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Many students pay for their own tuition



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Ferris estimated tuition

Undergraduate tuition freshman/sophomore	Undergraduate tuition junior/senior
U.S. Residents/Canadians \$421 per credit hour \$11,788 per year	U.S. Residents/Canadians \$435 per credit hour \$12,120 per year
International students \$680 per credit hour \$19,040 per year	International students \$700 per credit hour \$19,600 per year

The above information was taken from ferris.edu

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

A college student typically has a lot on their plate and not a lot in their wallet, which is especially true for students who pay their own tuition.

The annual cost of tuition depends on a variety of factors, but at Ferris, it is estimated to be about \$11,788 for freshmen and sophomore U.S. residents and \$12,180 for junior and senior U.S. residents.

This cost does not include additional expenses, such as room and board, food or books, so budgeting can become an essential factor.

"My biggest advice would be, make a budget and stick to it. I understand that you see that cute pair of shoes that are \$100 at the store, but you have to think, 'Is that cute pair of shoes going to buy me dinner?'" Ferris secondary education sophomore Amanda Marsh said.

Many students at Ferris pay for the cost of tuition without family assistance, which can result in additional responsibilities beyond focusing on education.

"During the semester, I work for the college, and I only work during the semester about 15 to 20 hours, just with homework and stuff like that. But over the summer, I'll work as much as 60 hours a week back home," Ferris computer information technology senior Steven Rhein said. "When there's downtime, if you can, work. Work is so important."

However, not everyone has the time to work, and expenses must be paid through alternative methods.

"I quit my job so that I could go to school full time," Marsh said. "I will be heavily in debt. I have to take out a loan every year I'm here, and I have probably three more to go."

According to Federal Student Aid, an Office of the U.S. Department of Education, loans are one of three types of federal student assistance. Loans are borrowed money from a college and must be paid back with interest.

Ferris nursing freshman Kayla Drew pays her own tuition, using

loans to cover about half of it.

"By the time I get out of Ferris, I'm going to be at least \$40,000 in debt. That's a lot of money compared to my parents who came out with like \$20,000. I worry about not being able to pay for all of it on a nurse's salary," Drew said.

In addition to loans, students may receive financial aid through work-study, scholarships and government grants that do not need to be repaid.

"Scholarships helped a lot. That was probably the only reason I was able to come through

here because they gave me quite a bit for scholarships, so that was really nice," Drew said.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) determines aid eligibility based on expected family contribution and other factors, which can be difficult for students who pay tuition on their own.

"There are times when the tax laws do not help independent students at all. My financial aid has been up and down because of selling our house in Tennessee and moving here, so one year I get a lot of help, and one year I get none," Marsh said.

Offering payment plans is one way that Ferris attempts to help students paying their own tuition.

Multiple payment plans are offered with the hope to minimize loan debt, Ferris Student Financial Services Manager Erin Diehm said. Students can preview payment plans before enrolling.

"We see that anywhere from 1,900 to 2,500 student accounts per term in a fall or spring semester are enrolled in a payment plan. Enrollment can be completed by authorized users or students. Payment plans give the flexibility to students to pay towards their bill over three to four months, depending on the plan a student chooses," Diehm said.

More information regarding scholarships can be found by contacting the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid, located on the first floor of the Timme Center. Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Student Financial Services' service counter is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Kayla Drew



Amanda Marsh

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- Isaac Lampe - See page 4 for story

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Worth the wait

Educational Counseling and Disability Services moved to more accessible location

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Previously located on the third floor of the Starr building, which was inconvenient to some, the Educational Counseling and Disability Services (ECDS) office has officially moved to ASC 1017.

Many Ferris students found difficulties with ECDS’s previous location. There were a series of staircases that led to the previous office, and students often struggled to find the location of the third floor.

“The last location felt like it would be hard to find, especially for incoming freshmen,” Ferris pre-nursing freshman Elizabeth Lalone said. “You would have to ask a bunch of people to find it, that’s what I had to do. Having it be here is a whole lot easier to find.”

Not only does the new location provide ECDS with the space necessary to properly help students, but more importantly, it gives students more comfortable access to the office.

“Being here with an elevator right next to it, and it being in an area that is very open and accessible to people who do need to use disability services, it was a great idea that they moved,”

Lalone said. “I like the new location. I think it’s very much convenient. It’s easier to find for people who don’t know where it is.”

ECDS offers students many accommodations, such as for tests, emotional support animals, as well as mobility support, according to Ferris game design and digital animation freshman Valerie Guerra.

“I love it here. The counselors here are really nice, very helpful and very chill,” Guerra said.

Guerra, who also works at ECDS, said that other students seem to enjoy the new location.

“We are more accessible, easier to find and more centrally located than where we were located. We also have more testing space for students who utilize our testing services.” Ferris Educational Counseling and Disabilities Services Secretary Ashley Hawley said.

The Educational Counseling and Disabilities Services Office can assist students with a variety of services, including educational counseling, career counseling and disabilities services.

For more information, contact the office at 231-591-3057 or ecds@ferris.edu.



Photo by: Taylor Davis | Torch Photographer

The Educational Counseling and Disability Office found a new home this semester in ASC 1017, which many students find more convenient than its previous location on the third floor of Starr.

Enrollment trending downward

Enrollment at Ferris decreases for the third consecutive year

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

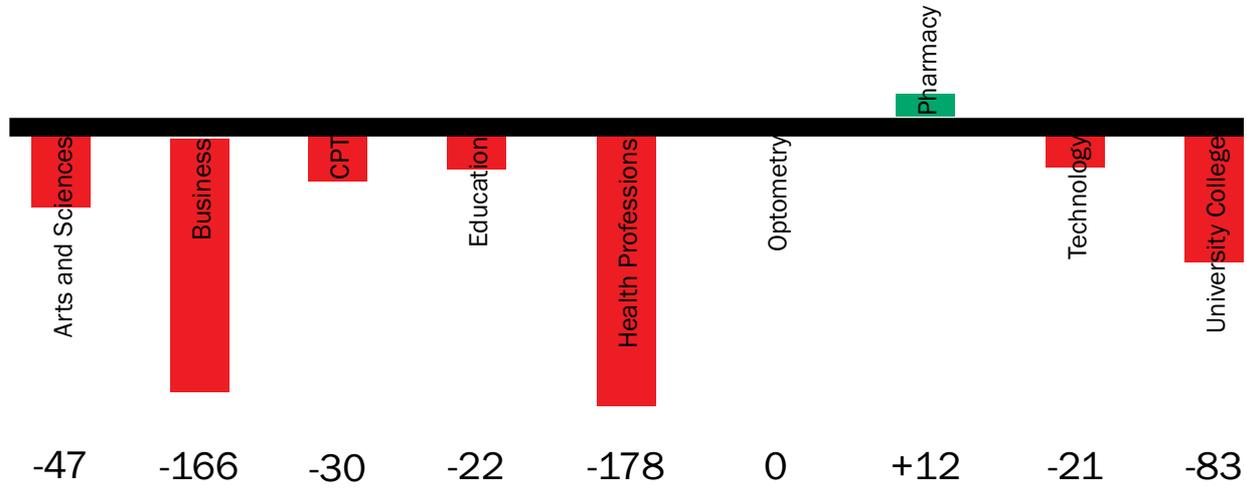
Ferris’ enrollment has declined for the third consecutive year, this time by the most substantial amount in at least 15 years.

According to Ferris’ online enrollment records, which date back to 2002, this year’s decline in enrollment of 535 students is the largest in that timespan. Previously, the most significant declines came in 2016 and 2017 when enrollment decreased by 528 and 389 students respectively. This year marks the third consecutive year and fourth out of the last five that enrollment has declined.

For Ferris, much like many other Michigan universities, the decline in enrollment was expected as the number of high school graduates continues to shrink throughout the state.

“The most significant factor in our enrollment decline is the demographic landscape in our state and region. Projections until 2032 indicate that Michigan will drop to 88,000 high school graduates. After 2032, there is projected to be a slight uptick in the numbers. To compare, in 2013 there were 111,000 high school graduates,” Ferris Dean of Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions and Records Kristen Salomonson said. “The declines will continue for 10-plus years, and Michigan’s post-secondary institutions will be competing for a shrinking pool.”

Ferris’ 4.4 percent decrease is more substantial than some other comparable universities, but throughout the state, most colleges and universities are also suffering from the decline in high school students. All but two community colleges in Michigan experienced a decrease in enrollment this year. Grand Valley State University experienced a 1.7 percent decrease this year, and Central Michigan University enrollment declined by seven percent. While many universities have not yet released their winter semester enrollment data, universities such as Saginaw Valley State University and Northern Michigan University both reported declines in



The above information was gathered from “Spring 2019 FSU Enrollment Summary: Spring 4th Day Extract”.

enrollment during the fall semester.

Ferris’ most significant decline came from the College of Health Professions, which lost 178 students this year. Some Ferris students think that the college may need updates to help attract more students.

“I feel like we definitely need an upgrade in our buildings. I know the Business Building just got an upgrade and I don’t think the programs in health care have gotten the upgrades that they need,” Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Kari Olsen said.



Kari Olsen

As for the enrollment decline’s impact on students, Salomonson says that the university is committed to keeping Ferris affordable for students and that the enrollment decline will not impact tuition increases.

“One of the university’s core values is opportunity, and we want to reduce financial barriers wherever possible. We have raised tuition consistent with the State of Michigan’s percentage increase limits. When tuition revenue is down, we

respond by reducing our expenditures. We do not use tuition as a tool to alleviate revenue shortfalls,” Salomonson said.

Despite enrollment not impacting tuition raises, Ferris has raised tuition by 37.6 percent for juniors and seniors over the last 10 years, and by 33.2 percent for freshmen and sophomores. Some students think that increasing tuition prices may be factoring into enrollment.

Ferris sports communication sophomore Nathan Ostaszewski said he believes that the tuition increases are deterring potential students, adding that for a lot of students who don’t have the money to attend Ferris, it makes more sense to attend a cheaper university.



Nathan Ostaszewski

“It’s probably cheaper to go somewhere else. Ferris is kind of in the middle of nowhere as well so it might be easier going to a community college instead of Ferris,” Ostaszewski said.

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Better sleep with one eye open

Cora Hall

Interim Sports Editor

Because smoking on campus is a good idea

Jan. 18, 9:29 p.m., officers responded to the odor of marijuana coming from a room in McNerney Hall and found a room full of people. The officers could see marijuana in the room and a student admitted it was his. The student was issued a citation and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Trust me, it doesn't smell

Jan. 19, 1:06 a.m., officers responded to a call about a marijuana odor in Hallisy Hall. A student admitted to smoking off campus and the room was searched but no marijuana was found. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Take a cab

Jan. 19, 10:51 p.m., officers discovered a subject driving at South State Street and Knollview Drive with an invalid license. The subject was arrested.

Potheads in Puterbaugh

Jan. 20, 11:47 p.m., officers responded to the odor of marijuana coming from a room in Puterbaugh Hall. They found one student and a non-student who allegedly had signs of smoking marijuana. Both subjects admitted to smoking and the officers found marijuana paraphernalia and THC butter, which they confiscated. Both subjects were cited for marijuana possession and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Play nice boys

Jan. 21, 2:30 a.m., two students were fighting in Miller Hall, one of which had been

banned from the hall previously. Neither wanted to pursue charges against the other. The case was referred to the Mecosta County Prosecutor's office but no charges have been filed yet. Both subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Check your mirrors

Jan. 22, 1:23 p.m., a university vehicle backed into a student behind them outside of the College of Optometry building in Lot 32. The student complained of minor arm pain.

Better sleep with one eye open

Jan. 23, 2 a.m., a student in Clark Hall woke up because he heard his door handle being rattled. He said he saw a couple people standing in the doorway, and he did not recognize them. They didn't do anything and left, and when the officers checked with oth-

er residents in the hall, a number of them reported hearing door handles being rattled as well. The investigation is still open.

He didn't take the curve well

Jan. 23, 11:16 a.m., a female student was friends with a male student online and both students lived in Vandercook Hall. When the male student wanted to become closer, the female student said she stopped replying. The male student repeatedly messaged her and when she didn't respond, he allegedly started banging on her door and harassing her. The female student didn't want to charge the male student criminally, but wanted the university to handle it, so the male student was moved to a different hall.

Ferris Department of Safety issued 199 tickets from Jan. 20 to Jan. 26, totaling \$3,130.

NEWS BRIEFS

Megan Lewton

Editor in Chief

National Wear Red Day

Help raise awareness for heart disease by wearing red Friday, Feb 1. If you wear red on that day, attend the group photo to be held 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, in the Student Rec Centre. The photo will be submitted to the American Heart Association to show Ferris' support. For more information, contact Anna Wild at 231-591-2077.

Legos to Robots: Becoming a Master Builder

Learn more about robotics at the Legos to Robots: Becoming a Master Builder event 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Granger Center. The event, held by the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) registered student organization, will allow people to use Legos to build different machines and contraptions. The event is open to the public, but children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, visit the Festival of the Arts page at brfota.com.

Student Government Association panel

Express your concerns about campus issues at the Student Government Association Student Issue Panel 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, in UCB 202. The panel will consist of representatives from various parts of campus, such as campus safety and student affairs. For more information, contact Allyson Faulkner at faulkna1@ferris.edu.

Esera Tuaolo presentation

Watch a presentation by former professional football player and LGBTQ+ advocate Esera Tuaolo 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in UCB 202. The presentation, which is a part of the Festival of the Arts event, is free to attend. For more information, contact FSU Arts and Lectures at 231-591-3626.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Megan Lewton

Editor in Chief

Washington D.C.

President Donald Trump agreed to reopen the federal government for three weeks while negotiations continue over funding for the border wall Friday, Jan. 25. The shutdown, which began Dec. 22 and lasted 35 days, became the longest one in history. If negotiations have still not been made by Feb. 15, the government will shut down again or Trump will declare a national emergency to bypass Congress. With the government reopened, approximately 800,000 federal employees will be working with pay.

Original article by Nicholas Fandos, Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Peter Baker, Jan. 25, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Sao Paulo, Brazil

At least seven people were killed and 200 people are missing after a mining dam burst in Brumadinho, located in southeastern Brazil. Homes

and vehicles were flooded and submerged in the water following the burst Friday, Jan. 25. Seventeen people were found injured and rescued, and more than 50 firefighters are continuing the search for the missing people.

Original article by Shasta Darlington, Jan. 25, 2019. *The New York Times*.

San Francisco, California

Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg plans to integrate Instagram, Facebook Messenger and WhatsApp to allow users to communicate across the various platforms, a plan to be fulfilled by the end of this year or early 2020. The apps will still be available for use individually. Zuckerberg hopes that bringing these apps together will increase the amount of people using this system to communicate, rather than through Facebook's communication competitors like Apple and Google.

Original article by Mike Isaac, Jan. 25, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Torch Corrections

1.) The date at the top of the Jan. 30 edition of the *Torch* falsely displays 2018 as the year.

2.) An editorial comment was mistakenly printed in "A lifesaving opportunity" in the Jan. 30 edition of the *Torch*.

3.) In "Goodbye Poli Sci" in the Jan. 23 edition of the *Torch*, it incorrectly states the political science and sociology minors would be discontinued. Although the majors have been removed, the minors will continue to be offered.

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Dangerous games

Students respond to local ordinances against snowballs

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

According to Big Rapids' Code of Ordinances, throwing a snowball within the city limits could cause students and residents some trouble.

Article § 92.03 of the Big Rapids' Code of Ordinances states that "no baseball, football or softball throwing, or other violent or rough exercises or play shall be engaged in, in any public park or other public place..."

Ferris plastics engineering senior Isaac Lampe spoke about his experience in November 2018 with this local law.

"We were walking back from Shooters around 2 a.m., going back to my house a couple of blocks away," Lampe said. "My other friend and I thought it fun to throw a snowball at him, which turned into a big snowball fight in this yard."



Tiffany Duba

"All of a sudden, this spotlight comes on us, and we turned around. This cop gets out of his car and tells us to stop what we're doing," Lampe said. "He asked a bunch of questions like, 'Why were you in someone's yard?' and then the last question was like, 'Do you guys know what you're doing?' We said, 'Throwing snowballs.'"

"After that, he's like, 'Well, I could arrest all three of you for throwing snowballs,'" Lampe said. "We all really couldn't believe he had said that and we kind of laughed a little."

Additionally, § 94.21 of the Big Rapids' Code of Ordinances states, 'no per-

son shall drop, throw, deposit, or scatter any earth, ashes, shavings, sawdust, hay, dirt, manure, rubbish, garbage, filth or any other loose material or articles in any street, alley, or public place...' This can include snowballs.

Violators of this local law can face a \$500 fine or up to 90 days in jail, although the consequences of throwing a snowball match the severity of the offense.

"One of my friends asked why this was even a law, and he just said that it could be a safety hazard, but really he was just trying to get us for underage drinking or something like that," Lampe said.

Big Rapids is not the only town in the United States with an ordinance against throwing things in public, however. According to an article published by CBS 17 in December 2018, the city of Rio Rancho, New Mexico has a much more specific ordinance against throwing snowballs. The states "the City of Rio Rancho has a projection of missiles ordinance, which covers the throwing, slinging, catapulting of any snowball, rock, arrow, bb..."

The town of Severance, Colorado made national headlines in December 2018 after a 9-year-old boy appealed a ban on snowball fights in the town. According to an article published by CBS News in December 2018, "the rule was part of a larger ordinance that made it illegal to throw or shoot stones or missiles at people, animals, buildings, trees, any other public or private property or vehicles."

"I guess I don't care about it," Ferris dental hygiene freshman Tiffany Duba said, "but that's kind of childish to have it be an actual rule if kids are going to get in trouble."



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

This Bulldog should think twice before throwing a snowball. Although some view it as good fun, it is illegal to do so in Big Rapids.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris plastics engineering technology junior Bruce Hudson and his friends spent their day off sledding and snowboarding in the parking lot of their apartment complex.

Winter storm prompts Ferris campus closure

University cancels classes for the first time in six years

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

An FSU emergency alert informed students 6:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, that all daytime and evening classes on the Big Rapids campus were cancelled for the day due to inclement weather conditions.

Although it was initially noted that campus would remain open for the day, a separate alert sent around 10:30 a.m. announced that campus would close at noon. Faculty were advised to "use discretion" while traveling to campus, according to an FSU emergency alert.

Some areas of campus remained open Monday, such as the Rock and the Quad, the University Center and the Racquet Center. Other main buildings, such as Birkam Health Center, the Student Recreation Center and Erbert's and Gerbert's in the IRC, closed for the day. The DART Campus Shuttle was not running, either.

Ferris reopened the university Tuesday, Jan. 29. Classes resumed as normal.

According to Ferris Department of Public Safety, the last time Ferris cancelled classes and closed campus due to extreme winter weather was in 2013.

A statewide snowstorm is affecting Big Rapids and is expected to last multiple days. The snow will be accompanied by low temperatures and wind chills. The storm prompted other local universities to cancel, such as Grand Valley State University (GVSU), Central Michigan University (CMU) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU). CMU and SVSU also reopened campus and resumed classes Tuesday, Jan. 29, while GVSU remained closed through Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a state of emergency in Michigan the evening of Monday, Jan. 28, to protect the public from the extreme winter weather, including the snowstorms, low temperatures and wind chills.

Cash for content

Netflix announces price increase for all subscription plans

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Netflix users should expect to see higher numbers on their monthly bills.

According to CNN, Netflix has announced that prices will increase for all subscription plans. The basic plan will increase from \$7.99 to \$8.99, the standard plan will increase from \$10.99 to \$12.99 and the premium plan will increase from \$13.99 to \$15.99.



Nathan Nye

"I think they can do it because they've been killing it and so many people are using it. They've got to pay for all the space to store all that stuff and the rights to have a lot of that stuff, so I feel like \$10 a month was cheap to begin with," Ferris graphic design freshman Nathan Nye said. "That's dirt cheap for all you're getting."

The Netflix website states that the differences between the plan options include the number of devices users can stream titles on at once, the number of devices users can download titles to and standard versus high-quality definition.

"I mean, I guess Netflix has almost a huge cult following in which people would probably be okay spending an extra dollar or two just because of how popular and mainstream Netflix is in itself," Ferris physical therapy senior Logan Hunt said.

In a statement published by CNN, Netflix Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos said that there is a balance between price and content.

"It's about providing enough value to the customer that they see it as a good value relative to usage and what it costs. If they're enjoying hours and hours of programming and a lot of shows, and we're meeting the need, they'll think it's of great value," Sarandos said.

An article published by USA Today said that Netflix is raising prices to fund its push for original programming, including movies and shows such as "Bird Box" and "13 Reasons Why."

The article said this is the fourth time Netflix has increased its prices in the United States. Existing subscribers can expect to see the change over the next three months as of Jan. 15.

Hunt said that Netflix could argue raising prices due to original content, but the amount of original material they have released can be overwhelming.

"They're coming out with more quantity rather than quality, I feel like. They're spitting out a ton of them, which is cool because you can't get them anywhere else, which I appreciate, but at the same time I feel like it's almost overwhelming the amount that they come out with," Hunt said.



Logan Hunt

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DEADLINE: Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019

Sexual assault reported in Big Rapids

Big Rapids Department of Public Safety continues investigation

Madison Kettlewell & Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter & Editor in Chief

The Big Rapids Department of Public Safety continues to investigate a sexual assault reported Saturday, Jan. 19.

"We actually have continued to speak to some potential witnesses today [Friday, Jan. 25] and continue to look for any lead that may come forth," Big Rapids Public Safety Detective Brian Miller said.

The assault reportedly occurred around 1 – 2 a.m. at 120 Locust Street in Big Rapids, according to

an FSU emergency alert that was sent out Sunday, Jan. 20.

A separate alert described the suspect as a 20-year-old white male who is 6-feet tall and has brown wavy hair. The suspect was wearing a black sweatshirt and a yellow cap.

Miller confirmed the alleged victim was a Ferris student.

"We get about half a dozen [sexual assault cases] a semester that we investigate," Miller said.

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

If you're reading this, there's a pretty high chance that you respect and support student media.

But, because I know many of you may not, let me explain to you why you should.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, is Student Press Freedom Day, a day to recognize the hard work of student journalists, support your local college media organization and show why student journalists deserve the same press freedom as other outlets.

Plenty of college newspapers are censored by their school's administration who don't want any "bad news" of the institution to be displayed. I know one editor in chief at a private university who was recently censored for publishing an article that included some not-so-positive quotes from a member of the administration. Although the quotes were 100 percent accurate and entirely put into context, the administration was upset about the article and wanted the newspaper to face consequences.

Luckily, this isn't an issue that we commonly face at the Torch. We are an independent newspaper that is fully created for and by the students. We have a faculty adviser who can help with some

things per our request, but he typically doesn't see any of our content until its already online or in newsstands. Sure, we've faced many complaints for a variety of different reasons, and we choose to address those in our own way. However, if something we publish is truthful, fair and accurate, we're not going to take it down, no matter how much someone dislikes it. We've been asked before and we typically refuse. And frankly, we shouldn't have to.

Student-run newspapers are a fundamental feature of any college campus. Often, they are the first (or one of the first) to report major campus news. They also are more likely to report major campus news in depth, rather than just an initial "breaking news" report. Furthermore, student journalists cover different topics than one may see in a local city's newspaper, as the topics of interest often vary from those of the general public.

Since I began at the Torch in 2017, I've seen all of these factors come into play during our reporting. Interim Sports Editor Cora Hall wrote an investigative piece on marijuana use at Ferris back when she was a news reporter. Hall also wrote several in-depth reports on the Ferris Faculty Association

Supporting student media

contract negotiations and strike this fall semester. We had various sports reporters and editors working to cover Ferris men's basketball's national championship victory, as well as Ferris football's national championship loss. In our opinions section, Torch photographer Kaitlyn Kirchner opened up about her diagnosis with borderline personality disorder, a column that received a lot of attention across campus.

Although a lot of this coverage isn't "positive news," it is still newsworthy. A university's administration should not have the power to prevent student journalists from reporting the truth about the institution just because the truth isn't pretty.

Of course, the Torch is not the only student newspaper who does coverage like this. Central Michigan Life (Central Michigan University) and the State News (Michigan State University) are phenomenal in their coverage of campus news. Outside of Michigan, I turn to some papers like the University Star (Texas State University), the Daily Texan (The University of Texas at Austin) and The Spectator (Valdosta State University, Georgia) to see what they cover and for inspiration on how to improve as a journalist.

It's crazy what a bunch of student journalists can do.

College media often covers news in a unique manner, because as student journalists, we have different experiences, different references, different interests. Many of the articles produced by student journalists are distinct from others in the area, and none of this would be possible if people strip the press freedom from them.

So even if you're just picking up the paper for the monthly satire insert, or to read about who won Saturday's basketball game, or to see your own headshot in the news section after being interviewed, I'd strongly encourage you to support student journalism. No matter what university or what form of media, student journalists work countless hours behind the scenes to keep students in the know about what's going on at their school.

Today's student journalists are tomorrow's professional journalists. Support them. Give them the press freedom they need and deserve in order to report news that matters to you in the best way that they can.

Suitemate etiquette

You aren't living alone



Rebecca Bostic
Managing Copy Editor

This opinion is strictly based on what should be acts of common sense and human decency. This opinion is not directed against any person(s) because of their ethnic background or upbringing.

I am not the neatest person on the planet, but I still like things in a particular order. Occasionally I'm too tired to remember to take my underwear out of the bathroom in the mornings when I'm done getting dressed. I am not a perfect person, so I don't have room to stand on most issues concerning a space shared between two people.

However, when I'm the only one buying and replacing the toilet paper, and nearly tripping over the bathroom trash bin because it was placed in front of my door (it did need to be taken out, but really) — that's where I draw a thick line.

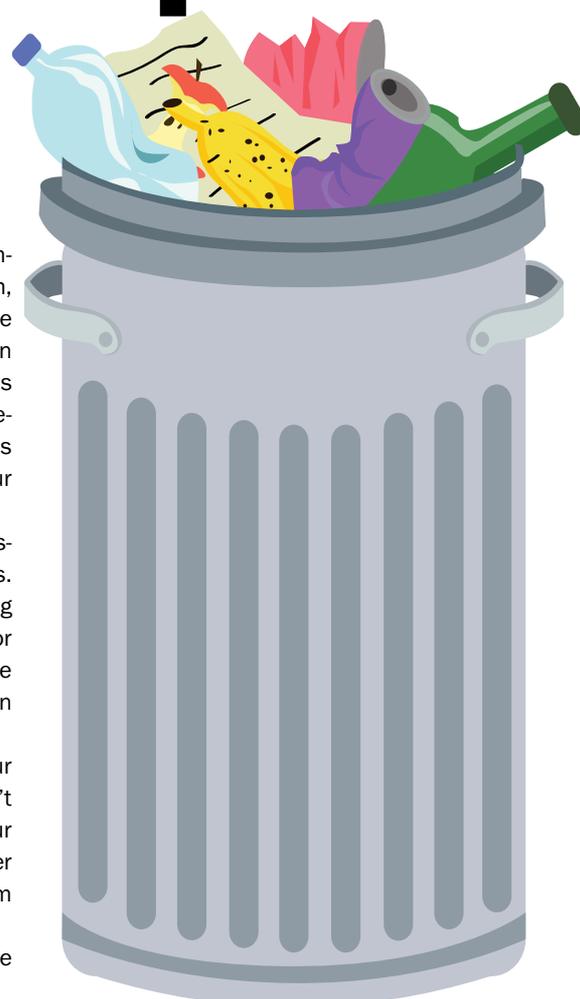
To all of the suitemates and roommates out there reading this who have skimped on letting their other suitemates and roommates know they were running low on toilet paper or paper towel: you're an adult, go buy it yourself or speak up about it.

Public service announcement: the bathroom is a bathroom. Not a living room, not a parlor, not a room meant to be used as an entertainment facility when you have guests over. The bathroom is meant for relieving oneself, cleaning oneself and occasionally cleaning dishes. It is not intended for you to leave two of your fruit snack wrappers on the vanity.

Suitemates and roommates are not designated to be one another's housemaids. Responsibilities — cleaning dishes, taking out the trash, buying the toilet paper or shampoo — should be shared and everyone should step up to do their part, maybe even a little extra when they can.

Just because you aren't living with your family when you go to college doesn't mean you are living 100 percent on your own. You're still sharing space with another human being, even if you don't see them that often.

Take care of your shared spaces like the adults you should be.

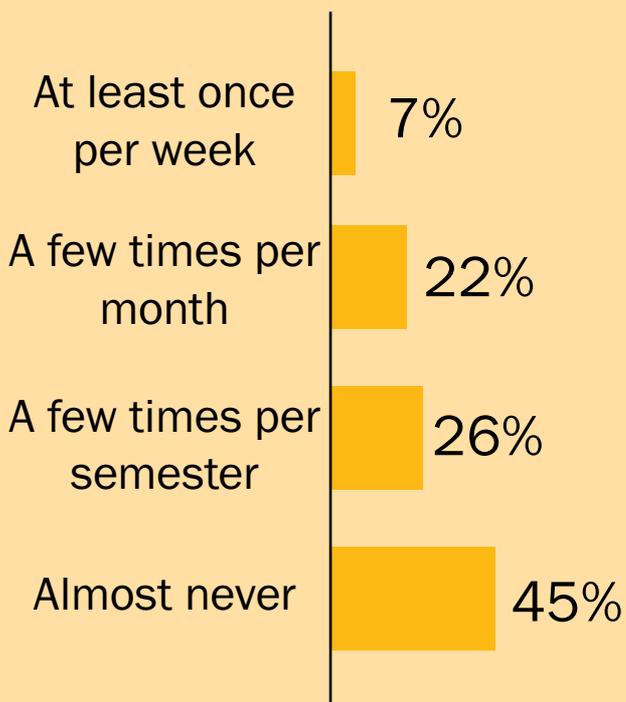
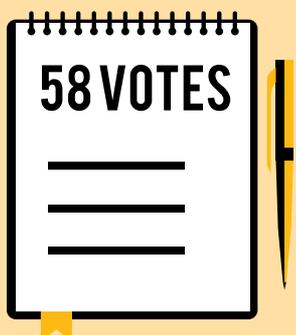


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DIVIDED OPINIONS

MAYBE SO

Hi friends, let's talk.

I know this is a very controversial topic, and I'd like to preface this column by addressing my background with guns.

I grew up in a tiny town about ten minutes outside of Flint. My classmates occasionally rode tractors to school, and I lived on 30 acres of farmland. Firearms were not uncommon.

I shot my first bear at thirteen. I was in eighth grade, still in middle school. The following year, I shot another one. In a family of hunters, I grew up around guns and I feel comfortable around them. My personal experience with them will not be the same as experiences of others, and therefore I am open to listening to the ideas and opinions of others.

I, like many people, don't stand on either end of the spectrum when it comes to gun control. I hover somewhere in the middle. I don't think that a gun ban is necessary. Conversely, I support the push for more thorough background checks and other measures that make it harder for guns to end up in the wrong hands.

The Second Amendment was written in a time period where those who wrote it could not even imagine what the future of arms would look like. As technology changes, so should legislation. I agree that as a country, we have fought tooth and nail against oppression. I certainly understand the desire to arm ourselves against a tyrannical government, to stand and fight for the rights we all deserve.

My primary point is that while I understand the logic and I agree with some of the pro-gun stances, I know that the system is flawed.

As of January 18, 2019, there have been 11 mass shootings so far, according to gunviolencearchive.org. Shootings like this happen so often that we are desensitized to the atrocity of it all. We don't hear about many of these shootings anymore because there are just too many of them. That needs to be one of the issues at the forefront of this issue. People are dying from gun violence at an alarming rate.

Very few stand out in our mind: Columbine; Sandy Hook; Aurora, CO; Stoneman Douglas. How many people must die before things change? Someone walked into an elementary school and shot 20 children and six adults. I'd like to take a moment to let that sink in. Children between the age of

Is the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution still relevant in today's society?



Kaitlyn Kirchner
Torch Photographer

six and seven.

I know that any rational person is aware of the horror of these incidents. Nonetheless, I hear comments about how it would have never happened if there was an armed security guard, or that the government faked these tragedies.

Here's where my real issue lies.

I am sick and tired of hearing gun enthusiasts whine, essentially, because organizations like March for Our Lives are trying to save lives and advocate for making this country safer.

Challengers of gun control are as outspoken about their opinions, if not more than gun control activists. What comes to mind is Kaitlin Bennett, a Kent State University graduate who posed for photos on campus with an AR-10, and a graduation cap that said, 'Come and take it.'

Recently, Bennett tweeted a photo of herself in Pittsburgh openly carrying an AR-15. The tweet refers to the mayor of Pittsburgh and his intent to ban certain guns. Now, as a citizen and a journalist, I have no problem with Bennett standing up for her rights. However, as a citizen and a woman, I am terrified to see a photo of someone holding an AR-15 in public, taunting gun control activists to 'Come and take it.'

I don't interpret 'I'm standing up for my rights' from this photo. I get 'I'm carrying a deadly weapon in public and I could kill a bunch of people if I wanted to.'

There should absolutely be no place for people like Kaitlin Bennett in this country. People like Kaitlin Bennett are not trying to stand up for the right to bear arms against our government, if need be. Don't let them fool you, they don't care about making the country a safer place, they only care about keeping their guns for their own reasons.

Whether it's fun or not to shoot an automatic rifle is irrelevant. People are dying. No one needs an automatic rifle to shoot for fun. Guns are a tool to be used either for hunting or protection. They're not toys, and you shouldn't get to keep them just because they're fun.

Let us talk, indeed.

I consider folks like Kaitlin Bennett of Kent State University to be considerably ignorant, blindly following a subculture that behaves hotheaded, stubborn and insensitive to the needs and beliefs of millions. Her public posting of a photograph featuring her toting an automatic weapon and displaying a sheepish grin was enough to make Alex Jones of InfoWars drool, and many others to facepalm their eyebrows off.

Public shootings are tragic. Mass shootings more so. The fact so many mentally ill individuals can so easily obtain such powerful tools of death is a stain on American culture, and something our legislative government should be fighting hammer and nail to defeat and destroy.

But does that mean they must amend our constitution's Second Amendment? Maybe. To an extent.

I believe in modest gun control: background checks, psychological evaluations, stronger sales regulations, et cetera. But I do not believe our populace should rid ourselves of these weapons entirely.

I am a scholar of history. I dedicate my life and studies to events that happened hundreds of years ago — what shaped them, why they happened and, in some cases, why they happen no longer.

We are the land of the free. Unlike other free democratic countries such as Great Britain, Germany and Australia, we were not granted freedom by our government. We took it. We pried it from cold, dead hands. Our country may seem young but we have one of the longest-serving constitutional governments on Earth. We remain such for two reasons: because our leaders want to actively serve us, and because if they do not, we will remove them by force. We have that power and that ability because we are armed.

To believe we are safe from autocracy and authoritarian control because we are "modern" or "enlightened" is a major misunderstanding. Russia gained democratic independence more than 30 years ago, and it has since lapsed into a quasi-authoritarian state. There are

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Jonny Parshall
Opinions Editor

plenty of other examples like this over the past 100 years: North Korea, Libya, former Czechoslovakia.

We are not merely blessed that sort of thing does not happen in these United States of America. We actively prevent it through our Bill of Rights.

Kaitlin Bennett is a graduate of Kent State University. Let us not forget it was exactly there that nearly 50 years ago four students were killed and nine others injured by national guardsmen firing into a crowd of protesters. This event scared millions of Americans. The fact that this could happen ANY day to ANY group is much, much scarier.

I am by ZERO means suggesting we will ever require armed conflict with our government or military, or another civil war. I believe our country is past that notion. I am not paranoid. I do not believe liberal politicians want to remove our weapons to gain better control of our people. At least, I don't want to believe that.

I AM suggesting we have managed to prevent that happening for so long because we haven't significantly changed our gun laws.

I am divided. But if I absolutely must pick a side, it is the stronger side, both argumentatively and defensively. Therefore, keep the Second Amendment as it stands. Let us target the other overlying factors behind such relatively, sadly common tragedies first. Mentally ill radical individuals are not dissuaded by red tape such as "laws" or "regulations." It's just as easy to make a bomb as it is to purchase an AR-10, maybe even easier.

It is not about personal protection. It is not about hunting. And in neither cases was it ever.

I might receive a lot of hate mail, but that does not — and cannot — change the way I feel.



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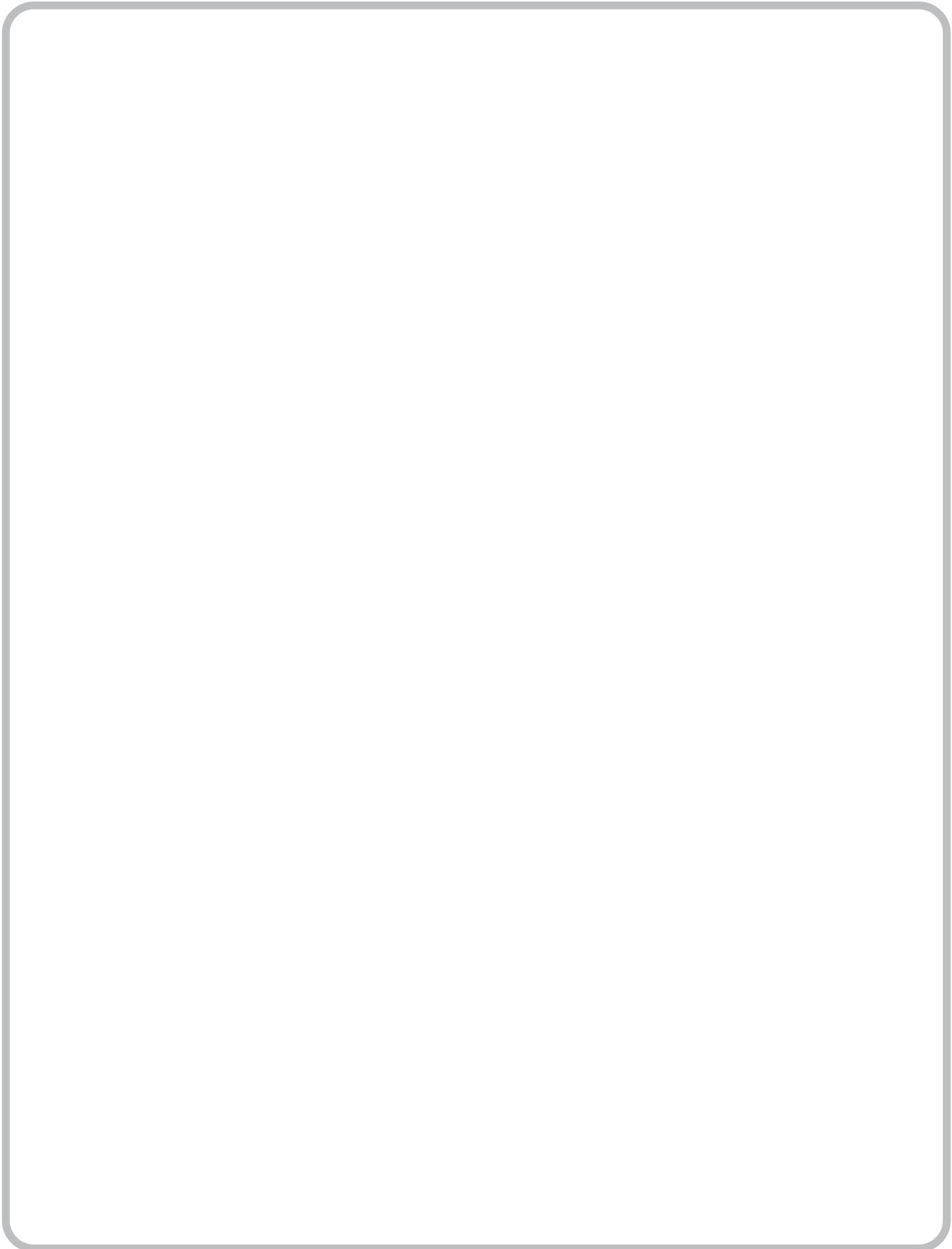
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An homage to home

A new exhibit in the art gallery: A series of paintings showcasing Big Rapids in winter



Please stop

2019

Artist: Bill Voss

Medium: Mayonnaise

"My inspiration for this exhibit is my sheer

rage at this season and this city and this

university" - Voss

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Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Valentine's Day is on the horizon and, unfortunately, your Tinder dates will all be busy that evening.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

Your Outlook email will self-destruct at the most inconvenient time. .



Aries: March 21-April 19

V-day has the chance of becoming VD-day. Wear a condom.



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Your roommate will find your stash and threaten to turn you in. Sharing is caring.



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Your "easy A" courses will become "easily pulling your hair out" courses by the end of February.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

Start practicing your "graceful fall." I see black ice in your future.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Everyone will judge you if you buy yourself chocolates for Valentine's Day.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You're going to sleep through all your alarms during the week, only to wake up early on your day off.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

Your perfectly OK life will be interrupted by an ominous horror-scope.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21

It's the middle of winter. Put on a coat.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You'll binge-watch the entire season of "You" on Netflix, only to find out there's only 10 episodes.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

You'll be stuck with "that kid" in your upcoming group project.

Classifieds

Watch me sleep

I am seeking a fellow student to sit with me on Mondays and Wednesdays as I nap in FLITE. I work late hours and don't get much sleep but have a two-hour period between classes that I had planned to nap during. However, while I was asleep last week my accounting book magically disappeared. This has prompted me to search for someone to watch me while I nap and defend my belongings if necessary. I can pay you in friendship and meal swipes. All applicants accepted! Email saltynsleepy@ferris.edu if interested.

ISO waitstaff for private study session

Greetings! Here we have four top-notch gentlemen searching for a few experienced servers for a two-hour private study session. Females preferred, all considered. Must be 18+ and have an open mind! Payment to be discussed upon selection. Contact notactuallystudying@ferris.edu for details!

GHOSTWRITER WNTD

Serching for smart person to halp me with my ENGL 311 homework for the rest of a semster. Ideial writer will b descrtc & have already tooken this technical writing class.! Pls txt @ 867-53089 if u can halp mee. Ask fer Jenny!

Read this if you saw me poop

I think I met the love of my life in the men's bathroom stall of Shooters. She was beautiful, dark haired, and very, very drunk. She has a laugh like music and I can't get it out of my head. If you walked in on a skinny blonde dude last Saturday night at the bar, and he said "Hey there beautiful" before you laughed and ran out, please call me! My number is 555-867-7821. Because we had this very awkward encounter, I feel like our relationship has already made it to a whole other level and I would love to take you out on a date. P.S. sorry about the smell, I had mongo for dinner.

My name is Indigo Montana. You stole my fish. Prepare to die

To the immature mother FU#KER who stole my betta; GIVE HIM BACK!!! I live in North Bond and I left my door unlocked last week, and when I came home my whole fish bowl was gone! That little betta was the single ray of light in this dreary shit hole of a dorm room, and I would like for you to return him to me ASAP. You know where I live. If Jerry and his bowl are not back, unharmed, by THIS FRIDAY, I swear, you better watch your back. Liam Neeson is my step-dad so I can use his quote. "If you are looking for ransom, I can tell you I don't have money. But what I do have are a very particular set of skills, skills I have acquired over a very long career. Skills that make me a nightmare for people like you. If you let my fish go now, that'll be the end of it."

Tire Fire Confessions

M&M

Totally destroyed MGK

I don't know who Eisler is, and at this point, I'm too afraid to ask.

I'm not sure if he's some sort of celebrity, or a professor, or like a dog? Everyone hates him so much but I don't understand why.

No one ever gives a reason, they just continue ranting and raving about how awful he is I'm just a freshman so I know I'm not supposed to know everything, but I really don't understand and college is so hard. I miss my mom, why did I ever move out? I'm not ready to be an adult, I can't take care of myself. I can't even keep cacti alive!

I'm just going to die here alone in my dorm room because I'm helpless. I'm a baby

bird who has fallen out of the nest and I'm going to get eaten by something bigger than me, I can feel it. I knew my mom was right when she told me to stay at home and go to community college, but I didn't listen, and here I am, eighteen years old, alone in this world, and I don't even know who this Eisler guy is!!

I really should call my mom and see if she knows. Maybe he's famous from when she was my age. God I miss my mom, maybe I should go home. I'm business admin, I can study that back at GTSGVCC. Then I won't have to eat at the Quad anymore, I can just have my mom make me grilled cheese like she did when I lived at home.....

I'm going to the business office to withdraw from the university.

An era uncovered

An ancient relic or a generation estranged?

Princess Peach
Unable to rescue herself

Digital animation and game design freshman Tim Rocket stumbled upon what appeared to be an ancient relic half-buried in the melting snow somewhere near The Rock on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 13. Fascinated with his find and filled with a desire to be 'like that chick in those cave explorer games,' [1] Rocket brought the relic to us at the Tire Fire, believing that a reporter by the name of Pepe Silvia could help him decipher the sigils on the archaic artifact. Tire Fire employment records nor archives show any record of such a reporter existing. The item has been described as a crimson hinged square with a black box on the top half and having small protruding circles from the bottom

and presumed to be inscribed with text of origin yet to be discovered. The artifact was transferred to the anthropology department where dozens of disinterested ANTH 121 students vaguely glanced at the object. It was eventually set aside and had been forgotten about. After the long winter break, anthropology senior Dante Alighieri came across the relic while cleaning out an office and tried to sell it on eBay for a price of \$10,000. At press time there were no bids on 'Ancient Relic Magic Rune Code Stone Artifact Red Square Box Old Historic.'

[1] Tire Fire reporters have come to the conclusion that Rocket was "having a bad day or something and had to be pretending that he didn't know Lara Croft's name and that he didn't know it was called Tomb Raider...right?"



Brutus' Bulletin:

Become one with the snow.



Wipe outs on Wite-Out

Sidewalks painted to look like they've been salted

Bob Ous VI
Just a reporter

After the vicious icing on Ferris' cake the first weekend of the semester, it was discovered by a few unfortunate students that while salt had been distributed across campus, it was only the beginning of an elaborate mirage. "The sidewalk was pure white, even more than the piddly amount of snow we got," Ferris study room stealer senior Peter "Gotcha" Wilson said. "So I thought it was safe to walk on the edges for once but I ended up slipping on a huge thing of ice. I think I cracked my tailbone." Inspection done by the capstone biology students confirmed that the white covering the sidewalks was hundreds of thousands of bottles of Wite-Out from Walmart, Meijer, the Market, the bookstore and even supply stores from Reed City and Cadillac. "Due to how salt was coloring the middle section of the sidewalks from being walked on, groundkeepers must have thought that they could paint the sidewalks to make it look safe," Ferris pre-nothing freshman Kelsie Aboleth said. "I'm surprised that with how cold it was no one caught them doing it. It was pretty convincing though." With the few sunny days following the ice, the Wite-Out lost its grip on the melting ice and was washed into the grass, where it is now buried by the six inches of snow Big Rapids received Wednesday.

The "groundskeepers," who turned out to be freshmen that were upset about the North Hall Bed Lottery, were only found out because the Wite-Out didn't wash off their hands or out of their winter jackets before a resident advisor found the mess. "It's just, like, so totally dumb that we have to leave North Hall at the end of the year," Ferris beauty salon management freshman Seeairuh PerSnicket said. "We figured that if we made the sidewalks by, like, dorms like Hallisy and Vandercook and, like, Clark, that Ferris would let us stay and keep the older students on, like, the other side of State Street because of the danger. Or just shut down, that would be, like, totally fine, too." "It was fun at first, but after a while I was just getting cold and wanted to go to class," Ferris underwhelmed freshman Jacky Percerson said. "You know you've been in Michigan too long when you're cold enough to want to go to class." No charges are being pressed against the dozen freshmen that have admitted to the incident, as it was found out that the students had legally bought all of the Wite-Out. The source of the money is yet to be determined, as all parents have testified that their children did not ask for nor take money from them. If the source of the money is found to be illegal, charges may be pressed, but until then who knows. I'm just a reporter.

Eisler Says:

"Do not yeet unless you have been yoten to."



Boarding up his burrow?

Or flashing his goods for another day?

James Neutral
OK Scientist

As resolutions become old news, students are ready for their next thing to complain about as the snow blanketed Big Rapids Tuesday evening, Jan. 22.

"I can't believe there's so much snow in winter," Ferris psychology freshman Jo Phillips said. "And to make matters worse, my roommate just told me that Groundhog's Day is coming up and that this 'snow' thing could last even longer."

Groundhog's Day, according to Phillips, is a holiday where everyone invades the space of a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil and everyone is concerned with whether he sees his shadow.

"Apparently, if he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter, but if he doesn't, then I can already start planning my

spring vacation," Phillips said. "I do feel kind of bad for the guy though. I mean, I know I wouldn't like someone dragging me out of bed at the crack of dawn in the middle of winter. That's why all my classes don't start before noon."

While Phillips finds a special connection to the groundhog, Ferris public relations junior Amanda Rogers feels a little more hostile towards the woodland creature.

"I swear to God, the groundhog has an agenda and it's to make me miserable," Rogers said. "Nobody needs six more weeks of winter, and yet he always seems to see his shadow on those bright, sunny days. I mean, how rude. Doesn't he know students are trying really

"Students are pissed at me when, in reality, it's not my fault your sidewalks aren't salted,"
-Punxsutawney Phil

hard to not get sick here?"

Rogers finished the interview by readjusting her leggings, buttoning up her cardigan and walking out into the latest snow blizzard to hit Big Rapids with her Starbucks hot cocoa to keep her warm.

Phil almost declined an interview, but agreed, as long as he could have it from the comfort of his burrow.

"I would've come to you, but it seems everywhere I go, people are bombarding me," Phil said. "Do you know how many emails I receive daily from people telling me I better not see my shadow this year?"

Phil confided that this is the first year he's ever heard of Groundhog's Day, and that before now, he was always curious as

to why people were so hostile towards him.

"Last year, I was fast asleep when suddenly a bunch of hands were in my burrow, pulling me out and flashing me to the world," Phil said. "I didn't even have time to get dressed. It was so embarrassing, and to top it all off, when they saw me, a bunch of students boo'd. Talk about not good for the ego."

Phil admitted to considering going on strike and boarding up his burrow for good, but the thought of bullies winning is something he would never allow. "Students are pissed at me when, in reality, it's not my fault your sidewalks aren't salted," Phil said. "So, I'll continue flashing my goods every February. Why not? Everyone else does."

Phil is scheduled to make his appearance 7:25 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, on a television near you.

- OFF THE RECORD -

Campus exploits that aren't necessarily illegal or reported to DPS, but probably should be

Prison Mike
Rapper

Minor problems

Jan. 18, 9:15 p.m., a freshman texts their 21-year-old friend and asks them to buy them alcohol for the party that night. Sorry kid, they've been drunk since 3 p.m. at FAC.

Hypothermia isn't worth looking cute

Jan. 18, 11:57 p.m., a girl was seen outside of Shooters in a skirt shorter than my patience waiting to get in the front in the hopes that they're still letting minors in. Just put on some jeans like the rest of us next time, Becky.

I came in like a wrecking ball

Jan. 21, 1:47 p.m., a student slipped at the top of the hill at the entrance the Starr Building and slid down it, taking out five other students in the slush. No students were injured but all were ready to fight to perpetrator.

We all feel ya, man

Jan. 22, 9:55 a.m., a student trying to find a parking spot in the Business Building lot was cut off by a car who sped up to whip into the last close parking spot, nearly causing an accident on the already snowy pavement. The student called the Department of Public Safety in rage but was informed no actions could be taken since nothing actually happened.

Desperate times...

Jan. 23, 1:12 p.m., a girl received an overly creepy text from a guy she gave her number to at the bar the night before as a result of a severe case of beer goggles. She tries to let him down easy but he just doesn't get the hint.

Rather than deal with rejecting him, she decided to buy a new phone and get a new number.

SIKE

Jan. 25, 8:14 a.m., students' hopes were dashed to the ground when their professor showed up to lecture 14 minutes after their class time. Some students were already walking towards the door to leave when he showed up and everyone in the class collectively groaned at the sight



of their professor.

Honestly...

Jan. 28, 12:14 p.m., four female roommates tried fixing their broken faucet on their own and it ended up exploding in their faces and flooding the bathroom.

Catching some zzzs

Jan. 28 2:51 p.m., student sleeps through every single alarm they set and is still exhausted when they arise from the depths hours later, bleary eyed and disoriented.

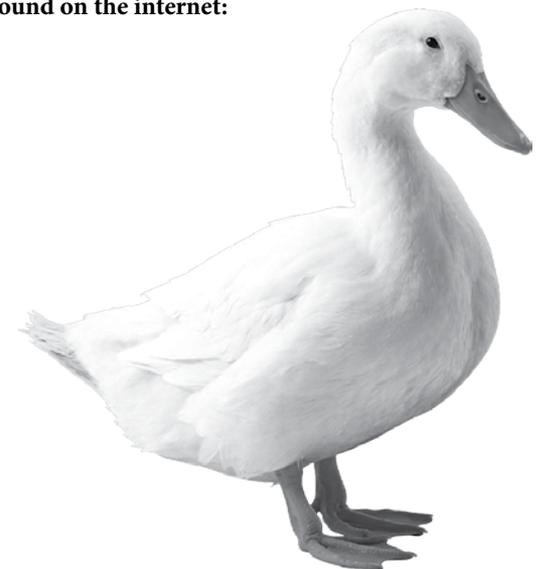
Snow day shenanigans

Jan. 28, 4:20 p.m., two male students were ticketed for hotboxing their car in the Rock parking lot. Not a bad plan guys, just bad execution.

Monday darty?

Jan 28, 10:30 a.m., all liquor stores in Big Rapids have sold out of alcohol due to the first cancellation of Ferris classes since the Jurassic era. Party on, Garth.

Tire Fire reporters got bored decided to get a pizza instead of finishing Off the Record. We'd offer you a slice, but we ate it all. So enjoy this picture of a duck we found on the internet:



Another day closer to the cool embrace of death.

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

SPORTS

“Just having the experience of playing against them and competing against them on ESPN3 is lit.” - DeShaun Thrower - See page 11 for story

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Men's basketball rolls to first place in division



Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

The Ferris men's basketball team established themselves as No. 1 in the North Division of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) with their win over the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Lakers Saturday, Jan. 26.

The Bulldogs won 97-76 in their fourth victory in a row against the Lakers, moving to 15-7 on the season.

During last year's National Championship winning season, the Bulldogs had only one loss the entire year, which was to the Lakers. The Bulldogs and Lakers were in a three-way tie for first place with Wisconsin-Parkside entering Saturday's match, consistent with the annual battle between the two teams for first place in the GLIAC.

Ferris head Coach Andy Bronkema didn't look at the game as anything else than just another game to win in conference play.

"You just prepare like you do for any other game," Bronkema said. "You realize that, you know, you don't play well, they can beat you. They're a very good program."

With the Lakers being the only team able to hand the Bulldogs a loss last year, they were seen as the rivals and team to beat by many, but Bronkema said past seasons don't affect the team's mindset.

"Each year's different," Bronkema said. "This is a brand new year and we don't really take last year into consideration."

The Bulldogs came into the game with offensive ferocity and led the Lakers the entire game, defeating them by more than 20 points and out-rebounded them by 15.

"We had a week to prepare since we had Thursday off. We know them a lot since we play them around three or four times every year, twice in the regular season and two in the conference," Ferris senior point guard Deshaun Thrower said.

"It's a rivalry because one of us is always at the top of the GLIAC and we fight for number one."

Thrower was the game's top scorer with 22 points and 7 assists. Thrower also managed to get five defensive rebounds and one offensive rebound. Ferris senior wing Markese Mayfield had the second most points with a total of 17 while also adding 10 rebounds to the Bulldogs' 50 total. The reserves also showed up this game with sophomore wing Armani Tinsley bringing 14 points for the Dawgs.

The Bulldogs look to finish strong with just less than half of the season remaining, and Thrower claims it's a day-to-day effort.

"We just try to take it day by day, game by game and try to finish as strong as we can," Thrower said.

The Bulldogs return to action at Saginaw Valley State University 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.



Andy Bronkema



Deshaun Thrower

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Coming off the bench, Ferris sophomore guard Armani Tinsley had 14 points in the Bulldogs' 97-76 victory over Lake Superior State University Saturday, Jan. 26.



Top Dawg

DeShaun Thrower

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Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Whether it is on the grass or on the hardwood, DeShaun Thrower gets the job done, which makes him this week's Top Dawg.

The Bulldog men's basketball team had a tough challenge ahead of them before the weekend started, which included facing off against Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) rival Lake Superior State University (LSSU). With both teams tied in the top spot in the North Division, and with LSSU giving Ferris its only loss last year, the Bulldogs seemed ready for revenge against the Lakers. While a team effort gave the Bulldogs the lead, Thrower made his presence known.

Saturday, Jan. 26, the senior point guard put up 22 points, seven assists and six rebounds during his 30 minutes on the court. He scored his first basket three minutes into the game and seemed not to miss a beat for the remainder of the contest, where he only

missed seven shots out of 18 attempts.

While the score was fairly low when Thrower started, his tempo geared the Bulldogs the momentum to get the win.

Thrower plays a key role as one of the starting five for the Ferris basketball team. Most of his absence in the beginning of the season was due to his integral part of the Ferris football team. The men's basketball team went 5-4 under his absence. Upon his permanent return to the court after football season's conclusion, the team posted a record of 8-2 with all but one seeing double digit points from Thrower.

In 13 games played this season, Thrower leads the team with 16.7 points per game, and clocks in third in average time on the court.

Thrower may be the spark that the Bulldogs needed after a dominating win over LSSU. Thrower and his teammates square off again 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, when the Bulldogs face the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on the road.

National spotlight reaches Ferris

Basketball teams will get a chance to impress on a big-time stage

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

The Ferris men's and women's basketball teams will hog the spotlight in their first ever live national broadcast from Jim Wink Arena.

Both men's and women's games against Ashland will be televised live on ESPN3 and the ESPN app across the country for the NCAA Division II National "Game of the Week" Thursday, Feb. 7.

A benefit to both the players and schools involved, this opportunity allows the chance for these programs to earn some national exposure, something both schools lack as primarily Division II universities.

"We're certainly honored," Ferris head coach Kendra Faustin said. "I think it's an amazing thing for Ferris State. Not just Ferris State athletics, not just women's basketball and not just men's basketball. To have that national exposure, it's a great showcase of what a great campus we have and what great students we have and all the cool things we're doing here."

These games are a part of a larger encompassing media agreement between ESPN and Division II basketball and football. According to the Ferris Athletics website, 18 games will stream on ESPN3 and the ESPN app, and the division is working to get more TV partners to stream participating conferences' games on television.

This is a new experience for the women's basketball team, and the coach and players even express as much, but they don't think that the promotion will make much of a difference come game time. In fact, they don't think it'll really affect their nerves either.

"There's not really a way to play not being nervous," Ferris senior guard Alexis Bush said. "You just got to go in there and play your game and not worry about anything else."

This is certainly nothing new for the majority of the players on the men's side. Many of the team's players

have experienced a national audience, having been broadcasted on CBS with millions of viewers for last year's National Championship Game.

In that game, the men's basketball team offered Ferris the best national exposure possible by winning the title, defeating Northern State 71-69.

The matchups will be no easy task, as both Ashland's men's and women's teams currently sit with but one loss apiece.

Ashland's women's team, who reached their national title game last season, is 18-1 and ranked fifth in the Division II coaches poll. They lead the GLIAC with a 10-1 conference record. The men, meanwhile, also sit at 18-1 and lead the GLIAC standings with a 10-1 conference record. They are ranked seventh in the coaches poll.

Ferris enters the game with the men's team currently 15-7 and on a four game winning streak, catapulting them to first place in the GLIAC North Division with a 7-4 conference record.

The Ferris women's team is on their own three-game winning streak, pushing their record to 10-7 and 7-4 in conference play, good for third in the GLIAC North Division.

With both schools competing at such a high level, Ferris senior point guard DeShaun Thrower believes the games will be fun.

"It's real fun, especially with a game like Ashland. They're the team," Thrower said. "They're first in the conference overall in the GLIAC, and just having the experience of playing against them and competing against them on ESPN3 is lit."

For those who want to tune in, the women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m., and the men's begins at 7:30 p.m. Both may be streamed online at ESPN3 and on the ESPN app. Students can access the game for free on computers, smartphones and tablets connected to on-campus educational broadband networks according to Ferris Athletics.



Kendra Faustin



DeShaun Thrower

Sports Shorts

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

Tennis rankings

Tennis season is around the corner, and the Bulldog tennis teams are preparing strong for the season.

The men's team is entering the season ranked No. 22 overall in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, close behind New York's Concordia College. They are also ranked No. 17 overall nationally in the NCAA. Entering Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) they are ranked third, with Davenport University second and Ashland first overall.

Ferris women's tennis is heading into their season ranked fifth overall in the GLIAC with a 6-6 record so far. They are currently not ranked in the NCAA rankings.

On the ice

Former Ferris hockey player Zach Redmond set the American Hockey League (AHL) franchise record for most goals scored by a defenseman in a single season with his 19th goal Wednesday, Jan. 23. Redmond played as a Bulldog defenseman from 2007 to 2011 and racked a total of 22 goals and 68 assists throughout his Ferris career. After his time in Big Rapids, he signed a three-year contract with the Atlanta Thrashers. He now plays for the Rochester Americans in the American Hockey League. This year, he also set the record for the quickest player to net 10 goals in the fewest number of games. When he nets his 20th goal, he will be the first defenseman in the 63-year franchise history to reach the 20-goal mark, according to the AHLTV website.

Jet's Pizza Invitational

Ferris track and field teams were up and running this past weekend, competing in the Jet's Pizza Invitational hosted by Saginaw Valley State University. Women's distance medley relay won their contest in slightly more than 12 minutes, with the winning quartet comprising junior Taylor Thrush, freshman Hannah Todd, junior Katie Etelamaki and junior Jennifer Eaton. Etelamaki also earned runner-up in the 3,000 meters in slightly more than 10 minutes.

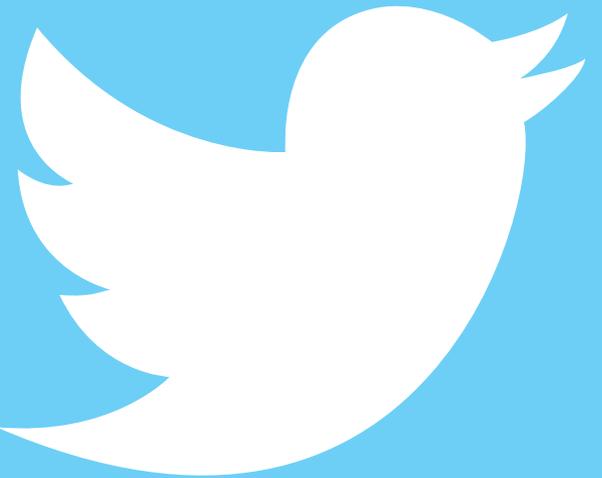
For the men's contest, Ferris senior Cody Stilwell won the weight throw, reaching the NCAA Division II national qualifying mark with his 19.56-meter toss. Ferris junior Stanley Williams placed second in the long jump event with a 6.39-meter jump and senior Damien Halverson finished sixth in the 5,000 meter event at 15:27.

Overall, the track and field team held 20 Top 10 finishes at the meet.



Katie Etelamaki

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Shutout city

Bulldogs split tough weekend series



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Ferris sophomore forward Frankie Melton skates up the ice, looking to spark some offense in a home game earlier this season.

Michael Reedy
Sports Reporter

Both teams took home a shutout in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) weekend series split between the Bulldogs and Bowling Green State University (BGSU).

After a weekend off, the Bulldogs were back on the road for the fourth time in the past five series to continue conference play against the BGSU Falcons. The Falcons, ranked No. 9 in the nation, won the last eight games against the Bulldogs and it has been almost two full calendar years since the last Bulldog win against the Falcons, dating back to Jan. 28, 2017.

During the eight-game skid for the Bulldogs, they have been outscored by a margin of 34-16.

With the recent return of junior goaltender Justin Kapelmaster after sustaining several injuries, the experience Kapelmaster brings between the pipes was tested again after getting the nod for a second weekend of nationally ranked opponents.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs forgot their energy in Michigan Friday, Jan. 25, and could not get any offense moving while getting outshot 37-22. Despite the shot difference, the Bulldogs only let up two goals with another strong performance from Kapelmaster. Both Falcons goals came on special teams during power play opportunities, something the Bulldogs have struggled with throughout the season.



Justin Kapelmaster

Going into Saturday, Jan. 26, Ferris looked for their first win in the past four games and Kapelmaster looked to get his first win after the Friday matchup, sitting at a record of 0-7-0 this season.

It was a complete opposite story as the night before, as the tables turned in the goal category, but the difference in shots would say otherwise. Outshot for the second night in a row by 41-27, Kapelmaster played on his head and stopped all 41 shots that he faced, and recorded his fourth career shutout, as well as his first win of the season.

The Bulldogs had just a handful of shots on net during the first period, but it was not until the final minute of the period where junior forward Craig Pefley broke the even score and netted his second goal of the season, the eventual game winning goal. The Bulldogs went on to outshoot the Falcons during the second period but were unable to further the lead, as it was a close one-goal game heading into the final period of regulation.

Quickly into the third, Ferris freshman forward Jake Transit gave the Bulldogs a little bit of breathing room, as he extended the lead to 2-0. With the Falcons pulling their goaltender and chomping at the bit, Ferris



Hunter Wendt

freshman forward Hunter Wendt broke a 17-game scoring drought and finalized the score at 3-0.

The Bulldogs are back in action at home 7:07 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, when they face the Lake Superior State Lakers.

Small school, big time chance

Is Devon Johnson the next Ferris football star to make the NFL?

There are four former Ferris football players currently in the National Football League, and offensive lineman Devon Johnson is looking to be the fifth after a stellar standout senior season.

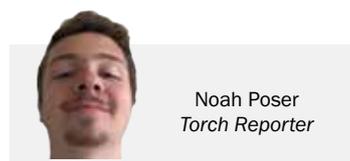
For reference, there are 1,696 players on NFL rosters during the league's regular season. Therefore, former Ferris football players make up 0.002 percent of the league's players when the season begins. That's only two out of a thousand.

However, it may be important to first let you in on who these current NFL players are before explaining why Johnson is looking like a good bet to join them.

Most notable of the four is former quarterback Jason Vander Laan, who happens to be a two-time Harlon Hill winner and quite possibly the greatest player in Ferris program history. Vander Laan plays tight end for the Carolina Panthers. He is joined by a trio of defensive stalwarts in Cleveland Browns cornerback Tavierre Thomas and defensive tackles Zach Sieler and Justin Zimmer, who play for the Baltimore Ravens and Atlanta Falcons, respectively.

Johnson proved his worth to join these fellow Bulldogs in the NFL with a fantastic senior season in which he was named to the 2018 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II All-America Team and placed on the scouting map as an NFL draft prospect.

This is a thought many may have considered unthinkable when he arrived to campus in 2014 out of Aurora, Ill., with just one varsity start in high school — a stat that makes Johnson's story somehow even more remarkable.



Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Johnson was chosen to play in the 2019 NFL Players Association Collegiate Bowl that took place Saturday, Jan. 19. The game, which is one of the three main pre-draft bowl games, is intended to help off-the-radar NFL prospects like Johnson boost their draft stock while also getting coaching from some of the premier NFL coaches both past and present.

It is important to note that Vander Laan, Thomas and Zimmer all made their way in the league after going undrafted. While Johnson has had great success at Ferris State, there are plenty of players at smaller schools trying to take the same path. Add in prospects from the big-name schools such as Alabama, Michigan and Miami, and you end up with a large pool of capable NFL players with limited opportunities to stick around the league.

Even to just be able to say that as a player you have a chance to play in a league such as the NFL displays the amount of talent that player possesses. So whether Johnson gets drafted or enters the league as an undrafted free agent, the opportunity is what counts.

From watching him play and excel at Ferris, it'd be foolish to think he won't make the most of it.

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Not in our house



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Ferris sophomore guard Shaniya Huggins plays defense against a Lake Superior State University player Saturday, Jan. 26. Huggins was out briefly with a minor injury but has returned to her starting spot in the lineup.

Women's basketball remains undefeated at home with big win over LSSU

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

Ferris women's basketball improved their home record to 9-0 with a 16-point victory over Lake Superior State University Saturday, Jan. 26.

The Bulldogs took the 62-46 victory easily, notching their third win in a row with the help of Ferris junior guard Riley Blair. Blair brought in 20 points total while also contributing on defense with six rebounds.



Kendra Faustin

"I'm really proud of this group and the growth over the last three weeks with key players in and out and others stepping up, mainly Riley Blair," Ferris head coach Kendra Faustin said.

Faustin said their undefeated home record is partially due to the players being comfortable and confident on the court they practice on every day.

"This is our home court, we defend our

home court and we play well here so we use it as motivation and confidence," Faustin said. "It's always an advantage to play at home. There's no question. These are the rims we shoot on every day and where we practice, where we go through all our adversity."

The Bulldogs have had their struggles this season with injuries to starting players, but the talent on the bench are always ready to jump in. Ferris sophomore guard Adrienne Anderson went out recently due to a separated shoulder and junior forward Lilly George is out for the season with a torn ACL.



Lilly George

Ferris senior guard Alexis Bush stepped up, getting 14 points while also assisting seven baskets and defending five rebounds.

Other players have returned from injuries, such as Ferris junior guard Renee Sturm, who was recently out for a month and saw the court first time again last Saturday.

"Shoot, I was nervous when I first came back after a month, but I'm thrilled to be playing again and I'm thrilled to come back to a home court where we feel comfortable playing," Sturm said.

Although home court advantage seems always a positive factor, Bush believes they try to not let it affect them too much and play just as hard everywhere they go.

"We try to say we play the same no matter where we are, but, I mean, it's a lot easier to play when you have the home court advantage: all the fans behind you, everyone's cheering, your own announcers," Bush said. "It's just a really cool atmosphere to play in."

The Bulldogs will attempt to improve their away record 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Saginaw Valley State University in more conference play.



Alexis Bush

LIFESTYLES

“Just because it’s cold out isn’t a reason to not put effort into your appearance.”
- Gwen Robbins - See below for story

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Ferris marketing junior Gwen Robbin's bright high-waisted pants stand out against the snow while her fur jacket keeps her warm on her way to class.

Function vs. fashion You don't have to just choose one

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

As temperatures drop in Michigan, Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Jessica Bernhardt finds dressing for warmth to be more important than following the latest trend.



Jessica Bernhardt

“If I’m going out for the weekend, then I’ll dress up and stuff. And I like being fashionable, but I have 8 a.m.’s every day, so at that point, I’m like: no. It’s freezing outside, and I don’t even think about getting into anything cute,” Bernhardt said.

For Bernhardt, her go-to comfort zone for winter fashion includes leggings, a big sweatshirt and flannel overtop with her coat.

“I think it really depends on the type of person. But typically, in the winter time, I see people dress in leggings or sweatpants and stuff like that, but I guess I’m always jealous of seeing girls who look really nice. Like, how do you do that?” Bernhardt said.

Some brands that are favorable during the winter time are North Face, Columbia and Carhartt, but for Bernhardt, specific brands don’t matter.

“I would say people underestimate thrift shopping a lot where you can find really cool stuff. My suitemate just went shopping at Goodwill and she found really cute sweaters and stuff,” Bernhardt said. “I don’t think people utilize that as much as they could.”

Though Bernhardt doesn’t see a need for name brands, Ferris secondary English education sophomore Ramsie Rairigh recommends them for students who get cold quickly.

“There are certain brands that I do get behind – like Columbia, and North Face coats are like really warm, like really warm. They’re the best in my opinion,” Rairigh said.

While some prefer function over fashion, Ferris marketing junior Gwen Robbins believes you can have both—noting North Face and Patagonia as good brands to look into for fashionable, high-quality clothes.

“Just because it’s cold out isn’t a reason to not put effort into your appearance. When people look at you, the first thing they notice is what you’re wearing. There are plenty of ways to stay warm and look cute at the same time,” Robbins said.

When it comes to buying specific brands, Robbins believes when it comes to quality of the item, you get what you pay for, but that doesn’t mean you won’t find a hidden gem or two from your local thrift shop.

“Thrift stores are an economically and environmentally smart choice, and you can find clothes that you wouldn’t find anywhere else,” Robbins said.

secondary English education sophomore Ramsie Rairigh said.

“You know those leggings that flair out at the bottom and they like Aztec print all over it? You know, like the bohemian type look? I hate those. That’s one thing I’d like to see go,” Ferris pre-optometry second year Jessica Bernhardt said.

“Tiny glasses are out, ski goggles are in. Skinny jeans have been out. Girls, you need to stop wearing those lace up shirts. Boys, if I see one more of those striped GUESS shirts I’m going to scream,” Ferris marketing junior Gwen Robbins said.



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Ferris marketing junior Gwen Robbins uses layers to stay warm while wearing a white scarf to tie together her natural-toned outfit.

Best ‘brrrr’ands Surviving the tundra

The top 10 winter clothing brands include:

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| 1. The North Face | 2. Columbia |
| 3. Patagonia | 4. Canada Goose |
| 5. Helley Hansen | 6. Arcteryx |
| 7. Marmot | 8. Eddie Bauer |
| 9. Carhartt | 10. Fjallraven |

The above information was found on www.ranker.com.

Buying on a budget

Working with what you got

How to buy brands on a budget:

1. Avoid shopping at or near mountain resorts
2. Look for post-season clearance sales
3. Shop at outlet malls
 - * Brands such as Columbia Sportswear will frequently set-up shop in retail complexes, with outlet stores having more frequent sales
4. Try holiday sales
 - * Black Friday and Cyber Monday
5. Purchase gently used
 - * Search Craigslist, Ebay
 - * Sporting goods stores and thrift stores
 - * Avoid purchasing from online if there is no photo available and make sure you can inspect the items before paying.
6. Purchase multi-use clothing & gear

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New trends for the new year

Saying goodbye to 2018 fashion

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

With the arrival of a new year, 2019 is ushering in an array of new trends as it ditches the old trends of last year, with students weighing in with their opinions on 2018 fashion.

“Nipple stickers need to go. Do not wear nipple stickers and call it an outfit. I can’t do it,” Ferris

Tired?

There's a nap for that

Veronica Mascorro
Interim Reporter

Student commuters, such as Ferris psychology sophomore Chloe Kindy, have a multitude of time between classes and nothing else to do besides nap or do homework.

"I usually nap in the commuters' lounge or in my car," Kindy said. "I try to limit it, I'm usually on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays, so I usually nap once a week. It just depends on the day."

The commuters' lounge is located on the bottom floor of the University Center next to the bookstore. A lot of commuters like Kindy spend their time here when they have time between classes.

Ferris pre-physical therapy senior Hannah Marcotte is one student who utilizes this lounge and the comfortable napping opportunities it has to offer.

"I take most of my naps in the comfortable chairs in the University Center or on the couches," Marcotte said.

Though Marcotte can only get in a few short naps during her time between classes, research from the National Sleep Foundation found that short naps of 20 - 30 minutes can help improve mood, alertness and performance.

While many students prefer couches to Ferris' nap pod, Ferris secondary education junior Alyson VanWasshenova actually enjoys the environment the nap pod has to offer.

"My favorite spot to nap is a tie. The nap pod is great, but there's only one. The library is also great because it's quiet, but there's more people," VanWasshenova said. "I like the nap pod. It blocks out the rest of the world and plays soft music while I rest. It'd be nice if we got one or two more, but I can imagine those things aren't cheap."

VanWasshenova is correct. The nap pod that is located on the first floor of the University Center costs \$16,000. Adding an additional nap pod would be an investment that would have to be considered by the school.

Not everyone is comfortable taking naps in public. Ferris pre-veterinarian freshman MaKayla Roggow prefers to nap from the comfort of her own home.

"I'm very socially awkward, so I just feel like everyone is looking at me when I'm napping on campus," Roggow said. "Unless I'm extremely tired, then I just pass out."



Chloe Kindy



MaKayla Roggow

Best places to nap on campus

- * Commuters' lounge in the UC
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- * University Center chairs and couches
- * Nap pod in the UC

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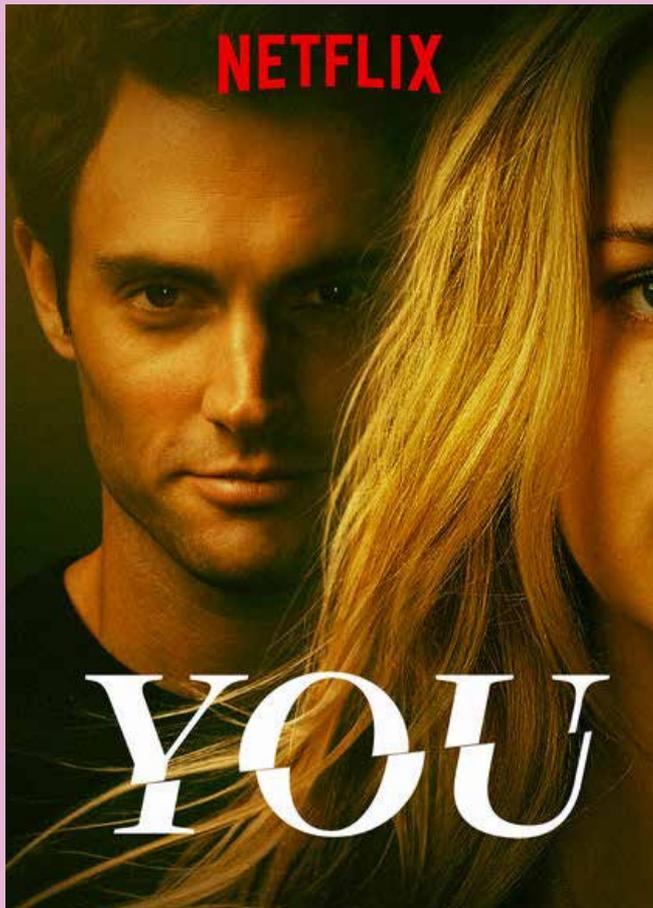


Media Minute

“You”



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I am very, very picky about TV shows.

If I had a dollar for every time I started a show and didn't finish it, I would be rich enough to buy an in-house theater to watch the same episodes of “Parks and Recreation” on a constant loop. I know what kind of shows I like—typically sitcoms—and I don't usually stray away from that.

That's why I was so surprised by my infatuation with the Netflix original “You.”

Based on the novel of the same name by Caroline Kepnes, “You” is about a bookstore manager, Joe (“Gossip Girl's” Penn Badgley), who meets Beck (Elizabeth Lail), a grad student and aspiring writer who comes into Joe's store, and instantly becomes obsessed with her. He stops at nothing—whether it be stalking, manipulation or even violence—to have and to hold Beck.

“You” has a solid balance between action, intense dialogue and Joe's creepy, suspenseful voiceover that fills the air a significant amount of the time. It also has plot twists that made me audibly gasp, as well as scenes that were so painful to watch that I had to cover my eyes.

What's interesting about “You” is that Joe, who should be the apparent antagonist, is often perceived as the protagonist. After all, it is told from his perspective, so we see why he is doing these things, even if it's still not justified. In addition, Joe is shown doing kind, selfless deeds for the people around him, which humanizes him and makes the viewer



Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

temporarily forget that he's a homicidal sociopath. There were plenty of times that I caught myself rooting for him before snapping back into reality and recognizing that Joe is a master manipulator and an absolute maniac.

With a winding storyline that leads up to the very end of season one, “You” is one of the best TV dramas I've ever seen. I watched it when I had any amount of downtime—while getting ready, in between classes, when I was alone in the car while my friend ran into a store for five minutes.

If you're going to take my advice and watch it (seriously, you won't regret it), I'd advise waiting until you have a few hours of free time blocked off, such as on the weekend or when you're done with homework for the night. It's not the kind of show you can watch and take a break.

Like Joe was obsessed with Beck, I was obsessed with “You.”

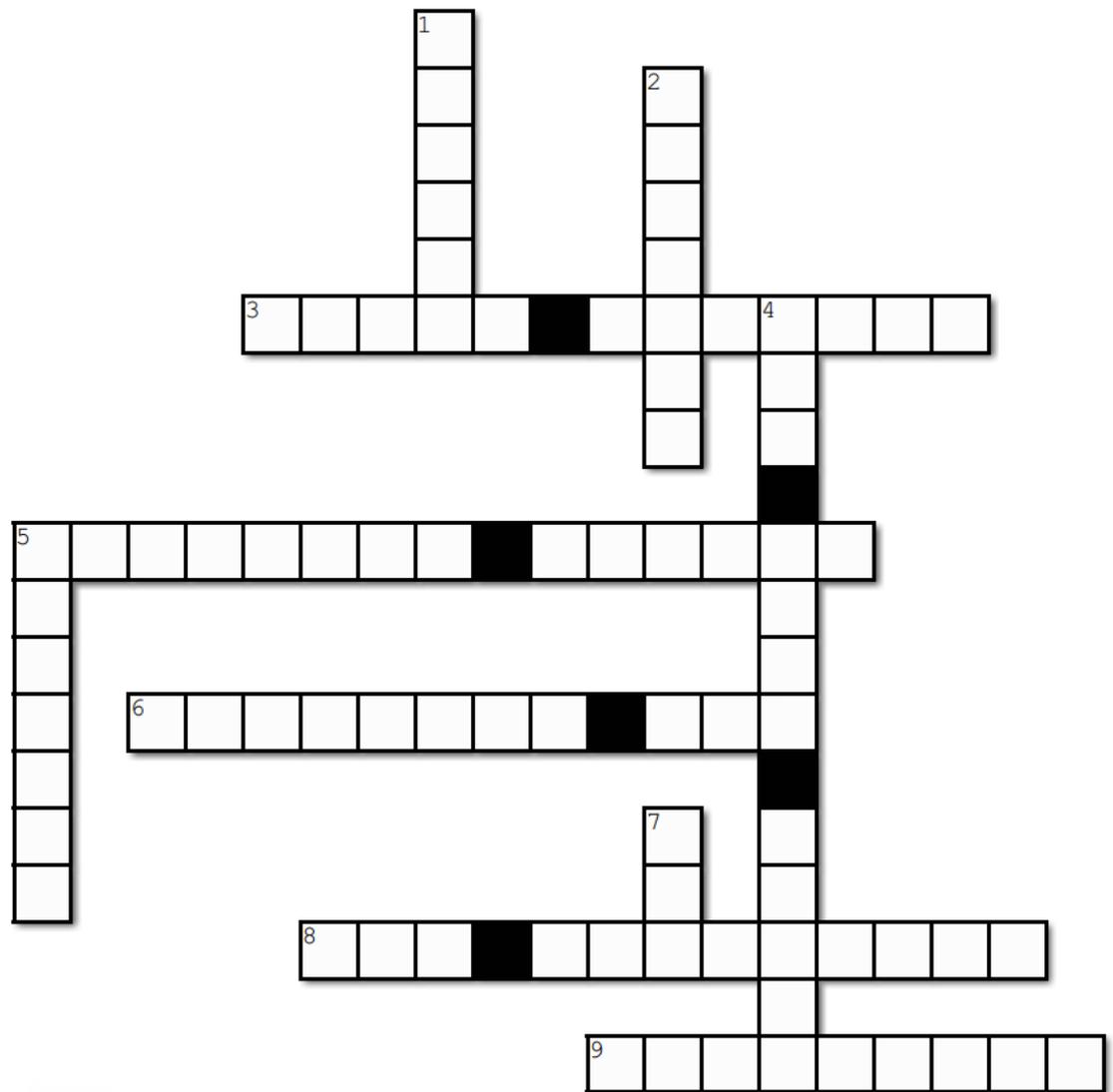
Although season one was based on the novel, “You” has been renewed for season two, with scenes that will take place outside of the original book. Although there has not been a release date announced, it's set to return later this year.

If you're looking for a suspenseful thriller that you can binge in just a couple of days, pick “You.” And learn from Beck's mistakes: close your curtains.

Netflix and chill

Need a study break?

Read the clues and test your Netflix knowledge on some popular television shows!



3. A television drama about a group of doctors who dream to become surgeons

5. A group of boys discover something out of this world resides in their town

6. Admit it: you all wanted to become chemists after watching Bryan Cranston in this show

8. A boy following in his mother's footsteps by providing therapy to his fellow classmates

9. A group of teens who seek to uncover the mysteries of their town

Down

1. F is for _____

2. A comedy about a group of people in New York who really enjoy their coffee

4. Do good deeds, so you can go here

5. The Chilling Adventures of _____

7. A popular television drama revolving around a man obsessed with a woman

ANSWER KEY

Across: 1. Family 2. Friends 3. Grey's Anatomy 4. The Good Place 5. Stranger Things 6. Breaking Bad 7. You 8. Sex Education 9. Riverdale
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Weekly festivities

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 30

LGBTQ+ Resource Center Coffee House Time

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

The Office Trivia Night

Location: UCB 202
Time: 8 – 11 p.m.



THURSDAY

Jan. 31

Sweet Treats

Location: FLITE Lobby Table
Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



FRIDAY

Feb. 1

National Wear Red Day

Help raise awareness about heart disease by wearing red today!

Fridays at Ferris Karaoke Time

Location: Rankin Lounge in the UC
Time: 9 – 11 p.m.

BGC Icebreaker

Location: Wink Arena
Time: 11 p.m. – 3 a.m.



SATURDAY

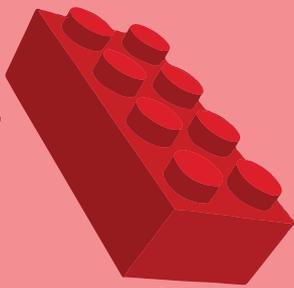
Feb. 2

Legos to Robots: Becoming a Master Builder

Location: Granger Center Atrium
Time: 1 p.m.

Paintballing with B.L.A.C.K

Location: Precision Combat Arena
126 S. Michigan Ave., Big Rapids
Time: 5 – 8 p.m.



MONDAY

Feb. 4

FSU Student Government: Student Issue Panel

Location: UC 202
Time: 6 – 7 p.m.



TUESDAY

Feb. 5

Make it Stick: Study to Stick it in Your Brain

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

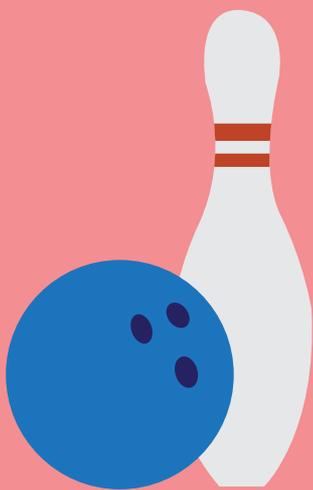
AA Meeting:

Back to Basics Workshop

Location: UCB 122
Time: 6 – 7 p.m.

Bowling with the Betas

Location: The Gate
327 S. 3rd Ave., Big Rapids
Time: 8 – 9 p.m.



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

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Rec or Racquet?



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Strengthening his biceps during his free time, a student lifts free weights at the Rec Centre.



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A student utilizes the row machine at the Racquet Center.

Which center is right for you?

Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

Ferris marketing junior Bailey Hardigan visits both of Ferris's fitness centers for the different opportunities they present.



Bailey Hardigan

"I visit the Racquet Center to use the courts, then the Rec Centre to use the treadmills," Hardigan said. "The racquetball courts are a good space to practice with my flags since the ceilings are high and there's nothing on the floors."

Hardigan likes to visit the Racquet Center once a week and the Rec Centre twice a week to work out on the machines.

According to Ferris early childhood management senior and a manager at the Rec Centre Courtney Pitte, 1,200 to 1,800 members visit the Rec each week to utilize the workout equipment as well as the pool, volleyball courts, basketball courts and rock-climbing wall.

"We definitely have more community members coming in, like people from Big Rapids or surrounding towns and more faculty and staff through Ferris," Pitte said. "A lot more of them are interested in the building now than they were before."

When the Rec's construction was completed in August 2018, the building gained more equipment, space and Fitness on Demand video classes with over 1,200 videos including yoga and cycling.

Though the program is currently under construction, Rec employees are hoping to get it up and running soon. These online classes will be available to do in one of the new exercise rooms. Some will be structured in a class-like setting while others will be available for students to do on their own.

While the Rec is offering online courses, the Racquet Center offers free demo classes every semester to give members the opportunity to try out the different classes they offer including weight training, cardio, yoga and more. To attend after the demo classes is \$20 for members or \$40 for non-members. There is a free beginner's yoga class open to members from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Bryanna Harlan

"I feel like this one [Racquet Center] is more community-based," Ferris public health senior and Racquet Center front desk worker Bryanna Harlan said. "A lot of community members come here. We offer pickleball, we don't teach it, but a huge pickleball group comes in and plays on our courts."

Harlan said that a lot of staff and professors could be seen at the Racquet Center too, whether it be for pickleball or trying to be away from students during their free time.

As well as offering pickleball, the Racquet Center also has saunas available in the locker rooms for members, tennis courts, racquetball courts and workout equipment. Members can bring their own equipment to play or rent out tennis racquets for \$4 and wallyball racquets for \$5.

The only time the Rec Centre and the Racquet Center correspond is with memberships being available to use at both facilities. Memberships are available to community members.

For more information about the Rec Centre, call 231-591-2679. For more information about the Racquet Center, call 231-591-2212.

Membership fees

One person: \$227 a semester, \$93 for the summer or \$422 for the year.

A couple: \$335 a semester, \$139 for the summer or \$618 for the year.

A family of 3 or more: \$397 a semester, \$160 for the summer or \$721 for the year.

Anyone 55 or older can walk on the track 6 – 11 a.m. Monday – Friday for a \$1 fee per day.

The above information was found on www.ferris.edu.