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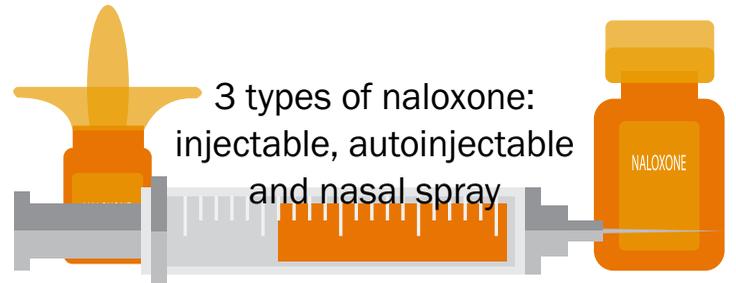
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A lifesaving opportunity

More than
7
 percent
 of people aged 18 to 25 used opioid pain relievers in 2017

Opioids were responsible, or at least a factor, for 39 percent of cocaine overdoses in 2016.



At least
26,500
 opioid overdoses have been reversed by Naloxone nationwide from 1996 to 2014

Opioid deaths increased from 42,000 in 2016 to 49,000 in 2017

The above information was gathered from drugabuse.gov

Ferris DPS will now carry opioid overdose reversal drug

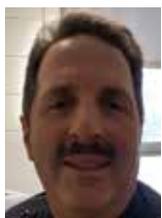
Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Amid America's current opioid epidemic, many police officers have started carrying Naloxone, including Ferris' Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers.

Naloxone, the generic version of Narcan, is a drug used to reverse opioid induced overdoses and is available in three forms: injectable, autoinjectable and a nasal spray — the latter, which was donated to Ferris DPS, will be the form carried by officers. (I took out an em dash and moved some things around) According to drugabuse.gov, at least 26,500 opioid overdoses were reversed by Naloxone in America between 1996 and 2014.

"Although we haven't really identified an issue on campus, we know [overdoses] can happen to anyone anywhere. Every Ferris police officer has been trained and every one of our patrol cars will be equipped with Naloxone, and officers will be able to, in an emergency if they suspect a drug overdose, to administer Naloxone," Ferris DPS Director Bruce Borkovich said. "The officers aren't expected to be doctors, they may not know what's going on but if they suspect that it may be a drug overdose, they may administer Naloxone and if it's [not an overdose], it doesn't hurt them. It's a pretty safe drug to use."

Though the addition of Naloxone to officers' patrol vehicles isn't the direct result of any incidents at Ferris, Mecosta County hasn't been spared from the negative impact of the opioid crisis in America. Between 2013 and 2017, 204,972 opioid prescriptions were dispensed in Me-



Bruce Borkovich



Photo by: Grant Siddall | Torch Reporter

Naloxone, a drug used to reverse opioid induced overdoses, comes in three forms: injectable (shown above), autoinjectable and a nasal spray. The nasal spray is the form to be carried by Ferris DPS.

costa County. This averages out to 40,994 per year, almost enough for one prescription per person in Mecosta County, which had a population increase to 43,391 in 2017. During that same time span, nine people in the county died of opioid overdose.

"In Grand Rapids, from the Red Project, cocaine — over 80 percent of the time — has fentanyl in it. That means that people who don't usually use opioids and don't know how to combat opioid overdoses are getting overdoses. So police having Naloxone will combat that issue amongst college students who aren't notorious opioid users, but are notorious drug users of MDMA and cocaine and other things getting fentanyl in them," Ferris philosophy junior and vice president of Students For Sensible Drug Policy Zachary Deubel said. "The police force having that really shows that they care about us, and that drug users are still people and that we

deserve to get saved."

The use of Naloxone has been controversial over the past several years with many arguing that freely administering the drug allows drug users to be reckless and encourages drug use. Some Ferris students had similar thoughts on the introduction of the drug to the DPS police force.



Rena Bernardi

"I obviously don't think that someone should die just because they did drugs, but I also think that in general you shouldn't be doing drugs in the first place. It's a choice that you make. Reversing it is good because you don't want them to die but it's also kind of dumb because if you don't do drugs in the first place then you wouldn't need that help," Ferris criminal justice sophomore Rena Bernardi said.

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Politics Corner

Longest government shutdown continues

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 12, America's government shutdown became the longest in history, and the situation remains unchanged more than a week later.

A refusal to compromise between House Democrats, namely Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and President Donald Trump on allocating \$5.7 billion in funds for a border wall with Mexico has kept the government shutdown since Dec. 22, 2018.

House Democrats, who took over the majority Thursday, Jan. 3, during the shutdown have agreed to allocate money toward additional border security, including more border patrol agents and more fencing along the border, but have refused to fund the border wall.

“I doubt that Congress will cave and give the funding for the wall,” Ferris political science professor Christina Eanes said. “However, they all have to face voters on a more direct level than the president and may have a lot of pressure from constituents to get this resolved. I think the president is under pressure by his advisers to get the government moving again or risk losing support, and he'll ultimately have to concede.”

As the shutdown continues, many have worried how this will impact them during the tax return season. As about 800,000 federal workers have either been sent home or working without pay, the IRS ordered tens of thousands of workers to return to work without pay to ensure that tax returns will be sent out as scheduled.

“Workers aren't getting insurance benefits, they're not getting paid but they're still required to work. I can't imagine being in that position,” Ferris integrative studies junior and Ferris College Democrats member Dylan Peters said. “People have mortgages and have to pay for things, and with this government shutdown and not getting paid, they could face serious consequences. These are people with families, people like you and me with as complex of lives as we have, and I don't think Trump understands that.”



Dylan
Peters

At press time, the shutdown doesn't appear to be close to an end. Trump has stood strong on his desire to allocate funding for the wall, and Democrats have refused to negotiate the funding, instead saying that Trump should end the government shutdown before they engage in negotiations.

Ferris criminal justice freshman Abrianna Vazquez, a Mexican-American with family in Mexico, says that the plans for the border wall cause her family to feel unwanted in the U.S. and at the same time, she has family working for the government going without pay.

“Going without pay could be the week that a family doesn't eat, or that family no longer has a home or a car because it got repo'd because you can't make payments. It's honestly so sad and it makes [Americans] look like bad people. [Trump] is making bad decisions and it makes us look bad,” Vazquez said. “We don't provide opportunities to anyone with a wall. My grandpa has a green card to the U.S. and he loves being here, but what is happening with our government and the shutdown and the wall has made him feel like he made a mistake in coming here. My family feels like they aren't welcome.”

Starbucks SUB-stitution

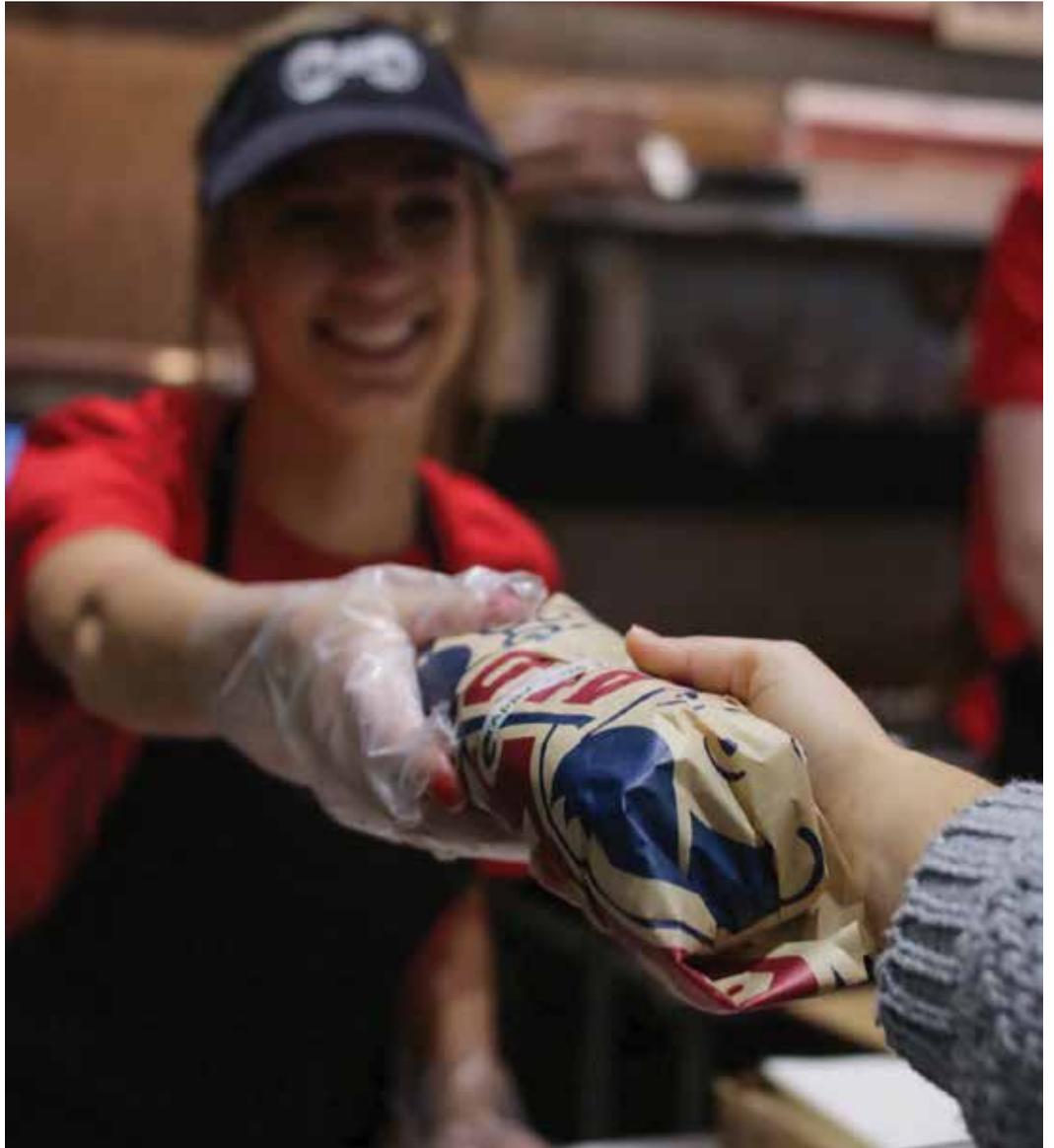


Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris English sophomore Bailey Sergott hands a sandwich to a customer at Erbert and Gerbert's sandwich shop, now open in the IRC connector.

Erbert and Gerbert's sandwich shop opens on campus

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

After its official Ferris opening Monday, Jan. 14, Erbert & Gerbert's has already been receiving praise from several students.

“It's nice. I think that it's better now that we have it because as for before, we didn't really have a lot of options around campus,” Ferris criminal justice freshman Tasia Eddins said. “We needed something new to spice up things.”

The new eatery, located in the Interdisciplinary Resource Center, offers a variety of sandwiches, soups and sides, as well as a breakfast menu, according to Ferris Retail Dining Services Manager Laura Seay.

“There's a high need for food in this area. Starbucks was very successful and they didn't really have a lunch option, so this way, you get best of both worlds,” Seay said.

Many students and faculty members were disappointed with the closing of Starbucks during the Fall 2018 semester but select beverages remain on the menu.

“We still offer frappuccinos and our core beverages: your lattes, caramel macchiatos, we have our iced teas, iced coffee, and refreshers will come in March. So we've got everything, it's just not everything, if that makes sense,” Seay said.

However, Ferris public relations and marketing sophomore Lillian Brown believes the dual set-up of Erbert and Gerbert's with Starbucks can be complicated.

“If you order Erbert & Gerbert's and Starbucks, you have to go to one side to wait for your sandwich and then the other side to get your drink, so it's a lot more running

around for everyone. There's really not a better way to do it as of right now,” Brown said.

As part of the meal exchange program, students can order select sandwiches, chips and a drink by using a meal swipe or Bulldog Bucks.

“I feel like it's good we can use meal swipes and we don't have to use cash if we really don't have it. And it's a good, wide selection of sandwiches to pick from,” Ferris social work freshman Jahne Gollman said.

Sandwiches on the menu may be altered to create custom options, and vegetarian and gluten-friendly selections are also available.

“Not a lot of people have sandwich shops around campus. They have like Chipotle or Chick-Fil-A — the fast foods. It's a good way to support people cutting back on calories and eating healthy,” Gollman said.

Erbert and Gerbert's is themed as a series of bedtime stories told by a father to his children. Each sandwich on the menu is named after a character from the stories. Students can read about the history on the wall next to the shop.

Erbert & Gerbert's hours of operation

Mon. — Thu. 7:30 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Fri. 7:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Sat. — Sun. Closed



Lillian
Brown

- ON THE RECORD -

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

This guy's living in 2029

Cora Hall
Interim Sports Editor

Are you in good hands?

Jan. 10, 9:33 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle at Finch Court for an expired plate. The driver lacked vehicle insurance and the officer issued a citation for driving without insurance.

Got off easy this time

Jan. 12, 12:34 a.m., several students were in the lobby of North Hall and "smelled like" marijuana. Three of them admitted to smoking marijuana before they entered the hall, but didn't have any marijuana on them and weren't cited.

Let's get this straight

Jan. 12, 8:29 p.m., a student's hair straightener was allegedly stolen by her suitemate in North Hall. Officers reported that the student didn't want to press

charges and just wanted it back. However, the next day, the suspect had dropped all classes and left Ferris. The case is still under investigation.

Padiddle!

Jan. 14, 8:15 p.m., officers observed a vehicle with a headlight out on State Street near Perry Street. They stopped the vehicle and discovered the driver had a suspended driver's license as well. The officers issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

It's Glade, I swear

Jan. 16, 12:26 a.m., officers were called to Henderson Hall because resident advisers could smell marijuana coming from a room. A student allegedly attempted to mask the odor with air freshener, but to no avail. The resident allegedly smelled like marijuana and seemed to have some dexterity issues. They admitted to possessing marijuana, and turned over marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. The officers also

seized a large bottle of Captain Morgan in the room. The officers dumped the alcohol, issued a citation solely for the possession of marijuana and referred the student to the Office of Student Conduct.

Feeling kind of green

Jan. 16, 1:03 a.m., officers responded to the smell of marijuana in South Bond Hall. One subject admitted to smoking marijuana off campus and wouldn't allow officers to search the room. No enforcement actions were taken and the subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

At least they didn't take your AirPods

Jan. 16, 8:50 a.m., a student reported her mobile phone was stolen from Science Building. She said her phone may have fallen out of her pocket initially, but believes someone picked it up and turned it off because it was active according to the "Find My iPhone" feature around 9 a.m. but then wasn't a short time after. The investigation

is still ongoing.

This guy's living in 2039

Jan. 16, student parking officers discovered a car in Lot 5 with a manufactured sticker. When the officers contacted the student owner of the vehicle, he admitted to making his own parking permit using Adobe Photoshop because he wanted to park closer to Bond Hall.

Miller-juana

Jan. 16, 8:25 p.m., resident advisers claimed to smell marijuana in Miller Hall. They found five people and marijuana in the suspected room. One of the residents admitted it was his and was cited for possession of marijuana by a minor, and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Ferris Department of Safety issued 290 tickets between the dates of Jan. 14 and Jan. 19, totaling \$4,425.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

London, England, UK

Prince Philip, the 97-year-old husband of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, was recently involved in a car accident while driving his Land Rover. Two women were in the opposing vehicle; one suffers a broken wrist, while the other has cuts on her knee. They were taken to a local hospital for treatment. Prince Philip and a child in the other vehicle were not injured. Her Majesty The Queen was not present at the scene.

Original article by Palko Karasz, Jan. 17, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Tlahuelilpan, Hidalgo, Mexico

At least 21 people were killed and more than 70 people were injured in an explosion of a gas pipeline in the Mexican state of Hidalgo 121 km north of Mexico City. According to authorities, the explosion was prompted by an illegal tap used to steal fuel from the pipeline. Mexico is currently in

a natural gas crisis, as there is a shortage of fuel and criminal gangs have been allegedly stealing it from the pipelines to resell. A similar pipeline explosion occurred in 2010, which killed 27 people, injured dozens more and destroyed many homes.

Original article by Alan Yuhas, Jan. 18, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Rome, Italy

After an inflatable dinghy carrying African migrants began to deflate off the Libyan coast, 117 of the passengers died. Three survivors were discovered and rescued by the Italian Navy and brought to shore on a southern Italian island. The survivors, who are believed to be from countries in West Africa and Sudan, said that the dinghy began to deflate 10 hours after departing from a coastal town in Libya. The survivors had hypothermia and burn scars.

Original story by Gaia Pianigiani, Jan. 19, 2019. *The New York Times*.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

Blood drive

Help those in need and earn free pizza while doing it. Attend the Michigan Blood drive Thursday, Jan. 24, in FLITE rooms 438, 442 and 446. The blood drive will run from 9 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. When you donate, you'll receive a coupon for a free pizza. For more information, contact Amber McKeever at 989-245-8486.

Stalking Awareness Workshop

Learn more about how stalking can affect a person and how to reduce your risk at the Stalking Awareness Workshop 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 29, in UCB 211. For more information, contact Leonardo Almaza at almanzl@ferris.edu.

Ferris Theatre auditions

Audition for Ferris Theatre's spring production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" 6:30 — 9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Williams Auditorium. Anyone can try out and no preparation or theatre experience is necessary. For more information, contact Katherine La Pietra at KatherineLaPietra@ferris.edu.

"The Office" trivia night

Test your knowledge on a classic sitcom during "The Office" trivia night 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in UCB 202. The event is hosted by Entertainment Unlimited. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at 231-591-2610.

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Staying sustainable

Ferris campus works toward environmental stability

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

Ferris students are discovering more opportunities to recycle on campus and learning new ways to improve environmental sustainability.

Ferris debuted a new recycling program in 2018 which placed recycling containers inside each residence hall room, encouraging students to recycle. Since then, the amount of recyclable materials collected on campus has doubled. Additionally, nearly 50 water bottle refill stations have been installed throughout campus since 2016 to reduce plastic waste.

Along with the new recycling program and water bottle refill stations, Ferris' Environmental Sustainability Task Force (EST) has made efforts to ensure Ferris and its community is dedicated to environmentally-friendly living. The EST ensures that every new building constructed on campus is certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program and receives an LEED Silver rating. Ferris' University Center and the Michigan School of Optometry are some of the LEED Silver rated buildings on campus, indicating these buildings use more sustainable materials and less energy.

"The focus of the task force for this year, and perhaps in the next couple [years], will be more on impacting and influencing the campus community's behavior in a positive way towards their individual role in sustainability," Ferris Physical Plant Vice President Michael Hughes said.

Students are exercising some new eco-friendly practices as well. The Bulldog Sustainability Alliance (BSA) is a Ferris student organization dedicated to environmental sustainability education and actions both on and off campus.

"I really like how Ferris is focusing on building new buildings and getting rid of the old things. They've been doing really well in that aspect, renovating old buildings and building new buildings in a sustainable manner," Ferris environmental biology senior and BSA President Amber Hubbard said. "Now that we have campus-wide recycling, I think it's nice that everyone now has access to recycling rather than it just being dumpsters around campus. It's more of an incentive to recycle."

However, Hubbard believes there are several areas where Ferris and its community can improve their eco-friendly tactics.

"I think education on recycling is important," Hubbard said, "I've run across kids throwing away things that can be recycled, I've run across them recycling things that aren't recyclable at all and it's a big issue hon-



Amber Hubbard



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Recycling bins placed all over campus allow students to practice environmental sustainability. Other ways students can do this include getting a reusable water bottle and using LED lightbulbs.

estly. If people don't recycle properly, that's just more trash." "There's a lot of things that people don't know that they can easily do," Ferris psychology senior and BSA member Dani Jandura said. "They're taking baby steps to get people there, but I think they have to backtrack to get people there and first educate people about things that are going wrong."



Dani Jandura

Other Michigan universities have established sustainability practices on their campuses as well. The Office of Sustainability Practices at Grand Valley State University educates its students and staff on methods of waste reduction and energy conservation. In addition to sustainability-related education programs and scholarships, the Office of Sustainability Practices hosts events such as the Farmers Market and operates Green-Ride, a university carpooling program.

In 2008, Central Michigan University established their Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee. According to an article published by CMU News in January 2017, the initiatives started by the committee have saved the university "nearly 11 million dollars."

Although Ferris is working to improve sustainability on

campus, students can make some small changes to their routine to help the environment.

"In my house, my roommates and I recycle pretty much anything we can," Jandura said. "I try my best to use reusable cups when I go to Starbucks, I always bring my own cup. I don't use single-use plastics at home, I use things like Tupperware instead of stuff like single use baggies."

Tips for 'going green' in college

- Recycle any old notes and assignments you don't need anymore
- Walk or ride a bicycle to and around campus
- Shop locally and secondhand
- Invest in proper dishware (no paper or plastic plates, cups, silverware, etc.)
- Get a reusable water bottle
- Use LED lightbulbs in your residence hall room/apartment

The above information was found at greenrideal.com

The choice is yours

Students can now decide preferred pronouns when receiving health care assistance

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Students may now select their own preferred name, pronouns and gender identity upon checking in at Birkam Health Center.

Ferris Birkam Health Center registered nurse Melissa Sprague said that the ability for students to make selections regarding their own identity was made possible with the help of Birkam's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) vendor.

"Our experience caring for gender diverse persons may be limited, but it is important to us at Birkam Health Center that all of our students feel safe and supported while in our care. This is one way to ensure that patients feel respected," Sprague said.

"I think that's a good idea," Ferris biochemistry junior Zack Hren said. "I mean, if you have a preference, I think you should be able to choose your preference. With the changes — I suppose, societal changes —



Zach Hren

that's becoming a norm and I think it's important to stay current."

The change follows the opening of the LGBTQ+ Center in 2018, and many feel it has further contributed to making campus a safe and inclusive place for all students.

"The fact that Birkam Health Center now allows students to select their preferred name, accurate pronouns and gender identity is important because it means that Birkam's staff are committed to making Birkam welcoming and accessible to FSU's transgender community members, and this is one less barrier between our trans community members and competent, respectful health care," Ferris LGBTQ+ Resource Center Coordinator Sarah Doherty said.

In a university-wide notice announcing

the change, Doherty said the process lasted multiple months, and that the implemented change is wonderful news.

"There are significant health disparities between transgender and cisgender people, in no small part because the transgender community faces widespread discrimination — including deadnaming, mispronouncing and misgendering, denial of care and overt bias — in health care settings," Doherty said.

According to The New York Times, deadnaming describes purposely referring to a transgender person by their former name, and misgendering is referring to someone with a pronoun that they do not use.

According to National Public Radio, 2017 national data revealed that 31 percent of transgender people did not have regular access to health care and nearly a quarter of transgender people avoided going to the doctor, despite needing care, for fear of dis-

crimination.

"I think that's a pretty alarming number," Hren said. "Health care providers, I think they get into the business to help people and, really, you shouldn't have to choose whether or not you want to help someone based on how they identify."

Ferris dental hygiene senior Johnell Clark said that the change might result in confusion for doctors and receptionists.

"I think it's important that we're all respectful towards each other, but I think it's also important that students from the LGBTQ+ community not be super aggressive or offended towards people who get their gender pronouns incorrect, because not everybody is educated about that," Clark said.



Johnell Clark



It's party time

Bulldogs enjoyed caricatures, virtual reality simulators, a roller rink and various games at the annual University Center Anniversary Celebration, held Friday, Jan. 18, in the University Center.

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Making time to eat breakfast in the morning can drastically improve a student's concentration and productivity for the day. The Rock and Quad Cafes have many breakfast options for students.

You snooze, you lose

Making time for breakfast will start your day off right

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Given the choice, many college students would rather sleep in an extra 10 minutes than get up to prepare themselves breakfast.

One out of every 10 American consumers skip breakfast every day, according to a study conducted in 2011 by the NPD Group, one of the largest market research companies in the world. That's equivalent to 31 million Americans.



Jada Seymore

"If I skip breakfast, I'm less concentrated, I'm hungry, I'm just thinking about the next time that I can eat," Ferris pre-nursing sophomore Jada Seymore said. "If I don't skip breakfast then my day goes by more productive because I had a meal in, so I can focus more."

Ferris registered dietitian and nutritionist Brenda Walton claims that making the right choices at breakfast will start your day off right.

"There are a lot of reasons why people do skip breakfast. They sleep in, stay up late so they can't get up, crawl out of bed, get ready and go to class. But there are a lot of benefits to having breakfast. It improves concentration, memory and even attention span in class," Walton said. "A lot of people that skip breakfast might think, 'Oh, I'm trying to lose weight, I'll skip that meal.' Yet, studies have shown those people tend to eat more in higher calorie foods later in the day or they get the munchies at night. So, people that

do eat breakfast are less likely to want to snack late at night."

According to Walton, the goal for a balanced breakfast meal is to try and find foods that have enough protein, whole grains, carbohydrates and fiber.

"I recommend trying to eat within an hour of waking up and also getting a glass of water in the morning gets the body hydrated in the winter time," Walton said. "Even just set up your breakfast the night before, put out the bowl and get out the cereal box, and then you just have to put the milk on it in the morning, eat it and go. Instant oatmeal is a good choice, too."

Walton also suggests using the online menus to compare different food choices at the dining halls at Ferris.

According to Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Sophie Kuvesh, she almost always makes time for breakfast, except for when she sleeps in.

"If I sleep in until 10, I'm probably not going to eat breakfast but I'll eat lunch," Kuvesh said. "I know sometimes people feel sick in the morning and that's why they don't eat, and I understand but as soon as you don't feel nauseous, you should eat. That might not be breakfast but you should still get that meal in."

Students who want specific diet ideas, want their eating patterns analyzed or have any further questions can contact Walton at brendawalton@ferris.edu.



Sophie Kuvesh



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Roll call

A look inside the spectrum

Veronica Mascorro
Interim Reporter

Ferris theatre professor and artistic director Katherine LaPietra is holding auditions for what she says is Ferris' longest titled play yet.

Ferris' upcoming spring production, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," is the tale of a 15-year-old boy who sets off on an adventure after his neighbor's dog is killed. The boy, Christopher, is on the Asperger's and autism spectrum which causes him to take everything literally while also naturally excelling at mathematics. Throughout Christopher's journey, he learns how to navigate through his world versus the "real" world.

"If you say a metaphor like, 'he was the apple of her eye,' he can't figure that out, all he can think of is an apple in somebody's eye," LaPietra said. "But he's better at math than almost anybody so it's a really interesting dichotomy to see."

Ferris nursing junior Leanna Kwilos has been involved in plays since sixth grade, including every Ferris production since her freshman year.



Leanna Kwilos

"It's like this really crazy rush," Kwilos said. "Other people skydive to get that burst of energy, but for me going on stage and being in front of an audience makes me feel incredibly calm yet so excited."

Ferris psychology senior Emily Cortes has been in Ferris productions since her freshman year and encourages students who are interested in the production to audition, even if they're nervous.

"Just do it. Just get out here, it's so much fun," Cortes said. "If you get it, that's awesome and even if you don't, you still put yourself out there. You can as well meet people there at auditions and make new friends."



Emily Cortes

Even students who have never performed in theatre are welcome to audition, LaPietra said.

"I've had people who have had large roles and have never done anything before," LaPietra said. "It's an all-inclusive program and we really work hard to do that because the point of doing theatre here is because you love it."

The roles for the production are not limited to

those interested in acting. When producing a show, many extra hands are needed.

"We need lots of behind-the-scenes people too," LaPietra said. "There's all sorts of items that we need help with. We have people who do costume designs, set building and painting. For some people it's a really good connective tissue. We have people who help build the sets in construction management. People who help with the sound are in music management. You don't have to be but it's a good connective tissue."

Rehearsals for the play typically run Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., though students who have conflicts during that time may be accommodated by LaPietra if she is made aware.

Auditions for "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Williams Auditorium. For more information on the spring production contact LaPietra at 231-591-2704 or KatherineLaPietra@ferris.edu.

Auditioning?

Date:
Jan. 28 and Jan. 29

Time:
6:30 p.m.

Location:
Williams Auditorium



Interested? Here's who to contact!

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Pursuit of education



Photo by: Taylor Davis | Torch Photographer

Ferris actuarial science senior Anzhane Lance brings her daughter Raejane Williams to FLITE in hopes of inspiring her to attend college one day.

Role model for the kids

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

With a goal of setting a positive example for her daughter, Ferris actuarial science senior Anzhane Lance creates events that cater to other students with children while forming connections and making friends.

Lance is president of the Student Parent Association (SPA), a Ferris registered student organization.

"We're basically an organization that focuses on creating events on campus that are family-friendly, so everybody feels welcome," Lance said.



Anzhane Lance

First established in 2011, SPA often works with other organizations on campus such

as the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services office, Students with Children Program and the Veterans Association.

Being a part of SPA, Lance is able to be a role model for her daughter Raejane Williams.

"She is my only child and she's six. She's at an age where she's growing her own personality and it's really cool to see. We love having concerts, so we get dressed in full costume and sing our favorite songs. We also like watching TV together because she likes family sitcoms and I like cartoons," Lance said.

Ferris political science senior Trishia Blackwell is vice president of SPA and has grown closer to Lance as their daughters spend time together.

"I think she's wonderful. She's a very strong and good example of a woman. She's a good example to women and mothers that you can be successful. She's on top of getting things done, keeping us organized and she's very smart too. She's very put together, I guess you could say," Blackwell said.

Aside from her time within SPA,

Lance is also vice president of national leadership society Omicron Delta Kappa, a member of national mathematics honors society Pi Mu Epsilon and a member of professional fraternity Gamma Iota Sigma.

As part of various organizations, she believes her skills as a mother and involved student allow her to develop further as an individual, but understands that her experiences vary to other students who



Karen GreenBay

are not parents. "It is very different, like night and day, because there are so many other things you have to think about. Like when I'm going to class, work, that kind

of stuff, I have to think about where my kid is and whether she's in a safe environment, does she need anything," Lance said.

Ferris Director of Students with Children Karen GreenBay agrees that a student parent's college experience can be different from students without children.

"Student parents not only make day-to-day scheduling for themselves, but also for their children and family. They juggle things around child care, school for the kids, sports for the kids, homework time - for both the student and their children, dinner time and much more," GreenBay said.

Despite having a different college experience than other students, Lance discovered her experience within SPA and being a mother to be rewarding.

"She comes to everything I'm involved with. Anything I have to do after school, I'll just bring her with me and everybody pretty much likes her more than they like me," Lance said. "So, it's fine, and it gives her opportunity to see that maybe she wants to go college because she saw her mom go to college for four years and we got to do fun stuff."

Services and fees

Activities Involved:

- * Play groups
- * Fundraisers
- * Family activities
- * Volunteer opportunities
- * Networking
- * Community events
- * Study groups
- * Monthly meetings

Fees:

\$10 per semester

\$15 per academic year (prices per member)

Members who pay dues are able to participate in all the events hosted by Student Parent Association.

SPA meetings

Day:
Tuesday

Time:
11 a.m.

Location:
University Center,
Room 125

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Evening meeting details are discussed at the previous meeting.

Weekly festivities

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 23



**LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Coffee House Time**

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Jan. 24

Blood Drive

Location: FLITE rooms 446, 442 and 438

Time: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

All Bodies Dance Party!

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Time: 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Diet and Fitness

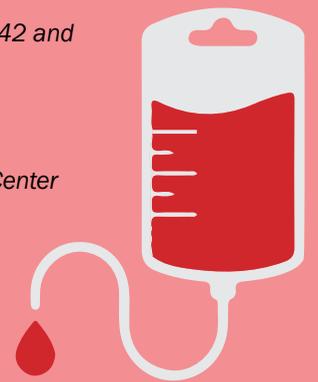
Location: UC 213

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Magic and Mystery of Mat LaVore

Location: UCB 202

Time: 8 – 10 p.m.



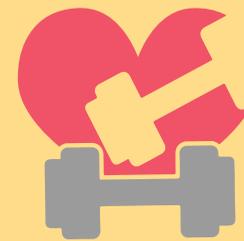
FRIDAY

Jan. 25

Diet and Fitness

Location: Student Recreation Center

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.



Monday

Jan. 28

Stalking Awareness Workshop

Location: UCB 211

Time: 6 – 7 p.m.

Auditions for Ferris Theatre Spring Production

Location: Williams Auditorium

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.



TUESDAY

Jan. 29

Stalking Awareness Workshop

Location: UCB 211

Time: 6 – 7 p.m.

Auditions for Ferris Theatre Spring Production

Location: Williams Auditorium

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.



WEDNESDAY

Jan. 30

Sweet Treats

Location: FLITE Lobby Table

Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Office Trivia Night

Location: UCB 202

Time: 8 – 11 p.m.



For more information on Ferris events, visit <http://calendar.ferris.edu/>

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Winter Wonderland

The Campus Quad was full of bundled up students watching ice sculptures being made and hanging out with friends Monday Jan. 14.

Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Interim Photographer

TORCH CONFESSIONS

A hard pill to swallow

Torch staff members write about slightly embarrassing aspects of their lives because hey, we all have those.



Rebecca Bostic
Managing Copy Editor

I don't particularly know if this counts as "embarrassing" but it's definitely something I'm not proud of.

Ever since I was little, my mom has told me that I have a small gullet. When I was too little to know what a gullet was, my mom would hold up her hand in a tight fist and point to the teeny tiny hole in the middle.

"That's how small your throat is because of your tonsils."

My tonsils have been naturally inflamed since I was born (as far as I know), making it hard for me to learn how to swallow foods (thoroughly chewed or not) and, as I got older, making it nearly impossible for me to swallow medicine.

"Why didn't you just get your tonsils removed?" You might ask.

My dad and mom made decent money, but it didn't mean we had wiggle room for medical procedures and expenses. My tonsils weren't interfering with my breathing or drinking or anything like that,

so my mom and dad decided my tonsils could just stay put.

Needless to say, I was not a happy camper every time I got a cold or flu and my tonsils swelled up more. I couldn't breathe, couldn't drink, couldn't talk — oh, yeah, they're not in the way at all.

My mom attempted to get me to swallow a small, red 81 mg pill when my tonsils weren't swollen despite my sickness. She stuck it in a spoonful of peanut butter, much like you do for dogs. All I did was take a nibble off of the end of the spoon, because: one — why are you randomly offering me a spoon of peanut butter after lunch? And two — I saw you do it, Mom, you aren't that sneaky. But she gets brownie points for trying to help me.

I'm now in college and still struggling to swallow even 81 mg pills. Those things are tiny compared to the vitamins I watch my mom and dad throw back, multiple at a time. I'm an adult. I knew I couldn't go the rest of my life hunting for chewable and liquid alternatives to medicine — some simply aren't available — which means I have to be able to swallow medication: birth control, aspirin, fever reducer, medication for procedures or health problems, etc.

It wasn't until early 2018 that I could swallow an 81 mg pill, and even today it takes two or three gulps of water to get it down the hatch.

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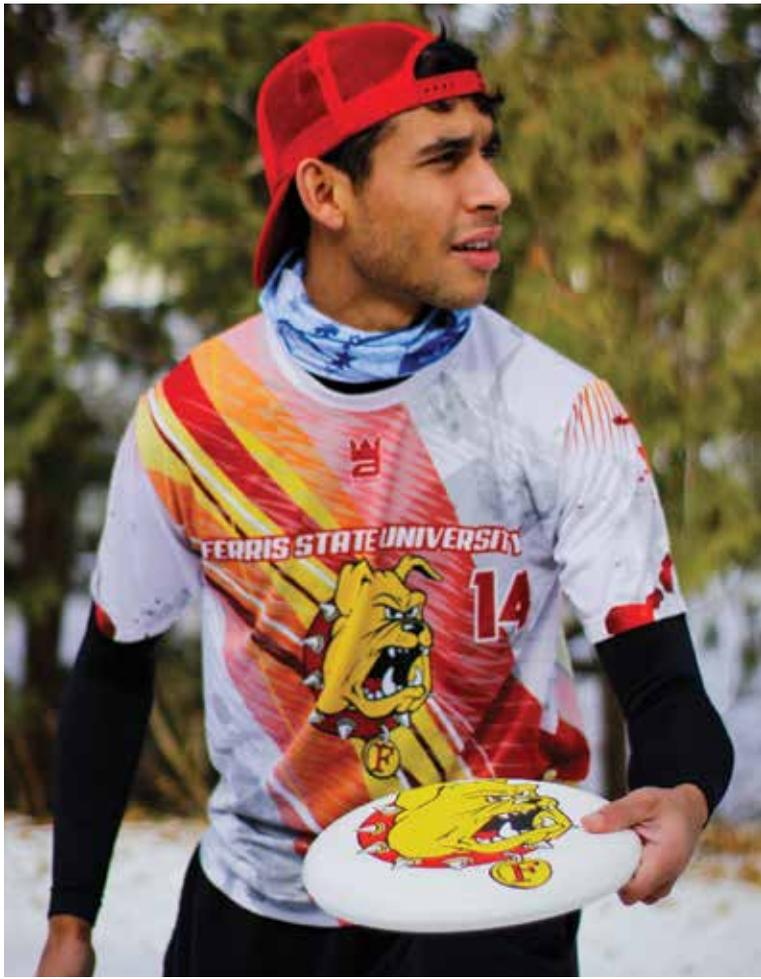


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Ferris biotechnology senior Trevor Polisuk-Balfour enjoys winter by playing Frisbee in the outdoors.

Picture perfect

Get outside your comfort zone

Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

Ferris construction management senior Kylie Steele is enjoying the cold weather by participating in this semester's Get Outside event.

Beginning in Fall 2018, the Ferris Get Outside event encourages students to photograph themselves doing different outdoor activities. There are multiple categories students can submit their photos to in hopes of winning various prizes.



Kylie Steele

"I think some students here don't realize what they can do outside," Steele said.

Ferris Get Outside was inspired by a fall 2017 event, Outdoor Nation Challenge, that was hosted by the nationwide Outdoor Foundation program. When the challenge ended, Ferris adventure coordinator Jayna Wekeman and other staff members wanted to continue the challenge while inviting other Ferris employees, students and community member to participate.

"The first fall we clocked in, I think, almost 2,000 pictures of different people's stories of

how they're getting outside," Wekeman said.

Wekeman viewed this 2018 challenge as an opportunity to speak with other staff about the effects of engagement and how many people could get involved, including parents of students.

The additional bonus of a potential prize and a special feeling of achievement are but two perks of the event,



Cassandra Machin

according to Ferris welding engineer and technology senior and 2018 Get Outside category winner Cassandra Machin.

"I don't know to explain it, but it was really cool and just a great feeling," Machin said.

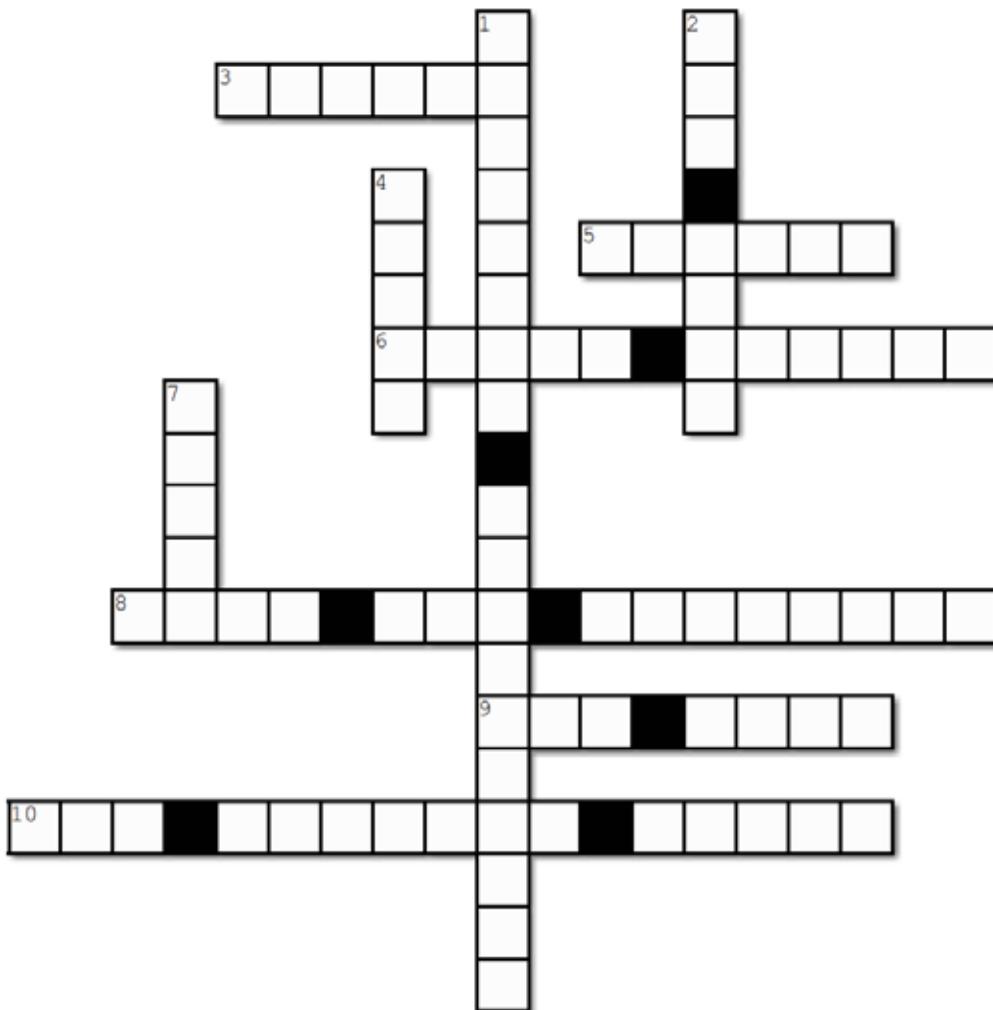
For those who missed Ferris' Fall 2018 challenge, Ferris Get Outside challenge will continue throughout the semester with varying themes for each month.

Participants can join until the last month with submitted pictures taken between Jan. 1 and April 30.

For more information, students can follow @ FerrisUREC on Facebook or call UREC at 231-591-2679 or 231-591-5308.

Bulldog Buildings

Solve the clues and figure out what Ferris buildings there are!



Across

3. A bulldog building that would have already graduated
5. People come to me when they're sick
6. A building made of glass
8. Stuck between a star and a scientist
9. People come and go as they please, with their green boxes
10. People tend to walk all over me

Down

1. 'Break a leg'
2. People love my variety but hate my 'no take-out' policy
4. Shh!
7. A famous building

ANSWER KEY

- Across
3. Williams Auditorium
 5. The Rock
 6. The Quad
 8. Arts and Sciences
 9. The Quad
 10. Top Taggart Field
- Down
1. Starr
 2. Flite
 4. Alumni
 7. Birkam

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"I'm just trailblazing for everyone who's going to come after me."
- Devon Johnson - See page 12 for story

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In the running



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Ferris senior forward Corey Mackin competes against the U.S. Under-18 team in their season opener in October. Mackin leads the team in goals and is third in points this season.

Senior nominated for distinguished hockey award

Cora Hall
Interim Sports Editor

Corey Mackin, senior forward and captain of the ice hockey team, has been nominated for this year's prestigious Hobey Baker award.

The award is given annually to the top player in college hockey and is something Mackin said he has always aspired to.

"I mean, growing up I always wanted to be a Division I hockey player and obviously I knew the Hobey Baker was basically the most prestigious award in college hockey, so I was pretty excited when I saw my name on the list," Mackin said.

Players are nominated by their coaching staff and athletic department and the criteria for being nominated include displaying character on and off the ice, contributing to the integrity of the team, exhibiting outstanding skills and academic achievement.

"[I'm] grateful, honestly, I'm really happy that they thought I would be the right pick and that they chose me," Mackin said. "I'm pretty honored that they would pick me."

Ferris hockey head coach Bob Daniels spoke highly of Mackin's character and community involvement and said whenever there is an opportunity to volunteer, whether it's for Special Olympics or to read at elementary schools, he's the first to step up.

"We chose Corey because of his outstanding character," Daniels said. "On the ice, in the weight room or in the classroom, Corey is an extremely hard working individual. Throughout Corey's four years with our program he has always presented himself in a mature manner."

Ferris Athletic Director Perk Weisenburger said that being the top point scorer and team captain made Mackin an obvious choice for a nomination.

"He is an exemplary young man and someone we obviously place a great deal of trust in when it comes to leadership in the locker room, on the ice and in his role as team captain," Weisenburger said.

A large part of Mackin's game and leadership mentality is a positive attitude and keeping the rest of his teammates motivated.

"Just trying to focus on myself staying happy on the ice. If I get too frustrated it reflects badly on the team and it reflects bad on myself, so I just have to stay up, stay positive on the bench and make sure every other guy is staying that way as well just to try and get our best game," Mackin said. "Being the team captain, it just makes you come focused every day. You need to know what you need to do every day and you need to come to the rink, be happy, be ready to work and just try to get that energy around every other guy and get them feeling good, feeling ready to work and just bringing that every day."

According to Weisenburger, Mackin is on track to pass 100 career points and is the team's active career leading scorer with 40 goals, 53 assists and 93 points. Mackin joined rare company when he passed the 40 career goal mark and is the only Bulldog to do so since 2010.

The Hobey Baker Award was named after hockey player and World War I veteran Hobey Baker, who was recognized as the best amateur player in the U.S. in his time and was the ultimate gentleman sportsman, according to the Hobey Baker website. The award started in 1981 and 81 Division I players from 46 schools have been nominated this year for the accolade.

Fans are able to vote for all players until March 10, after which the top ten will be chosen and fans can vote for them from March 20 to March 31. Three finalists will be chosen by April 4 and the winner will be announced during the NCAA Frozen Four Championship on April 12.

The last Bulldog to make the top ten finalists was CJ Motte during the 2014-15 season.

Mackin said he's grateful to everyone who votes and his family, who have been his biggest promoters thus far.

"Just thank you to everyone that's voting right now. I know my mom, my dad, my brother and my two sisters, they're getting pretty crazy on Facebook right now trying to get everyone to vote so I just want to thank them and just thank the community for voting for me," Mackin said.

For those who wish to vote, visit www.hobeybaker.com.

How the tables have turned

Conference title up in the air with multiple contenders this year

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Ferris men's basketball has dominated the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) for the past few years alongside Lake Superior State University (LSSU), but this season things have shifted in the conference.

The GLIAC has been run by primarily Ferris and LSSU in recent seasons, and they have been ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the North Division the past two years. LSSU was the only team that beat Ferris all through last year. Going into the 2018-19 season as the defending National Champions, it would have seemed that it may be another season of dominating the GLIAC. However, things have completely changed since the final game of last season.

Recovering well from a rocky start, Ferris is 6-4 in conference play, where there is a three-way tie for first in the North Division shared with LSSU and Wisconsin-Parkside. Parkside, who just switched over to the GLIAC, has seen Ferris before and was 1-1 in the past two years before entering Saturday's game.

"This year it's wide open. That's why we're sitting at 4-4 in the conference and we're not out of it by any means," Ferris junior wing Greg Williams said before their conference wins last week. "A lot of weird stuff is happening, people are losing games, winning games that maybe they shouldn't. It's kind of just a crazy conference this year, I don't know how to explain it. It's spontaneous and it's up for grabs."

The Ashland Eagles are atop of the conference with only one GLIAC loss. Ashland was not the favorite to win the GLIAC but they are inching closer to doing so and Ferris men's basketball head coach Andy Bronkema saw no surprise with what has happened this season.

"I never saw any of those teams as being very far out from being right there, so it's kind of the same to me to tell you the truth," Bronkema said. "You know now it's just a little bit more packed together in the middle. Ashland's been an incredible team for a number of years just like I said — lost a couple of games by one instead of winning by one. At the end of the day the win-loss column doesn't say how close the games were, that sort of thing. So, I don't really think it's too much different."

Even though Ashland is in first with a conference record of 9-1, each team still has ten conference games left, which means no team has anything secured and anything can happen to that number one spot in the next month and a half. The Bulldogs have found their footing a little bit late into the season and look to keep it that way.

"As a team, I think that we're just still trying to figure it out," Williams said. "Past few games we've done really well on the defensive end which was a struggle in the beginning so that's kind of what we're trying to make our identity, being a team that can defend because when we're hot and hitting shots I don't think many people can beat us."

The Bulldogs continue GLIAC play as they will face LSSU at home 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, for a chance to claim first in the North Division.



Greg Williams



Andy Bronkema



Corey Mackin



Bob Daniels

Becoming their idols

Ferris athletes talk about players they admire



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris junior guard Riley Blair looks to drive on her home court where the women are undefeated this season.

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

When looking to improve their game many student athletes look to the professionals in their sport.

Each Ferris athlete has their own skill set and style, but many of them have players who they admire and model parts of their play after.



Riley Blair

When it comes to women's basketball, many people immediately think of the success of the University of Connecticut Huskies and Ferris junior guard Riley Blair finds her inspiration in one of their past players.

"I really love the way Breanna Stewart plays," Blair said. "She's quite a bit taller than me but she's super versatile, and that's something I have really tried to incorporate into my game."

Stewart was with the Huskies from 2012-16 and went



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris junior center Cole Walker high-fives his teammates as he walks out to his name being called in the starting line-up. Walker has averaged 9.7 points and 5.1 rebounds per game this season.

into the Women's National Basketball Association after graduating. A role model for many female athletes, Stewart is known for her positive demeanor on the court.

"She also always looks like she's having fun when she's playing," Blair said. "Which is something I focus on as well."

For Ferris junior center Cole Walker, he looked to the National Basketball Association to find his role model.



Cole Walker

"I looked up to Dirk Nowitzki because he is a post player but he can do all things in the game of basketball," Walker said. "He can do things a post player is supposed to do, and he can also take the ball out and be a guard."

Nowitzki has played for the Dallas Mavericks since 1998 and has led them to 15 playoff appearances, along with the franchise's only NBA championship in 2011. He's also a 13-time All-Star and the first European player



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris freshman forward Hunter Wendt prepares for a face-off against Mercyhurst junior forward Derek Barach.

to receive the NBA Most Valuable Player award.

Ferris freshman forward Hunter Wendt has a few National Hockey League players he looks up to and tries to emulate on the ice.

"From the first time I started playing hockey, I loved watching Steve Yzerman from the Detroit Red Wings," Wendt said. "But I think I model my game after Tyler Johnson. He is a forward on the Tampa Bay Lightning. I think I play like him because he is a small, skilled, hardworking forward who isn't afraid to get in the dirty areas of the rink."

Johnson went undrafted coming out of his junior hockey league career but was signed by the Lightning. In his rookie season he had 24 goals and 26 assists and was a nominee for the league's top rookie.



Hunter Wendt

Making a good impression

Zach Hankins proving he belongs at college basketball's highest level

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

In the midst of celebrating their first National Championship last year, the men's basketball team faced a bittersweet moment when it was officially announced that starting center Zach Hankins was going to transfer.

The loss of their starting center, who transferred to Xavier University to play Division I basketball, was not the most surprising news, however, as Hankins had an incredible season to guide the Bulldogs to the National Title.

Another reason this move came as no surprise was the discussion before the season even started that Ferris men's basketball head coach Andy Bronkema had with Hankins about his interest in playing at the Division I level.

"Bronkema and I had talked about it before the season started just to get it out of the way. I really even had the choice about which school I would go to picked out for the most part," Hankins said. "So, I just treated it like my senior season with the other seniors on the team and was 100 percent focused on winning a national title."

That focus paid off for not only the team but also in terms of individual play as well, as it was a spectacular season for Hankins that culminated in him winning the Division II National Player of the Year Award.

In the 2017-18 season, Hankins averaged 15.1 points per game on 63 percent shooting. He also averaged 9.7 rebounds per game and 3.3 blocks per

game to lead the Bulldogs in all four categories.

He left Ferris as the all-time leader in 319 blocks and a .666 field-goal percentage. On top of that, he also holds single-season records in 380 rebounds (2017-18), 71.1 field-goal percentage (2017-18) and 130 blocks (2016-17).

This season he has gone from best Division II player in the nation to a solid role player who has adjusted well to the Division I level and shown that this is where he belongs after being overlooked coming out of Charlevoix High School.

"I was able to get used to the speed of the game and the athleticism throughout the time I put in during the summer and the practices going into the season," Hankins said. "It was a decent sized jump in terms of size and athleticism though. Playing against more guys that are 6-foot-5 instead of a lot of guys being around 6-foot-1 at the D2 level."

His stats certainly help show that he's used to the competition at this point in the season as well. In 19 games played and seven starts this season, Hankins has averaged 10.5 points per game on 71.2 percent shooting. In his 20 minutes per game, Hankins also averages 4.9 rebounds and 1.4 blocks.

Despite his personal success, the wins haven't come like they did at Ferris for Hankins and Xavier.

While the team hasn't necessarily achieved the success thus far this season that it has hoped for, sitting at 11-8 and in danger of missing the NCAA tournament for just the second time in the past 18 seasons, this move hasn't been a loss, especially for Hankins.

This season, Hankins said he has accomplished his goal of playing big-time Division I basketball and has done so at a high level, and that in itself is something to acknowledge.



Torch File Photo

Former Bulldog Zach Hankins drives to the hoop in the 2018 National Championship Game. Hankins would also take home Division II Player of the Year Honors last year along with the school's first national title in any sport.

Big opportunities

Devon Johnson represents Ferris football in bowl game

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

Ferris senior offensive tackle Devon Johnson recently made the trip to California to compete in the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) Collegiate Bowl.

The bowl game, which has been around since 2012, was made for college athletes that do not have the opportunity to play in a bowl game that Division I teams do. Many players from Division II are represented in this bowl game, and all 32 NFL teams have their coaches there to watch and scout these athletes.



Devon Johnson

Johnson, who was with the Bulldogs for five years, credits his success to Ferris football head coach Tony Annese.

“Without Coach Annese I wouldn’t be in the position I am,” Johnson said. “Coach Annese gave me an opportunity to play at Ferris and he motivated me to the player I am today.”

The NFLPA game was hosted Saturday, Jan. 19 in Pasadena, Calif., where the historic Rose Bowl is held every year. Johnson traveled there about two weeks before the game and began practicing with his new team.

“Mentally, I’ve practiced all week and been having a lot of fun with new things and learning about a lot of new stuff,” Johnson said.

In the 2019 game, Johnson was competing on the National team. The American team ended up winning the close game with a final score of 10-7, but although his team didn’t win, Johnson still said it was worth the experience.

Being one of the starting players for most of his time with the Bulldogs had also prepared him for the game.

“Everything at Ferris helped me a lot. I just love playing here and representing Ferris State,” Johnson said. “I’m just trailblazing for everyone who’s going to come after me. A lot more people from Ferris will go to collegiate bowls and NFL bowls. So, there’s a lot more to come for sure.”



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris senior offensive lineman Devon Johnson gets ready for a snap in a home game last fall. Johnson earned All-American first team honors in his last season as a Bulldog.



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Drawing the short straw

Ferris hockey struggles despite such talent

The Bulldog hockey team is having their worst start to a season in the past ten years, but is it a true measurement of the talent that is on this year’s hockey team?

Sitting at 6-17-1 and seven points behind a playoff spot in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), the future for the Bulldogs this year does not look the greatest. Looking at the numbers, the Bulldogs average 2.71 goals per game while giving up 3.62 goals per game, which is not the side that a winning team would be sitting on. Despite what everything on the score sheet says, I personally see a lot more than just a “losing team.”

Out of the 17 losses the team has suffered, eight of the losses were one goal games with four coming in overtime. Take away all of the one goal/overtime games and the Bulldogs are sitting at a record of 6-9-1, which as a team with a growing young core is not too bad.

Sometimes losing may deter a team and put them in a rut, which is normal, but anytime the Bulldogs fall by a goal the night before, there is no skip in the step as they usually come out just as strong. When Ferris lost in a shootout against the Bowling Green Falcons Dec. 7, they did not hold back the next day. As a matter of fact, they scored the first goal of the game Dec. 8, even being on a seven game losing streak at the time. But as the game went back and forth during that night, the advantage went to Bowling Green in overtime after a few good breaks for the Falcons.

The Bulldogs are actually on track to score more goals than the previous 2017-18 season, as they scored 55 goals through 24 games and this year have scored 65 during that same period, but still have three



Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

fewer wins than the 2017-18 team. Although the team may seem like a bust, they are technically improving as the year goes on but it just goes unnoticed because all that matters is what the win/loss column looks like.

As the Bulldogs success this year may seem tarnished, there is some upside for the years to come.

With just five seniors leaving and seven freshmen that are already household names, there is hope that the future is bright. Ferris freshman defenseman Cooper Zech has been named WCHA Rookie of the week more than once as well as Rookie of the Month during December. Zech is also the team leader in assists as well as points. With a few more years ahead of him, Zech could be a standout player being recognized nationwide.

Another freshman with high hopes is goaltender Roni Salmenkangas. After coming in to relieve Justin Kapelmaster after an injury, the freshman surprised many with how well he played. As he started to get more consecutive starts, his play fell off a little bit which is normal for a freshman goaltender getting seven starts in a row. With room to grow and learn behind Kapelmaster, Salmenkangas also has a great future with the program.

Wins and losses determine success and failure but for this Bulldog team, there is much more that shows the potential they have.

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Sports Shorts

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Welcome to Bulldog Country

A total of 12 incoming freshmen have officially signed their letter of intent to become a Bulldog athlete. The athletes range from women's golf, men's golf and women's volleyball, with both golf teams adding three to their roster and volleyball adding the remaining six.

The new Bulldogs come from different areas both in-state and out of state. More than half are non Michigan natives, and most are from surrounding states such as Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Some new Bulldogs will travel a little farther, as one is from Minnesota and another is from Kentucky.

The women's golf team picked up Abigail Grevel, Hallie Boles and Karina VanDuinen. The men's team acquired Nathan Kraynyk, Tanner Moore and Trent Barth. Finally, the volleyball team added Ally Barkhaus, Lauren Cox, Emily Kinney, Jessica Lefler, Kira Merkle and Kristina Welter.

Add it to the collection

On top of the already impressive outing the Bulldog football team had during the 2018 season, the awards keep on coming in, this time as seven Bulldogs were named to the Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-Super Region Three team.

Among the seven Bulldogs are junior quarterback Jayru Campbell, senior offensive linemen Nic Sawyer and Devon Johnson, sophomore linebacker Sam Heyboer, junior safety Delon Stephenson, junior defensive end Austin Edwards and junior cornerback Adrian Green.

These Bulldogs were selected on behalf of all teams in the Region Three for their dominant play during the course of the season. The Bulldogs led the first team with a total of five players, as well as Campbell being awarded the Super Region Three Offensive Player of the Year.



Top Dawg

Brayene Benner

Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

It was a relatively quiet week for Ferris athletics, with just two home doubleheaders for men's and women's basketball. That made it really tough to choose who gets the prestigious Top Dawg award for this week as there were multiple standouts in each game.

However, an athlete must be chosen, so with no disrespect to the other athletes, Ferris junior starting center Brayene Benner has been honored as Top Dawg this week.

In a game this past Thursday against Purdue Northwest, the Ferris women's basketball team dominated throughout the game and won in commanding fashion by a score of 94-78. Benner had a spectacular performance in this game to lead the Bulldogs. She domi-

nated the Pride on both ends of the court.

On the offensive side, Benner finished the game with 18 points and 10 rebounds, six of which came on the offensive glass. On the defensive side, Benner accumulated four steals and eight blocks.

In 15 games this season, Benner is averaging 8.4 points per game on 59.8 percent shooting and 6.3 rebounds per game. This is to go along with 2.2 blocks per game and 1.1 steals per game. Her 2.2 blocks per game leads the team.

Benner really stepped up her game in this one, and it led to a much-needed conference win for the Bulldogs. It's fair to say that the team will be hoping for more of these performances out of Benner as it will help in the Bulldogs fight for a conference championship.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Friday, Jan. 25:

- Track at SVSU Jet's Pizza Invite
- Hockey at Bowling Green State University at 7:37 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 26:

- Track at SVSU Jet's Pizza Invite
- Women's Basketball vs. Lake Superior State University at 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Lake Superior State University at 3 p.m.
- Hockey at Bowling Green State University at 7:07 p.m.

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

If you're single and living in a college town, chances are that you've used Tinder or another dating website before.

Regardless of the intention, whether you're searching for a relationship or a hookup or a confidence boost, Tinder has been a staple in the dating world for young adults for quite some time now. It's super easy to hop on the app, swipe on people that you're interested in and make some conversation when you match.

Online dating has become so prevalent that I know very few of my college friends who haven't tried it before. And those who haven't tried it have been in a relationship with the same person since seventh grade.

Despite the normalcy of Tinder, however, it still has a bad reputation and is frowned upon by many.

When a friend says they met someone on Tinder, naturally, our minds often go to one of three

places:

1) This person is desperate and turned to internet dating because they can't find love in real life

2) This person is a psychopath and is going to try to hurt your friend

3) This person is Catfishing your friend and is really a 80-year-old man with no teeth

Now, I'll admit that I've been guilty of this in the past. It's easy to judge because Tinder has such a negative connotation that goes with it, so we make assumptions about the people who use the service, when in fact, using Tinder within our generation is likely more common than dating without it.

In reality, there is nothing to be ashamed of when using an online dating service. Dating is difficult, and although we all wish that smart guy from our class or the cute girl sitting at Starbucks will step up and make the first move,

it's pretty unlikely to happen. It's unfortunate, but it's true.

And that's what Tinder and Bumble and any other dating site is for. People have more confidence behind a screen and are more apt to have the courage to give you a sweet compliment (or a sleazy, unsolicited sexual comment, but let's focus on the positives here).

Sure, maybe it's not super successful all the time. If nothing else, it's a good outlet to meet new people and have fun conversations with strangers that you may have never spoken to in person. And personally, I've made a couple great friends through dating sites; romantic relationships didn't work, but we remained close and still talk pretty regularly.

Let's end the stigma behind using Tinder and other forms of online dating. For every one Catfish or person with bad intentions, there's dozens of genuine-

ly good people who, at the very least, can be cool to talk with.

And of course, if you're going to meet up with someone you met on Tinder, follow some safety precautions: tell a close friend about the location and time of the meet-up, share your phone's location with a friend and always meet for the first time in a public place.

Maybe you'll find your true love on a dating website. Maybe not. Either way, don't feel weird about dating in a less traditional way. It is 2019, after all, and the internet is an incredibly unifying thing. It's amazing how it can unite people from all over.

Have fun and do what you want. Date whoever you'd like. Just remember, that there's no shame in dating someone that you met through the internet, because honestly, it is much more common than you may think.

It's not personal

Stop complaining about ESPN making a business decision

Let me just start out by saying that I was once an athlete and I don't think women's sports always get the respect they deserve.

It's taken a long time for women's sports to get where they are now and I think that we deserve more attention in sports. Female athletes have certainly earned the respect they have gained thus far.

However, some things just come down to running a business. You absolutely cannot be irate about a national broadcasting network deciding who they give the so-called "spotlight" based on their main viewing demographics and, let's face it, money.

In December, the Division I national championship for women's volleyball between Stanford and Nebraska was going on at the same time the New Orleans Bowl game featuring Appalachian State and Middle Tennessee. The volleyball game was broadcast on ESPN2, and the bowl game was on ESPN. *Cue the angry twitter mob*

This viral tweet by @francesleeee came across my timeline:



Now, before I even unpack that tweet, I want



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Interim Sports Editor

to go over ESPN's viewer demographic. The median age of their viewers is 48, with both the 35-54 and 55+ age groups at 37 percent of their viewers, according to National Media Spots. The percentages genderwise aren't even close: 76 percent of ESPN's viewers are male. So, the network's main demographic to appeal to is middle-aged men. Go figure.

If you asked 100 middle-aged men if they would rather watch a volleyball championship game or a bowl game, I bet you the majority would instantly pick the bowl game. Sure, my brother who's in college said he watched the volleyball game — and it was awesome — but he's 21 not 48.

Also, literally everyone who pays for a cable subscription with ESPN will have ESPN2. There is virtually no difference besides flipping a channel, and the idea of primetime is actually irrelevant with how television works now. It would be a little different if they were being broadcast on ESPN3 since that isn't a channel, just an online stream. But they weren't. The volleyball game was on ESPN2, only one click of a remote away from ESPN.

As her thread continued, she said that ESPN needed to "give them what's rightfully theirs: the privilege of shining on the biggest stage after making it to the most important game

of their careers." But what about the football players in the bowl game? Is this not one of the most important games they'll play in after they also worked their asses off all season to have a good enough record to get a bowl game bid and they may only play in this one bowl game?

It's basically the same situation, so to demand that the volleyball game gets prime-time just because the players are is a bit ludicrous to me. Male and female athletes both work equally hard at their sports, and I don't believe gender should even be brought into this equation because ESPN didn't choose who played on what channel based on gender. It was a business decision.

When Ferris' football team made it to the Division II National Championship Game, it was broadcast on ESPNU, which was pretty cool and well-deserved. Now, if a Ferris women's team made it to their respective national championship and weren't broadcast on an ESPN channel, I would be a little upset and think they were being disrespected a little.

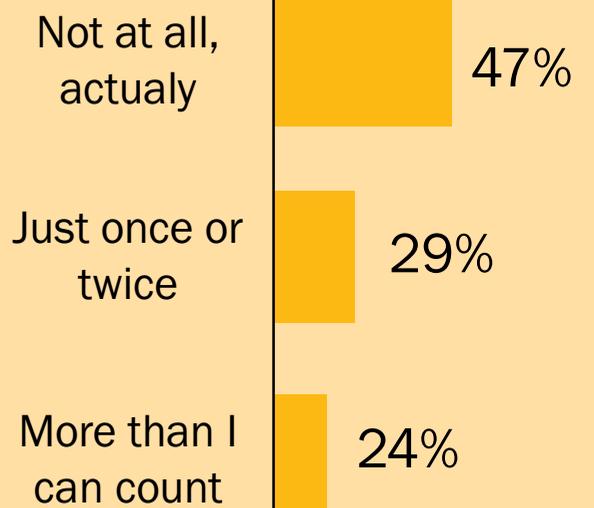
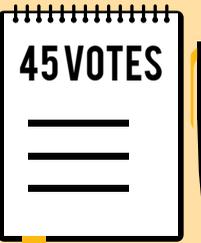
But the viewers that want that game on ESPN are a small percentage nationwide and that's just a fact. If this situation were to happen, it would be because there wasn't enough interest nationwide in a Division II women's national championship game, which you can't take personally.

So, please, Twitter, please stop making an issue out of a non-issue, and stop portraying women as victims when we're not. Nobody's empowering anybody by picking dumb fights.



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Nevertheless, we persist

Why do people frown on protests?



Harley Harrison
Guest Writer

Camera in hand, I entered a street drowning in pussy hats and loud signs, my heart keeping pace with the resonant drumming of protesters.

There were many events in the past year that influenced me to attend the 2019 Women's March in Washington, D.C. From the prevalence of sexual assault, including the stories of the Nassar survivors and Christine Ford, to the everyday instances of sexism in our society.

I realized I needed to do more than just verbally oppose. I needed to act. I set out to accomplish this need, but in expressing my desire to protest, I had been met with a lot of criticism that, if I'm protesting, I must hate my country. But contrary to this belief, I'd like to argue that protesting shows my love for my country.

One of the most patriotic methods of expressing your unheard values in the United States is to march. The act of protesting is quite arguably the "American Way," starting in 1773 when early Americans protested the British rule by dumping tea into a harbor. Throughout history, one of the most influential forms of protesting is to march.

In 1913, the Women's Suffrage March demanded the right for women to vote. In 1932, World War I veterans held the Bonus Army March to demand their pay from the government.

In 1963, 200,000 people participated in the Civil Rights March on Washington to demand racial equality, according to the Smithsonian's website.

In 1979, the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights prevailed to demonstrate the government's failure to recognize and protect LGBTQ+ persons.

These marches were followed by the 1981 Anti-War Mobilization Protest, the 2002 Protest Against the Iraq War and many more. In recent years, we've had protests such as Black Lives Matter, the March for Our Lives, the March for Science and, of course, the Women's March.

Yet, people continue to hold stigma against protesters, as if protesters were not responsi-



Photo by: Harley Harrison | Guest Writer

Participants in this year's Women's March on Washington exercise their democratic abilities.

ble for the freedom they now hold. Protests not only allow us to practice our given rights, but they also show our government what we as citizens value. As Americans, we are fortunate to live in a country where the government works for us. What many fail to understand is that our desire to protest only shows that we care about this country.

As the crowd swept me through the streets of Washington, and the diverse people around me united under one cause, I realized just how much I love my country. I march out of the desire to make something I love into something better. I march so that the generations who follow me can have better lives and brighter futures. I march because I care. I march because I am a true patriot.

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