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A recently proposed bill in Congress offers the potential elimination of daylight savings time in Michigan. Read more about the bill and how daylight savings affects students.

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It is pretty common for athletes to have superstitions and rituals they practice. See some of the superstitions of Ferris athletes.

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Perspectives on parking

Students and staff assess the campus parking situation

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Parking is a topic that is often discussed at Ferris, and many students have strong opinions on the matter.

It is debated whether or not there are enough parking spaces on campus, and where new spaces could be created. In the past, administration has made efforts to accommodate more parking for students.

"We did have a big project this past year off of South Street where we added almost 50 parking spots and a new entrance there as you come into the football field. So we added a bunch of very good and desirable parking spots there," Ferris Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Bruce Borkovich said.



Margo Brown

Many students appreciate the new spaces, but believe that parking near the University Center (UC) is not adequate.

"I think that they improved parking at the Business Building and IRC. There's more spots available. But I'm taking a lot of science classes, and it's hard to find a spot at the UC," Ferris business administration senior Margo Brown said.

Ferris elementary education sophomore Colin Naklizki agrees that more parking near the UC would be beneficial.

"Up toward the UC area can get pretty packed, especially during the mid-day. Early in the morning, I don't have many issues getting spots, but I know people that do," Naklizki said.

However, Borkovich feels that there are enough parking spaces available, although some may require a longer walk to classes than others.



Colin Naklizki

"I have never been around a college campus in my life where people don't complain about parking. That's just the nature of parking on a campus," Borkovich said.

There was once talk of building a campus parking garage to help tackle the parking issue, but it was too expensive to be implemented.

As of several years ago, it would have cost \$10,000 for every parking space built within a park-



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Torch Photographer

At Ferris, the average parking citation fee costs \$20, which is lower than other Michigan universities, such as Grand Valley State University and Central Michigan University.

ing garage, and that number will likely continue to increase, Borkovich said.

Ticketing is another aspect of parking that is hotly debated. Some students think Ferris parking enforcement is fair, while others feel that there could be more leniencies.

"I just don't think it's fair when there's faculty lots where three spots are being used, but if we try to park there then we get ticketed. I just don't think that's fair because if the lot's not being used, why can't we utilize it?" Ferris nursing junior Heidi Mueller said.

Although students often complain about ticketing, the fines imposed are low compared to other universities. The cost of purchasing a parking permit is also low when compared to most other schools.

"The Ferris fines, if you compare them to other universities, are much lower. Our parking permit is the lowest in the whole Lower Peninsula. There's one school in the U.P. that's a little bit lower. So, our

costs of permits and fines are typically the lowest, or almost the lowest, in the state," Borkovich said.

The money that is brought in from tickets and parking permits is included in the university general fund, and some of it can then be used to run DPS.

During the year between March 20, 2018, and March 20, 2019, DPS brought in a total of \$568,143 from parking permit sales and \$148,817 from parking citations. However, Borkovich said that there have been efforts to decrease the number of citations written over the last few years.

"Our reason for being here isn't to write them a ticket. Our reason for being here is to keep them safe, make sure this is a safe place for them to live and go to school. Parking is part of the responsibilities that we have as a police department, but that isn't our purpose for being here," Borkovich said.



Bruce Borkovich



Heidi Mueller

Parking Ticket	Total revenue from parking permits and citations:		Regular parking citation fees (Not including handicap parking spaces or special cases)	
	Parking permits	Citations		
	18/19 - \$568,143	18/19 - \$148,817	Grand Valley State University - \$30	
	17/18 - \$592,360	17/18 - \$201,329	Central Michigan University - \$25	
	16/17 - \$587,677	16/17 - \$217,513	Eastern Michigan University - \$25	
	15/16 - \$603,593	15/16 - \$256,000	Ferris State University - \$20	
	14/15 - \$574,653	14/15 - \$230,166	Saginaw Valley State University - \$15	
			The above information is courtesy of Ferris DPS and the following university websites: Grand Valley State, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, and Saginaw Valley State	

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Finding the rhythm

Bill to potentially eliminate daylight savings moves through Congress

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

A bill is making its way through Michigan’s House of Representatives which would eliminate daylight savings observance in the state.



Jessica Manders

“It gets irritating when it gets dark super early. Everyone seems less motivated and just want to go to bed,” Ferris pre-optometry senior Jessica Manders said. “Especially in the winter it gets pretty hard.”

According to the Detroit Free Press, Michigan state representative Michele Hoitenga, R-Manton, sponsored a bill to eliminate daylight savings in the state of Michigan. The article states Hoitenga believes daylight savings is a nuisance for Michigan citizens. The bill calls for Michigan to eliminate daylight savings time altogether and keep Eastern Standard Time year-round for the state.

Currently, two states already do not observe daylight savings: Arizona and Hawaii.

“Daylight savings doesn’t really affect me that much. I don’t get enough sleep



Ashley Dewey

with or without it,” Ferris criminal justice senior Ashley Dewey said. “I don’t think we need to get rid of it if it’s something we’ve had around for so long.”

Research shows that daylight savings may have a negative effect on the human body. According to Harvard Health Publishing, Michigan cardiologists writing for the American Journal of Cardiology saw an increase of heart attacks around the spring transition of daylight savings. Additionally, individuals who sleep less than seven and a half hours a night have trouble transitioning to the new schedule when daylight savings passes.

“I know I definitely don’t get enough sleep,” Manders said. “I like to leave the TV on when I sleep, but then I end up getting distracted and end up paying attention to it instead of sleeping.”

According to the United States National Institute of Health, a consistent sleep schedule is necessary to improve learning skills, memory retention and problem solving. Adults 18 and older are recom-

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Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

After moving clocks forward March 10, the sun sets later than usual, extending the amount of light seen each day. However, daylight savings may be eliminated in Michigan if a bill proposing this passes through Congress.

Working wages

Minimum wage increases statewide

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Ferris student employees can expect a slight increase in their paychecks due to the scheduled increase for minimum wage.

Starting Sunday, March 24, minimum wage on campus increased from \$9.25 to \$9.45. The increase won’t be adapted statewide until March 29, but Ferris decided to implement it a few days early so they wouldn’t disrupt student employees’ pay period.

“I’m happy that it’s increasing because it could be beneficial, but I’m worried and anxious to see what consequences may come as a result to the increase of minimum wage,” Ferris political science junior Charnice LaGrone said. “It’s bittersweet.”

LaGrone, a student employee at the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services, said she knows even a small increase in minimum wage can be beneficial to those who are struggling, but she is concerned about the possibility of the cost of living increasing along with it.

Ferris student employment and financial aid adviser John Randle said the increase is not across the board. Students who are already making \$9.45 will not see an increase in their wages unless their supervisors decide to initiate it.

Students can still expect to see an increase in minimum wage every year. Michigan law has minimum wage set to increase to \$12 an hour by 2030, initiated by a series of slight raises every January.

“Most of our students are making minimum wage right now, so they will see an increase in their paychecks. It’s so close to the end of the semester, it’s probably not going to make a huge difference for their overall annual income, but it will really affect the students that are working in the summer and

coming back next year,” Randle said.

Ferris data analytics senior Haven Chane, a student employee at the University Center information desk, said although it would be nice to raise wages for students who are paying for colleges expenses themselves, she believes that student employees are paid fairly.

“At this point, it’s really not that big of a deal for me. I know once I graduate and I actually get into my career, I’m obviously going to get paid more,” Chane said.

Chane said she thinks minimum wage affects the economy more than it affects individuals, because most people are paid above minimum wage.

Among a flexible schedule and getting to know people around campus, Randle said a beneficial aspect of being a student employee is not having social security tax taken out of your paycheck.

“There’s no FICA [Federal Insurance Contributions Act] tax taken out – which is 7 percent. Say you worked across the street at McDonald’s, they take that security tax and they take that out. If you’re a student, you’re exempt from that. If you’re making \$9.45 on campus, that’s probably the same as making \$10 an hour off campus,” Randle said.

Minimum wage over the past 10 years:

2009: \$7.40	2015: \$8.15
2010: \$7.40	2016: \$8.50
2011: \$7.40	2017: \$8.90
2012: \$7.40	2018: \$9.25
2013: \$7.40	2019: \$9.45
2014: \$8.15	

The above information was found on dol.gov.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Student employees like Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Christian Leeman will see a little more money in their bank accounts, as the minimum wage increased from \$9.25 to \$9.45, beginning on campus Sunday, March 24.

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Narcs are everywhere

Cora Hall

Sports Editor

Just chill out, man

March 6, 10:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to Henderson Hall for two disorderly subjects. Both were male non-students in a room being disruptive; one was intoxicated and the other was not. The intoxicated male was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer and went to jail. The other male has pending charges for disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, as well. The two males were visiting a female student, who has been referred to the Office of Student Conduct for her role in the incident. The two males are trespassed from campus and are no longer allowed back on campus.

That doesn't add up

March 10, 4:33 p.m., a student noticed that his credit card was being used in Florida, but the last time he used it was at the South Admiral Gas Station in Big Rapids.

The city police also had a similar case where the person had used his credit card at the same gas station and his card was also being used in Florida. The investigation is still open.

Keep it in your pants

March 11, 7:22 a.m., a professor overheard two females talking about a male subject exposing himself to one of them. One of the girls does not want police involvement and said it was a joke. Officers are currently investigating it and are going to make contact with the accused subject.

Straight line test never fails

March 11, 11:31 p.m., someone called in and reported there was a driver all over the road. Officers conducted a traffic stop at the McDonald's and made contact with a female student who appeared to be under the influence of marijuana. After failing a sobriety test, she was arrested and blood was drawn to determine the source of her in-

toxication. She was then lodged in Mecosta County jail for operating under the influence of drugs.

Watch out for the street lights

March 13, 2:15 p.m., someone originally called in a malicious destruction of property, but it now appears that somebody ran off the road and hit one of the light poles on State Street and broke the pole off. No car parts or evidence were at the scene.

Narcs are everywhere

March 18, 10:37 p.m., officers responded to McNerney Hall where a student believed her suitemate was smoking marijuana. The suspected smoker was not home and no contact was made. Suitemate was referred to Office of Student Conduct.

Please be nice

March 21, 2 p.m. a student from Hallisy Hall reported being harassed by two other students in the hall. The investigation is still

open.

Not acceptable here

March 21, 4:40 p.m. a student was assaulted by her non-student boyfriend in Cardinal Court, which migrated to Lot 54. The victim walked to the Ferris Department of Public Safety right after the assault to report it and officers were able to see it on surveillance video. The victim's injuries were consistent with her story and what was seen on video. Officers saw the suspect driving his vehicle, made a traffic stop and arrested him for assault. The subject confirmed the victim's account of the incident and was lodged in Mecosta County jail on domestic violence charges and was trespassed from campus as well.

Ferris Department of Safety issued 371 citations between March 17 and March 21 totaling \$6,350.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Megan Lewton

Editor in Chief

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The truck driver responsible for killing 16 people and injuring 14 others by crashing into a youth hockey bus in Saskatchewan in 2018 was recently sentenced to eight years in prison. The driver, Jaskirat Singh Sidhu, hit the bus while driving a tractor-trailer and ignoring five signs warning him to stop. Sidhu was on his first solo trip as a truck driver, and was only qualified for the position two weeks prior. There is no evidence Sidhu was under any substance-related influence or texting while driving.

Original article by Ian Austen, March 22, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Worldwide

Scientists are researching a newly identified species of baleen whales, and they've discovered these whales exist across the tropical regions of the world. The species is called Omura's whale, named after Japanese whale biologist Hideo Omura, and was first identified by Japanese researchers in 2003. Omura's whales are filter feeders and have unique patterns on their bodies. Their backs are covered with asymmetrical chevrons, and they have a swirling pattern of light coloration and four dark stripes on their heads.

Original article by Karen Weintraub, March 22, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Mosul, Iraq

The resignation of Iraq Provincial Governor Nawfal Hamadi is being sought after a pleasure raft capsized, killing at least 97 people. Hundreds of passengers boarded the raft to attend Kurdish New Year celebrations at an amusement park island on the Tigris River. The raft was severely overloaded, causing one of its cables to break. Hamadi is considered responsible because his government licensed the raft prior to the celebration. He was cited by Iraq's Prime Minister of "negligence" and "shortcomings in carrying out his duties and responsibilities."

Original article by Alissa J. Rubin, March 23, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Daylight Savings

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mended to get at least seven hours of sleep a night. If a person routinely loses sleep or doesn't sleep enough, their body begins to incur sleep debt for every hour of sleep lost in a week. Sleep debt begins to have a negative impact on the human body, leading to decreased motor function and a reduction in cognitive abilities.

Students have many ways to combat the loss of sleep when daylight savings arrives. In an article published by the Universi-

ty of Colorado Boulder, it is said that limiting the amount of time spent using electronic screens can have a positive effect on sleep schedules. Also, avoiding food and drinks with excessive amounts of caffeine can help maintain a proper sleep schedule. Finally, the article states students should change their clocks one day before daylight savings goes into effect to help keep their schedules on track.

"I try to go to bed early, that's my biggest tip," Dewey said. "I also try sleeping in a cold environment, that seems to help me a lot."

Tips for maintaining your circadian rhythm:

- Maintain regular waking and sleeping times
- Avoid naps during the day
- Avoid heavy and spicy food before bed
- Limit exposure to light sources before bed
- Recommended amount of sleep for adults 18 and older: 7-8 hours

The above information was gathered from the National Sleep Foundation

NEWS BRIEFS

Megan Lewton

Editor in Chief

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time"

Watch Ferris Theatre's spring production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" Thursday, March 28, through Sunday, March 31, in Williams Auditorium. Thursday through Saturday's shows each start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday's show begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office an hour before the show. For more information, contact Williams Auditorium at (231) 591-3676.

Music Takes Action

See Jesse McCartney and MAX perform at this year's Music Takes Action event. The performance hosted by Entertainment Unlimited begins 7 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in Wink Arena. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Wink Arena. For more information, contact Ally Bala and Taylor Funari at eu@ferris.edu.

Sexual Assault Awareness Panel Discussion

Learn more about the process of sexual assault responses, victims' rights and the criminal justice process at the Sexual Awareness Panel Discussion 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3. The five-star event features a panel consisting of a SANE nurse, a social worker, an attorney, Ferris DPS Director Bruce Borkovich and Title IX Coordinator Kaitlin Zies. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Nick Hadley at nickhadley@live.com.

Torch Corrections

1.) In "Dreams on ice" in the March 20 edition of the Torch, it was mistakenly said that Craig Pefley had not played in the Eastern Collegiate Hockey League at publication time. In fact, Pefley made his debut the same day as Corey Mackin and Ryker Killins, Saturday, March 9.

2.) In "A duty to act" in the March 20 edition of the Torch, the Title IX policies are mistakenly described as new; the Title IX Office just sent out a reminder to faculty and staff about their current policies.

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Politics Corner

2020 visions

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

The 2020 presidential election is still about 21 months away, but multiple presidential hopefuls have announced their campaigns, and Ferris students are already picking their favorites.

Though few Republicans are likely to run, many supporters of the party do not believe it is in the best interest of the party for someone to oppose Trump's reelection.

"Donald Trump is not my ideal candidate. In fact, I did not vote for him in the 2016 primary. That said, the president has since earned my full support and I believe it will be an absolute mistake if the party does not unify and rally around President Trump in the 2020 presidential election," Ferris business administration senior and College Republicans President Lukas Sizemore said. "The damage done in a primary battle will only work in favor of whatever radical candidate ends up emerging from the Democratic primary, and in the case of an independent bid, the vote will split enough to guarantee an easy victory for the Democrats in 2020."

It's still to be seen if politicians from within the Republican Party will challenge President Donald Trump's reelection in 2020, but 17 Democrats have already announced their plans to run. According to The New York Times, there are 10 other Democrats that either might run, or are likely to run for president, including former vice president Joe Biden.

As of mid-March, only one person has decided to run against Trump for the Republican presidential bid. Former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld ran for vice president with Gary Johnson as a Libertarian in 2016, but has joined the Republican ticket for the 2020 election. Like Johnson, Weld has been a vocal opposition to Trump and has focused his campaign on criticizing Trump's character, along with his economic and immigration policies.



Lukas Sizemore

For the Democrats, many prominent names have already announced their bid for the primary and more may be on their way.

Headlining the Democratic Party already in the race are longtime Vermont senator Bernie Sanders, New Jersey senator Cory Booker and former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke, amongst others such as Massachusetts senator Elizabeth Warren and California senator Kamala Harris.

Of the bunch, Sanders is likely the most well-known following a grassroots movement in the 2016 election that earned him 43 percent of the vote in the Democratic primaries against Hillary Clinton, who will not be running in 2020.

Though much of Sanders' support comes from millennials, some Ferris students don't believe he is the right choice to take on Trump.

Ferris pre-medicine freshman Sara Laforce said she's glad that Hillary Clinton will not be running this year after multiple failed presidential election attempts, but that she doesn't believe Sanders is capable of winning, even with Clinton out of the race.

"With Hillary not running, he does have a better chance of winning, but also because there are a lot of minorities and women running, I feel like him running will end up splitting the vote for the Democratic Party," Laforce said.

Many sources believe that either Sanders or Harris are the favorite to win the Democratic primary leading into the presidential election.

Compared to Sanders, who has served in a public office for all but two of the past 39 years, Harris is a relative newcomer but still has much experience in the political spectrum.

Harris served as the district attorney of San Francisco for seven years, then took on the role of district attorney of California from 2011 to 2016 before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016. Her campaign focuses on tax cuts for lower-class Americans, the climate and economy focused "Green New Deal" and marijuana legalization, amongst many other ideas and plans.

Currently, there are six minority candidates running as Democrats and six women, two of which are minorities. Both candidates on the Republican ticket are white men.

Pause for a cause



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Students were all smiles at last year's Relay for Life event held in Wink Arena, where funds were raised to help cancer patients and survivors. This year's event will last six hours, while in previous years, the event lasted 12 hours.

Ferris community members come together to honor cancer survivors

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Many Ferris students and community members will band together on campus to act in the name of cancer solutions next month.

Ferris' annual Relay for Life event is being held Friday, April 12, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Relay for Life is held by the registered student organization Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) every year.

"It raises money for cancer awareness and cancer research. We have community members come out, and all the money goes to the American Cancer Society," Ferris biotechnology junior and CAC President Amanda Lietz said.

Lietz is responsible for the day-of planning, such as setting up tables, chairs, sound systems and stages.

Many aspects of the event stay the same every year. Each year, cancer survivors and their caregivers start the race off with a survivor's lap. All other participants go after them.

"Fifteen dollars, which is the registration fee, pays for someone's ride to and from treatment. The number one reason why people don't go to treatment is that they don't have a ride to treatment," Lietz said. "Fifteen dollars makes a huge difference for one person."

Relay for Life also hosts its annual Luminaria Ceremony, where they display pictures of those who have lost their lives to cancer. Once the ceremony is over, everyone takes a silent lap with the glowing luminaria bags still lined up.

One difference with this year's Relay for Life is, instead of lasting 12 hours, Relay for Life will be six hours long.

"Last year and the year before that, we lost a lot of our members - they graduated. Not a lot of people have been joining our RSO," Ferris medical laboratory science junior and CAC Vice President Delaney Scholl said. "The committees just weren't big enough to plan a 12-hour event."

Scholl works with Lietz in making sure many "behind the scenes" aspects of the event are planned - such as making sure tables are set up, the gym is booked and food for the participants are all set for the event.

Planning for the event starts with deciding on a theme, then moving onto team recruitment - the longest part of the process. This year, there are 45 teams signed up, and according to Lietz, their goal is 55 teams.

"We would love to have more people. The more people we have, the easier it is for us to run Relay and the better Relay is going to be," Lietz said.

After the theme is decided, they start working on the event schedule, which must be approved by an American Cancer Society adviser.

Women's Club Volleyball is currently the top team listed on the Relay for Life website, with \$1,547 raised for the event.

Ferris forensic biology and biotechnology junior and President of Women's Volleyball Club Madison Nabozny said she liked how the event is all about going towards helping cancer patients, as she does cancer research.

"Raising money to do more research is awesome," Nabozny said. For more information on Relay for Life, email CAC at cacferrisstate@gmail.com.



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“The Daily Gripe Strikes Again”

Ferris construction management professor Robert Eastley publishes second book

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Ferris construction management professor Robert Eastley has published his second book, which is being met with success on a large scale.

The book, titled “I Like That Word: The Daily Gripe Strikes Again,” is a sequel to his 2016 debut, “The Daily Gripe.” Both are gatherings of humorous short stories.

“This is a collection of short stories, each one of them about a five-minute read, in all sorts of general humor categories,” Eastley said. “This time, it had Amazon Best Seller status, so I’m pretty excited about it.”

Eastley has been an associate professor in the construction management program at Ferris for 37 years. He is originally from Grandville, but has made his home in Big Rapids with his wife.

While several of Eastley’s students exclaimed shock to learn about the publishing of his books, others were less surprised.

“This did not surprise me. He is an experienced professor, and it seemed like something he would do,” Ferris civil engineering technology sophomore Sam Sherwood said. “He has a classic and tasteful sense of humor. He makes puns in class. It’s cool because we all get his jokes. They are funny and easy to understand.”

The balance of teaching and writing is enjoyable for Eastley. Although his books have generated local media attention and he has been featured on sever-

al radio talk shows, he said he still plans to keep his focus on teaching.

“It’s just a hobby, and it’s really kind of an outlet for me. Your day is kind of structured when you’re a teacher. You’ve got to prep for classes and do all these sorts of things. This is strictly fun for me. If it wasn’t, I wouldn’t do it,” Eastley said.

Eastley’s earliest successes in writing came from publishing pieces for the Exit Laughing column of Field & Stream magazine. The column was created by Ed Zern, whom Eastley says was a huge inspiration for his writing. Eastley has also published pieces in the Big Rapids Pioneer Newspaper.

Eastley draws much of his inspiration for his stories from his own life experiences.

“A lot of stories sort of parallel my own childhood. Your first day on a camping trip with the Boy Scouts and all the disasters that go with that, or driver’s education, or being a junior in high school and being at the beach with all your buddies kind of thing, and I really had a lot of fun with all of that,” Eastley said.

Ferris construction management sophomore Michelle Schulze, another of Eastley’s students, said she is looking forward to reading his work.

“I plan to read both of his books and hopefully it will give me some comic relief in the stressful college life,” Schulze said. “He is a very easy-going person and also very smart. He has the answers to most of life’s questions.”

A book signing will take place 9 a.m. Saturday, April 6, in the University Center’s student bookstore (Barnes and Noble College). Eastley will be selling and signing his books as part of the Ferris Dawg Days festivities.



Robert Eastley



Sam Sherwood



Michelle Schulze

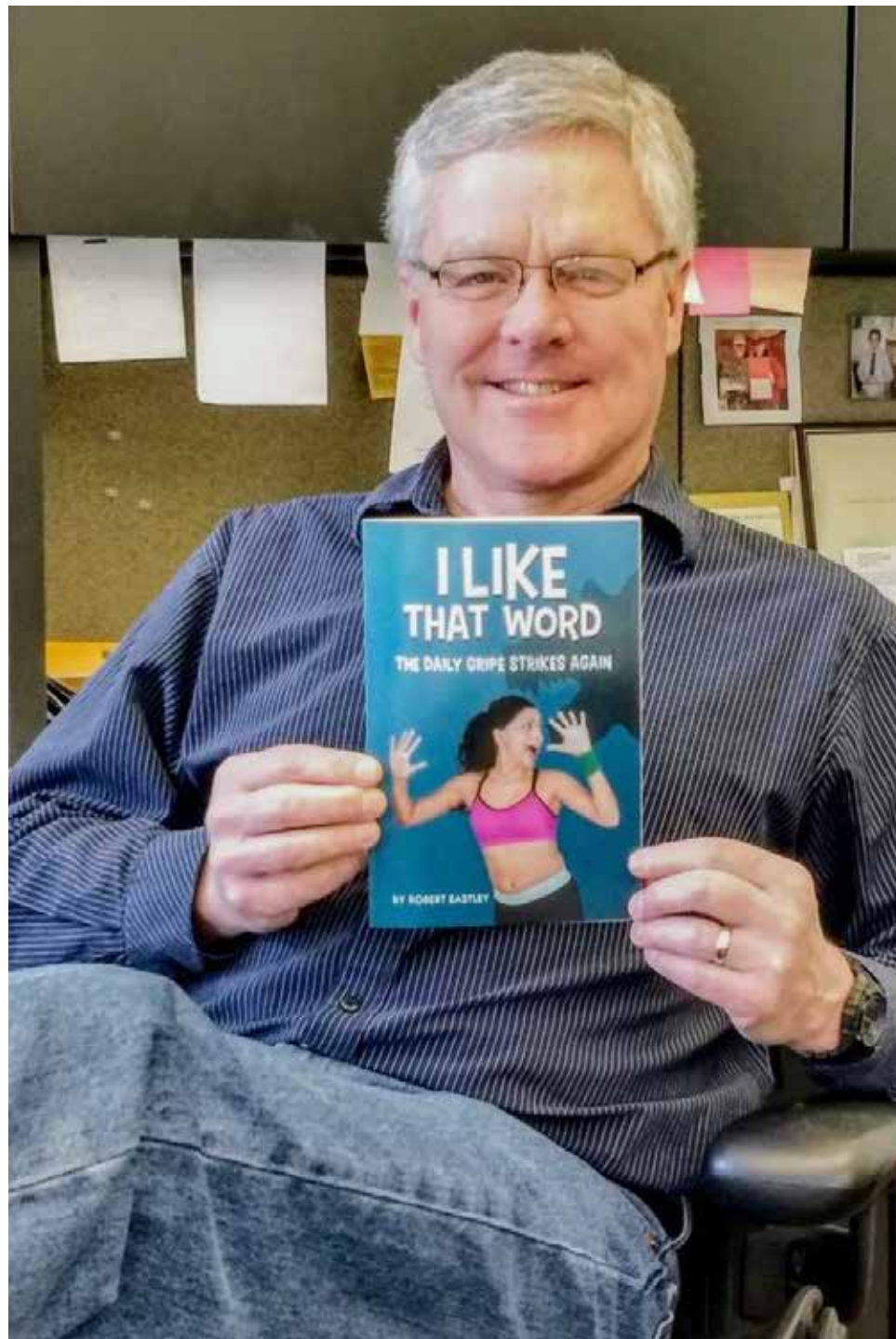


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OPINIONS

“I think if we all put in a little more effort to not be gross and keep our hands and surfaces clean, it would prevent others from getting sick.”

- Megan Lewton - See below for story

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

One of the worst seasons is upon us.

No, I'm not talking about spring. I'm talking about allergy season.

As the weather warms up and plants start to bloom, the pollen in the air takes my allergies to a whole new level. You can always find me sniffing hard to avoid a violent sneeze attack during a lecture or dabbing at my itchy eyes with a Kleenex to prevent the tears from smearing my mascara.

I know I'm not the only one enduring this ridiculously annoying time. All around me are red, sniffly noses and loud coughs.

And yet, although basically everyone has this problem, so many people don't know how to deal with it hygienically.

Sometimes when I'm sitting in

my college classroom, it feels like I'm in a preschool. Some people don't cover their coughs or sneezes, launching their germs into the air for everyone else to breathe in and catch. What's just as bad is when people cover their coughs or sneezes with their hands, then continue to touch something of public use, like a desk or a computer in a lab.

I thought these were basic guidelines everyone learned the second they were old enough to comprehend it, or when they began public school. Apparently, that's not the case.

And the worst part of it all? You never know if what you touch is safe. It's impossible to know if Coughing Calvin blocked his cough with his hands, then pressed

Sneezin' season

those hands all over a table in the University Center. You'll never be aware if Sally Sniffles wiped her nose with her sleeve, and then her sleeve touched a keyboard in FLITE.

Sorry, I didn't mean to gross you out.

What I'm trying to say is that people need to be more courteous of others during allergy season. If you're feeling under the weather, clean your hands a TON. I like to clip a mini hand sanitizer to my purse and backpack so I can always use some after I blow my nose or cough. I think that's a pretty good practice, and if we all did that, the world would be a much cleaner place.

I know the custodial staff sanitizes the tables and desks

often, but when they go all day without being wiped down, you never know what you'll contract. Therefore, I think if we all put in a little more effort to not be gross and keep our hands and surfaces clean, it would prevent others from getting sick.

So, the next time you cough in a remotely shared space, cover it up with your elbow. Bring a pack of tissues to class or work, so you always have a way to sneeze or blow your nose without spreading germs.

I didn't think this would be as big of an issue as I've witnessed it to be. The next time you're feeling under the weather, remember my words and what you were taught when you were three: cover your mouth and nose!

“you was sitting so sexy i couldn't stop looking”

It is creepy, not endearing



Samantha Cavotta
Torch Photographer

I don't know if it is just me or what, but I attract some of the strangest people.

I was super excited to be asked to photograph the Harlem Globetrotters when they came to Ferris in March. I remember watching them on Scooby-Doo when I was little! The event was great and I was getting some really awesome shots. To make it all better, I had never been treated like such a professional before. It was the first time that so many people asked me for a business card. Not having one, I was giving out my email and phone number to the people who asked for it, not really thinking much of it.

One of the players on the team most famous for losing, the Washington Generals, paid me “extra special” attention.

Just like all the other people that day, this individual asked for my email and phone number — no big deal, it happens. The difference between this man and all of the other guys that asked for my information that day is, this guy hit on me. A lot. And very intensely.

He started off friendly saying it was nice to meet me, and then stated, “definitely would like to get to know you better and communicate more. You are everything!! (2 hand praising emojis).” I did not understand what he meant by “everything,” and at this point he had called me beautiful and gorgeous a few times, but I didn't want to automatically accuse him

of flirting. We met under professional circumstances, after all.

I responded with, “Haha I don't understand what you mean by everything, I am just a photographer.” His response was, “Everything meaning you are beautiful!!! You seem like a great person. I want to get to know you lol you caught my attention as soon as I seen you.”

I think I solved it. He IS hitting on me. By no means did I want to lead this guy on, so I responded with, “As friends? I think I may have misunderstood the situation when you asked for my number, I am terribly sorry!” I didn't want to be mean, and I didn't want him to feel bad, it takes a lot of courage to ask someone out.

He responded with, “It's OK, and friends is good then (eye rolling emoji) lol.” This led me to believe he understood and respected the fact that I am in a relationship, a little confused about the eye-rolling, but I moved on. He started asking for my social media, what I was doing after classes, and even went on to say, “we should def plan something.”

I once again reiterated that I have a boyfriend. His response was to state that he was rolling his eyes. I do not understand, was he wanting my boyfriend to come on this meetup? I don't even know where he lives. What distance is he planning to travel to hang out with a girl who has a boyfriend?

At this point I started ignoring him, figuring he would get the message and stop talking to me. I was wrong. He did not get it. He started sending messages stating, “you were sexy as hell in jeans at the game, I like!!!! your body is perfect! You look really good and your body is super nice!”

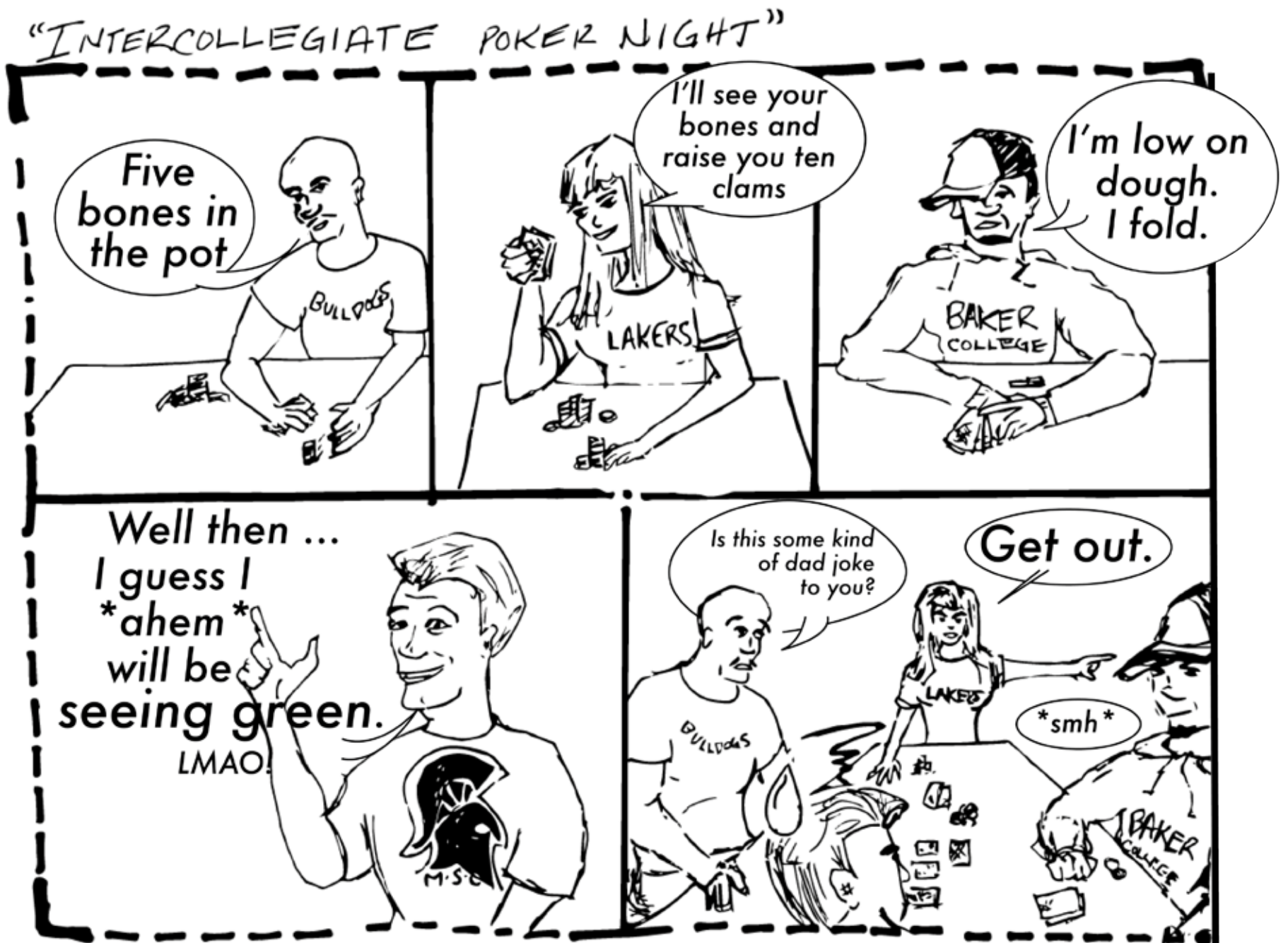
First off, this guy's grammar and lack of ability to capitalize the letter “i” (as well as the first letter at the beginning of his sentences) was already causing me cringe; secondly, why is this guy making such a big deal about how I look? It does not make me feel good, just self-conscious about being stared at.

I tried to get him to realize that I am nothing to glorify. I responded saying, “hahah nah there are some super great looking people at the school here, I am like average,” kind of laughing off his comments, trying to keep it light.

He responded with, “I seen alot of woman at the game and you by far caught my attentions. If I was at that school you would def be mine already. And that face and body is not average. You look super flexible too. The way you were sitting made me guess that. Like I had to make sure me and you stayed in touch lol.”

Now I am really uncomfortable, and I have so many questions. I didn't notice this guy during the game, but apparently, he was staring at me during a lot of it. Shouldn't he have been playing basketball? What does he mean by “you would def be mine?” Do I not get a choice in this hypothetical scenario? Does he know that “a lot” is — in fact — two words? Does his phone not have an autocorrect function?

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Cartoon by: Jonny Parshall | Opinions Editor

Creepy

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I know text messages don't have to be perfect, but they should at least be clear of basic mistakes.

I continued to ignore him, figuring he would get the message. He sent another text saying, "you was sitting so sexy i couldn't stop looking." Now I am uncomfortable, confused and self-conscious about the way I sit. I didn't know that the way I sit could be distracting. If high schools can penalize people for distracting shoulders, what would I have done if I was being penalized for sitting, too? I

was sitting criss-cross-applesauce trying to stay out of everyone else's way, while still getting the photos I needed. How is that sexy? The things that some people find attractive are beyond my understanding.

This guy texted me a few more times since these text messages, but I have continued to ignore him, and he has since stopped trying to talk to me.

There are two major points that I would like everyone to learn from my encounter: "a lot" is two words, and don't stare at me when I am sitting.

It is creepy, not endearing.

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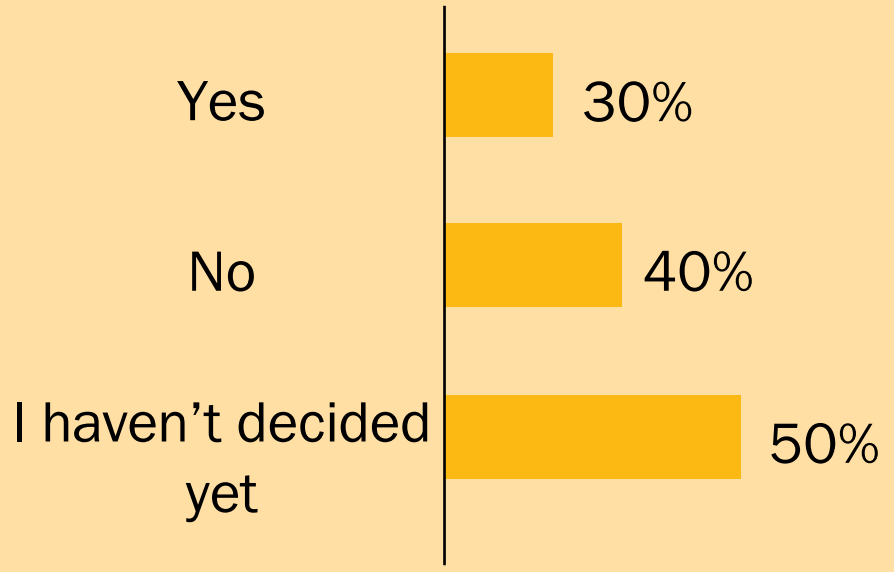
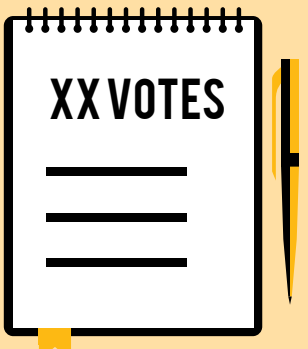
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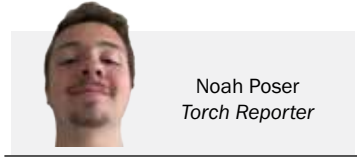
Are you going to see Jesse McCartney perform at Music Takes Action this weekend?



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The conflicting rewards of playing a game

The purity of sports decreases as more and more "politics" become involved



Sport: an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment. This definition doesn't change as you move up from high school to college, and even to the professional level. However, the inner meaning varies quite a bit.

You see, I am an avid lover of almost all sports at any level of competition. I have watched sports at all levels many times throughout my life and it just seems the higher the level, the less pure the game becomes.

Now, there are numerous reasons why this is the case, and the biggest reason is that the amount of passion of the athletes decreases the higher the level of competition they reach. This certainly doesn't apply to every athlete at each level, but it seems to be an overarching theme.

For example, in the NFL, you have the case of former Michigan State running back Le'Veon Bell. Bell was willing to sit out a whole season of football to avoid injury for a potential record-breaking contract.

While the decision works for his goals of trying to gain leverage, it doesn't display a whole lot of passion for the sport of football.

In college football, you have the case of high-profile football players sitting out their bowl games to prepare for the draft. In college basketball, you have the case of players, such as University of Arkansas's Daniel Gafford, sitting out the National Invitation Tournament because it's not the NCAA Tournament and they want to preserve their bodies for the NBA draft.

Now, I understand why these players are making the decision that they are, as the potential for excessive amounts of compensation for reaching the professional level is very crucial for the athletes and their families.

Of course, college sports are purer than the pros as well. You don't have college athletes sitting out for better pay, even though they all feel they should receive compensation for the amount of time they spend on their sports. Not to mention how branded they are while receiving none of the benefits.

However, you just don't see high school athletes sit out their last few basketball games, or their final soccer games just because they already have high-level scholarships. And for as much love as the athletes have of playing college sports, it's not enough love to play those final games.

Therefore, the reason high school sports are the purest is because of their passion for the sport and the love for their teammates. They simply love to compete. These athletes want to represent their school well and win the game or match that they're competing in at all costs.

On top of that, you don't have all the talk about whether high school teams should tank for better draft picks, or whether the athletes competing are secretly paid by the coaches or not to come to their university (at least, not for the most part).

You see, in high school, the sport is just about the sport. The athletes are all about doing what it takes to win. And that's precisely how it should be.

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Eisler for president?

Steve Coyote
Tire Fire Advisor

Ferris President Dr. David Eisler has announced his candidacy to run for U.S. president in the 2020 election.

Dr. Eisler, whose doctorate degree is in Clarinet Performance, has been the president of Ferris since 2003 and announced his bid in the U.S. presidential election Jan. 23. His announcement, which came via video message from his office, featured Eisler, his family and a surprising clarinet rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

"After 16 years of serving as the president of Ferris State University, it is time for me to pursue a greater calling, one that elevates my role from leadership over the faculty and students of a university, to leadership over this great country. My time spent leading Ferris, creating a better university and atmosphere for the people of the community, has prepared me for this monumental task. So, it is my great pleasure to announce my independent bid for the 2020 presidential election,"

Eisler said, while a recording of him performing the national anthem played quietly in the background.

After his video was released, Eisler was asked about his platform and subsequently more about what makes him fit to run for president.

"It's simple: when you look at the current administration, how Trump has been able to attack his own party and constituents, while somehow maintaining support from many voters and not being removed from office, I've done that. At Ferris, they know my track record," Eisler said. "I've faced adversity in my position, my faculty hates me, voted no confidence in me two times, but look at me, still here. I strung along my workers for months, signed a contract, violated it a few times, still here. I'm exactly what America needs, someone who will really stick it to the people in the interest of making money and the bottom line."

Eisler later elaborated on his platform, adding information about his views on minimum wage and healthcare.

"Eliminate the minimum wage. Eliminate Medicare. Again, you've seen my track record. People on the bottom should be paid as little as possible, I tried to do it with the Supplemental Market Adjustment at Ferris and it didn't work, but I think as president I could eliminate minimum wage, which

should come as a delight to businesses and maybe even universities. The same goes with healthcare. I wasn't able to strip down my faculty members' healthcare to bare bones, but it wasn't out of the question. Why should a university, or worse yet, a country, have to help people? It's disgusting."

Many Ferris students seem indifferent to the idea of Eisler leaving Ferris. When asked about Eisler's decision to run for U.S. president, Ferris welding technology junior Steven Lathem responded by simply stating, "Build the wall, Trump 2020."

Ferris Faculty Administration (FFA) President Charles Bacon said that the FFA has pooled its resources to prevent Eisler from extending his reign beyond Ferris and into the Oval Office.

"We looked at our liquid assets and did some crowd funding, and I'm really happy with the results. We should have enough money that, even if there are another seven or eight people entering the race, we should be able to donate about \$3,000 to the campaigns of every single person running against Eisler. I don't even care, put Trump back in office. Anyone but Eisler," Bacon said.

Eisler has not yet released a statement on whether or not he will be returning to Ferris during the 2019-20 academic year during campaign season.

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Aries: March 21-April 19
You'll spend April 1 being the butt of everyone's joke, only to wake April 2 and realize it wasn't a joke, it's just your life.



Taurus: April 20-May 20
You'll be relieved to find out 4/20 is on a Saturday, only to realize you're a broke college student with no access to a dealer. #brokeasajoke #craveitnotblazeit



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Just because the snow is melting doesn't mean you can whip out your skimpy shorts. Spring break is over.



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All of your dreams will come true Wednesday, March 27, if you ... oh wait ... it's the 29 ... never mind.



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Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22
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You'll take offense to the Tire Fire and cite it as a reliable source in your next essay.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21
I told you your true love is just around the corner, not on the corner, ya filthy scallywag. #springbreak2019



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19
What happens on spring break winds up on Instagram - riiiiight before you start applying for summer jobs. Good luck.

Beautiful sound



A blast from the past

Scott Cougar
Tire Fire Advisor

Music Takes Action might sound a little different this year as headliner Jesse McCartney commands the stage.

According to Entertainment Unlimited (EU) President Miranda Vasko, McCartney has agreed to play his hit songs "Beautiful Soul" and "Leavin'" on a constant loop during his 90-minute set.

"While EU recognizes that McCartney has new music, we pursued him for Music Takes Action so that he could play his old, nostalgic hits, and after a lot of consideration, we decided that asking him to focus on those songs would be the best course of action," Vasko said. "We weren't sure how he would respond, but he was really cool about it and even volunteered to just play 'Beautiful Soul' and 'Leavin'' continuously throughout the show, which of course we agreed to."

Both songs span about three minutes and 30 seconds, meaning that this year's MTA crowd should be able to enjoy each song about 13

times during the set.

The change in performance schedule has created a lot of excitement around campus and the remaining tickets for the show sold out within hours of the announcement.

"Beautiful Soul" came out when I was six in 2004 and it's just really exciting that I'll get to hear it 13 times. It's so nostalgic. It brings back so many good memories of listening with my parents in the car before the divorce and listening with my parents at home before the divorce. I'm really excited," Ferris psychology senior Tara Pautry said.

For some students, the altered song itinerary didn't alter their outlook on the concert.

"It makes no difference to me. Me and my friends, we're just going to see how drunk we can get before going. Last year three of us drank half a bottle of Popov, but this year there's four of us so I'm thinking we'll finish it," Ferris HVAC junior Daniel Aimes said.

A representative of McCartney was not immediately available for comment.

Twitter tirade

In the wake of the Mueller report, student government tweets surface

Chris P. Bacon
Vegan Activist

The Ferris decision to switch from Gmail to Outlook drew an irate reaction from Ferris Student Government President Preston Wimberly, who in a shocking turn of events has taken to twitter to vent his frustration.

Wimberly (@PrezBoi69) flooded the feeds with a series of angry tweets, many using poor grammar, capitalization and punctuation.

@PrezBoi69: WE NEED TO BUILD A FIREWALL!! It's going to be the biggest and best firewall to BLOCK Outlook. THE LOSER ADMINISTRATION is scamming you!!!!

@PrezBoi69: HOW CAN WE CONTINUE WINNING WHEN IT TAKES SEVEN YEARS TO OPEN YOUR OUTLOOK ACCOUNT?!

When asked how he intended to fund the building of such firewall, Wimberly initially danced around the question before firing off another series of tweets.

@PrezBoi69: OUTLOOK is going to PAY for this firewall! They are invading our time and ability to UNDERSTAND HOW TO SEND AN EMAIL!

@PrezBoi69: WE ARE TRAPPED IN A SWAMP of many many notifications and applications we don't need BY THE LOSER ADMINISTRATION!!!

Ferris President Dr. David Eisler would not respond to the comments on twitter but did ask, "Who the fuck is this jumped up little shit?"

This only made Wimberly more incendiary on twitter, responding to the Eisler quote in fury.

@PrezBoi69: THE HATERS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL!!! That BAD HOMBRE EISLER doesn't

know that everyone said to me that my firewall was the best idea, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW!!!!

Students have also voiced their frustration with the change to outlook, but more of them wondered who Wimberly was or how he was elected Student Government president.

"I guess he got like 34 percent of the vote and won," Ferris freshman biology major Ann Brandanowitz said. "But based on his Twitter, he does seem to be acting fairly presidential."

Wimberly won the 2018-19 election with 16 of the 50 cast votes in a race against six other candidates, one of which, Jamie Dupree, dropped out after failing every single class of his first semester of freshman year, despite finishing with 18 votes.

At press time, Wimberly was asked about the election results, to which he tweeted:

@PrezBoi69: Completely FAKE NEWS, the LYING and FAILING Tire Fire is just trying to destroy my character! #MakeFerrisGmailAgain

Make underage football viewing illegal



Subjecting our youth to this type of madness is a crime

Stephen Arctic Fox
Tire Fire Advisor

The question of whether or not youth football should continue to be allowed to stick around has resulted in constant debate.

However, this issue has been surpassed by a more pressing concern regarding youth involvement with the sport.

The real issue that is now at hand is the fact that our youth need to be banned from watching the sport of football altogether, as it is simply too violent for their pure little eyes to witness.

The violence, which some describe as "heartbreaking" and even "enough to make me want to throw up my SpaghettiOs," has reached malicious new heights.

In addition to being violent enough to make even the strongest of people shed tears and the strongest of stomachs lose their lunch, there's evidence to suggest that it's destroying the futures of our youth.

New studies have come to show that watching football as a child will raise that individual's odds of being convicted of a felony due to crime that is vi-

olent in nature by a staggering 87 percent.

After hearing of this new information, parents all around Mecosta County were appalled.

"I feel like the sport is just too disgusting in its entirety for my young children. The hits are downright vicious, and don't even get me started on the hits quarterbacks are taking nowadays," Marissa Upright, a mom of three young boys, said. "And now to learn that my boys could be personally affected by witnessing this R-rated butchery, it's just horrendous."

It just so happens that the views of this issue don't stop in Mecosta County. In fact, it has become so widespread that even government officials in Washington, D.C. have been keeping a close eye on the controversial topic.

This is especially true after National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell supposedly tried to bribe President Donald Trump in an effort to coerce the president to come out and denounce any future speculation on any potential child viewing restrictions in the future.

Neither Trump nor Goodell were willing to comment

on this issue, but a certain high-ranking government official who chose to remain anonymous did give a brief statement on the topic.

"As many of you know, the concern of continuing to allow people to subject our nation's youth to the sport of football has been a very controversial topic for some time now. Here in the capitol, we have had many discussions on what we should do going forward," the anonymous government official said. "We have spoken to Mr. Goodell and we have also been working with our local Parent Boards to determine the best course of action that will be in the best of all parties involved."

This is an issue that will result in a lot of debate through the coming months while tough decisions are being made.

The opposing sides could lead to this getting very ugly real soon, given the fact that this is the most glaring issue in the country as we speak.

The potential bloodshed that may ensue could get brutally violent, perhaps even more violent than the sport of football itself.

Tire Fire Poll Results



Is weed still cool now that it's legal?

Yes, smoking stank will always be dank **420%**

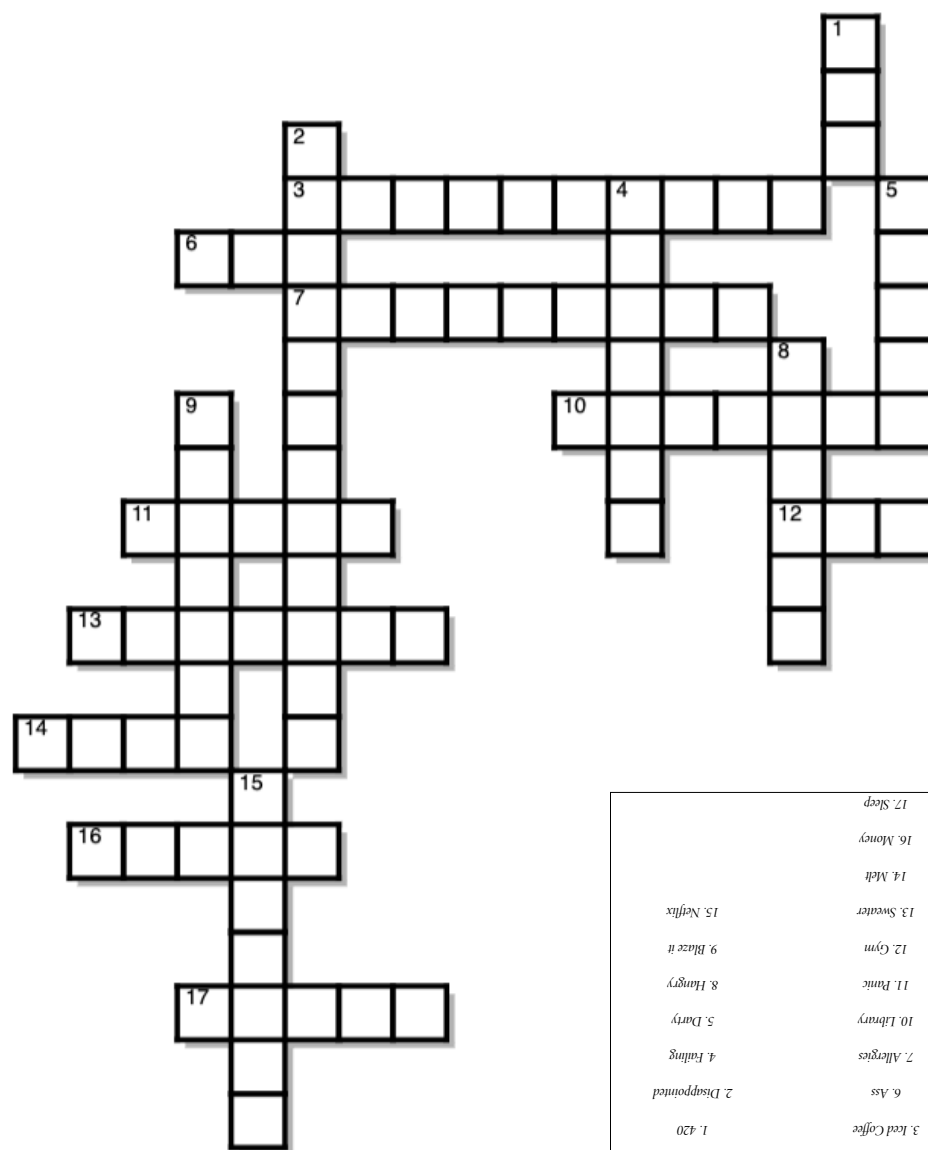
No, I don't smoke anymore **-12%**

No so I switched to crack **99.99%**

Jesus is my only drug **John 3.16%**

March Crossword

Spring has sprung! Kick off the season with a fun crossword!



17. Sleep	Solutions
16. Money	Across:
14. Milk	1. Lead Coffee
13. Sweater	2. Disappointed
12. Gym	4. Failing
9. Mace n	5. Darty
11. Panic	8. Hungry
10. Library	10. Library
7. Allergies	11. Panic
6. Ass	12. Gym
3. Lead Coffee	13. Sweater
1-420	14. Milk
Down	15. Neglix

ACROSS

- 3 Your only source of sustenance
- 6 What you can let hang out at Shooters now that it's above 25°
- 7 Plants are growing which means these are going to flare back up! (Hint: Not your STD)
- 10 Where your lazy ass needs to be for the rest of the semester
- 11 The state you're going to be in for the rest of the semester
- 12 There's a reason you pay for this in your tuition, you should go. Yikes
- 13 Need to wear this in the morning but by afternoon you're sweating your nuts off
- 14 Snow is starting to do this (But not really, because Michigan sucks)

- 16 What you pissed away over spring break, literally
- 17 What you can only do in class and not at night when you're supposed to

DOWN

- 1 The best spring holiday
- 2 What your parents are going to be when they see you...and your grades
- 4 How you're performing on your exams after spring break
- 5 It's _____ season!
- 8 How we feel most of the time
- 9 How you celebrate the best spring holiday
- 15 Gets more attention than your homework, let's be honest

Tire Fire Confessions

Stewart Faux
Tire Fire Advisor

Honestly, fuck birds!
Like, what are they for? They don't do anything. They just strut around doing that weird head thing all the time.
And when they're not doing that, you know what they're doing?
Yeah, shitting. Shitting everywhere, on everything. Just blowing ass, whenever, wherever, without a care in the world.
They make these weird noises, usually at the ass-crack of dawn. They're literally just screaming at the world for no reason. And people are okay with that? But when I stand outside and scream in the morning,

that's crossing the line.
Has anyone else noticed that they're just EVERYWHERE?? If raccoons were as common of a sight as pigeons, then someone would be stepping in to do something.
Birds are probably just surveillance drones for the government anyway. Have you seen Washington? Everyone is paranoid that José, the gardener, is going to start slinging heroin or killing people for fun. José is a nice guy! We have him over for Thanksgiving every year!
Why did the Republicans feel the need to implement BIRDS into our society to monitor us? I just want some privacy, man.
AND WHAT IS UP WITH BIRD-WATCHING? Why the hell do we sit in

the window with binoculars, staring with unblinking gaze at a hanging tube full of seeds, just shivering in anticipation of seeing any kind of flying reptile?
Yeah, did you know that reptiles are birds' closest relatives? What? Why is that a thing?
Think about it! Pterodactyls, man! Those things are scary as shit. They're related. Ostriches? What kind of hell did they crawl out of? Penguins?? Why are they birds if they can't fly? Hummingbirds are just big mosquitos!
Magicians pull doves out of hats and that's not normal.
Why can parrots talk? Will they take over the world?

Flamingos are pink! Animals aren't pink! Why do they only stand on one leg?
Why are swans assholes? Aren't they just overgrown ducks?
AND why are bald eagles our national bird? They literally just look old. Bald is not a compliment. They're not even that common! Our national animal should be a pigeon, because they're everywhere, they're obnoxious, and they're dumb. Just like us. Also because the government is using them to spy on us.
Birds aren't real. Fuck birds.

My head says sleep, but my heart sa... no, wait, my heart also says sleep.

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

SPORTS

“When we all play together, which includes every single one of us on and off the field, we are incredible,” - Logan Fleming - See page 12 for story

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Finishing on top

Ferris men’s golf begins the spring season with first tournament win



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris senior Jack Weller tees off during the GLIAC North Invitational at home last September. Weller shot a 68 the second day of the Saginaw Valley State University Spring Invite in Kentucky Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17, and 139 through both days.

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Despite the cold Michigan weather, the Ferris men’s golf season doesn’t stop, and they had recent success to the start of the spring season.

The Bulldogs traveled to Georgetown, Kentucky, where they participated in the Saginaw Valley State University Spring Invite Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17. With a strong second day performance, they brought home their first tournament win of the season.



Andrew Hammett

“With the senior leadership on the team, I think the success was pieced together from all the experience in past events,” Ferris senior golfer Andrew Hammett said. “All of the events we play are building blocks to our Regional tournament, which is our primary focus.”

On day one of the tournament, the Bulldogs finished in seventh place, nine strokes behind first place. Ferris freshman Tom Hursey, sophomores Andrew Proctor and Jason Martinus, and seniors Hammett and Jack Weller were able to bounce back from the slow start and shoot a team score of 276 – 15 better than their day one final. They took first place with a combined score of 567, six strokes better than the second place finisher.

All of the golfers besides one had a better score on day two than day three, with two golfers shooting under 70. Ferris’ own Hammett shot the lowest round of all the competitors with a 66 during the final round. This score would earn Hammett Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Week honors.

When the Bulldogs traveled to Kentucky, they saw a weather change that was 20 degrees warmer than in Big Rapids. With golf being an outdoor sport where you can only compete on the course, the Bulldogs are out of luck since snow covers the course for about half of the competitive season. The team has to adjust their training in the winter to keep them ready for tournaments in warmer areas in the winter and early spring, according to Hammett.

“Throughout the winter, we work hard on building strength, stamina and mental toughness to prepare for the upcoming season,” Hammett said. “Golf is a mentally challenging sport with a high demand of focus. To perform our best, we train by pushing ourselves to our max mentally and physically. We typically have a two-month break that allows us to rest and work on our games individually, which will move into the spring season.”

Recently, the Ken Janke Sr. Golf Learning Center opened up at Katke Golf Course, Ferris’ home course. This facility includes three heated indoor hitting bays, an indoor putting green and four TrackMan golf simulators, all of which will be in use during the cold winters to keep players’ game consistent. Ferris golfers believe that this new facility will bring nothing but benefits toward the golf program.

“The new training facility will be amazing for the Ferris State golf program,” Ferris senior golfer Ryan Bayer said. “All the freshmen and sophomores will have the best facility in the Midwest to practice at, and any recruits coming in the future will be confident coming here knowing they can get better through the winter months.”

Though the weather may seem to put the Bulldogs at a disadvantage, Ferris men’s golf head coach Kyle Wittenbach said the weather has no factor on how the team competes.

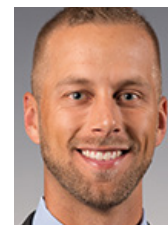
“Champions are champions, regardless of their status, location, facilities, background,” Wittenbach said. “Champions will find a way to succeed no matter what obstacles they face. Warm weather, facilities, access or other perceived advantages do not create champions; they simply give the perception that they do.”

Through the year, Ferris has placed anywhere from second place to seventh place with this invitational being their first 1st place finish on the year. With close finishes, it was only a matter of time until the team finished in the top spot, Bayer said.

The Bulldogs returned to Kentucky to play in the Findlay Spring Invite Monday, March 25, and Tuesday, March 26, and results can be found on the Ferris Athletics website.



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Spring Practice Begins

The Ferris football team opened spring practice for the 2019 season Friday, March 22. The team, which is coming off a trip to the NCAA Division II National Championship, also released the rest of the spring schedule.

The 15 practices will all take place at Top Taggart Field for the defending Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions and will culminate noon Saturday, April 27, with the Crimson and Gold Spring Game.

The Bulldogs will be looking to continue their success under head coach Tony Annese, who has led the Bulldogs to a 60-8 record over the past five seasons and three conference championships in that span.

The Bulldogs return plenty of talent from last year's squad, especially on the offensive side of the ball. This talent includes 2018 Harlon Hill Trophy winner Jayru Campbell at quarterback, sophomore wide receiver Sy Barnett and junior slot receiver Dion Earles.

Men's tennis open up league play on split weekend

The Ferris men's tennis team played their first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference matches March 23 and 24 and swept the weekend with two victories. Michigan Technological University was their first matchup and the Bulldogs posted a 7-0 sweep over the Huskies.

Traveling down to Lake Superior State University (LSSU), Ferris went 4-3 to stay undefeated in conference play. Doubles won 2 out of 3 and singles won 3 out of 6, with Ferris junior Pablo Munoz Baroja, senior Nur Adim Ramdani Iswan and sophomore Mathis Guerre coming out on top. All three were undefeated on the weekend in singles and doubles on both days.

The singles competition came down to the last match and Guerre was able to clinch the victory, going 6-4 twice against LS-SU's Diego Penz.

The Bulldogs are 4-8 overall and 2-0 in conference play so far this season. Their home league opener is 4 p.m. Friday, March 29.



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Many athletes are superstitious and perform rituals prior to every game. Ferris junior offensive lineman Cody Carr gets his head in the game by drinking a gallon of water and listening to the same music the night before.

How Ferris athletes use superstitions to focus

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Coaches say it all the time: control what you can control.

However, that typically doesn't sit well with most athletes. Most athletes want every aspect of the game in their hand, to be in control.

Therefore, some athletes develop specific actions or routines performed to make sure nothing goes wrong come gameday. These rituals are commonly referred to as superstitions, which are widely held but unjustified beliefs in supernatural causation leading to inevitable consequences of an action or event, or a practice based on such a belief.

"A weird one I've seen is that one of my old basketball teammates would eat a Snickers before every single game," Ferris men's basketball junior center Cole Walker said.



Kodi Ramirez

Nobody knows precisely how these practices started, but they have at times developed to crazy lengths that leave some people in disbelief. In fact, even some people here at Ferris take their own superstitions very seriously.

One of those people is sophomore Kodi Ramirez, a middle infielder on the softball team.

"I've been doing this for a while, but I actually meditate before every game," Ramirez said. "It's kind of like a mind thing, you know, to get myself in the game. It's like thinking about what am I going to do if this pitch is thrown or if

the ball is hit to me this way and stuff like that."

Meditation is indeed not the most common superstition out there, but it seems like superstitions certainly are all about the mind.

Cory Carr, a junior offensive lineman for the football team, is a true believer in this theory. Carr's superstitions are very specific. He drinks one full gallon of water the night before each and every game, and he listens to the same music before every game.



Cory Carr

"I don't really know why I do it," Carr said. "It's just the thought that it's what I do every time. If something little gets changed, then your mind and body won't work together and match up on the same page. If something is wrong with your mind, then your body won't perform."

Superstitions are meant to allow players to have positive vibes going into the game, with the hope they lead to positive results. However, even the wackiest of superstitions aren't foolproof.

The real question that comes up is what to do with these superstitions if they fail you in big moments.

"In high school, I used to drink a certain drink," Ramirez said. "It was like a pre-workout, and it would give me way too much energy. I did it every game, and it worked great. Then we lost in states, and I was like nah, I'm not going to do that anymore, never again."

When you're winning, superstitions are not only fun and quirky, but they are something some people take very seriously in terms of how often they lead to success. It is safe to say they will always be a part of sports.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Wednesday, March 27:

- Softball at Davenport 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29:

- Men's tennis vs. Northwood University 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 30:

- Softball vs. Wisconsin-Parkside noon and 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 31:

- Men's golf at Parkside Spring Invitational
- Softball vs. Purdue Northwest noon and 2 p.m.
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An optimistic outlook

The softball team remains calm amid early-season adversity

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

The win-loss column for the Ferris softball team is leaning in the wrong direction, but the players are confident in their ability to turn the season around.

The team currently sits at 10-14 overall and 1-3 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play just less than two months into the 2019 season.

The season's start, which included a four-game winning streak followed directly by a three-game losing streak, has been quite the roller coaster ride for the Bulldogs.



Sawyer Wightman

While most teams would be frustrated after such a trying start to the season, the players on the team seem pretty encouraged with how they have been playing.

"If someone were to just look at our record, they might not think we have had a great start to the season," Ferris junior first baseman Sawyer Wightman said. "However, we have played some really great competition to start out the year. So although our record might not be .500, we still have played some really great games."

That is an optimistic outlook for a team less than .500, but they will have the opportunity to turn their season around as they enter conference play.

However, there are a few things that have gone poorly in the early portion against that stiff competition. For starters, the pitching hasn't been all that great in the non-conference schedule. The Bulldogs have a team earned run average of 4.13, which ranks 165th in the nation. They also rank 186th nationally in fielding percentage at just .947 and 155th in team batting average at .276.

While these numbers certainly don't look very good, the Bulldogs will look to two players in particular to turn things around, although they have multiple others who are capable.

"When we all play together, which includes every single one of us on and off the field, we are incredible," Ferris senior shortstop Logan Fleming said. "I am proud of the way we stand out as a team when we do this."

Speaking of Fleming, she is one of the two players who has led the team this season. For 2019, Fleming leads the team several categories. She leads in batting average with .419, an on-base percentage of .427, a .568 slugging percentage, 31 hits, 15 RBI's, four stolen bases and 35 fielding assists.



Logan Fleming

The other player that has helped lead the Bulldogs, and will hope to lead the team's turnaround, is Ferris sophomore second baseman Kodi Ramirez, who is tied for the team lead with four stolen bases, eight doubles, two home runs and 10 extra base hits.

Their performance will surely have a great impact on how this team finishes, whether that be for better or for worse.

The players are confident they'll be a team to watch in the GLIAC this spring, especially Wightman.

"We definitely are ready for conference play to start up and show the GLIAC the talent and drive our team has this year," Wightman said.



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Ferris senior shortstop Logan Fleming leads the team in several categories, including batting average with a .419 average this season so far.



Top Dawg

Nur Adim Ramdani Iswan

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Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

This week's Top Dawg was an ace over the weekend and is awarded to Ferris men's tennis senior Nur Adim Ramdani Iswan.

The Bulldog men's tennis team traveled to the Michigan's northern peninsula to begin Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play with their first match Saturday, March 23, against the Michigan Tech. University Huskies. The following Sunday, March 24, the Bulldogs would remain north but a little closer to home as they faced the Lake Superior State University Lakers. After the weekend, the Bulldogs were able to start conference play undefeated and go 2-0 on the weekend.

A standout player for the Bulldogs was Iswan. Competing on both days and in both the doubles and single categories, Iswan did not drop a sin-

gle set and beat his opponents with a game score of 26-15 during single play between Saturday and Sunday. Iswan and his doubles partner were also able to get the job done on both days and win their sets 6-3 and 6-4.

Iswan was a contributor during the last match the Bulldogs won, which was Saturday, Feb. 23, against Tiffin University (Ohio). Competing in both singles and doubles, he was able to win two straight single sets as well as winning his double set, which gave Ferris their second win.

With the Bulldogs coming off a tough spring break, as they lost four matches in a row, Iswan and the team have set track in the right direction, especially with the start of conference play. The Bulldogs now sit with a record of 4-8 with six more matches to be played.

The Bulldogs are home Friday, March 29, to take on the Northwood University Timberwolves.

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Privilege through the looking glass

Creating the opportunity for conversation

Veronica Mascorro
Interim Reporter

The Ferris Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) has created a platform that is sparking new conversations about the different forms of privilege.

Offering discussion sessions titled "Examining the Impact of Privilege," FCTL designed this event in hopes of helping participants to examine what impact privilege has on their lives, including ones that go unnoticed.

Ferris criminal justice senior Garrett Gresly attended "Reflections on Rural: Why Place Can Be Privilege and How 'Common Sense' Understandings Hurt Rural Students" Friday, March 22, because of his experiences in his hometown of Battle Creek. In this first session, the group discussed how the different experiences of rural and urban students can affect their education.

"In my town, there are different communities just within our city, so it was really interesting to see how different everyone's experience was based on where they were from," Gresly said. "I think if other students were to come to sessions like this, it could open their perspectives on these types of subjects."



Garrett Gresly



Brooke Moore

Ferris faculty coordinator of special projects for FCTL and facilitator of the first session Brooke Moore hopes to in-

The sessions feature faculty guest readers and excerpts from the book "Privilege Through the Looking Glass" by sociologist Dr. Patricia Leavy. The stories feature different well-respected writers and scholars reflecting on their experiences with privilege.

crease awareness about the privilege that students experience.

"Throughout our lives, we may experience the benefits or the non-benefits of not being in the privileged group," Moore said. "Being aware of our privilege can impact how we interact with each other in the future."

Ferris English, Italian and Russian languages professor Lilia Caserta's interest was sparked when she saw the word "privilege."

"We all, to some degree, are privileged, and we also all have our own struggles, whether they be social, historical, et cetera," Caserta said. "I think these sessions would be useful for students. In today's discussion

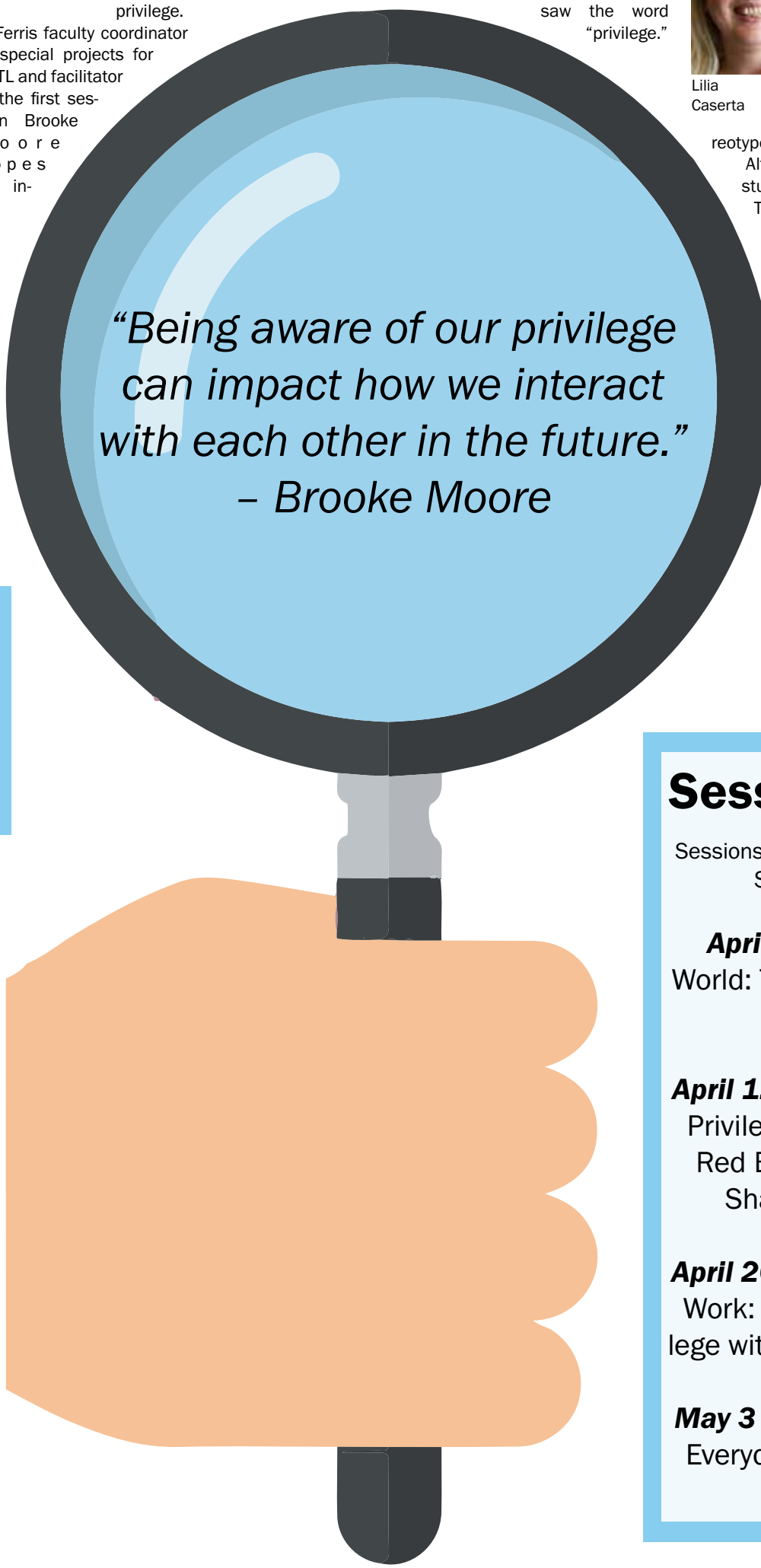
alone, we saw that there were so many stereotypes based on where you grew up. We're all victims of the images that are projected onto us by the media and any other type of information that we've received, and I think that any type of education, like questioning our own stereotypes, would help us move forward."

Although designed for faculty, both students and staff are also welcome.

To register for these open conversations, email fctl@ferris.edu. Space may be limited based on room size. For more information, call (231) 591-3826.



Lilia Caserta



*"Being aware of our privilege can impact how we interact with each other in the future."
- Brooke Moore*

How to Register for a Session

Email fctl@ferris.edu

Session Dates

Sessions are 2 – 3 p.m. Fridays.
Stories include:

April 5 - It's a Small World: The Metabolics of Size

April 12 - Unpacking (Un) Privilege or Flesh Tone, Red Bones and Sepia Shades of Brown

April 26 - Men Hug Me at Work: Juxtaposing Privilege with Everyday Sexism

May 3 - Male or Female? Everyday Life When the 'Or' is 'And'

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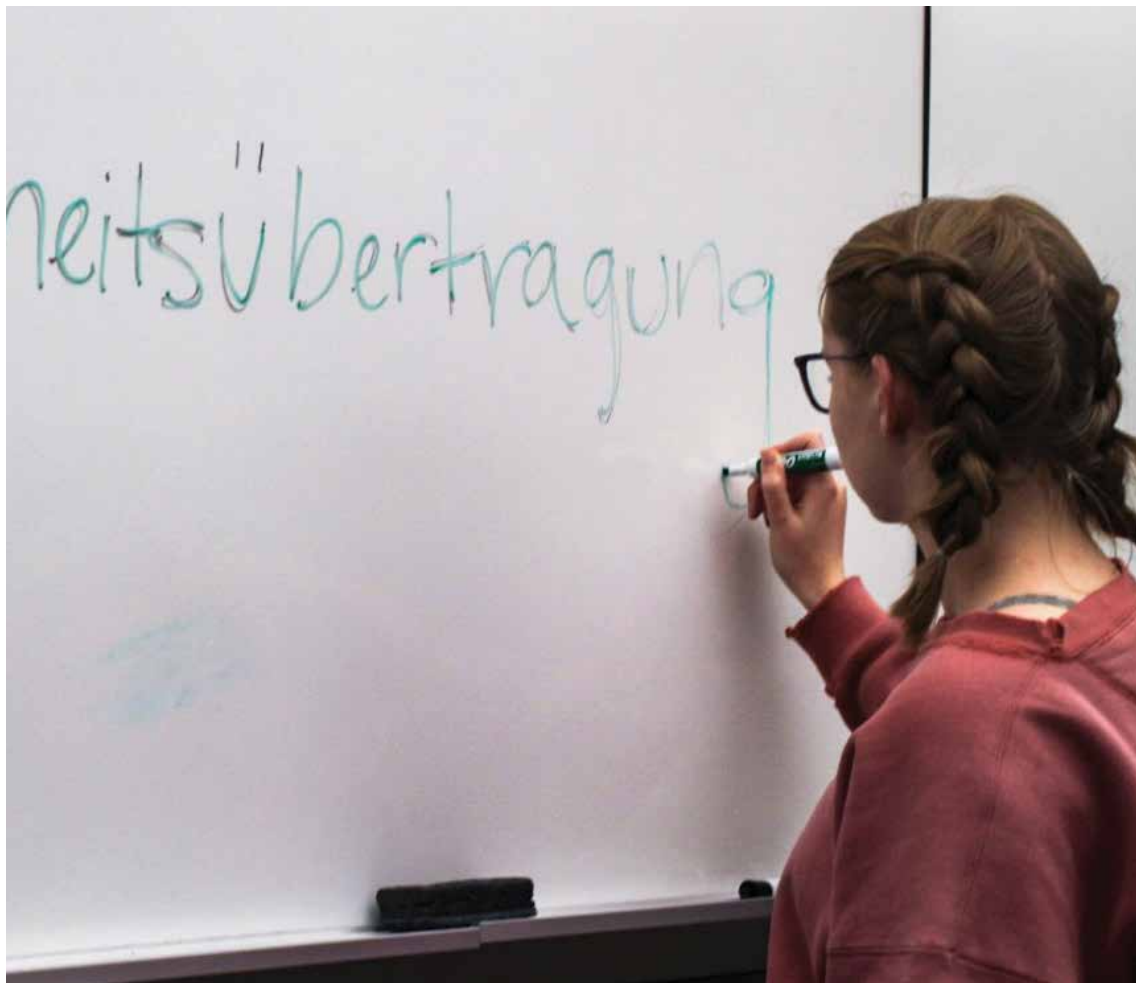


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Ferris history junior and German Culture and Language Club Secretary Abbie Mumby practices German in her free time.

A different kind of culture on campus

Marissa Russell
Interim Reporter

Ferris history junior and German Culture and Language Club Secretary Abbie Mumby meets with students every Wednesday to learn about another culture while making friends and playing games.

"We named this the German Culture and Language Club because it is both about the study of the German language and promoting that, but also learning about different culture, being exposed to a different atmosphere and global community," Mumby said.

At meetings, club members will engage in many German-themed activities ranging from music, movies and games such as German hangman, Sagaland, Camel Cup and Jeopardy.

Though this is a club for members who are interested in the German language, members don't want to exclude interested students. Subtitles are turned on during movie nights so that any non-fluent member can still enjoy and understand the movie.

"My favorite part is how dedicated all our members are to learning the German culture and language," Mumby said. "Some of us have actually been to Germany and fell in love with it then or through classes, and it's just a great community, at the same time promoting a fun activity and something that is integral."

The German Culture and Language Club has about five to seven official members, but welcomes anyone who wants to stop in and learn more about the German culture without becoming an official member.

"We don't require people to pay dues to become members," Mumby said. "So really, it's whoever shows up is a member for that day. If they continue to show up, then they are adopted."

Although the German Culture and Language Club doesn't host any events on campus, they do take trips on occasion. According to Ferris history junior and German Culture and Language Club President Jason Mickevich, the club took a trip to Chicago in the fall of 2018 to visit Christkindlmarkt, a Christmas market meaning "Christ child market." During their trip, members were able to see merchants selling traditional German food and drinks. Some foods sold were pretzels, gingerbread and Glühwein — a mulled wine popular in

German-speaking countries around Christmastime that is typically spiced with cinnamon and cloves. The club is hoping to plan another trip to Frankenmuth later this semester.

"For the most part, we try to just keep it laid back," Mickevich said. "It should feel like a place people can come from classes and chill out while also learning about something they're hopefully interested in."

Due to budget cuts, German classes will no longer be offered at Ferris. This leaves the German Culture and Language Club's status up in the air. The cuts have also affected political science and sociology as majors and minors on campus.



Jason
Mickevich

associate Professor of English Department Chair Jody Ollenquist said. "In the English, Literature and World Languages Department, those reduced resources make it necessary to at least temporarily reduce offering some elective courses in literature and languages, including German, or offering some electives less frequently."

Ollenquist said although Ferris isn't offering German courses, students can take classes through other universities, in person or online, and have the credits transfer.

Though German classes will be leaving Ferris, Ferris digital animation and game design junior Nicholas Salamone hopes the German Culture and Language Club will remain on campus.

"I think there is a chance that it will stay," Salamone said. "It will definitely take a lot of work from all of us, especially because I know we are losing a few members, or e-board members at least, this year from transfers and or graduation."

Salamone's favorite part of the club is the relaxed atmosphere, and that everyone enjoys learning and trying to be a part of the German culture.

The club is a place for any student who is interested in German culture to come and meet new people and experience something new.

German Culture and Language Club meets 6 p.m. every Wednesday in FLITE 438. For more information, contact Mickevich at mickev1@ferris.edu.

Learn German

"Ich spreche kein Deutsch": "I don't speak German"

"Guten Tag": "Hello" or "Good day"

Grüß Gott: "Hello" If you're in Bavaria or Austria, this translates to something like "God's blessings" or "God's greetings."

"Ich hätte gern...": "I would like..." (when ordering food--follow this up with the menu item)

"Wasser": "Water"

"Stilles Wasser": "Uncarbonated water" Use this after you realize that in most European countries, "water" means carbonated water.

"Entschuldigung": "Excuse me"

"Bitte": This word usually means "please" or "you're welcome," but you can also use it to indicate that you didn't quite catch what someone just said. Use this to buy yourself time as you try to figure out what someone is asking of you.

"Danke sehr": "Thank you very much"

"Haben Sie einen schönen Abend/Tag": "Have a good/beautiful evening/day"

"Ebenfalls": "Likewise" If someone wishes you a good day or evening, this is equivalent to the English "you too."

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Jason Mickevich**

German Club meeting

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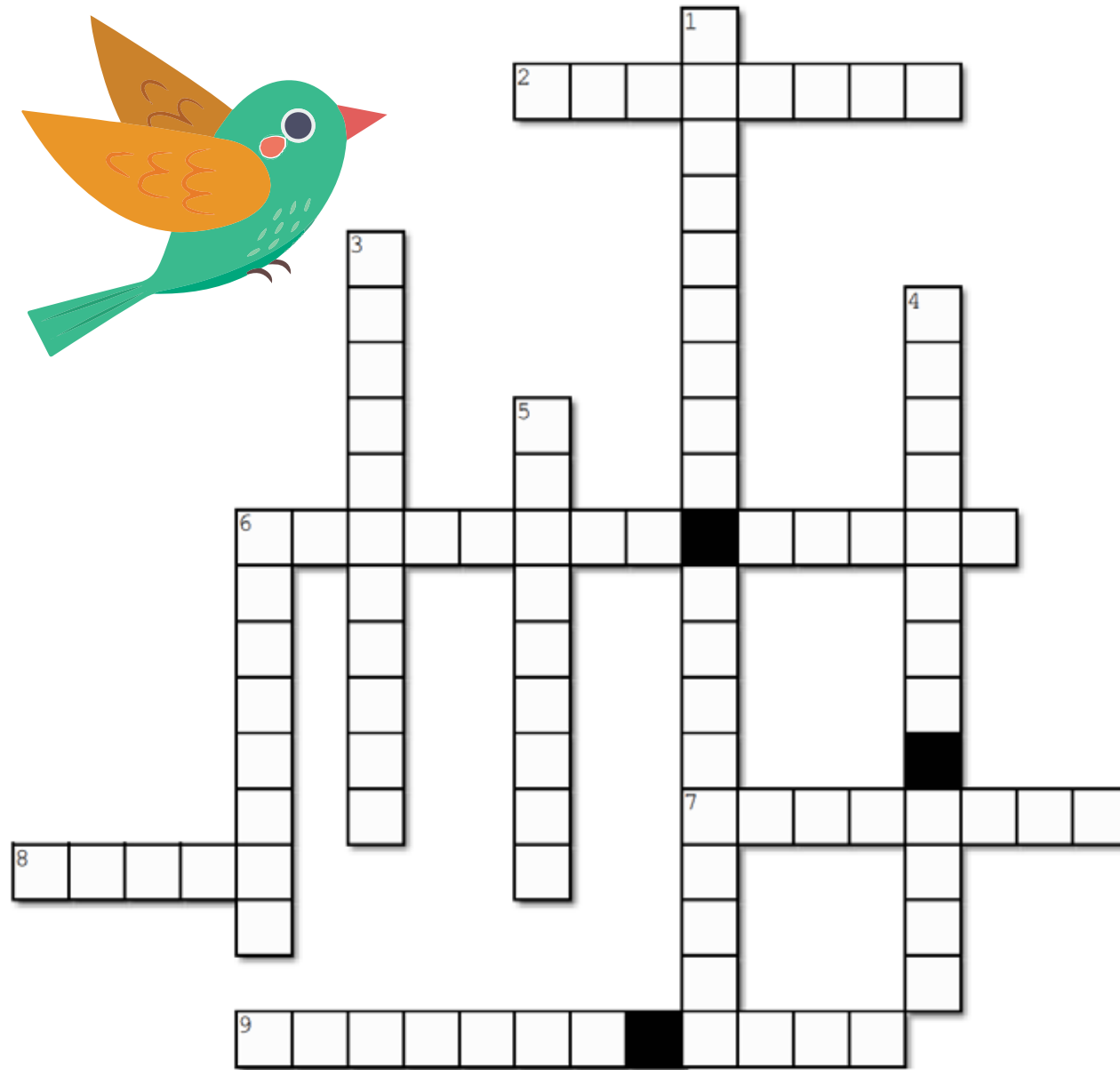
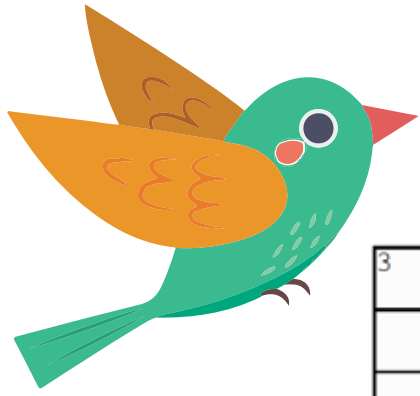
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Abbie
Mumby

Signs of spring

As the snow melts, so do those winter blues! Complete this crossword and learn about some birds who will be visiting Michigan.



Across

- 2. Don't be misled by their name: this bird is known to bring happiness
- 6. This long-necked bird is a natural fisherman
- 7. Slap an orange vest on them, because this bird is ready to hunt
- 8. Every bird's sidekick
- 9. These larger than average birds are often seen at lakes, swimming and bobbing their bright green heads

Down

- 1. As spring arrives, you'll see these birds flaunt their dark coats and red-winged accessories
- 3. Averaging 10 to 15 beats per second, this long-snouted bird is always in search of sugar water
- 4. Her song sings the sounds of grief
- 5. This chubby, black-capped bird is known for calling their own name
- 6. You may see this bird on the red carpet

1. Redwinged Blackbird 2. Bluebird 3. Hummingbird 4. Mourning Dove 5. Chickadee 6. Starling 7. Killdeer 8. Robin 9. Mallard Duck

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