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# Luck of the landlords

## Students speak out about housing options in Big Rapids

**Harley Harrison & Cora Hall**  
News Editor & Torch Reporter

There are a variety of housing options in Big Rapids, both on and off campus, leaving students with a wide range to select from.

For Ferris automotive engineering technology senior Derek Pereira, renting with Silvernail Realty meant getting evicted in February because of city zoning regulations.

"The city found out that they were renting to four people that were not of immediate relations, so yeah, we got kicked out," Pereira said. "They did offer us a house but it was a three bedroom and we just wanted to get out of there."

Life at University Parke Suites (UPS) was not much better for Ferris junior Luke Pattison.

"When I lived there, it was awful. They wouldn't take care of anything," Pattison said. "We put in a work order explaining that our window broke. We explained how it happened, it was an accident. We were just playing Frisbee and stuff, it just happened. And then they didn't do anything but it was in the middle of March, so it was freezing. Then they tell us that our electric bill is getting up there and we were like, 'yeah, because it's been two weeks and you guys still haven't fixed our window.' They were basically awful."

Pattison wasn't the only student to have difficulties with UPS as Ferris sports communication senior Bobby Cardenas experienced difficulties as well.

"Last year at UPS, they switched landlords. The new one that came in, she would come into our rooms without our permission," Cardenas said. "I've heard that the staff changes made at UPS were because of someone pocketing money and I've also heard allegations of one of the staff members having inappropriate relationships with residents but I'm not sure how true either of the rumors are because I haven't looked any further into the situation since I've moved out."

But according to UPS assistant property manager, Jacqueline Reynolds, those allegations are simply not true.

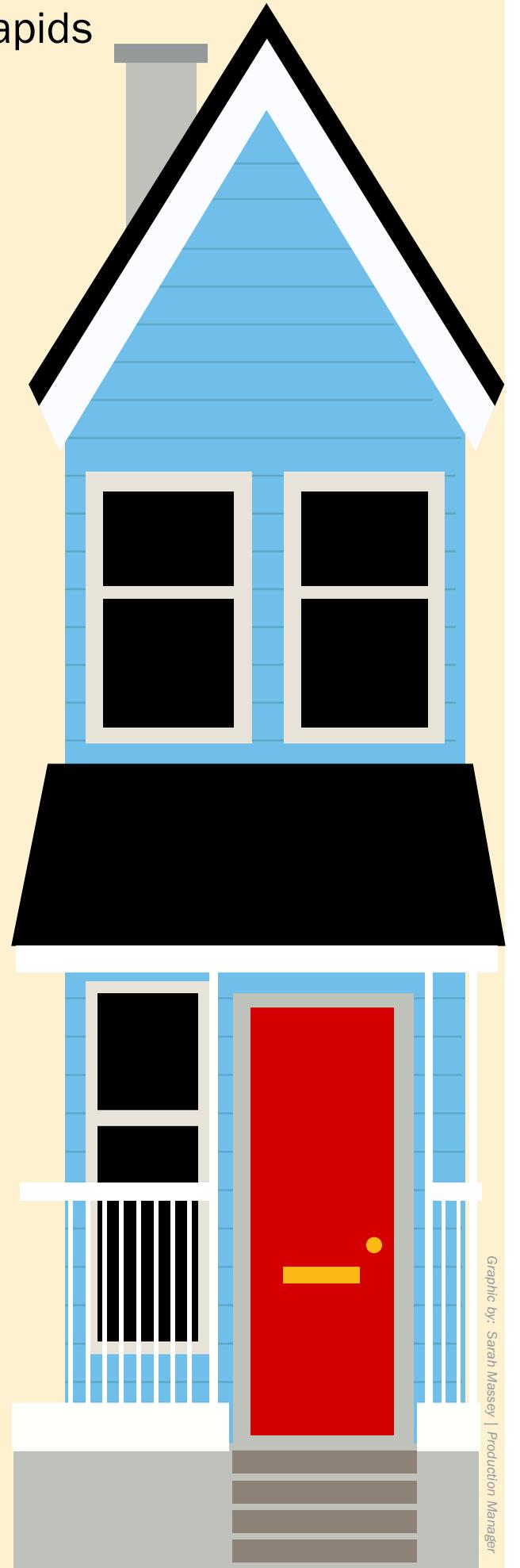
"That is untrue and that is what people thought and spread around. Really, that's not why [the landlords] were let go. They just weren't good fits for the company," Reynolds said.

Fear not, Bulldogs; not all housing in Big Rapids has negative reviews, according to Ferris heavy equipment junior Jacob Stoops, who recognized both the pros and cons about living at Campus Creek Townhouses.

"My first year here, our fridge died in September and it took around a week for them to get us a new one. Personally, I think that's way too long to get a fridge to come in, especially



Jacob Stoops



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"I believe that a lot of professors at Ferris are incompetent and act in an unprofessional manner all the time."  
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# JFK assassination documents released



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J. Edgar Hoover and Lyndon B. Johnson are just two of the many names that appear in the long withheld Kennedy documents.

## New information in declassified documents could fuel conspiracy theories

**Grant Siddall**  
Torch Reporter

Who really killed John F. Kennedy and why? It's a question many conspiracy theorists have been asking since 1963.

On Thursday, October 26, the National Archives and Records Administration began releasing over 2,800 documents pertaining to the assassination of Kennedy and the subsequent investigation of the killer, Lee Harvey Oswald.

The documents shed some light on US involvement in Cuba and evidence that the US had been monitoring Oswald while he was in Mexico and communicating with the Soviet Union two months prior to the assassination.

One person who was in Dallas near the area where Kennedy was shot when the documents were released thinks that the new information might play into the conspiracies.

"I love looking through conspiracy theories. I think each might have a grain of truth. Someone had to cook this up somewhere. At the very least, they're creative," Northwest Missouri State University journalism sopho-

more Corie Hertzog said.

The documents also include multiple hand-written notes by the former director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover. One of them explains that the FBI had, on at least two occasions, warned the Dallas police station, where Oswald was being held, that there were threats against Oswald's life prior to Jack Ruby murdering Oswald in the police station.

There is some discussion in FBI documents about whether or not the CIA was involved in the assassination. In one document the director of the CIA at the time was asked: "Is there any information involved with the assassination of President Kennedy which in any way shows that Lee Harvey Oswald was in some way a CIA agent or agent..." before the document is suddenly cut off.

President Trump was convinced by national security to withhold some of the documents for security reasons, which could explain the

abrupt end to the CIA involvement document.

However, since making the decision to withhold some information, President Trump tweeted, "After strict consultation with General Kelley, the CIA and other Agencies, I will be releasing ALL JFK files other than the names and addresses of any mentioned person who is still living I am doing this for reasons of full disclosure, transparency and in order to put any and all conspiracy theories to rest," meaning the rest of the documents will most likely be released soon.

Another student who was in Dallas during the release thinks that the new information won't change much for conspiracy theorists.

"For a couple weeks now, people will be in a frazzle and will be interested in stuff but like everything else that occurs in the country, people will eventually lose interest," said University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh journalism junior Morgan Van Lanen.

## Closing time

Great Lakes Book and Supply shutting down

**Megan Lewton**  
Torch Reporter

Local competition for the Ferris Barnes and Noble bookstore will be gone by 2018.

Great Lakes Book and Supply, located on Clark Street in Big Rapids, recently announced its closure due to lack of support. The store is having a closing sale with 50 percent off the entire stock.

"We've kind of been on the way to close for the last two years," Great Lakes store manager Lynn Anderson said. "So, it's just recently that we said 'okay, this is it.'"

Great Lakes Book and Supply, which opened around 1985, used to supply textbooks to students until they stopped textbook sales a couple years ago.

"We were a textbook store—that's what we started out as—serving Ferris State University. We were the off-campus bookstore," Anderson said. "The whole dynamics of books have changed in



Andrew Hemphill

the last 10 years and even more so in the last five, so we've stopped carrying textbooks about a year and a half, two years ago."

According to Anderson, the number of customers at the store began dwindling five to eight years ago.

Some students still received their books from Great Lakes Book and Supply prior to the announcement of its closure. Ferris product design and automotive engineering technology senior Andrew Hemphill purchased textbooks twice at the store and found cheaper prices than at Barnes and Noble.

"It was a pretty decent difference," Hemphill said. "Of course, I was buying used books, I believe. Off the top of my head, I mean, I was saving money, maybe like 20 or 30 bucks here or there, depending on the textbook."

Other students, like Ferris health care systems administration and public health major Taylor Vandenberg, had no experience with Great Lakes Books and Supply.

"I've never been there and I'm not sure if I know any-

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# - ON THE RECORD -

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

## So call me, maybe?

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### So call me, maybe?

Oct. 3, 4:30 p.m., officers received a report of a stolen cell phone from an apartment in the West Campus Community Apartments. The victim was unable to provide any possible suspects.

### Broke and immobile

Oct. 9, 9:05 a.m., officers impounded a

vehicle for unpaid tickets in Lot 68.

### One for the money

Oct. 21, 2:10 p.m., officers received a report of a two vehicle crash in Lot 37.

### Nice try

Oct. 21, 11:35 p.m., officers assisted city police with a minor in possession at Shooters. The subject was ticketed.

### Two for the show

Oct. 22, 7:05 p.m., officers received a report of a two vehicle crash in Lot 17.

### Three to get ready, now go cat, go

Oct. 23, 12:35 p.m., officers received a report of a two vehicle crash in Lot 17.

### Finders keepers

Oct. 23, 9:25 a.m., officers investigated a report of a credit card that was stolen from North Hall and used locally. The in-

vestigation is still ongoing.

### Knife threats

Oct. 24, 9:40 p.m., officers responded to a disorderly subject in Finch court. The subject was threatening to assault others with a knife. The subject was lodged in jail and no one was hurt.

There were 444 tickets issued from Oct. 19 to Oct. 26, totaling \$6,840 in fines.

## WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Athens, Greece

Greek police arrested a man accused of being involved with a letter bomb that seriously injured former prime minister Lucas Papademos. The man is also believed to have sent several other dangerous devices to Greece's international creditors. The suspect was caught leaving an apartment in Athens with several bags that contained two pistols, 300 bullet cartridges, detonators, cables, gunpowder, timers and eight fake identity cards.

Original story by Niki Kitsantonis, Oct. 28, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Kiev, Ukraine

A protest camp with hundreds of demonstrators has appeared on the streets of Kiev in response to Ukrainian political issues and the slow pace of anti-corruption measures by the new Ukrainian government. This comes three years after protesters in Ukraine achieved a government collapse, which created the current

government.

Original story by Andrew Kramer, Oct. 27, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Thailand

The funeral of King Bhumibol Adulyadej brought hundreds of thousands of mourners to the streets of Bangkok to participate in the procession. The death of the king prompts a new era led by his son, King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

Original story by Charles McDermid, Oct. 26, 2017. *The New York Times*

### Tangerang, Indonesia

An explosion at a firework factory has killed at least 47 people and has injured dozens more. The PT Panca Buan Cahyadi factory employed roughly 100 people, who were trapped inside and unable to escape, according to officials. Many of the victims were burned beyond recognition. Authorities are investigating if the factory even had the proper license to manufacture fireworks.

Original story by Richard C. Paddock, Oct. 26, 2017. *The New York Times*.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Bake sale for Puerto Rico families

Geography 111 students and the Social Work Association are selling baked goods to raise money for families in Puerto Rico. They will be in the FLITE lobby Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Charlotte Halm at halmc@ferris.edu.

### Ghost supper celebration

Join the Circle of Tribal Nations RSO at the West Campus Community Center for a traditional Native American feast to honor those who have passed on to the spirit world. The feast will take place Thursday, Nov. 2, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. Questions can be directed to Elizabeth Nystrom at nystroe@ferris.edu.

### Mug making mania

Come to the Center of Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) in the University Center room 121 to decorate a mug for free, with the opportunity to take the mug home. The event will be Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the CLACS office at CLACS@ferris.edu.

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Great Lakes Book and Supply, located on Clark Street, will be permanently closed by Jan. 2018.

### Bookstore

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one who has ever been to Great Lakes," Vandenberg said. "I actually thought they were already closed."

Great Lakes Book and Supply

was the main local competitor for the Ferris Barnes and Noble. With the removal of this competition, some students fear that Barnes and Noble will raise their prices.

However, Anderson said Barnes and Noble will still compete with online book retailers, even if

there is no local competition.

"To say that they don't have any competition, nah, it's not really true, because it's more and more difficult to sell textbooks and that's why we're not doing it anymore," Anderson said.

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# Tenure troubles

## Should professors strive for tenured positions?

**Grant Siddall**  
Torch Reporter

A study at Northwestern University indicates that tenured professors perform worse than non-tenured and some Ferris students agree.

The study, "Are Tenure Track Professors Better Teachers?" was released in 2013 and was held between 2001 and 2008. It showed that students were about seven percent less likely to take a second class in a subject if a tenured or tenure-track professor taught the first class. Students who took a second class were more likely to earn a higher grade if an adjunct professor taught the first class in the subject.

According to collegefactual.com, Ferris has 1,057 instructional employees. 622 of them are full-time, 310 are tenured and 186 are on tenure-track. That means that about 47 percent of professors at Ferris are tenured or tenure-track.

Many students on campus feel that tenured professors are not as effective in their teaching ability and that they don't care if their students learn or not.

"I'm not a fan of the tenured professors for the university. Just because they can get away with a lot more than a non-tenured professor can get away with," marketing junior John McDowell said. "I do believe that a lot of professors at Ferris are incompe-



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

Professors that don't return emails or enter grades promptly are held in infamy by students.

tent and act in an unprofessional manner all the time. The thing is proving it to the executives of the university. But I've always also had more positive things to say about professors here than negative."

Some Ferris students' complaints were about professors grading papers late, or not at all. Others felt that their tenured professors don't try as hard to teach well and that they provide a disorganized class structure.

While Northwestern is a much larger

school than Ferris, some of the findings of the study seem to hold true with Ferris students as well.

"The one particular tenured professor I'm thinking of, he's definitely more relaxed about basically everything across the board and he goes off on tangents," public relations senior Brittany Bezrutczyk said. "He has mentioned to us before that he is tenured, so he can basically do whatever he wants."

## Housing

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since it comes from the Lowes in town," Stoop said.

Stoop also noted that the AC that broke down in September and was replaced so quickly that he didn't realize it until his roommate pointed it out to him.

"My experience with my landlords has been about par for most of my stay with them. They aren't great, but they aren't horrendous either," Stoops said. "When it comes to maintenance, it's easier to do a lot of the smaller stuff ourselves."

Ferris pre-physician's assistant sophomore Hanna McCrath found her experience with UPS to be a more positive one.

"They're really helpful and they listen to you if you have a problem. They are super understanding about things. One of my roommates, when she moved in, it was really crappy and the carpet wasn't cleaned. And we pay a cleaning fee before we come in, so they were supposed to clean and they didn't. So she went in and complained and they gave her around \$200 off her rent and came in and cleaned it for her," McCrath said.

McKenna Van Doornik, a Ferris sports marketing senior living in the Oakwood Apartments, agreed that things could be worse.

"They are friendly but they're difficult when it comes to questions and stuff because they don't know what they're doing sometimes," Van Doornik said. "I would say they would need to train their staff a little better. I know this year they got new people, so maybe that is different but definitely stepped up a little bit from last year."

## PAWS with a cause

Ferris Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities (LCSD) brought service dogs to educate students for Disability Awareness Month.

Photo by: Marcus Gurnee | Interim Photographer



# From weapons to pencils

## Student veterans tell their stories

**Megan Lewton**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris molecular diagnostics junior Kristopher Johnson sets himself apart from his fellow students.

Johnson was a combat medic for the U.S. Army for three and a half years before he was a Bulldog.

"I feel like I don't really fit in with the traditional college crowd," Johnson said. "For the most part I do but there will always be that small fragment of me that doesn't. It can be tough at times."

Like Johnson, many military veterans attend college after discharge. According to the U.S. Department of Education, veterans make up four percent of the undergrad population.

For some veterans, transferring from military life to college life can be difficult.

"The transition was tough when I first left the military," Johnson said. "I'd say the biggest challenge was restructuring myself so I could blend back into society. It's something that I'm sure everyone leaving the military deals with."

Ferris heavy equipment technology junior Tony Culver was on active duty in the U.S. Army for four years. Culver said his transition was smooth but he still faced some complications.

"One of the major challenges for me was

going from making good money at a job and giving it all up to pursue my degree," Culver said.



Tony Culver

Many veterans believe their military service benefits them when they attend college. For Culver, his service provided him with the GI bill, which aids his tuition payment.

"You can utilize the GI bill to help learn a profession that you want to do or, in my case, learn more about a job field or industry that I already work in," Culver said.

Johnson gained positive life skills through his military service.

"The military definitely gave me a lot of structure and perseverance," Johnson said. "Having gained both of those attributes has helped me be mostly successful in my college career so far."

Culver advised future veteran students to use their military benefits while they have them.

"I'd be sure what you want to study so that you don't waste your VA benefits," Culver said. "Once they are gone, you don't get them back."

Johnson said he hopes veteran students persevere through the transition from the military to college.

"It might be really tough to transition at first," Johnson said. "Just hang in there and it will all turn out well in the big scheme of things."



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

The Big Rapids community hosted a "Salute to Veterans" Friday, Oct. 27 at Artworks.



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris criminal justice junior and member of Delta Zeta Hailey Eanes working at a hot chocolate booth in the North Quad to raise money for the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

# Listen up

## Hot chocolate booth raises money for Starkey Hearing Foundation

**Cora Hall**  
Torch Reporter

Hearing foundation programs, such as the Starkey Hearing Foundation, are more significant than most people realize.

Nearly 29 million American adults would benefit from hearing aids, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders but most insurance companies won't cover them because of the high risk that people will need them as they age.

Only 20 states require health insurance to cover the cost of hearing aids and most only cover children, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. With the average price of a single hearing aid ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000, that leaves many people with hearing deficiencies in a bind.

Enter the Starkey Hearing Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing hearing aids to those who cannot afford them. Through their program "Hear Now," Starkey has provided countless hearing aids to low-income Americans.

"There are a few of us that have parents that are hard-of-hearing, so this really hits

home and it's really easy to get into and help," Ferris political science junior Samantha Miller said, who helped run a hot chocolate fundraiser for Starkey this past week with her sisters in the Ferris Delta Zeta chapter.

Miller also said that the national Delta Zeta chapter has a partnership with Starkey in which they have committed to raising \$5 million for the foundation.

Having committed to donating 1 million hearing aids this decade,

Starkey has initiatives in over 100 countries around the globe, with programs that include training community-based health workers, creating custom ear molds for patients and providing an AfterCare program to follow-up with patients.

"It means a lot to be able to give back to a world where we know there are hundreds and thousands of people who don't have hearing aids who need them," Ferris sophomore and Delta Zeta member Taya Treiber said. "With Starkey Foundation, they really give to those in need."



Samantha Miller

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“Who knew something so small could have such an impact on the environment, and in a clinical setting?”

- Abbey Hilden - See page 7 for story

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## Falling for fall fashion



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Torch Photographer

Ferris pre-pharmacy junior John Nguyen dons a light gray turtleneck sweater and black vest to keep warm while the crisp autumn breeze sweeps piles of fallen leaves across campus.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Torch Photographer

High school senior Symone Wilkins visits campus in skinny jeans, brown leather knee-high boots and a colorful knit sweater.

### Ferris fashionistas on looking good and staying warm

**Kat Merby**  
Torch Reporter

As the temperatures drop and cozy becomes the state of mind, fashionistas on campus change the flair of their clothing as they are inspired by the changing colors of the season.

“I’m just following the usual fall trends this year: deep colors, dark lipstick and high top All Stars with leggings and long socks,” Ferris criminal justice sophomore Abby Marshall said.

Marshall looks forward to wearing thick sweaters and deeper colors this time of year. Her traditional fall makeup style is winged eyeliner and dark lipstick.

“I definitely won’t be trying any of the new fall makeup trends this year. Some of the new makeup trends are too wild for my style,” Marshall said.

Some of these styles include floating eyeliner, smoky eyeshadow with a pop of electric red and of course, bedazzled nails.

Though Marshall doesn’t have any specific inspiration for her fall fashion, her fashion pet peeves include UGG boots, high-low tops and pointed shoes.

When in doubt of what to wear before heading to that 9 a.m. class, comfy and casual is the way to go.

“I really enjoy beanies and flannels. Those are always my go to when it becomes colder outside. Cozy and comfortable is my forte,” Ferris music industry management sophomore Taylor Funari said.

Funari’s makeup for the season includes warmer tones such as gold on her eyes and darker lip colors, while her outfits hold a little edge against the crisp fall wind.

“I usually will wear some sort of leather jacket over a dress with some boots or heels to get dressed up in the fall months. Or some nice jeans with a leather jacket. Leather is always a

good accessory,” Funari said.

While it is important to try new styles to see what works, these fashionistas have found their staple pieces in their closets during this time of year.

“I usually look forward to wearing sweaters and flannels every year,” Ferris music industry management sophomore Elizabeth Kerr said.

Kerr is excited to try the crushed velvet trend that’s becoming very popular lately. She usually gets inspiration for her outfits and trends to try from Pinterest and Instagram.

When she shops, Kerr tries to find simple T-shirts or pieces that would work in multiple seasons.

“I look forward to wearing UGG boots, scarves and comfy sweaters,” Ferris pre-nursing freshman Ashley Denton said.

Denton plans on trying the oversized sweater trend this fall. However, she doesn’t plan on wearing vests, another big trend, because she insists that they don’t look good and that they aren’t very practical.

“For makeup trends I’ll be using warm, fall colors, like oranges, reds and browns for eyeshadow. I will be using warmer toned colors for highlighter as well. Nude lip colors will be fun too,” Denton said.

Though some aren’t fond of change, let alone the changing season, Denton is excited to experiment with new trends this season.

“I’m excited to be wearing funky scarves and hats this season,” Ferris social work freshman Jordan Brumwell said.

“I’ve noticed that the old patterned floral—like the designs you would find on your grandmother’s couch—has been making a comeback so I’d like to give that trend a try,” Ferris early childhood education sophomore Kayla Barwick said.

Even though she is feeling adventurous this season, Barwick looks forward to being able to wear sweaters again as well as plaid shirts and boots.

This fall is filled with new trends but the goal of fashion stays the same: stay cozy and make a statement.



Elizabeth Kerr

# Fresh off the Petri dish



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Spending the second Thursday of every month in Starr 129, the Microbiology Club has been creating art with bacteria.

## Spend your Thursdays creating art with bacteria

**Kat Merby**  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris Microbiology Club is combining art and science into an unlikely but interesting relationship.

“Who knew something so small could have such an impact on the environment and in a clinical setting?” Ferris medical laboratory science junior Abbey Hilden said. “I don’t think anyone will ever know enough about microbiology. The subject is constantly evolving and changing, which is absolutely fascinating to me.”

Approved in April this year, the Microbiology Club has 15 members who typically spend meetings discussing potential events and ideas for the club. They are currently trying to raise funds for the Agar Art Contest, put on by the American Society of Microbiology (ASM).

“Agar Art is a really interesting way to be creative and have fun in the laboratory. Using bacteria to make art sounds odd or nerdy but having a creative outlet for something you enjoy learning about is a good way to express yourself,” Hilden said. “Microbiology is a subject not many students encounter and the contest is a great opportunity to represent the university.”

The Agar Art Contest consists of using bacteria to make art. In order for the club to participate, they must be registered with ASM and then submit their design. Other activities have included a bake sale and a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings. They plan on fundraising at other restaurants in town as well.

“My favorite aspect of the club so far is getting to know the other people and seeing everything coming together. We are just getting it off the ground so there is a lot of things we need to line up still,” Ferris molecular diagnostics junior Austin Vangessel said.

Originally a nursing major, Vangessel has been a part of the club since the start up last spring.

“I took medical microbio my first year here. It’s ac-

tually the class that made me change my major,” Vangessel said.

Like Vangessel, Ferris biotechnology sophomore Brennah Wassie came to Ferris with other goals in mind, only to discover microbiology was her passion.

“I actually entered college as a pre-pharmacy major. But I attended a Pharm Club meeting and a professor was giving a talk and said that if we wanted to be the ones talking to and advising patients, then pharmacy was the way to go. He also said that if we wanted to be in the lab, behind the scenes, that pharmacy probably wasn’t the right track. I switched majors and have never regretted it,” Wassie said.

Wassie is interested in medicine and looking to enter a field in biomedical engineering or genetics. Her current major was appealing because it provided technical lab skills and knowledge that newly graduated students would need to immediately enter a biotechnology industry and excel. She is also looking at pursuing a higher degree in genetics research.

“I’m very interested in antibiotic resistance and what is currently being researched on how to stop it,” Wassie said. “Also, vaccinations and immunizations are a major problem in our communities when people stop believing in science and start believing in non-scientific opinions. I want to see our microbiology club educating our community about these things and hopefully encourage people to take personal steps to reduce them.”

The Microbiology Club meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month in Starr 129.



Austin Vangessel



Abbey Hilden



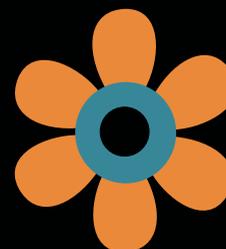
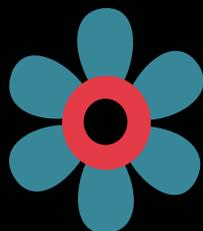
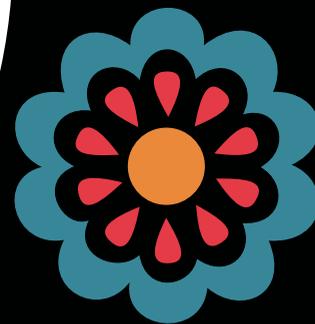
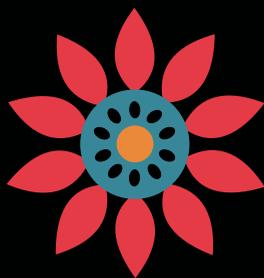
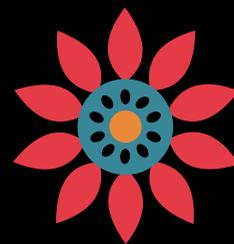
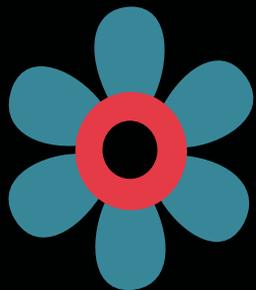
## Spooktacular

The Students with Children Program hosted their first Trick-or-Treat event as a fun, and warm, early Halloween alternative on Thursday, Oct. 26.

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# Día De Los Muertos

*Honoring and celebrating lost loved ones*



**Briana Hammontree**  
Torch Reporter

Remembering the dead is significant to all cultures across the world. In Japan, they celebrate Obon, in China, the Hungry Ghost Festival and in the United Kingdom, Guy Fawkes Night.

One of the most widely-known celebrations is the Mexican Day of the Dead—Día de los Muertos.

Ferris pre-digital media sophomore Izzy Ledesma usually spends the day by getting together with his family and creating a memorial collage of past families, making food such as mole cookies and bread, and ends his day visiting the cemeteries of his family to pray.

"Many people perceive Día de los Muertos as a day where you just put on masks with paint or eat a whole bunch of sweets. It is actually a day that is very special to the Latino community to celebrate the memories and the dreams that we've had in our family," Ledesma said.

While the celebration involves rejoicing the dead, Ferris is also giving students the chance to experience cultural activities and participation is always welcome.

Ferris forensic biologist senior Robyn Johnson is secretary of the Spanish club and hopes the event will help spread familiarity of the Mexican holiday to students who either don't know about it or have little understanding of it.

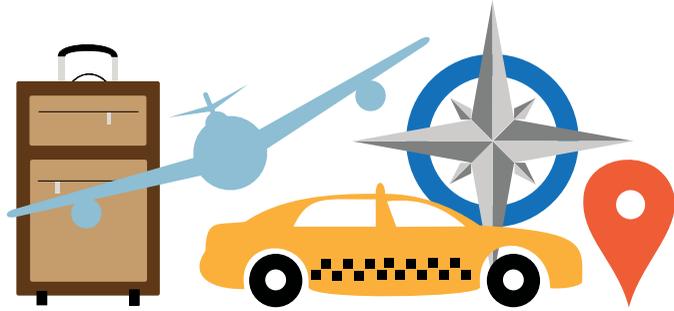
"There will be coloring pages, candy skull painting, making flowers out of paper and making traditional papel picado decorations. The students are also encouraged to bring a picture of a deceased loved-one to put on the decorated altar honoring those who have past," Johnson said.

Día de los Muertos is celebrated from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. Previously, it was not celebrated in Mexico due to religious beliefs but over time it became incorporated into other traditions across the globe and has become a national symbol.

"El Día de los Muertos is the day where I can celebrate my ancestors. And what I mean by ancestors, I mean family from hundreds of years ago to family that have recently passed away. I want to celebrate their lives in memories that they have made with me or have an impact on my family," Ledesma said.

Día de los Muertos will be held Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Campus Community Center.

# Adventure is out there



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## Taking a chance to dive into another culture

**Holly Baker**  
Torch Reporter

Close your eyes and throw a dart at a map of the world. Chances are, Ferris has a university partner there.

"Ferris offers many different study abroad programs here on campus. First, we have faculty led programs which are usually during the summer and are, most times, department specific. These programs last for about two to three weeks," Ferris study abroad coordinator Will Sartore said.

During faculty led programs, students can earn Ferris credit overseas while immersed in another culture.

With three different study abroad options, international summer school is widely popular among students who choose to study abroad.

"International summer school is a chance for Ferris students to take Ferris classes overseas. Students have the opportunity to spend the summer at an international university, hang out with their students and earn college credit," Sartore said.

One of the most popular study abroad trips is a seven-week trip to South Korea. Being the cheapest trip Ferris has to offer,

the first half of seven weeks, students learn Korean at a South Korean university. Then they can earn credits and take classes for the remainder of their time.

For those interested in business, the College of Business' dual degree program allows students to take classes in Germany to earn a German bachelor's degree in their time there and then come home to Ferris and earn another degree.

Ferris has many strong relationships with international partner universities in countries such as France, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea and many more.

"A lot of people want to study abroad to travel and to see famous sites or to get away but studying abroad is so much more than that. Doing fun things is only part of it. It's more about the experience that you'll have, the things that you will learn and how you'll grow. There's a much bigger purpose. If I could tell a student anything, I would say that studying abroad is all about what works best for you. We are here to help you fulfill your plan," Sartore said.

For more information, contact the study abroad program at [international@ferris.edu](mailto:international@ferris.edu).

# Media Minute

What will you find in "The Path?"



Promotional image

Released in March 2016, seasons one and two of "The Path" are available on Hulu.

Imagine a world without suffering. A world where humankind aims to heal rather than hurt one another.

However, in order to achieve this enlightenment, one must take up a religion called Meyerism. In Meyerism, if you interact with non-believers or ignorants, you run the risk of not making it into the Garden of Meyer.

They say it's not a cult. But what if it is? And everything that you were led to believe was false?

This is "The Path," an original Hulu show that follows Aaron Paul of "Breaking Bad," Hugh Dancy of "Hannibal" and Michelle Monaghan of "Pixels" as they navigate their lives as Meyerism followers.

While the show does follow a cult-like aspect, it explores typical struggles someone might go through, reminding us that while we may be different, certain aspects of our lives remain the same.

Paul, who plays the lead character Eddie Lane, finds himself re-evaluating his beliefs upon discovering a hidden truth while away on a religious mission.

Lane's own son is in a grace period where he will either accept the religion into his life and become a devout Meyerism follower or listen to his peers at school and step away from the religion.



Briana Hammtreee  
Torch Reporter

While this show may not be for some, the inside look at watching families handle the outside world with their strange beliefs is interesting.

This can easily be a struggle among many people across the world, whether it is their religious beliefs or preferred partner.

Many Americans can become outcasts because of who they love, what they believe and even what they look like.

Throughout history we have seen clashes where others were judged because they weren't understood, which we continue to see to this day.

We all have different issues and we think that other people have no idea what we're going through.

Fans of shows such as "The Handmaid's Tale" will find themselves easily sucked into the lives of Lane and his son as they uncover the dangers of the Garden of Meyer and the struggles that come with choosing family over beliefs.

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## SPORTS

"I don't think any of my teammates or I would be here if we were not all in and wanted to make the Ferris name known."  
- Hilerie Schatzle - See page 13 for story

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# Down to the wire



Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Junior Markese Mayfield drives to the basket in the Bulldogs' 72-80 loss to the Michigan State Spartans. The men's basketball team is looking capable of another championship run.

## Bulldogs nearly escape East Lansing with an upset

**Jacob Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris' men's basketball team grabbed the attention in the sporting world when they fought to the very end against Michigan State Thursday, Oct. 26.

The Bulldogs led 38-35 at halftime against the Spartans, who are ranked No. 2 nationally in Division 1 but couldn't hold on as they fell just short of the upset, 80-72.

The buzz in East Lansing heading into the game was the hype surrounding returning sophomore Miles Bridges and stout freshman Jaren Jackson. The two were expected to lead the Spartans to a blowout victory over Ferris State. Things changed when the Dawgs took a 12-2 lead into the first timeout of the game just over a few minutes in.

"Our guys were passing the ball around. We got some open shots and we made them at first. It was a good start for us. They missed a few and we made a

few," Head Coach Andy Bronkema said.

As the hype surrounding Bridges and Jackson was beginning to shift to Ferris' Noah King, who had the hot hand from

beyond the three-point line early, the Spartans responded with a 22-5 run to put them in the lead 24-17. While trailing 28-27, the Bulldogs began an 11-7 run over the final 3:43 of the first half to take a 38-35 lead into halftime.

As if trailing at halftime wasn't enough, the Spartans were also concerned after Bridges went down hard late in the first half. Bridges landed on his head when attempting to make a play against Jaylin McFadden but managed to return to the game and finished with 19 points and six rebounds.

The Bulldogs were led by King, who paced both teams in the first half with 11 points while starter Drew Cushingberry

and D'angelo Hughes, who came off the bench, both added six a piece. Cushingberry and McFadden also paced both teams with five rebounds in the first half.

Ferris didn't let the pressure of leading the second-best team in the nation at halftime get to them as the Bulldogs came out strong again in the second half. The teams traded shots early before the Bulldogs took a 48-46 lead with 14:06 to play when Hughes hit a three-pointer.

Spartan sophomore guard Cassius Winston, who finished with 26 points and five assists drained a three of his own that started a 12-4 run, putting the Spartans back on top 58-52 with 10:41 left in the game. Ferris kept on fighting as they battled their way back to a 60-60 tie with just 7:05 to play.

"Certainly in the second half, the rebounding part of the game changed and the second-chance points were too much for us," Bronkema said. "Happy on one hand but you always put a game plan together to win the game. We didn't

execute it well enough."

The Spartans used an 18-5 run over the course of the next five minutes to take the biggest lead of the game, 78-65. The Bulldogs battled back and closed the lead but ran out of time as the Spartans came away with the 80-72 victory.

The Bulldogs were led by Hughes' 14 points on the night while King and Cushingberry both added 13 of their own. Cushingberry added six rebounds and four assists to his total while Hankins tailed 12 points and a team-leading eight rebounds.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 28-5 record from a year ago and the team looks to use the game against Michigan State as a propeller into what hopes to be a promising year. The Bulldogs kick off their regular season action 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 in the Hall of Fame Classic when they take on St. Thomas.



Andy Bronkema

# Slipping on the ice

## Hockey team still struggling to find footing

Jacob Carlson  
Torch Reporter

A bit of bad luck, injuries and poor special teams play has the Ferris men's hockey team off to another slow start this season.

After last weekend, the Bulldogs sit with a 2-5-1 record and only one point through four games in conference play, placing them at ninth in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) standings.

"We've had good games. We've played decent hockey every weekend," Ferris defenseman Zach Yoder said. "I think there has been a lot of good things we've been doing. We just got to find a way to put it all together for two consecutive games."

Ferris picked up their first point in the WCHA when they tied Bemidji State 2-2 Friday, Oct. 27. The Bulldogs were rewarded with a point for tying through regulation and the first overtime period but couldn't get the extra point as the Beavers won the game in the shootout after the game remained tied following a second overtime period.

The Bulldogs failed to pick up any points Saturday, Oct. 28 as they were handed their second shutout loss of the season—3-0. The Bulldogs have now scored just 12 goals through their first eight games of the season. The 1.5 goals a game average is dead last in the WCHA.

"We've been playing decent hockey. We just have to focus on scoring. We've been keeping the puck out of our net pretty well," Bulldog captain and forward Corey Mackin said. "I'd say our goalies and defense are playing pretty well and we're just going to have to do a little bit better on the offensive

end."

The Bulldogs special teams play hasn't been up to par to start the season as both units have had trouble figuring things out. The powerplay has only scored on 11.4 percent of its chances, placing them eighth in the 10-team conference while the penalty kill sits in ninth in the conference as the Bulldogs have only killed off 69.4 percent of their penalties to start the season.



Zach Yoder

The powerplay isn't horribly lower than the 15.8 percentage from a year ago, which was good for fourth in the conference but the penalty kill is significantly better at 83.6 percent, good for fifth in the conference last season.

The health of Mackin, along with others has also been a concern for the Bulldogs. Mackin came into the season less than 100 percent game ready as an offseason surgery prevented him from full practices until just before the season started. Mackin was hurt again and unable to play the weekend against Mercyhurst. His health will be important to a team struggling to score goals.

"I'm slowly getting there. I just have to be smart. Just focusing on staying healthy and not rushing back into anything," Mackin said.

The Bulldogs will look to get back on the winning side of the things this weekend when they travel to Ann Arbor to play the Michigan Wolverines on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3. Both games are set for a 7:30 p.m. face-off.

# Top Dawg

D'Angelo Hughes



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Brendan Samuels  
Sports Editor

Things were rocking for the Ferris men's basketball team in their final pair of exhibition matches and so Top Dawg honors finds its way to the hardwood this week.

Sophomore point guard D'Angelo Hughes came off the bench in a big way in the Bulldogs' narrow 72-80 loss against the nationally ranked Michigan State Spartans.

Despite playing a sixth-man role for the Dawgs, Hughes managed to lead the team with 14 points. He also added four rebounds, as well as an assist and a steal.

Hughes carried his strong performance over to the Bulldogs' matchup with GRCC Saturday, Oct. 28.

Ferris managed to handle GRCC quite well, nearly doubling their score in the 103-58 rout. Hughes finished the game third in scoring with 12 points and added two rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Hughes likely won't see the court as a starter due to the impressive play of star Drew Cushingberry and solid contributions from Peter Firlik.

Having a sixth-man that can score consistently off the bench could help the Bulldogs make a run for their fourth straight GLIAC title.

Ending their exhibition run at 3-1 is an impressive mark, especially considering the fact the Bulldogs were leading the Spartans coming out of half.

Hughes and the Bulldogs will look to continue their dominance when they travel to Evansville, Indiana on Friday, Nov. 3 to begin the Hall of Fame Classic.

# Sports Shorts

Danny Collins  
Torch Reporter

## Dominant on the court

Ferris' women's volleyball team defeated the Northwood University Timberwolves on Saturday, Oct. 28 with a 3-1 score in Midland.

The Bulldogs won the matches with scores of 25-20, 25-20, 24-26 and 25-18.

Ferris' sophomore outside hitter Allyson Cappel and senior middle hitter Ayanna Buckley showed their dominance with 16 kills in the contest. Ferris sophomore setter Maeve Grimes had 49 assists against Northwood.

The win puts the Bulldogs at 17-6 overall on the season and 10-2 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play. The Bulldogs sit in first place in the GLIAC conference.

## The Bronkema brothers

Ferris' men's basketball team wrapped up its preseason play with a 103-58 win over Grand Rapids Community College on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Head coach Andy Bronkema faced his brother and the head coach at GRCC, Luke Bronkema, for the first time in this matchup.

Sophomore Cole Walker led the Bulldogs in scoring with 15 points and senior Noah King added 13 points in the victory. Overall, 12 of the 14 players on the team saw action on Saturday night.

The Bulldogs led by as many as 45 points in the contest and out-rebounded Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) 48-36.

The three-time defending GLIAC Champions will begin their regular season on the road as they will take part in the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic on Friday and Saturday Nov. 3 and 4, in Evansville, Indiana.

## Women's basketball preseason rankings

Ferris' women's basketball team has been picked to finish fourth in the 2017-18 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches poll.

The Bulldogs also had two players selected to the Preseason All-GLIAC North Division Team with senior center Rachel McInerney and junior guard Riley Blair.

The women's team returns 10 members from last season and also added five incoming freshmen. Head coach Kendra Faustin will be entering her third campaign with the Bulldogs in 2017-2018.

The Bulldog women will play an exhibition road game against Bethel on Nov. 1 before opening the year on Nov. 10 at Ursuline.

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# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Bulldogs continue to roll and the Beaulldogs continue to struggle after Ferris State beat Northwood 24-14 in Big Rapids on Senior Day.

Ferris' 7-1 record so far this year mirrors my 1-7 fantasy start to the regular season, which has almost reached its end. With two more regular season games, which both happen to be on the road for the Bulldogs, now is my chance to sneak in a couple more fantasy wins.

Some may call my Phillip Rivers and Carlos Hyde picks stupid and to those people, I would certainly have to agree. Combined, my quarterback and running back gathered nine points, six points fewer than Reggie Bell scored alone.

Even if I would've made some better fantasy picks in the skill positions, it would have been tough to outshine both Jahaan Brown and Malik Taylor. Brown carried the rushing load with 128 total yards on 12 carries.

Taylor made quick work of the Northwood secondary by receiving 106 yards through the air on six catches and catching one touchdown pass, averaging 17.7 yards per catch.

Desean Jackson was only able to collect 2.5 points for me.

Kyle Rudolph, the dependable tight end of the Purple People Eaters, had a decent game, gaining eight fantasy points in a 33-17 win over Cleveland.

As usual, Bulldog kicker Wyatt Ford was on point, going one for one on field goals while hitting all three of his extra point attempts.

Both my defense and the Ferris State defense performed well, though I edged out the Dawgs to win the defensive battle as the Bengals were able to garner 12 fantasy points in a win over the Colts.

Though I feel as if it is finally my time to snag a quality win, I will be handing off this



Beau Jensen  
Torch Reporter

week's fantasy picks to the *Torch's* web editor, Keith Salowich. I have faith in his ability to lead the Beaulldogs to their second victory and begin a winning streak.

Ferris is on the road this weekend to take on Davenport at noon on Saturday, Nov. 4.

**QB: Alex Smith** – Smith and the rest of the Chiefs will have to put up some serious points if they want to contend with the Cowboys.

**RB: Alvin Kamara** – Kamara is an inspiration to us all. He may not be no. 1 on the Saints' depth chart (that honor belongs to Mark Ingram) but he's no. 1 in our hearts.

**WR 1: Michael Crabtree** – The Crabman will use his big meaty claws to scuttle into the endzone this Sunday, just as he has six times already this season, which is good for the third highest total among wide receivers in the NFL.

**WR 2: Will Fuller V** – At what point does a fluke become a fact? Fuller is averaging 1.75 touchdowns per game since seeing action for the first time in week four.

**FLEX: Cameron Brate** – Brate is great. Enough said. Plus, his matchup against the high-octane offense of the Saints should mean that the Bucs will be airing it out all day.

**Defense: Los Angeles Rams** – The Rams will be coming off their bye week to take on one of the worst offenses in the NFL. Did I mention they're also the second best scoring defense?

**K: Jake Elliott** – The Eagles' offense is good and Elliott is good at kicking things through things. It's a win-win for the rookie kicker.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Philip Rivers	6
RB	Carlos Hyde	3
WR1	Amari Cooper	3.5
WR2	DeSean Jackson	2.5
FLEX	Kyle Rudolph	8
D	Cincinnati Bengals	12
K	Graham Gano	5
<b>Total:</b>		<b>40</b>

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Reggie Bell	15
RB	Jahaan Brown	14
WR1	Malik Taylor	16.5
WR2	Keyondre Craig	3
FLEX	Davontae Harrington	8.5
D	Ferris State	10
K	Wyatt Ford	6
<b>Total:</b>		<b>73</b>

# Putting away the racquets

## Ferris women's tennis wraps up their fall season

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris women's tennis team wrapped up their season last weekend in the GLIAC tournament.

The Bulldogs came into the tournament as the seventh seed.

In the quarterfinals, the Bulldogs suffered a 5-0 loss to the second-seeded Northwood Timberwolves. The Timberwolves swept the doubles round to grab the early lead on Ferris and took the first two singles matches.

The Bulldogs would then match up against the sixth-seed Michigan Tech Huskies inside the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

The team would suffer a 5-3 setback to Michigan Tech. Michigan Tech won two of the three doubles and claimed three of the first five completed singles positions.

The Bulldogs then dominated the eighth-seeded Ashland Eagles in a 5-0 match to come up with their first victory of the tournament. The Bulldogs finished seventh place overall in the tournament.

"Our team competed strong. We didn't reach our desired goals but we learned a good lesson and will work even harder and prepare for next year," senior Teodora Stefanovic said. "We got a new coach this semester with Coach Daniel and he is pretty awesome and has big plans for



Teodora Stefanovic

this team, so I am very excited to see how far he can take us."

With the win, the Bulldogs finished the season at 5-8 overall.

The team struggled with a couple injuries during the semester and some players questioned if they were even going to be able to compete again.

The team will be heading to Florida on spring break to compete against four different teams from other conferences.

The Dawgs will now be heading into their offseason of training and will next be in action on Feb. 24 against the Hillsdale Chargers.



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Sophomore Silvia Verebes warms up prior to a match. The Bulldogs finished their fall season and are now preparing for spring action.

# It's tourney time

## Ferris women's soccer prepares for playoffs

**Beau Jensen**  
Torch Reporter

After a big win against rival Grand Valley State University (GVSU), the Ferris State women's soccer team is riding a wave of momentum into the GLIAC Tournament.

The women shut the Lakers out on Friday, Oct. 27 with a score of 1-0 after Ferris sophomore defender Tia VanSchuilichem found the net on an assist from sophomore midfielder Jenna Hong.

VanSchuilichem said that after taking down GVSU, she and the rest of the Dawgs are focused on making a real run in the GLIAC Tourney.



Hilerie Schatzle

"Last year, we got knocked out of tournament in the first round," VanSchuilichem said. "I think that if we have a solid win against Saginaw Valley, our confidence will be set for the rest of the tournament."

Sixth seed Saginaw Valley is the first of three teams that the third seed Bulldogs will have to topple in order to call themselves GLIAC Tournament Champions.

VanSchuilichem said that she expects to see a different side of her team come out at playoff time—a side that encourages big pressure situations.

"It's fun to be a part of a team that rises to the occasion," VanSchuilichem said. "I'm hoping that we can compete and give it our all for the finals."

Ferris junior defender Carley Dubbert, who leads the Bulldogs with nine goals so far on the season, said



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

Senior midfielder Hilerie Schatzle prepares to bomb the ball down field. The women's soccer team is sitting pretty heading into the GLIAC Tournament.

that she knows Saginaw Valley will be riding a wave of momentum just as the Dawgs are.

"They upset Ashland last weekend so they are feeling confident and playing well," Dubbert said. "I'm excited about our first-round game being home and being able to play where we practice each day."

The Bulldogs had to make the trip to Michigan Tech in 2016 for their first-round matchup, falling 2-1 to the Huskies. Dubbert is also aware of the fact that winning in the playoffs is a team effort, which is why the younger Dawgs will have to be ready.

"It will be really important for the freshmen to be involved in these playoff games. You have to win to move on, so the pressure will be high," Dubbert said. "Each game now has elimination on the line, so we need to go out with determination and passion to get the job done."

If they are able to get by Saginaw Valley, the Bulldogs will likely be taking on other high-ranked GLIAC teams such as GVSU, Ashland and Tiffin. No matter the opponent, senior midfielder Hilerie Schatzle said that the Dawgs' main goal is to perform well and be the first Bulldog team to make it to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament.

"I don't think any of my teammates or I would be here if we were not all in and wanted to make the Ferris name known to the other teams," Schatzle said. "I truly believe in this team and think we are stronger than ever. I know I speak for the senior class when I say we will be playing our hearts out these last couple of games."

The Bulldogs are set to take on Saginaw Valley in Big Rapids Tuesday, Oct. 31 for a Halloween playoff match that Ferris hopes will end in a scare for the Cardinals.

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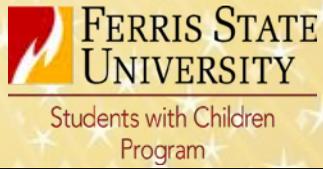
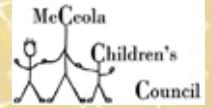
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## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Angela Graf

This past week, several members of the Torch staff had the honor of being sent to the College Media Association and Associate Collegiate Press conference, hosted in Dallas, Texas. While this wasn't my first time flying by any means—in fact the first time was when I flew to Austin, Texas, for this same conference two years ago—there are always aspects of traveling that I can't help but notice during these adventures.

For one thing, airplanes and

airports are absolutely disgusting places.

I'm not a germophobe. I know it's cold and flu season and going anywhere poses a risk of catching something. But I felt like I was sitting in a Petri dish during our layover; people hacking up a lung next to me, little kids sneeze-spraying the chairs they're climbing in, countless doorknobs and water fountain buttons being touched by people from all over the world... I needed an acid-bath by the time we

got home.

Beyond that, I noticed how rude people can be, especially in big cities—shoving past you without a glance and talking loudly on their phones in a cramped elevator. One guy even snapped at me for looking out the window on the plane during takeoff because he wanted it to be dark so he could sleep.

While deep down I love traveling and experiencing new places and cuisines, in this case a lot of tex-mex and barbecue, I

always feel drained physically and emotionally by the time I get home, drop my bag and collapse onto my floor (because I need a shower before touching my bed).

I guess the moral of this story is that I am perfectly content with not having enough money to fly for a while.

If anyone needs me, I'll be in my nice, quiet bedroom, unpacking my luggage and hoping the guy that coughed on me at the baggage claim doesn't have TB.

# Death row dealings

Curbing the sense of dread that comes with taking exams

I know what waiting on death row feels like.

It's the final hour leading up to a difficult exam that you've spent days preparing for. You've gone through the notes over and over again but you can't shake the feeling of debilitating uncertainty.

You have expectations for what death will feel like but who really knows until you walk into the execution chamber and greet your executioner? You've reviewed and spent hours discussing death and what lies beyond with peers but you'll never fully grasp it until the moment it arrives.

In case that all wasn't clear enough, the executioner is your professor, the exam is your untimely death and everything is horrible.

Perhaps taking an exam is not quite as intimidating as a lethal injection but a feeling of impending demise generally precedes both experiences.

The best way I've found to cope with that feeling is to enter an exam—or an execution chamber—as prepared as possible to deal with the task before you. Periodic procrastination has led me to some extreme methods of preparation.

I've recorded myself reading study notes aloud and listened to the recording during my walk to class. I've put my notes in gallon-size plastic bags to read them while I'm taking a shower. Then, of course, I've done the more commonplace marathon cramming session the night before and morning of an exam.

I've found throughout my three and a quarter years of college education



Keith Salowich  
Web Supervisor

that the most effective use of my studying time has been rewriting my notes until my hand blisters. Let the blood and pus flow out as the recollection of knowledge flows in.

This, of course, is a disgusting hyperbole to stress the importance of diligently studying.

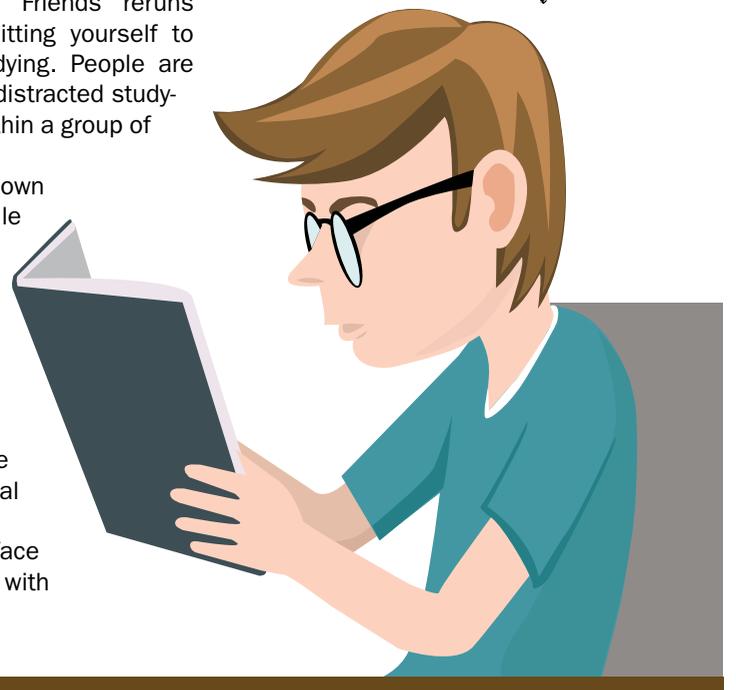
I've found that many people set aside time to “study,” when they should be setting aside time to STUDY.

There's a marked difference between reading a page of your textbook by the glow of “Friends” reruns and actually committing yourself to distraction-free studying. People are especially prone to distracted studying when doing it within a group of friends.

Don't waste your own time by studying while distracted. Put in the effort and focus required to actually commit your course content to memory and make sure you feel comfortable applying the material practically.

Then you can face your executioner with confidence.

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2. Write out your thoughts in a coherent and respectful manner.
3. Include a headshot and some information about yourself (location, age, etc.).
4. Email your opinion to the editor for a chance to have your work published in our next issue!



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# I just want to live alone

A solitary college student's housing struggle

The typical college student spends most of their time out with friends, studying with their friends or kicking back with their friends. Why would you spend any time alone anymore? Popularity is defined by time spent socializing with others. Snapchat is dominated by photos and videos of students at Shooters, Oakwood or whatever because they need their peers to know that they have friends and that they're out doing things.

Everyone is expected to be social at all times,



Kaitlyn Kirchner  
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because that's what college is all about.

I enjoy the company of others in very small doses. I am comforted by spending time alone. I want to live alone and Big Rapids makes it difficult to

do so. Most off-campus housing is geared towards four people. I find it very hard to choose three other people I want to live with. I want the freedom to cook, clean and shower whenever I want. I don't need other people judging me for walking around in a baggy T-shirt without pants on. I don't crave the attention of others and I enjoy my own company. Many need the attention and validation of others to feel

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# Pain, pills and policy

## New rules will affect future chronic pain patients



Marley Tucker  
Opinions Editor

Pain doesn't discriminate, no matter your age. After swallowing a pain pill when I am in intense agony, I go through enough grief within myself without negative commentary from other people.

Chronic pain is an extremely hard condition to navigate in college. Classes, deadlines, disturbed sleep schedules, friendships and routines put pressure on my body until I'm bone tired and headed to the emergency room. My skin flushes, joints tense, breath stutters and hair hurts—stress isn't easy on your body when your body hates you.

In response to recent opioid overdose trends, CVS Pharmacy announced in September that the company will be implementing policies to change how customers receive pain medications beginning next year.

CVS' new policy will demand a seven-day quantity limit on opioid prescriptions. Opioids are drugs that target the nervous system in the body to relieve pain. This will only apply to prescriptions written for temporary conditions, like minor surgeries or dental procedures.

I can see where CVS is coming from. Our country is inadequately responding to a drug epidemic that is killing us. According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S., with 52,404 lethal drug overdoses in 2015.

President Trump recently declared the issue a public health emergency to deal with the opioid epidemic. He did not declare it a national emergency, so I'm skeptical of how these recent changes and declarations are going to gain traction to solve this problem.

I don't think that limiting the quantity of pain medication is the way to go. I worry what this new policy will mean for pain management in the future. Who knows what this policy change will alter later? Will I be able to access pain meds at all?

College is demanding enough and I can't imagine the toll it would take on me to go to the pharmacy four times a month in my already busy schedule.

Chronic pain isn't one-dimensional—it is a unique torture



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Pain medication is a necessity for some chronic pain sufferers.

for anyone affected. I have had doctors and friends accuse me of faking the beating my body takes every day. I am extremely concerned that the start of this policy will evolve into a new issue in which patients cannot access the care they need and the relief they deserve. College students are affected by this policy because chronic illness lives in all campuses, residence halls and classrooms. There are other ways to address painkiller abuse.

Over-prescribing pain medication is heavily contributing to the overdose epidemic.

The medical profession is doing a sad job of appropriately prescribing opioid painkillers. We need to address medication distribution at the source.

The way it is now, patients will be punished by inconvenience and skepticism. Just because you are in pain and take pain medication doesn't mean you're an addict.

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adequate and some panic when they're alone.

We describe people as introverts and extroverts but we exist on a spectrum. I would not consider myself a true introvert but rather on that end of the spectrum. There are times that I absolutely love socializing with people, like when I go on trips or outings and when I am in the mood to socialize.

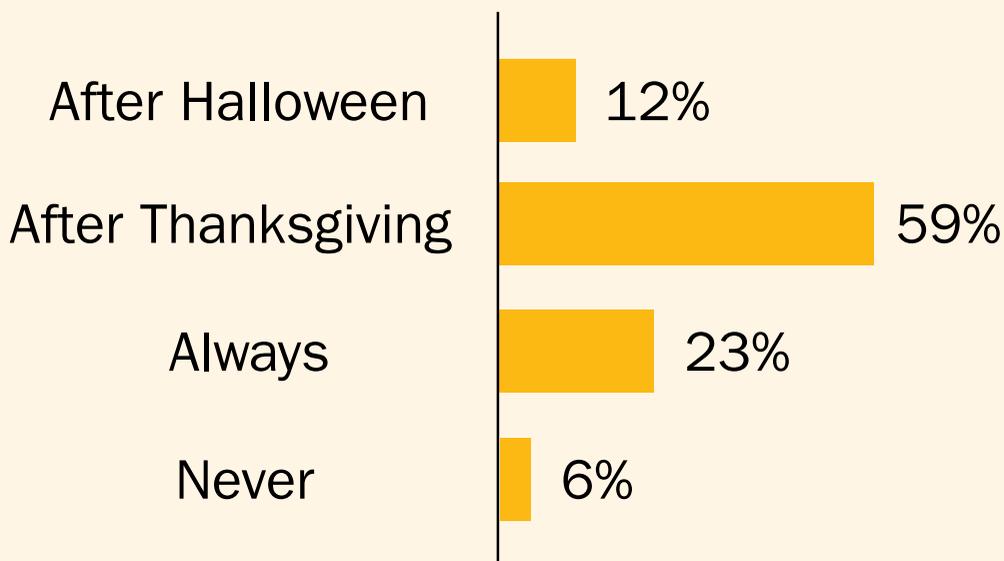
Sometimes, I feel as if socializing is a chore I do not want to complete and I often feel awful when I don't want to go out, because I know my friends just want to spend time with me. Often though, when I have some social activity planned, my anxiety rears its head and I am left wondering if going is even worth it.

I am currently on the search for a one bedroom apartment and Big Rapids is making it difficult. The apartment search is hard enough as it is. The landlords suck, the houses are gross and the rent is sky-high. The number of one bedrooms in town is abysmal and the ones that exist are either obscenely expensive or absolute shit. I toured one apartment, that was little more than a closet under the stairs and the girl currently living there told me: "if you're nice to the people next door, they might let you use their washer and dryer." Needless to say, I'm not paying \$600 a month for that apartment.

My search is not over though—I am not giving up hope on living by myself. Don't think less of me because I don't want to go to the bar with you, and don't think I am a narcissist because I enjoy my own company. Just please leave me alone.

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