



Reporting rape

Updated process for reporting sexual assault on campus

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News Editor

During the 2015-16 academic year, Ferris' Title IX program conducted a climate survey in which 131 of 632 student respondents reported experiencing unwanted sexual contact while attending Ferris State University.

131 of 632 is 20.7 percent. If that ratio is extrapolated to the 10,016 students on Big Rapids' campus, it could be assumed that roughly 2,073 students have experienced unwanted sexual contact while attending Ferris.

To contrast the results of this anonymous survey, in Ferris' 2015 Fire and Safety Report, a total of six reports were filed for forcible rape, and since 2013, there have only been 13 reported sexual assaults.

According to Ferris' Title IX Coordinator and Associate Dean of Student Life Kevin Carmody, this is not unusual.

"Nationally, sexual assault remains one of the most underreported crimes," Carmody said. "Where it is estimated that only about five percent will report to law enforcement and perhaps seven percent will report to University officials."

Until recently, Ferris students and Big Rapids residents alike have been faced with another hurdle in the reporting process: a lack of ability to perform rape kits in Big Rapids.

"They could present at the emergency room here and be told, 'well, we don't have the people or the stuff to complete this forensic collection, but you can go down

to Grand Rapids and do it there because they do,'" said Whitney Buffa, an associate with the Women's Information Service, Inc. (WISE) in Big Rapids. "There are a lot of people that we've transported that would not have gone if we had not taken them there."

According to Barbara Cook, another WISE associate specializing in sexual assault matters, oftentimes when these things happen victims are already feeling vulnerable.

"You're telling someone that's just gone through trauma that they need to go somewhere else," Cook said. "And a lot of times it's nighttime going down to a big city to have an exam done."

Spectrum Health Center in Big Rapids is pioneering the effort to make health care following sexual trauma more accessible. This is through the implementation of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs).

SANEs receive special training regarding the collection of evidence from rape victims. These exams can be performed up until 120 hours after the assault and can take up to three hours to complete. This includes both an interview process portion, and a physical examination involving everything from the collection of pelvic swabs to nail clippings.

"If they want somebody to just hold their hand and talk them through it, we can be there," Buffa said. "We give them all the resources and all the things that they need to know about the process so that the nurse can focus on what she's doing and get the samples that she needs and be thorough in her job."

Carmody, Buffa and Cook all agree that one of the steps toward preventing these incidents lies in education. This means educating students on issues of consent as well as what resources are at their disposal on and around campus.

"I've heard often that the process seems daunting, and that if they knew more about how this process would run, that would increase their comfort," Carmody said.

Carmody's statement seemed to ring true as several students responded negatively when asked if they knew the process of reporting a sexual assault at Ferris, following the Five Star event Sex Signals in October.

Ferris pre-optometry freshman Cole Barnhart said: "No, I'm not completely sure."

Ferris marketing and sales junior Emily Gleason said: "I don't. My best guess is the police?"

However, Gleason knows secondhand through several friends how harrowing the process of reporting sexual assault can be following an incident that occurred at a party near campus.

"She was at a party at her own house and there was a group of guys there," Gleason said. "The guys took both of them (her and her roommate) upstairs, and they both were raped that night, in her own house. She wasn't taken seriously, and when she reported it, it was one of those things where they told her it was going to be like nine to 12 months for them to even get results back from the DNA testing, so it kind of was brushed off."

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According to both Carmody and Cook, oftentimes the hardest part of talking about sexual assault and filing a report is simple: making people believe the victim and fixing the theme of systemic victim-blaming.

"I think that the primary barriers that keep survivors of sexual assault from coming forward are societal," Carmody said. "There is a powerful and unfortunately warranted fear that these individuals will be judged, disbelieved or otherwise discounted."

Buffa pointed out that these issues are already arising with the women coming forward following the recent release of the Trump tapes.

"The women that came out in the New York Times saying, 'yeah, Trump sexually assaulted us...' You already have people trying to discredit them," Buffa said. "Why can we as a culture not just believe survivors?"

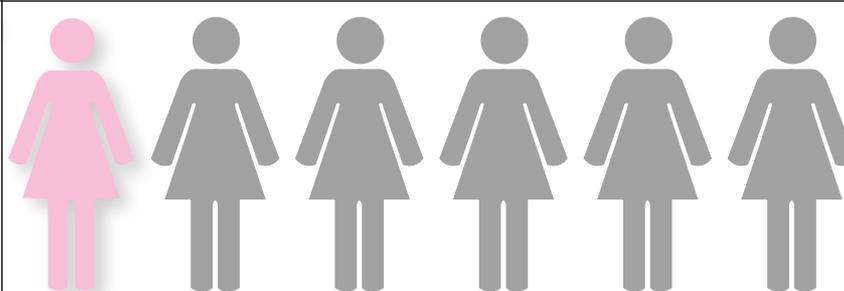
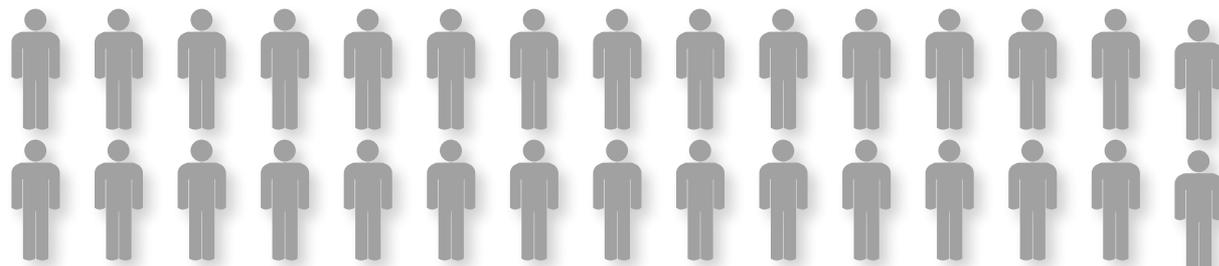
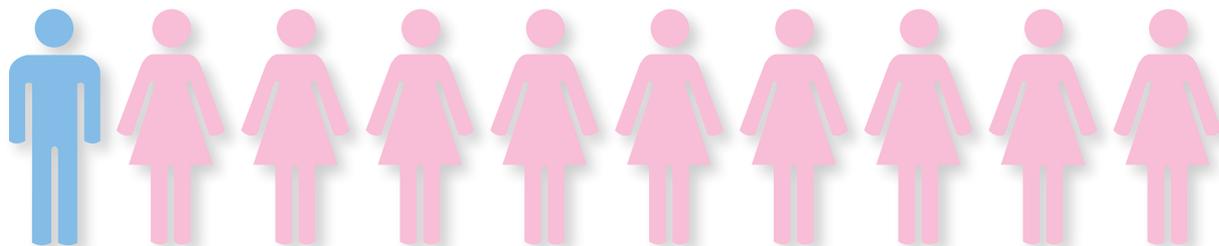
Buffa thinks that in large part, the solution to this problem lies in giving a voice to the people being oppressed rather than those trying to discredit them.

"I think we give too much of a voice to people who hold factually wrong opinions or beliefs about sexual assault," Buffa said. "I think that you allow people on TV who label what Bill Cosby did as a 'sex scandal' rather than a sexual assault. I think that you have people out there that are making the Trump thing about the fact that he said 'pussy' rather than the fact that he talked about assaulting somebody."

"We will help people if they want to make a report, but we're never going to push anybody," Cook said. "Our support for survivors is unconditional, and if they need somebody to lean on, we can just be there for them."

For more details on the process of reporting sexual assault at Ferris, as well as information on opportunities for student advocates to get involved, see the next issue of the *Torch* Wednesday, Nov. 2.

To contact WISE call (231) 796-6600 and to report any crime contact Ferris' Department of Public Safety at (231) 591-5000.



54% of sexual assault victims are ages 18-34.

*All above information came from the RAINN (Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network).



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Educators David Seeber and Anne Dufault of Catharsis Productions visited Ferris to talk about the meaning of consent and what it means to say, "no."

Recognizing sex signals

Five star event about the importance of consent

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

Sexual consent is not something that can easily be discussed. However, it's an important discussion in the prevention of sexual assault.

Ferris Entertainment Unlimited hosted the Five Star event "Sex Signals" Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the UC with educators from Catharsis Productions to shed light on the culture of consent.

"Two people came in, they were really friendly and they showed us, in a good way, what consent means and how we can help save people from bad decisions," said Ferris pre-optometry freshman Cole Barnhart.

According to Justin Stevenson, a Ferris hospitality management senior and a primary coordinator of the event, 300-400 students were expected to attend the five Star event for their RSO's, fraternities or sororities.

"I think the event is important because it gives the aspect and perspective of those who have this experience of being sexually assaulted," Stevenson said. "[Those who don't] get an open mind of what happened to this person, what we can do to prevent this from happening to students."

Catharsis Productions provided two educators, David Seeber and Anne Dufault, who created an interactive performance about what consent means to the American culture.

"We use humor to kind of get into some more difficult conversations, and of course, we're never making light of those subjects, but we use humor to discuss things like gender roles and these ridiculous stereotypes that people feel

like they need to live up to and what those stereotypes, you know, kind of end up doing to our culture," Seeber said.

Catharsis Productions is a national company that travels to different colleges and universities in hopes of making a difference in how consent is perceived, according to Dufault.

"We try to normalize consent, try to get out the idea that it's not this awkward thing, and once everybody starts asking for consent, it makes people who don't care really stand out and that's a good thing, we want them to stand out," Seeber said.

Their goal is also to provide support for survivors of sexual assault because it often goes unreported, according to Dufault.

"I think it's a topic that a lot of people don't like to talk about or are really uncomfortable to talk about so it was nice to put a lighthearted edge onto it," said Ferris marketing and sales junior Emily Gleason.

Unfortunately, many students who were interviewed did not know how to report sexual assault on campus.

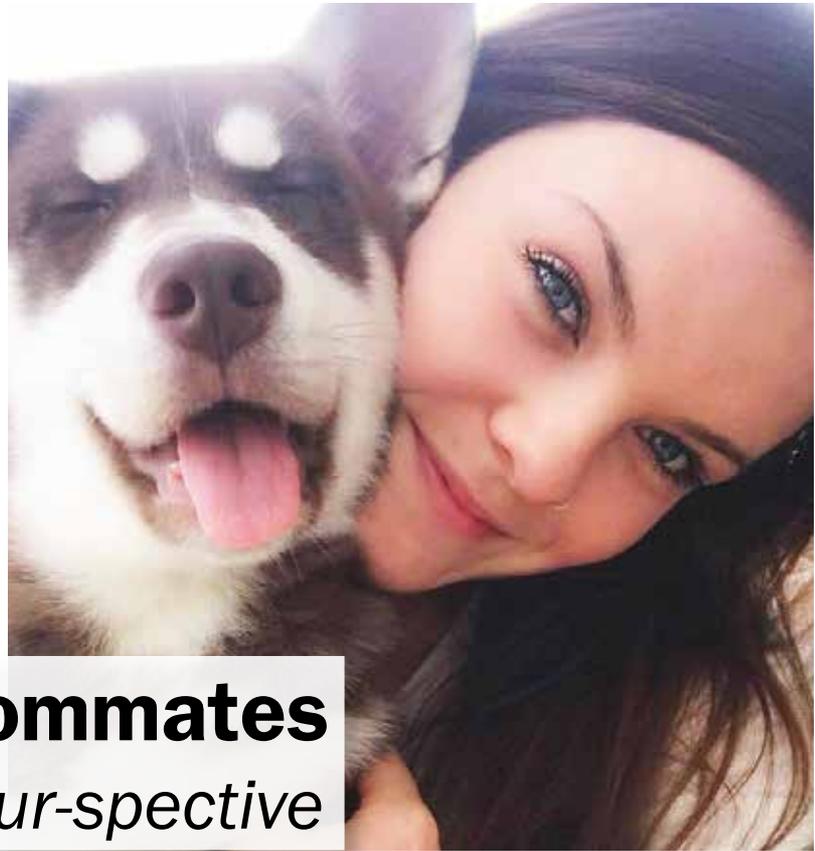
"If you've ever been sexually assaulted and you want to come forward, you can just go to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). If you want to talk more about your situation but in a confident environment, you can go to the counseling center in Birkam," Stevenson said.



Cole Barnhart



Emily Gleason



Four legged roommates A college student fur-spective

Photo courtesy of Brian Greene

Photo courtesy of Sarah McKeon

Ferris plastics engineering junior Brian Greene adopted his furry friend, Zeus, shortly after coming to Ferris.

Ferris psychology senior Sarah McKeon finds her Husky pup, Brody, to be a stress-reliever.

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

With projects and homework building up, students are looking for ways to combat the stress that goes along with college by adopting pets.

October is National Adopt a Pet Month, an initiative to find homes for approximately 7.6 million pets in shelters, as reported by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). According to Ferris psychology senior Sarah McKeon, pets can serve as great companions, especially in college.

“Getting a dog while attending school is definitely something I would recommend for other students,” McKeon said. “After a long day or after a stressful test or even taking a break from studying, it’s nice to know that I have my pup next to me to put a smile on my face.”

McKeon is the owner, or “parent,” of a Siberian Husky named Brody. McKeon also believes that having pets can teach students responsibility.

“I think having a dog while in college is extremely helpful with stress, and also makes you become more responsible since having a puppy is a huge responsibility,” McKeon said. “The hardest part of having a pet while in school, especially a puppy, is probably the training stages. It’s hard to have the right amount of time to train your puppy while also attending class and work.”

However, McKeon says the work is worth it.

“It may be tough work but dogs really are a girl’s best friend. He brings much more happiness to my every day life. He also gives the best kisses and cuddles.”

Ferris biology senior Ashley Nichols is the owner of a black cat named Jinx. Nichols also thinks that pets are a good stress reliever.

“It’s always fun playing with her when I need a break from studying and she’s also just comic relief in general when she follows my roommates or myself around the house meowing or running around like crazy,” Nichols said.

Ferris plastics engineering junior Brian Greene is the owner of an English Mastiff named Zeus. Greene adopted Zeus when he came to Ferris.

“I always wanted a dog but I couldn’t do it because of the Navy,” Greene said. “Then after the Navy, I had the time.”

Greene agrees that dogs are beneficial for college life, and said owning a pet had no drawbacks whatsoever.

“He is a stress reliever and the most loyal best friend,” Greene said.

For more information about adopting a pet, visit the Animal Rescue Coalition of Mecosta County at arcocme-costacounty.com or visit the American Humane Society website at americanhumane.org.



Appreciating Residents

Ferris’ office of housing and residence life, in collaboration with dining services, hosted a resident appreciation tailgate picnic before the Ferris State vs. Lake Erie football game. Residents and meal plan holders were able to bring their IDs to Top Taggart field and partake in free food and a long sleeve t-shirt giveaway.

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Ferris students gathered from all over campus and formed a line out the door to partake in free Qdoba and Jet's Pizza while watching the last Trump/Clinton presidential debate.

The final debate

PEP hosts final debate watch party before next month's election

Kip Biby

Torch Reporter

The Political Engagement Project (PEP) held its third and final debate watch party. As presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton took the stage Wednesday, Oct. 19, an estimated 180 students gathered in the IRC to watch.

"I think it's important for people to understand the political system," Kristi Scholten said.

Scholten is the co-chair of PEP, and the coach of Ferris State's debate team. "I do think it is important for people to see the image the candidate is crafting for themselves."

The debate between Trump and Clinton was held in Las Vegas and covered seven main topics; the Supreme Court justice nomination, abortion rights, immigration, the economy, fitness to be president, foreign hot spots and national debt.

"I don't feel like Trump supports my people," said Ferris political science freshman Charnice LaGrone. "I feel like he's for a certain group of people, the rich white upper class people."

LaGrone plans on voting for Hillary but is not particularly excited about either candidate. "It's not re-

ally who you like better, it's who you hate the least."

Not everybody felt Hillary was the lesser of two evils. Jake Davenport, the president of the Ferris Chapter of the College Republicans is an adamant Trump supporter.



Michael Seitter

"Obama has been a not good leader for the past eight years," Davenport said. "He's made a disaster of our country," Davenport said.

While some people knew who they were going to vote for, others were not so sure. "I am kind of apathetic at this point in our system," said Ferris history senior Michael Seitter. "I would prefer Bernie Sanders among all else but he's not running."

Tables in the main room had paper with questions on them like, "What is the most important attribute of leadership?" Some tables had less serious questions like, "If Clinton were a super hero or villain what would her power be?"

The event was held in the IRC at 8:30 p.m. Attendees enjoyed free food from Qdoba and Jet's Pizza, games related to the candidates and a photo contest.

Flushing out cancer

Colleges Against Cancer philanthropy event

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) is raising money and awareness at Ferris by passing around a purple toilet seat to other registered student organizations (RSOs).



Greg Brunner

The toilet is purple for CAC's partnership with the American Cancer Society to recognize all cancers. October is breast cancer awareness month and CAC decided to decorate the toilet pink to represent and bring attention to breast cancer.

Once an RSO is given the toilet, they will have seven days to either pay CAC \$10, pay \$15 to pass it to another RSO or pay \$20 for "toilet insurance" for immunity for 20 days. Each day the toilet is held over the allotted seven days, there is a \$1 charge and all money will be donated.

"My favorite thing about it is that it has the potential to get the entire campus involved," said Ferris business administration and human resource management sophomore Greg Brunner.

According to Ferris music industry management junior, and the president of CAC, Catherine LoSchiavo, they have tried having tables in the IRC and UC but were often ignored.

"The purple toilet is a way to grab peoples attention," LoSchiavo said. "We wanted to get students aware that cancer is a tyrant and affects the lives is everyone, whether it's directly or indirectly."

According to Ferris pre-dental hygiene junior Caitlyn Toering, this has been on campus since January of 2016.



Caitlyn Toering

"When people hear about the fundraiser, they think it is different and unique, since it's new, there hasn't been a lot of talk about it but many RSOs expressed that they enjoyed the idea behind it," Toering said.

LoSchiavo added that she enjoys the excitement that RSOs have and how they want to get involved.

"It's not only a good feeling to see an idea follow through but also have that idea well received," LoSchiavo said.

CAC is planning a dodgeball tournament to end the fundraiser and the RSO that raised the least amount of money will have a disadvantage.

The fundraiser started Wednesday, Oct. 12, and will run through the end of the semester. So far, it has reached two RSOs.



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Caps and Gowns may be purchased at the Grad Fair on November 3rd, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in the University Center - Multi-purpose Rooms or starting November 3rd - December 14th at the Ferris State University Bookstore (located in the University Center, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids MI 49307).

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 reserve or print starting **November 3, 2016**. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. **Tickets must be reserved by Thursday, December 15 at 11:59 pm.**

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More missing money

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Disorderly and rocking

Oct. 14, 5:20 p.m., officers assisted the Rock Café staff with a disorderly subject. The individual was removed from the premises.

Missing money

Oct. 14, 6:05 p.m., officers responded to a larceny complaint regarding money stolen from a room in Hallisy Hall.

More missing money

Oct. 14, 6:15 p.m., officers responded to a report of money stolen in Hallisy Hall. The investigation is still underway and a suspect is being questioned.

Destructive parking

Oct. 15, 12:20 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident in Lot 1.

Ouch

Oct. 15, 4:30 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with a personal injury resulting from a

traffic crash on Northland Drive near 14 Mile Road.

Uncivil

Oct. 16, 1:20 a.m., officers investigated a civil complaint in Bond Hall. The incident was ultimately handled by housing staff.

Creeping clowns

Oct. 17, 12:40 a.m., officers investigated a report of disorderly conduct in the South Quad. The incident involved three subjects dressed as clowns that knocked a fan out of a window in McNerney Hall. All three individuals were identified and referred to the Office of

Student Conduct.

Domestic assault

Oct. 17, 1:55 a.m., officers investigated a report of domestic assault in Cramer Hall. The suspect was a non-student visiting his girlfriend. The suspect left the building but was later located and lodged in jail. The female student had superficial injuries but did not require medical attention.

Okay, seriously watch your money

Oct. 17, 3 p.m., officers responded to a report of a wallet stolen from the Student Recreation Center.

Blazed in Bond

Oct. 17, 7:55 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Bond Hall. Two students were identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

The Ferris State Department of Public Safety issued 234 tickets between the dates of Oct. 13, and Oct. 18, totaling \$4,040.



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NEWS BRIEFS

By Keith Salowich - Editor In Chief

Library open house

The FLITE Library will be hosting an open house to showcase new furniture on the second floor. The event is meant to cover library information and what it can offer students.

The open house will take place between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, in FLITE.

Bowling tournament

Ferris' chapter of the American Marketing Association will be hosting a bowling tournament 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Gate. Staff and students are welcome to take part in the tournament, and a costume contest will coincide with the event.

Citizenship webinar

The Political Engagement Project (PEP) is hosting a webinar entitled "Citizenship Under Siege: Income Inequality and the Cost of Citizenship" 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in room 111 of the Business Building.

The presentation will be focused on how several campuses have encouraged their students and communities to examine issues surrounding access to full citizenship in the United States.

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Rising hall rates

Residence hall rates continue to increase at Ferris

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

The board of trustees for housing and dining rates approved a 2.5 percent increase for the 2017-18 school year.

According to the Ferris vice president of administration and finance Jerry Scoby, the current rate for a double room in the residence halls is \$5,244, and it will be increased to \$5,376. The rate for a double in the new north residence hall will be \$5,910 for 2017-18.

"I don't plan on living on campus next year just because the cost is way too expensive for such a small place that is shared," said Ferris biology freshman Amanda Ponce.

According to Ponce, the residence halls are not worth the amount of money that Ferris is asking because even with the new hall being built, there is not any additional space, just new rooms.

"When we develop a recommendation for any housing and dining rate increases, we look at many factors including things like the cost of utilities, cost of food, cost for salaries and benefits for our employees, rates for similar offerings at other Michigan public universities and how can we keep the rates as low as possible to help make them affordable for students," Scoby said.

Ferris criminal justice freshman Jade Whiting also does not think the rooms are worth it because of the size.

"I would agree with the increase if I were living in the new hall but most students won't be so they are paying more money for used rooms and outdated rooms," Whiting said.

According to Scoby, the committee is continuously working to make the student dining and living experience a great one.

"These offerings range from great quality food, new dining offerings, improvements in our housing offerings, and extensive programming in the halls for our students," Scoby said.

There are some Ferris students that do agree with the 2.5 percent increase.

"I do plan on living on campus next year because I'm applying to be a Residence

Advisor," said Ferris human resources freshman Oliver Wissman. "I agree with the increase because they are building more halls for more people to come to Ferris, and that is expensive."

Wissman also agrees that the older rooms should be updated if students are going to be asked to pay an increased amount of money.

"While it seems early to talk about housing and dining rates for 2017-18, we find that students appreciate knowing the rates before they sign up for a room and meal plan for next year," Scoby said. "Early room sign-up is just around the corner."

MEET THE TORCH

Megan Hiler | Torch Reporter

I am a senior in the sports communication program and minoring in multimedia journalism. I am also a pitcher on the softball team. I am from Michigan, but I have moved around quite a bit, so Ferris feels like home to me. I am a huge Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers fan, even though they make me mad half the time. I am also a Pizza Roll enthusiast and my favorite movie is Happy Gilmore.



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Are you of the belief that the media is dictating our lives, rigging the election and ruining America? Then you have a flawed view of the meaning of the word "media."

"The media" as a term has become an electric blanket thrown over a pile of snow. It's meant to be a wide-spanning phrase designed to cover a lot of ground but all the meaning has melted away.

Fox News, CNN and NBC are not the full spectrum of the media, nor are The Wall Street Journal or The Washington Post. BuzzFeed and

The Odyssey definitely aren't the entire media.

So what is it? Well, basically every source of information that you consume.

This means that, yes, The Post is a part of the media but in the same way that Ferris athletics programs are a part of the NCAA. There are many teams across the country with their own respective following just as there are myriad media outlets in America with unique viewership and coverage areas.

Blaming the media

Yet the people arguing that "the media" has taken a step back and is contributing to violence, misinformation and divisiveness in our country do have a valid point.

The problem is a two-way street. Media outlets are pushing a product, whether it's a print publication, news broadcast or a "listicle" on Facebook and are seeking profit. This profit is derived from advertising dollars, which is driven by readership.

Articles that get the most clicks bring in the most advertising dol-

lars which is why you're more likely to read about a cat whose meowing sounds like it's saying, "hello," than a city council meeting decision. The degeneration of the media is directly correlated to the degeneration of those consuming it.

There is still fair, unbiased reporting on important issues going on in the world. It's not always affiliated with the powerhouses of the media but if you seek it out, you will find it.



This photo was shared on Instagram by actress Dascha Polanco, best known for playing Daya Diaz in the Netflix series, "Orange Is the New Black."



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One size fits all

Reality of lack of trendy fashion options for plus-size women

With celebs like Ashley Graham and Amber Riley as inspiration, I've become more open with the positivity of my body image, and I work every day to encourage others to do the same.

A few months back, I woke up one day and was just like, "Damn, girl, ya look good!" The rest has been history, and I forcibly rid myself of anti-plus-size thoughts by making a Facebook post.

In my post, I say, "If I want to walk out of my house wearing a crop top and ripped jeans, who's going to stop me?"

The answer? Big-name designers and labels who refuse to make their clothes in sizes for all of their perspective customers, including me, because the visual doesn't "fit" their brand.

You would think that this was common sense, and that designers would do everything in their power to maximize their profit—yes, I mean that literally.



Jasmine Nettles
Managing Copy Editor

If you think I'm being dramatic or am just hyper-sensitive, back up off me. I find clothes and SLAY regardless of the tag.

What bothers me is when this subject continues to make headlines of blogs, mentioned on red carpets during interviews, and inadvertently require body positivity campaigns from other major brands who have retained the best interest of ALL of their potential customers.

In an interview with Vogue magazine back in August of 2016, Dascha Polanco, actress from "Orange is the New Black," stated that the labels she was refused styling by are some of her favorite designers!

Polanco is quoted saying, "I love what they

do, so I had my publicist reach out to their PR team. Their response was, 'Oh, you're not the sizes we have, not right now, maybe in the future.'

What a load of bull. So, you're telling me, that you didn't think to include ALL sizes in your newest seasonal push? Bull.

Actress Leslie Jones was refused a dress for her premiere to Ghostbusters by several designers, and Melissa McCarthy decided to create her own clothing line called "Seven7" because she was tired of being told that designers couldn't (wouldn't) dress her for an event.

This whole concept hit home for me when I was chosen as an ambassador for the Office of Multi-Cultural Student Services (OMSS) for the 2016 Ferris Foundation Gala.

We were given our limits as to what we can

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We are not too old

Why teenagers and young adults should be allowed to trick-or-treat



Travis Sacher
Opinions Editor

Halloween is approaching, which means only one thing; my sweet tooth is preparing for its annual epic orgasm.

My taste buds are already salivating at the thought of Twizzlers, Twix bars, M&M'S, Mike & Ikes, Dots and any other sweet treats that accumulate in the pit of my pillowcase. Trick-or-treating is one of my favorite American past-times. It is the one day out of the entire year I feel no form of guilt for eating candy.

The issue is that many people believe college students are too old for trick-or-treating.

In a recent survey conducted by the Today show, 73 percent of those surveyed agreed that at some point between the ages of 12 and 17, children should call it quits.

Trick-or-treating seems to end for students once they enter college. The belief is that college students are too old to knock on doors and scare folks for candy. College students are old enough to buy themselves candy.

It is one thing for adults to look at college students and say, "okay, you kids are too old to ask for candy." But, it isn't just adults who think this; students also think they have outgrown the childish event of trick-or-treating.

These are great fallacies, and by no means are we too old to trick-or-treat. Trick-or-treating is fun and would be a great campus and town event for Ferris.

If all student houses prepared themselves with a bowl of candy, we could have a huge student trick-or-treating event on the night of Halloween. Fraternities could use this event as a recruiting tool, and underclassmen on campus would have a great opportunity to spend a night off of campus.

Also, a mass amount of students indulging on the teeth-rotting wonders means that dental services will be required. Dental hygiene students are frequently asking students on campus to take part in their practice sessions for professional experience. A trade-off to consuming candy on Halloween means you can get free dental services and allow a Ferris student to get worthy experience. It's a win-win situation.

It's time we brought trick-or-treating back into our college lives. There is nothing wrong with trick-or-treating. I went my senior year of high school and had a phenomenal time with my friends. Sure, we got the looks as to why are the older teenagers asking for candy but what would you rather us do? Drink Steel Reserves and smoke weed, or dress up in funny costumes and ring neighbors' doorbells asking for them to put chewy candy in our pillowcases. I'd choose the latter.

The trouble with tenure

Job security isn't always a good thing

We've all experienced it: the professor that marches into the room the first week of the semester, throws their feet up on the desk, wordlessly clicks through some slides, assigns a few essays and won't respond to emails.

Are they lazy? Do they not care about their jobs? No, they're just tenured.

Most of us have heard of tenure but what does it really mean? Tenure is a guaranteed job contract. The idea is that after a professor has proved their skills over a few years, it varies by university but generally over three, they have "proved" their skill.

Tenure was originally created in the late 19th century, at the same time as many other professions were undergoing labor struggles. The idea was to combat parents and administrators playing too heavy of a role in what was taught, but circumstances have changed and the program needs to adapt.

After achieving this title, they cannot be fired without a severe misstep in conduct. Educators argue that they earned the security this provides and that it allows them to do a better job, but I think that's crap.

Tenure allows professors to become sedentary and honestly I don't blame them. Who wouldn't love a guaranteed job making upwards of 80 thousand dollars a year? The problem is the system.

Where is the drive to innovate and get better and challenge students when you get paid the exact



Angela Graf
News Editor

same amount regardless?

Tenure creates a huge problem with eliminating incompetent educators. The process is grueling in that it's both time-consuming and expensive and that's when it's even possible to do under their contracts.

As a result, more often than not, these burned-out, entitled teachers get shuffled around rather than being replaced by people that would actually inspire and engage students.

The solution is simple: eliminate tenure. It's the same reason supreme court justices shouldn't have a lifetime term; they have too much power.

It is common in a number of career-fields to sign multi-year contracts but more often than not the executive power lies with the employer, not the employee, and therefore the contract can be terminated when a certain degree of under-achievement is reached.

Having a little fear in regards to job security is a good thing. It makes individuals strive for greatness rather than settle for mediocrity.

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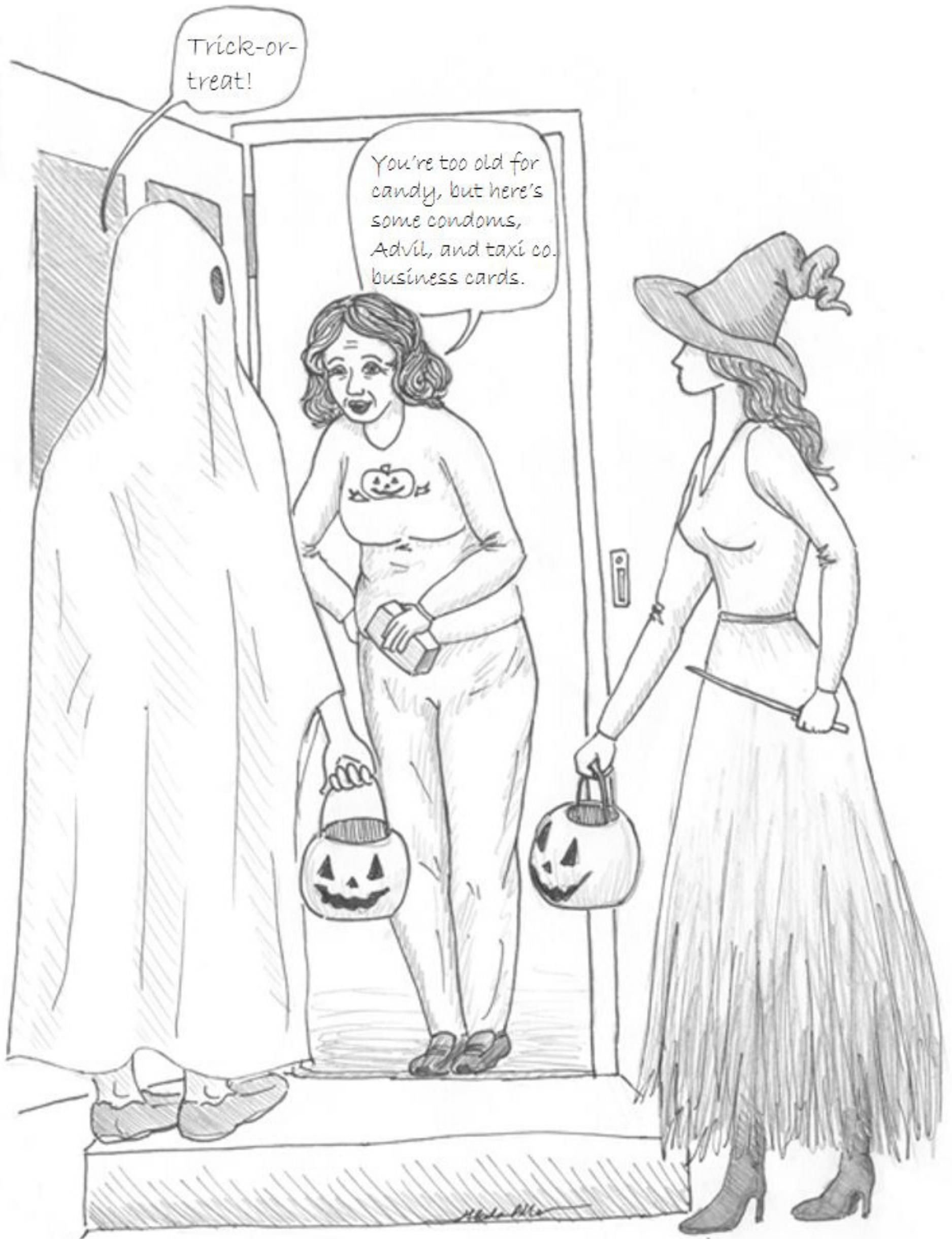


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SIZE

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wear and I had to stifle my laughter.

I didn't want to laugh because I was amused. But because I knew it would take me up until the week before this event to find something to wear, and have to pay about an extra \$30 on shipping to make sure it's here, it fits and I like how I look.

We were told not to expose cleavage, dresses and skirts

must be no more than an inch above the knee and we had to wear flat, comfortable shoes. Insert body-check here.

The flats for shoes, I'm definitely okay with. But whatever I wear will accentuate my breasts, and what's knee length on that girl, will ride up the back on me. Literally.

So I've decided that a classy jumpsuit is my best option, even though I'm not entirely excited about it. But what can I do?

To big-name designers I will say this; get it together! You

have an entire untapped market of customers because you refuse to get with the times. We don't all wear a size eight or 10. And for you, that's going to have to be okay.

To the people who just don't understand why plus-size girls need the same luxuries as the next girl, I'll end with what I said to close my Facebook post; "Do me a favor, like my pictures and keep it moving. Cause me and this 22 can change ya life." No matter what I wear, I still SLAY. But it would be nice to be able to wear more.



Ferris State University Tire Fire



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“It’s all rigged!”



Trump refuses to accept outcome of election, crooked media reporting on result

Bozo Bilmbus
Treasure Hunter

According to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, he’ll be moving into the White House this January regardless of the election’s outcome.

Trump has stated that he will not necessarily accept defeat if Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton is to win the upcoming election. He has also been highly critical of the media, insisting that they are biased against him.

“Crooked Hillary is trying to

buy this election, and she’s already bought the media. The thing is, she’s bought and sold by her donors too,” Trump said.

Though Trump is critical of news outlets like CNN and the New York Times, there is one publication that he trusts to produce accurate and impartial articles.

“The *Tire Fire* is the only reputable news source that America can trust,” Trump said as he proudly held an issue of the satirical publication aloft which declared his victory over Clinton.

Trump also insisted that he’d be hanging the front page of that very issue in the Oval Office once he moves into the White House.

“The media today disgusts me. It’s all rigged! You know it, I know it,” Trump said. “Well, except the *Tire Fire*. At least they’re reporting the facts.”

At press time, Trump was overheard quoting estimates for moving trucks as he prepared to pack for the White House and whether or not they’d be able to safely transport the many portraits of himself.

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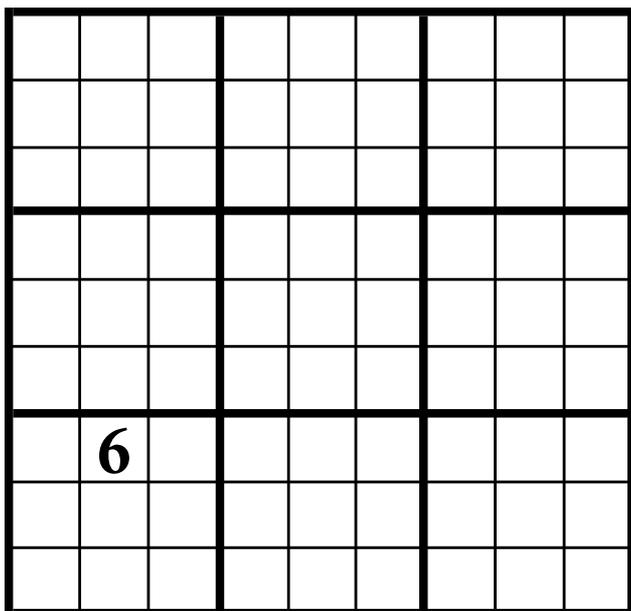
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Tuning out

Introverted freshman fakes listening to music

Donald Johnson-Clinton
Tarot Reader

"I'm seriously so afraid to talk to anyone that I just walk around campus with my headphones on and mind my own damn business," said Ferris freshman communications major Edward Nifetoes.

Nifetoes, who lives in a residence hall on campus, says that he is just so terrified of speaking to anyone in fear that they'll look at him in a negative light.

"This one time, in the seventh grade, I raised my hand in class to answer a math question, thinking that people would think I was smart. The teacher called on me and I answered the question correctly but for the rest of the year, all of my classmates called me 'fucking nerd' because I knew the area of an equilateral triangle," Nifetoes said.

Ever since, Nifetoes has decided that the best way to go about his day without being bothered by his peers is to put on his sound-cancelling headphones and pretend to listen to music in order to block out the world around him. The catch is that under those headphones, Nifetoes isn't listening to anything at all.

"I tried to listen to a bunch of different types of music but I realized after a week or two that I don't really like music because it makes me have feelings, and my classmates used to always tell me that feelings made you weak. So I just put the headphone plug into my pocket so that it appears to people that I'm listening to music and that way they don't bother me," Nifetoes said.

Nifetoes did say that he is getting into electronic music a little bit because it doesn't make him feel anything at all. He has been slowly adding electronic music into his daily listening regimen.

"It's just kind of emotionless music. With things that sound kind of like hacksaws and power drills, I can't really associate any emotional attachment with them," Nifetoes said. "Except I did hear this one song last week that sounded like a battle between two 'Transformers,' which in turn made me sad about the downward spiral of Shia Labeouf's acting career. I immediately deleted that song from my playlist, and now I'm back to listening to music that makes me feel like an inanimate object, almost like a stapler."

Terror and destruction

Ferris hockey earns first win of the season, ensuing celebration turns violent immediately

Dustin Darschultz
Mine Sweeper

Ferris hockey is 1-6 and the Big Rapids campus is in shambles as a result.

After pulling out a narrow 3-2 shootout victory over Northern Michigan Saturday, Oct. 22, Ferris fans poured into the streets to celebrate their team's first win of the season in the most destructive manner imaginable.

Cars were flipped, glass was broken and structures were set ablaze as the Ferris faithful rampaged through the area late into the night.

"As soon as that final buzzer rang out we were all going nuts. It was such an exciting game that there really shouldn't be any surprise that we burned down the IRC," said Ferris english senior and long-time Bulldog fan Trevor Chompus. "We're all just really psyched that the team is back on the right track."

Other buildings caught in the wake of destruction were the Business Building, half of Physical Plant and Taggart Hall.

"Taggart has actually been scheduled for demolition for a while, so this is really convenient for us. Sure, we have millions of dollars worth of damage to repair but this is really a silver lining. Plus the hockey team finally won, so it's tough to see a downside to this," said vice president for administration and finance Jerry Scoby.

The Bulldogs will be looking to build on their first win of the season and according to some players, they will be using the carnage induced by their fans as inspiration going forward.

"We have the best fans in college hockey," said Ferris sophomore forward Corey Mackin. "They come out every week to cheer us on and this is just above and beyond. You could really tell how passionate they were when they were standing up to the riot police officers' batons and tear gas."

The Bulldogs will embark on a long road trip over the coming weeks as they travel to Minnesota State, Bowling Green State and Michigan State before returning home to play the Spartans Saturday, Nov. 12.

This is good news, as Ewigleben Arena is still a pile of rubble in the wake of the celebratory riot and will take a few weeks to rebuild.

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Horror-scopes



Aries: March 21-April 19

He loves you. He loves you not. He loves you. He loves you not. He loves you not. He loves you not. He loves you not. It just isn't going to happen.



Taurus: April 20-May 20

The stars say they don't care anymore. All Tauruses are just a bunch of phonies, anyway. They're all just corpses marching to their graves. *Emo hair flip.*



Gemini: May 21-June 20

You've had something stuck in your teeth for the past three days. The stars are begging you to invest in some floss.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

Clear your search history before it's too late. There's no coming back from, "is 1.8 inches flaccid normal size?"



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

It's a bad time to get a haircut. In fact, you should probably just stop grooming all together. Embrace the stench.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

If you don't forward this to at least 10 people within the next 24 hours you'll die in your sleep and/or never find true love.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

Libra is the sign of justice. Unfortunately, the American justice system can be cruel. Have fun in prison.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

Ah, Scorpio the scorpion. Do scorpions bite, sting or pinch people they don't like? Let us know when you're attacked by one later this week.



Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

You'll soon have a notable run in with a Capricorn. And by that, we mean you'll run one over with your car.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

You will be the one to get run over by the Sagittarius. Wear a helmet or something.



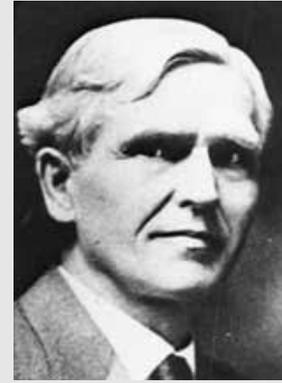
Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

She lied about being on the pill. Get out of there, man!



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

You know that Harry Chapin song "Cats in the Cradle?" Y'know the really sad one about the father not having time for his son, then eventually the son doesn't have time for his dad later in life? Call your parents. Do it now.



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- Wordy Williams

The awkward moment when you reach the character limit before you actually ask your question... Okay fine, that's not what happened. I just got so sick of you droning on and on. I'm not offering advice if you can't hold my interest for more than seven seconds.

- Woodbridge

"My girlfriend and I have been dating for almost six months. We bonded because we decided to stop smoking cigarettes at the same time. Cool, right? But lately, every night around 11:30 p.m. when she comes to bed, she always smells like Axe body spray and stale cotton candy. Now I'm usually in bed by 11 p.m., but I can smell those scents coming from a group of guys outside the window. What do you think is happening here? Is she cheating on me, on her attempts to quit smoking or both?"

- Smokeless in Seattle

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but you might as well give up on that relationship. The good news is that your girlfriend has not gone back to cigarettes. The bad news is that it's much worse. Your girlfriend is vaping. And it sounds like she's doing it with freshmen. You should recognize the smell of a seventh grade locker room anywhere, and know that only freshmen boys would think it makes them more desirable to college-aged females.

She's not necessarily cheating on you, but she might as well be with how heinous the act is. Vaping is gross in general, but doing it behind your back then kissing you goodnight with that rancid fruity breath is crossing a line.

Now I know that this is not easy information to just accept, so I'll give you a mission. Go grab yourself something to eat and make it back by 11 p.m. Walk the long way to your room past the odorous group and check around for your girlfriend. Tell her I said hello! Then dump her ass before she drags you into the abyss that is #VapeNation.

- Woodbridge

More than a gorilla

Harambe transcends memes as Fine Art Gallery hosts traveling display

Brad Wurst
Spit Roaster

Artists and Ferris graphic design students have banded together to launch a traveling gallery called “He Was More Than a Gorilla” to honor the nation’s fallen hero, Harambe.

Numerous students will be dressed as the martyred gorilla as the gallery comes to the Ferris Fine Arts Gallery close to Halloween. “He Was More Than a Gorilla” will be on campus Monday, Oct. 24, until Tuesday, Nov. 1.

“Memes may die but legends live forever,” said Ferris marketing senior Gerry Rafferty. “Harambe lives in our hearts and his sacrifice will always be remembered.”

Others plan to be more militant about their remembrance of Harambe’s death.

“I have my dick out for Harambe, and I encourage others to join in recognizing the excessive use of force in American society.”

- James Camperlon

“The incident on May 28 in Cincinnati will be remembered as one of the most excessive uses of force in recent American history,” said Ferris graphic design freshman James Camperlon. “I have my dick out for Harambe, and I encourage others to join in recognizing the excessive use of force in society.”

The traveling gallery will feature political, religious and social themes surrounding the death of Harambe as America witnesses the transfer of power in the United States elections.

“The death of Harambe represents a great upset in the fabric of our society,” said Ferris political science associate professor Neil Harris.

“In order for our society to stay together as a cohesive United States of America, it’s important for everyone to realize Harambe was more than just a gorilla. While dicks out supporters are the most enthusiastic, we encourage all to help in healing this nation of ours.”



Talking dead

Interview with a phantasmal Ferris alumna

Fern Mystriche
Muskellunge

Mary Jane Prakken, a Pharmacy student set to graduate in the spring of 1950, never escaped what was once known as the Ferris Institute.

Prakken perished on Feb. 21, 1950 in the attic of the old Pharmacy Building. Read the interview below to learn the truth as to how the campus erupted in flames, and about the ghost that has been terrorizing students ever since.

Tire Fire: Alright Mary Jane, thank you for taking the time out of your busy day spooking students to answer some questions we have for you.

Mary Jane Prakken: Well I figured after 66 years somebody would try to talk to me. All I ever hear is jokes about the ghost in alumni scaring students. I was a person once too and have feelings. Fucking students.

TF: Mary Jane, this is your chance to settle all the conspiracy stories about the famous Ferris fire. Can you explain for us?

MJP: Ah yes, I was doing research on the benefits of marijuana for stressed out college students and lit up a doobie in the attic of the old Pharmacy Building. I set the roach down on my stacks of notes and before I knew it, the entire attic was on fire.

I was so blazed from the dank in the air that I just sat there. Eventually the floor collapsed, I perished and the rest is history. My corpse is buried underneath the current Prakken building. Huh, that’s ironic.

TF: Are you telling me that the old campus burned down because you were too high to pick up a joint?

MJP: Pound it *outstretches ghost arm*

TF: I cannot “pound it” considering you have no hand to pound. But anyway, let’s move to

the topic of Halloween. Halloween is coming up and I’m wondering what is your opinion of students dressing up as ghosts?

MJP: It is so wrong! Stereotyping of ghosts in 2016, seriously? And we never say “boo” or wear white sheets. Sheesh.

TF: Are you saying that Halloween costumes discriminate against ghosts?

MJP: How would you like it if I dressed up as a college student and ran around campus yelling “SUH DUDE?” God I swear if one more freshman dabs in front of me I will haunt them until they transfer.

TF: You do dress up as college students. All you have to do is take over their body and you become a walking student. And freshman dab in front of you because nobody can see you, since you are a ghost and not alive.

MJP: Wow, way to warm my heart.

TF: WHAT HEART? YOU ARE A GHOST!

MJP: So what? I want friends. Every time I try to make contact with somebody they run away and scream.

TF: I wonder why.

MJP: I just want friends but everybody is afraid of me.

TF: Okay it looks like we are finishing up here. Thank you for sitting down with me Mary Jane. I am sorry your spirit will be forced to haunt this campus forever, as if it isn’t haunted enough. Before I go, do you have any more comments for me?

MJP: Yeah can you give me a light real quick?

TF: You are dead, how are you still smoking?

MJP: The smoke keeps me afloat.

SPORTS

"A fun, lively, spirited fan presence is just as much fun for the fans as it is the student athletes." - Jon Coles - See page 11 for story

Marshall Scheldt | Sports Editor



Saint Lampman

Former Ferris State Bulldog gets a shot in the NFL

Photo courtesy of FSU Athletics

Former Ferris State wide receiver Jacob Lampman worked his way onto the NFL's New Orleans Saints' active roster and recently got a chance to take the field during the last two games on special teams.

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

From Ferris State Bulldog to New Orleans Saint, Jake Lampman has successfully made the difficult jump from Division II college football to the National Football League.

A standout wide receiver at Ferris State for four years, Lampman was a huge piece of Ferris State's success, racking up 731 receiving yards in 2015. The East Lansing native's focus has temporarily shifted from catching footballs to tackling, as Lampman got his first NFL start on special teams for the New Orleans Saints Sunday, Oct. 16.

Lampman took some time out of his busy NFL schedule to talk about his experience as a Saint so far.

"My experience so far has been amazing," Lampman said. "I love the New Orleans Saints and could not be happier with where I ended up. I have just been enjoying the process."

The former Bulldog had a very impressive rookie debut, fighting his way downfield to amass three special teams tackles under the bright lights of the New Orleans Superdome. Lampman compared the experience of playing football on NFL Sunday with college football Saturday.

"Obviously playing on Sunday is a bit different for me but it is just like any other game," Lampman said. "The only differ-

ence is that there were more fans at our preseason practices than at Ferris games, which was crazy to me! We should have way more fans at the FSU games in my opinion."

Lampman was promoted from the practice squad to play the gunner position after Saints' gunner Erik Harris went down with a torn ACL at a Saints practice. Unfortunately, Harris wasn't the only one to go down with a knee injury. Lampman was carted off the field in the first half of his second NFL game against the Kansas City Chiefs with a right knee injury. The details on the injury are yet to be released.

"It's a lot different because it's my job and I don't ever want to lose this job," Lampman said of his new position. "It makes you work even harder than before."

Wide receiver coach and passing game coordinator for the Bulldogs Sparky McEwen was with Lampman through his successful years at Ferris State. McEwen spoke on what he did to help prepare Lampman for the next level.

"I had the easy part: share with him my knowledge and watch him work, and for me to stay the hell out of the way," McEwen said. "His attention to detail and his desire to achieve the most out of life that he can is the driving force to his success."

McEwen also mentioned the impact that Lampman has left on the people of Ferris State.

"Everyone here at FSU that has come in touch with this talented young man knew he was special and would represent our university with pride," McEwen said.

The 23-year-old Saint spoke on the experience of walking into a professional locker room.

"The great part about being in the New Orleans Saints locker room is that no one treats you any different whether you're on the practice squad or playing in the game on Sunday," Lampman said. "There are a large number of guys in there that share the same beliefs as me in terms of our faith in Christ which has helped me grow off the field."

Lampman said that he has been able to create relationships with guys like former Heisman trophy winning running-back Mark Ingram, and Roman Harper, a 10-year NFL veteran safety. One of the greatest quarterbacks of the modern age Drew Brees has taught Lampman how to go about his business and prepare correctly.

"When my teammates heard the news that I'd be playing I was so happy because they were just as excited for me as I was for myself and that really meant a lot to me," Lampman said. "Having that support from them, not just the people back home and at Ferris and my family, really helped me focus on the game and relax. It's been unforgettable."

FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Bulldogs not only had a big 42-10 win against Lake Erie Saturday, Oct. 22, they also took home the win in Ferris Fantasy Football.

Contrary to last week's heavy rush attack, the Bulldogs spent most of their offensive plays capitalizing through the air to improve to 6-2 on the season. With no one besides quarterback Reggie Bell getting over five carries, the Dawgs made up for it while Bell connected with eight different receivers.

The Bulldog defense had their best performance of the season so far, only allowing 10 points and 273 yards of total offense. The Dawgs tallied six sacks, with two fumble recoveries, a blocked kick, a blocked punt and a touchdown for 25 fantasy points. That 25 points would have outscored all but five NFL quarterbacks.

With the win, the record is now 5-2 in my favor, but with three more regular season games left the Bulldogs have a chance to get back to .500.

Everybody has that one guy in their fantasy league who has more than half of their rosters playing for their favorite team. So this week, I'm going to do something a little different this week and pick only players from the Detroit Lions roster, to see how they hold up against the Bulldogs.

QB: Matthew Stafford, Detroit Lions: Aside from being my favorite player in the NFL, Stafford has been having an outstanding season under offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter. With a weak run game, the Lions will look to Stafford to keep the offense afloat, which he has done a great job of in the past.

RB: Zach Zenner, Detroit Lions: With the Lions' running-backs plagued by injury, Zenner has been splitting carries the past couple weeks with newly acquired Justin Forsett. Zenner is a better goal line option, which gives him the edge for this



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pick.

WR1: Marvin Jones, Detroit Lions: Although Jones has seen a decrease in production the past couple weeks, he is still a big threat and a favorite target of Stafford's near the end zone.

WR2: Golden Tate, Detroit Lions: As Jones has seen a decrease in production, Tate has been seeing an uptick in targets and production after having a career day in the week six matchup against the Rams. Look for Tate to have a big day on Sunday.

FLEX: Anquan Boldin, Detroit Lions: Boldin had a quiet week against the Redskins last week, but it was all worth it when he caught the game-winning touchdown from 18 yards out in the late seconds of the game to give the Lions their fourth straight win. The 36-year-old has been a pleasant surprise this season, and is tied with Marvin Jones for most receiving touchdowns on the Lions roster.

D/ST: Detroit Lions: The Lions defense is not very good at all, but if they can stop the Texans' running game this week then they will have a chance to put up good points against Brock Osweiler and a Houston offense that hasn't quite seemed to figure it out.

K: Matt Prater, Detroit Lions: Prater is a hit-or-miss guy, which is something you don't really want to see in a kicker. Prater has been much more hit than miss this season. Let's hope he is the same in week eight.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Matt Ryan	22 COMPLETIONS, 273 YDS, TD, INT	16
RB	Demarco Murray	107 RUSH YDS, 3 REC, 20 REC YDS, TD	19.5
WR1	Julio Jones	9 REC, 174 YDS	21.5
WR2	Michael Crabtree	8 REC, 96 YDS, TD	19
FLEX	Hunter Henry	1 REC, 16 YDS	1.5
D/ST	Baltimore Ravens	24 PA, 2 FR, 5 SACKS, TD	17
K	Josh Brown	---	0
Total:			94.5

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Reggie Bell	16 COMPLETIONS, 223 PASS YDS, 47 RUSH YDS, 3 TOTAL TD	31
RB	Jahaan Brown	3 REC, 55 TOTAL YDS, TD	12.5
WR1	Shakur Sanders	3 REC, 56 YDS, TD	12.5
WR2	Jamel Lockett	5 REC, 31 YDS, FUM, TD	9.5
FLEX	Marquel Hines	3 REC, 53 YDS	6.5
D/ST	Ferris State	10 PA, 273 YA, 6 SACK, 2 FR, 2 BLK, TD	25
K	Wyatt Ford	6 XP	6
Total:			103

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- 12 - Football vs Saginaw Valley 1 p.m.
- 12 - Women's Volleyball vs Northwood 5 p.m.
- 12 - Men's Hockey vs Michigan State 7:07pm
- 13 - Women's Basketball vs Ursuline 3 p.m.
- 18 - Men's Hockey vs Lake Superior State 7:07pm
- 19 - Men's Basketball vs Lewis (III) 3 p.m.
- 19 - Men's Hockey vs Lake Superior State 7:07pm
- 26 - Men's Basketball vs Wisconsin Park. 3 p.m.
- 27 - Women's Basketball vs Lewis (III) 3 p.m.

Injury strikes Ferris hockey

Bulldogs prepare for competition without key players due to injuries

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

Seven games into the season, injury has struck several key players on the Ferris State hockey team.

The Bulldogs have battled through several injuries to start the season, including senior forward Gerald Mayhew and junior defenseman Andrew Dorantes. Dorantes, who has been battling an undisclosed injury, made his return to the ice in Friday's 6-4 loss to Northern Michigan. Mayhew, on

After a stellar 2015 season that saw Mayhew lead his team in goals, the Bulldogs will need to find a way to score without their star forward.

Expect to see various players step up in Mayhew's absence, including sophomore forward Corey Mackin.

Mackin is looking to improve on a breakout freshman season in 2015 that saw him rack up 10 goals and 15 assists.



Bob Daniels

At this point in the season, Mackin leads the Bulldogs in shots on goal with 33, as well as two goals, helping the Bulldogs to put together a little offense.

"I'm not worried about what the team has been doing so far," Daniels said. "Our defense is solid and as long as that continues, the offensive numbers will start to show up."

Because the Dawgs' latest game ended in a shootout, it will officially go in the books as a tie. However, Ferris will receive two points in the conference standings. The team still has a lot of ground to gain if they want to improve off a 2015-2016 season that saw their season end one game outside of the Frozen Four.

The Bulldogs will continue their season as they take on Minnesota State 8:07 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, Minnesota.

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Bob Daniels ”

the other hand, is expected to be out two to four weeks after suffering a high ankle sprain.

"The nature of Gerald's injury is frustrating," said head coach Bob Daniels. "It's difficult to see him walk around just fine but not be able to skate because of the twisting that is required of his ankle. It's going to take a little while to heal but we're hoping to get him back on the ice as soon as possible."

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FINALLY!
Bulldog earn first points of season in 3-2 shootout

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Freshman defenseman Cameron Clarke picked up his first collegiate assist in Ferris' double overtime shootout.

Beau Jensen

Sports Editor

Ferris redshirt freshman forward Craig Pefley finally forced the monkey off of the Bulldogs' back with a shootout goal that would seal Ferris' first points in the GLIAC standings this season.

The Dawgs topped Northern Michigan 3-2 in a shootout, thus splitting the two-game series with the Wildcats.

The Bulldogs played a lot more defense than they would have liked in the first period but Ferris sophomore goaltender Darren Smith held strong. Smith finished the first period with 13 saves. NMU's goaltender Atte Tolvanen escaped the first with five saves. The score was fixed at 0-0 going into the second period.

A slow start to the second period picked up when Ferris sophomore forward Trevor Recktenwald snuck one in for a Ferris State goal, giving Ferris a 1-0 at 5:13. The goal was Recktenwald's first of the season.

NMU answered back at 12:24 into the second off a goal from freshman defenseman Ryan Yaremko. The second period ended in a fight but remained scoreless. Smith tallied 25 saves by the end of the second and Tolvanen had amassed 16.

The teams found about equal time in the penalty box through the second, Ferris with 19:49 in the box

and NMU with 19:02.

The Bulldogs were unable to capitalize on a power play to start off the third period, but as soon as the Wildcat's fifth skater reentered the contest, Ferris scored their second goal of the game. Ferris freshman forward Taylor Fernandez knocked in his first goal as a Bulldog only 1:38 into the third, making it 2-1 in favor of Ferris.

Wildcat junior forward Robbie Payne answered back by way of a four-on-four goal with 12:34 to play in the third. Payne's goal brought an end to the third period, tying the game at 2-2 before heading into the five minute sudden-death overtime period.

The first overtime period ended in a draw after some great play from both goaltenders, inevitably sending the contest into a three-on-three double overtime period. The second overtime also saw no goals, sending it into a shootout.

Pefley was trusted with the first shootout shot for the Dawgs and he knocked it in to put Ferris up 3-2. Smith stood strong in the crease on NMU's ensuing shot, giving Ferris the 3-2 victory.

Smith ended the night with an impressive performance, amassing 42 saves. Ferris is now 0-6-1 on the season.

Bulldog hockey is back in action next week on the road 8:07 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Minnesota State.

Compensating crowds New incentive program rewards fandom

Marshall Scheldt

Sports Editor

Have you ever been cheering on your fellow Bulldog athletes and thought to yourself, "I should be getting paid for this?"

Well now that thought has become reality. Sort of.

A new incentive program called "Hype Dawgs" will soon be implemented to reward loyal Ferris State sports fans for their steadfast support of Bulldog athletics. The program gives Bulldog fans a chance to showcase their spirit and receive something in return.

The goal of the program is, "to enhance school spirit on campus, improve student attendance, and give students a safe, comfortable, fun positive choice," said Ferris State Associate Athletic Director, Jon Coles.

The program was started by Coles and Ferris sports communication senior Megan Jean. It awards points to leaders for bringing five or more fans to any Ferris sporting event. The points given vary depending on multiple variables such as what sport the fan is attending, simply staying until the end of the event, or wearing Ferris State apparel to games.

These points can be redeemed for prizes ranging from Biggby gift-cards to Under Armor shoes and even a featured dasher board at Ewigleben Ice Arena.

The points do not go away after they are redeemed for prizes, which allows students to snowball Hype Dawg points and cash them in for bigger prizes as

they bring fans to more games.

Coles and Jean hope that the incentive program will bring more fans to sporting events, especially sports with lower fan attendance such as tennis, basketball and softball.

Jean, who is a former Ferris State softball player, knows first-hand how increased crowd presence can have an effect on athlete performance.

"We just like to see support. It brings intensity to the game and we actually want to prove ourselves to our fans as well as our teammates. It's just more exciting the more people that come," Jean said.

Coles has also seen what increased fan attendance can result in for both the athletes and the crowd.

"A fun, lively, spirited fan presence is just as much fun for the fans as it is the student athletes. Not only are spirited atmospheres fun for everyone involved but research shows that students who are spirited are better academically, they are more engaged on campus and are happier overall than students who are not," Coles said. "School spirit is a reflection of pride, determination and success on campuses. It goes hand-in-hand with the holistic experience that makes college so much fun. College is what you make of it and we have a great platform to create fun positive memories here."

In order to become a Hype Dawg, fans must sign-up with Megan Jean. Jean can be contacted via e-mail at jeanm1@ferris.edu. The time and place of the first Hype Dawg meeting is to be announced.

Top Dawg

Zach Sieler

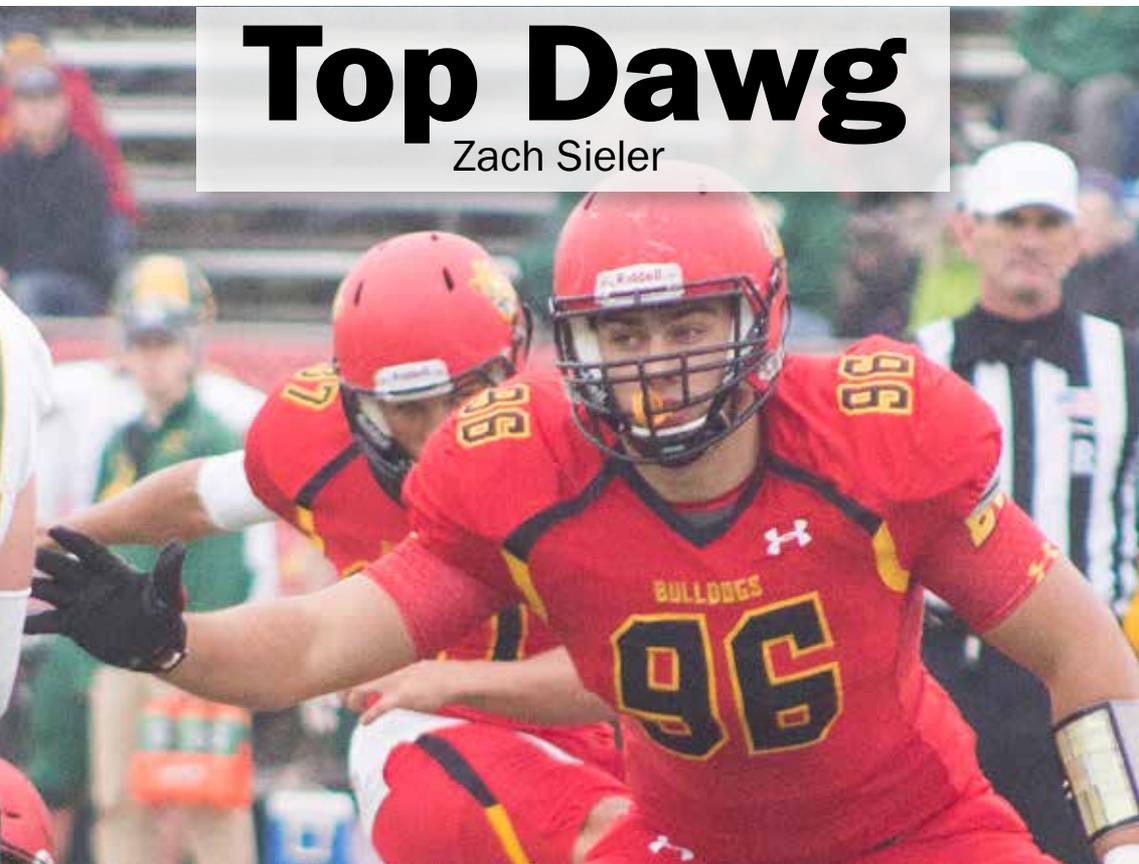


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Torch Reporter

Zach Sieler has a hunger that can only be sated by quarterbacks, and he had more than enough to eat last weekend as the sophomore defensive-end grabs Top Dawg honors this week.

The quarterback-hungry Bulldog had 11 total tackles, eight of those tackles being solo hits and four being sacks. The Lake Erie offensive line could not stop the 6-foot-6, 275-pound Bulldog from getting into the backfield. All four of Sieler's sacks created a problem for Lake Erie in the form of 21 lost yards.

Sieler was able to strum up 31 total yards worth of tackles-for-loss on the evening. The defensive stand-

out also had a forced fumble as well as a fumble recovery, showing that he can clean things up after he makes a mess of the backfield.

For comparison, Sieler was only 2.5 sacks away with four in one night from his total sack count in the entire 2015 season with 6.5. Reminiscent of the recent Bulldog graduate Justin Zimmer, Sieler had himself quite the Saturday afternoon at the end of that defensive line for Ferris State.

As the weather continues to get colder, Sieler will have to stay warmed up and hungry as Bulldog football is back in action for Kids Day at Top Taggart Field against Wayne State University 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

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Sports Shorts

By Cody Burkhard - Torch Reporter

14 Straight

Ferris State volleyball took down Findlay and Wayne State Saturday, Oct. 22, and Sunday, Oct. 23, extending their win streak to 14. The Dawgs blew out Findlay 3-0 but had a tougher contest against Wayne State. Against Wayne State, Ferris rallied back after a 2-1 deficit and claimed the next two sets for a 3-2 win. The Bulldogs closed out the match with a 15-13 final set.

Ferris started the season 4-5 but has regained form as the season has progressed and now leads the GLIAC with a 9-1 conference record and an 18-5 overall clip. Outside hitter Allyson Cappel has been a major contributor to the Bulldogs' success. This freshman has been named the GLIAC player of the week twice during the win streak.

There may be a new "big three" in Big Rapids with junior hitters Ayan-na Buckley and Maria Kronner, along with Cappel being top-10 in the GLIAC in terms of hits. The Bulldogs look on pace to defend last year's GLIAC title after defeating the second and third place teams in Findlay and Wayne State in one weekend.

Shutouts upon shutouts

Ferris women's soccer has an opportunity to break the school record for shutouts in a season. Last year, the Bulldogs set a record with eight shutouts. With two games left in the regular season, this year's team has six shutouts.

At fourth in the GLIAC, the Bulldogs will more than likely make the eight-team GLIAC tournament where they will have an opportunity for more shutouts. The success of this year's defense has come with a young backline and a freshman goalie in Grace Kraft. Despite having an opportunity to break a record set last year, this season has shaped up to be much different. The Dawgs are 6-6-2 at this point compared to last year's 14-5-1. They've suffered three one-goal losses this year but have gotten shutouts in all of their wins.

The difference in this year's and last year's teams is that Ferris was able to win those close games last year. If Ferris is to make waves in the GLIAC and break the record, they must find a way to finish on offense. They are fifth in the GLIAC with 240 shots but are 10th in goals with 15 goals. More efficient offense will lead to less pressure on the defense and allow them to have a better chance at breaking the record.

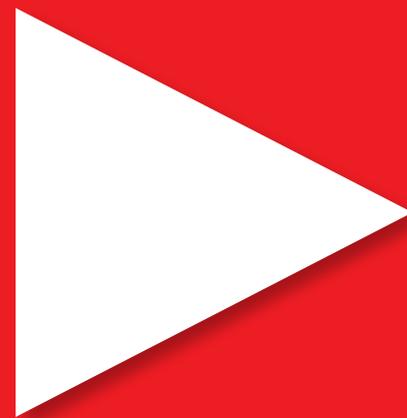
Running forward

Ferris cross country hosted the 2016 GLIAC championships Saturday, Oct. 22, with the Bulldog women taking fourth and the men taking eighth. This was the first time in 13 years that the GLIAC championships was held in Big Rapids.

The women tallied 161 points to place in the top half of the 15-team field. Ferris freshman Kathryn Etelamaki led the Bulldogs, placing 28th overall with a time of 23:09.6. Following behind was Ferris senior Ra-cheal McDonald at 29th with a time of 23:12.1 and junior Molly Emerick at 33rd with a time of 23:27.2.

The men tallied 210 points and placed three runners in the top 50. Leading the way was Ferris junior Trevor Holowaty who placed 22nd with a time of 25:48.5. Ferris senior Logan Hammer placed 36th with a time of 26:26.7 and Ferris sophomore Damien Halverson placed 46th with a time of 26:41.9.

The cross country season is coming to a close with only the post season remaining. The Dawgs will be in action next in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Saturday, Nov. 5, in Evansville, Indiana.

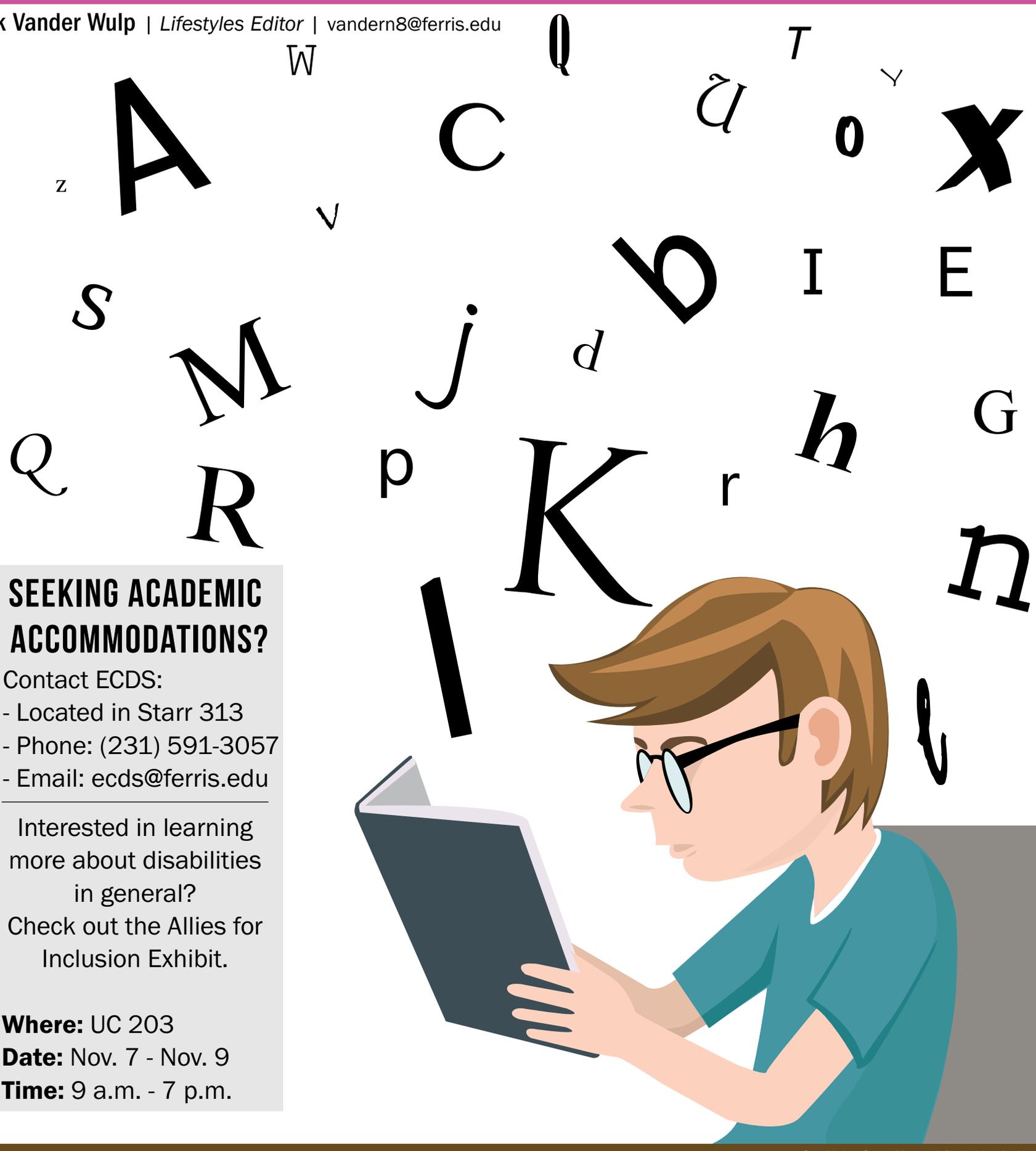


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Where: UC 203
Date: Nov. 7 - Nov. 9
Time: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Dyslexia affects more than reading skills

Oct. 26 through 29 is recognized as International Dyslexia Association Reading Week

Alexandra Bourne
Torch Reporter

In recognition of October as disability awareness month, Ferris students have raised awareness for several disabilities, including dyslexia.

A recent Ferris State University press release states, "Events and exhibits from October into early November on the Ferris State University campus will celebrate successes of those who did not let disabilities limit their futures, and offer a call for inclusivity and support for individuals who need support and services."

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability in which people have difficulties with specific language skills such as reading, writing, spelling and pronouncing words.

The exact causes of dyslexia are still not clear. Although, studies of the brain have shown differences in the way the brain of a person with dyslexia develops and

functions, according to the International Dyslexia Association's (IDA) website, dyslexiaida.org.

IDA also says that 13 to 14 percent of the nationwide school population has a handicapping condition that qualifies them for special education.

Julie Alexander, 10-year counselor for Educational Counseling and Disabilities Services (ECDS) at Ferris, said she loves working with students and seeing them succeed.

"I think that there are a lot of misunderstandings about learning disabilities and really any disability that one cannot see," Alexander said. "I have heard people talk about accommodations in ways that make it sound like it's an advantage rather than an accommodation."

"I also think that people equate having a learning disability with not having the intellectual capacity to succeed, and that is not what it means at all. People with learning disabilities are underestimated far too often. The thing that is even worse than people having low expectations of those with learning disabilities is that sometimes peo-

ple with disabilities have low expectations of themselves. I really want people to know that those with learning disabilities often have above average IQs and really have a lot of ability."

Ferris' ECDS provides students with disabilities accommodations, such as extra time on tests, a reader for tests and alternative formats for textbooks. Each accommodation is determined on an individual basis.

"I came to realize that working with students with disabilities was the best part of my job," said Alexander. "I have an ongoing relationship with the students, often throughout the whole time they are at Ferris. I watch them grow and change and realize that their abilities far outweigh their disabilities."

A psycho-educational report is usually required for documentation for the aid of ECDS. According to Alexander, even if a student does not have documentation, that student is still encouraged to contact the office for aid in finding resources to get testing or other ways of help.



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After the controversy surrounding Harambe's death at the Cincinnati Zoo, gorilla suits could see a spike in demand this Halloween

Who are you supposed to be?

Halloween costumes are an integral part of Americana, a tradition for young and old to express themselves in spooky, horrific and clever ways or depicting historical figures.

Dressing up to ward away the spirits of the dead on Samhain (pronounced sah-win), the ancient Celtic holiday that now falls on Oct. 31 of our modern calendar, goes all the way back to times before the Romans discovered and invaded the ancient Celtic lands of Britain and Ireland. Nowadays, dressing up is one of the most fun and appealing aspects of the non-holiday holiday known as Halloween.

Since I became an adult and put away childish things, I refused to put away my love of Halloween. I have my favorite shows like Breaking Bad, Firefly and the recently started Westworld. These shows will influence future costume ideas because these shows are timeless.

While my personal favorites are costumes with more of a pop culture reference to them such as Ted and the Amazing Spider-Man, I have dressed as varying types of characters and human monsters since I was a kid. Some of these have been undead soldiers and my own gothic style similar to "The Crow."

My favorite costume of all time was



Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

the stoned "Scream" mask from "Scary Movie" and an axe that screamed when it was swung. Two years ago, I was Ted from the movie "Ted." While I didn't dress up last year, I'm looking to make a statement with the way I dress up this year.

Celebrity deaths of the last few years have got me thinking about what I want to be for not only this Halloween but the next few Halloweens to come. Yes, sometimes I do plan my costumes out years in advance but my plan is never set in stone.

The few in recent history that have impacted film and music have made a large impact on my own thinking about who gets honored in our society and how it shows up in Halloween. What if the clowns aren't just being creepy as hell but are just posing as Patch Adams trying to make weird people laugh?

One of the first ideas that comes to mind for Halloween is Prince. OK, to start, Prince isn't who I imagine dressing as to chase the spirits of the dead away, but more for honoring one of the greatest musicians of our era. In

the same line of thinking, David Bowie might be a little easier for me to pull off because I'm a white guy with long, red hair. All I would need are some contacts for my eyes, some makeup and to feather my hair.

Other ideas include Harambe, Cecil the lion, Steve Irwin and any of the previous presidential candidates, my personal favorite being Bernie Sanders.

Women's costumes are sometimes a "sexy" variant of a men's costume, or they're based on a popular TV show. Sexy Harambe takes the meme to the next level, and I'm not going to judge one way or the other.

To get a woman's perspective, I asked a dear friend of mine what she personally has liked to wear or what she thinks is cool for Halloween. She said "Orange is the New Black" is pretty cool and said everyone wanted to be Piper or Alex. She said she also really admires cosplay, or fan-made costumes of popular characters from shows, comics, video games and anime.

Halloween plays a very commercial function in our society, and some people probably reject the holiday on those grounds alone. I think it's a slice of Americana to be enjoyed.

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Let's talk about race

Upcoming discussions on race

Adrianna Walker
Torch Reporter

Students have an opportunity to engage in important racial dialogue as Ferris organizations continue to add race to the campus discourse.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) will host "Conversations on Race," a campus dialogue series at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26. The event will focus on three topics: Black Lives Matter, stereotypes and peaceful protests. Its goal is to facilitate an open discussion where students can share their experiences and concerns in a productive, respectful manner with a positive impact.

"We have some questions we'll ask the panelists to get some more understanding about these kind of issues and the panelists' personal experiences with them," said Paul Hicks, Ferris communication student and co-chair of the organizing committee.

The panel will consist of students from different organizations, including the Hispanic Student Organization (HSO), Ferris' student chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Black Leaders Aspiring to Critical Knowledge (BLACK) and You Beautiful Black Woman (YBBW). Members will first lead their own discussion followed by questions and an open discussion with the audience.

The event takes place at a time when college students around the nation are becoming more aware of racial issues and mobilizing to fight them. Black Lives Matter in particular, which is now a national movement, has energized students to protest and speak out against prejudice and racial concerns.

Conversations on Race will be open to the public and will take place in IRC Room 115.

BLACK will also host its own discussion Thursday, Nov. 10, about race and social awareness. Omari Barksdale, one of the founding members of BLACK, will be the special guest speaker for the event.

"We plan on sharing all different perspectives of life to grasp a better understanding of every race and culture on the campus of Ferris State University," said Brian Chandler, Grand President of BLACK and committee head of the event.

The evening will aim to bring "awareness to college students, young black men and women, as well as citizens in general," Chandler added.

EVENT INFORMATION

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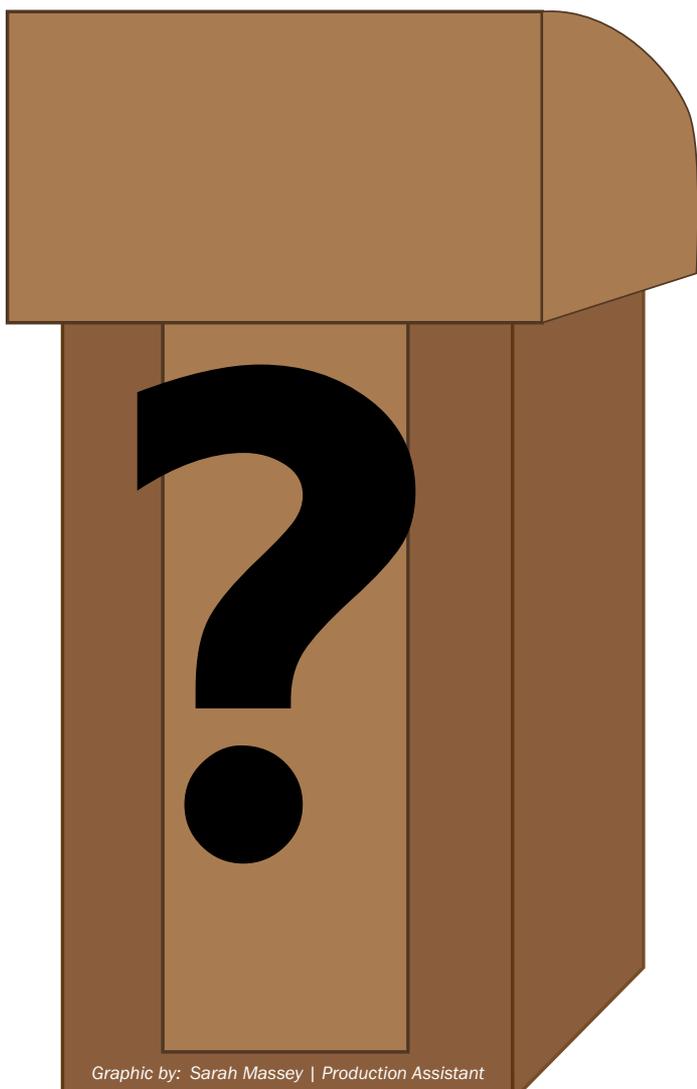
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Lifestyles Editor

Third parties are once again on the minds of voters in the presidential election, only to be cast aside as this election is winding down to the vote.

During this election, even the main party candidates faced stiff competition. There were 19 candidates who started out in the Republican stable to run for president of the United States. Closing down to the end of the primaries, the main competitors were Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, John Kasich and Donald Trump.

While there were significantly less candidates running in the Democratic party, the competition between Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton was intense. The only other to balance out the challenge for the Democrat front runners was Martin O'Malley.

"Many feel their vote is wasted on a third party," said Ferris political science adjunct professor Christina Eanes. "They may fear splitting the liberal or conservative vote and securing a win for the other side ideologically. Voters aren't exposed to third party candidates and platforms, so they're unfamiliar unless they choose to do the research."

While there are many different parties and candidates who try to run every election cycle in the United States, the two most recognizable are Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party and Jill Stein of the Green Party.

When this election comes around Tuesday, Nov. 8, there's going to be some names on the ballot you've probably never heard of.

Many people have heard of Gary Johnson, the presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party. Johnson's much lesser-known running mate is Bill Weld.

According to their website, the political platform of the libertarian party promotes civil liberties, non-interventionism, laissez-faire capitalism and the abolition of the welfare state.

A much lesser known party, except to the ultra-conservative right and possibly populated by many alt-right voters, is the U.S. Taxpayers Party also known as the Constitutional Party. The presidential and vice presidential candidates are Darrell Castle and Scott Bradley.

The platform of the U.S. Taxpayers Party advocates for the party's interpretation of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and the Holy Bible.

According to the Green Party's website, they're the fourth largest party in the United States, and their platform promotes environmentalism, nonviolence, social justice, participatory grassroots democracy, gender equality, LGBT rights, anti-war and anti-racism. The Green Party is generally seen as left wing, and currently self-describe as eco-socialist.

Jill Stein is the Green Party's presidential candidate and the vice presidential candidate is Ajamu Baraka.

The least known of all parties and has therefore ceased to be a party since 2004 nationally is the Natural Law Party. However, they still operate in the state of Michigan only.

According to the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph, "Natural Law" referred to "the ultimate source of order and harmony displayed throughout creation." The Natural Law Party platform is based on the principles of transcendental meditation and other advanced meditation techniques.

Running as the presidential and vice presidential candidates are Emidio Soltysik and Nicole Walker respectively.

"Third party candidates need to poll at 15 percent in all states to participate in the debates," Eanes said. "So, the public never really hears from them in major televised debates."

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Spook-in-alumni

Odd activity on campus



FSU file photo

The Alumni Building on the north end of campus is one of the only original buildings on campus to survive the 1950 fire that burned down surrounding buildings. It's rumored to be haunted at night.

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The Ferris State campus may seem like a calm and safe place during the brightness of the day, but as the evening sets in, the supernatural prevails.

Unknown to many students on campus—our university was originally called The Ferris Institute—experienced a fire that would forever haunt the campus. On Feb. 21, 1950, a massive fire destroyed the old Main and old Pharmacy buildings on campus. What remained was the Alumni building and a few smaller buildings.

The Alumni Building is at the meeting point of the northernmost point of campus and the southern tip of Stewart Avenue. Currently the oldest building on campus, numerous reports of the paranormal in the Alumni Building have been reported over the years.

Ferris alumni and past production assistant for the *Torch*, Shelby Soberalski, experienced odd behavior during her long nights working in the basement office in Alumni.

"There were many times that I'd be working by myself in alumni and the pipes would start making a lot of super weird noises," Soberalski said.

Creeks and squeaks do not equal up to odd activity but dead animals might.

"Often we would find a bunch of dead bugs and once I even found a dead baby mouse. No blood or anything, just dead," Soberalski said.

In 2012, the Michigan Area Paranormal Investigation Team (MAPIT) conducted an investigation on campus and determined the Alumni and West Buildings were haunted.

According to the *Torch* article titled, "Paranormal activity haunts campus," MAPIT described the activity as, "events that are beyond the scope of scientific understanding."

Student reports of paranormal activity in Alumni have frequently come from the basement level classrooms. Included on this level is the *Torch* newspaper office.

The basement floor is rarely used outside of the *Torch* office and various language classes, but at least classes are held during the day when odd activity is less likely to

occur. Soberalski claims walking through the halls at night was a different story.

"When the lights were off at night and I couldn't see where I was going I was concerned for my safety. I would hear a bunch of random noises," Soberalski said.

It's possible a ghost has actively haunted campus since the fire in 1950. Outside of terrorizing the aforementioned Alumni Building, strange occurrences have been seen in resident halls on campus.

Ferris professional golf management senior Dustin Darling recalls a moment during his sophomore year when he learned his room in McNerney was haunted.

"I remember one late night in McNerney, my roommate turned on his black light and when we looked up we saw a code on the wall," Darling said. "We turned on the lights and the code was gone. We turned the lights back off, held the black light to it and the code was back."

Darling went on to add, "We tried to make out what it could mean but couldn't figure it out. I was scared to close my eyes that night."



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Buckets and buckets of filth

Dirty campaign politics is nothing new

Jonny Parshall
Copy Editor

News pundits are calling it one of the nastiest presidential elections ever, with Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democrat nominee Hillary Clinton hurling insults and publicly degrading each other's personal integrity on a regular basis.

According to members of the Ferris history department at a speaking event Tuesday, Oct. 18, smear campaign politics is a tradition going back decades, centuries—and further yet.

John Kerry was accused of being a war criminal in 2004. John McCain equated George W. Bush's speech before Bob Jones University in 2000 to visiting a KKK rally. In 1964, Lyndon B. Johnson painted Barry Goldwater as a "mad bomber" seeking nu-

clear war.

"It was dirty to start with," said Ferris history sophomore Mikayla Baarlaer, an attendee of the event. "It was never really fair to begin with."

Voters during the election of 1800 witnessed founding fathers Thomas Jefferson and John Adams virtually tear each other apart long before such events were televised. In those days, newspapers were blatantly biased and proudly so, siding publicly with either Democratic-Republican nominee Jefferson or Federalist incumbent president Adams.

Through the press, Jefferson accused Adams of being a blind, balding fool, ready to side with former enemies Great Britain and its king. Adams called Jefferson a rapist who sired bastard children and wanted to side with France in another war against

Britain. Both sides cited the other as a threat to the union, claiming a victory for the opposition would be the absolute end to the then-young United States.

"Both sides considered the other party a criminal faction," said Ferris professor of history Dr. Barry Mehler.

Adams and Jefferson were both successful presidents and are remembered as being friends and collaborators, but this wasn't always the case. The nasty bits have mostly been forgotten. Will the same be said of Donald and Hillary?

Let's back up earlier, about 1900 years earlier to the Roman Senate.

Marcus Calpurnius Bibulus was a consul alongside Julius Caesar and opponent in a political party that opposed autocrats such as Caesar who were gradually gathering too much power against the senate.

In response to Bibulus' challenge of Caesar's authority, Caesar repeatedly vetoed bills introduced by his ill-fated opponent. Bibulus challenged Caesar in the forum and after threats from both parties, a supporter of Caesar dumped a pail of dung on the head of Bibulus. As a result, Bibulus locked himself in his home and left politics for several years.

This election year the gloves are off and the feces are flinging, but history shows us that smearing poo on the names of the opponent is not new, nor expected to go away.

"I don't see any reason why it should stop," said Ferris professor of history Dr. Gary Huey.

"It makes this election less surprising," Baarlaer added.

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The general election is eight days after Halloween and there's bound to be many impersonating presidential candidates.