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# Too much to drink

Know how to protect someone who is intoxicated

**Grant Siddall & Harley Harrison**  
Torch Reporter & News Editor

When your friend drinks too much, passes out and you can't wake them up, what can you do?

The previous question is a scenario thousands of people are put in every year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an average of about six people die from alcohol poisoning every day, with a total of about 2,200 alcohol poisoning deaths annually.

Many college students spend time around binge drinkers. Being able to recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning could potentially save their lives.

Step Up is a bystander intervention program that deals with prevention of alcohol abuse and sexual assault on campus at Ferris.

During Resident Adviser (RA) training, the signs of alcohol poisoning are taught to RAs so they can better address the situations that may arise pertaining to alcohol abuse.

"The scariest incident I've witnessed involved a freshman resident who came back into the residence hall after an evening of heavy drinking" Ferris biology and pre-pharmacy senior and RA Erin Duma said. "His friends claimed that he has been far

worse in the past and he would just 'sleep it off' that night. The other RA who was on duty with me suggested that we double check to make sure he wasn't on the verge of alcohol poi-

*"It was even hard to tell if he was breathing or not because he was so unresponsive."*

- Erin Duma

soning. It's a good thing we did. The resident was naked and unconscious in his bed and had vomited all over the room. It was even hard to tell if he was breathing or not because he was so unresponsive."



Aubrey Griffin

But a person does not have to be unconscious for others to recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning.

"The rule of thumb is if a student is sick to their

stomach or can't walk, get an ambulance transport and DPS right away," Ferris elementary education senior and RA Melissa Harvill said.



Melissa Harvill

According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, those signs include confusion, seizures, slow breathing, hypothermia and blue or pale skin.

For students at Ferris, it is always safe to call housing staff, the Department of Public Safety or 911, even if the student who needs medical attention is underage.

According to the Ferris Office of Student Conduct 2017-18 Code of Student Community Standards, "in instances in which a student calls Public Safety, contacts housing staff or another health and safety entity for assistance with an alcohol or other drug related emergency, the individual calling, those present in the immediate vicinity or the student in need of assistance, will not be subject to disciplinary action by the University for their own personal consumption of alcohol, drugs or other minor policy violations at or near the time of the incident."

## HOW MUCH ALCOHOL DOES YOUR DRINK CONTAIN?



12 FL OZ OF BEER:  
5%



8-9 FL OZ OF MALT:  
7%



5 FL OZ OF WINE:  
12%



1.5 FL OZ SHOT:  
40%

## WHAT TO DO

- KNOW THE DANGER SIGNS
- DON'T WAIT FOR THE WORST TO HAPPEN
- CALL 911

The information above is from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

## SIGNS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

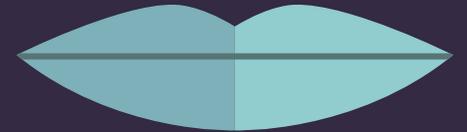
### SLOW BREATHING



### CONFUSION



### BLUE OR PALE SKIN



### SEIZURES



### UNCONSCIOUSNESS



## EFFECTS IF UNTREATED

- CHOKING ON VOMIT
- STOPPED BREATHING
- HYPOTHERMIA
- SEVERE DEHYDRATION
- PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE
- DEATH

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“What people don’t take into account is that there’s an environmental impact from cigarette litter.”- Anthony Picard - See page 4 for story

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# Ghost Supper

Native Americans honor their ancestors

**Cora Hall**  
Torch Reporter

For many students, the extent of their knowledge about Native Americans is Disney’s “Pocahontas” and the first Thanksgiving.

In 2016, there were fewer than 100 Ferris students who identified as Native American, according to the Ferris State Fact Book.

The Circle of Tribal Nations strives to educate students about culture of Native Americans, especially throughout the month of November, as it is Native American Heritage month.

The Circle hosted a Ghost Supper Thursday, Nov. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the West Campus Community Center. The Ghost Supper was a feast held to honor loved ones and ancestors who have passed

away. The feast also included a traditional fire lighting, prizes and informational speakers who told stories of the traditions passed down through many generations.

“I think it’s important that other people know about it because they are the first people that were here. Native American Heritage Month is really important because it does bring awareness to that fact,” Ferris pre-med senior Elizabeth Nystrom and president of The Circle said.

The Circle of Tribal Nations also hosted a screening and discussion of the film “More Than a Word” Tuesday, Nov. 7 in the University Center.

The next event in honor of the Native American Heritage month will be the Native American Thanksgiving with guest speaker April Lindala Monday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. in UC rooms 202 A, B and C. For more information, contact Scott Herron at herrons@ferris.edu.



Elizabeth Nystrom



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Torch Photographer

Community member Randy Kroneritter lights a traditional fire using fungi and steel for the Ghost Supper.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Torch Photographer

Nancy Simon-Fuchs attended the annual Ghost Supper to honor her ancestors.

# Learning to find peace

Native Nancy Simon-Fuchs tells her story

**Cora Hall**  
Torch Reporter

Imagine living in your native country and watching your culture be represented in a way that wholly and completely offends you.

This isn’t a made-up scenario. It has been everyday life for Native American Nancy Simon-Fuchs. Adopted at age three, Simon-Fuchs grew up in the small farming community of Edmore.

“I also taught elementary school for 25 years in White Cloud and our school mascot was the White Cloud Indians,” Simon-Fuchs said. “It was very difficult to be native and to teach in a place where people would say ‘we’re honoring you’ with the most ridiculous costumes and sayings and warwhoops and war chops and stupid caricatures. It’s not honoring, it’s another way of keeping you down.”

Simon-Fuchs said she didn’t begin learning native traditions until after she graduated from high school but since then found her life through them.

“Growing up in the Catholic church, I always felt like ‘what’s wrong with me?’ I would see the old ladies that sit in the front of the pews, tears would run down their faces because they were so full of faith. I never felt that way in church,” Simon-Fuchs said. “But when I was outside, that was church. So this way—these traditions—this has given me life.”

Even more than that, Simon-Fuchs credited her faith and traditions with helping her survive one of the most trying times in her life when her son died at the age of 21.

“I can talk about Josh without crying now,” Simon-Fuchs said. “Now I can cook for him, his favorite foods and I can talk to him and say, ‘you know, I’m making this just for you, kiddo’ without crying. The Catholic church could have never done that for me. So it’s that faith and belief for me that clicked. If I had not found a way to connect with that faith, I don’t know if I could have made it.”

Though she started practicing her traditions after the Religious Freedom Act was passed

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# - ON THE RECORD -

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

## Porta-potty rage

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Porta-potty rage

Oct. 21, 12:05 a.m., officers investigated a disorderly subject in Lot 35. The subject was screaming and knocked over a portable toilet after residence hall staff wrote the subject up for being a minor in possession. The subject was ticketed by officers for being a minor in possession.

### Filled with regret

Oct. 23, 3:50 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle for a known suspended license on Knollview Drive behind the Sports Complex. The driver was transported to the county jail.

### Mannequin at large

Oct. 24, 8 a.m., officers investigated a report of a mannequin that was stolen from the foyer area of the Rock Cafe. The suspects were identified and the mannequin was returned. The suspects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct

and a warrant was requested at the prosecutor's office.

### Pay up

Oct. 24, 2 p.m., officers immobilized a vehicle for multiple unpaid parking tickets in Lot 11.

### No suspects

Oct. 25, 8:50 a.m., officers received a report of a hit and run in Lot 54.

### Call Jake from State Farm

Oct. 27, 9:50 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Ferris Drive for defective equipment. The driver was ticketed for not having insurance.

### Kramer is dope

Oct. 27, 11:15 p.m., officers received an odor of marijuana complaint in Cramer Hall. One subject was issued an appearance ticket for possession of marijuana.

### You've got mail

Oct. 28, 8 a.m., officers received a re-

port of stolen mail in Brophy Hall. The suspect was identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The missing mail was returned to the owner.

### Young and drunk

Oct. 28, 4:10 a.m., officers assisted Putterbaugh Hall staff for a report of a highly intoxicated female. The female was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

### Better with the lights off?

Oct. 19, 2:05 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for operating without headlights. One subject was ticketed for possession of alcohol inside the vehicle.

### Westward troubles

Oct. 29, 2:30 a.m., officers received a report of a disorderly subject in the West Campus Apartments. One female was identified and lodged in the county jail. It was later discovered that the suspect was involved in an argument in which she

produced a weapon. The suspect was charged with assault.

### Grassy halls

Oct. 30, 2:30 p.m., officers assisted McNerney Hall staff for an odor of marijuana complaint. The incident was handled by hall staff.

### Not again

Oct. 30, 3:50 p.m., officers received a report of a hit and run in Lot 11.

### Two birds, one stone

Oct. 31, 9 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for an expired license plate. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was ticketed for the expired license plate and because there was no insurance on the vehicle.

There were 346 tickets issued from Oct. 17 to Nov. 2, totaling \$5,037 in fines.

## WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### New York City, New York

A man drove a pickup truck into a crowded bike path Tuesday, Oct. 31, killing eight people and injuring 12. After crashing the truck into a school bus, the driver, Sayfullo Saipov, ran from the truck and was killed by a police officer.

Original story by James Barron, Oct. 31, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Tokyo, Japan

Accused serial killer, Takahiro Shiraishi, was arrested after police found dismembered parts of nine bodies in his apartment, while searching for a missing woman. It is suspected that Shiraishi targeted his victims using Twitter. He sought out people who were suicidal and then lured them to his apartment. As of yet, he has only been charged with the abandonment of bodies while police investigate the incident further.

Original story by Motoko Rich, Nov. 1, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Sana, Yemen

25 civilians, including children, were killed and at least nine were injured after an airstrike targeted a street market in Yemen, according to officials. The death toll is expected to increase

and officials suspect that the airstrike came from the Arab coalition, although no one has claimed responsibility yet.

Original story by Shuaib Almosawa and Nour Youssef, Nov. 1, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Paris, France

A butter shortage in France has left many shelves empty in grocery stores throughout the entire country. The shortage, due to less dairy production and an increase in world demands, have caused French news outlets to report on what can be used as butter alternatives.

Original story by Aurelien Breeden, Oct. 20, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Sutherland Springs, Texas

A gunman, identified as Devin Patrick Kelley, opened fire during a church service on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs. Kelley took the lives of more than 25 people, including children and wounded more than 20. Neighbors of the church heard the gunshots and fired at Kelley when he emerged from the church. The neighbors chased Kelley by car into the next county before Kelley crashed his car and died.

Original story by David Montgomery, Christopher Mele and Manny Fernandez, Nov. 5, 2017. *The New York Times*.

## Native

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in 1976, Simon-Fuchs said she saw the oppression in others before it was passed.

"I do know people who were taken away from their families, who went to the boarding schools. They're still alive, they're

not dead; they're in their 60s and 70s and trying to deal with a childhood that was ripped away from them," Simon-Fuchs said. "It is hard to believe that all of this had to be hidden, people had to hide and have ceremonies at night. They were beaten for speaking their language."

The Ojibwe language was never a written language, which made it

hard to pass down. The only way to keep the language alive was through verbal songs and stories.

"You could only learn things by going to ceremonies and singing the songs over and over again," Simon-Fuchs said. "Just imagine losing the words because they were beaten out of you. You might remember the tune but not the words."

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Veterans Day breakfast

Join the President's Office in honoring those who have served in the armed forces Friday, Nov. 10, from 8 to 10 a.m. in UC 202 A, B and C. The event welcomes all student, staff and community veterans to attend. For more information, please contact Jacob Schrot at (231) 591-2022.

### Tug-of-war fundraiser

The Blue Line Fitness Club will be hosting a tug-of-war event at the Student Recreation Center Saturday, Nov. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. to raise money for fallen and wounded officers. Teams can have six to eight participants and each participant must pay a \$5 fee and register through OrgSync. Questions can be directed to Bailey Sargent at sargenb@ferris.edu.

### Grocery Bingo

Hosted by Entertainment Unlimited, participants can compete in games of Bingo for the opportunity to win customized baskets of groceries. The event is free and will take place Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 8 to 10 p.m. in UC 202. For more information, contact Ryan Fouts at foutsr@ferris.edu.

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# Profit problems

Ferris has fewer students, staff and funds

**Grant Siddall**  
Torch Reporter

As Ferris continues to struggle with enrollment, the budget has continued to shrink.

Out of the 15 Michigan Public Universities, Ferris is in the majority as one of nine universities that has seen a decrease in students over the last five years.

Looking to the future, the only state predicted to have a greater drop in high school graduates than Michigan over the next five years is North Carolina. Fewer high school graduates means fewer college students and for Ferris that has resulted in over \$8 million in budget cuts for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years.

In an email to staff, Ferris President David Eisler wrote: "As a result of enrollment declines, we have significant reductions in revenue and the University general fund budget. Last year this budget was reduced by \$5 million. This

year the budget was reduced by an additional \$3 million. After the fourth day enrollment count, the budget was reduced by an additional \$442,000."



Erin Lalinsky

"When enrollment declines and revenue declines, the University balances its budget through reductions. We do not pass this financial burden on to students by increasing tuition or fee costs," Director of Budgetary Planning and Analysis Sally DePew said. "At Ferris, like other higher education institutions, between 70 and 75 percent of the budget is in people, both compensation and benefit. Our overall approach is to reduce positions through attrition—essentially not filling vacant positions."

In total, Ferris left 33.5 positions vacant for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years, adding to the already below average 16:1 faculty to student ratio. The national average is



Chelsea Porter

14:1, according to collegefactual.com.

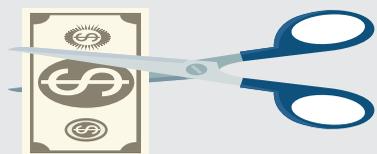
Some students felt that building a new residence hall while simultaneously cutting the budget didn't make sense.

"North Hall was very much needed but when thinking about doing changes, the budget is also very important," Ferris welding engineering junior Chelsea Porter said. "I also think it's important that students know where their tuition dollars may be going."

With the construction of North Hall, old residence halls such as Merrill and Travis Hall are left vacant.

"I am fairly certain that the full cost was not all paid for by Ferris but the means to fundraise what we did could have been directed toward other projects that would be more meaningful to current students," Ferris welding engineering senior Erin Lalinsky said.

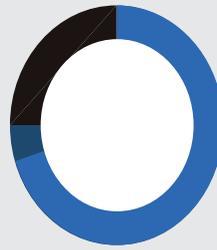
## BUDGET STATISTICS



LAST YEAR'S BUDGET CUT =  
**\$5 MILLION**  
THIS YEAR'S CUT =  
**\$3.4 MILLION**



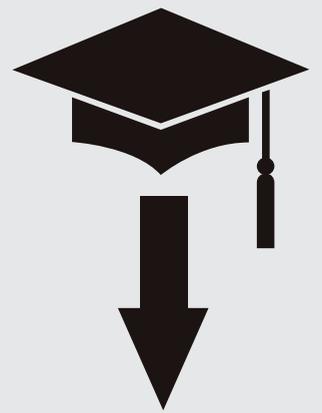
**33.5 POSITIONS LEFT VACANT**



**70-75% OF FERRIS BUDGET SPENT ON STAFF**



**FERRIS FACULTY TO STUDENT RATIO = 16:1**



**EXPECTED DROP IN MICHIGAN FOR GRADUATION OVER NEXT 5 YEARS = 6.4%**

The above information is from the University Fall Forum and collegefactual.com

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## Smoking hot start

The first tobacco-free campus initiative

**Megan Lewton**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris is working towards a tobacco-free campus after receiving a grant from the American Cancer Society earlier this semester.

The Public Health Student Association (PHSA) hosted the campus-wide event called Spook Butts Out on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., during which students picked up cigarette butt litter off of Ferris property. The collected cigarette butts will be put on display Thursday, Nov. 16 in the University Center, according to Ferris public health senior and Vice President of PHSA Anthony Picard.

"We're hoping to display just how much litter is actually laying around here on campus that otherwise wouldn't be here if we did go tobacco-free," Picard said.

Picard estimated that more than 100 participants picked up cigarette butts throughout the day, including RSOs such as nursing and dental hygiene, Active Minds and Colleges Against Cancer.

"We've actually had a pretty good turnout," Ferris public health senior and President of PHSA Alyson Hill said. "We didn't think we'd get as many as we have. Even classes are coming out, so that's pretty cool."

Students participated for a variety of reasons. Picard was interested in the environmental benefits of picking up the litter.

"What people don't take into account is that there's an environmental impact

from cigarette litter," said Picard. "Cigarette litter is in the top five pollutants that's out there in terms of raw poundage. So it's just a giant problem and if we went tobacco-free, the number of cigarettes on campus would go down substantially and that would reduce the environmental impact that the student body has."



Jaivon Caldwell

Ferris health care systems administration junior Paige Ohlman hopes the display of cigarette butts will help people see the severity of the problem.

"I just want them to be aware of how big of an issue it is and it's not a very healthy behavior. Maybe by seeing how many cigarette butts there are, people will be like 'wow. This is a really big problem. Maybe I should reconsider smoking,'" Ohlman said.

Other students hope this movement will create a larger reaction.

"Ferris State is one of the only spots where smoking is still allowed here," Ferris public health junior Jaivon Caldwell said. "If you look at Michigan State, even Central, you can't smoke on their property



Alyson Hill



Photo submitted by Patrick Maloney

PHSA President Alyson Hill, Vice President Anthony Picard and Community Chair Tricia Maloney with the collected cigarette butts.

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# Bulldog bee

Ferris theatre's fall production

**Megan Lewton**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris actors transform from college students to elementary scholars in Ferris Theatre's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."



Christiaan Irvine

The musical comedy, which ran from Thursday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 5, centered around young students participating in a spelling bee and dealing with the everyday struggles of adolescence.

"The musical is about a group of young spellers in their journey through the county spelling bee," Ferris pre-dental hygiene sophomore and comfort counselor in the musical Madelynn Hull said. "The musical brings a ton of humor to the challenges that are present in many young teenagers' lives."

Ferris digital animation and game design sophomore and member of the musical's singing set crew Sarah Krusowski hoped the audience would find humor in the show.



Sarah Krusowski

"The play overall is a good laugh and nothing to be taken too seriously," Krusowski said. "This musical is insanely funny and the responses from the jokes we tell really fuels the energy onstage."

The musical received positive reactions from audience members, such as Ferris CAD drafting and tool design freshman Christiaan Irvine.



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Nick Salinas takes the stage during the Ferris production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

"Just getting to hear how good people at this school really are at singing, like there was a lot of people that could sing way better than I thought and I'm really impressed to see that," Irvine said.

Ferris pre-nursing freshman Rachel Schneider enjoyed the adult humor in the show.

"I'd seen the show a couple times in high school and so I was expecting it to be kind of childish and everything, but it was a lot raunchier than I'd seen before and it was a lot funnier than I'd seen before, so I was excited about it," Schneider said.

# Opinionated graduates

## Former students rate Ferris

**Grant Siddall**  
Torch Reporter

In last year's graduate survey, the vast majority of students who had just graduated had positive reactions to multiple questions about their time at Ferris.

Every year when students fill out their application for graduation, that application is accompanied by a graduate exit survey.

The purpose of the survey is for students to share their thoughts on their experience at Ferris.

The survey results from last year's graduating class leaned heavily towards positive responses. According to statistics listed in an email to Ferris staff sent by Ferris President David Eisler, of those who responded to the survey, 91 percent felt that Ferris was a good value for their money, 95 percent agreed that they were proud to have attended Ferris and 95 percent also rated their overall experience as satisfactory. Despite these numbers, only 71.9 percent of students gave a definitive yes when asked if they would recommend Ferris to a family member.

"I would recommend Ferris but only if my

family member wanted to study something Ferris particularly excels at. If they just wanted to get a business degree or science degree, I'd recommend they spend their money elsewhere," Ferris business graduate Adam Widrig said. "Ferris is not very much cheaper at all than other top-tier universities in the state, including Michigan State and the University of Michigan. I think my money would have been more well spent going to one of those schools, only because the name would open more doors. It's not as easy getting a job when your potential employer has never even heard of the college you attended."

Other students found the results represented their feelings accurately.

"I believe that Ferris was a good value

for my money. I have many friends who go to community college that basically had to restart when they transferred to a bigger college," Ferris accounting graduate Steve Rogers said. "On a scale of one to 10 I would rate my total experience eight and a half. Some things could be improved but overall I had a good time and would do it again if I had the chance."

Statistics from a 2014 national research report published by Noel-Levitz show that only 56 percent of students at four-year public universities are satisfied with their college experience, which is 39 percent lower than Ferris students satisfaction rate.

## Tobacco

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at all. When you come to Ferris, it's wide-open game. So we're just trying to get more students aware that we are kind of the last university to get this thing going. So we're trying to be the ones that start it, so eventually all of Michigan can say they're smoke-free campuses."

Hill hopes this is the first step in eliminating tobacco on campus.

"Cigarette butt litter is causing a lot of damage to our campus," Hill said. "It's not looking very pretty. And we'll hopefully start the initiative for a tobacco-free campus."

# 2017 DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

Ewigleben Sport Complex  
(Wink Arena)

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**Caps and Gowns** may be purchased at the Grad Fair on November 2nd, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in the University Center - Multi-purpose Rooms or starting November 2nd - December 12th at the Ferris State University Bookstore (located in the University Center, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids MI 49307).

**Tickets** are required for all ceremonies. All Students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to reserve or print starting 8:00 am November 2, 2017. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. **Tickets must be reserved by Thursday, December 14th at 11:59 pm.**

**Commencement Program** - Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, October 13, 2017 for their names to appear in the Fall 2017 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.

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

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

For special accommodations or for more information regarding the Commencement ceremony, please visit the Commencement website [www.ferris.edu/commencement](http://www.ferris.edu/commencement) or call (231) 591-3803.



# LIFESTYLES

"When I was diagnosed, I was playing softball for seven years. I noticed my leg getting larger and larger and my family thought it was my muscles growing."  
- Montana Dalman - See page 9 for story

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# Food for thought



Photo by: Marcus Gurnee | Interim Photographer

Students can donate canned goods to the LAE food drive anytime between Nov. 6 and Nov. 20.

## Sharing is caring

**Kat Merby**  
Torch Reporter

There are many things that come to mind when people think of Thanksgiving.

"When I think of Thanksgiving, I think of watching the Lions play and eating way too much," Ferris general studies freshman Mike Harrington said.

Other than watching his favorite sporting event and the food, Harrington has donated to a food bank in the past and has helped out at a well-known food bank in Detroit called Gleaners.

"I enjoy having ham and turkey every year. Honestly, I look forward to eating anything my aunt makes," Ferris manufacturing engineering sophomore Riley Scott said.

Scott has also donated to a food bank that was run by The Salvation Army.

Like these students, Lambda Alpha Epsilon is looking to leave a positive impact on the Big Rapids community this Thanksgiving season by hosting a food drive.

"We chose the Manna Pantry because they are a well-established pantry that is very local and we felt that people could really benefit from using them as a resource," Ferris criminal justice sophomore and head of philanthropy for Lambda Alpha Epsilon Landry Shorkey said. "The New Journey Clubhouse provides aid to people with mental health and substance abuse issues that need help getting back on their feet. This really hits home for us as students of criminal justice because many of us will likely be working with people struggling with these issues throughout our careers. The opportunity to give them aid is truly meaningful."

This is the first year that Lambda Alpha Epsilon is hosting a food drive and giving back to the community is extremely important for both the pantry and Lambda Alpha Epsilon members.

"LAE gets a lot of support from the people and businesses of Big Rapids. We thought having a food drive at the beginning of the holiday season could be our way of giving back to those around us," Ferris criminal justice junior Paige Fischer said.

Fischer has been a part of the fraternity for three years. She joined the group because everybody there has similar career goals.

The group is looking to host more community events to gain a presence not only on campus but in Big Rapids and the surrounding area as well.

"Criminal justice as a field revolves around community interactions. Placing ourselves in the public eye and demonstrating leadership and service is a fundamental aspect of being in a professional criminal justice organization," Ferris criminal justice junior Christian Bomer said.



Landry Shorkey



Christian Bomer

Bomer's role in the food drive is to help run the collection tables and assist the philanthropy committee. There is an annual event that the fraternity does every year to honor those in their field.

"One of the biggest things that we do in the community is a fallen officer 5k, proceeds of which go directly to the Jessica Nagle scholarship fund. Jessica is a former LAE president and was tragically killed in the line of duty serving her community as a police officer. This race is held every spring and gets larger every year. We are beyond humbled and honored to put on this event," Bomer said.

The food drive will run from Nov. 6 through Nov. 20.

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# A break from business

*“Ferris Out Loud” breaks the mold in spirit of Halloween*

**Briana Hammontree**  
Torch Reporter

As October came to an end, students celebrated Halloween in any way possible, including the “Ferris Out Loud” television show.

Ferris pre-nursing and healthcare administration junior Nicole Majeske found the Halloween edition to be one of her favorite editions because she was more able to express herself.

“We were able to pick our costumes. I personally did Rosie the Riveter because it has such a strong message behind it from all women and for equal rights for all,” Majeske said.

During the edition, the three hosts, Majeske, Josh Colon and Lucas Orosco, along with guest host Alysha West, discussed their favorite Halloween movies, the debate of putting up Christmas trees after Halloween and bad costume designs.

Ferris human resource management senior Josh Colon dressed up in a koala bear onesie to celebrate Halloween for the episode.

“I liked going back to my childhood memories. I loved “Hocus Pocus” as a child. I remember my parents and my brother—who is two years older than myself—and we went to Blockbuster most of October to literally get a bunch of Halloween movies and “Hocus Pocus” was always on the main list. So I loved talking about that,” Colon said.



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TDMP students let loose in spirit of Halloween by dressing up and discussing some of their favorite Halloween movies.

Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Lucas Orosco said that he enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the show.

“I liked talking about festive Halloween moments like “Hocus Pocus” and “Halloweentown.” There wasn’t a lot of serious issues or controversial topics which was nice,” Orosco said.

“Ferris Out Loud” is a class that television digital media production (TDMP) students must take to earn their degree. It is run by the Ferris executive director and TDMP

professor Glen Okonoski.

“I think in general it is really beneficial because it gives various perspectives. We get along pretty well and when you’re getting different perspectives, it makes for a better show. So I love it,” Colon said.

“Ferris Out Loud” can be watched on Vimeo, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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## Stranger Things 2

You no longer need to wait in anticipation, “Stranger Things” fans. The second season released on Netflix on Oct. 27 and many people, including me, immediately binged the nine episodes.

The second season opens with a rag-tag group of boys trying to move on from the events of the previous season.

Winona Ryder, known for her roles in “Beetlejuice” and “The Heathers,” plays another memorable role as Joyce Byers, a woman who is fiercely watchful of her son Will, who has been fighting his own demons since he came back from the dead in season one.

For a refresher on what happened last season, the second season opens up with Mike Wheeler mourning the loss of Eleven by trying to contact her daily, Nancy Wheeler wanting answers about what happened to Barb and Steve Harrington wanting to get past it.

This season also follows a secondary storyline of Eleven and Jim Hopper, the town sheriff, as he tries to teach her how to be a kid but also keep her safe.

Without revealing too many spoilers, supernatural forces begin to wreak havoc on the town of Hawkins, Indiana, again and the boys find themselves on another mission to find a troublesome pet that Dustin found rummaging through his trash.



Kaitlyn Kirchner  
Office Manager

Nancy and Jonathon Byers go on their own mission to find out what happened to Barb and Eleven sets off on her own mission.

“Stranger Things 2” introduces new characters Max, her step-brother Billy and most notably, Joyce’s new boyfriend Bob, a manager at RadioShack.

Steve Harrington finds himself yet again pulled into the world of fighting monsters with Dustin, Mike, Lucas and Max—being dubbed by many fans as “Mom Steve.”

“Stranger Things 2” does not disappoint with many moments that had many of us on the edge of our seats, reunions, monster fights and of course, character deaths that rip our still-beating hearts out of our chests.

If you like coming-of-age stories, monsters, government labs, love and having your dreams crushed when you realize you have to wait another year for season three, then you’ll love “Stranger Things 2.”

Just don’t come crying to me when the finale leaves you screaming into the void for more—I warned you.



### FSU ASL

Students embraced a new way of communicating Wednesday, Nov. 1 during their second to last American Sign Language class of the semester.

*Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor*

# Promoting egg-cellence



*Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor*

Sigeps Promoting Eggcellence will take place Thursday, Nov. 9 in the North Quad.

## Throwing eggs for Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Alicia Jaimes**  
*Lifestyles Editor*

As the season of giving is among us, it's time to think about ways to help fellow Bulldogs as well as helping the Big Rapids community.

Ferris business senior and Sigma Phi Epsilon brother Martin Nelson created Sigeps Promoting Eggcellence—an event that is a first for this fraternity.

"We're charging \$2 per egg and you have the opportunity to throw an egg at this guy in a hot dog suit," Nelson said.

Promoting Eggcellence was created to help the fraternity with day-to-day finances as well as bigger events in their future.

"I think the majority of it that we obtain that doesn't go to Nationals is going to go to more community service this year," Nelson said.

Some of the community service involves helping the community by creating decks for residents, raking leaves, mowing lawns and shoveling driveways once snow decides to blanket Big Rapids.

In his ninth semester in the fraternity, Ferris criminal justice senior Eric Giacobone has volunteered to take part in the fundraiser and is excited and nervous to see how the event goes.

"Eggcellence entails me dressing up in a hot dog costume and we will charge people to launch eggs at me," Giacobone said. "No worries though, I'll be wearing a hockey helmet and some eye protection for safety purposes."

Though the idea is new, Giacobone has had the hot dog costume since his older brother gave it to him when he graduated Ferris. The costume has been a tradition for Giacobone to wear a few times a year.

"I'm a tad nervous to get hit because well, I've never been egged before. But I think it will be a fun event. It'll be interesting to see how it feels getting hit for hours with eggs," Giacobone said.

Sigeps Promoting Eggcellence will take place Thursday, Nov. 9 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the North Quad.

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# That's a wrap

## Behind the scenes of Ferris theatre

**Briana Hammontree**  
Torch Reporter

A young woman moves across the stage wearing a cape, sparkly cowboy boots and overalls. She plays the strange, yet hopeful young boy Leaf Coneybear in the play "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

With no prior experience in theatre but having designed her own costumes, Ferris liberal arts sophomore Alexis Freeland was the designer of Leaf's costume for this performance.

"I was trying not to make Leaf's costume look too obnoxious, because it is beautiful and obnoxious as it is but I didn't want it too out there. I still wanted it a tad bit cohesive," Freeland said.

Freeland is one of many students who worked behind the scenes for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Having previously been a backstage manager and working with props, Ferris psychology sophomore Emily Lewis



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As "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" came to a close, students behind the scenes look back at the hours spent making the production memorable.



Emily Lewis

worked for the first time as a stage manager for the play and worked with the props.

"Well, I make sure all of the actors are here, all the crew people are here. I make sure no one is dying. During shows I call all of the cues for lights, sound, backstage and on the flies—which is the curtains—

and projections. So, basically, I'm doing everything but acting on stage. I make sure everything goes according to plan," Lewis said.

Lewis has said that calling cues and making sure everything goes smoothly can be one of the most challenging aspects of her job as stage manager.

"I'm upstairs and if something goes wrong I want to go out and fix it but I can't because I'm up there," Lewis said.

Also working behind the scenes is

Ferris psychology freshman Braden Wells, who is in charge of the lightboard.

"It was challenging trying to figure out when to hit the cues and synchronize the cues with everyone else behind stage. Like, we had to go with spotlight and sound and everyone had to be lined up exactly and it doesn't always happen," Wells said.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" was held Thursday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 5 in the Williams Auditorium.

## Disabled but not limited

Don't be afraid to ask questions

**Holly Baker**  
Torch Reporter

"You would not believe the number of people who have started calling me 'sweetie' or 'honey' since being in a wheelchair," Ferris assistant professor of social work and director Kathryn Woods said.

Woods was one of the three speakers at Ferris' Disability Debunked event, held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 to wrap up Disability Awareness Month.

"Every year, Disability Awareness Month happens. We, as a university, wanted to do something to start a conversation. It was important to us that we host events that are enjoyable but open to discussing the issues," Ferris administrative assistant at the president's office and Chair of the Planning Committee Maggie Walcott said.

"Defining Disability has so much to do with the boxes people put us in. Being in a wheelchair has been an enlightening experience. People insist on providing assistance that I do not need," Woods said. "When we consider the concept of disability, we need to broaden our thinking. I think before we can define disability, we need to ask the people with disabilities."

Ferris has a number of students who struggle with disabilities—something Ferris sophomore Montana Dalman has struggled with since she was 13

years old.

"When I was diagnosed, I was playing softball for seven years. I noticed my leg getting larger and larger and my family thought it was my muscles growing. My mom took me to a doctor and the doctors had no idea what was wrong with me. They did a biopsy and it turned out I had a volleyball-sized tumor on my leg," Dalman said. "We did seven rounds of aggressive chemotherapy, so aggressive that other doctors who came in wondered if it was too much. I had a choice to amputate my leg or keep it but it was really no choice. If I kept it, I would never be able to run, walk or kick a ball again."

Through eighth to tenth grade, Dalman went through surgeries including a broken hip, a relapse in her lung and a bone marrow transplant. Healthy now, she doesn't let her disability keep her from enjoying activities such as rock climbing.

"If I'm more active, that is more that I can do with my friends and my boyfriend. Coming to Ferris, people were pretty accepting. But you're always gonna have horrible people," Dalman said.

Dalman wants to encourage people to treat her like a normal person and never hesitate if you're curious.

"If I need help, I'll ask for help. And if people have questions, don't be afraid to ask," Dalman said.

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## SPORTS

"I am happy with my performance but I am proud of my teammates for putting in the work to get here." - Trevor Holowaty - See page 13 for story

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# Kicker or dancer?



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris kicker Wyatt Ford showcases his charismatic personality on the Bulldog sidelines. Ford's teammates know they can count on him for two things: consistent kicking and excellent dance moves.

## Wyatt Ford: charisma and consistency for Bulldog football

**Jacob Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Senior Wyatt Ford may be one of the best kickers in college football but he may also be one of the best dancers as well.

The 5-foot 9-inch, 188 pound kicker from Montague may now be known for sending Ferris to a win over Grand Valley State University (GVSU) on national television when he kicked what is probably the biggest extra-point in Ferris history to put the Bulldogs ahead 28-27 late. But it's his personality in the locker room and on the field that is going to be remembered most by his teammates.

"He's always walking around doing his Snapchat stories," defensive lineman

Zach Sieler said. "He definitely knows when to cheer the team up. It helps lighten the mood."

In the most stressful of situations during Ferris football games, you can usually spot out no. 37 on the sidelines, practicing his dance moves or getting his teammates ready for battle. Though a lot of it is spontaneous, Ford puts in a little extra hard work throughout the week to be ready for gameday.

"Throughout the week, I'm not going to lie, I look up some dance moves and different things and think: 'I'm going to try that.' But for the most part, I just wing it and try not to embarrass myself out there," Ford said.

Although it may look silly to some, Ford



Zach Sieler

has backed up the off-field shenanigans with a multitude of on-field success. Whether it be the extra point against GVSU earlier in the season or the 36-yard field goal in the dying seconds of a 30-28 win at Michigan Tech last Sept., Ford has shown up in key moments for the Bulldogs.

"You just try to block out everything else and just focus on what you've been taught so when you go out there. It's just muscle memory and second-hand nature," Ford said.

Ford is continuing his great success in

his final season with the Bulldogs this year as he has accounted for 62 of the team's points. Ford is nine for 12 on field goals with a 42-yarder as a season long, while kicking through all 35 of his extra point attempts this year for a perfect 100 percent rating.

Ford now hopes that the team can continue its successful season while advancing further than last year in hopes of winning a national title. If Ford is called on to kick another big one come playoff time, you know he will be ready like he always has. As for his dancing?

"I'd give him a hard seven," Sieler said.

# Sports Shorts

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

## Fresh start

The Ferris women's basketball team earned their first victory of the year in a huge 81-44 victory at Bethel College in exhibition play on Wednesday Nov. 1.

Senior center Rachel McInerney led the Bulldogs with 13 points and five rebounds. Senior guard Leah Humes and junior guard Riley Blair added 10 points each. Junior guard Margo Brown had nine points to aid the Bulldogs on the night.

Ferris hit 47 percent of its field goals along with 28.6 percent three's and 64.3 percent of free throws. The Bulldogs also forced 22 steals against the Pilots.

Ferris will open their regular season in Pepper Pike, Ohio, where they will face off against Ursuline in the season opener on Friday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. before matching up against Davis & Elkins on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. in the regional event.

## GLIAC awards

Two members of the Ferris women's tennis team were honored last week as All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) selections for the fall 2017 season.

Ferris junior Nika Hein earned All-GLIAC Second Team honors and sophomore Silvia Verebes earned honorable mention all-conference. The league member's head coaches did the voting after the GLIAC Tournament held in Midland.

The Bulldogs finished up their fall season with a huge shut-out victory on Oct. 29 on the final day of the 2017 GLIAC Tournament. The seventh-seeded Bulldogs swept eighth-seeded Ashland 5-0 in the seventh-place match at the league tournament.

The Bulldogs will be back in action in the spring in a non-league schedule, which consists of matches in a variety of states.

## Shakeup in the top 10

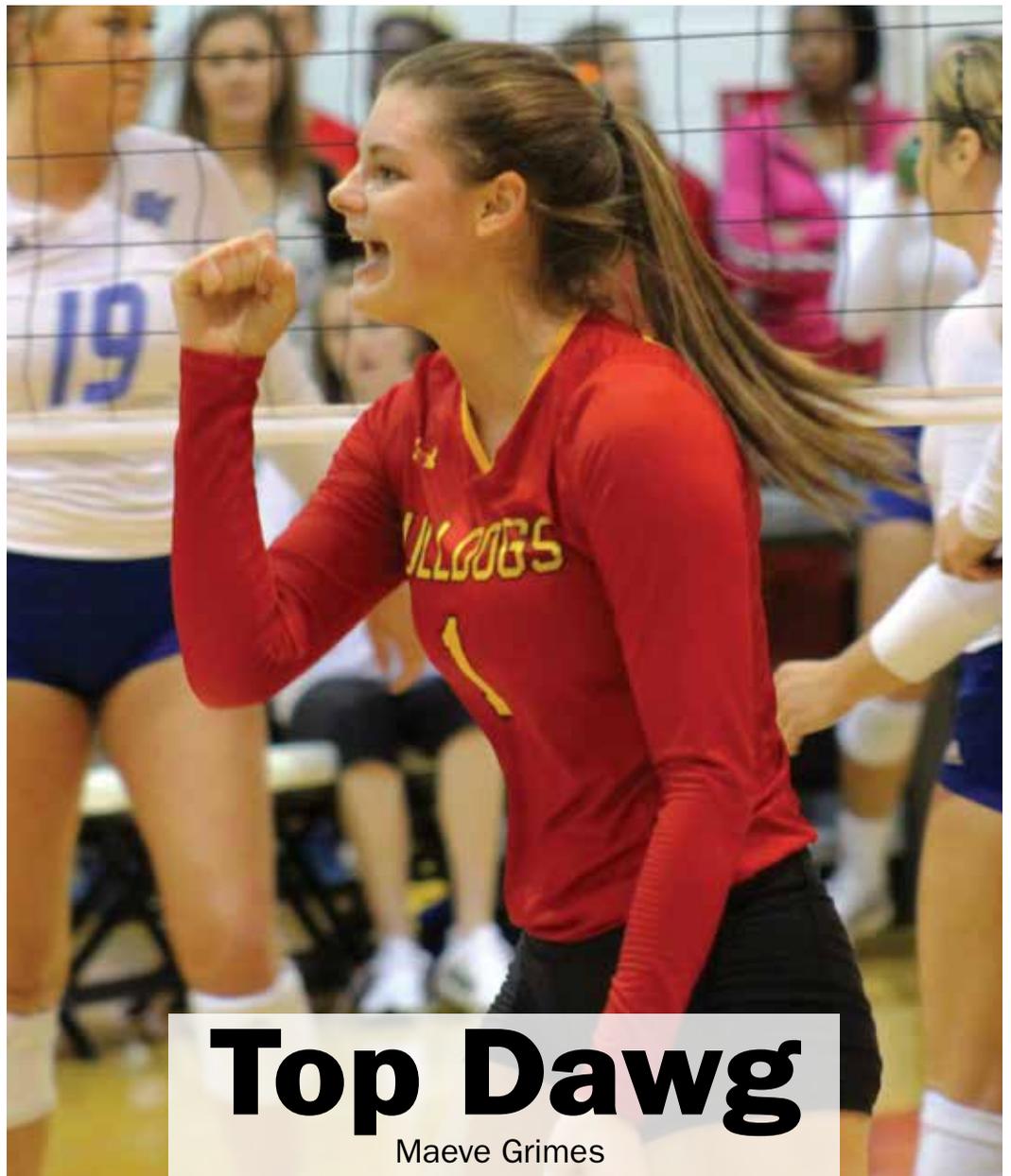
The Ferris men's basketball team officially opened 2017-18 regular season play with a 84-79 victory over fifth-ranked St. Thomas Aquinas Friday, Nov. 3 and a 86-82 victory over sixth-ranked Indiana Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic.

Senior guard Drew Cushingberry led the Bulldogs in scoring with 21 points against St. Thomas Aquinas. Junior forward Markese Mayfield added 11 points of his own along with junior All-American center Zach Hankins who also had 11 points.

The scoring did not stop for Cushingberry in day two where he had a game high 16 points against Indiana along with 16 points from senior forward Noah King. Senior guard Peter Firlik and junior center Zach Hankins had 14 points each on the day.

The no. 10 nationally ranked Bulldogs are now 2-0 on the season.

The Bulldogs host the GLIAC/GLVC Challenge Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 inside Ferris' Jim Wink Arena where they will face Quincy in the opener on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Missouri-St. Louis on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.



# Top Dawg

Maeve Grimes

Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

**Brendan Samuels**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris volleyball's Maeve Grimes is a sophomore setter that has played well in her first two seasons as a Dawg but is often overshadowed by sophomore Allyson Cappel.

Grimes' impact this past weekend, however, cannot be ignored.

The Bulldogs matched up with two GLIAC opponents in Big Rapids this weekend, with Saginaw Valley on Friday, Nov. 3 and Lake Superior State University (LSSU) on Saturday, Nov. 4.

While Grimes doesn't get the glory of an outside hitter, she did manage to put up some outstanding numbers on the court.

In Friday's matchup with SVSU, Grimes managed

to record 36 assists, one kill and six digs en route to a Bulldog 3-0 sweep.

Saturday brought more gaudy numbers for Grimes when the Dawgs took on LSSU. Grimes posted yet another 36 assists and added one kill and nine digs for the team's second 3-0 sweep of the weekend.

72 assists total over two games is a jaw-dropping figure but that's nothing compared to the 972 assists Grimes has recorded this year alone.

With consistent play from Grimes and big performances from surrounding players, the Bulldogs have a solid 19-6 overall record and stand at first overall in the GLIAC with a record of 12-2.

The volleyball team will look to continue their stellar season when they finish up regular season play at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 at Northern Michigan University.

# Dawgs cut short

Women's soccer season likely finished

**Jacob Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris soccer is heading to the off-season a little quicker than most expected after falling in the GLIAC quarterfinals.

The Bulldogs fell 2-1 in a tightly contested matchup with Saginaw Valley State University Tuesday, Oct. 31. The Bulldogs were surrounded by high expectations just four days prior to the conference tournament after knocking off arch-rival GVSU for the first time since 2002.

It was the first season that Ferris was eligible to host post season play after the university updated the team facilities and field areas but the loss on home field certainly wasn't the result the team expected.

"It was tough and obviously not the result we wanted," senior

Carley Dubbert said. "We all felt it ended too early."

The Bulldogs finished the season with a 6-3 record in conference play while sporting an 11-8 record overall, a huge improvement over the 6-8-4 record from a year ago. The team made all that improvement while boasting a rather large class of 14 freshmen trying to work their way into the system.

The team was led by Dubbert who found a way to consistently score on a team that struggled early in the season. Dubbert contributed just over a quarter of



Carley Dubbert

**Soccer** | see page 12

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# Finishing at the top

## Ferris women's volleyball team dominates Senior Day weekend

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

The nationally-ranked Ferris women's volleyball team took control of the GLIAC by sweeping both SVSU Friday, Nov. 3 and LSSU Saturday, Nov. 4.

The Bulldogs dominated the SVSU Cardinals with scores of 25-21, 25-18 and 25-16.

Sophomore outside hitter Allyson Cappel led the squad with 16 kills and senior middle hitter Ayanna Buckley had 11 kills with a .647 hitting percentage.

Sophomore Maeve Grimes had 36 total assists in the match along with six digs.

Senior libero Lauren Reminga had 13 digs for the Bulldogs and was honored in the pregame for her 1,000th career dig.

The Bulldogs totaled 43 kills with a .313 hitting percentage in their victory against the Cardinals.

Saturday, Nov. 4 was Senior Day for the Bulldogs. Before the contest, Ferris honored Reminga, right-side hitter Hannah Guy, middle hitter Nicole Malouhos, middle hitter Ayanna Buckley and senior middle hitter Maria Kronner as part of the five-member senior class.

The seniors had posted an overall record of 104-21, made three-straight National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoff appearances, two straight NCAA Midwest Regional Finals appearances and won three consecu-

tive regular-season GLIAC Championships and three straight GLIAC Tournament Championships to date.

"I am nothing but thankful for all of the help I've received along the way from the Ferris State athletics staff," Reminga said. "This program has shaped me into the person I've always wanted to become."

The Bulldogs blew past the LSSU Lakers with scores of 25-17, 25-19 and 25-18.

Cappel once again led the team with 18 kills and a .472 hitting percentage. Kronner and Guy had seven kills each. Malouhos led the team with three total blocks to aid in the victory.

Reminga added to her 1,000 dig total with 12 more on Saturday and Cappel added 11 digs.

Ferris improved to 18-6 overall and 11-2 in GLIAC play on the season. The team currently sits in first place in the conference standings.

"We just need to stay focused each day in practice and not look too far ahead. At this point in the season every game is important, so we are just taking it one game at a time," Kronner said.

The Bulldogs are looking to win their fourth straight GLIAC Championship as the tournament approaches in the next two weeks.

"We need to keep out working teams and keep the blue collar mentality that the Bulldogs always have," Reminga said.

The Bulldogs will end their regular season on the road against Northern Michigan on Friday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. and Michigan Tech on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m.



Maria Kronner



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Ferris senior Ayanna Buckley prepares to slam the ball over the net. Ferris volleyball has been a model of consistency and is looking to make another postseason run.

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Freshman midfielder Abigail Gilmore battles down field. The Ferris women's soccer team finished their season with a loss against SVSU.

## Soccer

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the entire team's offense with nine goals and three assists for 21 points on the year.

"I enjoyed being able to play offense again this year and being someone my team can look to for leadership. I just wish I was able to do more in post season to help carry the team further," Dubbert said.

The highlight of the season came a few days before Tuesday, Oct. 31, when the Bulldogs were able to defeat GVSU on Dawg turf, as the Lakers came to the match as the top-ranked team in the region.

"It was probably one of the most exciting moments of my life," Dubbert said. "Those moments are the reason you put in the long hours and sacrifice. Everyone played their best that game and it was one of the best team victories I have been a part of."

After failing to win the GLIAC title, the Bulldogs need to be added into the NCAA tournament as an at-large team in order to continue playing. It would be the first NCAA tournament appearance ever for the club.

# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

A decent fantasy performance by the Beaulldogs was smothered by Ferris' defense that shut out Davenport on the way to a 26-0 victory last Saturday.

Ferris senior defensive backs Tavierre Thomas and Jevonte Alexander each snagged an interception for the Bulldogs but the real story of the game was the fact that Davenport was held to only 156 yards of total offense. It's no wonder the Bulldogs defense racked up 15 fantasy points.

The defense's strong fantasy showing was second only to Ferris sophomore quarterback Travis Russell, who tallied 224 yards of total offense and found the endzone once through the air and once on the ground.

Even in wet, windy and chilly conditions, a slew of Ferris receivers were able to find the endzone. Ferris junior Keyondre Craig took a 15-yard pass to the endzone early in the fourth quarter while fellow Bulldog receivers Dion Earls and Davontae Harrington each recorded a rushing touchdown.

My picks at quarterback, running back, defense and kicker all paid off but duds from the receivers on my team sank my hopes of winning like an anchor. Both Jameis Winston and Deshaun Watson, who I hoped would be slinging it to two of my receivers, were injured, which definitely dampened my point total.

Sitting at 1-8 on the season, the minds behind Ferris Fantasy Football clearly don't have playoffs on the mind. However, the Bulldogs are currently 8-1 on the season and are ranked no. 6 in the country, according to d2football.com.

The Bulldogs have a lot to play for as they hit the road again this weekend to take on Michigan Tech at noon Saturday, Nov. 11 in the regular season finale. The Beaulldogs, meanwhile, will be looking to earn their second win of the season with the following picks.



Keith Salowich  
Web Supervisor

**QB: Josh McCown** – McCown has shockingly put up some solid numbers leading the Jets and faces the defensive equivalent of a banana slug this week at Tampa Bay.

**RB: Leonard Fournette** – This guy has been riding the bench for three straight weeks now after an injury, a bye week and being listed as a healthy scratch. He's well rested and talent abounds. LET HIM LOOSE.

**WR1: JuJu Smith-Schuster** – Schuster just saw a season-high seven targets and made the most of them with 193 yards and a touchdown. I'm not chasing points. I'm chasing the coolest name in the game.

**WR2: Paul Richardson** – Arizona's Patrick Peterson will likely be blanketing the Seahawks' top receiver, so Richardson should see increased targets.

**FLEX: Todd Gurley** – The guy has been unstoppable. I dove deep for receivers so that I could load up on running backs.

**D/ST: Pittsburgh Steelers** – The Steelers will have made great use of their bye week to prepare for the lone offensive weapon the Colts have. TY Hilton owners beware.

**K: Matt Prater** – Next week in my actual fantasy football league I'm facing the Prater owner, so naturally he'll go off for 20 points, as is tradition.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Alex Smith	18
RB	Alvin Kamara	25
WR1	Michael Crabtree	4
WR2	Will Fuller V	3
FLEX	Cameron Brate	1
D	Los Angeles Rams	9
K	Jake Elliott	10
<b>Total:</b>		<b>70</b>

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Travis Russell	25
RB	Dion Earls	8
WR1	Keyondre Craig	10
WR2	Brandon Walker	6
FLEX	Davontae Harrington	7
D	Ferris State	15
K	Wyatt Ford	2
<b>Total:</b>		<b>73</b>

# Crossing into success

Ferris cross country athletes begin to look forward to track

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Torch Reporter

The Ferris men and women's cross-country programs ran through Cedarville, Ohio for the 2017 NCAA Division II Midwest Region Cross Country Championships to finish off their season.

A cloudy, 50 degree November day was the last time that seniors such as Trevor Holowaty would lace up their shoes for Bulldog cross country. Though the Dawgs won't be going on to compete in the NCAA National Championships, Holowaty said that he was happy that his team gave it their all.

"I am happy with my performance but I am proud of my teammates for putting in the work to get here," Holowaty said. "It's all a team effort. This season was one of the best I have ever had and I wouldn't want to spend it with any other team."

Holowaty, an all-league first team honor recipient, finished the men's 10K in 10th place, leading the pack for the Bulldogs. Out of 29 teams, the Bulldog men finished 15th as a unit.

Holowaty gave a lot of credit for the team's success to Head Coach Jared Kelsh, claiming Kelsh's passion and love for the sport is what keeps the team running.

"I am very excited to see how this team develops and progresses after my graduation," Holowaty said. "I have some high hopes for these guys and I know that they won't disappoint."

One of "those guys" is junior Damien Halverson, a second-team all-conference runner who is usually on the heels of Holowaty when it comes to finishing races. Hal-



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Both the men and women's teams finished off their season with strong performances in the NCAA Division II Midwest Region Cross Country Championship, placing 14th. This doesn't quite match last year's ninth place finish, though.

erson was disappointed in his performance at the Midwest Regional but said that he is looking forward to the future with six of the top seven runners returning next year.

"I'm hoping that the other three juniors and I can come together and run well as a pack next year," Halverson said. "It will be our last season together and I would love to be a part of the first team to go to nationals since 2012."

For the Bulldog men's team, 2012 marked the end of a 27-year stretch since the last time they qualified for nationals.

"It obviously takes all seven guys and I'm really banking on the freshmen having the experience of their first season to propel into next year and I'm confident they will run well next fall," Halverson said.

As for the women, they placed eighth out of 18 teams overall in the Midwest Regional. The top performer for the women, sophomore Kathryn Etelamaki, placed 12th out of a pool of 147 runners. Etelamaki said that their top

seven runners finished with season bests but now they look toward track season.

"We have some quick freshmen this year with incredible mid-distance speed," Etelamaki said. "We have a lot of potential this year and with the help of our coach, we will accomplish more in the next indoor and outdoor seasons."

As a sophomore, Etelamaki has a couple of seasons left but the Bulldog women will be saying goodbye to seniors Kelly Babcock and Natalie Perry.

"These aren't small losses, Kelly adds such a fun element and is looked up to on the team," Etelamaki said. "Natalie is the toughest athlete I know, she has run through ten stress fractures. They will both be missed next cross season."

With over ten returners to the women's cross-country team in 2018, Etelamaki said she's excited to see what they can accomplish with experience under their belts.

The men and women Dawgs will be back to their running ways when the track and field season begins in December.



Damien Halverson

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

People 60 and older should take a comprehensive, practical driving exam every two years to renew their license.

I know some people will automatically write me off as being a bad person or an ageist for saying this but there are a lot of reasons that I have this opinion, and one of them literally ended up in my front yard this past weekend.

Allow me to back up first though. I was planning to write this piece after I almost got T-boned in the Meijer parking lot by an elderly man that shot out of his spot with no regard for the people around him. To make it worse, he didn't respond at all to my car horn or seem to be able to see very well over his dash board, almost clipping the cart corral a few yards down. This has happened to all of us at one point or another.

However, what pushed me to write about it this week was what happened Saturday afternoon. My boyfriend had taken our car to work and I was sitting on my couch, watching "Gilmore Girls" and getting some homework done. Then out of nowhere, there is squealing, crashing and a huge bang outside my apartment, which is in an old house.

I ran outside to find two cars with smashed front ends scattered along my street, and one sitting about 50 feet away from my front steps with huge dents on both sides. The driver of this car looked to be in his late 70s. I called 911 and long story short, he suffered a minor head wound, everybody else was generally okay and all the cars were towed away within an hour or so.

Looking at the scene though, it was clear who caused the accident. I live at the corner

of an intersection with a two-way stop. The older man didn't stop, and he got clipped on both sides by oncoming traffic. What struck me the most was when the driver of one of the cars—a driver who was going about her day and who didn't do anything wrong—unloaded her child from a car seat so they could tow her vehicle away.

This is not ageism. There are numerous studies that show that older people are more prone to cardiac issues, joint pain, slowed response time, decreased vision and hearing, loss of flexibility and reflexes and even side-effects from medication, like drowsiness.

According to a study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, drivers 65 and older are more likely to get in traffic accidents than younger drivers, and furthermore, fatality rates for those

older than 85 are four times higher than teen drivers. Yet all of the propaganda, hoop-jumping and exorbitant insurance rates fall on young people.

I'm not saying that no person older than 60 should be let on the road; I completely understand the loss of freedom that is not allowing an adult to drive. We went through it with my grandmother. But having them take a ten second eye test every four years isn't cutting it.

I think that a practical solution is to have elderly people take the same test that teen drivers are required to take and have them do it more often to prove that they still have the ability to properly control their vehicles under the supervision of a qualified examiner.

# Politicizing tragedy

## Why the United States of America will never truly be united

It has been 292 days since President Trump took office and for about 292 days I've heard the words "not my president" over and over again.

These words are always followed by a retaliating phrase like, "He was elected, grow up and deal with it."

For 292 days, more than half the country has been marching the streets, protesting and getting involved with politics, while the rest of the country has been making idiotic claims about how we need to unite this country and come together as a whole.

Our country is not united. In fact, if we were separated any further we'd probably be having a second civil war.

Ironically, they say that tragedy is supposed to unite people by bringing them closer together in a time of need. But our country uses tragedy to divide us.

Why don't we take a look at a few examples and start with the massacre in Las Vegas last month that left more than 50 people dead and more than 500 wounded.



Harley Harrison  
News Editor

Immediately, before the death toll was even finalized, before we knew who the shooter was and before families even knew whether or not their loved ones were safe, the entire country was arguing. Half of the country was arguing for more gun control while the other half was preaching about not politicizing tragedy.

As Trevor Noah recently pointed out in his program "The Daily Show," we all politicize tragedies, as long as they support our arguments.

In the aftermath of the deadly Las Vegas Shooting, Fox News host Sean Hannity dismissed the politicization.

"In the midst of tragedy, the rush to politicize the worst shooting in American history

is shameful. Now, the left has no shame," Hannity said.

But then the Manhattan Massacre happened.

An immigrant drove a truck into a bicycle lane, killing eight and injuring more than ten. Now half the country is enraged by the lack of vetting for immigrants while the other half thinks that politics should be separate from tragedy.

People such as Hannity changed their tune.

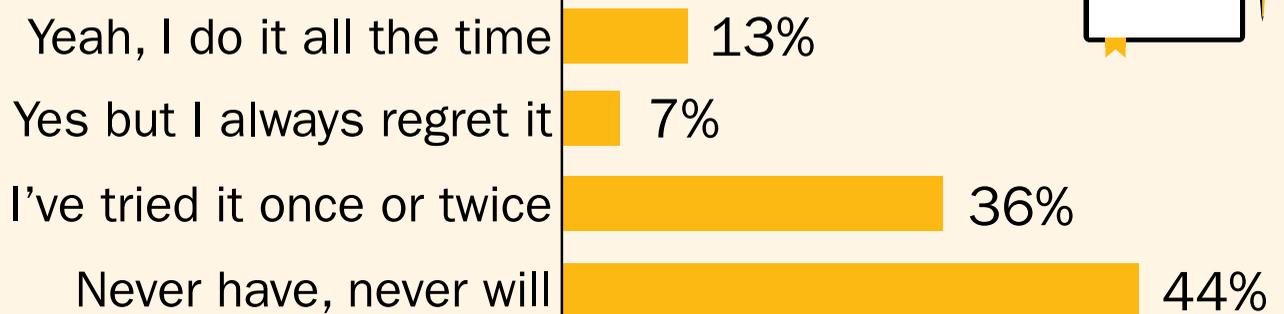
"What about people that are here that we never vetted? You can't even vet people who aren't here without being called racist and Islamophobic," Hannity said.

I know that these tragedies are examples and give reason for change but can't we spend time grieving before we start fighting? Can't we take the time to honor the innocent lives that were lost?

There are a lot of reasons why we as a nation are not united but politicizing tragedies is definitely one of them.

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# In need of some love



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Production Manager

## Williams Auditorium in desperate need of renovations

I have been a musician my whole life, so performing and attending concerts and shows has always been something I have enjoyed.

I love visiting different performance halls and theaters and seeing the architecture of each one. In my opinion, Ferris' auditorium is very underwhelming and quite honestly, annoying to be in.

Williams Auditorium is one of the few buildings on campus that students and the community both use regularly but it feels like it hasn't been renovated since it was built.

First off, it is nearly impossible to hear anything in this auditorium, especially during musicals.

When I went to see Nick Offerman earlier this year, I waited in line super early so I could get a good seat three rows back in the middle. After the show, I talked with a friend who was way in the back and she said she could barely hear anything. Every seat should be the best seat in the house.

Speaking of the seats, they are super uncomfortable. They are lumpy, bumpy and feel like they are the original seats from when the auditorium was first built. Sitting there for an entire concert or show can be painful. I can almost feel the springs in the seat wanting to pop through the fabric.

My father came out see the musical and had to change seats because the one he had chosen was, for lack of a better word, "unsittable." There may be 1644 seats there but there are really only a couple hundred that are halfway decent to sit in.

Generally, I run cold—that's just how my body temperature likes to be. But when I'm performing, whether it be in a concert or a musical, the lights will warm up the stage to insane temperatures. It seems that it is just the opposite in Williams. Even when I am sitting in the audience with hundreds of other people around me, I am cold.

Last year the university approved plans to renovate several different buildings on campus and Williams was nowhere on that list. Is it too much to ask for a good place to perform?

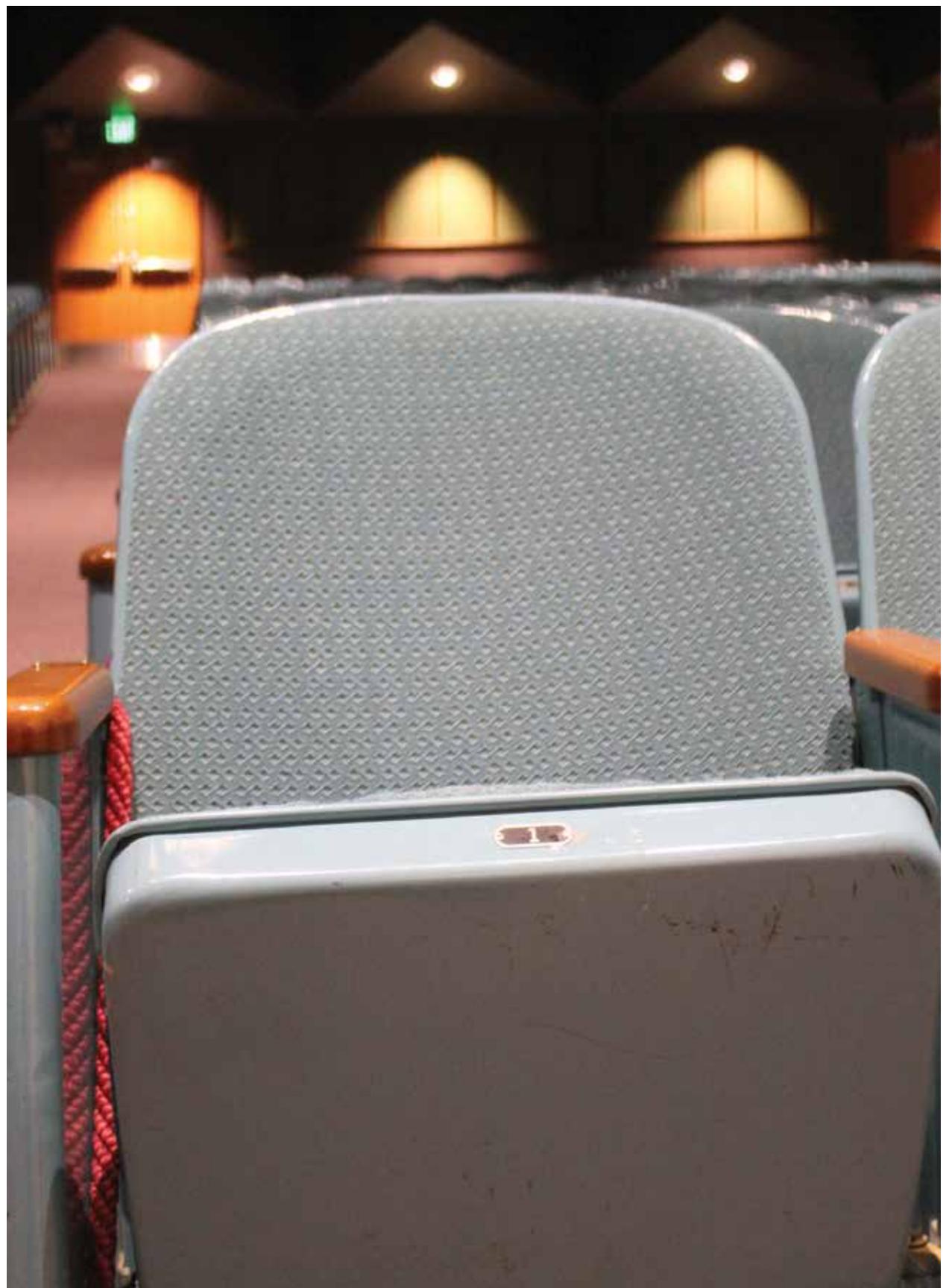


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Williams Auditorium leaves something to be desired for many audience members in terms of both acoustics and comfort.

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