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Moving to The Big House

Ferris football offensive coordinator accepts job at University of Michigan



Photo by: Cora Hall | Sports Editor

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Steve Casula is leaving his position as Ferris State offensive coordinator to become an offensive analyst on Jim Harbaugh's staff at the University of Michigan.

The hire was first reported by The Athletic's Bruce Feldman and has yet to be officially announced by the Ferris football staff.

This move seems to be intended to help Michigan's offense and its expected transition to a more modern spread attack under Josh Gattis, who was hired as Michigan's new offensive coordinator in January. Casula has run a spread attack at Ferris that killed defenses at the Division II level.

Casula, a native of Delaware, has a connection to Gattis, having coached with him back in the 2011 season when Gattis was the wide receivers coach for Western Michigan University (WMU). Casula was in the second of his three seasons coaching tight ends and fullbacks for the Broncos.



Tony Annese

Casula spent the past two seasons at Ferris as the school's offensive coordinator working under Ferris football head coach Tony Annese. Casula also took on the role of coaching tight ends and running backs.

Under Casula's guidance, the Ferris offense put up huge numbers, a part of why the school went 15-1 last season, reaching the national championship as well as winning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). Ferris ranked ninth nationally in total offense this past season, averaging 491 yards per game and 7,863 total.



Steve Casula

In addition to that, the Bulldogs ranked seventh in Division II in rushing yards per game, pounding the rock for 272 yards per game, which could be a big help to a Michigan team that will likely be adding some spread offense run concepts to their game.

These concepts were ones that Casula schemed up to perfection in his time coaching the Bulldogs, and it showed with some big seasons.

Under Casula, the Ferris running backs in particular were outstanding, gaining over 1,700 yards in 2018. That includes Ferris sophomore running back Marvin Campbell, who led the group with 874 yards and 10 touchdowns and earned second-team all-GLIAC Honors. Ferris senior running back Derrick Portis also chipped in with 523 yards and four touchdowns.

Another big part of that ground game was Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell, who amassed 1,460 yards and 21 touchdowns while also winning the Harlon Hill Trophy for best player in Division II. The two Campbells, along with Portis, were just a few of the players who flourished during Casula's short time at Ferris.



Jayru Campbell

Prior to coaching at Ferris, Casula spent three seasons at Davenport, serving as the school's offensive coordinator and later interim head coach. He also spent time at Colgate in 2013 coaching running backs and tight ends after his three years at WMU.

Casula started his coaching career back in his home state as a student assistant at the University of Delaware before moving up in the coaching ranks away from home.

Former Ferris football offensive coordinator Steve Casula (left) gives the players a thumbs-up at the Division II National Championship Game Saturday, Dec. 15. The Bulldogs fell to Valdosta State University 49-47 in the title game.

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Cratering confidence

Tensions between FFA and Eisler higher than during negotiations

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Four months after contract negotiations ended between Ferris and its faculty, Ferris Faculty Association President Charles Bacon said faculty morale is worse than during the negotiations.

Bacon says he believes that if there were to be another vote of no confidence against Ferris President David Eisler, the results would be even worse for him than the 88.5 percent that voted they had no confidence in Eisler during September 2018.

"[Eisler] is the first president to have two votes of no confidence, overwhelming votes, so the Board of Trustees knows exactly where the faculty stands. I don't know if there's anything more we can say on that," Bacon said.

Ferris Communications Director Michelle Rasmussen said that the university and Eisler are working to address the issues of faculty morale.

"President Eisler works very hard to recognize the outstanding efforts of faculty and staff, and to celebrate the achievements of our students, along with the education provided by our faculty. He communicates regularly with the university community and interacts with faculty and staff throughout the university. He takes time to listen to faculty and staff to better understand the challenges they face," Rasmussen said. "There is much to celebrate at Ferris State University, and he works to emphasize the many positive points of pride for our university and our people."

Bacon said for about two weeks after the contract was signed, faculty morale was high, but that it hit a new low after they received their first paychecks. The FFA alleges their paychecks were short about \$700 after the university withheld the pay, arguing that it was retroactive pay, which

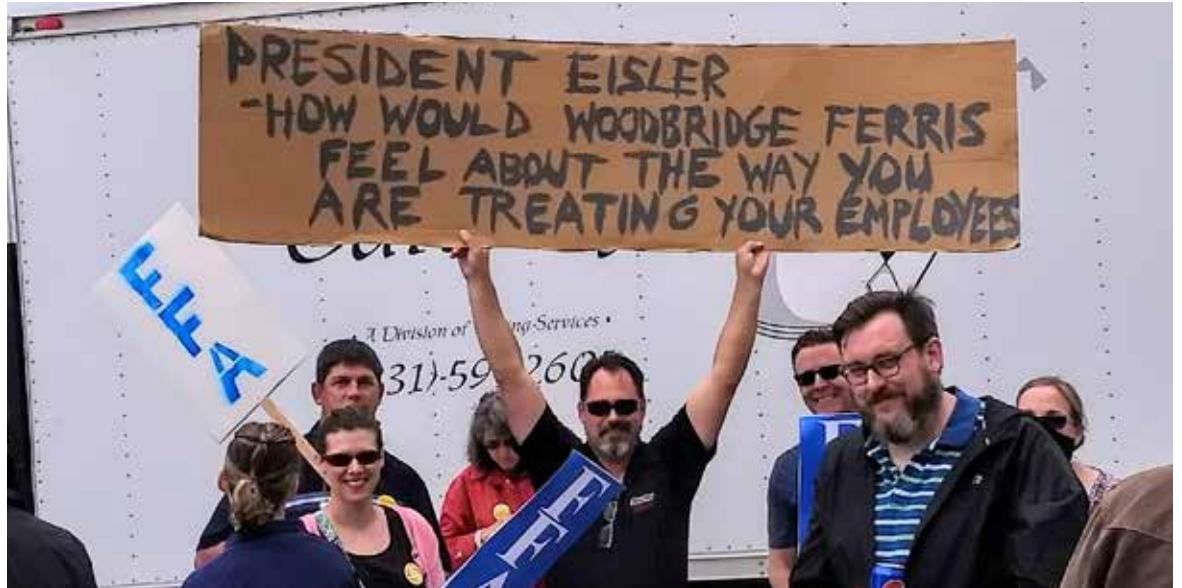


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During their demonstration and strike Aug. 27, members of the Ferris Faculty Association carried signs to display their anger regarding contract negotiations and Ferris President David Eisler.

is a violation of Michigan law. The FFA, however, argues that the pay was not retroactive and was not specified as such in the contract.

"Labor relations at Ferris have perennially been poor. We don't want them that way either. I have to file grievances on a weekly basis and say, 'Here's the contract, don't do that,'" Bacon said. "I think the faculty have transitioned — from mid-summer through the November period was a very intense time. We were protesting and demonstrating and doing a lot."



Gerrit Groenendyk

"They've moved on and I'm glad because we don't want to be in that mode 100 percent because it's exhausting, but when Eisler does these things like the pay after the fact ... it just means we have to keep moving forward and keep the pressure on, because it's almost like if we don't do it, they're going to just run amuck."

Rasmussen said that while the filing of grievances is unfortunate, it is worth noting that filing a grievance does not necessarily mean the contract has been violated, and the university works through each grievance filed under the process outlined in the contract.

Some Ferris students believe that if there were to be more protests against Ferris and Eisler by the FFA, the student

body would be in support of the FFA.

"I think a lot of the students, based on what I've seen and heard, do support the FFA. I think if professors went back to protesting that they would get a lot of support from the student base," Ferris criminal justice freshman Gerrit Groenendyk said. "I think if they did replace Eisler that there would be more morale built, but it's more so about the actions of that president. If there was a new president going straight back to what Eisler is doing, that could make a big storm even worse."



Charlotte Westervelt

The continuing feud between the FFA and Eisler has many other Ferris students believing that it is giving Ferris a bad image.

"Obviously, the outlook of how people outside of Ferris view the school [would be negative.] I think Eisler at the moment is not good for the view of the school. I think the protesting could be good and bad. It shows the practice of freedom of speech on campus, but at the same time, that could be students missing out on class time and that's a big negative," Ferris elementary education freshman Charlotte Westervelt said. "You have people looking at the school thinking that they're wasting our money and that's a huge negative."

Yada, yada, yada

Ferris implements new personality assessment for roommate matching

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Ferris Housing and Residence Life is using a new method to pair students up with their roommates.

Yada, a 15-minute online assessment, analyzes traits of a student's personality to help match them with a roommate with a similar personality. From the developers of E-Harmony, the assessment includes similar processes used for the online dating site, although the relationship aspect of the assessment has been completely removed.

Ferris Director of Housing and Residence Life Bryan Marquardt said one of the biggest challenges universities face is losing students within their first year.

"The catch is it's all about retention. It's all about you staying at Ferris for four years, five years and getting your degree," Marquardt said. "If we can have them match with a better roommate, and maybe know a little bit about themselves and feel more comfortable in a community, then their chances of academic and social success at Ferris is going to be higher."

Ferris criminal justice freshman Denyah Oakes said if she had a roommate that she knew matched up with her personality, she might not have ended up in a single room. Oakes, like many students, knows a roommate horror story or two.

"[A friend] had to get a new roommate because her roommate was going in and stealing all of her clothes and taking her shoes. Stuff was just coming up missing. She would see her roommate's friends wearing it," Oakes said.

Ferris is the first university in the nation to implement Yada. The assessment is new to Ferris, as Housing and

Residence Life started utilizing the assessment Monday, Jan. 14. Freshman housing contracts opened Jan. 22.

The personality assessment is optional and is only available to freshmen at Ferris. Out of 547 students that signed freshman contracts, 531 of them took the assessment. Marquardt said he is seeing results already, and the university is up 170 students from the year before.

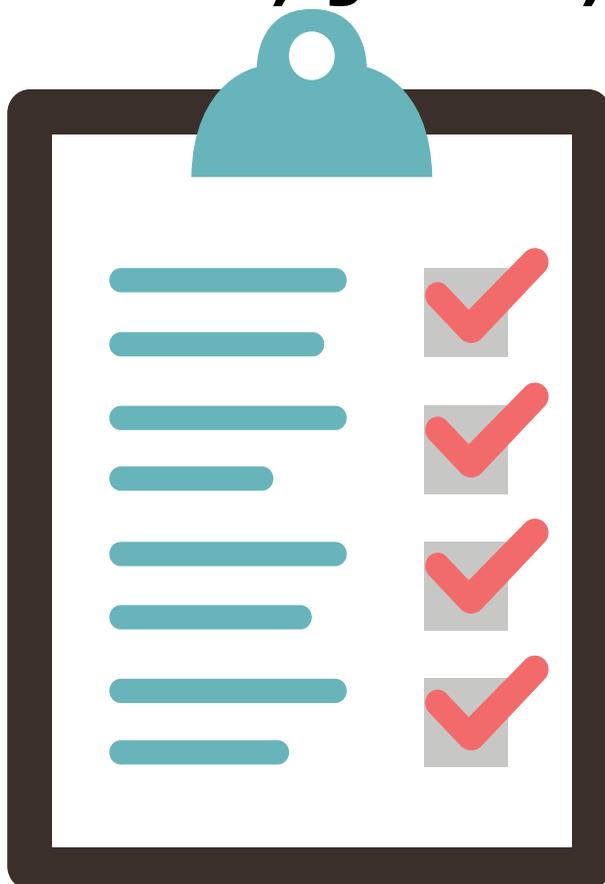
"In the past, we did it on Facebook. Facebook is only as secure as the people that use it," Marquardt said. "People can get into Facebook, we don't have that control that we have here. If you don't have a Ferris.edu, you can't take this. If you're not registered in our system as a freshman, you can't take this. So we can keep all those people that we don't want those freshmen to interact out of there."

Oakes said she wasn't sure if the assessment would help with retention rates at Ferris.

"I would say something that would really help is just a matter of the dorms and making it a better living place for students," Oakes said. "When they look at their dorm, most students don't picture their dorm as their home. It's just a dorm to them."

When a user completes the personality assessment, Yada will email them an overview of their personality traits. This includes a one-page profile overlook and a separate 11-page analysis of one's personality. The student can decide if they would like to share it with Ferris Housing or not, and can delete the results if they feel the need.

"That's very important: that roommates click with each other. It can significantly impact your college experience if you and your roommate do not get along," Ferris history junior Warren Dewitt said.



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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

Paris, France

The Vatican's envoy to France, Archbishop Luigi Ventura, was accused of molesting a Paris City Hall employee and is under investigation. According to a City Hall official, the employee reported that Ventura sexually molested him repeatedly at one of the traditional New Year ceremonies of Mayor Anne Hidalgo held Thursday, Jan. 17. The employee, who has not been identified by name, is in his 30s and works for the international relations department. The employee was in charge of greeting and guiding Ventura on the day of the alleged assault.

Original article by Aurelien Breeden, Feb. 15, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Abuja, Nigeria

The Nigerian Presidential Election, which was scheduled to occur Saturday, Feb. 16, was delayed by the electoral commission until Saturday, Feb. 23. The reason behind the election's delay is unclear to the public, but there are reports that claim voting materials were not delivered to all

areas of the nation. Nigeria also postponed the 2015 presidential election due to deadly insecurity in certain parts of the nation. Nigeria, which has a population of approximately 190 million, contains more than 84 million voters.

Original article by The Associated Press, Feb. 15, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

U.S. and Canadian governments have informed their citizens not travel to the Haiti while violent protests occur in the Caribbean nation. The protests in the Haitian capital and other Haitian cities are against Haitian President Jovenel Moïse. Violent interactions between demonstrators and the police have left several people dead. The U.S. government ordered all "nonemergency" Americans to leave Haiti, and the Canadian government told its people to "avoid all travel to Haiti." The protests are a result of allegations of embezzlement and misappropriation of billions of dollars by the Haitian government that was intended for post-earthquake reconstruction.

Original article by Kirk Semple, Feb. 15, 2019. *The New York Times*.

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- ON THE RECORD -

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

Hulk smash

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

Broke the bank

Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m., a student reported that their credit card was being used fraudulently by an unknown source. The investigation is still open.

What a pleasant surprise

Feb. 12, 4:04 a.m., officers assisted a car that was broken down at State Street and Knollview Drive. When they looked in the car, they discovered the subject was in possession of an assortment of controlled substance pills that were not prescribed to her. The subject also did not have car insurance and her license was suspended. The investigation is still open.

Fake stacks

Feb. 13, 11 a.m., officers were dispatched to Chemical Bank where they had been given a counterfeit \$20 that was passed through and deposited by the Quad Café. The bank sent the counterfeit note to secret service.

Hulk smash

Feb. 14, 11:37 a.m., a student's front window of their car was smashed out in a parking lot in Robin Court. The case is currently closed due to a lack of leads.

Ferris Department of Safety issued 253 tickets from Feb. 10 to Feb. 16, totaling \$4,255.

NEWS BRIEFS

Megan Lewton
Editor in Chief

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Experiment and learn more about various instruments at the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in Williams Auditorium. The event, which is a part of the Big Rapids Festival of the Arts, is presented by Phi Beta Kappa with help from the Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity. For more information, visit brfota.org.

FSU Jazz Band Winter Concert

Listen to some traditional and contemporary music performed by the FSU Jazz Band 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the University Center. The concert is a part of the Big Rapids Festival of the Arts. For more information, contact Matt Moresi at mattmoresi@ferris.edu.

Comedian Feraz Ozel

Have some laughs at the performance by comedian Feraz Ozel 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in UCB 202. The event is hosted by Entertainment Unlimited. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at EU@ferris.edu.

Volley for the Pups

Get active for a good cause at the Volley for the Pups bracket tournament 4 – 8 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the Student Recreation Center. The fourth annual event, hosted by Alpha Phi Sigma, will raise funds to benefit the Osceola County K9 unit. Teams must consist of six to eight players and must be pre-registered on OrgSync or signed up at the door. An entry fee of \$5 per player must be paid at the door. For more information, contact Bailey Sargent at sargenb@ferris.edu.

Torch Corrections

In "When is a house a home?" in the Feb. 13 edition of the *Torch*, Brandi Wagner's name was spelled incorrectly.

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A history of ignorance

Blackface re-enters national discussion

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

A 35-year-old photograph of Virginia Governor Ralph Northram has sparked a national discussion concerning blackface and its negative portrayal of African-Americans in the U.S.

According to The New York Times, the website Big League Politics published the photo from Northram's 1984 medical school yearbook, which depicts the governor with black shoe polish applied to his face. In the photo, Northram is standing next to an unidentified person wearing a Ku Klux Klan uniform.



Thomas Murry

"I think it's disrespectful and something needs to be done about it," Ferris integrated studies senior Thomas Murry said. "It just shows that racism hasn't died down in America.

It's not as aggressive as it used to be back in the day, but people are still trying to cover it up."

An article by USA Today stated former vice president Joe Biden, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Planned Parenthood and Virginia state Democratic lawmakers have asked the governor to resign. However, Northram refuses to resign, stating, "I am not the person in that

photo."

"It's exhausting because these are examples of, with the situation with the governor, there wasn't someone in his corner or even himself who said, 'Maybe I shouldn't do this,'" Ferris Office of Multicultural Student Services Assistant Director Michael Wade said. "It's exhausting that it continues to be a common thread that is problematic in our nation."

Northram's photograph is not the only publicized incident of blackface to occur in the U.S. this year. According to The Independent, Italian luxury brand Gucci released a sweater to their online store Feb. 6. The sweater featured a pull-up neck with a cut-out mouth surrounded by bright red lips. The company has since pulled the sweater from their online store and apologized via Twitter.

"It doesn't affect me personally, but I do think it's a bunch of nonsense," Ferris business administration junior Rodney Williamson said. "I don't think anything can be done about it, because people are still going to do it. Until people stop buying these things, I don't think it'll stop."



Rodney Williamson

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Photo courtesy of Jim Crow Museum

Virginia governor Ralph Northram has recently received criticism for depictions of blackface — a historically racist form of propaganda/entertainment — examples of which may be found in Ferris' Jim Crow Museum.



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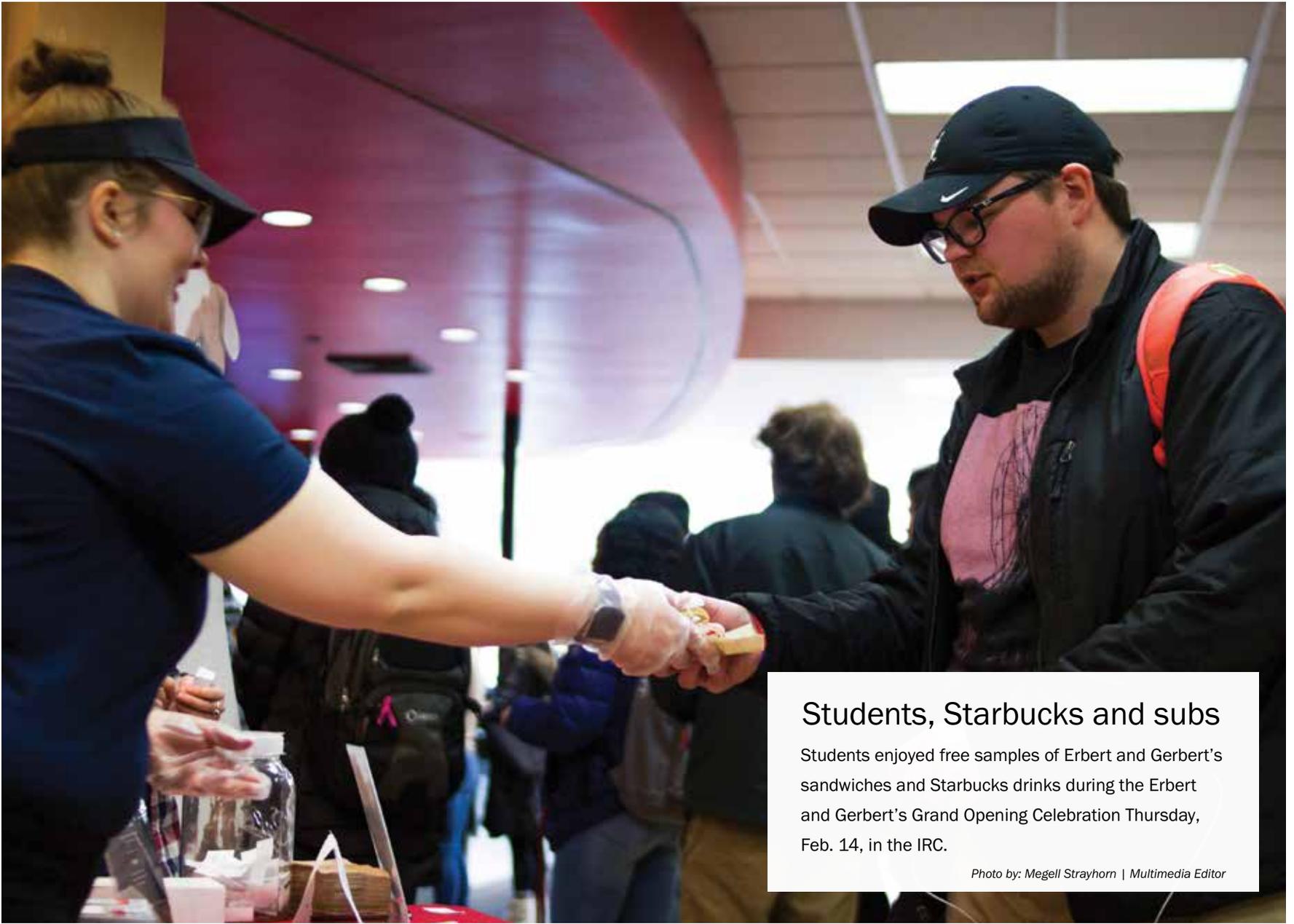
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Students, Starbucks and subs

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Racism

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The concept of blackface began with the creation of Jim Crow, a character created by stage actor Thomas Dartmouth "Daddy" Rice in the early 19th century, according to Ferris' Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia. Rice appeared on stage in 1828 as Jim Crow, "an exaggerated, highly stereotypical black character," using burnt cork as makeup to make his skin appear dark.

The character of Jim Crow was made to portray negative stereotypes of African-Americans in the U.S. and helped to popularize the idea that African-Americans were "lazy, stupid, inherently less human and unworthy of integration," as stated on the Jim Crow Museum's website.

"There's a history there of why it's problematic," Wade said. "From Disney cartoons to Bugs

Bunny cartoons to advertisements during the time were used to make African-Americans look not human, look like monkeys, look like animals."

The Jim Crow character became immensely popular and birthed the concept of the minstrel show. Minstrel shows were performed throughout the 19th and early 20th century; the Jim Crow Museum displays a 1942 program from Big Rapids High School's final minstrel show. These shows solidified negative stereotypes against African-Americans in the minds of whites in the U.S.

"What I try to do here and the work we do here on campus is to promote diversity education, inclusion, social justice and understanding," Wade said. "For many of our students, there is an inconsistency in the curriculum of understanding someone, what's right and what's wrong, when it comes to how you treat someone who's different from you."

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A student displays his musical abilities while practicing piano in the Music Center.

Children's Concert

Time:
4 - 5:15 p.m.

Date:
Sunday, Feb. 24

Place:
Williams Auditorium

Musical Instrument Petting zoo

Time:
2 - 4 p.m.

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Band of brothers fostering a love for music

Veronica Mascorro
Interim Reporter

Ferris integrative studies senior and Kappa Kappa Psi President Benjamin Withey celebrates Big Rapids' Festival of the Arts by giving children a chance to fall in love with music.

Withey is part of an honorary band fraternity that will be hosting the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo in celebration of the month-long Festival of the Arts in Big Rapids. The Festival of the Arts consists of a series of entertainment, educational and cultural events that are offered daily throughout the month of February.



Benjamin Withey

"The event is about fostering a love of music in kids who may not get that opportunity otherwise," Withey said. "It's especially cool this year because the February

concert that is put on by the band is a children's concert and we're using the instruments that they can see beforehand."

The petting zoo will have instruments dressed up to simulate being at an actual zoo, with multiple musical instrument stations ranging from woodwind instruments to brass and percussion.

"You'll see a trombone with zebra paper around it to make it more fun for the kids. One

year we did a scavenger, so if all the little kids go around and play all the instruments, and get a stamp at the table, they get a goodie bag as a prize," Withey said.

Ferris Kappa Kappa Psi members will be at every table to help people learn about the instruments and guests will have a chance to play

"It's possible that this event could influence people to try and play a certain instrument. We could be helping to establish a new generation of band musicians."

- Dr. Richard Cohen

them.

"Every single instrument we have available at the Music Center we try and bring," Withey said. "We make sure that they're clean and playable

so that all the little kids get to play everything ranging from the trombone or the maracas."

Though the event is directed towards children, anybody is welcome. Ferris Director of Instrumental Concert Ensembles, Director of the Humanities Department and Kappa Kappa Psi co-adviser Dr. Robert Cohen hopes that events like the petting zoo can help inspire people of all ages.

"It's possible that this event could influence people to try and play a certain instrument. We could be helping to establish a new generation of band musicians," Cohen said.

Ferris plastics and polymer engineering technology junior and Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President Jared Kughn looks forward to the event and enjoys the opportunity to teach.

"I think it's important just because the fact that you get to teach younger kids, kids your age and even adults," Kughn said. "You've got people who are coming in with their grandkids and they'll be like 'How do you play that?'"



Jared Kughn

The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo is open to all members of the community and will take place 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in Williams Auditorium, with a children's band concert following 4 - 5:15 p.m.

Over the violence

New coalition brings awareness to campus

Briana Hammtreee
Torch Reporter

According to a 2018 campus climate survey summary by Title IX, 367 out of 1,518 Ferris students, or 24.1 percent, reported experiencing relationship abuse of some form.

In an effort to change these statistics, and February being Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, the Anti-Violence Coalition will be hosting a Dating Violence Awareness Workshop.

"We never really have any workshops on campus covering topics like this. It's also a topic that no one ever really wants to talk about it publicly, which should be talked way more especially in today's generation with all the uproar involving sexual assault," Ferris criminal justice sophomore Leonardo Almanza said.



Leonardo Almanza

Ferris' Student Life department launched the Anti-Violence Coalition, a team comprised of faculty, staff and students, with students focusing on providing peer education, after receiving a grant of almost \$40,000 for one year from the State of Michigan.

"We want to raise their awareness on healthy, unhealthy and violent behaviors within relationships – an opportunity to engage in conversation about recognizing abuse in relationships," Ferris Student Life Project Manager and Greek Life Coordinator Ashley Schulte said.



Ashley Schulte

Schulte is supervising the peer educators for the anti-violence work on campus and is hoping the workshop will help in raising the bar for providing anti-violence help on campus.

Almanza, a peer educator, has worked alongside other students to produce this project and will use his own training from dating violence, stalking and sexual assault to teach others the signs of dating violence and how to help.

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A university should feel safe for its students and knowing who to turn to only makes it easier. Below is a list of contact information to help students in need:

Emergencies: Dial 911

Ferris Campus Police: 231-591-5000

Campus Crime Hotline: 231-591-5900

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Know the signs

Dating violence can be physical, sexual, psychological or emotional within a relationship and can sometimes result in stalking.

A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on teen dating violence found that, although many teens do not report it, eight percent of high schoolers have experienced physical violence and seven percent experienced sexual violence.

It also found that within this range of violence, 26 percent of females and 15 percent of males experience violence in some form before the age of 18.

Here are the warning signs found on teendvmonth.org:

- * **Excessive jealousy or insecurity**
- * **Invasion of privacy**
- * **Unexpected rage**
- * **Unusual moodiness**
- * **Pressuring a partner into unwanted sexual activity**
- * **Controlling tendencies**
- * **Preventing you from interacting with others (Such as going out)**
- * **Monitoring your whereabouts**
- * **False accusations**
- * **Ruining personal property**
- * **Bullying**
- * **Threatening or physical violence**



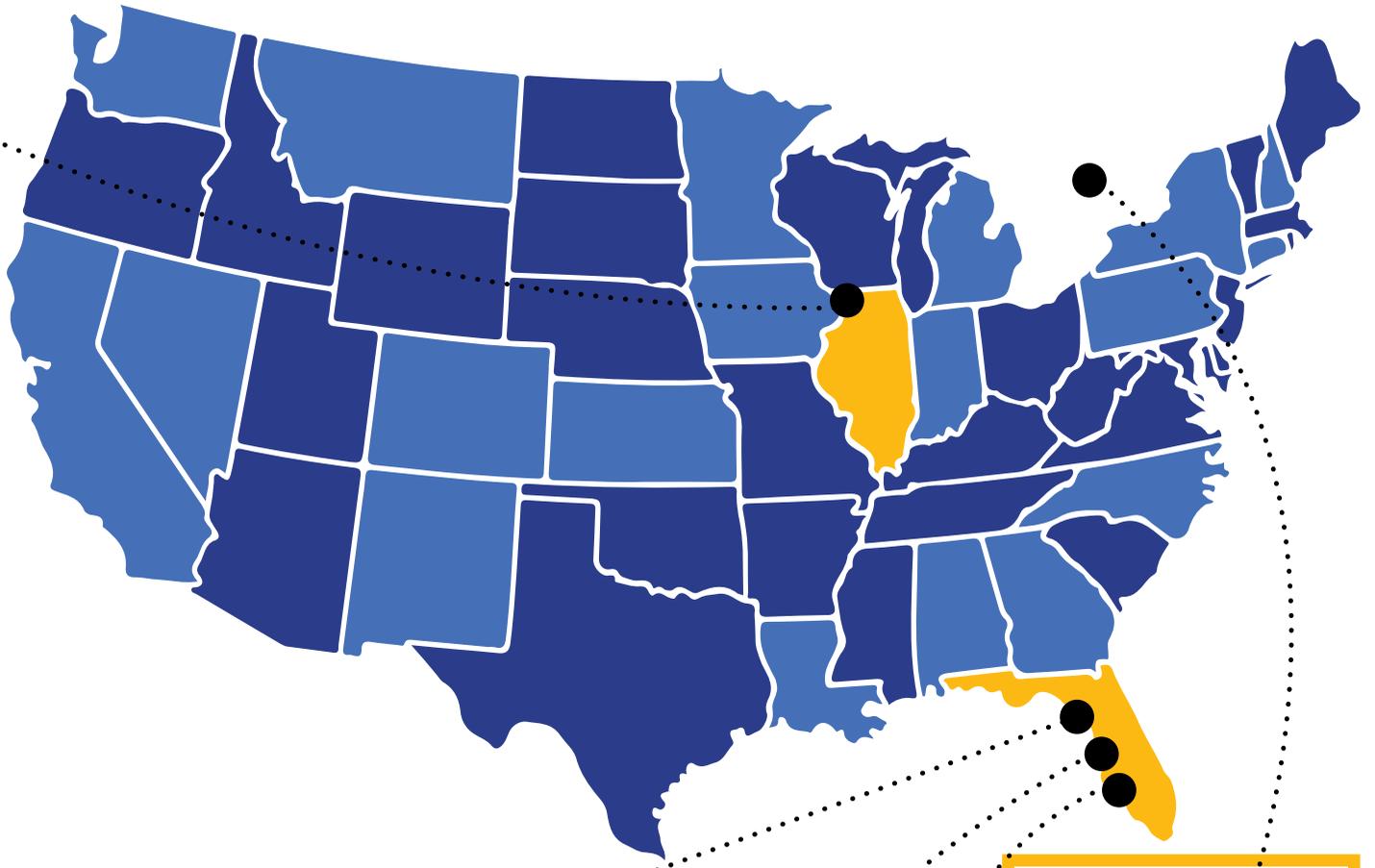
Love for all

In celebration of Valentine's Day, students show their appreciation and exercise their creativity by making Valentine's cards with the LGBTQ+ Center Tuesday, Feb. 12.

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Party on, spring breakers

Michiganders outside their hometowns



Jordan Van Wert
Ferris pre-medicine junior
(Casnovia, Michigan) -



1. What are your plans for spring break?

"For spring break, I plan to attend the Newman Center for Catholic Students' Spring Break Mission Trip to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in West Humboldt Park, Chicago. This is one of the nation's most impoverished and dangerous neighborhoods, and this mission exists to aid its neighbors by providing food, shelter, education, clothing, fellowship and other day-to-day necessities to local residents."

2. Have you been there before?

"I have been here twice in the past. The Franciscan Sisters and Brothers who run this mission are remarkably humble and caring toward people of all backgrounds, which is vital in such a diverse neighborhood. The work is humbling, but it is the most meaningful thing that I do throughout the semester, since I know that it is directly improving lives in even a small way. It is unsettling to see the completely atrocious conditions that people who live in such a rich country must live in, so I try to do what I can to help the mission and their goal to alleviate the suffering of so many."

3. How long have you been planning this?

"I have not been planning the trip with the Newman Center e-board, but I set aside my spring break each year for this purpose."

4. In what ways did you cut costs?

"The trip only costs \$50 due to fundraising efforts by the Newman Center and the Knights of Columbus, so I did not personally have to cut costs."

5. What was your favorite spring break ever?

"I have been on two past trips, and I would say that the first one was the best due to the complete shock of seeing what life was like for people in this neighborhood. It really made me see how easy I've had it in life to this point, but that should not be the motivation for people to go on such a trip. You go to help; gaining new insights is secondary."

Matthew Hoffman
Ferris radiology freshman
(Stanford, Michigan) -



1. What are your plans for spring break?

"I'm gonna be going to my parents' place in Florida and probably have some friends down there. We might go visit some clubs."

2. Have you been here before?

"Yes, it's my parents' house."

3. How long have you been planning this?

"I actually just recently committed to it. I asked my parents if we could come down and they didn't really care."

4. Did you save for this trip?

"A little bit but I haven't been very good at managing my money. So, I don't have a lot left."

5. What ways are you cutting costs?

"I didn't really. I wasn't planning on saving money for a trip or worrying how much I spend, because I'm gonna go there and have fun. I'm not gonna restrict what I do."

Elise Ketelaar
Ferris pre-medicine senior
(Howard, Michigan) -



1. What are your plans for spring break?

"I am going to Florida with my boyfriend and his friends."

2. How long have you been planning this?

"I didn't really have to plan it but they have been planning it for like a month."

3. Did you save up for your trip? If so, how much?

"Yes, like \$600."

4. What ways are you cutting costs?

"More people in one house."

5. What was your favorite spring break trip ever?

"When I went to Maui three years ago. We went hiking, surfing, laid on the beach. Bunch of cool stuff."

Carissa Schurr
Ferris nursing sophomore
(Frankenmuth, Michigan) -



1. What are your plans for spring break?

"To drive to Florida with some of my friends."

2. Have you been here before?

"Nope."

3. What interested you in going?

"We got a nice little beach house and it looks really pretty. And the warm weather."

4. How long have you been planning this?

"Since July."

5. What ways are you cutting costs?

"Working, having a job over the summer."

Marlena Gorno
Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore
(Bellaire, Michigan) -



1. What are your plans for spring break?

"I am going to Toronto. We're gonna be going to a hockey game, then walk around and do some things."

2. What hockey game are you going to?

"Going to a Maple Leaves hockey game."

3. Have you been here before?

"Yes, I like the city."

4. How long have you been planning this?

"It was a last-minute thing."

5. Did you save up for the trip?

"I didn't save specifically for the trip, just life in general."

6. What ways are you cutting costs?

"Not going out to eat as much, not going to as many fast food places. Just trying to buy smart groceries I can use for multiple things. And just cutting back on online shopping."

7. What was your favorite spring break trip ever?

"My favorite was going to Colorado."

Weekly festivities

THURSDAY

Feb. 21



**Literature in Person:
A Potpourri of Creative Writing**

Location: FSU Fine Art Gallery, UC
Time: 7 p.m.

“The Office” Trivia Night

Location: UCB 202
Time: 8 – 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Feb. 22

**Insight into the Global Regulation of Virulence
Genes in the Pathogen H. Pylori**

Location: SCI 126
Time: 3 – 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Feb. 23



Dance and Music of India

Location: UCB
Time: 7 p.m.

Scrap Metal Sculpture

Location: Heavy Equipment Building Auditorium
Time: 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

Feb. 24

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Location: Williams Auditorium
Time: 2 – 3 p.m.



A Children’s Concert:

Presented by the FSU Bands and Orchestra

Location: Williams Auditorium
Time: 4 – 5:15 p.m.

MONDAY

Feb. 25

**Alpha Psi Omega Theatre
Fraternity Sketch Show**

Location: BUS 111
Time: 7 p.m.

Art of Moon Landing Stamps

Location: SCI 120
Time: 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Feb. 26

**Students with Children –
Coffee Talk Tuesday**

Location: UC 125
Time: 11 a.m. – noon

**Dating Violence
Awareness Workshop**

Location: UCB 116
Time: 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Kickin it with the Queens:
A Conversation on Black Love**

Location: UC 203 Founders’ Room
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

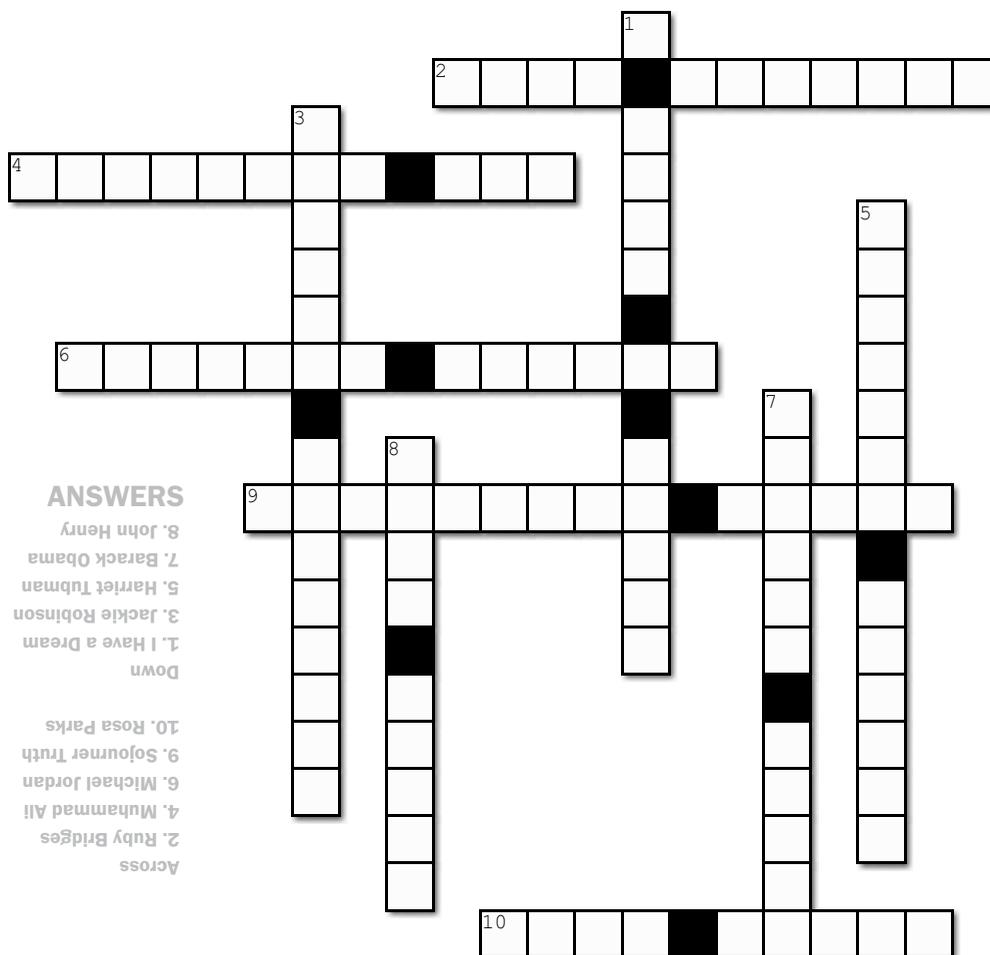


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Do you know your history?

Complete the crossword below and test your knowledge on Black History Month.



ANSWERS

- Across
1. I Have a Dream
2. Rosa Parks
3. Sojourner Truth
4. Michael Jordan
5. Muhammad Ali
6. Ruby Bridges
7. John Henry
8. Barack Obama
9. Harriet Tubman
10. Jackie Robinson
- Down
1. Martin Luther King Jr. gave this famous speech
2. An African-American girl known for helping desegregate an all white school
3. First African-American man to play Major League Baseball
4. Famous black boxer
5. Woman who freed many slaves using the underground railroad
6. One of Chicago Bulls’ most famous basketball players
7. First African-American president
8. Known as the “steel-driving man”
9. “Ain’t I a Woman?”
10. Refused to give up her seat

Across

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Anti-Violence

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to be with an intimate partner all the time. Also, if the victim isn’t acting themselves lately – depression or anxiety,” Almanza said.

Schulte hopes the Dating Violence Awareness workshop will give students the knowledge on how to navigate their own relationships and consider the challenges others may face in abusive relationships.

“It isn’t always easy to ‘just leave,’ and that might not be helpful to say to someone who is in a relationship they’re not sure how to leave yet,” Schulte said.

Aside from learning about the signs of dating violence, students will also get an opportunity to learn how to be more aware in their environment. This will include examples of dating violence, what it looks like long-term and short-term, as well as who can help.

“There is the Title IX Coordinator, WISE [Women’s

Information Services, Inc.] has a Victim Advocate here in Big Rapids and many other services such as the police, counseling and online resources/hotlines,” Almanza said.

Ferris environmental biology sophomore McKenna Saunders thinks having a workshop for students to learn is important, as some students don’t know the signs or have found themselves in abusive relationships.

“I’ve been fortunate to have parents where my dad is an officer and my mom was a counselor most of her life, so they’ve been able to provide me with the tools to pick up on an abusive relationship,” Saunders said.

The Dating Violence Awareness workshop will be held 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the University Center room 116B.



McKenna Saunders

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SPORTS

“He will go down as one of the top players ever to dress for Ferris.”
- Bob Daniels - See page 12 for story

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One Wink and it's over

Basketball seniors play their last home games in Wink Arena



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris senior forward Abby Nakfoor yells in celebration during the game on Senior Day, Saturday, Feb. 16.



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Ferris senior guard DeShaun Thrower looks to make a move at the post in the team's 79-53 victory Saturday, Feb. 16.



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Ferris senior post Taylor Adway goes up against a Michigan Tech. University player Saturday, Feb. 16.

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

All good things must come to an end, and for the six Ferris basketball seniors, their careers at their home court came to a close Saturday, Feb. 16.

With both the men's and women's teams hoping for a playoff spot, their seasons may not be over, but with uncertain chances of hosting a playoff game, Senior Day may have been their last game in Jim Wink Arena.

On the women's team, there are only two seniors: guard Alexis Bush and forward Abby Nakfoor. Bush and Nakfoor both started four years ago, which was also the first year for Ferris women's basketball head coach Kendra Faustin.

“What's most remarkable in general about coaching is being able to witness and be a part of the growth from freshman to senior year, how much folks change,” Faustin said. “Then being able to watch these two, in particular, go from kids to being leaders on our team and helping run our program.”

Both players have helped the team in many ways on and off the court through their time as Bulldogs. Faustin remembers moments where each of them has hit a game-changing three-pointer, with Bush hitting one last season in a crucial game against Hillsdale University, and Nakfoor coming in against Northwood this season and hitting a three-pointer that turned the game around.

“We talk about representing the name on the front of our jersey and the Bulldog way,” Bush said. “We think that's just playing with heart and playing together.”

Bush has collected the most points on the season for the team with a total of 291 and has amassed 853 points during her career at Ferris. She has also gotten a total of 89 rebounds and 24 steals this year. Nakfoor has a total of 23 points, with 336 career points, 22 rebounds and two steals. Nakfoor was also invited to a national coaching workshop in early April 2019.

The Bulldog men's team has also had a successful season with their four seniors. With the men's team finding success in recent years, three of the seniors have a National Championship under their belts.

“They've just grown into their roles, maturity is one of our main goals, and they've matured,” Ferris men's basketball head coach Andy Bronkema said.

Three out of the four seniors

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Ferris senior guard Alexis Bush drives to the hoop in the 67-49 loss to Michigan Tech. University Saturday, Feb. 16.



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Ferris senior wing Markese Mayfield dribbles up the court on Senior Day, Saturday, Feb. 16.



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Ferris senior post Andrew Meacham looks for an open man against Michigan Tech. University Saturday, Feb. 16.

Finding time to study

Athletes say study tables boost their classroom performance

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

There's a reason the word student comes first in the title “student athlete,” and getting help through study tables has made a big difference for some Bulldogs.

There is pressure on athletes to do well in school, as the consequences are quite severe if they do poorly. If grade point averages or course grades fall too low, athletes can become ineligible to compete in their sports.

This is where study tables come in.

Study tables are mandatory study sessions that athletes at Ferris have to complete as a part of their commitment to their respective sport. Not all athletes are required to go, and the rules vary from sport to sport. For the football team, it depends on the player's year and grades, according to Ferris senior tight end Matt Capasso.

“Study tables are mandatory for the true freshman. It's not mandatory after that unless you are struggling with grades,” Capasso said. “They were what gave me a foundation for what I needed to do in college.”

That is what the exact purpose of these sessions was intended to be. They were established to help the athletes manage their school work in a way that allows their coach to follow their progress. The coaches can oversee their athletes' progress while the athletes get to learn the ropes of studying in college on their own.

“It is in their [the coaches'] best interest to make sure that we're all eligible to compete for the next semester,” Ferris sophomore cross-country runner Weston Rackley said.

Therefore, it makes sense that coaches have their own rules as well as different strategies when it comes to these study sessions.

For example, volleyball only meets up for these sessions once a week, with no meet-

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Sports Shorts

Mollie Hamelund and Cora Hall
Torch Reporter and Sports Editor

Big road win for women's tennis

Ferris women's tennis notched a big win Friday, Feb. 15, against the Lewis University (Illinois) Flyers.

This was a significant regional win for the Bulldogs as they were away playing at the Five Star Tennis Center in Plainfield, Illinois. Ferris defeated Lewis in a 5-2 count to bring their total team record to 7-7.

The Bulldogs started strong with capturing all of the doubles matches. Going into singles, the Flyers notched two wins in, but the Bulldogs ended with a victory. Ferris freshman Brittany Lavenant had an impressive performance by shutting her opponent out 6-0 in both matches.

The Bulldogs face off against Tiffin University 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Ferris Racquet and Fitness Center.

GVSU Tune-Up

Ferris' track and field team went down to Grand Valley State University Friday, Feb. 15, to compete in the GVSU Tune-Up meet.

The Bulldogs placed well, starting with Ferris senior runner Sarah Utchel placing second in the 200-meter women's race. In the 800 meter race, Ferris junior runner Jennifer Eaton placed fourth and Ferris junior runner Taylor Thrush came in seventh. The women's 4 by 400-meter relay, which consisted of Thrush, Eaton, Ferris junior Madison Slater and Ferris freshman Hannah Todd, placed third.

For the Ferris men, senior Cody Stilwell won the weight throw and junior Stanley Williams placed third overall in the long jump.

The Bulldogs head to University Center to compete in the GLIAC Indoor Championships Saturday, Feb. 23, and Sunday, Feb. 24.

Conference honors for hockey and softball

Ferris freshman goaltender Roni Salmenkangas and Ferris senior infielder Logan Fleming both gained player of the week honors this week.

Salmenkangas reined in Western Collegiate Hockey Association Rookie of the Week for the second time this season after a big weekend against the University of Alaska-Anchorage with 46 saves in the two-game series.

Fleming was chosen as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Week for the first time in her collegiate career. Through four games this season, the senior has a team-leading .643 average and collected seven RBIs, nine hits and two runs scored.

Seniors

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have been rotating between the starting line-up all season. Ferris senior guard DeShaun Thrower has only been with the team for three years—he was redshirted his first year—and also plays on the football team. Thrower has totaled 271 points, 47 rebounds and 22 steals this season, with 549 career points. Thrower transferred from Stoney Brook University and is now finishing his career at Ferris.

"They took me in right away and just made me feel welcome right away," Thrower said.

Ferris senior wing Markese Mayfield has been with Ferris all four of his years and just this year alone has racked up 312 points, 199 rebounds and 40 steals. Mayfield was a help to the Bulldogs last year on their national championship run, scoring 349 points all season. He has 970 career points and is on track to break 1,000 points before he leaves Ferris, averaging 11.1 points per game this season with three regular season games left.

Ferris senior post Taylor Adway is new to the Bulldogs just this year but has fit in right away. Like Thrower, Adway came from a Division I school. Playing his first three years of college at the University of Toledo, he transferred to Ferris to finish his career.

"I'm blessed that Coach Bronkema and the staff have given me the opportunity to finish my career here," Adway said. "We clicking at the right time, so I'm just excited to see what we do with our last few regular season games and see what happens when the GLIAC tournament starts so we can push to make the NCAA tournament again."

In just one season at Ferris, Adway has totaled 175 points, 103 rebounds and 22 blocks.

Ferris senior post Andrew Meacham was redshirted his freshman year but in the four years since has been a critical member to the Bulldogs. Starting in a few games on the season he has scored 35 points, with 154 career points, 80 rebounds and 17 blocks.

Bronkema explained that no matter if the player is here for his whole career or just a year or two, the Bulldogs will always be accepting.

"It's not the fact that they're transfers, it's just the fact that each individual has been blessed with a certain set of skills, they come here, and we allow them to be as powerful as they can be," Bronkema said. "Once you're here, you're here. You're a Bulldog for life."

With no home games left this season, the Bulldogs head to the University of Purdue Northwest, with the women starting 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21.



Top Dawg

Coale Norris

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Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Coming off the ice more than 3,500 miles away from Big Rapids after an important weekend, this week's Top Dawg honor goes to Ferris sophomore forward Coale Norris.

The Bulldogs are still in the hunt for the last Western Collegiate Hockey Association postseason slot, and with just a few games remaining, every goal and assist will stretch a long way. After only receiving one point in their previous two games, the Bulldogs looked to get back to the ways of winning while they travel to the University of Alaska-Anchorage for a weekend series against the Seawolves.

Although the Bulldogs got four points out of a possible six, with one win and a tie, Norris played a vital role in the Bulldogs securing the points that they needed.

On Friday, Feb. 16, Norris was able to break the deadlock between the two teams late into the third period, which went on to be the game-winning goal that secured the 2-1 win for the Bulldogs.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, Norris was also a factor which led to a Bulldog point. Norris was able to feed the puck to Ferris junior defenseman Joe Rutkowski, who found Ferris junior forward Craig Pefley to tie the game up in the first period. The assist from Norris played a part in the 1-1 tie to give the Bulldogs a much-needed point.

Norris is top-five in scoring for the Bulldogs this season with 16 points, which has come from seven goals scored and nine assists. Norris has almost matched his freshman year numbers, where he totaled 17 points on the year from ten goals and seven assists.

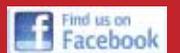
The Bulldogs are back on home ice 7:07 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, when they will face the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers.

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Ferris hockey alum Chris Kunitz reaches significant professional milestone

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Ferris hockey alum and Chicago Blackhawks left winger Chris Kunitz passed a significant milestone, becoming one of 32 undrafted National Hockey League (NHL) players to reach 1,000 games played.

Thursday, Feb. 14, Kunitz and the Blackhawks were set to face-off against the Boston Bruins. Even though the play between these two teams is competitive, dating back to the intense 2013 Stanley Cup final, it went on the back burner as the Blackhawks recognized Kunitz for what would be his 1,000th game played. During warmups, Kunitz's number 14 was all you could see on the Blackhawks' side as a "tip of the cap" to his achievement.

Kunitz played for the Bulldogs from the 1999-2000 season to 2002-03 when Ferris was part of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). During his time at Ferris, Kunitz totaled 99 goals and 76 assists, and is 6th in all-time point scoring in Ferris hockey history with 175 points. Just one of the many things that Kunitz achieved, all of that would be non-existent if it were not for a simple phone call.

Before his college career, Kunitz played junior hockey in Melville, Saskatchewan, Canada, where current Ferris recruiting coordinator Drew Famulak is from. According to Ferris head coach Bob Daniels, while Famulak was down at Ferris, his father was up in Melville and witnessed Kunitz play and made the phone call to his son and told him he had to see Kunitz play. After that phone call was made, the rest was history.



Bob Daniels

"I can tell you that the pleasure was mine. It's great to be able to say, 'Hey, I was able to coach a player that has done what he's done, 1,000 games,'" Daniels said. "To me, it does not seem that long ago, but I can remember all of the good things he has done for our program, too. His senior year was the first time we have ever won a conference title, first of our four conference titles, but we had never won one before that."

During his senior year at Ferris, Kunitz was the core of the team that won Ferris' first-ever conference title and took the Bulldogs to their first-ever NCAA tournament. In that time, he recorded a single-season record for assists with 44 and points with 79, while also totaling 35 goals; these numbers earned Kunitz the CCHA Player of the Year. He was also the runner up for the Hobey Baker award, which is awarded to the best collegiate hockey player each season. Daniels is still a little sour to this day that Kunitz did not receive the award.

"He's one of a kind, really," Daniels said. "He will go down



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics

Former Ferris hockey player Chris Kunitz played for the Bulldogs between 1999-2003 and is ranked 6th in all-time point scoring for Ferris hockey with 175 career points in college.

as one of the top players ever to dress for Ferris. If there were a list with the top 20 players in the history of the CCHA, he would be a player named on it, and it gives me warm feelings to know that."

Kunitz also has some hardware that makes him one of the most successful college hockey players in NHL history. Not only is he the 335th player to reach the 1,000 game mark, but he is also a four-time Stanley Cup champion, which came from two separate teams: the Anaheim Ducks and Pittsburgh Penguins. Kunitz also has an Olympic gold medal with Team Canada and was an NHL All-Star, all while going undrafted out of college.

His 1,000 games do not take his 178 playoffs games into consideration too, where he has netted 27 goals while assisting 66 goals, which comes out to 93 points during his postseason play. Another key to Kunitz's career was his trade from the Anaheim Ducks to the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2009 for Ryan Whitney, where he won the first of three Stanley Cups with that team.

During his 1,000 game career, Kunitz has also gone on to have a total of 613 points, with 264 of those points coming from goals scored and the other 349 from assists. It did not surprise Daniels that Kunitz made it to the NHL, after being

signed as a free agent in 2003 by the Anaheim Ducks, and he also thinks that with those career numbers, Kunitz will go down in the books forever.

"To me, I am not sure what you quite need to be in the Hall of Fame," Daniels said. "But I have always heard 1,000 games and 600 points gets you in, so I am hoping that one day he will be a Hall of Famer."

Kunitz is a big spotlight when recruiting players, where they show that you can make it to the NHL by starting here at Ferris. Daniels said he is glad that Kunitz could be the one to represent the Ferris hockey program.

"If we were able to pick a player's personality that we would like to have gotten this notoriety, it would have been Chris. There is a number of guys, but certainly Chris would be there," Daniels said. "One, he is a great family man. Two, he was always very kind and mature away from the arena. He is not self-absorbed, he is very humble and he has a really good world view. He was a good student while he was here, so if you are saying 'Hey, this is going to be a guy that is going to go out there and be a flagship for the program and a poster person given his notoriety,' we could not have handpicked a better kid. I think that's important that people know what kind of person he is."

Studying

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ing ever taking over 45 minutes, according to Ferris freshman outside hitter Audrey Bellina.

Rackley said that cross-country and track athletes have just one two-hour session Tuesday nights.

Football, on the other hand, has study tables Monday through Thursday for an hour and a half



Audrey Bellina

each, according to Capasso. These study sessions also all have different formats, in addition to different time lengths, and volleyball is especially different from the others.

"For us, they're not like everyone else's study tables," Bellina said. "The first couple weeks, we watched videos on how to become better studiers and how to better use our time. Then the next couple weeks, we kind of met up and just talked about what we had going on in our

classes and how we're doing."

This style contrasts from the football, cross-country and track study tables, which are run basically like an everyday study group.

However, it seems like these study groups all seem to have huge impacts on the athletes' college lives. The players who actually spend time on what they need to accomplish in these sessions, tend to do very well.

"What you put into it is what you get out of it," Capasso said.

Study tables provide athletes school-directed time amidst their busy schedules, and Rackley said it's valuable for athletes coming into college.

"When you're first coming into college, a lot of times you'll have people who will have some difficulty figuring out how to study," Rackley said. "Going to the study tables is just helpful in having that

time where you can really just focus on what you've got to do."



Weston Rackley



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday, Feb. 21:

- Women's basketball at Purdue Northwest 6 p.m.
- Women's tennis vs. Calvin College 7 p.m.
- Men's basketball at Purdue Northwest 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22:

- Softball vs. Rockhurst at Evansville, Ind. 1 p.m.

- Softball vs. Indianapolis at Evansville, Ind. 3 p.m.
- Men's tennis vs. Indianapolis 3 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville 7:07 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23:

- Track and field at the GLIAC Indoor Championships at University Center
- Women's tennis vs. Tiffin 10 a.m.
- Softball vs Truman at Evansville, Ind. noon
- Softball vs. McKendree at Evansville, Ind. 2 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Wisconsin-Parkside 2 p.m.
- Men's tennis vs. Tiffin 2:30 p.m.
- Men's basketball at Wisconsin-Parkside 4 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville 7:07 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 24:

- Track and field at the GLIAC Indoor Championships at University Center.
- Softball vs. Bellarmine at Evansville, Ind. 11 a.m.
- Softball at Southern Indiana 1 p.m.

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

For most of my life, I've really, really loved picking out new outfits.

On most days, I try to coordinate my clothes with my jewelry and my makeup. I really enjoy channeling my creativity through what I wear. Odds are, if you see me on campus, I'm wearing an outfit-makeup combination that is at least relatively coordinated (unless you catch me on a bad day when I'm wearing sweats and my hair is a rat's nest, in which case, mind ya business).

So many people think, as a college student, they do not have enough money to fund a fully stocked, on-trend wardrobe.

That could not be further from the truth. For those looking to be fashionable and frugal, I'm here to tell you that it is absolutely possible.

Due to my love for all things fashion and beauty, and my online shopping addiction, I've discovered a lot of secret gold mines full

of the best articles of clothing. Although I will admit that shopping can be expensive, it certainly doesn't have to be. Aside from some name-brand things I've received as gifts or purchased during a "Treat Yourself" moment, a lot of my clothes were discovered on a resale rack.

In Big Rapids alone, there are multiple resale shops for students to find stylish pieces at a reasonable price. Label Shopper on State Street is one of my personal favorites — I've had a lot of luck there, whether it's wardrobe staples or unique articles that you couldn't find anywhere else. There's also your usual suspects: Goodwill on Perry and Salvation Army on State, although their selections are pretty hit or miss (with emphasis on the "miss"). I also have friends who rave about Fabulous Finds Resale Shoppe on Michigan Avenue, though I've never checked it out myself.

Cheap thrills

The key to finding hidden gems at these stores is to really dig. You might not find exactly what you're looking for right on the surface, but I've snagged some name-brand dresses, grungy flannels and jeans with the tags still on them tucked in the bottom of a bin at a resale shop.

Even if you can't find the absolute best outfits at these establishments, you might be able to layer or mix a resale item with an old piece from your closet to put a spin on one of your classic outfits.

If you're not into fashion and just want to wear your old, comfy clothes, go ahead and rock it. But, if you want to spice things up and add some new items to your closet, you can do so without breaking the bank.

Head out to your local resale shop or Goodwill. You might be surprised at what you'll find.

Why I am not a dog person

Featuring Cooper

I love animals — dogs, cats, goldfish, pandas, spotted geckos. I even had a pet spider at one point. I love them all, and I would be perfectly happy if my house were a miniature zoo.

The one pet I will never be able to have, however, is a dog. I just couldn't do it.

I have two pet cats right now, and that is a lot. I can't imagine taking care of a dog. Cats can at least bring themselves to the bathroom, but with dogs, you continually have to take them outside.

My roommate has this adorable shaky dog, Cooper, and he is the sweetest little thing, but we have issues. For example, one morning I stepped in a heaping pile of doggy doo on my way to the kitchen. Not a great wake up call. This can't entirely be blamed on Cooper though, because each day without fail, our floor is excreted upon. I should have been looking down, that's on me, but wait, there's more.



Hannah Way
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The other day, I had an early day because a meeting was canceled, and all day long I was thinking about bed and how great napping was going to be when I got home. I walk inside, greeted The President and Icarus (my cats), and made my way up to my room. I lay in my bed, getting all cozy, and what do I find? This little asshole has not only shit on my comforter, no, he also peed on everything. And I do mean everything. Pillows, blankets, headboard — he had to have made multiple trips because there is just no way that Cooper's tiny body can hold that much urine. It was like he had a

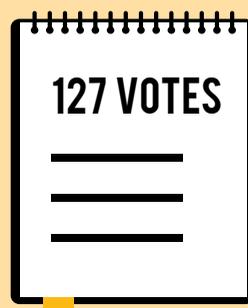
personal vendetta against me, I swear to God.

Bathroom complications are not the only reason I am not a dog owner. A few weeks ago during the Polar Vortex, my roommate was at work and I was home due to the snow day, so I decided to be helpful. I let Cooper outside into the backyard to do his business. I went along with my day - feeding my cats, cooking breakfast, washing some dishes - until my other roommate came home for lunch. She walks in the back door and says, "Did you forget something?" in a sort of accusatory tone that threw me off until I saw who was with her. I had let Copper outside and forgot to let the poor thing back in. It had been at least a half hour, and he was so cold; I felt horrible.

This mistake made it apparent that no dog should ever be allowed under my ownership.

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DIVIDED OPINIONS

Netflix

Last year, my parents canceled their cable and instead purchased all of the streaming platforms. It costs them significantly less and gave us the option to watch so many shows. And after using platforms like Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Hulu, I can say that without a doubt Netflix is the best streaming platform available.

Netflix overall has more options than Hulu, and they upload all types of shows and movies to watch every month. Additionally, you can download different TV shows and movies so that you can view them on the go. With this feature, you can cheat Netflix's two screen limit. I discovered this while my mom was watching "Gilmore Girls" and while my little sister was watching "Trolls." I saw the download button and, lo and behold, all three of us could watch what we wanted at the same time. Hulu, on the contrary, doesn't even give you the option to download episodes of TV shows or movies.

I love watching content with subtitles on. My parents are non-native English speakers, and by watching movies or shows in English with the subtitles in Spanish, they have been able to improve their English. Because of this, I grew accustomed to subtitles and can't watch a show without them. On Hulu, there is a limited amount of shows that offer subtitles in other languages. Netflix, however, provides a countless amount of shows that have subtitles in Spanish and loads of other languages. And while we're on the topic of content that is available in Spanish, Hulu's options of Latin American TV shows and movies are very limited, while Netflix has a multitude of



Veronica Mascorro
Interim Reporter

Latin American TV shows and movies. Hulu's price point starts at \$5.99, and that's very cheap; however, because it is so cheap, you have to suffer through advertisements. You can remove ads, but then you're paying \$11.99. Netflix's price point starts at \$8.99 and is already ad-free; however, only one screen can watch. For a few dollars more, you can upgrade your plan to include two or even four screens. \$15.99 is a lot for only one person but, because it comes with four screens, you could easily share your Netflix with three other people and split the price four ways.

The original content that I've seen on Netflix is way better than what is offered on Hulu. With Netflix, you can binge watch all the episodes of your favorite series right away. With Hulu originals, you have to wait a week for the next episode; at this point, it basically feels like you're watching cable. Netflix offers you shows like "Stranger Things" and "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," high-quality shows that pull you right after the first episode. So far, there hasn't been a single Hulu Original show that has pulled me in like the way Netflix Originals do, but then again, maybe it all comes down to taste.

Overall, I enjoy using both Netflix and Hulu because each has its perks. But, if I had to choose between the two, I would always choose Netflix.

Which is better, Netflix or Hulu?

Hulu



Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

As a frequent binge watcher, I know which streaming site is better. It's Hulu.

I used to be solely dedicated to Netflix for my four years in high school. I believed there was no better site to watch my favorite TV shows. I knew what all was on Netflix and my list was a mile long.

But then I started to experiment. My mom got Amazon Prime, and I looked around on there at different shows and movies they offered. It wasn't much, but they had old "SpongeBob" episodes so I was content for a while.

After Amazon Prime, my boyfriend and I investigated Hulu. We like to watch new and different shows, and Netflix just wasn't offering us anything fresh. We decided to try a one-month free trial, and it changed my life. There were so many new shows and movies for me to gorge on. And they had something very significant that Netflix didn't. They had some TV shows that when they premiered, say on Wednesday night, would show up on Hulu the next night, Thursday. This was a game changer. I loved "Law and Order: SVU" with a passion, but hated having to try and watch new episodes on cable. But Hulu gives me the freedom to be able to watch the newest episodes whenever I want. Netflix also only has the 18 seasons available for subscribers to watch, while Hulu has every season available. There is also "The Bachelor," "America's Got Talent," "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," "Modern Family" and so many more. None of these shows are available on Netflix.

Hulu's cost is cheap too. My boyfriend and I split the cost which ends up being about \$6 a month for no ads. With Hulu, you can also upgrade your subscription to have channels like HBO, Starz and Showtime for varying prices. This cuts the cost of having cable and makes it a lot cheaper. Now that Hulu uploads my ongoing TV shows within a day, I hardly ever watch traditional TV.

Netflix still has a small portion of my heart. Every once in a while, I look around to see what new shows they have put out; it's usually only Netflix Originals. But when it comes down to what I would recommend to a friend in need, it'd be Hulu without a doubt.

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