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An imminent boost for

esports?

Ferris has growing interest in making esports a varsity sport and competing within the GLIAC

Ry Rodriguez
Torch Reporter

Ferris is considering venturing into an untapped market for the university — esports.



Andrew Peterson

In general, the global market of esports has generated \$1.65 billion in revenue and has gained significant national attention. While currently limited to a Ferris RSO, there are ongoing discussions to promote esports to an official Ferris varsity sport.



Jono Eaton

"Esports is growing daily. It's just not growing under athletics," Ferris' instructional technology coordinator Andrew Peterson said. "We had to go through an organization called Tespa to make sure we could have varsity status and that entails high administration support."

Some Ferris students are excited about the potential for esports teams at Ferris.

"I know that making esports a varsity sport is something that is happening at universities around the country and I believe that Ferris should be one of them," Ferris' President of Esports Jono Eaton said. "We would have to create a space, but last I heard, the new Virtual Learning Center will have an esports arena that would be fantastic for varsity esports, especially recruiting top players."

Right now, Ferris has a registered student organization (RSO) for esports, with between 250 and 300

students involved. This includes a varsity team, back up teams, observers, commentators and streamers.



Phillip Weber

Playing games within the RSO brings different types of gamers together. They have a team Discord account that allows anyone interested in esports to join and become a part of the community.

The RSO covers a multitude of different games to attract various types of gamers to the club. They have varsity teams in Overwatch, Rainbow 6 Siege, Rocket League and Super Smash Bros. They also have casual gamers with the aforementioned games as well.

Recently, the varsity Overwatch team beat Division 1 Ohio State University. They will soon face other Div 1 schools in esports.

Ferris esports tries to attract attention by streaming their matches. The Overwatch team streams their varsity matches every Sunday at 8 p.m.

Frankly, there is no space for players or spectators, but there have been talks about adding an arena somewhere.

After searching documents and receiving testimonies, there are two theories on where the new esports arena could be. The television and digital media production classes are moving to a new building, so esports could possibly move with them.

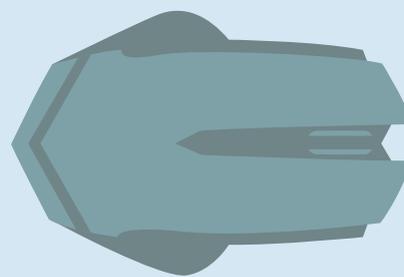
A larger area for the esports team was also considered in the Visual Learning Center, to be built following the demolition of Vandercook Hall.

The esports RSO has public meetings 11 a.m. Thursdays in UC 211.

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higher education institutes offer club esports and a good opportunity to turn those clubs into varsity teams



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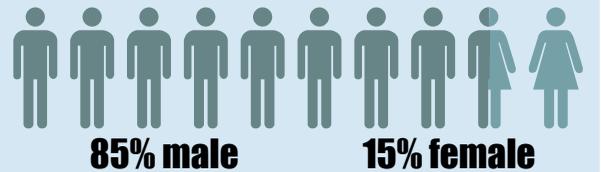
institutions belong to the National Association of Collegiate esports

589

million people will watch esports by 2020



Online viewership by gender



By 2021, revenue from esports is expected to be upwards of

\$1650 million

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“Be your authentic self. People will love you for who you are.”
- Drag queen Zuzu Bella - See page 5 for story

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Praise queen!



Drag queen Britney Blitz gets into her performance at DSAGA's drag show Friday, Oct. 11, in the University Center.

Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

A change in the plan

Honors program introduces new projects to replace requirements for honors students

Elizabeth Norvey
Torch Reporter

With this new school year, the Ferris State Honors Program ushered in a new way for students to satisfy the program's requirements.

According to Ferris Honors Program Director Peter Bradley, the program is offering “structured learning experiences” as an option for students in their second year or above. This would allow students to develop a concept for a project and work toward it throughout the semester as a way to achieve their co-curricular commitments.

Typically, the Honors Program requires students to complete at least 15 hours of community service and attend three cultural events per semester. With the new guidelines, students can only use up to five service hours from the university, and many students find the commitments a bit too much along with their educational commitments.

“We hear from students frequently that the commitments go too much, or that it is hard to meet the cultural event requirements while living off campus. The structured experience model will allow students to focus on one project that they are passionate about and use that project for all the co-curricular requirements,” Bradley said. The number of students who are dropping out of the Honors Program is fairly high, Bradley explained.

According to Bradley, the Honors retention rate for Fall 2018 students who returned in 2019 is 74.5%, just shy of their 80% goal. While the two-year retention rate (students who started in 2017) is slightly higher than expected, the three-year rate (2016) is slightly lower. These rates include only first-time college students and not transfers.

“We will be launching a new software platform to support the co-curricular project option, but it will also allow for students to connect with alumni as mentors. It isn't quite ready to announce, but it will be by Nov. 1. We're quite excited about it,” Bradley said.

Ferris RSO hosts drag show on campus

Lily Brown
Torch Reporter

The Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance (DSAGA) Drag Show had everyone strutting their stuff.

This event was hosted 7:30 pm Friday, Oct. 11 in the University Center (UC).

The Drag Show had a very simple concept: have queens show off their look and the audience vote for who they believe should be the winner. The show runs similarly to a beauty pageant. The audience voted for who they loved the most by something DSAGA referred to as the “yas radar.” Whoever got the most screams won the competition.

According to DSAGA President McKenna Schafer, there was a lot of fundraising involved in mak-

ing this possible. They charged \$5 at the door for students and \$10 for the general public. All the proceeds went to the Trevor Project, a project that supports LGBTQ+ community members' mental health with a 24-hour hotline. According to Schafer, inclusivity was the goal.

“It's so important that everyone feels like they have a voice. By educating and standing up for what we believe in is the best way to plant a seed,” Schafer said.

Without a doubt, this show has at least brought awareness, and hopefully, that will lead to acceptance and will create an inclusive feeling like Schafer was hoping for.

“I thought it was a really cool and eye-opening experience.” Ferris psychology junior Jensen Spicer said.

Many students were surprised by how much they enjoyed the performance.

“It was awesome, a lot better than I thought it was going to be, and I didn't know what I expected.” Ferris business administration senior Natalie Rogers said.

There was a sizable crowd for the event and everyone seemed really supportive of this show. It was also hosted on National Coming Out Day, which was referenced by DSAGA members on multiple occasions.



Natalie Rogers



McKenna Schafer

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- ON THE RECORD -

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

Absolutely nothing is sale if Lot 4

Grant Siddall
News Editor

You need that

Oct. 9, 8:36 p.m., a misdemeanor traffic violation was filed at 700 Block S. State St. for having no operators license.

Absolutely nothing is safe in Lot 4

Oct. 10, 1 a.m., a report of damage to

private property in Lot 4 was reported. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Sticky fingers

Oct. 10, 11 p.m., a report of theft from a motor vehicle was reported in Lot 4. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Another one

Oct. 10, 11:30 p.m., a report of theft

from a motor vehicle was reported in Lot 4. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Oops, I did it again

Oct. 10, 11:42 p.m., a report of theft from a motor vehicle was reported in Lot 4. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Stay off the weeeeee

Oct. 11, 10:15 p.m., a violation of con-

trolled substance act was filed in North Hall for marijuana use.

Runaway with me

Oct. 13, 7:40 p.m., a juvenile runaway was reported at Robin Court.

Ferris State University Department of Safety issued 381 tickets between the dates of Oct. 6 and 12 totaling \$5,990.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Grant Siddall
News Editor

Srinagar, Kashmir

Cell phone service was returned to Kashmir this week after more than two months without any service. After 71 days of no service following the Indian government's decision to impose a complete communication blackout in the area, the Indian government has partially restored service to the Kashmir valley, home to about 8 million people. The initial blackout was part of an Indian crackdown on the region, which lost its right to partial autonomy in the hours following the blackout.

Original article by Sameer Yasir, Oct. 14, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Hong Kong

A bomb was detonated by a protestor in Hong Kong as clashes between protestors and police continue to escalate. The device, which was hidden in a bush and detonated via cellphone caused no injuries but is a sign of the violent escalation of protests that began peacefully. More than 200 protestors were arrested over the past weekend and Chinese authorities have begun to threaten military intervention if violent protests persist.

Original article by Russell Goldman and Tiffany May, Oct. 14, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Fifteen people are dead after gunmen opened fire in a mosque in Ouagadougou on Friday Oct. 11. The identities of the gunmen are not yet clear but Islamic insurgents have been travelling into the region over the past year from neighboring Mali which has caused religious tensions in the region. Several others were wounded in the attack, but the exact number is unconfirmed.

Original article by Ruetters, Oct. 12, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Beijing, China

Researchers in China announced findings Monday, Oct. 7, that show a significant correlation between air pollution and the risk of a miscarriage. Looking at the pregnancies of more than 250,000 over nine years, researchers from five Chinese universities found that nearly 7% of women experienced a "silent miscarriage" (a miscarriage without any physical signs) in the first trimester, many of which are attributed to air pollution.

Original article by Amy Qin, Oct. 14, 2019. *The New York Times*.

NEWS BRIEFS

Meg Lewton
Lifestyles Editor

Minds Aflame Speaker Series: Beyond Sustainability

Learn more about environmental, economic and social sustainability through a series of talks inspired by Tedx 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Williams Auditorium. Three speakers will present each hour throughout the three hour event. For more information, contact Lisa vonReichbauer at 231-591-2450.

Mentalist Brain Ledbetter

See mentalist Brian Ledbetter experiment with mind reading, telekinesis and more 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in UC 202. Ledbetter can allegedly make inanimate objects seemingly come to life and tell specific, accurate facts about something he's never seen. The event, sponsored by Entertainment Unlimited, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at EU@ferris.edu.

Skeleton Skurry 5K Run, Walk and Roll

Participate in a 5K open to people of all ages and abilities Saturday, Oct. 26, at Big Rapids City Hall. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the race begins at 9:30 a.m. The race costs \$30 per person with pre-registration and \$35 per person if registering at the day of the event. There will be prizes for the top three finishers and those with the best costumes. For more information or to request accommodations, contact Maggie Walcott at MaggieWalcott@ferris.edu or 231-591-3942.

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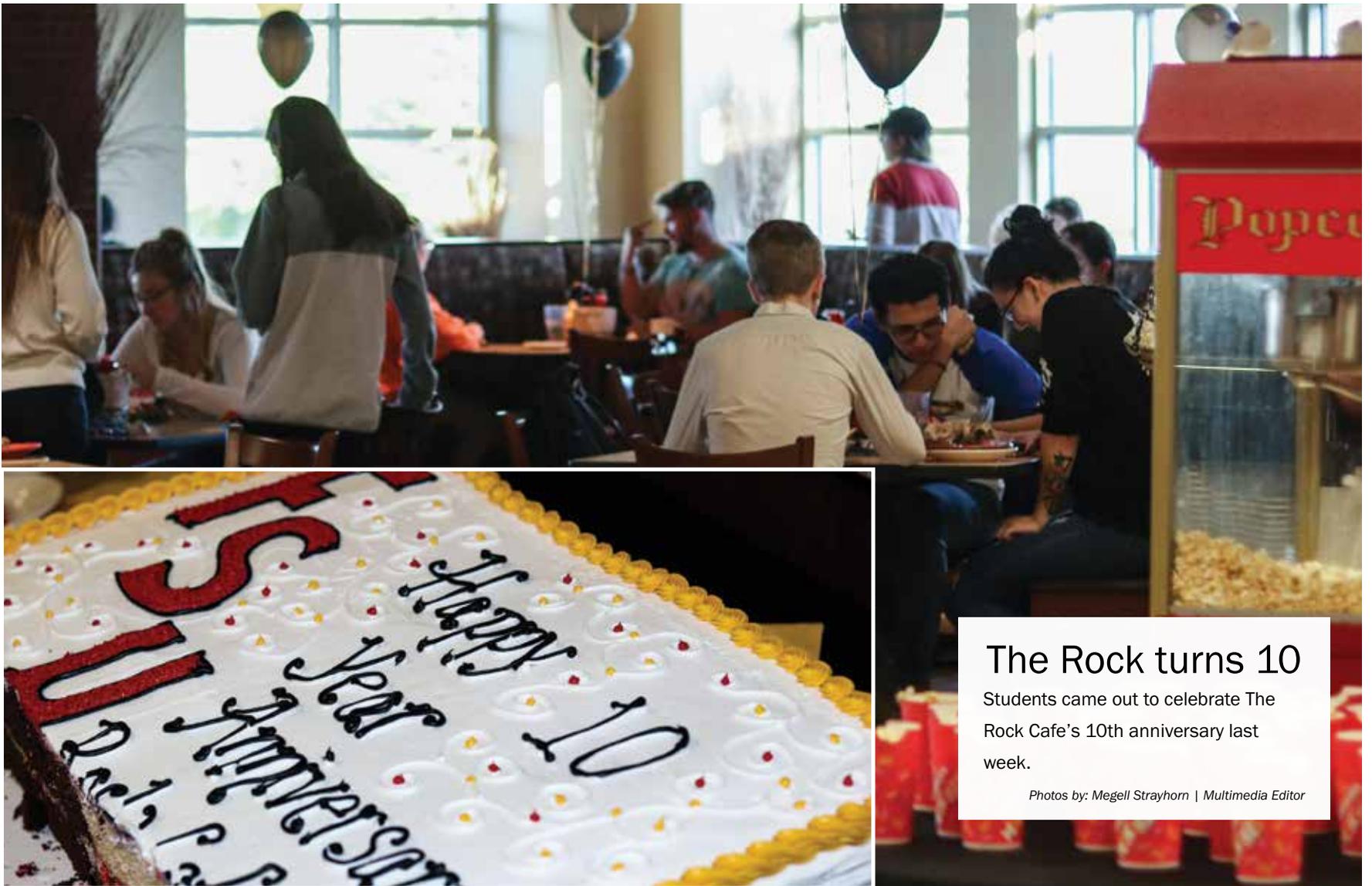
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The Rock turns 10

Students came out to celebrate The Rock Cafe's 10th anniversary last week.

Photos by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Graphic demonstration in the Quad

Pro-life group visits Ferris, challenges free speech ethics

Ry Rodriguez
Torch Reporter

Thursday Oct. 10, Created Equal, an anti-abortion activist group, set up camp at the North Quad outside of FLITE.

The group is based out of Columbus, Ohio, and their primary mission statement is "be a part of this historic battle for equality."

They erected a giant billboard-like screen that flipped through multiple graphic images showing different fetal abortion outcomes.

A specific picture was shown multiple times, and it was a picture of Martin Luther King Jr. during his "I have a dream" speech. The monitor would constantly cycle through the graphic images with MLK's speech playing in the background.

The group also put up about a dozen signs around the North Quad, creating a base for their workers to move around and make it easier to talk to someone who walked through their demonstration.

Created Equal had around six workers plus their own security guard posted under the monitor that were in attendance for the event.

"We are out here to educate people and show people what abortion does," one of

the Created Equal reps said. "There is no way of showing abortion without being graphic because abortion is a graphic procedure that brutally rips apart a human being limb for limb."

The representative went on saying how they had to show people what abortion looks like to make others feel bad about getting an abortion because "it is an action of killing another human being."

Some students engaged while others tried to avoid the display by staying in the University Center. While trying to avoid the north quad, the monitor was big enough to still see the graphic images inside the building.

Even when in The Quad Café some patrons were disturbed having to see the images while eating.

"I just became aware of [the demonstration] when I came into the UC and looked out the window....I am very uncomfortable with that," Ferris professor of communications Dr. Sandy Alspach said.

The demonstration was set up around 8 a.m. and lasted until 3 p.m. Students have been talking about the controversial topic on either if it was right for them to show up and display the graphic images or not and the display will likely be discussed for days to come.

Inside the Clery Act

Why Ferris releases crime statistics every year

Trenton Carlson
Torch Reporter

Ferris Department of Public Safety recently released this year's annual crime report in compliance with the Clery Act.

This act is in place to keep students, parents and the public informed as to what the risks of attending a specific college university are, as well as how safe a specific university may be.

Another requirement of the Clery Act is that these universities must issue "Timely Warnings" and "Emergency Notifications" to anyone who is enrolled in receiving them.

"A timely warning is required when any 'Clery Crime' occurs on campus property. Clery crimes are defined as murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, arson, burglary, robbery, motor vehicle theft, sexual assaults, liquor law violations, drug violations, weapon violations and hate crimes," Ferris Department of Public Safety Director Bruce Borkovich said.

Although this may be startling to have constant notifications of these violations taking place on campus, most Ferris students encourage and accept the Clery Act.

"We have that whole text thing like a few weeks ago we got that text about the sexual assault attempt and that made me well aware that we obviously have people trying to let us know what is going on and we

have a constant watch it feels like," Ferris biotechnology freshman Olivia Began said.

This notification system could prove to be an important tool that ultimately saves lives more efficiently than any law enforcement could, because it gives DPS the ability to inform the entire campus of a crime or potentially harmful situation all at once.

Statistics are equally as important for they can inform someone about a university's safety before even attending or stepping foot on campus.

"I think it keeps them safe to an extent. If I send my kid off to school and see that they have a high crime rate, I'm not going to send them there, but if I see that their statistics are low, I'll look at that over a school that has high statistics," Ferris criminal justice senior Alex Downey said.

For more information on how to receive notifications via text or email, visit Ferris' DPS website and select the Emergency Alert Messaging tab.

After being renamed in 1998, The Clery Act is formally known as The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. It is named after Jeanne Clery, who was sexually assaulted and murdered at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. The act became enforced after her parents went to Congress to pass laws that require college universities who receive federal funding to release crime statistics annually.

Online options

Ferris makes it easier to take general education classes online

Ry Rodriguez
Torch Reporter

An easy way to maximize a college education is to take online courses. This helps a student stay flexible around their lives while trying to get an education.

The average cost of one credit hour with sophomore or freshman status is \$431 dollars. With this, students are encouraged to get their full amount without overworking for their credits or overpaying with too little.



Lilli Kempisty

Online coursework is ideal for students who are busy working jobs, students with families, students who fill their plates with extracurricular activities and, of course, students who check all of these boxes above.

"I would have totally taken my gen. ed. classes if they were available last year, or earlier this year," Ferris pre-physical therapy sophomore Lilli Kempisty said.

During the last few years, Ferris has been trying to increase the number of

online courses, especially courses considered general education (gen. ed.) This is in part designed to aid freshmen transitioning from high school to the college setting on their own time.



Amy Greene

"Online courses allow students to complete courses without having to be tied to a traditional Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. academic schedule," Ferris Executive Director for online learning Amy Greene said. "In addition to flexibility, online courses give students an opportunity to enhance their technology-mediated communication skills."

On the other hand, some students find it demanding to keep up with their online class.

"I don't find them to be easier than regular classes, because it is harder, because I have to teach myself," Ferris medical laboratory science sophomore Audrey Bellina said. "The online classes are more demanding than an in-person class, and I have to find time between everything to do them."

Some contradiction and hesitation are factors when

choosing online courses. The transition from Blackboard to Canvas has been a long and confusing switch, many cite.

Yet, to counteract the confusion, the eLearning Department is working to develop a Canvas "course" so students familiarize the Canvas online class platform.

The eLearning department is constantly accepting suggestions for new classes and finding ways to make online students' lives better.

Last year, the department created a new semi-semester so students could have more opportunities to take online courses outside of the traditional fall and spring semesters. It is called the wintermester.

If there is a class you would like considered as a future online course, email elearning@ferris.edu. For more information on the winter semester, search "wintermester" through the Ferris website.



Audrey Bellina



Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

A drag queen dances and lip syncs during DSAGA's drag show Friday, Oct. 11, in the University Center.

Drag Show

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"I'm looking forward to people having fun," Ferris marketing and graphic design junior Essence Jones said.

The UC ballroom was set up like a beauty pageant and set a serious, yet fun tone for the entire event. Five drag divas performed both on-stage and



Essence Jones

off, interacting with the crowd to sing, dance and accept tips. The songs the queens performed to varied from up-beat and cheerful, to slow and dramatic.

In honor of Coming Out Day, parts of the show were dedicated to the importance and difficulty of coming out.

"Don't be afraid to be your real self. Trust me, I know from experience," Drag Queen Britney Blitz said.

Drag Queen Zuzu Bella expressed a similar sentiment.

"It does get better. Be your authentic self. People will love you for who you are," Zuzu Bella said.

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2019 DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, December 14, 2019

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Tickets are required for all ceremonies. All Students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to reserve or print starting 8:00 am November 7, 2019. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. **Tickets must be reserved by Thursday, December 12 at 11:59 pm.**

Commencement Program - Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, October 11, 2019 for their names to appear in the Fall 2019 Commencement Program** or their name will not appear in the Commencement Program. In order to have the program printed and back in time for the ceremonies we have to adhere to these deadlines. Contact your college's Commencement Coordinator if you have any questions.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Time	College
10:00 am	College of Arts & Sciences College of Education & Human Services College of Engineering Technology
1:30 pm	College of Business College of Health Professions

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LIFESTYLES

"Shoes are 50% of an outfit." - Kamry Morris - See below for story

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Fun fall fashion

Out with shorts and tanks, in with boots and jackets

Marissa Russell
Torch Reporter

Ferris public relations senior and Student Fashion Alliance president Kamry Morris is ready to help students look their best while out prowling the streets of Big Rapids.



Kamry
Morris

A go-to fall outfit for Morris is a graphic tee, jeans, chunky boots and a long jacket. Morris said this is the perfect mix between comfort and style.

"Some tips I would give to stay warm during the fall season would be to invest in some really cool leather boots," Morris said. "Boots are an easy way to elevate an outfit and still be comfortable. Parties during the fall are tricky because it's usually cold outside and warm inside the party. A skirt with a long sleeve shirt is a classic combination and is great for going out."

"I also recommend investing in a neutral color shoe that can be worn on various occasions with different outfits. Shoes are 50% of an outfit," Morris said.

Morris' favorite place to shop is Forever 21 because they usually have something she needs at an affordable price. Although she doesn't enjoy shopping in the Big Rapids area very much, she will go thrift shopping at Goodwill.

Ferris marketing senior and Student Fashion Alliance member Victoria Baklashev agrees with Morris on these thrifter options.



Victoria
Baklashev

"Thrift, thrift, thrift," Baklashev said. "I only shop secondhand, and we have some real gems in Big Rapids, believe it or not. Goodwill, Fabulous Finds, Salvation Army and the Student Fashion Alliance's Thrifty Thursdays pop up shops are where I've found my best finds. Make sure to utilize your student privilege and get any discounts they offer students or member rewards."

Baklashev believes layers do wonders in the winter. When it comes to being party-ready, Baklashev suggests investing in some basic pieces, like solid-colored turtlenecks, and a nice jacket (such as a duster) that can be dressed up or down and still

protect you from cold weather. She also noted how a pair of black boots are an excellent option for going out, staying fashionable and staying warm.

Sweats are underrated, according to Baklashev, because people usually just wear them as a "dress down" kind of fit. She advises students to try pairing some sweats with a cute pair of sneakers and a crop top. You can also add layers to make it warmer.

Ferris marketing senior and Student Fashion Alliance member A'nya Amos' fall fashion staples include a light turtleneck, a long sleeve crop top paired with boots, a button-up tied around her waist and a blue jean jacket. She also enjoys her Gucci belt and Doc Marten boots.

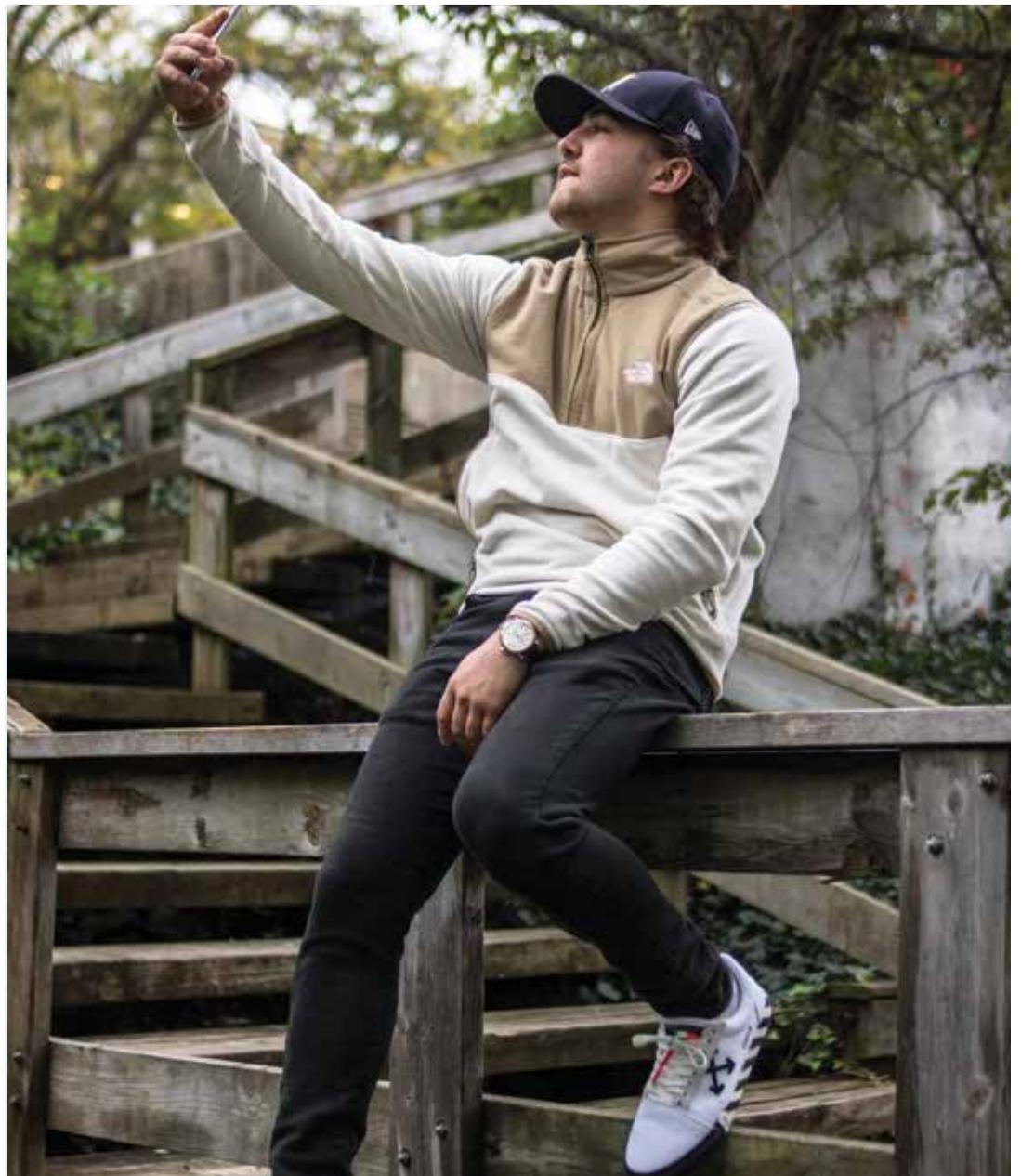


Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris marketing senior Jack Martin snaps a selfie to show off his outfit. Martin believes every man should own a pair of black jeans because they are so versatile.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris marketing senior A'nya Amos poses in one of her favorite fall party outfits. The jacket is a fashionable piece that will keep her warm as the temperatures drop.

The reasoning behind the models' picks

"A strong pair of jeans is something every guy needs in their closet. Black jeans work with 80% of outfits and can usually be complemented with a strong pair of sneakers. One of my favorite new pick-ups is the off-white Vulc Lows. The checkered pattern of the shoe is something I thought was different. I've always appreciated Virgil's attention to detail, down to the orange wax-dipped laces and the ironic wording on his pieces.

"These days, I will only spend my money on clothes if they are truly comfortable. Being a student has made me dress to be comfortable, but I feel there is a good way to dress comfortably and confidently at the same time. Confidence is half the outfit."

— Ferris marketing senior Jack Martin

"The jacket, button-up and boots can also be business-casual attire. This is a good party outfit because it'll keep you warm from place to place. Even if you have to leave your jacket at home or in the car, your long-sleeve shirt or sweater will protect you from the cold."

— Ferris marketing senior A'nya Amos

Spooky good drinks

Unique alcoholic beverages to ring in Halloween

Lily Brown
Torch Reporter

Be sure to drink responsibly, and NEVER drink and drive.

“Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” Cocktail

You need:

- One part vodka
- One part blue curaçao
- Two parts lemonade

How to make it:

- 1.) Pour one part vodka, blue curaçao and lemonade into a glass (goblet is suggested for visual effect).
- 2.) Top off with a 151 proof rum float; this acts as lighter fluid. Then, ignite 151 proof rum float.
- 3.) On top of that lightly sprinkle cinnamon into the flame until it is sparkly enough for your preference.



Zombie

You need:

- 1 oz of light rum
- 1 oz of dark rum
- ½ oz of apricot brandy
- ½ oz of overproof rum
- 2 ½ oz of orange juice
- 2 ½ oz of pineapple juice
- 1 oz of lime juice
- ½ oz of Grenadine Syrup

How to make it:

- 1.) In an ice-filled shaker, combine light rum, dark rum, apricot brandy, orange juice, pineapple juice and lime juice. Shake well.
- 2.) Strain mix over ice in serving glass and add grenadine. Then gently layer overproof rum on top using the back of a bar spoon.
- 3.) Garnish with orange, mint leaves and a cherry.



Sour Patch Watermelon Shots

You need:

- Vodka
- Sour Patch Watermelon candy

How to make it:

- 1.) Put Sour Patch Watermelon candy into a sealable bottle. Pour vodka until bottle is full and shake. Let sit overnight so it becomes infused.
- 2.) Rim edge of the shot glass in sugar and strain the vodka inside.
- 3.) Garnish with a Sour Patch Watermelon candy on the glass' rim.



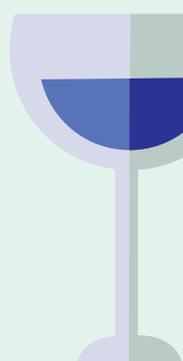
The Blue Jellyfish

You need:

- 2 oz vodka
- 1 oz blue curaçao
- 1 oz sambuca
- Half and half

How to make it:

- 1.) Pour blue curaçao into the base of the glass and layer vodka on top with the top of a spoon.
- 2.) Top with a layer of sambuca, which will sink to the bottom.
- 3.) Use a dropper to add one drop of half and half (creates jellyfish effect).



Recipes courtesy of Topsy Bartender

An Uber cool Lyft



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager

Uber extends to Big Rapids area, still no “EATS”

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

For many, an essential part of the college experience is the parties. However, finding a party to attend is only the easy part. Getting a ride home when none of your friends want to be the designated driver can be challenging at times.

Rideshare apps, such as Uber and Lyft, have made it possible for all to enjoy the fun while making it home safely.

In previous years, the only services available were Campus Drive and Lyft. Uber, however, is now available in the city of Big Rapids. Part of that change has to do with Uber's data collection technique.

According to Uber international launcher Rob Khazzam, Uber can select the cities where they expand based on demand for the service.

“As a product, Uber is interesting because we don't choose cities, cities choose us,” Khazzam said. “Our technology allows us to see and measure demand before we even arrive in a city. For example, in Bucharest, thousands of people had already downloaded the app, despite the service not yet being available.”

With two of the most popular rideshare apps now available in Big Rapids, students might have a difficult time deciding which app to use. The prices on the app tend to be relatively the same, only differing by a few cents.

Ferris elementary education sophomore Madalynn Bongard thinks rideshare apps like these are beneficial to the community.

“I think it's a good idea because a lot of people like partying and not a lot of people have cars on campus. I think it's also a good idea because then you wouldn't have a lot

of people driving around drunk and people would be able to get home safe,” Bongard said.

Rideshare apps aren't solely used for the party scene, though. Students who don't have a car on campus often rely on walking to buy groceries or to dine off-campus. With apps like Lyft or Uber, students can catch a ride and save time, rather than spend an hour on the walk to and from Walmart.

Ferris first-year optometry student Reham Karana believes it's essential to have services like these to accommodate for those who might not have a car available on campus.

“A lot of students don't have a car on campus, especially the ones that dorm or live far away, so it'd be convenient to have some sort of transportation handy,” Karana said.

As the app developed, Uber added an UberEATS section to its options, allowing for people to order fast food delivered to the comfort of their homes. Unfortunately, this option isn't offered yet in the Big Rapids area.

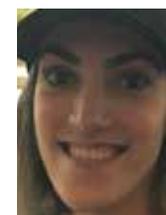
Bongard believes by having services like UberEATS, students will encounter fewer dangers when trying to get a bite to eat.

“It would be pretty awesome. That way, people wouldn't have to walk across the street to go to McDonald's because that is pretty dangerous,” Bongard said. “One time, I was just driving down the road, and someone was looking at their phone, and they almost crossed the street and got hit.”

Hawyer believes through food delivery, students may concentrate more on their schoolwork and avoid distractions.

“When I'm hungry and I'm writing a paper, and I leave to go get food, I'm out of the mindset of the paper, so if you could get fast food while you were in your dorm, I feel like that would help a lot,” Hawyer said.

Uber and Lyft are both available for download on the Android and iOS app stores.



Reham Karana



Madalynn Bongard

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 5. Spiderman
 6. Drake
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 2. Nas X
 3. Summer
 4. Panini
 5. Money in the Grave
 6. I Don't Care
 7. Money in the Grave
 8. I Don't Care
 9. I'm the bad guy... ____
 10. I'm the bad guy... ____

Across

- 3. The current number 1 hit is by this artist, who just took a DNA test.
- 5. This artist has two songs within the top 10.
- 6. Post Malone's 'Sunflower' was featured in this movie franchise.
- 8. Ed Sheeran collaborated with this artist in 'I Don't Care.'
- 10. Before he was DaBaby, the rapper went by this stage name.

Down

- 1. The number 2 hit is this duet by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello.
- 2. Even though it's October, this Megan Thee Stallion song still ranks in the top 25.
- 4. This sandwich sounding song is currently in the top 10.
- 7. 'Money in the Grave' was released this summer by this artist (featuring Rick Ross).
- 9. 'I'm the bad guy... ____'

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Event calendar

WEDNESDAY

Oct. 16



**LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Coffeehouse**

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Flirting with Disability

Location: UC Ballroom A

Time: 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Oct. 17

Appreciate a Friend Lobby Event

Location: CLACS Lobby, UC

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CALM: Conquering Anxiety through Life Management

Location: Birkam Health Center

Time: 11 a.m. – noon



FRIDAY

Oct. 18

Jobs - n - Java

Location: CLACS Lobby, UC

Time: 2 – 5 p.m.

Craft and Bake Sale for United Way

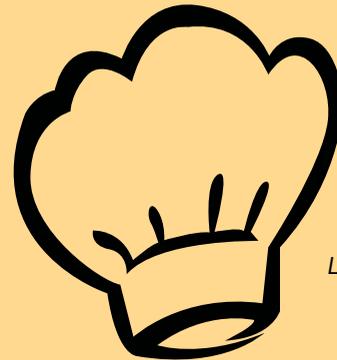
Location: CLACS Career Center

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fridays at Ferris: Comedy Club

Location: UCB 202C

Time: 9 – 11 p.m.



SATURDAY

Oct. 19

Resident Appreciation Free Tailgate Picnic

Location: Top Taggart Field Parking Lot

Time: 11:30 – 1 p.m.



MONDAY

Oct. 21

Study Abroad Fair

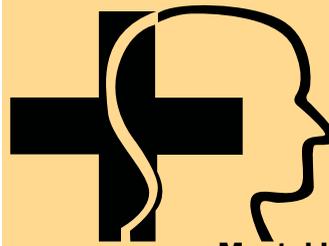
Location: UCB 202 A and B

Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Mental Health 101: Setting Goals for Progress Not Perfection

Location: Birkam Health Center

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.



TUESDAY

Oct. 22

So This Is My Life Now: Adjusting to Your New Life as a College Student

Location: Birkam Health Center

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

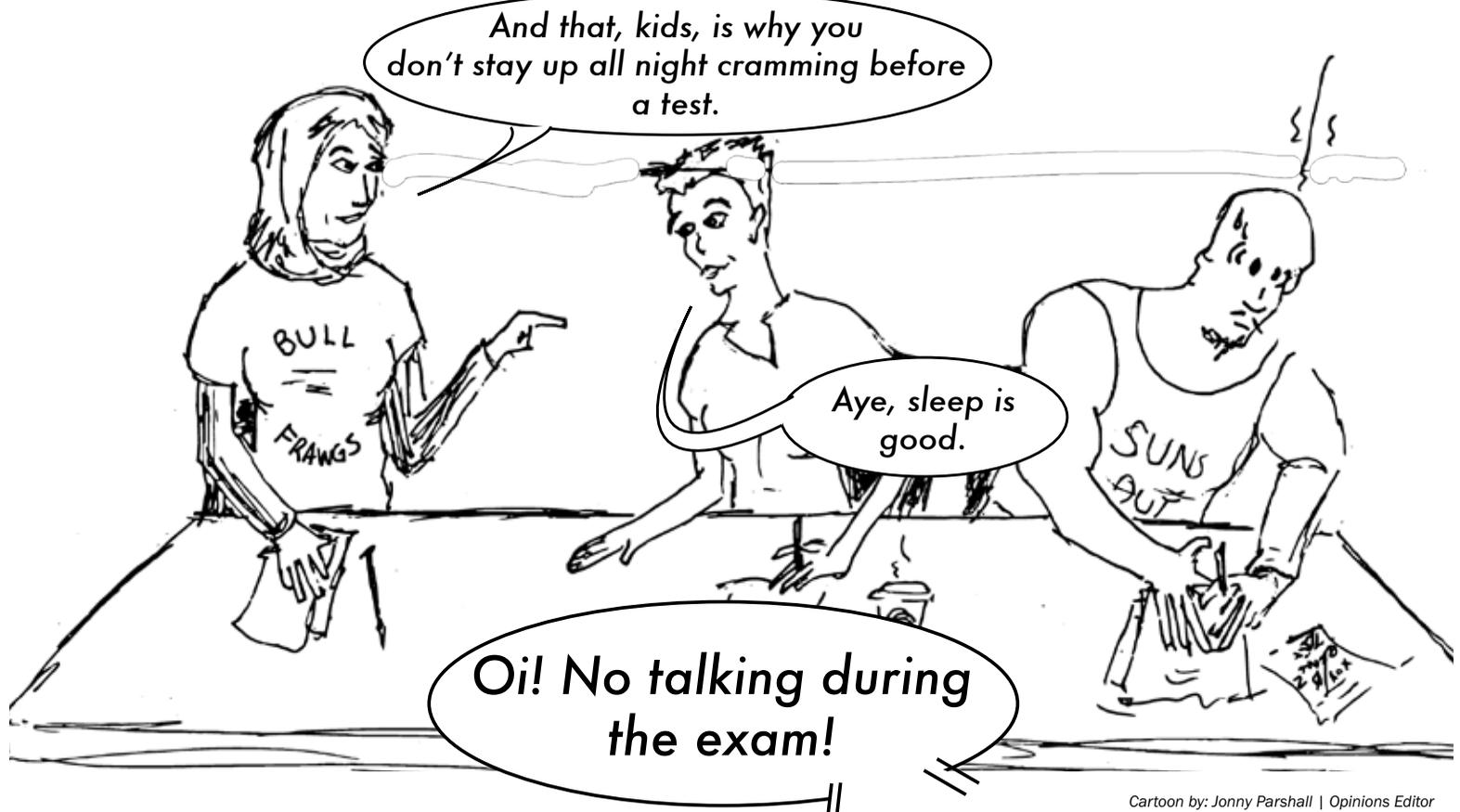
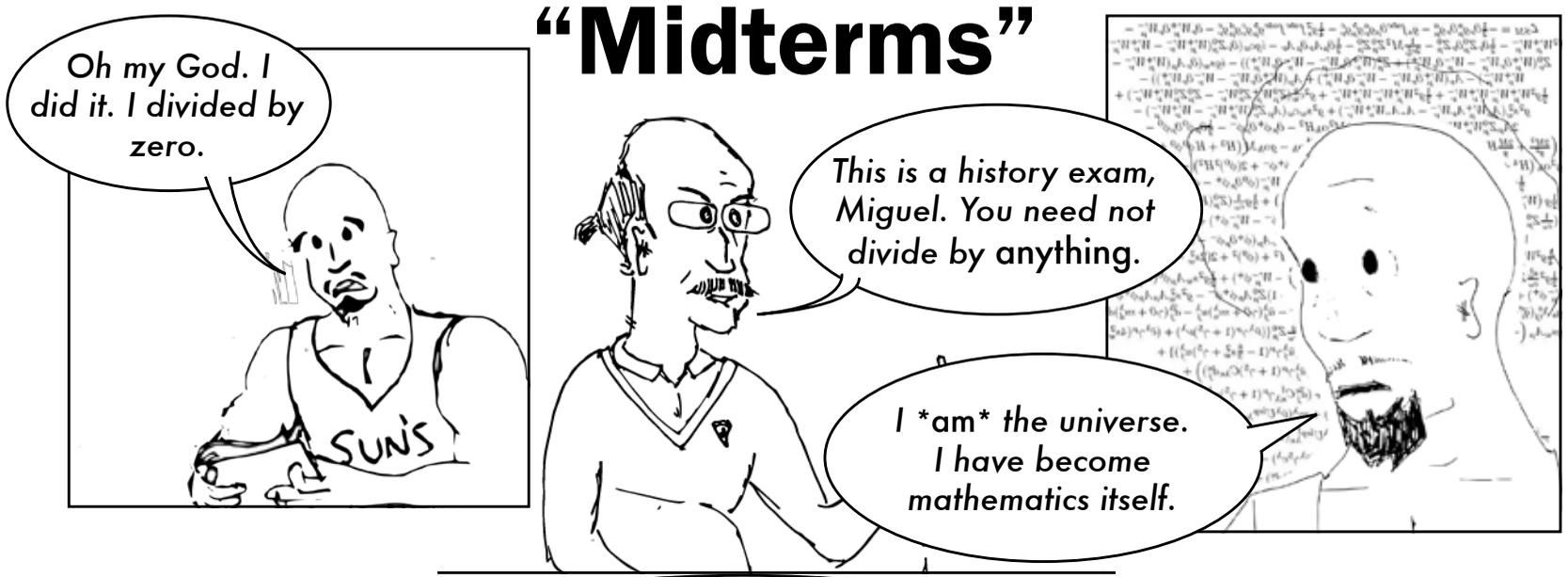
Minds Aflame Speaker Series: Beyond Sustainability

Location: Williams Auditorium

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.



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The Podcast Edition



We've talked about music quite a bit here (which is only fitting, given the name of this segment). However, some people don't listen to much music, especially when driving. Some prefer to listen to podcasts, where people talk about anything and everything. Although I am a music lover, I can get down with a good podcast. In fact, over the summer, I worked an hour away from

home and would listen to a podcast every day after clocking out. Not only are they entertaining and help the time pass, they're also educational.

I've applied some of this new knowledge to my personal life, and it has offered me random fun facts I can use to win bar trivia.

Here are my three favorite podcasts:

Serial

This was the first podcast I binged. A former coworker told me about "Serial" when he discovered my love for "Dateline NBC" and investigative journalism, and once I listened to the first episode, I was hooked.

"Serial" focuses on one criminal case per season, diving deeply into each one - much more thoroughly than what average reporting might. Season one is by far my favorite, but they are all worth a listen.

Journalist Sarah Koenig, who asks the tough questions and works tirelessly to uncover new secrets behind these cases, hosts the podcast. Also, her voice is so smooth, I could listen to her for hours without getting annoyed.

The Last Podcast on the Left

OK, perhaps you can tell I have a strong interest in learning about criminals. "Last Podcast" has similar subject matter to "Serial" but has a vastly different delivery.

If you love the combination of true crime and dark humor, this is the podcast for you.

"Last Podcast" features a few hosts, all of which are

good friends in real life.

In each episode, they either focus on a particular case or criminal, or they talk about a strange, specific type of crime, where they highlight key criminals within that genre. This podcast has me laughing out loud at concepts I really shouldn't find funny, as well as learning more about the most infamous murderers.

Unlike "Serial," each episode of "Last Podcast" differs from the last, so they can be watched in any order. And since the show has been out since 2011, you could cherry pick your episodes for months before you have to start listening to segments that don't grab your interest.

Call Her Daddy

Call me basic, but I love "Call Her Daddy." The Barstool Sports podcast focuses on sex and relationships in the realest, most comical way possible.

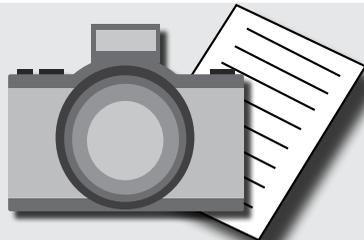
The hosts, Alex and Sofia, don't sugarcoat anything, which makes their advice so direct and easy to follow. It's raunchy, but it's entertaining and often relatable.

In addition to sex and relationships, "Call Her Daddy" discusses topics that cater to the same demographic, including social media, reality television and life in the city as a twenty-something.

Not to mention, those two tell stories so funny they make me laugh so hard my stomach hurts.

Their crazy anecdotes also make me feel more normal, because we've all been in such crazy situations at one point or another.

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SPORTS

"I wouldn't think that anybody on our team would say we are off to a hot start."
- Tia Brandel-Wilhelm - See page 11 for story

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One (or five) shining moments

Jayru Campbell leads team with five touchdowns to show out for hometown crowd

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

Saturday night wasn't just another game for senior quarterback Jayru Campbell. Detroit wasn't just another road game location. The homecoming of sorts was a symbol of his journey and all the family, friends and coaches who supported him along the way.

"It felt real good, like one of the biggest blessings I ever saw," Campbell said. "A couple years ago, I couldn't even imagine me even playing football again, let alone playing in front of probably hundreds of people that's actually rooting and been supporting me on my journey."

Campbell ended his two-game absence with a statement, scoring five touchdowns and accounting for 279 yards of offense in the first half of Ferris' 59-13 win at Wayne State University on Saturday, Oct. 12.

After a rocky start fumbling on the first drive, Campbell hit his stride and never looked back. Taking all but five snaps the first half, Campbell had 10 completions on 12 attempts for 203 yards and three passing touchdowns. His running game was firing on all cylinders as well, with 76 yards on eight carries, two of which ended in touchdowns.

Ferris head football coach Tony Annese thought Campbell "was great" and was happy to get the ball to outside receivers again with him at the helm.

"He was ready man, he was definitely ready tonight," Annese said. "A lot of our guys are from this city so they want to come back and show out and I thought we did. In the last two weeks, we haven't really been able to get our outside receivers the ball the way we were tonight, so part of that's Jayru, (who's) more of a polished passer than the other guys."

Sophomore wide receiver Sy Barnett welcomed the change of pace, gaining 139 yards on five catches and scoring two touchdowns. Campbell, who has been an eye witness to Barnett's athleticism, has a lot of faith in his hands.

"Sy is just a heck of an athlete," Campbell said. "I have a lot of trust in Sy. I've seen him do a tip dunk, dunk the ball and break the whole backboard. I've seen that with my own two eyes. So when it comes to deep balls and jump balls, I trust him a lot."

Campbell credited his coaches for supporting him and guiding him throughout his career, starting at the very beginning with his little league coach, Ron Coleman, who was in attendance.

"I think he (Coleman) coached me when I was nine, ten years old and I still remember, word for word, our phrases at the end of practice, all that type of stuff," Campbell said. "Man, I was so happy to see my little league coach today and he probably didn't even understand the impact that he had on my life."

"But growing up, I didn't really have no father figures like that, so those are guys I looked up to in some type of way because I love football. So God really placed a heck of a lot of individuals that did a tremendous job as far as motivating me to keep going."

He still keeps in touch with his high school coaches, Jermain Crowell and Thomas Wilcher, who he said helped him stay focused both on and off the field. Campbell said his junior college coach, Jeff Sims, was the one who helped him build up his work ethic to prepare for Ferris and Annese, who



Photo by: Cora Hall | Sports Editor

Senior quarterback Jayru Campbell runs the ball Saturday night against Wayne State. Campbell had two rushing touchdowns and a total of 76 rushing yards on the night.

Campbell also mentioned.

"With the coaches that I have played for and the environments I've been in, I just felt like they prepared me for so much," Campbell said. "But all those coaches, ever since I was a little kid, God has always placed some great coaches in my life to really guide me in the right directions and the right steps."

With 11 players on the roster from Detroit and 23 from its surrounding suburbs, Campbell wasn't the only one excited to be in the Motor City. Senior defensive backs Omari McCauley and Stanley Williams and senior cornerback James Ceasar—all Detroit area natives—got the opportunity to join senior quarterback Travis Russell as the game's captains.

"It really meant a lot to me because, this being my hometown, I just couldn't wait to get back here and put on in front of my family and my friends and everybody else that I know," Ceasar said. "So it was just great to be able to go out for the coin toss and be a captain."

The Ferris defense held Wayne State to only eight first downs and 3 - 16 on third down conversions. The Warriors only gained 120 total offensive yards and -3 rushing yards. This is the second week in a row the Bulldogs kept their opponent to negative rushing

yards.

Ferris did not punt once the entire game, with every series ending in a score or one of their four turnovers.

"It's fun having him (Campbell) at quarterback and it's easy to play defense when you know you got a quarterback who's gonna put it in the end zone almost every time he touches it," Ceasar said.

With a 35-0 lead at halftime, sophomore quarterback Evan Cummins took over the offense second half and completed 10-of-16 passes for 82 yards and no interceptions, showing a glimpse of his throwing potential. He also ran in his eighth touchdown of the season at the end of the fourth quarter. Ferris ended the game with 602 yards of total offense, converting four of their five fourth down attempts.

Ferris' other touchdowns came from junior tight end Lazon Hicks — his first collegiate touchdown after being on the team five years — sophomore running back Jeremy Burrell and junior running back Tyler Minor.

"That was awesome. Lazon's been with us now, (his) fifth year, and for him to get a touchdown, it's awesome to see," Annese said.

The Bulldogs, now 6-0, have knocked out the last undefeated team in conference play and sit alone at the top of the GLIAC. They will continue GLIAC play with a home match-up against Northwood 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.



Tony Annese



Jayru Campbell



James Ceasar

WEEKEND SCORECARD

Football

Oct. 12 - Ferris 59
Wayne State 13

Women's Soccer

Oct. 11 - Ferris 2
Saginaw Valley 0
Oct. 13 - Ferris 1
Ashland 2

Hockey

Oct. 10 - Ferris 3
Colgate 1

The German jet

Sophomore forward sets the pace for impressive offensive strike



Photo by: Cora Hall | Sports Editor

Sophomore forward Pia Nagel, a Germany native, has transitioned almost seamlessly to American-style soccer. With 10 goals last season, Nagel is on track to surpass that this year with eight goals through 12 games.

Brendan Samuels
Torch Reporter

The transition from high school to college can be challenging, but transitioning to a new country at the same time can weigh on a student-athlete.

Pia Nagel – a sophomore forward for the Ferris women’s soccer team – has made that transition look easy. Nagel joined the Bulldogs in 2018, making the move to Big Rapids from Karlsruhe, Germany and she hasn’t disappointed.

“Pia has done a great job transitioning,” Ferris head women’s soccer coach Greg Henson said. “Coming into year two, she’s familiar now and I think you’re really seeing her mature into the player she’s capable of being.”

Following a freshman campaign that saw her score 10 goals to lead the team, Nagel is on pace to blow past that total as a sophomore. Nagel currently has eight goals to start the 2019 season, which is double the amount of goals of her nearest teammate (junior forward Bri Rogers has 4 goals).

Nagel credits a great deal of her success to her teammates, junior forward Mackenzie Dawes in particular.

“Most goals are great teamwork. The team is essential; a good player is nothing without a good team,” Nagel said. “Mackenzie and I have a great understanding on the field of what the other player will do next.”

The chemistry up top has not gone unnoticed by Henson and the two forwards have started together all but two games this season.

“Pia is a product of the environment and players that are able to set her up and put her in great situations,” Henson said. “Her and Mackenzie up top have been a

great pairing for us. I think most of Kenzie’s assists have been to Pia so it’s a great one-two punch.”

Henson’s assessment is correct. Of Nagel’s eight goals, Dawes has assisted on three; likewise, Nagel has assisted on one of Dawes’ three goals on the year.

As easy as Nagel makes it look on the field, her experience hasn’t always been smooth. Nagel detailed the difficulties of playing in Germany versus the U.S. as the culture shock of living in a new country.

“Soccer here is more direct,” Nagel said. “After winning the ball, most teams try to score with quick counterattacks, and it is also more physical.”

“Adjusting to speaking English 24/7 and being away from home was difficult. Having an awesome roommate and a team that made me feel super welcome was huge.”

The support of her team has elevated Nagel’s play and is a big reason why the Bulldogs have been so successful this season. Ferris has scored 20 goals through their last seven games.

The Bulldogs are 9-2-1 after splitting a pair of road games with Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) and Ashland University (AU).

Ferris defeated SVSU 2-0 Friday, Oct. 11 before suffering their second loss of the season 2-1 Sunday, Oct. 13 against the same AU squad that muddied their perfect record two weeks prior.

Nagel and the Bulldog offense will now turn their attention to a pair of home games with conference rivals in the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (UW Parkside) and the University of Purdue-Northwest scheduled this weekend.

UW Parkside will arrive first with that matchup set for a 4 p.m. kickoff Friday, Oct. 18.



Greg Henson



Pia Nagel

Intangibles make the difference on court

Hard work and chemistry paying off for volleyball

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

The outside world sees one thing: the product.

They come and see the team on gameday and only get to see the result. However, there is much more that goes into winning than Friday nights and Saturday afternoons. There are other intangibles which create wins and success only the team can understand.

The Ferris volleyball team has had an impressive season so far, no question about it. They have an overall record of 14-3

along with being ranked No. 14 in the nation. They only have one loss in GLIAC play, putting them at 8-1 and first in the conference.

But this success does not just come together on gameday.

Ferris head volleyball coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm credits practice habits and her players’



Tia Brandel - Wilhelm



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Torch Photographer

Sophomore middle hitter Samantha Hermann goes up for a block against the Michigan Tech huskies.

Volleyball | see page 13

Volleyball

Oct. 11 - Ferris 3
Grand Valley 1
Oct. 12 - Ferris 3
Davenport 0

Men’s Cross Country

Oct. 12 - Team: 29th
Top Individual: Weston Rackley
109th, 27:02.3

Women’s Cross Country

Oct. 12 - Team: 15th
Top Individual: Katie Etelamaki
8th, 22:55.4

Women’s Tennis

Oct. 12 - Ferris 5
SVSU 2
Oct. 13 - Ferris 2
Michigan Tech 5

Getting off on the right skate

Bulldogs tally first season opening win in five years

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

For the first time since the 2014 - 2015 season, the Ferris men's hockey team opened their season with a win, 3-1 against Colgate.

The Bulldogs won the faceoff to start the game Thursday, Oct. 10 and never took the pressure off the Raiders. Ferris was without senior forward Jason Tackett due to a concussion he suffered during the exhibition game against Waterloo Sunday, Oct. 6. Ferris head hockey coach Bob Daniels said it would've been really nice to have Tackett, the team's best faceoff man, in the matchup.



Bob Daniels

Colgate got on the board first only 6 minutes in but the Bulldogs weren't far behind. Ferris junior forward Marshall Moise laid a big hit at center ice on a Colgate Raider to ignite the Bulldogs' energy and with 5:32 left in the first period, Ferris tied it up. The goal was by junior forward Lucas Finner, assisted by senior defenseman Joe Rutkowski.

"It was good to see our veteran guys lead the way, and they are doing a great job of leadership in the locker room," Daniels said.

"It's great to see them doing it on the ice as well. Interesting that it was all upperclassmen and in regards to points tonight, two juniors that scored as well as a senior



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Junior forward Coale Norris scored an empty net goal against Colgate to make the final score 3-1 on Thursday, Oct. 10.

and then same with the assist."

The second period went back and forth and the physicality of the game got more intense as time wore on. The Bulldogs struggled with faceoffs in the second period, winning only 18 and losing 22. Ferris held Colgate off with sophomore goaltender Roni Salmenkangas, who had 28 saves on the night.

"Roni did a great job, he was a brick wall back there and he covered up pucks when we needed, killed plays and stopped the momentum which definitely helped going into the third only up one and we found a way to win," Rutkowski said.

With 14:33 left in the third period the Bulldogs took the lead on an unassisted goal by Rutkowski. As the time ran out, the Raiders put in an extra attacker in attempt to even the score, but junior forward Coale Norris made an empty



Roni Salmenkangas

net goal within the final seconds of the game to secure the win.

Salmenkangas was happy with his team's performance, crediting his teammates with making his job a little easier.

"I didn't have to do too much, guys were there when I allowed a couple rebounds, so they helped me a lot and made my job easy," Salmenkangas said. "I think I played unreal; I don't think they had too many chances at all even though we took around six penalties. I think the guys did an unreal job in the penalty kill, which helped me a lot."

The Bulldogs take the ice again 7:05 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 when they travel to Ohio to take on the RedHawks from Miami, Ohio in a non-conference match at Goggin Ice Arena.



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Top Dawg

Sy Barnett

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Cora Hall
Sports Editor

After two slower weeks for the receivers, sophomore wide receiver Sy Barnett easily tapped into his freakish athleticism this week without missing a beat and for that, he earns Top Dawg honors.

In Ferris football's 59 - 13 win over Wayne State, Barnett accounted for 139 of the team's 285 receiving yards and two touchdowns, one of which he had to fully stretch out and launch himself into the air to come down with.

During the two last weeks without senior quarterback Jayru Campbell—and subsequently, two weeks without much passing—Barnett only had one catch for 10 yards. Only a total of 13 passes were thrown against Davenport and 18 were thrown against North-

ern Michigan. Last week's matchup against Wayne State saw 28 passes thrown to receivers with 20 catches.

Barnett's longest catch on Saturday, Oct. 12 was 46 yards and he averaged 27.8 yards per catch on his five receptions. Barnett has accumulated 387 receiving yards this season, averaging 64.5 yards per game.

Ferris head football coach Tony Annese and Campbell had nothing but praise for Barnett's hands and both have a lot of trust for the athletic wideout.

"He's a great player ball in air, I feel very confident that he's gonna come down with it," Annese said.

Barnett also consistently punts for the Bulldogs and averages 45.5 yards a punt and has 364 total yards off of eight punts this season. However, Ferris had no need to punt the ball once against Wayne State, so Barnett did not add to his stats on Saturday.

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Friday, Oct. 18:

- Volleyball vs. Walsh at Midwest Region Crossover at 2:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Wisconsin-Parkside at 4 p.m.
- Hockey at Miami (Ohio) at 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19:

- Volleyball vs. Rockhurst (Missouri) at Midwest Region Crossover at 10 a.m.
- Women's Tennis at Ashland at 10 a.m.
- Football vs. Northwood at 1 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Missouri-St. Louis at Midwest Region Crossover at 4 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Muskegon CC at 7 p.m.
- Hockey at Miami (Ohio) at 8:05 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 20:

- Women's Tennis at Wayne State at 10 a.m.
- Men's Basketball Alumni Game at 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Purdue Northwest at noon

Volleyball

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work ethic day in and day out, aspects of her team that excite her.

"When they come into practice, every kid on the team is really focused and they know what they are trying to do. They hold each other to standards as we go through practice," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "We have improvements that we want to make so the fact we come into practice every day and really focus and get after it is exciting."

The Bulldogs' discipline in practice led to two more GLIAC wins, and they defeated Grand Valley State University Friday, Oct. 11 and swept Davenport Saturday, Oct. 12. When taking a closer look at the numbers, it's no surprise Ferris has once again been dominating in conference play.

Ferris has the highest hitting percentage in the GLIAC at .259 and is fourth in the conference in kills with 827. Senior outside hitter Allyson Cappel is sitting at fifth in the conference with 223 kills and third in kills per set with 3.84. The team is also second in blocks, second in points per set, first in digs per set and second in kills per set.

The Bulldogs' stats rank well nationally, as well. They are Top 20 in four different categories: hitting percentage, digs per set, assists per set and opponents hitting percentage. Along with that, they are Top 25 in kills per set and senior setter Maeve Grimes is Top 25 in assists per set.

However, Brandel-Wilhelm doesn't focus on past games or statistics and encourages her team to adopt the same mindset.

"I think we aren't looking at what we've done we are really just working on evaluating ourselves and trying to be better," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "I wouldn't think that anybody on our team would say we are off to a hot start. I think we're just trying to do the things that we can and learn in the ways that we can and move on to the next game."

Something else the average fan or spectator can't see is the character of the people that make the team. Chemistry and team cohesiveness is an underrated skill that goes unnoticed until it isn't there. The character and quality of the people on the team is a key to success.

"There are some amazing women on this team that are just high-quality people with really good values and a humbleness, yet confident completeness," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "Just kind people and thoughtful people. Being around each other is a joy and being with this team is so much fun."

With GLIAC play just over halfway done, the volleyball team will compete in the Midwest Regional Crossover this weekend in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they will face competition from the Great Lakes Valley Conference and the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.



Photo by Ben Amato, Ferris Athletics

Johanna Frye, a senior on the women's tennis team, just joined the team this year but created close bonds in her short time on the team.



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris women's tennis senior Silvia Verbes has played on the team for four years with four different coaches.

Seniors say goodbye

Women's tennis players Silvia Verbes and Johanna Frye play their last home match

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

Sometimes the hardest thing to do is say goodbye, but that was what two women's tennis team players had to do this weekend.

Seniors Silvia Verbes and Johanna Frye played their final home matches this past weekend against Saginaw Valley State and Michigan Tech. The two graduating seniors were presented with both flowers and framed pictures of some of their moments with the tennis program.

Verbes has been a staple of the Ferris women's tennis program for four full years, working with four different head coaches.

"We did the senior presentation right after doubles and I think it set the energy really, really high and that's why I did so well in my match," Verbes said.

Her favorite moments have come this season though, as the Bulldogs have become a contender in the GLIAC.

"I think this season so far has been my favorite," Verbes said.

Frye was a much newer addition to the Bulldog team. From Germany, Frye only joined the team this semester after playing on the club team. Being new to the program hasn't stopped her from leaving her mark on the program, though.

Her largest contribution came against Northwood, where Frye won a three set thriller in the final match of the day to give the Bulldogs the win 4-3.

To Frye, the biggest thing she'll remember is the people she's been able to play with.

"I think I'm going to miss the people the most. I mean I've been here such a short time, two months on the team, but the people are just amazing. It's so much easier to play," Frye said.

Head tennis coach Mark Doren also reflected on the girls participation in the season and what he'll remember most of his graduating seniors.

"I would say today, Johanna had one of her best games she's had this season. She had a 35 to 40 shot rally near the end of her match and she won it, so it's one of those moments that you always remember," Doren said. "Silvia's defense is what I'm going to remember most about her, she is one of the best defensive players to come through Ferris in a long time and that just shows to her work ethic and determination."

Besides the emotions that come with senior day, the Bulldogs had an up and down weekend. After beating Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) 5-2 on Saturday, Oct. 12, the Bulldogs proceeded to fall to Michigan Technological University (MTU) 5-2 on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Doren said despite the loss, he thought his team fought hard and played better against MTU than in their win against SVSU.

"I thought yesterday we were a little flat. Today I thought the team really gave their all. We ran into a team that is a darn good singles team, we won the doubles and we competed," Doren said. "The confidence level is high, it's high because both of our losses we were in it. Last year when we lost, we weren't in it. We went 5-4 last year so we're already ahead of last years total, and those losses last year we weren't really in it."

The women's tennis team will finish off conference play next week at Ashland University 10 a.m. Saturday, October 19. They will then travel to Detroit to take on Wayne State University on 10 a.m. Sunday, October 20.

With the Bulldogs currently sitting at 5-2 on the season, the final matches of the season will be critical as to what seed the team will get in the GLIAC slated for October 25-27.



Silvia Verbes



Mark Doren

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

The First Amendment is a very powerful tool. It is the sole reason that I am allowed to do this job day in and day out.

And yet, unlike the tools you see in a toolbox, this tool can be used in a variety of ways, for better or worse.

Now before people raise their arms, there are many examples of freedom of speech being used in negative ways. In fact, there are countless examples of negative freedom of speech that had positive intentions.

Take this past Thursday for example. The group that staged the event, Created Equal, wanted to inform students on campus of what abortion truly en-

tailed. That's totally fine for them to spread their views. The way they did it is totally acceptable too... at least according to the First Amendment.

A few weeks ago I wrote one of these columns discussing common courtesy and what that entailed. Let's just say that this group definitely did not read that piece. I mean, I expect that I'll be able to walk to classes without people force-feeding me vomit-inducing images. What makes it worse is that this was their desired outcome for their demonstration.

Looking back, there are a lot of times in the past where freedom of speech has crossed the line. Now, I'm

Finding the line

not saying that Created Equal crossed that line, however it does raise an interesting question. Where is the line?

Some people believe they should be allowed to say whatever they want. I definitely don't think that should be the case as the saying "some things are better left unsaid" often ends ringing true.

We all know that you can't scream "FIRE" in a crowded building when there is no legitimate fire occurring. But is that the line? Is anything up to that point acceptable?

Again, I don't think so. People should be allowed to say negative things and have demonstrations that

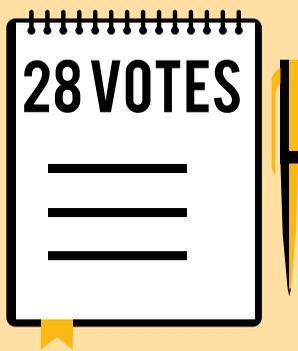
make people uncomfortable. Uncomfortable conversations, especially on topics like abortion are important conversations to have.

However, I do not believe that we should be able to force people into having to see or hear what they have to show or tell us. That is where I'd draw the line, but of course, it is probably different than the line drawn by someone else.

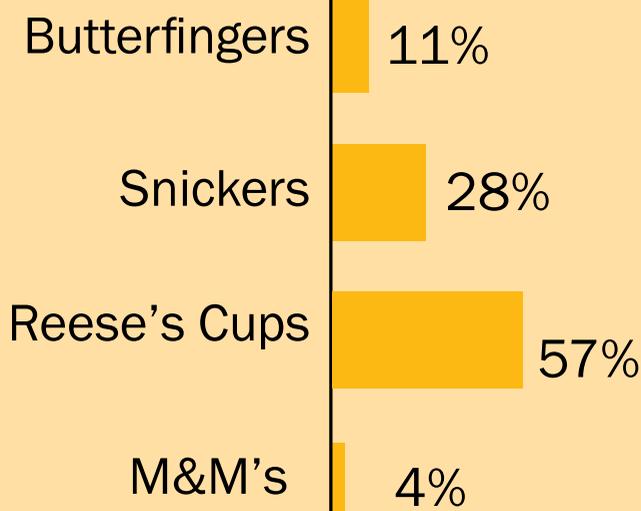
For all of you who have read this far, it has been your choice. I didn't take the newspaper and throw it in your face telling you all to read this.

And that's how it should be if you ask me.

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The quickest way to a sports fan's heart

Top Taggart and the possibility of selling beer

If you are a true sports fan you know that beer and sports almost automatically go together.

You have a hot dog in your hand, the wind is blowing in your face and you cannot hear yourself think because of the crowd's excitement behind you. Then you ask yourself what is missing in this picture. You did not think your first football experience here at Ferris could get any better than this. Instead of washing down that great hotdog with a water or a pop you might buy, you possibly could be buying something else refreshing from the concessions.

As of right now the students tailgate before-hand and most likely do not



Wil Roy
Interim Reporter

even go to the game. What if there was an incentive for the students to attend the games? The great part of this incentive is that Ferris athletics could receive more revenue from it.

Just with the selling of beer I believe Top Taggart could have an even greater amount of attendance and revenue at the football games.

With the additional revenue that can

be created by the selling of beer and the creation of jobs in the concession stands the sky really is the limit with this thing. Since we just put a new turf field down on the football field why are we not doing everything we can to try to draw more people into the stadium to see the finished product?

The new turf field was about the only thing the athletic department did this year to help remodel their athletic program. With the additional beer sales that we could bring in, there are other things that could have been remodeled to try to bring in another class of great caliber athletes. We could have refurbished the locker rooms for boys' and girls' sports, we could remodel the

athletic weight room and give them their own specified weight room, and overall, we could just better our equipment and field sites.

Obviously, these are not the only possible outcomes that could come with the sales of beer during football games, but I am positive that if we tried it out, we could see all the revenue that we miss out on.

From the outside looking in, you can see how there should not even be a question whether we should sell beer or not at football games. There are ropes that need to be jumped before this happens, but it doesn't hurt to have wishful thinking.

DIVIDED OPINIONS

Yeah, boi

Should student athletes be paid? Maybe perhaps not a salary, but to suggest they not make some profit from their names and likenesses is downright inhumane.

I will use football as a model. During the early 20th century, colleges and universities were the only institutes willing to invest money in this relatively young American sport. Professional leagues and teams existed, but had nowhere near the money available to host and travel such sporting spectacle as the schools. And since these leagues have merged and morphed to become what is now the NFL, professional football still makes nowhere near the cash flow as the NCAA. Mind you, this is mostly due to the sheer number of college teams performing.

But still, a lot has changed. Universities make a lot of money, much on sport, and much of which on the licensing of the names and likenesses of college players. It's their face, their name, their squad number. In what other sector of the American economy is this acceptable?

If I want to sell cereal boxes featuring Nicolas Cage's face, you're damn right I'm writing Nic a check. To use the excuse, "Yeah, but they're playing for their scholarship" simply does not fulfill the argument.

One way of looking at the matter is comparing the North American student-athlete system with the scouting and drafting systems of other countries. Yes, university athletes in other countries often promote to the pros. But schools are not their primary scouting markets. Only in North America will you find full-time athletes training for professional play and NOT getting paid.

Most countries — again, a major generalization, depending on sport — either use the academy system or a farm leagues system. The upside



Jonny Parshall
Opinions Editor

to these systems is athletes are able to focus more on their skills and career earlier, and typically play professionally at a younger age, extending their career.

The downside to these systems is players often lack training in other fields, potentially inhibiting their success if sports doesn't pan out. However, what they do have is perhaps enough money to begin a modest investment.

The systems are different, and thus mentioning, but clearly not a perfect alternative.

What I draw from this comparison is preparation. While we may be preparing student athletes for life after sports skillswise, we offer them nothing in real compensation. And while drafting a full salary contract does, indeed, detract from the amateur spirit of the game, that "amateur spirit" is a figment of the past. To believe otherwise is to ignore a century's worth of growth in a multibillion-dollar industry.

Yet simply cutting them a proceeds check for sales and likeness rights is not a salary, and whether or not you believe in the amateur nature of college sports, it should be seen as a mere supplement and not a primary incentive. Call it a little nest egg. So if a star athlete snaps his ACL or fails to draft, he or she has five figures in the bank to fall back on. And while Californian schools will profit first with the best signings, perhaps, the remaining states will eventually fall in line and adapt.

You can't stop capitalism at its strongest. You can only prolong it.

Should college athletes be paid?

College athletics: young student-athletes competing at a high level, with love and passion for the game. It is some of the most entertaining and competitive competition that we see in America.

They get to play a game that help pays for a four-year education and a degree from a college or university. But wait ... people want to ruin this by paying athletes and moving away from the "amateur student athlete" that makes up the whole idea of being a collegiate athlete?

California passed a law stating students at public or private universities will be able to hire an agent and profit off their image, names and likeliness starting in 2023. A bill that the NCAA is opposed to and a bill that is threatening what we know as college sports.

I believe that student-athletes should not be paid. The premise of being a college athlete is being an amateur. This means you do not get paid for your sport because it is not a profession. Most players would not benefit from this law, it's about getting a degree and using your sport as a tool in life, and it's about your love of the game.

The players we are talking about in this situation are not your average players. We refer to the Zion Williamsons (first overall pick in 2019 NBA Draft), the Trevor Lawrence (Quarterback at Clemson), the best players in the nation on the best teams. No offense, but the third string point guard on a Division 3 team is not going to be getting paid. So, a very small percentage of college athletes will even be able to have the opportunity to get paid.

Now, for the Zion Williamsons it is a little unfair that he cannot profit off being so popular. However, that is not the NCAA's problem. This is the professional leagues not allowing athletes to go right from high school to the pros. If you are that popular and that talented. You should be able to skip college and go right to the pros

No thanks



Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

where you can make all the money you want. By letting a few players be able to get agents and make money is taking the idea of being a college kid playing a game you love away.

The main reason for going to college is so you can get a degree, graduate and better yourself for later in life. When you are a student-athlete your main goal is being a STUDENT before being an athlete. You are using your talent and skill to help get that education paid for. The last recorded data on D1 college athletes making it to the next level was the 2017-2018 season. For baseball, only 9.2% will play in professional baseball.

For men's basketball, only 1.2% will play professional basketball. For football, only 1.6% will play professional football. Student athletes need to understand that at some point the ball will stop bouncing. You will have to move on from your sport and do something else with your life. Student athletes need to get away from the selfish self-centered society that we have and use their craft as a tool in life.

Using their sport and getting into a good college where you can help pay some of those bills. Learning from the leadership and team cohesiveness that will help you when you have a job. Getting out and serving the community and remembering that life is bigger than basketball and you can make a difference. Learning from the struggles and adversity and being able to overcome those things. If you pay players, then all of these reasons may be compromised. Instead of these wholesome reasons as primary priorities, players' biggest priorities will be how much they earn.

When were kids why do we play sports? We get to spend time with our friends. We get to smile and laugh and learn about competition. Most importantly, we get to do something that we love and enjoy doing. We do it for no money and no benefits. Why do we play sports in high school? For

the same reasons. We get to spend quality time with our friends doing the thing we love and enjoy. For some lucky student athletes, they are good enough to show off their skills and get noticed by a college. So, they can go to a university on a scholarship and continue playing the game they love while getting an education. College athletics is so pure and so natural. You have 18- to 22-year-old kids flying around and giving it everything they got. They sacrifice their bodies, their minds, and their social life because they love it. They play for the teammate next to them because they put in all the sweat, blood, tears with that person. They play hard because they have developed relationships with players, coaches, fans and do not want to let them down. They are playing because they want to beat their rival school and have bragging rights for a whole year. They are not worried about their paycheck; or when they get their shoe deal; or when they are shooting a commercial.

At the end of the day college athletics is about working with people and creating relationships. It's about going away to a university for four years and calling it your home. It's about going to school and learning life lessons that will carry you through your life. If you start paying college athletes all that goes away. The rich tradition and the passion we see goes out the door. You will start seeing egos as we do in professional sports. You will see people start to be entitled and think about themselves first rather than their teammates. You will see student athletes playing for money and fame rather than the love and passion for the game. This will ruin what makes college sports so great.

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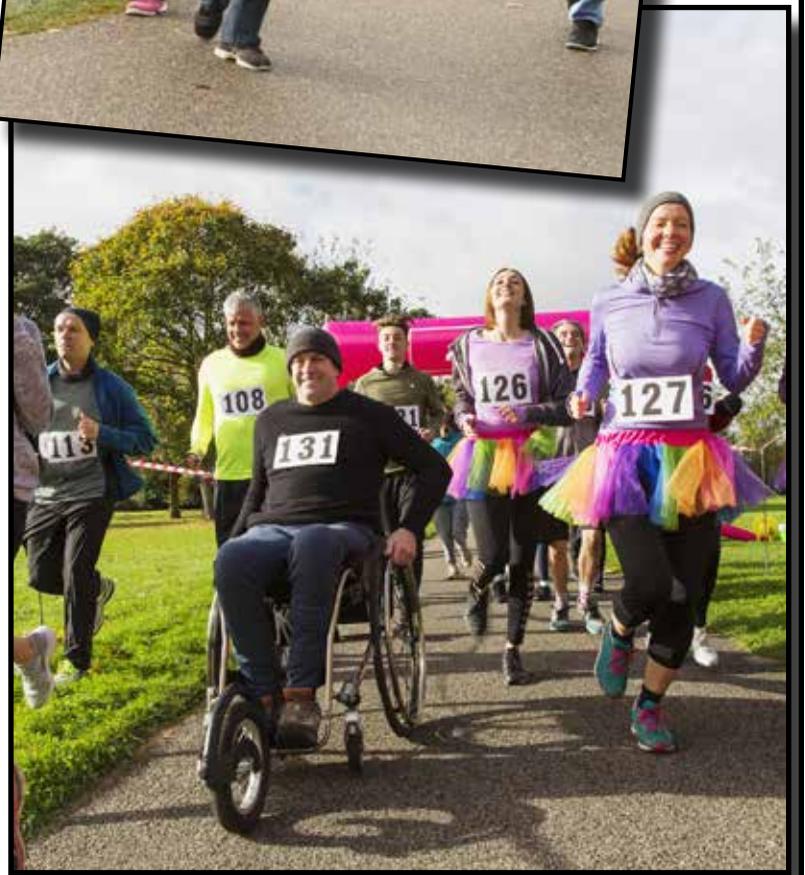
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