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Ashley Schulte, pictured third from the right in the back row, stands with fraternity and sorority members at the Ferris Foundation Gala held last November.

How one leader's Greek life experience revolved from student to pro

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Ferris Greek Life coordinator and Student Life project manager Ashley Schulte never thought she would come full circle in her career.

As an undergraduate, Schulte very quickly became very involved on campus at Grand Valley State University. Her very first semester, Schulte loved involving herself with student life, first becoming orientation leader, and then joining sorority Delta Zeta. She was soon involved with her Greek Council and Panhellenic Council and was the staff assistant for Greek life.

After graduation Schulte worked for a couple years and then returned to earn her Master of Education in College Student Affairs Leadership. Her goal was to work with college students, but she didn't necessarily think she would work in fraternity and sorority advising full time.

"That's why I love my position here, because it isn't just fraternity and sorority advising. We have one of the most high-risk populations for a lot of things such as alcohol, drug abuse or misuse, sexual violence, mental health, etc. But we also have this outstanding way to create community and belonging and friendship for students," Schulte said. "Being able to provide consistency, excellent support and resources for our fraternity and sorority community and hold them to a high standard and accountability for their actions is something that not a lot of schools have available."

Schulte recently participated on a panel for students on how to work with their campus fraternity and sorority life advisers. Among the panel were others who held the same position as her at other college campuses. Schulte found it fascinating to see how many campuses wished they had

a strong advocate holding them accountable, or just being there to support them.

"I'm very much aware that we have an awesome opportunity in our positions as fraternity and sorority life advisors to either do the work well or to do the work not well," Schulte said. "I saw the way it impacted the students who wanted someone on their campus to care about them and make them better. Ferris does run a pretty lean bench, so I'm glad we've invested in doing this as half of my job."

Hitting the hard subjects can be something at times difficult yet beneficial in a tremendous amount of ways. Schulte keeps the voices of survivors in her head as motivators to keep pushing forward.

"Diving into pretty much the worst things on a college campus, or the worst things that could happen on a college campus, has been a passion of mine. If you do the worst and the hardest stuff really well it has a real profound impact and potential for students to be successful," Schulte said.

On the student life side of Schulte's job, she does a lot of supervising of peer educators in the Anti-Violence Alliance (previously known as the Anti-Violence Coalition). She is also responsible for a lot of training development, workshop facilitation, and any overarching big campus plans around awareness education and prevention sexual assault, dating, domestic violence and stalking.

For two years Ferris biology and psychology junior Camryn Booms has worked at CLACS as Schulte's assistant and Greek Life Lead. However, she first met Schulte in 2017 — Booms' freshman year — during Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment.

Before working for CLACS, Booms and Schulte became well acquainted working together for the Panhellenic Council, as Schulte served as the adviser and Booms served on the executive board as director of academics. Booms and Schulte meet weekly to discuss plans and ideas.

Outside of their work at CLACS, Booms has found Schulte to be a fantastic Fraternity and Sorority Life adviser.

"She has been very helpful for me in my first and now second term as the President of my own sorority Alpha Sigma Tau. She works diligently with every Greek President and has given me the best advice in our one-on-one conversations,"



Camryn Booms

Booms said. Booms has grown to admire many qualities about her.

"In the multiple different settings I have worked with her in, she is always someone that stands out from the crowd whether it be with her strategic thinking or positive persona," Booms said. "Ashley is the person that can come up with an entire new action plan at a meeting that no one else could have thought of. She is a quick thinker and gets things done so efficiently."

And it's not just her work ethic that Booms admires, but also her passion and caring nature.

"Ashley also takes the time out of every meeting to check in on her student employees to ensure we are doing okay in our work. She also cares very deeply about every Greek she gets the opportunity to work with. I believe Ashley is one of the most devoted people to her work. To her, it is not a job but more a passion that fuels her and gives her even more energy. She is inspiring," Booms said.

Schulte ended on the note that there is always room for improvement.

"Maya Angelou has said, and it stays with us, in this idea that we can create a better future and we can be better and also acknowledges that we aren't always the best," Schulte said. "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." It provides grace for knowing that we don't do it all and that we have an opportunity to learn and to change.

NEWS

“When you think you have free time, you don’t. You could be doing something for MTA”
- Megan Yuchasz - See below for story

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Making MTA

While many work in the background, two Ferris students are mainly responsible for planning MTA

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Behind the scenes of Music Takes Action (MTA), from brainstorming to the big day itself, there are two Ferris students working to make it all happen.

“I’ll try to describe it to people and they’re like ‘Oh, you’re planning it, so what do you do?’ And I’m like ‘Do you have like 20 minutes for me to tell you my life story of what I’m doing?’” Megan Yuchasz, Ferris music and entertainment business senior and MTA co-coordinator said.

Yuchasz, along with fellow music and entertainment business senior Veronica Anderson, is in charge of planning MTA this year. It’s a task they say brings valuable experience, major time commitments, and a lot of emails.

Both are full-time students planning to graduate after this semester and are looking for jobs and internships. Anderson commutes to campus, often being on campus during “hours I wouldn’t usually be here,” and both say that the job takes the majority of what would be free time.

“When you think you have free time you don’t. You could be doing something for MTA,” Yuchasz said.

Anderson echoed that sentiment. “There’s always something you can be working on. An email you should send, or a social media post you should be copy-

writing.”

Despite the time commitment, the duo agrees that the experience is an invaluable one that provides not only a bright spot on their resumés but also a significant amount of real-world lessons that can be applied in their professional careers.

They said they’ve run into a lot of problems throughout the process to this point, including having to change the opening act after putting time and effort into trying to get a different performer. The problems they’ve faced and solved have been their biggest teaching experiences so far.

Anderson said she feels like you don’t know you’re bad at problem solving until you have a problem and need to solve it, but the two agreed that with all the problems they’ve faced and solved, they feel they can conquer anything they may face in the workforce.

Yuchasz plans to pursue event planning for a sports team, planning off-season events and booking performers. Anderson, who photographed last year’s MTA, plans to use her degree and experience to go into music photography or festival production.

For now, the pair has put their talents into the many behind the scenes actions that go into planning a concert.

Using the information gathered from Entertainment Unlimited’s (EU) annual student survey, which received only about 200 responses this year, Anderson and Yuchasz began to contact agents to find an artist that fit the genre of hip-hop or pop (the top two selections) and budget.

From there they had to narrow down their choices to an artist they felt would attract students and put on a good show. Then after meeting with university officials and getting everything ok’d, they were able to book the acts.

Even once an artist is found and booked the work isn’t nearly over. Advertising and ticket sales become the new immediate priority along with planning for everything that goes into the day of the show.

Despite all their hard work, Anderson and Yuchasz say the credit isn’t all theirs and that they couldn’t do what they do without the help of their fellow EU members and advisor Nick Smith.

In addition to the advice offered from former MTA coordinators and Smith, EU members help with the process by selling tickets and working as stage heads, hospitality heads, and the other various jobs that need to be done to make the show happen.

While this year’s headliner, Hoodie Allen, may not have the commercial success of blackbear and Jesse McCartney, who headlined each of the last two years of MTA, Anderson and Yuchasz, along with many other Ferris students are excited for the show he puts on and the nostalgic aspect of his music.

Allen’s “All American” album, which is his most successful and well-known work, came out eight years ago. Anderson, who had seen Hoodie Allen perform on multiple occasions said he puts on an exciting and interactive show.

In fact, Allen is known to throw cake into the crowd and to crowd surf on a blowup raft during his shows.

Student tickets are available in the EU office located in UCB 121 on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for \$5. Students are able to purchase one ticket at the \$5 price between Feb. 10 and Feb. 21. After that, ticket prices will rise to \$15. Tickets will be available at Wink Arena on the day of the show for \$20 and can also be purchased online through Star Tickets.



Megan Yuchasz



Veronica Anderson

Withdrawal date hits, rosters are set

Ferris State students ended the week with withdrawal deadline

Trevor Kowal
Torch Reporter

Ferris closed the door on withdrawal grades Thursday, Feb. 13, as students are now locked into classes and teachers have their rosters set.

According to the Ferris website, withdrawals from a class means the student did not complete more than 63% of their classes. This withdrawal does not count towards the GPA of students.

“It allows a student to get out of a class they are either struggling with or don’t understand without it negatively affecting their GPA” said Junior, Nathan Kellicut, a Product Design Engineering Technology major.

Prior to withdrawing from a course, students must meet with their instructor to discuss if a withdrawal is necessary. A signature or email from the professor is needed to complete the forms.

Students who take a “W” in a class before the set dead-

line are not required to pay for the class while students who withdraw after the deadline still need to pay.

Ferris students also have the option to withdraw from all classes during their time as a student. Withdrawing from all classes can affect a student’s financial aid tremendously.

According to the Ferris financial aid office, Title IV funds are given to students assuming they attend the entire awarded period.

“It isn’t ideal to pay for classes that you aren’t taking anymore, but it is not the university’s fault that you are withdrawing,” said rubber engineering technology junior Edward VanWassehnova.

Students are responsible for setting up the withdrawal process. Total withdrawals are done online while single class withdrawals are done through the student financial services located at the Timme Center.

In order to finalize a withdrawal, students must visit their respective Deans’ offices to gain approval before withdrawing from any courses. Withdrawing can be beneficial to stu-

dents who believe they will fail the course.

“It can relieve the stress that one might have causing other classes to suffer as well because you are trying to save your failing grade,” said product design engineering junior Haven Robinson.

Ferris students also have the option to drop a class. Dropping a course means that a student missed the withdrawal date and still wants to remove the course from their schedule.

Dropping a class requires students to process a 4-part form that needs to be signed by the Director of Student Affairs. Students are responsible for filling out the correct paperwork in order to have their request processed.

Ferris State offers many different types of help for students who are in search of withdrawing from a course or multiple courses.

For more information on withdrawals, visit the Ferris website and type a search inquiry using the words, “Student Drops and Withdrawals,” or head to your academic adviser’s office.



Nathan Kellicut



Edward VanWassehnova

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

United States

Fourteen Americans infected with the coronavirus, who were passengers on the contaminated cruise ship in Japan, were flown back to the United States on Monday Feb. 17. Shortly before 328 Americans were placed on busses, soon to be flown back to Texas and California, it was discovered that the 14 passengers were infected. The passengers were isolated and monitored but were said to not be experiencing symptoms. All US passengers from the infected ship as well as those infected will be placed in an additional 14-day quarantine.

Original article by The New York Times, Feb. 17.

Africa

A gunman in Burkina Faso killed at least 24 people in a church shooting. Although it is unclear

what group is reasonable for the shooting, it is understood by jihadist groups with links to the Islamic State and Al Qaeda are trying to gain control over rural areas in Burkina Faso. This event adds to the displacement crisis in the area.

Original article by Reuters Feb. 17, The New York Times

Australia

As the fire in Australia is starting to be controlled, the people of Australia are preparing for an entirely new way of life. At least 57% of Australia has been affected by the brush fires and smoke. Climate change being the main antagonist in the fire, politics are fuming to find a solution.

Original article by Damien Cave Feb. 15, The New York Times

- ON THE RECORD -

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

That's not me...

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

That's not me...

A female student was suspended from the university due to behavioral issues in the fall semester. On Saturday, Feb. 8, an officer noticed a car driving without headlights and proceeded with a traffic stop in lot Lot 61. The student gave police a false name and failed to present identification to the officer. This led to the student's arrest for trespassing.

But the meters were full

A student forged a temporary parking pass on Thursday, Feb. 12, and was caught in Lot 37. The student was ticketed, and their fake pass was confiscated.

Check your school email

A male student who was suspended from campus due to academics, became a suspect in a criminal sexual conduct case. Due to the case, the student was banned from university grounds. Police were notified that the student played basketball regularly at the student recreation center, despite being banned from school property. The police were then tipped the next time he arrived which lead to the student's arrest for trespassing.

Two birds with one call

A female student's car was hit in The Rock parking lot. When the other driver left the scene, the female student notified police. When they arrived on the scene it was discovered that she had a warrant for her arrest with a warrant for her arrest with retail fraud. The student was arrested along with the hit and run case being solved.



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NEWS BRIEFS

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News Editor

Surviving Sexual Assault

This week the Personal Counseling Center is hosting an event in Birkam Health Center on Wednesday, Feb. 19. It is titled Surviving Sexual Assault and aims to provide a safe environment for self help and support. This will be held in room BHC 218 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact the Personal Counseling Center.

Five Star Event: Officer Tillman

CLACS will be hosting a Five Star Event this week on Thursday, Feb. 20, in the University Center with officer Tillman as the guest speaker. Tillman will be speaking on how to bridge the gap between law enforcement and local communities that they serve. The event will start at 7 p.m. in room UC 202. For more information on this Five Star Event, contact CLACS.

New RSO Calibration

CLACS will be hosting a celebratory event for new RSO's on campus on Thursday, Feb. 27. The event will be held in the University Center CLACS lobby in room UC 121 and is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. The event aims to allow new RSO's on campus to meet each other and connect. For more information on the New RSO Calibration, contact CLACS.

Adjusting to College event

The Personal Counseling Center will be hosting an event titled Adjusting to College at Birkam Health Center on Friday, Feb. 21. at 1 p.m. The event aims to help new students become more comfortable at a university and help with adjusting to the added responsibility and freedoms. For more information on the Adjusting to college event contact the Personal Counseling Center.

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Caps and Gowns may be purchased at the Grad Fair on March 24th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm in the University Center - Multi Purpose Rooms or starting March 24th - April 29, 2020 at the Ferris State University Bookstore (located in the University Center, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids MI 49307).

Tickets are required for all ceremonies. All students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (6) six tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to reserve or print **starting March 24, 2020**. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. **Tickets must be reserved by Friday, May 8, 2020 at 11:59 pm.**

Commencement Program - Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, February 28, 2020 for their names to appear in the Spring 2020 Commencement Programs** or their name will not appear in the Commencement Program. In order to have the program printed and back in time for the ceremonies we have to adhere to these deadlines. Contact your college's Commencement Coordinator if you have any questions.

Friday, May 8	
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Saturday, May 9	
Time	College
9:00 am	College of Engineering Technology
12:30 pm	College of Business
4:00 pm	College of Education & Human Services

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Call to A four-handed action orchestra

Minneapolis Guitar Quartet shakes the UC ballroom

*Law enforcement
career fair draws
statewide interest*

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Lambda Alpha Epsilon held a criminal justice career fair Wednesday, Feb. 12, to help those within that major to find a potential job or internship opportunity.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) is a national co-ed fraternity dedicated to enhancing the academics and professionalism in the criminal justice field.

Ferris criminal justice junior Alexandria Bacarella and treasurer for LAE said that the organization hosts all sorts of events on campus, but the group's primary goal is furthering their professional skills.

"We focus on professional skills, period," Bacarella said. "We want our members to be able to go out and get a job after they graduate, and that's something that we focus on in our fraternity. We're as well a good network for each other because we all go different places and help each other out and see our different options."

Bacarella originally joined the organization when she was unsure of what path she wanted to pursue in the criminal justice field. Bacarella decided that being in a group with others within her major would allow her to see her many options.

LAE had more than 50 departments from all over the state attend the criminal justice fair, ranging from local, national and even federal levels. Representatives from the Detroit Police Department to the U.S. Secret Service were present.

Deputy Tom Dyer had come from Berrien County's Sheriff's Office to inform and recruit students for potential jobs. Interest in law enforcement careers has declined in recent years.

"Right now we're really hurting for help with law enforcement," Dyer said. "Everybody in the state has seen a decline in people applying for law enforcement jobs. So, we wanted to show up here and show everyone here at the school what we have to offer."

According to the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Report, the number of Michigan police officers has dropped 12% since 2006.

This problem is not reserved to only Michigan as departments nationwide have been experiencing this shortage. Because of these shortages, different departments and agencies rely heavily on mandatory overtime to cover all the necessary shifts. Extended hours can stress law enforcement employees, affect their work and create risk.

Reasons like these are why LAE hosted the criminal justice fair, and why many departments attended the event. LAE member and Ferris criminal justice junior Bryar Velting claims the goal of the organization is to showcase all the options available for students.

"The biggest thing is definitely is to show how many opportunities there are for students after they graduate, and areas for internship. Because all the people here are looking and coming to the students," Velting said.

If students in the criminal justice major are interested in joining Lambda Alpha Epsilon, they can contact a member or visit their Facebook page, "Lambda Alpha Epsilon - Ferris State," to see when rush events or interviews occur.



Alexandria
Bacarella



Bryar
Velting

Hannah McKeen
Torch Reporter

The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet performed a three-hour performance to a full University Center ballroom Thursday, Feb. 13, as part of the Big Rapids Festival of the Arts.

Some of the attendants were longtime fans of the quartet, while others simply love music.

Ferris music and entertainment business major Melody DeJohn plays guitar — as well as piano and ukulele — and immediately sought interest in the event upon learning of it.



Melody
DeJohn

"The guitar is one of my favorite instruments and I thought this would be a really cool concert," DeJohn said.

DeJohn's favorite song was a Macedonian piece from the 14th or 15th century, a sentiment many concertgoers agreed. One of the quartet's final songs performed was Prince's "Purple Rain," and even without the lyrical accompaniment it was possible to hear the original melody.

The Macedonian piece seemed a big hit with listeners, and three pieces by Finnish composer Maria Kalaniemi had the audience tapping their feet to the beat.

They also played four songs by Joaquin Rodrigo,

and one by the late English folksinger Nick Drake they commissioned for a guitar performance that required several minutes of tuning.

They finished the performance with a fast-paced excerpt of "The Ballad of Unhatched Chicks" that warranted a roar of laughter from the audience.

The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet was founded in 1986. Though only one original member still performs, they have together a familiarity that only develops from countless practice hours together.

The members took turns introducing the songs, most of which were not originally intended for six-stringed instruments.

Spectators discovered the performance to be fascinating, even those familiar with traditional instrumentation. At times, the quartet's hands moved so quickly they appeared to blur.

"That was actually really nice to listen to," said Ferris dental hygiene sophomore Emma Vasche, an experienced cellist.

For more 2020 Festival of the Arts events, there's a calendar on cityofbr.org that details upcoming events such as the "Art Glass Fusion" workshop and the "Art of Astrology," as well as many other events Ferris offers as part of the festival.



Emma
Vasche



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The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet plays in the UC Ballroom as part of the Festival of the Arts.



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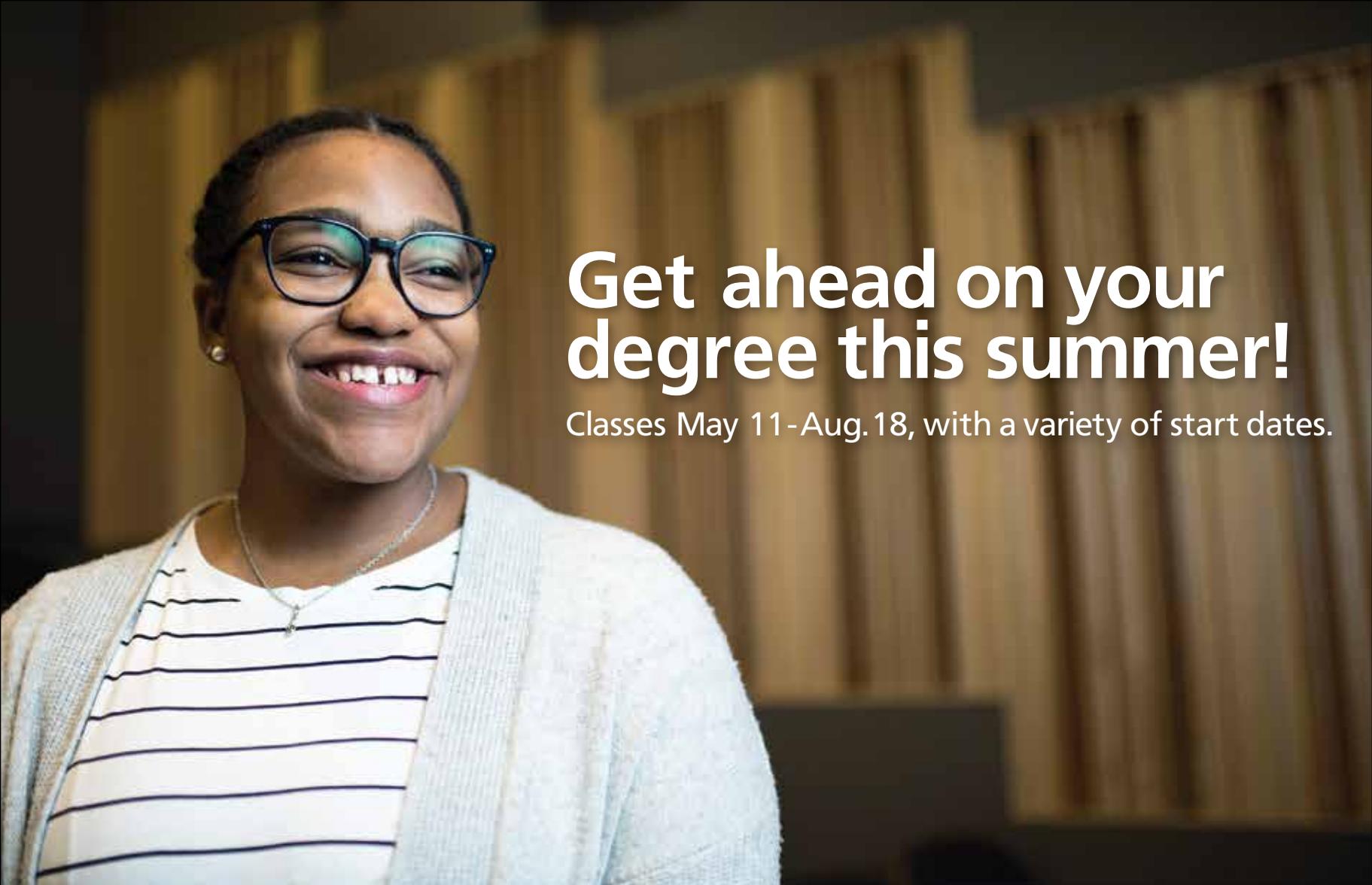
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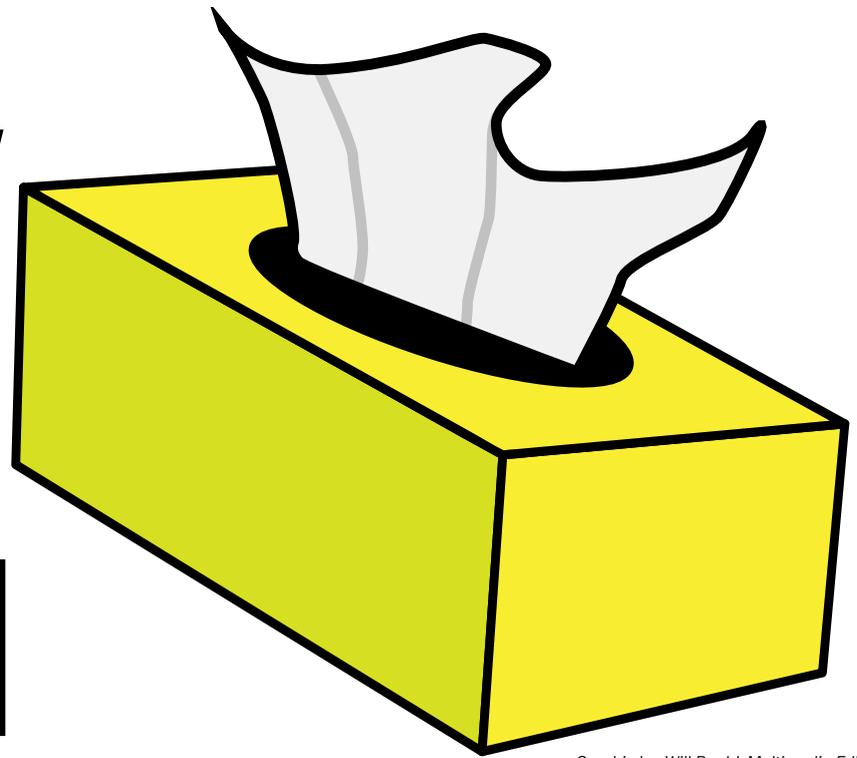
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- Zac Netzel - See page 7 for story

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Screw the flu



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Ferris students share how they recover from the flu

Fatima Galvez
Torch Reporter

Another year, another season of keeping up with grades and staying healthy.

Everyone has their own set of techniques to help keep away the germs. Students have an abundance of ideas on beating the cold and flu. For some a packet of 'Emergen-C' could be all it takes but others look towards home remedies and soups that bring comfort.

Suggestions on staying healthy vary from student to student. Some students suggest the classic Vicks vapor rub on the bottoms of sock covered feet. This remedy, as unpleasant as it sounds, does allow for a cooling sensation which may temporarily make you feel better.

Another suggestion comes from marketing student, Anthony Winans. Anthony believes that "sweating it out" will yield the best results. He suggests going for a workout as he feels that this way "your body naturally heals itself."

On the opposite end of the spectrum, people take "less natural" precautions with their flu shot.

Nursing and Spanish student, Katherine Price, decided

to receive her flu shot this year. Since getting her flu shot she has made it out the other side with nothing but a minor cold. Despite opting for a less natural initial approach, Price has been fighting her cold through sleep and heat. She says sleeping and overheating her body have helped cut the cold to only a couple of days.

Upping the amount of rest and water intake can also help the immune system and hydrate the body. Fluids are important. Drinking broth is also a good way to replenish protein and minerals like sodium and potassium while having the flu.

Protein is important for rebuilding immune cells. Upping the amount of zinc intake can also help your body make more white blood cells to help fight off germs. Foods high in zinc can be like red meat, beans, dairy, and eggs.

If you have a sour throat, try gargling some warm salt water for 10 to 30 seconds and then spitting it out. This can help soothe and clear out mucus.

Considering that stomachs are often sensitive when down in the dumps, a bland diet for the time being can be very beneficial on the stomach. Save yourself that unforsaken bathroom trip and try eating saltine crackers, light soups,

jell-o even, and electrolyte rich drinks to stay hydrated.

Powering through a cold could only worsen your situation, so lots of rest is highly recommended. Architectural Engineering student, Jonai Harrison overcomes cold symptoms by drinking a lot of water, some hot teas and getting a lot of rest.

With fast growing viruses, and the flu season at its peak, it is important to be aware of the symptoms and precautions associated with staying healthy. Symptoms of the flu include body aches, chills, fever, sore throat, headaches, and of course fatigue. In select states, the Center for Disease Control conducted surveillance on laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza. A total of 12,167 confirmed cases were reported between Oct. 1, 2019 and Feb. 8, 2020.

Always remember, washing your hands is the first and biggest step in staying healthy. When a trip to the doctors is advised by roommates and peers, try checking out the convenient Birkam Health Center located on campus. The Spectrum Health hospital is located right off of Oak street near the Prakken building and offers a Walk in Clinic open Monday through Friday 8 a.m to 8 p.m.

Tips and tricks for flu season

1. Wash your hands

2. Get a lot of Vitamin C -- eat oranges, grapefruit, and other citrus fruit.

Vitamin C drops are a good supplement for fresh fruit.

3. Disinfect doorknobs, countertops, remotes, light switches, and anything else hands may touch

If you get sick:

1. Drink lots of water, and keep getting Vitamin C

2. Get plenty of rest and avoid human interaction. Keep your germs to yourself!

His House Christian Fellowship

Encouraging faith and friendship

Kendall Rooks
Torch Reporter

Coming to college can mean leaving behind a belief system students have followed all their life. His House helps guide students and gives them a community they can fall back on.

His House is an on-campus Bible-based Christian ministry that allows college students to worship outside of a regular Sunday church setting. His House formed at Ferris in 1987 and is also present at 11 other universities across Michigan.



Zac Netzel

Zac Netzel, a sophomore in plastics engineering, has been a part of His House for two years now. He enjoys the fellowship that comes with joining His House.

"I love going back to the guys house after meetings and just hanging out with people, it's awesome" he stated. "It's probably what most people go to His House for: the fellowship. It is very fellowship based and it's a good community of people."

His House is a ministry for students that want to become closer to their peers and God. Students who attend His House are encouraged to pursue the truth of Scripture and to bring their life in line with it.

Katelyn Berens, a sophomore in hospitality management also joined His House two years ago, she spoke about her experience in the group.



Katelyn Berens

"It's kinda cool coming back week by week and seeing the new people that just started at the beginning of this year and seeing how they are advancing in their faith and how they're opening up to everyone else in His House" she said.

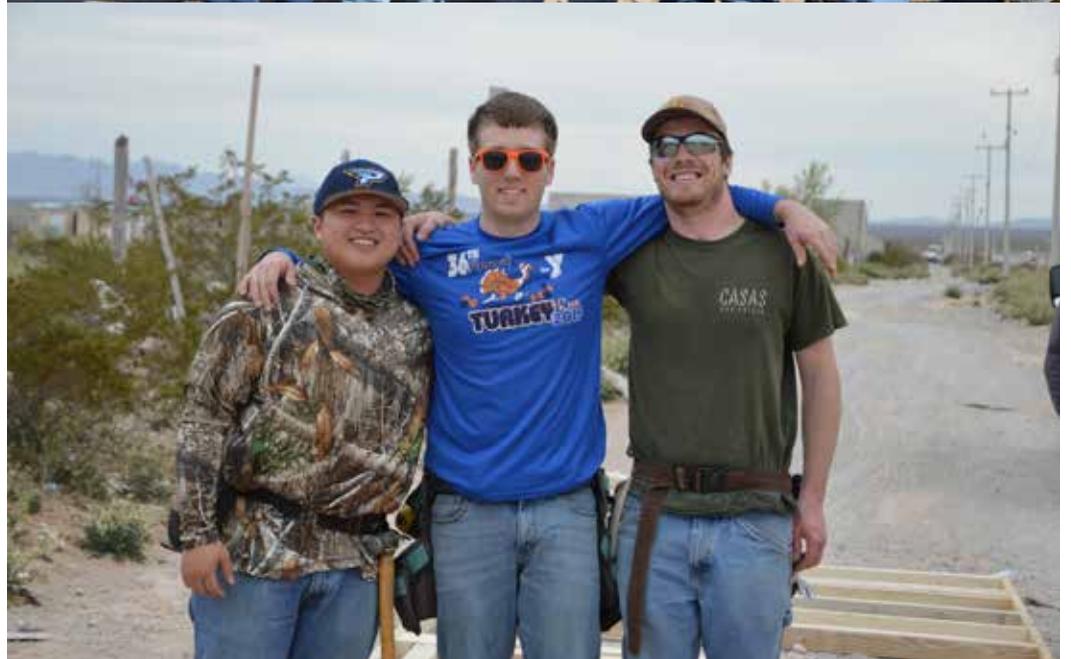
At each His House meeting there is praise and worship, biblical teaching, and prayer. Some students involved in His House also lead their own bible studies which students can attend to discuss lessons more in depth.

There are also weekend retreats, service projects, and a mission trip to Mexico over spring break.

The His House mission trip involves building a house for a family in need. In order to attend the mission trip members individually fundraise through family, friends, and community members.

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Anyone is welcome to attend His House meetings and Bible studies. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the University Center. For more information visit the His House website, fsu.hhcf.org or the Facebook page, "Ferris State His House."



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Feb. 19



LeaderShape Table

Location: University Center
Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Surviving Sexual Violence

Location: Birkam Health Center
Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

Connect with Bulldog Connect

Location: UC 213
Time: 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Culinary Medicine- Presented by Spectrum Health

Location: West Commons 108
Time: 6 p.m.

Color of Music

Location: UCB 202
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

Feb. 20

All Bodies Dance Party

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Time: 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Five Star Event: Officer Ryan Tilman

Location: UC 202
Time: 7 - 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Feb. 21

Employer Interviews on Campus (Career Fair)

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

Being on the Spectrum

Location: Birkam Health Center
Time: 11 - 11:50 a.m.

Indoor Flag Football Tournament

Location: Rec Center
Time: 4 p.m.

Fridays at Ferris: Comedy-Magicain Trent James

Location: UCB 202
Time: 9 - 11 p.m.



MONDAY

Feb. 24

Circus Arts Demo and Workshop

Location: West Campus Community Center
Time: 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Feb. 25

Grocery Bingo

Location: UC 202
Time: 8 p.m.



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Random Fact

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Your weekly dose of trivia

The Tuskegee Airmen was the Army Air Corps program for training African American pilots. Before the group's formation in 1941 (due to pressures from civil rights organizations), African Americans were restricted from skilled or leadership positions in the U.S. military. The Airmen were based out of Tuskegee, Alabama, which had the best facilities and favorable conditions for flying year-round.

The Tuskegee Airmen overcame prejudice and became one of the most respected WWII fighter groups. They proved African Americans could maintain and fly aircrafts, and their achievements set the foundations for the full integration of the U.S. military. Some of the decorations they received were 774 Air Medals, 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 14 Bronze Stars, and 8 Purple Hearts.

Sources: "Tuskegee Airmen History" tuskegeeairmen.org
"Tuskegee Airmen War Accomplishments" ourwiiveterans.com

Overheard at Ferris

"If I were to start doing drugs, I'd do something substantial like LSD. Yeah, LSD. That's a commitment"

-The Rock

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Students enjoying the pool during Love Your Body week.

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SPORTS

“I like the environment. I like playing here with my teammates and we’ve had a good run so far and everything’s really been good. I really have no complaints”
- Dorian Alyui - See page 13 for story

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Crunch time



Photo by: Erin Dusa | Torch Photographer

Sophomore forward Jake Transit fights for a faceoff win in a home game against the Huskies of Michigan Tech. the Bulldogs would go on to get swept in the weekend series.

Strong defense is not enough as the Bulldogs falter to begin final stretch

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

The Ferris hockey team has reached the point in the season comparable to the final minutes of a game. It’s crunch time for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs were swept for the eighth time this past weekend as they fell at home to Michigan Tech. This pair of losses kept the Bulldogs stationary in ninth place in the conference standings as the team prepares for the final two weeks of the regular season.



Bob Daniels

A strong defensive performance over the weekend may give the Bulldogs momentum moving forward.

The Bulldogs held the Huskies of Michigan Tech to four goals over the weekend. Game one on Friday was a strong team game, as the Bulldogs only allowed 16 shots on goal during the contest. Coach Bob Daniels commented on the defensive performance in Friday’s contest.

“I thought our puck management was pretty good, except for maybe one play during the night. I thought we did a really good job of managing the puck and moving it and knowing when to chip it off the window. Possessing the puck can limit the scoring opportunities,” Daniels said.

The strong defense continued into Saturday, but not due to the lack of shots. Senior goaltender Austin Shaw made 30 saves while only allowing one goal in Saturday’s 2-0 loss.

“I think we have a solid d-core, you know, a couple young guys, Evennou, Willets, then we have Rutkowski and Kallen, so I think there is experience and talent there,” Shaw said. “It makes my job easier when I can count on those guys. As we go down the stretch our guys don’t need to overthink anything and keep on going.”

Yet in both games, the strong defensive performances were not enough. In Friday’s contest, three goals were netted on the 16 shots that went sophomore goalie Roni Salmenkangas’s way and the Bulldogs could only muster two goals and

two near misses. Saturday the offense was quiet, allowing a shutout off 36 shots on goal.

These inconsistencies have plagued the Bulldogs all season. At this point in the season, every game needs to be a full 60-minute contest of the Bulldogs playing their best. With these past games, Daniels believes there is a blueprint to success.

“What I would like to do is bottle our games this weekend, the way we played, and take that on the road to Bowling Green and roll out there,” Daniels said. “I can’t help to think that with those opportunities we will bang a few home.”

There are four more opportunities for the Bulldogs to make some noise in the conference and make the playoffs. The first two come this weekend with the Bulldogs traveling to Ohio to play Bowling Green State, a team that sits at sixth in the standings with a 15-13-3 record.

The Bulldogs will end the regular season at home against Lake Superior State on Feb. 28 and Feb. 29. Lake Superior State sits at seventh in the conference standings with a 10-20-4 record on the season.



Austin Shaw

WEEKEND SCORECARD

Hockey
Feb. 14- Ferris 2
Michigan Tech 3
Feb. 15- Ferris 0
Michigan Tech 2

Women’s Basketball
Feb. 13- Ferris 79
Michigan Tech 70
Feb. 15- Ferris 68
Northern Michigan 56

Men’s Basketball
Feb. 13- Ferris 76
Michigan Tech 71
Feb. 15- Ferris 71
Northern Michigan 68

Strong leadership

Women's basketball rallying behind head coach

Brody Keiser
Torch Reporter

A good head coach can have a huge impact for a sports team and the Ferris women's basketball team knows that to be true.

Ferris women's basketball head coach Kendra Faustin became the seventh head coach in Bulldog history in 2015-2016. Seventh women's basketball head coach? Seventh female head coach? She is definitely not just the seventh head coach ever lol. Faustin brought eight years of NCAA Division I coaching experience from Niagara University in Lewiston, N.Y., when she joined the Bulldogs.

"I don't think there's a huge difference in the levels," Faustin said. "The biggest difference is that I work a lot harder here because I don't have a full staff of five. Really, Ferris is an unbelievable place to recruit to so that's actually easier."



Kendra Faustin

In the five seasons before Faustin took the coaching reigns, the Dawgs battled to a 68-66 record, making two GLIAC tournaments, including a North Division championship in 2012. That same year, Ferris earned a bid to the NCAA DII tournament.

Since Faustin took over in the 2015-2016 season, the Dawgs are 39-62, excluding this season. Ferris struggled during Faustin's first two seasons leading to a combined 10-44 record. In the two seasons since, Faustin flipped the program and led both the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 teams to GLIAC tournaments, crediting her players with the success.

"This group of seniors, the seniors that graduated last year, and the seniors before them have built this program into something that they believe in," Faustin said. "It's not about what I do. My job is just to help guide them to where they want to go."

Faustin emphasized that her success in recent seasons would not be possible if not for "good players" and an "unbelievable staff." Her "amazing, supportive husband" who loves her through everything was also a huge part of what she attributed her success to.

With three games remaining this season, Faustin's Bulldogs are 18-7 and sit atop the GLIAC North Division. Ferris has already clinched a GLIAC tournament appearance, making it three years in a row Faustin has brought her team there. The Dawgs are also hopeful they will play in the NCAA DII tournament for the first time under Faustin.



Adrienne Anderson

For Ferris junior guard Adrienne Anderson, Faustin's determination and tough mentality were the traits she most admired about her coach.

"She pushes us to do our best and she doesn't let us settle," Anderson said. "At this point in the season, everybody's tired, somewhat injured - doesn't matter. She's still pushing us to do our best and that's why we're able to gut it out and win games. She's never satisfied which is something that I, as a player, admire."

Ferris senior forward Lilly George most appreciated the journey her coach brought her on since her freshman year. From starting her career with a 5-22 record to playing three straight seasons in the GLIAC tournament, George was appreciative of everything her coach did for her.



Lilly George

"She pushes us, not only as basketball players, but as people every single day," George said. "She brings us together as a team and just really has all of our best interests in mind. She believes in all of us."

Faustin's Bulldogs will continue their postseason hunt with two games on the road against Purdue Northwest University Thursday, Feb. 20, and Wisconsin-Parkside University Saturday, Feb. 22, before returning home for the regular season finale Thursday, Feb. 27, against Lake Superior State University.



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Senior guard Riley Blair is one of the leaders of the women's basketball team. Strong leadership has helped carry the Bulldogs to a strong record this season.

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Softball

Feb. 15- Ferris 6, Ill. Springfield 7
Ferris 2, Ill. Springfield 8
Feb. 16- Ferris 6, Ill. Springfield 5
Ferris 2, Ill. Springfield 11

Women's Tennis

Feb. 15- Ferris 2
Northern Iowa 5

Top Dawg

Adrienne Anderson



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Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

Women's basketball continued their valiant push towards the playoffs with the help of Adrienne Anderson's strong performances over the week.

Junior guard Adrienne Anderson has been a consistent force for the Bulldogs this season as they take control of their own destiny in the conference. Quietly, she has been creating many opportunities for the offensive and defensive attack to thrive this season.

Her contributions did not go unnoticed Thursday as Anderson tied her season high in point's against Michigan Tech with 24 points while also snagging seven rebounds and dishing three assists. This output led the team on scoring and marked second in rebounds as the Bulldogs won 79-70 in a high scoring affair.

The production continued Saturday as the Ferris had an easier time against the Northern Michigan

Wildcats. While not putting up quite as many points, Anderson contributed most on the defensive end, tallying two steals and the team's only block. This accompanied 10 points, four rebounds, and three assists as the Bulldogs handled the Wildcats 68-56.

The guard from Ypsilanti has been a major factor in the Bulldogs plans this season as the number two option, averaging 15 points per game off a 42% shooting percentage. On top of that she has consistently caused mayhem on the defensive end, leading the team with 2.9 steals per game.

This has helped the Bulldogs jump out to a two-game lead in the GLIAC North Division standings and third overall in the conference with three games left in the regular season.

Anderson will look to continue her consistent contributions next Thursday, Feb. 20 at Purdue Northwest in a GLIAC North Division conference clash before traveling to Wisconsin-Parkside in a division decider Saturday, Feb. 22.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday, Feb. 20:

- Women's Basketball at Purdue Northwest at 6 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Purdue Northwest at 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21:

- Track & Field at Saginaw Valley State Tune-Up at University Center, Mich,
- Softball at Southern Indiana at 1:30 p.m.
- Softball vs. Bellarmine (Ky.) at Evansville, Ind. at 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Tennis at Indianapolis at 4 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at Findlay at 6 p.m.
- Hockey at Bowling Green at 7:07 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22:

- Softball vs. Lake Erie at University of Southern Indiana at noon
- Men's Tennis at Findlay at 1 p.m.
- Softball vs. Truman at Evansville, Ind. at 2 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Wisconsin-Parkside at 2 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Wisconsin-Parkside at 4 p.m.
- Hockey at Bowling Green at 7:07 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23:

- Men's Tennis vs. Tiffin at Lexington, Ohio at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. Tiffin at Lexington, Ohio at 9:30 a.m.
- Softball vs. Quincy at Evansville, Ind. at 10 a.m.
- Softball vs. West Virginia State at Evansville Ind. at noon



Bulldogs struggle in first game action

Inconsistency hurts Dawgs

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

The Bulldogs struggled on the road this weekend as they opened their 2020 season with a couple of double headers.

Saturday Feb. 15 The University of Illinois Springfield took down the Bulldogs in the first game with a score of 7-6. The next game was not as competitive as the Bulldogs took a hard loss 8-2.

The first game the Bulldogs almost pulled it out as they built a 6-4 lead in the fifth inning. However, in the bottom of the seventh inning Illinois Springfield pulled away and had a big three run inning to take the win.

Junior short stop Kodi Ramirez, junior catcher Ali Magiera, and sophomore utility Jessica Tucci had two hits each. Magiera led the team with three RBI's and had a double and a triple in her Ferris State Debut. Tucci had two RBI's as well and had a double and a triple and Ramirez notched two doubles.

Senior Abby Highway started out on the mound and never came out. She let up seven runs on nine hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

The backside of the double header was a little more lopsided. The Bulldogs had a strong start having a 2-0 lead up until the bottom of the third inning when Illinois Springfield

put three runs on the board. Then again, in the fourth inning added four more runs and then finished it off with one more run in the sixth.

Magiera once again tailed in a couple of hits along with junior outfielder Paige Kortz. Kaitlyn Nugent gets credit for the only RBI in the game for the Bulldogs.

Nugent got the nod on the mound pitching four and one third innings. She gave up seven runs on six hits with three strikeouts and a walk. Senior Connor Proctor took over from their pitching one and two thirds innings and allowed three hits with one run and two strikeouts.

The highlight of the weekend was in the first game of the back to back double header on Sunday afternoon where the Bulldogs secured their first win of the 2020 season.

The Bulldogs had consisted scoring throughout the game scoring a single run in the fourth, seventh and ninth inning. They exploded in the fifth with a three-run inning.

Tucci and Kortz had another team high with two hits. Also connecting at bat was Nugent, Magiera, junior infielder Madison McLeod, and sophomore first basemen Kaitlyn Orme.

Seniors Abby Highway and Connor Proctor got the call on the mound and allowed eight hits and one homerun, but it was not enough to beat the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs suffered one more loss on the

weekend finishing their first game action of the season at 1-3. Just like the second game of the first double header the Bulldogs let this one get away losing 11-2.

Seems like it was the pattern of the weekend against this team. Competing and keeping it close in the first games, however, in the second games Illinois Springfield was too much to handle.

Illinois Springfield had nine different players tally hits combining for 13 as a team. They scored in every inning and had a big fourth and fifth inning where nine of those runs came from.

The Bulldogs only had five different players with hits and sophomore right fielder Kylie Winkles led the way with three hits and an RBI. Ramirez chipped in with two hits and an RBI as well.

Three different pitchers found the mound on late Sunday afternoon. Nugent pitched two innings, Proctor with one inning, and Orme with one inning as well. The trio let up 13 hits and 11 runs.

The Bulldogs with look to bounce back this weekend at the Midwest Regional Crossover where they will play three double headers in three days.

A new home

Transfers find new beginning at Ferris

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

A change of scenery can be hard, but transfer athletes to Ferris men's basketball have adjusted to the rhythm of the team.

The Bulldogs brought in three new transfers this year in junior wing Dorian Alyui, junior post Logan Ryan, and junior wing Quantes Jackson. The team also recruited junior wing Walt Kelser once he hit the transfer portal a couple of years ago. Head Coach Andy Bronkema said the team really focuses on building with freshmen and then sprinkling in transfers.



Andy Bronkema

"Walt is a guy we knew about even in high school," Bronkema said. "We didn't recruit him as much in high school as we thought he was a division one talent and then got onto him at junior college while we were watching him at Schoolcraft. Quantes was a local guy so we knew him, we knew about Logan too ... Dorian is just from an area that we like to recruit, so he

hit the transfer portal and he plays the position similar to Markese Mayfield, who we lost, so we picked him right up knowing we needed to plug him in."

Before making the decision to transfer to Ferris, all four men had previous college experience. Kelser left Schoolcraft and Alyui started his collegiate career at Minot State in North Dakota. Logan Ryan left Colorado State, which is a Division I team, and Quantes left Paris Junior College before he left Sinclair Community college. Now, all have found their spot on a loaded Bulldog roster.

"I think Ferris has welcomed me really well, my teams welcomed me, the fans have welcomed me, so I like it I really do. I like the environment; I like playing here with my teammates and we've had a good run so far and everything's really been good. I really have no complaints," Alyui said.



Dorian Alyui

Bronkema said all the men have fit in from the very beginning and the athletes seem to agree.

"I've come into my role pretty well especially being a transfer as it was difficult

in the beginning, but I definitely have gotten more in tune as the season's gone on, so I think I'll be good for the rest of the year and next year to come too," Alyui said.

When Ryan was recruited, he said that the coaches and his former high school captain Greg Williams helped make the decision to come to Ferris that much easier once he hit the transfer portal. Williams and Ryan were teammates during their times at Canton High school and Ryan said not only did Williams jump at convincing him to come to Ferris, but all the coaches jumped on it as well.



Logan Ryan

"Ferris stuck out to me during the process after my visit," Ryan said. "I had a really good time and I really enjoy spending time with the guys. I knew Greg from before, so it seemed like a good fit. He was my captain in high school, my captain now and its close to home too which is a nice change."

Ferris will look to the final three games on the season to tally more wins before the start of the GLIAC tournament.



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The team huddles up to talk strategy during the Bulldogs' game against Northern Michigan this past Saturday.




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OPINIONS

“Why hasn’t there been an attempt at bringing a place where food and studying combine?”

- Fatima Galvez - See page 15 for story

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

I was watching TV the other day and the worst possible thing popped up on my screen: horse racing.

You see, my problem isn’t the fact that I find the sport to be extremely boring, which it is. No, my problem with it is much deeper.

Horse racing shouldn’t even be considered a sport. It should be considered animal abuse and be abolished in its entirety.

There is a dark side to horse racing, a side that the sport does a very good job of keeping out of the public eye.

I know that there will be people who get offended by me shining this negative light on a sport they love, but it is something that must be done.

The things that go on behind closed doors to some of these horses are downright disgusting.

Let’s start with the countless amounts of drugs that are administered to these horses. Whether the drugs are to enhance performance or cure injury or to simply get the horse to be able to race, the amount of drugs given to these race horses are quite alarming.

The race in itself is just as cruel. During the course of one race, the horse can get shocked or buzzed numerous times in order to scare them to pick up the pace in order to try and win the race.

And of course, there’s always the whip being used as well. In the 2015 Kentucky Derby, Victor Espinoza used his whip 32 times

as the race was winding down to push American Pharoah to victory.

And all this talk about buzzing and whipping during the race doesn’t even include into account the treacherous impact the tracks themselves have on the horses. On average, 24 horses die on racetracks per week in the U.S. according to PETA.

The saddest part of this fact is that this doesn’t include all the horses that die throughout the process to get them on the racetrack in the first place.

As far as those deadly race tracks go, take for example Santa Anita. From 2009 to 2018, there were 6134 horse deaths in 3.4 million starts nationwide, according to the Jockey Club, an organization focused on the integrity,

health and safety of horse racing.

This type of issue is caused by unstable conditions that result quite frequently in leg injuries for the horses, leading in most cases to euthanization, a common, but unfortunate occurrence for the sport.

As you can see, there is a laundry list of issues with horse racing. It is dangerous for horses and results in constant abuse of these poor animals.

The solution, however, is simple.

Horse racing should be illegal and will be abolished sometime soon if we all can find compassion for those poor animals in our hearts and finally realize that they are living beings, not disposable toys that we can bend to our will.

Spider-Men, Spider-Men

Give us the movie we’ve been asking for

Some movies live up to expectations and others fail to uphold good standards, but nothing will compare to a live-action Spider-verse movie.

The animated movie, “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” was a massive success, taking home the 2019 Academy Award for Best Animated Feature and making bank at the box office. Add to that Sony striking a deal with Marvel, and also having vast amounts of success in development of their own Spider-Verse materials, and it shows that for the first time there could be real possibility of a live-action movie of Spider-Man and his doppelgangers from alternate universes. This movie would create an epidemic hype with Spider-Man fans and superhero fans in general alike with how much recent movies and shows have had success with alternate universe exploration. This isn’t the first time they have done this with Spider-Man as the focal point.

Sony has already posted media messages of how they would love to get the ball rolling on this type of movie, and it would be a great idea to continue the Spider-man legacy of taking over now that Marvel has ended things with Robert Downey Jr.’s Iron Man. Recently Sony has also posted a message saying that they would love to have Andrew Garfield return as Spider-Man and even stating that they would like to also have Tobey Maguire back for the

movie that fans want created.

The biggest speculation that fans are awaiting to see is Sony’s new movie, “Morbius.” Trailers and other promotional materials show the villain walking past a Spider-Man poster. But this isn’t the Tom Holland Spider-Man we have seen in recent years, but instead it’s the Spider-Man that Tobey Maguire played from 2002 to 2007.



With this slight scene the speculation that Morbius is set in the Tobey Maguire universe. The alternate theory is Sony had to use that version as Marvel had rights to the Holland version.

Also at the very end of the trailer we see actor Michael Keaton who Spider-Man fans know has most recently played the villain Vulture in Spider-Man: Homecoming as he talks to Michael Morbius and calls him out by name, and says to him, “What’s up doc?”

This connection is directly called to Michael Keaton being the Vulture in Holland’s Spider-Man universe, but then if Morbius is there too, why did the poster in the trailer display Maguire’s Spider-Man?

With the fan speculation building towards more Spider-verse movies, this helps connect that if Morbius is truly set in the Maguire universe, it would connect these two Spider-Men together and make way for Garfield’s Spider-



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Torch Reporter

Man to join the picture through a multiverse.

Just the rumors of the potential that Sony is working towards this type of live-action multiverse movie has fans and myself hoping it happens and they get to see this because a movie of all three big actors who have made Spider-Man the hero he is today would have fans in theaters opening day and sales for this movies through the roof. Spider-Man is no stranger into the multi-verse as it has been done in numerous animated shows of the hero but just having a live-action movie would create enough buzz to continue the movie making of his legacy.

Fans will have to wait to see exactly which direction Sony and/or Marvel plan to take Spider-Man as they have agreed to work together with shared rights of the hero, but Marvel is heading toward a Sinister Six plot ad Sony seems to be developing the Spider-Verse villains with Venom’s box office success. And now they have made “Morbius,” so the question we must ask is what’s next or who is coming next? For all we know Marvel and Sony could be secretly setting up the plot of both the Sinister Six AND a multiverse platform with all three actors ... or they’re simply creating more hype for the movies they are making now. But what is known is that Spider-Man movies will be created for a while as both companies will continue growing and expanding the entire Spider-verse.



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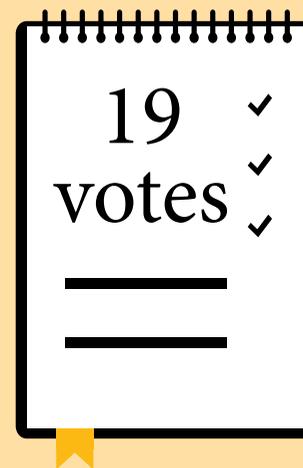
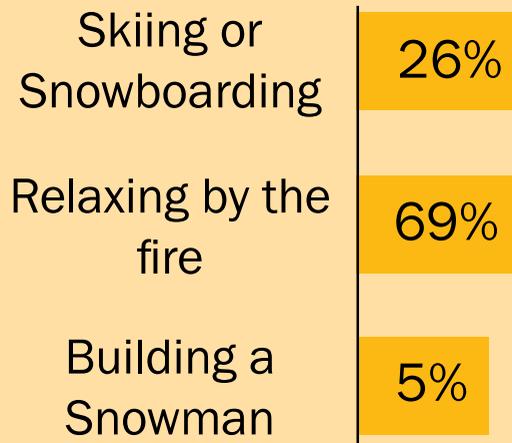
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Hungry weekends

When do we want food? 24 hours!



Fatima Galvez
Interim Reporter

Another weekend at Ferris, and what's everyone getting? Decisions, decisions. Students are here about eight months out of the 12, and they require two things above most after dark: somewhere to study, and something to eat. Despite ideal conditions, why hasn't there been an attempt at bringing a place where food and studying combine? Specifically, something available 24 hours, such as an IHOP or Steak & Shake?

These food chains provide fair-priced food that students crave, like burgers and milkshakes. The town would profit with such addition, jobs would become available — part time and full time. Students, as well as the town individually, could benefit from these places. As of right now, Ferris State students unfortunately lack a place that is available to them 24 hours for either studying or eating. We can all agree that the disposable money we love spending would be well spent at either, or a similar place.

Although two dining halls are already in place, they do not always provide the best space to accommodate the size of the student body. As well, space has

become even more limited for students due to the recent hours cut at The Quad, forcing students to only have a single dining hall on the weekends. Also keep in mind the dining halls are also open to the general public. Students are aware of the townspeople and the sense of community they both individually hold. A certain understanding about the current restaurants and businesses in town has to be made — they are the entirety of this town and hold a close regard to the community. The idea of bringing another restaurant to town could mean harming the business of others, which is completely understandable.

When thousands of dollars are being placed in the hands of a university, the consideration for students' needs should mind, especially when referring to their places of food and study. A location that invites students to eat and study in a comfortable area would liven up the town. If the university cannot provide such, a commercial alternative might be preferred.

By bringing a form of middle ground, it provides something for everyone that surrounds it. It is understandable that the process as a whole does not solely rely upon the town alone, but the campus as well. Such addition would only make the sense of community stronger and encourage students.

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