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BOX CITY



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Ferris pre-pharmacy junior, and president of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Rachel Mitchell was one of the students involved in orchestrating the Box City event.

Ferris students sleep in boxes outside the Rock

Harley Harrison
Torch Reporter

As students bundle up to brave the cold, it's important to keep in mind those who don't have a warm place to sleep at night.

Students at the Ferris campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity spent the entire night Friday, Nov. 11, sleeping outside in cardboard boxes in front of the Rock Cafe to raise awareness for the homeless.

"We've been planning it since probably about the beginning of the school year, more seriously within the last like five weeks," Ferris pre-pharmacy junior and president of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity Rachel Mitchell said. "This event is important because it's kind of just a way to spread awareness for the homeless and just getting people to know that Habitat for Humanity is a thing here at Ferris. Not a lot of people know about it."

Students who participated brought pillows, blankets and s'mores to enjoy around a fire they built themselves.



Chris Hart

They also wrote statistics on the boxes about homelessness in the U.S. from frontsteps.org and collected more than \$50 for Habitat for Humanity throughout the night, according to Ferris pre-med junior and community outreach chair for the organization Chris Hart.

"Our event went great, besides it being so cold," Hart said. "We don't usually raise a lot of money during this event but we do have a lot of people—a lot of students and people

from the town—come up to us and ask us what we're doing and then we explain. So really it's just a way to inform people of what's going on."

According to frontsteps.org and the National Alliance to End Homelessness, there are approximately 633,782 people who will experience



Rachel Mitchell

homelessness on any given night in the United States. 22.1 percent are children, 13 percent are veterans and 42 percent are disabled and unable to work. "It's a good event and it's a good way to kind of put yourself in people who actually are homeless' shoes and really appreciate what you have," Hart said. "It's sleeping outside for a whole night and it really allows you to really experience what they go through every day."

The main causes of homelessness, according to frontsteps.org, include poverty, lack of affordable housing, job loss, lack of health care, mental illness, substance abuse and domestic violence.

"When I found out there was an RSO on campus, I wanted to join and be a part of that and this event is just a good way for us to let people around campus and like the public [know] because it's right by the Rock," Hart said.

Big Rapids has a number of homeless shelters including Our Brother's Keeper and Women's Information Service Inc. (WISE) for students who are interested in getting involved. For anyone interested in joining the Ferris campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the next meeting will be 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the library's 24-hour room.

FIVE FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN THE U.S.

- There are over 600,000 homeless people in the U.S. every night.
- 138,000 of these homeless people are children under 18.
- Over 57,000 Veterans are homeless each night.
- More than 90 percent of homeless women are victims of severe physical or sexual abuse.
- 20 to 25 percent of homeless people suffer from a severe mental illness.

The above information was taken from an article by the Huffington Post.

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TRUMP TRIUMPHS

Donald Trump is the new president-elect of the United States of America

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

After what seemed like a never-ending presidential race Donald Trump will be America's next president.

The 2016 presidential election was a historical one. The democratic nominee was vying for the title of the first-ever female president while the republican nominee was the first-ever candidate to win with no past political or military experience.

With the two candidates differing so much, Ferris students were almost exactly split down the middle. According to a poll conducted by the *Torch*, 42 percent of Ferris students voted for Trump while 40 percent voted for Clinton. The other 18 percent voted for a third-party candidate.

“It's the future of our country and I think it's important for us students to be apart of it. It will affect all of us,” said Ferris graphic design sophomore Adam Pedersen. “I like Trump's stance on economics. I like his policies. I know the media trashes on Trump's views on foreign affairs and it is biased, its not as bad as everyone makes it out to be.”

Issues that students care about range from economics to the environment.

“Climate reform is important to me,” said Ferris marketing junior Drake Buurstra. “Climate change is honestly the biggest issue right now whether we like it or not. Businesses need to be more regulated and we need alternative energy sources that are cleaner, instead of coal and oil.”

Despite winning the popular vote, Clinton had less electoral votes with 228 while Trump finished with 279. Multiple news sources speculated that the reason Clinton lost the presidency was because of usual democrats voting for a third-party candidate out of spite. Others are saying that she was untrustworthy.

“Honestly, I don't like Hillary too much. She should be in jail. My whole family is republican so that is kind of how I just panned out,” said Ferris pre-optometry freshman Emily Laforce.

Swing states were also a major factor in the election. Trump proved triumphant when it came to this aspect with major wins in Florida, Ohio and North Carolina.

Michigan was also a vital state in the election. Trump also won in the mitten state, which is worth 16 electoral votes and has been democratic since 1992.

According to another poll conducted by the *Torch*, 67 percent of student participants said they felt “scared” during the coverage of the election while numbers were rolling in. Meanwhile, 19 percent felt “excited.” The rest reported being “indifferent.”



Drake Buurstra

ferent.”

Ferris music industry management junior Rachel Brandimore was appalled at America's decision.

“I'm a white American, so I may not be directly affected by this huge mistake in the American people's part but I am worried for my neighbors though who are black, LGBT, Muslim, females, and any one outside of Trump's norm,” Brandimore said. “Trump is an isolationist who has absolutely no idea how to run a country and we should all be concerned about that.”

Ferris business administration freshman Janel Scott was also weary of the result of the election.

“Honestly, I am scared for what is going to happen because he brings out the worst in people,” Scott said. “America is already super divided. I think it will get way worse than it is right now. Even if Hillary is not a good president, we can come back from her. After Trump though, we would be done.”



Janel Scott

After this election, the Senate and the House of Representatives are also controlled by Republicans.

“It was definitely a shocking first election to take part in,” said Ferris environmental biology senior Chase Louwers. “Neither candidate had any love—nor respect, for that matter—from the other side and it led to an election that emulated most soap operas. Our nation will all work out in the end, though, I'm confident in that.”



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Ferris nursing freshman Sifa Nyamuhungu (left), business administration freshman Janel Scott (middle) and nursing freshman Pia Tungabose were all in attendance at the election night festivities.



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Ferris undecided junior Mark Brandly (left) and marketing sophomore Josh Henderson watched election results come in while enjoying free Qdoba provided by the Political Engagement Project.

Home Sweet Home | Where students are living next year, and how much they are paying

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Many students have started looking ahead and began to sign leases for the 2017-18 school year with a few questions in mind, the most important question being, “How much is rent?”

There are numerous places to live in Big Rapids, both on and off campus but moving off campus seems to be ideal for current students.

“I'm deciding still between Northland Flats and Oakwood

but I'm looking forward to more freedom as opposed to rules with living in the [halls] and campus suites,” said Ferris professional tennis management sophomore Connor Poe.



Connor Poe

Each apartment complex offers signing bonuses and special agreements like payment per semester.

“I signed a lease at Venlo because it is modern and bigger than where I am living now,” said Ferris pre-nursing sophomore Sam Kinne. “I like that it is quiet, parking is more organized and it is dog friendly.”

There are also different realtors in Big Rapids that rent houses to Ferris Students.

“I chose to rent a house because it has a great location, it is clean and the realtor seemed to be really nice,” said Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Hanna Ouvry.

Ferris automotive engineering technology sophomore Kevin Straney was living at Oakwood but rent and utilities got way too expensive for him.

“I will be living in a house next year and it's nice because eight people can live there and the location is great,” Straney said. “I chose to rent a house instead of going to another

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Cracking a few eggs

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Cracking a few eggs

Nov. 2, 5 p.m., officers responded to a report of malicious conduct on Travis Circle. Eggs had been thrown on a vehicle but there was no apparent damage.

Student driver

Nov. 2, 9 p.m., officers observed a vehicle attempting to parallel park on Damascus hit a parked car. No damage was done to the vehicle that was struck.

Smashed

Nov. 2, 3:50 p.m., officers responded to a report of a two vehicle accident in Lot 2.

Full volume on Finch

Nov. 3, 12:50 a.m., officers responded a report of excessive noise on Finch Court.

Creepin'

Nov. 3, 3:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of an individual looking in windows at Merrill Hall but they were unable to locate the reported individual.

Go home

Nov. 4, 1:10 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for defective equipment and found the driver to be driving on a suspended license. The driver was ticketed.

Rollin' with weed

Nov. 4, 2:05 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Perry Avenue for expired plates. The passenger was lodged in jail for possession of marijuana and the driver was lodged for possession of false identification, driving on a

suspended license and possession of narcotics.

Also rollin' with weed

Nov. 5, 12:45 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle in Lot 4 for not having brake lights. The driver was found to be a non-student and was ticketed for possession of marijuana. The passenger, who was a student, was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.



Blazed in Brophy

Nov. 5, 7:35 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Brophy Hall. The source of the smell was not found and the incident was handled by housing.

Domestic disturbance

Nov. 6, 8:35 p.m., officers assisted city police at the intersection of Perry Avenue and State Street with a domestic incident. Ultimately, the situation was handled by city police.

High in Bond

Nov. 7, 12:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Bond Hall. One student was identified and lodged in jail for possession of marijuana and narcotics, as well as being referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Go to your rooms

Nov. 7, 10:05 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint in Bond Hall. The individuals were told to leave each other alone upon threat of criminal charges.

Dude, where's my bike?

Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a stolen bike outside the Science building. The incident occurred sometime between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. that day.

Toking in Travis

Nov. 7, 10:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Travis Hall. No criminal charges were filed and the incident was handled by housing.

High as a kite

Nov. 7, 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Merrill Hall. No criminal charges were filed and the incident was handled by housing.

Higher than the first kite

Nov. 8, 7:20 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Merrill Hall. No criminal charges were filed and the incident was handled by housing.

You don't belong here

Nov. 8, 10:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of a suspended student trespassing at McNerney Hall. The individual was removed from the premises and lodged in jail for trespassing.

Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 403 tickets, totaling \$6,510 between the dates of Nov. 7 and Nov. 9.

NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - Torch Reporter

Blood Drive

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on campus. This event is open to all students and allows the opportunity to donate both a single pint of blood as well as "power red," or double red blood cells. This even will take place in the upstairs of the University Center from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Dawg Talks

Omicron Delta Kappa will be hosting three speakers at a small seminar on success and leadership. The speakers will be President Eisler, Miss Ludington Area 2015-2016 and Ferris alumna, Shelby Soberalski and Chief Nursing Officer of Spectrum Health, Caroline Ring. The speakers will share their own experiences as well as give tips on how to improve your own leadership skills. This event will be held 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in IRC 120.

Great American Smokeout

Every year, the American Cancer Society hosts a nationwide event encouraging smokers to quit smoking. The event is geared toward education on methods to quit tobacco products as well as challenging participants all over the country to do so. Ferris' organization, Colleges Against Cancer, is taking the opportunity on campus to publicize the need to quit, press for laws that control tobacco use, discourage teens from starting and support people who want to quit. The event is Thursday, Nov. 17.

Native Thanksgiving

With the upcoming holiday, the Circle of Tribal Nations and Ferris' Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) will be hosting "A Native Thanksgiving Celebration" as part of the 2016 Native American Heritage Celebration. The event will include a feast, a guest speaker and other activities. This event will take place 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in UC 202.

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MEET THE TORCH

Sarah Massey | Production Assistant



I am a sophomore in the graphic design program. Originally, I am from Saline but moved to Big Rapids with my family a little over a year ago. At the *Torch*, I am the production assistant and help to design and format the paper with Jordan Lodge, the production manager. When I'm not working, I love to play my violin with the Ferris State Community Orchestra and in the West Central String Quartet. I also love to sing show tunes and disney songs.

Turn up the funds

Decreased enrollment rates affect Student Government's finance division

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Student Governments Finance Division recently had to turn away a funding request for this school year's Turn Up the Good, simply because the funds are just not there.

According to Ferris healthcare systems administration and radiology senior and the Director of Finance Arshano McKenzie, Student Government is funded by the Student Activity Fund, which is a \$20 fee that each student pays for campus activities, such as Turn Up the Good.

"The Student Activity Fund is a voluntarily fee, meaning that not every student has to pay the \$20. It automatically gets tacked on to tuition, but it can be refunded," said Ferris social work junior and Administrative Assistant for Student Government Charlotte Haim.

"That means that the overhead fund Student Government works with correlate to enrollment and how many students pay the fee."

The overall enrollment rate this year is down 3.6 percent from the previous year, leaving the Student Activity Fund with approximately \$10,500 less to work with than last year.

"The Music Industry Management Association asked for roughly \$80,000 for this years Turn Up the Good and we only had around \$60,000 to work with this semester," Mckenzie said. "Stated in our by-laws, we are only allowed to allocate up to 75 percent of what we make per semester, for the following semester, which left us at about \$20,000 to work with."



Charlotte Haim

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Grand Rapids protests Trump

Over 2,000 people flooded the streets of Grand Rapids on Thursday, Nov. 10, in protest of president-elect Donald Trump. They carried signs with captions such as "make America safe again," "Trump does not represent us," and "stand on the right side of history" while chanting, "Donald Trump, go away, sexist, racist, anti-gay."

Photo by: Nick Vander Wulp | Lifestyles Editor

Breakfast for Vets



Photo courtesy of FSU Photo Services

Jacob Shrot, a Veteran Resource Representative for the Michigan Education Initiative spoke at Ferris' annual Veteran's Day Breakfast.

Ferris hosts a celebration for community veterans

Kip Biby

Torch Reporter

Ferris State University recently hosted a breakfast to honor Veterans from the student body, staff and Big Rapids community.

The event has been put on by Ferris annually for ten years on Veterans Day and Ferris' Associate Director of Admissions Processes Charlotte Tetsworth has been tasked with organizing this event for the last five years.

"Personally, Veterans Day is a very special time for us to honor those who choose to serve our nation by preserving our freedom and protecting our citizens. When I really just stop to think about the sacrifices made in service to our country, I am over-

whelmed with emotion," Tetsworth said.

The breakfast celebration invitees included student, staff and community veterans. After the presentation of the colors, each military branch's songs were played. Veterans from each branch stood up when their song was played and were recognized with a round of applause.

Ferris mechanical engineering sophomore Adam Lassen did three deployments in Iraq with the Marines before coming to Ferris.

"This is a pretty relaxed college atmosphere compared to what you see on the news with some of these very liberal colleges. I think Vets can fit in here a whole lot better than like UC Berkeley, Brown or Harvard," Lassen said.

Lassen expressed his gratitude to veterans, especially those missing in action (MIA) and prisoners of war (POW), for which there was a memorial in the front of the room called the POW/ MIA Table. A marine veteran read aloud the different symbols involved in the POW/MIA Table.

Also included in the celebration was a short speech by Ferris President David Eisler, a performance of the National Anthem by Ferris' Acappella group the Vibrate Vibes and a keynote speech by founder of Section 1776 Clothing Company Matt McDaid.

McDaid was a Marine Scout Sniper before returning to the states, graduating from Western Michigan University and starting his own company. A portion of every sale has been donated to veteran non-profits.

PARENT UNIVERSITY

Bring resources to students who have children



Jodi Godbey (left) and Kathy Hurst were in attendance at Ferris' Students with Children event, Parent University.

Harley Harrison
Torch Reporter

The balance between school and parenting can be exhausting for students, which is why Ferris' Students with Children program is providing support.

Parent University took place in the West Campus Community Center 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11. "It gives the parents a chance to connect with some of the resources in our community and we just bring the resources to them. So, we allow them to interact, ask questions, get more information," said the Director of the Students with Children Program and Scholar Peer Mentor Program Karen GreenBay. "Some of those resources are what our families need whether they live on campus or off campus, so here their families are part of the community."

According to GreenBay, 24 parents RSVP'd to the event, although more attended throughout the two and a half hour block, as the event is open to the public.

"It was actually required by Tot's Place," said Ferris welding engineering technology senior and father of one Leonard Smith. "But we wanted to kind of see what it's about."

The event provided a kid-friendly atmosphere adorned with board games, food, candy and books. Children could be seen playing together while their parents went from station to station for open, informative discussions.



Karen GreenBay

"I feel like you can never have too much information," said Ferris criminal justice junior and mother of two, Cindy Waddell. "You never know when you're going to stumble across that one thing that's helpful in your life or maybe even for a family member or friend."

There were five different stations set up for resources such as FSU Financial Aid, MSU Extension, Great Start Collaborative Resource Center and the Children's Council. The keynote speaker was Delores Van Horn.

"Well, we learned stuff about nutrition and ways you can create different food groups or ways to incorporate [foods] like whole grain spaghetti into regular spaghetti so you can't tell the difference," Smith said. "Even the financial side of things, I didn't realize that you can consolidate your loans through the department of education and so I thought that was interesting."

The Students with Children Program provides resources and free events to Ferris students all year round.

"I think that it allows people with kids to learn about things that they otherwise wouldn't do because, being a senior and everything, you're kind of swamped with school right now," Smith said.

Waddell and her two children have participated in previous events hosted by the Students with Children program, including a hayride where her youngest was thrilled to go on a field trip with his mom.

"My kids are older and it's a nice way to incorporate them into my education a little bit versus them just seeing me stressed out and studying and getting kind of that bad taste in their mouth for college. There's a little bit of fun incorporated for them," Waddell said.

For more information about the Students with Children program, email studentswithchildren@ferris.edu or search the Facebook page Students with Children at Ferris State.



Leonard Smith

FINANCE

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According to Mckenzie, Student Government were not willing to give them all they had to work with, but were willing to negotiate prices. However, MIMA decided it would be better for them to come back in the spring semester.



Arshano Mckenzie

"It was their decision to walk away this semester, but we told them that if they come back at the beginning of spring semester, they would catch us at a time when we had a bigger budget to spend," McKenzie said.

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Tickets are required for all ceremonies. All Students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to 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.**

Commencement Program - Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, October 14, 2016 for their names to appear in the Fall 2016 Commencement Program** or their name will not appear in the Commencement Program. In order to have the program printed and back in time for the ceremonies we have to adhere to these deadlines. Contact your college's Commencement Coordinator if you have any questions.

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LIFESTYLES

“We don’t get a lot of drag shows, so there’s gay folks celebrating who they are and dressing how they want to and acting how they want to.” - Lucas Gillis
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Honoring veterans near and far



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Members of the FSU West Central Concert Band at rest during the 14th Annual Veterans Day Concert Sunday, Nov. 13.



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

The American flag was presented by the Big Rapids American Legion Post No. 98.



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

A display to honor past and present service members sits outside the auditorium.

Ferris State hosts Veterans Day concert and ceremonies

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Veterans were honored at the 14th Annual Veterans Day Concert with several pieces performed by the FSU West Central Concert Band and ceremonies hosted by local veterans.

The concert was performed Sunday, Nov. 13, in Williams Auditorium to an audience of more than 150 people, including veterans from Ferris and Big Rapids who served in each branch of the armed forces.

The concert included pieces such as “Lest We Forget” by Sy Brandon, honoring World War II veterans, “Variations on a Korean Folk Song” by John Barnes Chance, honoring Korean and Vietnam veterans and “Amazing Grace” by John Newton and performed by Steve Winniger, honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action.

“You may have noticed a small table in the place of honor. It’s set for one,” said Ferris Student Veterans Association

member Will Hall. “This table is a way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession in arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs but we call them ‘brothers.’ They are unable to witness this day and so we remember them.”

USMC Veteran Will Hall recited the following poem during the event:

“The table set for one is small. It symbolizes the frailty of the prisoner alone against his oppressors. Remember. The table cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country’s call to arms. Remember. The single red rose displayed in the vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in arms who keep the vase, awaiting their return. Remember. The yellow ribbon, tied so prominently on the vase, is reminiscent of the yellow ribbon worn upon the lapel and dress of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing. Remember. The candle is lit, symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. Remember. A sliced lemon is the plate to remind us of their bitter fate. Remember. There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the families’ tears as they wait. Remember. The glass is inverted, because they cannot toast with us this day. Remember. The chair is empty because they are not here. Remember, until the day they come home. Remember.”

Ferris Student Veterans Association member Michael Stevens explained further that it’s their way of celebrating veterans and recognizing those who never made it back from the conflicts that have taken place around the world.

During the ceremony, the newly appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Kristi Haik told her personal story of service members in her family. Haik told of how her father is a Marine who served in Vietnam, her brother served as a submariner and son—a Marine—served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Jean Bennett of AMVETS Post No. 1941 gave a speech about Holland Park, where a memorial was built and the park was landscaped to honor American service members and their families.

“The memorial park not only included a memorial to our service men and women, but a very special tribute to a very special group of people, who are sometimes forgotten,” Bennett said. “I’m talking about the home front heroes, the American families who endure the long separations, the endless nights of worry and the immense challenges of balancing and maintaining a life while caring for and supporting their service member.”

More information about the Student Veterans Association can be found at the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) office.

Information about the AMVETS Post No. 1941 can be found at amvets1941.com.

Music for life

West Central Chamber Orchestra
to present fall concert

Alexandra Bourne

Torch Reporter

Ferris and Big Rapids musicians will perform in the season's final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Williams Auditorium.

'Music for Life' is a motto taken to heart by Ferris State University's West Central Chamber Orchestra, a volunteer orchestra consisting of college freshmen to 80-year-old community members.

"The orchestra encompasses Ferris students and people from as far away as Rockford who come play with us every week," said Ferris professor of music and Director of Instrumental Concert Ensembles Richard Cohen. "I love working with our students and community member musicians. This is the largest number of Ferris students we've ever had in the orchestra and there's a lot of enthusiastic, energetic, talented members."

Ferris does not have a music major so all musical groups consist entirely of volunteers.

"Students who have experience can continue to nurture the music that you love," Cohen said. "My goal is to get them involved and engaged. They'll be comfortable playing in community bands and continue to make music for life."

According to Cohen, the group can be taken for credit as a class or not and activity-based scholarships are awarded.

"I was really excited that I didn't have to pay for the class, I could just play," said Ferris public relations senior and cello first chair Morgan Payne. "It felt more relaxed than other schools. It was nice to be able to come play without worrying about where I would end up."

Ferris pre-optometry junior and violinist Megan Eagloski encourages any students who play an instrument to join the music program.



Photo by: Alexa Bourne | Torch Reporter

Members of the West Central Chamber Orchestra, from left to right: Cole Bazan, David Durkee, Morgan Payne, Janet Mallett and Megan Eagloski.

"It's a very positive experience," Eagloski said. "You get to meet a lot of people outside your normal day-to-day activities and it helps you to focus and grow. Music is life. I play because I really love music. It's a stress reliever for me, and having practice every week is kind of like my get-away from the stress of classes and responsibilities."

The love for music can be seen to extend far beyond school within the orchestra.

"I first played here as a student from 1977 to 1980," said Ferris assistant dean of the optometry school and violinist David Durkee.

Durkee returned to Ferris in 2012 and began playing with the orchestra again.

"I'd always loved orchestras," Durkee said. "When I graduated I still kept playing in churches and string quartets and in high school musicals but I hadn't played in an orchestra since I left. The opportunity to play again is what I love. It's exciting and there's some beautiful pieces."

Durkee emphasized the perspective being a student in the orchestra and now a community member as his favorite part.

"The transfer of knowledge from the beginning on up and sharing that with students is really neat," Durkee said. "I just love being here and being able to play with everyone and make beautiful music. It keeps you occupied and involved."

Ferris architecture freshman and violinist Cole Bazan said his favorite part of being in the orchestra was being able to play new music.

"I tried to pick a variety of styles that would be good for the audience, something for everybody to like," Cohen said about the selections for the fall concert. "Educationally, it's good to teach different styles to our members."

The upcoming concert features musical selections of various genres, including Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and an original composition by community and former faculty member, Marshall Williams.

Where I lay my head is home

Alicia Jaimes

Interim Reporter

Ferris State University offers multiple opportunities to become immersed in college life, including where you live.

According to Ferris' policy, all students that are under the age of 19 years old or are not planning to live in a permanent home with their parents are required to live in the residence halls for at least two academic semesters.

Ferris liberal arts sophomore Dona' Worthy feels very comfortable living the residence hall life. Although, she originally chose her residence hall because she was under the impression that it was the closest she could possibly be to her classes—it wasn't. Worthy still fell in love with the atmosphere Brophy McNerney hall had to offer.

"In McNerney, it's pretty laid-back," Worthy said. "I like the friendly environment and I like that I'm not forced to do anything I don't want to."

Although an open-door policy is encouraged to make friends, it is not required. A bulletin board is offered with a list of events that will be going on, giving the student the option to attend with friends or even with a

group of people from their residence hall. McNerney also offers an active lobby.

"We'll have game night or karaoke night," Worthy said. "Sometimes we'll have study time with your RAs or tea-time with your RAs."

Living on campus, however fun it may be, does have its downfalls. Worthy discovered that while living on campus, she is not able to return to her home as often because it is so far away. This basically means that

during the school year she is on her own. Without a license or car, Worthy has had to depend on other people for transportation.

Another common style of living is a style we've all experienced one time or another: living at home.

Ferris criminal justice junior Hannah London said she chose to live at home during her college experiences because it costs less.

When thinking about all the money that goes into not only tuition but also meal plans and living arrangements, you might find yourself thinking that the alternative might be the better option. However, the money you are saving on living arrangements might be costing you in social opportunities.

"When you're in class you notice that a lot of people know each other and living off campus you don't really get that. It kind of discourages you from going to on-campus events," London said. "I feel like it would just be easier if you were in the [halls] and you knew a bunch of people."

London has been a Big Rapids resident her entire life. Because of this, she could remain home while attending college.

Although living at home may be a comforting thought, that didn't stop London from having some initial fears. In the past, London was worried about not integrating into the Ferris community and was nervous that she wouldn't be able to experience the independence her fellow classmates did.

Sometimes you find yourself trying out multiple places when looking for the perfect place to live.

Ferris sports communications and professional tennis management senior Steven Shields said that he lived in two previous locations before choosing Campus Creek as his home. In his five years of college, Shields

has lived in residence halls, East Campus Suites and now Campus Creek Apartments.

Campus Creek offered Shields the experience of living in a house-like setup while still allowing him to attend school.

Shields said that he missed the convenience of being on campus. Now, instead of most students who set their alarms to be able to sleep in until the last possible second, he has to give himself 30 minutes to get to classes.

Aside from his newfound need for scheduling, Shields also misses how social people were on campus. Being able to relax in the student lobbies playing pingpong or pool whenever he wanted to is a leisure he no longer has at his new residence. Still, he recommends living off-campus after a year or two of on-campus living.

With Ferris having such a diverse community, it is only right that the community holds different views on how to live your college years. However, when asked where to live for your first year of college, the answer was unanimous.

"It is important to establish yourself on campus before leaving to live on your own," Ferris secondary English education sophomore Marissa Van Alst said. "You are able to do a lot more off campus but living on campus for your first year, in my opinion, is vital to create friendships and collaborate with other students."

Pro Tips When Looking for Apartments

1. Start your search early. Other students already in Big Rapids and those coming in from out of town for the next semester will be looking for living arrangements at the same time. Starting your search as early as possible in the year will give you the best selection and possibly the best prices. Search Google, Craigslist, newspaper classified ads, and take a walk in the neighborhoods around Big Rapids. You might find what you're looking for.

2. Visit at least three to four different properties. Not only will this give you a good feel for the range of prices in Big Rapids, and you will also have a better idea of what suits your needs in the price range you're looking for. Also, rank them and act on them. You may find the apartment you liked was also liked by someone else who now has a lease to it.

3. Make a checklist. As you view the apartments you're interested in, make a list of what you want. Is having an in-unit washer and drier important to you? Add it to the list. How about other appliances, such as a dishwasher, the type of stove and the type of heat for the apartment?

Be sure to budget properly if the apartment or property is electric or gas heated. Check the condition of the windows and doors, as this can also impact your energy bill in the winter months. While checking the condition of the apartment, check the condition of the furnace and the hot water heater if applicable to make sure all maintenance is up to date. Finally, check the condition of hardware in the bathrooms and kitchen.

Internet and cable are standard for most homes and apartments. Make sure to check if internet is included in the cost of rent or if it's a separate bill.

4. Ask how the complex is managed. You should know how maintenance and security is handled at your apartment and how to make requests when the need arises.

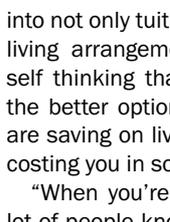
5. Come to the meeting prepared to leave a deposit. If you look at an apartment and it has everything you want and it's in your price range, then make your deposit at the meeting. Otherwise, there will be another student more prepared to make the deposit on your ideal apartment.



Brandon Swanson



Dona' Worthy



Hannah London



Marissa Van Alst



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Dymond Denae takes the stage Saturday, Nov. 12, at The Gate.

Dragspiration

Show inspired by RuPaul's Drag Race comes to Big Rapids

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Queens performed a light-hearted and fun show to an enthusiastic crowd of Ferris students and Big Rapids residents at The Gate.

The third annual Power Diva Night, associated with RuPaul's Drag Race, took place 10 p.m. until close Saturday, Nov. 12, and gave Big Rapids some alternative entertainment along with promoting LGBTQ awareness.

The drag show performers came from Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo to perform to the crowd of birthday goers, revelers and members of Ferris' LGBT community.

"The drag show is one of the annual fall drag shows at The Gate," said Ferris advertising junior Lucas Gillis. "Basically, it's a celebration of the LGBT community, and it's just a really cool different type of entertainment for the Big Rapids community."

The usual type of entertainment in Big Rapids is usually one of the local bands or a DJ performing at one of the local venues, including

The Gate. Power Diva Night provided a much-needed outlet, according to Gillis.

"It's a much more positive and energetic environment," Gillis said. "We don't get a lot of drag shows, so there's gay folks celebrating who they are and dressing how they want to and acting how they want to. It's a very liberating experience."

Ferris hospitality senior Justin Stevenson said the drag shows put on by Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance (DSAGA) have been something he thoroughly enjoys participating in and he draws on events like these for inspiration.

"I started doing drag in the spring of 2014," Stevenson said. "So, I created my alter ego named Sasha Giselle Carter and I formed that name from Beyoncé's name. I created my drag name to get more inspiration from women."

Stevenson said he wanted something in his life he was good at and that made him feel confident about himself.

"My first year was in the spring
Drag Show | see page 9

Snow Shredders gear up



Courtesy Photo

Snow Shredder RSO members from left to right: Maci Palmer, community service chair and Hannah Scheid, secretary.

New RSO is ready to shred

Adrianna Walker

Torch Reporter

As Michigan's snowy season approaches, students from FSU Snow Shredders are preparing for their first winter of action.

The new registered student organization (RSO) features skiers and snowboarders who'll meet at ski resorts like Caberfae Peaks and Boyne Mountain for group outings throughout the winter. Approved in the fall, the Snow Shredders plan came to light last year when President Victoria Sill and Vice President Ashley Smith couldn't find a ski club to join on campus.

Their solution? Make one.

"If you enjoy snowboarding and skiing or think you might, it's a great way to meet new people who might have the same interests as you. It's a great way to blow off steam," said Vice President Smith.

FSU Snow Shredders also offers students and outdoor enthusiasts a break from the classroom and academics.

"There's a lot of RSOs that are academically based. This is an RSO where it's mostly recreational," Smith said.

The RSO has officially recruited nearly 40 people, with equally more interested and on the mailing list. Students can still join, regardless of skill level, and a mentor-mentee program will be offered where the more veteran skiers and snowboarders work with others to improve their skills.

"Even if you've never gone skiing before, you can join," Smith said, adding that the veteran skiers will accompany beginners on the bunny hills.

Because new RSOs don't receive funding during their first year, the Shredders will be fundraising and volunteering with other Ferris groups like Circle K International and Love Your Melon. Working the International Wine, Beer and Food Festival in Grand Rapids will also earn the group \$1,000 towards transportation.

The second official meeting for the group is still in the works but the first official outing will be Friday, Dec. 2, at Boyne Mountain.

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DRAG SHOW

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of 2014, and that's when I won people's choice for crowd favorite," Stevenson said. "Drag is really an inspirational activity. It helps get you out of your comfort zone and out of your box."

While Ferris State University is a

safe zone that provides a place to learn and grow, Stevenson said he plans on expanding out of Big Rapids and performing drag shows in his hometown of Detroit.

Ferris graphic design alumni Kevin Maenle, performing as Vanilla Monáe, said it's a good but also mixed feeling to be back in Big Rapids for a show like

this. He also had some advice for aspiring performers.

"Every Tuesday at Rumors nightclub in Grand Rapids, there's an amateur cabaret," Maenle said. "It's free to do, and you can go down and do whatever you want for three numbers. The pride show in the spring is always a good way to start, too."



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Vanilla Monáe, the alter ego of Ferris graduate Kevin Maenle, returned to Big Rapids to perform at the third annual Power Diva Night.

Here comes summer

MFA Graduate Award winner displays art collection for the Ferris community

Tia-Jane' Oakes

Interim Reporter

After submitting a painting to Ferris' annual art competition for Kendall graduate students, Dustin Rogers received the opportunity to have a solo art exhibition at Ferris' Fine Art Gallery this fall semester.

For the theme of his exhibition, Rogers decided to convey the feelings people have during the summer. His collection is entitled Summertime. Rogers said it became fairly easy to complete his work for the exhibition because the kids in the neighborhood were outside playing for hours. According to Rogers, this is what proved to be motivational in order for him to continue his work.

"I think many of us have had a group of friends that we played outside with on our summer breaks and maybe still do. Or maybe we feel some isolation during the summer season because we don't have many friends," Rogers said.

"This is a theme of what summer feels like, childhood and playtime things some of us don't get to experience anymore," said Ferris Fine Art Gallery director Carrie Stermer.

For the last five years, the Ferris Fine Art Gallery has held the Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) Graduate Award Solo Exhibit competition. This contest was designed to support graduate students and to shine some light on the students who attend Kendall College.

"I hope students can enjoy looking at the paintings," Rogers said. "I was in college for several years and there were times when I just needed to get away from the stress that academics brought."

Rogers' work has been displayed in galleries locally and nationally but this is his first solo exhibition. The exhibition will be open to the public in Ferris' Fine Art Gallery until Saturday, Dec. 17.

More of Dustin Rogers' work can be viewed at dustinrogersart.wix.com.



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SPORTS

"I've been excited to watch us take steps offensively and make plays instead of running plays." - Kendra Faustin
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An offensive line laden with talent and experience have paved the way for Ferris' offensive playmakers to rack up 35.7 points per game this season, which is good for third best in the GLIAC.

"The Cows gotta eat the grass"

Ferris State football makes playoffs behind offensive line motto

Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

Ferris football is gearing up for the playoffs so now it's time for the Bulldogs to graze the pastures.

The Bulldogs have landed the No. 2 seed and will take on the No. 7 seed Midwestern State Mustangs in the first round of the Div. 2 playoffs.

The Dawgs finished the regular season at 9-2, with a third consecutive playoff berth. Ferris has been knocked out in the first and second round the past two years. But the Bulldogs are ready, and they have been preparing for this opportunity all season.

Senior center Jake Daugherty said the offensive line has a motto about putting in work every day.



"The motto has always been 'the cows gotta eat the grass'," Daugherty said. "Grinding every day in practice is our grass."

The Bulldogs feast on the daily work they put in to survive the trials of the season. The work they've put in has paid dividends at the end of the week so far.

Daugherty said: "It helps at the end of the week when the hay is in the barn and the works done and we can come into Saturday feeling prepared."

Heading into the playoffs, Head Coach Tony Annese believes the Bulldogs have done the work and are now ready to reap the benefits of this third playoff run opportunity.

Annese said: "We need to focus on the things this team can do this year. We've played well our last five games. It was a battle for us to be the team we need to be. We found our groove now, and I feel good about where we are."

This mentality of eating the grass every day is also a day-by-day mentality. The work can't be done tomorrow if you don't put the work in today. That work has shown itself through in the Dawgs' dominant offense.

Daugherty is a critical part of the Ferris rushing attack, which is second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) with 267.4 yards per game. The Bulldogs' heavily quarterback-run-centered offense has been gashing the GLIAC all season long. Junior transfer quarterback Reggie Bell uses his agility to flash to the outside while junior running back Jahaan Brown has been taking the majority of the carries up the middle.



Jahaan Brown

Brown has improved his game greatly from last season. Brown ran for 572 yards and three touchdowns in 2015. This year, Brown has run for 824 yards and seven touchdowns with games still to play. His ability to make cuts behind the line of scrimmage and hit the creases between the tackles has complemented Bell's scat-back running style.

"Jahaan is like the shepherd of the cows, if you will," Daugherty said. "We do all the dirty work so he can get the touchdowns. It's great when we got a shepherd like that and a bunch of cows up front getting it done."

The Bulldog defense has been a great compliment to the offense as the best rush defense in the GLIAC allowing only 105.6 rush yards per game. This is the consequence of a defense that treats every set of downs like an individual drive. On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Bulldogs beat the Cardinals 51-17, holding the Cardinals to five of 18 on third down.

As for now, there's still more pasture to graze for the Bulldogs on the way to the playoffs. Ferris will take on Midwestern State 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Top Taggart Field.



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Senior quarterback and punter Trevor Bermingham was at the helm of the Ferris State offense on senior day at the insistence of junior quarterback and regular starter Reggie Bell.

Sports Shorts

By Brendan Samuels - Torch Reporter

Ferris football honors senior Dawgs

Ferris honored one of the most successful senior classes in Bulldog football history Saturday, Nov. 12.

This year's football squad contained 20 graduating seniors who are no stranger to winning, as they have compiled a 38-7 record over the past four seasons.

In addition to their regular season success, the Bulldog seniors have also been part of teams that have now clinched three straight NCAA Div. 2 playoff berths and won two GLIAC championships.

And the award goes to...

Freshman hitter Allyson Cappel has roped in her third GLIAC Player of the week award for volleyball as she continues an impressive season.

Cappel was given the award after she led the Bulldogs to three wins last week, helping them to secure the GLIAC North Division Championship for the third straight year.

As the Bulldogs begin to shift towards post-season play, look for Cappel to be the beneficiary of plenty more awards.

Full house

Ferris State hockey squared off against the Michigan State Spartans Saturday, Nov. 12, in front of a sold-out crowd. This marks the second time this season that the Bulldogs have played before a full house, as the stands were also full when they took the ice against the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Wolverines.

Attending fans got their money's worth as the Bulldogs fought the Spartans hard in a 4-3 loss.

The Bulldogs took down the Spartans Thursday, Nov. 10, 4-1 in East Lansing.

Ball till' you fall

The Ferris men's basketball team opened their season with back to back wins over the weekend.

The Bulldogs were on the road in St. Louis, Mo. for the GLIAC/GLVC Classic taking on Missouri and Quincy. The team showed their dominance as they outscored both opponents by double digits to jump out to a quick 2-0 record to begin the season.



Top Dawg

Zach Hankins

Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

Center Zach Hankins is a mountain of a man at 6-foot-10, making it no surprise that he edged out the competition to become this week's Top Dawg.

Hankins, a sophomore for the Bulldogs, has jumped into the starting role in 2016 after the departure of former Ferris standout center Jared Stolicker. After losing the team's top three rebounders to graduation, Hankins will be depended on mightily to crash the glass and give the Dawgs their second consecutive rebound title in the GLIAC.

After two strong outings over the weekend in St. Louis, Hankins appears ready to give the Bulldogs all

of the production they need and more.

Hankins dropped 18 points and grabbed 7 boards against Missouri Friday night and didn't stop there. Hankins recorded a double-double in Saturday's matchup against Quincy, posting 12 points and 11 rebounds. After seeing minimal play last year, Hankins has jumped leaps and bounds, leading his team through the first two games in rebounds with 18 and scoring 30 points, which is good enough for second on the team.

With a whole season left to go, only time will tell if Hankins can keep his stat line consistent. Hankins will look to further the Bulldogs' 2-0 record as they take on non-conference opponent Lewis 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Wink Arena.

Major keys

What the Dawgs have to do to make it deep in the playoffs



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The Ferris State football team have made the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Div. 2 playoffs for the third year in a row.

After two undefeated regular seasons the last two years, the Bulldogs couldn't find a way to stay unbeaten through the playoffs. The Bulldogs got beat in the first round by Ohio Dominican two seasons ago, and in the second round by Grand Valley State last season.

If you were to ask a Ferris football player, they would probably tell you that they are just focusing on the next game, this time against Midwestern State. I know though, that others are thinking about the bigger picture, making it deep into the playoffs and possibly even coming out of the whole thing with a national championship ring.

There are some things that the Bulldogs will have to do in order to make a deep run into the playoffs, and here are five of them.

1. Balance their offensive attack – It's obvious that Head Coach Tony Annese loves to take advantage of having an athletic quarterback. The Dawgs depended deeply on Jason Vander Laan the last four years and they've been doing the same this season with quarterback Reggie Bell. If teams can slow down the FSU quarterback, then the Dawgs need to be prepared to move the ball in other ways. It also takes a toll on a player to be a crucial part of so many plays, so it will be crucial to keep Bell from getting too beat up if the Bulldogs want to make a big run.

2. Minimize turnovers – In Ferris' two playoff losses

the last two seasons, they have turned the ball over a combined seven times. Giveaways can be the difference between wins and losses, and it's showed for the Dawgs so far this season as well. In Ferris' 39-31 loss against Ashland this season, the Bulldogs turned the ball over twice and both were costly. The Dawgs fumbled inside the 10-yard line against Ashland, and the Eagles flipped the field and converted a field goal. Also, late in the game, a Reggie Bell fumble was picked up by Ashland and brought into the end zone. If it weren't for those 10 points off turnover, Ashland may have never won that game. The Bulldogs also turned the ball over four times against Grand Valley State in their only other loss of the season.

3. Don't take bad penalties – The Bulldogs have the most penalties and penalty yards in the GLIAC with 91 penalties for 920 yards so far this season. That's eight more penalties and 238 more yards than the next closest team in the conference. Against the elite competition that the Bulldogs will be facing in the playoffs, they need all the yards can get. They don't need to be penalized an average of 8.3 times for 83.6 yards a game like they have been so far this season.

4. Utilize Jahaan Brown – This kind of ties in to diversifying the offensive attack of the Bulldogs. Brown has ran the ball 45 times less than lead-carrier Bell, but Brown averages 6.9 yards per carry this year. He is a force that can wear down defenses and open up possibilities for play-action passes and will also take some attention away from a very good running quarterback in Bell. Brown can also be utilized more in the passing game, as he is averaging 15.7 yards per reception.

5. Keep stopping the run – The Bulldogs are averaging a GLIAC best 105.6 rush yards against per game on the year. If they can keep teams from getting big gains, especially on first down, it will leave their opponents in second or third and long situations where they'll have to throw the ball. With 15 interceptions on the season and 33 sacks, the Dawgs should be able cause some havoc and in turn cause some turnovers if they can get teams to resort to being one-dimensional.

We'll see if the Bulldogs take these into account as they take on Midwestern State 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Top Taggart Field.

MEET THE TORCH

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Ferris State football team is headed to the playoffs for the third year in a row but their time playing Ferris Fantasy football is up.

The Bulldogs pulled off a big 51-17 win against Saginaw Valley State to get into the postseason, but despite a gigantic day from senior quarterback Trevor Bermingham, the Dawgs couldn't pick up a win against my lineup this week.

Bermingham started the game in place of junior quarterback Reggie Bell, as Bell insisted that the senior get a shot to start on senior day in Big Rapids. Bell's class proved to not only work but work very well. Bermingham ran for 186 yards on just eight carries and scored on half of those runs for four rushing touchdowns on the day. He also connected on one touchdown while throwing for 195 yards in the game and racked up 55 fantasy points.

With Bermingham running for four touchdowns, it was tough for other players to gain a large amount of points considering the quarterback kept four of the touchdowns for himself. It also helped that the team I put together performed very well across the board.

Aaron Rodgers and the Packers found themselves down 21-0 early in their game against the Titans and had to throw the ball all day,



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

while connecting with Jordy Nelson for 12 passes and a touchdown.

Stefon Diggs of the Minnesota Vikings picked up where he left off last week, bringing in 13 catches for 164 yards, but he wasn't able to find the end zone. Arizona Cardinals running back David Johnson did what he has done all season long, catching passes out of the backfield and getting a steady feed of carries on the ground. He found the end zone twice on the day.

With a 128-100 victory from yours truly, I improved to 6-4 on the season after a big scare from the Dawgs who beat me for three consecutive weeks to cut my lead from 5-1 to 5-4. With the end of Ferris Fantasy football, we'll just be able to focus on the Bulldogs themselves as they try to make a run deep into the NCAA Div. 2 playoffs.

The Bulldogs have been awarded the No. 2 seed and will take on the No. 7 seed Midwestern State Mustangs 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Top Taggart Field.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Aaron Rodgers	31 COMPLETIONS, 371 PASS YDS, 27 RUSH YDS, 3 TOTAL TD, 2 INT	32
RB	David Johnson	55 RUSH YDS, 5 REC, 46 REC YDS, 2 TD	23.5
WR1	Jordy Nelson	12 REC, 126 YDS, TD	24
WR2	Stefon Diggs	13 REC, 164 YDS	22.5
FLEX	Mark Ingram	50 RUSH YDS, 2 REC, 13 REC YDS	7
D/ST	Arizona Cardinals	20 PA, 3 SACKS, FR	7
K	Brandon McManus	3/4 FG, 2 XP	12
Total:			128

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Trevor Bermingham	186 RUSH YDS, 4 RUSH TD, 10 COMPLETIONS, 195 PASS YDS, PASS TD	55
RB	Jahaan Brown	1 REC, 102 TOTAL YDS	10.5
WR1	Malik Taylor	2 REC, 62 YDS	7
WR2	Kyle Thompson	1 REC, 6 YDS, TD	6.5
FLEX	Marvin Campbell	42 YDS, TD, FUM	8
D/ST	Ferris State	17 PA, 2 INT	5
K	Wyatt Ford	FG, 6/7 XP	8
Total:			100



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Sophomore guard Margo Brown played in all 28 games and averaged 17.9 minutes per game during her freshman season, and will look to expand her role even further this season.

Hello hardwood my old friend

Ferris State women's basketball has opened up a brand new season

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The women of the Ferris State basketball program finally made it back to the hardwood to kick-off the 2016-17 season.

Looking to get some wins rolling after last year's 5-23 record, Head Coach Kendra Faustin is entering her second year at the helm of the program. The Dawgs started their season against Div. 1 team Bowling Green State University in an exhibition matchup, losing 100-50.



Kendra Faustin

"We want to play the best and it's the best way to get practice in a game setting," said Faustin of their matchup with Bowling Green. "I've been excited to watch us take steps offensively and make plays instead of running plays. We are competing. We practice to get better every day and we do get better every day."

To officially kick off their season, the Dawgs opened up action at home Saturday, Nov. 12, against Bellarmine University, losing 94-93 in an exciting overtime contest.

With only one senior on the team, the program is young and that is something that just may benefit the Bulldogs, according to Faustin.

"Our leadership is outstanding," Faustin said. "It has been from the end of last season when our captains, Rachel [McInerney] and Hannah [Evo], organized training camps over the summer for the team to get together and assigned 'accountability partners' for our team."

Faustin said that the team sticks to their core values such as accountability and trust,

giving each woman a responsibility to her team. McInerney, who had a double-double, is confident in this young team to be able to go above and beyond Ferris teams of the past.



Rachel McInerney

"This is my third year at Ferris and my first two years I was a part of special teams no doubt, but neither of those teams were as focused, determined and hungry as we are," McInerney said. "Every single one of us is bound and determined to make this a great season."

The Dawgs took on Ursuline College Sunday, Nov. 13, in a 91-61 losing effort to close out the Bulldog Classic, bringing their overall record to 0-2.

Forward Joslyn Nicholson, a transfer student in her second season as a Bulldog, is the only senior on the team for the Dawgs. Though it is early in the season and the team sits at a record of 0-2, she is already seeing many positives from the team.



Joslyn Nicholson

"I think we are doing such a great job of using each other's strengths to get the best open shot or defensive stop possible," Nicholson said. "We work very hard to fulfill our individual roles, which essentially creates great plays for us."

The women will be back on the court for a big exhibition matchup on the road against East Lansing 12 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The Dawgs pick up regular season play again 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, against Pittsburg State University in Kansas for the Pittsburg State Tournament.

Roaring out of the gates

FSU off to hot start with 2-0 record, exhibition win over Div. 1 opponent

Johnathon Gustin

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State men's basketball team has tipped off the 2016-17 season on the right hand to streak out to 2-0 start.

Following a 85-79 win over Div. 1 Detroit in exhibition play, Ferris State participated in the two-day GLIAC/GLVC Classic in St. Louis, Mo. and came out smart with wins over the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Quincy University.

In the first game of the class, Ferris faced the Missouri-St. Louis Tritons Friday, Nov. 11. The Bulldogs started the game with a 10-2 run and never trailed. The Tritons closed the gap to three-points twice midway through the second half at 39-36 and 45-42, but Ferris outscored Missouri-St. Louis 28-19 in the last ten minutes of regulation to seal the win, 73-61.

The top three scorers for the Bulldogs on the day were sophomore center Zach Hankins with 18 points, junior guard Peter Firlik with 17 points and sophomore guard Markese Mayfield who came off the bench to notch 12 points.

Saturday, Nov. 12, the second day of the GLIAC/GLVC

Classic, the Bulldogs were three points away from recording triple digits in their win over the Quincy Hawks. After a pretty even first half of play, Ferris looked liked they were starting to take control with a 48-37 lead at half-time. The Hawks responded quickly in the second half by drawing enough Bulldog fouls in just over five minutes of play in the half to be in the bonus. This allowed Quincy to go on a 26-12 run and eventually take a 63-60 lead with 12:47 remaining in the second half.



Zach Hankins

Head Coach Andy Bronkema responded by switching to zone defense. This spurred the Bulldogs offense back to life and a healthy mix of jumpers, layups and a dozen free-throws gave the Bulldogs a 97-81 victory.

Again the trio of Hankins, Firlik and Mayfield lead the Dawgs in scoring with 12, 16 and 17 points respectively.

The biggest difference that allowed Ferris to take the win was the scoring output from their bench. Ferris outscored Quincy's bench 46-13 with great play from Mayfield, redshirt-freshman forward Cole Walker with 13 points and junior guard Mory Diane with 10 points.



Peter Firlik

The biggest trend for the men's team this season thus far has been their high field-goal efficiency of 53.6 percent. The high percentage might have something to do with Bronkema's motto, "the closer it is to the basket, the easier it is to make it,"

being taken to heart with excelling in the paint lead by the

play of the center Hankins.

The bench has also been a big boost for the first two games this season averaging 34.5 points per game. Both games have seen Bronkema use a deep rotation to try and keep high energy effort on the court at all times.

"We're doing that because we like the quality of the depth that warrants a deeper rotation" said assistant coach Jim Lake. "We feel like the strength of our group is the group and we preach it every day. The ball moves and it doesn't in any one particular spot. Everyone feels like if they move the ball that it'll come back to them. We have an unselfish squad."

Junior point guard Drew Cushingberry echoed those sentiments saying that the team is buying in.



Markese Mayfield

"To be good, you got to accept your role, no matter how much playing time you're going to get. You got to accept if you want to be great as a team," Cushingberry said.

This depth also extends to the leadership with the team. With one senior and four juniors on the squad, there is a shared effort to lead by example.

"Top to bottom they're accountable," Bronkema said. "If someone says something that makes sense and that is right, it doesn't matter who they are. Everyone responds to it in the right way. This is a collective leadership group. I like that vibe we're getting from that."

The Bulldogs will look to continue their winning ways against GLVC competitions when they play host to the Lewis University Flyers 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.



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Junior guard Drew Cushingberry averaged 8.8 points per game last season and played a key role in the Bulldogs' offense down the stretch and into last year's postseason run.

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“To achieve the things we all want for this country... we can’t separate. - Andrea Cordes
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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

The grind

Try not to judge when you see that student with messy hair and bags under their eyes sipping their third coffee of the day by 11 a.m.

Maybe they’re wearing sweatpants for the fourth day in a row, but again, please don’t judge. We’ve all been there.

Sometimes students sacrifice their appearance, sleep and sanity in order to keep up with coursework, and months of that grind can take a toll.

We all have exams, essays and projects. We’ve all stayed up long after the late show personalities have signed off for the night. We’ve all occasionally skipped a morning shower and breakfast in favor of another 30 minutes of studying before class.

These habits take hold around this point in the semester and are

especially prominent among those that attend classes before noon.

There’s typically a lot of effort applied to looking good in the early weeks of a new semester. Yet, the phenomenon of appearance degradation doesn’t take long to set in and seems to come in sequence with the course’s exam schedule.

Students start prioritizing coursework over applying makeup and shaving and that’s not really a bad thing. In a lot of cases, it’s just necessary. We’re all being worn down by stress and have to make sacrifices to stay afloat.

But there’s a light at the end of the tunnel and it gets brighter with each passing lecture. We’ve almost made it to Thanksgiving break and just after that, winter break.

One day at a time, Bulldogs. Just one day at a time.



When someone brings a dog on campus...

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We need to talk



Andrea Cordes
Torch Photographer

Hello, everyone. I know we don’t know each other that well but we need to sit down and have a talk.

A lot has happened in the past week. Tensions are high and a division between us is becoming very apparent. I’m not here to tell anyone to move past what’s happened, to set every single one of our differences aside and force each other to be friends. That’s not what’s going to fix things. We need to open a dialogue.

Trump supporters: listen to why the opposing side is upset. There are many, many groups of people who are going to be affected by this presidency in different ways.

Transgender people are afraid of being looked at as illegitimate, that their identity is “all in their heads.” The Latin@ community is terrified of the threat of deportation and being alienated from the rest of the country by a wall, both metaphoric and physical. Queer couples have to worry about having the right to marry who they love be overturned.

Women might get denied access to birth control because their insurance will no longer pay for it. Reproductive rights could be lost if Roe v. Wade is overturned as planned. People with disabilities have to worry about losing their insurance under the Affordable Care Act because insurance companies will be allowed to deny them coverage because of pre-existing conditions. People of color are facing an increase in exposed racism and hate.

And to those that didn’t vote for Trump: listen and understand why this happened. Why many people have become disillusioned by our government. Why people were so desperate to get drastic change in a government office that they voted for someone that continuously proved that he was not fit to be the president and



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

In a historically polarizing election, Republican Donald Trump was chosen as the president-elect despite the popular vote being in favor of Democrat Hillary Clinton.

represent the true, genuine values of America. To achieve the things we all want so much for this country; equal rights, an improved economy, affordable healthcare, a reformed judicial/police/prison system, a better educational system for both ourselves and our future children,

a country that all people can feel safe in, etc., we can’t separate.

We have to understand each other so that we can work on building a better future FOR each other.

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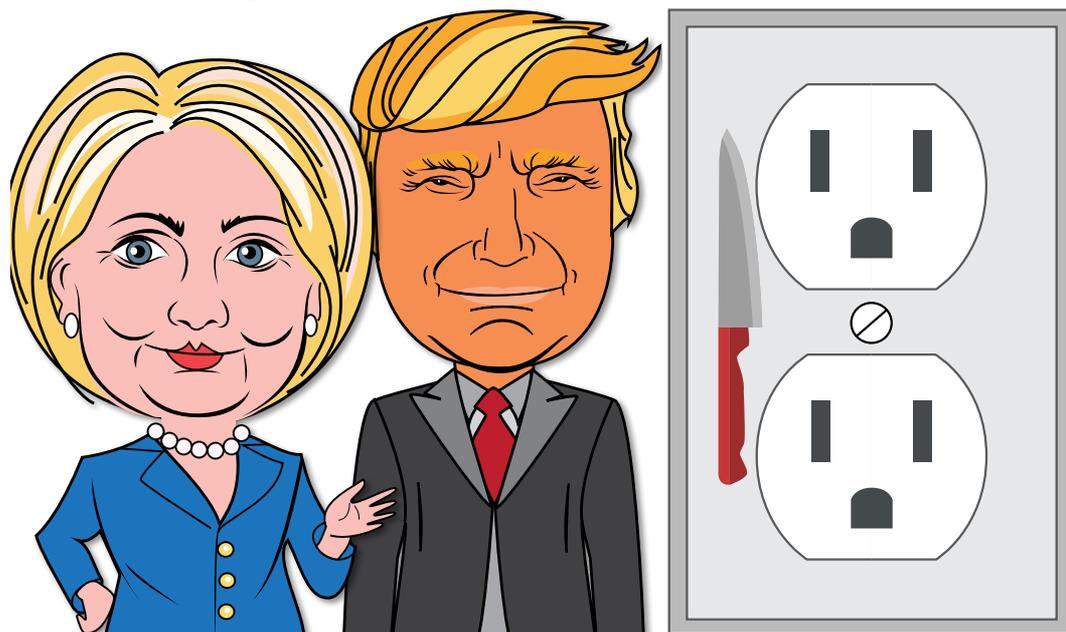
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Top socket or bottom socket?

Having to vote for the lesser of two evils



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A lot of America is mourning after the election. Tears streaming down the faces of people who believe America is doomed with Donald Trump at the helm. Facebook has become a battlefield and riots have taken place. Let's all pause for a minute before we burn bridges with people we respected before the election and burn literal bridges.

I have heard accounts from people that say they know people who they respected that voted on both ends of the ballot. The fact is, this was no ordinary election. Two unworthy candidates with horrific scandals were America's only choices. Therefore the decision of who is more fit became like holding a butter knife in your hand and saying: "Should I stick this in the top or bottom socket?"

The top socket which we put our collective knives in gave us a shock before any of this started. Donald Trump began his campaign and millions of Americans laughed it off. There's no way he'll make it, right? Well, he was able to capitalize on an existential fear that has been growing in America—terrorism. His iron fist stance on terrorism has been demonstrated with statements such as, "We're gonna bomb the crap out of 'em." This radical approach to just scorch the earth has its own problems in terms of rules of engagement and potential backlash of the world community as thousands of innocent people would die. On the other hand, there are people who believe we should strike first to end "Islamic" terrorism.

"Islamic" terrorism on the surface is a prejudiced term that implies that terrorism only happens in the sphere of Muslims. Some people, particularly some of Trump's initial supporters, believe that all or most Muslims are terrorists. This assumption is obviously false with over a billion Muslims worldwide.

However, the PRIMARY terrorism threat in the world is an Islamic organization known as ISIS. This gives some credence to the term "Islamic" terrorism but I still believe it is a term that should be abandoned. Nevertheless, this term has been used to Trump's benefit.

Another reason people resent Trump is the way he talks and carries himself. He lives off distorted hyperboles and does not care much of what other people think.

Whether out of context or not, he has said some things that have shaken people to the core. In a decade old recording, he said in regards to women, "You can do whatever you want. Just grab 'em by the pussy." In the climate of Brock Turner, these comments were found to be despicable by the public.

Trump wants to build a wall and deport millions of Mexican immigrants. He wants to stop all Syrian refugees from entering the country. He's been sued for profiling and denying services to black people. He's been sued for his failed Trump University with claims of fraud. After the audio of "grab 'em by the..." surfaced, sexual assault accusations came out of the woodwork.

There's Trump, now onto Hillary Rodham Clinton. She would have been the first woman president. She would have also been the first president ever to be elected while under investigation from the FBI.

Her email scandal was seen as a "witch hunt" by her supporters considering the FBI said there was not enough evidence of intent to move forward. The fact still remains that she mishandled classified information.

She received and sent emails clearly marked classified on her private server and lied about it to the press and the FBI—an offense that anyone else would



Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

be imprisoned for. There have been members of the military imprisoned for the same offense.

Before the investigation began, she deleted thousands of emails before handing over devices. She allegedly even smashed a device with a hammer.

People are so up in arms about this because she has also taken millions of dollars in donations from foreign governments, including those that harbor terrorism. Those emails could have provided insight into what this money is for but the emails are gone.

Most politicians lie. We know this for a fact, but when you couple her flip flopping on almost every major issue you can imagine in the last five years with her receiving money from foreign governments, there is a big red flag as to what her intentions are at the helm of America.

Voters were not OK with potentially hundreds of government employees being paid off by Clinton to rig the election, particularly the DNC primary. They were not OK with the Clinton Foundation receiving millions of dollars in funds to go towards the revival of Haiti and less than five percent went to Haiti.

The point is, don't scrutinize others for making this difficult decision. Learn their stance. Now that Trump is president, which a lot of Trump voters didn't want before he was pitted against Clinton, what do we do as a nation to move forward?

I'm not asserting either candidate was better or that we made the right choice on election night. The only thing that matters now is that the people of America continue the trajectory of social change that we've been on in previous years.

The people of America are the ones who have paved the way for LGBTQ rights and assimilated multiple cultures into our own. We, the people, are the ones that have changed the culture. Government laws and politicians can only attempt to persuade us of their agenda but we have the power to accept or deny what they tell us.

America is not dead, nor is the progress that has been made. There are threats to our progress in terms of possible legislation to come. However, the seeds planted by the likes of Bernie Sanders will grow in all who choose to accept it.

Sanders has pointed out repeatedly the various injustices in our society, starting with corporate greed and government corruption. He's pointed out the economic disparity between the classes and the social injustices that Black, Latin@, Muslim and people of different sexual orientations face. The people have been exposed to these ideas and are paying attention.

We, the American people, should not let anything Trump may say or attempt to do to dissuade us from the truth that all people are created equal. We are born with different starting points, some being more disadvantaged than others but we are all Americans.

A small subsection of our population is racist or prejudiced and will have a loud voice in years to come, but the majority of us have fought to end up where we are now and words of one man cannot change that.

If Trump challenges these ideals, we will push back with the likes of Sanders fighting for us on the front lines. All is not lost America. We just have a steeper road ahead.

Fight for equality

A humanistic stance against President-elect Donald Trump



Kaitlyn Kirchner
Torch Photographer

In the wake of the recent election, many are ecstatic, full of hope and excitement for the future. There are also many of us that are fearful, disheartened and disgusted with the results. I side with the latter, and I envy those who are full of hope because I am also afraid.

One of my best friends from my hometown, who happens to be LGBT, was verbally assaulted in my local Wal-Mart Thursday Nov. 10. I know what you're thinking: "Yeah, well it's Wal-Mart."

That's not a valid excuse. You cannot just tell me that because it's a Wal-Mart, people don't deserve respect but I digress. A woman probably in her mid-thirties, tailed by a couple children, had the audacity to look at this boy, this human being, and said: "Stop being a faggot and be a man."

The election may be over but the fight for equality and humanity is not. This recent election has left many people of color (POC), Muslims, LGBT people, Latin@s and women in fear. There have already been reports of harassment both verbally and physically towards minorities. Progress has taken a hit, and our society has been set back a number of years but do not be discouraged. I am not saying that our president-elect is racist, sexist, xenophobic, etc., but the things he says make me wonder what goes on in his head. I hope for the sake of this country that he is just a bad speaker and not a bad person.

It took women nearly a hundred years of fighting to win the right to vote. Women were not respected as people for an incredibly long time. Feminism is growing and the highest glass ceiling was cracking. However, because America elected Donald Trump, a man who has been documented saying, "Grab them by the pussy, you can do anything," we have set women back.

One in six women have been a victim of attempted or completed sexual assault, and if our president can grab women by the pussy and do anything he wants, then everyone else can, too. Our president-elect also wants to defund Planned Parenthood, which provides more than just abortions for women, a thing you can be sure that Trump will make illegal. Make sure to stock up on your birth control and get an IUD that will last, because we all know that's going to be a pain in the ass for the next four years.

African Americans were denied rights for over a hundred years after being released from slavery. Our president-elect refused to denounce David Duke, a member of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) who endorsed him. It goes without saying that the KKK has committed mass atrocities against POC in the past.

The Islamic community has had a hell of a time trying to prove to this country since 9/11 that they are not terrorists but that they are people, too. They are people who want to live the same boring,

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Letter to the Editor

Ways we can change child obesity

By **Sara Boileau** - Early Childhood Education

I am a student at Ferris State University in the Early Childhood Education Program. I would like to talk about how much child obesity has increased over the years.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Child obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years." Obesity can lead to many health problems including cardiovascular disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, bone and joint problems, sleep apnea, diabetes and can increase the risk of cancer.

One major reason I think child obesity has increased is because of too much technology. Children sit way too much playing video games, watching television or even

playing on tablets. If we limit the time on how much children are on technology, I believe that will be a big change in child obesity.

There are things we as teachers or parents can do to help prevent more children from becoming obese. One major thing is we can have our children participate in 60 minutes of play. If we get our children outside playing for just 60 minutes a day, we will be leading them to a healthier lifestyle with just this one change. Another change we can do is give our children healthier food options to eat throughout the day. If we stand together and make all of these small changes, we can decrease child obesity and save children from the many health problems they can get if we don't start now.

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Hopefully, you get the picture. And with that, I'll end with this. Go

to a protest. Attend a club meeting for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) or the National Organization for Women (NOW) or any other kind of diverse, multi-cultural group of

people right here on campus.

We ALL need to talk. Not just liberals amongst themselves, not conservatives in their own little bubbles. We need to talk and make OUR America greater than it's ever been.

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uneventful lives as everyone else. Because you elected this man, a man who has said that he supports making Muslim Americans register with a government database, or even forcing them to carry a religious identification card with them at all times, you are setting Muslim-Americans back.

The LGBTQ rights movement dates back to 1924, a 91 year battle ended in 2015, when the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was overturned and same sex marriage was legalized in the United States. One of the first things your new president plans to do is overturn President Obama's executive decisions as president and appoint Supreme Court justices that oppose same sex marriage.

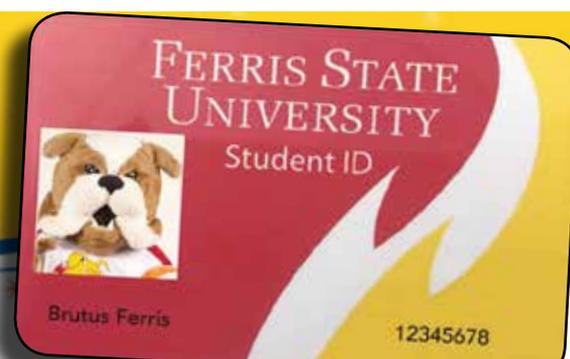
The results of this election may have many of us afraid for the future but do not be fooled; our fear is not a weakness. Our next president, the House and the Senate and the majority of the country's governors are all Republican. It is believed that this is the most power the Republican Party has held since 1928.

There are many things we can do to fight. Do not forget that there are mid-term elections in 2018 that offer up a chunk of House and Senate seats. Other things like LGBT rights, voting rights, criminal justice reform, equal pay and minimum wage are decided on a state or local level and may possibly be on the ballot in 2018. Above all, we need to support and stand up for one another. Do not be a bystander if you see someone being disrespected. Speak out. Rise above the things that this country now seems to believe in. Show love for your fellow Americans, let them know that you stand with them.

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