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One of many construction projects currently underway at Ferris is the development of a new residence hall on north campus that will be solely designated for freshman students beginning Fall 2017.

Ch-ch-changes

Ferris undergoes numerous construction projects and renovations

Angela Graf
News Editor

Swan Annex

In July of 2016, Gov. Rick Snyder signed his executive approval for the long-planned Swan Annex renovation. According to Jerry Scoby, Ferris' Vice President of the Division of Administration and Finance, there is only one step left before the project is completely approved and the bidding for the construction itself can begin.

The renovation is focused in the annex of the building and does not include many changes to the already existing multi-story portion of Swan. The two programs benefiting the most from this project are welding engineering and advanced manufacturing, the additional legroom allowing for the expansion of both academic and laboratory spaces for these majors.

"The approach will be to build the new square footage during the 2016/2017 academic year, then move the programs that are in the current annex, specifically those two programs, into the new portion and then renovate the existing annex," said Scoby.

Additionally, the bridge currently stretching between Swan and Ives Avenue will be demolished and replaced by a new bridge spanning from the north end of Swan to

parking lot 13.

"That bridge will connect north of the elevator lobby so that there will be a natural flow into the building and into that lobby area," said Scoby. "It will be at the second floor level, so a person coming in can, if they want, go straight through into the new annex as well."

The work is tentatively set to begin this fall and conclude in January of 2018.

West Campus Apartments

When the West Campus Apartments were built in the early 1990's, additional space was left with future expansion in mind. This past summer that expansion was finally brought to life.

Two new buildings, totaling 60 new beds, were constructed within the apartment complex. The new buildings differ slightly from the original structures, not including basements and actually being slightly larger, accommodating four bedrooms in each unit rather than just two or three.

"Apartment-style living is a popular choice for our students," said Scoby. "So we're elated to be able to add those to the options available to our students. They will already be full when we open for this fall."

Along with these two new buildings, a number of existing units in the complex that

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On the south end of campus, a new artificial turf intercollegiate soccer field is being developed which will allow the Bulldogs to host home playoff games.

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Feeding Ferris

Student helps establish emergency food pantry for hungry students

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

When people think about meals and Ferris State, they often think about the limitless options available at The Rock. What they don't think about, however, are the students who go to bed hungry each night.

The Emergency Food Pantry, which is located behind the science building in the Wesley House building is working to change this. The food pantry is available to all Ferris students in need of a meal; all they need to do is show their student ID.

"I think it's important to have places like this so that students can feel like they have a place when they have nowhere else to go," said Ferris criminal justice senior Olivia Johnson. "Students can come to cook meals if they need to, take a nap, study and even come for free meals twice a week."

Johnson is the coordinator and the mastermind behind the Emergency Food Pantry, which is new to Ferris this year.

"I think it's important for students to know that this food pantry was created by someone who has struggled like them and who still feels their struggle," Johnson said.

Devon Herrell, the director for the ministry of Wesley House and the pastor of the United Methodist church, has been working closely with Johnson to get the food pantry up and running. Herrell sees value in the food pantry, especially when it comes to getting an education.

"I'm hoping that hungry students who may not be able to connect with the pantries in town will feel comfortable to come to a place where there are other students," Herrell said. "It's important to me that students have what they need to accomplish their goals. If you're hungry it's really hard to perform well on a test or even concentrate on learning in the classroom or while doing homework."

To volunteer or lend a helping hand at the Emergency Food Pantry, students can simply show up and help out with

inventory, shop for groceries, or help those who come in to receive food.

The pantry is entirely run by students and those who help out can also receive volunteer hours.

"We never want anyone to feel like they can't come and volunteer or even enjoy a meal," Johnson said.

Herrell was also adamant about students coming in to help out.



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"It's a problem that we can solve if we all work together to meet the need and offer a safe place for students to come and get what they need," said Herrell.

Other ways to get involved in the cause are having more registered student organizations (RSO) host canned food drives, establishing a partnership with the food pantry to get the word out or even teaming up with Johnson every third Saturday to serve meals at the Third Avenue Methodist Church.

"Bridging the gap between hunger and higher education is my mission," Johnson said. "I have a heart to serve others."

Oh the places we've been

Students share their summer internship experiences

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

While the completion of the spring semester signifies a break in education for many students, for others it means spending their summer on an internship where they gain hands on experience in the fields they want to work in.

On the other side of the country, Ferris professional golf management (PGM) sophomore Kevin Caron from Holt, was able to spend their summer interning at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif.,

one of the most historic golf courses in the world.

"Traveling and being able to see all the amazing things in the area and working in such a historical place exceeded my expectations," said Caron. "This program really sets students up to get out into the world."

Ferris respiratory care senior Courtney Raymond Corunna, spent their summer interning at the Sparrow Hospital in Lansing in the respiratory department.

"I was able to help a patient from the time they came to the ICU until the time they left," Raymond said.

Raymond notes that it is cool when you can see everything you're doing actually help a patient get better and her excitement did not stop there. Her favorite experience this summer was scrubbing in for a tracheostomy and seeing the procedure done up-close.

"I got to go to the operating room and watch as a trachea was replaced in my patients airway, and I helped on codes, which

is always a good learning experience," said Raymond.

Ferris Internship Coordinator Diane Maguire thinks it's very important for students to branch out and travel while pursuing internships.

"It's a great way to test the waters of a particular operation, local area and things to do which helps them determine what they do not like, as well as if they would like to pursue jobs at in the area and relocate," Maguire said.

On the east side of the nation Ferris PGM freshman Josh Buechler from Lowell, interned at Trump National Golf Club Washington, D.C. in Sterling, Va., where he witnessed Donald Trump accompanied by both Larry Fitzgerald and the Secret Service while golfing.

A little closer to home, Ferris PGM freshman Matthew Pogoreski from Hudson, interned at the First Tee of Northern Michigan and Harbor Point Golf Club in Harbor Springs.

"Going into the internship, I was skeptical because I didn't have any education or teaching under my belt, but the Head Pro, Shaun Bezilla, at Harbor Point and Seth Jones, the program director at First Tee, led me through all the ropes," Pogoreski said.

According to Pogoreski, most students do not have a say in the club or business during their first internship, but he had the opportunity to take on a more managerial position as well as instructing.

"I was looking forward to teaching the game of golf to all ages of children," said Pogoreski. "That is how I was introduced to golf growing up, and I wanted to give back to the junior golf programs."

All students agreed that their internship impacted their education in a positive way, and that they learned something that they wouldn't learn in the classroom.

"If a student ever has the chance to take an internship far away from home, I highly recommend it," Caron said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Angela Graf

News Editor

New Shuttle Route

Due to a lack of use at some of the previous DART shuttle stops on campus, Ferris has shifted the route to be more efficient starting this semester. This includes eliminating the stop behind the sports complex, shifting the stop near the Recreation Center closer to the East Campus Suites and moving the stops near the ASC and science buildings to incorporate the construction of the new North Campus Residence Hall. A full map of the route can be found at <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/current/campus-dart/index.htm>.

“Spreading Light & Joy”

Starting on Thursday, Sept. 1, David Zinn’s exhibit “Spreading Light & Joy” will be on display in the Ferris State University Fine Art Gallery, located in University Center room 205. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and is closed on Sunday. For more information contact gallery Director Carrie Stermer at (231) 591-2536.

Homecoming Royalty

Homecoming royalty applications are now available on Ferris State University’s OrgSync under “Student Homecoming Committee.” The application deadline is Aug. 31 and there will be an informational meeting in FLITE 114 on Monday, Aug. 29 at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Student Government President Dylan Tantalo at StudentGovernment@ferris.edu.

Change in HC FB game

As a result of the usual date for the homecoming football game falling on Labor Day weekend, the athletic directors from both Ferris and Ohio Dominican worked together to move the game to Thursday before Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m. The game follows a number of Founder’s Day celebration activities, the schedule for which can be found at <http://www.ferris.edu/foundersday/index.htm>.

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Seven drunk driver arrests

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



Between the dates of May 9, 2016, and Aug. 8, 2016, the Ferris Department of Public Safety handled and/or assisted in handling the following offenses:
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New blood at Birkam

Health center welcomes new director



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Lindsay Barber named as new Director of Birkam Health Center and Personal Counseling Center.

Angela Graf

News Editor

After not having a head administrator for a large portion of the 2015-2016 academic year, Ferris has hired on Lindsay Barber as the new Director of Birkam Health Center (BHC) and Personal Counseling Center.

Barber, a Michigan native, grew up in West Branch. Her mother, who was a nurse practitioner in addition to running her own family health clinic, was Barber's inspiration.

"My mom is the main reason I pursued a career in the health field," Barber said. "She instilled in me a strong work ethic and compassion for patients."

After graduating from Ogemaw Heights High School, Barber went on to attend Central Michigan University (CMU), earning her bachelors in commercial recreation in 2007, followed by her masters in healthcare administration in 2012. During her time at CMU, Barber worked as a personal trainer at Clare Health & Fitness to help pay for school.

After marrying her husband, Mike, in 2013, the pair eventually relocated to Houston, Texas, as a result of his work as an environmental scientist. During this time, Barber served as Associate Director at the University of Houston Health Center, but her heart never left the mitten state.

"I think I always knew we would eventually end up back in Michigan," Barber said. "There is nothing quite like this state. The position at Birkam Health Center and Personal Counseling Center gave us the perfect reason we needed to finally make the move. Having the opportunity to help create a high quality health care option for Ferris students is an added bonus!"

Barber is not the only new face at BHC as Dr. Peter VanDeMark and Christy Bourdlais, NP, have also joined the staff.

In addition to Barber's plans to increase students' recognition of Birkam, Bourdlais specializes in Women's Health and will be assisting in the launching of new services specifically for female students.

"We are here for our students," said Barber. "That is our number one priority."

Leading life on campus

Resident Advisors prepare for the upcoming school year

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

As September approaches, students slowly trickle back to Ferris to prepare for the upcoming semester. One of the exceptions to this annual migration are the student staff members of the Office of Housing and Residence Life, who have been back at Ferris for two weeks.

"The RA is a role model and a catalyst for positive social interaction within the residence hall community," says Ferris' Office of Housing and Residence Life's description of the position. "They are responsible for working closely with staff and students in creating and maintaining an atmosphere that promotes academic success, personal development, and an understanding of diversity."

Every year, RAs and their staff give up their last two weeks of the summer to return to campus and undergo the training necessary for their positions.

"In that time we learn about many topics spanning from university policy, to mediation, to safe place training, to diversity and inclusion," said Ferris pre-optometry junior and RA Megan Eagloski. "Informally, I feel that every day is a training session for RA's. We are constantly learning from each other, the Hall Directors, and most importantly, the residents."

"Resident Advisors are full time students," said Eagloski. "Many are active in RSO's or other groups around campus, are on call or on duty frequently and work shifts at their hall's front desk. This juggling required me to plan ahead a lot more than I had in the past. It is a valuable skill, and I am thankful for the challenge it brings to my life."

Although the job can be stressful and time consuming, students still find rewards in the opportunity for personal growth and development, which stem far beyond the free room and board.

Ferris first year optometry and senior Kamah Ellena, reflected on her previous years of being an RA and how the position helped her grow as a person and a student.

"My communication and leadership skills have improved immensely," said Ellena. "I am also able to think more critically about situations. This growth is something that I could not have [received] in any other job in such a short time. This job challenges you in all the right ways, and it's that challenge that changes you."

While Ellena admits that only so much can be explained to those that have never held the job, she encourages residents to seek out an RA if they have any further questions regarding what being an RA is all about.



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Additions and new structures underway all over campus

had not yet been renovated received some updates this summer, including new paint, flooring, sink fixtures, countertops, appliances and exterior doors.

North Campus Residence Hall

Perhaps the most prominent change for students going into the fall semester will be the construction of a new residence hall on the north end of campus since it will heavily affect traffic and parking on that side of campus.

Concrete for the new hall is currently being poured where North Campus Drive previously extended between the science and automotive buildings. That road, along with several commuter parking lots nearby, will no longer exist.

Expected to be completed in fall 2017, the new hall's main lobby will look out over north quad. The hall will provide 402 new beds as well as three new classrooms.

"The intention is to mix living and learning on this kind of scale," said Scoby. "Students that are signing up for a program whose courses will be held there are going to be encouraged to live there, however students not living there could also take a course within the building as well."

In addition to the new classrooms, there will also be two lounge areas, a game area, a fitness center and numerous breakout study rooms all throughout the building.

The hall is for freshman living on campus and, while not dedicated to honors students, is open to anyone looking for a more academic living experience.

More details, including a live-streaming progress camera of the construction site, can be found at <http://www.fsunorthhall.com>.

West Intramural Field

The intramural fields located on the west end of campus have undergone three major renovations this summer, including dramatic improvements to the drainage of the fields, redoing the softball fields with new backstops and adding fencing to help serve as dugouts to add a safety element.

This particular project is intended to be completed in time for use in fall intramural sports.

East and South Campus Apartments

Both East Campus Apartments, not to be mistaken for East Campus Suites and South Campus Apartments were demolished over the summer. The reason for their removal from campus—old age.

"East campus apartments were built in the mid-1950s and so, while they were still used by students, they were older and it was time to take them down," said Scoby.

Soccer and Practice Fields

The three athletic fields located south of where south campus apartments used to be are being constructed and reconstructed as a new artificial turf soccer field and two new practice fields for the soccer and football team. Unlike the previous field, this new soccer field will be regulation sized to allow for the Dawgs to host home playoff games.

Additionally parking lot 16, which used to be designated for residents of South Campus Apartments, is being repurposed as parking for students in residence halls.

Since the project will not yet be completed for the start of the fall semester, the soccer team will be playing their home games at Top Taggart field for the duration of this season.

Rec Center Renovation

The Student Recreation Center has undergone some updates over the past summer, including updates to the mechanical systems and the addition of air conditioning to both the fitness area and the large multi-purpose gymnasium.

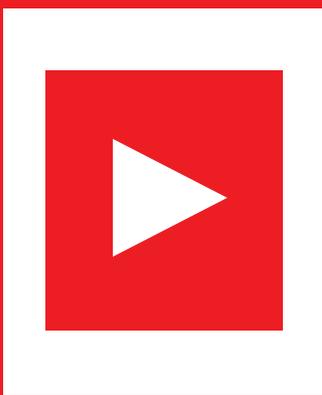
The purpose of these renovations is to increase the reliability of the in-building systems as well as to create a friendlier environment for students, faculty, staff and members.

New Four-Way Stop

As a result of some of the other changes going on around campus, Ferris has collaborated with the City of Big Rapids to create a four-way stop at the intersection of Ives Avenue and where Campus Drive turns into Magnolia Street.

"We are also considering reducing on-street parking a little bit," said Scoby. "We know students want those parking spaces, but we also have safety at the forefront of our minds."

In the hopes of further increasing visibility at the intersection, several trees have been removed as well.



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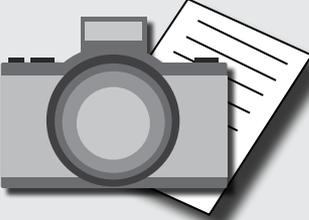
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"I'm looking for a high-energy, euphoric experience to start the semester in the right direction."

- Christian Hoffer

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Welcome bulldogs!

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Ferris State University celebrates Woodbridge and Helen Ferris' contributions to the university with an ice cream social for students and the community on Founder's Day 2015, as well as a host of different activities for students, faculty, staff and visitors to participate in.

Ferris welcomes new and returning students to campus

Nick Vander Wulp

Lifestyles Editor

The beginning of the fall semester is upon us, and Ferris State University is hosting a week long- extravaganza of events to help students feel relaxed and welcome for the start of classes.

Bulldog Beginnings is geared primarily toward first time students to Ferris State to help them get acquainted with the Big Rapids campus and this year students will have the chance to get more familiar with downtown Big Rapids.

"We have a new event called Big Rapids Beginnings," said Nick Smith, activities coordinator at Ferris' Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS).

"Students will go to local businesses, there will be some giveaways and business poker run. It's really to showcase Big Rapids and what else is out there because students who are new to the Ferris community are new to the Big Rapids community as well."

Big Rapids Beginnings will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27. There will be buses to take students back and forth to campus and the downtown area.

Following the downtown activity will be Meijer Mania from 7 to 10 p.m. at

Meijer on Perry Avenue. There will be coupons available, savings on items useful for school and home with activities for students to participate in. Buses will be available for this event as well.

Saturday night will wrap up with Late Night in the University Center from 9 p.m. until midnight. Games, activities and free food samples will be available to students.

"Sunday, the bookstore in the University Center will be open from 2 to 5 p.m., and a lot of students come in to buy their books," said Smith.

"There will be some more activities for students to participate in while shopping for their books or hanging out in the UC," Smith added.

Heading into the start of classes on Monday, Aug. 29, Ferris State will hold "First Impressions" where faculty will be in different locations around campus, ready to guide students where they need to be. Later in the afternoon is Rec Fest from 5 to 8 p.m.; the Rec Center will be open to all students, so those new to campus can check out the facility and participate in activities there.

Events continuing on Tuesday, Aug. 30, include "Social Fest Snapchat Challenge" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Later in the evening, starting at 9 p.m. in the North Quad, is Throwback Time Machine, a multimedia

dance party hosted by Entertainment Unlimited.

Students will have the opportunity to check out the Academic Support Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31, in room 1017 of the Arts and Sciences Commons. The Campus Beautification Project is a new event this year taking place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will provide new students insight as to what the Big Event is. More information about the Campus Beautification Project can be found on the CLACS Orgsync page.

"We have a campus beautification project. Again, another new event," said Smith. "It's all around campus and cleaning up smaller stuff. It's the first week of class, so Ferris has already prettied up the campus and everything looks nice, but there's some little pocket areas that could use a little bit of love. It gets students out there to see a little more of the campus that they might not always see, do some service and be connected because it's their new home. Let's make it nice."

Founder's Day is a special day to FSU to celebrate the contributions of Woodbridge and Helen Ferris to the university. There will be an ice cream social from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1, in the North Quad, providing chances to meet with various five-star registered student organizations

on campus and music from Beach Thief and City Sun.

Since Friday is the beginning of Labor Day weekend, the football game traditionally held on the first Friday of classes has been moved to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1. After the game, Entertainment Unlimited is hosting another dance party called the Fifth Quarter, taking place immediately after the game has concluded. Ferris' own DJ CHoFF will provide the evening's entertainment.

"We're hoping the Fifth Quarter will become a tradition," said Smith. "When we have a game on that welcome week, we'll do something afterwards down on the field."

From 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, FLITE will become a disc golf course for students to play a round inside the library. It gives new students, and some older students, who haven't yet explored the library an opportunity to do so in a fun way.

"Some people don't always know what's in the library because you can do so much online, but there are reasons to go over to FLITE. There's much more to it than that," said Smith.

More information about the week's events can be found at ferris.edu/bulldog-beginnings.

CHoFF to perform Fifth Quarter show

Entertainment Unlimited introduces a new performance to Bulldogs Beginnings week

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Entertainment Unlimited and the Student Leadership and Activities Office are hosting a new musical event after the football game during the Bulldog Beginnings week.

Fifth Quarter will take place at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, after the Bulldogs take on Ohio Dominican at Top Taggart Field. Christian "CHoFF" Hoffer is the headliner for the hour-long Fifth Quarter, and some special guests may hit the field to drop some beats during the show.

Hoffer is a Ferris public relations senior, DJ and producer who has been performing electronic dance music for the last five years, and has performed sets at Ferris State during Turn Up the Good, Ferris Fest and Bulldog Beginnings in the last three years he's been a Bulldog.

"Opening for ZEDS DEAD was probably the most memorable DJ experience I've had at Ferris State," said Hoffer. "Silent Disco was a lot of fun, too. For Fifth Quarter, I'll be performing this whole summer's worth of original music and music I've worked on with my friends and collaborators."

The after-game Fifth Quarter will be a sound and lights show, and will have a nightlife and party feel to it, he said.

Even though Ferris is smaller than many surrounding universities in Michigan, Hoffer wants to show through his music what Ferris students are capable of.

"I'm looking for a high-energy, euphoric experience to start the semester in the right direction and I'm looking forward to bringing new people together and reconnecting old relationships through this performance," Hoffer said.

Getting people up and dancing while providing an atmosphere that fosters friendship is what motivates Hoffer to create and perform electronic dance music.

"I want people to feel accepted and more willing to talk to that stranger they normally might not. It's really about bringing people together and into some new experiences they might not otherwise have had," he said.

CHoFF's music can be found at soundcloud.com/christian-hoffer.

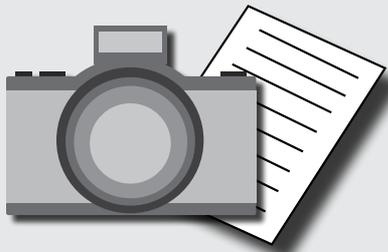


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Ferris public relations senior Christian Hoffer will be headlining the Fifth Quarter event slated to take place after the first football game on Sept. 1

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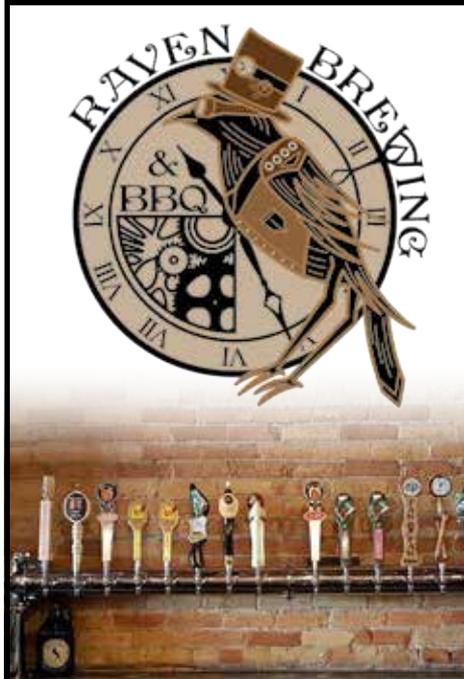
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Lifestyles Editor

Vaccinations may have sparked some controversy and naysayers over the last few years about their effectiveness, but getting your shots can help prevent infection and the spread of some diseases.

While Ferris State University doesn't require students to prove vaccination or get vaccinated on campus, getting vaccinated against some diseases could mean the difference between life and death when it comes to certain diseases spread among college-age students.

Central Michigan University student Kristy Malter, 21, of Macomb County, contracted what health officials have said was thought to be the more virulent B strain of meningitis. Malter died within 36 hours of falling ill in mid-July. Meningitis B is a bacterial infection that can quickly progress from a severe headache to death within a 24- to 36-hour period.

"What vaccines do we recommend? We certainly recommend the meningitis vaccine as that all came to light," said Candace Price, nursing supervisor at Ferris State University Birkam Health Center. "I think it's something that's been to the forefront of everyone's mind since this incident with a student dying from meningitis."

There are two types of vaccines students can get to guard against meningitis infections. One is a common vaccine series many people get as children to guard against meningitis strains A, C, W and Y. The vaccine to immunize against meningitis B must be taken in a separate series.

"Students should be up to date on their meningitis vaccines," said Price. "They should also be up to date on their Tdap, which is the tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine."

"Another vaccine to consider for sexual health reasons is the vaccine to protect against human papilloma virus (HPV)," Price said.

"When the HPV vaccine first came out, it was only for women," continued Price. "Well, the way women catch it is from guys and for some time now, young boys and men have been getting vaccinated."

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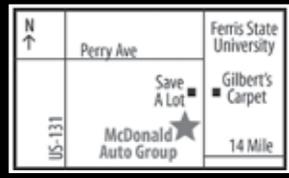
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“We’re going to use multiple quarterbacks for sure.”
- Tony Annese
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Who will be the next Vander Laan?

Trevor Bermingham, Reggie Bell and Travis Russell battling for control of the offense

Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

There's a hole on the roster at starting quarterback for the Bulldogs that's two Harlon Hill trophies-wide, and three candidates are all looking to fill it.

Former Ferris quarterback Jason Vander Laan was voted the best player in Div. 2 football in two consecutive seasons while leading the Bulldogs to back-to-back GLIAC Championships in 2014 and 2015. Now that Vander Laan has departed, the Bulldogs are looking to cull his replacement.

“It's still a work in progress. In practice we're pretty much splitting reps evenly, so we're still open and it's still a battle,” Coach Annese said. “We want competition and we want that at every position.”

Though there are many quarterbacks listed on the Bulldogs' roster, only three were seen taking reps with the first team offense in practice on Monday. Those three were senior Trevor Bermingham, Div. 1 transfer Reggie Bell and sophomore Travis Russell.

“In football sometimes it's more about not making the big mistake. Our quarterback will have a lot of good players around them so it's one of those things that if we can get a person to manage our game and not make a

big mistake then that's what will be critically important for us,” Annese said.

Bermingham is a familiar face for Bulldog fans, as he has served in a backup role to Vander Laan for the past three seasons and also handled special teams duties as an all-conference punter.

The most seasoned quarterback on the team, who hails from Addison, Ill. and stands 6-foot-4 and 198 pounds, completed 77.4 percent of his passes on 31 attempts in 2015. He's also had the most experience in Annese's offense of the three primary candidates for the starting job.

Bell is a speedy 6-foot-3, 190 pound dual-threat player vying for the starting spot under center. The Los Angeles, Calif. native played for two years on the Div. 1 level at Eastern Michigan University before transferring to Ferris during this past offseason.

Bell played 16 games during his two-year stint at Eastern where he accounted for 11 touchdowns and completed 57.6 percent of his passes.

“[Bell] is doing a good job and learning the system. His biggest issue is just command of the offense and making sure that he's taking those leadership roles,” Annese said. “I always tell my quarterbacks how important it is to work for that command and respect on the field.”

Grand Rapids native and sophomore quarterback Travis Russell has yet to see action in a Bulldogs uniform, but has been learning and adapting to the offense for over a year.

The 6-foot-1, 190 pound signal caller led his high school team to two consecutive state championships while providing a total of 112 touchdowns and 9,900 yards of combined offense in his high school career. Whether his athleticism can translate to the next level will likely decide if he can lead the Dawgs' offense.

“The biggest challenge is that we have some guys with different skillsets,” Annese said. “You kind of take the value they have skillset-wise and then factor in leadership and knowing the system.”

Regardless of who is named the starter at the position, each athlete may still have the opportunity to play. According to Annese, “We're going to use multiple quarterbacks for sure.” Annese is also confident that the surrounding cast of players on offense will help to ease the transition to a new starting quarterback.

“We've got a lot of good players around our quarterback and we didn't lose a running back that saw significant

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FERRIS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2016

September

1 - Ohio Dominican	7:30PM
10 - at Michigan Tech	1:00PM
17 - at Northwood	1:00PM
24 - Ashland	3:30PM

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15 - Northern Michigan	1:00PM
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29 - Wayne State	1:00PM

November

5 - at Hillsdale	12:00PM
12 - Saginaw Valley State	1:00PM
19 - at NCAA Division II Playoffs	TBA
26 - at NCAA Division II Playoffs	TBA

December

3 - at NCAA Division II Playoffs	TBA
10 - at NCAA Division II Semifinals	TBA
17 - at NCAA Division II Nationals	TBA

Soccer season kicking off

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Coming off a record-breaking season in 2015, the Ferris State women's soccer team is already on the verge of their 2016 soccer season.

After three summer exhibition games, the women will start things off at home on Top Taggart Field against the Lewis University Flyers. The Flyers ended their 2015 season with a record of 10-7-2.

The 2015 soccer season was good to the Bulldogs, who placed the highest in the school's history

among the league with 14 overall victories, another school record. Head coach Andy McCaslin was granted GLIAC Coach of the Year honors for the program's 2015 accomplishments, leading a team who had achieved more than any other Bulldog soccer team had done in the past.

Meredith Smith, a senior defender on the team played a big role in the Bulldog's 2015 league runner-up finish as a junior. Smith scored six goals while tallying seven assists last year and said the team is as prepared as they've

ever been.

"This is the fittest we have come in for a preseason since I have been here, so I am looking forward to a great year, and hopefully one that is as successful as last year," Smith said.

Smith also spoke on the eight seniors that the team lost and claims that girls are showing that they have what it takes to take over.

"We did lose a lot of great seniors

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action. We lost Antonio Agurs at slot and Jacob Lampman at outside receiver, but those are positions of depth for us so we feel like we're pretty solid when it comes to filling those voids," Annese said.

In addition to ample depth and the return of some key starters on the team, Annese also sees some unsung players from last year poised for a breakout season in 2016.

"[Sophomore wide receiver] Malik Taylor is one of the guys that we feel has a lot of potential to really have a breakout season. [Sophomore running

back] Robert Thomas played some last year but we feel really good about his skill," Annese said. "On defense we've got some guys that have really developed effectively."

Annese also named a trio of juniors in linebacker KC Zenner, defensive back Tavierre Thomas and cornerback Jevonte Alexander who will act as cornerstones for the Bulldog defense in the coming season.

The starting quarterback will be settled upon in the coming week according to Annese.

Ferris opens their season at home against the Ohio-Dominican Panthers, who they defeated by a 38-17 margin last year. The game will close out Founder's Day on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 pm.

New season, new era

Bulldog football prepares for start of 2016 season

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Ferris State Bulldog football has won two GLIAC Championships in as many years with their sights set on a third as they get ready for the 2016 season.

Though the program lost some great athletes to graduation and the NFL, the show must go on as the team prepares for their season

opener against Ohio Dominican. Ohio Dominican was the team to cut Ferris' undefeated season short in 2014, kicking the Dawgs out of the second round of the Division II playoffs.

Last year we saw the Bulldogs take down all opposition during the regular season for the second year in a row. The Dawgs hope to keep that streak alive according to



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Replacing a legend

With the beginning of the 2016-2017 football campaign coming up, the Bulldogs have some large shoes to fill, especially at the quarterback position.

After relying heavily on the arm and legs of two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner Jason Vander Laan for the past four years, Ferris State will have to find a quarterback who can pick up where Vander Laan left off.

Last year, Vander Laan accounted for roughly 67 percent of the total yards for the 11-1 Bulldogs either on the ground or through the air. Vander Laan is now fighting for a permanent spot on the New York Jets' 53-man roster.

Vander Laan's backup last season was, now-senior, Tyler Birmingham, who played at least one snap in all 12 games last season. But there are plenty of other quarterbacks on the roster that could make a push for the starting position, including Eastern Michigan transfer Reggie Bell. Bulldog fans will know for sure who will be the starter come Thursday, Sept. 1, when the Dawgs take on Ohio Dominican at 7:30 p.m. on Top Taggart field in Big Rapids.

Bulldog football ranked No. 12 in preseason polls

Ferris State football is ranked No. 12 nationally in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Preseason Coaches Poll.

The Bulldogs finished their second straight undefeated regular season last year, and will be looking for their third straight GLIAC title in the 2016-2017 season.

Ferris State was ousted in the second round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs last year in a 38-34 loss to Grand Valley State.

Ferris volleyball ranked No. 8

Ferris State women's volleyball has been named the No. 8 ranked team in the nation by the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II preseason poll for 2016.

The Bulldogs had a 33-3 record in 2015 and made it to the 16th round of the Division II NCAA Tournament before being bested 3-2 by the Rockhurst University Hawks.

Though the Bulldogs will be returning 12 letter-winners from last season, they must still replace four former starters, two of which were All-Americans.

Ferris football Media Day

The Ferris State Bulldog Football Media and Photo Day will take place on Top Taggart Field on Thursday, Aug. 25.

The media day will begin at 8 a.m. and will last until 10 a.m. before the team's first scrimmage of the year will kick off at 10:30 a.m.

This will give the media and fans a live look at what to expect when the first game of the season rolls around on Sept. 1.

SOCCER from page 11 Bulldogs look to build on historic season

this past year, however we have players that are stepping up and that I think will be able to fill the roles that many of the seniors left," Smith said.

The 2016 GLIAC Preseason Coaches' Poll placed Ferris soccer third overall in the rankings for their achievements last year, a sign of the team's newly found success. McCaslin gave a lot of credit to the graduated seniors but is also confident in his current talent.

"We did lose a lot of experience to graduation, but that is a reality of a college coach's role," said McCaslin. "We've got the mindset

in our program of next player up."

McCaslin also discussed the firm stance he instills when it comes to improving on the field.

"With a new team, it is always a learning experience and we'll have some teaching moments along the way," said McCaslin. "The program standards and our expectations have not wavered, we have to find ways to execute together when the time comes. We've got a tremendous group that will do just that."

The Bulldogs have also brought in a lot of new talent to fill any holes that may need filling.

"This new group that we have this year is one of the largest we have ever brought in," said McCaslin. "It is a new group of ten players, eight freshmen and two transfers. Adding that many and

losing a big group from last year really changes the dynamic of the group and it is very cool to see new voices and new leaders emerging."

One of those new athletes who made the choice to play at Ferris is freshman forward Brandi Wagner. Wagner, among the other new Dawgs, is ready for the opportunity to play for Ferris State.

"I'm very excited to be a part of a program that is having so much success," Wagner said. "I am looking forward to playing at a higher level, learning from the older girls and coaches, what it takes to be successful, and mostly to be a part of the Bulldog community."

Lady Dawg soccer officially kicks off their season on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 1 p.m. on Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids.

Volleyball looks to replace all-americans

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris Volleyball is returning to the hardwood this year ranked No. 8 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) national poll after the best season in Bulldog history.

The lady Dawgs were GLIAC champions last year and reached a No. 1 ranking for the first time ever. They went undefeated at home and cruised to a 33-3 overall record before being knocked out by Rockhurst in the Sweet Sixteen of the national tournament.

Despite losing four seniors with multiple all-american and all-GLIAC titles, the AVCA believes Ferris has enough talent to be a national contender again.

Junior Libero Lauren Reminga is in the mix to replace one of the four key players lost in Libero Danielle Dowd.

Reminga said, "It's a new year and we have a lot of young fresh talent and a lot of potential we have to keep working to reach. We may have lost some key starters but we are working just as hard and we have it in us to be ready to come out this year and compete against the GLIAC schools."

In addition to Dowd, Ferris lost hitters Megan Vander Meer, Alexis Huntey, and Caroline Heitzman.

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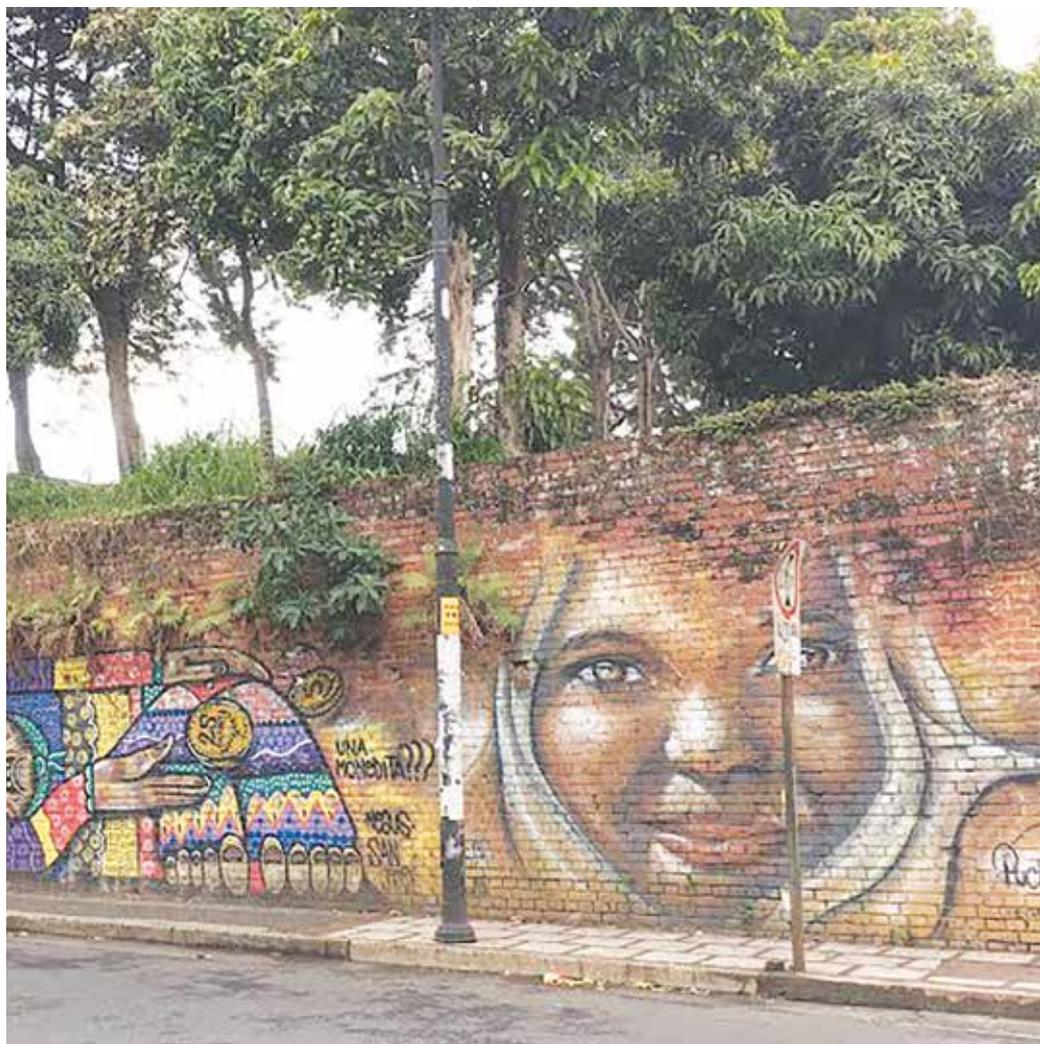


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The real reasons behind studying abroad

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Harley Harrison
Torch Reporter

a month or two of their summer to take approximately eight credits of classes in about four weeks are pas

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

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sionate about more than what's advertised on traveling brochures. We're in it for the painful struggle of learning a new language and having a local glance upon us with confusion. We strive to try that skeptical and odd food that we end up missing when we get home. Our goal is to meet new and different people who will let us temporarily step into their lives and explore their ways of living. Yet, it's the priceless experiences that holds us at our core. The hiking ankle-deep through mud in a tropical rainforest, the nightly dinners with our host families, getting lost in an unfamiliar city and exploring places you're afraid you will never see again. Culture shock is something we

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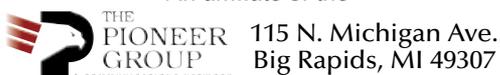
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