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## The Big Director



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Ferris students Alison Jarabeck (left) and Allison Caister (right) take a break from yard work during the Big Event this past weekend, where Ferris students went into Big Rapids and the surrounding communities to lend a helping hand.

### *Amanda Jewell directs 1,600 students in Big Event*

**Mari Ann Loucks**  
Ferris State Torch

The Big Event needs big leadership, and this year, Amanda Jewell provided that to the annual public service event. The Big Event started with a team check-in and the opening ceremony at 8:45 a.m. on April 18. As volunteers gathered at Top Taggart Field, the weather was warm and the sun was shining. Participants went to local homes and did yard

work, such as painting, trimming hedges and raking leaves. Amanda Jewell is a 22-year-old Health Care Systems Administration major at Ferris from Marion Springs. Jewell knew she wanted to help with the success of the Big Event after volunteering for it two years ago with her sorority, Lambda Kappa Sigma. Jewell joined Student Government as a representative so she could get more involved with the event.



**Amanda Jewell**  
Volunteer

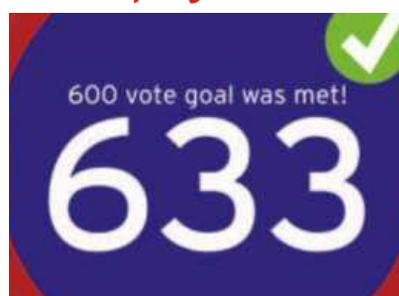
in the fall of 2013 and I was reap-

“I became involved with the Big Event because I truly enjoy helping people. I was appointed to be the director in pointed to be the director again for this past Big Event,” said Jewell. This year, there were 1,631 students that participated in the Big Event. That is the highest number of individuals to participate since the Big Event started at Ferris in 2007. “I think more students participated because they now are understanding the impact it has throughout the community. It’s the largest student run philanthropic event in the state of

Michigan, so younger individuals come to campus knowing about it already and want to participate,” said Jewell. “I think organizations really encourage their members to participate, which boosts our numbers as well.” There is an extreme amount of planning, year-round, that goes into the Big Event and Jewell says the outcome is well worth it once she sees the impact the event has on the community. When she isn’t plan-

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Full election results and a chat with SGA President-elect Wayne Bersano

#### Sports page 13

Ferris sophomore pitcher Stacy Thompson hurled her first career collegiate no-hitter against Lake Superior State to earn a series sweep against the Lakers this past weekend and earned Top Dawg Honors.



**Stacy Thompson**  
Ferris Softball, Pitcher

# Ferris Fest Outlook

## What to expect this weekend at Ferris Fest

Jennifer Corrie  
Ferris State Torch

Get pumped Ferris students, because the biggest concert on campus is right around the corner.

Performances for this year include main stage headliners Mayer Hawthorne, Big K.R.I.T., Flint Eastwood and Through the Crowd. On second stage are headliners the Balsam Brothers, D'arin, DJ Choff, Heavy T & the Woodiez and Oshea.

The second stage acts all feature at least one current Ferris student and were voted on by a committee of students, faculty and Entertainment Unlimited members.

"Mayer Hawthorne is a mix of genres, like soul, a bit of funk and a hint of hip hop. K.R.I.T. is a rapper and hip hop artist," said Lola Schultz, a junior in music industry management and Ferris Fest coordinator.

Along with Schultz, music industry management junior Bryan Hinrichs serves as coordinator for Ferris Fest. With the help of Entertainment Unlimited, Schultz and Hinrichs planned the entire event, from booking the artists to

coordinating food and activities. Schultz explained the musical style of the other Ferris Fest acts.

"Through the Crowd is an alternative band, The Balsam Brothers are country, D'arin is a rapper, and DJ Choff is electronic music. Heavy T & the Woodiez are an alternative band as well, and Oshea is a rapper. Flint



Lola Schultz  
Ferris State University

Eastwood is a hard one to describe, but they call themselves a spaghetti western band," said Schultz. Aside from live music, there will be numerous booths set up by RSOs and local businesses with activities and giveaways. For activities, there will be an inflatable obstacle course, a henna artist, a balloon artist, a photo booth and an ice cream bar. Ferris Fest will also feature something brand new called The High Five program.

In collaboration with the Bulldog Sustainability Alliance, the High Five program is promoting positivity and being environmentally friendly at Ferris Fest.

"They basically just encourage people to be good festival goers," said Schultz. "To recycle and pick up their trash. We'll have people staffed at trash areas. Every time someone picks up a piece of trash to put in the bins, they'll get a high-five sticker."

Students can write their name and number on the stickers and take them to the Bulldog Sustainability Alliance and High Five program's booth tented into drawings. Throughout the day, they'll be drawing names for all of these prizes, including gift cards and we're working on getting artist signatures and t-shirts," said Schultz.

"That's one thing I'm really excited about, because Ferris Fest actually used to be a celebration of Earth day, and it's kind of cool to bring it back to its roots."

It all goes down this Saturday, April 25, starting at noon and ending at 6 p.m. in the Quad area, with rain location in Wink Arena.

## Ferris Fest 2015 Line-up

### Second Stage

### TIMES

OSHEA	12:05-12:30
HEAVY T and the WOODIEZ	12:35-1:00
DJ CHOFF	1:55-2:20
D'ARIN	3:05-3:30
THE BALSAM BROTHERS	4:20-4:50

### Main Stage

THROUGH THE CROWD	1:10-1:55
FLINT EASTWOOD	2:20-3:05
BIG K.R.I.T.	3:35-4:20
MAYER HAWTHORNE	5:00-6:00

# "I do"

## Debate on same sex marriage

Mari Ann Loucks  
Ferris State Torch

The Secular Student Alliance, the Truth Discovery Project and the Political Science Association are hosting a debate with the question, should same-sex marriage be legal in the United States?

The event will take place on April 22, in the University Center 202 from 6-9 p.m. The event is free for students and community members to attend.

The debaters will be Justin Schieber from the Reasonable Doubts Radio Show & Podcast and David Kallman of the Great Lakes Justice Center. The moderator will be Daniel Underwood from the Political Science Association. The Secular Student Alliance encourages healthy debates, so students will be able to ask questions after the debate.

"The Secular Student Alliance specifically picked Justin Schieber to be one of the debaters because we have worked with him before and he is a very intelligent man who is very knowledgeable on many topics. David Kallman was picked by the Truth Discovery Project. He is an attorney out of Lansing and from what we know, he is a very intelligent man and a great debater," said Corinne Staten, vice president of the Secular Student Alliance.

Staten went on to say that the topic of the debate was

decided by the Secular Student Alliance because equal rights are an issue that the Alliance cares about, and they wanted to become known as a group of accepting students.

"With all of our debates, we hope to achieve a more enlightened audience. We always bring both sides of an issue to our events so with 'I Do,' we are bringing in both sides: someone who agrees that everyone should have the right to marry who they love and someone who is against it for their religious reasons," said Staten. "Though Ferris is accepting of the LGBTQA community, in a way, there is a long way to go before I could truly say it is accepting."

The debate provides the opportunity for students to hear both sides of a common debate in our society and calmly discuss it in an accepting environment.

For more information, contact Steven Beckon, president of the Secular Student Alliance, at beckons@ferris.edu or fsusecularstudent@gmail.com.

### Same-sex Marriage

Where: UC 202

When: April 22

(Today), 6-9 pm

What: Same sex marriage debate

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## The Big Event director and the community impact on Big Rapids

ning the Big Event, Jewell likes to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the outdoors.

When asked how much time and effort she puts into the Big Event, Jewell said she couldn't even calculate, or take a guess. "The Big Event is successfully completed by working year-round on tasks and other details that make the event possible. It is quite time consuming but worth it in the end."

The Co-Director of the Big Event, public relations junior Kaitlyn Patrick, says she was very lucky to work alongside Jewell.

"I was very fortunate to have Amanda as a mentor to mold me into the next Director of the Big Event. She has put so much heart into this project and I truly

think those types of leaders that hold passion are what make an event great, especially the Big Event at Ferris," said Patrick.

"I love the Big Event at Ferris because it allows students to show their true appreciation and gratitude to Big Rapids residents. Planning the Big Event allows me to speak with kind individuals who are more than grateful for the help they receive," said Jewell. "It just warms my heart to hear an elderly woman explain how much the little bit of help we provide impacts her life. I really love to help others and the Big Event is the perfect opportunity to make such a difference."

# TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

**Dylan Peters**  
Opinions Editor

### Same sex marriage debate

On Wednesday, April 22, the Secular Student Alliance with the Truth Discovery Project and the Political Science Association will be hosting a debate on the topic of legalizing same-sex marriage from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### Money Smart

Money Smart Week events will continue this week with Loan Repayment: Steps for Success on Wednesday, April 22, Auto Finance 101 on Thursday, April 23, and Foundations of Investing on Friday, April 24 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Ferris Fest

Ferris Fest will be taking place on Saturday, April 25 from noon to 6 p.m. Ferris Fest will be headlined by Big K.R.I.T. and Mayer Hawthorne.

The event is scheduled to stretch from noon until 6 pm. five other bands will also join in, including The Balsam Brothers, D'Arin and DJ Choff.

### Student Government GALA

All Student Government members will be honored for their hard work and dedication on Tuesday, April 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Stolen underwear and flaming balls

*A round-up of this week's crime across the FSU campus*

**Devin Anderson**  
News Editor

### Stolen underwear

April 14, 3:05 pm, officers investigated a theft complaint in Cramer Hall. Two suspects were identified having stolen two pairs of underwear as part of a fraternity prank and referred to the office of student conduct.

### Tennis ball fire

April 11, 2:05 am, officers assisted the township fire department at the Racquet and Fitness Center, where flames were seen emanating from heating units with tennis balls lodged inside. A similar incident occurred on March 24.

### Hit and run

April 10, 5:30 pm, report of a hit and run accident in Lot 1.

### Fraud

April 10, 6:00 pm, a student reported to DPS that they were contacted by a fake company asking for money.

### Impounded vehicle

April 10, 8:45 pm, officers stopped a vehicle in Lot 1 for not having functioning tail lights. The vehicle was impounded the driver ticketed for driving with an improper plate.

### Operating while intoxicated

April 10, 11:40 pm, officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for an improper turn. The driver was found to be intoxicated and lodged in the county jail for OWI.

### Improper plate

April 11, 3:20 pm, officers stopped a vehicle on State Street and ticketed the driver for an improper plate.

### Marijuana in ECA

April 11, 11:55 pm, officers investigated a marijuana complaint at East Campus Apartments. Residents were referred to the office of student conduct.

### Marijuana in Travis

April 12, 12:40 am, offi-



cers investigated a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. One student was referred to the office of student conduct.

### Theft at Oakwood

April 12, 2:30 am, officers assisted the sheriff's department at Oakwood Apartments, where subjects were reported to have been breaking into cars. Subjects were not located.

### Confiscated knife

April 12, 4:00 pm, report of a student with a handgun. Investigation revealed that the object in question was a knife resembling a gun. The knife was confiscated and the student referred to the

office of student conduct.

### More marijuana in Travis

April 12, 9:50 pm, officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. Two students were referred to the office of student conduct.

### Debit card Fraud

April 13, 5:35 pm, officers investigated a fraud complaint involving a debit card in Bond Hall. The investigation continues.

### Marijuana in WCA

April 14, 10:30 am, officers investigated a marijuana complaint at West Campus Apartments. Students were referred to the office of student conduct.

### Car accident

April 14, 6:00 pm, report of a two-car accident in Lot 11.

### Hit and run

April 16, 9:15 am, officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 1.

### Peanut butter-smear vehicle

April 16, 10:30 am, report of a damaged vehicle in Lot 26. The unknown culprit had spread peanut butter on the parked car.

### Hit and run

April 16, 6:05 pm, officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 1.

### Open alcohol

April 17, 12:55 am, officers stopped a vehicle on Ives Ave for

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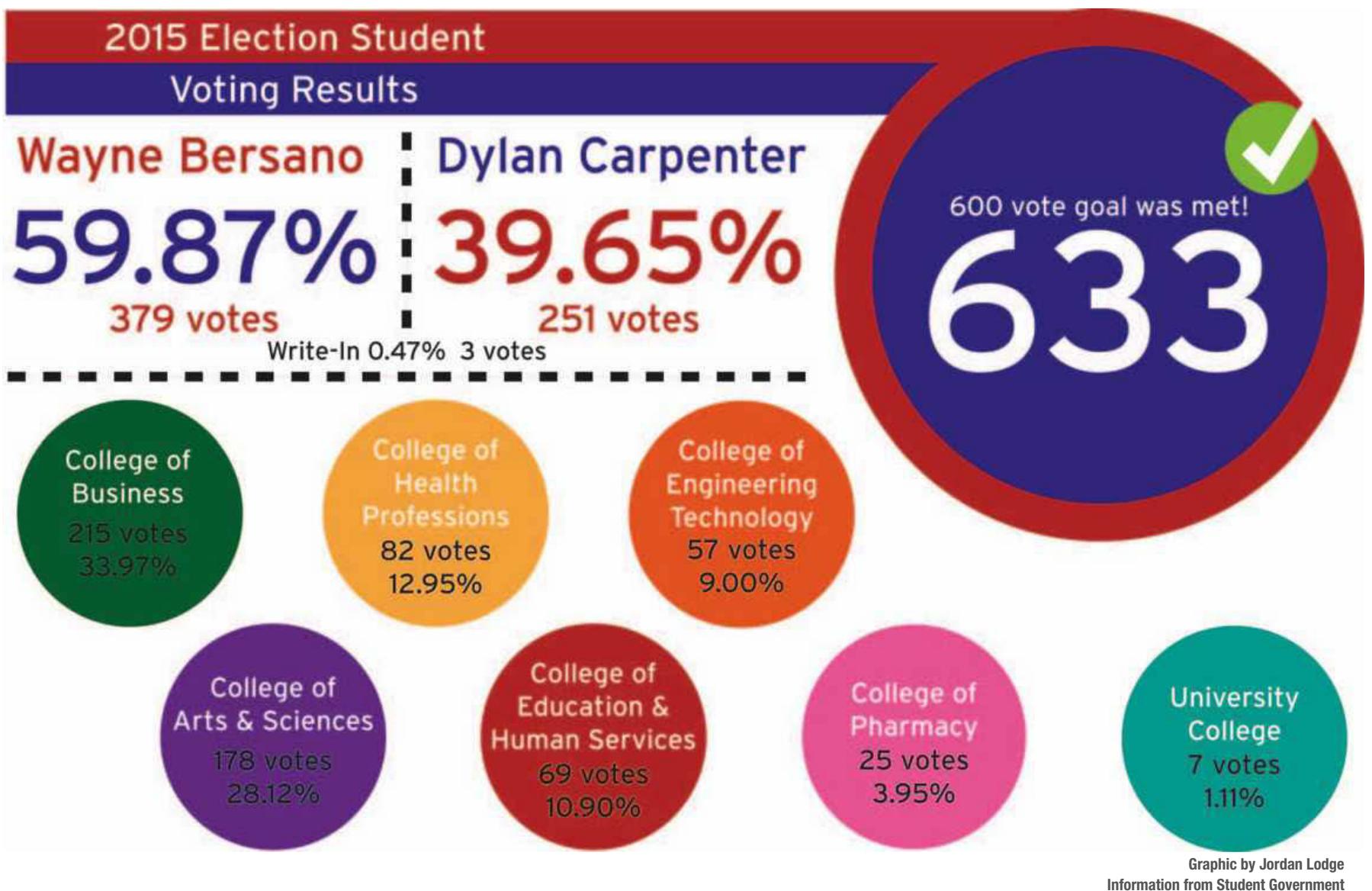
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# Student Gov's "always smiling" new face



## President-elect Wayne Bersano envisions five-year plan

Devin Anderson  
Ferris State Torch

Student Government's president serves as the face of Ferris' student body to the University administration and Big Rapids community. For the 2015-16 academic year, that face will be a happy one.

It was announced last week that resort and hospitality management sophomore Wayne Bersano won the Student Government presidential election. Bersano, Student Government's current vice president, won with 379 votes over junior psychology major Dylan Carpenter.

"I'm always smiling and saying 'hi.' I like talking and being around people," said Bersano. "We really have something special at Ferris. The diversity is

so rich and when everyone comes together, that makes for a good, friendly environment."



Wayne Bersano  
Sophomore, Hospitality

Bersano campaigned this semester from Germany, where he is taking courses in international relations and international business. He will return to the states in July.

In addition to the presidential election, Student Government senators were also voted for through OrgSync. Kaitlyn Patrick won for the College of Business, Lindsey Berndt for the

College of Arts and Sciences, Andrew Milkey for the College of Engineering and Technology and Chris Cipko for the College of Health Professions.

Under the leadership of current President Andrew Kalinowski, Student Government has increased representation in student and community organizations to promote collaboration. Bersano plans to continue increasing comradery among organizations and in Big Rapids.

"There is power in numbers. It's good to have student representation within Student Government," said Bersano.

Bersano feels that his current position as Vice President of Student Government and his coursework in resort and hospitality management have helped prepare him nicely

for his upcoming presidency.

"It's not about managing people. That does play a role in being a manager, but you also need to lead and inspire the people you work with," said Bersano. "I never want to take all the credit for myself. I want to collaborate and not lead aggressively."

Bersano said that he'd like to start a five year plan for Student Government modeled after Ferris' master plan. A committee will draft the plan for next year with input from any interested student organizations.

"It would create a consistency every year when a new president is elected. Then they have something to work toward," said Bersano. "I'm really excited to find out what the students want to see happen on campus. There is a lot that

we can accomplish over time."

Bersano also mentioned that one of his goals is to expand Ferris' annual community service project, The Big Event, even further than it has already grown. He wants to see more entertainment, more food and increased funding through sponsorships.

About the election, Bersano said there are no hard feelings between he and Carpenter, who is currently Student Government's parliamentary and a voting member on the Finance Division.

"We've already been talking and working together since the election happened," said Bersano. "It was never a head-to-head campaign. At the end of the day, we're still going to work together and be a team."

Bersano was inaugurated via Skype on April 20.

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# Helping students spend your money

## Updates on funding for student organizations

**Megan Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

At their Monday meeting, Student Government unanimously approved several measures to update their Rules of Appropriation and Allocation to make it easier for RSOs on campus to receive money to cover events and travelling expenses.

Dylan Carpenter, Student Government parliamentarian, wrote the legislation for the amendments.

"I like taking people's ideas and being able to put them into words, because a lot of people are like, 'Well, this is what I want to do. How do I say that?'" Carpenter said. "Writing this legislation, I know that it will be there for a while and I know it will impact students. It's really rewarding."

The Finance Division of Student Government conceived these amendments out of concern that they have been unable to give away all of their available funding to RSOs this year.

Finance Division's Student Activity Fund is comprised of the \$20 student activity fee that each student pays as part of their tuition. This comes to a total of approximately \$290,000 each school year.

The student activity fee was established at Ferris in 1990 at \$7.50. Funds were allocated to organizations by the Student Activities Fund Allocation Committee, which later became the Finance Division.

According to Carpenter, there

has been an immense rollover budget of the Student Activity Fund from last school year to this school year and Student Government will face the same issue next year.

According to Carman Plank, director of the Finance Division, said the biggest question they needed to answer was, "What can we do to get organizations to use this money?"

"Ultimately, that's what that money is there for," Plank said. "It's for organizations to use, because they pay that money. It's their money. So we want to figure out how we can give it back to them in a variety of different ways, whether that's going on travel or that's putting on events on campus."

In the updated Rules of Appropriation and Allocation, the Finance Division proposed 16 revisions to their current policy, which will take effect starting in the 2015/16 academic year.

"Andrew [Kalinowski, 2014/15 Student Government president] and I sat down with all 5 of the Finance Division advisors and we had this conversation," Plank said. "It was a 3-hour meeting and it was a great discussion. We came up with probably 30 things that could possibly be changed."

One of the changes proposed involves allowing RSOs to request funds for multiple events during just one Student Government meeting. Currently, RSOs are only able to present one request per meeting, which can slow down the planning

process if they are attempting to fund multiple events. The timelines for presenting requests also will be shortened.

Another measure will help student groups to fund off-campus travelling expenses. RSOs are currently able to request only 50%, but the measure will allow them to request 100% of the necessary money.

The new Rules of Appropriation and Allocation will also allow for the Student Activities Fund to finance philanthropic events and allot more money to the Club Sports Council.

"Before the next cabinet and the next president take office next term, the very last thing this current executive board is doing is making these changes for the RAA to hopefully better this student body," Kalinowski said.

"We're hoping that people will put on a lot of quality events here on campus," Plank said, "and obviously with 'quality' comes more money being involved. We're hoping that will help not only enrich the lives of the student organizations that are doing it, but also the quality here on campus and give people more options to go to different events."



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Something about my culture I've realized is that we are extremely close to our extended family.

**Brian Ngyuen**  
Ferris State University  
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# College: The Do's and the Dont's

## Students share their knowledge on what to do in college

**Andrea Lenhart**  
Ferris State Torch

Ferris freshman Domonique Ferguson wishes she knew that not everyone was going to be her friend when she got to college.

There are plenty of movies that might give an incoming freshman false implications of what college is like. There are informational books about how to survive in college, but even those are never 100 percent enough.

Freshmen want to learn the do's and don'ts as soon as possible, but most tend to get caught

up in all the freedom. Even upperclassmen are still learning.



**Domonique Ferguson**  
Ferris State University

friend, and everyone doesn't have your best interest at heart,"

psychology junior Ferguson said. "Weed out the people that only want to hang around you for something that you can offer them, other than friendship."

According to Ferguson, the saying "show me your friends, and I'll show you my future" is what helped her come to this realization.

While not everyone will be your friend, it is important to get out and make at least some friends when coming to a new school.

"Don't get stuck in your dorm room or apartment because I know many people that just sit

around all day, and I know many people that are never in their room and are always out doing something,"



**Neal Cortright**  
Ferris State University

ple that are enjoying

their college experience."

It is important to have friends and hangout, but school work always come first according to Cortright.

Ferguson agreed that going out isn't paramount to the responsibility of school.

"You may be failing all your classes, but your friends might be passing all theirs and they try get you to go out to party - don't do it," said Ferguson. "Find friends that ask if you have all your work done before you turn up."

According to health care information management junior

# Asian Pacific American heritage month

## What does it mean to be an Asian American at Ferris?



Submitted Photo

Members of the Asian Student Organization participated in the Big Event this last weekend.

**Hailey Klingel**  
Ferris State Torch

Asian American motivational speaker (and American Ninja Warrior finalist) Hoan Do will be coming to Ferris today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. “He’ll do a motivational speech and talk about expe-

riences on how to succeed in life as Asian Americans since we are a smaller minority here in Big Rapids,” said diagnostic medical sonography senior and president of the Asian Student Organization (ASO) Erica Chau. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month lasts the whole month of May and is a time to remember and commemo-

rate Asian Americans. However, since Ferris gets out of school in early May, there is generally one big event at the end of April to celebrate here.



**Erica Chau**  
Ferris State University

“It’s really just time for us to celebrate how our immigrants came here, which is really important for us because if they didn’t come here, we wouldn’t be here either,” Chau said.

ASO is also going to prepare and serve authentic Asian food after Do’s speech. By now, students might have grown tired of eating at the Rock all year, so this is a great opportunity

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# RSO Spotlight

## Student Michigan Education Association

**Hailey Klingel**  
Ferris State Torch

If you have kids in the future, the students in Ferris’ Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA) might be the ones teaching them every day.

Ferris’ chapter of SMEA was established this fall, but has been an “underground” RSO for about three years, according to President Padric Bolen.

“We’ve been trying to get the ball rolling and start a foundation,” said Bolen, who’s studying social studies elementary education at Ferris and student teaching at Morley Stanwood Community Schools. “So we’ve been motivated, we’ve been productive and we get stuff done, which is awesome.”

SMEA raises awareness about education topics not taught in the classroom through activities such as attending conferences and hosting professional development events.

All of the members are current college students, so they use their personal experiences as insight to improve education.

“I grew up with, like, no money whatsoever, and I was always looked down upon for that and was told I wasn’t going to go anywhere,” social studies and science education senior Ashley Thorson said. “And as an educator, I don’t want other students to go through that. I want their teachers to be able to believe in themselves and believe in their students and help them get over any obstacles they might face.”

Social studies and history education senior Paul Gjeljaj is currently a full-time student, while also teaching 8th grade at Morley Stanwood before he graduates in May. He said the fact that teachers spend more

time with their students than a lot of other people in their lives is a reason he wants to live up to his teaching potential.

“I think having a positive role model in the classroom can really change some kids’ lives, as corny as that is,” Gjeljaj said. “I have some students where you just know they’re having a hard time at home, and I can tell that, and being uplifting or positive to them can change how they act that day. Or they could be like, ‘Remember five years ago when you taught us this?’ or ‘I got this right on Trivia Crack because of what you said!’ Little things like that. I know it’s not big but it’s some positive reinforcement in their



**Padric Bolen**  
Ferris State University

life.” Even though SMEA is a newer RSO, its members love the effect it’s had on

their Ferris experience.

“I think it has grown and we’ve become quite good friends,” elementary education senior Cierra Friesen said. “We hang out even not in the group. It’s made my college experience more enjoyable. I’ve branched out and I’m more open and happy.”

In the future, SMEA is planning on getting together with local schools to fix them up and collaborating with local libraries for book drives.

SMEA is hoping to expand and add more members in the future.

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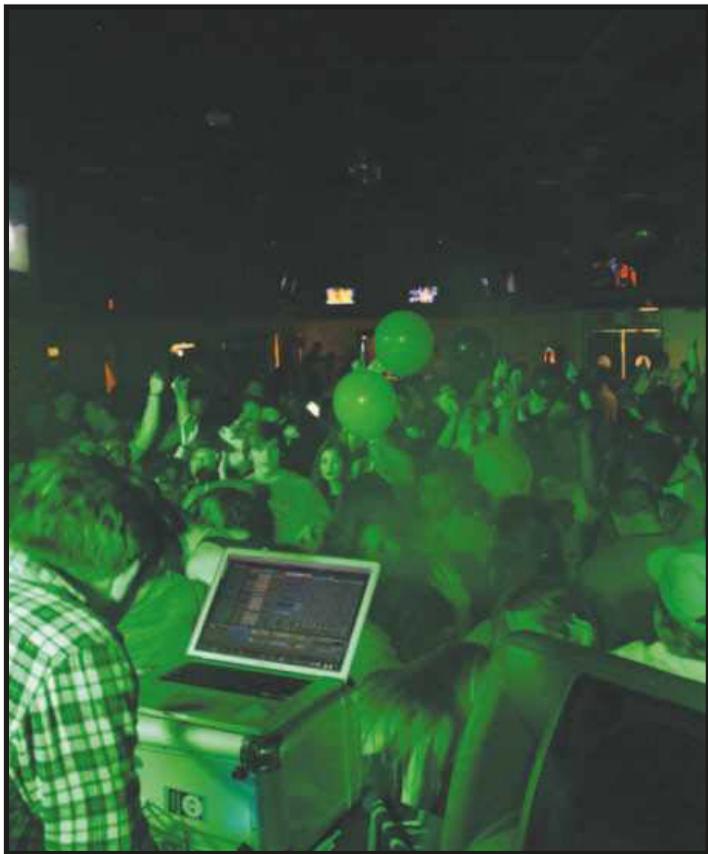


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Students enjoy Turn Up The Good, an EDM concert held at the Gate.



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## Students say to get involved on campus

Makaila Richardson, it is important to be responsible in college.

“Don’t spend your refund check all in one week,” Richardson said. “Don’t get sloppy drunk and experiment because that is when things get bad, and the cops get involved. Stay focused and pay attention in class, otherwise you will have to make up classes and it is not cheap.”

According to Cortright, one

very important “do” at Ferris State University, is to eat at the new University Center rather than the Rock, because the University Center serves breakfast later in the day.

Ferguson suggested that for freshman and students that have been here for a while to start supporting Ferris State Athletics.

One thing that these three students agreed on is that stu-

dents have to put themselves out there to meet new people.

“Students should be willing to go out to events, but they aren’t. They complain that there is nothing to do, but there is a lot to do, they just have to be willing to look at the calendar and events,” said Richardson.

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## Asian American students share experiences at Ferris

for us to try something new.

“People will get a feel for what true Asian dishes are like, not like Chinese food from the UC or stuff like that,” Chau said. “So it’ll be nice to be cultured with food as well as just our culture in general.”

Pre-pharmacy sophomore Brian Nguyen said this event will be a good experience for people to hear of the challenges Asian Americans face and how they adapt to them.

“In high school, I played a lot of sports and did a lot of activities,” Nguyen said. “And on the football field, the wrestling mat, and the track, people would sometimes be like, ‘You don’t belong here, go back to studying,’ and things like that. So that’s just something I’ve seen—just how a lot of things are underestimations and stereotypes.”

ASO gives Ferris Asian Americans a place to come together through their commonalities and differences and create positive relationships and experiences. Unifying cultures “through the promotion of pride and awareness” is how Chau explained ASO’s goal.

“Since a lot of our members have very traditional parents, there are problems that they would face with their families in general that most people wouldn’t understand, so it’s also nice for that,” pre-

pharmacy sophomore and ASO member Caitlin Loc said.

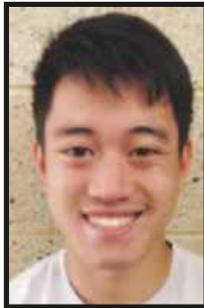
According to Nguyen, many Asian Americans actually experience exceptional closeness with their family compared to other cultures.

“Something about my culture I’ve realized is that we are extremely close to our extended family compared to normal culture,” Nguyen said. “I absolutely love that I know my fourth cousin like a brother.”

Ultimately, Ferris’ Asian Americans love their culture and want to share with the rest of the campus all it has to offer.

“I embrace it, and I love who I am and what I do,” Ngyuen said.

Ferris’ Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration event will be April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in IRC 120.



**Brian Nguyen**  
Sophomore Pre-Pharm

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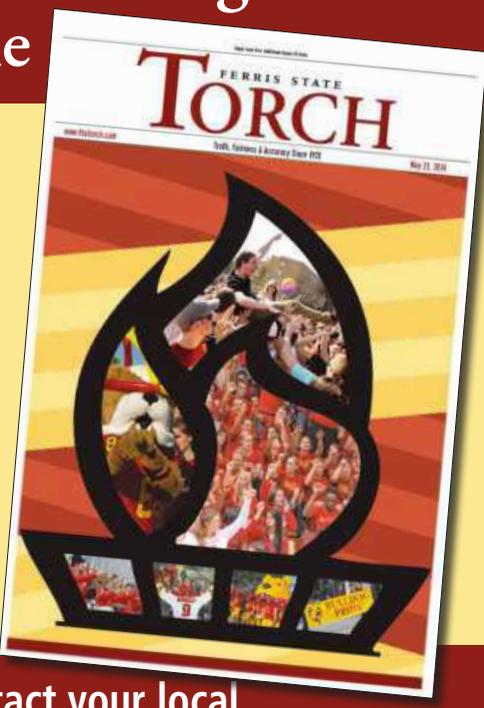
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## Media Minute Supernatural



**Sarah Force**  
Lifestyles Editor

"I think dad wants us to pick up where he left off, you know? Saving people, hunting things; the family business."

That is the iconic quote spoken by Dean Winchester that captures the heart of what has become one of the most popular TV show series today.

Supernatural is a story that began in September of 2005 about the two very attractive, yet super badass Winchester brothers traveling the United States hunting and killing the supernatural creatures that are claiming the lives of innocents.

Now you're probably thinking this show is a complete wackjob, but hear me out. I know it sounds very "dungeons and dragons," but I wasn't into that kind of stuff either.

Supernatural literally has it all. You got your super hunky stars for the sex appeal, Jensen Ackles as Dean Winchester and Jared Padalecki as Sam Winchester. You got your hardcore action scenes with various types of weapons and amazing kill shots—numerous in every episode.

There's obviously a horror element with the blood, gore, and terrifying creatures that emerge in each episode. It's suspenseful, mysterious, and thrilling. There are even

religious undertones in the storyline as well, but there is one thing that you might not expect out of this series.

It is hilarious. Between Dean's sexual, inappropriate, slightly vulgar humor and Castiel's cluelessness and lack of empathy, the show brings me to tears most times.

The show is so dynamic and innovative the way it captures all of these appeals. Each episode continuously has you on your seat, wondering what type of monster they're going to kill next and what it will take to, as Dean would say, "gank it."

Each season starts with a main goal, and each episode takes you through multiple states, adventures, and creatures on your way to fight the big boss at the end.

You'll see your normal monsters such as demons, angels, zombies, vampires, werewolves, and ghosts. But they don't stop there. Have you ever heard of a Leviathan? How about a Changeling? Hellhounds? Rugaru? Wendigo? Djinn?

I think the coolest part about Supernatural is that there is a true aspect to every episode. I've Googled some of the monsters on the show, and there is actually ancient lore on them that exists. It's beyond interesting, and it just might make you wonder what is really lurking out there in the dark.

# Modern love Baggage



**Sarah Force**  
Lifestyles Editor

Everyone has baggage. Whether your baggage is an ex that always resurfaces, a dark past or anxiety problems, we all have flaws that keep us from being the perfect partner.

I've had many people tell me that I shouldn't be with my fiancé because he has too much baggage because he has a 9 year-old daughter.

To which I countered, "I've got trust issues and abandonment issues. I'm super needy and a stage 5 clinger. I'm a cry baby, but I will fight like Rocky. I have raging OCD and I'm a neat freak. I'm impatient, stubborn, and I hate being wrong. So if you want to talk about baggage, I'm the epitome of everything you wouldn't want in a girlfriend."

Just because my "baggage" doesn't take on the form of an actual person from a previous life or relationship doesn't mean they aren't as difficult to deal with.

Dating someone with a child is a situation that is becoming more frequent as we get older. It changes the whole dynamic of the relationship. There are several cold hard truths that I quickly realized being in this situation myself.

Mom's approval isn't the only approval you'll need. Let me

tell you something, if the kid doesn't like you, it probably won't work. It's a scary feeling when the fate of your relationship lies in such tiny hands.

The most difficult aspect of the relationship is probably the fact that the ex will never be out of the picture. If you see texts from the dreadful ex on their phone, you can't get angry or jealous. They basically get an all access pass to your significant other, waving the child in front of your faces like the golden ticket.

You will never come first. In a normal relationship, it's just the two of you. That's it. Any decision you make whether substantial or trivial, it's between the two of you. When there's a child in the mix, you have to take them into consideration when doing anything.

As the child gets older, they'll be getting more involved with school and all the sudden your dates went from nice, romantic dinners to school plays and basketball games.

Your significant other will never be yours. You share them 100% of the time both with the child and the other

parent. Your boyfriend or girlfriend is no longer "on demand." You don't get unlimited access to your own partner, and you aren't even allowed to be angry about it.

Another weird feeling is the constant reminder that the child isn't yours. You have to part-time parent someone that doesn't belong to you. It's strange because at first you don't feel like you're allowed to, like you don't have the right, but you have to.

All of the sudden you have this little person looking up to you for guidance, advice, consolation, praise, or sometimes just someone to play with. It makes you grow up pretty quick.

The best part about it though, is that you get to be this person between a parent and a friend to them. They respect you, but they also trust you and confide in you, and you will come to love that child like they are one of your own.

Then one day you wake up and realize the parties and fancy dates don't matter as much because you have your own family and that is what you've wanted all along.

So I suggest that if you enjoy being the center of someone else's world, do not date someone that has a child.

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"I'm just happy that I was able to represent Ferris and help add another championship to the list."

**Laurent Galarneau**  
Ferris State University  
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## TENNIS

# Tennis takes GLIAC title



Photo By: Therese Vainner | Photographer

The Bulldogs, who recently clinched the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Champions, will be looking ahead to this weekend when they face off in the semifinals of the GLIAC Tournament.

## Men's tennis claims FSU's fourth championship of the year

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

With a 6-3 victory over Ohio Dominican this past Sunday, the No. 47 Ferris State men's tennis team clinched the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship, and expanded their winning streak to nine consecutive matches.

The team became the fourth Bulldog squad to bring home a conference championship this athletic year, joining FSU football, men's basketball and volleyball in the trophy room.

"It's awesome to see other Ferris programs win. It's definitely a very good year for Ferris athletics. I'm just happy that I was able to represent Ferris and help add another championship to the list," senior Laurent Galarneau said.

**Chad Berryhill**  
Tennis Head Coach

Galarneau, the senior standout, has taken on the role as Ferris' ace in both singles and doubles this year, but notes the importance of every match, at every level.

"I do play the other team's best player, but I love the challenge. All the matches are worth

one point, so it's not different than playing any other spot," says Galarneau. "Everyone in the lineup has pressure to perform, but that's just part of the game. All the guys have been doing a great job so far."

With the help of his doubles partner and fellow senior Aaron Dial, the dynamic duo of Galarneau and Dial have produced some impressive results on the court, even against some of the top doubles talent in the country.

"We didn't start the year playing together, but after some adjustments from our coach with the doubles lineup, we're back at the number one spot playing together. We get along very well on the court and so far have had good results with a win against the No. 3 doubles team in the country."

With strong leadership coming from these two veterans, the team had their sights set high going into the season. A GLIAC title was at the forefront of their minds all year.

"It was our goal since the first day of practice. We knew it wasn't going to be easy, but we also knew that we had the team to do it," says Galarneau. "Now we just have to go win the conference tournament next weekend."

Now that the Bulldogs have captured their first outright conference championship since 1994, the Dawgs are looking to ride their success into the postseason.

"We'd like to finish the season and win the GLIAC Tournament title as well. I think that may put us in good position to host the NCAA Regionals," says Head Coach Chad Berryhill. "I don't think we've done that in a long time, so that would be a great

send off for the seniors and it would give us a good chance to qualify for the Sweet Sixteen, which has been our goal all year."

Recent success has not only helped to build excitement for the tennis program around campus, but it has also attracted the eye of young athletes who may one day represent the Bulldogs on the tennis court as well.

"It's really helped in recruiting. I think a lot of people see what we're doing at the regional level, the conference level and the national level. People want to be a part of teams that can win, so hopefully we can continue that in the future," says Coach Berryhill.

The Dawgs will be looking to reap the recruiting benefits of a good season, as they will be tasked with replacing some key players next year, following the

departure of seniors Galarneau, Dial and Jordan Helderman. However, they will be returning the other 11 members of the team, who have all built good experience this season, and should see further success moving forward.

Because the Dawgs were awarded a first round bye in the

conference tournament thanks to their undefeated conference season, the men's tennis team will next see action on April 25 in the GLIAC semifinals. The first serve will fly at 3:45 p.m. in Midland, Mich.



**Laurent Galarneau**  
Senior, Tennis player

### Tennis by the numbers

- Regular Season GLIAC Champions
- No.1 seeded team in GLIAC Tournament
- First round bye in GLIAC Tournament
- Overall Record: 16-5
- Conference Record: 9-0
- Nine-match Winning Streak
- Beat Northwood, who had held the GLIAC Championship since 1991
- Recorded 9-0 shutouts against Olivet Nazarene, Tiffin, Michigan Tech, Lake Superior State and Walsh

SOFTBALL

# Freshman phenom



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Freshman Sam Bates, plays outfield and pitches for the Lady Bulldogs.

## Bates makes big splash in first year at FSU

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State softball team is getting some very good play out of freshman Sam Bates.

Bates, who plays both outfield and pitches for the team, has made an immediate impact in her first season in a Dawgs' jersey. The freshman phenom has played in all 46 games for Ferris this season, and she has played well.

Bates leads the team in almost all hitting categories. She has the highest batting average on the team at .308, has an on base percentage of .408 and a slugging percentage of .508, all of which are team highs. It doesn't stop there though, Bates leads the team in RBI's with 24, walks with 16, and has hit 14 doubles, which is seven more than any other Bulldog on the roster.

Bates said she came to Ferris because she liked the environment and because they have one of the best criminal justice programs in the state.

Bates, 19, a freshman in the criminal justice program at Ferris says she didn't expect to make such an impact in her first year.

"I expected to be in the middle of the pack, just hanging on with everyone else," said Bates.

Her head coach, Sarah Rotta thought differently than Bates.

Before coming to Ferris, Rotta was a coach at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I started watching Sam when she was in eighth grade and was recruiting her from a different University," said Rotta, "I'm not surprised at all with what she's doing."

Bates claims that her biggest strength as a player is the passion that she plays with, and her coach agrees.

"The kid is courageous and gutsy. She dares people to hit her the ball when she's in the outfield. She gets the rest of the team going. She is fierce and fearless," said Rotta.

A prime example of Bates' passion came in a loss against Wayne State last Wednesday. Bates ran down a ball in shallow left field and made a diving catch for the Bulldogs. Not much later, Bates put her all into another diving attempt, but bobbled and dropped the ball. During the play Bates seemed to have some pretty bad whiplash and was tested for a concussion as a result, but passed the test with no signs of a concussion.

While Bates loves playing the game, she notes that her familial relationship with the rest of the team is her favorite aspect of suiting up for the Bulldogs.

"They're like a family to

me. I can go to them for anything," says Bates, "I am very proud of my team."

The Bulldogs are looking to improve on a 15-31 overall record as of April 20, but their record in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play is far more favorable, at 8-10 as of April 20. The Dawgs sit in tenth place in the conference and need to finish in the top eight to make it to the GLIAC tournament.

Coach Rotta said, "We are not satisfied right now. Our ultimate goal is to make the GLIAC tournament, where everyone is 0-0."

The Dawgs have four big games this weekend and will need Bates and company to do all that they can in order to make the tournament.

The team plays a double header on Friday at Hillsdale College, followed by another doubleheader on Saturday at the University of Findlay. Hillsdale is ninth in the GLIAC right now, and Findlay is seventh. If the Bulldogs hope to jump up a few rungs on the ladder, this weekend presents an excellent opportunity to do so.

The games on Friday will be at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. at Hillsdale and at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday in Findlay, Ohio.

# Best game

## Sports photographer attempts to write about hockey

This piece would've started with "It's the most wonderful time of the year", but my good friend Marshall beat me to the punch on that one when talking about college basketball and now I'm stuck finding a good holiday-based pun to describe my favorite sports-related time of the year.

Something about a turkey? No. That's football. Uh, America's pastime? Crap - that's baseball. I'll just cut to the chase.

As you are reading this, we are one week into the wonderful, wild (not of the Minnesota variety), and wacky world of the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs.

It's a time where one team can go from President's Trophy winners to losing in the first round of the playoffs (I'm looking at you, 2011-2012 Vancouver Canucks). Where last year's Stanley Cup Champions can miss the playoffs entirely, as was the case with the Los Angeles Kings. Where one team can even reach the playoffs 24 years in a row.

I'm assuming that if you're reading this column you'll know that the team I'm referring to is the Detroit Red Wings.

When this team started their playoff streak in 1991, the President was George Herbert Walker Bush, The top grossing film was Terminator 2: Judgement Day and Temple of the Dog (y'know, that one bad that was Pearl Jam before Pearl Jam but had the guy from Soundgarden as a singer also?) was trying to steal bread and not minding it.

As further comparison, back in 1991 Bob Daniels was in his fifth year as an assistant here at Ferris and former Ferris goaltender from 2008-12 Taylor



**Michael A. Corn**  
Ferris State Torch

Nelson was still in diapers.

After the season the Wings had last year, I would not have assumed that they would have made it to 24 consecutive years, but here we are in April with a much more optimistic approach to their season.

In my untrained professional armchair opinion, much of the team's success stems from former Grand Rapids Griffin Petr Mrazek, who stepped up when starter Jimmy Howard was injured.

Mrazek's record was 1-1, with a 3.00 GAA and .868 save percentage. Now, what about Howard? Well, he had the better save percentage at .918, but, his record was 0-1-1 with a 2.43 GAA. Now, obviously not all of the Wings fortune came from just Mrazek.

Offensively, Mrazek's Calder Cup winning teammates Tatar and Nyquist have made up a bulk of the team's scoring, both serving up 29 and 27 goals respectively. This makes them the top goal scorers on the team. This however is no match for Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos' 43 goals.

According to NHL.com, the Wings have the statistical advantage. Yet, according to the Detroit Free Press, most if not all, hockey writers across the board are predicting the Lightning to win.

What do all these fancy stats mean? Honestly, I haven't a clue. All I know is that this series will come down to Game 7, and hopefully the Winged Wheel will be moving into that second playoff round.



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# Spring game a success



Photo By: Therese Vainner | Photographer

The Bulldog's had great weather for their Spring Crimson and Gold game.

## *Sun shining as crimson and white square off*

**Jimmy Demery**  
Ferris State Torch

On a beautiful April day, the Ferris State football team hosted their annual Spring Game at Top Taggart Field.

Excitement was high as the stands were filled with Big Rapids residents and Ferris students. Many students were wear-

ing yellow Big Event shirts, as the Big Event took place earlier in the day and was capped off with the spring game.

The offensive players wore crimson and the defensive players wore white in the competitive inter-squad scrimmage.

The coaches opted to use a running clock for the 12-minute quarters and employed a modified scoring system.

For offense, a touchdown was still worth six points, an extra point one, and a field goal three. The wrinkle was that a big play (15 yards or more) was worth two points and getting two straight 1st downs was worth two points as well.

For the defense, a touchdown was worth seven points, a turnover six, a sack four, a tackle for a loss two and forcing a three and

out was worth two points as well.

The game was relatively close throughout, but the offensive crimson team came out on top, winning 32-26.

This game was never about the score though, it was about enjoying the beautiful day and showcasing what the Bulldogs had worked on throughout their spring drills.

Jeff Thorne, a 30-year resi-

dent of Big Rapids, and Head Coach of the Big Rapids Crossroads Academy was particularly enthused about the game.

"Probably the best part is it gives us the opportunity to see the whole team, really see what's coming up. The team is pretty much set," said Thorne. "You might have some incoming freshmen that really make a spark in the fall but for the most part you get a nice preview of what's coming up in the fall."

Thorne boasts optimism for the Bulldogs chances for next season following up their undefeated 2014 campaign.

"Well they say success breeds success. I think they're going to build on the undefeated season. They were disappointed they didn't go further in the playoffs so I think that's definitely the goal," Thorne said.

From a student spectator's perspective, the game was purely about enjoyment.

"It's just fun to watch Ferris football again, even if it's not a real game. It's a beautiful day and I'm really looking forward to the season actually starting," Sophomore Ciara Swinson said.

Star quarterback and team captain Jason Vander Laan did not play a single snap, but he did showcase his Harlon Hill Trophy at halftime for the attendees, which is the NCAA Division II equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

Anticipation and expectations are both sky-high for next season, which kicks off at home Sept. 12 against GLIAC foe Northwood University.

**Good luck on  
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# Top Dawg

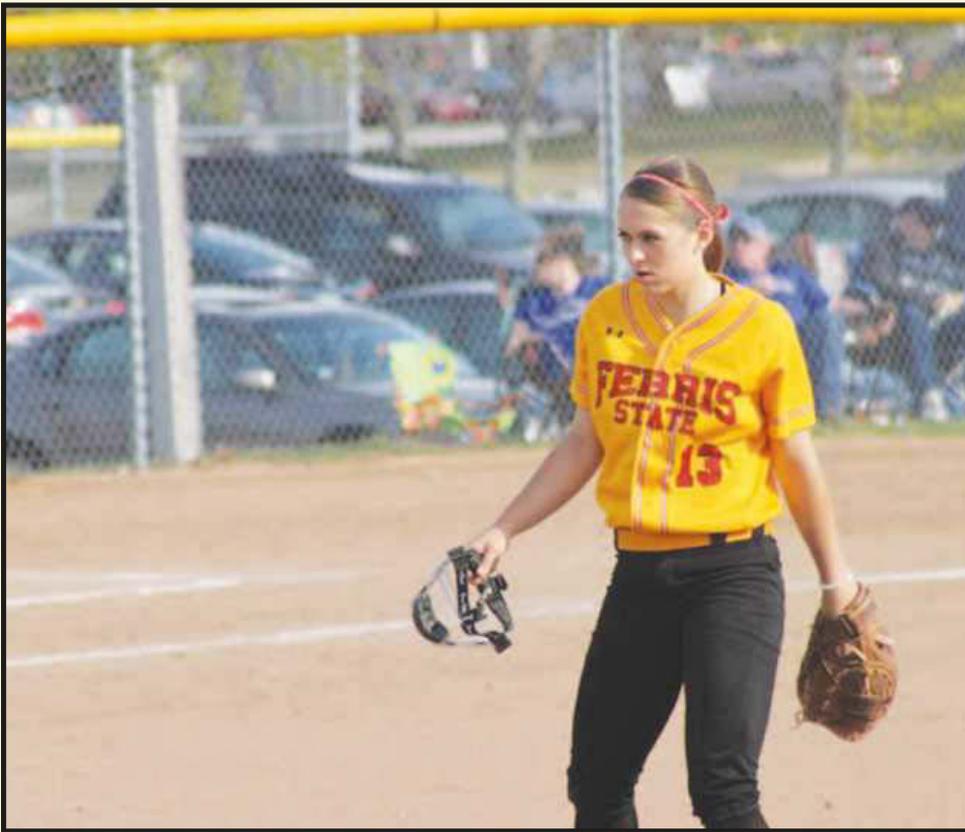


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**Marshall Scheldt**  
Ferris State Torch

This week's top dawg achieved something that doesn't happen very often. Ferris State sophomore pitcher Stacy Thompson threw a no-hitter in the Dawg's 5-0 win against Lake Superior State last Friday.

In the second game of a doubleheader, Thompson faced 25 batters, striking out 4 and walking 2 on her way to her first no-no of her collegiate career. With the win,

Thompson improved her record to 5-5 on the season.

Besides the three errors committed by the Bulldogs in the game, the defense was solid behind Thompson, which helped lead to her no-hitter. At one point the bases were loaded, but Thompson got out of the jam, and the Dawgs had a five-run second inning to propel them past the Lakers of LSSU.

The sophomore has pitched 71.1 innings this season in 18 games, 10 of which she has started. Thompson

holds the lowest earned run average (ERA) of any Bulldog pitcher, with a mark of 3.34. She has allowed only 44 runs, 34 of those being earned runs this season.

Thompson's no-hitter marked her fifth complete game of the season, more than any other Bulldog pitcher. The Bulldogs sat on a 15-31 overall record as of April 20, and have a double header at Hillsdale this Friday, followed by another double header at Findlay on Saturday.



## Sports Shorts

**Jimmy Demery**  
Ferris State Torch

### Men's Tennis clinches first GLIAC title since 1994

The Ferris State men's tennis team defeated Walsh and Ohio Dominican to finish league play undefeated, while also capturing their first outright regular season GLIAC championship in 21 years.

The Bulldogs final two contests both came on the road, and they dominated Walsh 9-0, setting up the opportunity in Ohio to claim the championship.

The Dawgs came through in clutch fashion beating Ohio Dominican 6-3. With the victory, they improved to 9-0 in GLIAC action, and 16-5 on the year overall.

This is the latest conference title in a successful year for the Bulldogs, as men's basketball, football and volleyball all captured GLIAC titles as well.

Ferris State will now take a nine-match winning streak into the GLIAC Tournament where they will be the top seed. The tournament will take place April 24-26 with the Bulldogs having a first round bye.

### Softball team gains steam behind Thompson's no-hitter

The Bulldog's softball team has won three of their last four games, thanks in part to a no-hitter thrown by Stacy Thompson.

Earlier in the week the Dawgs were swept by Wayne State by scores of 1-9 and 2-9. Wayne State was buoyed by big first innings in both games, and Ferris State struggled to get people on base and with errors.

The team rebounded quickly though with a sweep of their own over Lake Superior State University. FSU easily won game won 8-2, while racking up 16 hits. In the second contest, the Bulldogs did all their damage in the 2nd inning, scoring five runs. From there they rode Thompson's pitching effort en route to a 5-0 victory.

Ferris State was able to follow up their success against LSSU, defeating rival Grand Valley State 5-2 in game one of a doubleheader.

The Bulldogs jumped on the Lakers early, scoring four runs in the first inning, but Grand Valley prevailed in the nightcap 6-3 to end the Dawgs win streak at three. With the loss, Ferris fell to 8-10 in GLIAC play, and 15-31 overall.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Thursday, April 23

Track & Field at Hillsdale  
"Gina" Relays, TBA

### Friday, April 24

Track & Field at Hillsdale  
"Gina" Relays, TBA  
Track & Field in Ernie Mousseau Classic at Grand Rapids, Mich., TBA  
Softball doubleheader at Hillsdale, 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 25

Track & Field at Hillsdale  
"Gina" Relays, TBA  
Track & Field in Ernie Mousseau Classic at Grand Rapids, Mich., TBA  
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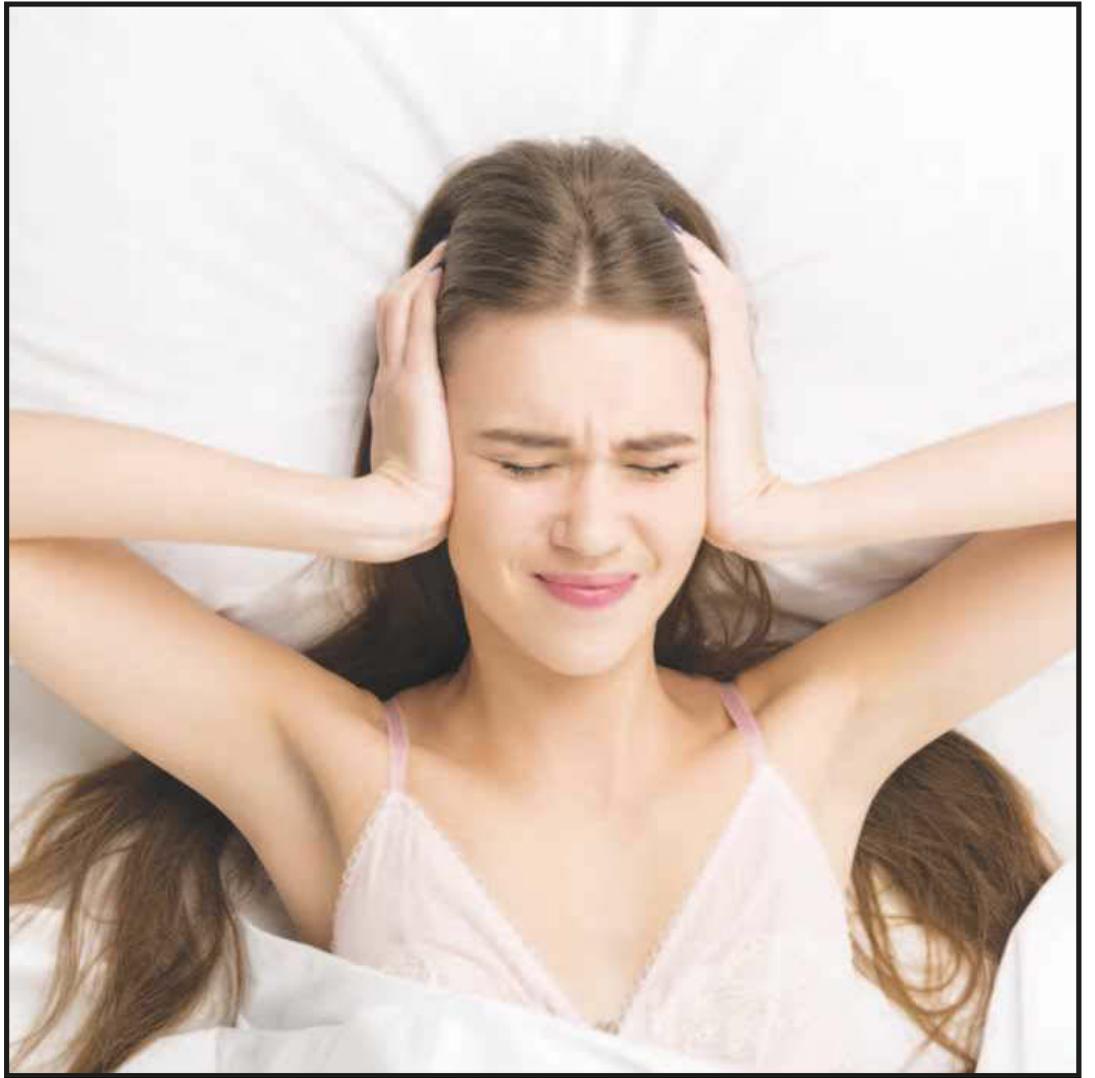


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## Tips for being at your best during the final stretch

If your semester is going anything like mine, you're probably either ready to pull your hair out, or just burst into tears and admit defeat (or both).

However, my friends, there is hope for all of us. So what's the secret? The only secret here, which isn't really a secret at all, is managing your stress and still taking time to relax, even if it's just for 10 minutes out of a day. Without further ado, here are my best methods for unpacking stress from my brain, so I can keep calm and carry on:

### Keep your body happy

Basically, fill up on food that you know is good for you, and stay hydrated with water. You'll have more energy, you'll feel good and have less headaches and stomachaches.

Of course, it is more than fine to treat yourself to something extra delicious every so often, as long as you're not eating the whole tub of Rocky Road to calm your nerves.

Also, make sure you get moving. Exercise really does help put



**Jennifer Corrie**  
Ferris State Torch

you in a better mood, on top of helping keep you in shape. It can feel so satisfying to go for a run when you're stressed out, even if it's just two quick laps around the track.

So if that major group project that's due next week and worth 65 percent of your grade has got you shaking in your boots, switch them for running shoes, grab a friend and hit the Rec for an hour or so. If running isn't your thing, there are plenty of other options. Even a brisk walk counts as exercise.

### DO NOT procrastinate

It is extremely important to avoid procrastination, not only to stay on top of your grades and workload, but also for managing stress.

If you need extra motivation, no matter how corny it sounds, put your Nikes in your field of vision while working, so you'll be reminded to 'just

do it' every time you start to feel like you might have fifteen extra minutes to finish your homework that's due at 8 a.m. tomorrow morning if you wake up early and do it before class.

### Don't overdo it

Although I just stressed on procrastination, it's also important to remember to never overdo it, no matter how much work you have to get done. So take a reasonable and set amount of time and take a break. Do something you love, whether it's watching a bit of Netflix, playing a few rounds of Mario Kart, or reading a book. Focus your thoughts on more pleasant things during the time that you've allotted for yourself, and then after that time is up, get back to work.

Most importantly, remember what you're here for— to get a higher education, prepare for a career, to become more open minded and to grow as a person. So stay in the fight until the last round. You've got this.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you fall, I'll be there."

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## Letter From The Editor

# Whims

**Harrison Watt**  
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"Those tickets are \$63 apiece for the lower bowl," a Red Wing ticket agent told me over the phone. Eventually, I was going to break journalism's carnal sin of leading with a quote, (journalism lesson No. 1, don't lead with a quote).

The game in question happened yesterday, the phone call happened Monday. I made a quick decision and bolted down to Detroit the following day and planned to return that same night.

The idea of just saying, "Let's just do this and not think about the consequences for a few minutes," was exhilarating. There are times when we can and should think that way.

The idea of instant gratification is always going to appease me on some level, I'm not going to lie about that.

Next week, I'll probably be a little low on food money. Today, I'm probably a zombie in class. I have a lot of things due that I've pushed back a little too far.

I weighed beforehand, is it worth it? For some of you, that Wings ticket holds no value, and that's fine. Everyone has that one thing that they'll drop almost anything to do.

The biggest problem is that it seems like people are terrified at leaping on the opportunity.

"My grades will suffer," or "I have too much to do."

Now comes the next sin I said I'd never commit: YOLO.

Guess what? The Wings could never return to the playoffs again. (Disclaimer: The Wings are never going to miss the playoffs because Hockeytown).

On the extremely off chance they never go again, I don't want to be sitting here 10 years from now saying, "Man, I really missed that opportunity to see them one last time because I was concerned about my Communication Theory exam."

If Ferris Bueller got one thing right, it's that life moves really fast. So keep up. YOLO, and peace out.

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# Concert Etiquette

*Tips to prepare for the crowd experience at Ferris Fest next weekend*

Ferris Fest is right around the corner, and you can feel the excitement buzzing in the air on campus as the weather warms up.

However, you can't just go to a show. There is a general consensus amongst respectable show goers on how to act appropriately while still having a blast.

With most concerts come the undying urge to mosh your punk little heart out. While moshing is good and great, you can't just run around flailing your fists everywhere. There is somewhat of a structure.

Most importantly, if someone falls to the ground during a mosh, help them up. Don't be

rude as hell and just let them get trampled. What if that were you?

Moshing doesn't exist because we all hate each other. It's just a way to get all of that excitement and adrenaline out of our bodies.

That being said, don't be the asshole that is shoving people to the ground either. I understand you're all hyped, but have some respect.

One of the most important aspects of the concert atmosphere that more people need to master is the art of crowd surfing.

Crowd surfing sounds like a great time, but you have to be mindful of the people beneath you.

Don't start climbing on ran-

dom strangers because you desperately want to get in the air and be carried closer to the artist. That's annoying as hell.

Get a couple strong dudes, and ask their permission to hoist you up. When you do get up there, try to pick your feet up as much as you can so you aren't kicking innocent people in the head. That shit hurts.

Between songs, there is usually a few minutes delay where people start moving around to go get drinks or food or run to the bathroom. This is also a perfect time to go have a smoke.

Seriously, if you smoke, whether cigarettes or weed, go away from the crowd to do it.

There are regulations that force people to smoke tobacco at least 25 feet away from a building so as not to disturb those around you, and the same should apply for marijuana. Contrary to popular belief, not everyone around you wants a contact buzz.

During this lull between songs, I've also found that people like to throw their beer everywhere. I don't know what it is, but the concert culture has gotten ridiculously out of control or I'm getting old. Have a little respect for each other.

I get it. We're having a great time, we're all pumped as hell, but that doesn't mean we're all as trashed as you are

and want to smell like warm beer for the rest of the night.

That's just disrespectful, throwing your drink all over random strangers around you. Don't act like a complete animal.

Honestly, the central lesson around concert etiquette is just to have some respect. Everyone is there to have a great time, so don't ruin it for those around you by not having control of yourself.

Trust me, shows are a lot more fun when the whole crowd is just feeling the feels and taking in the experience together.



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