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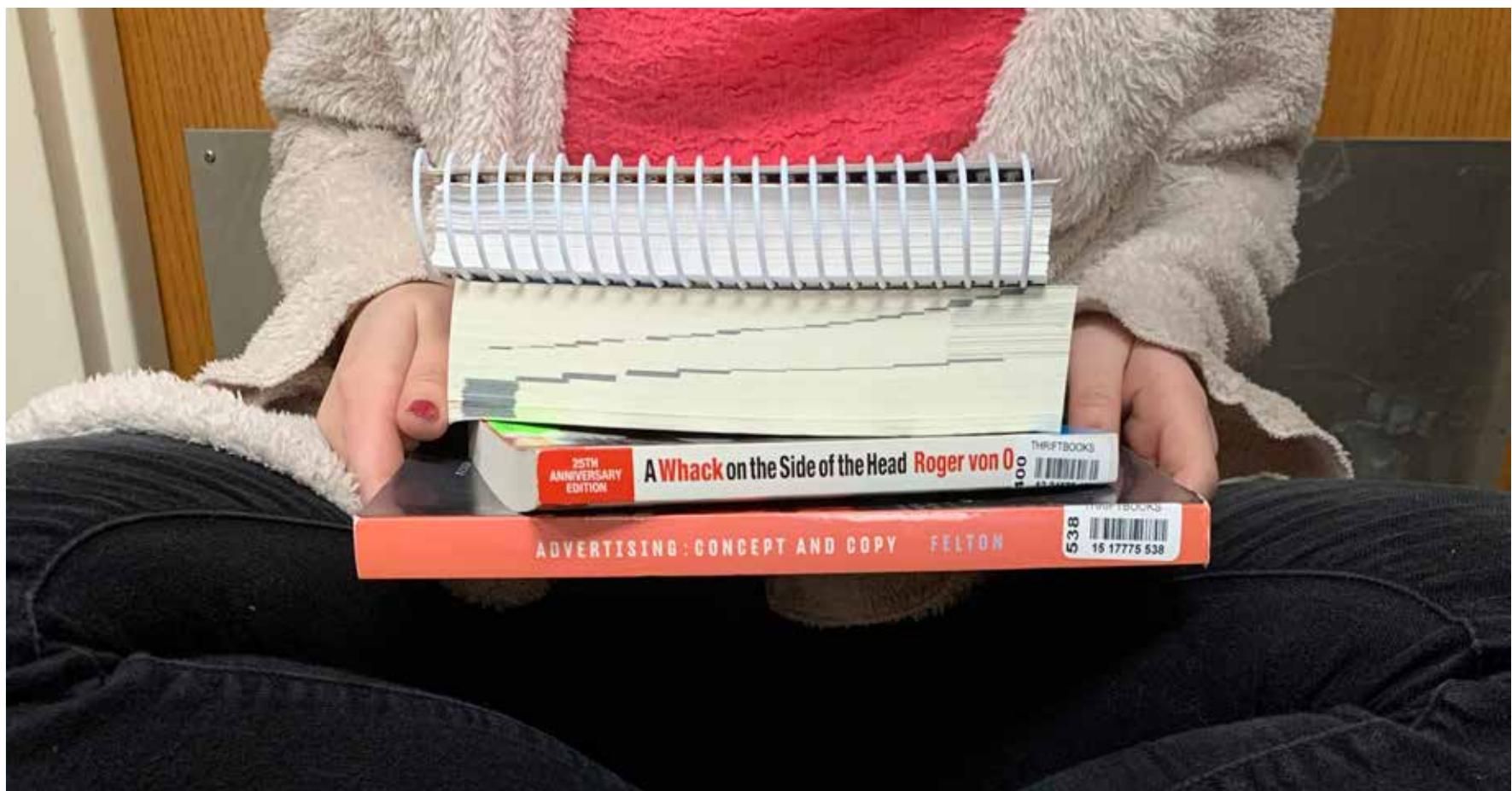


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New classes mean new (or rented) books which can rack up a big price tag.

## The start of a new semester means buying books, but there are ways to save

**Elizabeth Norvey**  
Torch Reporter

As the new semester starts, the bookstore will be filled with students who are looking to get the best price for textbooks.

Some students prefer to order their books before classes even begin, while others wait for the syllabus to be handed out in class to buy them.

"All students are different, but we generally see students purchasing their materials the week before classes begin, as well as during the first week of class," Ferris bookstore manager Karen Bohren said.

It is common that students sometimes wait far into the semester to truly see if their classes require a textbook as well.

"There are students who choose to wait until later in the semester, but we always recommend that students purchase their materials as early as possible to ensure they have the widest possible selection of books in all formats, including used and rental, which typically cost less."

While the bookstore sees lines more than 30 students long during the first week of classes, many other students opt for the more convenient option of online ordering.

"We see a healthy mix of both online and in-store purchases. We also have the option for students to order online and then pick up in-store, which many students enjoy," Bohren said.

Bohren also stated that renting books is very popular among students because of how affordable it is.

The most affordable option at the bookstore by far though,

are the online textbooks which students get a code for at checkout when buying in person. This option in the example before would be almost \$200 cheaper than buying a new version of the physical textbook.

Students also buy from sources other than the bookstore and many of those students find great deals. On Amazon, the textbook discussed above was about \$50 cheaper to buy new and over \$100 cheaper to rent.

Another great source for finding great prices on books is ThriftBooks, a website which offers the same psychology textbook at as much as \$250 lower than the price of a new version at the bookstore. Google searches are also a great place to start when looking for textbooks.

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# NEWS

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"Winning is hard. We have been playing the best teams in the country, playing well and getting better every day and every game. That is our focus."  
- Kendra Faustin - See page 5 for story

# Stalked in the snow

## Ferris makes strides to prevent stalking on campus

Hannah McKeen  
Interim Reporter

The last week of the first month of the semester will close with a week-long Stalking Awareness event in the University Center.

Unlike past years, which held similar events for an entire month on end, this event will be kept short and run from Monday, Jan. 27 until Friday, Jan. 31.

In addition to holding stalking awareness workshops, there are plans for a workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 28 about the Netflix original series "You," based on the bestselling novel of the same name. This workshop will cover the normalization of stalking behaviors in present society.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, there will be a stalking workshop from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. which will address ways to receive help toward issues such as stalking or harassment. There will also be a table with university statistics and whiteboards where

students can offer their own input.

To wrap up the week, the Anti-Violence Coalition will officially rebrand as the Anti-Violence Alliance and post more safety tips and general information on their Instagram, @fsuantiviolence, including other events such as the Sexual Assault Awareness week in April.

Leonardo Almanza, staff assistant in the Anti-Violence Alliance, encourages students to spread awareness of the event in person and on social media and to also find a comfortable environment they can go to if they feel unsafe. One safe zone he feels is a great resource is the LGBTQ+ Center in the UC, where the door is always unlocked.

If students feel they are being stalked or harassed, the counseling center is also a great resource. Appointments are free and staff is always readily available to help.

The Anti-Violence Alliance members are open to collaborations with other RSOs and are happy to accept any new members who visit CLACS and ask for them. "We are open armed to anyone who wants to join," said Almanza.

There are many resources here on campus and it is important to Almanza and the other members of the Anti-Violence Alliance that their fellow students know who they can turn to if they need help, and how they can help each other.

For now, Almanza encourages everyone to "live in the moment and be blessed to be there."



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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Trenton Carlson  
News Editor

#### Pensacola, Fla.

Attorney General William P. Barr announced that the shooting at a Pensacola, Fla., was in fact an act of terrorism. He has also requested that Apple turn over access to two cell phones the shooter had used around the time of the shooting. This may escalate the ongoing debate with Apple and the Justice Department between personal privacy and public safety.

Original article by Katie Benner, Jan. 13, 2020, The New York Times

#### Iran

After the assassination of Iran's leader of elite security and intelligence forces, General Soleimani, the next morning, Mike Pompeo appeared on CNN expressing that Soleimani had been taking action to plot serious harm on hundreds of innocent Americans. He also expressed that although this assassination could lead to a potential war with Iran, it was done to protect innocent people. The president also added "We took action last night to stop a war. We did not take action to start a war."

Original article by Chris Cameron and Helene Cooper, Jan. 13, 2020. The New York Times.

#### China

The Treasury Department released its currency report on Monday, being the first public analysis of China's currency practices. Following the analysis, the United States will be signing a trade deal with China. China and the U.S. have agreed to avoid devaluing their currencies in order to ensure the most profit of their exports.

Original article by Alan Rappeport, Jan. 13, 2020, The New York Times

#### United Kingdom

Queen Elizabeth II is in support of Prince Harry and Princess Meghan in their transition to part-time members of the royal family. The queen has also stated that final decisions will be made in the upcoming days. As of now the Dutch and Duchess of Sussex will be starting their new life in Canada while splitting their time in Britain. Although the situation is new and complex to the United Kingdom, they are working quickly to come to a resolution.

Original Article by Mark Landler, Jan. 13, 2020, The New York Times

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# NEWS BRIEFS

Noah Poser  
Editor in Chief

#### Spring RSO Fair

Come check out all the RSOs available to you for this upcoming spring semester in the UC 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. The event is free for all students and runs until 7 p.m. For more information, contact CLACS at CLACS@ferris.edu.

#### 34th Annual MLK Freedom March

Celebrate the 34th annual MLK Freedom March 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20. You will meet at the UC fire-

place and proceed to march across campus to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services at omss@ferris.edu.

#### Squirrel Appreciation Day

Come appreciate the furry little rodents that overrun the Ferris campus in the CLACS lobby 10 a.m. CLACS lobby Tuesday, Jan. 21. Squirrel Appreciation Day, a national holiday that started in 2001, is a day to recognize healthy attitudes towards squirrels and commemorate our fur-covered neighbors. For more information, contact CLACS at CLACS@ferris.edu.

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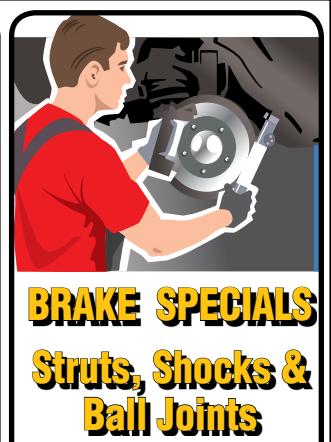
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# Freshmen depression

*Former freshmen reflect on their struggles with mental health*

**Trenton Carlson**

News Editor

Many Ferris students believe mental health among freshmen is a growing problem, and help may not be as obvious as one might expect.

A national survey studying freshmen, hosted by UCLA annually for more than fifty years, released data revealing 11.9 percent of freshmen nationwide reported feeling depressed frequently. With the enrollment of 1,810 Ferris freshmen in 2019, a probable assumption can be made through data that at least 218 students, in the freshman class are or were feeling depressed at some point during the school year.

"I certainly know someone whose schoolwork has suffered due to mental illness," said Ferris sophomore and marketing major Megan Tran. "Schoolwork often puts her over the edge and her grades reflect the severity of her mental illness."

With mental health issues among students on the rise, along with the cost from student's tuition, it is leaving many Ferris students curious how they can get help.

"I believe Ferris makes the effort to address mental health. However, they lack in making students aware of the resources available to them on campus," said Ferris State sophomore and sonography major, Rachel Vanderlaan.

University rules require freshmen to take a "FSUS" seminar course that shows them exactly what Ferris has to offer. During the one semester enrolled in the course, students must complete various assignments navigating Ferris State's website and campus, to gain familiarity with the university and its resources, though many students do not find it useful in this case.

Vanderlaan said, she learned about Birkam's mental health resources through her Psychology 150 professor, Jordan Horan.

Many Ferris students are also looking for alternative ways

to deal with their mental illnesses and are turning to friends for help.

"I do know someone who is battling mental health problems and no they are not getting professional help, but I am currently helping them through it," said Ferris State sophomore and operation and supply chain management major, Chaise Ford.

With a seemingly lack of promotion on campus, it could prove to be problematic having students turn to friends for help coping with depression or anxiety and not seeking professional help.

With studies published like the one conducted by the HERI Institutional Research Program, it's apparent that mental health is an issue among college students. It is expected that Ferris will be forced to change their approach on how to make students aware of the facilities they offer.

# A day in the life of an R.A.

How Melissa Vaughn balances her school life with her resident adviser duties

**Noah Poser**

Editor in Chief

Melissa Vaughn is getting up to go to work. It's 2:30 in the morning, and her long day is already getting started as she prepares to work behind the desk at Ward Hall.

This is one of the many jobs that fall within the scope of being a resident adviser (RA for short). In fact, most people probably cannot even begin to recognize all of the roles the RAs play in their respective residence halls. Most people probably do not recognize how vital RAs genuinely are to a residence hall either.



Melissa Vaughn

So what is an RA, you may ask? In terms of what it means here at Ferris, an RA is defined as a trained peer leader who coordinates activities in the residence halls. However, there is so much more to it than those words can even try to explain.

Vaughn, a pre-veterinarian sophomore here at Ferris, has a busy schedule as she tries to balance helping Ward Hall run smoothly while also succeeding in her

school work and having a pleasant social life.

However, according to Vaughn, this is not as hard as one might think, especially because she is good at time management.

"You've just got to keep an eye on your residents and make sure no one's doing anything dumb and that everyone is OK," Vaughn said. "You have to plan events to try and include everyone and create a community."

Of course, that is easier said than done, as residence halls typically lack in quiet and make up for it with an almost constant supply of stupidity and obnoxious activity.

This, of course, segues to another part of the never-ending responsibilities of an RA. People in this position on campus are also in charge of "documenting" residents when they are doing things they are not allowed to be doing. Whether those things include simply being too loud or starting an eight-person brawl in the hallway, the process starts all the same.

This is a dynamic process as it plays out, and one that Vaughn describes as an "awkward" process, primarily when it includes her friends in the hall. However, while she has enforced the rules on numerous occasions, she has only had to "doc" somebody once. Despite this, her residents have

noticed the awkwardness displayed by Vaughn on these occasions where she has to enforce the rules.

"I think she's the nicest person I've ever met," said Ferris psychology sophomore Rebekah Caudle, a resident of Vaughn's on the second floor of Ward. "But she needs to be more assertive. To be an RA, I feel you need to be assertive as much as you are nice."

While the authoritative side of the job is not her favorite, Vaughn loves the community building part of the job and loves how she can help everybody interact in the residence hall.

She plays her part too, as many people within the hall have sung praises of her impact in the positive vibe in Ward, her boss included.

"She's always smiling," said Chad McConnell, the Hall Director of Miller, Ward and Travis Hall.

This statement is echoed by plenty of other members of the Ward Hall community, much to the pleasure of Vaughn.

Vaughn takes great pride in this part of the job, as she feels like an RA must make the hall a friendly place. In fact, of all the tasks that she has to perform, this is the one she places above the rest, and that includes working the desk,

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**R.A**

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setting up programs and enforcing the rules among other roles.

"The importance of an RA is to build the community, and a lot of people just see them as police officers," Vaughn said. "We're here to enforce the rules, but we're trying to make it

fun for everyone. We're not just here to get them in trouble."

Of course, trouble inevitability comes with the territory, but Vaughn works to offset that with the joy she brings to the hall.

The job of an RA is challenging, and it is easy to lose sight

of what the true mission is of the job, but if one thing is sure, Vaughn's eyes are still wide open and can see that Ward Hall is thriving because of it.

# Getting Back on Track

## Women's basketball starts New Year with a bang

**Brody Keiser**  
Torch Reporter

Winning on the road is not an easy feat, but it was exactly what the Ferris women's basketball team was tasked with.

After a sizzling 5-1 start to the season, the Bulldogs cooled off a touch in December. They dropped three of six games and then fell at home to Grand Valley State University (GVSU) 72-68 Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The inability to win the close games plagued the Bulldogs in December and carried over to their matchup with GVSU. Ferris senior guard Riley Blair indicated winning tight games is the next step for her team.

"We need to make the bigger plays at the end of the game," Blair said. "We play a whole game

of high intensity, but those other teams are used to those situations and making game winning plays."

Blair believes the women Bulldogs will close out the next close contest they play with a win, stating there's "not a question in my mind about it."

That close game hasn't come quite yet, as the next two contests for the Bulldogs ended in victories of nine points or more.

Saturday, Jan. 4, brought the Bulldogs to Davenport where they coasted to an 85-74 victory over the Panthers. Ferris junior guard Adrienne Anderson led the team with 22 points.

Starting a five-game road stretch with a win was big for the team and Ferris women's basketball head coach Kendra Faustin was pleased with the progress her team made.

"Every win is important," Faustin said. "Winning is hard. We have been playing the best teams in the country, playing well and getting better every day and every



Kendra  
Faustin

game. That is our focus."

Ferris continued their winning when they beat Northwood Thursday, Jan. 9. Anderson again led the team in scoring with 22 points and Ferris freshman guard Chloe Idoni chipped in 21 points of her own.

Playing on the road typically thrusts the away team into a hostile environment and gives the advantage to the home team. However, Ferris has a core group of fans who support the traveling team, something Blair greatly appreciates.

"We have an awesome fan base who come support us even on the road, so we always have familiar faces to play for each night," Blair said. "That being said, on the road we do have to focus more so on minimizing the home team's runs."

With the season picking up and the Bulldogs in the

thick of their conference schedule, games are seemingly coming fast and furious. Ferris senior guard Renee Sturm thinks her team needs to slow things down.

"Right now, our main focus is each game ahead," Sturm said. "In conference play, the season starts to pick up pace and the biggest thing is to stay grounded in the moment and not get too far ahead of ourselves."

The Bulldogs' three most recent wins have them sitting at 9-5 overall on the year.

With a focused mindset and a few consecutive wins in the bag, the Bulldogs will turn their attention to the remaining games on the road trip. With the Saturday, Jan. 11, game at Saginaw Valley State postponed due to weather, Ferris will next take the court Thursday, Jan. 16, at Northern Michigan and wrap up the trip Saturday, Jan. 18, at Michigan Tech.

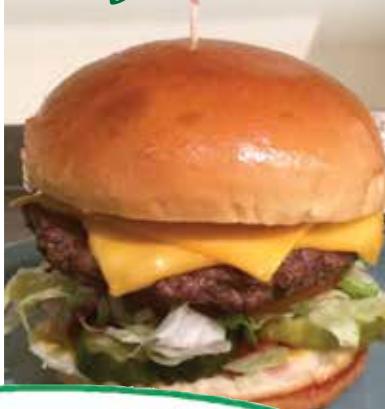


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"It has been one of the best decisions I have made because I gained another family, created friendships, and grew professionally."  
- Katie Kurburski - See below for story

# Pharmacy phamily

## Leading women into the professional world

**Veronica Mascorro**  
Torch Reporter

Serving as the only professional fraternity for women on campus, Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS) has been striving to uplift women, which is why Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Katie Kurburski clicked immediately with the organization.



"When I came to Ferris, I didn't know anyone. I really wanted to reach out and get to know other women in the field of pharmacy and LKS was the answer," Kurburski said. "I found out about LKS at a pre-pharmacy meeting and one of the sisters approached me there. It has been one of the best decisions I have made because I gained another family, created friendships and grew professionally."

Serving as a professional fraternity, LKS is able to help prepare its members for their futures, something Ferris pharmacy freshman Samantha Schrottenboer could resonate with.

"Our sisterhood is the greatest support system I could've



Samantha Schrottenboer

ever hoped for when I came to college," Schrottenboer said. "We are given many opportunities to further ourselves in the pharmacy community such as job shadowing and networking with pharmacists all around the country."

LKS hosts many events during both the fall and spring semesters for academics as well as for their philanthropy, Project Hope. They hold events for applying to pharmacy school as well as how to write curriculum vitae, a brief biographical resume of one's career and training. Every spring, they host a chili cook off to raise money for Project Hope which sends medical supplies and aids disaster relief to developing countries. On top of that, LKS holds a variety of recruitment events for students who are interested in joining.

Although LKS is an associate member of the Panhellenic Council, they have separate governing rules from other sororities on campus. LKS is reserved specifically to those who are pre-pharmacy or pharmacy students. That being said, it is acceptable for members to change their major at any time. Ferris biology and psychology senior Micaela Rice

did just that.



Micaela Rice

As a pre-pharmacy major at the time, Rice wanted to meet more people within her major who had similar interests. Rice felt immediately welcomed by the community when she went to recruitment events. She said that her one regret was not having joined the organization her freshman year.

"Although it might seem intimidating, joining Greek life is honestly one of the best decisions a college student can make," Rice said. "I have made lifelong friendships, had amazing leadership experience, contributed to a variety of philanthropies and made a lot of wonderful memories."

If students are interested in learning more about Lambda Kappa Sigma, they can contact the fraternity's recruitment chairs Katie Kurburski through email at kurburk@ferris.edu or Sydney Lorenz at lorenzs4@ferris.edu. Students can also follow the organization's Instagram @ferrisstateelks to learn more information about upcoming events they have planned.



Photo by: @ferrisstateelks Instagram

The ladies of Lambda Kappa Sigma pose for a group photo for their Instagram page.

## Media Minute

### Rambo: Last Blood

I do not know what it is, but whenever Sylvester Stallone stars in a movie I must go see it.

This is especially the case when there is a new Rambo released. Over Christmas break my dad and I rented "Rambo: Last Blood" and without any hesitation we sat down and readied ourselves for this movie. This is the sixth installment of the Rambo movie series.

This movie is different than the first few because unlike the others the story takes place in the U.S. and Mexico. Like the others, this movie has you at the edge of your seat for the whole time, and also contains several different plot twists which happen throughout the story line.

Of course, I am going to tell you I love this movie because of the past imprint these types of movies have left on me. This movie has everything expected of it. It has a protagonist who encounters a conflict. We watch as the main character tries to overcome this pickle, which is obviously bigger than most of the other movies' conflicts.

The best part about this struggle is that if you have seen the other Rambo movies you know it will be dealt with right away. I think what made this movie great is what the movie's hero, John, had to do just to try to overcome the initial conflict. When he finally makes it back to the U.S. and thinks the first problem



Wil Roy  
Lifestyles Reporter

is done, something else happens. Most people would curl up in a ball and not want to go back outside after the second conflict but not John. What John does next does not surprise the typical Rambo fanatic but what he does to end the movie will surprise anyone. He does things I have never seen done in a movie or in real life.

The great end to this movie also had a montage of scenes from the earlier Rambo movies. That caught my attention most because I have not seen some of those movies in a long time. Seeing the montage brought back memories I had forgotten about and it just made me want to watch all the Rambo movies in one sitting.

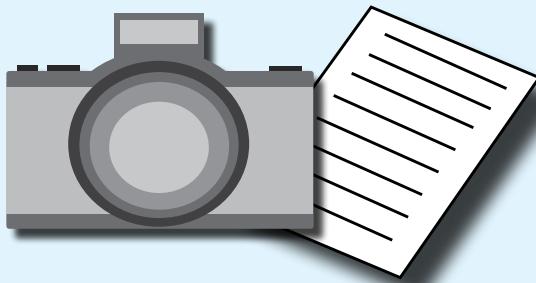
This movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time and I do not regret renting it at all. I would rank this movie as a must see whether you are a Rambo fan or not. If you love entertaining and action-packed movies you do not need to look much further than "Rambo: Last Blood."

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### RSO Workshop

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### Campfire & Cocoa

Location: North Quad

Time: 1 p.m.



## THURSDAY

Jan. 16

### Last Day to Drop Classes

Time: Ends at 5 p.m.



### Spring RSO Fair

Location: University Center

Time: 4 p.m.



### Study Abroad Information Workshop

Location: IRC 104

Time: 1 p.m.

### Fridays at Ferris: Anniversary Party

Location: University Center

Time: 9 p.m.

## MONDAY

Jan. 20

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No classes



### 34th Annual MLK Freedom March

Location: Meet at University Center Fireplace

Time: 4 p.m.

### 34th Annual MLK Student Tribute and Special Presentation

Location: UCB 202

Time: 5 p.m.



## TUESDAY

Jan. 21

### Squirrel Appreciation Day

Location: CLACS Lobby

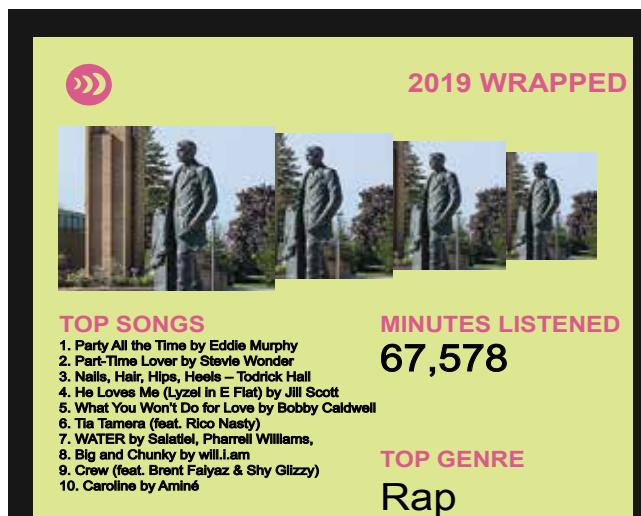
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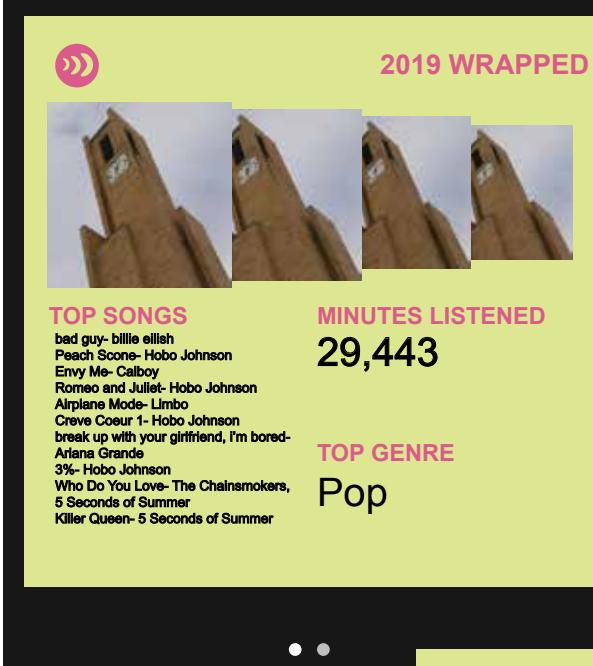
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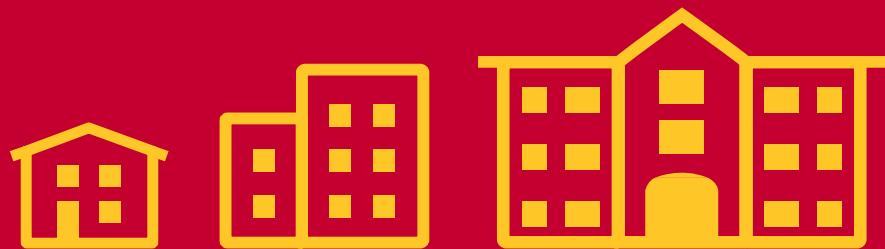
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# 10 years of success

## Ferris hockey unveils All-Decade team

**Greg Williams**  
Torch Reporter

This last decade saw some big stars emerge for the Ferris hockey team, and to celebrate, the team revealed their All-Decade Team.

The Bulldogs wrote up a 20-man roster with four lines including three different pairings of defensemen and two goalies. Altogether the fantasy team consisted of 12 forwards, six defensemen, and two goalies.

These players were featured in some of Ferris' best teams throughout head coach Bob Daniels' career and in Ferris hockey history.

In 2012 the Bulldogs had their most successful season after a deep playoff run where they finished as national runner-up. In 2014 the Bulldogs won the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) title but fell short in the conference championship to Minnesota State who was the number two ranked team in the nation at the time. In 2016 the Bulldogs won the WCHA Conference Championship and eventually lost in the NCAA West Regional Final.

### FORWARDS

The top line consists of forwards Gerald Mayhew, Kyle Bonis, and Garret Thompson. These were prolific scorers and were top four in points scored for the decade. Mayhew had the most points (119), goals (52) and assists (67) for the decade. Bonis was a former walk-on who was second in goals for the decade with 47. Garret Thompson had 42 goals and 45 assists in 87 career games.

The second line includes Chad McDonald, Corey Mackin and Cory Kane. These three players were highly skilled for-

wards who made great impacts early and often in their career. They were all members of the 2014 team who won the WCHA regular season. McDonald had a dominant slap shot and had the ability to score in bunches. Corey Mackin was second in points for the decade with 101. Kane was known for the famous second half of his senior year scoring 21 points in 16 games.

The third line comprises Kyle Schempf, Jordie Johnston and Travis Ouellette. Schempf was one of the best leaders the Bulldogs have ever seen. He was 12th in the decade with points (66) and had 29 goals and 37 assists. Johnston had a 20-goal season in 2011-2012 and had the final goal to send the Bulldogs to the Frozen Four. Ouellette is fifth in points scored for the decade with 82 points, 37 goals and 45 assists.

The fourth and last line of forwards includes Justin Buzzo, Jared VanWormer and Kenny Babinski. Buzzo had a 13-game stretch to start the 2013-2014 season in which he scored 16 points and lead the team to their longest win streak in program history. VanWormer finished the decade as the 14th highest scorer with 60 points. He is known most for his late goal in the 2016 National Tournament to send the Bulldogs to the Elite Eight. Babinski finished with 52 points for his career and had 26 of his 29 goals in his last three seasons.

### DEFENSEMEN

The top pairings were Chad Billins and Zach Redmond. Billins had 67 points in 149 games in 2011-2012. He was an All-American, All-NCAA Tournament team member, led the CCHA in assists by a defenseman, CCHA first All-Star team member and CCHA Scholar Athlete of the Year. Red-

mond finished with 90 points in 141 games. He was also a CCHA First All Star team member and All-American for the Bulldogs in 2011.

The second pair included Scott Czarnowczan and Simon Denis. In the 2013-2014 season Czarnowczan was named Captain and led the team-defensemen with 25 points in 41 games. Denis is the only Bulldog to have been a part of three separate NCAA Tournament appearances. His only goal of the season in the 2012 campaign was the goal that propelled the Bulldogs to the Elite Eight for only the second time in school history.

The third pair consists of Nate Kallen who is the only active member on the Bulldogs and then Ryan Lowney. Kallen currently has 60 points through 128 career games. Kallen's 41 assists is tied for 10th in the decade, along with 19 goals – the most for a defenseman in the decade. He is also the all-time leader in power play goals with eight. Lowney was the 12th highest scoring player of the decade with 58 points including 51 assists which is fifth all time.

### GOALIES

Only two goalies cracked the All-Decade team and that included CJ Motte and Taylor Nelson. Motte has nearly every record conceived for the Bulldogs. He had 66 wins, a save percentage of .926, a goals-against average of 2.13, 15 shutouts, a single season save percentage .928 and single season shutouts with five – which he did twice. He was also a Hobey Baker Top Ten finalist. Nelson entered the stage his senior year in the 2011-2012 season with a .924 save percentage. He had three shutouts and a 21-7-3 record as the head goaltender – one of the top all-time single season performances in program history.



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Ferris hockey alumnus Gerald Mayhew celebrates with his teammates. Mayhew was one of 20 athletes named to the All-Decade Team announced by Ferris Athletics on Friday, Dec. 20.

## WEEKEND SCORECARD

### Hockey

Jan. 10 - Ferris 0,  
Minnesota State, 5  
Jan. 11 - Ferris 1,  
Minnesota State, 5

### Women's Basketball

Jan. 9 - Ferris 75,  
Northwood, 64  
Jan. 12 - Ferris 82,  
Saginaw Valley, 77

### Men's Basketball

Jan. 9 - Ferris, 87  
Northwood, 68  
Jan. 12 - Ferris, 86  
Saginaw Valley, 82

# Bulldogs going pro

## Graduating seniors look to make the jump to the pros

**Brendan Sanders**  
Torch Reporter

It is notoriously difficult to reach the professional level as a college football player, let alone from the Division II level.

On average about one in fifty college football seniors are drafted to the NFL. When you reduce this pool to Division II college athletes, the numbers drop even further. Only five players were drafted out of the Division II level in the 2019 NFL draft. Sixty-six Division II players made it to opening day rosters or practice squads.

Yet, with such a slim chance of making it to the NFL, Ferris football has seemed to earn a slight foothold in the NFL. Currently, five former Bulldogs are on NFL rosters, all of whom have entered the league within the last four years.

These players include former two-time Harlon Hill winner Jason Vander Laan, who quarterbacked the Bulldogs from 2012 to 2015. After transitioning to tight end, he has appeared on 53-man rosters for the Indianapolis Colts, Carolina Panthers and most recently the New Orleans Saints.

Another player seeing action in the NFL is defensive end Zach

Sieler. After a strong career for Ferris in which he was a Harlon Hill nominee, Sieler was the first Bulldog to hear his name called in the NFL Draft. He was selected by the Baltimore Ravens in the seventh round of the 2018 NFL draft.

After appearing on waivers this past December, Sieler was quickly signed by the Miami Dolphins and received extensive playing time against the Cincinnati Bengals, where he achieved his first career sack and two pass deflections.

Other players on NFL rosters receiving playing time are defensive back and returner Tavierre Thomas, defensive lineman Justin Zimmer and linebacker Brady Sheldon.

There are multiple players looking to continue the streak of Bulldogs making their way to the NFL and follow in these players footsteps.

Harlon Hill nominee and GLIAC player of the year Austin Edwards leads the pack. The senior defensive end from Lansing was the team's defensive leader this past season, scoring 17.5 tackles for a loss and 10.5 sacks. At 6-foot-5 and 280 pounds, he has the frame to be an NFL contributor.

Harris is comparable to Zach Sieler's, with

Edwards scoring more sacks in his senior season.

Senior linebacker Avonte Bell is another potential prospect after manning the middle of the defense over the last two seasons. Standing 6-foot-1 and weighing 235 lbs., Bell led the defense in tackles his senior season with 70 tackles, including 13 tackles for a loss and 4.5 sacks. With the appropriate size and production, it wouldn't be surprising to see a team take a flyer on the Lansing native.

The final potential pro who could come out of this class is senior quarterback Jayru Campbell. Even after an injury-plagued senior season, Campbell's 6-foot-5 frame and great running ability may see him able to stick on a roster. It may not be at quarterback, but like what the New Orleans Saints have done with utility player Taysom Hill, Campbell may be able to showcase his athleticism by running, receiving and throwing the ball.

The pre-draft process is still in its infant stages as the NFL is in its postseason play. These players along with other graduating seniors will be working hard to try and achieve the dream of playing in the NFL.



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## Should Ferris football schedule a D-1 opponent?

Non-conference scheduling is tough, so why not look up a level?

**Noah Poser**  
Editor in Chief

Each season, the Ferris football team is scheduled to play eight games against Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foes as they battle for a conference title.

It is generally easy to sort out scheduling-wise because it is the same eight teams every season that appears on the schedule. Of course, that is where it stops being easy for Ferris as they try to fill a full 11-game schedule. Each year, the athletic department gets a significant challenge in terms of putting together the rest of the schedule by finishing it off with non-conference opponents.

The non-conference slate is two or three games that are played against non-GLIAC opponents to complete the regular season schedule. These games can be against any other Division II or Division I FCS schools across the nation.

There are a lot of factors that come into play when scheduling games for the non-conference slate. Obviously, money is at the forefront, but that's not the only factor. Other factors to think about come down to strategy and the amount of confidence you have in your football team.

For example, if you have a substandard team, it is typically not smart to schedule the top teams in the nation. However, if you feel you are one of the top teams in the nation like Ferris is, then it makes it easier to schedule high profile opponents in the non-conference. While this matters to those who vote on the polls, senior offensive linemen Cory Carr believes the strength of the team they play does not necessarily mean much to the players.

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# Top Dawg

Tony Annese



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**Brendan Samuels**  
Sports Editor

To kick off the new decade, Top Dawg honors are given to the winningest active head coach in college football, Tony Annese.

Annese has accumulated an 87-16 overall record as head coach of the Ferris football team, good enough for a .845 win percentage.

To place that number into perspective, Annese has a better win percentage than some head coaches who might sound familiar. Among those are Dabo Swinney of Clemson University (.801), Nick Saban of

the University of Alabama (.789) and Chris Peterson of the University of Washington (.803).

Clemson and Alabama are both powerhouses in Division I football, combining for eight NCAA Division I National Championships since 2009.

Helping boost that win percentage is the fact Annese has posted an undefeated regular season three times in the last five years (2015, 2018 and 2019).

Annese is also 9-5 in the postseason over the last five seasons, leading the Bulldogs to a Division II National Championship game a year ago.

The Bulldogs are done for the 2019 season, but more wins are on the horizon when Annese puts on the headset again next fall.

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## THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

### Thursday, Jan. 16:

- Men's basketball at Northern Michigan at 5:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Northern Michigan at 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 17:

- Hockey hosts Alaska at 7:07 p.m.
- Track and Field at Grand Valley State open

### Saturday, Jan. 18:

- Hockey hosts Alaska 6:07 p.m.
- Men's basketball at Michigan Tech at 3 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Michigan Tech at 6 p.m.



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"I wouldn't be against that. The better opponents we play, the more prepared it gets us for the harder games throughout the year," Carr said. "But again, it doesn't matter who we play because at the end of the day, if we execute the plays, we think we can beat anybody in the nation."

Also, on top of being a barometer, it is not like this is something Ferris has not done before. Back in 2013, the Bulldogs traveled to Fargo, North Dakota to take on FCS powerhouse North Dakota State, a team that would go 15-0 that season and win the FCS title. While they would go on to lose that game 56-10, it helped them see where they stood against an elite program and kicked off a solid season for the Bulldogs.

Again, scheduling is a challenge for any college program, and Ferris is finding it difficult, as evidenced by its 10-game schedule this season, as opposed to the more common 11-game schedule. A solution to that would be looking for even tougher competition, even if that competition comes from the D-I level.

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# A tale of two years

*Men's basketball team looks to improve on last season's early exit*

**Austin Arquette**  
Torch Reporter

Change is inevitable. Sometimes change can be for the worse, but for Ferris' men's basketball team, change has them looking like the team who won a championship two years ago.

It seems only yesterday Ferris alumnus Zach Hankins was dominating the paint for head coach Andy Bronkema's 2017 squad. But following Hankins' departure to Xavier University, the team hit a rough patch in 2018.

Injuries hurt the Bulldogs last year, but the team still finished 20-12 overall. That finish was a far cry from their 38-1 championship run the year prior.

"Injuries are a part of every season and every team deals with them and it's unexpected and sometimes you just got to roll with it," Bronkema said.

Pair the injuries with the fact Bronkema claims his squad wasn't fully prepared to lose Hankins and a perfect storm limited their success.



Andy Bronkema

This year the Bulldogs are again dealing with injuries, but Bronkema believes this year's squad is less banged up than last year's. The most notable loss was junior wing Jaylin McFadden who is out for the rest of the season with a torn ACL.

"Jaylin is still with us and still very valuable to us. His role is just different than normal," Bronkema said.

After graduating four seniors in DeShaun Thrower, Markeese Mayfield, Taylor Adway and Andrew Meachem, an infusion of youth was needed to pair with veterans like seniors Cole Walker and Greg Williams.

Enter freshmen Deng Reng, Ryan Segall and Aiden Shore: a core of young players that have the Bulldogs' future looking bright.

Segall and Shore have yet to play a game this year, but Reng is averaging nearly eight points and 3.3 rebounds per game through 18 games played. Add Division I transfer in junior Logan Ryan who has added valuable minutes in four games played and the Bulldogs have found a good rotation.

Through 18 games, the new additions — along with steady gameplay from the starting lineup — have improved their numbers from a year ago.

Bronkema's squad is averaging two additional rebounds per game (41.8), three more assists per game (21.4) and

has taken a jump in field goal percentage (47.5 percent) from last year's 45.7 percent.

As the season progresses, the Bulldogs will discover if talent-added will propel them past last year's GLIAC Tournament quarterfinals exit. As for their focus, Bronkema notes that the team is adopting a 'one game at a time' mentality.

"You have to prepare every game to win, and if you don't, then you know you did your best," Bronkema said. "Last year we gave it everything we had and we got knocked out in the first round of the GLIAC tournament, and we were ranked in the region but Walsh upset their conference and won the bid. We are preparing the same way and doing all of the same way and this year's team is just finding a way to win a couple of the close games down the stretch where last year we dropped a couple of those with losses."

Ferris currently stands at 16-2 overall with their losses being by four points or less to Lewis and Davenport. The team is also tied for first in the GLIAC with a 5-1 record in-conference.

The Bulldogs head north next for a meeting with the Northern Michigan Wildcats 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.



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Ferris junior wing Walt Kelser and freshman wing Deng Reng attempt to steal the ball from an opponent. Reng is one member of a young class of Bulldogs looking to make their mark on the court.

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"It feels like [Ferris internet]'s current state is not able to support the current amount of traffic."

- Hunter Parisseau - See page 15 for story

## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

The "winter blues" may sound like a made-up phrase by people who feign sadness with each coming winter but it is all too real.

Now, first things first, I want to clarify that the "winter blues" and Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) are not the same thing. If you feel you or someone you know are dealing with something much more severe such as depression, it's important to speak up or reach out to a mental health professional for help.

It's not uncommon to feel a little sad or irritated when it comes to winter. There are a lot of factors that lead to people less energetic and more "down" than usual, with one of them obviously being lack of sunlight during the dark, cold months.

This leads to a drop in serotonin levels. Serotonin is a notable neurotransmitter due to its contributions in helping you feel happy. Therefore, the lack of sunlight leads directly to more negative

feelings during the winter months.

However, there are ways to get past these feelings of sadness that I recommend all people feeling this winter sadness to partake in.

First up is being active. It can be hard to pull yourself out of bed on cold, dark days, but it is important to keep busy. One way to achieve this is to exercise, as it has been proven to lower the symptoms of depression and make you feel better.

On top of that, keeping yourself busy with tasks will lead to a greater focus on what you need to get done, making it easier to weather the winter storm.

Another thing you can do is simply talk about how you're feeling. If you're a little sad or having a hard time keeping motivated to get stuff done, talk to a friend or a family member. The people closest to you are likely going to sympathize with what you're going through and will want to help.

If you feel that doesn't help and it's getting harder and harder to function, seek out a counselor or other professional for help.

Something else that can help yourself feel better is simply trying to think better thoughts. Thinking positively can give you a whole new outlook on events in your life and greatly improve your mood. An exercise to help you do this would be to write down all the good things you have going on in your life to see the bright lights in your life.

Speaking of lights, turning on your lamps in your room or your overhead lights also can help improve your mood, as crazy as it sounds. So next time you wake up to nothing but darkness, "lighten up" and turn on those shining lights.

Finally, this last one can be hard for a lot of people, especially college students who find themselves on a strict budget.

Try to treat yourself every once

## The "Winter Blues"

in a while. I know that this can sometimes be a challenge. Maybe you're snowed in or maybe the temperature is at sub-arctic levels.

This doesn't mean you can't have fun though. Try having a movie night with friends, or maybe you can finally complete the 2000 piece puzzle that your Uncle Charlie gave you for Christmas five years ago. Whatever it is, try doing some fun activities, even if it means you have to study for your physics exam for six hours instead of seven.

So there you have it. A complete guide on things to do to overcome those chilling "winter blues" right here in this very article.

Now as you move forward following these steps to relieve yourself of this winter-induced sadness, remember, it'll be summer before you know it.

## A decade's change in taste

How my choice in music has changed in the last ten years

It's amazing how much can change for a person in just one decade. That includes personal tastes, and more specifically, taste in music.

Recently I looked over some of my old notebooks and was startled to see how much my preferred jams of choice have changed. I created the two pie charts below to illustrate just how much has changed.

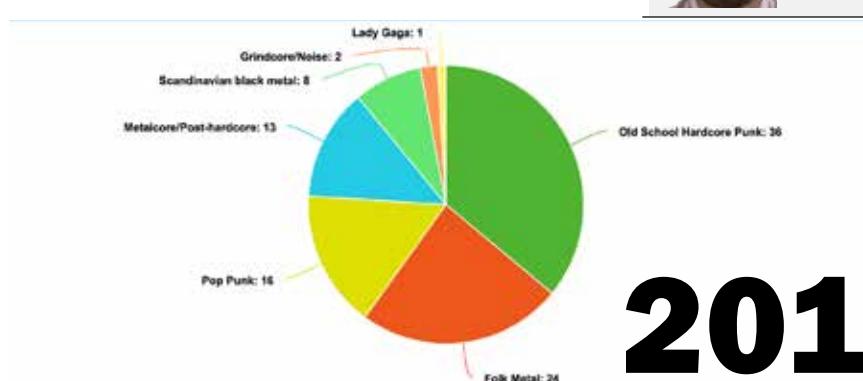
The first thing I noticed was how my music was even changing then. In 2010, most of the angsty, youthful screamo stuff I liked throughout 2006-2008 was on its way out. At the same time, I began listening to weird heavy metal from Northern European countries.

Ten years later, well, things have changed a whole freaking bunch, boi.

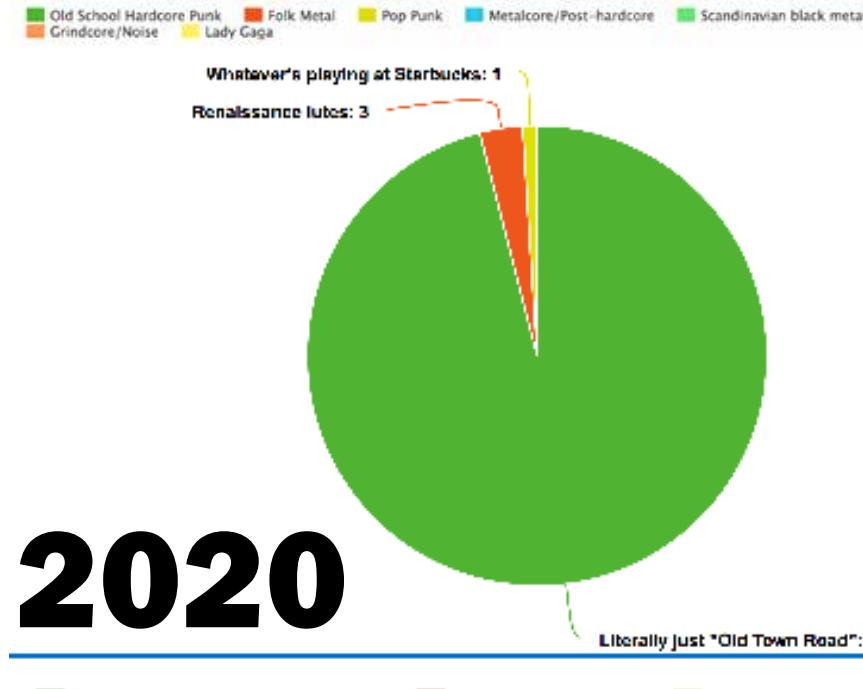
The first chart (top) illustrates the music I listened to toward the end of 2009 and entering 2010.

The second chart (below) depicts the music I listen to now, entering 2020.

Just how much has changed, and how little has remained, might just shock you!



2010



Jonny Parshall  
Opinions Editor

# Time to High-Fi the Wi-Fi

Ferris internet lacks the strength to burden the load

I can recall going back to middle school where we received a grant for a tech room where each table had their own projector computers and were equipped with enough laptops for individual projects. The idea was marvelous that we were connected to the web in order for us to have an engaging experience.

Later in high school, laptops were rented to classrooms for various projects, not being limited for only one classroom for use. With college, it is essential to connect to the internet daily to work on assignments given via Blackboard. Any research paper assignment mostly comprises sources found online. Needless to say, the use of internet has lost its magic, only leaving us with headaches and frustration.

Ferris has seemed to add to this frustration with its poor fidelity.

I find myself in the later afternoon in the library losing internet connection time after time. This continued interruption only encourages me to use my desktop in the dorm, or to work elsewhere there is a non-Ferris connection.



Hunter Pariseau  
Torch Photographer

I should be encouraged to want to spend my time in the facilities provided by Ferris, but only finding myself wondering why I am not able to have a solid internet experience.

I am not saying I am sure of what is holding the internet back, but it feels like its current state is not able to support the current amount of traffic. I even find myself struggling on my phone to keep a connection in the middle of the night when the web traffic should be at a lower point.

I want to send a plea to have our internet access improved throughout the university. I appreciated the fact that linking to the internet was made with less hassle with some devices not having to be registered. But, if it would help the workload, further address the issues that would improve the integrity of internet, that in turn, makes classwork less of a stress.

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