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Ferris students talk with companies about potential internships or jobs at the Career and Internship Fair on Feb. 20.

Students and employers all have high hopes for the Career and Internship Fair

Hannah McKeen
Torch Reporter

The Spring 2020 Career and Internship Fair was full of employers and students — nearly everyone dressed to impress and carrying folders of resumes.

The College of Engineering Technology had the most prospective employers, but there were also options for the other colleges. Some of these were job offers and internships, as well as cooperative education and learning opportunities. There were also several volunteer opportunities.

CLACS assistant Kathryn Thomas said how she would "like to provide students the opportunity to start meeting with employers while they are still in college in hopes that it will set them up for a more successful future."

Thomas used a variety of tactics to attract employers to this fair. She sent an email blast and made some targeted phone calls and emails. She believes her tactics were successful.

Of the employers that were able to attend the fair, many have partnered with Ferris for years, and plan to continue attending because of the quality of students Ferris produces.

Some students arrived with a plan, such as hospitality management senior Emily Modjeski, who came specifically to meet the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa and was able to get an interview with them that same day.

Another student with a plan was digital



Jared Brzezniak



Kristina Smith

marketing senior Hailey Davison.

"I was applying online and I really wanted to meet face-to-face and connect with people that way instead of just applying online, because I believe networking is really important," Davison said.

Some students were just there to see what was available and get experience in networking and communication.

Ferris mechanical engineering senior Jared Brzezniak has come to many of the past fairs just for the connections. He recalled a time that he gave out his resume and was called when a new job opened several years later. This is one of the goals of the fair.

Auto-Owners Insurance cooperative recruiter Kristina Smith said they were looking for a motivated individual "who has had past internship experience or even just been involved on campus in clubs or student boards."

Despite the handout saying they were looking for students specifically from the College of Business, Auto-Owners Insurance is one of the employers open to hiring all majors. This made it worthwhile to stop and chat with every table. Auto-Owners Insurance's wide range of job options has worked in their favor, seeing as they currently have several Ferris graduates working for them, including one of the workers at their table for the fair.

Many of these companies are looking for students not



Brad Burnham



Rebecca White

only with the current proper qualifications now, but who would be willing to learn more in the future.

"We're looking for someone who wants to learn the trade and develop themselves to potentially go further in their career in the company," said Walbec Group estimator and project manager Brad Burnham.

Some representatives were happy to say what they look for in an employee, providing a wide array of goals Ferris students can work toward.

"We look for someone with experience in our field but a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to learn," said Eastbrook Homes senior vice president of operations Brad Mooney.

Eastbrook Homes was another group looking to hire all majors, but some students still felt that the fair was still too heavy on the construction and engineer majors without giving room for other majors.

"There's nothing that seems to be in my area, but I'd probably come again in the future if they expand some more in the STEM field," Bio-technology sophomore Rebecca White said.

Students like White were still able to make connections and gain networking experience, making the trip to the Career and Internship Fair — to them — worthwhile.

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Bridging the gap

How one officer created change

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Thursday, Feb. 20, Alpha Phi Sigma and Lambda Alpha Epsilon held a Five Star Event featuring speaker and Officer Ryan Tillman.

Alpha Phi Sigma is the criminal justice honor society on campus while Lambda Alpha Epsilon is the criminal justice co-ed fraternity at Ferris. Both organizations work very closely with one another to bring events like this one to Ferris.

Ryan Tillman has been an officer for seven years, beginning his unpredicted journey in 2013. As an African American, Tillman had experienced poor treatment by law enforcement and held a negative perspective towards police officers. Hence, his surprise when he made the decision to pursue a career in law enforcement.

A big key that Tillman carried on with him in his career was the choice to never let the job affect who he was outside of work.

Tillman saw a lack of positive things regarding law enforcement on social media, and many videos taking different experiences out of context, one that he himself had also been a part of. At that point, Tillman made it his mission to help bridge the gap and change the perspective of others by creating Breaking Barriers United (BBU).

BBU is an organization committed to developing relationships and connections to the youths in the community. Tillman briefly worked as a school resource officer for Don Lugo high school in California and developed a tight bond with the students at the school, he saw the impact that a resource officer could have and wanted to create that bond on a larger scale. To date, BBU has worked with 10 different school districts, across the country and has worked with over 25,000 students.

Tillman said he had always lover of public speaking especially when he was younger.

"I would always volunteer for things when I was younger," Tillman said. "It was just when I found a passion, a niche, and saw something that needed to be fixed, that's what allowed me to utilize my gift and go out and do public speaking."

A majority of those who were in attendance of the event were criminal justice majors with the exception of a few such as Ferris social work senior Cooper Wojcicki.

"As a social worker I'm really interested in the criminal justice system and it's good to have a wide range of knowledge on all kinds of stuff affecting your field," Wojcicki said. "I thought it was really interesting and it brings in a new perspective that a lot of people don't have. I was expecting it to be more statistics driven and it was more anecdotal and about his experiences which was really cool and good to hear from a police officer especially since I'm not going into that field."

During the presentation Tillman discussed different situations that he had found himself in and how tricky it can be for one to decide what the right thing to do is. He demonstrated this by having students reenact real life situations that he had experienced. And made it a note that officers are doing the best with the training that they have but that the training can truly never be done and that everyone can always learn more about anything, no matter what field they are in.

Tillman also acknowledged the fact that there are situations where officers do abuse their power and have killed others for unjustified reasons, and that he is not afraid to speak out about these instances and stand up against those who do abuse their power.

"I'm not here to tell y'all that every single police video you see is right. There are police videos out right now where an officer was unjustified in shooting and killing somebody and those officers should have went to jail," Tillman said. "And I will tell you that I'll be the first one to stand up and say, 'That officer deserves to go to jail' It's a fact."

Tillman's overall message was that before making any rash judgments of decisions one should always gather all the facts first and not simply believe what may be perceived from a video that might only captures half of what actually happened. And that one bad experience with an officer should not cloud ones judgement, and paint all officers badly.



Ryan
Tillman



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- Ryan Tillman - See below for story

Stress lessons for tests

Birkam's Personal Counseling Center hosts test anxiety workshop

Trevor Kowal
Torch Reporter

Ferris is actively trying to combat test anxiety, something most college students struggle with, by hosting a Test Anxiety Workshop this past Thursday, Feb. 20.

This was a standalone workshop designed for students struggling with test anxiety, and was designed to teach students new ways to cope with anxiety using new strategies.



Sean
Kolhoff

"The institution has support systems, and part of my job as an instructor is to make sure I make my students aware of these resources that can help them," communications professor Sean Kolhoff said.

According to Oxford Learning, test anxiety affects an estimated 10 million students in North America; approximately 20% of students have high test anxiety, and another 18% of students deal with moderate test anxiety.

Students deal with anxiety on many levels, and test anxiety is one of the biggest issues university students face.

Incoming students are accustoming to college life on top of college exams for the first time. Stress is very high with new students, and these events are beneficial for not just new students but all students.

"Students carry high anxiety with a lot of pressure, and are trying to figure out life and trying to succeed," said communications graduate student Bridget Roberts.



Bridget
Roberts

Ferris offers a Personal Counseling Center at Birkam Health Center to students who are dealing with all sorts of issues. From stress to family issues, the Personal Counseling Center has licensed counselors to support and help students.

The Personal Counseling Center hosts these events to guide students toward a less stressful approach to college, and to offer a more comfortable, open platform for speaking about their hardships.

Ferris' Personal Counseling Center is designed for students to feel comfortable opening up to counselors and finding new ways to cope with what they are going through. They offer many types of services for students.

The Personal Counseling Center is offering three other test anxiety workshops from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. March 5, April 2 and April 30 in the Birkam Health Center room 118.

For more information, visit Birkam Health Center located 1019 Campus Drive next to Johnson Hall, or visit Birkam Health Center on the FSU website.

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Trenton Carlson
News Editor

United States

Harvey Weinstein was found guilty of two felony sex crimes facing anywhere from five to 29 years in prison. Six women testified before the jury that found him guilty of the two charges while three were acquitted, two of which would have left Weinstein with sexual predator charges. Even after sentencing Weinstein continued to claim that he was innocent of the crimes of which he is being convicted.

Original article by Jan Ransom, Feb. 24, 2020 The New York Times

Iran

A large uptick in the number of people infected by the Coronavirus in Iran spreads fear of an outbreak in the Middle East. In Iran, the government has closed schools, universities and cultural centers across 14 provinces in hopes of preventing an outbreak. Officials say 12 have died in Iran while 64 people have been infected but critics are questioning Iranian officials credibility.

Original article by Mark Landler, Feb. 24, 2020 The New York Times

Milan, Italy

Many major attractions in Milan Italy, such as the Duomo Cathedral and La Scala, an opera house Italy is recognized for is closed due to the coronavirus. As the city is normally buzzing with life the streets now sit stale and empty. The cases of infected individuals in Italy has multiplied to 229 people leaving at least six dead. Milans makes up 10% of Italys economy, leaving the stock market down 5% after Monday at closing in fear of the spread of the deadly virus.

Original article by Jason Horowitz, Feb. 24, 2020 The New York Times

Kenya

The people of Kenya were misled as they thought a large swarm of desert locusts, so large it blocked the sun, were clouds bringing rain. The locusts have been leaving a devastating path across Kenya. People gathered outside to attempt to disrupt the swarm, covering their eyes with one hand, swinging blunt objects with the other. Kenya is battling its worst desert locust outbreak in 70 years. The locust swarm may cause food shortages to over 20 million people.

Original Article by Abdi Latif Dahir, Feb. 21, 2020 The New York Times

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Use your words

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

insurance and the vehicle was impounded.

Cleaning House

Officers were called to Bond Hall on Friday, Feb. 14, after report of possible theft. The investigation revealed that multiple personal items of the accuser had been missing. After further investigation it was discovered that an ex-roommates' parents had helped in the process of moving the ex-roommate out and inadvertently removed some of the complainant's belongings. The case has been closed.

Use your words

Officers responded to a domestic violence call in Finch Court on Tuesday, Feb. 18. When officers arrived on the scene, they discovered a male Ferris student had assaulted his paramour (lover). The student was arrested for assault.

What about no fault?

A traffic stop for speeding was made on Knollview Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 19, where it was discovered a student was driving with no insurance. The student was cited for not having

NEWS BRIEFS

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Versiti Blood Drive

The Ferris Student Nurses Association and Student American Dental Hygiene Association are hosting a Versiti blood drive Thursday, Feb. 27, in FLITE room 446. Students can sign up for the blood drive online by clicking the link in the Ferris State academic calendar. Each student who attempts to donate blood will be given a \$5 gift card.

Relationship Reboot

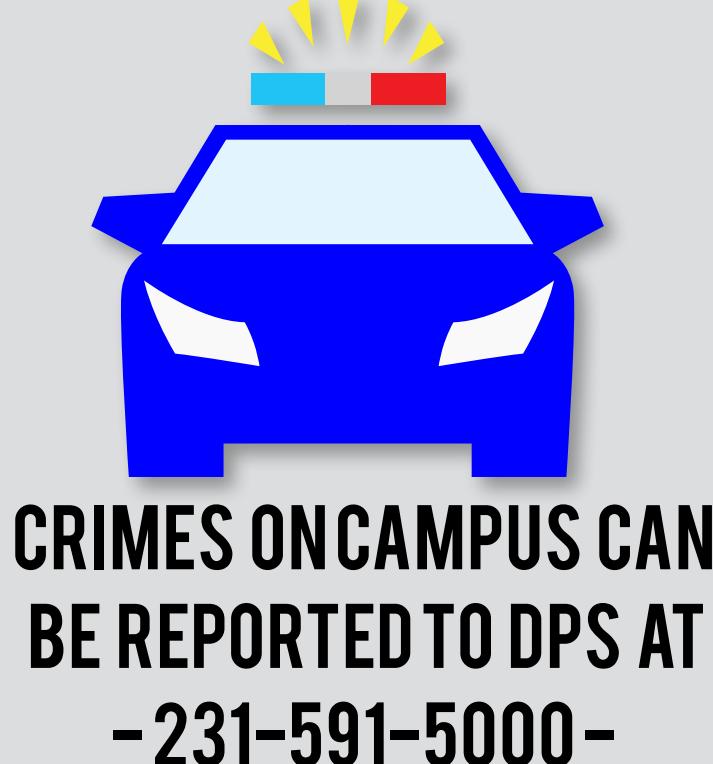
The Personal Counseling Center is offering students the opportunity to better their relationships with themselves and with others at the Relationship Reboot. The event will be hosted at Birkam Health Center in room 218. For more information on the event, contact the Personal Counseling Center, or check the Ferris State event calendar.

On the Spectrum

The Personal Counseling Center will host an event for students with autism on Friday, Feb. 28, at Birkam Health Center in room 228. The event is intended to provide students with a comfortable, non-judgmental environment where they can openly explore different topics. For more information on the event, contact the Personal Counseling Center or check the Ferris event calendar.

Mental Health event

The Personal Counselling Center is offering students the opportunity to better their mental health. The event will be held at Birkam Health Center in room 218 on Friday, March 20, and is scheduled to start at 1:50 p.m. For more information on the event, see page 2 of this issue, or contact the Personal Counseling Center, or visit the Ferris State event calendar.



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Five Star: Behind the scenes

The real work behind Five Star events

Veronica Mascorro

Torch Reporter

Every semester the Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS) hosts three to five Five Star events for the student body. But what necessarily is a Five Star, and how much work goes into it?

Five Stars are opportunities for registered student organizations or campus departments to hold speakers that represent Ferris and the values the university supports. In order to bring a Five Star speaker on campus students must begin the application process online on Bulldog Connect. From there, the Student Leadership Advisory and Activities Council (SLAAC) select which applications will go through.

Although CLACS is open to any speaker, they do have criteria and guidelines for the planning process and to ensure a successful event.

Some examples of these guidelines include how the event must be held on campus either in Williams Auditorium or a University Center Ballroom, take place on a Thursday at 7 p.m., have a positive impact on the campus and community and that the event not last longer than 1.5 hours.

If approved, representatives of the organization are required to meet with the Five Star chair through CLACS and attend all planning meetings. From there the event is automatically sponsored by Student Government's finance division through the Student Activity Fund.

Student Government President Allyson Faulkner explained how (in most cases) Student Government solely provides the funding for these events, but that they also require follow-up events after each



Allyson Faulkner

Five Star as a way for students to discuss what they learned.

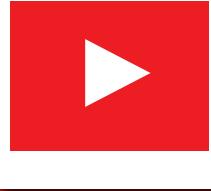
"The follow-ups are a great opportunity for students to be able to come and debrief from the Five Star," Faulkner said. "It really is the perfect opportunity to take what you learned and apply it right after."

"Even though we re-iterate a lot of the same points that were made in the Five Star speeches, I think it's a great way to engrain that," added Ferris pre-optometry junior Amanda Eslinger and Student Government member.

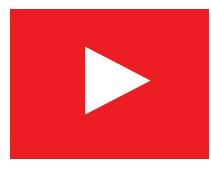
If students are interested in holding a Five Star event during the Fall semester of 2020, they can apply online via Bulldog Connect by Monday, March 23.



Amanda Eslinger



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Politics corner

Looking at presidential primary candidate's standings after the first primary elections

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

With the presidential election only about eight months away and three primary elections completed the campaign trail for the primary election is in full swing.

After starting with a massive 28 candidate field the Democratic primary is now down to just eight candidates. Within the 20 dropouts are a few notable names such as Beto O'Rourke who couldn't seem to carry the momentum he gained by nearly ousting Republican senator Ted Cruz from his senate seat in the 2018 election season into the Democratic primary polls. California senator Kamala Harris, who was initially considered by many as a front runner amongst Democratic candidates also dropped out in December after months of falling in the polls.

On the Republican side only one candidate is opposing President Trump. That candidate, former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld, has been a vocal critic of Trump since the 2016 election. Weld is considered to have little to no chance of winning the Republican primary. Weld received just 9.1% of votes in the New Hampshire primary election compared to Trump's 85.7%. In Iowa Weld received a little more than 1% of votes while Trump received more than 97%.

Of the eight remaining Democrats, four have had significant standings in the polls and primary elections. Although Minnesota senator Amy Klobuchar placed third and fifth in the New Hampshire and Iowa primaries she is not expected to receive the party nomination or even win any primary elections. Multiple sportsbooks for betting on election odds place her odds among figures like Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey, neither of which are even running for president.

Bernie Sanders:

Sanders massive rise in popularity came mostly during the 2016 presidential election, in which he received 43% of votes in the Democratic primaries but lost handily to Hillary Clinton who received 55% of votes. Clinton was a strong front runner in 2016, and with no obvious front runner in 2020 coupled with Biden falling in the polls, Sanders has reemerged with a high chance to win the Democratic nomination. He is dominating the polls, leading most by double digit percentages. He won Nevada by 26% and also won New Hampshire. In Iowa's controversial election he tied Buttigieg in percentage of votes but took second. Ultimately the second place finish netted Sanders 12 delegates while Buttigieg received 14.

Pete Buttigieg:

Mayor Pete came into the election cycle as one of many Democrats with a low chance of seriously competing in the polls. That didn't last long as Buttigieg quickly gained traction on the campaign trail. He is the least politically experienced candidate in the top four, having served just two terms as mayor of South Bend, Indiana. While Buttigieg trails Sanders, Biden, and Warren in nearly all major polls (he leads Warren by 3% in the Ipsos/Reuters poll) he is coming off the momentum of a narrow victory in the Iowa primaries. He trailed Sanders by just 1% in New Hampshire and claimed the same amount (9) delegates as Sanders. In Nevada, he placed third, falling significantly behind Sanders and Biden who took the top two spots. Despite his place in the polls, Buttigieg's standings through the first few primaries should keep him solidly entrenched in the race.

Elizabeth Warren:

Warren is currently competing for second place in the polls with both Joe Biden and Mike Bloomberg, who has not placed in the top five in any of the three primary elections. While she leads Biden and Bloomberg in the CBS News/YouGov poll, she trails both candidates in the Washington Post/ABC News and Ipsos/Reuters polls. The Massachusetts senator has had similar struggles in the first few primary elections taking two fourth place finishes and a third place finish. Warren's initial struggles in the primaries and significant deficit in the polls points to a low chance of winning the nomination. However, Warren shares a similar political ideology and voter base with current frontrunner Bernie Sanders and many have pointed to Warren as a possible running mate of Sanders should he receive the Democratic nomination.

Joe Biden:

Due to personal reasons Biden decided not to run for president in 2016 after eight years of serving as Barack Obama's vice president. As Democrats announced their candidacy for 2020 Biden was considered one of the most likely candidates to receive the nomination. That hasn't necessarily changed, but as Sanders continues to dominate the polls, Biden has seen a decrease in support. He holds a significant lead in the polls over Buttigieg and leads Warren by 4 and 6% respectively in the Washington Post/ABC News and Ipsos/Reuters polls which has solidly entrenched him in second place, though still far behind Sanders. Despite his strong polling and a second place finish in Nevada in which he finished 6% ahead of Buttigieg but 26% behind Sanders, Biden did not have similar support in Iowa and New Hampshire. He placed fourth and fifth in those elections, receiving 6 delegates from Iowa and none from New Hampshire.

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"Not only do you have to learn to love yourself before someone else can love you, but you also have to learn to practice patience"
- Noah Poser - See below for story

Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

I'm bisexual.

For those of you who don't know, that means that I am attracted to both men and women.

I'm sure to most of you, that doesn't mean a damn thing.

One thing it does mean, however, is that I have had my fair share of unhealthy crushes. Some of these are more crushing than others.

We've all been there, having a crush on someone who, for one reason or another, doesn't share the same feelings toward you that you feel toward them.

For me, the specific problem I just ran into recently is the fact that I had a crush on a guy who was totally straight.

It got me thinking, I'm definitely not the first person in the LGBTQ+ community to have this problem.

But then I thought even harder and realized, why take such a limiting point of view on a problem that so many people have.

So, instead of wallowing in the disappointment of my unrequited feelings, I decided I would try and help others work through these tough times by sharing a few helpful tips on how to get over these unfortunate obsessions.

My first tip would be to keep yourself busy. There is absolutely nothing more helpful you can do than keeping yourself occupied. This helps in a couple of ways.

The first way it helps is it keeps you from being able to constantly think about said crush, which gives your mind time to naturally ease it out of your system. On top of that, it also keeps you away from your crush, which is healthy

for someone trying to get over this sort of situation.

Another way to move past this is to do stuff that you typically enjoy doing. This could obviously be a lot of different things. You could go out for a night on the town with some of your friends, you could stay in and watch some funny movies, or even just read some books that you find enjoyable. Whatever makes you happy might make you forget about your latest love interest.

And finally, the last tip to get over your crush comes in two steps. Not only do you have to learn to love yourself before someone else can love you, but you also have to learn to practice patience.

The more you try to focus on yourself and realize all the great qualities that you possess, the

One way road

less you'll need your crush to see the positives in you to feel better about yourself.

These are all tips meant to inspire you to feel better about your life and yourself in general. But obviously the biggest factor in all of this is time.

These things, while they tend to happen on a regular basis, still hurt more than most. People will understand why you're feeling down.

So take your time and use all the space you need before stepping back up to the plate. Just remember that you're not alone in this fight.

The most important thing to remember is that there are always more fish in the sea.

Torch Corrections

Strong Leadership

In last week's issue, an editor's note was accidentally printed within the body text of the article. It has since been updated for the online version. We apologize for this mistake.

Withdrawal date hits, rosters are set

In last week's issue, we mistakenly mixed up some key information regarding the withdrawal and drop deadlines and what each entails. Below, we have some key information the advising offices would like for students to know:

- Ferris closed the door withdrawal grades Thursday, Feb. 13... The deadline to drop a class for spring semester was January 16, the deadline to withdraw from a spring class is March 26th

- Withdrawals from a class means the student did not complete more than 63% of their classes. I believe this is referring to Satisfactory Academic Progress also referred to as SAP (not withdrawals), which means students must complete 67% of all attempted credit hours. Withdrawing from a class will affect this progress as it is calculated as part of attempted credit hours. Dropping courses, on the other hand, has no effect on attempted credit hours. <https://www.ferris.edu/admissions/financialaid/PDFs/FASAP20191108.pdf>

- Students who take a "W" in a class before the set deadline not required to pay for the class while students who withdraw after the deadline still need to pay. Students that drop a course (by the end of the fourth day of the semester) are not required to pay for that class and will receive a full refund on their e-bill. Students that withdraw from a course will not receive a refund for that class and will pay for the course as if they completed it. If the class is required for the student's major, they will have to pay to re-take the course again.

- ...single class withdrawals are done through the student financial services located at the Timme Center. Students need to go to their Dean's office to withdraw from a class and are encouraged to speak with their professor and advisor first.

- Dropping a course means that a student missed the withdrawal date and still wants to remove the class from their schedule. Withdrawing from a course occurs after the fourth day of the semester, whereas dropping a course can be done until the end of the fourth day of the semester.

- Dropping a class requires students to process a 4-part form. Dropping a class can be done by the student via MyFSU. Withdrawing requires the student to go to their Dean's office to process the withdrawal paperwork (4-part forms are no longer being used by the University).

Dissing Disney

Why I refuse to watch Disney's "new" live-action movies



Erin Dusa
Torch Photographer

I always receive weird looks when I tell someone that I refuse to watch any recent live-action Disney remake, but I have my reasons.

It seems nearly impossible to remember a time when there wasn't a live-action adaptation of an originally-animated Disney movie hitting the box office. In the past few years, we have been bombarded with remake after remake, and the list is not getting any smaller.

Disney movies were a huge part of my childhood, so the idea of seeing them redone as live-action films rather than animations ruins the effect of those movies for me.

Also, is Disney really running THAT low on script ideas that they feel the need to recycle movies they have already made, just in different styles? The film industry today is just riddled with long, continuous sagas and remake after remake. When are we going to see something new?

While many argue that Walt Disney wanted his films to be remade for newer generations to justify the new obsession with live-action remakes, it seems as though the new generation does have a chance to see older movies. With the recent launch of Disney+ fans are being re-exposed to Disney classics; we don't need any more remakes because we have the old ones again.

I've got to admit, when I first logged onto Disney+, I got teary eyed seeing all the classic movies that I've only ever seen on VHS, again like "The Great Mouse Detective," "The Rescuers," and of course, all the original animated films that have since been "revamped."

Live-action remakes have become the new normal. So much so that people are taking to social media voicing their requests for future remakes and even matching celebrities to animated characters based on their appearances. People just expect them, and I want it all to stop.

So please don't ask me if I am going to go see any upcoming Disney movie that is a live-action version of an originally animated movie because the answer will be no.



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Change of face

Laker's legend Kobe Bryant should be the icon of the NBA

Brody Keiser
Sports Reporter

If you are anything like me, then Sunday, Jan. 26, was a very emotional day.

This was the day when the stunning news of Kobe Bryant's death was released to the world. The Laker legend tragically died in a helicopter crash that also took the life of his daughter Gianna, 13, and seven others.

I have never been the biggest fan of the NBA. I don't mean that I didn't like it or don't respect the players. I just didn't follow it religiously like the NFL or NCAA. Regardless, the respect I had for Kobe was as high as anyone's.

Granted, the 18-time All Star guard left behind a complicated legacy. He was no doubt one of the greatest basketball players of all time and his work ethic was second to none, but a troubled history often clouded what people thought of him.

Bryant was accused of sexual assault in 2003 and despite the charges later being dropped, the accusations followed him throughout his career, as they

after Bryant's death and LeBron James emotionally addressed Laker Nation before their next game.

Perhaps the saddest part about the 41-year-old's untimely death is that he would have surely gone on to change the culture of the NBA more during his retirement than he did when he played.

Kobe was truly a legend. For those of us too young to have watched Michael Jordan, we grew up watching Kobe. He was the face of the NBA for years and would have impacted the game for decades to come.

That is why I think the NBA should change their logo to Kobe Bryant's figure.

I mean no disrespect to Jerry West (the current player in the logo), but with everything Kobe stood for, and all he had yet to do, it just seems right that the NBA should change their logo.

For 50 years, Hall-of-Famer West has stood as the logo and, until now, there really has not been a reason to change it.

Death changes everything, especially when it hap-



should. It is impossible to talk about the legacy of Kobe without talking about his biggest blunder.

However, Kobe Bryant meant so much to the game of basketball. He was respected by every player around the league and his talent and passion for the game drove coaches crazy. After his death, emotional videos of retired Heat guard Dwyane Wade and current Clippers coach Doc Rivers, to name a few, proved just that.

NBA teams did everything they could to honor the Laker legend. Many teams elected to take 24- and/or 8-second violations (Kobe wore both numbers during his time in LA) at the beginning of games in honor of Bryant. The Lakers canceled their first game

pens to someone with so much life left to live. People mourn, and no one will ever understand the full pain that families suffer after learning their loved ones were lost.

What we can do is honor the legacy of those who lost their lives, and that goes for every person, not just celebrities. In the case of Kobe Bryant, the best way the NBA can honor his legacy is to make him their logo.

Meanwhile, at the Quad Cafe



Comic by: Jonny Parshall | Cartoonist

The Roaring 20s

Will we see a positive surge this decade ... or are we doomed to repeat the last one?

The 1920s were an exciting time. We called them the "Roaring 20s," because dammit, they roared I guess. One hundred years later and we're in the 20s again. That's progress, isn't it? It takes you 100 years to get where you're going and you're back where you started. It's rather pathetic. A lot going on right now is pathetic. But I guess that's how excitement starts. Can you agree?

Whether you believe in climate change or not, the weather is turd salad. Australia lit up like a dry brushfire. California sees this problem yearly now. Drought threatens communities across the world. People cite inefficient water use and poor forest management as leading factors of this. I just say it's crappy. I'm glad to live in Michigan where the odd cold snap is the worst of our worries, but saying that is a bit apathetic, insensitive.

Coronavirus is spreading faster than brushfire. Optimists are saying it kills only 9% of its victims, but that could still be millions. That's not optimism, that's "damage control." We've always been two steps from suffering a worldwide pandemic, and ever since discovering the Mayan calendar ran out, three steps from a zombie apocalypse.

We have a president who has divided this country in very dangerous ways. Gone are the days of Reagan when Americans were divided over whether he was "super great" or just "mostly good." Many people hate our president. Passionately. They want to see his head on a stake and his testicles in a vice. Other Americans lust over his policies as forlorn lovers in a moonlit meadow. They just want to kiss his perfect, orange face. Most of us, I optimistically and probably mistakenly assume, are somewhere in the middle — either indifferent or leaning one way but without the need for violence.

Things suck. But they don't suck in an extreme way. But that might change. So how do we compare to 1920?

We're still getting through and getting over an almost 20-year war in the Middle East. War is terrible.

Many died. They will continue to die. But in 1920, people were getting over the Great War, what we now call World War I. Many Americans were lost, but Europe was absolutely devastated. Whole towns were reduced to rubble. In some cities, working age male populations reduced as much as 90%. Yet society not only recovered, it prospered.

Coronavirus is just now picking up speed. It's getting scary. It's no longer China's problem, it is a World Health epidemic. But in 1918 the world was neck deep in the Spanish Flu pandemic. Between 20 million and 50 million people died, including 675,000 Americans. God save us if we reach those numbers. Many believe our president is racist. Evidence shows Trump shows some disparity toward peoples of color or different ethnic backgrounds. Calling certain developing countries "shitholes" wasn't a good step. But holy crabs he is nothing like Woodrow Wilson (president 1913-1921). That was a man who regularly supervised segregationist legislature, and even screened the racist propaganda film "Birth of a Nation" (1915) in the White House — a film that glorifies Ku Klux Klan violence toward "unruly" blacks.

In terms of culture, the 1920s were the Jazz Age, and music's role in pop culture exploded. You might think music mostly sucks now. What is the next Jazz Age? We're already past the "Dubstep" and "Soundcloud Rapper" eras. What's next? I'm optimistic. The biggest hit in 1919 was one "After You've Gone" by Marion Harris. It's terrible and she sounds awful. But I guess that's taste.

Things were terrible following the 1910s. But from that garbage, our culture grew and prospered in exciting ways. So are we entering a new cultural renaissance from all of this gloom and depression? There's no signs pointing in that direction. Part of the beauty of the Roaring 20s was the prohibition of alcohol. We've recently prohibited flavored vapes, as well as cigarettes to minors. Not the same.

My belief? We're currently in less of a roar, and more of a dull fart.

GOT AN OPINION?

HOW TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Deadline for submissions every Friday by 5 p.m.

*Noah Poser
Editor in Chief*

*Email:
posern@ferris.edu*

1. Think of a topic that you feel strongly about.

2. Write out your thoughts in a coherent and respectful manner.

3. Include a headshot and some information about yourself (location, age, etc.).

4. Email your opinion to the editor for a chance to have your work published in our next issue!

Jonny Parshall
Opinions Editor



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US Military sending Space Force recruiters to campus

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Spring Brokers

How to have a great Spring Break on a budget

Tina Travel
Torch Reporter

Attention All Spring Brokers: With spring break coming up quickly many students on campus are dreaming of warmer places. The cutting edge lifestyle team here at the Tire Fire is here to give you some great recommendations for the spring break that you and your wallet have been dreaming of. We're going to break down our trip recommendations into Travel, Destination, Activity to guide you through every aspect of spring break.

Travel

Driving: You're crew can always take your roommate's shitty 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix. The pros are it'll probably be your cheapest option. The cons are that the odds of it actually making it to your destination are pretty low. It's more likely that it will break down at some truck stop in hillbilly country. Even if you can get it fixed. Old Jimbob's repair shops prices will blow the rest of your budget.

Renting: This might be your best option assuming that you can get all of your idiots to agree on one. The pros are you won't break down, but the cons are you know one of the guys is gonna want to rent that tiny ass Ford Mustang. If you tell him no he's gonna complain the whole time. If you tell him yes it's gonna cost a fortune. In addition to that you're

still gonna have to drive and 20 plus hours in a car with your buddy's annoying girlfriend is enough to make anyone want to leave someone behind at a rest stop.

Flying: Your buddy found some last minute discount tickets on a less than par airline. The seats are tiny and uncomfortable with no footroom but they are cheap. The airline is cut rate with old airplanes and the horrible pilots, but it might be worth it. The ride won't be comfortable and there's no guarantee that the plane won't crash but it's cheap and that's all that matters.

Lodgings/Destinations

The Roadside Motel: Sure it's pay by the hour and dingy, but it's cheap. You can find motels like this in almost any destination that you decide to go to. They may be dirty and disgusting but at least it's a bed to sleep on for the weekend. Just don't dwell on what's happened on the bed.

Staying with Family: Staying with Grandma and Grandpa may have been fun when you were a kid, but it won't be as fun as an adult. They'll probably make you and your significant other sleep in separate rooms and it's only a matter of time until they break out the baby picture. Oh, yeah and don't complain about anything or you'll be treated to a lecture about how when your grandpa was your age he got

drafted and he didn't bitch about it.

Campground: This is probably your most rugged option. You'll definitely have to sleep on the ground, but it's a college spring break you were probably gonna end up doing that anyway. Maybe if you get un-lucky you might wake up with an alligator in your sleeping bag.

Activities

Beach: This is always a cheap option. Nothing says spring break like fun in the sun. Sure, you're gonna be the palest guy there, but a little fun in the sun never hurt anyone right. Well at least that's what you thought and now you have a horrible sunburn.

Fishing: For all our sportsmen out there this is the option for you. Now that you've made it to your warm destination it's time to break out the fishing pole. The only issue here is you're still a broke college student, so instead of chartering a boat to go deep sea fishing you're stuck fishing off a bridge dodging alligators.

Night life: For all of those night owls out there we recommend the night life. In most of the main spring break locations there's great night life. However, every group has that one guy that parties just a little too hard that's probably gonna end up getting arrested. If this guy is one of your buddies get ready for a epic story.



Tire Fire Satirical insert laced with absurdity, hyperbole and going way too far

Pull out this section for the hardest-hitting fake news ever put to print

HORROR-SCOPES

THE MOST ACCURATE HOROSCOPE YOU'LL EVER READ

The stars are sick of lying to you. See how they really feel in this Tire Fire exclusive column!



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You still believe in astrology... yikes

Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

Make low-rise jeans illegal in 2020



Aries: March 21-April 19

Congrats, you've been nominated for simp of the year!



Taurus: April 20-May 20

You are going to get a blister on your heel



Gemini: May 21-June 20

Bruh you be in college dating a high schooler, Focus on your major not your minor bro.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

Don't trust people who wear air forces.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

The person who ghosted on you is going to randomly hit you up out of nowhere, get ready to waste your time.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

What's the difference between you and soccer?
Nothing, your ex played you both.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Don't think that the stars forgot that you used to eat glue as a kid.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You'll post a selfie on snapchat for boyfriend #1 but boyfriend #'s 3 and 4 will slide up.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Show up to class drunk, bet you won't.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You would be dating the person you wanted if you were more attractive.

Mastering the mascot

Ferris seeks out new mascot to replace Brutus

Bull Dog
Torch Reporter

In recent weeks, there has been a student petition circulating around campus to replace our esteemed mascot Brutus with an actual bulldog. As this petition gains steam our hard hitting journalistic crew here at the Tire Fire have decided to break down the details of the proposal to inform the student body on this groundbreaking proposal. Here are a few snippets from the proposal so you can make an informed decision when deciding whether or not to sign. The petition reads as follows.

"Henceforth, the mascot of this esteemed university shall be a male bulldog of the english persuasion. Said bulldog shall be named Brutus. It shall be the responsibility of the president of the university to care for Brutus. Brutus must be brought to the University center every morning promptly at 10 am, so, his subjects can shower him in laurels and treats. Brutus shall not be neutered because to do so would be an insult to the honor of such a mighty dog. Every spring the current Brutus shall be responsible for studding a litter of puppies. When it comes time for the current Brutus to retire the mightiest of his male offspring shall be chosen to take up the mantle of Brutus the bulldog creating an unbroken line of greatness shall stretch forth for all eternity"

You heard it here first folks "an unbroken line of greatness shall stretch forth for all eternity." Never have more powerful words been placed on a document here at our esteemed university. Such a dog would truly be a treasure that your support could bring to many future generations of students here at Ferris State. Imagine a world where our mascot was a living breathing flesh and blood bulldog rather than just another student in a creepy costume.

TIRE FIRE POLL RESULTS



What would you like to find at the end of a rainbow?

Pot o' pot Chicken tendies



Half gallon of whiskey My will to live



Conversations out of context

Little nuggets of conversation that leave us scratching our heads

Fly on the Wall
Torch Reporter

If you've ever spent any time sitting in a common area here at Ferris you've likely overheard some crazy conversations. Here are some gems that we've overheard in the last couple weeks:

"Bro hear me out, what if we started betting on short people running. We could make millions!"

- The IRC

"I'm not gonna lie. I think I actually love barbecue sauce more than I love my boyfriend."

- UC Starbucks

"Dude, for the last three nights some guy has run down the hall at like two in the morning blasting

Take Me Home, Country Roads and the RAs still haven't caught him."

- FLITE

"I think it would be cool to get the Coronavirus. Wait here me out. I'd definitely be fine and think of how cool it would be to tell people you survived that shit."

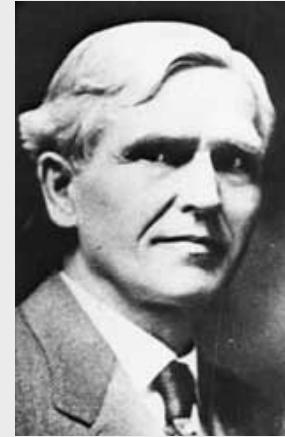
- Middle stall of upstairs UC bathroom

"I'm pretty sure my roommate hasn't in the last two weeks. I've started to hang the little tree air fresheners all over the room to cover the stink, but it hasn't helped."

- The Quad

"I'm telling you bro, it's the cowboy hat the ladies love it. They think it's rugged."

- Travis Hall



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"I started dating a new guy and every time I have him spend the night the next day my neck is covered in hickies. I like him but I'm getting really tired of wearing turtlenecks."

- Hickie Haley

I'm gonna assume you're both freshmen because only two freshmen could be that stupid. Tell this man that he is not a vacuum cleaner. That's just a rookie move.

- Woodbridge

"My buddy refuses to tip his bartender because he only orders beer and says it's not that hard to pour a beer. Is it just me or is he a jackass?"

- Bill Barstool

Your buddy is truly a cheap bastard. You may not be able to convince him to be a decent human being, but you sure as hell should continue to tip. Give it a couple weeks and you'll be able to laugh at him when the bartenders walk past him to serve you.

- Woodbridge

"What is your opinion on Space Force? I really want to join, so that I can become a space ranger."

- Light Buzzyear

Are you kidding me, if Space force actually happens it will be some of the coolest shit that this country has done in a long time. Forget computers and robotics I just want to see America Conquer space and kick some alien ass. What good would the US military be if they didn't have a branch to specifically fight aliens.

- Woodbridge

What your karaoke song says about you

Unraveling your true self based on the songs you sing when you're blackout drunk

Kelly Karaoke
Torch Reporter

Everyone has their own special song, but the song you choose says a lot about you. The musical geniuses here at the Tire Fire have done their research, we've put the time in every Wednesday and Saturday at everyone's second favorite bar.

"Unwritten" - Natasha Beddingfield

The only reason that you went to the bar is so you can belt this song out. Ever since you stole the aux and blasted it out for your whole apartment complex to hear you lost your aux privilege and are no longer allowed to sing at home. The bar has become your only option to sing, so, you're here to belt it out.

"Don't Stop Believing" - Journey

This is the quintessential karaoke song. You and your buddy have been preparing for weeks for this one. It'll be a duet for the ages. The bar has no idea about the level of sweet sweet music that they are about to hear.

"Truth Hurts" - Lizzo

They just put this one on the list you and the girls are hell bent on being the first people to sign it. If you and your girls are singing this one I hate to break it to you you're not "100% that Bitch." You're just basic.

"Wrecking Ball" - Miley Cyrus

If you find yourself signing this one you definitely should have stopped a couple of beers ago. You're definitely gonna regret singing this song in

the morning when all of your friends show you the videos, but for now it's your time to shine

"Creep" - Radiohead

Who hurt you. If this is your song you've definitely been sad boying it for a while. The best thing you can do is belt it out for everyone to hear. Singing definitely won't make it better, but you it definitely won't make you feel any worse.

"Drinkin' Problem" - Midland

If you're singing this song this definitely isn't your first time at karaoke. The odds are you're a townie but you don't care. You know the deals at all the bars in Big Rapids and you're a regular at all of them. The lyrics of this song probably describe your life just a little too well and you and that doesn't bother you.

"Tequila" - The Champs

If you're singing this song your buddy clearly bet you that you don't have the stones to get up there and sing. Well you sure as hell proved him wrong. Now, your buddies gotta buy you the next round. Side note - it's a power move if you take a tequila shot in the middle of the song.

"Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)" - Big & Rich

Your girlfriends convinced you to go out to a karaoke bar by telling you that your "fun" and should loosen up. Now you've definitely had too many whiteclaws and you're trying to prove how "fun" you are. Let's just say you're gonna regret this one later

DAD JOKE OF

THE MONTH

A father is driving past a cemetery and tells his kids:
"People are dying to get in there."

EISLER SAYS:

"Tip your damn bartender"



This space was paid for by a certain billionaire and former mayor of New York City with a certain promise of accomplishing things whose name may or may not rhyme with Blike Moomburg

- OFF THE RECORD -

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

Officer Wiggins
No Disney, this isn't a copyright violation

It's not even that cold.

A student was treated for hypothermia after walking home from the bar in only shorts and a T-shirt. His last words before leaving the bar "It's not even cold"

I have the high ground

DPS responded to a call at 1:16 a.m. Saturday morning for two freshman injured after an apparent lightsaber battle in the dorms. One student reported he had tried to jump off of a loft and broke an arm and two legs. Way to go, Dan.

Senior Wisdom

A pair of seniors were reprimanded by university staff for shouting "Run, escape while you still can!" at tour groups walking through campus.

Jeep Shit

A group of students received tickets for skiing with a tow strap behind a Jeep while on a public road.

Don't talk about fight club

Apparently someone didn't follow the rules. Secret student fight club was discovered Wednesday

night in Taggart hall. Students in Clark are relieved to know the loud noises they heard weren't ghosts.

Trash panda

A student was fined for keeping a pet panda in the dorms. The pet was discovered during a fire drill last week.



Parking problems

Freshman hits multiple cars while trying to parallel park near the Swann building. Claims that she's

actually a good driver but she "can't even today."

Too old for this

Professor attempts to jump a table to prove to students that he's still young. Instead falls and breaks his nose. He continues to hold class, and has scheduled all doctors appointments on Saturday so students "won't have to miss my lovely face." Thanks, but no thanks.

Siiiick dude

Mildly intoxicated students vomits in the Taco Bell drive-thru in the early hours of Saturday morning. The worst part? He didn't even eat Taco Bell.

The Mythical Pitcher

At 7 p.m. last Friday at a local bar, after almost a semester of trying, one of our esteemed super seniors finally completed the mythical fourth pitcher on Friday After Class. He immediately puked on his shoes, but he did it.

Extended Study Session

Early Wednesday morning a student got locked in FLITE after falling asleep in a study room while trying to cram for a biology test. After the initial shock of realizing she was locked in the library she had to call DPS to let her out.

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

Read the Tire Fire published during the last week of every month!

SPORTS

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"We're not done yet."
- Mallory McCartney - See page 12 for story

Offensive woes

*Struggling offense
puts hockey season
on life support*

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

There are many reasons why the Bulldogs sit ninth in the conference; the offense is one of those reasons.

The Bulldogs haven't scored more than three goals in a game since Saturday, Nov. 30, of last year. This lack of production has been a sedative to the team's hopes this season; Ferris has only won two games since the end of November.

The scoring offense for the Bulldogs sits at 2.06 goals per game, which puts them eighth in the conference. On the season, Ferris has scored just 68 goals.

Taking advantage of opportunities when they arise is a major part of scoring in hockey. Whether it is a sudden breakaway or a power play chance, success revolves around scoring when the opportunity presents itself.

This is where the Bulldogs fall short. The team has only scored on 19 power plays out of 120 opportunities. This 15.8% power play percentage ranks sixth in the conference.

Breakaways are another major issue. At least twice a game, Ferris gets the opportunity of a 3-on-2, 2-on-1 or a single player on goalie breakaway. This is the best time to get the puck in the net, and Ferris seems unable to convert most of these opportunities.

Faceoffs are another major part of setting up a team's offensive possession, and this is also a major weak point. According to WCHA advanced statistics, out of the 63 players eligible to be ranked, no player for the Bulldogs ranked higher than 32nd. In fact, of the bottom 30 players, nine of them are Ferris players in terms of faceoff win percentage.

Every player in the faceoff statistical category has less than a 50% faceoff win percentage, while seven have less than a 45% win rate. Basically, it is more likely the Bulldogs will lose a faceoff than win one, which hurts the cause of setting up scoring opportunities.

With the season on the brink, it's easy to point fingers at one weak point on a team. Truthfully, even without a stagnant offense, the Bulldogs would have trouble due to the fact that they are also ninth in the conference in goals allowed per game at 3.58. They allow many goals and can't keep up scoring wise. It really is as simple as that.

As the Bulldogs enter their final weekend of the regular season, they will find an opponent that closely resembles them statistically, as Lake Superior State sits just above the Bulldogs in most of the categories mentioned above.

If the Bulldogs want a shot to make any post-season noise, the road got tougher as Alaska-Anchorage pulled farther ahead with a tie against Bemidji State. This put Anchorage four points ahead of Ferris. This means that the Bulldogs need to win in overtime twice, win outright and lose in overtime once, or win twice to enter the conference tournament as the No. 8 seed.

The Bulldogs will make their final stand at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, against Lake Superior State at home before ending their regular season 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29.



Photo by: FSU Photo Services

Senior defenseman Nate Kallen skates the ice as the Bulldogs' playoff hopes continue taking hits. The team has now lost 15 of their last 16 games.

WEEKEND SCORECARD

Hockey

Feb. 21- Ferris 1,
Bowling Green 6
Feb. 22- Ferris 1
Bowling Green 3

Women's Basketball

Feb. 20 - Ferris 57,
Purdue Northwest 50
Feb. 22 - Ferris 89
Wisconsin Parkside 87

Men's Basketball

Feb. 20 - Ferris 93,
Purdue Northwest 89
Feb. 22 - Ferris 75
Wisconsin Parkside 70

Road warriors



Photo by: FSU Photo Services

Senior pitcher Connor Proctor winds up to pitch. The Bulldogs played two double headers over two days this past weekend.

Bulldogs find rhythm on the road

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

When you play softball in West Michigan, you have to expect long periods on the road for the first third of your season.

The benefit to frequent road trips is you become accustomed to it. You grow to the routine of traveling different places through different time zones. You figure out how to get homework done on the bus, get good sleep in a hotel bed and eat healthy as well.

But you must remember, with all these extracurricular activities, your sole purpose for so much road travel is playing the game. You have to do everything mentioned above and still be expected to battle and perform in different venues and schools.

Some might say you have to be warriors – fighting and clawing in unfamiliar situations. Being on the road is a different animal. When it comes to the Ferris softball team, some may consider them ... Road Warriors.

"I feel like when you play an outdoor sport, especially baseball or softball in the spring in Michigan, you have to expect

to be road warriors, at least for the first half of the season. Because you are not going to be able to play outside up here," said Head Coach Kristin Janes.

The Bulldogs already had to face some adversity on the road. They were expected to play Bellarmine University and University of Findlay in Kentucky the weekend of Feb. 15. However, before they hit the road, they got the call that the fields were not ready. Instead, they drove to Missouri and played the University of Illinois Springfield four times in two days. Coach Janes was impressed how the girls handled the switch up.

"We talked about this the whole year, about being flexible and I think they did a good job. I don't really think they missed a beat," Janes said.

Also, even though they only won one in their first four games Coach Janes was still very pleased with the effort and play for her team's first real game action.

"On the field, as we told them, we came out better than we expected. Just because we haven't been outside yet. Haven't been on turf or dirt and the outfielders haven't seen a fly ball. We came out and played better than we thought," Coach Janes said.

One good thing about getting on the road early and often is it prepares a team for later in the season. It is good for them to be battle-tested in the early parts of the season.

When the dog days of conference play begin, and games get canceled because of weather, the Bulldogs sometimes have to play double headers in multiple days. This long stretch of being on the road will only make them stronger and prepare them to make a run in the GLIAC and a possible postseason run.

The Bulldogs traveled to Kentucky to play three double headers in three days this past weekend. Then they will play 12 games in seven days the week of March 7 in Florida.

The girls do know how to keep it light and have fun while they are on these long road trips. Junior catcher Ali Magiera mentioned how they play Mario Kart on their Nintendo DS when on the bus.

Also, before games they circle up and have a little dance off. According to team rumor, senior pitcher Connor Proctor holds her own on both the pitching mound and in the dance circle. Senior Abby Highway can own the mound, but not so much the dance circle.

The Bulldogs do not play a home game until Wednesday, March 18, and with weather – who knows? So expect to see your road warriors battling it out in unknown territories. They've handled it thus far and will look to continue the trend.



Kristin Janes

Softball

Feb. 21 - Ferris 4, Bellarmine 8
Ferris 8, S. Indiana 7
Feb. 22 - Ferris 15, Lake Erie 5
Ferris 10, Truman 5

Men's Tennis

Feb. 22 - Ferris 1,
Findlay 6
Feb. 23 - Ferris 4,
Tiffin 3



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Top Dawg

Paige Kortz



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Brody Keiser
Torch Reporter

Top Dawg honors this week head outside to the softball field and land with Ferris junior outfielder Paige Kortz.

Kortz had a productive four game stretch for the Bulldogs during their Midwest Regional Crossover games Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 22.

In an 8-4 loss to Bellarmine University on Friday, Kortz tallied an RBI on 2-4 batting. The second game of double-header action Friday turned out better for the Bulldogs as they beat Southern Indiana University 8-7 in walk-off fashion.

Kortz finished with three RBIs on 1-3 batting. She finished Friday's doubleheader action with four RBIs and three hits.

Ferris had another double header on Saturday and proceeded to win both games and close the weekend on a three-game win streak. They followed an impressive 15-5 win over Lake Erie College with a 10-5 victory over Truman State University and finished the weekend with a 3-1 record.

Kortz tallied two hits against Lake Erie including a home run and notched three more RBIs. She added to her weekend RBI total by knocking in two more runs in the Bulldog's second game on Saturday and batted 1-4 during the contest.

Overall, Kortz was responsible for nine RBIs and six hits during the Bulldog's four games this weekend and is off to a strong start this season.

Kortz and the Bulldogs will look to build on their 4-4 record when they next take the field Saturday, March 7, against Hillsdale College and St. Cloud State University.

Family comes first

True freshmen are a dime a dozen

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

The Ferris men's basketball team teaches the philosophy of family, and freshman Jeremiah Washington shows a new found meaning to it.

Family is a huge aspect of Washington's life as he said that his biggest motivation was his mother who he looks up to and idolizes. Not only does this young freshman bring talent to the team, he brings heart and soul with it.

Washington was drawn to Ferris from his hometown of Chicago where he played at Chicago Bogan High School. Washington also played AAU basketball for the Young and Reckless program under Coach Aubrey Denard before he chose to attend Ferris State. Washington was ranked as one of the top 35 players overall by Illinois Prep Hoops and ranked as one of the top 10 point guards in the state of Illinois while in high school.

"It just means the world I mean every day I can just feel my mom getting up for work early and exhausted. She works her butt off for me so I feel like when I wake up in the morning I put everything on the line for my mom because I know she would do the same if she was in my shoes," Washington said. "It means everything. You got to keep that in your mind every time you go out there and play in a game, practice, no matter what you always got to keep that in the back of your head."

Washington explained how Ferris men's basketball team's "family first" philosophy helped him in his decision-making during the recruitment process. He ultimately chose the school that wanted him the most

and Washington felt that Ferris was the one team that showed him the most support as they attended many of his games while he was narrowing down a decision.

"I just felt the vibe on my first when I first came, and just not having a father figure, [Bronkema] just showed that whatever part is missing of the puzzle is filled with Ferris," Washington said. "Besides the coaches and the team as a whole, D'Lo kind of made it more comfortable for me as a player and as a person because off the court D'Lo is a real team/



Jeremiah Washington



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Basketball | see page 12

Junior wing Walt Kelser attempts to drive past a defender. The Bulldogs are looking forward to postseason play.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Thursday, Feb. 27:

- Men's Basketball vs. Lake Superior State at 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Lake Superior State at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28:

- Hockey vs. Lake Superior State at 7:07 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 29:

- Track & Field at GLIAC Indoor Championships
- Men's Tennis vs. Hillsdale at 12 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. Hillsdale at 3 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Lake Superior State at 6:07 p.m.



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Junior wing Walt Kelser attempts to drive past a defender. The Bulldogs are looking forward to postseason play.

Making history

Women's basketball earns GLIAC North Division title

Brody Keiser
Torch Reporter

Ferris women's basketball clinched a first-place finish in the GLIAC North Division for the third time in program history.

The Bulldogs have been red hot in 2020 with a 13-3 record since the New Year. This stretch of strong play fueled the Dawgs to their first conference title since 2012.

"It means everything," Ferris freshman guard Mallory McCartney said. "It's a great feeling but we're not done yet. We look at it and get excited, but we still have work to do."

McCartney expressed "a lot of confidence" in her team moving forward and was hungry to show how far her team can go.

With their 57-50 victory over Purdue-Northwest University Thursday, Feb.



Mallory McCartney

20, the Bulldogs secured at least a share of the North Division Title and home court advantage for their quarterfinal-round game in the GLIAC tournament.

The Dawgs then set their eyes on clinching sole possession of the North Division title with their matchup against second-place Wisconsin-Parkside University Saturday, Feb. 22 and secured it with an 89-87 win over the Rangers. Junior guard Adrienne Anderson led the Dawgs in scoring with 22 and McCartney poured in 19 of her own points.

Ferris senior guard Riley Blair loved the success that her team found this year, but most appreciated the relationships she built with her teammates and expressed excitement about the future of the program.

"I'm just really excited for this group and what they're going to continue to do even when this senior class is graduated," Blair said. "Obviously, we focus on the basketball aspect but it's the relation-



Riley Blair

ships that we build here that are going to last way longer than our time on the court."

As of their victory Saturday, Feb. 22, the Bulldogs were positioned as a seven seed in the NCAA DII Midwest regional rankings. At the end of the season, the top eight teams from each region will earn an automatic bid into the NCAA DII tournament.

The Bulldog's rank could change depending on their performance in their final game of the regular season Thursday, Feb. 27, against Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and in the GLIAC tournament. Official selections into the NCAA DII tournament will be chosen Sunday, March 8 following the conference championship games.

With a selection into the NCAA DII tournament, the Bulldogs would make their first appearance in the national tournament since 2012 and just the fifth in school history.

Before Selection Sunday approaches, the Bulldogs look to close the regular season with a home court win against LSSU and head into the GLIAC tournament with as much momentum as they can muster.



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Basketball

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family guy and he just showed me how to be a leader on and off the court."

Ferris men's basketball coach Andy Bronkema said that his new point guard has developed into a learning curve and put in valuable minutes so far this season. With the men's basketball team standing at 26-5 on the season, Washington has helped orchestrate another successful

playoff caliber team as senior point guard D'angelo Hughes has groomed him. Hughes will look to pass the torch next season after he graduates.

"We haven't had a lot of true freshmen play for us, but we've had a few when they plug in and when they're needed and we needed a point guard to play this year, so we brought Jerry in," Bronkema said. "He's just really settled in, remarkably to a great role, but he's lucky because D'Lo was in that exact same position as a true freshman and played two years as a backup and two years as a starter and now a captain and leader so its pretty good progression."

The team has been known to build up with younger generations and have the upperclassmen groom the newcomers as the entire team is about helping one another for the success of the team as they are all brothers. Washington said that being apart of a team who cares for one another more than just the sport meant more to him than a team who only cares about winning.

"The system is recruiting itself and we are looking for guys like Jerry with that type of attitude, and it worked out real well as he has a bright future," Bronkema said. "Jerry makes us coaches look good and we're excited to have him."

The Ferris men's basketball team will look to hold onto their two game lead atop of the GLIAC North conference. With a win this past Saturday, Feb. 22, the Bulldogs secured the GLIAC North Division Championship. This marks Ferris' third title in the last four years and tallies their 16th title for the programs history.

Ferris will continue with postseason action as they secured a quarterfinal home game in the GLIAC tournament which is set for Tuesday, March 3 at Wink Arena.



Andy Bronkema



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The **2020-2021** FAFSA is based on your **2018** taxes. Because those taxes were completed over a year ago, there is no reason to wait to file your FAFSA. In fact, waiting to file the FAFSA could result in the loss of some forms of financial aid – such as work-study funding. If you have not already filed your FAFSA for next year, please do so as soon as possible for the best possible financial aid award.

LIFESTYLES

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"You never know if they're going to catfish or not."
- Samaia Lewis - See page 15 for story

A magician never reveals his secrets

... but oh how we wish he would



Photo by: Hannah McKeen | Torch Reporter

Comedian-magician Trent James pulls out a ventriloquist dummy during his show for Ferris students on Friday, Feb. 21.

Fatima Galvez and Hannah McKeen
Interim Reporter and Torch Reporter

Comedian-magician Trent James performed in a show that had the audience on the edge of their seats.

Fridays at Ferris has brought another creative event, this time with the help of Ferris' Entertainment Unlimited vice president for programming Taylor Funari. Funari was able to see James perform at NACA, the National Association for Campus Activities, and was eager to bring him to perform at Ferris.

"We really loved his act," Funari said. "He was light-hearted and funny."

It seemed that many attendees agree with Funari. James would often begin his tricks with an explanation that swiftly devolved into another joke, or a bit of magic that had the audience — students and Big Rapids locals alike — roaring with laughter.

James maintained an easygoing and familiar attitude throughout the performance. With every trick he demonstrated what had earned him the Most Promising Magician award by the Milbourne Christopher Foundation, something that David Copperfield was also granted.

While he has performed numerous times on cruise ships, James mentioned that he feels most connected to his audience when he is on a college campus, being only 23 years old himself.

James also told the audience bits and pieces of his personal history, confirming several after the show. He explained that it was his father who got him interested in magic.

"I discovered a box of props in the attic," James said. "When I asked him about it, he taught me a few tricks."

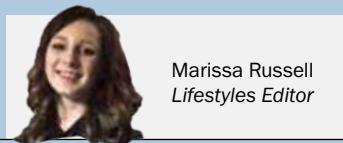
From then on James was hooked. The trick that his father taught him was actually the first that he used for the show: a color changing handkerchief. He pulled several people onto stage for other tricks and even had a skeptical audience member perform a magic trick.

He used a variety of different materials for his tricks, including a ventriloquist dummy and a vanishing flute. With another audience member's help, James performed a 'séance' that ended with a ghost signing, 'This is B.S.' and then gave the audience a lesson on pickpocketing, where, with no explanation, he fazed through the student's arm.

After the show, James also offered a piece of advice for any aspiring magician: "Do literally every show that comes your way. Go out of your way to do shows ..." he said. "I performed a lot as a kid, and I wish I had done more."

TORCH TUNES

Tik Tok songs



Marissa Russell
Lifestyles Editor

Some of the best songs that have become famous have done so because of Tik Tok:

Tik Tok has consumed my free time and

has left me in love with the songs that Tik-Tokers are dancing to.

Even Steven- Mike Stud

This song makes me so excited and hype and I have no clue why. The lyrics are so fantastic that I want everyone to hear it and vibe with me. Stud did a fantastic job on making a diss out of this song. Whenever someone on Tik Tok uses this song I instantly have to like it.

STUPID- Ashnikko

Oh my goodness, this is my favorite song at the moment. The intro lets you know this song is going to be a bop. This song makes me feel empowered every time I hear it. It reminds me that I don't need any stupid boys. There is a remix from the guys point of view that,

even though it is supposed to be the exact opposite of Ashnikko's version, also gets me pumped up.

Maniac- Conan Gray

This song is SO underrated and deserves a better spotlight. Once I heard it on Tik Tok I was in absolute love with it. It also pairs well with the next song.

I'm Gonna Show You Crazy- Bebe Rexha

Every girl has felt like they are a complete psycho at least once in their life (at least I hope so) and this song showcases that feeling so well. This is how I feel when I have to deal with someone who is testing my crazy side.

Falling- Trevor Daniel

This song puts me in the feels. When this song comes on I want to go sit in the corner and cry my eyes out, and it's not even that sad of a song.



Events calendar

WEDNESDAY



Feb. 26

Surviving Sexual Violence

Location: Birkam Health Center

Time: 1- 2 p.m.

Premiere of "Crazy Rich Asians" Movie

Location: IRC 120

Time: 5:30- 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Feb 27



Relationship Reboot- No More Drama

Location: Birkam Health Center

Time: 4-5 p.m.



FRIDAY

Feb. 28

Adjusting to College

Location: Birkam Health Center

Time: 1-2 p.m.

SUNDAY

March 1



Big Rapids Festival of the Arts: Band and Orchestra Concert

Location: Williams Auditorium

Time: 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

March 3

Show Your Strengths

Location: FLITE 133

Time: 10- 11 a.m.

Understanding LGBTQ+ Students

Location: UC 213

Time: 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

Super Tuesday Party

Location: UCB 116

Time: 6 - 10 p.m.

For more events, check out calendar.ferris.edu

Stepping up for sustainability

How the Bulldog Sustainability Alliance is saving the Earth one small act at a time

Kendall Rooks

Torch Reporter

Climate change is a looming threat over all of us.

Fortunately, there are some small things you can do to decrease waste and be more environmentally friendly.

However, small acts only go so far. The Bulldog Sustainability Alliance (BSA) plans to take things to a new level.

The BSA is a small RSO with a lot of ambition. The waste we produce is starting to affect our health and planet in scary ways. The group wants to change this through educating students on day-to-day sustainability and exposing us to new ways that we can be environmentally conscious.

Ferris BSA president and pre-pharmacy student Hanna Bronz described why this RSO is crucial.

"The Ferris campus is behind as far as other college campus' go on their sustainable practices" she said. "There is a staff committee working, but there needs to be student involvement, and it's something that I know people care about, but they don't know how to make a difference or it's just not easy enough for them."

This is where the BSA comes in. They act as a voice on campus and

plan to get people together to make our spaces cleaner. This year, however, Bronz says it has been hard for the BSA due to low participation in the RSO.

"The last two years our membership has just been down, and it's been hard to make changes. We're hoping to join up with the staff group and also find more members to have more manpower to make these changes," Bronz said. "Really the biggest change we want to make is improving the ease of recycling because right now it's just hard."

Recycling is not the only issue the RSO tackles. In the past years they have worked alongside staff to clean-up the trash around campus and in the Big Rapids alley ways. The group is continually trying to find more ways to improve the campus.

BSA will be observing Earth Week April 20-24, and they host a number of events around campus. Some of the events include selling Honeybuns to raise money for the bees, a screening of "Wall-E," as well as handing out reusable straws and bags.

If you are interested in joining the BSA they meet every other Thursday in FLITE 214 at 11 a.m., with the next meeting being Thursday, Feb. 27. You can also find them through Bulldog Connect as well as on Instagram @bulldogsustainabilityalliance, Twitter @bsafsu, and on Facebook under "Bulldog Sustainability Alliance."



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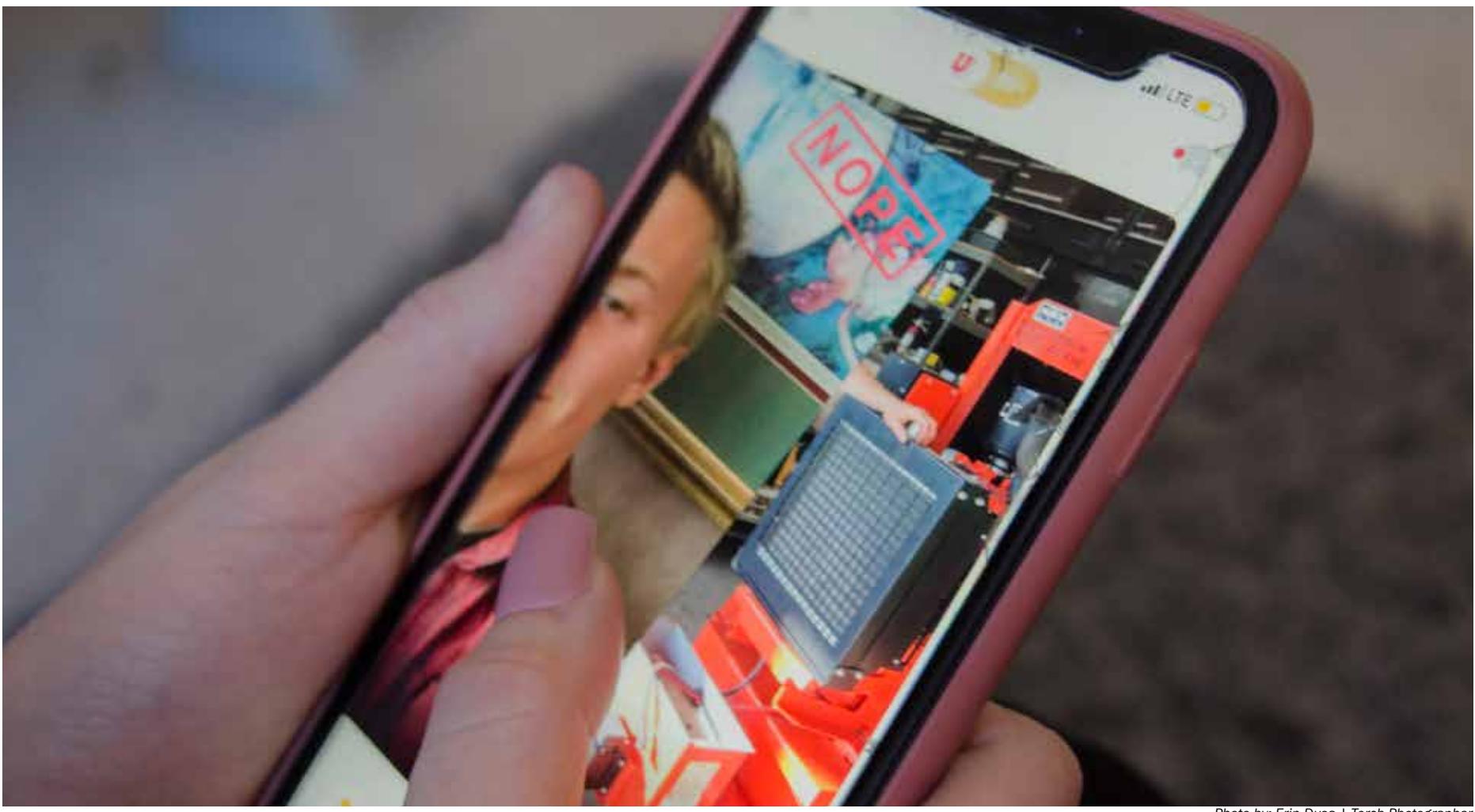


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A Ferris student swipes left on someone's profile on Tinder.

Game of love

Women of Ferris share thoughts on online dating

Fatima Galvez
Interim Reporter

With the conclusion of February quickly approaching, the pressure to find a “special someone” for the month of love becomes almost weightless again.

For some, it might have been a successful month. For others, maybe not so much. Regardless of the outcome, students on campus seem to have a generalization of the dating world in our generation. With online dating and apps consistently promising the epitome of love, students find it hard not to fall under the influence.

Everyone has a love language: it changes and grows with the individual, with the hope of finding someone that does not hesitate to speak fluently for us.

Whether it be online dating, or dating face-to-face, dating in general can be filled with horrors and rewards, and the approach taken could be either horrifying or rewarding.

Students look for diversity, not only within themselves but in their prospective partners. Online dating apps such as Tinder and Bumble have adopted the language of love and the women of Ferris are fighting back.

Ferris Integrated Studies major Ashley Norton shared



Ashley Norton



Laila Duncan

insight on the surrounding dating world, stating the almost personalization and individuality that Tinder can provide with swiping left or right is what attracted her. Unfortunately some apps such as Black People Meet require a form of payment, and Ashley says she's not interested in paying for love.

With the free apps, horror stories of very unsolicited lewd photos from newly met individuals is something that seems to be a common theme amongst the apps for women. Reputation is lost along with feelings.

Diversity within the apps is a huge factor for Ferris social work major Laila Duncan, even though Big Rapids does not provide the sufficient amount for proficient success in dating. However, it can be a great place to meet new people and make friends.

“I was just bored. I started matching with people that I know personally and it’s

a fun thing. I scroll on it like I’m scrolling on Instagram”. Duncan said

Psychology student Samaia Lewis, states “Online dating you don’t really know what you’re getting yourself into. You never know if they’re going to catfish or not.”

Face-to-face interaction allows for the comfort of being able to ‘feel’ an individual. It is a firsthand experience, unlike on dating apps, where the risk of not knowing who is behind the screen immediately kills the vibe for some people.

Being able to see someone and understand another side of them is a preference, but online dating does recognize the discomfort of face-to-face interactions. Especially when referring to individuals with a form of anxiety. Norton, Duncan, and Lewis shared the principles of getting into online dating. The key is knowing what you are searching for. It’s also important to know what you could get yourself into.

As the LL Cool J song goes, girls just need love.

Random Fact #5

Your weekly dose of trivia

Katherine Johnson was mathematician who worked for NASA from 1952 (then called NACA) to 1986. Her most famed contribution to the Space Race was in 1962. She verified the calculations the new computers by hand and helped make John Glenn's orbital flight a success.

She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2015. Johnson passed away on Feb. 24, 2020.

Sources: “Katherine Johnson Biography” <https://www.nasa.gov/content/katherine-johnson-biography>

Overheard at Ferris

“Just so you know, my underwear is green thank you very much.”

-McDonald's drive-thru

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