



The cost of neglect

FOIA documents reveal lack of plumbing repair on campus

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Ferris State kicked off 2025 with two major plumbing issues on campus, including a water main break outside North Bond Hall and a pipe bursting in FLITE in mid-January.

Plumbing issues have prevailed across campus over the last several years, raising questions about the underlying infrastructure that supports Ferris.

A major flood in Brophy/McNerney Hall occurred in November 2024 due to a pipe bursting in the building. The Brophy/McNerney flood resulted in 11 students moving into temporary housing, and several other students affected by the flood.

The pipe burst in FLITE resulted in the library being closed as part of the emergency procedure to make repairs.

Each of these plumbing incidents resulted in major inconveniences for students. The water main break outside of North Bond Hall resulted in concerns for several students in the dental hygiene programs, as well as class issues for students in the pharmacy school.

In January, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications Dave Murray stated that the pipe bursting in Brophy Hall affected nearly 40 students and resulted in intense cleanup efforts by Housing and Residence Life team members.

"A pipe burst on the terrace level of Brophy/McNerney Hall in November, creating flooding issues for 40 students," Murray said. "This is very unfortunate and not the residential experience we hope to provide. Such issues are rare and impossible to predict. The Housing and Residence Life team does strongly encourage students to purchase renter's insurance for personal property."

Murray further stated that the likely cause of the pipe burst in Brophy Hall is due to

the age of the building, despite regular inspections for potential problems.

Ferris has not been a stranger to infrastructure problems. Over the last several years, the university has been plagued with various plumbing issues.

In 2024, Travis Hall's basement flooded with sewage in December, FLITE experienced a flood from a water line break in January and in October 2023, Cramer Hall had a flood caused by a faulty furnace pipe.

The university acknowledged the neglect of renovations and updates in Sept. 2024, during this year's Founder's Day address. University President Dr. Bill Pink presented information regarding on-campus housing's lack of renovations and maintenance.

In university documents, which the Torch received via the Freedom of Information Act, few plumbing repairs were outlined within the last eight fiscal years.

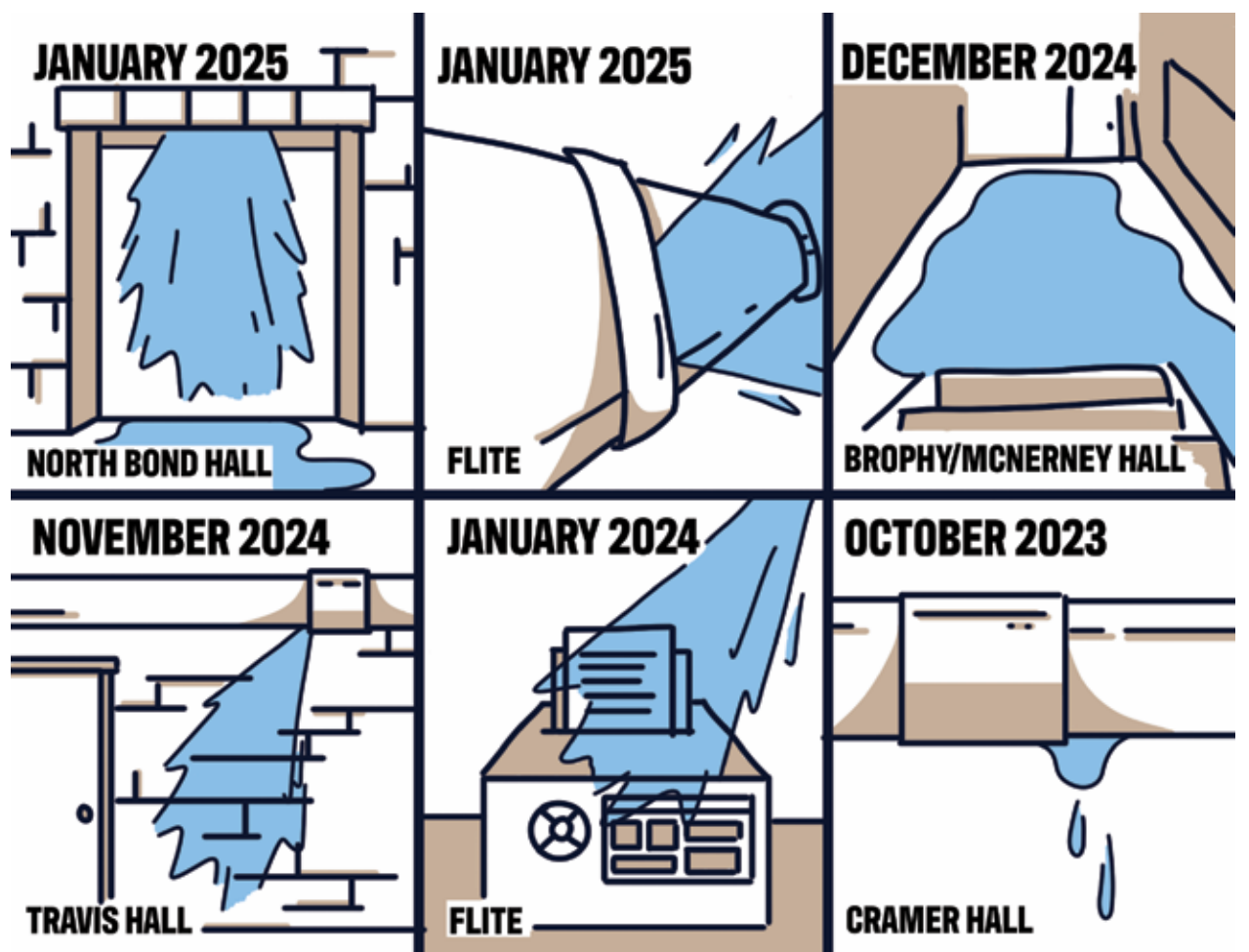
The plumbing repairs noted in this document were bathroom water conservation, waterproofing, toilet replacements and shower pan recaulking.

The documents provided via the Freedom of Information Act did not notate specific plumbing upgrades or replacements made to housing buildings on campus.

The documentation further explained various other upgrades to housing buildings on campus, including main lobby upgrades, front desk updates, smoke detector replacements, flooring replacements, office furniture expenses, various paint updates and an e-sports renovation.

Also included in the FOIA documents was a \$31,500 purchase of flooring for West Campus Apartments, labeled as "flooring purchase to have on hand."

This expense was notated under fiscal year 2023, the same year that Cramer Hall experienced the flood due to



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the furnace pipe malfunction.

Within the FOIA documents, several renovations are listed, however, details as to what exactly the renovations included were not mentioned within the documentation.

Chemistry education junior Brayden Steenwyk was previously a residential advisor in Brophy Hall and was present when the flooding incident occurred.

"I woke up and heard my residents screaming and splashing as they're running down the hall," Steenwyk said. "We never really got an explanation; it was just that a pipe burst."

Steenwyk recalled that residents in the building were attempting to put towels under their doors to stop the water from flowing in.

As an RA, it was Steenwyk's responsibility to go around the dorm and unplug electronics to avoid electrocu-

tion concerns, as well as try to save residents' belongings that were ruined by the water.

Steenwyk stated that the incident occurred on a weekend, and several residents were not present when the flood occurred. While those affected were transferred to Merrill Travis while cleanup was done, several residents experienced significant loss due to the flooding.

"My issue was their handling of dealing with the people who had loss," Steenwyk said. "It was kind of just, 'Hey, you could have got flood insurance.' But ask any freshman if they know about needing flood insurance, and I guarantee you the answer would be zero. It's kind of a shame on housing."

The FOIA documentation also included a four-phase capital renewal deferred maintenance plan, in which the university allotted funds in various fiscal years for fa-

cilities projects.

For fiscal year 2018, it was noted that facilities received \$3,500,000 over five years, dedicated towards various facilities maintenance projects.

Work included in these projects included items such as utility infrastructure, low-load steam boiler, energy conservation, electrical, elevators, exterior enclosures, HVACR, interior finishes, plumbing and roofing.

Despite these allotted funds, major plumbing renovations were not notated in the documents for fiscal years 2018 through 2023.

Welding engineering technology sophomore Caleb Egnor explained that he experienced several issues with plumbing in Brophy Hall.

"I have parts of pipes that lead into the toilet that leak when I flush," Egnor said. "It's constant issues with having to plunge the drains. It just feels like they're outdated,

and they don't fully pay attention to these issues like they should."

Egnor further stated that while maintenance has remained responsive to reports of issues in the dorm, the response was not timely. He had a rusted-out sink while living in Clark Hall, which took maintenance three days to respond to.

Egnor also expressed disappointment in the state of the showers in the dorms, with the presence of mold presenting a huge concern.

"Safely secured flowing water is a huge necessity," Egnor said. "Having a pipe leaking not only creates the issue of mold, but also creates a health issue of breathing that in."

Information on the capital renewal deferred maintenance fund for fiscal year 2024 has not yet been released.

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News

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Michigan

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The Michigan Public Service Commission approved an order to penalize utility companies for failing to improve their reliability on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Companies may have to pay up to \$10 million in penalties, according to the Detroit News. In an audit released by a third party in September, it was found that DTE Energy and Consumers Energy had “worse than average” reliability than other companies.

In a press release from MPSC, they explained that the workgroup they put together for the order’s key focus will be distribution reliability and its fundamentals.

National

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As of Monday, March 3, there are over 170 wildfires in North and South Carolina.

The largest fire spread over 1,600 acres and was 30% contained on Sunday. Residents in that area were able to return home on March 2, according to The New York Times.

Residents were also advised that if the flames rekindled they should evacuate again.

South Carolina was put into a state of emergency and had a burn ban placed by Gov. Henry McMaster on Sunday.

Global

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India – Construction workers were found alive in metal containers in the aftermath of an avalanche in the Himalayas in India.

The avalanche happened on Friday, Feb. 28, and buried 54 workers. Eight of the workers were killed while the other 46 were rescued, according to BBC News.

The rescue took place over roughly 60 hours in below-freezing temperatures and ended on Sunday, March 2.

Students talk career fair

Experiences with job fair differ between attendees



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Ferris' Career and Internship Fair was split into different sections for varying majors.

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Career fairs are all about seeking out job opportunities as various companies gather in one place. However, not every major is represented.

On Feb. 27 at the Student Recreational Center, a range of companies were offered to come to the Career and Internship fair. Large portions of the fair leaned more toward sciences like healthcare and criminal justice, while the afternoon leans towards humanities like education and social work.

While this is helpful for some students, other students find it difficult to find something related to their specific major.

General business sophomore Mariah Rahe mentioned her career fair experience in her freshman year before she changed her major.

“I was in radiography my freshman year but I switched it to general business, but there was like a few hospital like nursing opportunities but not really anything else that I could think of. I just kind of went to look around,” Rahe said. “I was new and I didn’t really know what I was looking for, so maybe I missed some things. I just saw that it was a lot of nursing stuff and not really into the radiography part of it all.”

At the time, Rahe was looking for something specific while searching for her

career. Students come into the Career and Internship Fair with expectations that they will find what they are looking for and hope that it’s well within their major. Some students even attempt to try to find jobs or internships that are local to their area.

During the career fair, students can walk around and explore the companies and industries presented there. It presents ways for students to network and practice their skills.

Students of majors other than healthcare and education expressed their thoughts and concerns about their majors being represented at the career fair.

Architecture sophomore Travis Wilson talked about his thoughts about career fair representation.

“I mean we are kind of a smaller school, I feel like kind of far away. I know there’s not a lot of architect places really close, some like in Grand Rapids or whatever,” Wilson said. “You only got select companies that are doing it. So it’s kind of hard to find companies coming out looking for exactly what you are looking for.”

While students like Wilson have a hard time finding job opportunities at the career fair, other students find the career fair to be helpful and insightful.

Operations and supply chain management senior and president of the Operations and Supply Chain Management Association

Carter Anderson expressed his thoughts about the career fair.

“I think the career fair is excellent. It’s personally helped me achieve two internships,” Anderson said. “It’s helped me a lot because it’s provided me with the opportunity to actually connect with the employers, shake their hand, and hand them a resume, which I think helped me in the application process.”

The Career and Professional Success services sends out a survey after the career fair. This survey asks whether someone went to the career fair or not and asks what companies they would like to see. With the help of student feedback, CAPS will reach out to those companies and invite them.

Whether students are looking for an internship or taking a look around, career fairs need to address and represent all student majors, including humanities.

Director of CAPS Angela Roman discussed how industries have different recruiting processes.

“Different industries and types of employers recruit differently, and so engineering technology employers typically are looking for students with a bachelor’s degree who are ready to work,” Roman said. “If you go look at some of our humanities like biology, those students are going on to master’s degrees to get into the workforce. They’re not coming to

Ferris because we don’t have those master’s degrees. Our schools have to recruit a little differently.”

Roman explained how some employers who aren’t local are still getting thousands of applicants for jobs, however, because of distance, they aren’t willing to travel to an institution to recruit.

As a part of the process of setting up for the career fair, CAPS invites about 50,000 employers from inside the Handshake database as well as sending out a staff member to go out and recruit employers. All employers are invited and those who register to attend the career fair set up their own table.

“What we do for those students is they can come in and we will help teach them how those industries are recruiting so they can get internships and jobs,” Roman said. “It’s all the experiences and classes and the holistic like where you might have worked as a student that they’re looking for. So, keeping an open mind as a student job searching will help them find employers and talk to them.”

While career and internship fairs can help students, depending on what they are majoring in, the representation they may find is not always the same across the board.

Bridging business and tech

College of Business to add new data science and analytics degree



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Ferris has announced the addition of a data science and analytics bachelor's degree to the College of Business's major offerings.

The College of Business has offered a master's degree of the same title for several years, but the program is now expanding to offer undergraduate studies.

The program will be fully online format, beginning in the fall of 2025, while the master's degree is online and face-to-face.

The College of Business will also offer students the opportunity to complete the bachelor's and master's degrees in a dual degree style, with full completion of both taking about five years total.

Professor of data analytics and statistics Elies Kouider explained that students in this program will have the opportunity to have hands-on experience with the software platforms used in the industry.

"Our program is hands-on, and everything needs to be done with software," Kouider said. "The software that they use is one of the best in the world."

Kouider also noted that students will learn information in a variety of sectors, including programming, data warehousing and intelligence, visual data analytics, artificial

intelligence, machine learning and software engineering.

Students will also have the opportunity to select six courses near the end of the program to create a concentration of study.

The concentration can range anywhere from programming to AI technology studies.

While Ferris has offered similar programs at the College of Business, such as a business data analytics degree and a data analytics certificate, this program seeks to expand the opportunities for students.

The program will have a broader focus on the entire process of data science, taking students through every phase of the data collection and analysis process.

Students pursuing the degree will learn about collecting data and determining variable associations within that data, as well as how to transform data into a usable form, construct data models and deploy data for use in the real world.

The data science and analytics undergraduate program is the newest addition to Ferris' growing online course offerings, following the Master's of Social Work program moving to fully online delivery.

Kouider expressed concern that a fully online delivery may lose out on certain students taking advantage of the opportunity, particularly

international students.

Pre-optometry freshman Tessa Wohlschlegel expressed excitement over the university expanding the programs it offers.

"That's pretty cool, like offering more degrees, and people having more options," Wohlschlegel said. "How they're combining the science side with the business side is pretty cool."

Wohlschlegel also explained that having a variety of program options gives Ferris an advantage, especially with the ability to offer smaller class sizes given the overall size of the university.

Public relations junior Izzy Toole stated that programs like this make Ferris stand out.

"In one of my marketing classes, my professor was talking about how Ferris offers a lot of different programs," Toole said. "It's what makes us stand out, so I think that it's kind of cool that we offer stuff like that."

Toole also stated that offering a degree that combines data science and analysis is important to give students a broader experience in several business fields and develop skills that will serve them well when it comes to real employment opportunities.

Kouider also stated that the timing of the degree is extremely convenient, given the high rate of growth within this industry.

"Fifteen years ago, we started the business data analytics program here at the bachelor level," Kouider said. "Now if you count the programs, they are countless. It's growing very fast."

Students can register for this program when fall registration begins on March 24.

News briefs

Brutus revealed

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On Friday, Feb. 28, Brutus' identity was revealed on the ice. It was a busy weekend at Ewigleben Ice Arena, with the final home series of the hockey season, celebrations for Coach Bob Daniels' retirement, senior night for the players, and a reveal of the ever-elusive Brutus.

Brutus was revealed to be welding engineering technology senior Abby Frisk.

Frisk has served as the university's Brutus for the last two years, from 2023 through 2025.

With Frisk graduating this spring, a new Bulldog is set to be selected. Ferris students will have to wait to see who the next one will be.

Tattoos only

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Lighttouch Tattoo announced on Thursday, Feb. 27 that they would no longer offer piercing services or changeouts.

The announcement came from a Facebook post by the company. Prior to the post, the company also canceled the piercing deal that they had advertised for Feb. 25.

They are currently not selling jewelry but will resume selling it on March 11, as they are in the process of moving locations back to their previous building.

New uniforms

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The marching band's new uniforms were announced on Feb. 27.

The marching band, returning to Ferris in the fall, will be wearing a red, black and yellow uniform.

While the previous uniform had a shako with a flat bar, the new ones will have a gold chain. The bulldog on each uniform will also be larger than on the previous uniforms.

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Experiences in reporting

Sideline reporter Johnny Kane speaks at sports speaker series



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Johnny Kane, a FanDuel sports network announcer, speaks to students about his career and how he entered the industry.

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Spectators gathered in the David Eisler Center ballroom for the sports speaker series featuring Johnny Kane.

This is the first sports speaker series by the Ferris State Sports Professionals Association this school year and featured FanDuel Sports Networks, Johnny Kane on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.

The sports speaker series has been something the SPA has put on multiple times in recent years, getting relevant people within the sports business to come and connect and provide information to people with similar goals and aspirations.

Kane is a veteran sideline reporter, anchor and play-by-play commentator with 19 years of experience in the sports business.

As of today, Kane, a graduate of Ohio University, is the sideline reporter on FanDuel Sports Network with the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Red Wings. He also has experience with the Detroit Tigers and 10-plus years working for news outlets.

The reason for inviting Kane to speak to students and attendees was due to the knowledge and experience Kane holds in broadcasting, according to business administration junior and SPA

president Korbyn Kahl.

"He is big in the Michigan sports community as a whole," Kahl said. "I think a lot of our sports communication people want to get into the sports business and bringing him in as one of the best in the business to speak to us was an easy decision."

The event opened with Dr. Pink introducing Kane to the crowd, providing information on how he met Kane in the past, afterwards, he gave the floor over to Kane.

Kane said when doing an event like this, he wants people to understand the grind of reporting and broadcasting and walk away with a better understanding of the job overall.

"I just want to be as real as possible of what to expect when you get into this career," Kane said. "I try to give a little bit of real-life experiences and show the people what the job is really like. Everybody's path is different and I just wanted to share my path and really explain how much of a grind it can be."

During Kane's speech, he walked the audience through his journey as a reporter, from living on the floor in a small town in Kansas to a local news station in Kansas City to where he is today as the sideline reporter for the Pistons and the Red Wings.

After he finished speaking, guests could ask questions with Kane one-on-one and take photos with him before departing.

SPA Faculty Advisor Dr. Jennifer Coburn-Engquist hopes that students were able to connect with Kane.

"I think it shows to his personality just how many people stayed to ask questions after," Coburn-Engquist said. "I want them to connect and maybe even network a little bit if they can."

Getting someone like Kane on campus to speak to students took simply just asking him said Kahl.

"Right when we got on campus in August we were trying to figure out who to get for our speaker series," Kahl said. "We found out one of our RSO members, Jonathon Hart had a connection with Kane. We thought it was a great way to open up our speaker series this year, we asked him and he was all for it."

While there are no more speaker series planned by the SPA, they fully expect the event to return in the future with the same goals in mind of connecting people who want to work in sports with the people who are doing it.



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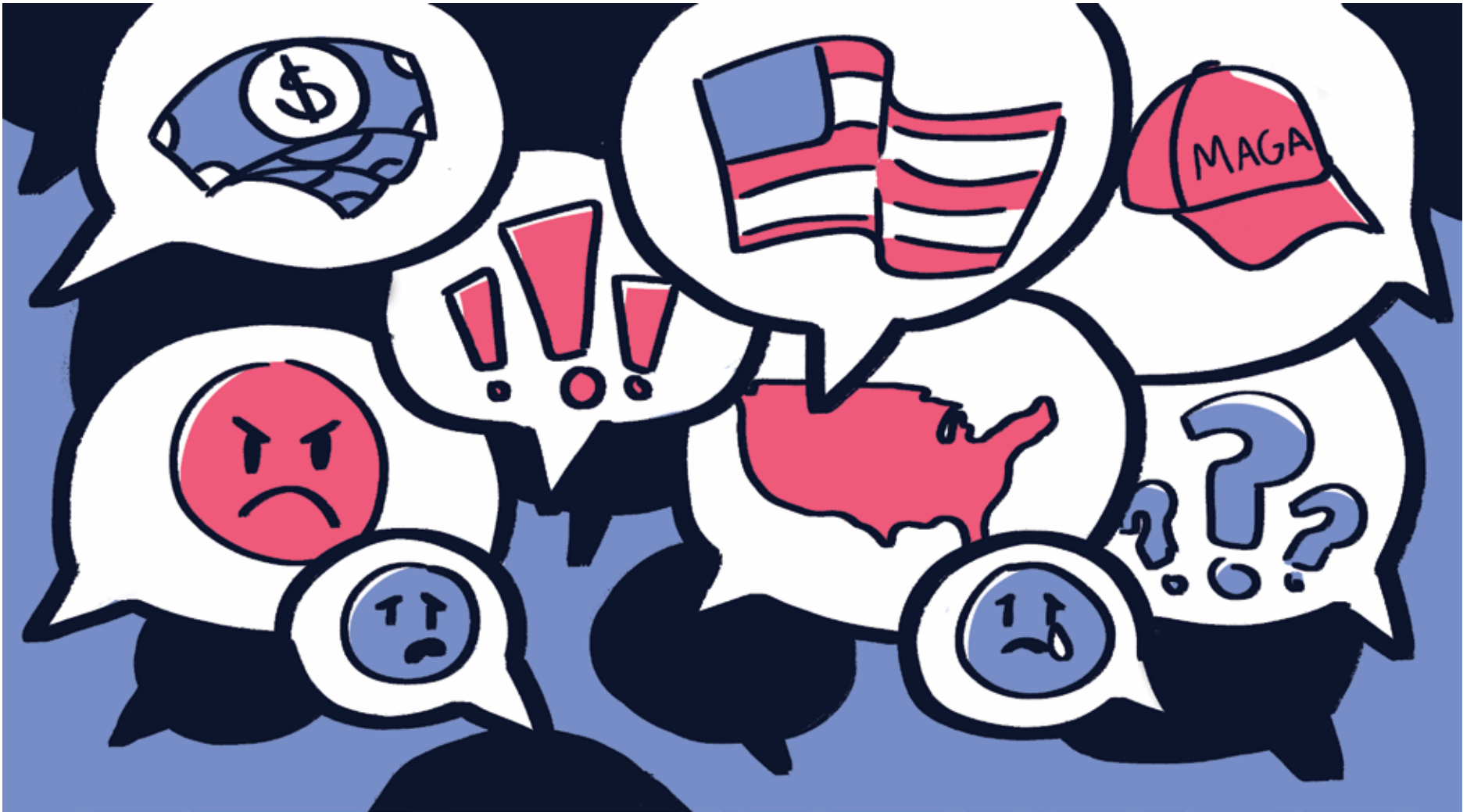
Kane talks about mistakes he made in his career, including one involving celebrities Paul Rudd and Jason Sudeikis.

Culture

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Politics and culture at Ferris

The disconnect between political beliefs and real life



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Looking around, it is obvious that many Americans are dissatisfied with the country's current culture.

Looking at social media alone, it's easy to see why many Americans are in a state of panic, stress and anxiety. When looking beyond social media and having real conversations with people about culture and politics, does it paint the same picture?

Criminal justice senior Nathan Padilla talked about his perspective on the current situation in the United States.

"I will say, whenever a new president comes into play, we definitely see a divide," Padilla said.

Some students support President Donald Trump and his policies.

Plastics engineering technology sophomore Logan Patrick reflects on how he feels about Trump and his campaign manifesto, Agenda 47.

"I like that Trump is going to make the price of living more affordable," Patrick said. "As a college student

who aspires to buy a house someday, this is great news for achieving this."

Trump's Agenda 47 outlines his plan for America's future, specifically highlighting economic growth, national security, immigration reform and reducing government interference to prioritize American citizens.

Other students have expressed disagreement with what President Trump and government officials are doing with their power.

Marketing senior David Carrier expressed how he feels about the United States currently.

"I don't necessarily agree with a lot of things that are happening right now, but I'm not exactly in a place to change a lot of it right now," Carrier said. "I'm very much an activist when I can be, very much supporting all walks of life, but I think we have a lot of stuff we need to work on as a nation together."

There are mixed views on the current culture of the United States. While many people believe the country is better than ever, others recognize there is much room for improvement.

"I think we have a lot to work on, but there are definitely things that do make us a great place to be," Carrier said. "I just think we have a lot of growth that we need to do still."

Criminal justice freshman Jacob Johnson talked about how he views Trump and his policies.

"I'm not too educated on his current policies. All I know is that I'm not too keen on his whole tariff thing," Johnson said. "That's just something that really just bothers me a little bit."

Trump has been imposing the idea that tariffs will be placed on imports from Canada, Mexico and China as he firmly believes the idea that increasing tariffs is a useful way to correct trade imbalances and protect US manufacturing.

It is clear that for many students, the political views in their homes when they were growing up greatly influenced the views they hold today.

Padilla reflected on the politics of the households in which he grew up.

"So divorced parents... my dad is very conservative, and my mom's very liberal, so I

actually grew up with both sides," Padilla said.

Padilla's situation offers a unique perspective into the complexities of politics within the family unit and how many people integrate ideas into their belief systems.

Several students cited the importance of hearing out what others have to say despite differences in opinion.

Mathematics education sophomore Mason Brook offered his take on how he was raised to view politics.

"[I was raised] conservative, but also gracious to consider other people's views and to compare them at least before coming up with something," Brook said.

It is not uncommon for people to ditch their associ-

ations with a political party if a new president they aren't fond of steps into power. This is exemplified by Johnson.

"I used to be more Republican, actually," Johnson said. "As of recently, I kind of leaned the other way because of Donald Trump and all these things he's doing, especially this new term. He's got me really upset."

It can be easy for many people to feel negatively about the current state of the United States when hatred seems to engulf everything.

Brook shared a sentiment about social media and politics, acknowledging that social media may be far-fetched and taking the political atmosphere out of proportion.

"I think it's not as polarized as it maybe initially seems," Brook said. "It can get that way, but in general, I don't think people are hating on each other in daily life."

Most students, regardless of political beliefs, have stressed the importance of respect when engaging in politics.

"We have to respect that we have differences. That doesn't mean I have to like your opinion," Padilla said. "It doesn't mean my opinion's right, or your opinion's right. I think this country needs to relearn to respect one another regardless of political beliefs."

Despite varying beliefs, it is evident that what students value most is keeping an

Embracing cringe culture

Understanding the development and moving forward



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Cringe culture is a newly developed term defined as a group of people who target others to make fun of for their interests, according to Urban Dictionary.

With this in mind, what exactly makes something cringe? According to Psychology Today, cringe is usually brought about by someone's actions that are often shared on social media. These actions cause a domino effect of second-hand embarrassment to those watching.

Cringe culture is the aftermath of these actions. Once someone's actions cause those watching to cringe, a general assumption of the things that person is associated with is created. These stereotypes then move forward to be generalized to a group of people for enjoying or expressing similar things.

Television and digital media production sophomore Kayla Muter saw herself as the stereotypical cringey middle schooler. She discovered the alternative emo style in middle school as a way of self-expression. Unfortunately, this style made her a target of bullying. Eventually, it all became too much, and

she decided that fitting in was the best option.

"I started to hide what I liked, and my whole personality. For two years I was not myself," Muter said. "I didn't get back into my interests again until my freshman year of high school."

Thanks to the time Muter had to reflect on herself during COVID-19, she decided that the things that bring her happiness, such as "My Little Pony" and "My Hero Academia," were something she shouldn't have to be made fun of for. Although these assumptions will continue to follow her around for liking and associating with certain fandoms, she's decided to ignore them and turn the term against those poking fun at her.

"I think hating someone because they're different than you is cringe," Muter said. "Get inspired, find yourself and I promise you'll be much happier."

It's not just fandoms that are considered cringe-worthy. Content creation is a big one, even though the role of content creator is more widespread in the past decade, it isn't always viewed in a positive light.

Integrative studies senior Jordan Bos has been post-

ing on the popular video app TikTok since 2020. Posting content such as get-ready-with-me's and shopping hauls, Bos uses her public platform to share and interact with others. With one of her most recent videos gaining over 92,000 views, Bos is no stranger to receiving attention on social media.

However, this attention on a public media platform comes with its risks. Not only is Bos posting content for everyone to view, but sometimes the embarrassment comes with those she knows in person coming across her account.

"It makes me feel weird when people I know find my account, I don't care for it. However, if people find my content, they find my content and with a public account it's not like I have anything to hide," Bos said.

Even for those who aren't posting their interests and hobbies on public accounts, judgment from others can still find them.

Design junior Abby Keown has been told her music taste is cringe. Since becoming a K-pop fan, she has gotten her fair share of weird looks from others.

"When I like a certain thing and [explain] my inter-

ests, people give me a weird look. I've discovered that it's really what you say after that counts," Keown said.

After attending K-Pop concerts where the audience barked at performers, Keown began to understand why the fandom gets a bad reputation. After scrolling Reddit after her first concert, she discovered that the barking from the audience was a way of calling performers "hot and attractive." Keown, who enjoys K-Pop music for the beats, choreography and music videos, often cringes at the fact that fans obsess and sexualize performers.

"One thing that comes to mind is cosplaying from certain fandoms, but it's mostly the people. Most of the cosplayers from these fandoms are not bad at all, they're friendly and super nice. It's just the one or two people that give everybody a bad name," Keown said.

While we all, as human beings, experience what it's like to find something cringe-worthy. We should all reflect on how happy our interests make us. With this reflection, we should all ask ourselves the same question, If what you enjoy doesn't harm others or yourself, why does it matter?

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Campus

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Media Minute

“Invincible” season three

Lucas Gill
Web Editor

“Invincible” season three is, so far, everything fans could’ve hoped for.

Building off of its emotional setups and explosive action sequences, the series continues to push the envelope for what a superhero show can achieve.

Based on the comic series by Robert Kirkman, Cory Walker and Ryan Ottley, the newest season premiered on Feb. 6 on Amazon Prime Video.

The last time I wrote about “Invincible,” it was in a preview for the show’s second season. I am more than happy to report that season three continues to cement the series’ reputation in excellent character writing and worldbuilding, setting the bar even higher than its previous season.

Occurring three months after season two’s finale, the story continues to follow Mark Grayson, as Invincible, and his newly strained relationship with Cecil Stedman, the director of the world’s Global Defense Agency.

The two disagree on rehabilitating supervillains to help the government, eventually leading to a falling out between them and the various superhero teams featured in the series.

The season’s other main plot point stems from the ever-looming threat of the Viltrum Empire, an army of superhuman warriors hellbent on galactic conquest, and Earth’s heroes preparing for a possible invasion.

One of the main strengths of “Invincible” is its character-driven narrative. While every season continues to offer character development for Mark and the endless burdens he must struggle with when it comes to being Earth’s main defender, the series slows down occasionally to flesh out the other members of its extensive cast.

Every side character has their own goals and motivations, feeling realistic with plenty of emotional depth.



Graphic by: Lucas Gill | Web Editor

This, combined with bringing back various antagonists from previous plot threads, creates an engaging and well-defined world.

The voice acting serves to enhance the emotional depth of these characters. “Invincible” has no shortage when it comes to its phenomenal casting choices.

Steven Yeun steals the show yet again as Mark, with an impeccable range, delivering a variety of powerful moments. Walton Goggins and J.K. Simmons also return to play Cecil Stedman and Om-

ni-Man respectively – and to a great degree.

The new members of the voice cast are more than welcome additions to the show’s ensemble. Christian Convery is introduced this season, playing Mark’s younger stepbrother Oliver.

The two have a fun dynamic and a good back-and-forth as Mark takes Oliver under his wing. Playing the series’ latest antagonist, Aaron Paul gives a very emotionally charged performance for the character of Powerplex.

Three seasons in, the art

style of “Invincible” still hails true to the original comic. My only real nitpick would be the slightly inconsistent animation. A few moments throughout can look stilted, along with various characters being over-lit, making them look a little flat.

It’s a minor detail that can be easy to miss. That said, as someone who isn’t an animator, I commend the crew’s effort in delivering action-packed fight sequences in every episode. It’s clear that a majority of the budget went to said fight scenes,

with each second being incredibly fluid and fast-paced. Every impact can be felt, and each drop of blood spilled is incredibly detailed.

To me, and plenty of others, “Invincible” continues to be a breath of fresh air regarding the modern-day superhero genre. While the show provides an endlessly creative adaptation of its source material, it doesn’t back away from nuanced, mature themes that can be tackled only in superhero fiction.

With the continued medi-

ocrity of the latest films from both Marvel and DC Studios, “Invincible” supplies a clear example of refined writing for the genre.

As of writing, the season is on its sixth episode, with one more to come before the season finale on March 13. If you were on the fence about whether to continue the series, I hope this review can serve as a reason to keep up with it. I know that I will be excited to review this season, specifically again on future re-watch.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

Democracy is dying in darkness

Changes at Washington Post raises more concerns in government



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Dylan Rider Editor in Chief

Big Tech has loomed over both society and government for a while now.

That idea is undeniable. But with Trump taking office in January, there's been a shift in Big Tech's politics that offers a spineless kowtowing to the current administration's ideologies.

The interference from the industry is both internal and external. Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency gifts the richest man in the world a ridiculous amount of power over government spending. Mark Zuckerberg's reversal of content moderation policies, including dropping fact-checkers, opens up another avenue for blatant lies to be spread.

And now, most recently, Jeff Bezos' orders for the Washington Post to be "writing every day in support and

defense of two pillars: personal liberties and free markets."

Differing opinions regarding Bezos' pillars are being directed to be "published by others."

This has led the Post's opinions editor David Shipley to resign, and rightfully so. To ignore dissenting opinions on personal liberties and free markets is absurd. It is a baffling tell of Bezos' allegiances. It's a purposefully vague outline of what you cannot write at the Washington Post. That's dangerous.

Billionaires and journalism do not mix. Yes, Bezos has every ability to do this since he owns the company. That's a given. If you think that that's where the argument regarding this ends, I believe you're quite mistaken.

This isn't the first time Bezos has enacted some political blockade on the Washington Post, as he nixed the

Post's endorsement of former presidential candidate Kamala Harris in Oct. 2024.

It's fitting that the Post's slogan is "Democracy Dies in Darkness." As of now, it feels more like a prophecy Bezos is looking to achieve rather than a warning.

Support for this measure has majorly come from the right. What a shock that the same side that housed claims that social media platforms were censoring their beliefs, which had no factual grounding, is now rooting for censoring dissension of opinions against Bezos' pillars.

Big Tech's overreach is clear. It's damaging society. Musk's purchase of X, formerly Twitter, has resulted in a 50% increase in hate speech according to a recent study.

Another study done by researchers at the University of California shows that Republicans are 21% more likely to spread misinformation during

times of "high political polarization." Something that now can breathe more freely on a less-moderated Facebook. Or a more right-leaning X platform.

This isn't the first time industries have created a stranglehold on government or society. Rail barons, oil barons, pharma barons and now tech barons paint a long history of industrial-governmental collusion.

This rebirth of the robber barons from the days of old, headed by Bezos, Musk and Zuckerberg is going to suck up to the current government either out of cowardice, fear or cronyism. Maybe all three.

No one should be thrilled about this. Anyone who is celebrating this is woefully misguided. This aristocratic oligarchy isn't your friend. They don't care about you. You are a pawn. Another dollar sign from your data that they broker.

When was it ever cool to root for these billionaires? These guys will screw you over and pervert capitalism while doing it. That's the type of people you're going to celebrate being on your side?

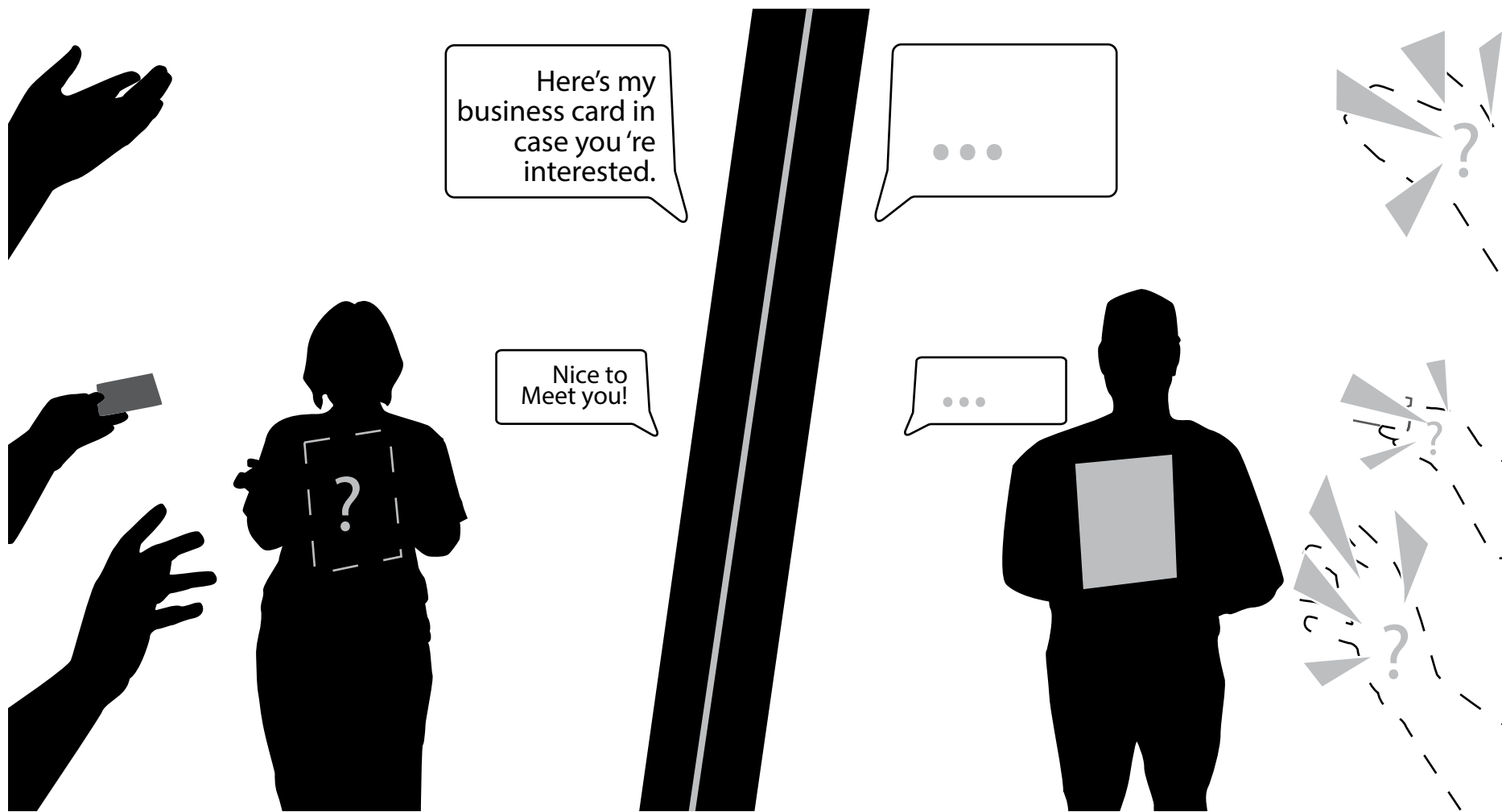
What happened to not being tread on? Where's that American fire there?

Everything happening between Big Tech and the government is not new. We've seen the rise of these barons and the fall of them. Although this iteration of them is far from over, with the country only one month into this administration's tenure, I have no intention of giving in or giving up and I don't think you should either.

It's bleak. I'd be lying to say anything otherwise. But if we make it out of all this, in any condition, it's our responsibility to remember who was complicit and stood by them.

Divided Opinions

Different majors leaving career fair empty handed



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Anthony Malinowski
Managing Copy Editor

Plenty of fish in the sea means more opportunities, but not when there are more fishermen.

As a College of Engineering Technology student, my college gets its own Career & Internship Fair timeslot due to over 100 employers looking for new engineers. With this, employers can be pickier about who they deem as qualified for a position, hence more fishermen.

Walking around the fair made me feel like I was competing with the same people I had to work with for my classes. I would see a table that

interested me and notice that one of my classmates had just recently left after talking to them. We have the same knowledge from our bachelor's degree, but how much of a difference might cause the employer to sway one way over the other?

It's not uncommon for many employers to talk to you for a while, gauge your interest, ask for your resume and finally ask for your major. More often than not, they end the conversation by stating that they are not looking to hire a soon-to-be manufacturing engineering technology graduate. The recruiters stay at their table to welcome the next student while I walk

away with one less resume, five to 10 minutes gone and the weight of knowing a company doesn't want to hire me.

I'm currently batting one for three on successful opportunities brought by the fair, with many smaller losses along the way.

Last semester, I went through the hiring process for a position after graduation. I scheduled an interview with the company in FLITE, which helped me progress to an in-person interview in Kalamazoo. This culminated in an hour-and-a-half drive that led to me getting ghosted by the company.

This semester, I went in with my head held high, only

to discover that this career fair was much like the semester's prior, potentially worse. Out of the approximately 30 companies that were looking for someone in my school, over half of them were solely looking for interns.

Discovering this fact made me feel like I was wasting my time. Although I had people who were looking for students in my major, it felt like there wasn't anyone looking for me.

The tables advertise what schools they are looking for but are not required to disclose what they are looking for upfront. A simple change to the structure of the employer sign-up would allow

students to better plan ahead for the career fair. If a table is looking for full-time workers and you're an intern, you would be able to spend more time with employers that have an interest in you.

After two hours, I left with a folder full of information about companies and only five of my starting 20 resumes remaining. If the future is like the past, I'll likely only hear back from one or two.

My sole success was with my internship during the 2024 summer. A random one-off conversation with a company that didn't have a direct interest in me spiraled into a 10-week internship in

Wisconsin. There's a shimmer of hope on the horizon, but it slowly fades as the days pass since the fair.

A career fair may offer some opportunities to some people, but acknowledging that we all face the same struggles is important. Many students who aren't in engineering struggle to find tables at the career fair because they don't have employers there for them. I sympathize with them because I understand where they are coming from.

At the end of the day, would you rather have no tables for your major or have the facade that there is?

Grace Heethuis
Culture Reporter

One of the scariest parts of being an English major is considering whether I will find a job after graduation.

Don't get me wrong, being a humanities major is an incredibly rewarding thing. Degrees in the humanities can be very valuable despite the push for more stable career fields such as STEM.

Despite the many advantages accompanying a degree in the humanities, there has been a decline in the number of students who choose to pursue such a degree. According to Yale Daily News, the percentage of seniors with humanities degrees has fallen by about

50% in the last 20 years.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, I attended the career fair at Ferris. Upon going in and looking around, I saw nothing directed toward English majors. Many humanities majors were neglected. The career fair was divided into four sections: Health studies, community, criminal justice and social work, business and teacher education.

While there were many great companies, I saw a huge lack of opportunity for people in the humanities.

At the career fair, I walked around the tables several times. I endlessly searched for something that would consider humanities majors like myself. After several laps and talking to a few tables, I

gave up my search for potential future employers.

To some people, it might seem unimportant. Maybe some people will think that I'm reaching or creating an issue that doesn't matter, but if you are somebody who works in the humanities field or is pursuing a degree in the humanities, you probably understand exactly what I'm talking about.

Studying anything in the humanities field comes with a specific set of challenges that others don't face. Humanities majors often face scrutiny from friends, family and even strangers about their field of study on top of a major lack of support surrounding the humanities.

The lack of support is an

issue resulting from the belief that degrees in the humanities are worthless. There is a huge push for stable and high-earning careers in fields, like healthcare and STEM.

Walking around the career fair felt very discouraging, especially since it was my first time attending. The career fair is widely talked about across campus long before the day of the event. Many students are excited about the opportunities that await them.

For students like me, these hopes were crushed. After reviewing the list of employers and walking around the career fair, I was saddened to realize there was not a single table geared toward English majors that weren't in educa-

tional settings.

There were plenty of tables for future English teachers and other kinds of education majors. Despite the low salary teachers combat, teaching is still a highly encouraged career. It's a bad thing, as we will always need teachers. That still doesn't dull the pain and hardship humanities students face because of the stigma surrounding our studies.

For people like myself who hope to be writers and editors, there was nothing. This isn't to say the career fair was a massive failure. I'm not here to tear the career fair apart entirely. For many students, there were great opportunities to take advantage of.

This isn't a story about how useless the career fair is. It is a call for the inclusion of students of all majors, particularly those within the humanities. In the future, when I go to the career fair, I hope to see representation for all majors, not just popular ones.

Students go to college hoping to build great careers for themselves and do what they enjoy. With the right opportunities, this can become a reality.

Ferris was built upon the idea that all students should have access to opportunities to create a better life for themselves. With greater inclusion at the career fair, this is entirely possible.

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Search continues for hockey coach

Details and possible candidates still in early stages



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Dylan Rider
Editor in Chief

Ferris State athletics' search for the hockey program's new coach is picking up steam.

After compiling a list of candidates and working with search firm DHR Global, athletics will be moving to interview an unknown amount of candidates for the position in the next few weeks.

According to Ferris State athletic director Steve Brockelbank, athletics hopes to name the team's seventh coach in program history by the end of March or early April.

"I would love to have it sometime [around] that window of the national championship game," Brockelbank said. "Whether it be a little bit prior to the national championship game or certainly shortly thereafter."

Brockelbank also stressed a balance in the search's timeliness, believing they "owe it" to the student-athletes to get a new coach in quickly while also taking the time to make a good choice.

In NCAA DI hockey, details around contracts around the league's 64 teams are hard

to find. This is no different with the CCHA, as only four of the nine teams' contract details for their head coach are easily accessible.

During the interview, Brockelbank couldn't specify what a contract for the next head coach would look like, believing that whatever it is will be "appropriate" for Ferris State. However, an Indeed posting for the position suggests that the next bench boss will be looking at an agreement at or around \$210,000 to \$230,000.

To no surprise, the rumor mill is already abuzz with candidates who could be eyed for the job. According to sources familiar with the situation, some of the program's alumni are being considered.

Names like Augustana assistant coach Taylor Nelson, University of Minnesota-Duluth assistant coach Cody Chupp, St. Thomas assistant coach Tommy Hill and Canisius head coach Trevor Large have come forward as possible replacements for the team's long-time coach Bob Daniels.

All four names were former players for the Bulldogs, as all suited up for Daniels'

program between 2000 and 2012. There's a case for each candidate outside of that they've played for Daniels.

Nelson served as an assistant coach with the program in 2014-15. Chupp, a Big Rapids native and Hill were captains at Ferris. Large has experience as a head coach with Canisius and is a Michigan native.

Daniels' involvement in the search for his replacement has been rather limited. The program has only gone to Daniels for candidate suggestions, as his 33-year career nets him a vast knowledge of the coaching landscape. Brockelbank mentioned that they may "lean on" Daniels when they start narrowing down candidates.

There are a few things left for Ferris hockey before Daniels calls it a career and his replacement is named, including a playoff series against the St. Thomas Tommies. With athletics aiming to name a successor in around a month, the Torch will provide any updates it receives on the coaching search.

Cooper Sorsen ends 48-year reign

Sorsen breaks indoor 3,000-meter record in Ferris men's track

Jasmine Baar
Videographer

For nearly five decades, the indoor 3,000-meter record in Ferris men's track remained untouched until junior Cooper Sorsen shattered it.

Competing at the Jet's Pizza Invitational at Saginaw Valley State University on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Sorsen blazed through the race in 8:13.95, surpassing the long-standing school record of 8:16.04 set by Tony Fleming in 1976.

His performance not only secured a national qualifying mark, but it cemented his name in Bulldog history.

Sorsen's momentum didn't stop there. Just two weeks later, on Feb. 15, he led the Bulldogs again at the Grand Valley State Big Meet, winning the mile run in 4:13.97.

The third fastest time ever recorded by a Ferris athlete

in the event. With each race, Sorsen continues to raise the bar, proving himself as one of the top distance runners in the program's history.

However, his focus was on being a supportive teammate and running strong. If he hits his goal, great. If not, there would be other chances. The last thing he wanted was to put unnecessary pressure on himself and slip into the wrong headspace.

"I knew the record was possible, but I couldn't fixate on it," Sorsen said. "Because if I focused on that number too much, the pressure would build up and that's not the mindset I wanted to be in before a race. I had to take it seriously but not too seriously. That balance is what worked for me."

For Sorsen, breaking the record wasn't part of the plan, it was a surprise.

After wrapping up the cross-country season in the fall, Sorsen sat down with his

coaches to map out his goals for the indoor track season.

One of the key targets they set was hitting 8:20 in the 3k. It was an ambitious but realistic goal for Sorsen. Heading into the Jet's Pizza Invitational, Sorsen wasn't fixated on hitting that number, not yet.

Breaking the 3,000-meter record was a milestone moment, but Sorsen wasn't done making his mark.

In the GLIAC Indoor Championships this past weekend, Sorsen snapped the record again, posting an 8:14.12 in the 3,000-meter race, earning him a third-place finish.

When Sorsen first joined the program as a freshman, he looked up to Donis Harris, a standout senior who left his name all over the Ferris record books.

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Junior Cooper Sorsen broke a men's track record that was set in 1976.

Hockey rolls into CCHA Tournament

Bulldogs bring strong regular season finish into first-round playoff series



Photo by: Jordan Wilson | Multimedia Editor

Ferris split their final home series.

Devin Wardrop
Freelance Reporter

After wrapping up their regular season, Bulldog hockey will play St. Thomas in a best-of-three-game series for the first round of the

CCHA playoffs.

Ferris State (13-18-3, 12-13-1 in CCHA) collected four of a potential six points in last weekend's series against the Northern Michigan Wildcats, propelling them to sixth place in the

CCHA conference.

The sixth-seed bid is an improvement for the Bulldogs, as they finished in eighth place last season with a record of 10-22-2. Part of Ferris' success draws from a late-season push where the Bulldogs went 6-3-1 in their last 10 games.

Senior forward Zach Faremouth has been a key contributor to the Bulldogs' winning ways, posting eight points in his last eight games (5-3-8), but he deflected the praise to the team around him.

"I credit my linemates," Faremouth said. "I think they're finding me in the right areas, and I'm putting myself in a position to be able to accept the pass and get a shot off."

Ferris is led in scoring by redshirt sophomore forward Cole Burtch (7-18-25). Behind Burtch is junior forward and Hobey Baker nominee Caiden Gault (14-9-23) and senior forward Kaleb Ergang

(6-14-20). Gault has played in 34 games, while Burtch and Ergang have appeared in 33 for the Bulldogs.

Gault reiterated that his successful play stems from hard work on the off days.

"Just preparation," Gault said. "My mindset, just kind of being myself out there and playing the way that got me here. My linemates have been helping me out a lot and just working hard in practice and just working hard every day as much as they can."

Meanwhile, Michigan transfer Noah West continues to tend the goal for Ferris, starting in 32 games. West has a 3.14 goals-against average as well as a .904 save percentage.

While Ferris has been successful in its final stretch of the regular season, the Tommies enter the playoffs on a five-game win streak.

St. Thomas (16-13-5, 13-9-4 in CCHA) has four players with 20 or more points on

the season. Senior forward Liam Malmquist (13-23-36) leads the team in scoring, with junior forward Lucas Wahlin (16-19-35) behind him.

Junior goaltender Aaron Trotter has started 19 of the 21 games he's played in. Trotter comes into the game with a 2.63 goals-against average and a .909 save percentage.

Despite hitting the road for the playoffs, head coach Bob Daniels isn't concerned with the matchup.

"We would love to be at home for the playoffs," Daniels said. "However, our records have been pretty good on the road, probably equal to our home record. We've played them there before too, at St. Thomas. So, to go back there, it's not going to be foreign to us."

Even this late into the season, Daniels continues to make changes to the Bulldogs' lineup.

Daniels mentioned a

change he made in Saturday's game against Northern Michigan, moving Burtch to right wing from his primary center position, pairing him up with junior Tyler Schleppe and junior forward Gavin Best on the first line.

"I think that line clicked pretty quickly," Daniels said. "We've been experimenting with it because I want to see those guys together. That line has been pretty potent with them."

Despite dropping down to three lines, Daniels said he "probably will" carry over the lines into the playoff series, further expressing his excitement about the second line too, consisting of Faremouth, Ergang and Gault.

The CCHA Mason Cup best-of-three Quarterfinals will start on Friday, March 7, and play through the weekend, ending on Sunday, March 9. The puck drop will be announced at a later date.

Bulldogs look to repeat history

Men's basketball attempts to secure automatic bid in NCAA tournament



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The Bulldogs finished their regular season and are now moving onto the GLIAC championships.

Caden Hofmann
Special Editions Editor

Ferris men's basketball team is aiming to win back-to-back GLIAC tournament championships.

The Bulldogs finished a successful regular season with a 24-7 record and a 14-6 record in the GLIAC. This campaign has secured Ferris the No. 3 seed in the conference tournament.

The top eight seeds in the conference make the tournament, and Ferris will host sixth-seeded Wayne State in the tournament's quarterfinals on Wednesday, March 6.

The Bulldogs look to have

some repeat success this year after winning the tournament last year with a win over Grand Valley State in the championship game, eventually making it to the Elite Eight in the DII NCAA tournament.

Four of the Bulldogs' five starters were key rotation players on last season's team, including senior Reece Hazelton, who says the experience will be a large part of how far they make it.

"It does help a lot that we have guys who played in last year's run," Hazelton said. "We are a pretty young team overall, but I think over the season we have gotten closer and gained experience as

we go. We are all going to come out and be ready to play."

Ferris split the season series with Wayne State at one game apiece, the most recent matchup being a Warrior win on Feb. 27 in an 83-75 victory.

The Bulldogs will have to key in on the Wayne State guard tandem of sophomore guard Jordan Briggs and junior guard Carmelo Harris. In the last game, they struggled against the backcourt, as the two combined for 44 points while shooting 100% (17-17) from the free-throw line.

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Ferris chases GLIAC crown

Women's basketball aims for deep playoff run

Nolan Matthews
Sports Reporter

The Bulldogs overcame a rollercoaster year and secured the third seed alongside home-court advantage for the GLIAC tournament.

A season removed from their NCAA DII National Semifinals run, women's basketball can earn another Midwest Regional Tournament bid with success in the conference tournament.

After securing home-court advantage, senior guard Kenzie Bowers knows the fans will make a difference in this upcoming game.

"It is such a great feeling having home-court advantage," Bowers said. "We have the absolute best fans in the GLIAC and there is nothing like playing on your own home court. We know our court, hoops and rims better than anyone in the world, so with that and our excellent fans I am excited for that advantage in this game."

With the bracket finalized, the Bulldogs (19-10, 13-7 in GLIAC) are set to host the six-seeded Roosevelt Lakers (12-14, 10-10 in GLIAC). When the two teams last faced off, the Bulldogs lost to the Lakers by a score of 83-73 on Feb. 3 but took home

a win against the Lakers earlier in the year.

Junior forward Mya Hiram is thrilled to get another chance at Roosevelt after dropping a game against them.

"I know myself personally, I am excited to get another crack at Roosevelt," Hiram said. "We split the season series against them, and they are a rising team this season in the GLIAC, so I am quite excited to get the chance to play them again."

This season was full of highs and lows for Ferris. The Bulldogs won seven of their first 10 games to start the season, and some athletes set career highs like Mia Riley posting 33 points against Purdue Northwest. However, Ferris saw senior guard Kady Blanchard suffer a season-ending injury midway through the year while leading the team in scoring.

The Bulldogs will be heading into the tournament on somewhat of a low note, finishing the final 10 games of the season 5-5 while dropping the final two games of the season against Wayne State and Saginaw Valley.

Junior guard Emma Schierbeek knows the tournament will be a challenge, but the team is ready for a fight.



Photo by: Abe Kraus | Torch Photographer

Senior guard Kenzie Bowers has averaged 10.8 points in the 29 games she played this season.

"I think losing our last two games has lit a fire under us," Schierbeek said. "Now we understand that it's win or go home. So, we need to have a lot of energy going into Wednesday to win and hopefully carry that energy into every game we get."

The Bulldog's scoring stems from a balanced attack. This includes junior guard Mia Riley, who is top

five in points per game in the GLIAC, averaging 14.5, while accumulating 3.2 assists, six rebounds and three steals per game. Meanwhile, Bowers averages 11 points per game, with a team-leading 6.4 rebounds and two steals per game.

If the Bulldogs want a chance to defeat the Lakers, they will have to stifle one of the best players in the GLIAC,

the senior guard Luka Malinka. The Denmark native sits in second place in the GLIAC for points per game with 15.4, but the Bulldogs have been able to shut her down previously.

In their first matchup, Ferris made Malinka shoot 0-8, with her lone two points coming from free throws, with Ferris coming out on top. However, in the second

game, she shot 9-15 with six three-pointers and totaled 27 points in the Bulldogs loss.

The Bulldogs are set to face off against the Lakers in the first round of the GLIAC tournament at Jim Wink Arena on Wednesday, March 5. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.

RUN IN CONFERENCE CONT.

Junior guard Tyler Hamilton knows the Bulldogs need to be prepared for Wednesday.

"We have to be ready to play no matter what," Hamilton said. "Their guards killed us last game, we need to be able to contain them and dominate the glass if we want to win."

The defense will be a

major point of emphasis for Ferris in their pursuit of the NCAA tournament. They finished the regular season with the sixth-best defense in the GLIAC, allowing 70.9 points per game, but have allowed 77.3 points per game to the eight teams in the tournament field.

Although the points allowed per game are in the middle of the pack for Ferris, they still allow the lowest field goal percentage in

the GLIAC at just 39.8% per game.

They will need to hone in on the glass to make a run similar to last season.

During the regular season, the Bulldogs were the best rebounding team in the conference, pulling in 40.2 rebounds per game. Ferris has been able to use their size and effort in the front court to bully teams inside all season.

Junior center Nate Claer-

baut believes the team is going to need to be successful inside to make it far in the postseason.

"Our goal all year has been to work the ball inside out," Claerbaut said. "When we can get those looks inside and clean up the glass on the other end it makes everybody else's jobs so much easier and allows us to control the game how we want."

The Bulldogs' three-point shooting will also need an

uptick, they finished third in the conference, shooting 39.6% from three and will need to continue that mark as each game becomes more important than the last.

If Ferris can win the GLIAC tournament, they will receive an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. If not, it will be up to the committee to decide if their resume is enough to make the field.

The Bulldogs have made

the tournament each of the last four seasons and attempt to make it five seasons in a row.

The quarterfinals will be Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. If the Bulldogs were to advance, the semifinals take place on Saturday, March 8 before the finals on Sunday, March 9.

COOPER SORSEN CONT.

"He couldn't end up getting the 3k record, which is funny now because I got it but he still holds more records so far," Sorsen said.

Harris, the school's 5,000-meter record holder with a time of 14:24.16, set

the standard for what was possible. Now, Sorsen is following in those footsteps, making his own mark.

"Donis was a pivotal person in my life, it was so good to see what he could do," Sorsen said. "As a freshman, I really wanted to be like him. Now I'm at a point where I

could be on that level."

Even after graduating, Harris remains closely connected to Ferris State track and field.

Many of the upperclassmen on the team now were freshmen when Harris was a senior. Whenever he can, he makes the trip to support the

team, knowing how special those bonds are.

"Cooper was always a great kid and a hard worker, and it's been amazing watching him grow and become the athlete he is today," Harris said.

While Harris left his legacy, he never let records define

him. His mindset was always about racing first. The numbers were just "in the back of his head."

As for being someone younger athletes looked up to, Harris never set out to be a role model. He simply showed up, put in the work, and led by example.

Now, the cycle continues. Just as Sorsen once looked up to Harris, he's carving out his own place in Bulldog history, leaving a path for the next generation to follow.

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