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Rally for Rights



Photo by: Kaylin Johnson | Copy Editor

Western Michiganders gathered in Kalamazoo, Mich. to rally for women's rights on Jan. 18, 2020.

Women in the area find ways to support equality

Kaylin Johnson
 Copy Editor

Each year, more than 1 million women and men take to the streets in cities across the country for the Women's March.

This year was no different. The Women's March has become an annual event on the third Saturday in January, to support gender equality since its beginning in 2017. Many of these marches took place in Michigan with one taking place in Kalamazoo, only two hours from the Ferris campus.

The Kalamazoo March and Rally saw hundreds of attendees despite a winter weather advisory over West Michigan for the entire weekend.

The march was put on by the YWCA on Jan. 18, 11 a.m. at Bronson Park. The rally began at the First Congregational Church nearby following the completion of the march.

A number of speakers and performers were featured at the rally. The seats of the church were full and more attend-

ees stood in the aisles.

One of the main topics brought up was the pay gap between men and women. One attendee said this was her main reason for marching.

"I am most passionate about equal pay and equal treatment," first-time marcher Lilly Lisznyai said. "Women don't get treated the same as men."



Lilly
 Lisznyai

Although Big Rapids has not had a march, there are many organizations in the area supporting women's rights. One of these is The Ferris Museum of Sexist Objects, which is located in Starr 314.

According to the history of the collection of objects, the mission of the museum is to "be a leader in raising awareness and inspiring activism in response to everyday sexist objects that promote sexism, gendered violence, female stereotypes."

The museum has put together a library resource guide to

provide resources regarding gender roles, pay equity and other global women's issues. The guide can be accessed from their page on the Ferris website.

Another Ferris organization working to support women is the Ferris Women's Network. This organization was formed in 2017, around the same time the earliest marches took place.

One of the first events recognized by the group was Equal Pay Day in 2017 which they promoted in hopes to educate students about the gender pay gap in the workplace.

The Ferris Women's Network continues to put on events, specifically monthly mentoring and networking lunches. Anyone is invited to attend these lunches to meet working women from the Big Rapids community and from Ferris.

Many women from this group and others help to plan events for the annual celebration of women's history month which is celebrated each March. For more information on how to get involved with this year's events, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services at omss@ferris.edu.

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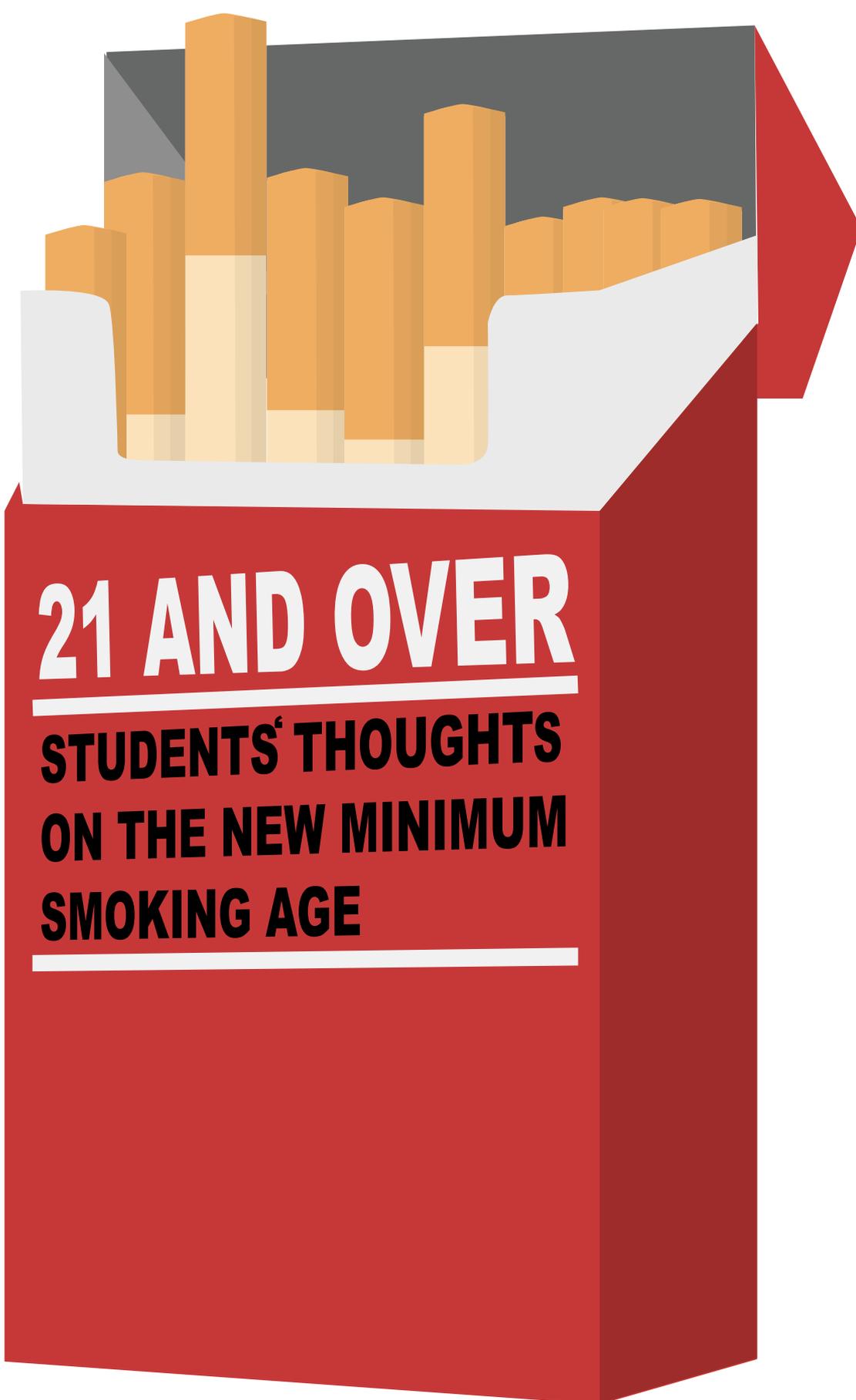
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21 AND OVER

STUDENTS' THOUGHTS ON THE NEW MINIMUM SMOKING AGE

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Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Many were left with mixed opinions after the minimum age to purchase tobacco products was raised from 18 to 21 years of age on Dec. 20, 2019.

Local gas stations in Big Rapids said they have noticed a change in the number of cigarettes they have sold, but so far haven't had to turn many away. Those who are now considered underage are informed about the ban.



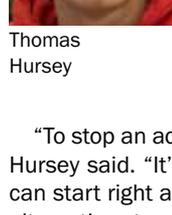
Blake Patterson

Ferris sports communication junior Blake Patterson thinks the ban is a bad idea.

"I know a lot of people between the ages of 18 and 21 who are already very addicted to nicotine and taking that away immediately is just going to cause more problems," Patterson said. "Personally, I just feel like it's stupid and pointless because there's many ways for people to get nicotine. Similar to how people still get alcohol despite being underage."

Not everyone sees it the same way, though. Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Thomas Hursey held the opposite opinion from Patterson.

"I think overall, it's going to be effective in the long run," Hursey said. "You're a little more responsible at the age of 21 then you are at the age of 18, so typically you're more conscious of the decisions that you make especially because it can have such a detrimental harm to your future and affect your health in the long run."



Thomas Hursey

Hursey, however, did agree that making it illegal right away can make it tough for those already addicted to nicotine products.

"To stop an addiction, you need to take slow steps," Hursey said. "It's not necessarily something that you can start right away, but I think that there are a lot of alternatives to smoking so I think they can take steps without buying cigarettes."

Many are hopeful that raising the age to buy tobacco will help lower the amount of those addicted.

To pay or not to pay

The benefits of keeping the Racquet & Fitness Center in the bill

Hannah McKeen
Interim Reporter

With every new semester, students are given the opportunity to request a refund on a portion of their e-Bill.

One refund not often taken advantage of is the Racquet & Fitness Center. Only 165 students have received the refund this semester. The reason may have to do with the wide variety of amenities available to the Center's members, including the students who paid the \$16 fee.



Emma Gauthier

"Last semester I was at the Racquet & Fitness Center at least five times a week, and I'm still there a lot this semester," said Ferris human resource management freshman Emma Gauthier. "I plan on being at the Racquet Center a lot in the future."

Gauthier isn't alone in that prediction. According to the Racquet & Fitness Center employee Jing Nestle, many students use the Center for the weight room, aerobics room and fitness room. The Center is also the only local fitness facility with racquetball rooms and a sauna in every locker room.

Students who pay the fee can also attend free yoga classes three days a week and receive discounted rates on fitness classes. There are also personal trainers and the U FIT program, which can help students reach their fitness goals. The Center's recent renovations have allowed them to expand and add in new machines, in addition to a turf floor in the aerobic room.

"We also offer pickleball classes, tennis classes, tennis leagues, and plan to host tennis and pickleball tournaments," said Nestle.

In addition to the Center's extra classes, there is a classroom for the Professional Tennis Management program, which has around 35 students who attend regularly, and the tennis team has logged around 2,000 hours on the court each year. If the Student Recreation Center is unavailable, the Racquet & Fitness Center can step in and provide room, which happened three times last semester.

Not everyone uses their memberships, but many chose to continue paying rather than request a refund, keeping all the refundable fees in case they want to use any of the offered resources. For others, it's just not in the budget.

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

California, U.S.

Kobe Bryant passed away in a helicopter accident on Jan. 26, on his way to a youth basketball camp along with his daughter and seven others. At this time, the cause of the crash is undetermined but weather conditions are considered a factor in the accident. That morning heavy fog had been reported which could have made flying conditions unsafe.

Original article by Dave Philipps, Tim Arango, Louis Keene and Alan Blinder, Jan. 27, 2020. The New York Times.

China

The toll of deaths during the outbreak of the new coronavirus has gone up to 81 people. Many people living in China are struggling to get help when being diagnosed with the deadly virus. Some people are even being turned away from hospitals due to lack of beds. Over 2,700 people have been infected with the coronavirus and the number continues to rise.

Original article by Sui-Lee Wee, Jan. 27, 2020. The New York Times.

Tokyo

People in Tokyo fear that skateboarding is becoming too popular in the streets. Because of its connotation with unlawful youth people fear that skateboarding in Japan will be lost all together. The coach of Japan's Olympic skateboarding team, Daisuke Hayakawa, refuses to set his skateboard down in public because of the reputation revolved around skateboarding. This fear of judgment adds to the social pressures as they represent Japan in a sport considered distasteful.

Original article by John Branch Jan. 26, 2020. The New York Times

Mexico

Authorities in Mexico used pepper spray on 4,000 Central American migrants who attempted to enter the country illegally. The Mexican government stopped the caravan at Mexico's southern border. They lured the caravan by promising jobs to those who entered legally and proceeded to pepper spray those who attempted to enter unlawfully. This event was a major test in Mexico's new migration policy encouraged by President Trump.

Original article by Kirk Semple and Brent McDonald Jan. 24, 2020. The New York Times.

NEWS BRIEFS

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

Five Star event

Chris Singleton will be coming for a Five Star event Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at the University Center. For more information regarding Singleton or the event, contact Entertainment United.

Study Abroad workshop

There is a study abroad information workshop on Friday, Jan. 31, at IRC 104. For more information on the event or study abroad as a whole, contact Megan Hauser-Tran.

Global Game Jam

There will be a game developing event called Global Game Jam. Game developers around the world will be given a secret theme at the event and will craft the best game possible along with the theme. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. For more information on the event contact Nick Pattison.

Last day to drop

Monday, Feb. 3, is the last day to drop classes without being penalized academically. For more information contact your advisor for a specific program.

- ON THE RECORD -

And now the doors are locked

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

What's mine is mine

A call came in from Travis Hall on Jan. 21, when a woman called reporting to police her family may come to her dorm and take her television, mini fridge and microwave. The case was reported as a civil dispute and has been closed.

Not everything is confidential

Officers respond to mental health call at the Quality Inn on Jan. 24, after a patient's doctor reported the patient may harm themselves. Officers were able to deescalate the situation and the case was closed.

And now the doors are locked

A fight broke out in Miller Hall on Dec. 19, 2019 where multiple men engaged in a fight. Some of the men came from Grand Rapids to partake in the fight. Brass knuckles and other weapons intended on inflicting pain were used. Some suspects have faced charges while the case is still open and pending investigation.

It's not even that much

A student in the Army reported that their roommate was smoking marijuana in Finch Court on Jan. 19, in fear of drug testing in their line of work. Although the student denied possessing any marijuana, they were in possession of roaches (remainder of marijuana cigarettes) as well as paraphernalia.



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Vaping Revisited

How last year's ban on flavored vapes affects Ferris students

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Just months after a judge blocked the e-cigarette ban in Michigan, the Trump administration signed into action that the FDA can ban certain vape products.

The ban is specifically targeting closed-pod systems, and flavored pods that come pre-filled. Pods that contain menthol and tobacco however will remain untouched as well as open-pod systems that require users to prepare their own vape juice.



Austin Banner

Because of this Ferris mechanical engineering freshman Austin Banner felt indifferent by the ban, considering he tends to use the open-pod systems that aren't affected by the ban.

Local businesses such as E-Cig Outlet believe that the ban will likely affect their

business, specifically the revenue that they received from selling products such as Juul or Blu.

Although the Federal law was enacted effective immediately, businesses and local government still have a guidance period to learn how the ban works and how to enforce it. E-Cig Outlet manager Nick Krave explained how long guidance period was.



Gavin Keon

"They've given 180 days to issue guidance for the individual retail shops so that we know how to comply with the law and they gave another 90 days to issue guidance to the states on how to enforce it." Krave said.

Ferris mechanical engineering technology sophomore Gavin Keon held a strong opinion on the matter.

"I think that it's dumb that citizens of the United States can serve and die for their country but are unable to purchase certain vape prod-

ucts. I think if they want to do that, they should be able to do that," Keon said.

Ferris accounting junior Brandon Sweet doesn't personally vape but held mixed opinions about the ban.

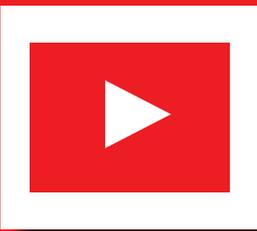
"Do I think it's good for you? No. But I think it definitely helps people with anxiety and things like that. Other than that, it doesn't really affect me, only the people around me. If it passed through, there must have been enough people who thought that this was an important issue," Sweet said.



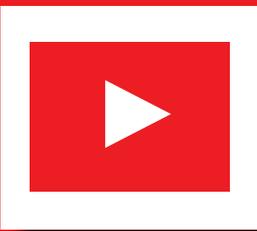
Brandon Sweet

Since state police cannot enforce the ban, people are still legally allowed to purchase these products. Krave said that there was no way to tell when the ban would officially go into effect.

"Best case scenario it can be around August or September, worst case scenario it can be when you walk out the door," Krave said.



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Ferris' Food Failings

Dining Services struggles to provide options for students with dietary restrictions

Molly Gabrielson
Guest Reporter

While Ferris tries to accommodate varying dietary restrictions, some students feel the effort put forth by the Dining Services' continues to fall short.

Ferris' on staff registered dietitian, Brenda Walton, meets with students to discuss with them how the Dining Services can provide them with more allergen-friendly foods at the Rock Café, which was newly renovated in 2009, and the Quad Café, which was added when the University Center was renovated in 2015.

"The most common requests are for dairy, soy, egg, and peanut allergies and gluten free diets," said Walton. "Some deal with Irritable Bowel Syndrome. Less common is intolerance to high fructose corn syrup or allergy to fish and seafood. Our staff are trained to read labels and prepare food safely avoiding cross-contact with food containing offending allergens or gluten.

Walton said that the Dining Service staff is trained to safely provide people with allergies their food; however, Alyssa McLaughlin, a junior criminal justice major, has a gluten intolerance, and does not believe that the dining services safely accommodates someone with celiac disease or a gluten intolerance.

"They only really have two or three options, which is the gluten free pizza, the Mongo Grill and the gluten free bread," said McLaughlin. "But the thing is they store the bread within the same area as all the other bread, so it's already contaminated with gluten. And same with the Mongo Grill, they don't clean off what they cook with or the spatulas. And with

the pizza it's cooked on the same service so it's not really considered gluten free."

According to Ferris' website, at both the Rock Café and Quad Café, gluten-free wraps, buns, pizza, pasta, and cereal are available upon request for students and guests. They also suggest that for those with celiac disease or a gluten intolerance that students and guests see the menus online for more choices using the allergen filter or ask the manager about the gluten-free options for the day.

Ashlyn Childs, a sophomore welding major, is vegetarian with vegan tendencies and she finds that the plant-based options are not advertised to students enough.

"I think it's great if you're willing to go the extra mile to find vegan and vegetarian options, but they are rarely presented to you."

Childs appreciates the options that are available, but does feel she has to hunt for them while eating on campus. A new member of the plant-based lifestyle, Mollie Hamelund, a sophomore sports communication major and employee at the Rock Café, has trouble finding options she can eat.

Hamelund has been trying to eat vegan and eat less animal products because of her love for animals, and she admits, even with how much time she spends at The Rock Café, she has a hard time finding options to eat.

According to Ferris' website, at both the Rock Café and Quad Café, vegan and vegetarian soups, entrees, salads, and sandwiches are available. Students can also use the iPads located at the entrances to the dining facilities to look over the options available.

In a Feb. 10, 2010 Torch article headlined, "Vegetarian Food In Dining Halls To Be Expanded" by Antonio Coleman,

Coleman described how the Dining Services and Campus Affairs Committee of Student Government was gathering vegan and vegetarian students on campus to discuss the options available to them. The discussion was planned to be held in order to get a different student perspective about the options available at the dining locations Westview and Center Ice that were of the time. In 2010, veggie burgers and vegetarian quesadillas were available to students, and the Rock Café had recently began to provide hummus and tofu.

In 2010, Lori Helmer, director of Dining Services, had discussed with Coleman that she believed the student feedback from the discussion with vegan and vegetarian students on campus would promote both new and current menu items.

According to Food Allergy Research and Education, researchers estimate that 32 million Americans have food allergies, and more than 170 foods have been reported to cause allergic reactions. There are eight major food allergens that are responsible for most of the serious food allergy reactions in the United States: dairy, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish.

"We are hoping to find ways to do a more effective job of marketing the vegan and vegetarian products that are currently on the menu," said Helmer.

For more information about dietary restrictions, nutrition or the Dining Services at Ferris as a whole, visit <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/studentlife/dining/homepage.html> Walton can be contacted by students through email at brendawalton@ferris.edu, or at (231)-591-3747 to set up an appointment.

MTA announcement coming soon

EU has a variety of events coming up, and an MTA announcement, too

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Ferris' Entertainment Unlimited (EU) RSO is hosting an array of upcoming events and will soon be announcing the artists performing at Music Takes Action (MTA).

EU is responsible for a large amount of the events available to students throughout the year. From speakers to musicians, comedians and even grocery bingo, they're behind the scenes doing the preparation and booking for a lot of Ferris' most entertaining events. Maybe most importantly, they're responsible for everything that goes into MTA.

MTA is Ferris' annual charity concert. Over the last few years it has featured artists such as Jesse McCartney, blackbear, Frankie Ballard and Lupe Fiasco. EU will be making the announcement of who will headline this year's event soon according to Ferris music and entertainment senior and MTA co-coordinator, Veronica Anderson.

The announcement could come as soon as Jan. 29 but may take longer as EU works with the artist to create a promotional plan.

While little is known about who will play the concert, Anderson said the lineup will feature a headliner, an opener, and a DJ opener, similar to last year's Jesse McCartney concert, at which a DJ and pop musician MAX opened for McCartney. The concert will also take place in Wink Arena for the third consecutive year.

When the announcement comes, EU will be releasing the information on social media. They can be found on Facebook at Entertainment Unlimited, and at the MTA Facebook page:

Music Takes Action.

Ticket prices will be reduced from last year's price of \$10 to only \$5 during the initial sale period to students which will take place from Feb. 3 to Feb. 14. Students are only able to purchase one ticket during this time. After Feb. 14, tickets will be available to the public and students may purchase additional tickets.

In addition to the announcement of who will headline MTA on April 4, EU has a variety of other events coming up in the nearer future, including stuff-a-plush, which has drawn large crowds of students in the past. That event, at which students can stuff their own stuffed animal to take home, will take place on Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. While it's scheduled to run until 1 p.m., organizers said it will go as long as supplies last, which isn't expected to be longer than an hour and a half due to the large turnout for the event in the past.



Veronica Anderson

Along with stuff-a-plush, EU is hosting former professional baseball player and inspirational speaker Chris Singleton on Thursday, Jan. 30. Singleton played professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs, and has been featured on ESPN's E:60.

His mother was among nine churchgoers murdered at Mother Emanuel AME church in Downtown Charleston, South Carolina by a white man trying to start a race war in 2015. Singleton speaks about this experience, and about the forgiveness he has for his mother's murderer.

For more information on upcoming events at Ferris, visit the event calendar at Ferris.edu.

OPINIONS

“Each day we are given a blessing, a blessing that can be taken away without a moment’s notice”
- Noah Poser - See below for story

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

On Sunday afternoon, a tragic event shocked the world.

NBA legend Kobe Bryant, 41, and his daughter Gianna Maria-Onore Bryant, 13, passed away after a helicopter crash in California.

I want to first share my condolences with not only the Bryant family, but also the families and friends of the other seven passengers who perished in the crash. Those passengers include John Altobelli, 56, along with his wife Keri and their daughter Alyssa. Also gone but not forgotten are mother and daughter, Sarah and Payton Chester, as well as Christina Mauser, and the pilot, Ara Zobayan.

When something this devastating happens, it can have a debilitating effect on not only the friends and families affected, but also anyone who has seen the

impact they created in their time on Earth.

However, it can also serve as a reminder. Our time on this Earth is not guaranteed. It can end at any-time, anywhere, no matter what you are doing.

And knowing that, it is important to live every day like it’s your last. Each day we are given is a blessing, a blessing that can be taken away without a moment’s notice.

With that being said, on top of living life to the fullest, it is important to attack everything you do in life. Every endeavor that you take on, whether it be something big or something small, give it 100% just like Kobe did.

This is also a reminder to spend your life being positive. Instead of trying to drag others down, try to lift people up. Let people know that they’re cared for instead of

Live life to the fullest

trying to raise yourself above others.

Whatever feuds you have or grudges you still hold, try and let go of the disdain you feel for that person, as life is too short for such negativity. No matter how big or how small of a beef you have with someone over whatever reason, just try to let it go.

If anything, try and recognize all the loved ones in your life. After events like this, it’s most important to acknowledge your loved ones. Embrace those close to you and tell them how much you love them or care about them.

Spend time talking about the good times and reminiscing on all the great things going on in life because unfortunately, a lot of the times, we only focus on the bad.

Above all else, just let this tragic event serve as a reminder. Life is short and it is fragile. Single

moments like these can make you realize that you take your own life and the lives of those around you for granted.

So today, instead of wasting time worrying about all the small stuff, stop complaining, whining, wishing, and waiting for life to just all of a sudden get better. Focus on taking life by the horns and doing something you’ll be proud of when it’s all said and done. Be grateful for all that you have and all of the loved ones you have around you.

Focus on the blessings we find all around us each and every day. Each and every one of us are blessed to still be standing here today.

And with all that being said, remember to live life your life to the fullest and leave no regrets.

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Are cellphones really that helpful?



Hunter Pariseau
Torch Photographer

I’ve always been for efficiency, why do something the hard way when one can take a smarter approach? I see phone as a tool for note-taking, planning, calculations and other uses that prove to be a benefit. Around Thanksgiving time, my perception with phones changed when my phone became unresponsive. Realizing that I needed a phone as soon as possible, I quickly looked to the internet to order a new one. This order took four weeks

to arrive, which left me with more issues than I thought.

Since everything I used was signed on the phone, most logins gave me problems since I needed my phone for account verification. This also was a problem when I tried to actually order, which took a couple of hours to resolve a workaround. Accounts aside, the bigger problem I dealt with was not having a form of communication mainly from work. Most house holds nowadays opt-out of using landlines, so I had to be glued to my laptop for the most part in case I was called in.

In a way, It was nice to be detached from the habit of technology on me at all times. Not having a cellphone left me less distracted

from notifications that would otherwise take away from what I was doing at the time. But in present time, it isn’t really particle to not have a phone for the most part. A time where most everyone expects that others can communicated in almost an instant. I also found while looking up phones, to get even an acceptable quality of phone was hard to come by at a low price. Most of the cheaper end models always seemed to have glaring issues that could make simple tasks a pain.

From looking at the perspective of not having a cellphone for a long period time, it seemed to be a double edge sword for as much as it can provide, or remove.

Here's the Tea

A point in favor of tea as the best cold weather drink

With the onslaught of snow Ferris has come to know and love, the need for a warm drink is stronger than ever.



Hannah McKeen
Interim Reporter

Luckily, with the two Starbucks hubs on campus, a Biggby Coffee across the street, and every other restaurant in the area, there are plenty of options. They're well placed for a college campus, too, since most students need that morning jolt of caffeine to get the day started. Which begs the question: what should people be drinking to get the much-needed energy?

While coffee isn't necessarily bad, and hot chocolate makes up for what it lacks in caffeine through sugar, tea should be the way to go.

Unlike coffee, the flavor of tea isn't limited by the brand's mix. Celestial Seasonings, Tazo, and Bigelow, to name a few, all have dozens of different flavors under their belts. Earl Grey tea offers a nice, calm start to the day, a mint or peppermint variation will give you a nice kick, or, for those with a sweet tooth, a peach tea or a tangerine tea can be a great choice. Many teas can also be modified by the same add-ins that people like to put in their coffee, even ice if you want to brave the cold with it.

Tea can also be a good drink at night, as there isn't much of a difference in flavor between caffeinated and decaffeinated, so it can help you stay focused with-

out feeling like you can't sleep once you've written that last paper. Some teas have even been shown to boost brain function, like Matcha tea. Matcha tea also contains a compound that gives the same energy as caffeine but reduces the crash that tends to come later on.

There are many more health related reasons to drink tea. Green tea, among others, contains antioxidants that may lower the risk of certain kinds of cancer and it can kill bacteria, which improves the drinker's dental health. Chamomile tea can be a balm on a sore throat, made even better with a dollop of honey.

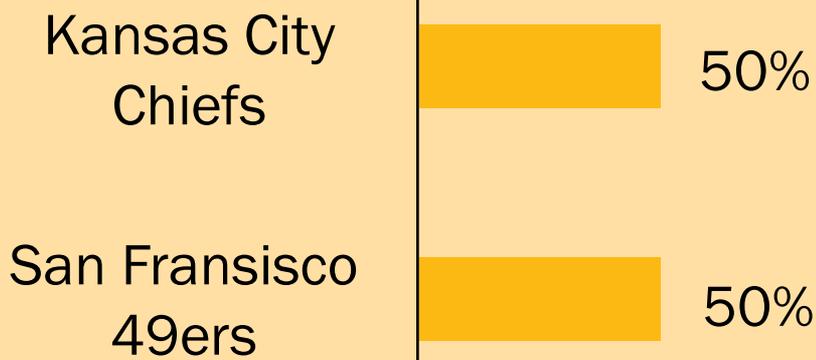
Of course, the variety of flavors and the different ways to prepare tea can seem a little intimidating. For a new tea drinker, mint tea is almost always a safe bet, as one of the flavors that doesn't really risk over-steeping, as is a lemon-grass and chai mix, if mint doesn't fit the craving. Little by little, you will find what you like and even how long you like it to steep for, and how much honey, sugar or milk you like in different flavors.

It all comes down to a matter of preference, but if you haven't tried tea before, it's worth a shot.

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Should men pay on a date?

Figuring out etiquette in the progressive world



Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Figuring out who should pay on a date is a tricky topic.

It's been custom that men pay when going out on a date for years now, but it's becoming way more popular that women begin to pay for their own meal.

I remember the first time that I tried to split the bill with a date and it made an already awkward date even weirder. It made the date feel less like a date and more like a hangout between friends. I've been on very few dates in my life because it's simply not the

type of thing that I do very often.

I don't feel that men should be obligated to pay for the date however it does feel awkward when you split the check with your date. However, I feel bad when a guy pays for my meal and I proceed to never see him again. It feels as if I was simply using him for a meal when it really isn't the case.

The reason I never see them again is because the date simply doesn't work out. That being said whenever I do choose to go on a date, I always make sure to bring enough money to pay for what I want to eat.

I think it's a nice rule of thumb, and if a guy happens to want to pay for my meal, then I'm not going to argue about it.

One thing that you can do if you want to go on a date with someone on campus is offer to swipe them into The Rock.

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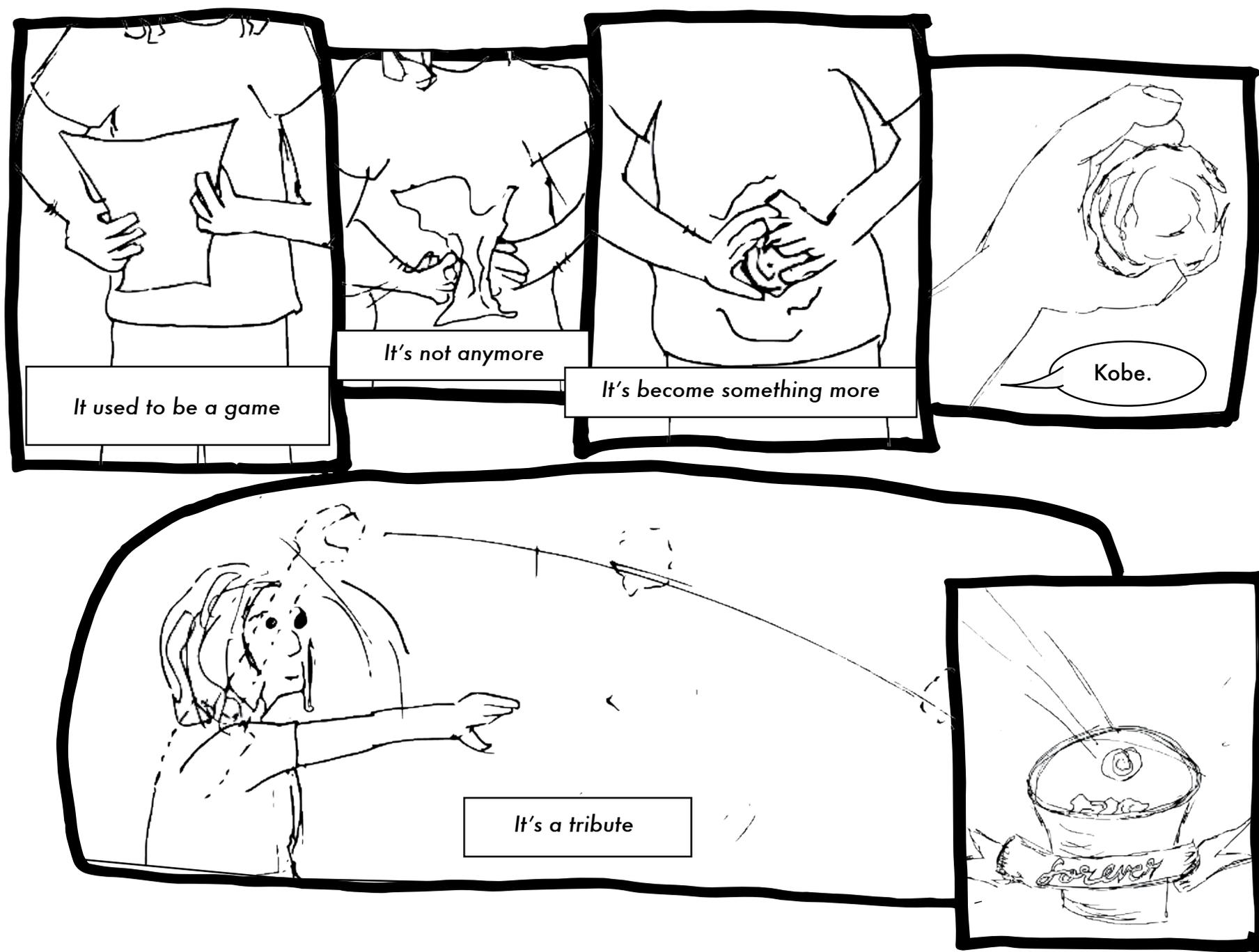
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Your mom keeps telling you that you have suchadis appointment but you don't know what suchadis is.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

You can't get coronavirus if you only drink Modelo.



Aries: March 21-April 19

Don't look forward to any Valentine's Day gifts because you should already know that these men don't want you.



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Did you remember to do your 68 pages of reading for your class that's about to start?



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Dude how'd you already fail out of your classes it's barely been the first few weeks.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

You made contact with her 19 times in the UC why aren't y'all dating yet?



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Don't worry you'll find your own Joe Goldberg someday.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

He might've played you 303,298 times but maybe this time he'll change.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

Get something else to eat aside from chicken strips.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Snow's here, looks like it's your time to slip on them sidewalks because Ferris don't salt them bad bois.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The rat you saw at the Rock is just Remy from Ratatouille, mind yo business.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

It's the year of the big forehead so do your thing.

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IMPEACHMENT

PRESIDENT EISLER TO WEAR PEACH-TINTED GLASSES



University president David Eisler reacts to his punishment as a result of his impeachment.

Peach Lloyd

Another Brick in the Wall

Amid the controversy of last month's "Eisler Says", the Ferris State's Bored of Directors have decided to impeach President Eisler.

Impeachment is a long, tedious, and necessary process when corrupt officials are in office. American presidents Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton have been impeached for varying reasons, but none of them were removed from office. Nix-y was going to get the pink slip, but if you resign before you're fired you can't be fired. Big brain moment for Tricky Dick.

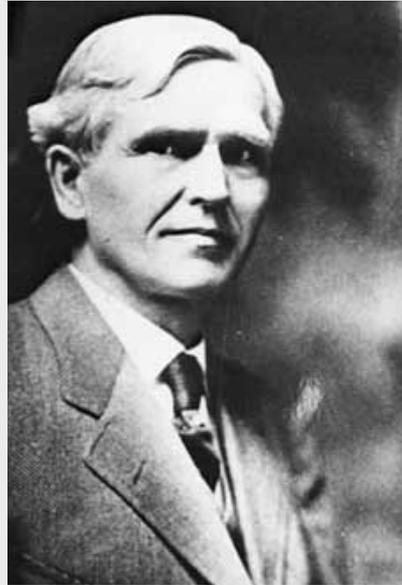
Eisler will be the 12th Ferris president to be impeached for varying reasons. A long line of corrupt presidents came before him, including founder Woodbridge Ferris. He was impeached for treason in 1927 for commenting on how some of the future campus area was a "grand valley" in one of his diaries.

Eisler's impeachment was intended to follow the same procedure as the Supreme Court's, but due to lack of allocated funds for trials against school officials, alternative options have been explored. One option would have allowed students to defend or prosecute the president as experience for future jobs in criminal justice, but the notion was quickly rejected for making "too much sense."

Instead, a barren peach tree will be placed inside Eisler's office and exposed to radioactive crickets. The crickets will burrow into the peach tree and an abnormally large peach will grow and fill up the entire office space. The president will have no other choice than to eat his way into the peach and stay there, with only human-sized bugs and his clarinet for company.

A 24/7 security team will cover the perimeter of the office to prevent any attempt at escape and the Muskegon River will be temporarily re-directed to prohibit the peach's mobilization across state line or into Canada. All of this will be funded by parking meter and ticket profits.

Eisler will remain in his office until eating through the rest of the peach. Meanwhile, the vice president will become the acting president. Students are advised to not consume or purchase any peach-related products until it is confirmed the peach is fully removed from campus.



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“When will my father come back from the drug store?”

-Daddy-Issues Debby

Has it been more or less than 10 days? Honestly, probably never. But, if you happen to see him by chance, tell him he owes me fifty bucks.

- Woodbridge

“What would be a good Valentine’s Day gift for my new girl?”

-Loving Laurie

How new? Have you defined the relationship? Because things could get real awkward if you move too fast here, hun.

-Woodbridge

“Do women have to register for the draft for World War III?”

-Concerned Carol

Men screwed up the country so the women have to stay behind to fix it. Y’all are exempt in my book.

-Woodbridge

“Wait... there’s going to be a World War III?”

-Naive Norman

Dude... have you not been paying attention to like, life? Have you ever seen a news program?

-Woodbridge

WARNING

Zombie Bulldogs run amok through campus. For your own safety, we must warn you, DO NOT PET. They may be adorable but their bites are vicious and will lead to infection with the zombie bulldog virus. We recommend you skip all classes for the remainder of the semester to be safe.

TIRE FIRE POLL RESULTS



What’s your go-to Super Bowl Snack?

Tears of Lion’s fans 76%

Chips and Salsa Vape 100%

My gf’s feet 39%

7-layer dip 4%

EISLER SAYS:

“You can bullshit anything if you’ve got the confidence”



“Offensive in all the right ways”

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- OFF THE RECORD -

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

Leif Erikson

A Hinga Dinga Durgen

Um... Cranberries?

Jan. 27, 9:31 p.m., the Snack Shack changed its chicken salad croissant recipe to include cranberries ... and we are not having it

Ya boi's wildin

Jan. 7, 2:36 a.m. a male student got drunk and decided it would be a good idea to run, half-clothed, through campus with a cone on his head. A group he had just met that night were charged with chasing him down and getting him back into the dorms.

Those darn kids

Jan. 8, 6:50 p.m. parents keep bringing their kids to the Rock. This time, they sneezed on the peanut butter no-bake cookies. The cookies later tested positive for the coronavirus.

The blame game

Jan. 11, 9 a.m., a professor rambled on about his political opinions for over half the class, then blamed the class for not getting enough work done. We're paying for this class not your mindless rants about whether Trump is ACTUALLY a good person. Keep your opinions to yourself.

A sleepless night

Jan. 23, 1:35 a.m., a Nerf war took place in the hallway outside of a student's room, waking them from a deep sleep. The student had an 8 a.m. the next morning.

It's OVER

Jan. 25, 2:35 p.m., two roommates staged an intervention for their third roommate who is STILL listening to Christmas music. Girl, it's done. Move on to the next holiday.

About seven drinks too many

Jan. 20, 9 p.m., a male student celebrating their 21st birthday and was already blackout drunk when his friends decided to buy him at least three more shots. The subject had an 8 a.m. lab the next morning and was hungover all day.

Un-cuffed

Jan. 18, 11:24 p.m., two subjects who have been together since the start of cuffing season are nearing the end of their relationship, causing awkwardness for everyone around them. Roommates have a bet on when the relationship will last until. (Most likely not past Feb. 13).

Give me my ramen

Jan. 13, 10:50 p.m., a drunk subject contacted his roommate while she was at work begging for shrimp ramen. When she said no, he threatened to drive himself to the store despite the knowledge that there were multiple flavors of ramen in the cupboard.



**EXISTENCE IS PAIN. SLEEP IT AWAY.
ALTERNATIVELY: DRINK TO FORGET.**

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SPORTS

“You can learn something from everybody down from the freshmen to the red-shirts. You just got to take the time to listen to them.”
- Jaylin McFadden - See below for story

Brendan Samuels | Sports Editor | samuelb1@ferris.edu

Same Player, Different Role



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Ferris junior wing Jaylin McFadden coaches up his teammates on the bench. McFadden was lost to injury early in the season, but he has impacted the team in a different way.

Amidst injury, Jaylin McFadden finds new way to help Ferris men’s basketball

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

A cruel reality in sports is that injuries happen and nobody is safe.

Ferris’ men’s basketball team had to face that reality this season when they lost junior wing Jaylin McFadden. McFadden sustained a torn ACL during the team’s trip to California for the D2 Tip-Off Classic.

McFadden has been forced to sit the rest of the season, but men’s head basketball coach Andy Bronkema said he’s an encourager now as he plays a new role as more of a coach.

Instead of putting on his players uniform, McFadden now suits up and plays a pivotal coaching role on the sidelines at every game. He is still an important part of this year’s team. Bronkema said the team believes this happened for a reason and it will make Jaylin the most complete player and person that he can be which is a necessary value.



Jaylin McFadden

“First it was emotional as I put a lot of work in to start the season and one injury stops you this year and you can’t play until next year so it’s hard,” McFadden said. “But at the same time it’s a blessing because there is a lot of things that I want to apply to my game just by watching other players and watching my team and what they are doing so I can better myself for next year, so it’s like a blessing in disguise.”

McFadden was a part of the 2018 National Championship team and played a pivotal role coming off the bench during the title run. He was a part of the starting rotation last season and the games he played this season, averaging 18.6 points per game.

“A lot of people go through ACL injuries and then give up on basketball, or don’t think they will come back the same and a lot of people around them like family give up on them, but here at Ferris State, the coaching staff, the players are all encouraging me to get stronger and telling me I’m going to come back better than I was and its very encouraging and means a lot,” McFadden said. “They see what I can be and my potential so they push me to be that and to know they have that confidence in me helps me see that I can see that type of player

is just a blessing to me.”

Not having McFadden out on the court since the trip to California hasn’t stopped the team or Jaylin himself from getting better and improving every week. With the team having three senior leaders in Greg Williams, Cole Walker, and D’angelo Hughes who take charge as vocal and example leaders.

Assistant coach Raymoan McAfee believes Jaylin must now, as a necessity, be a more vocal leader and put his actions into words.



Raymoan McAfee

“You feel for Jaylin first of all, especially losing a player of his caliber. It will hurt any team and any moral of any team, but the guys have uplifted him, and they continue to play and – taking that situation on – it could’ve been anyone of us,” McAfee said. “We feel for Jaylin but we have a next man up system. We have to wait for him to come back and hope he becomes a better player when he comes back.”

“If he can continue to lead vocally as well as by example that will be something, we won’t be able to replace for a very long time especially at the level Jaylin can do it at,” McAfee said.

Bronkema said Jaylin’s development has been amazing on and off the court with the many things a college basketball player juggles in life. McFadden just wants to add to the leadership ladder and heal to get back on the court for his senior year next season. The coaches have said that Jaylin has a way of seeing the game as it plays out from a coach’s standpoint with ease and that he is a very smart player but having that chance to view the game from the sideline with only help him grow even more.

“You can learn something from everybody down from the freshmen to the redshirts. You’ve just got to take the time to listen to them that’s the biggest thing I have learned from off the court leadership,” McFadden said.

As the year winds down into the playoffs with only nine more regular season games left for the bulldogs, the team is looking forward to having their brother back on the court. Jaylin will come back next season for his senior year, with perhaps more knowledge and a different experience to compete for the university, coaches, fans and his team-.

WEEKEND SCORECARD

Hockey

Jan. 24 - Ferris 1,
Michigan Tech 2
Jan. 25 - Ferris 2,
Michigan Tech 1

Women’s Basketball

Jan. 23 - Ferris 78,
Wisconsin-Parkside 53
Jan. 25 - Ferris 77,
Purdue-Northwest 70

Men’s Basketball

Jan. 23 - Ferris 93,
Wisconsin-Parkside 78
Jan. 25 - Ferris 82,
Purdue-Northwest 77

A True Bulldog

Riley Blair continues to leave a legacy on and off the court

Brody Keiser
Torch Reporter

Ferris senior guard Riley Blair is a superstar on the court who has earned the respect of so many.

The senior's dominance on the floor has been an integral part of the Bulldogs' success this season, but personality, passion, and dedication to her team are also huge pieces of what makes Blair so special to them.

Ferris women's basketball head coach Kendra Faustin spoke highly of Blair. Faustin said it was difficult to put into words just how much the senior means to her team but made sure to emphasize Blair is a person that everyone wants on their team.

"She is incredibly mentally tough," Faustin said. "She is a Bulldog. If you had to define a Bulldog that would be her. She's relentless and she just does it while she has so much fun."

Blair may be a warrior on the court, but a lighthearted and easygoing person otherwise. Described by both Faustin and fellow teammate freshman guard Malory McCartney as "goofy," Blair has the innate ability to keep spirits high while also acting as a leader for her teammates.

"She's a crazy fun person off the court," McCartney said. "She's goofy, she lightens the mood with all of us and then on the court she just takes the leadership role. She can tell all of us what to do and we

all listen."

The chemistry between the Bulldogs is fantastic and Blair is a huge part of that. A natural and vocal leader, she is admired by her teammates. McCartney was especially appreciative of Blair's mentorship.

A thrill seeker in her free time, Blair loves rollercoasters and outdoor recreation. Recently, she has taken an interest in hiking and would love to visit Denver for the outdoor attractions.

At the end of the day, Blair just wants to win. She won the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week three times this year, but the senior keeps her focus on winning games rather than awards.

The desire to win has always been a huge part of Blair's life. Even her favorite childhood memory dealt with her natural competitiveness.

"We used to have this mini-hoop inside our house and my brother and I used to go down there almost every night and just go at it 1-on-1," Blair said with a reminiscent smile. "It was the most competitive, serious thing. You would've thought it was the NBA Finals."

Blair's Bulldogs are currently riding a seven-game win streak, fueled by her 20.3 points per game during that stretch. She will look to help keep her team in the win column when they visit Ashland 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.



Kendra Faustin



Riley Blair



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris senior guard Riley Blair poses with head coach Kendra Faustin. Blair scored her 1,000th career point in this weekend's action.

A different league

Intramural sports kick off their 2020 season

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

One of the biggest concerns in going off to college and finally being on your own is finding the people you will befriend.

All of your hometown friends go off to different schools, and you have to learn how to survive in a social environment you are not used to. For your average student who is not part of a club, RSO, sports team, etc., meeting new people can be very overwhelming and intimidating.

Out of all the different opportunities that Ferris provides for their students. One particularly great way to put yourself

out there and meet new people while having fun at the same time? Intramural Sports.

If you are a student on campus trying to find a way to meet new people and get involved, intramural sports are a great way to get out there in a fun social environment.



Justin Harden

Justin Harden, the Assistant Director of Intramurals and Club Sports, elaborated on why intramural sports is such an excellent opportunity for students.

"I think it is a good, social environment — they come here, and there are a lot of people playing sports in the gym in our

building at night," Harden said. "We have anywhere from 600 to 700 people come through our building. It's a great social experiment, they get to hang out with friends, meet new people and they just really enjoy it. You get to forget about that class load and that exam coming up and kind of just have fun and enjoy being around people."

We all know the stress of being a college student. You have an exam on Thursday, a paper due the following week, and a speech after that. This allows you to put all that behind you for a couple of hours on a weeknight and have some fun with some friends. If you are wondering if you fit the description, this message may help you out.

"We provide these sports for a chance for students ... to

Intramural | see page 12

The abandoned 'Dawgs



Hockey sees its lowest attendance numbers in decades

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

It isn't hard to find empty seats in Ewingleben Ice Arena this year.

From the Dawg Pound to the bleachers where visiting fans sit, empty bleachers are something that can't be missed. The 2,500-seat arena can easily hold the crowds out to watch the Bulldogs this season, as most nights the arena fills to just more than half capacity.

Team success and the amount of profit a university makes from the team go hand in hand.

When a team is good, people go out to watch the team. They want to show their support to a team that they enjoy watching. That desire to watch an athletics team is capitalized on monetarily through ticket sales and concessions.

The opposite is also the case, as when a team is struggling, fewer people are willing to come out and show support. Not many people like to watch their team lose. That means a loss in revenue to that team.

Ferris hockey is learning this the hard way this season, as the attendance numbers for hockey are coming in woefully short from past years.

In fact, this season has seen the lowest average attendance for home games since the statistic became available.

With only four home games left in the season, the attendance sits at an average of 1,345 people per game. That is nearly 100 people less than the next lowest mark, set in the 2008-2009 season at 1,424.

Searching through online archives dating back to 1997, there has never been a hockey season that has

seen such low attendance. Attendance before this year has never dropped to less than 1,400 people per game.

Currently, the total attendance for the season sits at 16,134. If we multiply the average attendance by four and add it to the current total, we can project that the overall audience for the entire season will be somewhere near 21,000 people

That sounds like solid attendance, but 21,000 people are 4,000 people fewer than the previous lowest year, and more than 8,000 people less than last year's total, which stood at 28,977.

Now, what does this mean financially? If the average ticket for a Ferris Hockey game is \$10, then the amount of lost revenue from last season to this season can reach to more than \$70,000. That is not including losses in concessions.

We may not know for sure that attendance numbers won't go up as the season ends. The Bulldogs play four conference games that are sure to bring fans to games. With the Bulldogs ending their nine-game losing streak, things may be looking up.

Still, to be able to not make history as the most poorly attended season in over 22 seasons, there will need to be a high number of fans in attendance. The arena will need to see over 1,800 people in each of the last four games to reach over 2008-2009's record low.

The next home game is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, against Michigan Tech — a team who they just defeated this past Saturday.



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Ferris sophomore forward Hunter Wendt fights off defenders as he makes his way to the net. The hockey program could finish the season with the lowest attendance numbers since the 2008-2009 season.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday, Jan. 30:

- Women's Basketball at Ashland at 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Ashland at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31:

- Hockey at Northern Michigan at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

- Track and Field at GVSU Mike Lints Open
- Women's Basketball at Wayne State at 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Wayne State at 3 p.m.
- Hockey at Northern Michigan at 6 p.m.



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Intramural

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continue to play sports they have been playing their whole life," Harden said. "Maybe they're not good enough to play at the college level, but they still want to continue to compete in a way that is not just a pick-up game. So we offer different sports like basketball, football, slow-pitch softball, soccer."

"It allows them to keep playing those sports when they come here at a little more competitive level than a pick-up game. We keep score have officials' things like that," Harden said.

If you are tired of just playing pick-up games or one on one with your buddy, intramural sports is a way you can play the games you played growing up and in high school with a real team, refs and scorekeeping. They keep track of your record and play playoff and championship games.

Ferris senior Jared Ozella has been participating in Intramurals for four years.

"When I first started here freshman year, I really wanted to continue playing sports after high school. Bunch of my friends got to-

gether and thought about ways we could do something," Ozella said. "We found intramural through the rec and started playing basketball and flag football and just kept playing all four years now. It is a mix of everything; you get to play sports less competitively than high school or at the collegiate level. So, it's less pressure, and you get to spend time with friends but still participate in sports that you enjoy."

This spring, they are offering leagues in basketball, floor hockey, soccer, cornhole, volleyball and broomball. You can have teams that consist of just men, just women, co-ed, with your fraternity or sorority. Last you can also team up and play with the Area 5 Special Olympic athletes as well. They also offer tournaments, which include softball, wiffle Ball, indoor flag football, table tennis and euche.

So, if you are looking for new ways to meet new people this spring and want to stay connected with the sports you played growing up, check out Intramural Sports at the Ferris State Rec Facility.

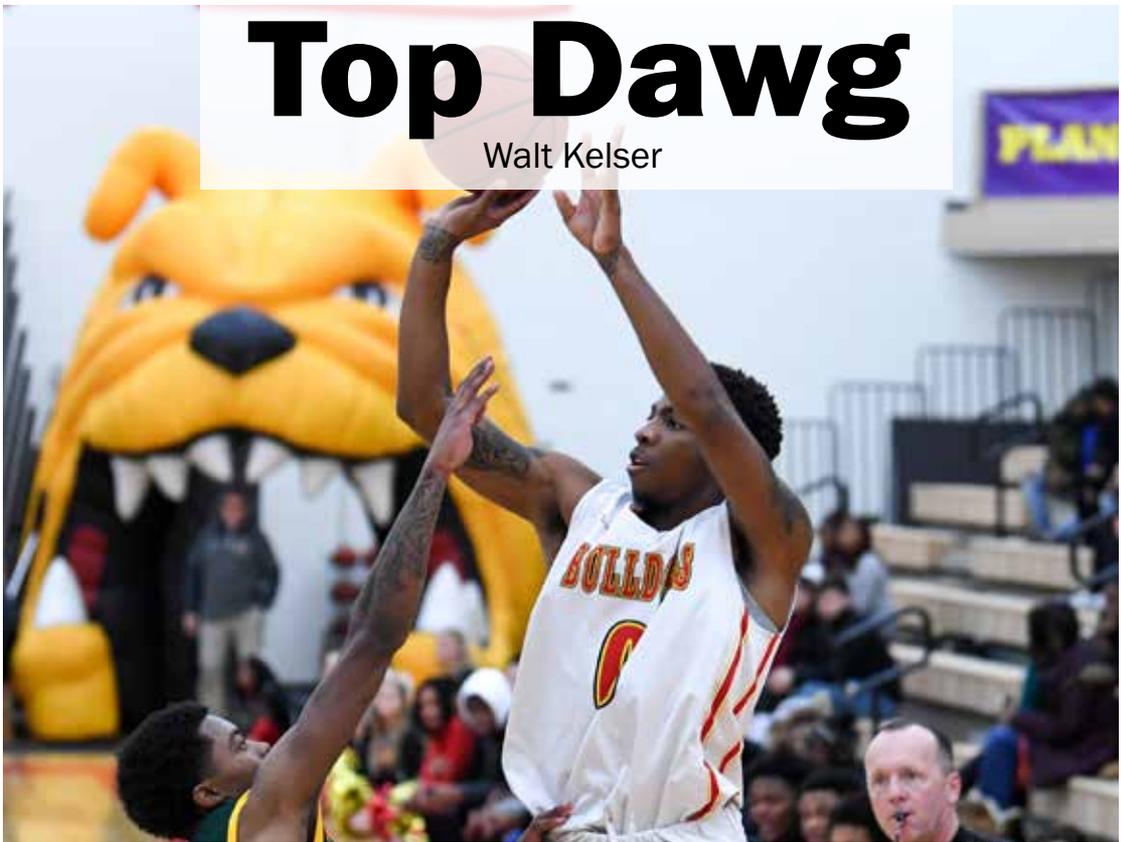


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Top Dawg

Walt Kelsner

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

This week in Bulldog action, the Top Dawg Award is going to none other than Ferris men's basketball junior guard Walt Kelsner.

Kelsner had a career game this past weekend home against Wisconsin-Parkside Thursday, Jan. 23. As Kelsner played 27 minutes in the game as a starter, he only missed two shots on the day as he posted a career-high 29 points in the contest.

Along with making 10 of 12 from the court, seven of those came from behind the arch as he was considered the Bulldog's hot hand. Kelsner grabbed a total

of three rebounds two defensively and one offensively during his time on the court. Kelsner posted two assists, two steals and one block.

Not only did he perform well in the game against Parkside, but Kelsner has started all season. Kelsner has averaged 26.9 minutes for the Bulldogs as a starter. He has been averaging 18.1 points per game this year, collecting a total of 416 points. Kelsner has grabbed 3.6 rebounds per game and stolen the ball 1.7 times per game.

While Kelsner has shot 44.8% overall, 72.9% free throw shooting and made 37.6% of his 3 pointers. All these accomplishments are just in 23 regular-season games played as Kelsner will look to add to these totals as the season moves forward.

Sports Shorts

Brendan Samuels
Torch Reporter

GVSU Offensive Coordinator suspended

Newly-hired GVSU offensive coordinator Morris Berger has been suspended after praising Hitler's leadership style in the school's newspaper.

In an article published to the Grand Valley Lanthorn on Thursday, Jan. 23, Berger was asked to name three historical figures he'd like to have dinner with. His response came with some backlash.

"This is probably not going to get a good review, but I'm going to say Adolf Hitler," Berger said. "It was obviously very sad and he had bad motives, but the way he was able to lead was second-to-none. How he rallied a group and a following, I want to know how he did that. Bad intentions of course, but you can't deny he wasn't a great leader."

Berger went on to name John F. Kennedy and Christopher Columbus as well.

The university has since responded, issuing the following statement:

"The comments made by Offensive Coordinator Morris Berger, as reported in The Lanthorn student newspaper, do not reflect the values of Grand Valley State University," the statement read. "Berger has been suspended and the university is conducting a thorough investigation."

Berger was named GVSU football's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Monday, Jan. 20. Berger previously served on the offensive staff at Oklahoma State University in 2017 and as the tight ends coach at Texas State University in 2019. Berger was fired from that position before landing with the Lakers.

Five Ferris football players earn DII All-America Honors

Five members of the 2019 Ferris football team were awarded Don Hansen DII All-America Honors.

First-Team recipients include senior defensive end Austin Edwards, senior offensive guard Tyler Allison, senior defensive back James Ceasar and senior linebacker Avonte Bell. Junior offensive tackle Dylan Pasquali earned Third-Team recipients.

Edwards continued to fill his trophy case as he was also named the 2019 Don Hansen's Division II Football National Defensive Player of the Year.

The four First-Team members is the most for one school in the country.

A test as old as time Started with 32, ends with one

Wil Roy and Noah Poser
Torch Staff

For the past 54 years there has been one thing all football lovers look forward to.

Only two teams make it, but millions of fans watch it every year and that event is the Super Bowl.

This year the two teams facing off are the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The game is on Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and will be played at Hard Rock Stadium.

These two teams have had very similar stats throughout this year. The 49ers went 13-3 and the Chiefs went 12-4 in the regular season. They played one time this season and the 49ers came out on top, winning 27-17.

You can believe that the Chiefs are going to be head hunting during this game.

If the 49ers win, they will tie the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steelers for having the most

Super Bowl wins in NFL history with six.

However, if the Chiefs win, they will have ended the second longest Lombardi Trophy drought, only behind the New York Jets, who hold the longest with 51 years.

If you are not a fan of football or a fan of the two teams playing in this year's game do not worry. For the past 54 years fans have remained excited to see the halftime show, the new commercials, and all that happens at the Super Bowl parties every year on the day of the big game.

Because the game is an all day event for some, food is crucial. What snacks people serve can make or break the Super Bowl party.

"Lately, my friends and I have been getting Buffalo Wild Wings for the game," elementary education major Megan Bugni said.

Football fan or not, tune in Sunday, Feb. 2, to see everthing that will make Super Bowl LIV a possible classic to remember.

LIFESTYLES

"It is a privilege to be recognized for outstanding leadership and GPA across Greek life."

- Andrea Tancredi - See page 15 for story

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Greek Life: Reality Edition

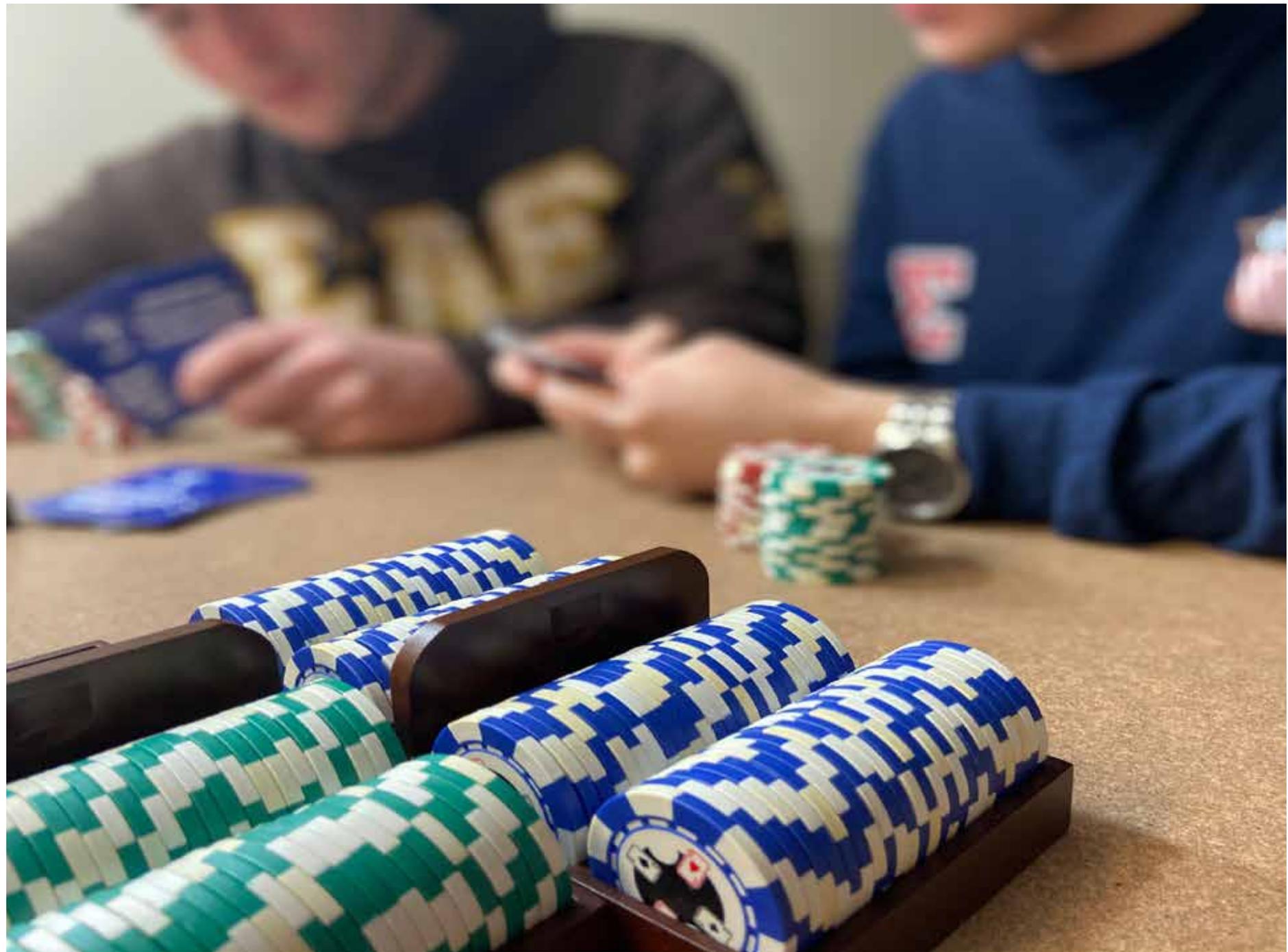


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Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers at their Casino Night Rush event.

How Greek life works at FSU

Mackenzie Kidder
Torch Reporter

Joining a fraternity or sorority at Ferris has a specific process, but it is a worthwhile experience.

Ferris nursing senior Leanna Kwilos is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha at Ferris State University, and she explained that spring recruitment is a little less formal and they do their formal recruitment in the fall. Spring recruitment is very structured and split up into three days. This semester, ZTA has 35 active members, and are looking for six more girls to join their sorority.

In the fall, at the end of day three, girls are given a bid by a sorority if the connection is right and the meeting sessions went well. In the spring, continuous open bidding occurs, which means bids can be handed out anytime to a girl that is interested in joining.

Ferris social work sophomore Taylor Gentle is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma and said that when joining a sorority you gain a huge support system to turn to for any reason and obtain communication skills, great opportunities, a great sense of sisterhood and a home away from home." Phi Sigma Sigma is hoping to gain nine girls this semester through spring recruitment.

Ferris biology and psychology junior and the Alpha Sigma Tau President Camryn Booms said that she gained leadership experience and opportunities and has developed so much over the last few years she has belonged to this sorority. She has also developed connections and relationships and has acquired a job from the sorority, leadership positions and travel opportunities from AST.

On the fraternity side of Greek Life, things are a bit different. Ferris history junior Larry Bogus is the Inter Fraternity Council President and Sigma Pi member. He shared that in the spring it is the exact same process as in the fall; the turnout in the fall has a lot more incoming freshmen who are interested in joining Greek Life though.



Larry Bogus

The spring has fewer men interested because most begin college knowing if they want to join a fraternity or not, but several do decide to settle in their first semester, then rush in the springtime. Bogus described spring recruitment as the process to get young men to see if they want to join a brotherhood and fraternity.

"They get to experience each fraternity and go to a room and get a slideshow presentation about the fraternity and talk

to the brothers and ask questions to see what they are all about," Bogus said.

Sigma Pi currently has 26 active members, but are hoping to gain around 10 new members this semester to make their fraternity grow. There is no capacity for how many members can join a fraternity on campus.

Kyle White, a junior facility management major and Sigma Alpha Epsilon President, explained that there are four or five events held by each fraternity over the next two weeks for new members, and these events give the men a chance to get to know the brothers in the fraternities on campus and see which one they are interested in joining. SAE has 24 active members, and are hoping to gain another 14 or 15 to their brotherhood.

Casino night, game night, fraternal house of pancakes – where new members make pancakes for potential new members – and watching the Super Bowl together are events hosted by SAE this spring. The events vary from fraternity to fraternity. Formal interviews are held after the other events as well, which are invite-only. The fraternities proceed from there, giving bids to men they feel are a right fit for their brotherhood.

Events calendar

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 29



LGBTQ+ Resource Center Coffeehouse

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

Leadershape Tabling

Location: CLACS
Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

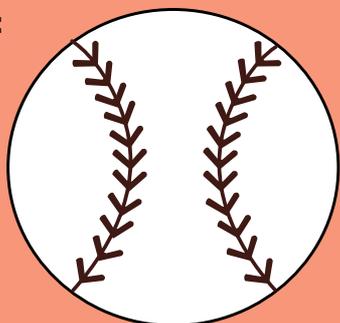
Jan. 30

Humanities Colloquium: "The Tragedy of Moral Evolution" by Dr. Randy Groves

Location: UCB 203
Time: 11 a.m.

Five Star Event: Chris Singleton

Location: UC 202
Time: 7 p.m.



FRIDAY

Jan. 31

Study Abroad Information Workshop

Location: IRC 104
Time: 1 p.m.

Global Game Jam

Location: IRC 121
Time: Friday - Sunday



SATURDAY

Feb. 1

Global Game Jam

Location: IRC 121
Time: Friday - Sunday



TUESDAY

Feb. 4

Self Care Lobby Event

Location: CLACS Lobby
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



For more events, check out calendar.ferris.edu

Overheard at Ferris

"Well that's okay, if you drop out of pharmacy school, there's a lot of corners in Big Rapids"

-The Quad

Apartments vs. Houses

Preparing for next year, which is the better residence?

Kendall Rooks
Interim Reporter

As the second semester begins, the hunt to sign leases for the coming year ramps up.

There are a wide array of different living situations in the area. Narrowing the options can be somewhat difficult. However, there are a couple of things to consider in the house versus apartment debate. Space and privacy continue to be a reoccurring topic.

Renting a house typically leads to more square space as opposed to an apartment. With a house you also tend to have more privacy by not being directly connected to other living spaces. If you are lucky enough you might also score some nice yard space and a garage.



Riley Eggers

"I personally prefer a house because I really like how quiet and private it is," Ferris criminal justice junior Riley Eggers said. "It's really nice because you feel like you have your own space, but you still have roommates close by. Apartments can be loud, and not spacious enough."

Ferris business administration junior Brendan Hart said, "I can kind of do whatever I want and not have to worry about too many people or noise complaints."

The roommate situation can also determine whether a house or an apartment will be a better match. When renting a house, students are responsible for finding their own group of roommates to live with them. When

renting an apartment, you can either enter in blind or take part in the roommate matchmaker quiz.

Hilcrest Oakwood Property uses a roommate matchmaker quiz. Some of the possible questions are 'do you smoke?' 'do you have pets?' and 'do you stay up late?'

"Oakwood is also willing to transfer roommates somewhere else if there ends up being difficulties which is something houses are not able to do," Oakwood leasing consultant Eric Beauchamp said.



Eric Beauchamp

If you tend to be extremely accident prone, maintenance availability is a third consideration.

"In my experience with housing, private landlords are sometimes snowbirds, and therefore maintenance needs are not met in the spring," Beauchamp said. "Oakwood has 24-hour maintenance on basically a moment's notice. They are even willing to show up after hours."

One of the more pressing matters when deciding on housing is the cost. Fortunately, the cost does not vary dramatically between houses and apartments. As many are aware, student enrollment has decreased.

As a result, bed space has increased with fewer students, and rent prices have declined due to this. Four-bedroom spaces run around \$390-\$450, whereas two-bedrooms are slightly more expensive running around \$480-\$520. It varies based on which apartment complex or realtor you rent through.



Photo by: William Byrd | Multimedia Editor

Apartments like these at Eight Thirty Water Tower Apartments may be a good choice for students looking to live off campus.

Random Fact

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Your weekly dose of trivia

The British set Washington, D.C., on fire in late Aug. 1814. Several government buildings burned, including the White House. President James Madison and his administration escaped the burning city and stayed in Brookville, Md. for the night. First Lady Dolley Madison rescued the 8-foot tall painting of George Washington from the White House dining room.

Sources: thoughtco.com "The 8 Scariest Days in American History" and mountvernon.org "Dolley Madison Rescues George Washington"

Introducing Order of Omega

Everything you need to know about the Greek Honors Society

Kendall Rooks
Interim Reporter

Although the Ferris Order of Omega Beta Phi chapter is small, totaling just 14 members, it is one of the more prestigious organizations on campus.

Order of Omega is a Greek Leadership Honors Society that represents the top 3% within the fraternity/sorority community on campus. The history behind Order of Omega goes as far back as 1959 when it was originally founded at the University of Miami by a group of fraternity men. These men felt that individuals in the Greek community should be recognized for their service to the fraternity community. Ferris' Beta Phi chapter was not established until 1979.

The purpose of the society is to shine light on the fraternity and sorority members who have demonstrated high standards of academics and leadership in their respective Greek Organizations. Order of Omega functions as an addition to traditional Greek life, rather than a social or professional group. It would be comparable to joining the National Honors Society in high school, but for college Greeks.

There are quite a few rigorous requirements which need to be met before becoming a member of the Order of Omega. Potential members must be full-time students, upperclassmen, Greek members and obtain

a minimum GPA. Beyond those requirements, potential members are also evaluated based on character, official positions held in Greek Life, extra-curricular involvement and service to not only their chapter but to the surrounding community.

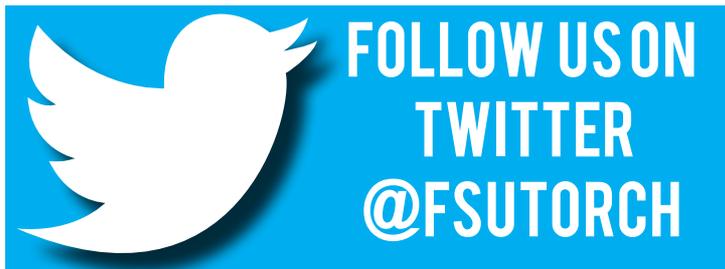
After becoming a member of Order of Omega there is a responsibility to continue to maintain strong bonds and values in your respective chapter and to continue to create more outside of that. Members are also encouraged to bring together alumni, students, and faculty involved with Greek life. In doing so, ideas and affairs can be discussed openly across Greek lines and situations can be worked out masterfully.

"It is a privilege to be recognized for outstanding leadership and GPA across Greek life," stated Order of Omega Secretary Andrea Tancredi.



Andrea Tancredi

Order of Omega is currently working on fundraising by selling Greek life shirts in order to promote and finance an all Greek banquet. They will be finalizing events for the semester in their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Flite 304.



Best laptops for college students

Getting the most for your money

Sydney Stevens
Torch Reporter

Surviving in college without a laptop in today's technology-driven world is a complicated feat.

Most students buy a budget-friendly laptop, wait until they know exactly what will work best for their major or find something that will fit their wants and needs. When choosing a computer for school, there are many factors to consider.

Unless a student knows they will need a laptop which meets specific requirements for their program, most focus on the brand or affordability. The brand is how pre-pharmacy sophomore Lauren Miskel decided on her computer.

Miskel has a MacBook Pro, and it cost \$1300. She didn't have any software she needed precisely for her major, so a simple but stylish laptop was all she wanted. Miskel prefers staying in the realm of Apple with all of her devices and so choosing her computer wasn't a hard choice.

Not every student is going to need to do extensive research for a laptop. Students want to make sure it will work for college or at least until they can buy a new one.

Some students only focus on price. That is precisely what hospitality management freshman Darius Daniels did before starting classes. Daniels has a Lenovo laptop that cost him about \$150.

"I don't have to download CAD programs or anything, so my computer is perfectly fine," Daniels stated.

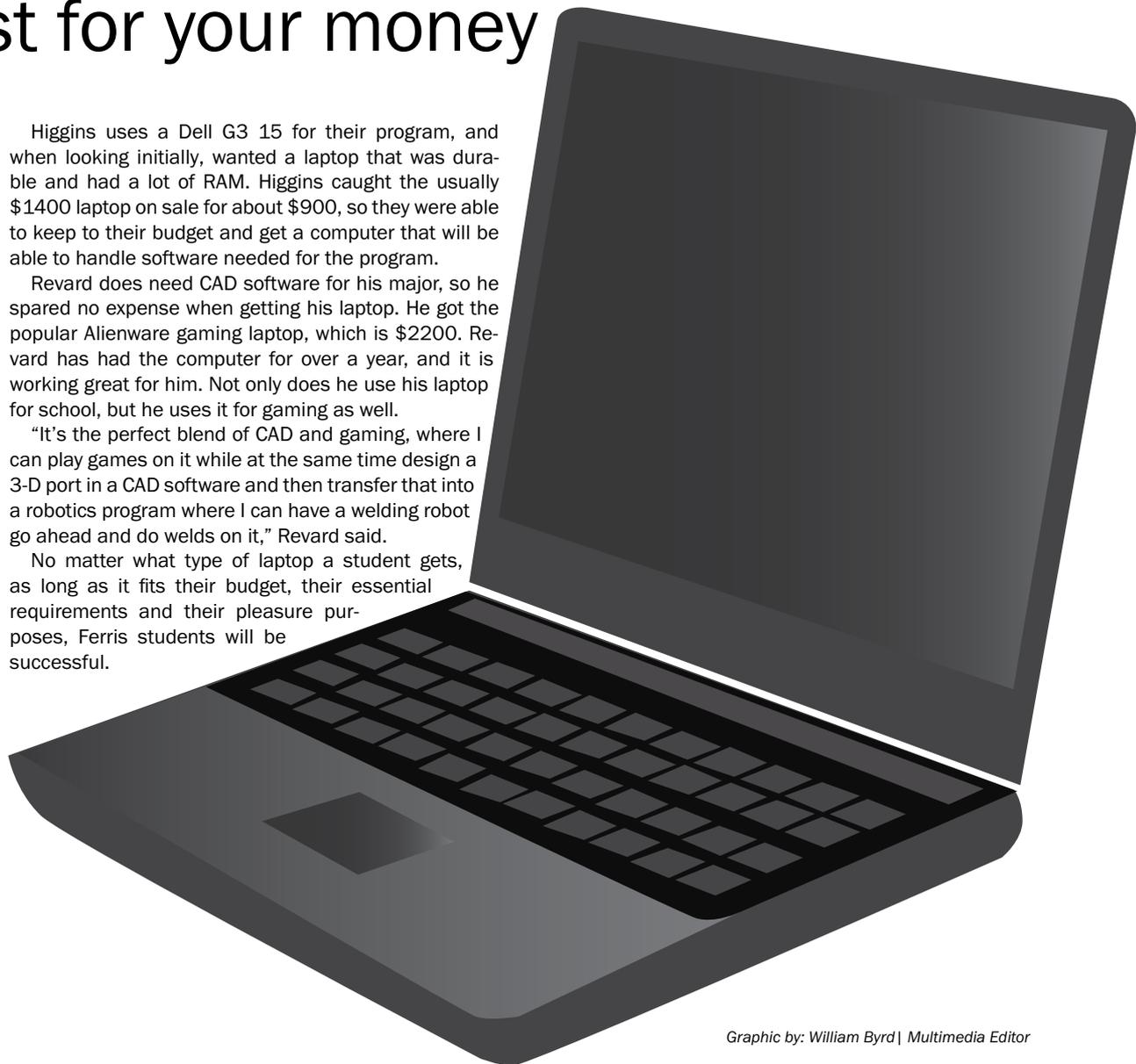
Many Ferris students need computer-aided design (CAD) software and many other programs. This is why computer information systems senior Justice Higgins and welding engineering junior Jeffrey Revard both took their time and bought laptops that would serve them well in their programs.

Higgins uses a Dell G3 15 for their program, and when looking initially, wanted a laptop that was durable and had a lot of RAM. Higgins caught the usually \$1400 laptop on sale for about \$900, so they were able to keep to their budget and get a computer that will be able to handle software needed for the program.

Revard does need CAD software for his major, so he spared no expense when getting his laptop. He got the popular Alienware gaming laptop, which is \$2200. Revard has had the computer for over a year, and it is working great for him. Not only does he use his laptop for school, but he uses it for gaming as well.

"It's the perfect blend of CAD and gaming, where I can play games on it while at the same time design a 3-D part in a CAD software and then transfer that into a robotics program where I can have a welding robot go ahead and do welds on it," Revard said.

No matter what type of laptop a student gets, as long as it fits their budget, their essential requirements and their pleasure purposes, Ferris students will be successful.



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