLACS in making holiday cards for veterans

Date: Thursday, Nov. 29
Time: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: CLACS Lobby
University Center

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ler plans her meals out a week in advance, using this time to make sure she includes all the protein and other nutrients she needs to stay healthy. Oyler eats about 80 percent healthy foods on average.

As Thanksgiving comes to an end, and to help students stay healthy, there will be a Diet and Fitness event where students will be able to learn about the importance of a healthy diet and fitness lifestyle. The event is hosted by members of the Black Leaders Aspiring for Critical Knowledge (BLACK) organization.

"We feel like a lot of college students don't take care of their body the way they are supposed to be,"

Ferris business administration and BLACK member Rodney Williamson said. "Like, some kids are in a rush or on the go, and don't eat most days so they just hurry up and run out the house. So, we decided to try and help them out."

The Diet and Fitness event will take place 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, and 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. The first day will be about nutrition and will be held in University Center room 213, while the second day will be held at the Rec. During this two-day event, students will learn how to have a healthy diet on the go and how to find good workout partners to help each other stay in shape.

For more information on the Diet and Fitness event, contact Williamson at willir47@ferris.edu or visit the Ferris calendar at calendar.ferris.edu.

Diet and Fitness Event:

Day 1

Date: Thursday, Nov. 29
Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Location: University Center Room 213

Day 2

Date: Friday, Nov. 30
Time: 5 - 7 p.m.
Location: Student Rec Center