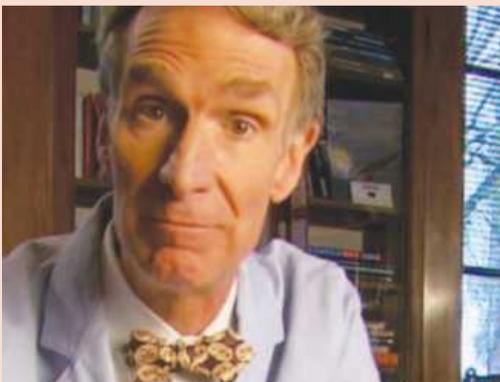


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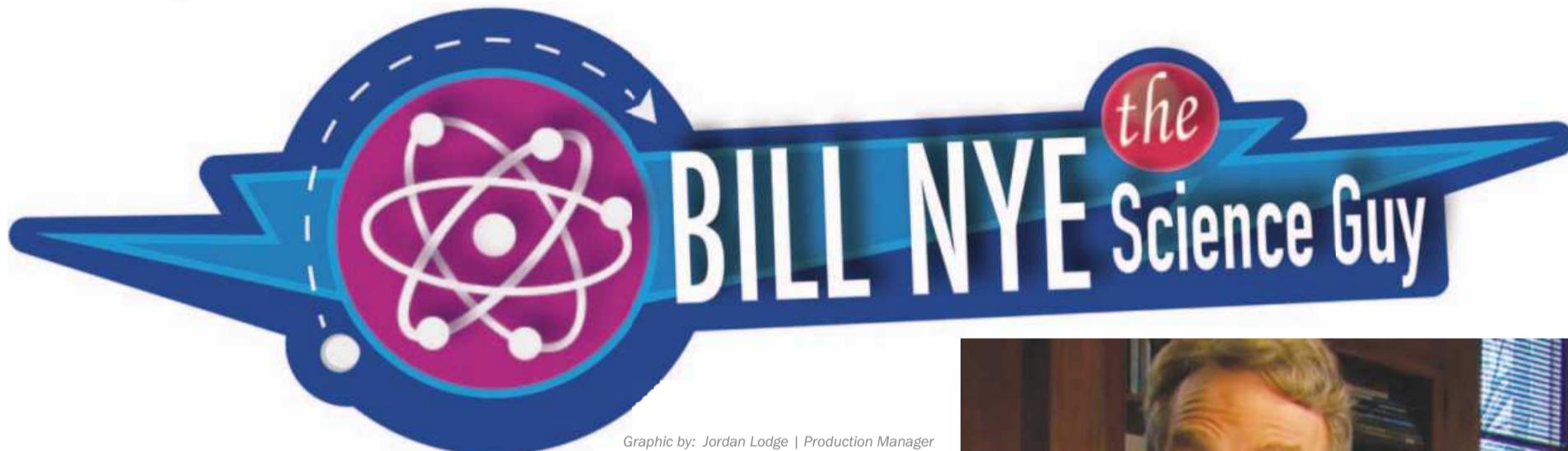
# NEWS

Ferris State Torch

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## Funding approved to bring Bill Nye to Ferris

**Kip Biby**

Ferris State Torch

A funding request has been approved to bring Bill Nye to campus.

Ferris' Finance Division of Student Government voted unanimously to allocate more than \$50,000 to the Secular Student Alliance (SSA) to pay for Bill Nye to speak at Ferris.

SSA will also present their request at Student Government's next meeting as all Finance Division allocations

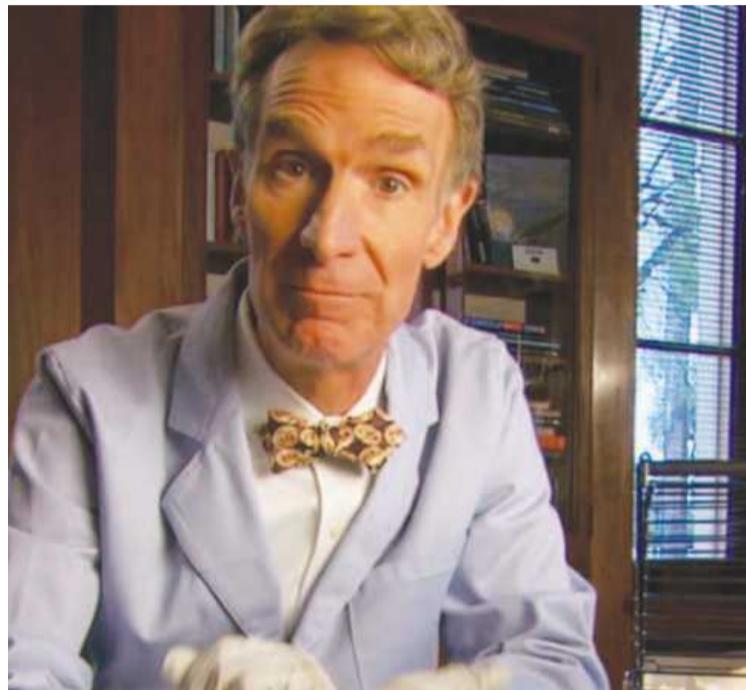
of more than \$4,000 must be presented to Student Government for final approval.

Bill Nye's speaking fee is \$45,000. In addition, Nye's transportation fee is \$3,500. Other expenses were outlined in the group's budget such as renting Williams Auditorium and advertising for the event.

Ferris students Corinne Staten and Steven Beckon presented to the division on behalf of SSA for the funds. The pair outlined the budget and discussed the potential learn-

ing experience for students. Staten and Beckon argued Ferris is a science-oriented school and Bill Nye is an advocate for scientific research. The proposed date for the show is Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Williams Auditorium.

The Secular Student Alliance is a Registered Student Organization at Ferris dedicated to promoting scientific reason. To learn more about the national SSA, visit [secularstudents.org](http://secularstudents.org).



Courtesy photo

Acclaimed speaker, engineer and comedian Bill Nye may soon come to Ferris. The Secular Student Alliance proposed a Nov. 17 show date.

# Going global

## Beyond initiative continues with speaking series

**Mari Ann Loucks**

Ferris State Torch

The Office of International Education will infuse the format of TED Talks and the theme of globalization with Ferris' second Minds Aflame event.

Minds Aflame will be presented as a part of this year's Beyond initiative, which focuses on the theme of globalization.

"We chose the globalization theme because today's world is very interconnected and integrated" said Dr. Piram Prakasam, executive director of the Office of International Education. "We are working in a very global network, so globalization impacts everybody."

Minds Aflame is similar to TED Talks, with 10 different speakers talking about globalization. The event will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 in Williams Auditorium and take place in one hour sessions. "Minds Aflame was created

as a signature event for the Beyond series," said Taylor Hooper, program manager for Beyond: Globalization and Fer-



**Taylor Hooper**  
Ferris State University

ris sociology senior.

"Minds Aflame will cover a variety of topics. We hope that all attendees leave the event feeling more inspired." Some of the speakers coming to campus for the Beyond series include Asher Jay, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer who will be presenting on "Wildlife and Wild Wise." Student Government president Wayne Bersano and international student Enefe Adaji will be presenting an "Opportunity in Diversi-

ty" talk. President Eisler will make an opening statement.

"Our motto for the Minds Aflame series is 'be inspired.' That's what we really want students to take away from attending the event," Prakasam said.

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) are being given an additional opportunity to benefit from attending the sessions. If 75 percent of an RSO's members are present for the event, the RSO will be entered for a chance to win \$500.

Now into its fourth year of events, Beyond is a campus-wide initiative to promote discussion of international topics among students.

"As students prepare for the rapidly changing global world, the Beyond initiative allows us to collectively reflect and shape the world we share," Hooper said.

For more information on the Beyond initiative, visit [ferris.edu/international](http://ferris.edu/international).

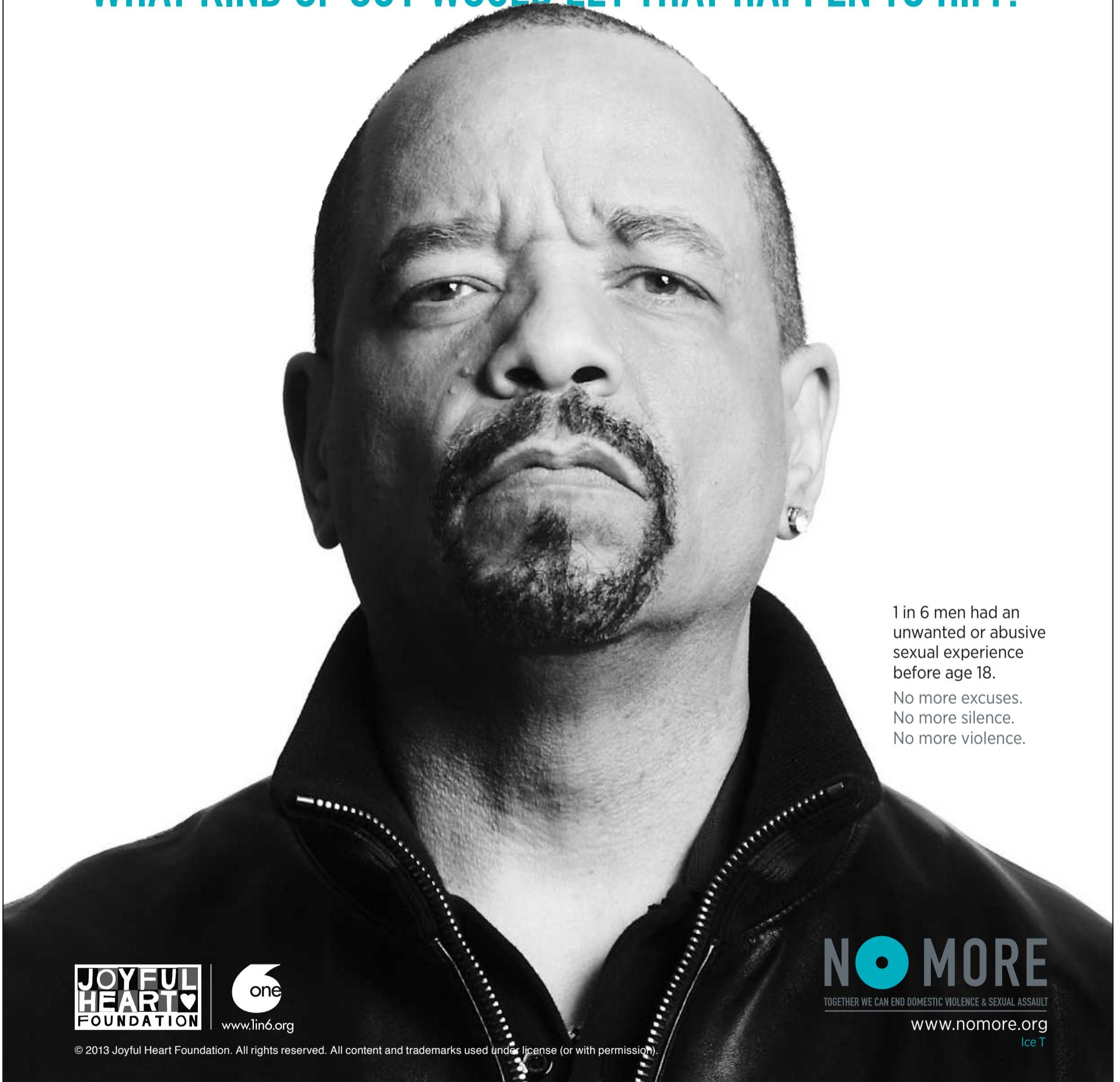


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Big Rapids High School alum Mo Scarpelli fields questions at the Ferris screening of her film "Frame by Frame" for the Beyond: Globalization series.

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# Lending a hand

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Ferris Honors students prepare to paddle down the Muskegon River in canoes to pick up trash for their Days of Service and Learning project. Each Honors student is required to complete 30 hours of community service.

## Honors Program volunteers with Big Rapids nonprofits

**Kip Biby**  
Ferris State Torch

Honors students are taking to the Big Rapids community to volunteer, make friends and learn during the annual Days of Service and Learning project.

Volunteer opportunities range from planting flowers at the Big Rapids Community Library to canoeing down the Muskegon River to collect trash. Honors Advisor Charlie Malone explained

for each Honors student's required 30 hours of community service, they can think bigger than just the Ferris campus.

Each event is organized by a student facilitator. These facilitators are upperclassmen, tasked with running the event and asking students to reflect on the experience they had volunteering.

"There is a wide array of events and that is intentional," Malone said. "Some students would rather ask for a shovel and get outside. Others would

prefer to shelve books at the library, so we have options that meet student interests."

Malone went on to say these events provide an opportunity for students to connect with the Big Rapids community and represent Ferris.

"I don't think there's a better way to get to know people than to do something meaningful with them," said Malone.

Freshman Honors student Jessica Gardner volunteered at the Muskegon River cleanup

on Friday, Sept. 18. The Honors students at the event paddled down the river in canoes to pick up trash from tubers and litter from river visitors.

"It shows the community that you don't need to throw trash everywhere," Gardner said. "It's good to clean it up once in awhile so when people come here it looks good."

Rachel Lanphear, another freshman Honors student, described the event as an opportunity to help the environment

as well as a good chance for students to get satisfaction from helping as opposed to staying home and watching Netflix.

Days of Service events also included volunteering at the Red Cross, the Girl Scouts of America, the Women's Information Service and many others. For more information about the Ferris Honors Program, visit [ferris-honors.com](http://ferris-honors.com).



Photo by: Kip Biby | Reporter

Honors student Cindy Tran helps out at the Big Rapids Community Library for her Days of Service and Learning project. Honors students shelved books inside and helped with landscaping and trimming hedges on the library grounds.



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Honors student Jessica Swett helps with her service project at Cran-Hill Ranch last week.

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## ON THE RECORD

Get out that pepper spray, three stalking complaints and a threat

A roundup of this week's crime at Ferris State University. All calls might not be reported.

**Devin Anderson**  
News Editor

subject's friend later found the phone and returned it.

### Double domestic

Sept. 10, 8:20 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with a domestic complaint. Both parties were arrested for domestic assault.

### Eyes on the road

Sept. 11, 1:20 p.m., officers responded to a car crash on North Campus Drive near Vandercook Hall. The subject knocked over a light post and hit a trash can.

### Stalker

Sept. 10, 8:50 p.m., officers investigated a stalking complaint at Clark Hall. A female had exchanged phone numbers with the male suspect earlier in the year. The suspect wouldn't leave her alone and was warned to stop.



### The Rock gets rough

Sept. 10, 11:10 p.m., report of disorderly subjects at The Rock. Subjects were reported to have been yelling at student workers and a fight began to break out. One subject was identified and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

### That smelly smell

Sept. 11, 11:05 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Merrill Hall. Hall staff handled the incident.

### Loud noises

Sept. 11, 1:40 a.m., officers responded to a loud music complaint in Bond circle. The subject was gone when officers arrived.

### More stalking

Sept. 13, 8 p.m., officers investigated a stalking complaint in Brophy Hall. A suspect was identified and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office. The suspect was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and later arrested on an outstanding warrant for retail fraud.

### Oops

Sept. 11, 1 p.m., report of a stolen cell phone at FLITE. The

### Even more stalking?!

Sept. 13, 9:30 p.m., officers investigated a stalking complaint at Clark Hall. A female had met the male subject online and wanted no further contact. Officers warned the student to stop and the incident was handled through the Office of Student Conduct.

### Threat

Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a threat complaint in Clark Hall. The victim was moved to a different residence.

### Slapped silly in FLITE

Sept. 14, 8:55 p.m., officers responded to an assault complaint at FLITE. A male suspect was listening to music loudly through headphones and was approached by a student to turn the music down. The suspect slapped the student and fled. The suspect is believed to be a non-student and the investigation continues.

### Hit and run busted

Sept. 16, 10:45 a.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 3. A suspect was identified and ticketed for not reporting the accident.

## TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

**Devin Anderson**  
News Editor

### Ferris awards \$163.7 million in financial aid

Ferris recently reported it awarded \$163.7 million in financial aid to 11,419 students this academic year. The Financial Aid Office also reported having received 5,670 calls this past August.

### Za Best of Za Best

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will host Ferris' largest pizza event at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 in the IRC with Za Best of Za Best. Pizza King, Pizza Hut, Lucky Louie's Pizza, Pizza in Paris and The Rock will compete for the best pizza in Big Rapids. Proceeds from the event will be split between Angels of Action in Big Rapids and PRSSA. DJ CHoFF will provide music and prizes will be given away throughout the event.

### Commencement application deadline

Students who plan on graduating or participating in the fall 2015 commencement ceremony must submit an on-line graduation application by Friday, Oct. 16. To apply, log onto MyFSU and go to MyRecords. For more information on fall commencement, visit ferris.edu/htmls/current/commencement.

### Eisler to speak about Ferris' strategic planning

Ferris President David Eisler will conduct a forum on assessing the university's "Living Our Values" plan at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, in University Center room 202C and again at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, in UC 203. Eisler plans to share progress on the strategic plan, which highlights Ferris' core values.

# Beer, Booze and Books

## Event cautions freshman about drinking



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Students at Beer, Booze and Books were polled via text about their perceptions and habits related to drinking.

**Angela Graf**  
Ferris State Torch

It's 7 p.m. on a Thursday and the last thing you want to be doing is walking across campus to hear about the dangers of drinking.

As students filed into the mandatory presentation, spirits were less than high at the thought of sitting through yet another seminar imploring them not to drink. But by the end of the event, not everyone was disappointed.

The speaker, Jim Matthews, is a teacher and counselor at Daniel Webster College in Nashua. He's been teaching variations of this seminar for over 20 years, speaking at Ferris for the last 10.

"I think some people may

have thought it was a joke," said pre-diagnostic medical sonography freshman Anna Gren. "I liked it though and my friends liked it. I don't know, a lot of college people and students in general are apprehensive about talking about that kind of thing because they think it's just beer or it's just alcohol."

Welding and engineering freshman Christian Megna thought that the seminar was interesting but that it should have been longer.

"I don't really feel that he gave as much information as he could have," Megna said. "He just glanced over everything and gave a general warning about drinking."

Many students were surprised

by Matthews' age, but some thought it was a positive thing.

"He's had more experience so obviously he's going to know more," said freshman graphic design student Maura DeHaven.

"It's kind of nice to take his age and what he's learned and tell younger students about drinking so they know."

During the presentation there were polls taken by Ferris students via text and between the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. sessions, 40 percent of the students that voted said they would rather be in bed while 41 percent said they would like to leave. Only 19 percent of students claimed they were actually interested in what was being said.



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Beer, Booze and Books presenter Jim Matthews speaks to Ferris freshmen students in Williams Auditorium about drinking.

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# LIFESTYLES

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"I kind of dove headfirst into it and something just clicked."

- *Christian Hoffer*

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Christian Hoffer, or DJ CHoFF, playing the blue channel at the Silent Disco on Aug. 31.

## Hoffer, Robertson turn the tables

**Jen Corrie**  
Ferris State Torch

Two Ferris DJs love to drop the bass and hype up an audience with electronic dance music.

Nick Robertson, a senior in television and digital media production from St. Clair, is Basshead.

He started DJing during his freshman year at Ferris, following the lead of pros such as DJ Virman of The Far East Movement. His first

time DJing was for his residence hall's New Year's party.

"A lot of people showed up and everyone kind of liked it, so I've been mixing ever since," Robertson said.

Robertson has opened the last two Turn Up The Good concerts and this year, he played Ferris' Silent Disco. Robertson said that he'd definitely DJ for a future Silent Disco if he could.

"It's a unique setup," Robertson said. "You can just hear the music through these

special headphones so people can have fun without disturbing the peace and without the cops breaking it up like most parties around here."

Robertson explained how his stage name has evolved over time to become Basshead.

"At first, I had the name NRob because of my name, but I thought that was too commonly used," said Robertson. "I wanted to start making music and I like a lot of bassy music like EDM. I wanted my logo to be a bass clef,

so I chose the name Basshead."

Christian Hoffer, a junior double majoring in music industry management and public relations from the Ann Arbor area, is known on campus as DJ CHoFF.

"CHoFF or C-HoFF, whatever you prefer," said Hoffer. "It started as C-Hoff. I didn't even make it up, I was just at a party one day and people just started chanting C-Hoff and that's how it happened."

Hoffer has done numerous gigs at events and clubs all

over Michigan, including night club ELEKTRICITY in Detroit, the Electric Bliss Festival in Clio, Club Above in Ann Arbor and at Ferris Fest two years in a row.

"I was a Red Bull Thre3Style competitor in 2013 and represented Ferris at CMU," he said. "I didn't win because I was very inexperienced at the time but that was pretty cool, representing Ferris. I played on the Red

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Nick Robertson, or Basshead, playing the green channel at the Silent Disco on Aug. 31.

# Designing and perfecting a world

FSU student making strides in nationally recognized digital animation and game design program



A tank digitally designed by Matt Woock.

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Woock at a Starbucks in downtown Grand Rapids.

## Andrea Lenhart Ferris State Torch

Ferris recently ranked 16th for the top undergraduate school for game design for the 2015-2016 school year in the Princeton Review.

Matt Woock, a digital animation and game design (DAGD) senior, is one of the program's current success stories.

"The DAGD classes at Ferris State University are intense," Woock said. "In the program you work hard and sleep little. That's what's needed, especially during crunch time."

The DAGD program is Grand Rapids-based and focuses on teaching the basics and intricacies of working in the game industry. The program also assists students with getting jobs in the furniture and advertisement industry due to the overlap with the content taught in the program.

"I often have larger project-based classes that involve a lot of personal research and effort," Woock said. "I am easily putting in over 70 hours on a lot of assignments."

Woock was drawn to Ferris'

DAGD program because of his dream of making video games.

"I know it's cheesy but it's true," said Woock. "Ever since I was a child, I knew what I wanted to do and that was to make a video game I call my own."

Woock's true goal, though, is to become a character artist at a large triple A game studio.

Woock has been involved in animation technology since he was in high school and participated in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a high school robotics program that gets teens interested in technology.

"I was part of the animation team and grew very fond of the programs we used," Woock said. "When I realized they were some of the same programs used in the game industry, I knew it was my opportunity."

This past summer, Woock interned at the game studio SixFoot in Houston.

"I was pretty lucky when applying," said Woock. "I was just watching a video that the company was working on and a few weeks later I got an email back from them. They were nice enough to give me chance, considering I had been

the first out-of-state intern they have ever had. Everything went well and with any luck I'll be back there next summer!"

Woock was a quality assurance tester at SixFoot, which meant his job was to playtest, find bugs and help balance the game. He said he would sometimes spend up to nine hours a day testing video games.

"The two games they had me working on were Grey Goo and Dreadnought, both fantastic games," said Woock. "Dreadnought has yet to release so there are a lot of things I can't say about it, but I can tell people to go check it out if you like giant space ships and cinematic combat."

Woock also runs a group for Ferris students called the Art Slamjammathon. The members help each other out and try to keep each other motivated during break to work on personal projects.

"It's a small thing but I'm really proud of it," Woock said. "We're at 78 people now. It's a mix of Ferris students, instructors and alumni who do 3D art."

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## CHoFF and Basshead take on Ferris

Bull truck at Oakwood two years ago for Ferris Fest and main stage Ferris Fest last year between Mayer Hawthorne and Big K.R.I.T which was awesome."

Hoffer said he got the "most real feeling" the first time he played on stage at a club.

"I kind of dove headfirst into it and something just clicked," Hoffer said. "It's a powerful feeling, controlling the energy in the room and the vibes that people are getting."

Artists that inspire Hoffer's music include Buku, G Jones, Yheti and Bassnectar.

"I try to keep my style pretty boundless," said Hoffer. "A lot of people try to hook onto one genre or style and I try to cover all of them. Some sets I play will be really hype and others will be really chill. I try to be a wildcard when it comes to being an artist."

Hoffer also got the opportunity to spin at the Silent Disco from Josh Moscatello, vice president of programming for Entertainment Unlimited.

"It was really fun," said Hoffer. "There were a lot of people, good energy. It was definitely a good way for us to get our names out there in the first week and for people to get a feel for our artistry. I personally like playing on stages and real systems better because I love bass and

I love that feeling of just filling a room with sound. But silent discos are cool; it was something very different, that's for sure."

Hoffer is also a founding member of an artist collective from Detroit called Bass WHLF Collective, on top of running his own company CHoFF Entertainment, LLC.

Hoffer will be playing at "Za Best of Za Best" on Oct. 1, in Ann Arbor at Club Above on Oct. 3, at Rodney's Loft in Flint on Oct. 24 and a tailgate at Ferris' homecoming game on Sept. 26.

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**Tickets** are required for all ceremonies. All students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to access/print starting November 5, 2015. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced.

**Commencement Program** – Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, October 16, 2015 for their names to appear in the Fall 2015 Commencement Programs** or their name will not appear in the Commencement Program. In order to have the program printed and back in time for the ceremonies we have to adhere to these deadlines. Contact your college's Commencement Coordinator if you have any questions.

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Artworks is located at 106 N. Michigan Ave. in downtown Big Rapids.

# Artworks' assistant

## Ferris student helps out local nonprofit

**Hailey Klingel**  
Lifestyles Editor

Ferris business administration senior Marcy Marek makes time in her busy schedule every week to create ties between Ferris and the community.

Marek is the fall intern at Artworks. Located in downtown Big Rapids, Artworks is a nonprofit organization that brings art and culture alive in the Mecosta County area.

"It's all volunteer work, but it's really fun and all the people are super nice," Marek said.

Marek began interning at Artworks two days a week at the be-

ginning of the school year. She



**Marcy Marek**  
Ferris State University

mainly acts as an assistant to the Artworks staff and saves them time by assisting with everyday duties. Marek also works for Ferris' Technology Assistance Center (TAC)

and is a full-time student.

According to Artworks executive director Lynne Scheible, volunteers like Marek help out Artworks more than they realize.

"She helps organize us and we know she's going to be there every single time," Scheible said. "She's going to help us create more consistency with keeping things where they need to go. It's the simple things, but they can make a big difference."

Since Marek is studying business administration, specifically human resources, she

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**MEGAN**



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**Sponsoring Organizations:** Society of Plastics Engineers, Circle K International

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Artworks connects Ferris to Big Rapids

is a huge asset to Artworks. Scheible said Marek is one of the many Ferris students she's had positive experiences with before. "It's worth a million bucks building relationships and engaging Ferris students with the community," Scheible said. "Working with a nonprofit is a great way to do that. I really believe in making that connection and providing opportunities for Ferris students and for the organization that's working with students to benefit as well." Artworks is always looking for Ferris students to volunteer. Call 231-796-2420 to learn of their opportunities.

"We're a small nonprofit and don't have HR," said Scheible. "So, when we have people who want to volunteer in the organization, which we depend on for making almost everything happen, it just lets us do more. This is time she could be doing homework or working but she's choosing to help us out instead." Marek also enjoys her time spent with the Artworks community. "It's kind of nice and just a break from all my classes," Marek said. "I wanted to learn more about how nonprofits work. Everybody is so nice and it's different than the corporate world."

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# Media Minute

The Visit



I'd like to say the newly released horror movie *The Visit* was terrifying, frightening or bone-chilling, but really the only word I can use to describe it is scary, and not in its intended way. I had high hopes for this movie based on the trailer that shows a grandmother suggesting her granddaughter get inside an oven. But even after having a few at FAC, I found myself ready to leave *The Visit* within the first half hour. I can't say I didn't enjoy a few aspects of the movie. M. Night Shyamalan, the movie's director, does not disappoint with his signature plot twist. Also, there is



**Kip Biby**  
Ferris State Torch

an awesome scene where the two grandkids are chasing each other under the porch and the grandma appears in full beast mode to kick off the startles. Last week, I watched *The Karate Kid* with Jaden Smith and I said to myself, "Wow, as far as acting goes, you can't get much worse than Jaden Smith." But I was proven wrong with *The Visit*. Ed Oxenbould, who plays the grandson Tyler, delivered the most cringe-wor-

thy parts of the movie when he attempted to rap. The whole idea behind him rapping is that the terribleness makes it funny, but the raps were so irritating and stomach-churning that the entire movie was nearly derailed the moment he delivered his first line. I will definitely not be purchasing his mixtape. *The Visit* makes for a good alternative to running into your old roommate at Shooters on Saturday night, but don't make a night out of it. Given the choice between entering an oven or buying this on DVD, I might consider spending a few minutes in the oven.

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"I'm so happy to be a part of this program and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

*Caroline Heitzman*

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## Dawgs sink Lakers

Ferris State wins fourth straight at GVSU

**Keith Salowich**  
Editor in Chief

ALLENDALE, MI—The Anchor-Bone Trophy will reside in Big Rapids for the fourth consecutive year after the Bulldogs

topped the Lakers on the road 61-24 on Saturday.

Lubbers Stadium hosted its 2nd all-time highest attendance, as 16,121 football fans came out to witness another installment of the Anchor-Bone Classic. However, many of the GVSU faithful started to dissipate midway through the second half when things were looking bleak for their hometown Lakers.

Celebrated as Grand Valley's "Blackout" game, senior

quarterback Jason Vander Laan had little trouble spotlighting GVSU's weaknesses through the air. He recorded 419 passing yds. and threw for 3 touchdowns. Piling up those kinds of stats also came with some trouble, as Vander Laan was picked off twice Saturday night.

bling ahead for 77 yds. and 3 more scores. Also carrying the rock for the Dawgs was running back Ben Hinamanu who busted a 76-yd. rushing touchdown late in the fourth quarter to help bury GVSU.

The Bulldog defense was tested against a Laker squad that has scored 31.5 points per game this season, but thanks in large part to senior linebacker Anthony Darkangelo who tallied 3 Tackles for loss and 6 total tackles, the Laker offense was stifled.

The stat line and scoreboard tell the tale of a comfortable win. However, that was not always the case. Ferris St.

clung to a 27-17 lead and faced hardship gaining any momentum on the ground at halftime, and the outcome didn't look nearly as certain. Yet the Dawgs came roaring into the

quarterback Jason Vander Laan had little trouble spotlighting GVSU's weaknesses through the air. He recorded 419 passing yds. and threw for 3 touchdowns. Piling up those kinds of stats also came with some trouble, as Vander Laan was picked off twice Saturday night. Vander Laan was also efficient on the ground, rum-

and never looked back on their way to a runaway victory. The undefeated Bulldogs will hope to keep rolling through GLIAC play when they host Saginaw Valley State at home for Homecoming next week. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

## Ferris to host SVSU for Homecoming



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Senior quarterback Jason Vander Laan racked up 257 yds. through the air and 109 more on the ground with a total of six touchdowns in the Bulldogs' last meeting with SVSU.

**Keith Salowich**  
Editor in Chief

The nationally ranked No. 4 Bulldogs toppled GVSU last week, and will hope to build on their 61-point explosion from that contest when they take on Saginaw Valley State to cap off Homecoming this weekend.

Last year, the Bulldogs were able to run all over the Cardinals, as a total of 10 Ferris St. ball carriers combined for 290 yds. and a pair of touchdowns in 2014's 47-13 victory. Having relied on a pass-heavy attack thus far this season, the Dawgs will likely be looking to repeat their success on the ground and help to establish the run once again.

Ferris St. also flew high on the day in the passing game, as Vander Laan threw for four touchdowns and 257 yds. On the other end of the touchdown passes were receivers Shakur Sanders and Jajuan Pollock who each caught one touchdown,

and Kenny Feyh who accounted for the other two. Vander Laan attributes much of his success to the receivers around him.

"Those guys are awesome, both our slots and our receivers. Half the time I'll just throw a 1-yard pass on a bubble and they'll turn it into a 50-yard touchdown," Vander Laan said. "They love blocking for each other and they're some of the hardest working guys on the team and are so unselfish. They can make a lot of plays when the ball is in their hands, so I'm just really glad they're on our side."

5,976 Ferris fanatics flocked to Top Taggart Field to ring in the new year of football with the Bulldogs when they opened their 2015 season against Northwood. This number is a big step up from last year's home attendance average of 3,054.

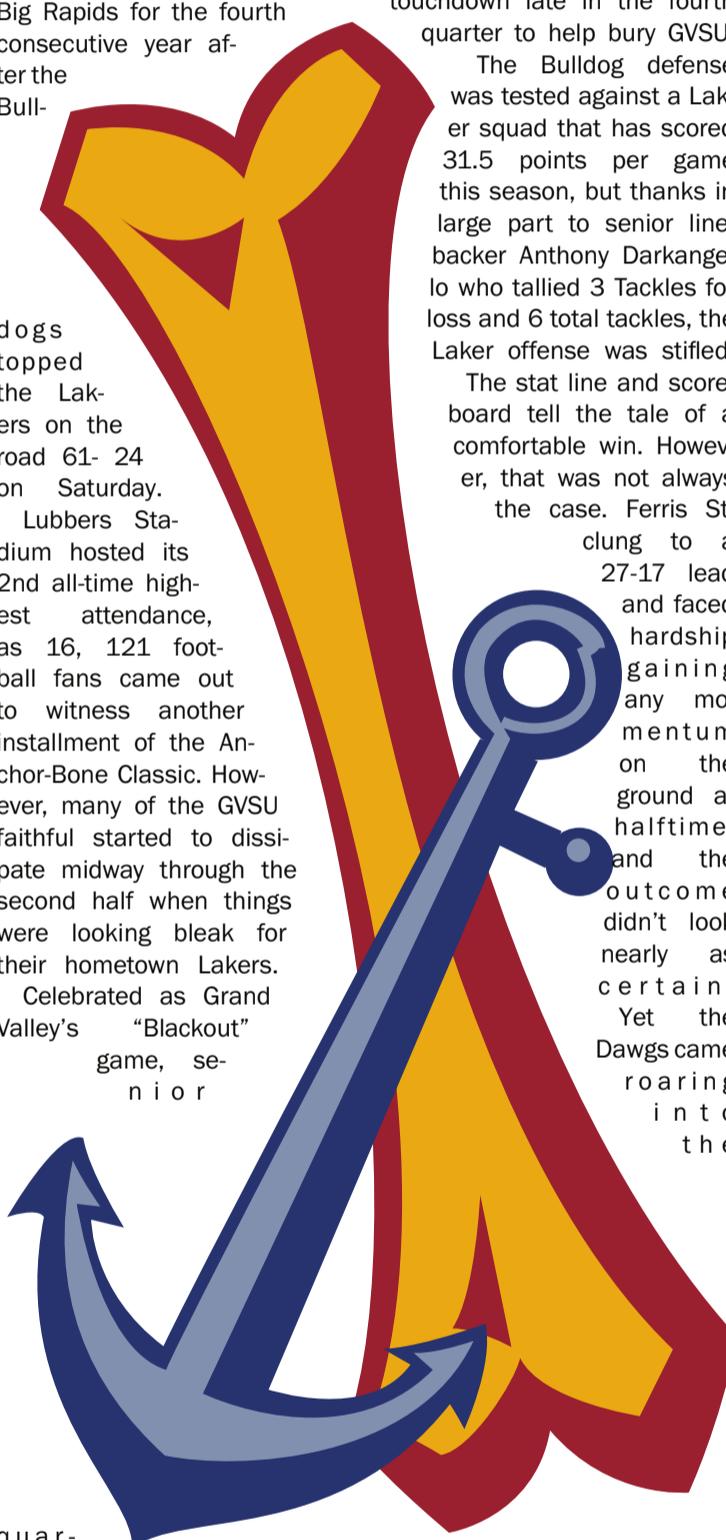
"I don't really notice the fans. It could be 6,000, or 60,000, or 360,000, I just don't notice it. Tonight, I did turn back at half-

time and said to myself 'wow.' The culture has really changed here, and it's just incredible that we've got that kind of support," Annese said. "For our guys, at the end of the day, it means a lot to them. We're elated by it, and hopefully it continues."

Redshirt freshman and Division I transfer defensive end Dylan Roney further emphasized Annese's statement.

"Playing in front of a big crowd is a lot of fun, because for the whole game I just have an adrenaline rush. Lots of times when the defense is on the bench we can't really see what the offense is doing, so if we hear the crowd start going nuts we know that there was a big play, and we get pumped up," Roney said.

The home football game will be a cornerstone of Homecoming week here at Ferris. Kickoff against Saginaw Valley State is set for 2 p.m. on Sept. 26 at Top Taggart Field.



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# Bulldogs slowed in the Spartan marsh

**Cody Burkhard**  
Ferris State Torch

Soggy conditions seem to be the norm for the Ferris State Cross Country team as they competed at the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing on Friday.

Both the men's and women's teams competed hard but it wasn't enough to overcome the stiff competition.

"It was definitely pretty wet, but it wasn't too bad. We didn't have anybody with particularly fast times. We didn't run like we would've liked to, but right now we are training with a high volume. That's how we train. We get used to a high workload in the beginning of the season and then focus more on speed towards the end," said senior Ryan Wickstram.

For the women, it was a day dominated by the home team as Michigan State took six of the top 20 spots. Of these top 20 runners, a pair of MSU juniors, Rachele Schulist and Alexis Weirsma, took first and second respectively.

Although none of the Ferris women cracked the top 40, they had some notable runners in the top 100 in an event with over 300. Senior Emily Haynes was the top dog in the Ferris pack taking 43rd overall with a time of 23:19. She was followed by a group of Bulldogs with junior Samantha Humphrey taking 87th (24:08) and the tandem of sophomore Jessica Delaney (91st, 24:15) and junior Rachael McDonald (92nd, 24:16) finishing within a second of each other.

For the men, Grand Val-

ley State saw five runners placing in the top 20 leading to their dominant showing.

The Ferris State men fared similarly to their female counterparts. No one could crack the top 40, but a developing story line arose from the marsh in East Lansing. Sophomore Trevor Holowaty (72nd, 26:44) has placed in the top two on his team in both of the invitational this year including a first place finish at the Ray Hel-sing Invitational in Big Rapids.

Trevor was a top running prospect prior to last season and the young man seems to be coming of age.

"Trevor had a rough season last year, unlucky really. He

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Bulldog cross country team bows down at soggy Spartan Invitational.

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## Undefeated and undeterred Ferris volleyball remains unbeaten

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Sports Editor

After sweeping both opponents last weekend, the nationally ranked No. 2 Ferris State volleyball team looks to keep the ball rolling this week.

The Dawgs took down Saginaw Valley State in their first conference match of the season last Friday. The Bulldogs left the gym victorious by a score of 3-0 handing the Cardinals of SVSU their first loss of the season.

Senior Caroline Heitzman had a team high of 15 kills for Ferris State with a kill percentage of .387. Seniors Alexis Huntey and Megan Vander Meer added six kills apiece for FSU. Junior Stephanie Sikorski contributed 30 assists and freshman Katie Placek led Ferris with 12 digs.

Ferris came into the match ranked No. 4 in the nation but weren't focusing on that.

"Rankings are rankings and at the end of the season it doesn't matter your ranking as long as you're in the national tournament. At the end of the day, rankings don't come across our minds," said Heitzman.

The rankings didn't get to her head in the Bulldogs' sweep against Wayne State on Saturday as she led the team in kills once again, this time with 10. She was helped by Megan Vander Meer who tallied eight kills and 12 digs in the match.

"We have a mindset that we're just trying to work as hard as we can. We're just working to serve each other. We have a

mentality that if I can do my best and help out my teammates then I know they'll play their best for me," said Heitzman.

This mindset and hard work has paid off big time for the Bulldogs this year who have dropped only five sets in 10 matches.

The team has a big weekend coming up that will begin with a conference matchup against Walsh College in Canton, Ohio on Friday at 1 p.m. Ferris State beat Walsh 3-0 in their match-



**Caroline Heitzman**  
Ferris State University

up in 2014. Saturday brings two important matches for the Bulldogs. At 1 p.m.

the Bulldogs will take on conference foe Malone University in Canton followed by a 3:30 p.m. game against nationally ranked No. 10 Wheeling Jesuit of W. Va.

In preparation for this weekend, Heitzman said the team will be focusing on the small details and will try to improve their passing and serving. Heitzman, a fifth year senior is excited to see her team playing so well.

She said, "Compared to when I first started out here everything has come full circle. I'm so happy to be a part of this program and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."



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**The Bulldogs were unable to crack the top 40 running in wet conditions**

had quite a few lingering injuries. He was one of the big perspective athletes coming on to the team and this year he's finally healthy so we're seeing what we expected last year," said junior Logan Hammer.

Hammer (47th, 26:15) led the way for the Bulldogs, showing his leadership with his consistent running, placing once again at or near the top of the Bulldogs' runners.

Another pair of Bulldogs placing within a second of each other were sophomore Clayton Springer (133rd, 27:32) and freshman Casey Neal (135th, 27:33). With two sets of Ferris State runners placing within a second of each other, the culture that exists on the team was put on display. It turns out that even Bulldogs run in packs.

"As a team, our goal is to close the gaps between each other and it's always such a positive thing when we're able to work together like that. We strive to be our best and when we have our teammates by our sides it makes it easier to run faster. We do it for each other and that's what

makes our team so amazing," said junior Alyssa Cummings.

Hammer added, "We try to stay in packs. The less places between our 1st and fifth runners, the less points we have taken away."

The Bulldogs look to improve their times at the Augustana College Invitational this Friday.

"There should be a lot better times next week. It's a fast course and we're improving," said Ryan Wickstram.

The start time for this event is to be announced.



# Ferris fantasy football

## Week 3

Ferris State football put quite a beating on Grand Valley State in a 61-24 victory last Saturday.

If a team is putting 61 points up on the scoreboard one could probably guess that their statistics were off the charts. Which they were.

In this week's matchup of Ferris Fantasy Football, I got demolished. My quarterback was lackluster, my running back got hurt, my number one wide receiver and my defense lost me points, and my opposition was unbelievable. I might have to start two QB's if Jason Vander Laan and the Ferris State offense keeps putting up the numbers they did in Saturday's romping of GVSU.

Jason Vander Laan had as many points as my ENTIRE TEAM. I might have to start writing these under an alias if next week is as bad as this week. I may lose all credibility after this week, but I really hope the rest of them aren't this bad and that our Editor in



**Marshall Scheldt**  
Sports Editor

Chief, Keith, still lets me put this in the paper for at least a couple more editions of the Torch.

Anyway, here are my picks for the upcoming week. It's up to you whether or not you want to take these into consideration in your own leagues.

**QB: Tom Brady, New England Patriots** - Whether the ball is fully inflated or not in week 3, I expect Brady to have a good outing against the Jaguars.

**RB: Matt Forte, Chicago Bears** - Forte is a big dual threat back who can score on the ground or catch passes. Hopefully he gets one of each next week.

**WR1: Odell Beckham Jr, New York Giants** - This guy is fun to watch and Eli Manning likes throwing the ball his way. He should have a big night against

Washington on Thursday.

**WR2: Julian Edelman, New England Patriots** - I'm going to try to double dip here and hope that Brady throws most of his touchdowns to Edelman like he did in week two.

**FLEX: Jordan Matthews, Philadelphia Eagles** - The Eagles looked awful last week against Dallas. About as bad as my lineup was last week. I think they'll turn it around with some help from Matthews against the Jets.

**D/ST: Buffalo Bills** - This is a tough one. The Bills play the Dolphins who are typically a feast or famine team. They either put up big numbers or sputter on offense. I'm hoping they sputter.

**K: Justin Tucker, Baltimore Ravens** - He's a good kicker on an offense that has relied on him heavily in the first two weeks.

### Team Torch Box Score

#### Starters

POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints	255 pass yds., 1 TD	14
RB	Carlos Hyde, San Francisco 49ers	43 rush yds., 18 red. yds.	5
WR1	Keenan Allen, San Diego Chargers	16 rec. yds.	1
WR2	Emmanuel Sanders, Denver Broncos	87 rec. yds., 2 TDs	21
TE	Jason Witten, Dallas Cowboys	56 rec. yds.	6
D/ST	Baltimore Ravens	37 PA, 1 Int.	2
K	Greg Zuerlein, St. Louis Rams	1 FGM, 1 XPM	6
Total			49

### Ferris State Box Score

#### Starters

POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Jason Vander Laan	496 total yds., 6 TDs, 2 Ints.	49
RB	Ben Hinamanu	76 rush yds., 1 TD	13
WR1	Antonio Agurs	153 rec. yds., 2 rush yds.	17
WR2	Jajuan Pollock	90 rec. yds., 12 rush yds.	10
TE	Shakur Sanders	56 rec. yds., 1 TD	11
D/ST	Ferris State	5 sacks, 1 FR, 2 Ints., 1 TD	18
K	Nate Iveson	2 FGM, 7 XPM	13
Total			131

# Sports Shorts

**Cody Burkhard**  
Ferris State Torch

### Vander Meer Receives Player of the Week Honors

Ferris State volleyball player Megan Vander Meer had quite the weekend in the Colorado Premier Challenge on Sept. 11 and 12th. The senior outside hitter was awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) player of the week award for her performance that weekend. She earned all-tournament honors for her play in Boulder, Colo. Vander Meer combined for 50 kills and 57 digs in the Bulldogs' four wins at the tournament. She is the first person to be named AVCA player of the week for Ferris State since 1996 and is only the second Ferris player to ever receive the honor.

### Ferris Washes Walsh at Home

On Sunday, the Ferris State Women's Soccer team took on Walsh at home. Two first-half goals proved to be enough as Ferris took the game 2-0 improving their record to 5-2. It was a dominant performance as the lady Bulldogs had almost double the shots on goal that Walsh was able to manage (11 shots to six). The first goal came in the ninth minute after freshman defender Carley Dubbert passed the ball into the box for senior forward Nichole Boenke to knock in. Near the end of the first half, Carley Dubbert got rewarded for her earlier assist by receiving a corner kick from sophomore midfielder Rachel Fouts in the 30th minute. No more scoring was needed as the Bulldogs played tremendous defense. After two early losses in the season, the Bulldogs are rebounding hard, winning their last five games (2-0 in conference). The team will play next on Friday against Malone at 4 p.m. in Canton, Ohio.

### Former Ferris Goalie Plays in Buffalo

The most winningest goalie in Ferris State history, C.J. Motte, got his first taste of National Hockey League (NHL) action last week. Motte played between the pipes for the Buffalo Sabres in a 3-2 overtime win in the Prospects Challenge on Sept. 14th. He saved 27 of 29 shots he faced against the Boston Bruins prospects. After letting in two goals in the first period, Motte caught his footing and was a stone wall for the remainder of the game. The Sabres came back to score two goals in regulation and the game was forced to overtime. As the game was nearing its end, the number two overall pick in the 2015 NHL Draft, Jack Eichel, 18, scored a goal to bring home the win for the Sabres. Motte was awarded with the win with a .931 save percentage. He played on Ferris State's hockey team from 2011 to 2015.

### Men's Tennis to Host Bulldog Invite

The Ferris State men's tennis team will be hosting the Bulldog Invitational this weekend in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs dominated in the Bulldog Invite last year against Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and Michigan Tech. In the two day tournament, Ferris won 33 of 34 matches that they played in, taking home first place in the invite. This year, there will be one more team added to the invite. Ferris will take on LSSU, Michigan Tech and Hillsdale College. The invitational will take place on Friday and Saturday at 12 pm and 9 am respectively at the Ferris State Racquet Center.

# Top Dawg



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Senior quarterback Jason Vander Laan is currently less than 500 yds. shy of becoming the all-time leading rusher at the quarterback position at any level in the NCAA.

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Sports Editor

Jason Vander Laan was virtually unstoppable last Saturday against rival Grand Valley State. The Harlon Hill Trophy winner picked apart the Laker defense on the way to a 61-24 victory. Vander Laan completed 32 of 45 passes for a whopping 419 yards and three touchdowns. His only blemishes were two interceptions that he threw in the second and third quarters. The Ferris State coaching staff must have seen some-

thing in the Grand Valley defense because Vander Laan's 45 pass attempts were tied for the most pass attempts in his career. His 419 yards through the air were also good enough to set a career high. Although none of Vander Laan's touchdowns went to him, wide receiver Antonio Agurs caught 13 passes from his quarterback for 153 yards in an impressive showing. Vander Laan spread the ball to eight different receivers and threw touchdowns to Shakur Sanders, Jake Lampman and Kenny Feyh.

The quarterback was also lethal on the ground, where he ran for 77 yards and three more touchdowns to help the Bulldogs to their fourth straight win against Grand Valley State in the Anchor-Bone Classic. This means Vander Laan has never lost to the Lakers in his time as a quarterback at Ferris State. Vander Laan looks to keep up the impressive play this Saturday as the Dawgs take on Saginaw Valley State for homecoming at 2 p.m. at Top Taggart Field.

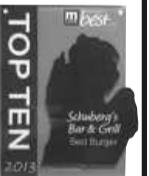
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We are approaching the end of humanity and I believe that Ferris students are to blame.

Last week I was walking through South Quad, just soaking in my surroundings. Some students were throwing a football around, a couple were strolling down the sidewalk holding hands and a small group of homicidal maniacs spray-painted a decorative design on a pair of large rocks.

That's right, there are students helping to wind down the doomsday clock right here on campus.

See, the two rocks positioned outside of the aptly named Rock Dining Café have had countless

# Music shaming

The disturbing realization that not everyone likes your music



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Our hearts go out to you, right Shark.

How many times can you recall being handed the glorious privilege of choosing the music to listen to in the car, then ridiculed by the other passengers about what you chose?

How many times have you said or heard someone scoff and say, "How can you listen to that?" We've all done it, usually without even thinking about it. Everyone's a critic. Everyone has an opinion.

Humans as a whole have basically taken five steps backward in our psychological evo-



**Sarah Force**  
Guest Writer

lution by forming prejudices over literally every trivial thing that makes someone human.

"Ew, that person is transgendered. Ew, he's gay. Wow, you're a Republican? Are you stupid? Ew, he's Mexican. Ew, you listen to Katy Perry? That's not even real music."

Since when did we get so ag-

gressive and quite frankly, insecure about our beliefs to the point where we have to attack someone because they don't agree with us or do things the way we would?

Isn't it funny how the U.S. is so very proud of its diversity and yet we're all ripping each other's heads off because we are individuals and we are different.

The latest "shaming" trend that I have noticed on the rise is that of music shaming. Which

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## Chat with the chief      Doomsday

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

layers of paint applied to them by any number of students with a can of spray-paint and a vision.

According to Rust-Oleum—a popular brand of spray paint—a 12 oz. can is capable of covering approximately 50 square feet of surface. Armed with a borrowed pocket tape measure, I attempted to approximate the surface area of the rocks. Of course, the numbers are less than accurate to say the least due to the rocks' irregular shapes, but for all intensive purposes they're close enough so long as they're taken with a grain of salt.

After crunching the numbers, I came to the conclusion that

the sum of the two rocks' surface area is about 170 square feet I know very little about the dimensions of things, so I have no idea if this is even remotely close. Anyway, based on that measurement, that means that it takes about 3.4 cans to adequately cover the rock in the quad with one coat therefore adding 2.55 pounds per application to its total weight.

If this practice is to continue indefinitely, the rock will continue to grow in both size and mass forever, eventually resulting in global disaster. The towering monolith will block out the sun. People will fall to their knees to

praise its sheer immensity as nearby plant life withers and dies due to the lack of sunlight.

Eventually, the rocks would grow larger than the Earth itself. It would displace our usual orbit around the solar system, thus sending us crashing into the sun as yet another RSO attempts to promote their upcoming event by painting details on the rocks in mankind's final hours.

While the rocks are currently a far cry from being massive enough to end all life on the planet, at this pace it will eventually reach that size. So please, for the sake of all humanity, stop painting the rocks.

# Down the rabbit hole

Michigan and Ohio are separated by just an abstract boundary.

Yet even though they engaged in the Toledo War 180 years ago, they have since been on friendly terms and would seem to be rather similar in both culture and climate.

However, I am quickly realizing that this isn't the case.

There are a lot of factors that played into choosing what college to go to, as I'm sure there were for pretty much everybody.

But even when that decision was finally made there was still apprehension. I was especially nervous about leaving Ohio, where I've lived my whole life until now.

It was nerve-racking going to a different state for school. But Ferris is a really cool place and making friends hasn't been too difficult. However, in the past few weeks I have realized that when it comes to going to an out-of-state school, there are things that you don't think about. I never for a minute thought that a language barrier would be a problem.

Now don't misunderstand,



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I actually mean this in the nicest way possible. The adjusting process has not been the easiest and here is why:

When I ask where you live and you point to a spot on your hand, I don't know

what that

means. In addition to this, I'm sorry, I don't know where

"the bridge" is. No, I haven't heard of Euchre and you trying to explain it isn't helping.

You have a special deck of

cards specifically for Euchre?

For the life of me, I'm still trying to figure out what a Michigan left is. I don't know what calling someone a "Troll" or a "Yooper" means, but it sounds derogatory. I think the "U.P." means the Upper Peninsula, but I'm still not sure.

Evidently, we have very different ideas of what is sold at a party store. Being from Ohio doesn't make me a Buckeye fan (even though I am). It continues to baffle me just how many lakes there actually are in this state.

What exactly is "The Joe" again? No one can help me when I ask where the DMV is. Livonia sounds like a place where vampires live.

Everyone just keeps warning me about Michigan winters, but they can't be much worse than an Ohio winter... right?

Yes, sometimes I do feel like I am going to school in a foreign land. So if I look confused when you say that you live on the thumb, please just be patient and remember: at least we all drink pop not soda.

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# Fiscal Responsibility

## You are sealing your fate with reckless spending

I hear it all the time, "Student loans are killing me," "College



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should be cheaper," blah blah blah. The reason we all think this way is because we feel we are entitled to the same cushy lifestyle we had back at home with our folks. At home, our parents took us out for dinner, we went to bars with our friends, we bought Xbox games and we got our nails done. That was all super fun, but now it's time to get serious.

How many of us got our student loan refunds and within a minute turned around and got some sweet gadget off Amazon, bought a bottle of top shelf liquor, or got a gorgeous new sweater from Macy's? Probably too many. This money is money you will have to pay back! These are loans!

Here is what you should do: pay your rent, your sorri-

ty dues, buy some lunch meat, some ramen, and put at least 40% of your

loan refund in a savings account for when you really need it. Create a weekly budget for the rest of the semester, live and die by this budget, then embrace your new identity as a poor college student. Use your paycheck from The Rock to get a \$4 pitcher at FAC.

It's high time we start acting like responsible adults. We are so fortunate to have these loans available to us and I constantly see people throw them away. Look further than your next \$8 Wendy's meal.

Save so when you're living with six roommates in Kansas City, working your first serious job, you can afford to fix your air conditioner in July.



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### The disturbing realization that not everyone likes your music

basically means criticizing someone for having musical preferences different from your own. Wait a minute.

Have we become so arrogant and egotistical that because someone's choice of music doesn't replicate ours to the T? That we will view them as less of a person, which ultimately gives us the sole right to insult and criticize them and their music taste?

Music is a powerful and personal beast. It can tell you a lot about a person, so by insulting one's music taste you're basically insulting that person. Have you heard the term music snob? If not, then you probably are one.

Pop music is too fake, metal is too loud or angry, punk is too controversial, rock is too difficult to understand and rap is too stupid. What do you want, people?

Here's a thought. Just about everyone on the planet is im-

pacted by music every single day whether they like it or not.

Music is the one thing that most, if not all, individuals have in common. But it's also what makes us completely unique.

Everyone's preferences are a bit different. But we all still enjoy music. It unifies us while allowing us to express ourselves at the same time. Mind. Blown.

All music takes talent and hard work. So maybe instead of belittling someone because they enjoy Taylor Swift more than Mumford & Sons, you do this.

Put your ego back into its cage. Shove your ignorance aside. Choke back that mouthful of insults, and respect the work that each and every artist puts out there. You need to also respect their fans as well because music is beautiful and powerful no matter what genre it comes in.

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# Learning to let the little things go

## How to make your residence hall experience more pleasant



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Don't let the little things ruin the college living experience.

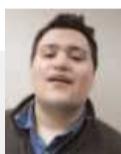
If your residence hall WiFi is working, you can Google "How to deal with an annoying roommate" all day long. You might even come across the same old, "Talk to them about your problems" solution.

This is decent advice. The last thing you want is to sit in your corner and stew about the toothpaste stains all over the

sink. But what these advice columns fail to relay is that sometimes you should just shut up.

I am not suggesting that when there is a serious problem in your living situation that you shouldn't bring it up to improve your quality of life. But some people have this idea that they need to bring up every issue.

They are the people who



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confront you for the empty soda can, snoring or playing music that they don't like. These people are trouble.

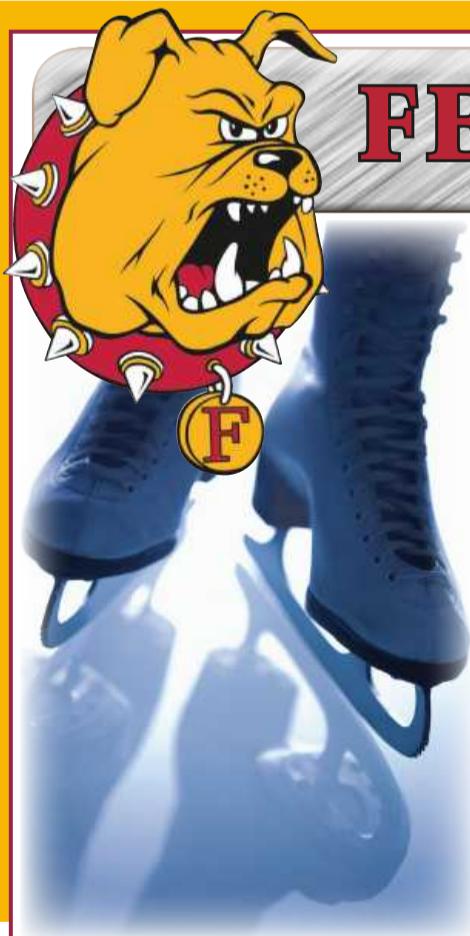
Yes, having a roommate or roommates can be difficult.

When friends tell me about their roommate's weird and annoying habits, I truly empathize. But sometimes you just need to suck it up. Is crying every time your roommate doesn't replace the toilet paper roll really worth it? I don't think so.

The thing is, the people who are constantly complaining about every detail have an-

noying habits too. We all do. As a species, we have a hard time being critical of ourselves.

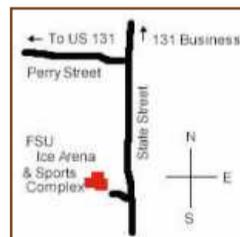
So my advice is simple: bring up the big stuff to your roommate so you can live a decently comfortable life and let the little things go. I guarantee you will enjoy your residence hall experience just a little bit more.



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