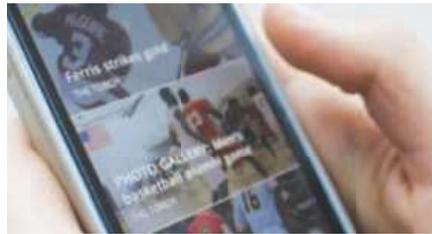




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 "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" to open Thursday

No. 1 in nation



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The volleyball team's 22-1 overall record this year is good enough to earn them the top spot in both the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the nation.

Ferris State volleyball climbs to the top of Div. II rankings

Marshall Scheldt
 Sports Editor

The Ferris State volleyball team is now the No. 1 ranked team in the nation in Division II.

The Bulldogs jumped from the No. 3 spot to the No. 1 spot after a pair of 3-0 wins against conference opponents Findlay and Hillsdale last weekend. With those wins, Ferris improved their record to 22-1 on

the season. Their only loss came to No. 7 Wheeling Jesuit back in late September.

The Dawgs hopped Northern State University after the Wolves lost their first match of the season last weekend against No. 4 Southwest Minnesota State. Ferris also surpassed the former No. 1 University of Tampa Spartans, who dropped to No. 5 after suffering their fourth loss of the season to

the unranked Lynn University Fighting Knights.

FSU is a perfect 11-0 in conference play this season and will take on two more conference foes this upcoming weekend. The Dawgs will head north this weekend to defend their No. 1 ranking against Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan.

Being on the road hasn't seemed to bother the Dawgs much this season. FSU has compiled an 11-1

record in games that haven't been played in Big Rapids. Ferris is 4-0 when playing on their opponent's court and 7-1 when playing at a neutral site.

Their game against Tech will take place at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 in Houghton, Mich. The Dawgs will take on Northern on Saturday, Oct. 27 in Marquette, Mich.

Ideas go green

New task force focuses on sustainability

Mari Ann Loucks
 Ferris State Torch

Ideas for how to better conserve Ferris waste are already circulating among members of the newly formed Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

The task force will focus its efforts on finding low-cost ways for the university to reduce its waste.

"One of the goals of the process is to learn more about what we are already doing across the many parts of the university," said Vice President of Administration and Finance and task force member Jerry Scoby. "While we have much more we can do, there are a lot of great things being done or are underway, and part of the opportunity here is to do a better job of telling this story."

The student members of the task force were nominated by Ferris administrators.

"We are very excited to have some student leaders to be part of this task force," Scoby said. "I am really looking forward to this group of very talented people coming together and making a difference for our campus in the years to come."

Harmin Gill, a member of the task force and a psychology and nursing double major at Ferris, agreed with Scoby.

"The task force is going to make Ferris more green, help cut down on pollution and work to save the planet to make sure that it's around for a long time," Gill said. "We want



Jerry Scoby

to eliminate extra waste at Ferris."

Gill hopes she can bring everything she learns through the task force to student government, where she is also a member.

"My goal is that I will learn things on the task force, share with student government and then figure out how to implement changes across campus," Gill said. "It's just one step at a time."

"There are simple ways to eliminate waste," Gill said. "I use recyclable water bottles to help eliminate waste. I also use my own coffee cups. If I need to throw out papers, I look for recycling bins so that way they can be reused for something else."

Gill says that the Environmental Sustainability Task Force has both short and long term goals that will be implemented because of all of the members of the force.

"There are people on the task force who can actually make the changes Ferris needs," Gill said. "Together we will figure out what works and how to hit every side of the issues. Working together and

Making a push to put pot on the ballot

Hundreds of students sign marijuana ballot petition

Nick Vander Wulp
 Ferris State Torch

For some Ferris students, marijuana legalization and regulation in Michigan is legislation that seems long past due.

Hundreds of Ferris students signed a ballot petition by MI Legalize last week to add legalization of

marijuana and hemp to the 2016 voter's ballot in Michigan.

"I don't want to be afraid anymore," said Ferris heavy equipment technology freshman Braden Schultz. "People get locked up and their lives ruined over a plant. And you read about all of these scientific things marijuana can do, like in medicine and materials. It's time for things to change."

Ferris heavy equipment technology freshman Noah Baran had a similar opinion saying he believes

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Photo by: Devin Anderson | News Editor

Ferris chemistry junior Michael Williams collects signatures for a petition to make marijuana a 2016 ballot proposal in Michigan.

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NEWS

Ferris State Torch

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“It’s an acknowledgement by our industry that Ferris students graduate ready for a position.”
- President David Eisler

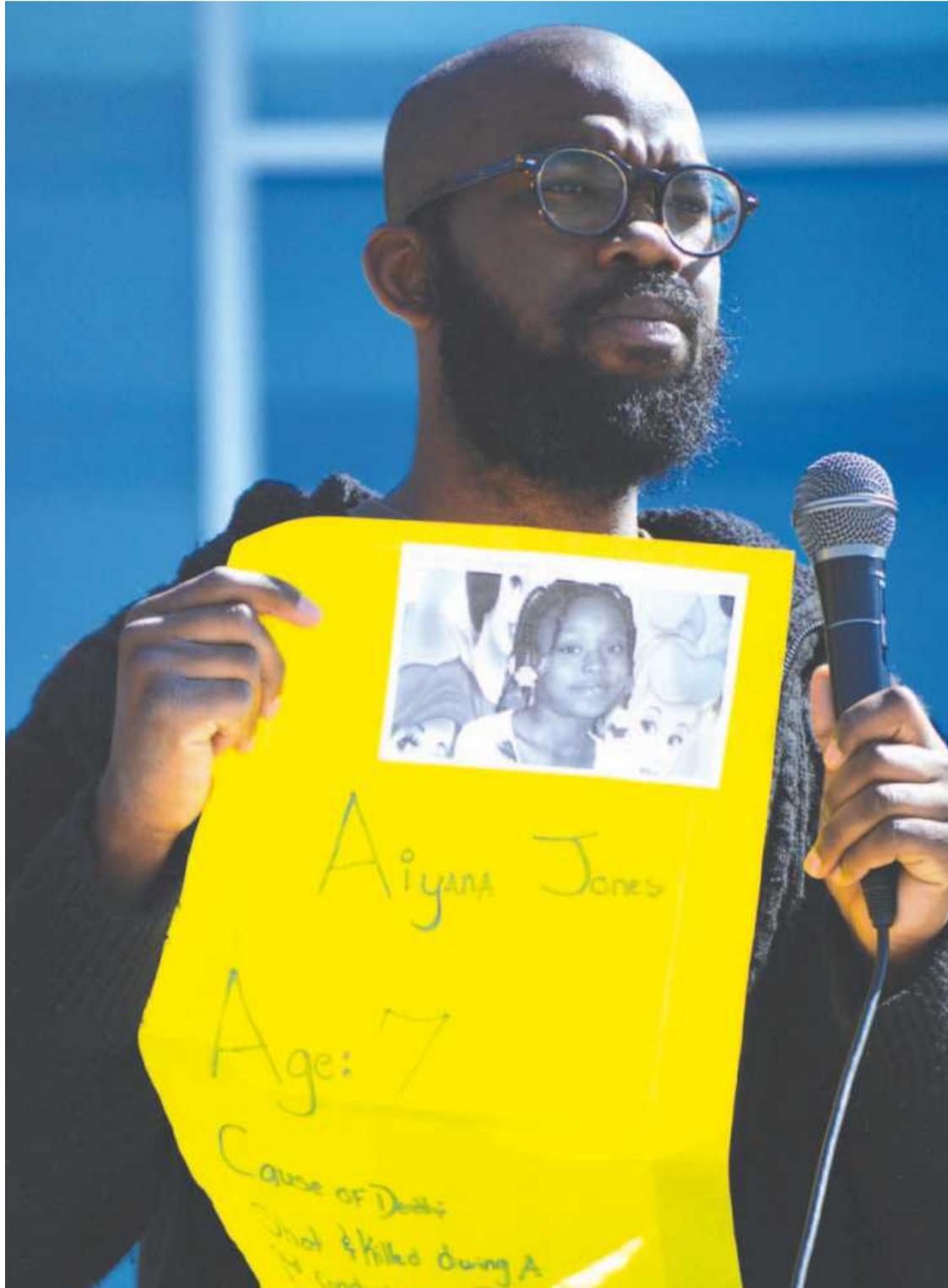


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Ferris construction management senior Corey Watkins speaks about police brutality at an NAACP rally in the quad last year.

Ferris not considering open carry law on campus

Devin Anderson
News Editor

In the wake of a mass shooting on a campus in Oregon, Michigan legislators and university administrators are examining whether or not current gun laws are adequate.

A Michigan Senate panel recently passed a bill that would allow concealed-carry license holders to bring guns on college campuses. The current law excludes controlled pistol license (CPL) holders from having weapons on college campuses.

The University of Texas recently passed an open carry law, which will allow CPL holders to carry guns on campus starting in August 2016.

If the bill in Michigan is signed into law, Ferris still has the authority to establish its own policy. According to Ferris officials, allowing guns on campus is not a consideration.

“Ferris is, in a relative sense, a very safe campus,” said Ferris Vice

President for Administration and Finance Jerry Scoby. “In terms of having guns on campuses and in classrooms, I’m not aware of any good that could come of that.”

The open carry bill must still be signed by Governor Rick Snyder. He vetoed similar legislation by republicans in 2012.

Ferris currently states no person within the university environment is allowed to possess weapons or explosives, including airsoft, paintball and BB guns.

“The policy we have in place is in the best interest of students,” said Bruce Borkovich, director the Ferris Department of Public Safety. “I see

both sides of the issue, but everything has to be looked at individually and everything has limits.”

Borkovich is a hunter and firm supporter of the second amendment, but said the mere existence of guns on campus could cause inadvertent accidents.

“There’s a dangerous assumption

that because someone goes through the class to become a concealed pistol license holder, that they are then capable and prepared to engage someone in a gun fight,” he said.

“Nothing could be further from the truth.”

On Monday, Nov. 9, Scoby and Borkovich, along with President David Eisler, university faculty and representatives of student government

will walk the entire Ferris campus for a lighting and safety assessment.

“It’s a fun, proactive way to make sure we’re doing all we can to have a safe campus,” Scoby said.

Scoby also said a task force for campus safety will soon be finalized to review Ferris’ current safety policies and educate students about them.

“We know there is no place that’s totally immune to crazy behavior,” Borkovich said. “We’re continually looking to make things safer. Obviously we can’t make this place a fortress, but we’re always reevaluating what we do.”

“The policy we have in place is in the best interest of students.”

Bruce Borkovich

Safety Awareness Information

Five Stages of Active Shooter Behavior

- 1. Fantasy:** Disturbing, hostile or dark speech; drawings or writings are a subconscious cry for help.
- 2. Planning:** Thoughts are replaced by action, research surveillance or declarative writings.
- 3. Preparation:** Devoting time to gather materials, forewarning friends or training.
- 4. Approach:** Heading toward target while carrying weapons.
- 5. Implementation:** Shooter makes entry, executes plan, engages in violence.

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Taking on racism

Social work program hosts forum on race

Kip Biby
Ferris State Torch

Ferris’ department of social work tackled the topic of racism head on last week.

The event was a statewide forum created by the Michigan branch of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and Wayne State University School of Social Work.

Discussion was focused on addressing issues related to racism in the field of social work and other human services professions in response to the events in cities such as Ferguson, Charleston and New York City.

One of the attendees, Kelsey Thomas, a Ferris social work junior, felt her questions related to these

topics were answered adequately during the discussion.

“The event was a great learning experience for those of us who attended, it gave us tools to use in our future careers as social workers,” Thomas said. “In the field of social work there are many situations that deal with the issue of racism and knowing how to handle the topic helps do your job better and more efficiently.”

A 30 minute video of Howard University School of Social Work Dean Sandra Edmonds Crewe interviewing Ron Dellums was shown before the discussion began.

Dellums is a former congressman from California and a social justice advocate. The video was made to develop a social work response to racism, hate crimes and police use

of force. Dellums spoke in the video of current events such as Baltimore and Ferguson.

“First of all, I understand black lives matter,” Dellums said in the interview. “What these young people are saying is both current and historic because if you look historically, you’ve taken black lives at the drop of a hat and not done anything about it.”

Immediately following the video, Ferris professor, Dr. Kelley Samuels-Good lead the discussion, bringing up issues related to police brutality, institutional racism and what the social work profession can do in response to these issues.

Discussion went on for almost an hour and a half with social work professors and students.

Two cats taken from students in Travis Hall

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

Devin Anderson
News Editor

Stolen tortoise

City police are searching for a tortoise stolen from Animal Shack on South Michigan Avenue valued at \$150.

Straight outta BR

Oct. 14, 9:15 p.m., officers assisted the city police with a noise complaint on the 400 block of Fuller Avenue. The person said they had heard gunshots nearby but officers could not locate the source of the noise.

Hit and run

Oct. 15, 4:35 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 37.

Overstayed her welcome

Oct. 15, 7:35 p.m., officers assisted the city police with a trespassing complaint at a residence on Milton Avenue. An intoxicated female had refused to leave the residence and officers removed her.

Who goes there?

Oct. 15, 11:45 p.m., officers responded to a trespassing complaint at West Campus Apartments. The resident reported hearing someone enter the apartment while upstairs. Nothing was found to be stolen.

Car crash

Oct. 16, 7:55 a.m., officers assisted the city police with a two-car accident at the intersection of Perry Avenue and Ferris Drive.

What's the time?

Oct. 16, 3:20 p.m., officers investigated the report of a missing wristwatch at McNerney Hall.

The smelly smell

Oct. 16, 7:35 p.m., officers assisted the sheriff department with a marijuana complaint at University Park Suites.

An evasive smell

Oct. 17, 1:45 a.m., officers assisted Puterbaugh Hall staff with

a marijuana odor complaint. They were unable to locate the smell.

Improper plate and marijuana

Oct. 17, 2:10 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Woodward Avenue. The driver was ticketed for an improper plate and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office for the driver's possession of marijuana.



Domestic assault at Tioga

Oct. 18, 12:45 a.m., officers assisted the city police with a trespassing complaint at Tioga Park. Destruction of property and a domestic assault had occurred. The subject had fled when officers arrived and a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Bad smoke alarm

Oct. 18, 1:20 a.m., officers investigated smoke alarm in the Science Building. The alarm had a faulty censor.

Marijuana in public

Oct. 18, 9:35 a.m., officers traced the odor of marijuana to a student outside the Pharmacy Building. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Rowdy student

Oct. 19, 11:45 p.m., officers assisted Merrill Hall staff with a disorderly subject. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Loud assault

Oct. 20, 12:10 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at West Campus Apartments. A domestic assault had occurred and

a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office.

Just looking

Oct. 20, 1:10 p.m., officers investigated a suspicious situation in the Student Recreation Center. A female student had been looking through lockers. Officers were unable to locate her and nothing was reported stolen.

Ice cream thrown

Oct. 20, 11:15 p.m., officers responded to a littering complaint at Henderson Hall. A suspect had thrown ice cream against a Henderson window and fled the scene.

Stolen debit card

Oct. 21, 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a fraud complaint at Merrill Hall. The victim reported a stolen debit card with charges made around Big Rapids. Two students were identified, a warrant request was sent to the prosecutor's office and both students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Another hit and run

Oct. 21, 5:25 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 28.

Joy ride

Oct. 21, 9:55 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Northland Drive for defective equipment. The driver was ticketed for driving on a suspended license.

Meow

Oct. 21, 11:40 p.m., officers removed two cats from a residence in Travis Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for a residency violation.

Turn down for what?

Oct. 22, 12:50 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at West Campus Apartments. The incident was handled by housing staff.

Tickets

DPS issued 361 parking and traffic violations between Oct. 15 and Oct. 27 totaling \$6,170.

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Devin Anderson
News Editor

"Little Things" exhibit

Friday, Oct. 30 is the last day to see Damian Goidich's "Little Things" illustration exhibit in the University Center Fine Art Gallery. Goidich, a Kendall College of Art and Design professor, has had work on display at Ferris throughout the month of October.

A new exhibit of World War II propaganda posters will open in the Fine Art Gallery on Monday, Nov. 9. For more information, visit ferris.edu/gallery.

Improv comedy show

Upright Citizens Brigade's TourCo will bring its unique brand of improvised comedy to Ferris. Ferris students can see UCB's Improv Comedy Show for free at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Williams Auditorium.

UCB theaters in Los Angeles and New York City have been home to some of America's best comedic talent, including Ben Schwartz, Ellie Kember, Jack McBrayer and UCB co-founder Amy Poehler. For more information, visit ucbtourco.com.

The Market reduces hours

Due to less recent business, The Market is reducing its hours to being open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week.

Alcohol task force

To review alcohol abuse trends on campus, an alcohol task force has been appointed under the supervision of Vice President for Student Affairs Jeanine Ward-Roof. More than 30 students and faculty were appointed to the task force to review current alcohol policies and educate the student body about alcohol abuse.

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PETITION from page 1 students sign marijuana petition

marijuana should be treated like alcohol, to be used recreationally by adults within similar guidelines.

The new law would also add provisions for gathering a 10 percent tax from the sales of licensed marijuana dealers, 80 percent of which would go to fixing roads and funding schools in the Michigan. The other 20 percent of taxes collected would go back to the city or township the licensed seller is located in.

However, the petition didn't hold the appeal for some students that it did for supporters.

"No, I haven't signed the petition," said Ferris advertising and integrated marketing communications junior Cate Redfern. "It's not that I totally disagree with it. I just don't want my name on something that could affect my reputation."

Michael Williams, the organizer of last week's ballot petition, is a Ferris chemistry junior who is passionate about the legalization of marijuana and hemp for medicinal, recreational, and industrial use.

Williams is also in the process of forming a student organization called Students for Sensible Drug Policy. SSDP is a chapter in progress at Ferris State and has more than 120 signatures from students interested in starting the RSO.

"We don't condone drug use at

all," said Williams. "We are for sensible policy. We are for opening the conversation, we're for creating education and leadership opportunities for students."

One goal Williams has for the SSDP is to open the conversation about permission to carry medical marijuana on campus for prescribed users.

Michigan is one of 23 states in the union that has legalized marijuana for medical use. More than a dozen cities in Michigan have voted to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana possession beginning with Ann Arbor in 1972, with the vast majority of these cities voting to decriminalize in the last few years.

"On our campus it does not matter if you have a medical use card," Williams said. "If you possess marijuana on campus you are in violation of campus policy. You will be referred to student conduct and you may face criminal action."

Williams said he's looking for students, administrators and public safety to have a healthy debate about marijuana policies on campus.

"We are a university with a massive medicine and pharmacy program. We have a great criminal justice program. There is no reason we shouldn't be on the forefront of helping to develop these new laws," said Williams.

To learn more about MI Legalize, visit milegealize.com.

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SUSTAINABILITY from page 1

Ferris appoints sustainability task force

with the community, we will figure out how to make changes."

Along with Gill and Scoby, the task force includes 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 and Abby Booms.

Those with questions or concerns about sustainability on campus are encouraged to contact a task force member.



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Ferris students get career ready

Ferris hosts largest-ever career fair

Devin Anderson
News Editor

Suits, résumés and hundreds of complimentary pens filled the Ewigleben Sports Complex during last week's career and internship fair.

With more than 270 employers from across the U.S., this career fair was the largest ever at Ferris. Professionally-dressed students mingled with companies such as Nike and Consumers Energy, with some landing jobs and internships on the spot.

"It's been great to see this interest in our students," said Ferris President David Eisler. "I think it's an acknowledgement by our industry and corporate partners that Ferris students graduate prepared for a position."

The CLACS-sponsored week of career-oriented events also included an etiquette dinner, graduate school expo and a spotlight event on career opportunities with the State of Michigan. Career services coordinator Mickey Albright explained many companies in attendance had Ferris alumni recruiting at the event.

"The career fair provides students the opportunity to pitch themselves and get comfortable in a professional setting," Albright said. "Companies have been pleased with the quality of their workforce so they want to come back to Ferris and recruit more."

Albright also said the growth of the career fair in recent years indicates Michigan's steadily-recovering economy has created plenty of jobs to fill.

"It's not just the employer interviewing students for positions," she said. "Now, the students are able to interview the employers."



There were 276 employers in attendance as thousands of students searched through Ferris' career fair for jobs and internships. The number is up from 221 employers at the career fair in fall 2014 and 143 employers in fall 2013.

Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

Etiquette dinner mirrors professional dining atmosphere

Mari Ann Loucks
Ferris State Torch

More than 130 students helped kick off career week by attending Ferris' business etiquette dinner.

Hosted by the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS), the event and all career week events were open to students

of all majors. The etiquette dinner helped students prepare for business and social settings, said hospitality management professor and business etiquette dinner presenter Amy Dorey.

"As students at Ferris develop skills, in conjunction they need to develop skills to interact in social settings in a way that can promote organizations in a positive way," Dorey said.

"It is common for business to have employees networking in social settings. We want students to be prepared."

Business etiquette dinner attendee Alyssa Suszek said that the dinner taught her things she was not previously aware of.

"The business etiquette dinner was a really good opportunity to learn to be professional in different

settings," said Suszek, a public relations major at Ferris. "They taught us what to do if you are choking, how to get out of your chair if you are wearing a skirt, and the right way to pass food. It was not just a fancy dinner, it was really helpful."

Dorey, who presented with Karyn Kio, a hospitality management professor, said many students don't focus on their eating habits until they

are in a professional setting. Dorey encouraged students to eat in front of a mirror so they are more aware of their mannerisms in professional environments.

"Organizations want employees who will present a positive image," Dorey said. "Practicing these techniques makes students even more polished."

Social Work Association to host theater group

Angela Graf
Ferris State Torch

An interactive theater show at Ferris will ask students "What's your problem?"

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, in University Center room 202, the Ferris Social Work Association will be hosting an interactive group called Theater Delta, who will perform "What's Your Problem?" an interactive theater performance on the "isms:" racism, heterosexism (discrimination or prejudice against homosexuals) and sexism.

The group's name is derived from the meaning of the Greek letter delta which symbolizes change. Founded in 2009, their performances focus primarily on topics regarding

social policy and issues. Past shows put on by the troupe encapsulate problems such as sexual assault, eating disorders, stress and race relations. According to their mission statement, the goal of the group is to promote dialogue and social change in communities around the globe.

The process of Theater Delta's interactive performance involves audience witnessing a realistic scene and then interacting with the characters in that scene from their seats and on stage. Members of the audience are given the opportunity to share their reactions, ideas, perspectives and solutions to the conflict.

"Each performance consists of three parts," said Theater Delta

founder Ben Saypol in an interview on North Carolina Public Radio in 2013. "First is a scripted scene, second the audience gets to interact with that scene, the actors remain in character and the audience gets to question and challenge the characters about what they did in that scene and why, and then finally we have a facilitated dialogue about the issues where we go 'Alright, you've seen a scene and interacted with it. What's come up for you? What are you thinking and feeling about these issues?'"

To close the performances, audience members are educated about local resources pertaining to the issues that were discussed.

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Photo of the Week: Toe the Line



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Ferris mechanical engineering sophomore Adam Makarewicz (left) and business administration sophomore David Weaver (right) take advantage of a colorful autumn day by slacklining near the Timme Center. A new-found hobby for Makarewicz and Weaver, the two spent the afternoon trying to balance and walk to the other side of their lines without falling off.

The Buzz of Ferris

Devin Anderson
News Editor

Finding Ferris news is now easier than ever as Torch content is now available on an iOS and Android application.

The Torch recently partnered with USA Today to host its content on a new application called "The Buzz: Ferris State University."

The Buzz features all of the Torch's content, including the Torchcast and video content, as well as USA Today news.

USA Today content is specifically geared toward college students, with categories such as college life, study abroad and careers.

The Torch's connection to The Buzz was also made possible by Student Government's readership program. Student Government hopes to add more news outlets to the app in the near future.

The Buzz can be found in the App Store or on Google Play. For more information, visit college.usatoday.com.

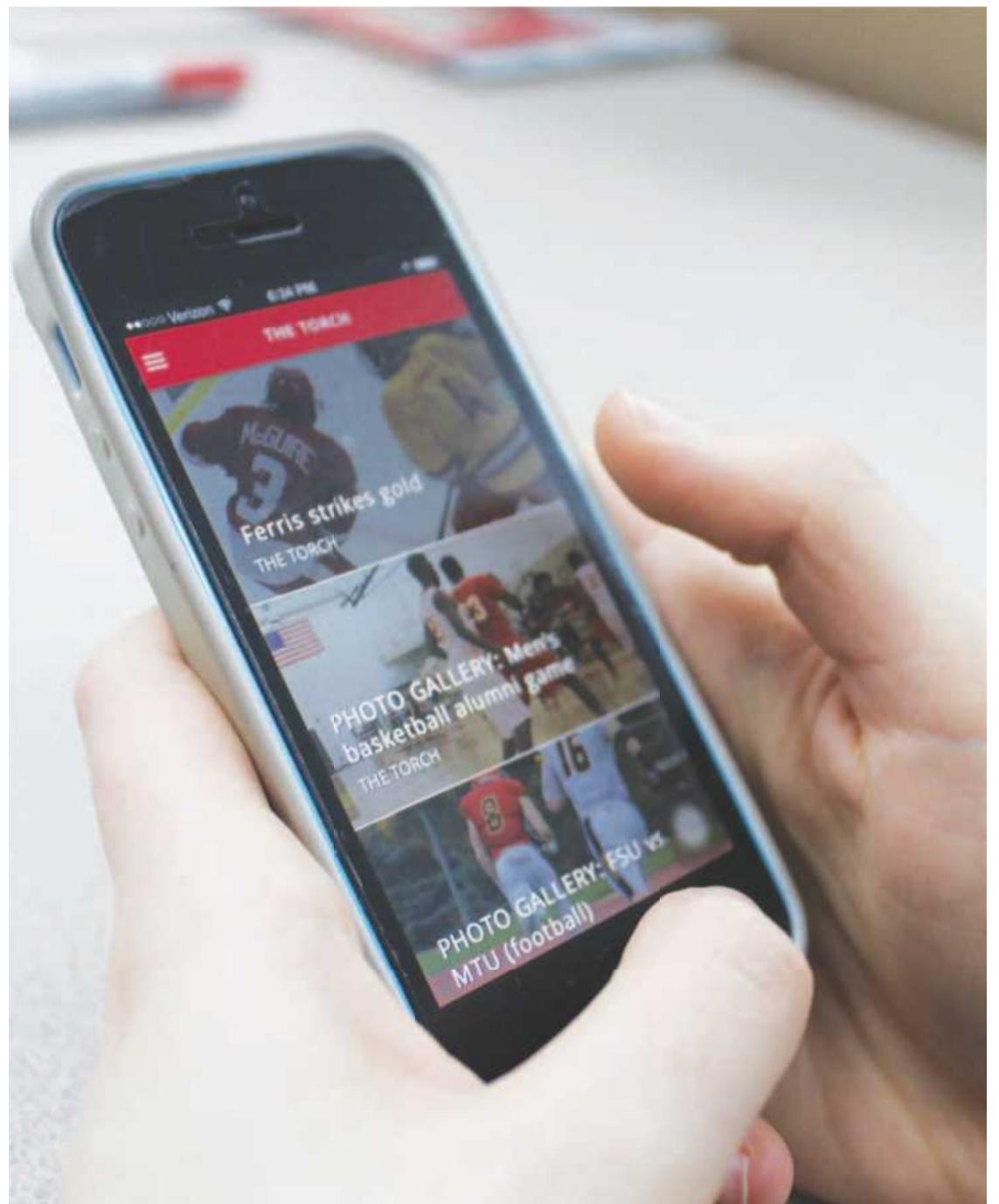


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“Music has always been a big part of my soul.”

Allison LeVeque

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Stressed out Students talk how to handle stress

Nick Vander Wulp
Ferris State Torch

Stress is often called the “silent killer” and recognition of Stress Awareness Day on Nov. 4 couldn’t be timelier.

From mid-term exams taking their toll over the past few weeks, to the increasing complexity of projects and the upcoming final exams and project deadlines, students are aware of the effects of stress.

High levels of stress can have harmful physical effects on the body over time, such as high blood pressure, digestive problems and decreased ability to fight infections. Mental abilities can also become dulled and sleep might not be as restful. Poor communication can cause relationships to suffer and can also be brought on by prolonged, poorly managed stress.

“We communicate so much through social media, emails or via text, so sometimes things can be misinterpreted or they’re shortened when in conversation and may take more explanation,” said Katelyn Cable, who is a Western Michigan University grad student but is interning at Ferris’ Personal Counseling Center. “Sometimes with healthy relationships, being open and honest with your communication can be helpful. Because I think that relationships are important to us, and when something’s important to us, it’s a natural trigger for stress.”

According to Cable, feeling isolated or nurturing connections can be the difference between feeling helpless and being strong.

“Being away from some of our social support and our hometowns can be hard,” said Cable. “Because we’re building a new support system on campus. It’s really important to be conscientious about who positive people are and who we want to be around so when you are feeling stressed, you can have people around to talk to.”



Marcus Owenson

For Ferris respiratory care junior Marcus Owenson, family is everything. His family is a source of stress and inspiration, and ultimately is what drives him here at Ferris State.

“I’m a parent, so trying to maintain my school schedule and find the time for my daughter is very hard. And having a job, it’s difficult. It can be very difficult,” said Owenson. “You’ve got to want to do it for your child, first and foremost.”

To help reduce stress, Owenson said he likes to go to the Rec during his free time.

Ferris social work senior Sara Rae makes time for herself in her busy schedule. Rae said working part-time and taking full-time credits can become extremely stressful.

“I’m a part-timer, but usually part-time means 30 to 35 hours plus the

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Lights, camera, action



Photo by: Chris Martin | Photographer

The cast of “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” raises up Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Adam Juranda as he rehearses his big number.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels to premiere at Ferris

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

“Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” is premiering at Ferris State University for the fall musical on Thursday.

The musical is based on the popular 1988 film, which takes us to the French Riviera for hijinks and hilarity. This comedy is sophisticated, suave and has a good dash of mischief and hysterical lines.

“The audience should expect to laugh,” said Ferris nuclear technician junior Meredith Hague, who has a lead role in the musical. “There are a lot of really inappropriate jokes in it, so that’s fun.”

Katherine LaPietra, a Ferris theatre professor, said the cast’s talents are amazing. She also said she’s proud of the cast for their willingness to do this and for their love for this crazy thing called theatre.

The cast has been rehearsing for over a month to be ready for opening night.

“So much time and effort is needed from everyone during every rehearsal and rehearsals are usually at least four hours each week

night,” said Ferris dental hygiene sophomore Matt Marenger, who is also one of the lead characters.

According to Marenger, the cast also has to spend time outside of rehearsal going over lines to make them stick in their memory.

“The hardest parts are definitely memorization of lines, choreography and blocking with a busy schedule,” said Ferris hospitality junior Kayla Garrett. “Regardless of the amount of work we put in, it feels like theatre is almost a 24/7 thing most weeks.”

Garrett said her favorite part has been bonding with the cast.

“You end up as close as a family, and that never goes away,” said Garrett.

According to Hague, when the show is over, everyone will want to sleep and catch up on studying and

“The show is really funny and is meant for a college audience.”

Meredith Hague

homework.

“Honestly, once the show is over, I will miss my cast and want to just hangout with them,” said Hague.

“The show is really funny and is meant for a college audience,” said Hague. “We didn’t dumb it down for families, so I really think Ferris students will enjoy it.”



Meredith Hague



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Director and professor Katherine LaPietra advises students to “just breathe.”

Performance Information	
Dates & Times	Admission:
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Musician, mom, fiancée--Ferris criminal justice freshman Allison LeVeque does it all.

It's never too late

The story of a nontraditional FSU student

Jen Corrie
Ferris State Torch

If you want to hear an inspiring story of someone chasing down their dreams while juggling a job, a family, a musical hobby and a full load of classes, look no further than Allison LeVeque.

LeVeque is a nontraditional student in her first semester in the criminal justice program here at Ferris.

"I want to help people," LeVeque said. "I would like to be a juvenile probation officer for troubled youth. They could really use a hand because they're not all bad kids. They make a bad decision, or sometimes they grow up in bad homes, and instantly they're labeled bad. Sometimes they just need a little guidance. I know you can't save them all, but if I could save one, it would be totally worth it."

So far, she's enjoyed her time here at Ferris.

"Ferris is different," she said. "I've made a lot of friends, which I

wasn't expecting since I'm a decade older than all the other freshmen, but it's been really fun. There's a lot of culture here that people wouldn't anticipate before coming."

“It's never too late to follow your dream.”

Allison LeVeque

LeVeque graduated from Big Rapids High School in 2004 and worked as a body piercer for a while before getting a job at Quinn's Music. LeVeque has worked at Quinn's for seven years and currently still does.

"I'm a sales associate/everything," LeVeque said. "The only thing I don't do is repair instruments. We're kind of the central music hub of town, not just the local music store. There are a lot of community things we do as well. We're

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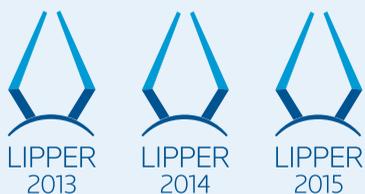
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Ferris graphic design sophomore Jen Bancino studies for a tough typography midterm.

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Destressing is essential for college students

15 credits I'm taking," said Rae. Rae has some strategies to help her get through her day, which includes starting her day with meditation. "I do a lot of yoga and meditation," said Rae. "I learned meditation mostly through social work because they always say it's a real-

ly good way to relieve stress. And I write a lot of 'to do' lists."

Ferris automotive engineering technology students, senior Weixing Zhou and junior Linxiong Meng said students must be passionate about their chosen majors. Zhou said your passion must be what gets you out of bed every morning. Fun is also important to Zhou and



Sarah Rae

Meng for destressing. "We like to get together for good drinks, and to laugh and talk," said Zhou. "Also, for good food." Meng said that if a major or career isn't a good fit, then some serious consideration should be given to changing majors. Meng advocated this before becoming overburdened. "I'll say this, people are like a spring," said Meng. "You apply too much load, too much stress, and it's not going to recover. It's not going to come back."

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Musical mom starts college at age 29

all like family, even though some actually are. There's a few of us there that aren't but might as well be." She's also a longtime musician, singing for as long as she can remember and playing guitar since she was seven. "Music's always been a big part of my soul," LeVeque said. LeVeque grew up in a musical family. She's been in a few local bands: Arch Rival and Kheperu to name a few, and has most recently formed a cover band called UnCovered. "I try to perform as often as possible, but now that I'm in school it's a lot harder to do," she said. LeVeque said she will continue to be a musician after graduating from the criminal justice program. "No matter what, that will never ever change," she said. "I'll always be a musician and a lover of music, even if I'm not performing all the time." LeVeque has a two-year-old son

and is engaged, so it does make it a little harder to be a student and have a job. "Sometimes I want to rip my hair out, to be perfectly honest," she said. "But I wouldn't trade it for anything. I'm a much better student now at 29 than I would have been 10 years ago. It's been tricky scheduling everything and making everything work." However, she still decided to come to Ferris so she could better provide for her family. "I wanted to give my son a better life," she said. "Once you have kids, your whole world changes. Every aspect of your life does a complete 180. And I love my job at Quinn's. I have amazing friends and family there but it's still a job at a small local business." Finally, LeVeque said for other people who are thinking about coming to school: you're not too old. "That's what they've been drilling into me for months, and now I can see that," she said. "I've had to learn how to do things differently, but I've had a really great time in school. It's never too late to follow your dream. And shop local at Quinn's Music."

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TorchConfessions

Every week, a Torch staff member will write about a slightly embarrassing aspect of his or her life because hey, we all have those.

“Are You the One?”

Confession: I really enjoy really bad reality television.



Hailey Klingel
 Lifestyles Editor

Back in my late middle and early high school years, I faithfully watched shows such as “Jersey Shore,” “Real World,” “Snookie & Jwoww,” “The Hills” and “A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila,” which, if you don’t remember, was a show about 32 men and women living in the same house with a bisexual woman competing for her love.

All those shows were overly dramatic and truly terrible, but I watched every episode. I like to think my television viewing tastes have improved overall since I had braces, but I still have my guilty pleasures.

First and foremost, I love MTV’s “Catfish” and will defend it until the day I die. “Catfish” isn’t what I’m here to confess, because that show is of much higher quality than the shows where the entire plotline consists of a large group of twenty-somethings living in a house partying every night to find love.

My current obsession is not up to par with “Catfish.” It’s called “Are You the One?” and it’s awful, but so good.

Here is the show’s premise: 10 men and 10 women live in a

house together (of course it’s a giant house in a tropical location). Before the show, they all took some sort of test, the results of which revealed who in the house was whose “perfect match.” Every single person in the house has a perfect match with someone else based on the personality tests everyone took. However, no one knows who his or her perfect match is. The whole point of the show is to figure out all the perfect matches. If everyone figures them out by the end of the season, the cast splits \$1,000,000 to take home.

There are a few plot twists and rules, but that’s the general format the show has followed for the three seasons it’s aired.

The reason my enjoyment of this show is not something I gladly admit is because of the way the cast members act. Every week, I waste an hour of my life watching people cheating on each other, girls screaming at each other, guys punching inanimate objects, and people bawling while saying, “I can’t do this anymore.”

To make it worse, the cast members who misbehave the most get the most airtime because they are the most entertaining. I feel my IQ drop each week as I watch this show.

But I can’t stop. Watching these people make complete fools out of themselves is oddly entertaining and hilarious. Plus, trying to figure out who the matches are adds a small aspect of intelligence to the viewing process.

I think part of the underlying reason reality television does so well is because the people who watch it might secretly enjoy how much better it makes them feel about themselves. They could be lying on the couch in sweats, neglecting their math homework and eating hotdogs, yet be thinking, “You know, my life is kind of a mess, but at least 26 million people aren’t watching me punch a wall because a girl I met four days ago is kissing another dude.”

Which, ultimately, is why I think “Are You the One?” is even able to exist. The entertainment factor alone is so high that it makes up for its awfulness.

Still, I would love to be on the show. Watch out for me in season five.

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Killing it

FSU volleyball seniors step up

Cody Burkhard
Ferris State Torch

For the No. 1 Ferris State volleyball team, senior hitters Megan Vander Meer, Alexis Huntey and Caroline Heitzman have been killing it this year; pun intended.

These ladies have led Ferris State to a perfect home and conference record, and a 22-1 overall record. Combined, they have more kills and total attempts than the other 12 women on the team.

Nationally, Ferris State is No. 10 in opponent hitting percentage and No. 16 in hitting percentage. Allowing hitting percentage of .113, the Bulldogs have doubled that output scoring on 25 percent of their attempts. They are first in the GLIAC in both categories.

A lot of this is the result of the overwhelming power coming from the hits of Heitzman, Vander Meer and Huntey.

Heitzman led the team in blocks last year and is on pace to do the same this year. She has 72 total blocks on the year, averaging a block per set. On the year she has 226 kills, 518 total attempts and 271 points.

She was named to the 2014 NCAA-II Midwest Region All-Tournament team after the Bulldogs lost in their fourth consecu-

tive regional semi-final match.

Heitzman's highlight game of this year came against Saginaw Valley State where she had 15 kills, 21 total attempts and 18.5 points leading the team in all categories.

Huntey was an all-GLIAC first teamer last year and looks in form again this year with 216 kills, 231 digs, 36 blocks, and is first on the team in total attempts with 648. She also has a team leading 39 serving aces demonstrating her versatility.

She received the Coach's Award at last year's banquet. This award, decided by the coaches, is given to a player who is coachable and dedicated to the team in the big picture.

Head Coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said, "She was an immediate impact player. She can play every position. She's so aware on the court. She has the smarts and ability to be everywhere."

Megan Vander Meer was an All-American, all-GLIAC selection last year. For this year, she has 619 total attempts, 225 digs, 288 points, and is first on the team in kills with 246. Like Huntey, Brandel-Wilhelm said that Vander Meer can play multiple positions.

Even though she is a Grand Rapids product, Vander Meer said Grand Valley was never an option.

"My parents have known Tia for a really long time," said Vander Meer. "First time she saw me play she wanted me to practice with her team to see how I'd mesh

with the team and obviously it worked out. Grand Valley was never an option for me."

22-1 is an impressive record but the lone blemish for FSU came against Wheeling Jesuit in a 3-0 loss. The Bulldogs have only lost 7 sets in the 22 other matches.

"We were excited to play a match against a really good team," said Heitzman. "It'd be nice to win every game but it's not going to happen. We saw how we did against great competition and we played well. We just didn't get the win."

Focusing on a stat sheet, Heitzman, Vander Meer and Huntey stick out more than any other players, but there is a fourth senior getting it done for Ferris.

Senior libero Danielle Dowd was an academic All-American last year and has controlled the back line all this year with a team leading 333 digs including a 25 dig game against Missouri Western State.

She is also third on the team in serving aces and assists this year with 17 and 43 respectively.

Brandel-Wilhelm said that "DD" Danielle Dowd has been instrumental in their offense since she took over at the libero spot last year.

The Ferris volleyball team has seven regular season matches left, all of which will be played against conference opponents.

The first team in line will be Michigan Tech who is second in the GLIAC. The match will take place on Friday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. in Houghton.

Megan Vander Meer #4

246 total kills

3.24 kills per set

.304 hitting percentage

225 total digs

Alexis Huntey #10

216 total kills

2.84 kills per set

.233 hitting percentage

231 total digs

Caroline Heitzman #14

3.10 kills per set

.313 hitting percentage

60 blocking assists

The men behind the man

Offensive linemen are big reason for Ferris' success

Beau Jensen
Ferris State Torch

Behind every great set of offensive weapons is a group of guys who do what they do best in the trenches: protect their brothers.

The Ferris State football team has had an amazing run in their past two seasons, and that success has come in big part to the offensive line. Men like quarterback Jason Vander Laan, running back Jahaan Brown and receiver Jake Lampman

receive the glory when they cross the plane and put six points on the board for the Bulldogs. But the development and process that goes into each scoring drive starts on the front line, where the big men go to work.

The humble men on the Ferris State offensive line don't see their accomplishments as less glorious than those of the skill players. They know that their place on the front line is where they can best help the team to succeed, and the skill players know that as well. Jahaan Brown, the Bulldog's sophomore running back from East Grand Rapids, explained how the big men help him and the team.

"If we didn't have those five guys up front, Ferris State football wouldn't be much. They make our game plan that much easier. We depend on those guys more than we depend on any one specific group

on the team," said Brown. "Those guys have been coming together up front these past few games."

Brown is more than correct on that last statement, as the Bulldog front line has helped their offense put up 296 total points through seven games so far this season. As impressive as that number is, through seven games last year the Bulldogs put up 342 points, a feat difficult to achieve without a powerful front line.

Any offensive line must be a cohesive unit in order to be successful. Everyone must pull their part of the load to make sure that there is no weak link in the chain. Bryan Bell, a junior from Walled Lake, is one of the men on that offensive line.

"We all have a common bond being offensive linemen, just embracing the grind and proving our worth in the trenches. We work to give our skilled players the best opportunity to break for a big one," said Bell. "We try to stay loose and goof around with each other, but when it's time to watch the opponent and play, we have no choice but to be a dominant unit, or else it's going to be a bad day for us and the offense."

Bell also talked about what it means to him and the guys to be able to be a part of history with Jason Vander Laan's NCAA all-time leading quarterback rushing yard record.

"...we depend on those guys more than we depend on any one specific group in the team

Jahaan Brown

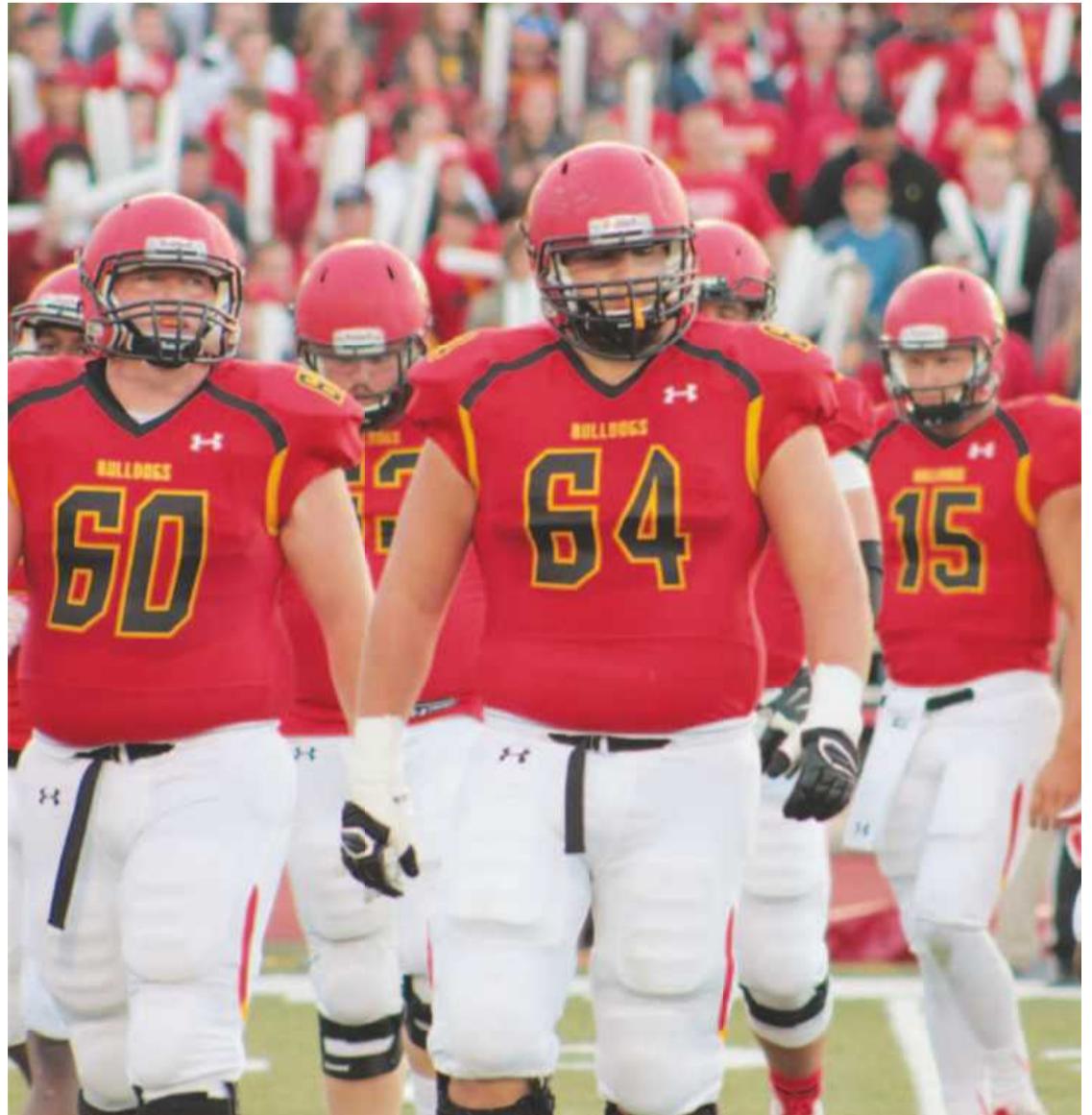


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The Ferris State offensive line has been a huge part of the offense's success this season, including quarterback Jason Vander Laan's NCAA rushing record.

Bell said, "Jason's one of the hardest working people I know and has worked for everything he's earned. The offensive line takes pride in protecting him and being able to add onto his all-time rushing

record. It's good knowing he's behind us and that when he has the ball it will most likely be a positive play."

The Bulldog offensive line isn't done protecting their offensive

weapons yet, as they have three regular season games left this year. Ferris State plays Lake Erie at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 in Painesville, Ohio.

Ferris strikes gold

Keith Salowich
Editor in Chief

Ferris State struck gold when they suited up in gold throwback jerseys featuring crimson cursive script in Saturday's 2-1 win over the Badgers of Wisconsin.

The first period was reminiscent of the first game in the series, which ended in a tie after a scoreless overtime period. The teams were tied at the conclusion of the first, and both had fired 10 shots total going into the intermission.

The second period was playing out similarly until the 14:00 mark when freshman defenseman Ryker Killins scored his first goal in a Ferris State jersey with the help of assists by junior right wing Gerald Mayhew and junior center Kyle Schempp. Though, this goal also showed traces of yesterday's contest. The goal had to be reviewed before being reaffirmed and solidifying the Bulldogs' 1-0 lead, just as the Bulldogs had multiple goals reviewed in the previous game.

The Bulldogs would sit on the lead until the end of the period, and started to pull away in the shot total, piling on 26 to Wisconsin's 18 before the second intermission.

The Badgers thought they were making a comeback less than 30 seconds into the third period when Wisconsin's Luke Kunin scored on the power play. However, junior



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Photographer

FSU freshman defenseman Ryker Killins scored his first goal as a Dawg last Saturday.

right wing Chad McDonald had other plans, as he scored a goal of his own just 19 seconds later. Senior defenseman Zach Dorer and senior center Kenny Babinski were credited with assists on the goal.

The flurry of offense early in the third period dissipated as neither team scored for the remainder of regulation, thus earning the Bulldogs their second win of the season. The Dawgs ended their series against Wisconsin with a 1-0-1 record, and improved their overall record to 2-2-2.

Filling in for junior goaltender Charles Williams, freshman Darren Smith stood strong between the pipes for the Bulldogs, allowing just one goal on 30 shots.

The Bulldogs will hit the road to take on Michigan Tech next weekend. The Dawgs split a series with Tech earlier this year when they fell 5-1 in front of their home crowd before besting the Huskies 3-2 in Big Rapids. The puck drop for this weekend is scheduled for 7:07 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31 in Houghton.

Cross country takes 7th in GLIAC championships

Cody Burkhard
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State men's and women's cross country teams both took seventh place in the GLIAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The men's team had 168 points and the women's had 184 points.

On a day where Grand Valley State University placed six men and four women in the top 10, the rest of the field was in a race for consolation.

Storms were expected, but the conditions for the course were ideal as sophomore Trevor Halowaty ran a personal best of 25:00.7. He took home All-GLIAC second team honors along with junior Logan Hammer coming behind shortly with 25:01.8. The two took 14th and 16th place overall respectively.

Rounding out the top five for the men were junior Kyle Richardson, sophomore Clayton Springer and sophomore Hunter Nivision with

times of 26:10.6, 26:13.0 and 26:13.5.

No women Bulldogs placed, but leading the way for them was senior Emily Haynes, 25th on the day, with a time of 23:13.3. Seven spots behind her was sophomore Rachael McDonald with a time of 23:24.4.

Rounding out the top five for the women were sophomore Jessica Delaney, junior Samantha Humphery and senior Kristie LeSage with times of 23:33.3, 23:40.8 and 23:41.2 respectively.

The Ferris cross country team will be in action next in the NCAA-II Midwest Regional Championships where Logan Hammer believes the Bulldogs have an advantage.

"I'm more than confident [going into regionals]," said Hammer. "The regionals course is 2000 meters longer and that's going to play completely in our favor. We're a strength-based team that has been practicing for a flat course all year. We have guys who can run a slower speed for a longer time while these other schools have guys who run fast for short periods of time."

The NCAA-II Midwest Regionals are on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Evansville, Ind.



Logan Hammer

Fantasy football

This week I won again with help from my dual quarterbacks, and Kirk Cousins actually outscored Jason Vander Laan



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

San Francisco's 29th-ranked rush defense, so I don't see him being stopped anytime soon.

straight up, something that hasn't happened for me yet this season.

Ferris State had some troubles offensively last Saturday on a wet and windy day, which I believe contributed to the lack of offense for the Bulldogs. It also didn't help that the Dawgs had four turnovers on the day, which diminishes a team's time of possession a good amount.

Another factor contributing to Ferris' low offensive output is their running back production. I sometimes wonder if Vander Laan is carrying too much of the load. For example this week he ran the ball 30 times while the rest of the team combined for just 14 rushes.

This leaves a significant disadvantage at the running back position for FSU.

Good thing the defense and special teams stepped up for the Dawgs though, scoring on a punt return and holding their opponent to just 14 points.

I'm currently 3-4, and I am going to go back to just one quarterback after figuring out that Vander Laan might actually be human. Maybe. Here are my picks for this week.

QB: Andy Dalton, Cincinnati Bengals

Dalton has been on fire this season, silencing many doubters within the NFL community. I think Big Red will have a big game against the Steelers to keep the haters sitting in silence.

RB: Todd Gurley, St. Louis Rams

Gurley has been an unstoppable force when healthy. The rookie out of Georgia will be playing against

WR1: Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh Steelers

After a run of poor games with Mike Vick under center, Brown should see his starting quarterback Ben Roethlisberger return from a knee injury, and even if he doesn't, third-stringer Landry Jones likes throwing Brown's way too.

WR2: John Brown, Arizona Cardinals

Coming off a bye week, Brown will have fresh legs going into Arizona's game against Cleveland. This dude is fast. Fast, fresh legs will be a problem for the 19th-ranked pass defense of Cleveland.

FLEX: Greg Olsen, Carolina Panthers

Olsen is probably Cam Newton's favorite target. He is a very athletic tight end that an awful Colts pass defense will have trouble with.

D/ST: Arizona Cardinals

The Cards are playing against the Cleveland Browns. I can't remember the last time Cleveland had a solid, reliable offense and I don't expect things to change anytime soon.

K: Matt Prater, Detroit Lions

Prater and the "Lie-downs" are heading to London to play a morning game against the Chiefs. I think the London fans are going to love watching Prater kick, considering they're typically used to watching 90 minutes of athletes kicking a ball. Yes, that was a soccer joke.



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

Senior Josh Fleming and the FSU basketball team will play exhibition games against Div. I teams Michigan State and Central Michigan this year to help prepare for the regular season.

Bulldog basketball prepares for season

Mark Hansen

Ferris State Torch

Ferris State Men's basketball is back at it as practice and preparations for the 2015-16 campaign begins.

Ferris State hosted some former Bulldogs in Wink Arena last Friday, as the team's annual Alumni Game was held to kick off a slew of upcoming exhibition games.

"It's one of my favorite days of the year. I'm so proud of all of these guys that come back, because they're legends around here," Head Coach of Ferris State's men's basketball team Andy Bronkema said. "I caught myself smiling a lot today. We put a lot of time and hard work into these guys over the years, so to catch up on their lives and success is really a pleasure."

The Bulldogs are ready to pick up where they left off last year. Last season, the Bulldogs won the GLI-AC Tournament Championship in an 87-82 victory at Lake Superior State, marking their second tournament win since the 97-98 season.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs were knocked out of the first round of the NCAA tournament to rival Lake Superior State in an overtime loss 78-69.

Two starters for the Bulldogs, Drew Lehman and Dietrich Lever, both graduated this past May, but senior wing Josh Fleming un-

derstands the expectations that the fans have for this team. "We lost some good veterans last year but I think this year we have more size and more athleticism. We will probably be a little bit better on the boards and the defensive end," Fleming said.

The Bulldogs are returning nine players that know and understand the winning mentality and offensive and defensive schemes Bronkema is incorporating within this team.

"It will be really helpful having a lot of people who already know the system because we can help the newer guys who don't know the system well," Fleming said.

Senior center Jared Stolicker realizes that with this being his last year as well, his experience, knowledge and hard work is essential to this season being a success, especially knowing that last year's leading scorer Drew Lehman is gone.

"Over the summer and throughout this preseason I've worked a lot on scoring and my post moves. Losing Drew is a big loss and people need to step up and score a little bit more," Stolicker said.

The staff has brought in three junior college transfers that will help impact how this season goes. When deciding where to transfer, junior guard Quentin Ruff, a transfer from Olive-Harvey College, felt that Ferris was the right place for him to continue his college basketball career.

"I chose Ferris because during my recruiting process I kind of had a feeling of who was interested in me and Ferris showed me love my whole season and when I came down during my visit, I felt a part of the team already," Ruff said.

Ruff and the rest of the newcomers will have their chance at cracking the starting lineup. Bronkema insists that the depth chart is not set yet, so everybody has a shot at earning minutes.

"Well nothing right now is solidified, so we're still evaluating and tonight gave us a lot to look at," Bronkema said. "All of our guys have really bright futures, but there are a few guys really trying to get into the rotation so this offers us a great opportunity to see them in a new venue."

The Bulldogs will be tested early as they have two tough exhibition games to start the season. The Dawgs play Central Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 7 and Michigan State on Monday, Nov. 9. Both games are away.

"This is my last go around and I want to make this last year memorable," Stolicker said.

Scheduling tough games like this shows that this is definitely going to be a year to be remembered.

The Bulldogs first home game will be Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. against St. Joseph's (Ind.).

Team Torch Box Score

Starters			
POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB 1	Matt Stafford, Detroit Lions:	18 26, 261 total yards, 2 TD	19
QB 2	Kirk Cousins, Washington Redskins:	33-40, 332 total yards, 4 TD	32
RB	Chris Ivory, New York Jets:	53 total yards, 1 TD	11
WR1	Golden Tate, Detroit Lions:	2 receptions, 14 yards	1
WR2	Pierre Garcon, Washington Redskins:	5 receptions, 55 yards	6
FLEX	Jimmy Graham, Seattle Seahawks:	2 catches, 31 yards	3
D/ST	Buffalo Bills:	34 PA, 1 INT, 1 TD	7
K	Sebastian Janikowski, Oakland Raiders:	3 FGM, 3 XP	13
Total			92

Ferris State Box Score

Starters			
POSITION	PLAYER	Stats	PTS
QB	Jason Vander Laan	17 28, 326 total yards, 2 TD, 3 TO	26
RB	Jahaan Brown	32 rush yards	3
WR1	Jake Lampman	5 receptions, 98 yards, 1 TD	16
WR2	Jamel Lockett	3 receptions, 34 yards	3
FLEX	Jaleel Canty:	Punt Return TD	6
D/ST	Ferris State	14 PA, 2 INT, 2 FF, 1 PRD, 4 Sacks	19
K	Nate Iveson	1 FGM, 3 XP	6
Total			79

Top Dawg



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Ferris senior defensive tackle Justin Zimmer tallied 19 tackles, 2.5 sacks and 2 forced fumbles against Michigan Tech.

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The Ferris State football team had a tough time getting the offense going against Michigan Tech last Saturday.

The defense stepped up for the Dawgs to fill the void, only allowing 14 points against the No. 17 ranked Huskies. If it wasn't for FSU senior Justin Zimmer, Michigan Tech may have scored a touchdown or two more.

Zimmer, a 6-foot-3, 292-pound defensive tackle from Greenville put up an unbelievable stat line in last Saturday's game. On a wet and windy day, Zimmer compiled an unreal 19 tackles, seven of which were solo and 12 of which he was assisted on.

Zimmer had 2.5 sacks in the game, as well as six tackles for a loss, which were both team highs. Zimmer also lead the team in pass break-ups with two, a stat that typically is dominated by defensive backs.

But wait, there's more! As if he didn't do enough for the Bulldogs against Tech, Zimmer also forced two fumbles in the game, but unfortunately neither were recovered by Ferris State.

Zimmer was also named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference defensive player of the week for this performance. He will take the field against GLIAC foe Lake Erie at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 in Painesville, Ohio.

Sports Shorts

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Women's tennis takes fifth in GLIAC Tournament

After a slow first day of play on Friday, the women's tennis team defeated Walsh on Saturday, Oct. 24 and Saginaw Valley State on Sunday, Oct. 25 to take fifth overall in the tourney.

Tiffin ruined the Dawgs' plans of winning it all when the Dragons defeated Ferris 5-2 on Friday, Oct. 23 but the Bulldogs turned things around on Saturday. They took down Walsh 5-1, which sent them into Sunday's finals, where they fought it out with Saginaw Valley to nab a 5-4 victory.

The Lady Bulldogs completed their fall season with their fifth place finish last weekend and will pick up the season in February 2016. They finished their fall season 10-4 overall

Saturday sweep

Ferris State athletics had a beautiful Saturday, gaining victories from hockey, volleyball and football.

The day started with Bulldog football pulling out a 24-14 win which featured a 71-yard punt returned for a touchdown by junior Bulldog Jaleel Canty. The volleyball team took on rival Hillsdale and treated them to a 3-0 sweep, extending their conference record to 11-0. The men of the hockey team finished off the great day by defeating Wisconsin 2-1. Freshman goaltender Darren Smith got his first start, tallying up 29 saves.

Ferris basketball defeats Dawg alumni

Jim Wink Arena hosted the men's and women's alumni basketball games last Friday which saw the present Ferris State stars top the alumni.

The men's team used their fresh, young legs to defeat the alumni in a decisive 104-64 victory. The women's team played an alumni team who showed up ready to play, defeating the past Bulldogs by only four points, sealing a 60-56 victory. For the men, senior forward Josh Fleming led the pack with 14 points. The women's team saw freshman Abby Nakfoor take charge in her first outing as a Bulldog with 16 points.

The men kick off their season with an exhibition game against Spring Arbor on Tuesday, Nov. 3, and the women will head to Ann Arbor to take on Michigan for their exhibition game on Sunday, Nov. 8.



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Not just a costume

Think before donning an insensitive Halloween costume

Since Halloween is vastly approaching, I figured I would first apologize on behalf of all ignorant people for the blatant racism, ethnocentrism and transphobia that is about to be masked by keg stands, last minute halloween costumes and being neck-deep in toilet bowls by the end of the night.

Every year insensitive costumes rear their ugly heads on a national scale. From Julianne Hough to Katy Perry, stars and celebs dawn cultural relics to impress and woo audiences.

I am here to let you know that if you're going to go all the way with these costumes, you might as well literally, go all the way.

The cultures you wear as a costume once a year do not begin to shed light on the reality of those who wear this “costume” all the time.

Take for example, the black face. “Orange is the New Black” and the hit FOX show “Empire” are very popular. And hell, who wouldn't want to slay as Viola Davis from “How to Get Away with Murder?”

However, if you're going to wear a “black face” you might as well avoid the whole Rachel Dolezal approach and go all in.

If you wear the “black face”, don't be emotional if your friends or family are one of the nearly 400 people who have been slaughtered in the streets. Don't get upset when you aren't hired because of the name on your job application.

Don't get upset when your ideas are not heard or listened to. And friend, don't get offended when that little old lady crosses the street



Ashley Summers
Guest Writer

to clearly get away from you late at night, without even a hello or a smile.

Perhaps you want to be more general. You want to dust off that old Native American head dress? No big deal. “If the Washington Redskins can do it, so can I, right?” Okay.

Just remember that when you're on your sixth tall boy of the night, a disproportionate number of Native Americans have died from drugs and alcohol.

Don't be upset when your culture is torn from you and you cannot speak your language or practice your religion.

Oh no! You have a week to pack whatever you can carry and leave your home. A really nice family of privileged folks want your really nice privileged folks-looking land. Don't worry though, you'll get a space. Not an education or a job, but space. That's good enough, I'm sure.

And finally, Caitlyn Jenner. She's popular. She's in. I mean, men have been dressing as women for Halloween for decades, right? What could be wrong with that? If you're going to pretend to be transgender, just remember you have to go all the way.

Wake up early that day. Look at yourself in the mirror. Feel disgusted, hate yourself, experience crippling anxiety and depression. Perhaps this morning it will be so bad that you become another statistic,

another tick on the Trevor project website.

Nearly one half of all trans people will attempt suicide. But maybe today you'll stick it out. So you decide to go out. You're watching your back constantly to make sure you are not one of those 21 trans people killed this year.

A drop in the bucket for the hundreds that are murdered, stuffed under hotel room beds and into armoires. Left in ditches with their bodies sexually assaulted and mutilated for trying to not feel hatred over their bodies.

You probably don't have a job. The people around you refuse to acknowledge you by the gender identity you've finally been able to come forward with. If you're working, there's the risk of being fired because there are no protections in place for you.

Long story short, be mindful of the costumes you choose. Take into account everything I just told you and make a conscious decision when deciding on your face paint or your last minute outfit.

You should know that these are not just costumes, but that these things represent people. Whether it is intended to offend or not.

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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Most know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month due to the rosy hue that overtakes our surroundings in order to raise awareness. However, October is also Disability Awareness Month.

Ferris prides itself on its diversity and inclusion of all walks of life, so of course several events were scheduled throughout the month to raise awareness and get students talking about disabilities. Well Ferris, that's exactly what I intend to do, so listen up.

You see, the irony of the situation I found myself in was that I only became aware of Disability Awareness Month when I saw a posted newsletter on my way into the Torch office.

For those of you that don't know, the Torch office is located in the basement of the Alumni Building—the very same basement that lacks access ramps or an elevator for those unable to descend stairs. Are you noticing the problem yet?

The goal of our newspaper is to serve as the voice of the Ferris

State campus. How are we to do that when a portion of our campus cannot physically reach our location?

This was a major concern for us in May of last year, when the university forcibly relocated us across campus.

After quickly noting that the basement space was unviable due to the lack of access ramps, we informed the university that their lack of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 made the basement space a deal breaker, but our concerns were overlooked.

The illusion of choice that was offered to the Torch was not only disrespectful, but was just the tip of the iceberg of a more unsettling problem.

ADA is 25 years old this year, and yet there are still at least two buildings on campus—the other being the third floor of Johnson Hall—that have no means of accessibility for wheelchair-bound individuals.

ADA is MIA

Of course, the university has also made some strides in accessibility, which is the case in buildings like the University Center, the Timme Center and FLITE. Entrances on multiple floors, automatic doors and an elevator system to allow for convenient vertical mobility for students and visitors alike.

However, the newly built architectural beauty is not the place for skirting around federal acts.

The discrimination occurs in the recesses of Ferris State University such as the basement of its oldest building.

Julie Alexander, a Ferris education counselor and one of the organizers of the Disability Awareness Month events acknowledged the accessibility issues, but admitted that there was not much that Ferris could do to resolve the problem.

“Unfortunately, there isn't a lot that we can do short of totally renovating or tearing down the building. Alumni is one of the buildings with a lot of historical significance, so that's not something people want

to see go,” Alexander said.

With the additional \$18.6 million that Ferris was recently refunded after an accounting error, one could wonder whether Ferris planned to apply any of the refund to addressing accessibility issues.

However, Alexander stated that there was not a plan in the works to renovate the Alumni basement, and it would remain inaccessible for those that can't use the staircases.

It seems that Ferris is attempting to do all it can to educate, accommodate and offer resources to its students facing disabilities, but its missing a fundamental step in the process.

The slogan posted on the newsletter I spotted hanging in the Alumni Building reads, “Disability rights are civil rights.” Until every floor of every building on Ferris State's campus is accessible to the disabled, those civil rights are being violated.

Voting in 2016 is a priority

For those of you who don't know, President Barack Obama is finishing up his last few months in his final term as President of the United States of America.

For some, like myself, this moment is bittersweet. And for others, you may think it's about time.

But, my question for you all is this: who are we going to elect in this upcoming 2016 election?

There are several candidates to choose from and I'm here to encourage you all to take all the time you need in order to choose correctly.

We all use social media right? At least once a month there is a new Snapchat story promoting the 2016 presidential campaign. The story updates on state dinners, speeches, candidate info and even debates.

By watching this, you might see something or someone jump out at you. Personally, I enjoyed watching Katy Perry open up for Hillary Clinton before her speech at a rally recently in Iowa.

Aside from Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram have been posting sponsored messages about the election. Everything from dope "Rock the Vote" artwork to "What presidential candidate would you vote for?" quizzes.

Since there are so many forms of communications through social media, there is no reason for you to be behind on the update of the polls.

Every single candidate has a website. On their website they have their bio information and the complete breakdown of their vision for the United States of America.

So if you decide to be one of those "my vote doesn't matter" people, do



Jasmine Nettles
 Ferris State

you boo. But my Grannie always told me, "A closed mouth don't get fed." So if you don't vote, don't complain.

If you want something to be done about the available amount of financial aid you get because your parents make too much, pick the candidate that advocates for the change in economic equality. Are you pro-choice? Pro-life? There's a candidate advocating for you!

And hey, do you want the people who've established themselves to stay on top and people in poverty to stay there? As much as it hurts me right in the feels to say, there is a candidate for you too, friend.

There is a candidate who agrees on support of gun control and even one who is demanding equal rights for women. There's a candidate for everybody. Seriously.

Voting is one of the ways we can declare public opinion. Voting helps define today's problems and gauge the outcome of them not being addressed. Even if you vote for someone because of that one thing you believe in them for, vote!

Rome wasn't built in a day. Economic development and societies won't change overnight. To vote is to believe that a change will come.

Regardless of who you vote for, vote for someone. I promise you friends, it's important. More than you know.



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Students on a college campus stop by a table to ensure they have been registered to vote. To register to vote in Michigan, just visit a branch of the Secretary of State and fill out a voter registration form.

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Addiction leaves a wake of destruction in its path, but there is hope. Recovery is real and it works!

Oct. 23-31 is National Red Ribbon Week (NRRW). NRRW was developed in honor of slain DEA Agent Enrique Camarena who was killed in the line of duty.

The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to bring awareness of drugs and the negative impact they have on America.

This year MOCRUSA, Mecosta Osceola Coalition to Reduce Underage Substance Abuse, is sponsoring Red Ribbon Week by posting red ribbons at local businesses along with informational table tents.

Our coalition consists of community volunteers who work to prevent and/or reduce substance abuse problems in Osceola and Mecosta Counties.

Help us raise awareness by wearing a red ribbon and telling your friends and family about National Red Ribbon Week.

For more information on MOCRUSA, please contact Kim Livingston at 231-527-2000 or klivingston@1016.org.

For help with an addiction to alcohol or other drugs, contact Ten 16 Recovery Network at 231-527-2000



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Red Ribbon Pledge

1. As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.



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A red ribbon hangs in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. in support of National Red Ribbon Week.

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