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ArtPrize Seven in Grand Rapids

# \$18.6 MILLION

## Ferris receives large refund due to accounting mistake

**Devin Anderson and Angela Graf**

What would you do with a surprise \$18.6 million?

An accounting oversight by a state retirement program resulted in Ferris State University being refunded \$17.3 million with another \$1.3 million on the way, President David Eisler recently announced.

“With this unexpected additional resource, we are poised to make a positive difference for our students,” Eisler said in a university-wide notice. “This is a very exciting and welcome development.”

During an internal review, Michigan’s Office of Retirement Services discovered the Michigan Public Schools Employee Retirement System (MPSERS) has been receiving overpayments by Ferris for its pension fund since 1997. Ferris received the overpayment through the end of 2014 plus interest accrued, totaling \$17.3 million. At the end of the fiscal year, another \$1.3 million is expected for overpayment in 2015.

“With this opportunity, I believe in the strongest possible way that we should use these funds to help our students, who need more scholarship and financial support,” Eisler said. “We can and should put this refund to work to help our students not just today, but tomorrow and into the future.”

Ferris English major Jessica Barger agrees the money should be used to reduce student debt.

“It should definitely focus on the students that are paying to go here,” Barger said. “It’s middle class people that are out of the tax bracket where they can’t get a lot of help unless they really fight for it. Even if they do well it’s nothing compared to tuition and food bills.”

La Shai Watson, a pre-respiratory care major, had more specific ideas for how to spend the money. “I would really love digital display boards in the res-

idence halls” Watson said. “They would make things easier for the RAs and would look a lot better. Also, I think they should reopen a place to eat on the west side of campus.”

Marc Sheehan, communications officer for Eisler, said the focus of spending the refund will definitely be on students; it’s just a matter of how.

“To say that the refund was a surprise is an understatement,” Sheehan said. “The question is, what’s the right mechanism to reduce student debt? There’s going to be continued discussion about how things will play out.”

Sheehan mentioned an endowment fund for scholarships and the price of tuition as considerations. Ferris’ board of trustees, however, must approve any spending decision.

One use for the funds enacted immediately by Ferris was the placement of \$837,000 into the Ferris Foundation for student scholarships to be awarded next year.

Six other Michigan universities also received sizable refunds from the state.



David Eisler  
Ferris State University



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Ferris Bulldogs on the ice for the intrasquad Crimson and Gold game this weekend.

## Hockey gears up for WMU

**Cody Burkhard**  
Ferris State Torch

After a premature ending to last year’s season in the WCHA Tournament at the hands of Minnesota State (score 4-0), the Ferris State Hockey team is reloaded and ready for another great season. The Bulldogs had a rough season in their second year (2014-2015) being in the WCHA after winning the conference title a year before. They posted a .750 winning percentage in the first year of joining (2013-2014) but dropped below .500 last year in conference (ranked fifth in conference).

This record was partially a result of a slump that is unprecedented in the last five years for Ferris State. They lost 11 out of

13 games during this stretch including four to Minnesota State.

Since Ferris State has been apart of the WCHA, they have never beaten Minnesota State. A rivalry needs wins on both sides to be relevant and (R) senior defenseman Simon Denis believes they are more than ready.

“From our point of view, Minnesota State is our biggest rivals. We see the success that we’ve had and we see where we need to go to get there again. We can get championships. We can get rings,” said Denis. “We’re confident in our team and we know we can go out and play and beat them.”

Simon Denis is a part of a group of senior defensemen

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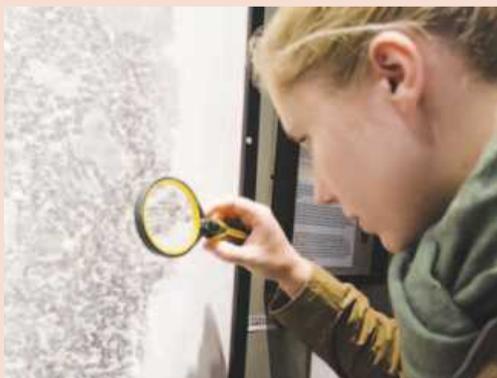
## Refunded Schools

- Central Michigan University - \$32 million
- Western Michigan University - \$24.2 million
- Eastern Michigan University - \$19 million
- Ferris State University - \$18.6 million**
- Michigan Technological University - \$11.7 million
- Northern Michigan University - \$9 million

\*Lake Superior State University will also receive a refund



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# NEWS

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“Learning outside of the classroom and comparing it to what we’ve learned in class is what I am most excited for.”

- *Jacqueline Saunders*

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## Grant for drug research awarded



Photo by: Kip Biby | Ferris State Torch

Dr. Eric Nybo conducts preliminary anxiety research with Ferris graduate students Jacqueline Saunders and Kayla Maki at Ferris' new Shimadzu laboratory.

### Ferris professor, students to research anxiety treatment

**Kip Biby**

*Ferris State Torch*

Ferris students will research treatments for anxiety this semester in Ferris' new Shimadzu lab.

Assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences Dr. Eric Nybo was awarded a \$70,000 grant from the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation to study new ways to treat anxiety.

“The university is placing a lot of importance on scientific research,” Nybo said. “Every

day I get to wake up and do research in these facilities it is a great day. It is a dream job.”

Research will be conducted by Nybo and students in the Shimadzu Core Laboratory for Academic and Research Excellence (SCLARE). The brand new lab, located in the College of Arts and Sciences, is equipped with \$1.5 million worth of high-powered research equipment which includes several mass spectrometers.

Second-year pharmacy graduate students Jacqueline Saun-

ders and Kayla Maki were hired to assist Dr. Nybo in his research.

“The experience kind of supplements what we learn in school,” said Saunders. “Learning outside of the classroom and comparing it to what we’ve learned in class is what I am most excited for.”

“We have all these new machines here now, it’s definitely something you don’t get to do just in class,” Maki said

Saunders double-majored in human biology and environmental economics and policy

at Michigan State University. Maki earned her undergraduate from Grand Valley State University in biomedical sciences. Both expressed their excitement for the research.

The goal of the research is to create valerenic acid, the active ingredient found in the over the counter supplement valerian root, from bacteria. It is understood that valerenic acid is effective in treating anxiety.

The grant funds research to be conducted at SCLARE through January, 2018.

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# Fraternity house break in

A roundup of this week's crime at Ferris State University. All calls might not be reported.

### Banner thief

Sept. 21, officers received complaint of five Ferris homecoming banners, valued at \$200 each, being stolen from various locations. The investigation continues.

### Vulgar messages

Sept. 24, 7:50 a.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint at the Academic Support Center. Someone wrote vulgar messages on the door and then fled. Officers were called to the ASC again the next day for similar messages. The investigation continues.

### Dude, where's my bike?

Sept. 24, 5 p.m., report of a stolen bicycle from bike racks near The Rock.

### Caught with wax

Sept. 24, 7:50 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana odor complaint at Clark Hall. One student was ticketed for the possession of marijuana wax and lodged in the county jail.

### Weed smell

Sept. 25, 10:10 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana odor complaint at Ward Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for marijuana.

### Too drunk

Sept. 27, 12:15 a.m., officers investigated a suspicious subject near Vandercook Hall. The subject was highly intoxicated and transported to the hospital.

### Unlucky passenger

Sept. 27, 1:20 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle for an illegal U-turn on South Street near State Street. The passenger of the vehicle had an outstanding warrant from Benton Harbor for a felony invasion of privacy and was lodged in the county jail.

### Cross-faded

Sept. 27, 2:10 a.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint at Merrill Hall. No marijuana was found, but the subject was ticketed for minor in possession of alcohol and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

### Another stolen bike

Sept. 27, 3:05 p.m., report of a stolen bicycle from near Hallisy Hall.

### Fight at FLITE

Sept. 27, 5:15 p.m., officers responded to two disorderly subjects near FLITE. One subject assaulted the other and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

### Stolen parts

Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., report of a catalytic converter stolen from a car in Lot 3.

### Stolen bike returned

Sept. 29, 7 p.m., officers responded to the report of a stolen bicycle near Bond Hall. A suspect was located and the bike was returned. The suspect was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Huron County.

### Weed in Cramer Hall

Oct. 1, 12:05 a.m., officers assisted Cramer Hall staff with a marijuana complaint. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for marijuana.



## Fraternity house break-in

Sept. 27, 2:05 a.m., the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety responded to a break-in complaint at 116 North Stewart Street, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house. One suspect destroyed a composite on the wall and was escorted out of the residence. He returned a short while later with a few other subjects and assaulted the residents. The subjects fled and several have since been identified as members of the Ferris football team. The investigation continues.

## He just won't leave

Sept. 24, 6:45 p.m., officers responded to a fraud complaint at The Rock. The subject had presented another student's ID to get into The Rock and was removed. On Sept. 27, the same subject was located trespassing near Top Taggart field and was lodged in the county jail. The next day at 8 p.m., the same subject was seen trespassing at the West Campus Community Center. He fled before police arrived and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

# TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

**Devin Anderson**  
News Editor

### Majors and minors expo

The College of Arts and Sciences Majors, Minors and More Expo will provide students an opportunity to discover more about Ferris' program offerings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Williams Auditorium lobby. Students interested in CAS majors or minors will have the chance to interact with professors, department heads and students immersed in a variety of industries.

### Think Pink Week

Zeta Tau Alpha will begin "Think Pink Week" on Monday, Oct. 12 to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. The week of events will culminate on Saturday, Oct. 17 with a dodge ball tournament. For more information, visit [facebook.com/zetaomegathinkpink](http://facebook.com/zetaomegathinkpink).

### Disability Awareness Month

October is Disability Awareness Month at Ferris. Several events will promote discussion on disability, including the recent disability resource fair in Williams Auditorium. Next will be the student speaker series, "Does the ADA Matter?" at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 in IRC 120. Other events include wheelchair basketball on Oct. 17, another speaking series titled "Facing Our Discomfort" on Oct. 20 and a talk by New York Times best-selling author Capt. Luis Carlos Montalvan on Oct. 28.

### Ferris Online named best in Michigan

Ferris Online has been named [affordablecollegesonline.org](http://affordablecollegesonline.org)'s best online college in Michigan. Affordable Colleges praises Ferris for its affordability and variety of courses.

### Fewer students' financial aid suspended

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships reported there are 127 fewer students on suspended financial aid this semester than in fall 2014. Students who have not made substantial academic progress toward degree completion can have their financial aid suspended.



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**Tickets** are required for all ceremonies. All students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to access/print starting November 5, 2015. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced.  
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### Saturday, December 19

Time	College
10:00 am	College of Art & Sciences College of Education & Human Services College of Engineering and Technology
1:30 pm	College of Business College of Health Professions

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Photo by: Devin Anderson | News Editor

A roar of booming beats from Music on the Muskegon's drum circle came to a halt for Ann Arbor's Applesseed Collective to take the stage in Hemlock Park.

# Music on the Muskegon celebrates world culture

**Devin Anderson**  
News Editor

Rainy weather didn't stop Ferris students and the Big Rapids community from enjoying music, food and activities last Saturday at Hemlock Park. Music on the Muskegon was a music industry management-sponsored music festival featuring performances by a variety of West Michigan performers including Applesseed Collective, Cabildo and An Dro. The festival featured varying cuisine from Big Rapids vendors, and the Big Rapids Jaycees served Michigan beer and hosted games in Hemlock's baseball diamond.

According to Music on the Muskegon coordinator and Music Industry Management Association President Josh Olszewski, the weather was a bit of a challenge. The main stage and several activities had to be moved to Hemlock's picnic pavilion to keep equipment dry. Still, Olszewski was enthusiastic about the turnout from both Ferris students and Big Rapids residents. "It's been a wonderful experience," Olszewski said. "For the cards we were dealt, it couldn't have gone better." Between musical acts, Music on the Muskegon's drum circle was the center of attention. Many attendees par-

ticipated in a recycled drum workshop, where they used recyclable material to craft their own percussive instruments. "Even with the rain, it's been fun," said Ferris hospitality management sophomore Tana Johnson. "Lots of people and good vibes." The music industry management program approached the city of Big Rapids in March seeking approval to host the concert in Hemlock Park. The mission of the festival was to bring people together to celebrate culturally diverse food and entertainment. "Nothing like this has happened in a long time and I think people are excited about that," he said.

## Minds Aflame explores globalization



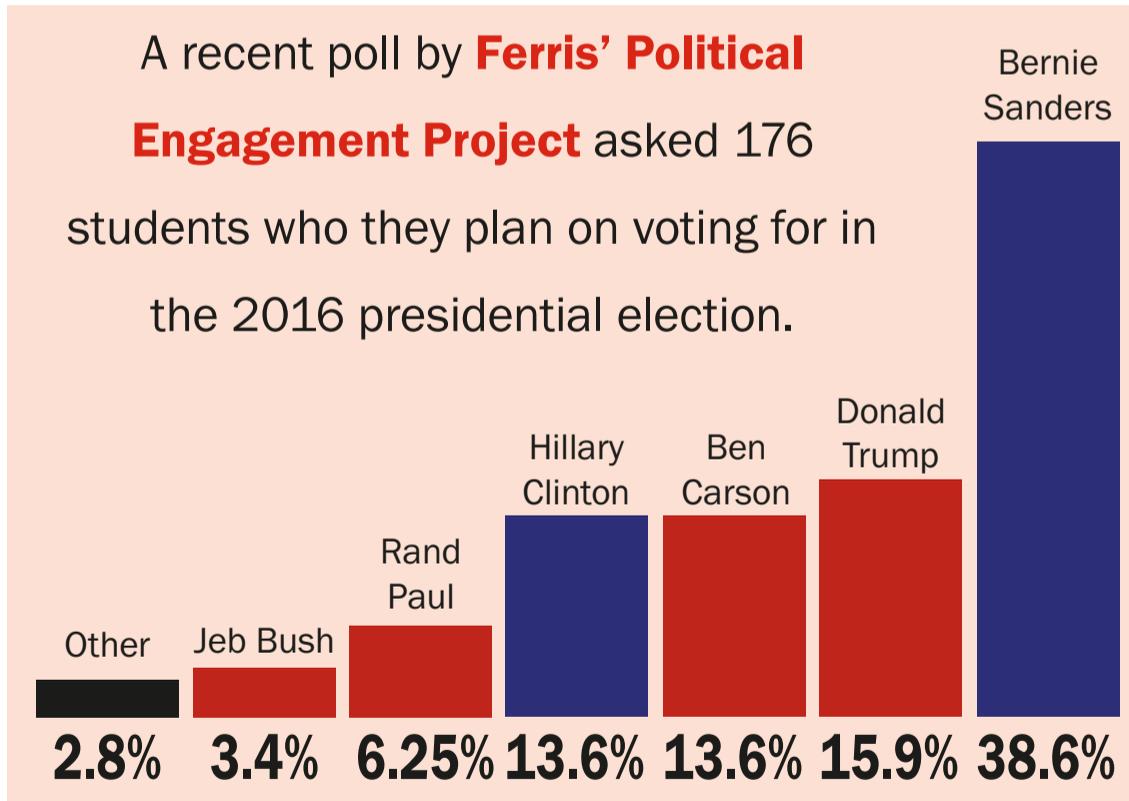
Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Hip-hop artist OLMECA speaks to students and faculty about the impact of immigration at Minds Aflame.

**Mari Ann Loucks**  
Ferris State Torch

The Beyond series hosted its flagship event; Minds Aflame, in Williams Auditorium. Students of all walks of life gathered to engage in the discussion of globalization. Minds Aflame featured talks from industry experts, Ferris professors and students. Among the speakers was Student Government President Wayne Bersano, who did a spoken word poetry piece with Enefe Adaji. Bersano spent a semester studying abroad in Germany and saw first-hand how globalization impacts the world. Adaji, an international student from Nigeria, has also seen the impact of globalization. When Adaji approached Bersano about the possibility of doing a spoken word piece for Minds Aflame, Bersano immediately jumped on board. "When I ran for president, one of my core values was diversity and I'm passionate about it in my personal life, which is why I

studied abroad," said Bersano, a hospitality management major. "I'm a huge promoter of diversity and Minds Aflame brought that information to students." "Minds Aflame was similar to a Ted Talks series, specific to diversity and globalization," Bersano said. "The spoken word poetry was composed of many different students' stories dealing with diversity, my own story included. We wanted to talk about stereotypes and how you can't judge a book by its cover." Aly Hill, a public health major, said that she enjoyed the similarities of Minds Aflame to Ted Talks. "I thought it was really interesting and I feel like I learned a lot about globalization that is going to help me when I take my upcoming trip to Honduras," Hill said. "My favorite part was the spoken word poetry that was done by Wayne and Enefe. It was very moving." Other speakers at Minds Aflame included Dr. Olukemi Fadayomi, Dr. Paul Blake, David Whitman, Asher Jay, Dr. Jacqueline Peacock, Dr. Peter Bradley, David Murcko and Olmecca.



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# FSU Blood drive: tapping a vein

Angela Graf  
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Every two seconds, someone in the United States is in need of a lifesaving blood transfusion. That is more than 41,000 people every single day. Last week, students at Ferris made a dent in that demand by donating blood.

The blood drive, hosted by the American Red Cross, took place at the West Campus Community Center last Thursday. According to blood drive supervisor Chris Stafford, 33 pints of blood were collected with 31 pints usable.

“The goal was 32-35 pints, so it was a good day,” Stafford said.

Nearly 40 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, while only about 10 percent do each year.

“I found out that I have O negative blood and everybody needs O negative, so why not?” said Ferris criminal justice student Pandora Kurtz. “That’s the only blood that everybody can have. The thing that sucks is that we can only receive O negative.”

In fact, only seven percent of the population has O negative blood and they are known as universal donors because their blood can go to anyone in need. O negative blood is in high demand specifically for this reason. It is often used in emergency situations when there isn’t time to determine a patient’s blood type.

Student Government President Wayne Bersano claims to have donated a gallon of blood by his freshman year in college.



Pandora Kurtz  
Ferris State University



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

Casey Hanson opts to donate twice the amount of red blood cells using this machine, which collects double the red blood cells but returns most of the plasma to the donor.

“You can save up to three lives when you donate blood and if I was in a situation where I needed blood, I wouldn’t want there to be a shortage,” Bersano said. “So if I can help someone

out, that’s what it’s all about.” The American Red Cross will be hosting three more blood drives at Ferris this semester. The blood drives will take place at the West Campus Community Center on Thursday, Nov. 5 from noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. To sign up or learn more about the American Red Cross, you can visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



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Ferris dental hygiene student Emily Baughman gives blood at the West Campus Community Center last Friday.

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# LIFESTYLES

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"I think the piece is unique and it adds character because they are students who actually go here."

- Amber McKeever

See page 8 for story

# Learning to love yourself

## FSU student subject of ArtPrize piece

**Hailey Klingel**  
Lifestyles Editor

If you go to ArtPrize, you might see one of Ferris' very own students as the subject of an art piece.

Emily Garlick, an integrative studies senior, is displayed on a near life-size picture titled "Empowerment through Emily's story." Garlick is in an elegant gown in front of her walker, which she has because she has cerebral palsy, a movement disorder. Over the picture is a poem written by Garlick titled "My Walker Does Not Define Me."

The image was taken by Bri Luginbill, a 2011 Grand Valley graduate who now owns a photography studio in downtown Grand Rapids. Garlick said she had a photo shoot done last year for Luginbill's "Go Boldly, Love Your Body" campaign. A few months ago, Garlick said Luginbill reached out to her again and asked if she could use the picture and poem for her ArtPrize entry.

"It's been kind of surreal for both of us," Garlick said. "I don't think when I said yes I realized how big of a deal it was going to be."

Luginbill said she chose Garlick out of all the people she's photographed because of Garlick's positivity.

"Emily stood out to me because she was the most positive person that I photographed and yet she probably struggled with some of the most intense adversity I'd ever seen," Luginbill said. "She was very confident with her body image when I met her and was outgoing and willing to talk to anyone who wanted to talk about body image positivity."

Garlick said her positivity came from years of realization and attitude changes.

"I used to spend a lot of time wanting to be like everyone else," Garlick said. "For a long time I didn't like being different. I didn't like [having a walker] and I didn't like that everything was harder. But I realized, in the past decade, that nobody is normal, and normality is an illusion. A lot of people you meet, you never know what their struggle is or what they've been through or had to deal with. We



Submitted Photo

Emily Garlick pictured at ArtPrize on opening night, where she saw Luginbill's piece for the first time.

all have our challenges and this is just mine and that's okay."

The message of Garlick's poem is that her challenge is just more visible than most people's and she hopes someday everyone can appreciate each other's bodies.

"I think attitude is a big thing," Garlick said. "It frames your whole life. I could be really depressed about this and I could choose to be really negative about it, but to me, that's a waste of time. I totally have bad days, but in general, I'm just living my life and doing my thing. In a way, it's kind of like the ArtPrize thing is a huge deal and I'm very flattered, but at the same time, I don't think of myself as that cool. I'm just a person trying to live my life."

Luginbill said working with Garlick was an eye-opening experience.

"Working with Emily made me a more positive person," Luginbill said. "She has a way of lighting up a room. She has a great attitude and charisma that's contagious. You can't help but



Photo courtesy of Bri Luginbill

be in a better mood after just being with her for 30 minutes. She's been through more obstacles than most, but maintained a higher positivity than many."

The aspects of Garlick's life that do define her are her love of music, her church and horseback riding. Garlick is in the Big

Rapids women's choir, Voca Lyrica, and is the children's choir director at United Church. All of these combined with her "good community of people in [her] life" have helped her develop the mindset she has today.

"If you feel good about yourself internally, it's going to show

on the outside," said Garlick. "You're going to be this magnet person and people are going to want to be around you."

Luginbill and Garlick's photograph is on the second floor of DeVos Place. The vote code is 61842. ArtPrize goes through Wednesday, Oct. 11.

# ArtPrize thoughts



**Aubrey Kemme**  
Ferris State Torch

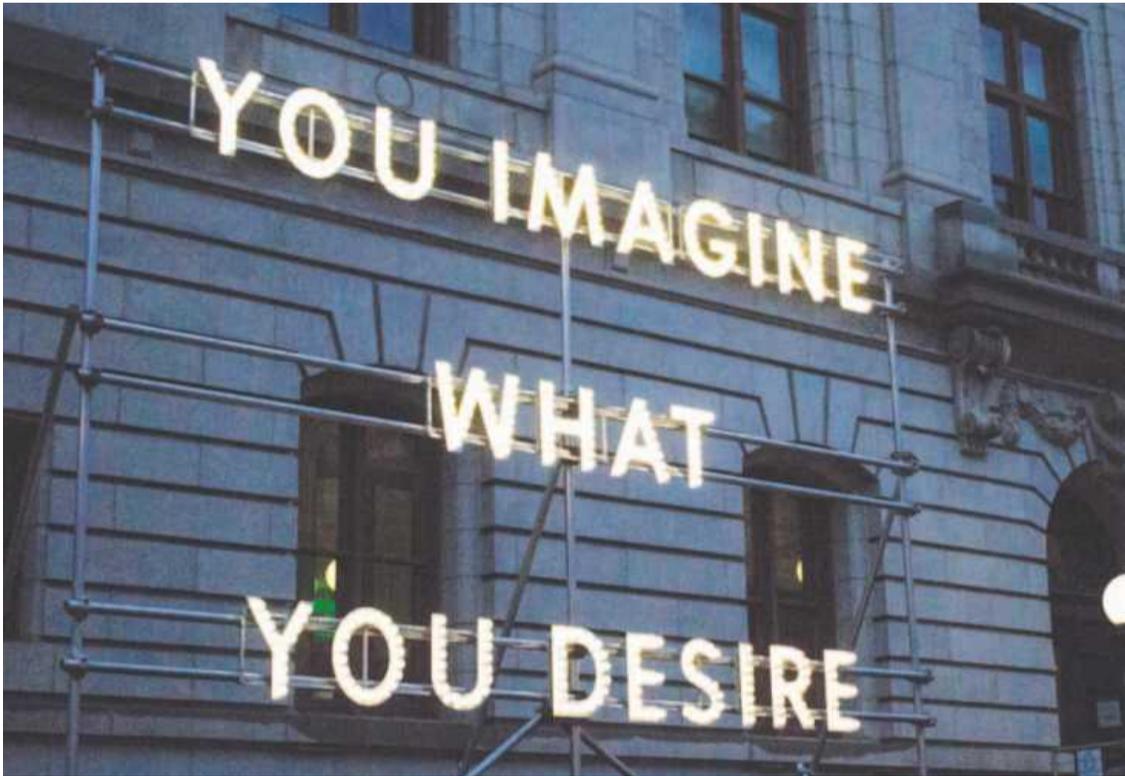


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This piece can be seen outside of the KCAD Federal Building.



**Shelby Soberalski**  
Production Assistant

You know what gets me excited about West Michigan? Our seemingly endless love for art. The art never stops and if you are an avid art lover like me, you need to check out ArtPrize.

In the beautiful city of Grand Rapids, every year, is the art competition that has grown into something larger than itself. With over 200 venues and artists from all over the world, it's amazing how something like ArtPrize originated in West Michigan. This competition has gotten so large it is starting to branch into other parts of the country. There is now going to be an ArtPrize in Houston in 2016.

I love all art and it is often hard for me to pick a favorite piece or venue. This year, the B.O.B. has some really neat things to see and was probably my favorite venue. An artist made life-like statues of Angelina Jolie and Tom Cruise out of crayons on the second floor. Yes, Crayola Crayons. Why didn't I think of that?

Also on the second floor, Todd and Brad Reed Photography of Ludington had their newest book "Todd and Brad Reed's Michigan: Wednesdays in the Mitten" and large prints of pictures from their book on display.

To me, it is amazing that this competition can draw so many artists from all over the world, but also have amazing pieces from right here in West Michigan. One popular piece that was also displayed on the second floor of the B.O.B. was "Micro-Doodle Calder" which was a neat picture of Grand Rapids' Calder, but when you got close with a magnifying glass, you can see a bunch of small detailed pictures.

One of my favorite pieces I've seen so far this year was prob-

ably "Whisper" at 250 Monroe Avenue. It's a long table that looks like it's ready for a big dinner party. When you get closer you see that the tableware is all over the place and broken. There is a microphone and when you whisper into it, it makes the table vibrate and makes the tableware move and break. It's a captivating piece.

Whether you like art or not, the city of Grand Rapids is still a sight to see. It's only 50 minutes from Ferris' Big Rapids campus. You will never get to witness such an awesome event or city., so I recommend going while you can. Did I mention ArtPrize is free? The event runs until Oct. 11.



Photo by: Shelby Soberalski | Production Assistant

Every time someone tweeted a certain word, a printer printed out the individual tweets on receipts.

craft beers, we ended up at the Kendall College of Art and Design Ferris Building. There are tons of venues all over the city, but this is a regular venue for the ArtPrize event each year. It always houses some of the best and coolest art.

My favorite piece was this series of small printers lined along the ceiling. Each one was supposedly searching on Twitter for tweets with a certain word. Every time someone posted a tweet with that word in it, the printer would print it out on this long sheet of paper.

Needless to say, a lot of people tweet and the floor was piled high accordingly. I thought the whole idea of the piece was really neat but, I'm not going to lie, I just kept thinking about how much it was going to suck to clean up eventually.

ArtPrize has thousands of works and I don't think that I will ever get a chance to see every single one, but even going to see just a portion of all the art is completely worth it.

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Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Ferris marketing senior Brianna Slager spent the summer creating this photography mural.



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

# Rebranding the Rec

Ferris intern helps with school pride mural

**Andrea Lenhart**  
Ferris State Torch

Over the summer, a wall mural was created in Ferris' Student Recreation Center with help from a student to rebrand the building.

Brianna Slager, a senior in marketing, created the piece while she interned at the Rec during the summer. Media Production helped with the long process as well as the professional staff at the Rec.

"The idea was 100 percent my boss' idea for rebranding for the Rec," said Slager. "He wanted to use my images, collaboration and experience with imagery to help the process."

Fernando Labra, the assistant director of the Rec and Slager's boss during the summer, wanted to brand the building and update the Rec for Ferris' students. The track mural came from something he had seen at different schools on a conference trip and he felt the same idea would bring more pride to Ferris.

"Brianna had a very big part in it all—she worked with the Digital Media Department every day, and that had a huge part in the turn out," said Labra. "If it were just me, I would have done plain block pictures, but with her help it turned out so much better than that."

Slager and Labra had been talking about rebranding and ways to make it more Ferris-themed inside the Rec for a while and the mural has helped.

"Besides branding, seeing faces of students who actually go here, and even for perspective students who come

here on tours, seeing students who are here and the activities they are already involved in adds a more personal note to the Rec instead of just some building to visit," said Labra.

Using images of Ferris students and recreating old pictures of current student athletes were main parts of the process.

"I think the piece is unique and it adds character because they are students who actually go here," said Amber McKeever, a sophomore in pre pharmacy and facility worker at the Rec. "It makes it personable."

According to Slager, the classes she's taken at Ferris helped her tremendously with this project. She has background in graphic design, which was helpful with the imagery and layout.

"I really like the outcome and seeing it actually in front of me instead of just on paper takes the piece to another level," said Labra. "There have already been so many patrons and students who said it looks really cool and that it adds something and is impactful to those who run the track."

According to Slager, she had a lot of fun working on this project and being able to work with everyone involved.

"I love representing the UREC and everything it has to offer, because I don't think people realize how many programs that are here and how much the professional staff gives back to the university," said Slager. "This was such a great way to represent all of that."

Slager has an interest in helping rebrand not only the Rec, but also anything on campus because it is a passion of hers. She also said giving back to the Rec has been a great blessing for her.

"I hope that people feel pride in what they are representing at Ferris and what Ferris is representing: being a healthy, social Bulldog and giving back," said Slager.

The mural is located at both ends of the track on the second floor of the Rec.

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# Ferris hands don't haze

**Jen Corrie**

*Ferris State Torch*

Hazing—the ridicule or abuse of an individual who is being initiated into a group—has been a problem in society. After reports in the national news of hazing incidents, Ferris is taking a stand to prevent it.

During Hazing Prevention Week on campus last week, tables were set up in the University Center where students could sign to pledge against hazing.

“I think there’s a stereotype that sororities and fraternities have a lot of hazing going on, since it used to be a big problem,” finance senior Megan Ankerson said. “But now that people know what hazing is and the harm that it does, it’s not encouraged or supported.”

Ankerson, a member of Alpha Xi Delta, played a key role during

Hazing Prevention Week at Ferris.

“I don’t think Ferris has as big of a problem as some schools,” Ankerson said. “But I do think there are problems with subtle hazing. Being on the rugby team, I’ve seen that even having our new girls pick up the cones and calling them rookies is hazing. A lot of people don’t realize it, but it happens on a lot of teams.”

Ankerson said that the main forms of hazing she’s heard of involve making initiates do certain things to “earn their stripes,” mostly things like excessive drinking.

“The typical hazing incident is organizations who think they are doing something all in good fun or as a simple prank,” said Center for Leadership and Career Services (CLACS) director Angela Roman. “Organizations need to think about how group members may be uncomfortable, how easily a simple joke can turn into a



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Pre-dental senior and Phi Sigma Sigma president Kelsey Jolly getting students to sign the anti-hazing table.

criminal act or how the incident can be perceived by others.”

Ankerson said her sorority Alpha Xi Delta is very vocal about standing up against hazing. “Hazing doesn’t make you or the new girls better people, it only makes your sisterhood worse,” said Ankerson. “It makes you not trust your sisters. That’s why I love being a part of Alpha Xi Delta, because there’s

zero tolerance for hazing and it gives us a very strong bond.”

Ankerson said she was surprised by how many people signed anti-hazing pledges at the Hazing Prevention Tables.

The Ferris community also expressed their stand against hazing on Twitter by including the hashtag #FSUNHPW in their tweets. The student organization or department

with the most retweets is in line to receive a prize.

“We require all RSOs to have an anti-hazing statement in their constitution,” said Roman. “We also bring speakers throughout the year to talk to all students about hazing and we have a toll-free hazing report hotline.”

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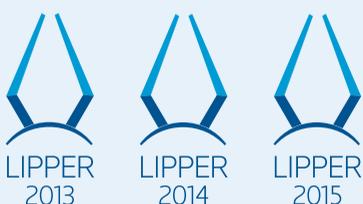
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# SPORTS

Ferris State Torch

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“...what I think has been one of the major differences in this year from years past is our team attitude.”

*Maddie Haustein*

See full story below

## Ferris women's soccer on a roll

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Sports Editor

The Ferris State women's soccer team has been tearing through their competition.

The Bulldogs have nine wins and a tie in their last 10 games on the way to a 9-2-1 overall record, and a 5-0-1 record in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). With nine wins, the Bulldogs have already won three more games than they did in their 2014 campaign, in which Ferris posted a record of 6-10-2.

Ferris State sits in second place in the GLIAC behind Grand Valley State. An enormous amount of the Bulldog's success could be contributed to the team's defensive play. In their past 10 games, the FSU defense has only allowed four goals.

Of course when the defense isn't allowing goals, they are getting some major help in the net. The Dawgs are getting just that in senior goaltender Maddie Haustein.

An amazing talent, Haustein has nine wins, with an outstanding six of those wins coming in shutout fashion. She has played in all 12 games and only allowed 10 goals. Her teammates have nothing but good things to say about their goalie.

“Maddie is an amazing player on and off the field. She is always giving her all and has stepped up this year as a leader,” said senior defender Meredith Smith. “She is injury-free this season which gives her the chance to play to her full potential which has shown immensely.”

Haustein had similar things to say about the defense that helps her out. She said, “I am very lucky and thankful to play behind such a solid defense. They help make my job so much easier.”

The back four for the Bulldogs haven't just been contributing on the defensive end, but have been putting the ball in the net as well. More goals have been scored by players listed as defenders on the roster than those listed as forwards. Meredith Smith says that some of those defensive players have actually been playing forward this season.

The starting Ferris defense consists of three seniors and a single freshman, Carley Dubbert. The St. Joseph, Mich. native has three goals and two assists for the Bulldogs in her freshman campaign. Dubbert and the three other

seniors make up one of the best defenses in the GLIAC.

“Coach really emphasized defense in preseason so we have worked on it a lot. We have three seniors who play for our back line that really know what they are doing and will do anything to stop the ball from going into the net,” said Dubbert.

Last weekend the Ferris defense and Maddie Haustein shut out both Northwood University and Saginaw Valley State 1-0 and 2-0 respectively. Midfielder Abby Meirndorf had two goals over the weekend, the lone goal against Northwood and on a shot over the keeper against Saginaw Valley State. Casey Shauman, also a midfielder, scored the first goal of the game against SVSU.

“One of the best things we have going for us, and what I think has been one of the major differences in this year from years past is our team attitude. We have all rallied behind this streak. We don't want it to end. Combine that with the ability to say we are doing things that have never been done in our program's history is a huge motivator to keep us playing at a high level,” said Haustein.

The Bulldogs look to continue playing at that high level as they travel to Ohio for the weekend to take on Lake Erie this Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Ashland at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Their next home game will be Friday, Oct. 16th against Northern Michigan.



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Senior Hunter Dolan has been a big contributor for the Bulldogs. She has one goal and one assist on the season.

### GLIAC Soccer Rankings

Rank	School	Conference	Overall
1.	Grand Valley State	6-0	10-1
2.	<i>Ferris State</i>	<i>5-0-1</i>	<i>9-2-1</i>
3.	Ashland	5-0	9-0
4.	Ohio Dominican	5-1	6-4
5.	Michigan Tech	3-2	6-3
6.	Walsh	3-2	5-3-2
7.	Northern Michigan	2-3	2-7
8.	Malone	2-4	4-7
9.	Northwood (Michigan)	2-4	2-6-1
10.	Saginaw Valley	1-5	3-7
11.	Lake Erie	1-5	2-8
12.	Findlay	0-4-1	1-7-2
13.	Tiffin	0-5	2-6-1

# Sports Shorts

**Cody Burkhard**  
Ferris State Torch

## Vander Laan chasing all-time record

Jason Vander Laan is no longer a best kept secret but the focal point of a top 10 offense and an unstoppable force. The only thing stopping him from reaching history is time. The senior quarterback out of Chicago Christian is only 222 yards away from breaking the all-time NCAA rushing record for rushing yards by a quarterback in a career.

When he entered into the league in the 2012 season, Jason Vander Laan hit the ground running, literally. He has led the Ferris State Bulldogs in rushing every year since then and has achieved many accolades along the way including the Harlon Hill trophy after last year's unbeaten regular season. In his sophomore season (2013), he broke the single-season mark for quarterback rushing that was set by Shawn Graves out of Wofford all the way back in 1989. Vander Laan is chasing Graves once again for the career mark.

Coming into the year, the 2015 preseason All-American had already amassed 4,411 yards rushing. At this point, Vander Laan has rushed for over 100 yards in nine of the last 11 games including a pair of 200-yard games. Needing only 222 yards to reach the record mark of 5,128, he is two average performances (129.7 yards per game) away. If the law of averages holds true, the record breaking game could be at home against Ohio Dominican, who knocked Ferris out of the playoffs last year on Oct 17. In an already exciting bout on paper, the spectators get a chance to witness both team redemption and personal accomplishment all at once.

## Hockey plays Crimson and Gold game, followed by exhibition

This past Saturday, the Ferris State hockey team put their offseason work on display in the intrasquad Crimson and Gold game.

The game was separated into two 12-minute periods with a powerplay for each team at the end of the period. Team Crimson defeated Team Gold 2-0 with both goals coming after the first 12-minute period.

Combining for almost half of the Crimson's shots was Kyle Schempp and Simon Denis with four shots and five shots respectively. Schempp earned an assist as well.

For the Gold team, Chad McDonald had far and away the most shots on goal with six.

The first goal was scored by Jared VanWormer a little over a minute into the second period off an assist from Simon Denis who scored later in a power play situation.

A big aspect of the game was that former Ferris goalie CJ Motte is no longer part of the team and spectators got a chance to see unfamiliar faces in goal.

This year's expected starter, Charles Williams, started in goal for the Gold team and Darren Smith got the nod in net for the Crimson. This battle proved to be great to watch. Neither let in a goal and were relatively even in terms of saves with an unofficial tally of eight saves by Williams and seven by Smith.

The Bulldogs followed their intrasquad game with an exhibition against the University of Lethbridge (Canada) last Sunday. The Bulldogs won 4-2 in a game where McDonald had two goals for Ferris State, and was accompanied by Tyler Andrew and Kyle Schempp who had one goal each in the win. Williams saved 24 of 26 shots he faced in the win.

Now that the Bulldogs have gotten the cobwebs shaken out and got to go in live action, they'll look to kick the regular season off right and rekindle a rivalry against Western Michigan on Friday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.



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Ferris State hockey prepares to start the season against Western Michigan University



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FSU will renew their rivalry with WMU this weekend, as they will be competing for the first time since Dec. 2012.

including Zach Dorer and Sean O'Rourke that look to dominate.

"We know we can shut teams out. We can shut teams down," said Denis.

This defense was put on display in the annual Red and Gold Game for Ferris State this past Saturday. In their first live action of the season, both squads had struggles scoring. It wasn't for a lack of offensive skill or offensive movement. Shots were constantly flying off defender sticks.

Neither team scored a goal until the starting goalies came out.

Of course a key part of defense is the man in goal. CJ Motte was that man for the last few years, but graduated last year. Motte had 965 career saves with a save percentage of .927.

This is definitely a big net to fill and senior Charles Williams looks to be the man for the job.

At the other end of the ice, the Bulldogs have many weapons returning including junior Gerald Mayhew, senior Jared VanWormer, senior Kenny Babinski, and the team captain Kyle Schempp.

Schempp was drafted by the New York Islanders in the sixth round (155th overall) of the 2014 NHL draft after a freshman season that earned him Rookie of the Year honors for the WCHA (10 goals, 25 points). He is the only Bulldog to ever gain this honor.

The junior out of Saginaw, MI is only one of four Ferris players to get drafted in the last 15 years.

Although he is able to leave Ferris and join the NHL after this season, Schempp says he's going

to "ride out" his college career.

He said, "Two years ago we got a taste of the national tournament and that's where we want to be again. These goals drive us and motivate us. We've got a solid defensive core and a bunch of guys returning. It's gonna be a good season." The Bulldogs open up regu-

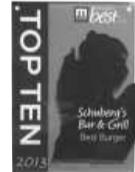
lar season action against Western Michigan this weekend.

"I'm really excited to play Western. I know it used to be a rivalry a few years ago and I'm just ready to get out there," Schempp said.

The game will be away on Friday Oct. 4 in Kalamazoo at 7 p.m. followed by a second game the next day in Big Rapids at 7 p.m.

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# Returning to Ohio



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After a close 42-39 victory over Findlay last week, the Bulldogs will head back to Ohio to play the Tiffin Dragons on Saturday.

## Mark Hansen Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State football team is back at it this upcoming Saturday as they face the Tiffin Dragons in Ohio for a game that should be a battle of the offenses.

Tiffin is 4-1 after beating Wayne State 31-7 this past weekend for their homecoming game. Tiffin is hoping to get a win against the Bulldogs. The Dragons played Ferris State last October, but were severely outmatched in a game where they were demolished by a score of 68-20.

Jason Vander Laan and the Bulldogs are ready to keep rolling as the team is currently 4-0 following a 42-39 comeback

victory at Findlay last weekend. Sophomore Jake Daugherty of the offensive line knew the game was going to be close.

"Findlay is a good team, they've got a good offense and good defense so it will be a tough matchup," said Daugherty.

Tiffin played Findlay earlier in the season and lost 48-44, but showed that Antonio Pipkin is definitely a quarterback to watch for the Dragons. Ferris State running back Kyle Kujawa addressed how he thinks the Bulldogs will handle Pipkin. "He is definitely one of the best quarterbacks we will face, I think the key will be to get pressure to his face and take him off his game," Kujawa said.

The Bulldogs will be training hard this week and will look to

improve their record and stay undefeated. "I think we are going to put a big focus on special teams this week, that's where the hidden yardage is and that's what will end up winning us the close games," Kujawa said.

Ferris will definitely have its hands full this upcoming week on their second game in Ohio in as many weeks. Last week against Findlay, the Dawgs started off slow but came back from down 14 points to overtake the Oilers.

Daugherty is expecting a hard fought matchup this week in Ohio but has faith in his team. "It's always a good day when the offense is scoring and the defense is playing well so hopefully we come out play well next week against Tiffin and keep on rolling and keep working hard every day."

Ferris State quarterback Jason Vander Laan will look to inch his way closer to becoming the all-time leading rusher at the quarterback position in any division of college football. Vander Laan is currently 222 yards shy of the 5,128 yard mark set by Wofford College quarterback Shawn Graves in 1989.

# Women's tennis hits the road

## Beau Jensen Ferris State Torch

After breaching the halfway point in their fall season, the Lady Bulldog tennis team will head south to take on two more GLIAC opponents after splitting a pair of matches last weekend.

The Bulldogs will make their first stop at Ashland University to face the Eagles Saturday at 10 a.m. before traveling to Walsh University to go up against the Cavaliers at the same time Sunday. Last year's contest against Ashland saw a decisive 9-0 Bulldog victory, whereas last year's competition against Walsh saw a less decisive 5-4 victory, but a victory nonetheless for the Bulldogs.

The Eagles of Ashland are 2-6 so far on the season and are ranked ninth in the GLIAC. The Cavaliers of Walsh are 3-5 so far and they sit at the eighth spot in the conference.

Last Saturday the Bulldogs took on Findlay University where Ferris State triumphed at every possible opportunity, not losing

a single competition in singles or doubles play. Bulldog sophomore Arien Kissinger helped the team by completely sweeping her competition in singles play. In doubles competition, junior Sydney Berens and senior Janie Sell swept their opponents as well.

The Bulldogs did not perform nearly as well on Sunday against the Dragons of Tiffin University, suffering a 5-4 loss. The loss suffered on Sunday was reminiscent of last year's contests against the Dragons. Ferris lost to Tiffin in the same weekend last October by the same score of 5-4. The Bulldogs also lost to the Dragons in the GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinal last year 5-4.

Both Ashland and Walsh are fighting to get over the .500 mark in their respective seasons. No matter the outcome of last season's matches, the Ferris State women's tennis team will not be looking to take the weekend's challenges lightly. The Bulldogs will close out their fall regular season on the road at Grand Valley on Oct. 15.



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Ferris State tennis player Arien Kissinger sets up for a backhand in GLIAC play.

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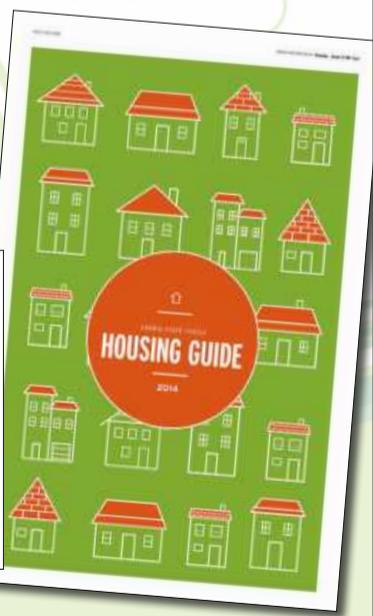
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# Fantasy Football



**Marshall Scheldt**  
Sports Editor

Things are finally back to normal, and when I say normal I mean the Bulldogs are back to beating my team in fantasy football. After I inched past Ferris State last week, the team came back strong this week putting up 103 fantasy points.

Not to my surprise, over half of the points were contributed by Ferris quarterback Jason Vander Laan. He rushed for four touchdowns while passing for two as well. Those are numbers that are typically only achievable in Madden, but the four-year starter seems to consistently overwhelm his opponents and fill up the stat sheet.

The only sore spot for the Bulldogs was their defense who allowed 39 points to Findlay last week. Since Vander Laan has been putting up the numbers of multiple quarterbacks, I'm going to take a try at having two quarterbacks instead of one so that I have a better chance at competing.

Yes, I will have one more player than the Ferris roster but I have a feeling I'm going to need some type of divine intervention to improve my record past the current 1-3.

**QB1: Matt Ryan, Atlanta Falcons**

I think Matty Ice will have his way with a Redskin's defense that has not proven to be very great this season. Also, he'll have Julio Jones to throw to which helps a little.

**QB2: Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks**

This guy is a gamer. He'll

find a way to put up some good numbers no matter what way you want to cut it.

**RB: Justin Forsett, Baltimore Ravens**

Forsett got 27 carries last week against Pittsburgh. It seems Baltimore is finally realizing that they need to utilize their workhorse a little more than they have been.

**WR1: Jeremy Maclin, Kansas City Chiefs**

Maclin is becoming Alex Smith's favorite target, and with over 100 yards receiving in his past two games, Maclin seems to be on the up-and-up for the Chiefs.

**WR2: Willie Snead, New Orleans Saints**

This is my dark horse pick this week. Snead kind of came out of nowhere this year, becoming a solid target for Drew Brees to throw to. He actually played his high school ball for Muskegon Heights on the west side of Michigan and is gaining notoriety as a true NFL player.

**FLEX: Doug Martin, Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

Martin carried the ball 20 times for 106 yards and a score last week against a pretty solid Carolina defense. I don't think that Jacksonville will have an easy time stopping Martin.

**D/ST: New England Patriots**

With no Tony Romo or Dez Bryant, it'll be tough for the Cowboys to get much going offensively against New England.

**K: Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona Cardinals**

This guy can flat out kick a football, which is good because that is literally his only job. Let's hope the Lions defense can make some stops this week and force Arizona to kick a couple field goals.

# Top Dawg



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

Senior outside hitter Alexis Huntley has contributed 146 kills so far this season for the Bulldogs.

## Beau Jensen

Ferris State Torch

Consistency seems to be a big part of the Bulldog volleyball team's forte, and that shows in their record this year. A staple of that consistency last week was Alexis Huntley, and that's why she nabs this week's Top Dawg honors.

The senior outside hitter from Morley-Stanwood high school put up 36 kills over the

course of three games played last week. Huntley's reliability has been key to the Bulldog's undefeated GLIAC play so far this season. Her biggest game of the week came against the Panthers of Ohio Dominican where she hammered in 14 kills and was responsible for 16 total points.

Huntley's improvements from last year are apparent, as she already has more solo blocks this year with nine than she did

all of last year with eight. Producing 146 kills on the season so far, Huntley is already on pace to meet or surpass last year's count of 221 with 13 regular season games left.

Huntley and the Bulldogs look to continue their flawless GLIAC record when they head back on the road to face Ashland this Friday, Oct. 9 before taking on Lake Erie on Saturday, Oct. 10.

### Team Torch Box Score

POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers		17
RB	Adrian Peterson, Minnesota Vikings		15
WR1	A.J. Green, Cincinnati Bengals		9
WR2	Amari Cooper, Oakland Raiders		10
FLEX	Donte Moncrief, Indianapolis Colts		8
D/ST	New York Jets		11
K	Stephen Gostkowski		0
Total			70

### Ferris State Box Score

POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Jason Vander Laan	6 total TDs, 358 total yds	55
RB	Jamel Lockett	63 total yds	6
WR1	Jake Lampman	2 TD, 145 total yds, 6 receptions	27
WR2	Antonio Agurs	47 total yds	4
FLEX	Jajuan Pollock	68 total yds	6
D/ST	Ferris State	4 sacks, 39 pts allowed	1
K	Nate Iveson	6 extra points made	6
Total			103



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## Economics and the royalty election

### Homecoming Royalty Voting

Each student was given two votes to use

Total number of students who voted: 920

Total number of votes for candidates: 1634

Rainer Brow: 283

Megan Ankerson: 189

Austin Hamilton: 270

Victoria Hudgins: 174

Kaitlyn Patrick: 244

Dorthilen Taylor: 140

Mackenzie Hall: 234

Taylor Dempsey: 100

This year, Ferris State University demonstrated its commitment to diversity and inclusivity by eschewing the gender laden titles of homecoming “king” and “queen,” instead selecting the very first homecoming royalty in Ferris history.

With this year’s court consisting of two men and six women, it would seem near impossible that both men would be selected. In fact, if the royalty were selected by randomly drawing names out of a hat, there would have been an almost 95 percent chance that at least one woman would have been crowned royalty. And yet, this didn’t happen.

Did Ferris students “beat the odds?” Hardly. This outcome was entirely determined by, and could have been predicted by, simple economics.

First, let’s state the two salient facts of the situation:



David Hebert  
Guest Writer

first, everyone who voted in the homecoming election had two votes to use. In principle, this means that the students get to vote for both their favorite candidate and their second favorite candidate.

The second thing we know is that the winners were the two candidates with the highest total number of votes. This sounds like a perfectly fair way of doing things and, indeed, it is.

But what if everyone votes for one man and one woman because they didn’t understand that they were electing “royalty” instead of a “king” and “queen?”

Then, all of a sudden one half of the total number of votes would go to the two men while the other half would go towards

the six women. Simple division tells us each man, on average, will each receive 25 percent of the total number of votes while each woman will, on average, receive a mere 8.3 percent of the total number of votes.

While I’m sure there are some students who voted for two women or for the two men, I’m also willing to bet most students here voted for one man and one woman.

If just that is true, then the resulting election will see a disproportionate number of votes going to the gender that has the least number of candidates.

Fortunately, there is a very simple fix for this that I strongly urge the homecoming committee to adopt for next year: give every student only one vote. If everyone only has one vote, then there won’t be any systematic bias towards men or women.

## Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

In the wake of national tragedies, it can be difficult to organize thoughts and feelings.

Last Thursday at Umpqua Community College in Oregon, a gunman opened fire in an English classroom, killing nine people before killing himself during a firefight with the police.

Of course, news of this disturbing event is heartbreaking, but hearing names and statistics documenting breaking news across the country can make empathizing difficult.

Lucero Alcaraz, Treven Taylor Anspach, Rebecka Ann Carnes,

Quinn Glen Cooper, Kim Saltmarsh Dietz, Lucas Eibel, Jason Dale Johnson, Lawrence Levine and Sarena Dawn Moore were more than just statistics.

Before the shooting, these victims were people leading individual lives. They had routines, relationships, morals, bad habits, vices and preferences on where the best Chinese food in town could be acquired. However, the shooter robbed them of more than just their lives. He robbed them of their individuality in life.

The victims’ names are be-

ing displayed on news outlets all over the nation, which is admittedly more exposure than any of them would’ve likely received had they not been slain. Yet now instead of being known for their characteristics or accomplishments in life, they’re clumped together and mourned as faceless victims.

These were people attending college classes in hopes of bettering themselves and eventually earning a degree just like us. They likely all had problems and fears, but held fast to hopes and dreams

just as the rest of us do.

While we cannot change the past or bring the victims back, we can at least do them a service in death. We can acknowledge their existence, instead of singling out their death as their defining moment.

I’m not asking anybody to study the entire life story of each of the nine victims, but rather to consider them as true people and not just printed names and a fresh batch of unfortunate statistics.

## Desensitized

# Having a car on Ferris State's campus



**Brad Gallagher**  
Guest Writer

I have seen many cars these past several weeks on campus, and I have loved having my own here with me at my side.

There are some positives, some negatives and some in-betweens involved in having your own car on campus, but I believe the positives far outweigh the negatives.

For some of us, this is our first time away from home, and we love it. We love the freedom and the excitement, yet without a car we would only be able to experience about half of that freedom.

Another top-notch aspect of having a vehicle is that you can make all the late night Taco Bell runs you need, and then run to the bathroom also. Not having to walk through the frozen tundra of campus to reach the Science Building is a big benefit, too.

Of course, there are some negatives too. If you have a car, your friends will always be asking you to drive them somewhere, no matter what hour of the day it is. Every now and then is okay, but it can get overwhelm-



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Students may enjoy the freedom that having a car on campus provides, but they'll also inevitably be tasked with chauffeuring their friends around town.

ing pretty quickly depending on how many trips to WalMart your friends have to make in a week.

Then there are also the DPS guys walking around, putting

those little pieces of paper in the yellow envelopes under your windshield wiper. As much as it may ruin someone's day to get a ticket, they do it for a

reason. It would be a lot worse if everyone parked wherever they wanted to and every parking lot was a mad scramble. Those are about the only two

negatives I can come up with, and there are plenty of other positives where those came from, so having a car on campus is definitely the right way to live.



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