



Recycling expanded

Ferris' push for sustainability

Devin Anderson
News Editor

While most of Ferris' waste is thrown out, a growing number of students are taking it upon themselves to make a habit of recycling.

To promote recycling in the residence halls and campus buildings, Physical Plant recently added new recycle bins in Cramer Circle, Travis Circle, Lot 3 near Hallisy Hall, Lot 37 near the IRC, Lot 40 between Merrill Hall and Mc Nerney Hall, Lot 61 near Brophy Hall and in Lot 63 behind the Music Center.

That makes a total of 13 recycling containers on Ferris' main campus. Smaller containers are becoming more and more prevalent in buildings across campus.

Yet, a Physical Plant poll shows 82 percent of Ferris students don't know where to recycle on campus.

"This is all culture," said Ferris custodial services manager Rafael Dominguez. "Recycling requires individual effort. It's up to you."

Physical Plant's data shows Ferris spends an average of \$280,000 a year for waste removal, with 91 percent spent on trash removal and nine percent spent on shredding and recycling. Ferris spends five percent of the total budget on move-in and move-out weekend trash alone.

"It's just a tendency that if a trash can is closer, people will throw things away because it's the easy thing to do," said Nich-

ole Boehnke, a Ferris journalism senior. "If we make recycling the easier thing to do, maybe students will start recycling."

Boehnke interned at the Physical Plant during the summer of 2014 under Dominguez, compiling research and information on recycling to share with students.

With Dominguez and the Physical Plant as clients, public relations senior Ashley Bradstreet implemented a university-wide recycling improvement plan as part of her capstone public relations class last year.

A major component of the plan was a "Zero Trash Move-In Day" for incoming students on Aug. 28. Students and custodial staff help with recycling efforts during the move-in and handed out t-shirts that read "I recycle, Do U?" The group successfully recycled almost everything possible.

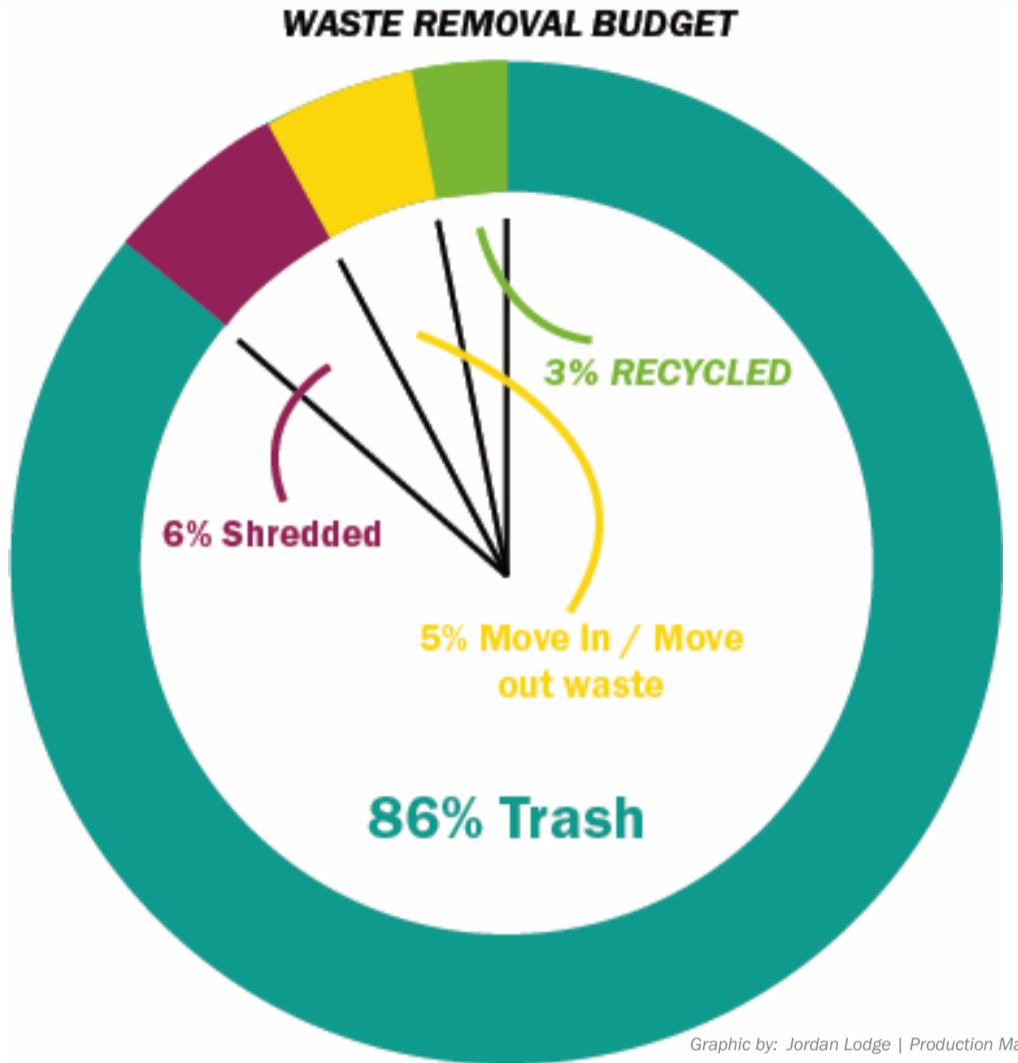
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Ferris custodians Diane McGuire (pictured) and Pam Marvel break down a mountain of recyclable cardboard near Miller Hall.



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"It was definitely a surprise...I had no idea I would win"

- Rainer Brow

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Write right

Writing center serves record number of students

Kip Biby

Ferris State Torch

The Writing Center had a record breaking year for the 2014-2015 academic year with 3,800 appointments to have writing assignments critiqued.

The Writing Center provides assistance for more than two hundred Ferris courses. Students who receive help range from freshmen undergrads to fourth-year grad students. More than half of the sessions last year represented classes other than English such as courses in criminal justice, automotive and social work.

"Last year is the standard by which future years will be measured," said English professor and Writing Center Director Andy Kantar. "I just see attendance increasing."

While face-to-face Writing Center appointments are popular, there was also a large increase in the amount of online tutoring sessions. These sessions were up 51 percent from last year, with staff critiquing anything from 100-level English papers up to the work of doctoral students.

"The Writing Center gives students a location to come and get a fresh perspective on their papers," said Cole Heule, a Writing Center tutor and professional tennis management senior. "It seems like students really appreciate it, whether they were required to come here or not."

The Writing Center staff is made up of students from all types of majors and paraprofessionals. The paraprofessionals work about twenty five hours a week

and are also tasked with giving presentations in classrooms to inform students of the services the Writing Center provides.

E-tutoring is a new service provided by the Writing Center that is available to any student no matter where they are. Students enrolled in Ferris classes can go to the Writing Center's website and have pieces critiqued remotely.

"The e-tutoring has taken off,"

Kantar said.

"We have students that are in different states and different countries even, enrolled in Ferris classes who make use

of the e-tutoring."

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, the Writing Center goes mobile by sending tutors to Brophy, McNerney, Bond and Clark Hall to work with students individually.

The Writing Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. To learn more about the Writing Center or online tutoring, call 231-591-2534 or visit their website, which can be accessed from Ferris' homepage at ferris.edu.



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Austin Hamilton (left) and Rainer Brow (right) pose as the first all-male homecoming royalty.

And the winner is...

Hamilton, Brow win homecoming royalty

Angela Graf

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Homecoming weekend is an exciting event for many Ferris students and alumni, but none more than Austin Hamilton and Rainer Brow.

At halftime during the 2 p.m. homecoming football game on Saturday, the 2015 homecoming royalty were crowned: senior in applied speech communication Austin Hamilton and senior in plastics and polymer engineering technology Rainer Brow.

This year was a first for Ferris in that the titles of homecoming king and queen were retired to create a more level playing field for the candidates, each equally vying for the

two open "royalty" positions.

This year's homecoming royalty court also included six female candidates: Megan Anker-son, Taylor Dempsey, Makenzie Hall, Victoria Hudgins, Kaitlyn Patrick and DorthiLen Taylor.

The candidates all rode in the homecoming parade earlier that day, smiling and waving to classmates and the Big Rapids community.

Being one of the two men on the ballot, Brow was caught off guard by the outcome.

"It was definitely a surprise," Brow said. "Everybody did really well in their campaigning, so it was really down to the last minute, I had no idea I would win."

Brow is from New Paris, Indiana, and was being sponsored

by the Society of Plastics Engineers and Circle K International.

Hamilton, of Manchester, was sponsored by Sports Careers and the Professional Golf Management Student Association.

"I think it's good to see our university changing the homecoming rules to be more up to speed with the times," Hamilton said. "I like the thought of being the first royalty in Ferris history."

Even with all of the chaos following the announcement, Hamilton was just happy to be there.

"I'm feeling great," he said. "It's a great day, beautiful weather and a good football game. It's good to be crowned homecoming royalty."

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ON THE RECORD

Five Travis Hall residents caught with marijuana, Taco Bell sign damaged

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

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News Editor

He was really hungry

Sept. 16, 2 a.m., officers assisted the city police with responding to two disorderly subjects at Taco Bell. One subject damaged the Taco Bell sign and was lodged in the county jail.

Shatter and run

Sept. 17, 10:55 p.m., officers responded to a damaged property complaint at Merrill Hall. A window was shattered and the subject fled before police arrived.

Swindler at The Rock

Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m., officers investigated a fraud complaint from The Rock. Restaurant management was being solicited for money by a fictitious company. The investigation continues.

Blunts in Brophy

Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Brophy Hall. One student was ticketed for possession and two other students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Close call

Sept. 18, 9:30 p.m., officers responded a report of smoke in the Racquet Facility. The facility's washing machine had a damaged belt that began to smoke.

Dude, where's the road?

Sept. 18, 10 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle driving on a sidewalk near West Campus Apartments. The driver of the vehicle was ticketed for driv-

ing on a restricted license and was told to get off the sidewalk.

That escalated quickly

Sept. 19, 12:05 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Knollview Drive for non working tail lights. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the possession of marijuana and another student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for providing the police false information.



Foul language on field

Sept. 20, 3:10 a.m., officers responded to a disorderly subject complaint at south campus practice fields. An intoxicated 17-year-old male shouted obscenities at police and was lodged in the county jail.

Students caught with marijuana

Sept. 20, 9:20 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint at Travis Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

And again...

Sept. 21, 6:50 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint at Travis Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Bad accident

Sept. 21, 7:50 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with traffic control at an accident on Perry Avenue. An injured person was brought to Grand Rapids by helicopter.

Toking again in Travis

Sept. 21, 11:40 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint at Travis Hall. A student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Banner burglar

Sept. 22, 8:55 a.m., officers investigated the theft of two Ferris homecoming banners valued at \$200 each. The investigation continues.

Fraud attempt at Prakken

Sept. 23, 11:50 a.m., officers investigated a fraud complaint at the Prakken Building. A fictitious company was asking for money with a forged document authorized by an administrator. The investigation continues.

Cramer's creeper

Sept. 23, 8:55 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint at Cramer Hall. A Cramer resident was being bothered by a roommate's friend. The suspect was told to leave the victim alone.

Sign seized

Sept. 24, 12:20 a.m., officers investigated the theft of a welcome sign from the Granger Building. The investigation continues.

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

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Kendall professor's exhibit comes to Ferris

Damian Goidich, an adjunct professor at Ferris' Kendall College of Art and Design, will present his "Little Things" exhibit throughout October. Beginning on Thursday, Oct. 1, Goidich's illustrations, reworking 19th century portraiture, will be on display in the University Center's Fine Art Gallery. Goidich's work can be viewed at damiangoidich.com.

Music on the Muskegon

Students and the Big Rapids community will unite for music, food, beer and much more with Music on the Muskegon. Beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, Hemlock Park will become a full-scale free music festival, featuring multicultural entertainment from An Dro, Appleseed Collective and more. The festival will also feature cultural workshops, inflatables and a 5k run.

CROP Hunger Walk

To raise money for Project Starburst and Third Avenue Lunch Program, students can register for the 2015 CROP Hunger Walk to take place on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Team or individual participants raising money will leave from the IRC and walk all over Big Rapids. For more information, contact Laura Dix at dixl@ferris.edu.

Artworks exhibit celebrates Ferris Hockey

The "Drop the Puck" exhibit at Artworks is a collection of Big Rapids hockey photography by Bill Bitzinger and Scott Whitney. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Ferris' varsity hockey program, a reception for Drop the Puck will take place at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 at Artworks. In attendance will be past and present Ferris players and coaches.

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Ferris expands recycling program

Bradstreet and other student representatives also spoke in several FSUS classes educate freshmen on how and where to recycle.

"We really want to start with this freshmen class so they can carry recycling on throughout their time at Ferris," Bradstreet said. "Students should be excited about recycling and realize what a big impact they can make not just on the university, but on the environment overall."

Dominguez said with increased use of Ferris' recycling containers, waste spending could be diverted equally between trash and recycling at almost no extra cost.

"Then we would be better stewards and supporters of recycling efforts worldwide," Dominguez said. "To me it seems like a no-brainer."

Students in the Bulldog Sustainability Alliance also educate students on how and where to recycle. According to BSA secretary Adam Jandura, the

organization will expand its efforts this year to collaborate with other groups and produce video content about recycling.

"Recycling is not the best on campus, but it is partially because people don't know what can be recycled," said Jandura, a third year pre-pharmacy student. "We hope to fix that through the knowledge of proper recycling."

The University Center recently received LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for having exemplary sustainability design. East Campus Suites and the College of Optometry are also certified LEED Gold. According to Dominguez, a major factor in receiving the certification was the UC's trash and recycling containers, which are made of 1,000 recycled milk jugs each.

For more information on Physical Plant's recycling efforts as well as where and what to recycle, visit the Physical Plant Facebook page by searching Ferris State Physical Plant - Sustainability.



Photo by: Devin Anderson | News Editor

Rafael Dominguez poses with Physical Plant's new "I Recycle, Do U?" T-shirt.

Photo of the Week



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Lights and big sound filled Williams Auditorium last Wednesday for Bo Burnham's performance.

Where recycling happens on campus

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Cramer Circle

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Minds Aflame speaker appointed to Higher Learning Commission



Fadayomi brings global experience to teaching

Mari Ann Loucks
Ferris State Torch

Minds Aflame is quickly approaching and one Ferris professor seeks to share her knowledge of globalization to help students.

Dr. Olukemi Fadayomi, a speaker for the Minds Aflame series, has been working at Ferris for 28 years. She was recently invited to become a member of the Peer Corps as a reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission.

Fadayomi is passionate about globalization and hopes many students will learn how it impacts their lives.

"I look at globalization as some kind of intersection for our being," Fadayomi said. "It touches every aspect of mine and everybody else's lives. When you ask people about globalization, people think economies and politics, but it is holistic. It encompasses everything."

Born in Nigeria, Fadayomi received a B.S. in biology from East Texas Baptist University, an M.S. in biology from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Ph.D. in biology from North Texas State University. She was hired by Ferris in

1987 to teach medical parasitology after her postdoctoral experience at the National Institute of Health. Her research interests are parasitic infections of the immune system.

Fadayomi looks forward to her new role as an educator with the Higher Learning Commission.

"It fits into everything I do,"

other individuals are doing. By attending various institutions and seeing what is working for them, I will be able to share that with the Ferris community."

Fadayomi is currently the chair for the University Curriculum Committee, and is focusing on how to change the curriculum to better meet the needs of the next generation of students. She is able to see what employers are looking for and implement them on Ferris' campus, making students more employable.

"This is an exciting time to be a student at Ferris," Fadayomi said. "I'm just happy to be a part of it."

Minds Aflame will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 29, in Williams Auditorium from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information on the Higher Learning Commission, go to www.hlcommission.org.



Fadayomi said. "I will continue to provide opportunities for our students to be trained globally. I was looking for a platform that would allow me to speak to students beyond Ferris' walls."

"My goal, as always, is excellence in teaching and training the next generation of globally conscious individuals," Fadayomi said. "As a reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, I am able to see what



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Ferris biology professor Olukemi Fadayomi spoke at the Minds Aflame event on Sept. 29 about globalization and her multicultural experience.

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"I really liked it, but I'm kind of biased because I love him."

- Ryan Fouts

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Brutus was one proud Ferris State Bulldog last Saturday.

Homecoming 2015

A breakdown of the lineup

Jen Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Homecoming is the most anticipated week of the fall semester for some students.

This year's homecoming week was a (mostly) successful string of events to get students in the spirit for the semester ahead.

The week would have kicked off with the Live United Color War and 5k on Sunday, Sept. 20, but the event was postponed due to the weather. This event is expected to be rescheduled post-homecoming week.

The fun started with the Lip Sync Competition on Monday in Williams Auditorium. Several sororities, fraternities and other student organizations participated in the contest, dazzling the crowd with their different routines. The event had a Broadway theme and featured songs from classics like "Grease" and "Hairspray."

Tuesday was opening day for royalty voting on OrgSync, but also featured a kickball tournament in the evening. Students formed teams from their organizations to compete in the tournament, which took place on Top Taggart Field.

Wednesday brought some

serious hype to campus as Bo Burnham took the stage at Williams Auditorium for the homecoming comedy show.

Ryan Fouts, a junior in computer information technology, attended the comedy show.

"I really liked it, but I'm kind of biased because I love him,"



Ryan Fouts
Ferris State University

Fouts said. "He sang some songs and did his usual satire stuff that normally people wouldn't make fun of. He also makes gay jokes and things like that, and normally I would be like, 'that's terrible,' but I understand that it's just comedy. That's half of comedy – going to those extremes."

Fouts said that compared to past homecomings, this year's was better than usual.

"My past two years, I didn't really care about it much," Fouts said. "I'm not really interested in the Lip Sync, so that's always been kind of boring, but I like the comedian and the football game. I wish people paid more attention to the

little things though, like Spirit Day. I think somehow we need to get people more involved. I think the homecoming committee does everything it can, but people just don't hear about it."

Thursday held the Carnival and Dawg House Competition in the North Quad. The carnival brought a small crowd to the Quad and games and food were offered.

Andrea Harthorn, a music industry management senior, was a volunteer for the carnival. She also attended the Lip Sync event, and said she enjoyed it.

"It was my first time going," she said. "It was fun." Harthorn said that she would have liked to have attended Bo Burnham's show as well, but didn't get out of class in time to get a ticket.

"It's awesome that they brought a big name, but maybe have a space big enough for the people who would want to go to the big name," Harthorn said.

Friday brought a gathering at Lot 61 for the homecoming bonfire before the final and main events – the homecoming parade at noon in downtown Big Rapids and the football team beating the Saginaw Valley Cardinals at 2 p.m. on Saturday.



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Homecoming royalty winner Rainer Brow in the homecoming parade on Sept. 26.



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

The FSU Cheer Team getting fans amped up in downtown BR before the game.



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

6,577 fans packed Top Taggart Field to watch the Bulldogs best the Cardinals 35-18 last Saturday.



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

DAA president Tiffany Schack speaking at the DAA meeting on Sept. 24.

New RSO on the block

Students create Data Analytics Association

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

Students in the business data analytics program at Ferris State University started a registered student organization (RSO) this semester.

The RSO is called Data Analytics Association (DAA) and according to Megan Speese, a senior in business data analytics and the vice president of DAA, the drive to create this organization at Ferris came from the lack of knowledge about data analytics and the opportunities it offers for all students.

“The workforce right now is very data driven – 2.5 quintillion bytes of data are created every day,” said Tiffany Shack, a junior in business data an-

alytics and the president of DAA. “Managing the data and knowing what to do with it is what this organization is about.”

Data are not just numbers, but also words and any type of



Megan Speese
Ferris State University

recorded information. According to Shack, applying analysis to data is when data become real information that people can use, which is the purpose of DAA.

“Data analytics is the fastest growing field today,” said Speese. “Data are everywhere. People who know how to turn it

into information are in high demand and have high chances of being hired after college and DAA wants to help you learn about this promising field.”

Ferris is the only school in Michigan that offers a business data analytics program, even though it is an emerging field with an extraordinary promise of growth.

“My favorite thing about this organization is that the people are really great,” said Shack. “It’s an interesting area because right now, since we’re new, it’s just people in our major and a few others. But everyone is a people-person, so it’s fun.”

DAA is a great place to meet other people in a professional

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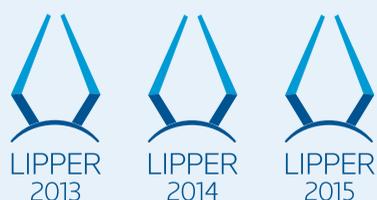
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It's Bo, yo



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Actor and comedian Bo Burnham played piano tunes and pantomimed scenarios to cleverly-crafted backing tracks last Wednesday at the Homecoming Comedy Show in Williams Auditorium.

Bo Burnham shakes Williams Auditorium for homecoming celebration

Devin Anderson
News Editor

Wearing a Ferris State University crew neck, Bo Burnham rocked a full house in Williams Auditorium for the Homecoming Comedy Show.

"This is a beautiful campus, nice people," Burnham said in a post-show interview. "We had some fun."

Not unlike a Ferris student, the 25-year-old comedian and best-selling poet spent his Wednesday afternoon wandering about campus with headphones on and a book in hand. After lunch at the Quad Cafe and a stop at the bookstore for some Ferris merch, Burnham retreated to Williams Auditorium, where hundreds of eager students were already waiting in line for a ticket.

The line for tickets began to form around 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. Ferris music industry management freshman Jacquelyn Lovely was first in line.

"I've been a huge fan of Bo's since I was in middle school," Lovely said. "I freaked out when I found out he was coming to Ferris."

"The students were super excited," said Bryan Hinrichs, comedian chair for the homecoming committee and music industry management senior. "As soon as Bo came onstage and everyone cheered, it felt awesome."

Having started the planning process for homecoming in May,

Hinrichs noted the show was the culmination of a lot of hard work.

The show began with a quick set from Los Angeles-based comedian Brandon Wardell, who frequently tours with Burnham.

Screams and cheers filled Williams Auditorium when Burnham took the stage. After powering through a brand new hour of songs and stand up, Burnham closed the show with his song, "Oh, Bo," with the audience chanting along.

Burnham will continue his U.S. "Make Happy" tour until the December taping of his new comedy special.



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Hundreds of students waited in line for hours to get their tickets to see Bo Burnham in Williams Auditorium.



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

The line for Bo Burnham tickets began forming before noon and stretched from the doors of Williams Auditorium all the way around The Science Building.

Media Minute

Lana Del Rey - "Honeymoon"



Hailey Klingel
Lifestyles Editor

Hands down, Lana Del Rey has the best voice I've ever heard. In my opinion, she is some sort of angel-human hybrid sent down from a badass heaven to bless us with her mythical, surreal voice. Therefore, I was extremely excited when Lana released her new album "Honeymoon" on Friday, Sept. 18. I was going to wait a few weeks to get it until I could find it on the internet for free, but after seeing people on social media praising her even more than usual after it came out, I couldn't wait and gave her the \$12.99 she rightfully deserved. Lana is a goddess and I basically worship her, but "Honeymoon" was not what I expected. Wikipedia classifies the album as "dream pop," but I think it feels more like nightmare pop. I'd be walking through cam-

pus on a beautiful, sunny day looking at the changing leaves and happy students - a perfect recipe for a good mood. But, while listening to "Honeymoon," I would feel more like a depressed character in a dark film noir movie. I'm not saying the album isn't great or that my opinion on Lana has changed, because that's not the case. "Honeymoon" is just drastically different than her previous work. I'd say a solid 10/14 songs are, for a lack of a better descriptor, just plain depressing. Lana's music tends to be on the slower, thoughtful side, but she usually balances out her dark songs with a few upbeat ones. Also, I couldn't help feeling like Lana really relied on her voice to cover up some of the

uncreative lyrics in this album. Many of the songs consist of the same sentences or phrases repeated over and over. All the songs still sound great, but Lana is the only artist I know who can make mundane lyrics come across as works of genius, and she really capitalized on that skill for "Honeymoon." Lana is still amazing in my eyes and the best artist I've ever heard, but I would only recommend "Honeymoon" if you want something to sing loudly to, need a good cry or want your mood to be drastically brought down. For those who do listen to it, though, I recommend "Freak," "Art Deco," "Salvatore," "High by the Beach" and "The Blackest Day."



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DAA can benefit all majors

and fun way, but it's not just about the fun. It's a new organization with great goals and hopes of accomplishment. DAA members plan on volunteering on and off campus, hosting events with other student organizations, attending data conferences, working on data projects for Ferris and other local businesses and having social events for members. "We really want to emphasize the social aspect of being in an association," said Speese. "By building these relationships, we will be able to better understand the wants and

needs of students to help cater meetings and events to them." The organization hopes to gain membership with people from different majors. According to Speese, DAA members want to fulfill the needs and wants of students as well as the members of the community. Data analytics is one of the fastest growing careers and being able to add a data-mining certificate to any major could vastly improve your chance of being hired after college. Data Analytics Association meets every other Thursday in UC 211 at 6 p.m.

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SPORTS

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“Megan is a great volleyball player and a great person.”

Jason Vander Laan

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The Vander who? game show

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

Ferris State fans have been blessed with the opportunity to watch some incredible athletes showcase their skills the past few years. At the top of the list of those players

are two outstanding seniors who either by coincidence or fate share similar last names.

Jason Vander Laan and Megan Vander Meer are not related, but they are both unbelievably skilled at what they do and they have the credentials to prove it.

Vander Laan, a Frankfort, Illi. native and product of Chicago

Christian High School has been an unstoppable force on the football field ever since he put on his No. 15 jersey for the Bulldogs. He brought the first ever Harlon Hill Trophy to Ferris State and holds a career record of 29-8 at the quarterback position.

Vander Laan's fellow athlete Megan Vander Meer has also made a name for herself in a Bulldogs' jersey.

The Grand Rapids, Mich. native has been impressive for the Ferris State volleyball team and has been one of the best players on a 12-1 Bulldog team that is ranked No. 2 in the nation. Earlier this season, Vander Meer was given the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) player of the week award, an honor that has only been given to a Ferris State player on one other occasion.

Vander Laan had nothing but nice things to say about Vander Meer.

Vander Laan said, “Megan is a great volleyball player and a great person. One of the kindest people I know. She also is very fun to watch and can kill it at volleyball.”

Vander Meer had similar opinions toward the Ferris State quarterback.

“I think he’s an awesome athlete, and he’s so humble even throughout all of the

success he’s had. He’s also so genuine when you talk to him,” said Vander Meer.

The support doesn't stop there for these Ferris State stars and their teams. Oftentimes, members of the football team will help to pack the gym for a home volleyball match, just as the women of

the volleyball team will cheer on the Dawgs on the gridiron.

Of course, there is more to these two Bulldogs than what they can do on the field or the court. Let's play a game of “Vander-Who?” Can you guess who said what? See below for questions and answers.



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Harlon Hill winner Jason Vander Laan rumbles downfield against SVSU.



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American Volleyball Coaches Association player of the week Megan Vander Meer celebrating after a big play for the Dawgs.

Guess whether each answer belongs to Vander Meer or Vander Laan

Favorite Color: Red (VM)

Favorite Color: Red (VL)

Favorite Movie: Return of the King (LOTR) (VM)

Favorite Movie: Mr. Deeds (VL)

Favorite Musician: Skillet (VM)

Favorite Musician: No favorite, but country during the summer (VL)

Favorite Food: Pizza, burgers and steak (VM)

Favorite Food: Deep dish pizza from Gino's East in Chicago (VL)

Biggest Fear: Losing any member of my family (VM)

Biggest Fear: High-level elevators (VL)

Favorite Book: “The Curse of the Flying Dutchman”

by Brian Jacques (VM)

Favorite Book: All seven Harry Potter books (VL)

Best Memory: My dad used to take the entire family on his trips and my mom would take my brothers, sisters and me to historic museums/areas, aquariums and any other fun place she could find in the area. I'd have to say all of those trips are my favorite memories. (VM)

Best Memory: Hitting a game-winning three pointer in basketball against school rival sophomore year of high school. (VL)

Favorite Animal: Horses (VM)

Favorite Animal: Bears (VL)

If you were an animal what would you be and why?: Lion, I think they're amazing and powerful animals. (VM)

If you were an animal what would you be and why?: Dog. They live the life. Sleep and eat and have everything given to you. (VL)

Favorite Season: Spring (VM)

Favorite Season: Summer (VL)

Favorite NFL team: Detroit Lions (VM)

Favorite NFL team: Chicago Bears (VL)

Favorite Athlete: Lloy Ball (VM)

Favorite Athlete: Donovan McNabb or Derrick Rose (VL)

If you could only bring 3 things onto a deserted island and you were all alone, what would you bring?: A picture of my family, “How to Survive on a Deserted Island: For Dummies” and “How to Build a Raft on a Deserted Island: For Dummies.” (VM)
If you could only bring 3 things onto a deserted island and you were all alone, what would you bring?: A knife, a companion and a lighter (VL)

Men's tennis dominates



Photo courtesy of FSU Photo Services

The 2014-15 men's tennis team wrapped up their fall season with a victory at the Bulldog Invitational last Saturday.

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

Once a year, the Ferris State men's tennis team hosts their own invitational. This year it ended with a result leaning heavily in the Bulldogs' favor.

Last Saturday, the Ferris wrapped up the Bulldog Invitational in dominating fashion. The Bulldogs squared off with Hillsdale College, Michigan Tech University and Lake Superior State University and finished the tournament as big winners.

In a round-robin format, the Bulldogs played each team once in eight singles flights and four doubles flights. In some cases, Ferris State players had to play against one another as some Bulldog players filled spots for missing play-

ers on competitor's teams.

The invitational was the last tournament that the Bulldogs will be playing until February as they wrapped up their fall campaign. In the two-day competition, Ferris State combined for a record of 11-3 in doubles and hadn't dropped a match in singles through Friday.

When the Bulldogs return for play in February of next year, they will try to build on an impressive 18-7 record from the 2014-2015 season. The Dawgs were an undefeated 9-0 in conference last year, winning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) outright for the first time since 1994, breaking a 21 year streak set by Northwood University. The Dawgs and Northwood also shared the conference title in 1999.

Blashill, Red Wings prepare for season

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

TRAVERSE CITY Ferris State graduate and Detroit Red Wings head coach Jeff Blashill is a little over a week away from his National Hockey League (NHL) coaching debut.

Blashill, who played goalie for Ferris State from 1994-98 and coached for the Bulldogs shortly thereafter, is finishing up coaching the last games of the preseason for the winged wheel before the team's season opener on Oct. 9 at Joe Louis Arena. Blashill and the Wings will face off against the Toronto Maple Leafs and former head coach Mike Babcock, who signed a contract with Toronto during this offseason.

Blashill is getting some solid productivity out of his younger players this preseason, some of whom he coached for the Grand Rapids Griffins.

As for what young prospects will be playing come regular season, Blashill said, "We've got a huge group of young guys pushing so it's hard to say will end up grabbing those spots. You know we've got eight exhibition games so we'll continue to evaluate."

The Ferris alum will be taking over a Red Wings team who has made the playoffs the past 24 years and looks to keep that going in the 2015-2016 campaign.

Coach Blashill says he has a large pool of players to choose from during the team's presea-

son games and will utilize as many as possible to get everyone reps and make sure the team isn't too worn out when the regular season rolls around.

"It's a little bit easier for the players because you're almost dealing with two full teams. We're going to have more than two full teams in Detroit, so we'll have enough to space those games out. It will really only be four [games] at max really for most of the guys, maybe five, sometimes three so we'll manage that part of it. I think guys have been around and know what they need to do to be ready so I'll lean on them a little bit on how many they want to play so we're sure that they can come into game one ready to go," said Blashill.



Jeff Blashill
Ferris State University

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Stepping up between the pipes

Charles Williams to take over as goalie for Ferris Hockey



Photo courtesy of FSU Photo Services

C.J. Motte, who Williams will be taking over for this year in net for Ferris State Hockey, served as a mentor for Williams.

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

Taking over for a Hobey Baker finalist and the winningest goalie in Ferris history sounds tough, but that is the task that lies ahead of Charles Williams.

Williams, of Canton, Mich. was granted a medical redshirt last season because of an injury to his achilles tendon, but he is ready to go for the 2015-2016 season. Filling the skates of C.J. Motte is a tall task, and Williams knows how good of a player he will be replacing this season.

Williams wasn't taking time off during his injury, he was too busy learning from his predecessor.

"I was able to take the time to learn and take notes, like I said learn from his [Motte's] game and all that he did at Ferris," said Williams. "The biggest thing he taught me was just holding your composure no matter what happens just not getting too high and not getting too low. Just staying mellow and staying humble and being ready to play."

Before coming to Ferris,

Williams played in the United States Hockey League (USHL) and posted an impressive 20-4-3 record with the Lincoln Stars in 2011-2012. He averaged a 2.61 goals against average and upheld a .907 save percentage in his time playing for the Stars.

Williams didn't play in any games last year and was playing backup behind Motte in the two years before that. In the



Charles Williams
Ferris State

Michigan

That shutout on Jan. 25, 2014 was the last time Williams played in a game wearing a Ferris jersey.

"I'm very excited, I had a talk with coach about just seeing game action. I haven't seen game action in a while, so I'm

looking forward to this upcoming scrimmage at the Crimson and Gold game, just to get back into it and get my habits back and stuff. I'm really looking forward to it and I know it's going to be a good time," said Williams.

The offseason has been long and arduous for Williams because of the injury to his achilles. He said the most important thing he's been working on has been getting into game shape. Williams says he doesn't have any expectations for the season besides playing hard and taking it a game at a time.

The Ferris hockey team will play in the Crimson and Gold game this Saturday at 5 p.m. in Big Rapids, followed by an exhibition game against the University of Lethbridge (Canada) at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Dawgs will start their regular season campaign on Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 against Western Michigan University. FSU will travel to Kalamazoo to take on the Broncos at Lawson Ice Arena at 7:00 p.m. both nights.

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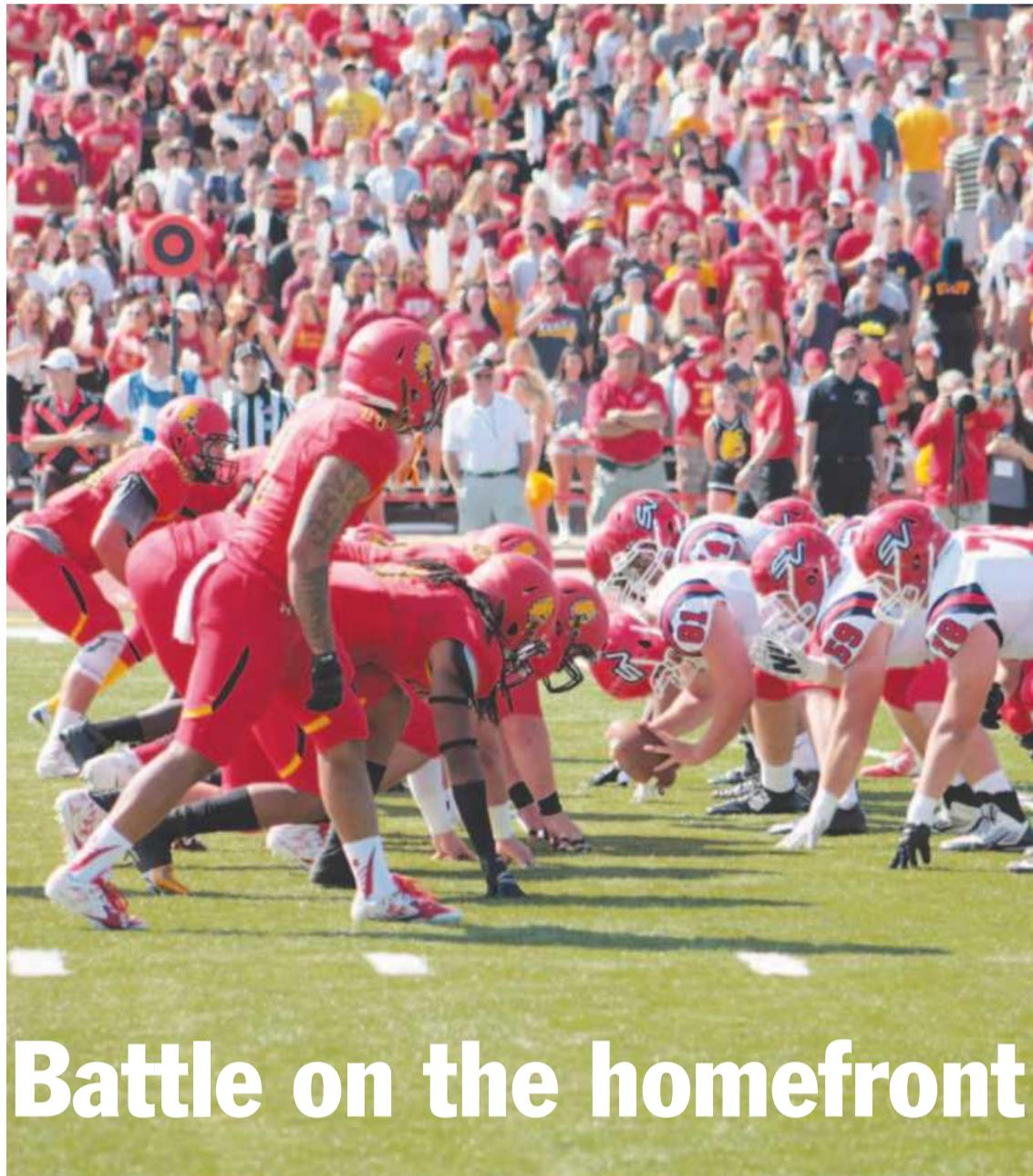
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Battle on the homefront

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The Bulldogs defeated the SVSU Cardinals 35-18 at Top Taggart Field last Saturday during Homecoming.

Bulldogs cap off Homecoming week with a win

Cody Burkhard
Ferris State Torch

The atmosphere was electric on Homecoming Day as the boys in the crimson and yellow blew by the Saginaw Valley Cardinals at home.

Ferris State improved their record to 3-0 winning by a score of 35-18; however, the visiting team was the first to score.

Saginaw Valley junior Brad Odeman Jr. connected with red-shirt freshman Marq Johnson for 26 yards on the first Cardinal possession but the Dawgs came up big on special teams by blocking the extra point, which they also did later in the first half and returned for two points.

The Bulldogs came back in the subsequent drive and scored as senior Jake Lampman scored on an outside run in the redzone on fourth down to tie the game.

Ferris State owned the rest of the second half with their usual high-paced, slashing offense going into half-time leading 29-12.

Neither team could score on their first few possessions of the second half. Saginaw came out stout against the spread run offense of Ferris State.

“They switched up their defensive front a lot, going from a 4-man front to a 3-man front which put a lot of pressure on us,” head coach Tony Anese said. “You got to hand it to them [Saginaw Valley]. They

came out and played us tough.”

The home team was stout as well not allowing the visitors into Bulldog territory more than a few times and only allowing 73 yards rushing on the day.

The Bulldogs were first to strike in the second half on a four play 49-yard possession. Junior Jamel Lockett got loose for a 40-yard pass to the nine from last week’s National Player of The Week, Jason Vander Laan. A few plays later, Jamel Lockett appropriately finished off the drive with a tough catch where he was hit hard into the endzone.

The last score of the game was by Saginaw Valley after Ferris State found themselves in fourth and 49 from inside their own five where they had a punt blocked. It was picked up by a Cardinal after a scramble.

Jason Vander Laan had been taken out at that point of the game, but once the Cardinals gained that momentum, the Ferris coaching staff made the decision to put him back in on the subsequent drive.

With four minutes left, putting Vander Laan in proved to be wise as he converted a fourth down run on a drive that would ice the game.

As usual, it was a backfield by committee for the Bulldogs with Vander Laan leading the way on the ground with 88 yards rushing. He also threw for two touchdowns and 220 yards.

The wealth was definitely spread through the air as well as both Jamel Lockett and sophomore Jajuan Pollock had short touchdown catches with 91 and 31 yards receiving respectively. Both were mixed into the rush game. Senior Antonio Agurs led the team in receptions with seven.

Senior defensive back David Churchwell led the Ferris defense with 10 tackles.

Ferris State looks to continue its stroll through the GLIAC next week against the undefeated Oilers of Findlay University.

Findlay seeks to be the next Ohio school to knock off Ferris State recently. Ohio Dominican defeated the Bulldogs in playoff action last year, ending an undefeated run.

It’ll be difficult for the Oilers as they are facing a team that has more than enough firepower to match up.

Causing a lot of the smoke, Jason Vander Laan is closing in on the all-time NCAA rushing yardage record for a quarterback.

“I’m not really focused on the individual accolades. Those are going to come. The people playing around me are who allow me to do what I do so I go where they go,” said Vander Laan.

The Bulldogs will look to improve to 4-0 on the road this Saturday at 12 p.m. in Findlay, Ohio.

Ferris fantasy football Week four

This week in Ferris Fantasy football, I squeaked by with a victory.



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

By a score of 83-82, I defeated the Ferris State football team, improving my record to 1-2 on the year. Hopefully the Dawgs can keep winning on the gridiron and I can keep winning the fantasy matchups. Anyway, without further ado, here is my roster for this week.

QB: Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers

This guy is good. Simple as that. If he does what he usually does, then he should put up some points.

RB: Adrian Peterson, Minnesota Vikings

I think Peterson is catching his stride, and as long as he stays injury-free, I think he’ll be a work horse for the Vikings this week.

WR1: A.J. Green, Cincinnati Bengals

Green was unstoppable last week against the Ravens, catching 10 passes for a career high 227 yds and two TDs. Expect Andy Dalton to look his way often this week.

WR2: Amari Cooper, Oak-

land Raiders
It’s always risky picking a player from Oakland, but I think Derek Carr

has found a solid No. 2 receiver in the rookie receiver.

FLEX: Donte Moncrief, Indianapolis Colts

Moncrief has scored a touchdown every game this year. I think he might extend that streak against a weak Jaguars defense.

D/ST: New York Jets

It worked last week to pick a defense who played an inconsistent Dolphins offense. Let’s hope it works again here.

K: Stephen Gostkowski, New England Patriots

He’s one of the best fantasy kickers ever. If Jason Hanson was still an option I’d take him every week, but sadly enough the Lions’ leading scorer has been retired for years.

This team will go head to head with Ferris State’s best players from their next game against Findlay University this Saturday. The undefeated Bulldogs will take the field in hostile territory against Findlay at noon on Oct. 3.

Team Torch Box Score

Starters

POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Tom Brady, New England Patriots	358 yds. passing, 2 TD's	25
RB	Matt Forte, Chicago Bears	74 yds. rushing	7
WR1	Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants	7 catches, 79 yds., 1 TD	14
WR2	Julian Edelman, New England Patriots	8 catches, 85 yds.	9
TE	Jordan Matthews, Philadelphia Eagles	6 catches, 49 yds.	5
D/ST	Buffalo Bills	3 INT, 1 TD	18
K	Justin Tucker, Baltimore Ravens	1 FG, 1 missed FG, 3 extra pts. made	5
Total			83

Ferris State Box Score

Starters

POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Jason Vander Laan	220 yds. passing, 103 yds. rushing, 3 total TD	32
RB	Robert Thomas	1 yd, 1 TD	6
WR1	Jamel Lockett	6 catches, 91 yds., 1 TD	16
WR2	Jajuan Pollock	5 catches, 31 yds., 1 TD	10
TE	Jake Lampman	4 catches, 36 yds., 11 rush yds., 1 rush TD	10
D/ST	Ferris State	1 sack, 18 pts. allowed, 2 blocked extra pts.	6
K	Nate Iveson	3 extra pts. made, 1 missed FG	2
Total			82

Top Dawg



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Beau Jensen
Ferris State Torch

Allowing only three scores and making 20 saves last week, Maddie Haustein played a huge role in keeping the Lady Bulldog soccer team's undefeated record alive. The Lady Bulldogs, who are now on the eighth game of their undefeated streak, swept their competition last week with the exception of one tie on Sunday which came against the Findlay Oilers.

Haustein allowed only one goal per game out of the three they played last week, and not one of those three goals came after the first half of the game. Having that security on the defensive side of the field was a huge boost to the Lady Bulldog soccer team. Two of the three games played last week went into double overtime, making Haustein's performance even more impressive.

Since their eight game win streak began against Indiana

Wesleyan in the second week of September, Haustein has only allowed four goals. Every good goal keeper would of course give a lot of credit to their defenders, but Haustein's performance over the course of the team's last three game stretch has really shined for Bulldog soccer. Haustein looks to once again help defend the Bulldog's impressive streak when they take on the Timberwolves of Northwood, Friday, Oct. 2nd.

Hockey hype

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The Ferris State hockey team 2015-2016 hype video has been released and it will give you goosebumps.

The video, which was first shown at halftime of Ferris football's homecoming game against Saginaw Valley State, is titled, "For Ferris." The video features the songs "Some Chords," by Deadmau5 and a remix of Porter Robinson's, "Lionhearted" by Arty.

Michael Corn, a Ferris graduate who got his degree in sports communication created the video with help from Brendan Babinski, Harrison Watt, Michael King, and Fox Sports Detroit. Corn was able to return to Ferris to help athletics make the video, and he was excited to return and work with the hockey team.

Corn said, "They're all (the players) just incredibly helpful, willing to work and excited to be there and working on it. They want the video to look good just as much as we want it to look good."

The video starts out slow

with different players hyping up the season, and hits its climax when junior goaltender Charles Williams removes his mask and says, "We're baaack."

The video then cuts to highlights from last season as the music intensifies.

Williams said, "It was cool. It was actually something that meant a little more to me be-

cause not only are we back for the season, I'm back as well from injury so it was kind of cool how they had me say that line and it was fun doing that with the boys."

The video can be seen on Michael Corn's Youtube page. The Dawgs will play in the intrasquad Crimson and Gold game this Saturday at 5 p.m. at Ewigleben Arena.

Sports Shorts

Beau Jensen
Ferris State Torch

Women's soccer keeps the ball rolling

The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Concordia Cardinals and the Malone Pioneers last week and tied Findlay to improve their record to 7-2-1. With these two wins in the bag, the ladies have extended their winning streak to seven games.

Against Concordia, the Bulldogs got out to a slow 0-1 start. It wasn't until the 32nd minute of regulation that Ferris State scored a goal of their own from junior defender Meredith Smith, tying the competition up and ultimately sending the game into two overtimes. From there, it was senior defender Hunter Dolan who brought the game to an end with her last minute goal, cementing a 2-1 victory.

In what looked like a repeat of Tuesday's game, Malone scored a goal in early on the Bulldogs, putting Ferris down 0-1. Shortly after Malone's goal, Bulldog senior forward Casey Shauman struck one into the back of the net to tie it up. It wasn't until the end of the first half that freshman defender Erica Bartlett put in her first career goal to ensure the bulldogs 2-1 victory as the rest of the contest was scoreless.

Ferris tied Findlay 1-1 in double overtime in a game where Carley Dubbert scored the only goal for the Bulldogs in the 22nd minute.

Women's cross country runs away with a victory

With 50 teams vying for the number one spot during the Augustana Invite on Friday the 25th, the Ferris State Bulldog women took first place honors with a team score of 125. In no small feat of their own, the men's team took seventh out of the 50 teams in attendance with a score of 191.

Leading the Bulldog pack for the women was senior Emily Haynes with a time of 22:28.4, earning her ninth place overall. Close behind her, fellow Bulldog junior Samantha Humphrey ran a time of 23:13.5, granting her 22nd place overall.

As for the men's squad and their seventh place finish, they were led by junior Logan Hammer, who took seventh place overall with a time of 24:57.6. The next closest Bulldog was sophomore Trevor Holowaty with a time of 25:34.9 and 31st place overall.

Ferris State Cross Country will be running again on Oct. 10 when they take on Lewis Crossover in Illinois before heading back to Michigan to compete at the Northwood Invitational in Midland.

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Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!



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Zoo animals may be interesting to see through glass, but they do not lead the ideal life in captivity.

You see them in little sweaters, in random parks, in zoos; I'm talking about those critters we know and love, or have asked to pet at some point.

Most of us would admit we love animals and cherish their presence, but we also find ourselves enjoying things that may exploit them.

Take zoos and aquariums, for example. We plan to visit these places because we get to see animals in a place we naturally wouldn't see them. It's exciting, and we spend hours "ooh-ing" and "ahh-ing" over these scaly or furry friends.

But the point that is rarely explored is how animals are treated in these places. Most of us wouldn't find enjoyment in hurting them, but that is in-



Lyndzi Sakowski
Ferris State Torch

directly what we are investing in when we visit these places. Another popular one is circuses. They are wild, exciting and entertaining. But oftentimes they are underfed, overworked and severely confined at the expense of our entertainment. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the fun of the circus is quite the opposite for the animals involved. "In many circuses, animals are trained through the use of intimidation and physical abuse. Former circus employees have reported seeing animals beaten, whipped and denied food and

water, all to force them to learn their routines. Animals are taught that not obeying the trainer will result in physical abuse. In the United States, no government agency monitors animal training sessions," reports the ASPCA.

It doesn't make us bad people for visiting these places. But it helps to stay informed so we don't accidentally invest in industries that do abuse our beloved critters.

Personally, I make it a point to avoid aquariums, zoos and circuses. I'm working on incorporating Meatless Mondays and an overall lower dependence on meat.

Fish are friends, not food, and we ultimately play a vital part in how animals are and can be treated in the future.

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

I am undoubtedly the stupidest smart person that I know.

Just because I'm an Honors student on the Dean's List and have maintained honor roll status since elementary school doesn't mean that I have the mental capacity to operate as a human being effectively.

Over time, I've found that I lack much of the common sense that my peers seem to have been blessed with. A solid score on the ACT does little to enable me to cope with the

daily struggles of existence.

For example, doors serve as a constant reminder that I'm not up for the challenge of being alive. If I'm approaching a "pull" door, there is a negative percent chance that it will be pulled. I will push endlessly until the soles of my shoes have been scraped away on the pavement. I will then read the blatantly obvious "pull" sign inches away, chuckle softly to myself and die on the inside shortly after.

When it comes to geogra-

phy, I'm even more useless. It is true that in seventh grade I succeeded in writing the name and capital of each state on a blank map of the United States from memory. This skill, which will obviously never serve me in the outside world, does not translate well to my spatial reasoning and understanding of my surroundings, however.

Street names and cardinal directions baffle me, which helps to explain why living with a GPS is an absolute necessity. It also

explains why you will likely end up in the deep woods of New Hampshire if you ever ask me for directions to the Starr Building.

Because I only have my own perspective to work with, I have no idea how often the general population deals with these kinds of problems. I hope that I'm not alone in this struggle, but I also wouldn't wish my level of outright ignorance on anybody.

Uncommon sense

Bulldog Bucketlist

Things to do before you graduate

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Go to wing night

Take a photo with Brutus

Go to a hockey game

Get kicked out of Shooters

Go to Taco Bell at 1 a.m. or later

Go to Pancakes with the President

Go a day without hearing sirens

Go to Drag Night at the Gate

Take a nap at FLITE

Experience a hangover in class

Stay up so late that you can get breakfast at the Rock or Quad Cafe before you go to bed

Get saganaki at Crankers at 2 a.m.

Watch a couch burn at Oakwood

Go to the River Walk

Go tubing on the Muskegon River

Go to a football game against GVSU

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All lives matter movement

Repurposed slogan is stealing the spotlight

After the rise in recognition of racial oppression toward

Lydia Taylor
Guest Writer

“All lives matter” is also a violent message because all lives

black people, there were many rising emotions and responses, one being: “all lives matter!”

Why of course all lives matter! Why wouldn't they? However, “black lives matter” is a cry of people who are tired of being degraded; a cry that black people are proud and valuable. When individuals reclaim this movement as “all lives matter,” they are stealing the show. Black Americans are trying to bring attention to the fact that they are being snuffed out carelessly, either by literally having their lives taken or figuratively through less opportunity, discrimination and overall subservient treatment.

After all, America does not see these large gatherings as protests and riots for no reason. No one would take the time or risk their safety by protesting unless they felt like it was the last resort. Despite violence towards peaceful protesters in Baltimore and Ferguson, members of all races still marched on. There is no cause to do that except one that has not been solved by any simpler means.

matter was never the question.

It is in response to a people trying to point out their oppression and undervalue by defusing the attention and spreading it to white Americans, whose lives are already valued disproportionately more politically, socially and economically. Consider this: if your friend told you their mom died today, would you still feel the need to tell them that your phone broke today? No, of course not. What they are saying is far more impacting to them.

At the end of the day, all lives do matter. Had anyone stated this phrase before “black lives matter” became the slogan for the second coming of the civil rights movement, there would have been no harm, no foul. Yet, it is harmful when it is a response to the anguished and oppressed cry of black Americans.

All lives matter, but right now, in this moment, deserved attention is on black lives.

Lydia Taylor is a college student, political activist and a white woman who understands it is not always appropriate for white people to have the spotlight.

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