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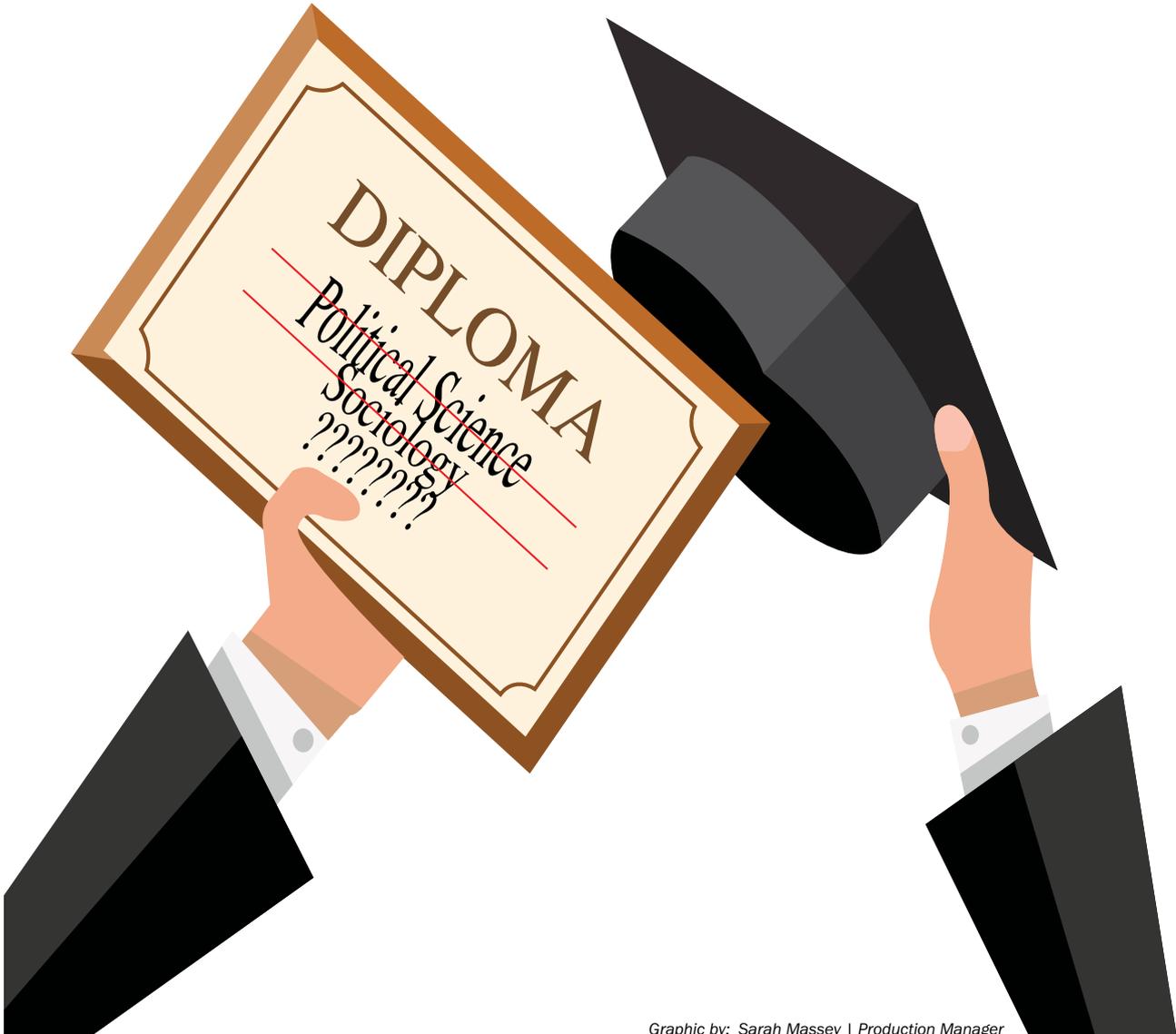
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Ferris College of Arts and Sciences discontinues two majors

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Ferris will no longer be offering political science or sociology as majors or minors and will look to replace them moving forward.

The discontinuation of the programs is not immediate, but it will begin by the programs no longer accepting new students. As for the students already majoring or minoring in these programs, they will be able to continue earning their degree in the programs.



Kristi Haik

"We start the process by not enrolling new students. We then work with all current students to develop the plan for graduation so that every student can finish the program," Ferris Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Kristi Haik said. "We will make sure that the courses students need will be offered. In fact, we will work with each student to make sure that they have what they need to be successful."

While the current majors will no longer exist at Ferris, Haik said some of the faculty members involved are already working towards replacing the programs and that the change is to better equip students for the workforce.

"It is very important that Ferris is responsive to students' needs in finding employment. Part of this is understanding workforce needs and trends in the business world. When Fer-

ris has the opportunity to provide students with a competitive advantage, we should take advantage of it. When you have forward-thinking faculty, like we do, we serve our students best by looking at opportunities," Haik said. "Discontinuing, or in this case revising, and even renaming majors can give our students a competitive advantage in seeking employment."

Though the university is making the decision in hopes of bettering students, some were shocked to find out their majors were being discontinued. Ferris political science junior Edna Marlen, who transferred to Ferris specifically for the political science program, said she cried when she first heard the news but is glad Ferris will be working with the students already enrolled.

"It's nice that I didn't just spend lots of money not to graduate with a political science major from Ferris," Marlen said. "I'm just glad I don't have to transfer and I'll be able to graduate."

As for the professors teaching classes in these majors, Haik said that because Ferris will continue to offer the courses that political science and sociology majors need to graduate, along with general education and service courses such as the sociology classes required by the criminal justice program, professors will continue teaching at Ferris as replacement programs are formed.

"I met with the dean, and I know they're planning on replacing these majors with other ones. I think this will draw more students to attend Ferris with new majors," Marlen said. "I just hope they put in all their effort to help all of us students and not just push us aside."

Fresh face at Ferris



Photo courtesy of Ferris State University

New Title IX Coordinator ready to serve students

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

After searching for months for a new Title IX Coordinator, a candidate has been chosen to take over for previous coordinator Kevin Carmody.

Ferris Assistant Director of Student Conduct Kaitlin Zies was promoted to Title IX Coordinator after spending two and a half years in her previous role and leading the bystander intervention program Step UP.

With a master's degree in Human Resources and Organizational Development, as well as previous experience working in both Residential Life and Student Conduct, Zies was a natural fit for the position.

Many students at Ferris have seen the Title IX Office be very helpful, such as Ferris construction management sophomore Katelyn Abner, who has witnessed a case of sexual assault being dealt with at Ferris. She said the university did a good job with Title IX compliance efforts.

"I had a friend of mine, two years ago I want to say, at a party not specifically here on campus, but a college party at one of the houses around here, who was assaulted by another student and she went to Ferris for help and everything, and Ferris ended up actually taking the assailant's full-ride scholarship and kicked him out of the school. He's actually never allowed back on campus. I just felt like they covered it well because of everything that had happened to her," Abner said.



Katelyn Abner

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Title IX is a federal law that protects against discrimination based on sex in education programs or institutions that receive federal financial assistance.

"As the lead for our Title IX efforts, this position is essential and plays a critical role in our efforts to build and sustain a safe, gender-equitable cam-

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A day to remember

Join in Ferris' 33rd celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Massison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

The beliefs expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continue to hold great significance throughout Ferris' community.

In fact, his teachings inspire and drive students every day. This year, Ferris' three-day annual celebration is Monday, Jan. 21, to Wednesday, Jan. 23.

"His teachings have motivated me to step outside of my comfort zone, interact with other cultures and try to learn about other cultures, not just my own," Ferris business administration junior Rodney Williamson said. "MLK Day is important to students here at Ferris, especially for African-Americans, because we're outnumbered. It's helping other people reach out to us, and we can reach out to other people to help them not only get through school and college, but also just to get through life."

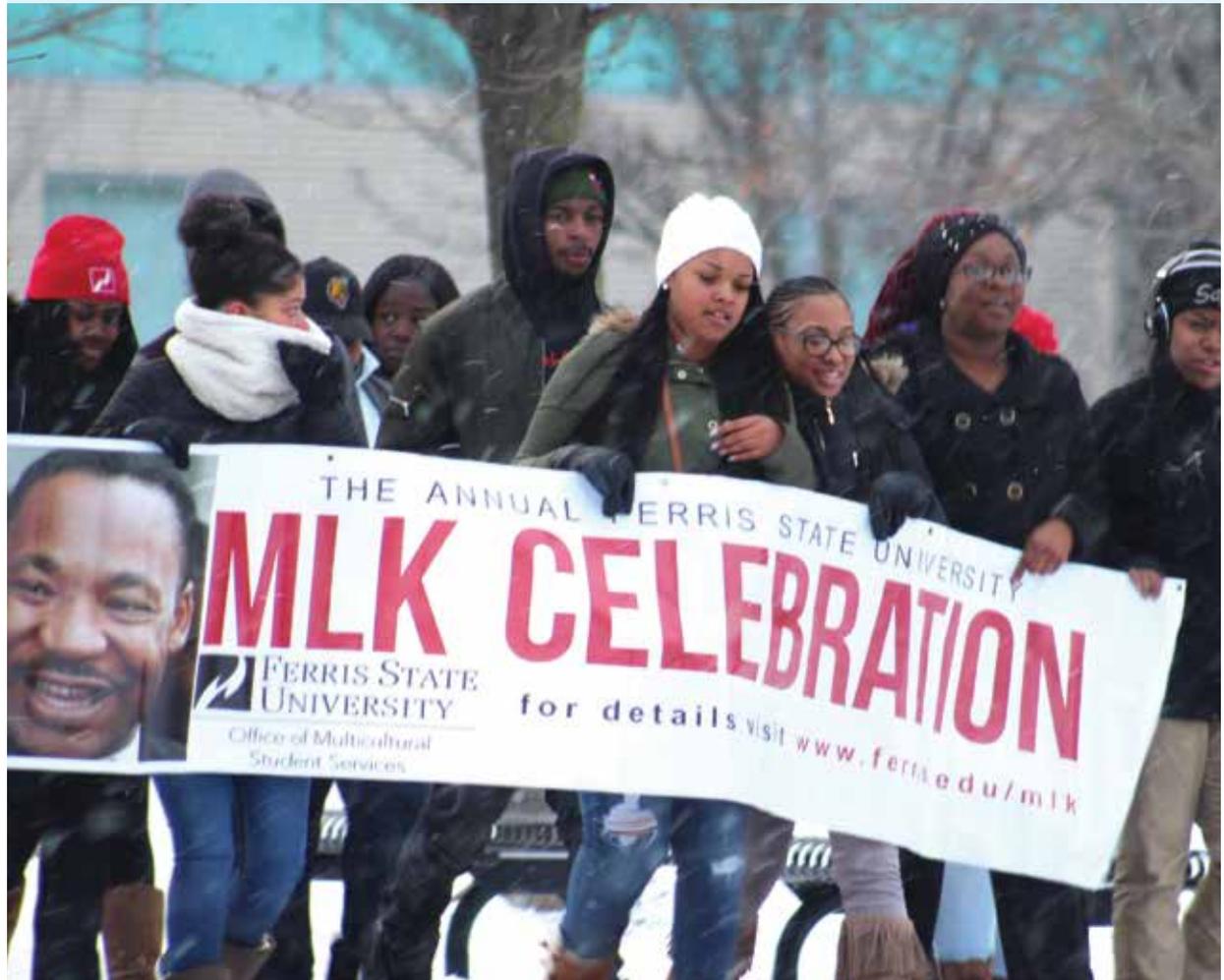
Most famous for his belief in advocating for civil rights without using violence, King's teachings are still making waves in our society 50 years later.

"Martin Luther King Jr. had a positive impact on America. I think a key part of what he did was making sure his interventions were peaceful. He identified a problem and then did what he had to do to make change, yet he did it without violence," Ferris social work senior Nicholas Hadley said. "I think that if people could remember the idea of remaining peaceful, society could move forward in many different areas."

According to Hadley, who is also President of the Social Work Association, King's ability to fight for what he believed in without using violence is what impacted him the most.

"The Office of Multicultural Services and the Social Work Association have recently worked together on a few different events, and when Michael approached me about sponsoring this one we were happy to help," Hadley said. "I think keeping this celebration a tradition is wonderful. I see it as an opportunity to celebrate the progress that has been made while also reigniting a desire to continue to work for a much-needed change in society."

In previous years, Hadley had attended MLK day events, but had never been a part of the planning process. He became involved in planning through Michael Wade, Assistant Director of the Office of Multicultural Services at Ferris.



Torch File Photo

The snow didn't stop these students from participating in the annual Freedom March last January to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"The MLK Celebration truly is a great example of collaboration and commitment to providing an opportunity for cultural awareness and diversity on our campus," Wade said. "My favorite part about being involved with the MLK Celebration is being able to work with faculty, staff and students from across campus to coordinate the events and initiatives."

According to Wade, he has been involved with MLK Day at Ferris since he was an undergraduate student. He has been on the committee since 2007, and in 2008 became chair for the MLK celebration.

"Many students come from communities where there

is not much celebration on the holiday, so having one on campus has I feel impacted them positively to appreciate Dr. King's relevance and overall importance," Wade said. "Our goal each year is to honor Dr. King's legacy, address social justice issues of today and to create opportunities for our campus to engage and learn from one another."

All events are free and open to the public and will include the annual events such as the Freedom March and student tributes.



A schedule of events

Monday, Jan. 21

MLK Day Of Service Project

10 a.m. — 1 p.m. Check in University Center Rankin Atrium (1st floor lobby)
*RSVP required, email clacs@ferris.edu

The 25th Annual Faculty/Staff In-Service & Luncheon

10 a.m. — noon
University Center 202B
*RSVP required, email clacs@ferris.edu

The Early African American Experience at Ferris: Beyond Hampton

1:30 — 3 p.m.
University Center 203 (Founder's Room)

The 33rd Annual Freedom March

4 — 5 p.m.
University Center - Rankin Atrium

The 33rd Annual Student Tribute

5:30 — 7 p.m.
University Center 202

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Step Up! Active Bystander Training

11 a.m. — noon
University Center 217

The Tunnel of Oppression

11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
University Center 116

The Hate U Give

Film Screening & Discussion
6 — 8:30 p.m.
IRC 120 Auditorium

Wednesday, Jan. 23

The Tunnel of Oppression

11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
University Center 116

The Black History 101 Mobile Museum

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
University Center 203 (Founder's Room)

- ON THE RECORD -

A roundup of crime over winter break at Ferris State University

Can I be blunt?

Cora Hall

Interim Sports Editor

Sorry, that's not yours

Nov. 28, 2:48 p.m., officers responded to a report of larceny in Johnson Hall. The case is closed.

Liar, liar, pants on fire

Nov. 29, 1:29 p.m., officers encountered an obstruction of police and a subject making a false report at the Department of Public Safety. The investigation is still open.

It's on sale for free, right?

Nov. 30, 2:44 p.m., officers investigated a report of larceny from a building in the University Center. The case is still open.

The worst kind of person

Dec. 1, 3:03 a.m., officers responded to a report of a subject operating under the influence of liquor at South State Street and Ferris Drive. The investigation is closed,

pending court disposition.

Extra purchases

Dec. 2, 9:36 a.m., officers received a report of credit card fraud in Finch Court. The investigation is still open.

A grave night

Dec. 2, 11:50 p.m., officers investigated a report of domestic assault in Miller Hall. The case is still open.

Not a smart move

Dec. 3, 3:46 p.m., officers responded to a report of retail fraud at the Department of Public Safety. The investigation is still open.

Fraudulent activities

Dec. 3, 6:15 p.m., officers received a report of fraud at Oak View Suites. The investigation is still open.

McFake transactions

Dec. 3, 12:01 a.m., officers investigated

a report of fraud in McNerney Hall. The case is still open.

High as a kite

Dec. 5, 9:48 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance violation in Lot 7. The investigation is closed and one subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Brophy High

Dec. 10, 11:04 p.m., officers received a report of a controlled substance violation in Brophy Hall. The case was unfounded and closed.

Malicious destruction in Miller

Dec. 11, 12:45 a.m., officers investigated a report of malicious destruction of property in Miller Hall. The case is now closed.

Can I be blunt?

Dec. 11, 11:18 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance viola-

tion in Bond Hall. The case is closed and a citation was issued.

Turn the music down

Dec. 12, 2:17 a.m., officers received a report of disorderly conduct on Stewart Avenue. The investigation is closed and a citation was issued.

Not an Honors Hall anymore

Dec. 14, 8:01 p.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation in Ward Hall. The report was unfounded and the case was closed.

Rock 'n Roll

Dec. 18, 1:51 p.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run at The Rock. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Ferris Department of safety issued 881 tickets between the dates of Nov. 25 and Dec. 14, totaling \$14,785.

NEWS BRIEFS

Megan Lewton

Editor in Chief

University Center Anniversary Celebration

Honor the anniversary of the University Center (UC) 9 p.m. – midnight Friday, Jan. 18, in the UC. The event will include a glow-in-the-dark roller rink, glow air hockey and other activities. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at EU@ferris.edu.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Spend your day off from class participating in events that honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday, Jan. 21. Events include a luncheon, a freedom march and a student tribute, all of which begin in the University Center. Other events to celebrate MLK Day will be held throughout the week. For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services Assistant Director Michael Wade at omss@ferris.edu.

All Bodies Dance Party

Dance away your stress at the All Bodies Dance Party at the LGBTQ+ Resource Center in the University Center 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24. The event is open to everyone of all body types and will be disability accessible. For more information or to request additional accommodation, contact LGBTQ+ Resource Coordinator Sarah Doherty at 231-591-2658 or SarahDoherty@ferris.edu.

Magic and Mystery of Mat LaVore

Experience magic and hypnosis by Mat LaVore at the Magic and Mystery show 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in the University Center. The show, hosted by Entertainment Unlimited, features 90 minutes of magic and illusions. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at EU@ferris.edu.

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pus climate for all members of our community," Ferris Dean of Student Life Joy Pufhal said.

The national search for a new candidate began in July after Carmody left Ferris to take the Title IX Coordinator position at Alma College. More than 30 applications were submitted, with five meeting the minimum qualifications of education and experience. Three finalists were invited to campus for interviews.

The Title IX coordinator is responsible for the university's Title IX compliance and works to ensure that compliance with current regulations is maintained, according to Pufhal, who served as the interim Title IX coordinator during the vacancy and was also the head of the search committee for a new candidate.

Ferris business marketing sophomore Abdulrahman Aldobaie said that Title IX is important, and that Ferris should do more to educate students about it.

"I don't think everyone knows about this law. I think they should advertise it more or something like that, so everyone knows about it. It's something really important. I think some people, they have problems maybe, but they don't know that there's a place they can solve this problem," Aldobaie said.

The coordinator is responsible for taking efforts to prevent and respond to cases of gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault and stalking.



Abdulrahman Aldobaie

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Megan Lewton

Editor in Chief

Shanghai, China

Some people are facing punishments and threats from the Chinese police after being caught using Twitter. Although the social media site is banned in China and most people cannot access it, Twitter is still being used by some in the country, and the number of users is growing. Some censorship practices are implemented in China, such as the ban of many American social media platforms and high internet regulation. The punishments for those caught posting on Twitter include a 15-day sentence to a detention center, threats and chaining a culprit to a chair for eight hours of interrogation.

Original story by Paul Mozur, Jan. 10, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Bangkok, Thailand

A woman from Saudi Arabia who fled her family in fear for her life was granted asylum in Canada.

The woman, Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun, flew to Thailand after escaping from her family in Kuwait. She was denied entry into Thailand, prompting her to turn to social media to tell her story and plead for asylum. After remaining in a hotel room at the Suvarnabhumi Airport in Thailand for 48 hours, Alqunun was granted asylum in Canada by the United Nations.

Original story by Richard C. Paddock and Ryn Jirenuwat, Jan. 11, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Paris, France

An explosion caused by a gas leak in a Paris bakery killed at least four people and injured 47 people. Firefighters were responding to the gas leak when the explosion occurred, killing two firefighters on the scene. Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said that those in seek of shelter or further information about the explosion could go to the Town Hall, where they would receive help and accommodation.

Original story by Aurelien Breeden, Jan. 12, 2019. *The New York Times*.

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Free ride

Students respond to popular college rumor

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

A popular rumor among college students is that if your roommate dies, you get free tuition.

The rumor is popular enough that it was the premise of several movies released in the late 1990s. However, concerning Ferris, there is no such policy concerning deceased roommates and the free tuition ensuing from that event.

"I've never heard about that before, and to be honest, it's kind of absurd," Ferris special education sophomore Grace Musselman said. "I don't see why they should do something like that in that situation."

According to Ferris' Financial Aid and Housing departments, Ferris does not have a rule which gives free tuition to a student living on campus whose roommate has died. In addition, Ferris does not provide a student with a 4.0 grade point average should their roommate die, which is another facet of the popular rumor.

"I've always heard of that rumor where if someone gets hit by a bus or someone dies, the entire apartment gets straight A's," Ferris digital animation and game design junior Jesse Elliott said. "I don't think they need to implement a policy like that. I think it'd put people in an awkward situation."

However, should a student have a roommate pass away during their time studying at Ferris, the Counseling Center is available to assist should the student wish to use them.

The rumor was popular enough in the U.S. that it led to the creation of two movies, "Dead Man on Campus" and "The Curve," both released in 1998. Since then, universities such as Columbia University have written articles about whether or not a student gets free tuition or automatic 4.0 grade point average after a roommate's passing, and the answer is a resounding "no."

"It's pretty weird really, and I can understand why people would speculate that it's true," Ferris video game and animation senior Brandon Jobson said.

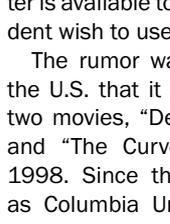
"I'm half and half on whether Ferris should do something like that. I think it benefits the student if that happens but, then again, stuff happens."



Grace Musselman



Jesse Elliott



Brandon Jobson

Food for fines



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager

For a limited time, parking tickets at Ferris can be paid for with food

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Ferris students and faculty can pay off their January parking tickets in a new way this year by using cans instead of cash.

Ferris Department of Public Safety (DPS) is allowing parking tickets received in January to be paid off with non-perishable food items during the first week of February. The food will then be donated to Wesley House, the food pantry on campus run by students. The Wesley House is located north of campus at 628 S. Warren Ave.

"What we're trying to do is give people a little relief from their parking tickets and at the same time—more importantly—try to make sure that our local food banks have enough food," DPS Director Bruce Borkovich said. "I've seen or heard of students, not necessarily on this campus, that live in their car. They're having a real

rough time without a lot of resources and we want to make sure that if there are students out there without enough nutrition that we make sure that food pantry is full."

The program will take non-perishable food at an exchange rate of five items for a \$10 ticket and 10 items for a \$20 ticket, but will not be accepting food for illegal parking in prohibited areas such as handicap spaces.

"I think this is a great idea and a very noble cause for them to support," Ferris secondary education senior Spencer Tenney said. "Even if [Wesley House] doesn't need food right now, they're going to eventually. Students get refunds back at the end of January, so usually they're set for a little while but then they run out and realize they're struggling and not everyone has someone to reach out to for help, so I think this is a great cause."

Borkovich said that if students are receptive to the limited time program that they will



Alex Downey

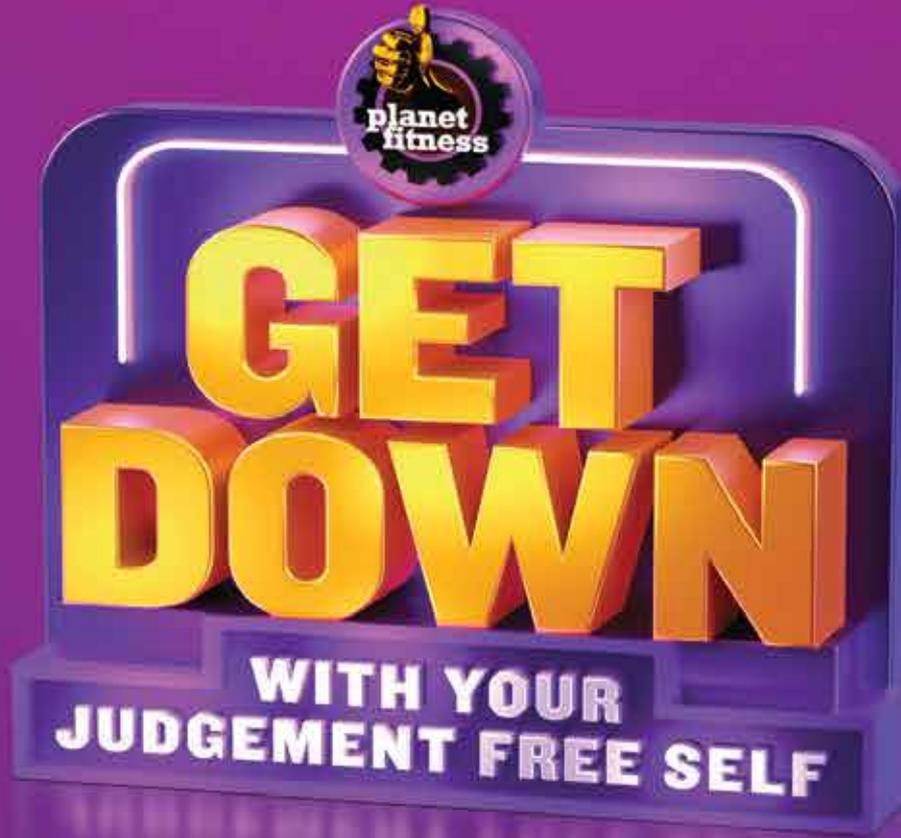
likely bring it back intermittently. However, if there is only a small amount of participants, this may be a one-time trial.

"Maybe not every month, but every couple months here and there or during Thanksgiving and Christmas time they could do this then," Ferris criminal justice junior Alex Downey said. "I think a lot of college kids are focused on themselves, understandably so, but they don't always think about other people because they're trying to help themselves and this is a good way for Ferris to push people to do more for other people."

For students and faculty looking to pay off their tickets with non-perishable items, the person who received the ticket can drop off the items to the DPS parking ticket office during their normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

A negative Outlook

I’m just going to come out and say it: I despise the new Ferris Office 365 email setup, and I know I’m not the only one.

I am constantly checking my email. It is the first thing I see when I wake up and the last thing I see when I go to bed. Due to the frequency of my email usage, I rely heavily on an email system that is simple to use, clean and organized.

Office 365 is none of those things.

Let’s start by discussing the organization. On the Microsoft Outlook app on my phone, which is what I typically use to check my email, the emails are organized into two folders: “Focused” and “Other.” Emails in the Focused folder are primarily from others within the Ferris Office 365 system, such as students and faculty. Pretty much everything else goes in the other folder and I don’t get notified of them unless I search for them. I’m sure this is intended

to sort out the spam, and sure, about half of the messages in the Other folder are, indeed, spam. However, the other half of the messages that I’m not seeing are from my professors on Blackboard, loan services with critical information about my financial aid and shipping information for online orders. Certainly, these are all important things that I need to see in a timely matter, but unless I remember to check the Other folder multiple times a day, I’m not going to see everything I need to see right away.

Another major downfall of the Office 365 switch is that all of my older emails are still in my Ferris Gmail account, as they were not automatically transferred over. This is tedious more than anything. I have a significant amount of previous messages from classmates and coworkers that I need to reference regularly.

As a result, I constantly have both Outlook and Gmail opened

on my laptop, so I can hop back and forth between the two, feverishly searching until I finally find what I’ve been looking for. Yet, this method can’t last forever, as our Gmail accounts will be deleted in May, so eventually I’ll have to transfer three years’ worth of vital documents — my resume and other hiring documents, notes, conversations with potential employers—over to Outlook, all to use it for one last semester before I graduate.

Not to mention the infinite amount of documents that we all kept in our Google Drive. The thought of saving and moving all of that makes me want to cry.

Don’t get me wrong: there are a few small benefits that Ferris Office 365 has to offer. Now that we’re all in the same system, you can just search a Ferris student’s name and their email comes up, which, admittedly, has really come in handy for me. It’s also nice to not have *EXT* in front of all of

my emails from my professors.

However, I think there’s definitely some significant flaws in the system, and I’m beyond frustrated that I have to spend so much time researching and trying to tweak my account to be more user friendly (of course, with little success). It shouldn’t be this difficult to receive a damn email. I want my old Gmail back!

For those who loathe Outlook as much as I do, there’s a settings tab on the desktop version of Outlook. If you click on that and then “Mail,” you can mess with some of the settings. I’ve been unable to fix any of the major flaws I’ve discussed previously, but I figured out how to add an email signature, so hey, it’s a start.

R.I.P. Meg’s Ferris Gmail account: 2016-2018. I miss you more than you know. I should have never taken you for granted.

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Maybe give professional soccer a chance, OK?

Gallup poll reveals times have changed

It was on a Saturday at turkey camp last spring. I ended the hunt early to watch my favorite American sports team, the Los Angeles Galaxy, face FC Dallas in what would eventually be a 3-2 loss to the Texan soccer team. Despite late goals from Ola Kamara and Emmanuel Boateng, and a Dallas player sent off with a red card, reducing Dallas to 10 men, L.A. could not pull together a win or even a draw.

But the result was neither here nor there. The significance of that day that stands out the most in my memory was when my hunting buddy Marcus returned to the cabin to learn in stark realization that the United States — our home country — had a professional soccer league. He was under the impression we played internationally in the FIFA World Cup every four years, and then the players of the national team dicked around in the three-year “offseason.”

As a blatantly, psychopathically immense fan of the sport, this sentiment hurt me — hard — and right in the heart, more so than a six-hour bacon cheeseburger bender at



Jonny Parshall
Opinions Editor

Culver’s.

It hurt me, nigh offended me, but it did not surprise me.

Marcus simply reinforced the old fallacy commonly misknown across the country that association football (the official name of soccer) is not a popular sport. I cannot completely blame him for the misunderstanding; after all, the sport harbors a stigma common in our culture. We live in a country whose official national pastime is baseball, whose families crowd around the television each Super Bowl in the millions and whose offices draw up their annual bracket pools each March Madness.

As ball sports go, we as an American culture prefer American inventions — baseball, basketball, American football and stock car racing. Ice hockey, a mostly Canadian development, earns an honorable mention.

And yet soccer, very much a European import, hasn’t seemed to

earn the same respect. You have heard the criticisms, no doubt: It’s a low scoring game. Games end in a potential draw or tie. There isn’t enough physical contact. It isn’t very popular. Yadda, yadda ... yadda.

These criticisms have created a soc-

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cer-shaming subculture that has relegated the sport to a “game” for women, children, Latin American immigrants and hipsters ... something acknowledged, but not respected with any sense of dignity.

“Fun to play, boring to watch.” Sort of like lacrosse, or bowling, et cetera.

And yet these criticisms lack any context or comparison.

Soccer games are, indeed, typically low scoring. Each goal is worth one point, not three, five, seven or whatever. A solid win might end 2-1. A 3-0 win is considered dominating. While this score line might appear low, to say it is uneventful is misleading. The action is constant. According to an analysis by the Wall Street Journal, the average professional soccer player runs seven miles per game. Compare that to the average American football wide receiver or cornerback who runs only 1.25 miles per game. The farthest run by a professional basketball player was Luol Deng of the Chicago Bulls, at 2.72 miles on average.

In the same study, the Wall Street Journal calculates out of 90 minutes of each game, there is an average of only 11 minutes of active ball play in American football. In soccer, out of 90 minutes, there is 90 minutes of ball play. The clock does not stop except for halftime. Any missed minutes the ball lands out of play or a player is injured is added to

the end of each half. Every second is filled with drama, and every goal is a gift from God (or the devil, depending on whom you support).

And there are no god-awful commercial breaks.

And about the physical contact? Yes, in terms of toughness, soccer players are no MMA fighters. There are no quarterback sacks or body checks as there are in football or ice hockey, respectively. But a solid slide tackle from a tactful defender would certainly penalize a basketball or baseball player. It's very much a contact sport, but if you crave full body man-to-man action, perhaps WWE is the more appropriate choice.

And as for the popularity, maybe take off the blinders and look around. True, Michigan isn't the foremost soccer-rich environment. While this state harbors great semi-professional teams in Lansing, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Detroit, it has yet to secure a Major League Soccer (MLS) home team (though rumors abound). At the same time, when Spain's Real Madrid faced England's Manchester United in 2014 at the University of Michigan's “big house” stadium in Ann Arbor, tickets sold out. That's more than 100,000 “women, children and hipsters.”

Meanwhile, in other states, average MLS attendance to games has risen to more than 21,000 per game in 2016. Home attendance for Georgia's Atlanta United was more than double that in 2017. Total MLS game attendance in 2016 was more than seven million, which was three times

as much as 2002. The game, as a spectator sport, is growing — not slowly, and not quietly.

According to a Gallup poll from Jan. 4, 2018, soccer has overtaken hockey as America's fourth-most favorite sport to watch, ranking in at 7 percent of people age 18 to 55 polled. That number is up from three percent in 2014. That increase might seem small, but compare that to the measly 1 percent rise for hockey (4 percent up from three), and the decline in percentage for football (37, down from 39), basketball (11, down from 12) and baseball (9 percent, down from 13), and the results are clear. Soccer is the fastest growing sport in America. Within three years, it is expected to overtake baseball as the country's third-most popular spectator sport. Within ten years, it will overtake basketball as the second.

American football should be safe for at least 30 years or so.

Hopefully, with these words I have convinced you to give the sport a second look, if not a second chance. While it will always have its naysayers, that number is looking to shrink each year. Association football is an exciting, enticing and all-around entertaining sport whose fans measure in the millions nationwide, and billions worldwide. So maybe choke back the hard-to-swallow pills, cast aside the ignorant prejudices and go ahead and pick your favorite team. (Bonus points if you choose the LA Galaxy.)

My friend Marcus knows better now. Do you?

Keep your sanity

Achieving your goals in the new year

Happy New Year, everyone!

Ah, my favorite time of the year. A time for new beginnings, fresh starts and new goals. It's resolution time.

Often, my resolutions are like anyone else's: lose weight, eat healthy, get good grades, find world peace, yadda yadda; and when the clock strikes midnight, I am pumped! I'm ready to ace my goals and there's nothing that can stop me!

Then week two hits and my motivation gets lost somewhere between my fourth cheeseburger and my 100th episode of Grey's Anatomy. I become so mad at myself that my goals are “ruined,” I stop trying altogether.

“I'll try again next year,” I tell myself.

Sound familiar?

According to businessinsider.com, “80 percent of resolutions fail by the second week of February.”

If you're one of those people who wants a fresh start every year or every Monday, I'm right there with you. However, after years of beating myself up because I missed a day of exercise, and in light of this new statistic, I've decided to write down a new goal: keep trying.

I can't tell you how many times I've flaked on my New Year's resolutions, and for what? Because one day I was too tired to hit the gym, or because it was my friend's birthday and I wanted some cake? Not everything is picture perfect but that doesn't mean it isn't worth it.

You won't get everything on the first try, and somebody needs to



Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

tell you that that's OK. I'm no longer a believer in getting things “perfect.” I'm a believer in getting things done with my sanity still intact.

We have to be realistic with ourselves. How many times did you hit the gym last year? Is it likely that you'll visit it seven days a week? Do you even like vegetables? How likely is it that you'll eat a salad every day?

I'm not saying don't set these big goals for yourself. They are a nice idea. I'm just saying don't throw your resolutions out the window if you don't ace them. Set big goals and take tiny steps. Allow yourself some wiggle room and expect that you will stumble. We're human college students where our time isn't our own and our body craves junk food. You can't punish yourself for that.

If you can't hit the gym because you've been up all night studying for your 8 a.m. exam, get some sleep, it's more important. You can hit the Rec tomorrow and maybe you stay for an extra 10 to 15 minutes. It's January and I can already tell you I've stumbled a few times, and I've made adjustments.

So, if you “fail” after the first month?

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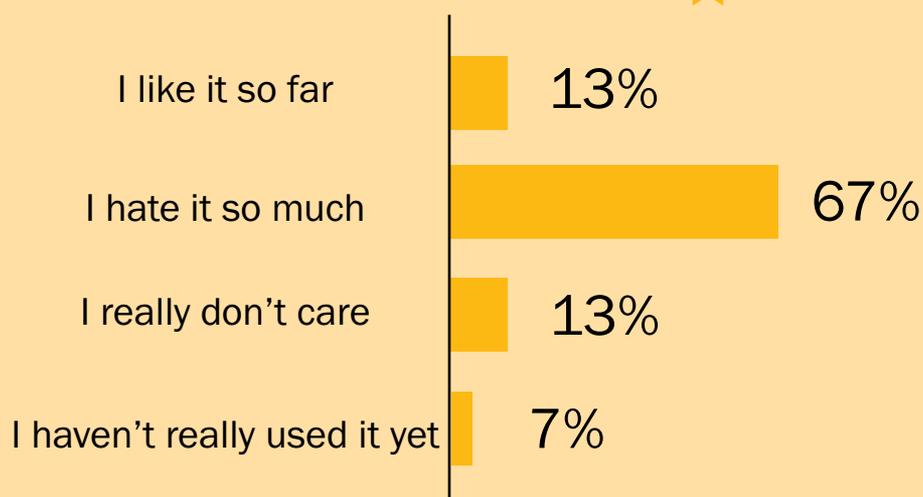
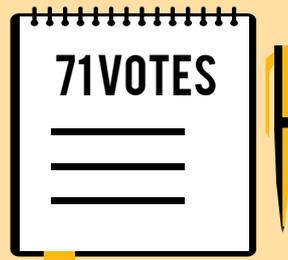
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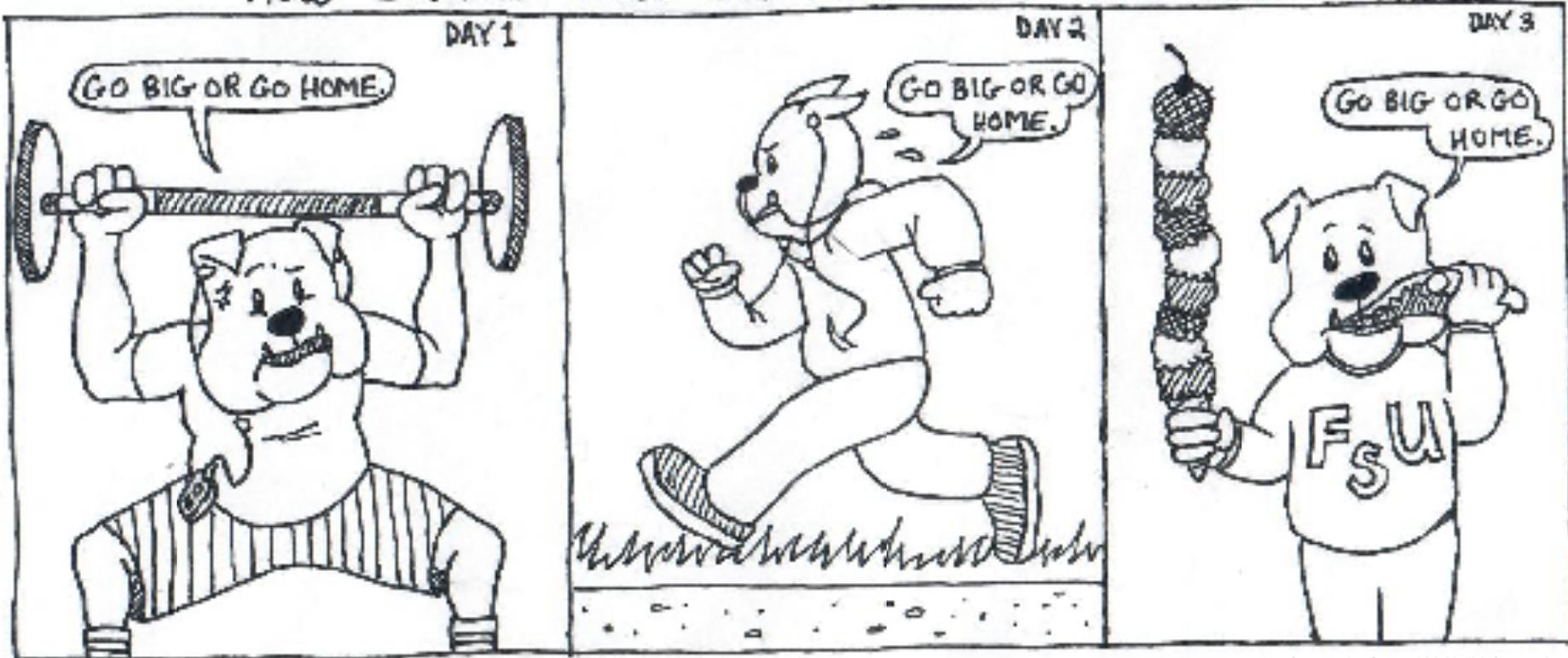
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Marching band IS a sport

Stop hating on band kids

I did marching band for four years in high school and not once did anyone outside of the band community recognize us as a sport.

Most of you must think marching band isn't a sport, but why? We have practices like every other sport. There's a week-long band camp, usually during the hottest week of summer, where we stand outside for about nine hours each day. While outside, we do exercises: stretches to warm us up, run around the track a couple times and marching.

Marching is a very precise art that takes a very long time to learn, and so we spend hours on hours standing at attention and going through different drills to perfect our marching. There



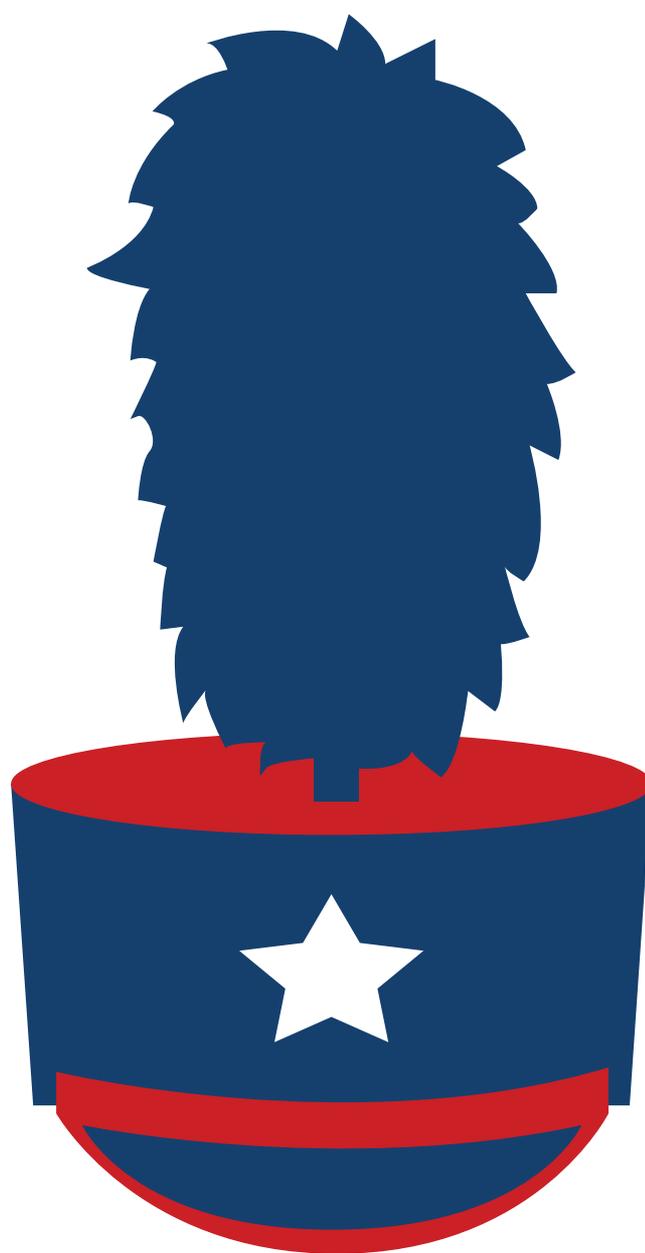
Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

are also different sizes of instruments ranging from little flutes and clarinets to ginormous tubas and drum sets. The latter take an immense amount of strength and stamina to march with during a nine hour day.

Being a part of marching band also means you aren't recognized for most of the effort you put in. In high school, we had many pep assemblies. We'd have assemblies before dances to get everybody excited for the upcoming

weekend festivities. At these assemblies they would announce everyone on the sports teams during that season: fall was football and volleyball, winter was basketball, wrestling and so on. Do you think our principal even mentioned that there were band kids sitting in the bleachers? Nope.

We'd spend hours practicing our music and learning our drill to make sure we'd have the perfect show. No one told us at school how great our halftime show was on Friday night. We'd put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into our halftime shows every year, and all we want in return is to be acknowledge as a sport.



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Bulldogs fall in National Championship



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Ferris senior defensive tackle Jamil Pollard and junior defensive end Austin Edwards fight to get past the Valdosta offensive line in the National Championship game Saturday, Dec. 15. Edwards racked up 42 solo tackles, 55 assisted tackles and 8.5 sacks this season while Pollard added 16 solo tackles and 33 assisted tackles.

Historic season ends two points short of a national title

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Ferris came to Texas in search of their first ever football National Championship but left the stadium watching the other team hoist the trophy.

In front of a crowd of 4,306 people packed into McKinney ISD Stadium in McKinney, Texas, Ferris ultimately came up short of their national title aspirations, falling 49-47 to Valdosta State Saturday, Dec. 15.

In a game that featured seven lead changes and one tie, it was one for the ages as the two last undefeated teams in Division II football put on a show, scoring 96 points total, which is the third highest points scored in a championship game.

In this shootout, both offenses believed that they did what they needed to do to win the game, and Ferris junior wide receiver Dion Earls said there wasn't much else their offense could have done.



Dion Earls

"I don't believe that there was anything we could do better. I feel like 47 points, especially in a championship game, is enough. I feel like we did a great job on offense all around," Earls said.

However, that performance was largely for naught.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring with a Division II National Championship Game record 80-yard touchdown pass by Ferris junior wide receiver Jevon Shaw. Shaw took the lateral from Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell and proceeded to throw it to wide-open Ferris senior wide receiver Keyondre Craig, who took it to the house for a 7-0 lead.

After the Blazers answered with Valdosta sophomore quarterback Rogan Wells throwing the first of what would end up being five touchdown passes on the day with a 21-yard strike

to Valdosta sophomore wide receiver Lio'undre Gallimore, the Bulldogs followed it up with some more history.

With 2:18 left in the opening quarter, Ferris junior kicker Jackson Dieterle nailed a Division II National Championship Game record 52-yard field goal. That may come as a surprise to many, given the fact that he was just 7 of 18 on his field goal attempts thus far this season.

The back and forth action continued into the second quarter. After Valdosta had retaken the lead on a second touchdown pass by Wells, Ferris got the lead back after a muffed punt led to a short field, which led to a three yard touchdown run by Campbell and a 17-14 lead.

The score at the half would end up being 28-24 in favor of the Blazers after a short touchdown run by Valdosta freshman running back Seth McGill with just seconds remaining before halftime.

In the third quarter, Valdosta would extend their lead out to 42-31 thanks to a couple more touchdown tosses by Wells and an untimely pick from Campbell. The pick was just Campbell's sixth of the season.

Ferris tightened it up to 42-38 on a crazy touchdown reception by Craig, in which Valdosta sophomore defensive back Corey Roberts questionably decided to tip the ball back into the endzone while going out of bounds in search of an interception. Instead of a pick, it landed in the hands of Craig in the endzone for a Ferris touchdown.

However, the Blazers responded with some trickery of their own as they brought in backup quarterback, Valdosta freshman Ivory Durham, and lined him up at halfback. The result was Durham getting the ball and tossing it down the sideline to Wells for what was Wells' sixth touchdown of the game. That made the score 49-38 with 11:36 remaining in the game.

Ferris would have a chance though. After a pair of defensive stops and another Dieterle field goal, the Bulldogs had a chance to march down the field and tie the game.

However, it was not meant to be, even though the Bulldogs

would score with a five-yard run by Ferris freshman wide receiver Sy Barnett to make it 49-47. Despite the touchdown, the Bulldogs were unable to convert the two-point try as Shaw's pass would sail incomplete out of the back of the end zone.

That two-point try was stressful for everybody who was in the stadium, and that would certainly apply to Valdosta State head coach Kerwin Bell, who could barely stand to watch the play as it happened.

"I didn't want to go to overtime, that's for sure. With their quarterback, he's special, and I did not want to go to overtime," Bell said. "It came down to a big play and everybody is sort of running that play after the Eagles made it famous last year, and we covered it really well."

And thus, this became a game that Ferris players, along with the coaches and the fans who made the trip, will remember for a very long time, despite the loss. While it certainly wasn't the end that anybody wanted, it's important to look back and admire the season for what it was.

Despite the loss, Ferris head coach Tony Annese believes his team has many reasons to be proud.

"You know, I've said it all along. we internalized our mission. They never give in and they never quit. We have never, and I mean never, had a time where one moment would bring us down," Annese said. "So I don't know why we have that attribute of being gritty and never giving in, but that's who we are and at the end of this game, we were very proud of our guys."

The 2018 Ferris football team became the first to reach the National Championship Game and set a program record with 15 wins in one season.



Kerwin Bell



Tony Annese

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Davontae Harrington
@iamDH3_

Win or lose, all glory be to my lord and savior Jesus Christ, couldn't have gotten here without him. S/O to all the fans that came out from wherever they came to support. Congrats to my teammates and coaches on a great season. #thankful

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The cherry on top



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Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell talks to the media after winning the Harlon Hill trophy Friday, Dec. 14. Ferris has brought home three of the last five Harlon Hill trophies.

Jayru Campbell brings home Harlon Hill trophy

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

After accumulating several accolades already this season, Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell added one more to his resume.

The Harlon Hill trophy is given to the Most Valuable Player in the NCAA Division II and it was awarded to Campbell Friday, Dec. 14. In addition to the Harlon Hill trophy, Campbell has been awarded Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year, First Team All-GLIAC Quarterback, American Football Coaches Association First Team All-America Quarterback and Associated Press' All-American honors.

Campbell said he's thankful for the opportunities.



Tony Annese

"I mean, I came every day to practice, weights, conditioning, whatever it was, I came prepared like I was the best player out there, the best player in the world," Campbell said. "I'm very thankful for this award."

Head coach Tony Annese had nothing but praise for his starting quarterback after the announcement was made, and he said there's more to it than his stats.

"It's been a dream season for him, a dream season for our team," Annese said. "A lot goes into it, you know, he's been a great leader, a hard worker and he's really propelled us to take it to the next level. You talk a lot about his skill set but he's really, what he's really done is made us a tougher team and helped us be a great



Jayru Campbell

team."

Annese put together a watch party for the announcement in McKinney, Texas, and said Campbell was originally against the idea.

"We came down to Texas to play in the national championship game," Campbell said. "Coach Annese is a really loving coach and he loves to do stuff like this and I don't know, I guess I was a little too focused on the championship game."

Campbell was named GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week six times this season and leads the nation in touchdowns with 43 this year. He also leads the nation in rushing yards as a quarterback with 1,188 yards. He has a 60 percent passing completion and has 2,453 passing yards.

Ferris freshman wide receiver Sy Barnett said ever since Campbell came to Ferris, they've had a bond and it's only gotten stronger since then.

"Oh, he definitely deserves it, 100 percent," Barnett said. "He's the hardest worker I've ever met. He's the man who needed to win this award."

The last time a Ferris player won the Harlon Hill was Jason Vander Laan, who brought home the trophy in both 2014 and 2015.



Sy Barnett

Annese makes appearance in awards season



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Head coach Tony Annese talks to one of his players on the sideline of McKinney ISD Stadium during the championship game Saturday, Dec. 15. Annese captured his 300th career win when Ferris beat Minnesota State-Mankato in the Final Four this year.

Annese earns Hero Sports Coach of the Year honors

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Since taking over the football program at Ferris seven years ago, it's hard to ignore the success head coach Tony Annese has had.

This season, the Bulldogs had the chance to show that improvement on the big stage in their first National Championship game Saturday, Dec. 15. Although they left Texas without a win, Annese wouldn't leave the weekend without any accolades of his own.

Fans have certainly recognized Annese's success when they voted him the winner of the Hero Sports Division II football Coach of the Year fan poll Friday, Dec. 14.

"It's pretty neat," Annese said. "I just heard about that today. I really don't know much about it other than one of my assistant coaches said 'Hey, you were Hero Sports Coach of the Year,' but it's neat. It's really a team accomplishment. The team's done great things and it's a coaching staff accomplishment, so I'm proud of everybody."

His players didn't need a fan poll to tell them what they already knew, however, as many of them have come to Ferris just to play under Annese.

"I'd say the culture that he brings to Ferris State and the love that he has for all of his players are the two main factors," Ferris sophomore linebacker Liam Daly said.

Ferris junior linebacker Avonte Bell echoed Daly's sentiment and said Annese cares about them as people, not just players.

"Coach Annese is a wonderful coach. He's like another dad. His qualities as a person just make us better and he's made us better men on and off the field," Bell said. "With Coach Annese, it's deeper than football. It's not like other coaches. Coach Annese actually cares about his players, and it's really cool to have him as a coach."

Overall, it's just another feather in the cap for a coach who is as admired and as respected as Annese is among his players, his fellow coaches and the fans.



Liam Daly

An unexpected hero

After struggling all season, Ferris kicker keeps team in the game

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

Although they ultimately fell short in the last minutes of the National Championship, the Bulldogs wouldn't have had the chance to take it to overtime without two crucial field goals.

Ferris junior kicker Jackson Dieterle has struggled all season, completing only seven of the 18 field goals. Saturday, Dec. 15, he broke the Division II National Championship game field goal record with a 52-yard kick in the first quarter and gave Ferris an early game lead of 10-3.

Dieterle wasn't even aware he broke the record until after the game, but he said he treated it the same as every other field goal, even though it was a full seven yards longer than his career best of 45 yards.

"I just take every kick the same, just take a deep breath and walk out on the field and go over my routine in my head and just know that I'm going to make it," Dieterle said. "My coaches put me in the position to make a play and luckily I made it."

Fast forward to the fourth quarter and Ferris is down 49-38. After a long drive down the field, the Bulldogs were forced to kick and Dieterle's 31-yard field goal was good, putting Ferris back in the game at 49-41 with just more than five minutes left to play.

Dieterle — who is familiar with the pressure of playoffs, having played in the 2016 playoff run to the semifinals as a freshman — said he dealt with injuries this season, but once he was healthy, playoffs were the only thing on his mind.

"I struggled with injuries all year. I didn't really get healthy until probably the last three weeks of the regular season, so once I got healthy, I got it in my mind that I was going to get ready for the playoffs and be as good as I could in the playoffs," Dieterle said.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris junior kicker Jackson Dieterle celebrates his 52-yard field goal, which was a Division II National Championship Game record.

According to Ferris head coach Tony Annese, the record-breaking field goal almost didn't happen.

"He had a great day today, I'm very proud of him. We debated and we were late really to get the field goal team on because the three guys who really are primarily responsible for play calling, one said 'Let's go for it,' one said 'Kick the field goal,' and one said 'Let's punt it.' So we were late to decide to go for this field goal. It's really kind of on the edge of his range and he broke a record, so that's pretty cool," Annese said.

Even though the Bulldogs came up two points short this

time, the chance to tie it at the end came courtesy of Dieterle, and he came out of the game with his head high.

"It was a dream season for us. That's the best we've ever done and I feel like in these games you need some experience like that," Dieterle said. "You know, I'm really proud of this team and really proud to be a part of this team. We're one big family and you win some, you lose some."

Texas bound

Senior football captain discusses what it means to make it to the National Championship

This is the moment you wait for ever since you first step foot onto Ferris State's campus as a student-athlete on the football team.

You hear about the opportunity to win championships when you are being recruited by Coach Annese and the coaching staff at Ferris, but the reality of it doesn't hit you until you step onto the field for the first time.

That was me my freshman year back in the fall of 2014. I was redshirted that fall, but instantly saw what Coach Annese was building, and that was a championship culture. We won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship my freshman year for the first time since the 90s, and after that experience of being redshirted, I was eager to step on the field.

Year in and year out, I saw this organization buy more and more into Coach Annese's four pillars of success, which is being in the "FOLD." This stands for faith, order, love and discipline. The organization soon began to realize that only we could beat ourselves and the sky was the limit for what we could achieve.

Fast forward time, and here we are in 2018. I am currently a senior captain on the Ferris State football team in my final semester of school and final fall on the team. I have a career record of 60-7, have made five straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances, have competed in two NCAA National Semifinals and have won three GLIAC championships (in 2014, 2015 and 2018).

During this campaign in 2018, we went 15-1 in my senior year and had a chance to win a National Championship.

I have been on tremendous teams over



Danny Collins
Former Torch Staff

the past four years and have developed and learned more about my team and myself over the years. We have an ultimate chip on our shoulder, since not many people were expecting us to do as well as we have. We take pride in competing until the end and we will never let our foot off the gas on the field.

I am extremely proud and honored to lead this team as a captain and be a part of such a great group of guys.

Making it the National Championship in my final season means the world to me. It has been something I have worked for ever since I was a freshman here at Ferris. It has taken selflessness, dedication, hard work and persistence to get to where we are.

I am thankful for the lessons I have learned through Coach Annese and the Ferris State football team. The program has shaped me into a better person and I have grown as a young man. I can honestly say I truly found who I am in my four and a half years at Ferris State University as a student-athlete.

I chose Ferris State because of the family atmosphere and culture that was being established throughout the campus. The people in the Ferris community are what make this place so special. I have made life-long relationships with teammates, coaches, faculty and other students. I am confident I made the right choice to attend Ferris State and I have no regrets.



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Ferris senior cornerback Danny Collins celebrates their semifinal win against Minnesota State Saturday, Dec. 8. He has made 24 tackles and 26 assisted tackles in his career.

An emotional ending

Players show their sorrow in the game's final moments

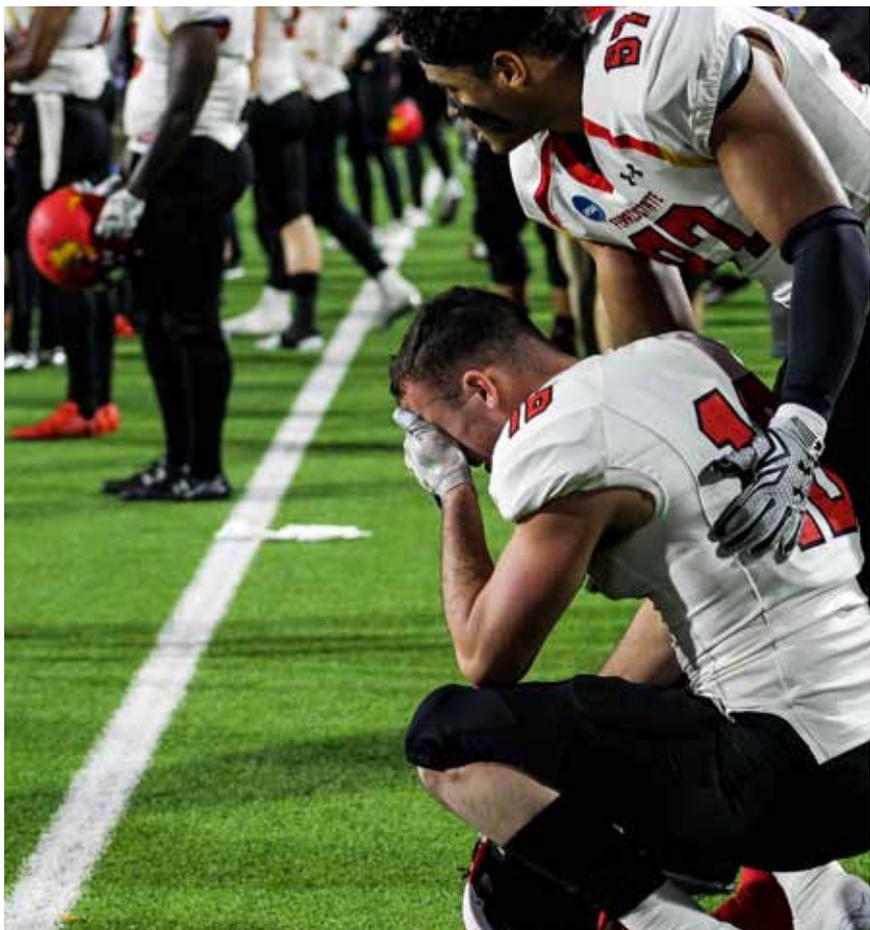


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SPORTS

“Our culture allowed us to move through adversity and fostered a belief that we can adjust and grow at any time of the season.”

- Kendra Faustin - See page 11 for story

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Trouble in paradise



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Ferris senior forward Markese Mayfield throws down a dunk during a home game this season. Mayfield has averaged 26.2 minutes and 10.3 points per game.

Ferris basketball continues championship hangover

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Though the men's basketball team ended winter break on a positive note with a narrow win over Northern Michigan University, they have struggled during Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play.

The Bulldogs entered the season as favorites to win the GLIAC title after their record breaking season and national championship run in the 2017-18 season. Ferris knew that they would not be the same team as last year after losing some key players, but remained optimistic that they would be the best in the conference. However, after a pair of losses during conference play, the Bulldogs appear to be slowing down.

As the Bulldogs' season started off, no one expected them to have as remarkable of a season as they did last year, seeing that only losing one game is an incredible feat. During their first 10 games, the Bulldogs posted a 5-5 record, which would seem normal to any other program, but for the Bulldogs appeared to be a slow start. This could be correlated with the departure of most players from their regular starting lineup, such as the 2017-18 Division II National Player of the Year Zach Hankins.

Hankins left a legacy behind at Ferris before transferring to Xavier University to play Division I. Nearly averaging a double-double throughout the 2017-18 season, along with 3.3 blocks per game, Ferris knew that it may be a long time before seeing another player like Hankins in the lineup. The Bulldogs have a few players to fill in for the big man role, such as 6-foot-8 Toledo transfer Taylor Adway, but have been slow to get the ball rolling.



Taylor Adway

Also, when you remove last year's starting seniors such as Noah King, Peter Firlik and Drew Cushingberry, and practically start the new season with a whole new starting five, things will be a little different. Something that is hard to be taught in practice is the chemistry that resides with the starting five, even though these players are with each other and practice in game-like situations, it can never be simulated to when it actually comes down to it.

Even before the 2017-18 season, Ferris only lost one senior, so the impact was not as great since most players already knew exactly how their in-game mechanics worked. When that is completely changed, it takes some time to acclimate before everything is set in stone.

Another contributor towards the “not so normal” start of the season is the inability to rally back and close out a game where they have trailed. Out of all seven losses on the year, the Bulldogs always go into halftime down by some number of points, with an exception of one game that was tied. With a few valiant efforts to get comeback wins, the Bulldogs have fallen short, as three games have been decided by three points or less. As for the eleven wins they have, they have never trailed going into the half.

Since starting out 5-5, with two losses being GLIAC opponents, the Bulldogs have gone 7-2, which looks good as they are now 12-7, but both of those losses during that time were opponents in their conference. Sitting at a 4-4 conference record, the Bulldogs are tied for sixth among both the North and South divisions of GLIAC.

The Bulldogs are home 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, to face off against GLIAC opponent Purdue Northwest.

Not getting results

Bulldogs improve since last match but still come up short

Cora Hall

Interim Sports Editor

After falling twice to Minnesota State University–Mankato in November, the Bulldogs looked to avenge themselves in their first home series of 2019, but came up short with two losses on the weekend.

The Bulldogs hoped to change their luck with a change in goal, and Ferris junior goaltender Justin Kapelmaster started in net both games for the first time since a tie Friday, Dec. 7, against Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

The Mavericks, ranked No. 8 nationally, held a record of 16-5-1 heading into the weekend of Jan. 11 and 12, with 11 wins in Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) play compared to Ferris' three conference wins. The Bulldogs fared much better this weekend in defensive play, giving up five goals compared to the 12 they allowed when they last faced the Mavericks in Minnesota.

"I think a lot of that does show the results of improvement by our team, I really do," Ferris head coach Bob Daniels said. "I think we are a much better team right now than we were in the first half of the year. Again, it's disappointing though. We're 2-4 in the second half now and we could easily be 4-2 or 5-1. So from the standpoint of seeing improvement from the team, I'm very delighted. Now the results need to start following, though."

Friday, Jan. 11, was a slow start for the Bulldogs and they fell behind 2-0 in the first period. The Mavericks' first and second goals came from Mankato sophomore forwards Reggie Lutz and Jake Jaremko 12 minutes in, with Jaremko's goal off of a power play that the Bulldogs could not answer to in the first period.

Six minutes into the second period, the Bulldogs rallied with a goal by Ferris senior defenseman Zach Tierney, his second of the season. He was assisted by Ferris freshmen forwards Hunter Wendt and Jake Transit.

The Bulldogs would even the game in the third period with a goal by Ferris sophomore forward Lucas Finner, who tapped in a deflected shot by Ferris freshman defenseman Cooper Zech. Despite their efforts in the third to seal the deal, Ferris would enter overtime for the third game in a row. The Bulldogs would create two quality chances on goal but the Mavericks would take the game with a goal by Mankato junior defenseman Ian Scheid in at 3:03 of extra time.

At the end of the game, Minnesota State outshot Ferris 41-19 and Kapelmaster had 38 saves in the goal. Daniels



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Ferris junior forward Oskar Andren skated to get open on a Bulldog attack. Andren has two goals and seven assists this season.

said he was happy with Kapelmaster's performance in goal after not seeing the ice for awhile.

"It was really good, considering he hasn't played much. I thought he was very sharp, I really did," Daniels said. "When you haven't played that long, it was amazing. I thought he played very, very well and a nice thing, too. It gives Roni [Salmenkangas] a chance to come up for air. I think it'll make Roni a better goaltender."

Saturday, Jan. 12, would be another slow start on both sides of the ice, as there were no goals scored in the first period. Kapelmaster got the start in net again and stayed perfect through the first, facing 16 shots in the first period as the Mavericks continued to lead in shots, with Ferris getting only six off.

Minnesota State struck first with a controversial goal call two minutes into the second period by Mankato sophomore forward Dallas Gerads. The officials reviewed the play for kicking, but ultimately called it a goal for the Mavericks, deciding that Gerads kicked the puck and deflected it in with his stick.

Ferris nearly scored off a power play halfway through the second but failed to match the Maverick goal in the second

period, despite gaining five power plays. Minnesota led Ferris in shots at the end of the second 31-16.

The Mavericks increased their lead in the third with a goal from Lutz to make the score 2-0.

Ferris finally got on the board on a power play with less than five minutes left in the game and Ferris junior defenseman Nate Kallen would get his fifth goal of the season, assisted by Ferris senior forward Corey Mackin and Zech.

The Bulldogs would get off five more shots and even pull Kapelmaster out of the net in a last attempt to tie up the game, but they ultimately fell short 2-1. Kapelmaster put on another strong performance for the Bulldogs with 42 saves and Kallen had the lone goal of the night.

"I think we need to keep getting pucks to the net, keep working hard, keep winning battles," Kallen said. "I think that if we play the way we did against Minnesota — they're a high ranked team — if we play the way we did against them, we'll come up and get a 'W' against the next six teams."

The Bulldogs will take the ice again 7:37 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, and 7:07 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Bowling Green State University.

Sports Shorts

Noah Poser

Torch Reporter

All-Americans

D2Football.com has announced its All-American team for the 2018 season and the Bulldogs were heavily represented, with three players making first and second teams, along with two receiving honorable mentions.



Devon Johnson

Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell was named a first-team All-American and was also recognized as the National Offensive Player of the Year by D2Football.com.

Ferris senior offensive tackle Devon Johnson also received first-team honors, while Ferris junior defensive back Delon Stephenson represented Ferris on the second team.

Ferris senior offensive guard Nic Sawyer and Ferris junior defensive end Austin Edwards were listed as Honorable Mentions.

Early look at potential preseason top 10

NCAA.com has offered an early look toward next football season with a list of the potential top ten teams going into the 2019 season.

With key players returning on both sides of the ball including Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell on offense and Ferris junior defensive end Austin Edwards on defense, it's not that much of a shock that the Bulldogs are listed as the potential No. 2 team in the nation.

They are listed behind Valdosta State University (Georgia), who defeated the Bulldogs in the national championship game in December 49-47.



Jayru Campbell

The Bulldogs are likely to be back in the mix next season after their first ever national title game appearance.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday Jan. 17:

- Women's Basketball vs. Purdue Northwest 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Purdue Northwest 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 19:

- Women's Basketball vs. Wisconsin-Parkside 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Wisconsin-Parkside 3 p.m.

Looking to rebound



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Bulldogs aim higher after bad loss

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

The Ferris women's basketball team is rebounding off of last season's success and starting this new season strong.

They already have a winning record halfway through the season, which is giving the team the motivational boost they need.

"We have become way more motivated. We are such a competitive team this year which is what I really love," Ferris sophomore guard Shaniya Huggins said. "We have a totally different mindset this year."

Huggins, one of the starting five of the team, has already received Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Week honors this season. After just arriving last year, she is already making her mark.

"Even if I did not get Player of the Week, I would still play hard every game and be my best," Huggins said. "I couldn't thank my teammates enough because I could not get Player of the Week without them. In my opinion, Player of the Week should go to my whole team, not just myself."

Last season, the Bulldogs made it to the GLIAC Tournament Semifinals and lost to Grand Valley State University.

"The GLIAC tournament run gave us some great experience in tournament play with a young team that will be valuable in the future. It also validated our focus on our core values and the 'how' of the way we operate as a group," Ferris head women's basketball coach Kendra Faustin said. "Our culture allowed us to move through adversity and fostered a belief that we can adjust and grow at any time of the season."

With a young team this season, the team is preparing for more battles, as there are still plenty of conference games to be played.



Kendra Faustin

Ferris sophomore guard Adrienne Anderson has also brought home GLIAC player of the week honors for Ferris and is also one of the starting five this year.



Adrienne Anderson

"I'd say my focus is to continue to work hard daily in practices so that my games continue to improve," Anderson said. "All of my teammates and I play a crucial part to our success and each of us play it to the best of our abilities."

Anderson said she has taken on more of a leadership role since she has become a starter.

"I believe that given the opportunity to be a starter means that you should inherently take on leadership responsibilities," Anderson said. "Having taken on a bigger role that is necessary to my team and our success, and it has allowed me to grow as a basketball player and a leader."

The team is coming off a couple tough losses against Michigan Tech University and Northern Michigan University that brought their conference record to 4-4. The Bulldogs plan to finish the last half of the regular season strong with a winning mindset.

"Our mindset for this season is to continue to move our program forward and to focus on our process in the pursuit of excellence," Faustin said. "What has impressed me most about our group so far is the way that we have embraced and fulfilled major role changes, come together as a large group of 18 and handled adversity. We will have some major adversity in the upcoming weeks and I'm confident this group will do the work to navigate through it together, putting the team first."

Faustin is in her fourth year as the head coach of the Bulldogs, with last year being her most successful year, and she plans to continue the success by only going further this year.

The Bulldogs look to turn the trend around 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, against Purdue Northwest and stay undefeated at home.

No energy drinks for you

How strict NCAA drug policies get players in trouble



Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Minor offenses in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) could leave players suspended over course of play, especially during playoff season.

If you turned the TV on during winter break and flipped to any sport network, odds are there was a bowl game played between two Division I college teams. With locations varied from Hawaii to Florida and the importance of each game different, it is still an experience for the student-athlete, whether it is playing the National Championship or even just the Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl. However, with new strict rules from the NCAA, some of these experiences may be thwarted.

Each student athlete is required to submit drug tests just like at the professional level, whether it is scheduled or spontaneous. Hearing this information is normal, since athletes should not be on any sort of steroid or growth hormone that would potentially offer them an advantage over their opponent. But these tests do not just test for those drugs; they also test for whether or not the student athlete had an energy drink.

According to the NCAA banned substance list, Guarana (a major source for concentrated caffeine) is listed as one of the drugs that a student-athlete should not ingest, and if it shows up positive during a drug test, they could be looking at a possible game suspension.

As normal students stay up late to catch up on homework and need an extra boost, they may turn to caffeine to get that boost to keep them awake, or to give them the "pep in their step" the morning after. As for student athletes, along with their busy schedule of practice, traveling, games, etc., they do not have the luxury of being able to chug an energy drink to get them going, since caffeine could make them end up in the kind of trouble none of them want. On top of this, athletes are advised to not eat everything bagels, as poppy seeds may show up on the drug test as opioids when ingested.

As there have been no reported incidents at Ferris, it is still a struggle that its athletes must endure day in and day out. Triple checking any label to make sure they are in good standing and would have nothing to worry about could become repetitive over time; to make sure there's absolutely no caffeine is a tad obscure.

Adapt to succeed

Is it time for Bob Daniels' dynasty to end?



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Over the past 27 seasons, the same man has led the Ferris hockey team into action for each and every game. That man is Bob Daniels.

Daniels has a career record of 450-480-102 at Ferris State and has led the team to four NCAA tournament berths since the 1992 season, including a championship game appearance in the 2011 season and a run to the Frozen Four in 2012.

However, as of the past four and a half seasons, the Ferris hockey team has not appeared all that great. Finishing with a losing record in three of the past four seasons, the Bulldogs are struggling once again this season, as they are off to a dreadful 6-14-1 start.

This has led to some serious questions involving the future of the program. How much longer will Daniels stick around? How much longer should Daniels stick around?

People's opinions will likely vary on this topic as Daniels has been around for awhile and led the hockey team to great success, but it is likely that the "honeymoon stage" is concluding after this recent trend of little success on the ice.

That's how it should be, though Division I athletics is a tough place, especially for a coach. Wins matter to an extent greater than Division II, which is where Ferris plays in every other sport. Those wins haven't come. Daniels knows that he has to win and it just simply hasn't happened as of late.

The question is, how long of a leash has he bought himself at this point in his tenure? Coaching at one



Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

school for 27 years is a rare achievement. Nowadays, coaches who succeed typically have no hesitation to leave for better jobs, and coaches who struggle typically get a quick hook as schools become more and more impatient with lack of success.

For Ferris, they have stuck with Daniels through the ups and downs. And now, despite the remarkable success that the pairing of Daniels and Ferris hockey has achieved, it may be time to part ways in the best interest of Ferris to get a new voice in the locker room to see if the program can return to the level of success it had between 2011 and 2016.

This is in no way saying that parting ways from Daniels will guarantee success for the hockey program, nor is it saying that Daniels is the sole issue that is causing this recent stretch of struggle over the past few seasons. All this says is that maybe a new face would invigorate the hockey program at Ferris and bring some hope for the future.

At this point, the hope of success might be the one thing that not only makes this move happen, but also what sets Ferris hockey on the path to becoming the national contender that it was just three seasons ago.



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Top Dawg

Cooper Zech

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Top Dawg this week slides down to the ice rink, and even with the Bulldogs looking to turn around their recent struggles, a freshman has been gathering conference honors over winter break.

The Bulldogs saw improvement over the weekend, going from 12 goals allowed the first series to only five against Minnesota State University-Mankato, and it starts with Ferris freshman defenseman Cooper Zech. Zech was named Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Rookie of the Week three times so far this season, including back-to-back weeks in December. The WCHA Rookie of the Month for December honor was also taken home by Zech, with two goals, six assists and eight total points in that month.

Zech has not only found the back of the net in recent games but always seems to be on the ice when good things happen, maintaining his positive plus/minus score. With three goals coming over the break, Zech currently has six goals and 16 assists

in his rookie season. Though he didn't score in the weekend series against Mankato Friday, Jan. 11 and Saturday, Jan. 12, Zech led the team in shots Friday and added his 16th assist of the season Saturday.

Zech's progression began when the Bulldogs headed to Minnesota in December and split the series with the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis) Golden Gophers. Zech notched a power play goal and also added an assist. He was rewarded with his second WCHA Rookie of the Week.

His impressive play continued heading to University of Alabama-Huntsville in the two-game series Jan. 4 and 5. Although the team split with both games going overtime, Zech gathered one assist and scored two goals, one being the game-tying goal in the Saturday night loss. Zech was rewarded as the WCHA Rookie of the Week for the second straight week.

Zech and the Bulldogs head to Ohio 7:37 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, to face Bowling Green State University.

LIFESTYLES

"Every duel is a pitched and epic battle worthy of its own theatrical score."
- Samuel Joseph - See page 15 for story

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Resolution fails

Two steps forward, 10 steps back

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

News Year's Eve is known for many things: parties, the ball drop and making resolutions.

According to history.com, the history of New Year's Resolutions stemmed from ancient Babylonian practices that involved making promises to the gods.

As time has gone on, making resolutions has changed and separated itself from religious traditions, instead focusing on self-improvement and making promises to oneself.

It's abiding by those resolutions that can be difficult, with a few students sharing their own past and broken resolutions.

"I had a lot of resolutions that I started. Going to college, I would always drink pop and have pop in my classes, and it got to the point where I was having two, three pops a day. I was like, 'I need to stop drinking pop,' and it was so hard. I did, however, cut back on the amount of pop I did drink. It was kind of a fail," Ferris forensic biology and biotechnology freshman Shannon Hunt said.

"I feel like there is the one where you're always going to go to the gym more. Usually I keep up pretty well with it, but since going to college, going to the Rec Center can be out of the way because when I am up at school, I am more focused on studying," Ferris pre-med sophomore Tara Krehmelmer said.

"I did a boot camp thing that was for Crossfit during 2018 and lost, like, eight pounds in two weeks, but I didn't stick to it after a while," Ferris mechanical engineering technology freshman Moriya Kuntzelman said.

"I definitely have tried to do the whole 'try to eat healthy in the beginning of the year' but that's always fallen through. But I've always set myself up because I'll tell myself that I'll eat healthy and never eat junk food again, but it doesn't work," Ferris hospitality management freshman Emma Franklin said.



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New year, new you

The battle of 2019

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

As students welcome 2019, Ferris hospitality management freshman Emma Franklin begins her New Year's resolution of readjusting her goals and studies.

Previously a pre-science major, Franklin switched to hospitality management as she realized science wasn't what she was looking for. Now, with a new major and a new college on the horizon, she's looking forward to the new year.

"I guess I'm just going to have to figure out how to really study. I just really want to improve rather than feel like I'm trying to catch up," Franklin said.

Though Franklin had goals of her own and found the holiday interesting, she believed New Year's resolutions don't have to begin on Jan. 1.

"I think it's interesting that we do New Year's. It's a cool idea to have a fresh start but it's nothing you can't start any other month. I think people procrastinate their goals until the New Year's just so they can say it's a fresh start. I think it's interesting that we put such an emphasis on it," Franklin said.



Emma Franklin



Tara Krehmelmer

While many people set large goals in the hopes of achieving them, Franklin found incorporating small changes into her lifestyle to be more successful. For those who have made and kept resolutions in the past, some easy tips include making the goal tangible, keeping it simple and believing in oneself.

"I think we put on higher expectations on our resolutions. 'It's a new year, so I'm going to change completely who I am rather than make small changes,'" Franklin said. "We should set small, attainable goals rather than just 'here is my goal, I'm going to reach it.'"

Altering old and forming new habits can be a difficult process for many people. Research from the University of Scranton suggests only 8 percent of people achieve their resolutions.

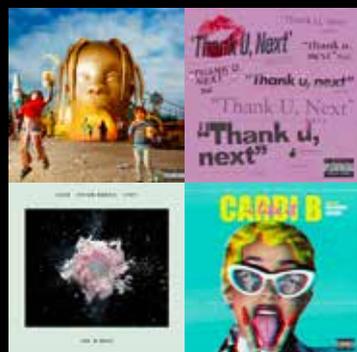
"I think it's really hard to form new habits. It's something you have to keep up with regularly before it can become something you do subconsciously," Ferris pre-med sophomore Tara Krehmelmer said.

However, while making larger goals can be a much more difficult task, making smaller goals or even having long term goals with objectives can often lead to more tangible success.

Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Brianne Rogers prepared for 2019 by setting simple goals for her future, claiming that having self-discipline is important to make it easier on yourself.

"I'm on the soccer team, so I want to have a really good season for 2019 and continue to do well for school," Rogers said.

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Top 10 of 2018

Music of yesteryear

Briana Hammtreee
Torch Reporter

Turn on your Spotify and reminisce. According to Billboard 100 Best Songs of 2018: Critics Picks, these were the top 10 songs of the year.

PLAY

FOLLOWING

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RANK	SONG	ARTIST
+ 1	"I Like It"	Cardi B, J Balvin & Bad Bunny
+ 2	"Sicko Mode"	Travis Scott
+ 3	"Boo'd Up"	Ella Mai
+ 4	"Thank U, Next"	Ariana Grande
+ 5	"Nice for What"	Drake
+ 6	"This is America"	Childish Gambino
+ 7	"Shallow"	Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper
+ 8	"My My My!"	Troye Sivan
+ 9	"High Horse"	Kacey Musgraves
+ 10	"The Middle"	Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey

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First week festivities

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 16



**Spring Welcome -
Bonfire and Hot Cocoa**

Location: Campus Quad
Time: Noon – 2 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Welcome Reception

Location: UC 203, Founder's Room
Time: 5 – 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Jan. 17

Spring RSO Fair

Location: UC 202
Time: 4 – 7 p.m.

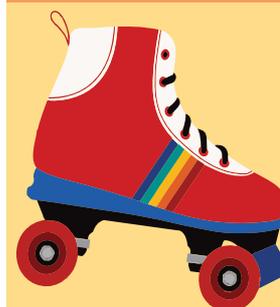
**Interprofessional Approach
to Diabetes Treatment**

Location: Pharmacy 101
Time: 6 – 7 p.m.



FRIDAY

Jan. 18



**University Center Anniversary
Celebration: Glow-in-The-Dark
Roller Rink & Games**

Location: UCB 202
Time: 9 p.m. – midnight

SATURDAY

Jan. 19

Women's Basketball Hosts

Wisconsin-Parkside

Location: Wink Arena
Time: 1 – 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball Hosts

Wisconsin-Parkside

Location: Wink Arena
Time: 3 – 4 p.m.



MONDAY

Jan. 21

OMSS: MLK 2019 - Freedom March

Location: University Center Rankin Atrium
Time: 4 – 5 p.m.



TUESDAY

Jan. 22

**How to Effectively Read
Your Textbooks**

Location: Science 102
Time: 11 – 11:50 a.m.

SWS – Coffee Talk Tuesday

Location: UC 125
Time: 11 a.m. – noon



WEDNESDAY

Jan. 23

**OMSS: MLK 2019 Guest Speaker –
Khalid el-Hakim**

Location: UC 202, A & B
Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.



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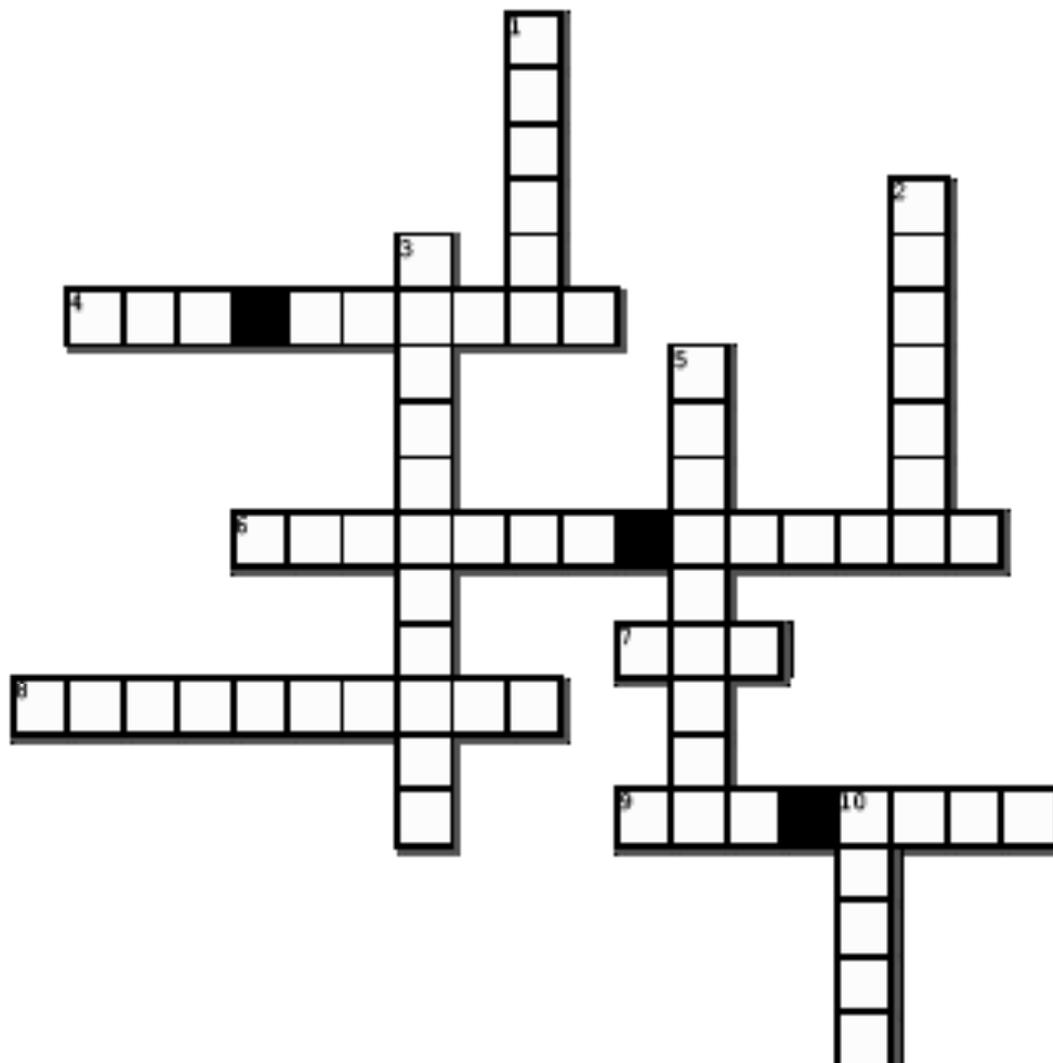
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 4. Rec Center
 6. Hateful Things
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 9. RSO Fair
- Down
 1. Coffee
 2. Parking
 3. Anniversary
 5. Textbooks
 10. FLITE

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Across

4. A New Year's resolution will flood this building
6. The latest exhibit in the UC Fine Art Gallery, '_____ and more'
7. Ferris theater's next play, 'The Curious Incident of the _____ in the Night-Time'
8. A men and women's sport happening Jan. 10
9. An event to go to if you're interested in joining a spring club

Down

1. A 7 a.m. necessity
2. The reason you should walk to classes
3. Another word for the University Center's birthday
4. You need them...according to your professor
10. You can utilize study rooms here

The magic in gathering | Newbies welcome



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer
 Ferris welding senior and Granbulls Card Club president Eleazar Almanza shuffles a deck of cards at a meeting.

Veronica Mascorro & Alicia Jaimes
 Interim Reporter & Lifestyles Editor

The Granbulls Card Club (GCC) welcomes Ferris students of all majors to play different types of collectible card games in a relaxed, friendly environment.

The GCC is a registered student organization (RSO) that offers games such as "Yu-Gi-Oh!," "Magic: The Gathering" and "Pokémon." Ferris mechanical engineering technology senior North Yates likes having the opportunity to take time off from class and hang out with friends as they play different card games.

"We are pretty chill. Nobody is not welcome as long as they come and act friendly," Yates said. "Students looking for more chances to play their favorite card games are always welcome. We do play very relaxed, so anyone wanting a relaxed environment would enjoy the club."

Ferris pharmacy junior Samuel Joseph appreciates having a place where like-minded students can unwind and learn new tactics from one another.

"My favorite part of the RSO is the strategies that people come up with and the energy in each duel," Joseph said. "Every duel is a pitched and epic battle worthy of its own theatrical score."

Along with the excitement of discovering new strategies, Ferris North and South Bond Hall Director and GCC Adviser Henry Hammond enjoys the camaraderie displayed by the GCC members and the welcoming environment provided.

"Some card communities despise new players and go out of their way to take the fun out of play-

ing the game," Hammond said. "My favorite part of this RSO is how friendly the students are and that they are willing to teach new players a thing or two."

GCC has plans for an event in the spring, according to Ferris welding senior and GCC president Eleazar Almanza.

"We have both a Magic tournament and an intro to Yu-Gi-Oh! event planned in spring 2019," Almanza said. "There might be some prizes for both events, but that's still in the planning stages."

Looking to expand its organization, GCC welcomes new members and card games. If interested, students can visit the club during their meeting time 4 p.m. every Sunday in the University Center in front of the bookstore. For more information on the GCC, email Almanza at almanze@ferris.edu.

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