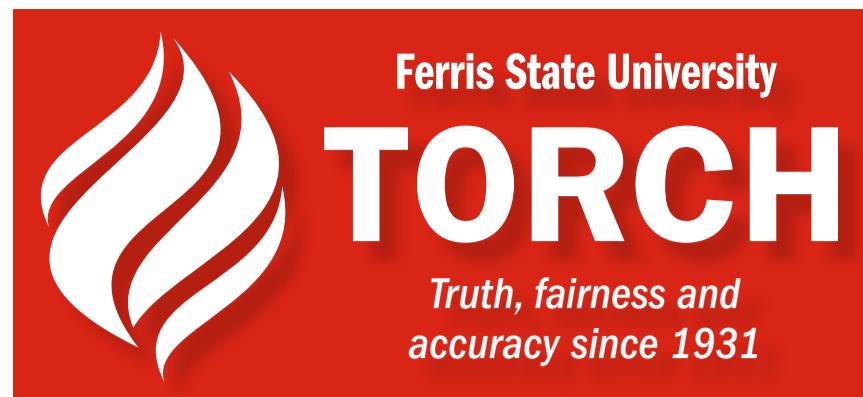




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Getting informed about the 2016 election

Mari Ann Loucks

Ferris State Torch

Students are already talking about the 2016 presidential election. The Political Engagement Project is an initiative at Ferris that hopes to create a discussion among students about politics. Recently they asked students who they would be voting for.

"Our goal at Ferris is to inform students about the political issues of the day," said Richard Hewer, Ferris professor and Political Engagement Project co-coordinator. "We like to present both sides of issues and we do that by helping professors and students incorporate those things in their classes."

In an effort to get students informed and involved in the upcoming elections, the Political Engagement Project administered a presidential straw poll with the help of the College Republicans Registered Student Organization (RSO) during the Founders' Day celebration and ended at Bulldog Bonanza.

Out of the 178 students surveyed, Bernie Sanders led with 38.6 percent of the vote, followed by Donald Trump with 15.9 percent.

But while administering the poll, College Republicans member and public relations junior Erin Moore found that not many students knew who was running, what the candidates stood for or why they should vote.

"Many students that stopped by the table said they had no idea who they should vote for," said Moore. "We gave them packets about the candidates."

Richard Griffin, a political science professor and Political Engagement Project co-coordinator, integrates discussion of the presidential race into his classes and encourages students to vote.

"It is every American citizen's civic responsibility to vote," Griffin said.

"Our democracy only works when the majority of us discuss issues and votes," Hewer said. "If you don't learn what candidates really believe, discuss the issues and vote for the candidates you agree with, you let other people control the country and you, which will destroy democracy."

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Photo by: Angela Graf | Reporter

Hosts Richard Hatcher, Victoria Hudgins, Orv Brow and guest host Erin Moore chat on last week's Ferris Out Loud, a weekly talk show about all things Ferris.

Students get loud

Ferris talk show premiering new season

Angela Graf
Ferris State Torch

Thursday afternoon is a rather unremarkable time of the week for most students. Some are dragging their feet to class while others attempt to squeeze in a quick nap, but this is not the case for everyone.

Each week, students host and produce Ferris Out Loud in the IRC's television production studio.

Ferris Out Loud is a student-run talk show that discusses major issues and events going on around campus. Last week, topics included Ferris' \$18.6 million dollar refund, students travelling out of the country and the policies on smoking and drinking on campus.

Sports communication junior Victoria Hudgins, plastics engineering senior Orv Brow, sports communication major Richard Hatcher and a rotating cast of public relations seniors host the show.

Relatively new to the show, Hudgins jumped at the chance to gain experience as on-camera host when approached by a television and digital media production (TDMP) student about auditioning.

"Being a sports communications major, I want to go into broadcasting for sports,"

Hudgins said. "If that doesn't work, I'm hoping to anchor on a news station or do something with television. So when I found this opportunity I thought, 'What better thing than to do this and have this on a video reel in case I need it in the future?' Just to have this experience under my belt and kind of use that to push me forward in my career."

This production isn't only an opportunity for the people in front of the camera though. TDMP students produce the show for credit in their TDMP 385 studio production class. Last week's Ferris Out Loud producer was TDMP junior Trevor Quist.



Victoria Hudgins
Ferris State University

"After it's over, the lights come on and the show's done, at least for another week. There's a big wave of relief and pride because we did it," Quist said. "Just having your work and showing it to other people is awesome."

TDMP professor Glen Okonoski explained his favorite part of the process is helping students deal with the fast pace of production.

"It creates for them a great learning opportunity and a lot

of pressure under which to try to learn," Okonoski said. "This experience closely resembles live television production the students may experience during their careers."

Although the learning experience differs for each student, Hudgins couldn't be happier with how everybody works together to create the finished project.

"The communication has been great, we haven't run into any issues," Hudgins said, "everybody is so friendly and so welcoming when I come in the room. They're excited to have us and we're excited that they're letting us do this and I think it's just a great, mutual, friendship."

When all is said and done, Hudgins is just happy to have the chance to practice something that could further her career while simultaneously having fun and meeting new people.

"They are so fun to talk to and they just make the show such a light atmosphere," Hudgins said. "I don't feel like I'm sitting down and shooting a show, it's more like coming here to sit down and have a conversation with some friends. I think that easy comfortableness really makes it fun."

Full episodes of Ferris Out Loud air weekly on local cable and can be streamed at vimeo.com/ferrisstatetv.

Student charged with sexual assault

Devin Anderson
News Editor

A student at Ferris State University has been charged with sexually assaulting a woman.

Jeremy Lloyd Davies, 21, was arraigned on Oct. 5 and is charged with one count of third-degree criminal sexual assault, according to the Big Rapids Pioneer.

According to Mecosta County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Casey Nemeth, Davies is accused of touching a female student inappropriately while at a party the weekend of Sept. 5-6.

A university statement claims Ferris has been made aware of a sexual assault involving two students. The statement also mentions Ferris' Department of Public Safety is currently investigating a related physical assault that occurred on Sept. 7 in an on-campus housing facility.

Ferris DPS and the university administration have both declined to comment further on how the two incidents are related.

The sexual conduct charge carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison. Davies has a preliminary hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20. His bond is set at \$125,000.



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"I hope to represent Ferris in the best way possible."

London Johnson

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Photo courtesy of Ferris News Services

News Services employees Jordan House tosses out FERR1S merchandise at a recent Ferris football game.



Photo courtesy of Ferris News Services

News Services employee Natalie Bycraft hands out Ferris merchandise at Bulldog Bonanza.

Ferris comes first

University rolls out student-focused marketing campaign

Mari Ann Loucks

Ferris State Torch

Signs, sunglasses, banners and buttons all showcase the #FERR1S hashtag to encourage students and staff members to discuss why Ferris was their first choice.

FERR1S, said as Ferris first, initially started as a social media campaign last year, but has quickly grown due to its success. It is now more than just a hashtag used by students and

staff; it has become the university's main marketing strategy.

London Johnson, a Ferris social work senior, is pictured on a new FERR1S billboard on U.S. 131 as well as on one of the new streetlight banners along State Street.

"It was so cool because it made me feel like I am a representation of Ferris," Johnson said. "That makes me so happy because I put so much pride in the school and I hope to represent Ferris in the best way possible."

Johnson said that Ferris was her first choice because of friendly students, and helpfulness of the staff.

"I toured Ferris three times," Johnson said. "I knew that I needed to be here. I was meant to go to Ferris, without a doubt. I never want to stop learning. Ferris has been a good stepping stone for continuing my learning."

Sandy Gholston, Ferris News Services and social media manager, said the campaign was created to strengthen Ferris pride on campus.

"It's a great use of branding for the university," Gholston said. "We want students to show their Ferris pride. The ultimate measure of success is having students, alumni and staff feel and showcase their pride."

Gholston said the hashtag has encouraged students to share their stories in many different ways.

"The great thing about this campaign is that there are so

many stories left to be told," Gholston said. "We are planning on expanding the campaign to Ferris students in Grand Rapids and across the state."

The campaign has already been expanded to include a television commercial as well as graphics and audio ads for streaming platforms like Spotify.

Anne Hogenson, the director of marketing, says the hashtag is a platform for students to share the things they are doing at Ferris.

"There are a lot of stories at Ferris about students, faculty and staff doing amazing things that can be told in this way," Hogenson said. "We hope we've created a format for people to share the things they are doing everyday. Together, they contribute something to the quality of education at Ferris."

"Regardless of their area of study or extracurricular interests, we are all working towards the same goal," Hogenson said. "When I was a student at Ferris many years ago, my favorite memory was that we were all doing different things but still working on the same larger project which was to educate ourselves and make the world better. We want the hashtag to be organic, not a function of marketing."

Ferris students can showcase their pride every Friday during the fall and spring semesters, and be rewarded for it. By wearing a FERR1S pride button, students can get a discount at Starbucks, The Market and the bookstore.

"We have had so many people engage with the hashtag and tell their stories," Hogenson said. "We are so happy that so many people have shared the wonderful things they are doing. It's a nice experience to be able to see the stories and realize that the university is making that possible."

There are currently more than 30 Ferris first profiles on the Ferris website, including video features. Students, staff or alumni interested in sharing why Ferris was their first choice can contact newservices@ferris.edu.

"We are excited to have so many people interested in sharing their stories," Gholston said. "We hope that continues to appeal to students considering Ferris as a choice."



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Keeping an eye on the sky Rawlinson Observatory

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For the first time in five years, Ferris State students began the fall semester with a resource integral to the Physical Science department: the Rawlinson Observatory.

The observatory reopened in November of last year, but the impact is still fresh to astronomy students and professors alike.

Having been closed for repairs the better part of the past five

years, the curriculum was lacking an organic component that the department as a whole felt was important. The telescope itself was in working order, but the dome didn't open and the tracking didn't work, which made the entire system unusable.

Dr. Thomas Brennan, another recent addition for Ferris in the fall of 2014, teaches astronomy and physics. Getting in on the ground floor with the reopening of the observatory, he agrees that there was something missing.

"I came here at the beginning

of last year, which was when the observatory reopened," Brennan said. "It makes for a less satisfying astronomy class when you don't have a telescope to look through. So now that [the telescope] works, you can see Saturn's rings, you can see Jupiter and the red spot, and one of the coolest things to look at is the moon and the surface of the moon."

Up until this point, most of the astronomy classes have been re

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The newly repaired, high-power telescope in the Rawlinson Observatory.

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TDMP students edit last week's episode of Ferris Out Loud, which can be streamed at vimeo.com/FerrisStateTV.

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Students view the planets from Rawlinson Observatory

Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

A Science Building rooftop view of the Rawlinson Observatory.



POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT from page 1

Political engagement project encourages students to vote

Moore said students need to understand the impact of voting.

"Big decisions are made by Congress in Washington D.C. or in our state legislature, but if students don't vote then they really aren't having a say on these issues,"

she said. "If you don't vote then you can't complain about what is happening."

To learn more about Ferris' Political Engagement Project, visit ferris.edu/pep.

Thinking aloud

Student government discusses prayer, reflection area for FLITE



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Devin Anderson

News Editor

The Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education was the topic of discussion at Student Government's Tuesday, Oct. 6 meeting, where FLITE Dean Scott Garrison spoke about expanding FLITE's hours and repurposing unused space.

In addition to Student Government's general assembly, more than a dozen students representing various organizations attended last Tuesday's meeting in the University Center.

Dean Garrison asked for feedback on how FLITE can provide more value

and services to students.

"I like to get people throughout campus to come to meetings and educate us," said Student Government President Wayne Bersano.

Garrison began a discussion of how to repurpose the now closed Between Chapters Cafe as well as two empty offices on FLITE's third floor. The library is considering partitioning a space specifically for prayer,

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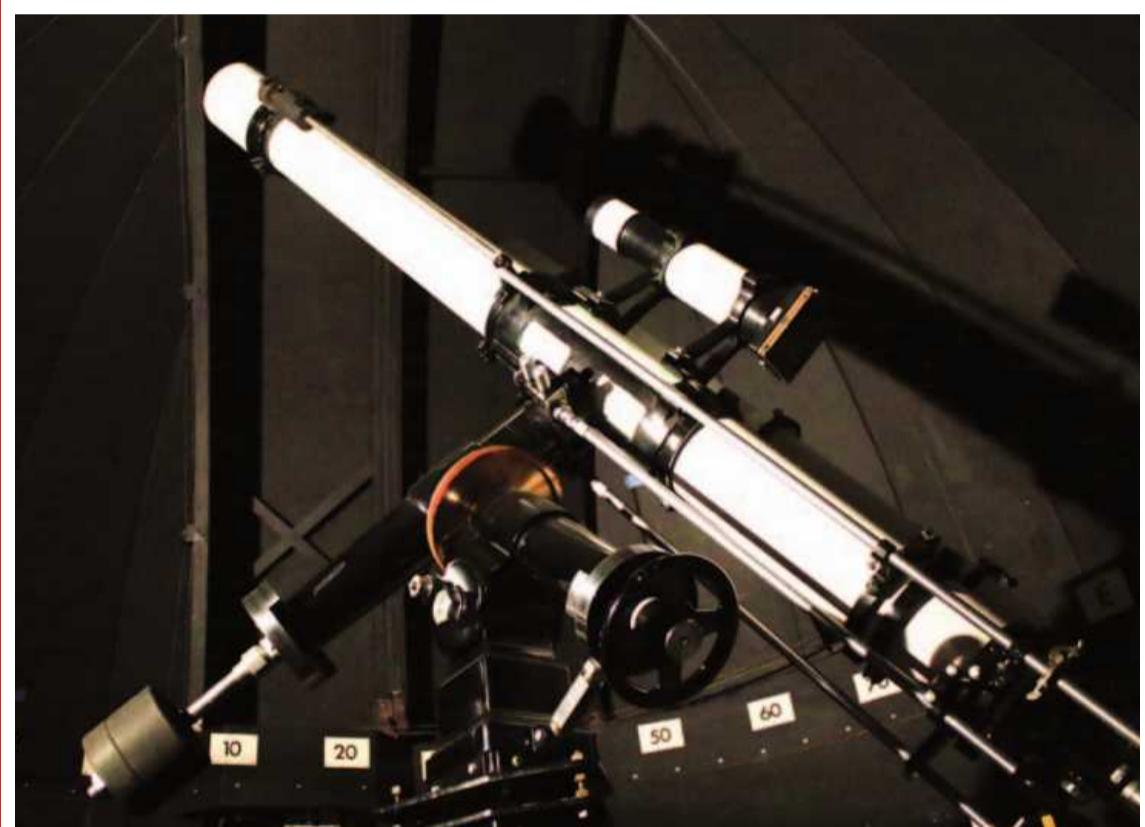


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The Rawlinson Observatory reopened last year and now, astronomy professor Tom Brennan opens it to students on clear nights.

lying on digital imaging to provide visual aid for students, which allows for basic observation but, according to Brennan, lacks the depth necessary for actually understanding what is being seen.



Tom Brennan

Professor

"I think that you learn more than you would if you just looked at some high-resolution photos on the internet," Brennan said. "I think that having the actual physical experience—having the light coming from the sky and striking your retina, going into your eye—it impacts your mind in a much more profound way than just looking at a picture on a computer screen. It's just not quite the same thing. It doesn't get the soul of the experience. So yeah, you get that actual feeling of connection with the solar system."

The most recent notable celestial event was the super blood moon, which occurred on the evening of Sep. 27. Brennan felt it was important for the students to have access to the telescope that evening, but the obstructive

cloud cover had different plans.

"I had an open observatory night for everybody at Ferris," Brennan said. "We had like 35 people come; it was overcast that night, though. Most of the students just came and left and didn't get to see that moon."

One of the students that stayed to witness the super blood moon peek out from the clouds later that evening was sophomore Alaina Tucker.

"A lot of people came and went, but we just waited and waited," Tucker said. "It was really fun to see something that nobody else really could see."

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Missing prescription drugs and money

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

Marijuana bust

Oct. 1, 9:45 p.m., officers assisted Travis Hall staff with a marijuana complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Another marijuana bust

Oct. 1, 10:40 p.m., officers assisted Brophy Hall staff with a marijuana complaint. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Accident

Oct. 2, 12:50 p.m., officers assisted the city police with a two-car accident on Perry Avenue at Ferris Drive.

Into the woods

Oct. 3, 3 a.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with a lost subject in the woods behind Venlo Place Apartments. The subject was located and brought out of the woods.

Improper plates

Oct. 3, 3:20 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Gilbert Road for an improper turn. The driver of the vehicle was ticketed for improper plates.

Fake ID in FLITE

Oct. 3, 11:10 p.m., officers investigated the theft of a student ID in FLITE. A student loaned their ID to a friend who did not give it back. The subject was contacted and the ID returned.

Rowdy at Shooters

Oct. 4, 12:30 a.m., officers assisted the city police with a disorderly subject behind Star Shooters. A warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Noisy neighbors

Oct. 4, 12:40 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at West Campus Apartments. Two students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Marijuana strikes a third time

Oct. 4, 10:40 p.m., officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in Lot 61. Three suspects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the possession of marijuana and one of the three subjects was ticketed for the possession of marijuana.

Signs point to student conduct

Oct. 5, officers followed up on an investigation of stolen Ferris homecoming banners valued at \$200 each. One banner was recovered from East Campus Suites and the subject gave officers information regarding the others. Three other banners and two traffic control signs were recovered from Oakwood Apartments. In total, six students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.



Missing drugs and money

Oct. 5, 12:15 p.m., officers responded to a theft complaint of missing prescription drugs and money in Pickell Hall. A female subject was identified and lodged in the county jail.

Cows go "moo"

Oct. 6, 1:30 a.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with cattle in the roadway north of Eight Mile Road.

Packing heat

Oct. 6, 10:20 a.m., officers assisted city police in the Boost Mobile parking lot with a possible armed subject. The subject was identified and had actually been carrying an airsoft gun.

We are never ever, ever

Oct. 6 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint in which a female student's ex-boyfriend was sending unwanted messages on Facebook. He was contacted and told to stop.

Cyberbully

Oct. 7, 12:50 a.m., officers investigated a complaint of harassment through social media. The subject was identified, referred to the Office of Student Conduct and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Domestic disturbance

Oct. 7, 2 a.m., officers investigated a domestic disturbance complaint at West Campus Apartments. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Play-vestigation 4

Oct. 7, 11:50 a.m., officers continue investigating the report of a Playstation 4 stolen from Clark Hall.

Dude, where's my car?

Oct. 7, 12:20 p.m., officers continue investigating a fraud complaint at West Campus Apartments. A student had purchased a vehicle online and had paid, but did not receive the vehicle.

Booze cruise

Oct. 7, 11:50 p.m., officers performed a traffic stop on State Street. The driver of the vehicle was found to be intoxicated and was lodged in the county jail for operating while intoxicated.

Threatening behavior

Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a complaint of students with threatening behavior in the Allied Health Building. A subject was brought to the Department of Public Safety, interviewed and referred to the Office of Student Conduct for inappropriate behavior.

Annual crime statistics for Ferris' Big Rapids campus

Liquor violations referred to the Office of Student Conduct	Drug violations referred to the Office of Student Conduct
2012 250	2012 90
2013 327	2013 91
2014 417	2014 78
Liquor law arrests	Drug law arrests
2012 94	2012 46
2013 49	2013 59
2014 47	2014 79
Forcible sexual offenses	Burglary
2012 3	2012 7
2013 6	2013 8
2014 4	2014 12

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Devin Anderson

News Editor

Sustainability task force assembled

Growing demand for sustainability initiatives at Ferris has resulted in the formation of a new group, the Environmental Sustainability Task Force. Members include students and faculty, who will explore ways to make Ferris more sustainable. The members are Gayle DeBruyn, Rafael Dominguez, Kayla Garrett, Katie Hoisington, Jennifer Johnson, Bryan Marquardt, Mike McKay, Kara Pellerito, Alison Popp-Meier, Mark Schuelke, John C. Smith, Margaret Wan, Kirk Weller, Abby Booms and Jerry Scoby.

Prakken construction underway

Hallways and bathrooms in the Prakken Building are currently being renovated. The building has not seen any major construction changes in more than 25 years. The project is expected to be completed by next semester.

IT maintenance night

Blackboard and MyFSU will undergo maintenance at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. Ferris IT systems could be affected until 6 a.m. the next morning. For more information and updates, visit ferris.edu/techsupport.

Dawgs for hire

Career week goes from Oct. 19-23 at Ferris. Events include Monday's Business Etiquette Dinner, a Graduate School Expo on Tuesday, a Spotlight on Michigan Employment Opportunities event on Wednesday and the Career and Internship Fair with dozens of employers on Thursday. For more information, visit ferris.edu/careerservices.

FLITE from page 4

Student Government weighs in on using extra space in FLITE

reflection and meditation. second floor balcony are now closed for the season, but will reopen this April.

In other business, the general assembly spent the majority of the meeting discussing a possible rule change that would allow another member of the Finance Division to join Student Government. Only three members of the Finance Division are allowed to join the general assembly in the interest of maintaining checks and balances. After it got too late, discussion of the rule change was tabled.

"I like the space and I'd like to have that technology available," Murphy said. Garrison immediately approved extending FLITE's Saturday hours to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., starting next semester.

Garrison also announced FLITE's lower garden and

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Second time around

Country Bash returning to Big Rapids

Nicholas Vander Wulp

Ferris State Torch

Country Bash is coming back to Big Rapids and is fully upgraded to version 2.0.

Country Bash 2.0 is this year's incarnation of the country music show hosted at The Gate in Big Rapids and organized by Ferris State's music industry management students. Headlining the show this year is Lance Carpenter and the opening performance is The Dani Jamerson Band.

The Dani Jamerson Band is headed by singer and songwriter Dani Jamerson of Sherwood. She started playing music her freshman year of high school. She said it was an outlet to help her deal with a group of girls, calling them "mean girls in real life." Jamerson draws from many places musically, including rock, pop and rap.

"I sing and write country music, but musically it has a lot of rock elements," said Jamerson. "My brother's favorite band is the Foo Fighters, and I've since grown to love what they do. I would say my style is very country-rock."

Jamerson said the songs she's chosen to play at The Gate represent her best because she has a short amount of time to tell the audience who she is. One song she's chosen to play and is most proud of is called "Exit 128."

"[Exit 128] is a song about driving by an exit and thinking of

all the memories of the person who lives off of it, and kind of this internal battle of, 'Should I pull off and go see him? Should I keep going and try to get over it?'" said Jamerson. "It's a very specific, personal song that I was afraid wouldn't resonate with other people, but I feel like everyone has that exit."

Lance Carpenter, the headlining act for Country Bash 2.0, is from Ozark, Ark. Carpenter has made his home Nashville since 2011. He released his first album in 2013, self-titled "Lance Carpenter," and he's recently celebrated his first #1 song on Country Radio alongside co-writer Kelsea Ballerini, "Love Me Like You Mean It."

"I'm just excited to come up and sing for ya'll," Carpenter said. "This is my first college show and I'm ready to have some fun."

Country Bash is a work of love by Ferris State student Morgan Radners. A junior in music industry management and a member of the Music Industry Management Association (MIMA), Radners is passionate about country music. Radners was one of two organizers working on the first Country Bash, and she's the sole organizer of this year's event.

"Coming from MIMA, there's not a lot of country music fans in MIMA specifically, but in Big Rapids there are," Radners said. "I feel like we have a job to represent country music in our program."

Radners was out scouting for

talent earlier this year for musicians to play the show this October when she ran into Dani Jamerson after a show at The Intersection in Grand Rapids.

"The first song she sang I was like, 'Oh my gosh, she has to play Country Bash. We need her to play Country Bash!'" said Radners. "I said, 'I have a show I'm putting on, I want you to play it, and I want no one but you to play it. Will you play it?' and she was so excited about it."

Melissa Lewis, a music industry management senior, was the co-organizer of the 2014 Country Bash with Radners.

"We wanted to make [Country Bash] more of an experience rather than just live music," Lewis said. "You know, that's the most important part. We just wanted it to be a fun time and we tell people, 'Wear your boots and your cowboy hats and have a good time.'

Lance Carpenter's music can be found at www.lancecarpentermusic.com

Dani Jamerson's music can be found at www.reverbnation.com/danijamersonband.

Tickets for Country Bash 2.0 are \$5 presale and \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any MIMA member or in room 124 in the Business Building.

Country Bash 2.0 is on Friday, Oct. 16 at The Gate. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the music starts at 9 p.m.

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"It's definitely a world guys are dominating in and I think girls need to be more involved in it."

Madelyn Hamilton

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Submitted photo

Lance Carpenter is the headlining act for Country Bash 2.0 this Friday.



Submitted photo

MIMA recruited The Dani Jamerson Band after seeing them at The Intersection.



Submitted photo

The Dani Jamerson Band will kick off Country Bash 2.0 with their song "Exit 128."



Photo by: Devin Anderson | News Editor

DJ CHoFF (Ferris student Christian Hoffer) provided music at Za Best of Za Best, Ferris' largest pizza fundraiser. Coordinated by the Public Relations Student Society of America, the event raised \$780 for Angels of Action in Big Rapids.

Girl power

FSU student wins automotive scholarship



Photo by: Jen Corrie

Madelyn Hamilton was awarded a \$2,500 female automotive scholarship.

Jen Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Diversity is becoming increasingly encouraged in today's day and age, not just between races, but also genders.

Madelyn Hamilton is a freshman in the automotive management program, which is primarily composed of male students.

"It's definitely a world guys are dominating in and I think

girls need to be more involved in it," Hamilton said.

Hamilton recently was awarded a \$2,500 Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation Scholarship.

"Eversince I was a little kid, I've always been interested in cars," Hamilton said. "My stepdad took me to a car show, and since then I've wanted to deal with cars."

Hamilton said that she really enjoys her program so far.

"It's interesting. I never thought I was actually going to have to work on the cars, because I just wanted to go into the business side, but now that I'm working on them, I think it's cool and fun," said Hamilton. "[The program in general is] a little bit more confusing than I thought it was going to be, but I'll figure it out."

Michele Harvey, faculty member in automotive management and Hamilton's academic advisor, suggested the scholarship opportunity to Hamilton.

"Basically, all the manufacturers are trying to promote diversity in the workplace," said Harvey. "One of the things they did was provide this scholarship opportunity for young ladies to come into the automotive industry."

Harvey said the automotive industry started out as a field predominantly for males.

"It's dirty, greasy and you have to lift heavy things," said Harvey. "Today the technology in the vehicles is so much less of those types of things, and more of understanding electronics. It's much more sophisticated, and people don't realize that."

Media Minute

Claude Debussy

Devin Anderson

News Editor

Obscure, contemplative and dream-like, the music of Claude Debussy sounds as fresh today as it did in the 19th century.

Debussy's softly stated piano compositions are perfectly suited for an evening of studying. My distractible mind is put at ease by the music's flow and texture, leaving me to focus on the project or assignment at hand. If you haven't studied with classical music before, I highly recommend it.

The French composer introduced a distinct flavor to classical music of the late 1800s that inspired music for film years later. His use of modes fuse the sound of western European, Russian and Asian culture. Imagine

a painter finding a new color in the rainbow; Debussy's Etudes and Nocturnes for piano evoke feelings you didn't know you could have.

Many would describe Debussy's compositions as impressionistic, though he didn't like the label. He's often overlooked as a composer due to the simplicity of some of his music. But it's less about his technical proficiency and more about his imagination and ear for unique, captivating soundscapes.

For a modern American take on Debussy, check out Punch Brothers' cover of "Passepied." Voiced by mandolin, guitar, fiddle, banjo and bass, the song is a breath of fresh air and a testament to Debussy's skill as a composer. So when you decide to start that 10-page report, don't forget to feast your ears.



Photo of the Week



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Peak fall colors appear in west Michigan in mid to late October.



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A glimpse at campus' changing leaves from in front of Ferris' Science Building.

Ferris in the fall

Big Rapids at its best

Andrea Lenhart

Ferris State Torch

Ferris' campus is always beautiful, but it really transforms in the fall.

Trees on campus change, students are sipping on warm coffee drinks—there is nothing not to love about Ferris in the fall.

Students at Ferris agreed their favorite things about fall on campus are when the leaves start changing colors and it gets a little cooler. It's not yet the brisk winter cold and it's the perfect weather for walking to classes.

"Campus is pretty in the summer, but it is so much prettier in fall with the colors, and I feel like campus winds down more," said Ashlee Jones, a music industry management sophomore. "I love walking to class and noticing all the fall colors up in the trees."

Along with fall comes everything pumpkin and apple, from sweet coffee drinks to venturing to apple orchards and pumpkin patches.

"Apple orchids and pumpkin carving are some of my fa-

vorite things in the fall," said hospitality senior Kasey Perry. "I am actually really looking forward to going to Anderson & Girls Orchards in a few days."

Jones said she doesn't mind raking leaves in the fall because then she gets to play in the leaves and drink apple cider when she's done.

"If the opportunity arises, I would so jump in some leaves this year," said Jones.

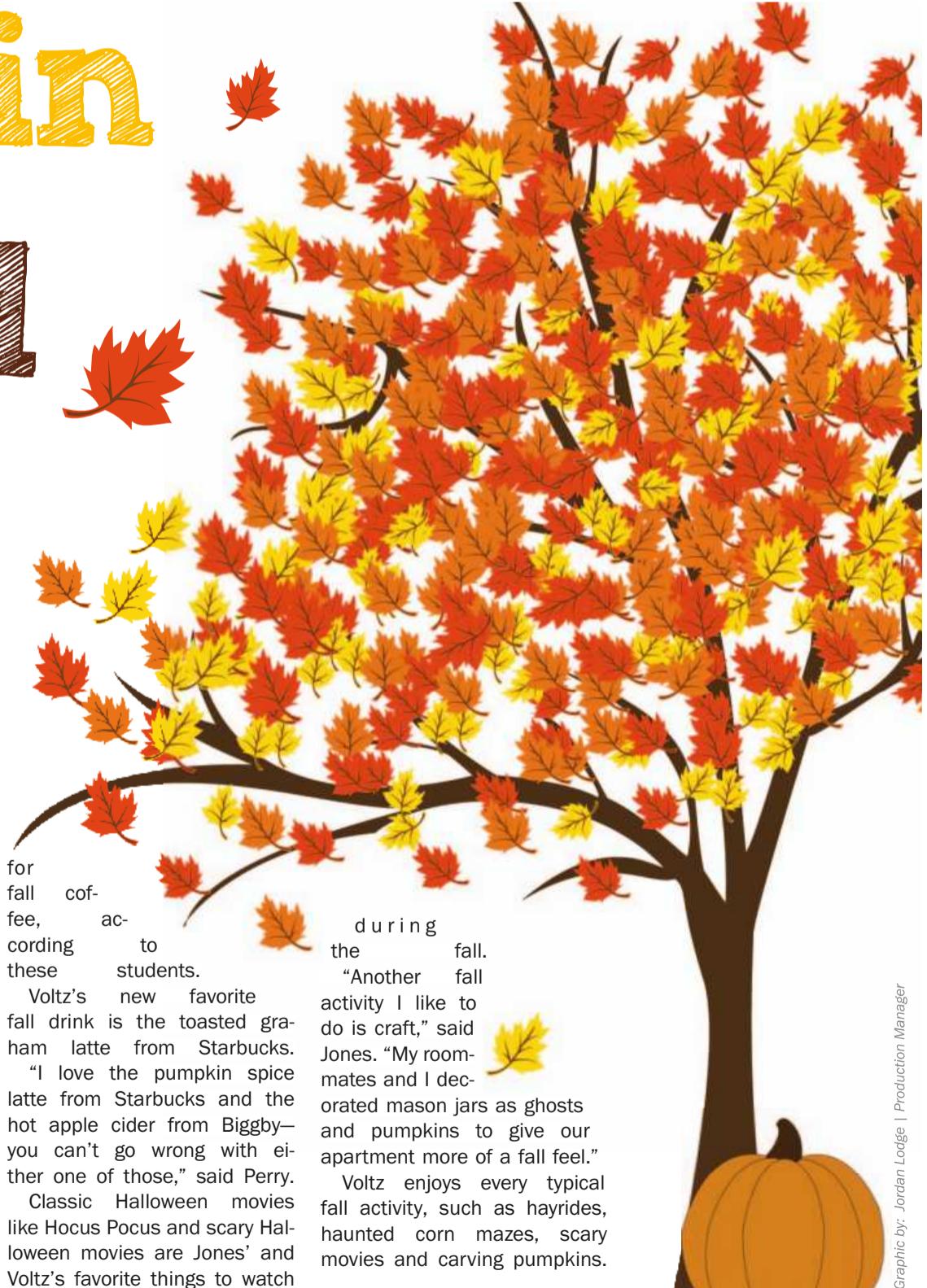
One of the biggest fall events at Ferris is homecoming week.

"I love homecoming, I feel like it's the definition of fall," said Kate Voltz, an English education senior. "I had so much fun this year at the football game because we had nice weather and it was an enjoyable game."

According to Jones, football brings campus closer together while the student section cheers on the same team.

"When fall hits, I buy everything apple scented," Voltz said. "I'm not a huge pumpkin person, but I love buying apple and apple pie candles."

Starbucks and Biggby are definitely the go to coffee shop



for fall coffee, according to these students.

Voltz's new favorite fall drink is the toasted graham latte from Starbucks.

"I love the pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks and the hot apple cider from Biggby—you can't go wrong with either one of those," said Perry.

Classic Halloween movies like Hocus Pocus and scary Halloween movies are Jones' and Voltz's favorite things to watch

during the fall.

"Another fall

activity I like to do is craft," said Jones. "My roommates and I decorated mason jars as ghosts and pumpkins to give our apartment more of a fall feel."

Voltz enjoys every typical fall activity, such as hayrides, haunted corn mazes, scary movies and carving pumpkins.

Exposed

Hailey Klingel
Lifestyles Editor

Not sure what you want to do in college?

Attending the second annual Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Majors and Minors Expo could have helped you out.

"Oftentimes what ends up happening is students don't realize the really cool options we have, whether it's a major or a minor," director of student academic affairs Anne Marie Gillespse said. "This way, they have a chance to find out more about the programs, and we want to try to help those students who might be a little career undecided."

CAS students and non-CAS students were invited to the lobby of Williams Auditorium to

visit information tables for each program and talk to students and faculty in each program. Students could also learn about study away or RSO opportunities.

Ferris journalism senior Ryan Parshall attended the event to scope out potential minors.

"I'm looking at humanities, and I like the idea of history because I took a lot of the courses," Parshall said. "There are also some really cool creative writing options."

Another thing that caught Parshall's eye at the expo was the food.

"It's ample," Parshall said. "It's an excellent spread. I got more than I expected. I saw the popcorn machine and thought that'd be it."

Gillespse said she started this event last year after see-



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Students were able to learn about the College of Arts and Sciences and grab some delicious food at the CAS Expo last week.

ing it done at other colleges.

"It's one of those really great ways for students to get a sense of what's going on," she said. "We're really excited about our programs. We have some really good ones and want stu-

dents to find out about them."

Whether they came to the expo for the food or information, students were still steadily coming to the event.

"The turnout seems decent," Parshall said. "I'm glad

to see how many students have taken interest in this."

If you missed the Oct. 8 event and have unanswered questions, you can still contact Gillespse at gillespa@ferris.edu.

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"Ohio Dominican is a great team, but this year it's going to be a whole new ball game."

Shakur Sanders

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Ferris hockey ready for a WCHA dog fight



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

The Ferris State hockey team went 0-1-1 in their first series of the 2015-16 season. The Dawgs fell to the Broncos 3-2 last Friday and tied after a scoreless overtime on Saturday 1-1.

Beau Jensen
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State hockey team looks to get back on track after a disappointing opening weekend.

Ferris State's opening weekend against the Broncos of Western Michigan didn't bring the results they had hoped for. The team took a 3-2 loss on Friday night after a third period goal sealed the deal for the Broncos.

The next night the two teams met in the middle with a tie. The game was scoreless until the third period before the Broncos put in a goal 6:01 into the period. The Bulldogs answered back with a goal of their own from junior forward Kyle Schempp

at 12:44 into the third, bringing the contest to a stalemate.

The game then went to overtime, where neither team could strike one in past either goalie. After the weekend was over, the Bulldog's current season record was brought to 0-1-1.

Ferris State is set to take on the Huskies of Michigan Tech this weekend, starting up Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) play. Michigan Tech defeated the Bulldogs all three times that the two teams clashed last year. The last loss of the series occurred during the Great Lakes Invitational (GLI) at the Joe Louis Arena.

With a team full of hungry players, junior forward Chad

McDonald believes the Bulldogs can get their wins back from teams like Michigan Tech and Minnesota State.

"It's definitely important for us to get back on track with Tech and Minnesota State. Both teams are great teams, and both have had great success since the new forming of the WCHA, but we are a good team too," said McDonald. "We will play our game, stick to our gameplay, have fun and everything will work itself out."



Chad McDonald
Ferris State University

The two regular season games played last year saw the Huskies beat the Bulldogs in a last period goal, the first game ending in a 1-0 loss and the second loss taken was 2-1. Redshirt junior goaltender Charles Williams looks to be up to the challenge that the Huskies will present, as he hauled in 62 total saves and allowed four goals last weekend against the Broncos.

Senior forward Kenny Babinski knows the competition his team faces this weekend.

"Ever since I have been at Ferris, Tech has had a really competitive team with a lot of grit and physical play. As I can remember all of our games with Tech have been close and hard-

fought battles. I'm definitely looking forward to playing them this year, especially after the GLI and to come up with some big conference wins," said Babinski.

Babinski wants to continue to strengthen his leadership skills on and off the ice. He said, "Being a senior, I've had a lot of experience and I'm looking to use what I have learned and incorporate it into my game."

The games this weekend are both in Big Rapids and will be played at 7:07 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17 at Ewigleben Ice Arena.

Time for revenge

Cody Burkhard

Ferris State Torch

The No. 4 ranked Ferris State Football team rolled over Tiffin last Saturday 56-21 and look to keep their undefeated season alive against the 4-2 Ohio Dominican Panthers this week.

The Bulldogs found themselves in this same position last year. They were undefeated with high hopes heading into Panther territory. Ferris pulled off the win 34-19 and never looked back going undefeated the rest of the regular season.

Ohio Dominican and Ferris State met again in the playoffs when the Panthers knocked off the GLIAC Champion Bulldogs.

"We didn't execute. We played a tough game but you have to execute in the fourth quarter. We just didn't get it done," said head coach Tony Anesse.

Ferris had a three point fourth quarter lead only to watch it dissipate as Ohio Dominican outscored the Bulldogs 22-6.

Senior wide out Shakur Sanders said, "It was a really frustrating game. That feeling of not making it is the worst feeling ever. I don't feel like we prepared well the last four weeks of the season to lead up to the game. We got complacent and didn't have a sense of ur-

gency to still be the dominant team we were in the first eight weeks. That's what happened in the fourth quarter. They wanted it more than we wanted it."

Sanders was adamant that nothing will be taken for granted this year.

"We were okay with being the conference champions, but that's not enough now. We have a chip on our shoulder and we have to put a mark on it that we're the best team for a reason," Sanders said. "Ohio Dominican is a great team, but this year it's going to be a whole new ball game."

The Bulldogs have gained 180 more yards and scored 12 more points per game this season compared to the Panthers, but Ohio Dominican has won their last three games and has momentum coming in.

Ohio Dominican was ranked as high as fifth in some pre-season ranking polls but early season injuries set them back. They have dropped out of the top 25 after dropping games against ranked opponents Ashland and Grand Valley State.

A side story to the game is senior Jason Vander Laan approaching the all time NCAA record for rushing yards from a quarterback. He has ran for 5057 yards in his four year career and



Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Jason Vander Laan completed 14 of 16 passes for the Bulldogs last Saturday as FSU rolled Tiffin 56-21 in Ohio. needs 71 more yards to catch the record of 5128 set by Shawn Graves from Wofford College.

Vander Laan said, "It's exciting [approaching the record]. It's nice to know we have five more games left. It takes the pressure off knowing that this isn't the last game and I have

to get 71 yards. I could rush for 15 this week if that's how the game goes, but it's nice to know I have more games. It's not about the individual accomplishments though. My team allows me to do what I do."

Ohio Dominican has allowed 168.5 rushing yards a game

this season and Vander Laan has averaged over a hundred yards rushing per game in his career against the Panthers.

The game kicks off on Saturday Oct. 17 at noon in Big Rapids, MI.



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Top Dawg



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Ferris State freshman Nicole Meylor went undefeated last weekend against Ashland and Walsh.

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

Ferris State tennis player Nicole Meylor was a perfect 4-0 this weekend. That's why she receives this week's Top Dawg award.

The 5-foot, 7-inch freshman from Wauwatosa, Wis. took home a couple wins in doubles and singles last weekend for the Bulldogs.

Last Saturday, the Ferris State women's tennis team beat Ashland by a score of 8-1.

Two of those eight points came at the racket of Meylor. At the No. 3 doubles flight, Meylor and her partner, freshman Nika Hein defeated Ashland 8-4.

Meylor added a win at No. 5 singles, beating Ashland's Kendal Stephens by a score of 6-2, 6-3.

Meylor continued her good

play on Sunday, winning another doubles match with Hein. This time the tandem would win 8-1 against Walsh.

Meylor won her singles match that day in dominating fashion. The freshman handed Walsh's Gabriela Laguna-Leon a couple bagels in a 6-0, 6-0 victory at No. 5 singles.

The 7-3 Bulldogs will be in action on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. at Grand Valley State.

Top seed in GLVC/GLIAC tourney

Mark Hensen
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State Women's volleyball team takes on the GLVC/GLIAC tournament as the top seed from the GLIAC conference.

The eighth annual Mizuno GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Volleyball Tournament, one of the nation's largest volleyball tournaments at the collegiate level will be held on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17.

The weekend consists competition from 16 teams from both the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

(GLIAC). The tournament will consist of 48 matches conducted on eight courts at one of the top volleyball facilities in the country.

"Everybody is really great. We'll probably play some of the same teams we've played in the past. We usually end up playing Lewis and Indianapolis. Those guys are awesome. They run a fast pace offense that we don't get to see much so it's really great to play them. The teams are all



Caroline Heitzman
Ferris State University

around pretty great," said Ferris senior Caroline Heitzman.

One GLVC team and one GLIAC team will match up each game. The conference with the best combined record at the end of the weekend will earn the Crossover traveling trophy.

The Bulldogs have one game Friday, Oct. 16 and two games Saturday, Oct. 17 and will be ready to show why they are ranked fourth in the nation with a 17-1 record.

Heitzman knows how competitive this weekend will be and is ready to take on the GLVC and their fast paced offenses.

"We're definitely just going to work to be on top of the game a little bit better, be more executional in our blocking and our defense. It's something that takes a second to click with you again because you don't see it all the time in the GLIAC, but once you see it that first play you're like 'All right, it's time to go.' Heitzman said.

The weekend should definitely have some intense matches that will prove a good challenge for the Bulldogs. You can follow along with Ferris Athletics as live updates will be provided on their website.

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Vander Laan becomes all-time offensive leader in GLIAC

Ferris State quarterback Jason Vander Laan has set yet another record. Vander Laan came into the Dawgs' game last Saturday, Oct. 10 against Tiffin 46 yards short of becoming the all-time leader in yards in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The quarterback would break the record on Ferris State's first drive of the game. The Harlon Hill winner put up good numbers even though he was pulled late in the third quarter. Vander Laan completed 14 of 16 passes against Tiffin for 203 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 151 yards and two more touchdowns. He even had a reception for 16 yards on FSU's first play from scrimmage on a double pass.

The Bulldogs will play Ohio Dominican on Saturday, Oct. 17 at noon in Big Rapids.

Cross Country runs through busy weekend

The FSU men's and women's cross country teams got plenty of work in last weekend. Last Saturday, both teams participated in two different meets, sending different groups of runners to each location. One group of runners went to Romeoville, Ill. for the Lewis Crossover event, while the other groups headed to Midland, for the Northwood Invitational. In Illinois, the women placed fifth out of 11 teams.

Leading the pack for Ferris was Emily Haynes with a time of 22:45.65 which was good enough for twentieth place. The men placed sixth out of 10 teams and were led by Logan Hammer who placed tenth overall with a time of 25:19.18.

The Northwood Invite was a non-scoring event, but Emily Pedzinski was first for the Lady Bulldogs, clocking in at 25:53.72. Max Hodges was first for the FSU men with a time of 27:18.09.

Home field advantage in Big Rapids

Football, volleyball and soccer took advantage of home games. The FSU football, volleyball, and soccer teams are a combined 17-0 at home this season.

The football team is 2-0 with their wins coming against Northwood and Saginaw Valley State earlier in the season. The Dawgs outscored their opponents 75-21 in those two games. They will look to become 3-0 at home this Saturday, Oct. 17 against Ohio Dominican.

Ferris volleyball is 9-0 on their home court so far this year. The team has won all but two sets in Big Rapids, dropping one each to Grand Valley State and Missouri Western State. The next home game for the volleyball team will come on Friday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m.

In one of their best seasons of all time, FSU soccer is 6-0 on their home field. In those six games, the Lady Bulldogs have only allowed two goals and have scored 14 on their opponents. The soccer team will try to defend their undefeated record at home this weekend when they play Northern Michigan on Friday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. and Michigan Tech on Sunday, Oct. 18 at noon.

Men's golf wins NCAA Midwest Regional Championship

The Bulldogs of the men's golf team trekked all the way to Chicago, Ill. to participate in the 2015 NCAA Midwest Fall Regional, but the trip proved to be well worth the miles when Ferris brought home a first place finish.

Featuring 158 golfers from 32 schools and spanning from Sept. 28-29, the annual tournament was held at Harborside International Golf Course. Ferris finished with a team score of 284 in round one, followed by a 313 team score the following day, which was just enough to beat out runner-up Northern Michigan who finished two strokes behind.

Sophomore Jack Weller led the Bulldogs, shooting a team-best 66 which was good for six under par in the first round, followed by an 81 on the next day for a total of 147.

The Dawgs will be teeing off again on Oct. 12-13 at the NCAA Midwest Regional #2 Tourney in Eureka, Mo.

Fantasy Football

This week was the best week I've had as far as points go. But as many fantasy owners know, just because you get a ton of points doesn't mean your opponent isn't going to.

That was how things went for me this week. I don't think I could have picked any better, besides my quarterbacks maybe. Jason Vander Laan again put up an enormous number of points that any fantasy football owner would drool over.

A big addition in points for the Bulldogs was running back Jahaan Brown who had his best game of the season so far with 126 yards and a touchdown. Anyway, I'm now 1-4 against the best of Ferris State. Maybe next week I'll start three quarterbacks.

Here is this week's roster.

QB1: Jay Cutler, Chicago Bears

Cutler seems to be finding his footing this year. He'll be playing against a Detroit Lions defense who has been about as solid as a piece of Swiss cheese. Detroit let up 49 points last week on their home turf.

QB2: Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers

If I could pick Rodgers every week I would. He is just that good. The Chargers defense will be coming off a shorter week after playing on Monday night. We all know what Rodgers can do to a healthy defense, let alone a tired one.

RB: Devonta Freeman, Atlanta Falcons

Freeman has been an absolute animal the past few weeks. I don't think that's going to change on Thursday against a lackluster New Orleans Saints defense.



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

WR1: Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona Cardinals

The veteran has been looking as young as ever lately, catching six TDs this season including one last week against Detroit. Arizona quarterback Carson Palmer will look his way plenty of times, especially in the end zone.

WR2: Brandon Marshall, New York Jets

Aside from having the best last name imaginable, B-Marsh is coming off a bye week and will therefore have fresh legs this week against Washington. Look for him to catch one, possibly more touchdowns on Sunday.

FLEX: Dion Lewis, New England Patriots

Lewis kind of came out of nowhere this year as a dual-purpose running back. He gets most of his action through the air, and is unbelievably quick after the catch. I wouldn't be surprised if he catches a couple TDs against the Colts.

D/ST: Buffalo Bills

All good things must come to an end eventually. The Cincinnati Bengals are 5-0, but I expect them to have an off week against a high-powered Buffalo defense.

K: Dustin Hopkins, Washington Redskins

Hopkins was hurried to make a last second, game tying field goal last week to bring their game into overtime. After seeing that, I have faith that this guy can make a kick from anywhere at anytime.

FSU soccer has big games ahead



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

The Ferris State defense lines up to block a free kick. Goalie Maddie Haustein prepares to make the save.

Cody Burkhard

Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State Women's Soccer Team knocked off No. 21 ranked Ashland University in their seventh shutout of the season last Sunday, Oct. 11 winning 1-0.

"This was one of the hardest games we had this season. In the end we kept on pushing and got the ball in and somehow ended up winning," said senior forward Nichole Boehnke.

The game was the first in a string of three that will definitely test the Bulldogs.

The next two games will be later this week against Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech at home with a day between.

Last year, Ferris State fell to the Northern Michigan Wildcats 1-0. The Bulldogs had their shots on goal but had trouble converting, often hitting the posts.

Ferris State has seven shutouts and have yet to allow multiple goals in a game since their first two games.

Northern Michigan started off the season at 0-7 but have won four straight since.

The Wildcats looks to be back in form at the right time, but the Bulldogs are up for the challenge.

"We play them at home this year so it should change the dynamic from last year. We had an upsetting loss against Northern so we're definitely looking to revenge that," said Boehnke.

It will be a matchup of two four-game streaks. Northern Michigan's win streak against Ferris State's shutout streak.

A big part of Ferris State's shutouts this year is senior goalie Maddie Haustein. Behind an experienced defen-

sive line up with multiple seniors, Haustein has plenty of help. On the season, she has a .909 save percentage allowing only 10 goals in 14 games.

Haustein didn't participate in most of last year's season due to injury so her presence should be refreshing heading into these next two games.

Two days after Northern Michigan, Ferris State will play the Michigan Tech Huskies. The Bulldogs had a more favor-

able outcome against the Huskies last year besting them 2-0.

"That was a good win for us last year. We weren't expected to win but we pulled out the victory. It was exciting for us and we look to do the same these next two games," said Boehnke.

This year's matchup against Michigan Tech will be a defensive battle. Both teams have allowed less than a goal per game on defense. The Huskies have also matched the Bulldogs with seven shutouts of their own.

The Bulldogs play Northern Michigan Friday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. and play Michigan Tech Sunday, Oct. 18 at 12 p.m. Both contests are at home in Big Rapsids.

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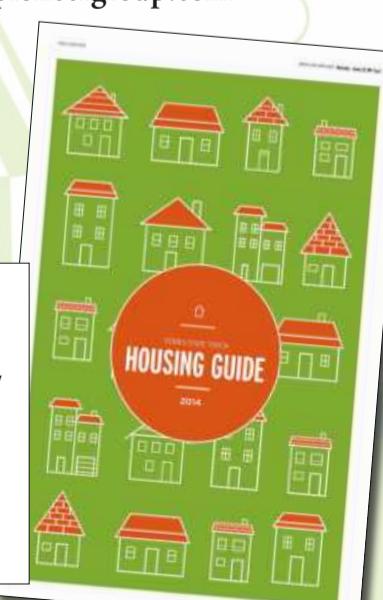
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	Justin Forsett, Baltimore Ravens	170 total yards, 1 TD	22
WR1	Jeremy Maclin, Kansas City Chiefs	8 catches, 85 yards	9
WR2	Willie Snead, New Orleans Saints	6 catches, 141 yards	15
FLEX	Doug Martin, Tampa Bay Buccaneers	158 total yards, 3 TD	33
D/ST	New England Patriots	6 pointes allowed, 3 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FR	16
K	Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona Cardinals	6 extra points made	6
Total			122

Ferris State Box Score			
Starters			
POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Jason Vander Laan	370 total yards, 4 TD	44
RB	Jahaan Brown	126 yards, 1 TD	18
WR1	Jake Lampman	6 catches, 81 total yards, 3 TD	26
WR2	Jamel Lockett	68 yards, 1 TD	12
FLEX	Antonio Agurs	5 catches, 53 total yards, 1 TD	12
D/ST	Ferris State	21 points allowed, 2 sacks, 1 FF	4
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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Allow me to paint a picture in your mind.

Approximately one hundred individuals sit motionless in a fugue state as images flash before their nearly lifeless eyes and one person drones on in seemingly incomprehensible syllables. Few of these people have been afforded the luxury of a shower in the last 24 hours, and they're lucky if they can manage to stomach some coffee to curb their morning hunger before being ushered into a large yet dimly lit room.

No, this is not the scene of a homeless shelter in a poverty-stricken city, but rather an 8 a.m. lecture hall.

Why revealing skin is okay



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Just because these shorts wouldn't get through a high school dress code doesn't mean that women should be objectified for wearing them.

Slut, skank, whore. These are words used to describe someone, typically female, who is considered either overly sexually active or wears revealing clothing. Let's delve into the fault in this logic, since it really isn't a big deal to make these choices about our bodies and what we put on them.

It is a misconception to attribute either sexual assault or sexual harassment to what a person wears. "But why would you wear that if you didn't want to get attention" is a popular response. When I hear this, I hear that women shouldn't wear outfits that make them feel good, pretty, or comfortable because it may attract attention—attention that is harmful or threatening. This leads me to believe that if we are to follow this logic, then we should

constantly frame our entire world and actions to what another person may or may not do. This is faulty logic, as it is nearly impossible or detrimental to our mental health to be constantly changing our course of action because of the bad behavior of someone else.

Ultimately, people choose how they react to situations. If there is a diehard inclination inside of you to sexually harass or comment on what women wear, there is something else at stake. And that something else, my friends, is entitlement.

Entitlement in a nutshell is when you feel like you deserve

so at The Rock, which also closes at midnight.

The population of a college campus is predominantly young adults between the ages of 18-22. This same demographic is certainly not known for making the early-bird special at the local diner, so why does the university treat us as if we wake up bright and early and retire to bed immediately after the 8:30 p.m. showing of "Wheel of Fortune" on basic cable?

Sure, there are some professors that commute to campus so it's unreasonable to expect them to offer their entire morning, afternoon and evening to their students. However, stu-

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"What difference does one person make?
Turns out it makes a huge difference."

Dylan Peters

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Early bird

dents pay at the very least \$382 per credit hour, so shouldn't we dictate when we get out of bed so long as it's reasonable?

This campus seems to operate on a schedule that doesn't suit its lifeblood and purpose. How can Ferris expect its students to routinely make good choices when Shooters stays open later than the library?

Admittedly, there may be few people who would choose FLITE over Shooters even if they had comparable hours, but Ferris isn't even allowing them the option as of now.

The sacrifices of distance

Learning how to have a successful relationship from afar

In our culture today, we are told that commitment isn't necessary for happiness in a relationship. We are encouraged by our peers to do one of two things: to date as many people as we can to determine our "type," or to remain single and embrace having less responsibility for as long as we can make it last.

It isn't common to find lasting and loyal relationships among college students, but there are other types of relationships that occur while attending a university.

College is ultimately known as a time for hooking up, and cheap, meaningless dates. I have plenty of friends who have racked up a list of people that they've been with and never spoke to again afterwards.

But hey, maybe that's what you're looking for. I, for one, am not.

A rather uncommon type is a long distance relationship. The main reason for this, in my opinion, is that at our age, we don't understand how to make a long distance relationship work. Our culture tells us that a relationship can function based solely on sex and money, and that doesn't pair well with a significant other who is hours away.

I have been in a long distance relationship for two and a half years now. To be completely honest, it is really hard. But please don't misunderstand. That isn't meant to deter you from trying out a long distance relationship with your boyfriend or girlfriend.

Although it has its difficulties, it is completely worth it and I'm grateful for the experience.

I have had the privilege of being exposed to a relationship in its most raw form. No, I cannot spend quality, face-to-face time with my boyfriend whenever my heart desires, or get a kiss at night before I head home. We can't go out on dates or spoil each other with small gifts or Taco Bell at 2 a.m. Netflix and chill quite frankly isn't an option for us.

You want to know how we've

made it work? We talk. We sacrifice and we love from afar.

To be able to stick with someone

for that long and at a distance takes a lot of effort from both of you. I have to remind myself that somewhere six hours away is someone who cares for me as deeply as I do for him. I have to remember that even though I am exhausted after a long day of school and work, that I haven't given any attention to him. You answer phone calls when you are too tired to think because you just want to hear their voice, you send messages as you are running late to your class and you FaceTime with them when you simply need to see their smile.

While having to stay motivated



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to talk with them, you have to be willing to sacrifice. Selflessness is absolutely the key to a relationship that spans many miles. Am I perfect at it? Hell no. Ask my boyfriend; I can be selfish a lot. But so can he. If your goal is to please yourself and you can't recognize that you have to go

out. If we can't come to an agreement, then yes, we take breaks. But because we have something much more real than cheap love, I am not so insecure to think that we will move on quickly and forget about each other.

At this point in our relationship, those sacrifices don't bug me anymore. They aren't chores and they certainly don't make me upset to have to make because I understand what I get from them.

Maybe none of this appeals to you still. But let me tell you

the best parts.

When I see his car pull up to my house, I run to him; literally, I sprint. That first hug feels better than almost anything else in the world.

I see him once a month, sometimes more or less and I am not going to waste that on a petty argument, so guess what? We don't fight. We don't get annoyed with each other's company. And I truly mean that; I've never gotten sick of his presence.

We have sacrificed money on the gas that it takes for us to drive to each other. When things get rough or seem too hard, we drop everything to try and fix the problem, whether that means staying up all night to talk through it or rearranging weekend plans so that we can meet up and try to work it

We go on dates, for walks or just lay around all day talking and laughing. We finally get to hug and kiss each other, and yes, we also get to Netflix and chill. Regardless of what our peers tell us that we should be doing with our personal lives, we are happy. I am happy that he cares

enough to take on the task of long distance with me. I'm flattered that he saw enough good in me to decide that I was worth his effort, time and money. But mostly I am so in love with him and all that he does for me despite the struggles that we face.

Often, as young adults, we are told that such a serious relationship at this age isn't healthy. As if it's the kiss of death to devote that much time to one single person. But a long distance relationship doesn't tie me down and it isn't the end of my freedom. I trust him with my life and with my heart. All that we have sacrificed in order to be together shows me that I understand what it takes to be with someone who is six hours away from me.

You could offer me the best that Ferris State has to offer, right here in our city, but I assure you that for all that it is worth, through good times and bad, I will choose the one that I already have. So I encourage you to step out and try something new. If you are struggling with the idea of long distance, please understand what you are getting into. Yes, it is hard, and there will be nights that you think you can't do it anymore. But you are getting something so much more special than the rest of your college friends. You get to see and experience the value of a true relationship.

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Four best bars in B.R.

Top bar destinations for students at Ferris

I have seen enough episodes of Bar Rescue to know exactly what makes a bar fun.

Yes, fun is subjective and no, I don't want to tell you how to spend your weekend, but maybe I can inspire you. I have compiled a definitive list of the four best bars in Big Rapids that will put all arguments to rest.

Number four: Buffalo Wild Wings.

You could argue that B-dubs is not really a bar and you might be right, but depending on the night you can get a real bar atmosphere there. They make all the drinks you could ever expect to get in a town like Big Rapids, they have huge TVs so you can watch the Lions lose and the wings are very, very good. But you already knew that.

Number three: Star Shooters. I like to think of Shoots as two different bars. One is the late afternoon-early evening chill bar, and the other is the terrible hell-hole club. The Shooters that is ranked number three is the chill version. Sure your wing



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order is probably going to be wrong, and the wood panelling on the wall makes you think of your grandma's nursing home

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but look, there are enough people there to make it fun and social and few enough people that you can probably still hear yourself think. I haven't missed the Friday After Class (FAC) specials since I have been of age.

Number two: The Pub. The Pub is awesome in so many ways. First of all, they have Keno, which I love. Secondly, you never have to stand at the bar for a half hour to get a drink like the late night version of Shooters. And lastly, the at-

mosphere reminds me of an old western saloon after the boys come back from the Autumn hunt. I have no idea why.

Number one: Gypsy Nickel Lounge.

The best bar in Big Rapids, beyond a shadow of a doubt, is Gypsy. Excellent wait staff, sweet outdoor deck overlooking the river, decent whiskey selection and food so good that it will blow your balls off.

Honestly, every second you spend your weekend not at Gypsy Nickel is wasted. They have karaoke on Mondays and Wednesdays, happy hour all throughout the week from 3-6 p.m. and music that you will never hear at a dubstep music festival.

Stay thirsty, my readers.



Recycling is beneficial

Saving the world and some money

I've been working at a recycling company for about three years now and I just started recycling myself.

You'd think after working for that long, I would've started earlier, but honestly I didn't feel like doing it. What difference does one person make, right? Turns out, it makes a huge difference. And not just for the environment, but for myself as well.

Since I started recycling, my garbage price has gone down considerably. I only take the trash out once a month. It saves me a lot of money, which goes to pizza, naturally. Lots of college students like pizza.

As cheesy as it may sound, it's not about the money to me. It may be an added bonus, but the thought of doing something good for the planet really makes me feel good about myself. It makes me feel like a superhero, which has always been a dream of mine. Not every superhero has to wear a cape and leap tall building in a single bound. Some superheroes put time and effort into doing what they think is best.

Recycling helps you out as much as it helps the Earth. It conserves natural resources



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such as tinder, water and minerals, which helps pave the way for future generations. It reduces pollution, it creates new energy and it reduces greenhouse gasses which cause climate change (which is a real thing). Don't believe the Republicans). Recycling also reduces the amount of wastes sent to landfills and incinerators.

If one person starts recycling, that means that one person is trying to make a difference. If we all band together and recycle, we can make that difference. We'll make a bigger difference than we can imagine. If we don't do something, there might not be a world to live in in the future. I'm not saying that to be scary, I'm saying that because it's true. If we work together, we can sustain the environment.

We need to realize that we're not recycling to benefit ourselves, but we're doing it for the future. We're doing it for our children and their children.

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