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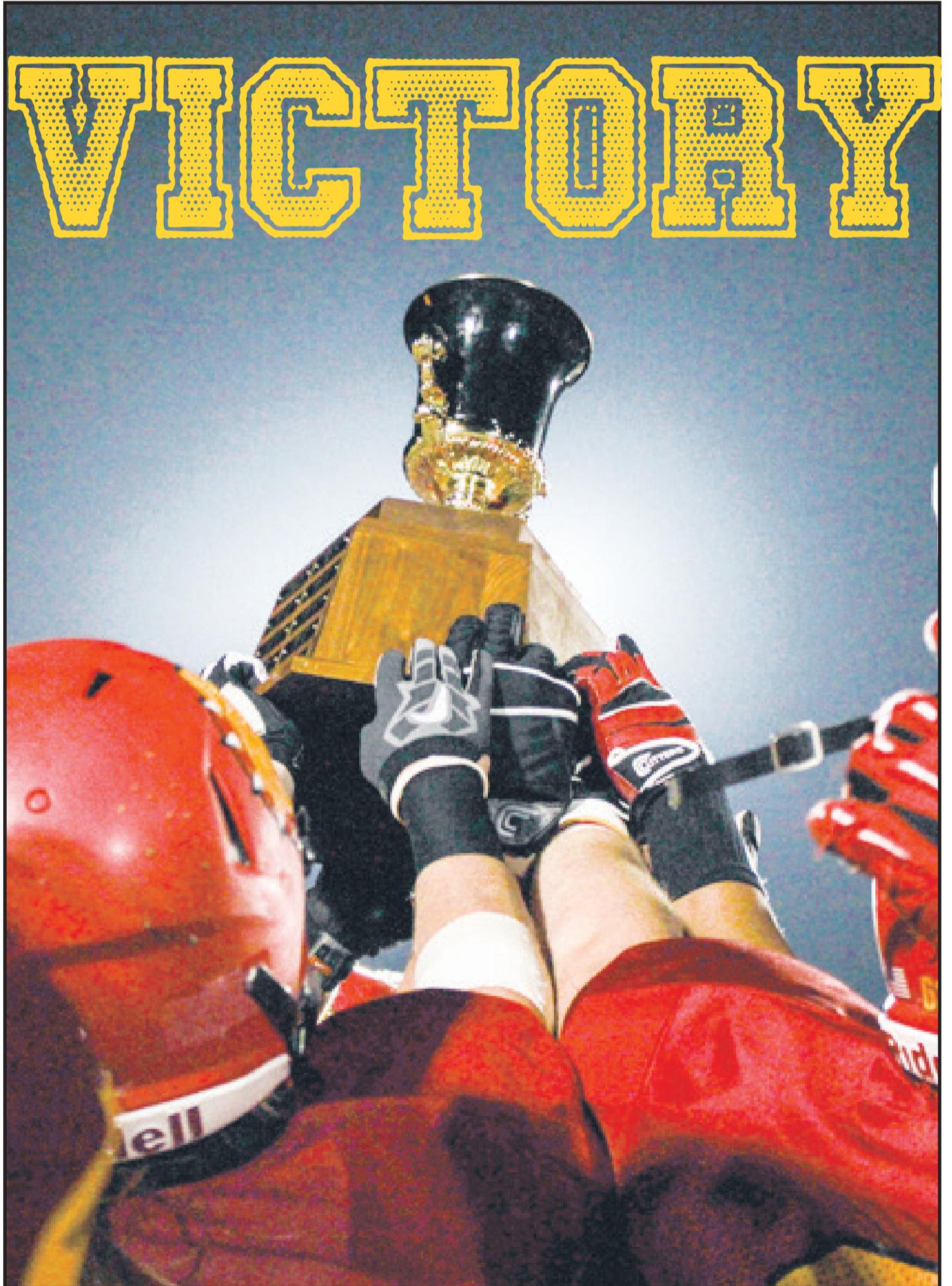


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Ferris State's football team lifts the Anchor-Bone trophy following their third straight victory over the Grand Valley State Lakers, and second in a row on the friendly confines of Top Taggart field.

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State football team disposed of the Grand Valley State Lakers in a 42-17 blow-out to win the Anchor-Bone

Trophy for the third consecutive year on September 20. "I don't even know if some of our kids knew we were playing Grand Valley till Sunday [September 13]," Ferris football head coach Tony Annese said. "That's

how quiet we are about them, we talk about a nameless opponent." A raucous crowd of 5,869 fans was anything but quiet when they packed Top Taggart for what started as a soggy evening. The crowd eclipsed last sea-

sons 4,958 person crowd at the 2013 Anchor-Bone classic, which was the largest crowd of the season. With football attendance on the rise in the home opener, it begs the question as to whether attendance

Nearing Completion

Ferris students anticipate opening of University Center

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Everyone on and around campus has been waiting for the Rankin University Center renovation to be completed. However, what improvements are going to be inside the new building?

According to the webpage available for information on the building revamp, everyone can expect to see a “modern, future-oriented University Center,” with lots of room for students to sit and socialize or study, new various dining options, space for RSO’s to meet, and much more. How much more, one might ask?

Another Starbucks, The Barnes and Noble bookstore, conference centers, an art gallery, an FSU historical display, the First Lady’s Attic, a two story atrium with a large fireplace, a large dividable room similar to the Holiday Inn ballroom and a 24/7 study area for students with computers available much like FLITE’s to name a few features, according to associate VP physical plant and planning committee chair member Mike Hughes. The new building will also offer a large parking lot, and have energy efficient updates.

“It will be visually intuitive and easier to navigate,” Hughes said in reference to the frequent complaints about the Rankin Center.

Students all over campus are getting excited for the opening, coming in January 2015.

“I’m looking forward to a nice place to hang out between classes,” Rachel Hartline, a sophomore in the social work program said.

“I actually added a minor just so I could stay around to see it. I’m really excited,” Andrea Kriz, a 5 year operations and supply management student said. “That building, people got lost in it and it was really small and awkwardly shaped. Although, I did enjoy the Quiznos.”

Chelsea Owens, a senior in accounting with a minor in international business, agreed that she was looking forward to seeing the new building.

“I only get to enjoy it for one semester, but I’m excited to see what they’re going to do with it,” Owens said. “I hope that people will make good use out of it.”

Jackson Harris, a junior in accounting, said that he was also in good spirits about the renovation, but didn’t necessarily think that it needed to be rebuilt. “I guess it didn’t really need to be updated, but if they had it in their budget, why not?” Harris said.

“I hope it’s going to be more student oriented, more so than it was before,” David Lebin, a junior in music industry management said. “I feel like there were a lot of facilities in there that weren’t oriented towards students. I think the new university center will be a nice addition to campus.”

For more information regarding the University Center, go to <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/adminandfinance/physical/renovation/index.htm> for details. The new building is scheduled to open in January of 2015.

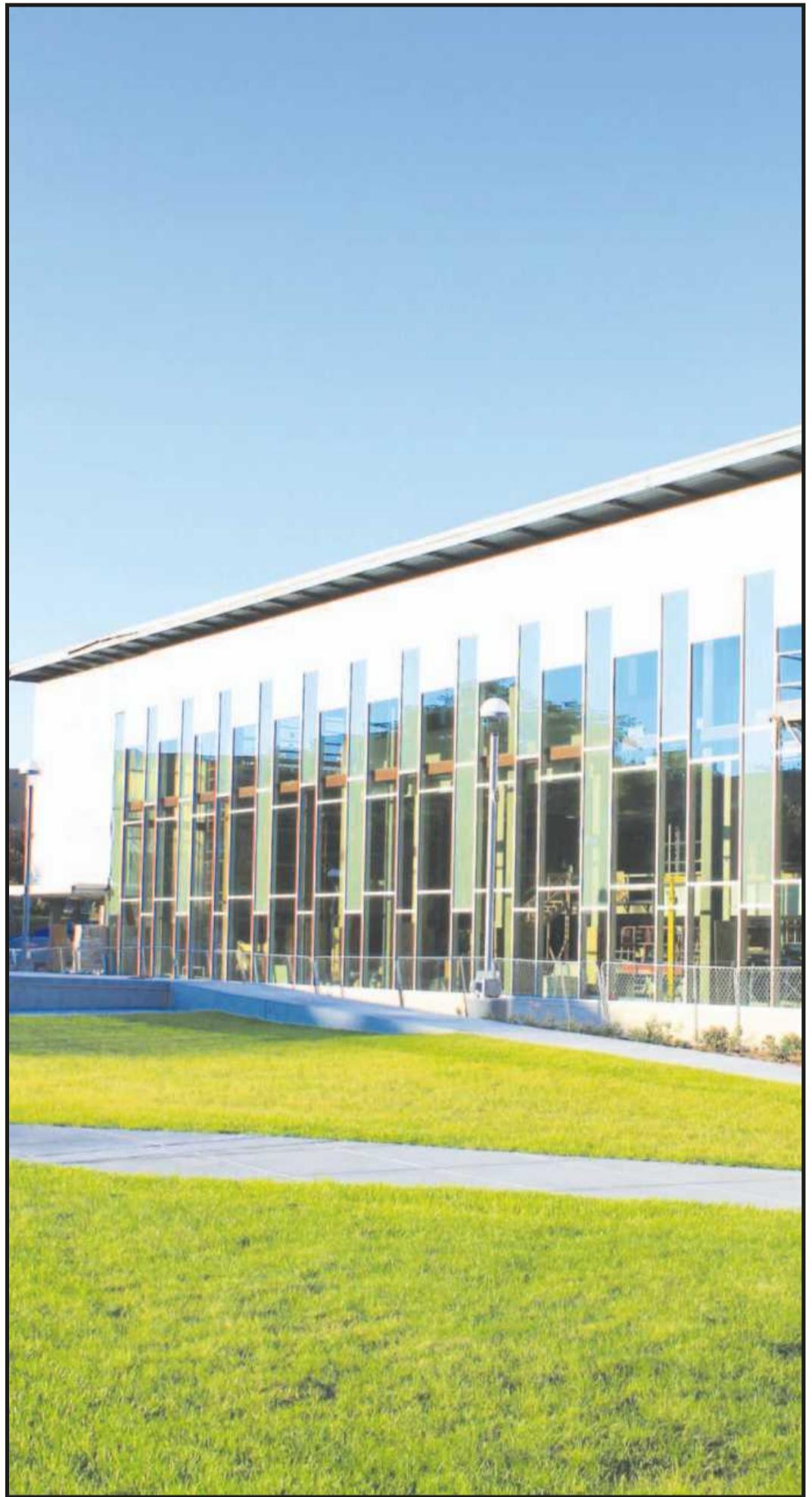


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The new University Center has avoided construction delays throughout it’s project and is still projected for a January 2015 opening.



FOOTBALL from Page 1

Ferris football takes down Grand Valley at home for their third straight win over GVSU

will become consistent through the season unlike years past.

“I think [with] all of the promotional stuff they did people will want to keep coming out to support,” sophomore nursing major Eryn Healy said.

By kickoff, the weather had mercifully retreated into a blue skies evening over Big Rapids, making way for the Bulldogs to pave Grand Valley.

The sound of hundreds of thundersticks filled the air as the Bulldogs took the field and they

continued to roar as the Bulldog’s (3-0) scored early and often in the rout of the Lakers (0-3).

Grand Valley forced Vander Laan to challenge their defense through the air, and he answered. Vander Laan tossed four touchdown passes and threw for 215 yards.

The rivalry that has been built up by fans isn’t the same to the players. Once the mighty program of West Michigan, Grand Valley no longer intimidates as they did when they won 11

consecutive Anchor-Bone trophy games between 2000-2011.

“Coach is doing a great job of changing our mindsets that Grand Valley’s on this big pedestal and we’re lucky to play against them,” Vander Laan said. “The past three years, this is a team where we go out and we know we’re better than them and we have to prove it on the field.”

The Ferris defense stood out in the 2014 installment of the Anchor-Bone classic. In 2013, Ferris gave up 44 points but

managed to win with their offense. A 27-point defensive improvement aided the now nationally ranked No. 14 Bulldogs.

Junior cornerback Troy Smith stepped up midway through the third quarter with an interception. Senior linebacker Darnell Morris and redshirt freshman KC Zenner had 11 and seven tackles respectively, with Zenner adding a forced fumble for the defense.

The offense was led by Vander Laan as the Bulldog’s recorded 496 total yards and

scored 14 points off of the two Grand Valley turnovers.

Junior receiver Shakur Sanders had a career best game as he posted three touchdown receptions and had 103 receiving yards on the day.

The Bulldog’s next game is slated for Saturday, Sept. 27 as they face the Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State University. Kick off is slated for 7 p.m.

TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Homecoming "Tailgate on Ice"

Ferris State University's homecoming celebration, "Bulldogs Get Down with Motown," will be hockey themed in addition to the traditional activities. The Bulldog hockey team will host the University of Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 4 with the puck scheduled to drop at 7:37 p.m. But, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Ferris Alumni Association will be hosting its Tailgate on Ice event adjacent to the ice arena in the Ewigleben Sports Complex in the Multipurpose Room.

The \$25 cost for the event includes access to the tailgate party and a game ticket. The event will include traditional tailgating food, inflatables for kids, as well as, greetings from the Bulldog hockey coaching staff.

Hunger Around the World

Ferris's American Marketing Association chapter will host "Hunger Around the World" in conjunction with Student Government on Sunday, Oct. 5. For the event, Student Government recommended a \$600 co-sponsorship, and the General Assembly approved the recommendation.

Latin@ Studies speaker sessions

"Hablemos: Speaking Spanish Together" sessions begin Monday, Sept. 29 in the Interdisciplinary Resource Center, Room 131. Sessions are from 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday through December 1. The sessions include instruction on the basics or beginning levels. In addition to learning Spanish, the sessions will offer participants the opportunity to increase their understanding of the distinct cultures of Latin@s in the U.S.

Eric Warner, a faculty member in the Languages and Literature department in Ferris' College of Arts and Sciences, will provide instruction. While the course is non-credit bearing, it is designed to create a community that is more engaged with the language and culture of Michigan's Latin@ community.

The program fee is \$75, which covers the cost of materials and support for instruction. To register, go to <http://www.ferris.edu/cps/>

Hispanic Heritage Month

Ferris State University will be hosting a series of events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from mid-September through early November. The celebration begins September 23 and goes until the November 3. Activities will include the Hispanic Heritage Celebration Mixer, a Latin film night, a Hispanic foods exhibit at the Rock, a piñata craft workshop, and many other events.

tion, please visit <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2014/september/hispanic.htm>

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The world at large

Scotland's independence denied



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Voters in the United Kingdom came out in unprecedented droves to vote in the Scottish independence movement. The movement lost by a margin of 55 percent to 45 percent.

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

It was a simple "yes" or "no" vote. Probably less intense than the war for Scottish independence depicted in Braveheart, but every bit as important. The small ballot merely read "Should Scotland be an independent country?"

A "yes" majority would sever Scotland's 307 year union with the United Kingdom, making it an independent country.

The Scottish independence referendum was held last week and a 55 percent majority voted "no," keeping intact the United Kingdom, which is comprised of Scotland, England, Wales

and Northern Ireland.

In essence, the "yes" argument sees the conservative-leaning UK Parliament as a strain on the largely self-governed Scotland. BBC News reports that tensions have recently mounted in the UK over two major issues: oil and currency.

Scotland's economy is driv-

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Za Best Za Best

PRSSA makes preparations for pizza contest at Ferris State

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

College students notoriously love cheap food, especially when that food is pizza. Ferris's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is meticulously preparing for its first ever 'Za Best of 'Za Best pizza contest.

The PRSSA came up with the idea for a pizza contest when the group's president, Kaitlyn Baase, attended a leadership conference last school year and learned that Northern Michigan University's PRSSA chapter had hosted a similar event. Baase was inspired by the contest since the group was trying to brainstorm new ideas for fundraising. Shelby Austin, a senior studying Public Relations, is the PRSSA's Vice President of Internal Relations and is responsible for the fundraising and coordination of events.

Austin and her team have been working to give their event a unique Ferris Twist. This is the first event she has organized and she has done everything from distributing flyers to adver-

tising the event to booking the pizza vendors. Austin said this process has been fun, but also a bit overwhelming.

The contest will feature pizza slices provided by the local restaurants, Mancino's, Jet's Pizza, Pizza King, Pizza Hut and the Ferris State Dining Services. Austin had hoped to include even more area pizza joints, but Pizzeria Vivo's was unable to participate, The Gate declined the invitation and Austin was unsuccessful in contacting Little Caesar's.

"How it'll work is you'll pay \$5 and you'll get a punch card," Austin said. "You'll get a punch and a slice at each pizza place and then you'll text in your vote. We're also going to be giving away Ferris State apparel. There's going to be social media contests, activities, music... It's going to be a fun event and you'll get to eat a lot of pizza!"

Most of the proceeds will go towards sending members to the PRSSA National Conference in Washington, D.C. next month.

"We currently have five mem-

bers attending," Austin said. "We've sent members in the past, but never this many. Also, 15 percent of the proceeds will go toward Our Brother's Keeper, which is a local homeless shelter,



and that will be charity for the year. For every event, we're donating the proceeds to them and we're also volunteering through-

One of the most interesting

things that the PRSSA does for the Big Rapids community is taking on real-world clients and doing free PR work for them. PRSSA will be performing this service for the winning restaurant of the 'Za Best of 'Za Best contest.

"In the past, we have had local businesses work with us, such as Artworks and the Comstock House," Baase, the local chapter's president, said. "We are constantly looking for ways to help out local businesses and give them some services, while allowing our members to gain experience that can be put into a portfolio."

Most of the PRSSA's members are Public Relations majors, but is open to students studying in all different fields. The group helps its members to hone all kinds of professional skills, such as writing, giving speeches and networking.

"You get the opportunity to gain real-world experience, network with professionals and find your niche," Baase said.

Austin also observed that par-

ticipating in this group brings out the personalities of more timid members and more extraverted members find that it's a natural environment for them to thrive in. Anyone who is interested in joining can attend the PRSSA's meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. in IRC 107.

'Za Best of 'Za Best pizza contest will take place on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 5 until 8 p.m. in the IRC. The cost is \$5 to attend. Details can also be found on the FSU Events Calender.

Pizza Lineup

- Mancino's
- Jet's Pizza
- Pizza King
- Pizza Hut
- FSU Dining Services



SCOTLAND from Page 3

Scots miss out on independence from United Kingdom in independence vote

en largely by its oil industry. Champions of Scottish independence sought to earmark a portion of oil revenues each year to create sovereign wealth for the nation. "No" voters argue that a larger government is necessary to further invest in oil.

As for currency, an independent Scotland would have tried to enter into a "currency union" to maintain use of the pound sterling. Brian Quinn, former executive director at the Bank of

England, argues against a currency union, and said, "by choosing to announce its preference to retain sterling as the currency of an independent Scotland, the current Scottish Government has effectively surrendered its freedom to determine monetary policy and severely circumscribed its freedom of action in the area of public finance."

The people of Scotland have been actively engaged in the debate over the

last two years or so, inundated with campaign ads, yard signs and televised debates. Nearly 85 percent of eligible voters turned out to decide the future of their country, including newly incorporated 16 and 17-year-old voters.

"There can be no disputes; no reruns. We have heard the settled will of the Scottish people," UK Prime Minister David Cameron said following the referendum. NPR's Ari Shapiro reported from

Edinburgh that the day felt "electric."

With the UK intact, there is still political unrest, but British politicians are looking to meet the Scottish government halfway. Prime Minister Cameron seeks to give Scotland more power regarding its spending and taxes; negotiations are expected to take place soon. For more information, visit www.scotland.gov.uk.

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September Shakedown



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September Shakedown was held at The Gate on September 19, 2014. The music industry management program broke up Autumn Alive into three concerts, September Shakedown was the first of the newly formatted Autumn Alive.

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4



Bulldogs get down with Motown

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SUNDAY		The Color War and 5K Run Registration is 4:30-5:45, Event starts at 6 pm
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TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Team check-in
	7 pm	Kickball, Top Taggart Field
WEDNESDAY	8 pm	Bonfire, Lot 61
THURSDAY	8 pm	Comedian, T.J. Miller at Williams Auditorium
FRIDAY	6 pm	Motown Mixer, Granger Atrium
SATURDAY	Noon	Homecoming Parade, Downtown Big Rapids
	2 pm	Football Game, Top Taggart Field

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“I just felt like, ‘What’s my purpose to do anything?’
Turon Kashat
 Junior, Music Industry Management
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Becoming leaders

ROTC program provides students with personal, financial, and career opportunities



Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

Reserve officer training corps, better known as ROTC, conducts training during the week. Some positions in the ROTC program are paid, and some paths even include paid tuition.

Dylan Peters
 Ferris State Torch

Some Ferris students are looking for more than a college diploma when they graduate.

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is a program for students that offers more than education.

“[The ROTC] is one of the many avenues used to become an Officer in the U.S. Army,” nursing senior Brittany Lynn said. “It is open to people who

have never been in the service, as well as prior enlisted.”

The ROTC is a program that provides many benefits to those who join.

“It’s all leadership classes,” Sargent Stanley Pelak said. “A lot of civilians take the ROTC program simply for the leadership possibilities.”

Life as a student in the Reserve Officer Training Corps may not be an easy road to travel, but it’s well worth the hard work and dedication.

“Every lab we have the opportunity to learn something new about the Army and perform tasks that will eventually be asked of us as Commissioned Officers,” Lynn said. “The most obvious of benefits, and the one most people ask about is the monetary portion.”

Lynn will graduate with her BSN without any student debt, and that is largely thanks to the ROTC program.

“Being a contracted Cadet is almost like having a part-time



Brittany Lynn
 Senior, nursing

job,” Lynn said. “We are paid twice per month and depending on the path chosen, tuition can be 100 percent free. For the majority of us, it’s not about the money,

but we would be lying if we said it wasn’t a bonus added on to the already vast benefits.”

Anybody that’s a part of the ROTC program graduates with a Military Science minor and can choose to commission as an officer.

“When you graduate with your bachelor’s and want to commission as an officer, that’s when you choose whether you want to join the Army Reserves, The National Guard, or competing for active duty,” Pelak said.

Turtle _____ Tug

Students battle over a pit of Jell-o for an honorable cause

Kelsey George
Ferris State Torch

Swimming in pudding, bathing in money- we all have some weird items on our bucket lists. How about playing Tug-of-War over a giant tarp full of freezing cold Jell-O?

Thanks to the ladies of Delta Zeta, many students' odd dreams came true at Turtle Tug on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Every team of five paid \$20 to participate, and the profits from each team were donated to an honorable charity.

"All the profits from the Turtle Tug benefit the Painted

Turtle Camp which is a camp that makes it possible for sick children to go to summer camp free of charge."



K. Lee Barnes
Senior, nursing

Delta Zeta philanthropy chair and nursing senior K. Lee Barnes said. "They still receive great medical care while enjoying their summer."

According to thepaintedturtle.org, The Painted Turtle

aims to reach beyond illness, to inspire children with life-threatening diseases to become their greater selves. It is their mission to provide a year-round, life-changing environment for these children and their families - one that allows children to participate in an authentic camp experience by supporting their medical needs and offers their families care, education, and respite.

"We got the Tug-of-War over Jell-O idea at our nationals, it's actually done on many campuses across the country," said Barnes.

Many students attended the event to support, cheer on their friends and take videos of them

falling head-first into Jell-O. "I came to support a few of the girls in the sorority, and I got a few of the other guys from Alpha Chi Rho together to form a team,"



James Moll
Sophomore, welding

Television Digital Media Production junior Gareth Foote said.

If you didn't get the once in

a lifetime opportunity to slide into a tarp of Jell-O, you'll have to settle for a detailed description from someone who did.

"It was a lot of fun until I fell face first into the Jell-O," welding engineering technology sophomore James Moll said. "It was gross and squishy and incredibly cold."

The Turtle Tug was a success for Delta Zeta with great thanks to all the teams who participated and helped raise money for the Painted Turtle Camp.

For more information on how you can get involved with The Painted Turtle, visit thepaintedturtle.org.

▶ ROTC from Page 6

ROTC opens many doors for students looking to join US forces

Many students in the ROTC program join for the benefits, but they also gain a Ferris family and lifetime friends.

"The ROTC program is a family to me," Lynn said. "We are not just students that meet a couple times a week and then go our separate ways, we build relationships that will last our entire career in the Military. Team cohesiveness, respect and integrity are the building blocks of the program."

Pelak also found a deeper motive to joining the ROTC.

"Personally, it's just me growing," Pelak said. "I'm growing with people and helping them grow and becoming officers. It's about obtaining their goals."

The ROTC office is located on the sixth floor of Bishop hall. Anyone looking to sign up can speak to Stanley Pelak in room 621.

"A lot of people use the ROTC



Sgt. Stanley Pelak
Ferris ROTC

classes to show future employers that they are competitive," Pelak said. "Many people don't speak to military simply because they're scared or intimidated."

According to Pelak, the military is more than just fighting in wars and arms races. "The military scares people," Pelak said. "They think war, they think all kinds of stuff. If people could bypass their fears and talk to me about joining, they'd probably see that it's a good fit for wherever they're going."

If you're interested in joining, email Pelak at stanley.r.pelak@mail.mail.

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Modern love

Dodging the Cradle Robbers



Kelsey George
Ferris State Torch

Enter: college. Exit: the wild assumption that every guy a girl goes out with must be the same age, or risk being labeled as that one slutty freshman sleeping with all the upperclassmen.

One of the beautiful things about college is being able to casually go on a date with a guy a few years older and not have it be a big deal. You're both mature adults capable of making your own decisions.

Although this may be true, we meek freshmen must also strive to steer clear of whom I like to call the "Cradle Robbers." You know these guys, the seniors getting a bit too friendly with the just-turned-age-of-consent, no longer considered "jail-bait" freshmen girls.

I've come to learn that there is a widely known stigma against freshmen girls. We're portrayed as the generic, vodka-loving, crop top wearing bunch that every older guy loves. Well thanks a lot, Hollywood.

I hate to break it to you

boys, but that stereotype only happens to be true in the movies. Or porn.

If you're at a party and a random senior you just met wants to go "talk somewhere quieter," the odds that he genuinely wants to discuss the origin of the Pythagorean Theorem with you are slim to none.

If he uses the phrase, "Let's get a little more comfortable," run.

One would think that much of this is common sense, but everyone can use a fresh reminder.

If you receive an invitation from a sketchy older guy to come watch movies all night, my educated guess is that he couldn't care less what your favorite film genre is.

That's right ladies who genuinely are interested in older men. His motives are normally not sound. His intentions are

inversely proportional to the time of night. The later into the night equals worse intentions.

Following along?

Most likely, he's seen American Pie 2 a few too many times.

Last, but not least, if an older guy drunkenly calls you at 3 a.m. and asks you to come over, chances are he's genuinely interested in getting to know you better and he respects you intellectually as a person.

Also, he really does like you "for your personality."

[Disclaimer: My impressive sense of sarcasm cannot be held accountable for any irrational decisions made by readers.]

So my advice to my fellow freshmen girls out there: have fun with whomever you please. Go out, meet people and be outgoing.

Go on different dates with different guys, and most importantly, be with who makes you happy. Just remember to avoid the Cradle Robbers.

Only way to go is up

Ferris student opens up about how experience with alcohol turned into motivation

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Even though it may not seem like it at the time, sometimes hitting rock bottom can lead to positivity.

Music Industry Management junior Turron Kashat recently underwent a negative experience that served as a wake up call and his motivation to turn his life around.

Kashat came to Ferris with the intentions typical of a college freshman—to make friends, do well in school, get involved and, of course, party.

However, Kashat put too much emphasis on the drinking aspect of his college life, which led to some unfortunate circumstances.

"I was dealing with some stuff back home and it kind of stressed the issue of why I wasn't opening up to people," Kashat said. "So, I turned towards drinking to give me the courage to open up to people, even though it wasn't displaying who I actually was."

Kashat joined a fraternity to build a family at Ferris that would be there for him, but it didn't go as planned.

"All of a sudden everything happened so quickly and I started getting into trouble with drinking," Kashat said. "I was doing well in school, I just wasn't doing well socially. It ended up getting so bad and I was drinking so much that I was misrepresenting my fraternity. I got suspended from my fraternity for a semester."

The suspension made Kashat feel as if he really didn't have anyone, which pushed him over the edge and caused his alcohol dependency and depression to grow.

"I just felt rejected from the school, rejected from my fraternity, and rejected from my program," Kashat said. "I didn't want to go back home because of my parents, so I didn't really have anything. I just felt like, 'What's my purpose to do anything?'"

The lack of purpose that Kashat felt motivated him to stay here this past summer, get a job and try to get back on good terms with the University as well as make friends in his program.

Music Industry Management

and Public Relations sophomore Chloe Tooson is one of the people who reached out to Kashat during his rough patch and is still there for him today.

"Everyone would know him from [drinking], and it was really sad when we'd try to tell him that he had an issue," Tooson said. "He's really fun to be around, especially if you have the time to



Turron Kashat
Junior, MIM

know him and not just know his name from partying. He's a really good guy and I know he has a lot in his heart."

Recently, Kashat stood up on front of Ferris' entire Music Industry Management Association (MIMA) and asked everyone in the room how many people knew him from seeing him drunk at parties. Kashat was

shocked that about 80 percent of the 250 people in the room raised their hands, and that he could only name

about six or seven of those people.

Kashat's first step to turning his life around was publicly apologizing to MIMA and telling the group he was changing his ways and would appreciate it if they reached out to him and helped him.

"As far as what he's doing right now," Music Industry Management senior Brian Cross said, "I give him props. That kind of commitment to a solution isn't easy."

Cross believes that with time and hard work, Kashat will be able to open up to people and create healthy, accepting friendships while sober.

"I have as much faith in him as he has faith in himself," Cross said. "If he's willing to put in the time, I think he can do it."



Chloe Tooson
Sophomore, public relations

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

The Neighbourhood



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An album cover of The Neighbourhood, provided by iTunes.

Genre: Indie Rock
Like: Arctic Monkeys, Imagine Dragons, Lorde

Welcome to the Neighbourhood of good vibes and smooth rhythms. I know you remember the song "Sweater Weather" that was overplayed on the radio a few months back. Well,

believe it or not, that's not The Neighbourhood's only great song. The band mixes distinctive indie rock with electronica and hip-hop beats accompanied by melodic R&B vocals.

Forming only three years ago, The Neighbourhood has already signed with Columbia records and topped

Billboard's Alternative chart. They released their first full-length album through Columbia in April 2013 titled *I Love You*. Rolling Stone described the album as "moody" and "atmospheric."

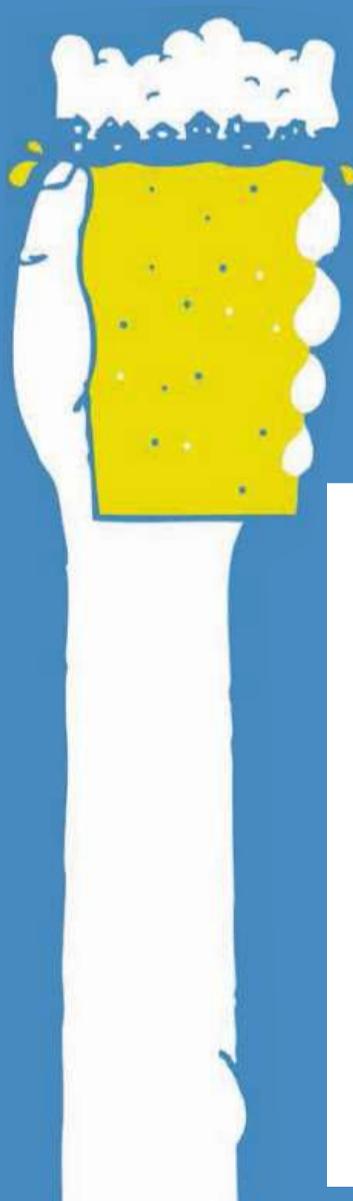
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“One of the biggest things about Jason is that he just reaches out to everybody”

Jake Daugherty
Freshmen Center, Ferris State Football
See below for story

FOOTBALL



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Ferris State junior quarterback, Jason Vander Laan, warms up on the sideline while the Bulldog defense is on the field. Vander Laan threw for 215 yards and four touchdowns. He also rushed for 166 yards on 28 carries.

Breaking records and taking names

Jason Vander Laan Shines as he Leads the Bulldogs on the Road to Victory

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Ferris State signal-caller has kept his eyes on winning games for the Bulldogs, even when he is ripping pages out of record books as he does it.

Record-breaking junior quarterback, Jason Vander Laan, has accomplished so much as an individual. In 2013 he set a national record for single-season rushing yards by a quarterback, which now stands at 1,607 yards. Still, he will not be satisfied until he can lead his team to the top of the conference. While opposing coaches and statisticians will make note of Vander Laan's staggering numbers and ever-growing list of awards, he is chiefly concerned with the success of the team.

“The only goal that we really have is to try going undefeated, but besides that we'd like to win the GLIAC. There really are no individual accolades that I'm going for. We're focused on this team making the playoffs because we've had a good team for the last two years, but we have yet to win the conference or make the playoffs. It's kind of

getting old not being able to get there, so that's what we're focusing on.” Vander Laan said.

Redshirt Freshman center, Jake Daugherty, has spent much of his football career snapping the ball to a quarterback. Needless to say, when that ball being snapped ends up in Vander Laan's capable hands, the offense will benefit. However, Vander Laan also benefits his team through leadership.

“One of the biggest things about Jason is that he just reaches out to everybody. Whether it's other quarterbacks, or the offensive line, or defensive line, linebackers, running backs or anyone else, he just reaches out,” Daugherty said. “He brings such a positive attitude to the game of football. He's great with the team. Everyone on the team loves him because we know that he'll do anything for anybody even if he

doesn't know you that well or you're new on the team.”

Because expectations for a quarterback require Vander Laan to throw the ball accurately, stay mobile enough to avoid defenders, and understand and read both the offense and defense as the play unfolds, the best way to develop a quarterback is through years of field experience.

“I started playing in fourth grade and on the first day of camp, my coach wanted me to play quarterback, and that's what I've done every year since,” Vander Laan said. “I played some defensive positions a long the way too, and even got recruited as a linebacker at some schools, but playing quarterback has always been my priority.”

Despite holding a national record for rushing yards and being on pace for yet another incredible season, Vander Laan still critiques himself, and works

hard to improve upon his shortcomings.

“I think I've got to worry about throwing a little bit more. We had a lot of success through the air in week one, but I struggled in week two. So I was more proud last year of my run game, but I'd like to be able to take more pride in my passing game, I'm just not there yet. That'll come with becoming more comfortable in the pocket and making the right throws at the right time, so I'm hoping that as the year progresses and all of the work that I put in during the offseason is going to pay out and that I'll continue to get better at passing, which just makes the team better in general.”

Talent and experience can account for a lot of Vander Laan's success, but the best that he can do is put the ball in a spot for his receivers to make a play on it. Without a strong connection and understanding between the quarterback and receiver, a passing offense will struggle. Thankfully, Vander Laan has established a tight bond with his regiment of receivers and his God.

“He's a vocal and active leader. He leads by example and he's a

man of god,” senior wide-out, Jake Lampman said. “I think that's a huge reason he is able to lead the way like he does.”

While the last few seasons have been positive for the Bulldogs, they have not always known such success on the gridiron. A concrete example of this dramatic improvement is the team's recent success against rival Grand Valley State. After losing eleven straight games against Grand Valley beginning in 1999, the Bulldogs have been able to turn the tides and capture the last three.

Thus far, the Bulldog record supports their claim that they can beat anybody. With two consecutive good seasons damped by a failure to reach the playoffs in the past, and with Vander Laan at the helm once more, perhaps the third time will be the charm for this hopeful pack of Dawgs.



Jason Vander Laan
Junior, quarterback



Jake Daugherty
Freshman, center



Jake Lampman
Senior, wide receiver

FOOTBALL

Going bird hunting

Undefeated Ferris takes on Saginaw Valley State on the road

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

After an impressive 42-17 victory over arch-rival Grand Valley State on Saturday night, the Ferris State football team has begun preparing for their next GLIAC opponent, the Cardinals of Saginaw.

The Bulldog's (3-0) have dropped a game to the Cardinals each of the past three seasons. Last year saw the Dawg's facing a 24-0 deficit late in the second quarter. The Bulldog's fought back throughout the game, but still took the loss at Top Taggart Field, 31-28.

In the 2013 contest, despite holding SVSU to 274 yards of total offense, the Dawg's were hurt by four turnovers, one of which was a 42 yard fumble recovery for the Cardinal's that pushed the game to 17-0 early in the second quarter. The loss would eventually spell disaster for Ferris, as the mark in their loss column would eventually knock the team out of the playoffs. Saginaw valley would go on into the post-season along-side of Grand Valley (0-3) as the two teams from the GLIAC North that

saw playoff action. Saginaw Valley State (0-3), has posted numbers the exact opposite from a season ago, dropping two games in GLIAC play already this year with losses at home against Tiffin and on the road against Michigan Tech. Ferris State knows this is a game they've got to win and the team is looking to stay focused all week and go out there and play their game.

"We have to take everything one game at a time. Obviously Saginaw is an opponent who has beat us the last two years. I mean that hurts a little bit,



Troy Smith
Junior, cornerback

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"They've lost some guys this year between their quarterback and receiver duo. We have to go out there, stay focused, and keep doing our thing."

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VOLLEYBALL

Kills are her business

Courtney Rehm Faces Her Final Year at Ferris



Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

Keith Salwoich
Ferris State Torch

Senior volleyball player, Courtney Rehm, is in her final year of action on the court, and hopes to help carry her team to success this season.

In 2011, Rehm won GLIAC freshman of the year, and was given a place on the All-GLIAC second team in the following season. Rehm was also an all-GLIAC performer in 2013. In addition to her athletic success, Rehm can also boast a place on the All-Academic team during her junior year. With such an impressive resumé, one could expect Rehm to demand the spotlight, but in actuality, she shines in the shadow of others.

"A lot of my former team ended up being athletes in college, and one of them is now the lead outside hitter at Michigan State, so not a lot of light was shone on me. It actually caused me to work harder, so when I came to college my goal was to do the best that I can no matter what," Rehm said. "I had this intensity. I'm here to win. There was just this fire that I carried over from high school, and I just wanted to play and have fun doing it."

While in high school, Rehm had athletic interests outside of volleyball. When she wasn't on the court, she could be found on the track, or in the dance studio. She was involved with a dance program for 13 years and set a school record in high jump with

an impressive 5'6".

"I actually went to the Bulldog Invite during my freshman year to do the high jump, but I went unattached. I remember I was wearing volleyball spandex and a Dri-fit and there were all of these legitimate high jumpers surrounding me and I was extremely intimidated by all of these serious people," Rehm said. "Anyway, I did it once and it was nice, but volleyball has been my number one, and I didn't really have as much of a passion towards track."



Courtney Rehm
Senior, outside hitter

"I started playing volleyball a little bit later and it was so different from what I had been used to because I had danced for a long time. I went from this graceful, beautiful thing where we're polite, and we're gentle and elegant, to just this raw emotion and I love that. No matter what we're doing it's just pure emotion when you get that kill. What I love most about volleyball is how in your face it is," Rehm said.

Junior teammate Danielle "Dee Dee" Dowd also feels the

emotion spoken of, and regularly sees Rehm displaying it on the court.

"Courtney also brings a level of intensity and excitement to the game. If someone gets a good kill, Courtney is right in their face screaming about how awesome it was and it's very rewarding to see that, especially if



Claire Grawburg
Senior, middle hitter

you're on the court and just did something good. It's good to have someone out there to tell you that 'this is awesome, this is great,' and that's what Courtney does," Dowd said.

Fellow senior player Claire Grawburg also makes note of how enthused Rehm is when points go up on the board in the Bulldogs favor.

"I think something that's unique about Courtney is no matter who scores a point in the game, she always makes you feel like you're on top of the world. It doesn't matter if she's the one killing it, or if someone else is doing really well, because the point that you score is just as exciting to her as the point that she scores, and I think that's really great," Grawburg said.

With her immense experience and success playing volleyball at a collegiate level, Rehm

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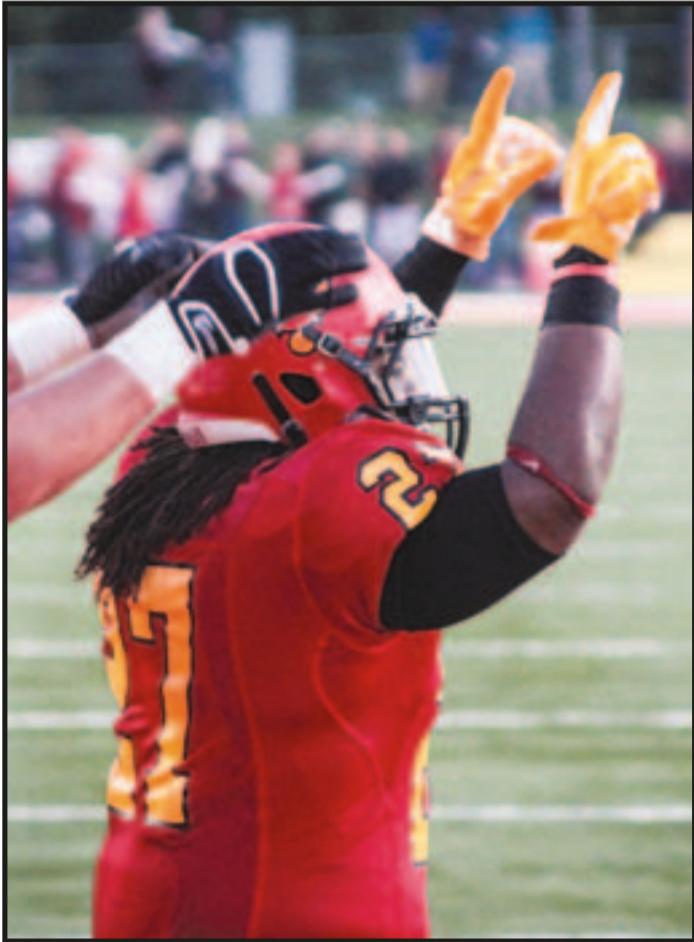


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Senior running back, Jamaal Jackson, celebrates after scoring the Bulldog's first touchdown of the night against GVSU.

What a night it was Saturday evening. It rained all day long, through pre-game warm ups, and as soon as the Ferris State football team hit the field just minutes before kickoff, the rain ceased and the sun poked out of the clouds.

It turned out to be a beautiful night for football, and of course, the Bulldog's coming together in the victory formation to expire the clock in the fourth quarter to cap a 42-17 beat-down of the Grand Valley State Lakers didn't hurt either.

Back-to-back-to-back. It's been three years in a row that the Dawgs have drowned the Lakers and as a fan and supporter of Bulldog's athletics, there is no better feeling.

For as long as I can remember, Ferris has always been sort of undermined by Grand Valley in terms of athletics, almost as some would call it, a little brother. Times are changing and the Ferris State football program is slowly, but steadily, beginning to make a big name for itself.

After an 8-3 season a year ago and just missing out on the opportunity to head to the playoffs, after beating Grand Valley for a third consecutive season on the grid iron, and after starting the season out with a 3-0 record, I think we're going to see the Bulldogs move quite a ways up



Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

in the national rankings. They were ranked 18 before the victory against GVSU and have now advanced to sit at No. 14.

We've got the offense with a versatile quarterback in junior Jason Vander Laan, a wide receiving core that most offenses in the league would die to have with names like Jake Lampman and Shakur Sanders. And, an offensive line that has kept Vander Laan upright and has been extremely impressive in the running game.

We've got the defense with defensive ends like Justin Zimmer and young, talented linebackers such as redshirt freshman KC Zenner. When you add the upperclassman leadership with guys like senior linebacker Darnell Morris causing havoc in the middle, and junior cornerback Troy Smith deflecting passes left and right, this defense may be one of the best Ferris has seen in the last 10 years.

It's time to get excited about Bulldog football. The sky is the limit for this team. All I'm saying is, a deep playoff push is not out of the question for this team. That's all I'm saying.



SVSU from Page 11

Ferris prepares to play the way they practice

Saginaw lost two giant pieces of their offensive puzzle in quarterback, Jonathan Jennings, and wide-receiver, Jeff Janis. Both players had professional grade potential, but Janis was the one who carved a name for himself, earning a coveted spot on the 53-man roster with the Green Bay Packers this season.

As for the defensive side of the ball, junior cornerback Troy Smith had similar thoughts on what the Bulldog's have to do to pull out a victory. The defense knows that Saginaw Valley will strut out the same style offense that put up points quickly last season, despite missing two key players.

"Defensive wise we just want

to stay with our fundamentals and keep playing the way we know how to play," Smith said. "Practice hard every day, if we keep doing that, the sky is the limit."

Smith came up big for the Bulldog's in their victory over the Lakers of Grand Valley State University with an interception early in the third quarter. He was also seen batting away a couple passes late in the game as the Lakers became desperate and tried to push the ball down the field through the air. Smith, and the rest of the Ferris secondary will be set to match wits with Saginaw junior quarterback, Keith Moore.

Behind Moore, Saginaw has

posted lack-luster numbers with an average of 154.0 yards through the air. The Cardinals are also sporting only 15.7 points per game, compared to the Bulldogs who are averaging a monstrous 48 points per game.

"Coach is doing a great job of changing our mind sets, the past three years it's like this is just another team that we know we are better than and we just have to go out and put it on the field," Vander Laan said.

The Bulldog's will face the Cardinals on the road this Saturday, September 27th with kickoff slated for 7 p.m.



VOLLEYBALL from Page 11

Rehm looks towards leadership and success in her last year as a Dawg

has stepped into a leadership role on the team. Having shared four years of her life training and playing alongside Rehm, Grawburg commends Rehm's leadership, composure under pressure and helpful personality.

"I think when it comes to pressure situations, Courtney is someone that you can look to on and off the court," Grawburg said. "Because she's a leader, she has a lot of experience on the court. She has a very steady

sense of composure and I think that really helps our team when the pressure starts to come down on us. She's someone that helps keep our team calm and playing at a steady level."

Photo of the Week



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Senior goaltender CJ Motte showing his trademark razor sharp focus during a practice. Motte and the Bulldogs will kick off the 2014 season against the University of Michigan at home on October 4, 2014 at 7:07 p.m. inside the Ewigleben Ice Arena.



Sports Shorts

Richard Mead
Sports Editor

Bulldog's soccer suffers setback against Lakers

Ferris State women's soccer battled longtime foe in defending national champion, Grand Valley State, but came up short in 3-2 loss on Saturday night.

The Bulldogs (1-3-1) battled hard in the Saturday contest, keeping the game in front of them and not falling behind early on like many of the Lakers' (4-1) contestants. Ferris matched wits with Grand Valley, keeping the game tied at 1-1 heading into the second half. The point scored was on the goal by junior forward, Nichole Boehnke.

Back-to-back goals by the Lakers Marti Corby late in the first half and early in the second put Grand Valley up 2-1. Ferris would answer back immediately, with junior forward Casey Shauman putting one in the net only one minute later to tie the contest back up.

The Lakers pulled ahead late in the second half, though; as Colby starred in this showing with her third goal on the night to end the Dawgs fight.

Ferris next travels to Walsh University on Sept. 26 with the match-up slated to start at 7 p.m.

Volleyball stays undefeated in GLIAC

Ferris State extended their conference run to 4-0, 6-2 overall, after a 3-0 rout of Malone University.

The Bulldogs downed Malone in great fashion on Saturday to keep their overall record in great fashion, also keeping their early strangle-hold on their conference in check.

The Dawgs saw great showings by Courtney Rehm, who registered nine kills, and Danielle Dowd, who racked up nine D's. The showing against Malone has been the usual for Ferris, who has remained dominant against North Division opponents.

Ferris State will look to continue their reign of dominance against Grand Valley on Tuesday. Due to publication time, the Ferris State Torch was not able to record the outcome of the Grand Valley matches.

Women's tennis rolled against unbeaten

Ferris State women's tennis suffered a major setback against Walsh, who remained unbeaten after a 9-0 reaming of the Bulldogs.

Ferris was never able to get any momentum against Walsh in either their singles or their doubles. The Dawgs dropped each of their six singles matches, with each on being by a significant margin.

Their doubles matches were also lack-luster, as their three defeats came in as 8-4, 806, an 8-5, respectively.

Ferris moved to 4-2 overall, as Walsh, a GLIAC opponent, advanced to 6-0.

Ferris will next travel to the ITA Midwest Regionals in Grand Rapids, hosted by Grand Valley. The tournament is slated to kickoff on Friday, Sept. 26th.

Women's golf ties in top ten in Indiana based tournament

Ferris' women's golf squad tied for ninth place in the UIndy Fall Invitational in Camby, Ind.

The Bulldogs turned in a 668 spot as a team after the two day event that was held at Heartland Crossings Golf Linx. The squad's final score as on the heels of a 333 first day score and a 335 spot on the second day.

Ferris was led by Elizabeth Bauernfeind who posted a 78 and 75 on the two day event, respectively.

Ferris State will next travel to Allendale, Mi to face off against Grand Valley State on Sept. 27th.

Top Dawg



The Torch staff will pick one person a week, athlete or other, that we believe to have impacted Ferris Athletics and name them the "Top Dawg" for that week.

Richard Mead
Sports Editor

Ferris State football's showing against Grand Valley stood out enough on its own as the Bulldogs routed the Lakers 42-17.

Sophomore wide-receiver, Shakur Sanders, helped immensely on the offense as he helped stretch the field, giving both Ferris quarterbacks who player a viable target past the sticks.

It didn't take long for Sanders to get the ball in his hands, as he nabbed his first of four receptions on the first

drive for the Bulldogs. Four receptions may not seem like gaudy numbers, but it was what Sanders did with the next three catches that caught the fans eyes on Saturday.

With only 18 seconds left on the clock in the first half, Sanders caught a pass in the back of the end-zone, tiptoeing his way to his first TD on the night. The score put Ferris up 21-10 prior to half-time.

Vander Laan found Sanders again early on in the second half, hooking up with him on a seam route down the center of the field.

Sanders dodge two would-be tacklers to take his third catch of the night to the house. The catch registered at 67 yards and extended the Dawgs lead to 28-10.

The wide-out wasn't finished sniffing the end-zone, taking his fourth and final reception to the far end one more time. Sanders showed explosiveness off of the line, beating his cover-man early in his route and hauling in the 13-yard TD catch from back-up quarterback, Trevor Birmingham.

Sanders had 104 receiving yards on the day. His 25.8

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Chilling out

Harrison Watt
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I know what you're thinking, 'It's September 24, this guy is lazy!'

We live in higher stress than people care to say. We're wired to live for the moment and nothing else, and that if the moment disappoints, it's the end of the world.

That is until you take your weekly trip to Shooter's and drown your sorrows of that failed finance test.

Sometimes you need to check out. Take a vacation, take a trip to your own paradise, whether that be up north or your couch. There's no shame in loafing for awhile. It's healthy to have that time to yourself.

Like you, I have a demanding job, classes and a personal life to keep up. In the past week there were moments when I wanted to light all three on fire and spit on them. Many of you have been there at one time or another.

For the first time in a long time I'm taking a weekend to be me. Coincidentally, being me involves travelling a long distance to see family and do sight-seeing.

If you live for the moment, the moment will almost certainly disappoint most of the time. Everything we're doing right now may be important, but more important than all is your ability to do whatever it is you're doing.

After a few 60 hour work and class weeks, my ability has become compromised, and I need my time to recharge and go at it again.

When I planned this vacation three months ago, I had no idea I would be planning it for the perfect time. I was trying to center it around my birthday which thankfully fell during a time of great stress.

It's not checking out for good. It's checking out for my own good.

Everything we're doing can be done in a reasonable amount of time. Life for many of us is overwhelming right now.

The long and the short of it is that everything comes to an end. Your homework will not go on forever. Eventually it gets finished. When it seems insurmountable, know that it's not because nothing is infinite.

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Together, a few can bring community and humanity to many



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Few would disagree with the lyrical genius of the Beatles. Even fewer would suggest that there was no truth at all in their lyrics. The general consensus when it boils down to anything involving the Beatles is this: we can relate to it somehow. Their song "With a Little Help From My Friends" is one hummed by many. As with most of their work, it's popular - but is its message?

The Beatles were onto something greater with this one. Getting by with the assistance of friends, families, and social institutions is a life college students know all too well. Community becomes almost vital once we leave the nest and embark on adulthood. Our networks are something cherished, especially when we find ourselves hungry and in need of groceries. This, all of this, is called solidarity.

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It's simple: community is the core of change. Without these relationships, people feel alone, unloved, depressed. Having a network makes us feel empowered, safe, loved; anyone on a sports team or in a sorority will agree that community is crucial.

I can suggest this, but turn on the TV or look at the ones on in Westside and you will observe the exact opposite. War, conflict, hate; these are the themes of today, broadcasted virally, every day. The very things that restrict solidarity - community - are the very things that we are exposed to almost every moment we have. It seems that now, more

than ever, that love, communication, solidarity, and their ilk are unfathomable myths. They are portrayed as misty fairy tales, and not as feasible interactions. Although humanity reveals the importance of groups and acceptance in them consistently, we are reluctant to embrace the community of humanity.

Peace is more than a pin on a button, and communication extends past a text message. Are we powerless? Of course not. The course of today rests gently in our palms, along with the things we value the most. The human potential for change is a bold truth, if people only choose to give thought to it. It is completely human to feel like our singularity means nothing, yet this is how things get started. To reiterate, it takes only one, small movement to create ripples in the waves. As Dr. Seuss reminds us: "Kid, you'll move mountains!"

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"But all the magic I have known I had to make myself."

-Shel Silverstein



The cassette renaissance is real

You thought the reappearance of vinyl was a thing of the past



Graphic by Kaila Parent

Many things happen deep in the internet's darkest recesses, most of which you know nothing about. Keep it that way - much of it is pretty terrifying. One of the most perplexing trends happening on Tumblr blogs and in sweaty basements across the nation isn't even a bit gross, though - it's the return of the cassette. Then again, maybe that's just terrifying in a different way.

These cheap, occasionally colorful pieces of plastic have snuck back into relevance more quietly than the pop and hiss that comes with it. In many ways, they're more relevant than CDs now, which many non-Big Four labels consider a sunk of doing business (if they bother having any made at all). Most small labels that are started now are cassette-only. Perhaps they'll work their way up to wax, but for now, they're plastic only.

This renaissance is no new thing. CNN has written about it, and you don't get much more un-hip than CNN.

But why? Vinyl makes more sense on the surface. It looks cool, and you get a big piece of art with it. It may or may not have the benefit of better sound quality. You can look at your crate of vinyl records, smile smugly, and feel superior to all your radio-bumping friends. CDs are, in terms of physical media, the easiest to get, to use, and to replicate.

You know what cassettes are? Cheap. They are so very, very cheap, and they are the lifeblood of a music scene full of kids and young adults who barely have enough money to blow on something considered "cheap."

Tapes are cheaper for those small labels to produce and ship. And they're cheaper for those cash-strapped fans (or kids



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whose parents aren't loose with the credit card). Much like vinyl, they also imbue the buyer with a certain status. That status is different things to different people, but it all boils down to a sense of community.

Buying a brand new cassette from a tiny record label is more than just a transaction of goods and services. That \$5 - and \$2.50 shipping - is an investment in a brand and a lifestyle. It's equal parts economic transaction, Kickstarter pledge, PayPal donation, and thank you tweet.

Vinyl and cassette aren't rising and the CD falling simply because of what objective truths may or may not exist regarding quality, price and value. To invest in these formats is to take a stance on the way we support music.

We all know about Napster and Mediafire and cratering sales numbers, there's no need to rehash modern ancient history. Buying a vinyl record or cassette is the same as buying a comic book, attending a convention, blogging about a movie, or telling your friends that no, really, they NEED to watch this TV show.

It's about passion. We love, really love, our music, our shows, our stories. Cassettes are cheap and vinyl sounds great, but those aren't the real reasons we invest in them. It's because we cherish these things we love, and we need to find ways to express our love. It's up to ingenuity to provide the best means to do so.

It's also up to the free market to best capitalize on that passion. The money is going somewhere - the manufacturer, maybe? Somebody out there must be doing pretty well for themselves.

Faces of Ferris

Ferris State Torch Photo Editor, Shelby Soberalski goes out each week around campus and scouts out students for Faces of Ferris to ask them a question.....

How do you feel about being back on campus?



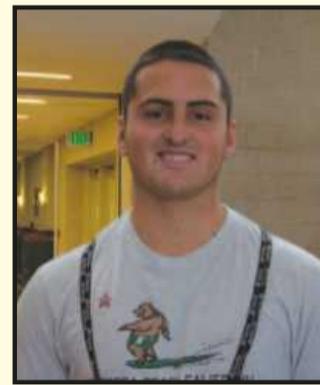
Neal Cortright
Junior Music Industry Management

"I can't wait for the fun events and social things, I'm happy to be out of my parents house."



Autumn St. Germaine
Junior Secondary Math Education

"I personally like it, I like having a schedule and I like seeing a lot of new faces, it's nice seeing new faces."



Nick Baryames
Junior Advertising

"It's alright being back on campus, trying to make the most of it."



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¡Gracias!

Cup of destruction

You know what's stupid? Coffee.

Every moment in the life of the average-income, American, teen through mid-twenties white girl can easily be divided into two categories. They spend half their time texting and the other half either waiting in line for or consuming some over-priced, fat-filled, calorie-hogging monstrosity from Starbucks, and it is for this reason that they are the single biggest contributor to the degradation of the human race.

There was a commercial a few years back for McDonald's, I believe, in which a guy was utterly rude to everybody within his field of vision simply because he hadn't had his morning cup of coffee yet. I was pissed off when I first saw this commercial because, as a principle, I typically enjoy seeing people have human decency in their everyday lives, but I wasn't prepared for how

it would effectively destroy the lesser-minded of my generation by leading them to think that this is an acceptable way to behave.

If you have no idea how many people think lacking a cup of hot-sludge in the morning is a valid excuse for acting like a complete asshole, then you're probably one of those people. I'll clue you in, for your own sake.

If you depend on coffee to make you act like a halfway decent human being, you're basically the scum of the earth. The only people who are worse than you are those who both act this way and get their coffee fix from Starbucks or Biggby.

We are going to be the first generation to earn less money than our parents did, yet it's somehow socially acceptable to spend \$4 a day - and that's being generous - on a drink that either tastes terrible or is so filled with creamer, chocolate sauce and



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whipped topping that it's more milkshake than coffee.

When I see somebody carrying one of those ridiculous iced-mocha-frappe concoctions, my respect level for them goes down to, at best, a 3 out of 10. And if you're buying one of these things between classes at four in the afternoon, you should be ashamed of yourself. That's not me being hyperbolic; you really should feel a significant amount of guilt and shame for this.

You might be drinking a cup of awful right now, as you read this. If you do, please do the world a favor and dump it out - preferably on yourself.

The only benefit of drinking coffee is that it has caffeine in it, which will jumpstart you so

you can make it through your 8 a.m. class. No disrespect on this front. As long as you can act like a civilized human being, I'm not going to begrudge you a cup of coffee. Here's a tip though: make it yourself. You like Starbucks' coffee? Fine, buy some. They sell it in stores and it's cheaper than giving money to the corporate machine. Put some whipped cream on it too, for all I care.

If you need your "coffee fix" so much that you're willing to stand in the mile long line at Starbucks in the middle of the afternoon just to get your greedy little hands on your Whipped Oreo Crumble frappuccino, you're past the point of needing a kickstart; you're a victim of serious chemical dependency, in which case I advise you to seek help.

Addiction is both serious and life-altering, and if you find yourself piggishly consuming

iced coffee at an uncontrollable enough rate to where your lips can actually form the sentence "I need my coffee," then you've officially hit rock bottom. Life does not get any more pathetic than where you are now.

We live in a generation with increasingly little self-control. The answer to this? Stop drinking coffee.

Invest in a water bottle. Take a cold shower in the morning. Get more sleep instead of spending every night getting blitzed at Shooter's.

College is a time in your life when you're supposed to be gaining new experiences, not four years spent looking down the barrel of an iced mocha.

And if you refuse to change, then congratulations. In 20 years you can sit down and tell your children about how you were part of the problem.

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