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A guide to navigating through campus

Veronica Mascorro
 Torch Reporter

After the long wait, the time has finally arrived for students to return to campus. On March 11, Ferris announced that all face-to-face classes would be suspended until March 27. What started off as an "extended spring break" for students quickly evolved into so much more. Students experienced many changes within a brief amount of time and everyone had to learn to adjust. Despite other universities making the decision to go fully online and close their dorms, Ferris plans to move forward with conducting in-person classes and providing housing for students. A big reason this was decided was expressed by Vice President for Student Affairs Jeanine Ward-Roof during a town hall meeting held August 24, at 7 p.m. through Zoom. Ward-Roof said that so many students expressed that they want to have the option of having an in-person experience. The adjustment to online classes was difficult to many and most preferred having the option to be in a classroom. During the town hall the Faculty and Re-entry Committee discussed the following topics:

Face Coverings

Ferris will be providing every student with a Ferris branded face covering, students however are allowed to provide their own but they must adhere to the guidelines the CDC set in place which are to:

- Fit snugly against the side of the face
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- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction

Students who have medical restrictions and are unable to wear the CDC approved masks should contact Educational Counseling and Disabilities services at ecds@ferris.edu.

All students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear a face covering while inside of all University buildings and when social distancing is difficult. This does not mean that students need to wear a face covering at all times however, students are not required to wear coverings when:

- They are inside their own dorm room or home with only their room-mates
- Eating or drinking while at the Rock or Quad,
- Giving a speech where the audience is at least six feet away from the speaker
- While working alone in a private office.

Students on campus who do not comply with the directives given will be asked to leave either the classroom, building, event, etc. If they refuse to put on a face covering, they will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Dining

Many changes have been made to ensure that on campus dining options remain as a safe option for students. The occupancy levels have been lowered and tables will have no more than two chairs. All dining halls are also closed to the general public to ensure that all students get the chance to eat safely.

Dining has also implemented sensors which count how many spots are available. Students can check the occupancy levels before heading to the Rock or Quad to ensure they won't have to wait for a meal. On top of that all, more to-go options have been created for students



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Ferris students are required to get tested for COVID-19 as they arrive on campus to begin the new school year.

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A different kind of semester

Coronavirus has prompted changes in the Fall 2020 semester

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Torch Reporter

From dining halls to homecoming, college is an experience, but this fall, the experience will be a little bit different.

Coronavirus is an unprecedented event and Ferris is implementing new strategies to keep students safe. One of the best ways to be safe is to social distance, which means that many classes have been moved fully online. In the classes that are not online, students can expect to see that mobile barriers have been installed within classrooms.

Dining halls have also reduced their seating by more than 50% and are working to encourage students to utilize the improved to-go options available in the dining halls. The University Center's hours will also be changed and Starbucks, The Grill Pit, and Snack Shack will be open with modified hours as a result.

These changes may not be as difficult to adjust to as one might expect, because the total number of anytime meal plans that students are signing up for has decreased by 370, as of August 18, and the number of express meal

plans has decreased by 611, according to Scott Rosen, the Director of Dining Services.

"Due to COVID, more students have online classes and will not be on campus to utilize the dining venues," Rosen said.

Director of Housing and Residence Life, Bryan Marquardt also indicated that the housing faculty are expecting a 15% reduction in returning students from last fall.

Many previously common events on campus will also be changing. While RSO's will still be able to meet in person so long as they adhere to the COVID safety standards, 5-Star Events and other popular events will all be virtual according to CLACS student activity specialist, Teresa Fogel. Many meetings that would have been held in the CLACS lobby are being encouraged to take place virtually or outside.

A change that some students may enjoy, however, is the new room assignments. In an attempt to continue social distancing and maintaining the safety of students, Ferris housing has decided to make most rooms into single rooms, going so far as to reduce the housing rates in order to encourage students to remain on campus. There are still some

double rooms that students could choose to live in, but most students have chosen to transition to single rooms.

"We worked with all students to get them in the areas and style of housing they wanted," said Marquardt.

He also explained that the Housing faculty expect the predominantly single room housing remain throughout the entire 2020-2021 academic year, after which they will evaluate the situation and decide how to proceed.

One thing that has not changed is the student hiring process. While it is difficult to predict how many students will be employed this fall, many offices are open to hiring student employees as they have in past years. Anyone hired will have the same workplace safety policies that are in place for full-time employees, so students seeking employment can be assured they will be as safe and healthy as possible.

"We have filled a number of positions for the fall and will continue to do so," said Associate Vice President of Human Resource Fredrick D. Hayes.

In many ways, this semester will be very different for returning students, but the goal of the university is to prepare students for their future remains the same.

Keeping yourself healthy and limiting the spread of COVID-19



Wash your hands often

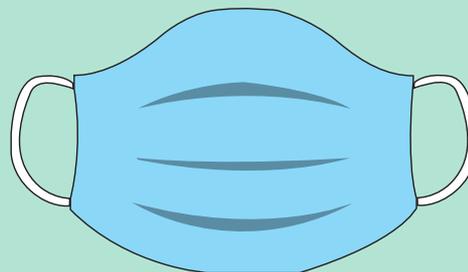
Most important times to suds-up:

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- preparing or eating food
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After...

- returning from a public place
- using the restroom
- coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose
- touching your mask

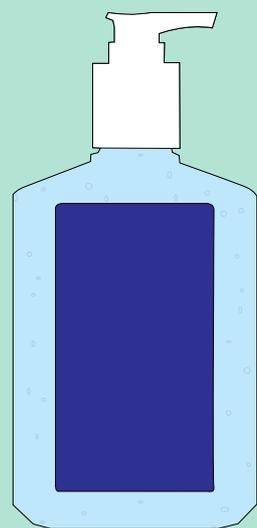


Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth indoors, and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained

Watch yourself for symptoms

Ferris requires all students living, working or studying on campus to complete a daily health screening, which includes a list of symptoms. Anyone working remotely should also fill out this form.

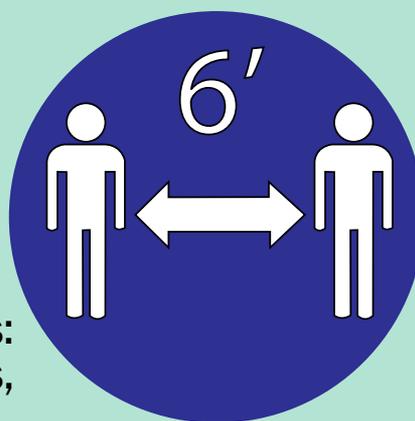
Take your temperature if you begin developing symptoms. Be aware that medications and exercise could cause fluctuations in temperature.



If you cannot wash your hands, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol

Cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue

Clean frequently touched surfaces: doorknobs, light switches, faucets, toilets, countertops, etc.



Stay 6 feet apart from people outside of your household

Keep to the right of hallways and stairwells

Do not spit in public places (including outdoors)

NEWS BRIEFS

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

St. Patrick's Day bake sale

The last day to add or drop classes without payment penalization will be Thursday, Aug. 3, at 5 p.m. For more information on how to add or drop classes, contact a student advisor or visit the Ferris website under the student registration tab.

Founder's Day

Founders Day will be held on Thursday, Aug. 3, virtually this semester through Easy Virtual Fairs. This will provide students with information about how to use the school's resources and how some of them may have changed this semester. For more information on Founders Day, visit bulldog connect or contact Kathryn Thomas at kathrynthomas@ferris.edu.

Bulldog Bonanza

Bulldog Bonanza is scheduled to be held virtually on Wednesday, Sep. 9, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will provide students the opportunity to get to understand the community of Big Rapids as well as Ferris. Giving students the opportunity to speak with different RSOs and groups on campus and allowing them to learn more about what the university has to offer outside of education. For more information on Bulldog Bonanza, contact Teresa Fogel at teresaFogel@ferris.edu.

Job Fair

The student employment job fair will be held via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will give students the opportunity to find on campus jobs that are flexible with their class schedule. To find the zoom link visit the Ferris State event calendar or contact Michele Albright at michelealbright@ferris.edu.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Trenton Carlson
News Editor

Berlin

Schools in Germany are scheduled to reopen their doors but not without paying a price. Officials as well as teachers in schools are expecting it to be a bumpy couple of months. Within two days of classes starting at a Berlin school, a sixth grader tested positive for COVID-19. All students from the sixth grader's class were tested and the results for all the students were negative. By the following Monday, they returned to class only to hear a seventh grader was infected with the virus. According to the leaders of Germany, if students were required to wear masks all day their ability to learn would suffer. Experts and officials raise concern as Germany starts its vigilant experiment on battling COVID-19

Original article by Katrin Bennold, Aug. 26, 2020, The New York Times

Christchurch, New Zealand

Brenton Tarrant, who was deemed guilty for the mass murder of 51 Muslims, last year, during the worst terrorist attack New Zealand has ever seen, has been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. Tarrant will not face a death penalty, for capital punishment has not been practiced in over 60 years ago.

Original article by, Damien Cave and Amanda Saxon, Aug. 26, 2020, The New York Times

Hong Kong

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, a Hong anticorruption investigator, Lam Cheuk-ting was arrested and stripped of his position after recording a physical altercation in a train station. Officials claim this is an attempt to crack down on the territory and polish its image.

Original article by Tiffany May and Austin Ramzy, Aug. 25, 2020, The New York Times

Jerusalem

Gaza implemented a 48-hour curfew in Gaza after government officials reported the first four cases of COVID-19 in the area during a local university graduation commencement. The outbreaks source is being deeply investigated and government officials are hopeful that the virus will not continue to spread

Original Article by Adam Ragson and Iyad Abuheweila, Aug.25, 2020, The New York Times

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and neither dining hall is self-service anymore. From food, beverages, and silverware, it all must be served to you.

Housing

This year many students have been offered the chance to stay in single dorms to help prevent the spread, however there are a small number of students who will be staying in doubles.

In all dorm halls there will be a bucket of necessities such as gloves, hand sanitizers, masks, disinfectant, and paper towels for students. During the beginning of the semester Housing has expressed that no visitors will be allowed into the residence halls. This could change in the future depending on the state of the pandemic.

Students do not need to social distance from those who they are living with as they will be in close contact with them.

Traveling is not prohibited to students but it is important that they keep in mind who they are interacting and coming into contact with.

Health Services

Around Thanksgiving, many students will be traveling and going home which will increase chances that the disease can be brought back. By going virtual after the break, it will help lower the spread.

No walk-ins will be allowed at Birkam or the Personal Counseling Center and must be made online through the Healthy Dog Portal available through a student's MyFsu account.

Library

The library will be open along with the study rooms. Like before, reservations will need to be made for these rooms and there is a limit to the number of students who can be in each room.

Events and Student Life

In order to try and give students the college experience, Ferris will be trying to hold some events in-person, but the events will be socially distanced and outdoors. A vast majority of events that were traditionally held in person will be held virtually, such as Bulldog Bonanza and Founders Day. CLACS will be holding these events through a virtual plat-

form called, Easy Virtual Fairs.

Many other offices on-campus will be doing the same, such as the Office of Multicultural Student Services who reported that all their events will be held virtually for the fall semester.

Registered Student Organizations are encouraged to try alternative methods of meeting, such as having the executive board meet in-person and the rest of the members meet virtually.

Ferris has expressed that during this time it is important that students follow the regulations that were set place by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. As of now, no more than 10 people are allowed for indoor gatherings, while 100 people are permitted at outdoor gatherings. Students are expected to follow these guidelines as well. Ferris will be watching and intervening if they see that organizations disobey any regulations. The organizations will be reported to Student Life and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Academic Policies

If a student becomes ill and begins to fall behind in classes or finds it difficult to continue, Ferris will work with each student on a one-on-one basis. Any student who feel ill should contact their professor, their academic advisor and Birkam Health Center to work with them and see what the best solution will be.

What to do if you get COVID-19

If a student starts to feel symptoms, they should immediately set up an appointment with the Birkam Health center to get tested. If you have insurance, all COVID-19 testing should be free. If you do not currently have insurance Ferris is working with Spectrum Health to provide free testing for students so the cost should not be a burden.

If a student tests positive they should immediately report it to the university through their MyFSU account. From there a public health investigation will happen, where they will essentially ask questions about who you've been in contact with. It is important that everyone answer their phones even when it is an unknown number during this time, because it could be someone trying to inform you that you've been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If students have come into contact with someone who

tested positive, they'll be put into quarantine for 14 days. Because something like this could happen at any moment it is recommended that students have a "go bag" prepared with essentials they may need.

Measures you can take to prevent the spread

Ferris will be offering a daily self-screening symptom checker that students can complete on their MyFSU account. This screening process is mandatory for Faculty and Staff before coming to campus. It isn't mandatory for students but high encouraged, Ferris will be providing thermometers that can be placed onto your forehead to take make taking your temperature easier.

Be sure to practice good personal hygiene which includes frequently washing hands and using hand sanitizer whenever washing hands is not possible.

If you are sick from something aside from COVID-19, stay home and contact your professors. It's very important to keep open communication during this time.

It's also recommended that students keep six feet of distance between those who you do not live with when in public and in the classroom/ They should also travel through buildings using the right side of the hallway, being sure to use the stairs as much as possible.

The amount of new cases for COVID-19 in Michigan fluctuate daily. But Mecosta County has managed to keep the amount of cases of COVID-19 low, with a with a total of 76 cases, according to usafacts.org who has been keeping track of the total amount of COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the outbreak.

In order to keep this number from growing it is important for everybody does their part in keeping Ferris a safe environment. It is not only on the administration but as well the students to follow the regulations Ferris has set.

All information from the article was sourced from the ferris.edu and as well the Town Hall meeting that was held. To learn more about what changes are coming to campus, students can stay updated at ferris.edu/coronavirus.



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Big changes ahead for Bulldogs

How students and faculty feel about the transitions

Hannah McKeen
Torch Reporter

Changes to the fall semester are causing students and faculty members to reshape their lifestyles both on and off campus.

Over the summer, Ferris announced its plans for reopening in the fall. In-person classes will resume on August 31, 2020, implementing necessary safety precautions such as wearing masks and social distancing. Though some classes will take place on campus, many courses will continue to be delivered remotely.

Ferris Computer Information Systems sophomore, Dakota Gray is taking both in-person and online classes this semester and will be living on campus for the year.

"I believe this semester will be like any other semester for me," said Gray. "However, I am slightly worried about cleaning my dorm, volunteering, class contact, classroom cleanliness, and RSO functionality."

As a student living on campus, Gray changed his plans for moving into the dorms.

"I'm packing less for faster transport, but more cleaning supplies so I can keep myself, my dorm, and others safe," said Gray. "I'm also collecting face masks so I can let the virus die off of the used ones."

Although classes will function differently, students and faculty members understand why the changes are necessary.

"Under the circumstances, I feel that the delivery methods that the university has implemented are in the best interest of everyone," said Ferris Faculty Academic Advisor Timberly Boezwinkle.

Students and professors alike have readjusted their normal routines to better adapt to their new course styles.

Boezwinkle wanted to be highly accessible to her students this semester, so she has planned to be flexible with her office hours. She also created a home office to help adjust to the different working environment.

"I, as have many, have worked very hard this semester to ensure Ferris students will have a positive educational experience this fall," said Boezwinkle.

While people recognized Ferris' new plans for the fall, there is still concern for how the semester will go. Some students and professors felt ready to return to class, given the changes, but some were hesitant.

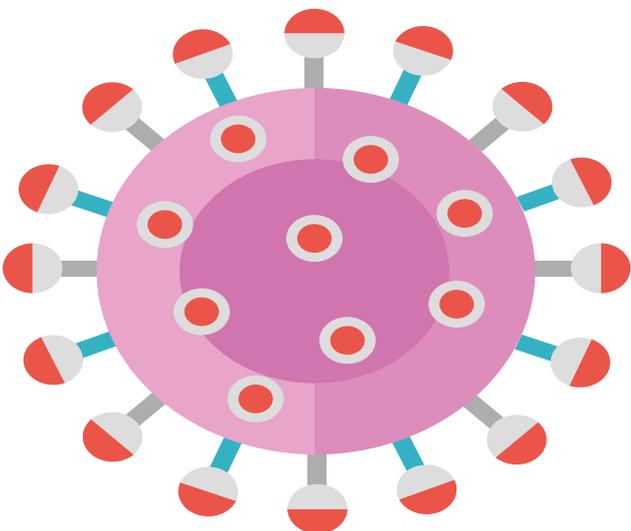
Gray was one student who did not feel completely ready for the upcoming semester.

"I'm worried about how I should pack, how to keep in touch with classes, how RSOs will work this semester (in addition to volunteering), and a plan for how the typical week will work out," said Gray.

Boezwinkle is an advisor for two on campus RSOs and was unsure how participation within each group would be affected by the changes to the semester.

Despite these uncertainties, Boezwinkle felt prepared for the new and different semester to begin.

"We all must play our part," said Boezwinkle. "We are all responsible for, and need to care for one another."



Keeping up with COVID

Big Rapids restaurants ensure safety for customers and staff

Alyssa Hubbard
Torch Reporter

As COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc on businesses, Big Rapids restaurants are looking to ensure the safety of not only customers but employees.

The township of Big Rapids is home to many different styles of cuisine, from fast food to family owned restaurants. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, many of these restaurants are embracing the challenge and doing the most they can for customers.

"Any contact points such as salts/peppers, ketchup, etc. have been removed from tables and are available in take-out packaging by request only," said Rachel Carrick, a server at Buffalo Wild Wings. "Menus are available for one-time-use paper or by QR codes placed on the tables."

Businesses all over Big Rapids have had to make changes in order to accommodate customers and to ensure everything is in order and set up correctly.

Though COVID-19 took its toll, many Big Rapids businesses have been able to get back on their feet in some way and many have even found success despite the new guidelines.

Many businesses have been able to adapt to the new lifestyles this virus has thrown at them. More options for delivery and take out have become a trend in the Big Rapids area.

"In my opinion, we've been busier since COVID," said Mallory Ludwig, a delivery driver for Jimmy Johns Sandwich Shop. "More people going through drive

thru and deliveries mostly."

There are many big changes restaurants have had to make in order to continuing serving during the pandemic.

Sit-down restaurants have had to change capacity sizes as well as mark or move tables in order to keep a safe distance between customers.

Masks are required to be worn when walking in and going to your table but once you are seated masks can be taken off. Once a customer gets up from their table, though, the mask must be put back on.

Other restaurants have decided to eliminate indoor seating entirely, at least for the time being.

"Our lobby is currently closed so we only accept customers through drive through," said Destiny Patroliia, a shift manager at KFC/Long John Silvers. "Our employees also are required to wear masks, cashiers wear gloves, and we have implemented several non-contact procedures to making and handling them out food and drinks."

The new safety procedures have led to more businesses being able to remain open with certain restrictions.

"Allowing restaurants to be open with strict safety precautions has helped out small businesses in the state of Michigan since they are allowed to still operate, while maintaining proper standards for COVID-19 to keep the public safe," said Destiny Patroliia.

Now that Michigan is beginning to open back up, businesses are looking to find stability and comfort with these new ways of operating.

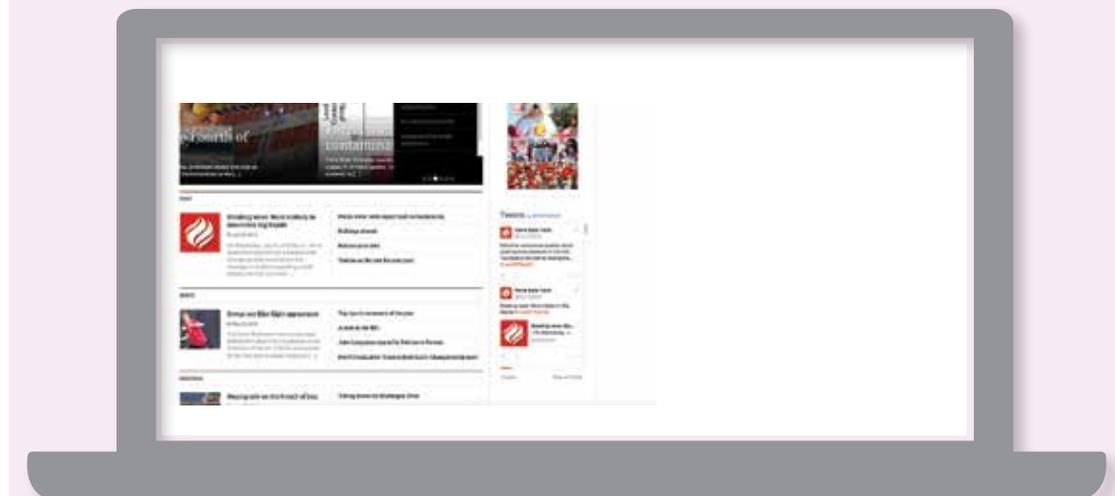
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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

Who would've thought this is where we'd be as we get ready to start the new school year.

If you would've told me back in March that we'd still be in the middle of a pandemic as we approach September, I would've thought you were just being way too paranoid.

Yet, here we are. It is Aug. 28 and college life is very different from what we have become used to in the past.

There are a lot of reasons for this, such as people not staying home when they were supposed to and people disobeying mask laws out of their own selfishness, but I'm not going to dig too deeply into all of that.

What I'm here to say is that people better get their act together before they get on cam-

pus because I actually want this semester to go all the way through. The last thing I want is to have to pack everything up again and go back home two weeks into the semester.

With that being said, consider this my pitch to you for why you should make some sacrifices this semester for the greater good of all the students here at Ferris. I think you will come to find that I actually have a few decent points that actually make sense.

For starters, we all know about those inevitable parties that are bound to happen despite strong recommendations against get-togethers from not only the school, but also the state. What if those simply didn't happen? I know it may seem crazy to be living on campus and not partying every

Sit and stay for a while

single weekend, but I promise it is possible.

The same can be said for numerous trips outside of Big Rapids. Now, I don't blame anyone for wanting to go home or go and see other friends off campus. We're a social species and we care deeply about seeing the ones we care about. However, maybe now would be a good time to try and limit those trips, not for yourselves but for others.

If keeping the school running isn't enough encouragement for you, then maybe try to think of those students on campus whose health may be compromised if exposed to the coronavirus.

I don't have any reason to believe that people's behaviors will change once everyone arrives on campus. If you are someone

who has followed the rules to the best of your ability, thank you. However, if you're one of those people that have tried to bend the rules for your own personal gain, then those behaviors will have to change or we won't even last a week.

And trust me, if we get sent home before Thanksgiving, I and presumably many others, will not be too pleased.

So I beg you Ferris students, please follow the guidelines that are put in place for this upcoming semester as ridiculous as they may seem to you, if not for your own sake, but for your fellow students who actually want to stick around here for a while.

Lets talk about sex

Stop making this a taboo topic to talk about



Marissa Russell
Lifestyles and
Opinions editor

I am one of the kids that slipped through the cracks when it came to sex ed. My mom didn't want to talk to me about the things adults did underneath their bed sheets.

I had somewhat of an undertanding from taking health class for four years between middle school and high school but even then they tried to beat around the bush. Even now as an almost 20 year-old I get scolded for speaking about this in public. But I don't get what the big deal is. Sex is something most consenting adults do on the daily. Why is this not a conversation adults have?

For years parents have tried to side step the birds and the bees conversation (where did this term even come from and why "birds" and "bees") and I was one of the uneducated victims to this. Growing up my parents always joked around about their sex life (gross) but when it came to my

siblings and my own sexual life, we were told to basically not even think about sex. So when it came time to finally go to the next step with my boyfriend at the time I wasn't sure what to do.

Do I bring condoms? Do I even need condoms if we're both virgins? How was I even sure if I was ready for this? Who could I talk to? My mom was definetly off the table and I wasn't very close to any of my other female relatives. I also couldn't go to any of my friends because I was afraid they'd judge me or worse, tell my mom. Could I go to my teacher? But we barely talked about it during the sex ed part of health how am I supposed to go to her now?

I have always gone with the saying, "If you are uncomfortable talking about sex with your partner then you shouldn't be doing it." If you can't have a sit down conversation about what you intend on

doing and what you expect, then what makes you think you can show that person the most intimate parts of you? Talking about it also allows you and your partner talk about what you like and dislike because why even have sex if you're not both going to enjoy it and respect each other's boundries.

Even now with my peers and even friends, most of them get uncomfortable when the topic gets brought up even though we're all adults. Why is sex shown as something that is such a horrible thing when most people participate in it. Maybe it comes from the stereotypes that if females have sex they are automatically a whore or slut.

This is one of the reasons I didn't go to my mom. She told me sleeping with my long term boyfriend would make people see me the same as a girl in my grade who was very promiscuous with the boys from our town.

Ever since then, I have been very defensive whenever someone tries to shame myself or others for our sexual decisions. Everytime someone tries to verbally attack a female one of the first things they go for is their sex life and the overuse of it. The same goes for males but often in the opposite sense. They are often shamed for their lack of experience.

Talking about sex is not a big deal and should be normalized throughout our society. We should redesign how health class and sex ed is taught so our children are well prepared in life and not afraid to ask questions.

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Thoughts on masks and the severity of the U.S. outbreak



Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

It astounds me every day that there are so many people in the U.S. that are against wearing masks.

I know that wearing a mask does not prevent me from contracting COVID-19 but that is not the point of wearing a mask. The point of wearing a mask is to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To put it into simple terms, you can have COVID-19 without even showing any symptoms. Meaning that you could pass the illness onto others without knowing you are even contagious.

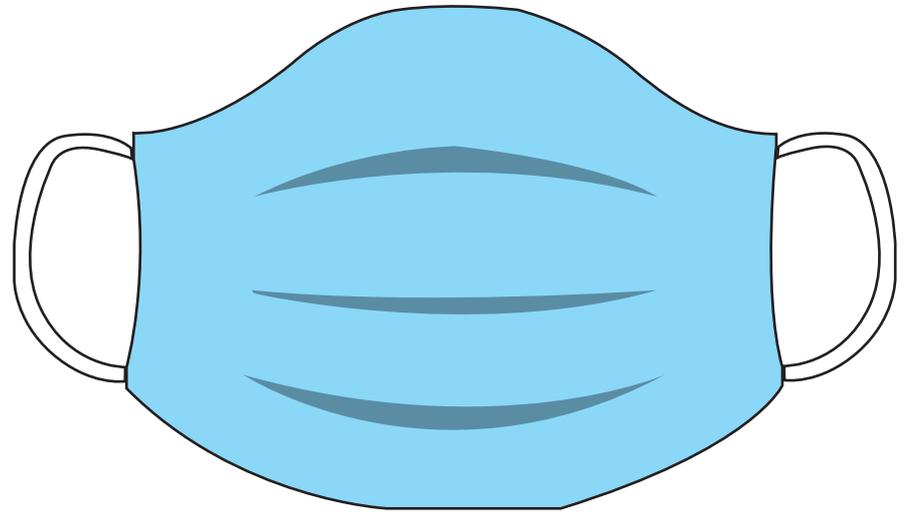
At the end of the day I think a big reason why COVID-19 is still a big issue in the U.S. is because the U.S. is a very individualist country. Recent studies have shown that countries who tend to have a collectivist culture, such as China and Thailand have drastically lower cases than countries that hold more individualist beliefs such as the U.S., Canada and U.K.

Countries that hold collectivist beliefs have put in different practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 early on. Not only

did the countries put these measures into place though, the other half of it is that the citizens of these countries actually listened and complied with the orders that were given. It seems like we've seen the opposite here in the U.S. and people have been more resistant to orders or recommendations that have been given. Whether it be by refusing to wear a mask or continuing to hold events that go against what's being recommended.

Overall, I just think that everyone could have a little more consideration for others. This pandemic is not a situation that is going to go away if people refuse to follow guidelines and think solely of themselves. We all need to put in the effort and use the collectivist mindset that so many of these other countries have.

Also please wear a mask, not just for yourselves but for the others around you.



Proud to be a hoosier?

Living in Indiana during the pandemic



Abigail Maskill
Guest Contributor



I was born and raised about thirty minutes east of Notre Dame University in Elkhart, Indiana. It was my home for 18 years, and it was where I returned when Ferris closed the residence halls in late March. From that point on, I watched from the south as Michigan battled outbreaks and political tensions.

Living in Indiana during the first months of the pandemic was... interesting. I watched as my friends shared videos and posts about Governor Whitmer's orders and mask policies while hearing my family continuously bash her as a dictator who was going mad with power.

Their stories were corroborated by the hair they heard at hair and nail salons as they opened back up—people were travelling out of state, sometimes as far as Grand Rapids (about 2 hours away) for a haircut or a manicure.

Michigan seemed incredibly strict, but it looked like it turned out alright in the middle of summer. Unfortunately, that's when our cases began to spike. Elkhart was on the list to be a COVID-

19 hotspot, but few of us really thought it would really become one. Most of the theories about our outbreak centered on the Amish and Latino populations. Both groups tended to have large gatherings, live with multiple generations, and worked in the RV factories. I never heard whether this was true, but our relatively low number of deaths suggested more young people were contracting the disease and recovering. Elkhart County issued a mask mandate, and Indiana Governor Holcomb did the same weeks later, adding that it would be a Class B Misdemeanor to not wear a mask inside public spaces.

Tensions around masks grew and one day I witnessed an anti-mask rally outside the Elkhart County Courthouse, where I spent my summer internship. I knew people thought it was their God-given right to not wear a mask, and I even knew those people lived in my hometown.

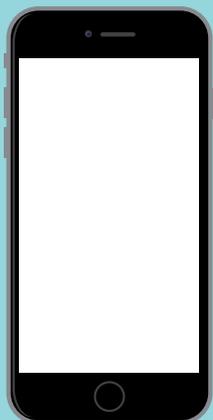
I even understood why they did it: the protestors felt Governor Holcomb went too far by declaring refusing to wear a mask a Class

B misdemeanor with a \$1,000 fine. What I hated about that was seeing the children there. Children who likely did not know what their parents were talking about and could become parrots of extremism. What really surprised me were the temporary Trump-Pence signs they carried with them, further politicizing the mask debate.

I'll be happy to return to campus, but I anticipate a culture shock will follow soon after. In Indiana, it was no big deal to forget a mask or not wear one at all. I know this will be different here. There are some times in my life I am proud to be a Hoosier—this is not one of them. I look at my state and how lax it is and I am reminded of how selfish we are.

We care more about our personal comfort and conspiracy theories than our neighbors. I really hope the culture shock from coming back north will allow me to unlearn these toxic habits and begin truly caring for my neighbors, as God-loving Hoosiers always should have done.

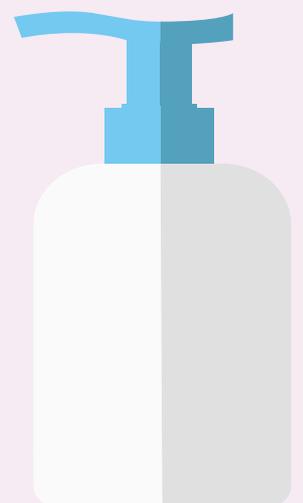
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Re-living the dream

Why I won't sleep on this Disney classic



Abigail Maskill
Guest Contributor

My love affair for Disney movies started when I was no older than 3 and has continued ever since.

I could always count on those movies to make me smile and watching them today takes me back to simpler times. One of these movies was the 1959 animated classic, *Sleeping Beauty*. I remembered it well from childhood—the two fairies fighting over the color of the dress, the beautiful “Once Upon a Dream” sequence in the forest, and the frightening appearance of Maleficent.

Watching *Sleeping Beauty* for the first time in several years brought me an overwhelming feeling of nostalgia and an appreciation for this classic movie.

For several years now, I've heard both sides of the Disney Princess argument: Are they really good role models for young girls, or merely remnants of a sexist bygone era? While many of the princesses do take initiative and follow their own paths, the three earliest princesses (Snow White, Cinderella, and Aurora) do not and seem to exist only to sing, do chores, look pretty, and most importantly, wait for Prince Charming.

This is all true for Aurora: she barely talks in her own film and spends most of it sleeping. Her role in the film seems only to drive the plot. However, *Sleeping Beauty* is more than a movie about Aurora and her curse. In fact, most of the movie focuses

on the conflict between the Three Good Fairies (Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather) and Maleficent. These four women have meaningful interactions, though not always positive, that very rarely revolve around men. Instead, the Three Good Fairies devise ways to save Aurora, thwart Maleficent's plans, or bicker over using magic while disguised as peasant women.

Needless to say, *Sleeping Beauty* passes the Bechdel Test with flying colors: there are more named female characters than male, and these female characters talk to each other about something other than men almost all the time. *Sleeping Beauty* is so dominated by women that it almost fails the reverse Bechdel Test, where male characters do

not talk about anything other than women.

Passing the Bechdel Test or failing the reverse Bechdel Test does not inherently mean the film is empowering for women, but it does prove a strong female presence and promotes the idea that women's lives do not revolve around men. This is exactly the case in *Sleeping Beauty*, where the Three Good Fairies work together to solve the issues caused by Maleficent, always in the best interest of Aurora. Even the rescue of Prince Philip was for Aurora's benefit, not his own. Aurora was like a daughter to them, so they did all they could to save her and eventually succeeded. It's a testament to the power of teamwork (cliché as it sounds)

and the bravery and tenacity of women. Aurora herself may not empower young women, but the Fairies do a wonderful job of highlighting exactly why it's important for women to defend other women and work together despite personal differences.

As a 5-year-old, *Sleeping Beauty* was my favorite Disney Princess movie because Aurora wore a pink dress and lived happily ever after. Today, I enjoy the female presence and the ideas that come from it, as well as the light-hearted comedy. Honestly, the “make it pink, make it blue” fight is just as funny now as it was years ago.

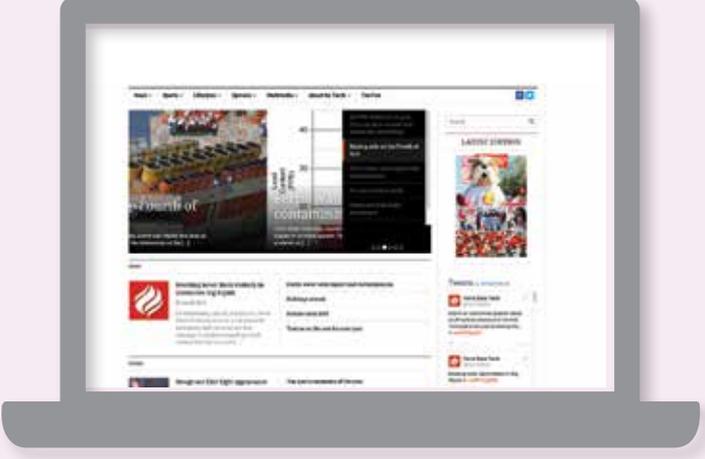


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Stories from the bar

Can't make it to the bar? You're not missing much. Here are the people you would have met.

Schuberg Shooter *Friendly Neighborhood Alcoholic*

On a pre-rona Friday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., we used to be able to see a variety of patrons at the local bar. We've identified twelve different stereotypical students at everybody's favorite establishment. Which one are you?

The Rookie - This type of patron is characterized by both their lack of tolerance and their lack of understanding of how the bar works. They are likely to do the following: buy a single bottle when pitchers are four dollars, ask the bartender what the best deal is, and ask a more experienced patron what a bar tab is. Most rookies are incapable of going the distance and will likely be shitfaced in a couple hours.

Shitfaced Shelly - This type of patron is usually a girl that has recently turned 21. She showed up with her friends promptly at 11 a.m. and skipped the last class of the day to come. By 2:30 the bartender has cut her off and told her friends they should probably take her home. While her friends are trying to find a ride home, Shitfaced Shelly is running around the bar with her makeup and hair messed up singing loudly and yelling. Shitfaced Shelly simply can't hang.

The Philosopher - This guy is perpetually about one pitcher in. Don't ask me how. I don't know. He just got out of his philosophy class about an hour ago and he's convinced that he's solved the mysteries of the world. He's not a bad guy but if you start a conversation, you're gonna waste about three hours of your life.

The Bullshiter - This is the guy at the bar who always has a story a little too good to be true. He answers every question brought up in conversation whether he knows what he's talking about or not. He also claims that he has a "guy" for everything that you could need. As the night goes on his stories will only continue to get more and more absurd.

The Shots Girl - This is the girl that has come to the bar with her friends and is dead set on getting her whole group to take shots with her. She'll most likely order shots of Tequila although Vodka isn't necessarily out of the question. If she's successful in getting her group to take shots, their time at the bar will be short but eventful for sure.

Dancing Debbie - A Dancing Debbie usually shows up toward the end of the night and is only there to dance. They are characterized by the black X's on the back of their hands. Dancing Debbies tend to be loud and are usually freshmen. They are the only ones who would ever pay a twenty-dollar cover charge.

Too Swole Tim - Too Swole Tim walks into the bar with copious amounts of unearned swagger. He just got out of the gym and thinks he's a God's gift to women. He won't drink beer because of the carbs and instead opts for a white claw claiming that's just as "Manly." In reality, he's not actually that swole, and women find him a little creepy.

Beer Gut Bob - Beer Gut Bob is a regular. All the bartenders know him by name and have inside jokes with him. He's generally slightly older than the rest of the patrons in the establishment but he knows everyone, and they love him. He'll take shots with everyone and has likely run up some crazy bar tabs.

Sad Boi - This is the guy sitting at the end of the bar complaining about something in his life. Whether it's a girl or a class that's got him upset, he's cynical as hell. He's characterized by his love for sad country music and is here every week. He'll always be in the same spot talking about his problems.

The Lobbyist - The Lobbyist is a patron that's simply there to watch the world burn. This is the guy that will convince everyone at the table to have another while secretly switching to water. They are there for both the comedic effect of watching their drunk friends stumble around and to take videos to make fun of them after. They will never tell a friend that it's time to stop and will often act like the most drunk there even though they're sober.

The Designated Drinker - This guy was supposed to be the designated driver, but he's been here for a few hours and is now a pitcher and a half in. Don't worry he's not gonna drive, even though he was originally supposed to. The Designated Drinker will usually make a statement like "I'm only gonna have one, bro, I'll still be good." when he enters the bar. A half an hour later the idea of only one has long since evaporated. Hate to break it to you if your buddy is this guy, you're walking your ass home.

The Pharm Student - These patrons are absolute animals. They're the best and brightest that Ferris has to offer, and they are at the bar every Friday night making old Woodbridge proud. Whatever you do, DO NOT TRY TO OUTDRINK THEM. They are professionals and you are amateur. You will lose.



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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 had 6 months of doing nothing to find a boo and you still don't got one...



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20
Why party in person when you can party through zoom. It's totally the same we promise.



Aries: March 21-April 19
If a guy says he's tired of you bring him an energy drink.



Taurus: April 20-May 20
Now that you're at college are you ready to never talk to your high school friends again?



Gemini: May 21-June 20
Wait so you didn't have a glo-up during the quarantine....?



Cancer: June 21-July 22
Don't unpack too much, you'll end up leaving campus soon enough.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22
Looks like you're broke from all the things you bought during quarantine.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22
The only good thing about having to wear masks are that instead of being a 5/10 you're a 9/10.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22
Did you open a small business during the quarantine or are you normal?



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21
COVID won't be the only disease you catch this semester...



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Now is your time to drop out and start selling feet pics.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19
Cutting and dying your hair every time there is a minor inconvenience is not a personality trait.

*The stars are not liable for: headache, nausea, vomiting, death, vertigo, dysentery, mild heart explosions, darkened stool, darkened soul, lycanthropy, truncanthropy, more vomiting, hemorrhoids, virginity, mild discomfort, sugar high, even more vomiting, brown, your mom, and mild rash.

Advice from an upperclassman Tips for your college experience

Anonymous Super Senior
Professional Student

Your Unofficial Advisor-

Over the course of my many years here at this esteemed university I have come up with a list of 12 of the top 11 things you should know for your freshman year. Learn from my mistakes or make them for yourself at your own peril.

Da Rona is temporary, the stories are forever.

Showing up to class hungover is better than not showing up at all.

Just because you have an unlimited meal plan doesn't mean you should eat six times a day.

The pregame doesn't end until the beer is gone.

Drunk adventures are the best adventures.

The post-game doesn't end until all the beer is gone.

Karen said, Apparently I'm not supposed to advocate "binge drinking"

You can always procrastinate more.

Tequila shots are never a "Bad Idea."

A night stuck in a dorm is better than a night in a jail cell.

Don't forget that pizza sauce is a vegetable too.

Brutus doesn't like it if you pull his tail.

Sincerely,

The Super Senior



BS' Big Brain Plans

Part 1: Delete Detroit

B.S

The Man, the Myth, the Legend

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to hold its grip on society, an idea has been brewing that could take 10,000 COVID cases off the map.

Michigan currently sits at 3rd place in the United States COVID-19 standings, putting them in championship contention for the first time in nearly 20 years. The country isn't a fan of this though, and they want to come up with ways to slow this virus thing, and with Michigan now being attacked for the massive waves of sickness, I present a perfect solution that I've been planning since 2019. The Delete Detroit plan.

What is this plan you ask? Well it's simple. With Detroit and Flint being the two biggest stains on Michigan's otherwise beautiful landscape, and a blackeye in its history recently with the two cities consistently being 1st and 2nd on rankings for worst crime cities in America, it is wise to ask, why not get rid of these cities?

With 10,000 of the 12,500 cases residing in the counties of Macomb, Wayne, Genesee, and Oakland, these are the counties that both Flint and Detroit sit in. This is strike three for the cities, first being abandoned buildings, and second being the crime/chances of being shanked. It is time for deletion.

Now there are many ways we can go about doing the deleting.

CTRL+ALT+DELETE: This requires raiding Area 51 again, as I'm sure that that is where the computer that handles this stuff sits. It is simple, we highlight the areas of Detroit and Flint, then click the delete button! Easy! Then we have a clean slate of land for use. I say turn it into farmland, like the rest of the state.

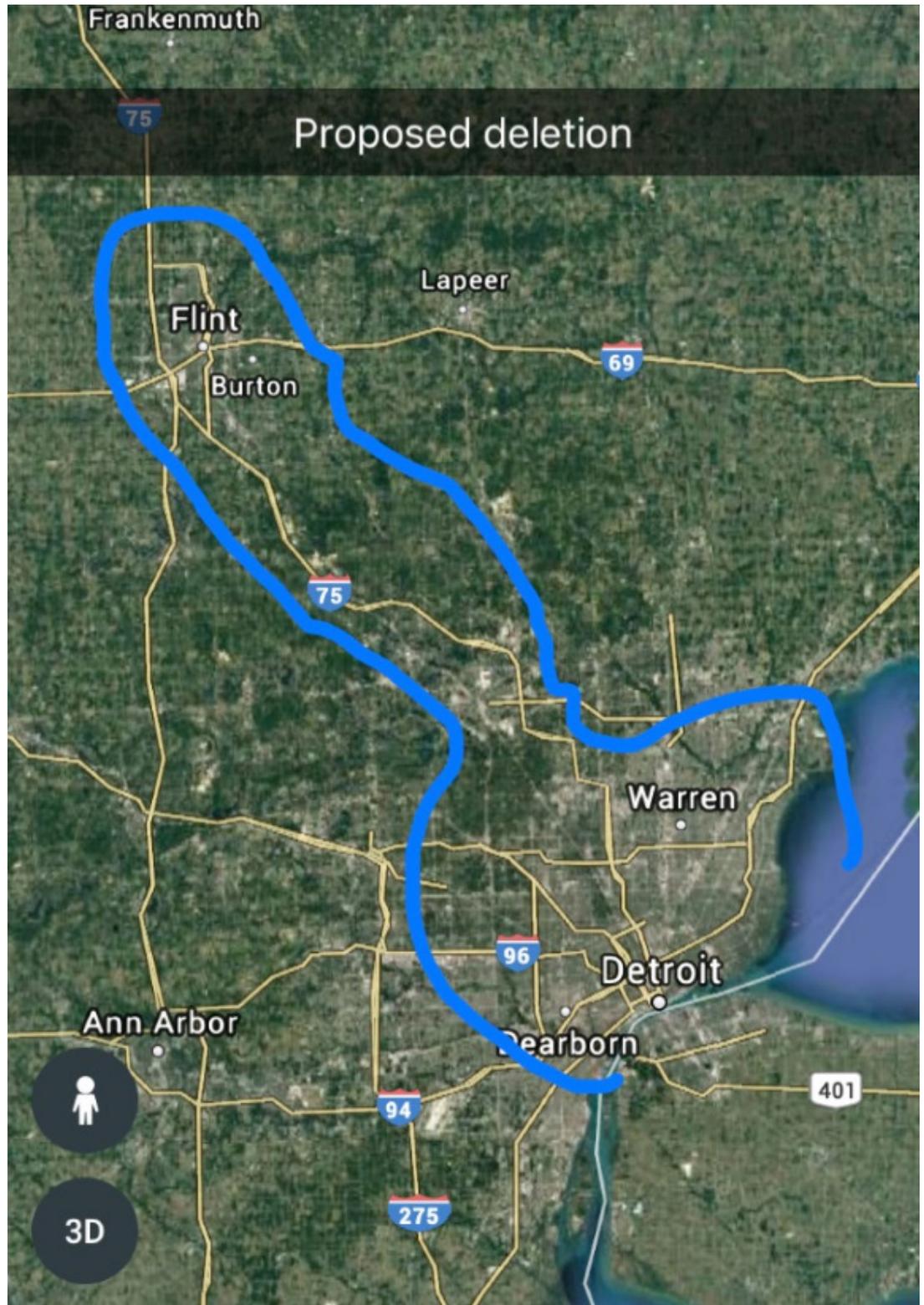
THANOS SNAP: Thanos called it mercy when he snapped away half the universe's population, well snapping away Detroit and Flint would be considered heroic. One quick snap and BOOM! The cities are no more. You're welcome universe.

TRYING TO SLEEP: This is a page out of the old Minecraft book. If you try to sleep in this place called the Nether, your bed explodes, and you die. I assume that Flint and Detroit is the real-life version of this since they share common themes: high likelihood of death, little to gain by visiting it other than to get somewhere else. Thing is, in Minecraft, the Nether is getting an update. Detroit is not. Nether>Detroit. I digress. If we place a bunch of beds in Detroit and Flint, the beds will explode, and the cities will be gone. A small price to pay for salvation.

I understand that there are some cons to this. Cons such as losing the automotive industry and Ford Field. But think of the pros!

First, we drop to 19th on the COVID scale, we are seen as successful! Second, Detroit sports will be no more! No more suffering for sports fans! An absolute win! Third, Grand Rapids becomes the states leading city, which is a far better ambassador of the state, being nicknamed Beer City, USA and all. Sports can move there, and all will be well.

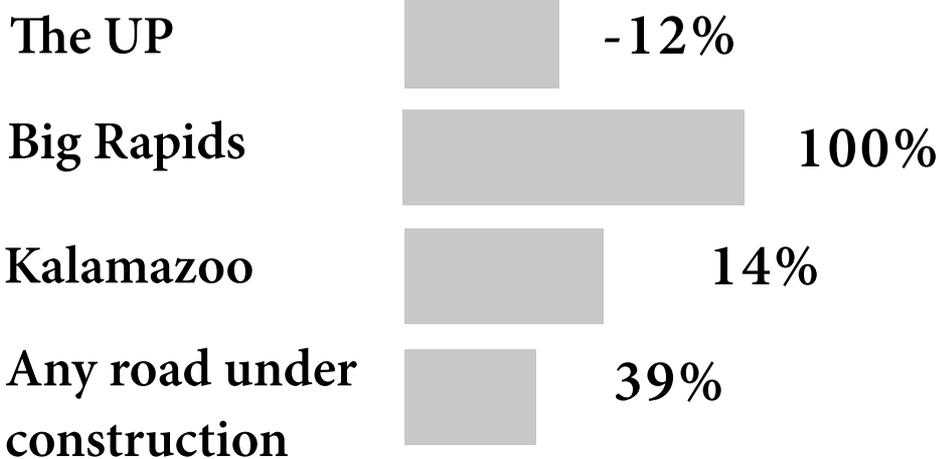
This plan has absolutely no negatives and should be put into place as



TIRE FIRE POLL RESULTS



What are of Michigan should be deleted next?



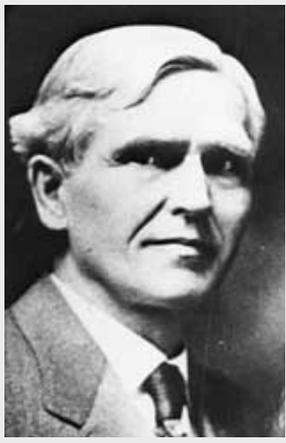
Overheard at Gypsy

“Shit guys, I’m really starting to think this rona thing might be real.”

EISLER SAYS:

“Early to bed, early to rise makes a man stay a virgin.”





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“Will I meet the love of my life here?”

-Lovesick Laverna

Yes, everyone who goes to Ferris will find the Helen to their me within the span of four years. Not only that, but Ferris will host and cater your wedding with our infinite amounts of money.

In all honesty, the only guys you're really gonna find here are Chads, Kyles, and Brians. So if your idea of husband material is a guy who refuses to wear anything but muscle shirts and lives at Shooters, you're in the right place.

- Woodbridge

“How long should I wait before dropping a class?”

-Worried Will

Definitely don't wait for the drop date to pass if you already know you're gonna hate the class. In fact, if you think you'll hate it so much, cut out the middleman and just drop it now before classes start. Better yet just drop out all together. Who needs college when you can get drunk in your own apartment without missing deadlines for 3 million papers.

-Woodbridge

A Change in Costume?

Brutus Himself
Paperback Bulldog

In recent weeks, there has been a student petition has been 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

will 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 that shall stretch forth all eternity.”

You heard it here first folks “an unbroken line of greatness that 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.

- OFF THE RECORD -

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

Lohn Jennon
Paperback Writer

We just got here

Aug. 26 at 12:45 a.m., a student in Travis woke up to the sound of her suitemate and a mystery person hooking up. She frantically texted her friends, wondering how anyone could have gotten married within a span of 24 minutes. She's in for a rough year.

Ugh...freshmen

Aug. 27 at 2:00 a.m. an unknown subject kept the entire first floor of Pickell Hall awake with their obnoxious sobbing. We get it, college is “scary.” Just wait til they find out about the ghost in the Alumni Building.

The semester has barely started..

Aug. 24 at 9:00 p.m. an Oakwood resident takes an hour long shower, while his roommate waits to get into the bathroom. Better yet, he's bald. What does he have to wash?? Just wait until he gets the bill for the water heater.

Mess of a roommate

Aug 26. at 6 a.m. a student wakes up to find that her roommate has left his shit on the dinning room table once again. She stated that the one thing she asked when he moved in was “to keep the goddamn table clean.”

Fish Killer

Aug. 25 at 1:46 p.m. After returning to his apartment after a month away, a student found that his friend had not, in fact, taken care of the fish as promised. The tank had only two inches of water left and all three fish were floating. RIP Gill, Bill, and Dill.

Peter Pizza-Only Eater

Aug. 23 at 6:32 p.m. subject slaved over a hot oven for two hours cooking a delicious meal of baked chicken spaghetti. When offered to her roommate, the only reply was “uh.. I think I'll just eat a frozen pizza.” Well.. thanks for the raving review.

Do you need to be THAT loud?

Aug. 19 at 2:24 a.m. subject is woken up by loud moaning coming from down the hallway. Like.. okay but can you try to be a little quieter? Some people have to work in the morning.

Food... Please?

Aug. 27 at 7:52 p.m. a group of students ordered their pizza at 5:49 p.m. When they sent someone to go pick the pizza up at 7 they were told that their pizza had been lost. Not their order. Their entire pizza. How do you lose a pizza??

Rona Revenge

Aug 26. at 11:39 a.m. a plan to spread rona around campus was recently uncovered. The subject planned to purposely get the rona and then “cough on all [his] enemies.” The subject's roommate was intended to be the first victim.



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

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

“This is a highly-distinguished class of inductees and the current situation isn’t ideal to fully recognize and honor their many contributions and achievements”
- Perk Weisenburger - See page 10 for story

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GLIAC postpones sports until 2021

Winter and spring sports still TBA



Photo by Cora Hall

Quarterback Evan Cummins is one of many Bulldogs who won't be taking the field this fall after the GLIAC postponed fall sports due to COVID-19.

Noah Poser
Editor in Chief

Five days from today, the Ferris football team would be getting ready to kick off the 2020 season with National Championship expectations.

Instead, the GLIAC postponed the football season along with the rest of athletic competition until Jan. 1, 2021 in a decision made back on Aug. 11.

“Our council of presidents and GLIAC athletic directors weighed this decision from every angle, hoping to find a feasible option for student-athletes to compete this fall, but in the end, the potential risks to student-athletes, coaches, support staff and fans made fall competition impossible,” said Dr. Richard Pappas of Davenport University, who is the GLIAC Council of Presidents and Chan-

cellors chair for 2020-21.

The GLIAC does, however, have tentative plans in place to provide opportunities for athletic competition during the spring semester for the fall teams as well as for winter and spring sports teams.

“Plans to provide fall teams with competition opportunities during the spring semester are a priority for the league,” said Pappas. “We look forward to getting our student-athletes back on campus so they can resume training, and our members remain devoted to providing a quality student-athlete experience despite these challenging circumstances.”

As far as training is concerned, GLIAC student-athletes will have the opportunity to participate in athletic training and practice in adherence to NCAA, institutional, local, and state guidelines.

Said guidelines are also the same reason why the decision to postpone sports was the only plausible conclusion that could be reached.

“After thoroughly reviewing federal, state, and NCAA SSI (Sports Science Institute) and Board of Governor’s guidelines, it became apparent that conducting contests and championships this fall was insurmountable,” said GLIAC Commissioner Kris Dunbar. “My frustration and sadness for the coaches, student-athletes, families, and fans are unmitigated. The league will continue to work on protocols for a safe return for our athletic programs, with the health and safety of our student-athletes and staff taking the highest priority.”

Whether any of this will be possible come the spring semester remains to be seen, but the conference plans to continue to monitor

the situation and remain hopeful that it can make things work. As of right now, the GLIAC plans to continue to gather information in order to make the best decision possible when the time is right. They also plan to monitor developments in order to best determine a competitive structure during the second semester.

So while the football team will have to wait for their chance to get back to the National Championship game after a year hiatus, there is hope that they’ll at least get back on the field sometime in the near future.

The winter and spring sports competition calendar will be announced at a later date.

Former legends will be immortalized in 2021

Jeff Blashill headlines seven-member Bulldog Hall of Fame class

Brendan Sanders
Sports Editor

Seven more members of Ferris athletics have now been immortalized as Bulldogs legends after being announced as the latest inductees to the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame.

In an announcement made by Ferris athletics on Monday, seven individuals representing six different sports were inducted into the Ferris State Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2020. The class is headlined by current Detroit Red Wings Head Coach Jeff Blashill, who played for the Bulldogs from 1994-1998.

The original induction date was set for October 16, but these inductees will be waiting until 2021 for the induction ceremony as a decision to postpone the ceremony was made due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Ferris State Athletics Director Perk Weisenburger explained the reasoning behind the postponement in a press release.

"With the ongoing pandemic, this was the right decision at this time to ensure the safety of not only our inductees but also their families, friends, and guests," Weisenburger said. "This is a highly-distinguished class of inductees and the current situation isn't ideal to fully recognize and honor their many contributions and achievements in the proper way. We look forward to welcoming them back to a safe, healthy and vibrant campus in 2021 for the induction ceremony and to safely celebrate all their achievements and success with families, friends, former teammates, and supporters."

Accompanying Blashill in the class are Lucy (DeMartin) Prior (Women's Basketball, 2000-04), Dannie Hayes (Men's Basketball, 1991-95), Tianna Kirkland (Women's Basketball/Track & Field, 1997-01), Chris Kunitz (Hockey, 1999-03), Brad Morris (Wrestling, 1985-89) and the late Gideon Smith (Football, 1910-11), who is likely to be represented by his grandson John Belcher.

The class includes four individuals who earned All-American honors at Ferris, including Prior, Kirkland, Kunitz and Morris along with one of the top men's basketball scorers in school history in Hayes and the current head coach of the Detroit Red Wings in Blashill. Kunitz is a four-time Stanley Cup Champion and Olympic Gold Medalist and Smith was an early college football pioneer as one of the school's first African American players.

Smith is also currently on the ballot for the College Football Hall of Fame.

All members of the class are expected to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame in a ceremony planned to take place this fall. This is subject to change as navigating the COVID-19 crisis continues to be a fluid process.

Along with those expected to be inducted this fall was the announcement that two-time Harlon Hill winning QB Jason Vander Laan was also inducted into the Hall of Fame after the mandatory 10-year waiting period was waived.

Despite this, Vander Laan decided to forego this year's induction for another year in the future, citing his desire to attend the induction ceremony in-person as he continues his professional career.

The Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame, which inducted its Charter Class in 2000, was established to honor those student-athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves in their sport or honorary members who made truly exceptional contributions to athletics. A 13-member selection committee comprised of faculty, staff, alumni, and community members selected the 2020 inductees from a large group of initial nominees.

One final person recognized this year was Carma Burcham, who was awarded the Athletics Special Service award. She was a longtime supporter of Bulldog Athletics and a dedicated employee at Ferris. Burcham served as the school's coordinator of records and NCAA eligibility for more than 30 years.

Burcham is the fifth person to receive the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame Special Service Award and the first since 2011.



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Kunitz is ranked 6th in all-time point scoring for Ferris hockey with 175 career points.



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Start of something new

Women's basketball hires new coaching staff

Brody Keiser
Torch Reporter

One season removed from a conference title and their first NCAA DII tournament berth since 2012, Ferris women's basketball welcomes two new faces to its coaching staff.

Before COVID-19 abruptly ended the Bulldogs' 2020 national tournament aspirations, Ferris posted a 21-8 record throughout the 2019-2020 season. Their regular season success earned the Bulldogs an outright GLIAC title and a seven seed in the NCAA DII national tournament.

When the Bulldogs next take the court, they will look to build off last year's success. This time, they will be coached by Kurt Westendorp.

Westendorp becomes the eighth head coach in program history and replaces Kendra Faustin. After five years with the Bulldogs, Faustin accepted the athletic director's job at Comstock Park High School and leaves Ferris with an overall record of 60-70, one conference title, and one national tournament berth.

Westendorp served as the Bulldogs' assistant coach from 2010-2012 before moving on to coach at the Division I level at Valparaiso University for four years. He has spent the last four years as head coach of William Jessup University in Rocklin, Calif. During his time as head coach of the Warriors, he flipped the program from the bottom of the NAIA into a successful contender.

While at William Jessup University, Westendorp led the Warriors to the program's first ever NAIA Division I national tournament. He also led the team to consecutive twenty-win seasons while winning the most games in a single season in program history and notching the Warrior's first ever Top-25 national rank-

ing.

Through four seasons with the Warriors, Westendorp became the winningest coach in program history, tallying 64 total wins.

In his earlier stint with the Bulldogs, Ferris posted a school record 23 wins in 2011-2012, winning the GLIAC North and reaching the NCAA DII national tournament, the program's most recent tournament berth before last season.

Faustin and the Bulldogs trended up at the end of last season. Now, Westendorp will look to build on that success in the coming seasons.

Ferris also welcomed a new assistant coach to the Bulldog community when they hired Jasmyn Walker. Walker, a former basketball star from Muskegon Mona Shores high school and Valparaiso and Western Michigan Universities, will assist Westendorp as the Bulldogs look to build on the success of last season.

Both Walker's mother and father played collegiate basketball at Ferris and are members of the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame.

Last season, Walker assisted head coach Rick Albro at fellow GLIAC member school Davenport University. Before her one season as a coach, Walker notched over 1000 career point during her career at both Valparaiso (2014-2016) and Western Michigan (2016-2018).

The Bulldogs return eight players from last year's conference winning team. Ferris graduated four seniors and will look to their new recruits and returning players to fill the void left by the seniors.

After a devastating end to the 2019-2020 season due to COVID-19, the Bulldogs cannot step onto the court until at least 2021. However, with last year's success fresh in their minds and a new coaching staff, the Bulldogs will look to get back to winning when they are able to take the court again.

Bulldogs go pro

NFL season begins for former Ferris football players

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

As the sports world does its part to fight against COVID-19, many former Ferris football players are continuing to fight for an NFL roster position.

Ferris has seven former players with NFL franchises, which is the most of any NCAA Division II college in the country. With five players on the defensive side of the ball and two on the offensive side, the former Bulldogs look to make an impact at the next level.

When defensive end Austin Edwards left Ferris after his impactful senior season, he was Ferris's first ever Gene Upshaw Award winner, and the first defensive player since 2005 to win the GLIAC player of the year award. Edwards senior season earned him an invitation to the East-West Shrine bowl that was played back in January.

After going undrafted in the 2020 NFL Draft, he was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Atlanta Falcons.

With different years of experience in the NFL, each former Bulldog will look to impress and fight for a key spot on their respective teams.

Tavierre Thomas is entering his third season for the Browns and has developed into a valuable member of their special teams' core. Thomas first started with the Arizona Cardinals in 2018 before he was signed by the Browns. In two seasons since joining the Browns, Thomas has 17 tackles, a blocked field goal, and has average 20.4 yards per kick return.

Zach Sieler was the first Bulldog ever to be drafted to an NFL team when the Baltimore Ravens took him 238th overall in the seventh round of the 2018 NFL draft. In his first two seasons, Sieler stayed with the Ravens and logged six regular season games before he moved to the Miami Dolphins and recorded eight tackles and one sack in three appearances. He was resigned by the Dolphins for the 2020 season.

Defensive Tackle Justin Zimmer will be entering his second season in the NFL. He started as a part of the Atlanta Falcons in 2018 before signing with Cleveland Browns for a season in 2019, and now Zimmer is a member of the Buffalo Bills.

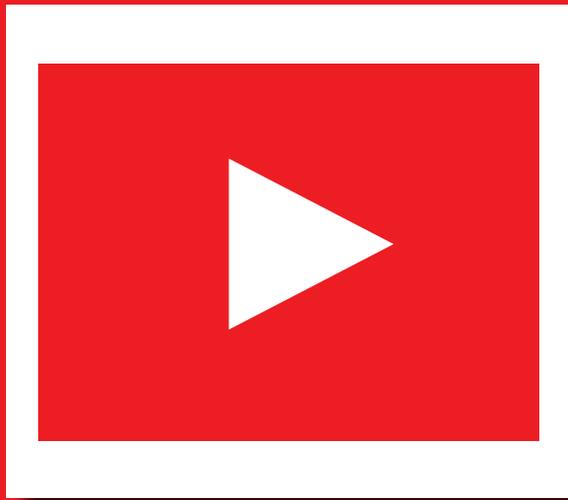
Vander Laan played quarterback in college but quickly changed into a tight end. Vander Laan was an undrafted free agent in 2016 and signed with the New York Jets. From there he went to the Indianapolis Colts in 2017, and then to the Carolina Panthers in 2018 before he became a member of the New Orleans Saints. Due to COVID-19 concerns, Vander Laan has selected to opt out of the 2020 NFL season.

Defensive tackle Brady Sheldon is entering his fourth season in the NFL after signing as an undrafted free agent with the Oakland Raiders. He spent a year with the Raiders practice squad, appearing in two games. After spending a full season on the Cincinnati Bengals practice squad in 2018 he appeared in one game for the Bengals in 2019. He is entering his third season with the team.

Wide receiver Malik Taylor is entering his second season in the league after spending a season on the Green Bay Packers practice squad.

While the alums battle against the uncertainties of the coronavirus pandemic, they are still focused on earning a roster spot in the NFL.

Since the NFL's preseason has been cancelled, the regular season is set to debut on Thursday, Sept. 10 with Kansas City Chiefs hosting the Houston Texans.



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Sports enter the virtual age

iRacing brings eSports to the forefront during the pandemic

Brendan Sanders
Sports Editor

On March 11 the sports world collapsed before our eyes. Many sports fans started that night expecting to watch a normal game of basketball. I was job shadowing my friend at a high school playoff basketball game, the last he would get to cover this year. The world was going on with an eye on the rise of the coronavirus. In an instant, basketball was gone. Rudy Gobert's positive test came out moments before the Jazz were set to tip-off, ending that game and the NBA season the very night.

Soon, all sports followed. The NHL suspended their season the next day. NASCAR, Formula 1, IndyCar, the NFL, March Madness, and the MLB all did the same by the end of the work week. Just like that, the sports world lay barren.

Sports fans will do anything to get by. Auto racing fans, who were mere hours away from watching the opening practices of the IndyCar and Formula One seasons before the suspension of the season, turned to a new form of racing. iRacing.

iRacing is a subscription-based racing simulation that was launched in 2008. Its publishers were already famous for the creation of NASCAR Racing 2003, a game that is still played today and is widely considered to be the best NASCAR game ever published. The game was used in its prime by the likes of Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Martin Truex Jr.

iRacing was an improvement from that game, adding even more simulation along with more series.

Over the past decade, the game became the lead eSport racing simulation, with 74,000 active users as of 2018. NASCAR sanctioned an iRacing series in 2009, a deal that was extended until 2021. It was the training grounds for professional racers such as William Byron and Ty Majeski as they got their racing careers started. Still, the game was away from mainstream media. That is, until this year.

With the suspension of the NASCAR season on March 13, NASCAR created the first ever Pro Invitational League. Announced March 18, the event featured NASCAR's stars such as Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin, Dale Earnhardt Junior, and Jimmie Johnson. It would be the second iRacing NASCAR race broadcasted live on television on Fox Sports 1.

On March 22, the first race took place at the virtual Homestead Miami Speedway, the track NASCAR was scheduled to race at that weekend. The racing was more interactive than ever before, with fans being able to view individual streams on Twitch, Twitter and Facebook. It was a wild 100 lap event that saw 9 cautions before a duel between two real life back markers, Timmy Hill and Garrett Smithley, gave way to a shootout between Denny Hamlin and NASCAR's most beloved former driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr. A duel that was won in the final corner by Denny Hamlin.

On Fox Sports 1, the eNascar race earned a rating of .53 with 903,000 viewers. It was enough to break the record for

most viewed televised eSports event. A mind-blowing success for an event that was put together so quickly.

This opened the floodgates for eSports. The main FOX channel picked up the next race at virtual Texas Motor Speedway. A race in which Timmy Hill would win in a photo finish. IndyCar followed suite with its pro invitational series that debuted Saturday at virtual Watkin Glen that was won by Sage Karam.

Formula One drivers Lando Norris and Max Verstappen stream their iRacing battles daily on Twitch, drawing in 10,000+ viewers for each stream. Norris has quickly become the face of virtual Formula One, appearing in many online events and streaming to as many as 104,000 viewers.

Seeing the popularity of eSports growing led to other leagues to take notice while on hiatus. On March 30, the NBA announced its first ever player only NBA2K tournament which was broadcasted to ESPN and won by Phoenix Suns star Devin Booker.

With live sports now beginning to take place again, it is unknown what eSports will do in the future, and who would be interested. At worst, people watching their favorite athletes battle at the virtual level may be the one thing that can hold fans over during the offseason. At best, eSports has found the mainstream audience after years of trying to break into the field.

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LIFESTYLES

“We have a beautiful downtown. My favorite store has to be The Yellow Window.”
- Stacey Jacobs - See below for story

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Summer of 2020 in Big Rapids; It's not a curse



Photo by: Matthew Miller | Torch Reporter

The Big Rapids pocket park is located downtown next to Raven Brewing and BBQ.

Being a college student in Big Rapids over the summer is never boring if you know the right places to look

Matthew Miller
Torch Reporter

The summer of 2020 is not what everyone had pictured.

Everyone assumed that COVID-19 would have been done and over with. Stores, restaurants, bars and parks have been closed or operating under restrictions for months. But all this should not stop anyone, because in the town of Big Rapids there is so much more to do.

Ferris senior biology major Stacey Jacobs says that Big Rapids is packed full fun and exciting things to do during the summer. To her, this summer felt extended because school had switched to online classes and not having to go to campus everyday meant she could have more time to focus on fun.

“I love being out outside and walking around downtown,” Jacobs said. “We have a beautiful downtown. My favorite store has to be The Yellow Window.”

Jacobs' favorite place that she would go to every Tuesday and Friday was the Farmer's Market, which is located outside of the Family Dollar and Salvation Army. The Farmer's market is open from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday and on Friday 8 p.m. until 2 p.m. Jacobs' also enjoys going to Kilawin's at this time, getting some ice cream then walking

across the street to Pocket Park to listen to live music that locals play.

Being active and going out around town doing things is fun but sometimes it is nice to also just be lazy.

Ferris junior business administration major Skyler Stolk has spent more than one summer in Big Rapids. Stolk works as a shift leader at Planet Fitness in Big Rapids. When COVID-19 hit, all gyms were forced to close down and he had more down time then he had had in summers past.

“Over the summer, I've spent most of my time tubing and fishing on the Muskegon River,” Stolk said. “Since my work got shut down due to COVID, I've been keeping myself busy spending time tubing the river with friends.”

Stolk was the winner of the UREC fishing tournament that was held over the summer. He won it with a 16-inch bass. He spent the entire day trying to catch it. Stolk believes fishing is a great pass time for anyone trying to find a way to get away from people. One of his main fishing spots is around Hemlock Park, one of the most popular parks in the Big Rapids area.

Everyone has been doing their part in the fight against

COVID-19. Ferris sophomore plastics and polymer engineering major Keegan Wetter was lucky enough to get an internship in Reed City for a company doing just that.

“I worked for the Reed City Group producing products in the fight against COVID-19,” Wetter said. “I worked third shift during the night and slept more days, but I still had time to hang out with my fraternity brothers.”



Keegan
Wetter

Wetter said that he is happy he got an internship close to Big Rapids because it allowed him to strengthen his bond with his fraternity brothers. Wetter is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He plans to try and stay as many summers in Big Rapids because of the memories you can make when you don't have to worry about school.

Even with COVID-19 wreaking havoc across our nation, there is still a multitude of fun things to do around Big Rapids. You never have to look far to find entertainment that can fill your day with joy.



Skyler
Stolk

Events calendar



FRIDAY

Aug. 28

Bulldog Welcome
Location: Variety of locations
around campus
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Residence Hall Association
Drive-in Movie: Onward
Location: Lot #28

SATURDAY

Aug. 29

Cincinnati Circus Sideshow
Location: North Campus Quad
Time: 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.



MONDAY

Aug. 31

First Day of Classes
Time: All Day

Rec Fest
Location: Student Recreation
Center outside area
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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Sept. 1

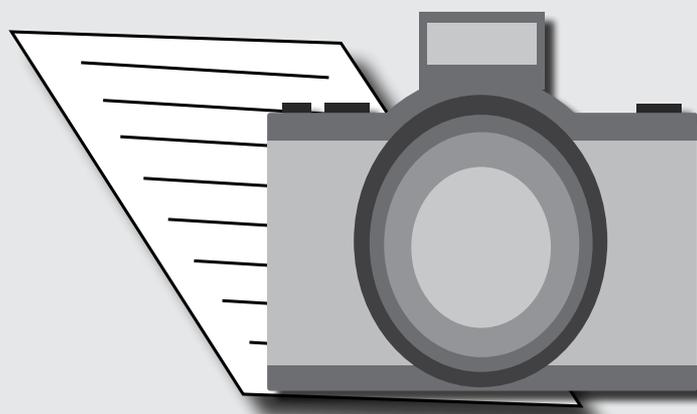
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Surviving online classes

Tips and locations for studying

Kedall Rooks and Kaylin Johnson
Torch Reporter and Managing Copy Editor

As COVID continues and the new semester begins the struggle of completing online classes approaches ever closer.

Many students were planning on in-person classes this fall, but with the continuing pandemic, a multitude of classes have been moved to a strictly online format. If this is stressing you out, you're not alone. The switch to online learning has been one of the most common topics in the media lately, with both students and parents wondering just how effective online classes really are.

Luckily, there are ways to make the switch to an online experience easier.

Staying organized can be one of the biggest difficulties a student faces in college, and online classes only expand on this. Students in online classes will need to be much more

independent.

One of the best ways to stay organized is to get a planner or use the calendar feature in Canvas. This will help you to stay on top of due dates.

Another tip is to designate specific time blocks each day to complete assignments. This can make it feel more like an in-person class. It will also give you the chance to get everything done while also leaving time for a social life and job.

You should also try to set goals for yourself on what needs to be completed each day and limit your social media time while doing so.

If you are the type of person who works better in groups or just needs help from others, try to set up study groups within your classes. The easiest way to do this currently is through a video chatting application like Zoom or Facetime, but you can also create a group chat or use a Google Doc.

One of the most important things you can do is find a quiet place to study. If you're struggling to study in your dorm

or apartment, The FLITE Library is still open for students, faculty, and staff. Seating space is limited to designated areas of the first and second floors and masks are required inside. Be sure to check the hours listed on FLITE's website because they have changed for the foreseeable future.

The University Center is also open for students and masks are required inside. If you are not keen on wearing a mask while studying, there is always the option of doing homework outside on the grass on campus or in one of the area parks.

If you need WiFi and can't find space to study on campus, there are a few off-campus locations with WiFi. With a purchase you can study at Biggby and Panera.

For more information on online learning this semester, browse the online learning resources that can be found at www.ferris.edu/statewide/resources/index.htm.

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