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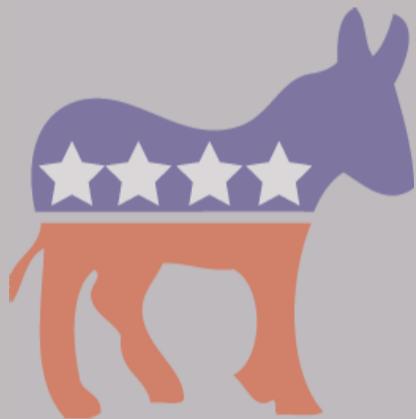
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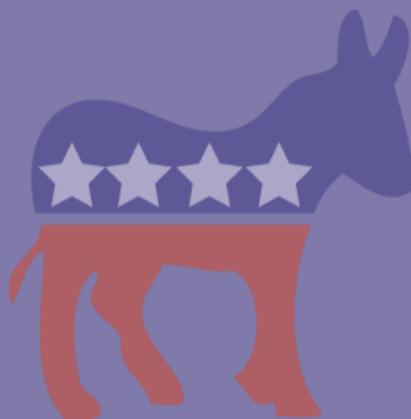


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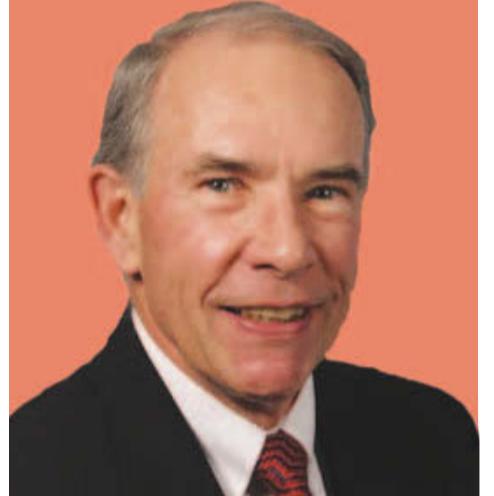
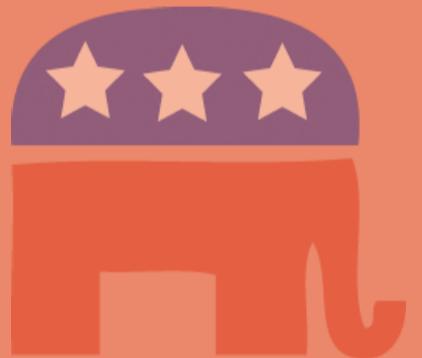
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Town hall debates

Town Hall event brings state politicians to campus

Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

To get students interested and involved in the upcoming election on November 4, the Political Engagement Project (PEP) is sponsoring an event to bring candidates to campus.

"The effort on the part of PEP to do this Town Hall Debate was to get students face-to-face with the representatives who speak for their interests at the closest level of government that matters, which is the state," said Sandy

Alspach, Professor of Communications and coordinator of the Town Hall event. "So we invited the incumbent Senator [Judy] Emmons and the challenger, who is [Fred] Sprague, and the incumbent Representative Phil Potvin and the challenger John Ruggles to come and have a town hall debate."

For some background on each of the four candidates, Senator Judy Emmons assumed office in 2011. She belongs to the Republican Party and her platform revolves mainly around the issue of

human trafficking. Her website is www.senatorjudyemmons.com.



Sandy Alspach
Professor of Comm

Her opponent, Fred Sprague, belongs to the Democratic Party and is primarily concerned with Michigan's quality of education, economic

development, and the state's environment. More information about his life and political platform can be found at www.fred-spragueforsenate.com.

Representative Phil Potvin of the Republican Party believes in eliminating Michigan's business tax and downsizing the state's government. His website can be found at www.philpotvin.com. Some of the issues his Democratic opponent, John Ruggles, is concerned with include job creation and education. More information on Ruggles can be found

The umbrella revolution



Photo Courtesy of mctcampus.com

The Hong Kong protests, known as "The Umbrella Revolution," have sprung up in the name of universal suffrage.

Students lead massive protests in Hong Kong

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

Clouds of tear gas and thousands of umbrellas currently fill the streets of Hong Kong's central financial district.

"The Umbrella Revolution" has completely stopped traffic in some areas as tens of thousands of Hong Kong residents protest for what is being called "universal suffrage."

Carl Ho is a Hong Kong native and student in the journeyman program at the Galloup School of Guitar Building in Big Rapids.

"One word I use to describe this is 'crazy,'" Ho said, whose family and wife are still in Hong Kong.

Ho worked as an English teacher and lived comfortably, but quit his job and left for America as tensions mounted in Hong Kong. Ho said people are "thinking if they don't fight for a revolution this time, maybe there will not be a next time."

A little background on the conflict. Hong Kong was a British colony until 1997, when China resumed control.

"They promised that things would be the same. They invented a thing called 'one country, two systems,'" Ho said. Hong Kong self-governs and sees more civil liberties while leaving defense and foreign affairs to Beijing.

Beijing promised that Hong Kong's chief executive would be chosen by committee until 2017, when Hong Kong would be granted "universal suffrage." As the early election process began in August, Beijing set forth a framework for the committee selection of two or three candidates; Hong Kong residents would merely choose among them.

People in Hong Kong became outraged that they wouldn't truly be given the vote. The protest began with two main demands: that the people of Hong Kong be granted the unrestricted

right to vote and that Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying resign.

According to Ho, Leung is "one of the worst political fakers that we've ever seen." Not necessarily corrupt, but he is acting "the way China wants." Ho said that with candidates being vetted by a committee, things will slowly become more communist. "Maybe Leung steps down now, but because we're under an unfair election system, the next chief executive will be the same."

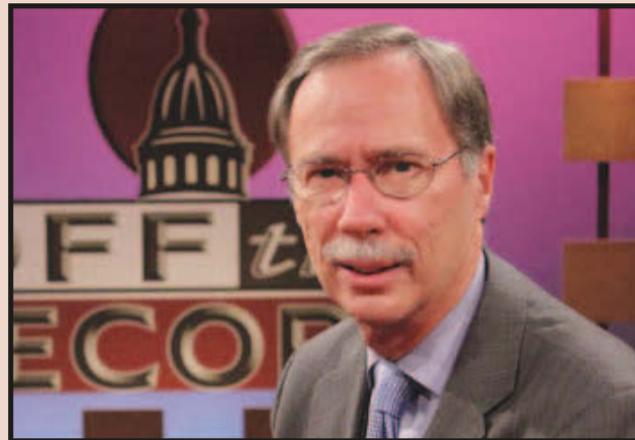
"There was going to be a clash of cultures because Hong Kong was under British control for over 100 years," Dr. Tracy Busch, professor of history at Ferris said. "So they were used to all the British institutions; social, cultural and political. China is still officially a communist state, so I'm surprised it took this long."

The umbrella has traditionally symbolized appeasement and the yellow umbrellas carried by protesters in Hong Kong

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Tim Skubick returns to Ferris

Experienced journalist to speak about current political activities



Courtesy Photo, Ferris State University

Veteran political reporter Tim Skubick will come back to speak at Ferris on Oct. 16.

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Political journalist Tim Skubick is returning to Ferris to speak for a third time, on Thursday, Oct. 16, hosted by the Political Engagement Project.

The topics to be covered in the seminar include, "The upcoming election from race for governor, U.S. senate, state house and senate races, and anything else the audience wants to chat about," Skubick said.

Skubick has been in the business for about 45 years, starting in 1969. His main goal of coming to Ferris to speak about current political happenings is to get people involved in the issues that affect them, directly or indirectly.

"My job is not work. It is something different every day, as corny as it sounds. I see my role as asking the tough questions on behalf of citizens and then supplying them with the information to make an informed decision on how the politicians are doing," Skubick said. "Regarding students, I am deeply concerned that

most, but not all, college students don't give a hoot about politics. In fact I was the same way. But if our Democracy is to survive we need younger voters involved and so my journey to Ferris is part of my personal commitment to motivate as many students as possible to get into the game."

Skubick covers government issues around the Lansing area, is a political columnist for MLive.com and produced and anchors "Off the Record," on PBS, which is "Weekly Michigan Public TV coverage of the governor's office, the state legislature, the political campaign trail and state government," according to wkar.org/programs/record.

The seminar is to be held at 7 p.m. in the College of Business, in room 111. Any and all students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to attend.

The Political Engagement Project, or PEP, will also be hosting other related events throughout the rest of the year.

To learn more about the Political Engagement Project, and how to get involved, at www.ferris.edu/pep/.

DEBATES from Page 1

Town Hall event brings state political candidates to Ferris to answer questions

at www.voteruggles.com.

The plan was for each candidate to give a speech and have a chance to debate with their opponent, but changes had to

be made to accommodate the candidates' busy schedules. "We started inviting these folks in June," said Alspach. "If they've got a better offer, a place where they think they can get to more constituents and make more of a difference, then our event might fall to second or third place [of their priorities]." Emmons pulled out due to other obligations and Alspach recently learned that Potvin is only able to attend for the first half hour of the event. The current plan is for Potvin to start off the evening with a five-minute speech. Ruggles will be

given a chance to respond and give his own speech after Potvin leaves. Since Sprague's opponent will be absent, he will be able to give his speech followed by a question/answer session facilitated by two student representatives. Following the debates, light refreshments will be served.

The PEP is in hopes that this event will encourage students to become involved and ask thoughtful questions of the candidates. Alspach said this is an excellent opportunity for students to ask questions on controversial social issues, such

as abortion, same-sex marriage laws, and marijuana legalization, as well as issues more specific to the university and higher education in Michigan.

Students with questions for the candidates can submit them to one of the two student representatives for the event: Harrison Watt, Editor-in-Chief of the Torch, can be reached at wathh@ferris.edu and Andrew Kalinowski, President of the Student Government, can be contacted at kalinoa1@ferris.edu.

The Political Engagement Project aims to engage students

in the political process. "We sponsor events all year long with guest speakers on critical issues [and] people in the political system and try to get students interested in politics," said Alspach. Earlier in the semester, they launched a "TurboVote" project to educate students on first-time voting and help students register to vote. The last day to register for the November 4th election was October 6th.

The Town Hall Debates will take place on Monday, October 27th from 7-9 pm in the Business building room 111.

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TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Career Fair

The Center for Career Leadership Activities and Career Services will host the largest Career Fair in Ferris history which will consist of an entire week of events. Fall 2014 Career Week includes: etiquette dinner on Oct. 20 at 6pm, in the Granger Atrium, pre-registration required; Graduate School Fair Oct. 21 at 5pm in Williams Lobby; Career Fair on Oct. 21, 6pm in STARR 223; employer information sessions on Oct 22 and 23, STARR 2nd Floor, select employers will conduct 50 minute info sessions on their company and opportunities; the Career & Internship Fair on Oct. 23, 11am-3pm in the Ewigleben Sports Complex; and on-campus interviews Oct. 23 and 24.

Political Engagement Project presents Tim Skubick

Thursday, Oct. 16, from 7-8 p.m. in BUS 111, the Political Engagement project will host political reporter Tim Skubick, speaking about this year's upcoming election. Skubick is well known as a political commentator in newspapers across the state, and for hosting the long-running public television show, Off the Record.

BEYOND: Diversity

Sunday, Oct. 19, from 11-5 in the IRC Connector is BEYOND: Diversity, an interactive event with a global perspective. This 5-star event will unveil more than fifty banners on the many perspectives of diversity. Faculty and students will come together to learn about diverse ideas, perspectives, and cultures. There is a video about the upcoming event at <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QeRN2S-4UGg>.

Disability Awareness Month

Ferris State University's Educational Counseling and Disabilities Services office has planned multiple events as part of Disability Awareness Month. Disability Awareness Month is nationally recognized in October to focus attention on issues related to individuals with learning or other disabilities. Scheduled activities include but are not limited to

The world at large

Snapchat photos leaked across internet



Photo Courtesy of mctcampus.com

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.

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Anybody with a Snapchat should probably be checking the internet for any scandalous photos, as users pictures from the app were recently leaked on to the internet.

Hackers recently released a 13 gigabyte database of Snapchat photos that users thought had been deleted, as is the app's policy. Snapchat users as well as the creators of the app itself have called the leak a major violation of user privacy while the media has taken to calling the event "the Snapping."

In a statement, Snapchat said that users had been "victimized by their use of third-party apps to send and receive Snaps."

"I'm not worried about it,"

Morgan Kelley, a senior in respiratory care and avid Snapchat user said. "All the world's going to see is pictures of me making weird faces."

Over the past few weeks the internet has seen hints in "underground photo-trading chat rooms" that something Snapchat related was about to happen. With the release of the photos an unnamed source speaking to Business Insider has alleged that the leaked snaps contained an overwhelming amount of child pornography as half of Snapchat's users are between the ages of 13 and 17, leading to discussions about whether the violation of user privacy was warranted.

"It doesn't make it right," Kelley said. "There are other means of catching people involved with that instead of

compromising the privacy of thousands of people. Snapchat has a privacy statement for a reason."

Snapchat maintains that the leak came from the database of a third party and not through the breach of Snapchat's own servers. However, the company has had leaks of user information in the past, as recent as last year when 4.6 million users contact information was stolen from the app and leaked to the public.

This, in addition to the theft and of celebrity nude photos- dubbed by the internet as "the Fappingen"- has brought to light the struggle for privacy in the age of social media.

Thus far, no reasoning for the leaks has been giving, nor has any party taken responsibility.



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ArtPrize winners revealed

Competition winds down in Grand Rapids Michigan



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The winner of the sixth annual ArtPrize, public vote was "Intersections" by Anila Quayyum Agha. The Grand Rapids based annual event wrapped up this past weekend with a grand total of 1,536 entries this year.

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

The sixth annual ArtPrize has come to an end as of Sunday, Oct. 12, with 398,714 votes cast in by the public for their favorite pieces.

The winner for the public vote grand prize of \$200,000 was Anila Quayyum Agha and her entry "Intersections," which was showcased in the Grand Rapids

Art Museum.

The installation piece was a 6 and a half foot cube made of laser-cut intricate patterned wood painted black, which cast shadows on the surrounding walls from a single light bulb inside the cube.

"The Intersections project takes the seminal experience of exclusion as a woman from a space of community and creativity such as a Mosque and trans-

lates the complex expressions of both wonder and exclusion that have been my experience while growing up in Pakistan," said Agha of her piece.

For the juried grand prize, the jury of art experts agreed to split the award between finalist entries "Intersections" by Anila Quayyum Agha and "The Hair Craft Project" by Sonya Clark. This is the first time in the six years ArtPrize has run that the

same piece had spiked interest from both public voters and the jury voters- "Intersections." Both artists have been awarded \$100,000 for their prize.

"The Hair Craft Project" was shown at Kendall College of Art and Design, a 2-D design piece of photographs and sewn canvas. Several stylists collaborated to help design hairstyles for the piece, which were then photographed, and replicated with silk

thread sewn into canvas.

"Photographs document those hairstyles created specifically for the project while the canvases provide a permanent example of the craft," Clark said in her artist's statement on www.artprize.org/sonya-clark/2014/the-hair-craft-project.

For more information about the grand prize winning pieces, and for category public vote finalists, go to www.artprize.org



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Student from Hong Kong discusses Hong Kong protests from afar

now serve a practical application as well. They are being used as shields against tear gas as police action against protesters has become more aggressive.

Protesters are freely distributing these umbrellas and some view them as a non-violent method of resistance. "I really

like the way they are conducting themselves," Busch said. "There is not one central organizing entity behind this revolution. It's college students doing what they feel is right."

Busch said the passive approach to protesting is what can truly make results.

"If you look at Martin Luther King Jr. or Ghandi and all the successful social protests where there was true change, they happened through non-violent means," Busch said.

While there is hope for change, the crowds in Hong Kong's business district are getting smaller. Chief Executive Leung has put his foot down, saying protesters have "almost zero chance" of succeeding. Many Hong Kong residents have been worn down and resumed their daily routines, still hoping for change, but unable to fight for it.

Carl Ho finds the protesting efforts like the Umbrella Revolution's most vocal advocate for democracy, 17-year-old

Joshua Wong, "absolutely inspiring." Yet, Ho finds that there is a "generation gap" between the younger generation and the generation of his parents.

"People like my parents have their own houses and are nearly retired. They don't understand what we are fighting for," Ho said. "They think that democracy is too fancy and some still think that communism isn't so bad."

With the 2017 election looming, Hong Kong's future remains uncertain. Regina Ip, former security chief in Hong Kong, admits there are "inherent contradictions" in Hong Kong's union with China. An editorial was recently published by the China News Service calling

the demands of the Hong Kong people "arrogant and ignorant."

In 1997, China guaranteed that Hong Kong could maintain its self-governance and capitalistic market system for 50 years. This means that in 2047, Hong Kong could be completely absorbed by China.

According to Ho, a communist system could be implemented sooner if similar leaders are voted in. Ho said in regard to the protests, "My parents tell me I'm lucky to be in America so that I don't get involved in this type stuff."

For more information on the Umbrella Revolution, the South China Morning Post has hourly coverage at www.scmp.com.

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Crime report

Annual report released

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

In compliance with the Clery Act, Ferris State University's Department of Public Safety (DPS) released the University Crime Report for the 2013 calendar year, detailing all crime and non-criminal incidents on campus.

Passed into law in 1990, the goal of the Clery Act is to provide students and their families with accurate, complete and timely information about safety on campus so that they can make informed decisions and thereby prevent instances of crime or personal harm on college campuses.

Throughout last year there was a total of 101 reports made about non-criminal instances such as calls regarding fires, need of rescue or EMS response, hazardous non-fire incidents, or calls that resulted in a false alarm. For these, the report notes that the average response time of officers and fire department workers was just over five minutes.

The amount of parking violations issued in 2013 decreased noticeably from the amount reportedly issued in 2012, with 13,291 people issued violations in 2012 and 12,554 issued violations in 2013. Although the amount of people issued parking permits in 2013 was lower by several hundred people.

In the two year compari-

son of criminal instances the decreases, increases, or lack thereof in criminal incidents were reported. Aggravated assault, robbery, cases of stolen property, and obscenity went unchanged while non-aggravated assault, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud and forgery, liquor violations and disorderly conduct increased.

Criminal Sexual Assault in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th all saw increases in the past year as did intimidation/stalking, burglary, damage to property, violation of control substance, obstructing justice, weapons offense, hit & runs, OWI, trespassing and miscellaneous criminal offense all saw increases.

Of non-criminal instances, only juvenile offense and missing persons remained the same from 2012. Accident accidents regarding fire, hazardous condition, false fire alarms, traffic violations and accidents, accidental fire, mental health and general information all saw increases while civil matters, lost and found property, false intrusion alarm, property inspection, assist, parking violations, private property violations and administration violations all decreased from the previous year.

To view the 2013 Crime Report in full visit <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/othersrv/campussafety/doc/AnnualReport.pdf>.

2012-2013

Liquor law violations 250/357
Drug law violations 90/91

Liquor law arrests 78/49
Sex offenses (F) 3/6

Majors and Minors expo

Students explore a range of career opportunities



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

The Majors and Minors expo took place in the Williams Auditorium Atrium as a first time event.

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

Ever considered switching your major? Students from all across campus gathered in the Williams Auditorium lobby on Thursday, Oct. 9 for the inaugural "Major, Minors, & More Expo" to meet with other students, faculty and program coordinators from the College of Arts and Sciences.

"When you're in a major that doesn't fit, it's like wearing clothes that don't fit," Anne Marie Gillespie, Director of Student Academic Affairs said. "So we'd like to give an overview of what's going on in the College of Arts and Sciences."

Students and professors represented their majors at tables throughout the lobby. Each table had informational displays and pamphlets about academic course offerings. FSU Dining Services catered the event with various snack foods while free candy, pens and sunglasses were scattered throughout the Williams lobby.

Attending the event was Christina King, an undeclared freshman. "I want to major in social work and minor in psychology," King said while reading through information at the psychology table. "This is in-

formation I definitely need."

Gillespie said that Ferris is a unique University in that "we have many students that declare their majors as freshmen. We have students who come in and go 'this isn't exactly what I thought it was going to be.' This is that opportunity for them if they are having second thoughts or if they want to add something to their credentials, that they're able to do that."

Rick Kurtz, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said, "The biggest thing is, it's great opportunity for our faculty and our programs to really engage with the students."

"For a first-time event, we're

very pleased." Kurtz said that "the students are shopping, for lack of a better term, for programs of interest. This event gives them that opportunity"

As the scheduling of spring classes begins, the event couldn't be timelier. Gillespie stresses that degree progression is important so that students aren't wasting time and money. "We want to get students connected to the people that they need to talk to, because if you are in the wrong major, you're not happy," Gillespie said. "If you're excited [about your major], then you're going to finish."

For more information, go to 'Academics' on the Ferris website at www.ferris.edu.

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Matt Austin
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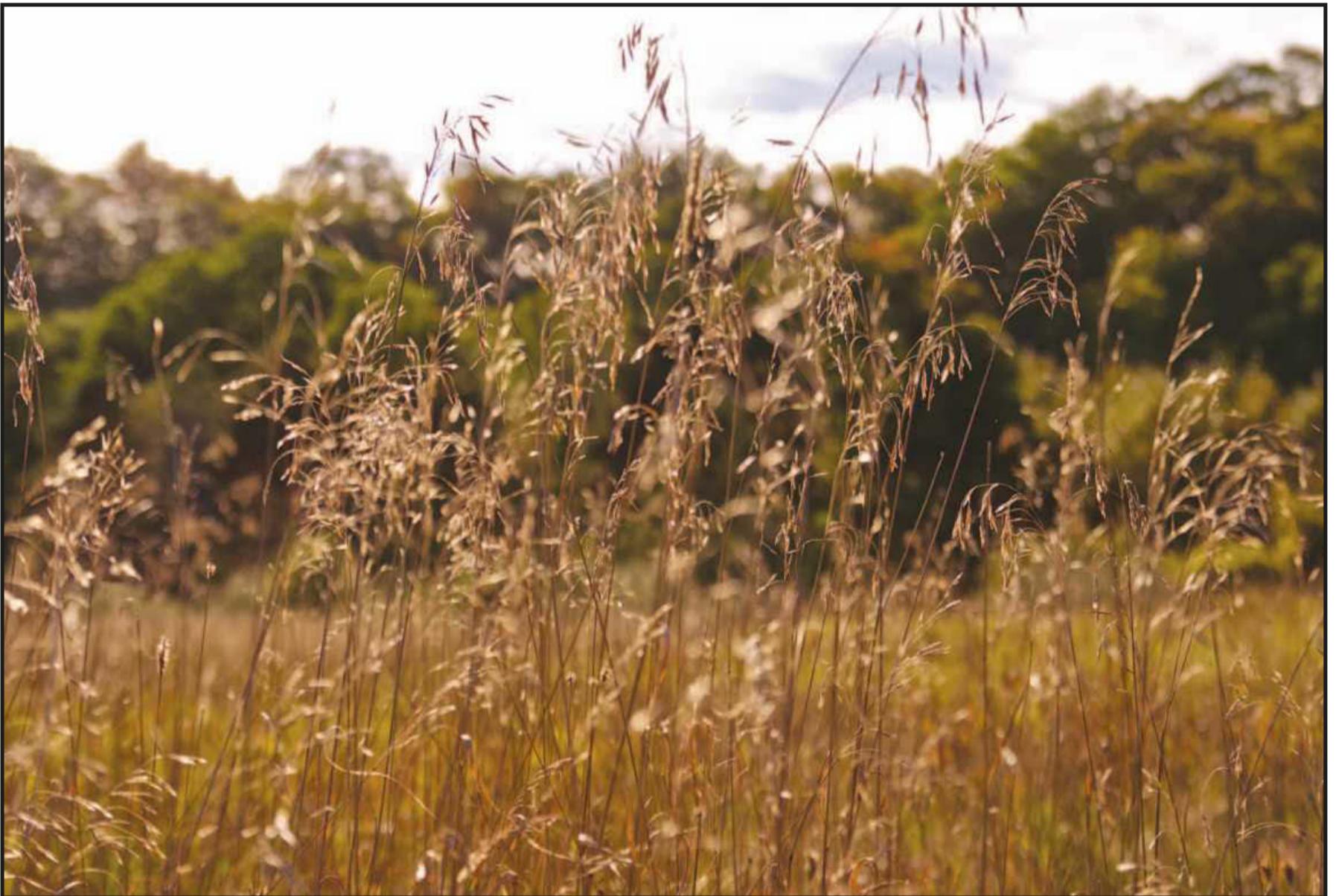


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The Torch sports staff will select a Bulldog student-athlete each week based on athletic performance. Nominations may be sent to torch@ferris.edu.

Artists express excitement to play MIMA concert

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Three Michigan artists look forward to performing at Country Bash on October 17.

The show will take place at The Gate, beginning at 9 p.m.

Country Bash is the second show in the Autumn Alive concert series hosted by the Music Industry Management Association (MIMA).

“I have pretty high expectations for this show,” Music Industry Management (MIM) sophomore Jake White said. “I

think being a country concert it won’t only relate to students, but also the residents of Big Rapids.”

The Balsam Brothers, a Big Rapids-based band, will open the show.

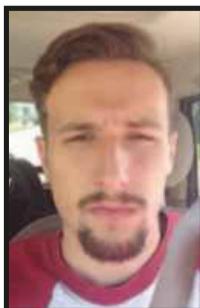
The Balsam Brothers are composed of lead vocalist and Pre-Nursing senior Nate Babcock, drummer and Physical Therapy junior Phil Hartley, bassist and Public Relations junior Devin Anderson, and lead guitarist Austin Benzing.

“We all have different musical backgrounds ranging from metal to bluegrass,” Hartley said, “so we are able to play

whatever the occasion calls for. We’ve gone from playing ‘Folsam Prison Blues’ [by Johnny Cash] to Afroman in a heartbeat.”

Though they’ve played all over the state, Big Rapids is always a favorite place to perform for the Balsam Brothers.

“I love getting the chance to mix up my



Nate Babcock
Senior, pre-nursing

kit in Big Rapids,” Hartley said. “There’s nothing that compares to the power that comes from banging some sexy, loud drums.”

To Babcock, the crowd’s energetic reaction is what keeps them coming back for more.

“Even if just one person can relate to what I’m trying to say or convey through our song is what makes it worth it for me,” Babcock said.

The Balsam Brothers are also looking forward to connecting with the crowd and bonding as “brothers” at Country Bash.

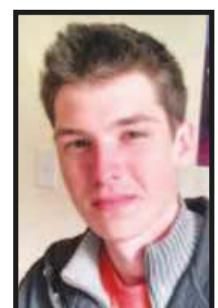
“Performing is one of the best chances to feel truly alive,”

said Hartley. “I get to jam with my best friends and produce a sound that within minutes has

the crowd up and dancing.”

The next Country Bash performer, Audrey Ray, is also ecstatic to show the crowd

what she’s made of. Ray, a 2013 graduate of



Phil Hartley
Junior, physical therapy



Graphic by Kaila Parent

COUNTRY BASH

Oakland University, has performed all across Metro Detroit and has even traveled to Nashville to share her music.

"I'm looking forward to playing my music in a totally new town with new listeners," Ray said. "I'm so excited to visit Ferris State University and I'm so honored to be involved with Country Bash."

Ray will be performing covers of Miranda Lambert, Blackberry Smoke, The Black Crowes, and Lady Antebellum as well as some original songs.

"My originals are like my babies," she said. "My lyrics truly

speak the truth from all my heart, and I play every song with dedication, heart, and soul. I give it my all and I don't let anyone down."



Melissa Lewis
Junior MIM

Ray's ability to "give it her all" at every show comes from her intense

love of music and performing. "I always knew that no mat-

ter what I'd be doing that music would be a part of my life somehow, somehow," she said. "It's the ultimate greatest feeling out there once you stand on that stage and feel the lights hit your face, and hear the deep sounds of the drums and bass."

If you like what you hear from Audrey Ray, you can purchase her original songs on iTunes. Detroit artist Matt Austin will round out the night at Country Bash.

"I have a new band behind me and we are better than ever," said Austin. "We are excited to perform in a new venue."

Being a husband and father of three hasn't stopped Austin from being featured at Faster Horses Music Festival and opening for big-name country stars such as Lee Brice and Brantley Gilbert.

Though he graduated from Madonna University with a Nursing degree, Austin's heart has always been with the music industry, and he's here to stay.

"It's everything combined that makes it great," Austin said. "When a crowd is energetic and having a great time it tops the cake, though!"

You can find more information on Matt Austin and his

singles at mattaustinmusic.com.

MIM junior Mellisa Lewis had the opportunity to coordinate the show.

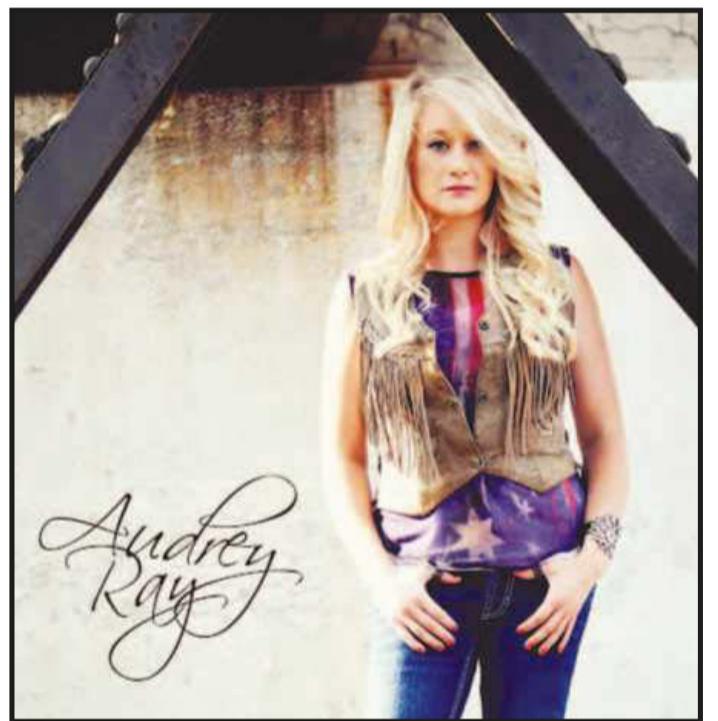
"The process of coordinating this event has been a learning experience, and at times stressful but I love it all at the same time," Lewis said. "I'm thankful my program allows me to get hands on experience of putting on an event. I enjoy doing this and hope people enjoy the show."

Tickets are \$5 in advanced or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any MIMA member or in room 124 in the Business Building.



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"I don't make money unless they make money."

This is the motto for J&D Management and Promotions. J&D is a small company that manages independent musicians of all different genres in Big Rapids.

"I'm trying to start up my own business," Computer Science junior Joshua Moscatello said. "[J&D Management and Promotions] takes on independent artists and manage them. Most artists are good with their music, but not all of them have business experience, so I step in and help them set up plans."

Moscatello started the business in March as a side project with two goals: to encourage and help young upcoming artist and musicians to pursue their dreams of making and performing music as well as supporting local music scenes and allow musicians a place to perform live within their hometowns.

One of the most well-known artists J&D manages is known as Speculation.

"Josh is our manager," Nick Webber, the drummer of Speculations said. "He provides for us by making business decisions and by making sure we are headed in the right direction."

Dan Mitkovski, the vocalist of Speculations, is not only a client, but also Josh's partner in J&D.

"It's awesome working with Josh," Mitkovski said. "We have always been good friends and I'm really happy we decided to start this business together."

According to Moscatello, many artists don't understand why they need a manager.

"Truth is, many local artists aren't booked because they don't have a manager," Moscatello said.

Having a manager can also help local or underground bands book gigs.

"People are skeptical when booking local artists," Moscatello said. "But when a manager goes in and tries booking a show, it shows that the local band is more professional."

Another one of J&D's clients, DJ Basshead, is also happy with the management directions

"He has a great sense of humor and he knows how to handle business," DJ Nick Robertson said. "Ever since I have been involved with J&D, I feel that it will be a great ride."

DJ Basshead has been managed by J&D since the beginning of summer 2014.

"I met Josh this past summer when I was DJing at Cleopatra's Hookah Lounge," Robertson said. "Since then, he's been getting me into DJing events, such as the south campus event for welcome weekend."

J&D hosts their own shows, rents out and book venues and give artists a place to perform.

If you are interested in booking any of J&D's clients or if you want to help host a concert or event, you can contact Moscatello at janddmanagementandpromotions@gmail.com or find the company on Facebook.

Get your zumba on!



Photo By: Eva Guerrero | Submitted Photo

The Torch sports staff will select a Bulldog student-athlete each week based on athletic performance. Nominations may be sent to torch@ferris.edu.

Kelsey George
Ferris State Torch

Students burn some calories and help raise money for an important cause by getting down to some Latin dance music.

On Thursday October 9th, Sigma Lambda Gamma held a Zumba dance night open to

all students looking to meet new people, learn some new dances, and have a good time.

Zumba is a dance fitness program that incorporates dance styles such as hip hop, samba, salsa, merengue, and mambo. It also involves aerobic elements, squats, and lunges.

The event was free of charge,

See Zumba on Page 9

Modern love

The "M" word



Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

Imagine, if you will, "pleasing yourself" after a long, stressful day. In walks your roommate as you climax.

You begin to make eye contact with them, making the situation more traumatizing for both parties. Now you find yourself in a situation that will stick with you for the rest of yours and your roommate's lives. Do you want to avoid lifelong emotional scarring? Here are some tips on how to bop it, twist it and pull it when you have a roommate.

The easiest way to go about doing this is to take a shower while masturbating. Your roommate probably won't think anything of it if you're showering for 15-45 minutes. Plus, you can wash yourself of any nastiness or guilt you may have.

The best way to do it is to wait until your roommate is asleep. It's recommended that

you wait 10-15 minutes before beginning. You can tell if they're asleep if they're snoring or their breathing changes. If you have an insomniac roommate, then just go to the bathroom. You'll have better luck there.

When they're asleep, it's time to begin. Get under the covers and make sure there's enough space under your sheet near your crotch so it's not obvious what's transpiring under the blanket of secrets. It's recommended that you bend your knee(s). If you have a hard time keeping quiet, bite down on something. Or think about something unattractive, like a chair.

Keep your hand movements simple; whatever works for you

is probably fine. Just don't try something creative because odds are, your roommate will wake up. If you're really nervous, lay down on your side. It's a lot easier to cover up like this.

When you finish, just bask in the orgasmic afterglow discreetly. If you just get up or roll over abruptly, then that's the signal for "I just did something you probably don't want to know about." After a couple of minutes, go use the bathroom and dispose of any evidence. It's late enough that your roommate might believe you if you say "I wasn't masturbating. You must have been dreaming."

If this doesn't work for you, then remember; you have a bathroom for a reason. The main reason we have bathrooms is to relieve ourselves, so utilize that. Just make sure to keep quiet. You don't want to make it painfully obvious what you're doing.

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Amberlin



Genre: Alternative Rock
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When you put the roughly angelic voice of lead singer Stephen Christian, the excellent guitar riffs of Joseph Milligan and Christian McAlhaney, the baseline of Deon Rexroat, and the powerful drumline of Nathan Young, you'll get Amberlin. Originally SaGoh 24/7, Amberlin is a band formed by three high school friends from Winter Haven, Florida. When asked about where the

name came from, the band jokingly made up numerous stories for every time someone asked them, from the name Stephen planned for his daughter to his grandfather saving a little girl named Amberlin in World War 2.

Amberlin is a band that you can listen to regardless of what mood you're in. Every album they released has a different, unique sound, ranging from Christian Rock, Acoustic, Punk Rock, and just plain Rock.

I discovered Amberlin after a friend of mine in high school changed his MySpace profile song to "Unwinding

Cable Car." Since then, that's remained my favorite song, followed closely by "Fin," "Glass to the Arson," and "Dismantle Repair." Amberlin is the only band I can listen to every song by without getting bored of.

If you're looking to start listening to them, I recommend starting with their album "Blueprints for the Black Market." Of course, you should listen to every album because their music is wonderful.

you'll love their music. unique chill jams, be sure to give The Neighbourhood a listen.

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New Hot

College is easy. It's like riding a bike. The bike is on fire. Everything is on fire. You are in hell. 75
5 DAYS 0 replies

Michigan is shaped like a hand because the weather constantly bitch slaps you in the face. 98
3 DAYS 0 replies

Just saw a squirrel fall out of a tree so I guess it's a Monday for the animal kingdom as well. 78
4 DAYS 2 replies

Wasn't planning on going out tonight but it's my fake IDs birthday so why not celebrate. 77
7 DAYS 0 replies

I don't get why people want a relationship. That's like an additional 3 credits and a lab. 61
2 DAYS 1 replies

Graphic by Jordan Lodge

Overheard at Ferris



"Brutus would be ashamed of me coming to a Friday Lab still drunk"
-Science Building

ZUMBA from Page 8

Students helped raise money for Dara House while experiencing Latin dancing

but students made donations that are going toward Dara House, a safe house for young women who have fallen victim of domestic abuse.

"Sigma Lambda Gamma is a historically Hispanic sorority with a multicultural background," said Psychology junior Faith Speigner.

"A few of the girls approached the Office of Multicultural Student Services and Hispanic Student Organization with the idea of a free Zumba/Latin dancing night. In short, they allowed us to be a part of Hispanic Heritage month" said Speigner.

The event was open to all students, and served as a way to burn some calories while becoming diversi-

fied in the Hispanic culture. "The music was different for me, I'm used to country," said Welding Engineering Technology sophomore Chris Smith.

Students were instructed to follow a long and learn new dances to upbeat Latin songs.

"I loved the dances, and teaching other people about our culture," Social Work freshman Erika Reyes said.



Erika Reyes
Freshman, social work

In addition to Zumba night, Sigma Lambda Gamma is also holding a women's health event called Pink Power on November 3rd, and a Kids Basket Food Drive November 4th.

"The dancing and the music were my favorite part. I've done Zumba before and it's fun, it's different from American dancing," Business Administration freshman Sierra Fenech.

Zumba night served as a fun way for students to experience a culture different from their own, while supporting a local cause.

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“I don't even think about blocking shots anymore”
Travis White
Ferris Hockey defenseman
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FOOTBALL



Torch File Photo

Head Coach Tony Annese will prepare his team for battle on the road at Ohio Dominican that may define the season for the Bulldogs.

Nationally ranked match up of undefeated conference foes sets the stage for Ferris

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-Chief

A national top ten match up sets the stage for Ferris State's attempt at a conference championship and national playoff appearance.

The nationally ranked no. 7 Ohio Dominican Panthers will host the nationally ranked No. 11 Ferris State Bulldogs on Oct. 18 in Columbus, Ohio in what will be a must win game for the Bulldogs if they have hopes of winning the GLIAC in the 2014 season.

"Staying focused is the main concern," redshirt junior quarterback Jason Vander Laan said. "We can't get caught up in what we have done so far or how we played because each win is different.

The only opponent that

Ferris and Ohio Dominican have shared to this point is Grand Valley State University.

Dominican narrowly escaped, winning 28-24 in Allendale. Ferris lambasted Grand Valley, dropping them 42-17 at Top Taggart Field on Sep. 20 in the home opener.

Where Dominican has strived is on the defensive side of the ball.

"ODU will unarguably be the best defense we have faced so far this year," Vander Laan said.

The Panthers own the best defense in the conference, allowing 13.8 points per game, and hold opposing offensive attacks to a GLIAC best 150.7 yards per game.

Dominican has two of the top ten pass rushers in the GLIAC in Sydney Omameh and Di'Andre

Harrison.

The two have helped the Panthers force the second most sacks in the conference.

"Their d-line and linebacker play is a lot stronger than the teams we have faced," Vander Laan said. "They make less mistakes than other teams and are more talented as a whole."

Harrison and Omameh are juniors on the Panther's football squad and lead a defense that has been together for a long time now.



Jason Vander Laan
Junior, quarterback

"They've had a lot of success playing as a unit," Vander Laan said. "They are a mature group and very fundamental."

On the offensive side of the football, senior quarterback Mark Miller has thrown for 1,499 yards and 13 touchdowns in his six starts to lead the Panthers. He averages 249.8 passing yards per game.

Miller was an honorable mention on the All-GLIAC team in 2013.

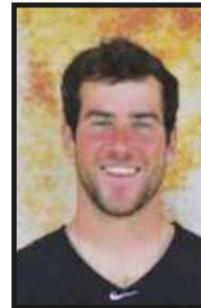
The senior had his finest game in a 38-20 win over Ashland where he completed 81.8 percent of his passes for 310 yards and five touchdowns back on September 20.

Since then, his completion percentage has steadily dropped. Miller threw no touchdowns and two interceptions in a home

contest against Hillsdale on Oct. 11, and passed for 222 yards.

Dominican also has the third leading rusher in terms of yards per game in Brandon Schoen. Schoen has 712 yards and seven touchdowns, and averages 118.7 yards per game on the ground. Schoen also has the most rushing attempts in the GLIAC with 139.

Meanwhile, Jason Vander Laan leads the prolific Ferris offense into battle with a GLIAC



Mark Miller
ODU, quarterback

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Breaking point

Women's soccer has three game week that could make or break season

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Throughout their season, the women's soccer team has been plagued with close losses.

Through ten matchups, they've played seven periods of overtime, and have lost by more than one goal only once, in their first game of the season.

Currently fronting a 3-6-2 record, the Bulldogs still hope to turn the tides of this season. If it can be done, it must be done in the coming weeks as they face a pivotal stretch of games against conference opponents.

Ferris showed signs of pulling out of their slump when they took down Northwood 5-2 at home on Oct. 12.

The Bulldogs are set to take on rival Grand Valley State under the lights on October 15, whom they lost to 3-2 earlier in the season. Following that game, they have just one day of rest before coming home to Big Rapids to play Ashland, who they'll be seeing for the first time this season. The Dawgs are also set to play Lake Erie on Oct. 19 for the first time, which will be the final home game of the year.

These three games round out a week of make or break contests for the Bulldogs, as season's end is now in sight.

If Ferris State has any shot at cracking the playoffs, the victories need to start rolling in, but they

have limited opportunities to do that in friendly territory with only two home games left on the schedule.

"Playing at home definitely makes a difference because our family and friends are there to support us. Also, we don't want an away team winning on our home turf," freshman defender Audrey Romine said.

Thus far, the Bulldogs have been able to outshoot their opponents 96-72. Unfortunately, getting more shots on net does not always translate to scoring more goals. Still, the offensive opportunities are there, and one has to think that more of these shots must inevitably find the back of the net.

"Each game we keep plugging away and don't get discouraged if the first few shots don't go in. Sometimes it just feels like we are unlucky or the goalie makes an amazing save on our shots," freshman midfielder Brenna Cockerill said.

Many of the Bulldogs struggles seem to lie in the first half, where they can account for only one goal throughout the season. Meanwhile, they've scored 10 in the second half, which seems to indicate that the Bulldogs have trouble starting out of the gate.

"Some games we do seem to start a bit slow, but in the second half even if we're down I think that it's great that we don't give up," Cockerill said. "We

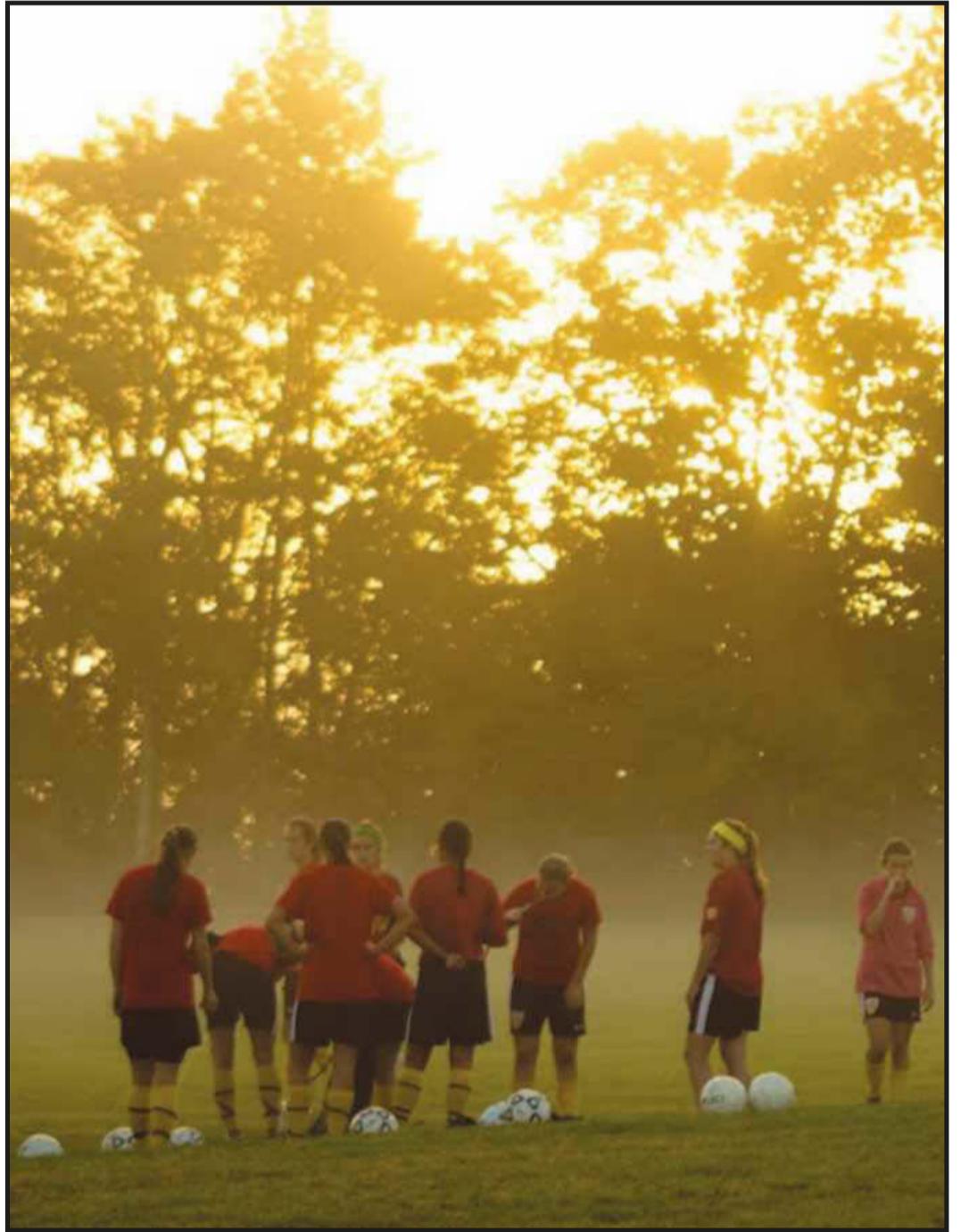


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The Women's soccer team practices early in the morning as the sun rises over the fog in Big Rapids

keep pressuring the opposing team and keep working as a team to get the goal that puts us right back into the game."

It is not too late for the Bulldogs to turn this season around, but they'll have to do it in a hurry, and their first oppor-

tunity to do so will be today, Wednesday, at GVSU.



National top eleven match up spells biggest game for Ferris

leading 18 passing touchdowns. The redshirt junior quarterback also has eight rushing touchdowns and averages 109.3 yards on the ground per game.

The Bulldogs own the top offense in the GLIAC, averaging 557.8 yards per game, which is nearly 80 yards more per game than the next best offense. Ohio Dominican is fifth in the GLIAC in total offense.

Ferris owns the GLIAC's second best scoring defense, giving up just 15.3 points per game, but gives up an average of 215.7 yards per game passing, which is 10th best in the GLIAC.

Ohio Dominican is coming off of a narrow 9-3 victory on their turf against the Hillsdale College Chargers, and has a relatively easy remaining schedule.

Ferris last played the Panthers during the 2011 season, when they visited Big Rapids.

Ferris took the contest by a score of 35-13. Current Bulldog

receiver Jake Lampman, running back Jamaal Jackson and corner back AJ McEwen all played in the contest.

In the AFCA coaches poll, Ferris is up two spots from last week, and Dominican moved up one. A Ferris win could flip the two team, and propel the Bulldogs into the top ten.

The undefeated Bulldogs also have a contest against the Michigan Tech Huskies on the road in Houghton the next weekend.

Tech is also undefeated, giving the Bulldogs a tough look as they will at most see a team with one loss in each of the next two weeks.

Kickoff of the Ohio Dominican game is slated for 1:00 p.m. in Columbus. Listeners can tune in on Sunny 97.3 FM on the radio and online.

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HOCKEY

White, Black and Blue All Over



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Senior defenseman Travis White skates with the pack during practice. White's willingness to sacrifice his body for the good of the team has earned him extended playing time during the final moments of key games.

The art of shot blocking and one senior's battle with the bruises of hockey

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Three seasons ago, Ferris State hockey players skated off of the Tampa Bay Forum

ice disheartened and defeated while Boston College celebrated their National Championship.

Among the disappointed Bulldogs was defenseman Travis White who was in his

freshman season at the time. White is playing now in his senior season and hoping to bring his career to a full-circle ending with another trip to the National Championship.

"I mean the number one goal for every college hockey team is to get to the National Championship and to do it as a freshman was pretty outstanding. We had a great time and the seniors really showed us the path to get there and everyone just kind of followed suit. Still, last time we made it there and lost it which was a pretty big disappointment, so the goal is to make it back again this year and anything less would be a disappointment in our eyes," White said.

Having already played on the biggest stage in NCAA hockey, White knows what it takes to make it to the college hockey promised land. Sometimes, the road is laden with bumps and bruises, but the team pushes on nonetheless.

"I don't even think about blocking shots anymore. A lot of people laugh and ask if the shot hurts, but we have so much padding that a lot of times I don't even feel them. We sacrifice the body, and I don't mean just me blocking shots, but credit our whole team, because we're all willing to make sacrifices," White said. "To me, blocking a lot of shots has just kind of become second nature. There is the occasional shot that catches you where there's no padding and those ones tend to hurt, but at the end of the day if we're winning games then the shots don't bother me any."

White has developed a bit of a reputation as a shot blocker, and teammate C.J. Motte is the primary benefactor of White's efforts. Motte, a fellow senior also played on the team that made a championship run, commends White's efforts

to help the team at all costs.

"He goes out there and competes in every game that we have. He's always out there blocking shots and really doing anything he can to help the team out. Actually, he probably has the most blocked shots on the team. He's not afraid to sacrifice any part of his body. He's taken shots off the head a couple of times and off the ankle. He's willing to sacrifice any part of his body to take one for the team," Motte said.

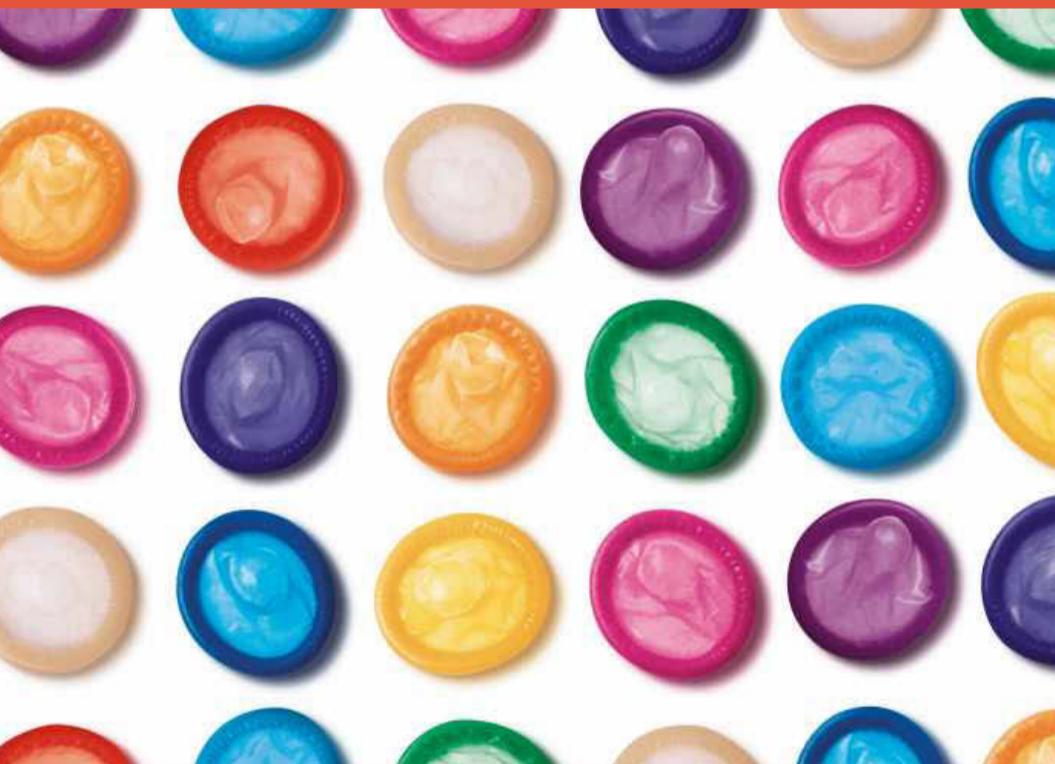
Although White's shot blocking tendencies help the team defensively, his play on the ice also oftentimes translates into motivation for the rest of the team.

"I think people definitely see him out there blocking shots and stepping up to make some big plays which I think just trickles down to our whole team," Motte said. "As a team we kind of feed off each other for the most part, so if we see one guy laying out to block a shot or make a big hit, we're able to build off of that."

Ferris hockey rarely brings in the highest profile recruits, which is why Coach Bob Daniels finds solid role players and hides them away from in-state competition like Michigan and Michigan State. For White, the road to Ferris was much like a slapshot to the head; obvious.

"Actually it was one of the only schools around here giving me a lot of attention. I was really thankful for the opportunity so I hopped on. It was pretty much the day that they offered me that I decided to come here," White said. "It's a great hockey school with a lot of history and I couldn't be any happier and thankful to show my talents

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Sports Shorts

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-chief

Shauman nets hat trick, soccer outs Northwood

Junior forward Casey Shauman had a career day when she sniped her way to a natural hat trick in route to a 5-2 win over Northwood. To complete a natural hat trick, an athlete must score three goals consecutively. A regular hat trick entails scoring three goals, that don't have to be consecutive.

Shauman scored a goal in the 2', 44' and 66' minutes to put Ferris up 3-0 on Northwood, who is mirroring through an 0-7-0 GLIAC stretch this season.

Stephanie Garland and Jenna Winkel added goals in the 83' and 85' minute respectively, and Ferris moved to 3-6-2 on the season. Shauman's goals pushed her season total to seven this weekend.

Tennis sweeps Ashland

The women's tennis team put a 9-0 number on Ashland to move to 8-4 overall and 7-4 in GLIAC play. Ashland fell to 0-11 and 0-10 in the GLIAC. Ferris has won three of their last five matches, with two 9-0 wins, a 5-4 win and two 5-4 losses. It's been a consistently strange stretch for Ferris, with blow-outs bookending close matches.

The women's tennis team wraps up the regular season against Grand Valley State on Friday, Oct. 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ferris Racquet Center.

The GLIAC tournament is up next beyond that for Ferris, and they'll travel to Midland for it on Oct. 24-26.

Volleyball heads to GLIAC/GLVC crossover

The other Great Lakes Division II athletic conference will provide competition for Ferris this weekend. Last season, Ferris went 2-1, defeating Rockhurst (Mo.) and Lewis (Ill.) 3-0 and 3-0.

Their lone loss was a 3-0 loss to Indianapolis. Ferris is currently ranked no. 16 in the rankings according to the AVCA Coaches poll.

Top Dawg



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Redshirt freshmen running back Jahaan Brown shows us what the Tiffin defense spent much of their trip to Ferris looking at, his back.

Top Dawg

Jahaan Brown, Ferris Football

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-chief

A running back rushing for 200 yards and four touchdowns in a game is a historic performance, but what about when you do it in the first quarter of a game?

Redshirt freshman running back Jahaan Brown completed that feat in the first quarter when he rushed for 212 yards and four touchdowns to power Ferris ahead to a 35-3 first quarter lead over the visiting Tiffin Dragons on Oct. 11.

If the impressive yard total

isn't enough, Brown did it on just nine carries, equating to a 23.6 yards per carry average. Brown had nearly half of the team's 556 yards rushing.

He was rarely touched, posting a 40 and 56 yard touchdown run in the first quarter alone.

Brown's day also helped Ferris break the school's single game offensive yards record of 767.

The Bulldogs initially broke that record in their season opener against McKendree.

Brown is Ferris State's second leading rusher with 385 yards on 38 carries.

His five touchdowns are also second among Ferris rushers this season.

At the end of the first, Brown was lifted from the game to avoid injury.

Had Brown seen the same load for the whole game, he was on pace for 846 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns.

Brown and the Bulldogs face back-to-back road tests against undefeated conference foes, including Ohio Dominican and Michigan Tech. The Bulldogs look to remain atop the conference and will likely need to win both to do so.

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Letter From The Editor

Sleep

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Tonight, I'm going to crawl into bed prior to 10 p.m. because I can and I should.

Too often in the last few weeks I've found myself staring at the ceiling at two in the morning, dreading my 8 a.m. class.

In the past few years, I've picked a week day, taken on all of my projects early in the day, and try to crawl into bed as early as possible.

Every time I've done it, I've woken up feeling new, refreshed and most importantly alert.

Last year when I did it, I fell asleep at 9:30 on a Tuesday, woke up and observed my peers.

Like something out of an episode of the Walking Dead, I watched classmates with their heads hung low trudge to class. Unshaved faces and unshowered heads bobbed with every step as they inevitably tripped over their own feet every few steps.

We don't get enough sleep. I see tweets about it every night from fellow Ferris students. I stay up, my mind wanders and the painful moments in my life keep me awake, like they have inevitably done to some of you.

According to the University of Georgia's health center, most adults need somewhere between 6-10 hours of sleep per night. Those of us who find ourselves hugging the comforter for an extra two or more hours on the weekend are likely not getting enough sleep during the week.

If you think that you can sacrifice sleep to get more done, see how you feel when it gets you sick. Lack of sleep is known to compromise your immune system, allowing cold and flu to affect you in greater frequency.

There are plenty more issues that surround sleep deprivation. Cramming all-night is shown to lack productivity. Some of us can get away with us, but those who can are in the minority.

We, being young can handle a little less sleep. But we also deserve to experience a day without that kind of tired malaise.

So pick that night, treat yourself to a full night with your pillow.

#GamerGate

The hate, the debate and the union that sank the whole damn thing



PRESS **START** TO CONTINUE

It was only a few weeks ago when we talked about the good that internet activism can do. #Gamergate is the other, uglier side of activism online.

Gamergate began in August, when an ex-boyfriend of indie game developer Zoe Quinn posted personal allegations on his blog. This included an accusation that she had an affair with a journalist, Nathan Grayson, from gaming blog Kotaku; the blog insinuated that this influenced the reviews given to Quinn's atypical, interactive fiction game "Depression Quest."

A part of the gaming community began a campaign of ugly harassment and personal attacks on Quinn and her defenders. When backlash to this backlash began, perpetrators claimed to be fighting corruption in gaming journalism.

Since then, the debate has only burned brighter and with more rage as more op-eds and take-downs are written, a few developers and writers leave the industry, and, this month, Intel pulled advertising from Gamasutra, another gaming website. This



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last was especially troubling, as it unintentionally posited Intel as backing the attackers.

The problem with Gamergate goes back to its origins, the harassment of Quinn. If gamers are upset about journalistic integrity, they should go after the big players, the AAA publishers. But it wasn't these that were attacked. The vitriol was heaped on an indie developer with relatively little power.

Attacking her to instigate change doesn't do anything. It was an opportunity for hardcore gamers, upset about "outsiders" shoving diversity and "art" down their throats, to finally lash out. Here was this woman, this "cheating harlot" who represented everything they hate in the industry, and now they had reason to crush her.

Grayson never reviewed Quinn's game; in fact, all mentions on Kotaku of Quinn-related

productions took place before the two entered into a relationship.

A valid criticism and debate have been tacked on to, and tied inextricably to, a violent, sexist attack, ruining any possibility of having that important debate. It doesn't matter how many people involved with Gamergate are attempting to have a real conversation. It doesn't matter if they think Zoe Quinn is a terrible person. Using her as a springboard for backward, hate-mongering attacks on diversity in gaming is pretty undefendable, and veiling it in some sort of crusade on journalism ethics only serves to ruin that fight as well.

It's like online music reviewer Todd In The Shadows recently tweeted: "Reminder, Gamergate: The assholes didn't join you. You joined them. And you're achieving all their goals."

A movement is only as good as the weakest links in its chain. When those weak links are allowed to spout hate, racism, and sexism, it leaves the whole with little good ground to stand on.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us."

-E.M Forster



How soon is too soon?

Engaged and underage

We're at that age when every other week it seems as though all of our old high school friends seem to be tying the knot or popping out babies.

Then, there's us college folk. I can't speak for all of us, but one of my biggest concerns is who is going to be my designated driver this weekend?

I'm kidding...somewhat. It's like once we all graduated, the majority of my high school peers didn't know what to do with themselves, so they got married or started a family. Which is fine. That's their prerogative I guess, if 25-to-life is what they had in store for their future.

Truth is, we are approaching the age where marriage might be dangling in the back of our minds.

I'm sure we all know someone who has been waiting their entire life just to get married. My sister was planning her wedding ever since she saw her first Disney movie. Needless to say, she was married before she turned 22.

I've always been cynical and career-oriented though. Who needs a husband when you've got a sick career, making bank, and doing whatever you want, whenever you want?

I've been in a long-term relationship for over two years, and out of the blue he starts talking about marriage and a wedding. I felt this strange presence in the pit of my stomach. I was sure I was going to barf until I recognized the feeling. This cannot be happening to me. I was...excited.

All of the sudden, my Pinterest transformed into everything I despised, my browser history is nothing but engagement rings and wedding gowns, and



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I'm looking at possible venues while at work. I'm a monster.

I went from scoffing at 20-somethings who were worried more about their wedding caterer than their midterms to staring down the barrel of an engagement ring myself.

Is it too soon to get married in your early twenties or is it becoming a norm for our generation? Are we throwing our lives away too early just to increase the chances of getting divorced in the future?

There are so many things we need to consider at this wild, crazy age of the early 20's. We are all still developing and maturing. We change considerably in this period of our lives. It's not about "being with someone forever" it's about building a life together. Some people are little more difficult to work with.

I don't think age is necessarily the factor that needs to be considered. I don't believe that the age at which you get married affects divorce. Its maturity and knowing the difference between like, lust, and love.

In Hebrew, the word used for marriage actually means "fire." When you have it, you know you have it. You can't explain it, but you can feel it. That's when you know.

Like in my case, you just know when it's right for you to transcend into Bridezilla mode. I don't know when I decided that "yep, I like this one. I'm going to annoy him for the rest of our lives," but I did.

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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.....

What is a hidden talent you that you have?



Chaunice Wooten
Senior Psychology

"I really like singing and writing poetry."



Brent Roberts
Senior Marketing

"I'm really good at remembering lyrics."



Breia Harris
Junior Psychology

"Poetry, dancing, and being a good hype man!"



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Garret Humphrey

Feminism is a social movement that is defined as equal rights for women and for men. This is backed by multiple gender studies that go both ways. Females are not often treated equal to men in the workplace, due to an old false belief, that men are superior to women

Men are seen as inferior to women for multiple things, like being sexual deviants, being a great parent, and cleaning. These social injustices happen both ways and must be acknowledged. This is not an article to degrade men or women because we are all equal. To see my point of view, here is a brief history about me. I have three sisters, two that actually go to Ferris, all of which I consider my equal.

My sisters and I are however different, and we embrace the differences. I am a Resident

Advisor for Ferris State University, and a junior in the Plastics Engineering program. How do these play a role in this article? Well with the RA position, I play a major role in being a mouthpiece for social injustice and all inclusive language.

I have come to respect everyone, whether they respect me or not. Part of the problem people don't understand is that as humans we are in charge of confronting each other whether a man or a woman, and as a RA I have learned this.

As a plastic major, I have met multiple women that I consider equal engineers. I am not a writer, not a sociologist, but a plastic major. This just shows that anyone can stand against discrimination, whether for gender, LGBTQIA, race, and the list goes on. That being said I believe we need to stand as people, as a college and much more importantly, as a country.



Photo by: Michael A. Corn| Photographer

Students in the student section pound thunder sticks together during the homecoming contest against Findlay.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

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When is it the right time to put a ring on it?

I think the difference between myself and the girls that aspire to be nothing more than a housewife is the reason.

I care less about the wedding, the ring, the dress, the venue than I do about taking

the next step in my relationship, having his last name, and going through life as a team.

Getting married is just a chapter in my life, but it certainly is not the whole book.

Fall Fun



Photo By: Shelby Soberalskij| Photo Editor

Fall's here, get out and enjoy the scenery and sun before winter gets here.

As I stood on the sideline in the third quarter of Ferris State's football game against Tiffin, I turned to face the stands.

Two shirtless young men stood in the cold, cheering on Ferris football, and urged a patchy crowd to do the same.

A noon kickoff on a Saturday may have deterred those who were out on the town the night before, which is somewhat troubling.

Ferris football is 6-0 and 5-0 in conference. They had a running back rush for 212 yards and four touchdowns in the first quarter of play.

They then proceeded to bench their starters at halftime for rest and still won 68-20.

The football team is nationally ranked in the top ten. Yeah, we know the drill, it's a Division II sport.

That doesn't mean this campus should be any less supportive just because the game starts earlier.

Football's first two home games drew 9,109 fans combined, though the Grand Valley game drew about 5,800 of those on its own despite some inclement weather.

Newsflash: Grand Valley is not the best team in this conference.



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Editor-in-chief

They're a rival, but that's a football team that has sunk to the middle of the conference. In comparison to Ferris, they're just okay.

Newsflash: The season does not end on homecoming. There is such a thing as a team heading to the playoffs at this level.

The steadily declining crowds match the steadily declining quality of weather, and the earlier kickoffs. It's time to toughen up grab an extra blanket and get out there.

What's most disturbing is that this is a great football team to watch. They've put up 42 or more points in five of their six games. They play exciting football. They're fast, they hit hard, they throw the ball well and they force turnovers.

This is a team that has a quarterback that will be in contention for the Division II equivalent of the Heisman Trophy, and a defense that has begun to find an identity in this season.

A few weeks ago, the large crowds were encouraging towards school spirit.

This is a student body of over 14,000. If a fourth of the student body showed to every game or maybe even a fifth it would be an improvement over the empty bleachers.

Hockey is the big product in this town. But just because this town goes big for hockey doesn't mean it shouldn't for more of its sports. Even the volleyball games this year have been packed, albeit in a much smaller venue.

We don't get to see Alabama on our turf, or Michigan State or Oregon. We get to see small schools. This is a team that is in contention to have a long playoff run. That should be enough to get fans out of bed a little early on Saturday.

If Ferris comes back from that trip with one or no losses, we'll have a chance to see the football team return to the playoffs.

Two home games on the first and second Saturday of November, both with noon kickoffs, will be another chance to get out of bed early and see a very talented football team take the field with a shot at a conference title.

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