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Jamming out

Ferris students create video games in a weekend's time



Photo by: Grant Siddall | Torch Reporter

Students watch a presentation at the Global Game Jam held last weekend.

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Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Ferris students, mostly digital animation and game design (DAGD), put aside sleep over the weekend to try to create video games in a 48-hour time limit.

Global Game Jam is an event in which game creators, both professional and amateur work to create a video game within 48-hours. This year's event ran from Friday evening through Sunday evening.

When the event starts teams are given a general theme to follow and then must brainstorm ideas and create a game to be submitted within the time limit.

This year's theme was repair. During the brainstorming process teams at Ferris could be overheard discussing a variety of ideas, including games featuring robots building and repairing themselves throughout the game and a first-person shooter where players collect parts for new weapons from slain enemies.

Unlike many game jams, Global Game Jam is not a competition but rather an opportunity for game creators to come together and test their skills. Teams are also allowed to work from games they have previously created, which is not allowed in competitive game jams.

The strict time constraints of the game jam left little time for participants to sleep over the weekend. During the final game presentations on Sunday one participant spoke about how his team only slept for about three hours each night, and another student said that he didn't sleep at all over the 48-hour span.



Nick
Pattison

For students the event is a chance to step outside of their comfort zone and come away with valuable skills and lessons.

"I think with game design there are just so many skills involved. Art skills and programming skills are the obvious ones but there are many less obvious ones: writing, communication, project management. If a student puts in the full weekend many of them will end up having to do things that they haven't done before," said Ferris School of Digital Media professor Nick Pattison during the initial hours of the event.

When the event ended, many student participants felt that they learned valuable lessons that they could apply to the classroom, as well as the workplace.

Ferris DAGD sophomore Jared Ebels said one of the most important takeaways for himself and other students participating in the game jam was the art of cutting unneeded material. Ebels said that teams start with big ideas and plans for their games and quickly realize they'll need to cut out about 80% of those ideas to finish a game within the time limit.

"Even in the workplace these time constraints, while not necessarily 48 hours you still have pretty short time constraints in order to make a game. Being able to look at your idea and cut away that you know you can't do, as much as that might hurt you, is one of the biggest things you can take away from the game jam," Ebels said.

For other students the final process of putting everyone's individual contributions into a single final product was a valuable learning experience.



Jared
Ebels

"We're often in this program taught the pieces and then way at the end we're taught to put them together. We're taught to model, to rig, to animate, to program a game but we're never taught to pull it back together until something like this. That's why that was the hardest part and now we know a lot more about how to do that as a team," Ferris DAGM junior Michael Lopez said.

During the final presentations teams seemed proud of what they were able to accomplish and despite the common theme of repair the finished products varied greatly. Each game looked completely unique in animation and had different controls and tasks. While in one game the player is on a spaceship finding items to repair the ship, another was the aforementioned idea of a shooting game where the player collects abilities from enemies in a randomly generated map and the other games were equally unique.

Each of the five games created by Ferris students and faculty for the 2020 Global Game Jam can be found and played by going to globalgamejam.org and searching for Ferris State University.

NEWS

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Movin' up and movin' out

Are fraternities apartments the future of Greek row?

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

For years it's been traditional that fraternities and sororities have a home to call their own where members can relax and be with one another, but in Big Rapids students are limited in their options of houses to rent.

The houses in town are insufficient to hold organizations who may have over 10 members. The solution Lambda Chi Alpha has discovered is to leave their house and move into Hillcrest Oakwood Properties.

Following their fall 2018 rush, Ferris human resource management sophomore James Kendrick, who is the housing manager knew that they were going to outgrow their house.

With 32 current members and a house that fits eight it can be difficult to hold events without feeling cramped. With that in mind LCA got to work looking for potential housing options.

"We originally began looking through our alumni trying to get a house but that's a long process so we kind of went out on our own to look for options," Kendrick said.

Ferris computer information technology junior Joshua



James
Kendrick



Joshua
Betz

Betz, who is also the president of LCA said that Oakwood came to them with the idea to move into the apartments.

"One of our members, Matthew Miller actually works at Oakwood. So, they approached him with the idea," Betz said "The idea of putting our letters up was brought up, we walked through, decided on some renovations and we signed the contract to make it official."

Oakwood is actually pushing to have more of the Greek community to live in the apartments. "Be part from the start, Greek row 2020" read flyers that are being distributed around town. With this different Greek organizations would be able to hang their letters and potentially alter the buildings, which is something that LCA is working on.

"So, it's six apartments that are together and in the middle two, the wall in the living room is going to be knocked out," Kendrick said. "We also really want to connect some of the decks but we have to work on that with them."

Ferris professional golf management freshmen Aaron Hoop currently lives in North hall with three other members of LCA. And is excited to live with the rest of

his brothers.

"It'll definitely be different," Hoop said. "There's seven people in the house now, and then all of a sudden you go to 24 people so things will probably get a little rowdy. But it'll be interesting to see it all play out."

LCA has of course however taken this into consideration and have thought about its members who might want a more quiet setting.

"Everyone will pretty much group up based on personality and major. The middle one, that is going to have the walls torn down, is obviously where it's going to be louder because that's the spot for everyone to hang out..." Kendrick said. "So the people who can sleep with noise and know it's not going to bother them as all are going to live there. The end caps are completely blocked off, which is the apartment that is just attached pretty much. So that's for those who are in nursing school or going into pharmacy school or in majors who maybe need a little more privacy to study are going to be."

But despite the concerns the members are confident that having everyone in one place will make the group stronger.

"I think it's definitely got more benefits but there's also more risks involved because we'll obviously have more members there and it's more of a public setting but I think overall it's going to have more benefits because the brotherhood will be there and it'll create a tighter bond." Betz said.



Photo by: Hunter Parisau | Torch Photographer

Apartments like these may replace houses for some Ferris fraternities.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

Wuhan, China

A hospital was built in mostly 10 days in Wuhan, China in an attempt to battle the coronavirus. Construction teams as large as 7,000 workers were on the clock day and night finishing the hospital. The government is trying to replicate its fast actions against the SARS epidemic in 2003 in Beijing where a hospital was built in a week. The facility hosts 1,000 beds.

Original article by Amy Qin, Feb. 3, 2020. The New York Times.

USA

After the Kansas City Chiefs won the Super Bowl, President Donald Trump tweeted "Congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs...You represent the Great State of Kansas and, in fact, the entire USA, so very well." President Trump later realized his mistake and made the correction later on. There were people in both states offended by the tweet but, most people are took it lightheartedly and are more focused on their teams win.

Original article by John Eligon, Feb. 3, 2020. The New York Times

Syria

Turkey attacked government forces in northwest Syria on Monday. This attack was fueled from an artillery strike launched by Syria, leaving four Turkish soldiers dead. This is the product of a feud lasting almost nine years. After Turkey has taken nearly four million people trying to escape the war, it has finally closed its borders with Syria.

Original article by Carlotta Gall, Feb 3, 2020. The New York Times

Nigeria

President Donald Trump's immigration ban that includes four countries in Africa is cutting ties with Africa's biggest economy, Nigeria. The travel ban also is disallowing immigration to Sudan, Tanzania and Eritrea. The ban will disallow thousands of people to move to the United States.

Original article by Ruth Maclean and Abdi Latif Dahir, Feb. 2, 2020. The New York Times

NEWS BRIEFS

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

CLACS will be hosting an event on Rank Voting in the University Center in room 217, on Wednesday Feb. 5, at 5:30 p.m. This event will be co-sponsored with the Political Engagement

Project to help spread awareness on how Rank Voting could significantly impact elections. For more information on the event email CLACS@ferris.edu.

CLACS is hosting a Fridays at Ferris event in the University Center, Friday Feb. 7, at 9:00 p.m. in room 202. At the event students will wear wireless headphones that grant you the ability to switch through multiple songs. The Participants can then dance and sing to whatever music they want in the company of many people. For more information email CLACS@ferris.edu .

JCPenny is offering up to 60% off on business apparel and scrubs on Sunday Feb. 9, and are offering products ranging from khakis to handbags. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. This event has been conveniently planned right before the career fair and was co-sponsored with CLACS. For more information on the event email CLACS@ferris.edu

There is an informational meeting on the study abroad program in the IRC in room 104 on Friday Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. The event will provide students interested in studying in other countries with information regarding funding and budgeting. For more information on the event contact MeganHauserTran@ferris.edu



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A gift of forgiveness

Chris Singleton spreads awareness of forgiveness rather than hatred

Trevor Kowal
Interim Reporter

Ferris State welcomed Chris Singleton, former minor league baseball player, to host a Five Star event last Thursday, Jan. 30 in the UC.

Singleton began the event with what he called, a unique approach. He requested that everyone in the room find someone who was "different," from them, hug them and tell them "I love you". Singleton does this exercise due to the early passing of many of his close family members.

As he furthered his talk, he stated that he wants to make an impact while he is young.

"I'm 23 years old, that's my age, but I share all across this country because I know I got to make an impact right here right now. My life may be halfway over," Singleton said.

Singleton's mother Sharonda was one of nine killed in a shooting at a Charleston, South Carolina Church in June of 2015. It was a racially-motivated attack on the Emanuel African Methodist Church. Singleton, who was 18 at the time, was the oldest of three children.

After his mother's death, Singleton did not hold it against the man who committed the crime. He started to spread the word of love rather than hate.

Taylor Funari, event coordinator for Entertainment Unlimited thinks it's great that Singleton does these talks and spreads awareness, that you can forgive and that forgiveness is more important than hatred, regardless of race or culture.

Despite Singleton's mother passing, his pursuit for baseball did not stop. He went on to be drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 19th round of the 2017 Major League draft. Continuing baseball for two years with the South Bend Cubs, Eugene Emeralds and the AZL Cubs, Singleton ended his career in the spring of 2019.

Singleton now spends his time speaking about his past hardships and his journey through life thus far.

"I'm looking to learn something, hear what Chris has to say and I'm open to anything he has" Senior Business Administration major, Brent Baker said.

Singleton adopted the role of using his motivation to continue helping others. He lives his life by five numbers, coordinating back to the day of his mother's death.

One for the man who walked into the church that day with anger, 70 for the amount of shots taken, 50 plus bullets entered bodies, nine people passed away and 1 of those was his mother.



Photo by: Entertainment Unlimited Facebook page

Chris Singleton stands with some of the students who came to his Five Star Event on Jan. 30.

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New year, new you

The winter warm-up's tips and tricks for improving your health in New Year

Hannah McKeen
Torch Reporter



Alysa Jauss

Many New Year's resolutions tend to be forgotten the later it gets in the year, but some people manage to keep them up.

Ferris dental hygiene junior Alysa Jauss resolved to look at things more positively and treat every experience as an opportunity for growth, and so far it's been working for her. One opportunity was the Winter Warm-Up, which had been set up by some friends and seemed like a great chance to learn about eating healthily and hang out with her friends.

For those that hadn't managed to stick with their resolutions, the Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services was there to help with their latest event in the Fridays at Ferris Initiative, a set of events run by CLACS to help students stay safe on campus while meeting others and having fun.

"I've always liked the idea of event planning and helping Ferris students find why they're here and then choose to stay here," said Ferris finance junior and CLACS engagement leader Christine Labby.



Christine Labby

For the final Friday of January, Labby took advantage of the health kick that tends to come with each new year and organized the Winter Warm-Up. The new year isn't just about resolutions; it's a way to welcome in the future. Being able to develop healthy habits early in the year is important, so the event primarily showcased physical health.

There was a high intensity interval training class that was well received by students, followed by yoga which had slightly lower attendance. For those who were there for the food, there was a table with assorted vegetables with dip and trail mix, in addition to a collection of different healthy eating packets. Big Rapids Nutrition was also able to attend and had samples of some of their popular shakes and teas; for more information on healthy drinks that still taste great, students were invited to check them out on Instagram @bigrapidsnutrition.

In addition to the classes, Labby set up a table where students could create vision boards, and while overall attendance was low, many people stopped by the tables to look at the quotes. There were also magazines students could create a collage from, stickers, and a variety of fancy tapes that could all be used on the student's choice of stationary.



Kate DiRosa

"The food was really good and I was really excited about doing the vision board," said Ferris nursing sophomore Kate DiRosa, who had resolved to delete social media for a month, though she hasn't been able to get started on it quite yet.

Friday, Feb. 7, CLACS will be putting on the Headphone Disco. Labby encourages everyone to attend and, if any student has a problem, she promises that CLACS is here to help.

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Connecting over an idea

Professors carry their passion for research to Ferris

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Some might think research ends once college does but for faculty at Ferris the research and passion never does.

In order to have the opportunity to present this research with one another, the Humanities department at Ferris has put on a Humanities Colloquium that features a different member of the community every month.

Ferris professor of art history, Rachel Foulk, is the Humanities Colloquium co-coordinator who works on putting the whole event together, alongside co-coordinator, associate professor Stephanie Thomson.

With many topics and professors at Ferris it could be difficult to figure out who presents but luckily, they present on a volunteer basis.

"We send out a call at the beginning of each semester for faculty that are interested in sharing something that they are working on that maybe is a little more specific than what they're teaching in the classroom, or an area of their professional work," Foulk said.

The reasoning behind it is for members of the Ferris community to really take the time of their busy schedules to learn and share their ideas they've spent time working on.

"Sometimes we spend so much time doing other things like going to meetings, teaching, grading, all of those things and we want to create a space where we're also talking about ideas," Foulk said.

And these events allow researchers to see an essential part of their research through, which is the feedback, whether it be good or bad.

This month's presentation was done by Ferris professor of philosophy and humanities Dr. J. Randall Groves, who discussed moral sustainability and the roles emotions play in moral disputes.

Members of the audience were excited to ask questions and learn about the research Groves had conducted, they even started asking questions before the designated time. Many provide various forms of feedback and ranging from questions on certain topics to some disagreeing or having different perspectives on certain concepts.

"A big part of academic work is working on an idea and then seeing what people think about it," Foulk said. "And seeing if people bring a different perspective to it based on research they've been reading or research they've been doing."

Groves was very excited for the event as he always enjoys the Humanities Colloquiums that are put on.

"It's fun, you could consider it the real meat, in a way, of what we do," Groves said. "Of course, teaching is our main thing but right after that is the research. And the thing about research is that you want to tell people about it. You read all this stuff going crazy with it, and then when you get the chance to present, it just flows out of you."

Not all the topics of the Humanities Colloquiums revolve around philosophy, there have been a variety of speakers on a diverse set of topics. And not everyone who presents necessarily is within the humanities department. From art history to sports, all research is welcomed.

"In the audience we had a range of faculty members, community members and students," Foulk said. "And that's part of the goal too, working to connect the various people that make up our university around an idea."

Students who are interested in attending future Humanities Colloquiums can look on the Ferris calendar available online to see when the next one will be at calendar.ferris.edu



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- Josh Moss - See page 7 for story

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No drinks required for a good time

College students both older and younger than 21 enjoy hanging out in local bars



Photo courtesy of USA Restaurants

Star Shooters is a popular place to escape the stresses of college life for students both over and under 21.

Mackenzie Kidder
Interim Reporter

Hitting the bars is an appealing pastime for many college students, whether they are older or younger than the age of 21.

Even younger than the legal drinking age of 21, many bars still find ways to make going out fun and enjoyable without consuming alcohol.

Shooters has a weekly beer pong night on Tuesdays, Fridays after class (FAC) and tend to have theme nights such as country music night.

Ferris computer information systems freshman Bret Bays claims he goes to Star Shooters, Gypsy Nickel, Blue Lake Tavern and Buffalo Wild Wings, and enjoys going for the "food and women."

Ferris HVACR freshman Jason Sweet enjoys going out to the bars and sports bars in Big Rapids despite being a minor to hang out with friends and enjoy the food available. In addition to this, he is able to meet new people around Big Rapids.

Ferris elementary education junior Lauren Donkin is recently of the legal drinking age and enjoys going out to bars in her free time. In Big Rapids, Star Shooters is her favorite bar to attend, but in general she prefers going to East Lansing for the many more bars available.

Before she turned 21, Donkin said that going out to the bars was a way to hang out with friends without being loud in some-

body's house, and it was a good way to meet new people. She only went to Star Shooters on Ladies' Night because admission was free for women.

Whenever Donkin would visit bars, the other patrons would often be friendly, and would just talk to one another whether they knew each other previously or not.

"It was a way to get out and do something and not be stuck in your room, apartment or dorm the entire night," Donkin said.

Ferris music and entertainment business sophomore Nicole Hollinsky enjoys Star Shooters because there is a dance floor, and she believes that can be very appealing to college students that are not yet the legal age of 21.

"There are very few bars who actually let under-21s in. Even Star Shooters will stop letting minors in if it is a busy night because they will make more money from the 21 crowd," Hollinsky shared.

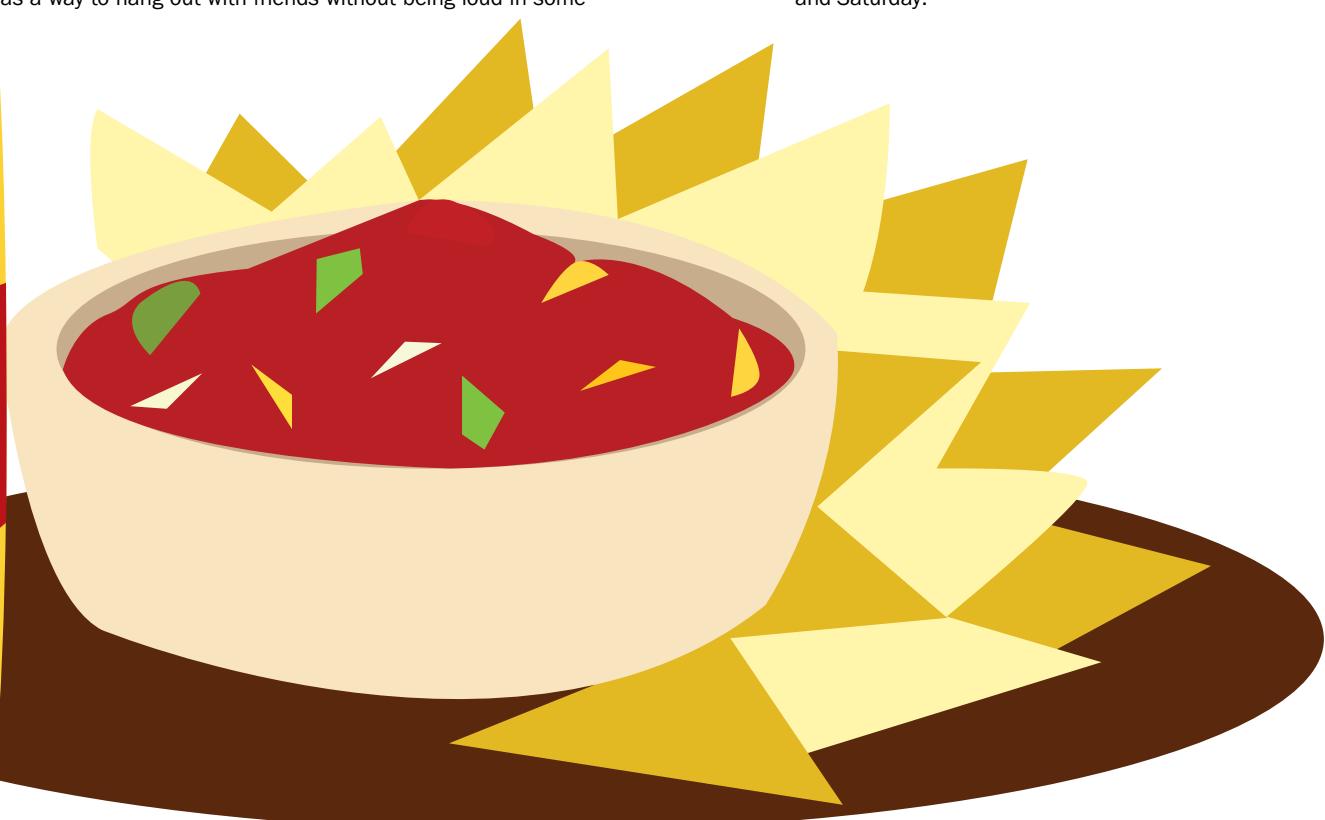
Star Shooters is open Tuesday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.



Lauren
Donkin



Nicole
Hollinsky



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More than a teacher

A professor who is like family

Wil Roy
Torch Reporter

Within its small class sizes, Ferris is known for its many good educators. But one hospitalities professor has truly stood out to students.

Karyn Kiio, "Professor Kiio," or just "Kiio" as her students call her, has done more than simply teach here at Ferris. A professor in the hospitality management department, she teaches an array of classes, and has inspired many students over the years.

According to hospitality student Malorie Reno, Kiio has impacted her life by simply leading by example.

"Kiio is always positive in whatever she does, and she is also very driven," Reno said.

Reno also claims Kiio always makes sure people around her are doing OK before she checks on herself.

"I met Kiio while planning the interprofessional conference on human trafficking awareness, and I could tell from the beginning that she was very passionate and cared a lot about her students," said Hospitality management major Arielle Barlage, whose sentiments agree with Reno's.

One class taught by Kiio is called Cost Controlled Systems.

"This class is an accounting-based hospitality class that focuses on excel," Kiio said. Kiio says it may sound boring, but she enjoys this class because although the world is gray, in math there is always a right answer.

Another class is brew management. There are several levels to this class but after a semester in the first level class, students earn their beer license.

"Students think this class is all about drinking beer, which it is, but there is also a science side to it as well," Kiio said.

Kiio is also teaching guest service management. This class is instructs students how to act professionally in the hospitality field. She believes this class is important because the students not only learn how to treat others but also how to take care of themselves.

"In this field we as the workers do not sell products, we sell experience," she said.

Kiio's favorite class is called Ski Recreation Management. This class is taught Saturdays at Boyne Mountain. Students become employees through this course, and some even stay up the whole weekend and work.

Kiio's job at Ferris fell into her lap, according to the instructor, who claims she "took it and ran with it." She has been teaching at Ferris for 11 years and she hopes to continue that.

Kiio says that her schedule is always booked from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. She is a "yes" person who finds it extremely hard to say "no".

Anyone is always welcome to sit in on one of her classes.

Why Ferris 1st?

Ferris shares diversity through videography

Fatima Galvez
Interim Reporter

Getting to know the community and becoming aware of the diversity Ferris shares is the idea behind the video series "Ferris 1st" shot by videographer Hannah Crouch.

Crouch interviews students from a range of backgrounds, asking them why they decided to choose Ferris to continue their studies. With the videos, students can share personal stories of making important decisions and events which have shaped their lives.

Crouch describes the experience of interviewing students as something that has touched her in many ways.

"Everyone's got a story, they are all similar but different," Crouch said.

One person who has been spotlighted in the videos is Dejujuan Nelson who is part of the Department of Public Safety. Nelson said Ferris was his first choice due to the overwhelming sense of community the campus brings.

Building muscle, and community

It's deeper than pumping iron everyday

Kendall Rooks
Interim Reporter

being in an RSO for fitness can create more accountability and motivation.

"I love working out, period," Moss stated. "I wanted to be a part of something greater than myself, around likeminded people. We wanted to be a fitness group around campus that just helps other people."

FitDawgs Treasurer Austin Robison heard about the RSO from a friend, and joined, essentially, because he needed a spotter.

"I was tired of lifting by myself," Robison said. "When you start lifting heavy in the gym you need to have someone to catch the weight if you drop it."

One of the more exciting events the FitDawgs participate in is the yearly trip to the Arnold Classic WorldWide (ACW). The ACW is an opportunity to meet your fitness world idols, take part in ninja courses, watch live powerlifting competitions, and collect as many free samples as your heart desires. The ACW takes place March 6-8 in Columbus, Ohio and the FitDawgs fundraise all year for the event.

For more information, find the RSO on Instagram @ferrisstatefitdawgs as well as on Bulldog Connect. They hold weekly meetings every Thursday in UC 209 at 7 p.m. and will be hosting a 'Hit Class' on Friday, Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in honor of "Love Your Body Week."



Photo by: William Byrd | Torch Photographer

A member of the FitDawgs RSO poses for a photo.

"No hesitation on my part, I knew for a fact I wanted to be back with all the guys that I knew," Nelson said. "I'm completely satisfied with my decision because this department has the comradery, the whole family feel, and the whole respect level there is being back. It felt like I never even left, like I never even skipped a beat."

Nelson also talked about some crazy stories associated with being a night shift police officer.

"As a night shift police officer, there are always crazy stories," he said. "I've been involved with everything from pursuits to armed gunman on domestics while assisting other departments."

"Ferris 1st" has been running for around five years, with interviews currently being scheduled for future videos. Candidates can volunteer themselves for the series by sending in their story or they can be chosen by Crouch.

Students are the main candidates for interviewees, but faculty and staff have also been part of the series.

The videos can be found on Ferris' Facebook and YouTube page.

Events calendar

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 5

Wake Up Wednesday!

Location: UC Starbucks

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Alumni in Residence -

Amy Shakarjean

Location: CLACS Office

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Coffeehouse

Location: UC 121

Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Feb. 6

Social Work Interviews

(C. Thompson)

Location: TBD

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FSU Mycology Club

General Meeting

Location: SCIENCE 231

Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

RSO Finance Division

Workshop

Location: UC 213

Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.



FRIDAY

Feb. 7

RSO Recognition Workshop

Location: CLACS

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Study Abroad Information Workshop

Location: IRC 104

Time: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Fridays at Ferris: Headphone Disco

Location: UC 202

Time: 9 p.m.- 11 p.m.



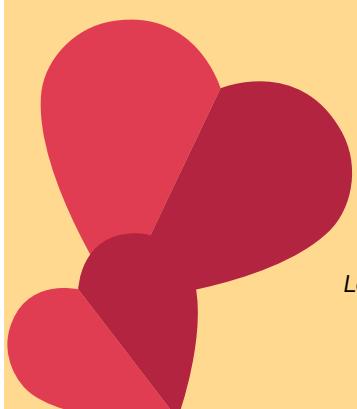
SATURDAY

Feb. 8

2020 Ferris Night with the Detroit Pistons

Location: Little Caesars Areana

Time: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



MONDAY

Feb. 10

Love Your Body Week: Motivation Monday

Location: Rec Centre 401

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night

Location: FSU Fine Art Gallery

Time: 7 p.m.

Trivia Night

Location: UC 202

Time: 8 p.m.

For more events, check out calendar.ferris.edu

Residence Hall of Terror

Horror stories about FSU roommates and suitemates

Mackenzie Kidder

Interim Reporter

Matt Kohls, Criminal Justice Freshman

His roommate “wouldn’t flush the toilet” after using it, he “wouldn’t clean or rinse out his toothpaste,” and made a mess all over the mirror.

His roommate also came to Ferris solely because his high school girlfriend of four years went here. They ended up breaking up a month into the fall 2019 semester, and he transferred at the end of the semester because he was devastated. He would play the guitar, listen to Ed Sheeran and play video games until three in the morning. He rarely left his room.

When his roommate was depressed, he would “eat in his bed; his bed was nasty,” and he wouldn’t wash his sheets, Kohls said.

He finally got over her and went on a drinking binge with a friend from another university.

Lauren Donkin, Elementary Education Junior

Her freshman year here, she was friends with her roommate at first. But then her roommate became jealous that she was “better friends” with her suitemate.

Her roommate would “purposely stay up until 3 a.m. with the lights on,” and she stopped getting lunch with her every day because she was so jealous.

Her roommate never said a word when she moved rooms during Thanksgiving break. She also took Donkin’s fan and extension cord when she switched rooms, and never asked for them.

Brooke Cunningham, Social Work Senior

Her freshman year in North Hall, Cunningham woke up to her roommate “sharpening a machete” for her backpacking class. Her roommate’s boyfriend lived in their dorm room for months on end because their hall was the only one with air conditioning.

Her time in North was, “horrid; they were both slobs and would be up until 4 a.m. playing video games and listening to music,” Cunningham said.

Her roommate also didn’t shower regularly, so “she would spray her body with Febreze in the morning, take a baby wipe and wipe the bottoms of her feet, and put on a beanie and go out for the day,” Cunningham explained.

Her roommate would also “make steaks in the microwave, and would roll pickles in bologna and eat it like a sandwich,” so Cunningham’s room always smelled awful.

Ferris Sophomore (wanted to remain anonymous)

This Ferris State sophomore shared that she has “never met someone less self-aware of how obnoxious they can be” than her suitemate this 2019-20 academic school year.

“She talks on the phone with it on speaker, full volume, and practically yells when she’s talking so that I can hear all of her conversations. She slams drawers when she closes them, and never buys any toilet paper, and the few times she talked to me in the beginning of the school year, she talked my ear off,” stated the Ferris sophomore.

Ferris Sophomore (wanted to remain anonymous)

His freshman year, any time he left the room, his roommate would be masturbating.

“Once I was going to leave for Christmas break, I packed up all my things, but I left something in my room. I walked back into my room and caught my roommate jacking off. Didn’t apologize. After that we never said another word to each other,” this sophomore explained.

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Overheard at Ferris

“I don’t know what to do. I told her I didn’t have an STD, but she didn’t believe me”

-The Carilon Tower

February Horoscopes

Marissa Russell

Lifestyles Editor



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Having your heart on your sleeve has made some people leave, but kept the important people around.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

Stop being at war with yourself and let your mind have a break. Everything will work out in the end.



Aries: March 21-April 19

Because you like being number one in everyone's eyes, if you don't get enough attention this Valentine's Day you will throw a fit.



Taurus: April 20-May 20

Because you are a more laid back person all you want this month is to be snuggled up with your lover watching movies and drinking hot cocoa.



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Don't get too stressed out this month over the small things. Take a breather and go watch some YouTube videos.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

You already know who is going to ask you to be their Valentine because you easily pick up on others' energies.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Your fiery spirit makes others scared to approach you. This may make people who are interested in you afraid of telling you.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Because of your practicality you don't see the importance in celebrating Valentine's Day which can hurt your partner's feelings.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Stop being a peacekeeper for everyone and speak your own mind. You'd be surprised who listens.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21

No one understands your intentions. Try being more outspoken on what you feel and others will begin to understand.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Stop scaring off the people closest to you and let people in.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You keep your emotions in check and make everyone around you at ease.



Random Fact #2

Your weekly dose of trivia

Garrett Morgan (1877-1963) was the first African American credited in Cleveland with owning a car.

He made money by running a clothing company with his wife, despite the difficulties of the time. He later joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and around 1920, he started the *Cleveland Call*, a weekly newspaper for African Americans.

Morgan is most famous for his "Morgan safety hood and smoke protector," patented in 1914. In 1916, Morgan used this invention to help rescue men from an explosion's aftermath in an underground tunnel beneath Lake Erie. Morgan's heroic actions were written out of the story, but his mask received attention and promoted the safety hood to firehouses across America.

Many historians believe Morgan's safety hood was the basis for the U.S. gas masks used in early in WWI.

Sources: "Garrett Augustus Morgan" PBS.org
"The History Behind the Invention of Gas Masks" thoughtco.com



SPORTS

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"This group of seniors has done unbelievable things for our program and the growth of our program."
- Kendra Faustin - See page 11 for story

Becoming ACE



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Ferris senior defensive end fights through blocks on his way to the quarterback. Austin "Ace" Edwards was the first defensive end to take home the GLIAC Player of the year award in 2019.

The motivation and inspiration behind Division II Defensive Player of the Year

Cora Hall
Guest Reporter

Harlon-Hill Finalist, Division II Defensive Player of the Year, Gene Upshaw Trophy winner, Cliff Harris Award finalist, GLIAC Player of the year, three-time All-American, three-time All-GLIAC first team.

All of these are terms you could use to describe senior defensive end Austin Edwards, but most people still call him Ace. Few outside the team know the meaning of the nickname, yet everyone accepts the truly fitting name for one of Ferris football's most decorated players to ever leave the program.

Head coach Tony Annese said despite his personal awards, it was always team first with Edwards, in the most genuine way.

"What his personal accolades are, I think he would just probably have tried to diminish them, talk them down, give credit to all of his teammates," Annese said. "Sometimes people do that just because it's the right thing to do, and then sometimes people do that based upon how they truly feel. It's authentic with him."

Looking back, Edwards called the awards a testimony to his work ethic.

"That's the biggest message I like to let people know: your hard work will get recognized but ... a lot of people will look for the recognition right away," Edwards said. "No, you have to continually, consistently work hard and it'll come. It feels surreal when I look back."

Annese didn't even know the true meaning behind "Ace" until he was asked in an interview and another coach chimed in. The meaning is quite simple: it's his initials. Aus-

tin Cole Edwards was first called Ace by his father. Once he got to high school, it was his first reaction to someone who asked if he had a nickname.

"When I moved to Lansing, I remember the second day, this one kid asked me if I had a nickname," Edwards recalled. "And I thought real fast, because if I didn't think fast, they'd probably give me one. So I said 'Yeah, Ace, everybody calls me Ace.' Then everybody in Lansing — the whole school — would call me Ace. Some people probably didn't even know my name was Austin."

"It kind of became my personality now. It's like my brand now, that's who I am, is Ace. It's still the same meaning. I'm always going to be me, ain't nothing too special," he said.

The unforgettable play

The nickname may stand for his initials, but it also became symbolic for the type of player Edwards became to his teammates and coaches. Annese, specifically, recalled a moment he said he'll never forget with the player he constantly looked to on defense.

It was the fourth quarter against Minnesota State in the National Semifinals in 2018, only five minutes left in the game. Ferris led 35-25, but a defensive stop would all but seal the game. Annese and Edwards both remember the play like a movie in their minds.

A timeout was called and Annese went to the defensive huddle, a rare sight for the players, according to Edwards. There, in the brutal cold in Mankato, Annese looked at Edwards and said "Ace, I just need one big play from you. We need you to get to the quarterback and make a sack right now."

"Yes sir," was the response from Edwards and he remem-

bers looking at his teammate, defensive back Alex Bock, and telling him to watch him this play because he could feel something special about to happen. Minnesota State's tackle was late off the line so he couldn't make a good block on Edwards, who hit the quarterback in the blindside and forced a fumble that Ferris recovered. They went on to score the next play, securing their trip to the National Championship.

"That play right there is one I'll always remember," Edwards said. "He looked me in my eyes and said 'Hey, go make a big play, I need you to' and I did that right away."

Players like that aren't made overnight. His 10.5 sacks, 17.5 tackles for loss and 64 total tackles his senior year came from a work ethic that was praised by all his coaches. Edwards is a kid you never had to tell to get in the weight room or get his grades up.

"He's just such a quality human being," Annese said. "I can't think of one single thing he did wrong. In four-and-a-half years, people can't say very often what he can say. He's just been an unbelievable example of what you want a young person to be."

Both Annese and defensive line coach Tesfa Smith said Edwards is a quiet leader, but an impactful one all the same. He has the type of all-out work ethic that inspires others and just can't be taught.

So the question is, where did he get it from? For Edwards, the answer was easy. He got it from his mother.

Humble beginnings

Edelyne Rowe lived in Haiti until she was 16 years old when she decided to come to America in search of a better life. Her father was against it, so she snuck out of her house

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WEEKEND SCORECARD

Hockey

Jan. 31 - Ferris 2,
Northern Michigan 5
Feb. 1 - Ferris 2,
Northern Michigan 5

Women's Basketball

Jan. 30 - Ferris 74,
Ashland 105
Feb. 1 - Ferris 86,
Wayne State 85

Men's Basketball

Jan. 30 - Ferris 63,
Ashland 65
Feb. 1 - Ferris 93,
Wayne State 67

Finish Strong

Women's basketball seeks first post-season appearance since 2012

Brody Kieser

Torch Reporter

Every team's goal is to make the postseason and compete for a national championship.

That is something that Ferris women's basketball has not achieved in a while.

The Dawgs last appeared in the NCAA Division II tournament in 2012. A second-round loss forced the No. 2 overall seeded Bulldogs to exit earlier than anticipated.

This season is a different story for the Bulldogs. With a 15-6 overall record and current second place standing in the GLIAC North Division, they appear well

on the way to their first tournament bid in eight years.

Since the 2012 tournament appearance, Ferris struggled to a 60-100 overall record, excluding the 2019-2020 season. Ferris women's basketball head coach Kendra Faustin credited her seniors with helping to flip the team's fortunes this season.



Kendra Faustin

"This group of seniors has done unbelievable things for our program and the growth of our program," Faustin said. "Number one is just culture. Our group is so welcoming that it's allowed our freshman to really blossom. No one feels threatened, they're good teammates to play with and don't care what year you are."

The Bulldogs had a seven-game winning streak heading into their Thursday, Jan. 30, matchup with Ashland University. The Eagles snapped that win streak with a convincing victory over the Bulldogs 105-

74.

Ferris bounced back on Saturday, Feb. 1, with an overtime victory over Wayne State University 86-85 and are now 8-2 in their last 10 games.

The Bulldogs have four seniors on their roster who have worked tirelessly throughout their careers and just the thought of making the tournament put a smile on Ferris senior guard Renee Sturm's face.



Renee Sturm

"It would be pretty special," Sturm said. "It would start the underclassmen with a good taste of how it feels to be successful as a program so that they can carry on with what a lot of upperclassmen have worked really hard to start."

At this point in the season, it would be easy for the Bulldogs to start focusing on a tournament bid, but Sturm understood the necessity of staying grounded in the moment.

In order to finish the season strong and earn a spot in the tourney, Faustin emphasized that her team must continue doing what they have done this past month.

"We gotta get a couple people healthy before the end of the season," Faustin said. "We're in a pretty good routine right now: rest, recovery, shots, scout, and rinse and repeat. It's about staying focused and hungry. It's about continuing to be in the moment and have fun with each other."

The Bulldog's quest for a postseason appearance will continue at home on Thursday, Feb. 6, against Saginaw Valley State University.

Age is just a number

Underclassmen talent find their roles on team

Austin Arquette

Torch Reporter

Every team has their own niches, but the Ferris men's basketball team is all about family.

The Bulldogs added four new faces this season in wing Deng Reng, point guard Jeremiah Washington and two post players in Ryan Segall and Aiden Shore. All these Bulldogs are looking to continue the success that Head Coach Andy Bronkema has built for the program.

The Ferris men's basketball program is the first and only current Division II team to win 20 games or more in the past six years.

"As far as the teams that recruited me within winning, Ferris would rank number one if I were to rank the teams that recruited me, and I come from a winning program so why not keep the tradition going," Washington said.

"From when I first got here until now, I feel like I'm a totally different player coming to this program as I have tweaked a couple errors, I had with my game but I just feel myself getting better and better. And every day I thank the coaches and my mom and everybody that helped me make the decision to become the player that I am becoming. But the road doesn't end here because there's so much more I need to work on and so much more they are going to help me with," Washington said.

All five young players said they want to help to contribute in any way they can that's best for the team and the program. Shore said he really liked how the program is so good at building players from such a start, even with redshirts.

"I'm hoping to continue the suc-

cession by really pounding it into the post and having a big fellow you can throw it too, and I've been talking to coach a lot about that and I'm excited to see what happens next year," Shore said.

"Being able to play and contribute as much as possible, the outcome is to win a national championship, so if we do that, we will get a head start the next three years here," Reng said. "It shows that my work is paying off and that they actually believe in me and it's just great to be a part of being a Ferris Bulldog."

The men's basketball team has shown family aspects of working toward this common goal together. In practice or at games one can see the amount of energy each player gives not only for the game but for their coaches and fellow teammates, and it all comes down to playing for one another.

"The guys on my visit, people like Mike were just welcoming, and then overall, camp was just great and I like the coaches. But overall, the program is just awesome especially with a winning program the past six years," Reng said. "I have family back home, but this right here is something special. There's just something about these guys that gets the best out of everyone, and it's just great to be a part of the Bulldog family."

The Bulldogs currently stand at 21-5 so far this season as they split this past weekend, losing to Ashland 65-53 on Thursday, Jan. 30. The team then turned things around to start the month of February with a win over Wayne State 93-67 as Ferris started off with 10 three-point shots in the opening half in the win.

Ferris will be back in action again Thursday, Feb. 6, at Jim Wink Arena against Saginaw Valley State University with a 5:30 p.m. tip-off, and then will host another game Saturday, Feb. 8, against Northwood starting at 1 p.m. These two games will start a four-game homestretch for the Bulldogs, who play five of their seven remaining games on their home court.



Jeremiah Washington



Aiden Shore



Deng Reng



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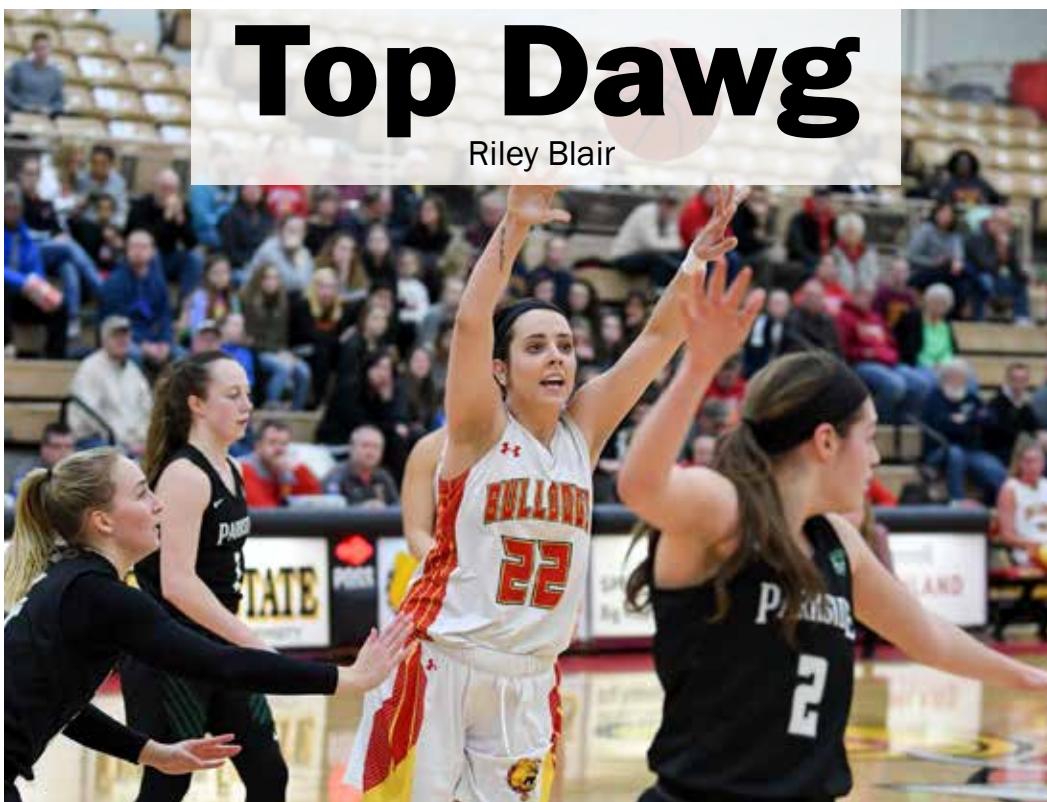
Ferris senior center Brayene Benner reaches for a jump ball. The women's basketball team is nearing the postseason with a 15-6 overall record.

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Riley Blair

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Brody Keiser
Torch Reporter

Top Dawg honors this week land in the arms of Ferris women's basketball senior guard Riley Blair.

Blair led the team in scoring in both games the Bulldogs played this week, first at Ashland University on Thursday, Jan. 30 and then again on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Wayne State University.

Against Ashland, the senior collected 18 points and four rebounds while notching a steal and a block. The 20-0 Eagles presented a very difficult challenge for the Bulldogs and ultimately earned the win 105-74 but Blair and the Bulldogs did everything they could

against the second ranked team in the nation.

The Dawgs fared better on Saturday, sneaking out an overtime victory at Wayne State 86-85. Blair posted a game high 28 points while dishing six assists and snagging six boards.

In the Bulldog victory, Blair started and played 41 minutes. She shot 10-16 from the floor, nailing her only three-point attempt on the afternoon and knocking in seven of her eight free throw attempts.

Overall, Blair averaged 23 points per game this week in 36.5 minutes per game.

The senior is having a career year averaging 20.6 points per game in 33 minutes on the court per contest. She shoots the ball at 56.7% from the floor in-

cluding 33.3% from deep. A 75.7% free throw shooter, Blair rounds out as a very efficient scorer from all parts of the floor.

Blair can fill the stat sheet on any given night including categories other than points. The guard averages over five rebounds per game and dishes two assists per contest. She also pitches in right around one steal and block per game.

The star senior will look to continue helping her team in every aspect of the game when the Bulldogs return home on Thursday, Feb. 6 to take on Saginaw Valley State University.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday, Feb. 6:

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

Saturday, Feb. 8:

- Men's Basketball vs. Northwood at 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Northwood at 3 p.m.
- Men's Tennis vs. Rose-Hulman (Ind.) at 6 p.m.

Touring the middles of nowhere

Bulldog hockey has traveled thousands of miles in the last month alone

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

Bulldog hockey is finally getting a rest after finishing its second straight weekend in the Upper Peninsula after playing against Northern Michigan in Marquette.

The season has not been kind to the Bulldogs. They sit at 7-20-2 after a pair of 5-2 losses to Northern Michigan over this past weekend. They sit ninth in the WCHA standings, three points behind eighth place which would qualify them for the WCHA tournament. Things just haven't come easy.

The travel schedule has been especially hard for the Bulldogs this season. Over the last month they have had to take three trips to campuses more than five hours away, combining for more than 3,200 miles of travel. That much travel time on a bus can take a toll on the team.

"It doesn't really have an effect mentally, where it does have an effect is practice time," Daniels said. "Going back to after Christmas, we had to take Wednesday off to go to Bemidji State. We got one 45-minute practice on Thursday, but it had to be a

light skate due to the games on Friday and Saturday. After the games, we bussed through the night, and got back to campus on Sunday. We almost had to take Monday off because we didn't get back home until late Sunday after driving through the night. So that was a short week of practice. It was the following week where we played UAF at home where we felt we had a full week of practice."

That would be the only full week of practice, as the Bulldogs then had to travel to the Upper Peninsula the week after, once again seeing a short week of practice. This also leads to the physical wears of travel, as it's not easy to sleep on a bus, something the Bulldogs have had to do often this season.

"When you sleep throughout the night on the bus, it's not the same: you're really groggy all day Sunday, all day Monday. You have to be really careful because

you are really susceptible to injury. You can't have physical contact," Daniels said.

Sophomore forward Justin Michaelian was more upbeat when he commented on the physical effects of the travel.

"It does wear on you physically a little bit," Michaelian said. "Usually we do get there a day before a game, so we have time to get better. It's tough though when you have to spend the night sleeping on the bus, but I think everyone can prepare themselves. We have trainers that help us. Friday before the game we have a morning skate that really helps."

Sophomore goalie Roni Salmenkangas agreed that the bus rides were tough physically.

"The next day you're fine, but you're going to be tired when you get there, especially after you've been travelling 5-6 hours on the bus. When we were at Michigan Tech, we skated that evening and you could tell that everyone was tired."

Luckily, the season of long trips appears to be over for the time being, with only one more away game at Bowling Green. To make up for the loss of practice time, the Bulldogs will have a bye week to continue to hone their craft.

"We're going to give the guys a day or two off so they can catch their breaths before the final stretch of the season. We'll practice Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and we'll weightlift Wednesday and Friday. In those days we'll be working on skill development. Beyond that we'll look at doing some things that we usually wouldn't be able to work on such as pulling the goalie for and against," Daniels said.

The extra practice will be useful as the Michigan Tech Huskies will be looking to avenge their recent loss to the Bulldogs when they come to Big Rapids Friday, Feb. 14, game at 7 p.m.



Justin Michaelian



Roni Salmenkangas

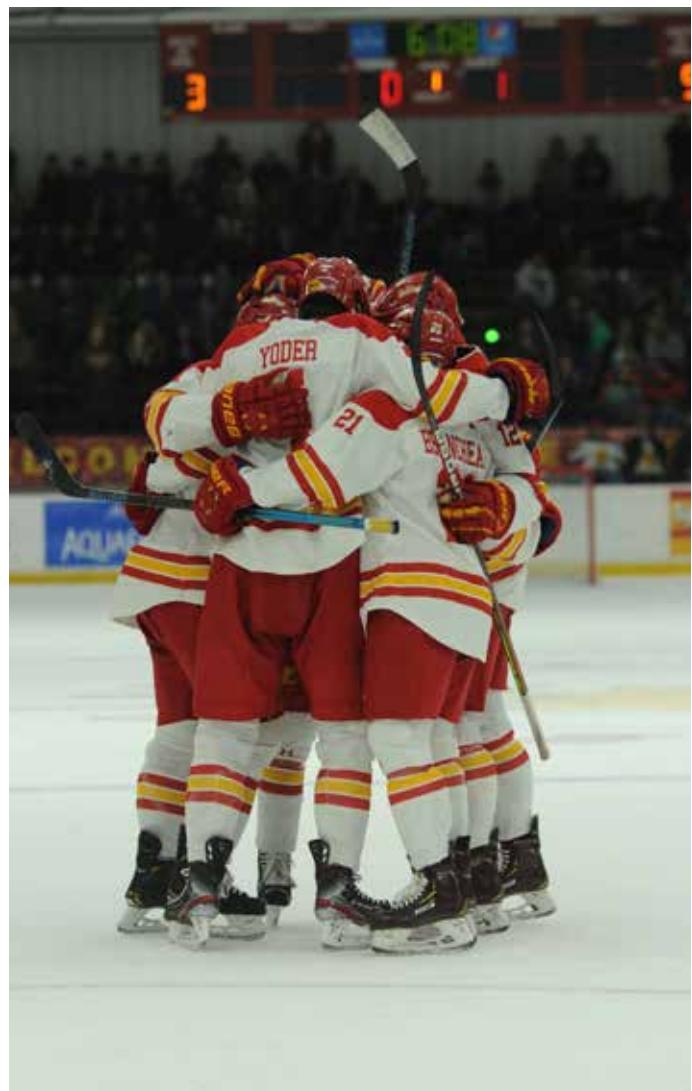


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The Bulldog hockey team embraces after scoring a goal. It was a bright spot in what's been a tough year for the team.

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and made it to the pier where she boarded an overcrowded boat bound for the United States. They didn't make it far, though, before law enforcement stopped the boat and enforced their docking at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Everyone older than 18 was sent back to Haiti.

Due to immigration laws at the time, minors were sent to the U.S. and put in the foster care system. So Rowe ended up in Jackson, Michigan, knowing hardly any English and having no way to communicate to her family back in Haiti that she arrived safely.

After she turned 18, she started working multiple jobs to support herself and Edwards' older brother, Jeffrey Placide, soon after that. Funnily enough, working at McDonald's is where she met Edwards' father, who grew up and lived in Lansing. They started dating and Edwards was born in Lansing in 1997. But the family only stayed there for a year before moving to Virginia due to the rising crime rates. Edwards' parents were married in Virginia, but were divorced within the same year and his father moved back to Michigan, leaving Rowe a single mother to two boys.

That meant back to two jobs, working 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., ensuring her boys never went without food or clothing. At the same time, little did she know, she had two little boys watching and learning.

"Me and [my brother], at a young age, saw her work ethic was ridiculous," Edwards said. "And she was doing that with a smile on her face, taking care of us, getting everything we needed. That's from someone who didn't have a high school education, literally worked two jobs just to keep us afloat and she never complained. There wasn't a day where she was like 'I need a day off.'"

Growing up, Edwards said he knew whatever he did, it would be to make her proud. To bring a smile to her face, while emulating the same attitude and work ethic he watched his whole life.

"Seeing her smile is my biggest thing and I know she's

so happy with the men me and my brother have become," Edwards said. "It's funny, because ... you can see, she's not shocked, but I don't think she realized how good of a parent she was."

The beginning of a dream

When Edwards was 13, the family packed their bags and moved to Texas, the place he would discover his talent for the game. He wasn't even thinking about playing college football until his high school coach told him teams were becoming interested in him. His sophomore season, he started and was first team all-conference. Then he learned the news that his family was once again moving: this time back to Lansing.

"I was so hurt because I felt like I was leaving my family, everybody down there I was close with," Edwards said. "But that wasn't my biggest worry, I just found out I'm getting college looks and now I'm leaving and I have to start all over."

But as one door closes, another opens, and it wasn't long before Annese began recruiting the junior at Waverly High School. After only receiving walk-on offers from Division I schools, Edwards committed to Ferris and became the first in his family to go to college.

"We knew he was gifted but he came from Texas ... so you felt like you were getting a steal but you never know that for sure," Annese said.

The freshman who walked onto campus in 2015 did not necessarily stand out at 6-foot-2 and 225 pounds. But by the time of the East West Shrine Bowl his senior years, Edwards measured at 6-foot-5 and 280 pounds.

Now an NFL prospect himself, Edwards believes his odds of being drafted increased after his week of exposure at the East West Shrine Bowl in January.

"They set such a high standard," Annese said of his players now in the NFL. "It's really part of our culture that people don't really analyze, is what impacts all those guys had."

Before the first practice, no one took much notice of him, one of the four Division II players present. But all it took was that first day of practice and scouts began approaching Edwards, and the rest of the week he was kept after practices for interviews every day.

"The game itself, the practices and everything was everything I needed to be able to raise my stock and get on people's paper, so they know who I am," Edwards said. "In my mind, I definitely think my chances rose, of getting drafted. Now I'm focused on making sure I'm training hard so when I have a pro day I'll be in the best shape."

Edwards' impressive senior year and the fact that he has a real chance of being drafted exceeded most people's expectations, but not Edwards'. If there was one person who always bet on Edwards, it was himself.

At the end of the day, though, where Edwards finds his motivation is the sacrifices his mother made for him. It's something he said he'll never forget and he can't wait for the day when he can tell her she doesn't have to work anymore.

"Because her story is crazy coming here, and it's rare that, based off of statistics, that I'm in the position I'm in," Edwards said. "Knowing I'm able to do what I love and be able to build wealth for my family, generational wealth. It's just a change from how we lived and stuff like that and that's all from doing what I love. It's so motivating."

"They know how much I love football and the fact that it can bring me a check one of these days, it's hard to stop going. I don't have a day, no matter how I feel, that I'm like 'let me just relax today,' like no, I just want to keep growing, every day," Edwards said.

From prep to success

Ferris softball prepares for upcoming season

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

The Ferris softball team is currently in the dog days of pre-season preparing for the 2020 season.

The group is buzzing with potential and excitement. Preparation is key, and before they can showcase their talent on the field, they have to take care of a few things first.

"In pre-season we are doing multiple things," Ferris junior outfielder Paige Kortz said. "We lift, condition, and practice both offense and defense. Everyone is extremely motivated this season which is great to see as a up-erclassman. Although pre-season can be difficult to get through to the time crunch, the entire team is trudging through."

The Bulldogs work for two to three hours a day on their game. This includes pitching, fielding, catching and a lot of live scrimmaging.

However, when the Bulldogs are not in the sports complex working as a team to refine those skills and form that "on the field" chemistry. They are constantly working on the "off the field" chemistry, which in the sports world can be just as important.

"As a team we do a lot of team bonding and we make the most of what we do," Kortz said.

"Although we don't have a large amount of free time in pre-season, we still manage to hang out with other teammates. But for the most part, we never get a break from each other. But that is not because we are forced to, but because we love being around each other."

Head Coach Kristin Janes is the one who is most looking forward to this 2020 campaign. Entering her third season, she is confident that they have the pieces and has a feeling that this could be their year in the GLIAC.

"I am really excited we are still somewhat young, but we also have quite a few veterans coming back," Janes said. "Three senior pitchers, three sophomore pitchers and then a freshman, but we have some ex-

perience returning on the mound. Two juniors that are projected to be returning starters, and a very influential junior transfer, four sophomores that are returning starters and a good batch of freshman."

They have two more weeks of pre-season to prepare for the season. They start the year Saturday, Feb. 15, in Louisville, Ky., playing back-to-back double headers against The Bellarmine Knights and The Findlay Oilers.

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"Just because everyone says you lose your friends after high school, doesn't mean it has to happen."

- Marissa Russell - See page 15 for story

Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

Mediocre Monday

Super Bowl Sunday is a long-standing tradition with no intentions on going away in the foreseeable future.

It's a time for people to come together and socialize, while enjoying some good football, cheesy commercials and mostly suspect halftime shows.

The Super Bowl is a special event. It happens just once a year and captures the eyes of the entire nation, even those who could care less about the sport of football.

The festivities of the event stretch pretty much an entire day, from the morning to nearly midnight. This presents a problem which has still yet to be solved.

That problem relates to the Monday after. It is idiotic to have such a significant event the day before millions of Americans have to go in early to either work or

school.

How do we fix this?

Well, we know that the Super Bowl is not being moved to another day. Sunday is the day for NFL football and it will continue to be the day for the Super Bowl.

Some people suggest moving the Super Bowl earlier in the day. That could work in theory, however, sitting down at 3 p.m. to watch the big game doesn't sound as appealing. This leads us to the only reasonable conclusion.

The day after the Super Bowl should become a national holiday.

Now, I know there are many people who would object to this. There is no doubt that not everybody cares about the Super Bowl and could care less about having to go into work the next day, and that's totally fine.

And if we're being totally honest, the main reason for making

this move doesn't have anything to do with adults anyways.

Millions of children across the country sit with their parents to watch this spectacle. An event of this magnitude then forces parents into a difficult choice.

Do they let their child stay up late to watch the whole thing knowing that they have to get them up super early to take them to school? That's one option, but it could lead to some issues the next morning.

The second option is equally costly. Do they make their kid go to bed before the conclusion of the game and lose the chance to make memories that will last a lifetime?

Neither of these are good options.

On the bright side, this tough choice could simply perish if the country does what it should have

done a long time ago, and that is making the Monday after the Super Bowl a national holiday once and for all.

This is a decision that would not only close schools the day after, removing the need for parents to make the decision between sleep for their child and memories with their children, but it would also benefit all the adults who make the poor life choice of getting hammered on a Sunday night.

Therefore, we need to right the wrongs of today's society and make it official. It's a decision that ultimately needs to be made for the children and just happens to benefit everyone else as well.

Forget the champion of the Super Bowl, if a move like this happens, we the people are the real winners.



Cartoon by: Jonny Parshall | Cartoonist

Best friends for life

High school vs. college

All my life I have been told to cherish the friends I have now because once I go off to college everything will change.

I was told this by family, friends, upper classmen, teachers, etc. The thought of losing the people closest to me was completely insane.

Why would my friends that I grew up with for 12+ years suddenly leave me once I got to college? What changed that summer from graduation to the first day of being a college student? Would it happen overnight or so gradually I don't even realize it?

Although I have lost some of my high school friends, the people I am closest to are the people who I grew up with. I think that I was lucky enough to be able to grow up in a small town where I got to stay with my friends from K-12.

I am a sophomore in college now and my main three besties are the same three girls I would sit next to during pep assemblies. One goes to Ferris and the other two go to Central but that doesn't mean our friendship is any weaker. We try and get together when everyone is home so we can all catch up and have fun. I have even become closer to other kids I went to high school with after we graduated.

Maybe it was because we were all aware that the odds were against our friendship lasting in college that made us more resilient to keeping our friendship intact. I don't understand how people just stop being friends with the people they met in high school or before. Maybe from lack of communication or not having the time or just simply not caring enough to try.

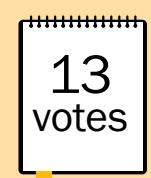
Don't get me wrong I still have great friends that I met at college. My college friends have a lot more things in common with me school wise because a lot of them are studying in the same profession or close to the same profession as me. In a way I am closer to them than I am my high school friends, but it is very different kind of friendship.

Friendship doesn't end after getting your diploma. Just because everyone says you lose your friends after high school doesn't mean it has to happen. We have technology for a reason. We can stay close to the people that are far away.

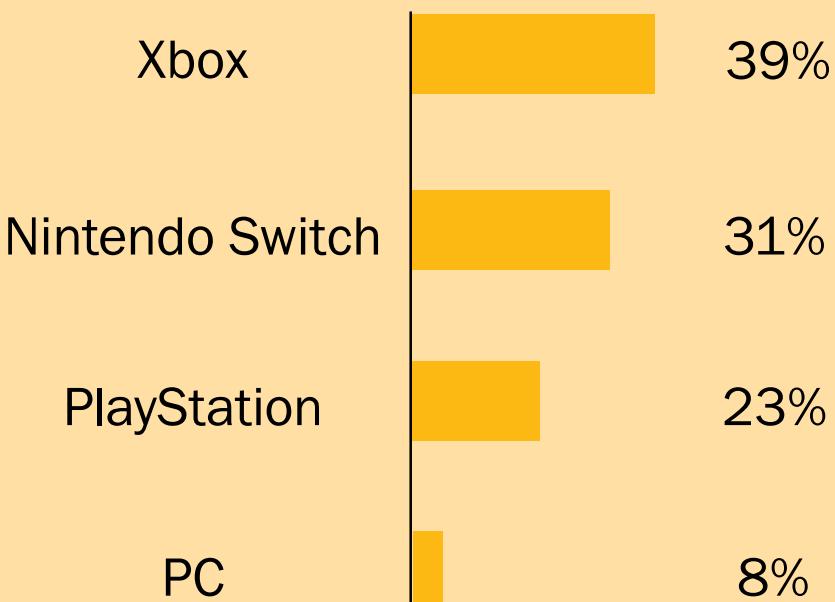


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Parking tickets are annoying

When they're relevant, when they're not



Fatima Galvez
Interim Reporter

Parking tickets are annoying, especially the ones received from an institute in which thousands of dollars are already being invested.

I understand parking tickets, in their entirety, and what they

are given for, but at times the reason can be regarded as "stupid." With all this to say, I believe students

should not receive parking tickets while parked in their own lot associated with their residence hall.

Everyone has seen the signs that say "No Parking Here Between Dates" and then it states "Nov-

Mar." The reason being when snow falls the plows are easily able to have somewhere to pile the snow, a car being there of course would only make the situation more difficult.

What about when there is no snow? Why must I give up a perfectly fit spot when the weather states no snow for the next two to three days? It is inconvenient and only

wastes the time of residents when arriving at their residence hall.

Receiving a parking ticket for parking there — to top it off — only makes the situation that much more inconvenient in the life of a busy college student. If there is no snow, there is nothing for workers to plow, thus allowing students in an overflowing parking lot to use up the very convenient spots left.

Instead, a parking ticket for \$20 is issued to the student. What is left to do but be angry at an institution for an inconvenient and inconsiderate act?

Furthermore, parking spots and parking lots do not meet the student ratio. Metered parking spots are often found in odd areas or there is not a sufficient amount without running the risk of a ticket.

As said, parking tickets are understandable, the meter runs out, obviously a ticket is demand-

ed, get out bud! But handing parking tickets for parking in areas that respectfully could be used by non-commuters, c'mon now, I'm positive the institute could have spared a couple.

Ferris could help its open-minded students rather than penalize them. Overflow parking lots exist, yes, but who designed these floor plans? Specifically taking a look at how lot 28 belongs to some residents living in Clark Hall when other areas could be used for them.

Maybe at the end of the day, others on campus are not bothered by the floor plan of the parking lots and unavailability of parking spots. Though, Ferris should reconsider the placement of where parking lots are located, as well as the availability of either metered parking spots or non-commuter spots in order to better suit its students.

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