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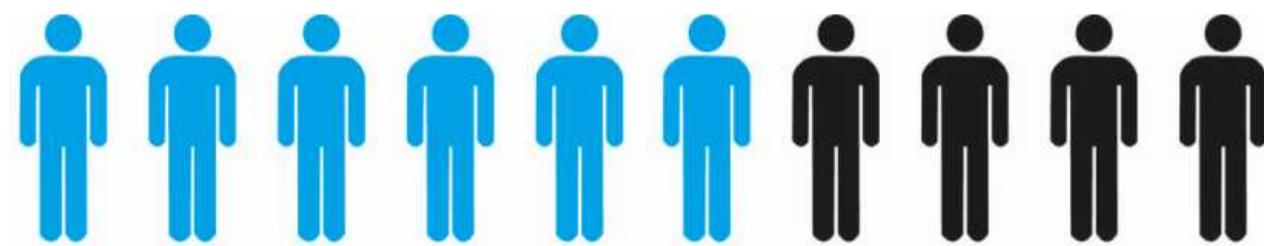
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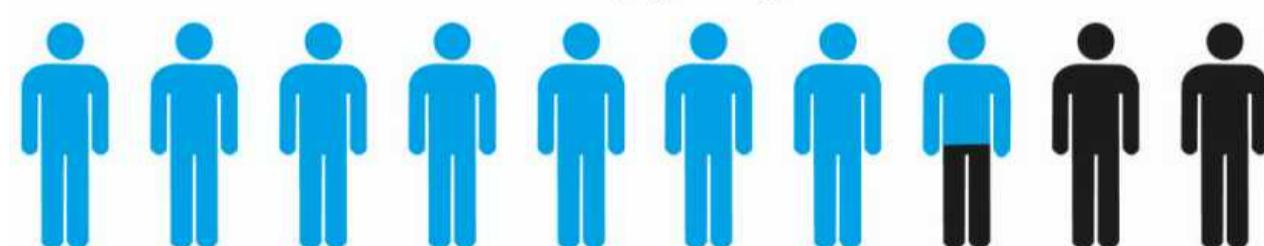
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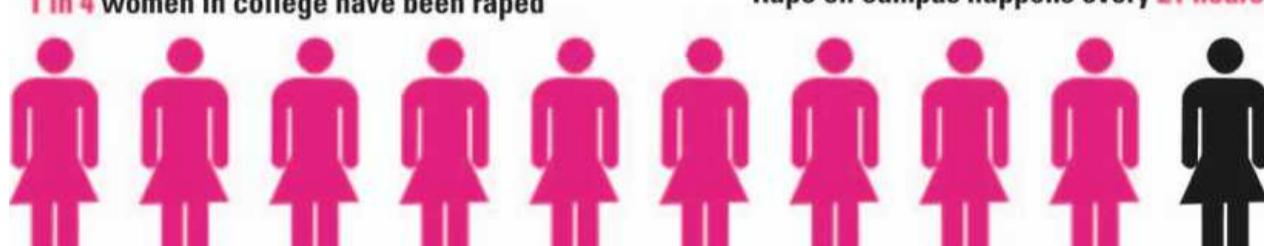
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## Bringing violence to a standstill *Students help create violence awareness on campus*

Jennifer Corrie  
Ferris State Torch

Domestic violence and sexual assault are two huge issues society faces, and problems that a group of Ferris students are looking to put an end to.

Tamira Owens and Jessica Carter of Alpha Kappa Alpha will be hosting an event called "Love Shouldn't Hurt" to shed light on the issue of domestic violence on campus.

"Some things that we will be covering are mental, physical

and emotional abuse," said Tamira Owens, a senior in business administration and president of Alpha Kappa Alpha. "We'll be talking about some scenarios to keep the group engaged, such as the Ray Rice situation, other situations with celebrities that we might not know and some information about WISE, the women's shelter here in Big Rapids. We'd also like to help those who might be in a situation to come out and be able to get answers to the questions they might have. We'll have slips of paper that they can write down anonymous questions on,

so they can get the answers that they want without being direct."

Jessica Carter, a junior in criminal justice and also a member of the sorority, said that domestic violence was an issue that seriously needed attention brought to it.

"Like how a whole month is dedicated towards breast cancer, and different organizations put on different events specifically for breast cancer, I think we should have domestic violence events as well that bring people out and make them aware of it," said Carter. "There's people that

die because of abusive relationships, but you really don't hear much about it."

Owens and Carter both agreed that domestic violence tends to be an issue overlooked by the public and needs to be further addressed, more so than it already is.

"We really want a lot of campus participation, and to try to stress the fact that domestic violence is important, and not something that we just wear a purple ribbon for, or something that we acknowledge just because the awareness month is on the

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Governor Snyder on the left and his opposition, Mark Schauer on the right.

# Snyder vs. Schauer vs. Students

## The gubernatorial election and why students should care

**Megan Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

2014 being a state election year, Michigan residents will be asked to elect candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives, Senate and, perhaps most importantly, state governor. However, out of the over three million Michiganders expected to vote in the November 4<sup>th</sup> election, young adults will be the least represented group.

"As a Political Scientist and a product of the Watergate era, it really disturbs me when I hear students say that they don't want to vote," said Christine Bailey, a professor of political science. "The age demographic of 18 to 24 year-olds is the lowest represented voting population in America, and yet it's their futures that are at stake. Such things as student loan interest rates. Should we follow the direction of many countries around the

world in providing free tuition to students? We could have that here if there was enough political activity on the part of students."

Although the statistics showed that college aged students are the least likely to vote, not all students planned to go unrepre-

sented.

"State elections are more important in a lot of ways than federal, because they affect us more directly," Isaac Wilson, junior English education major said. "There are a lot of important issues coming up in this election."

Rick Snyder, Republican candidate and incumbent governor since 2011, is running for re-

election this year. His Democratic counterpart is Mark Schauer, who has previously served in the state House and Senate. The opponents' respective websites can be found at [www.rickformichigan.com](http://www.rickformichigan.com) and [www.markschauer.com](http://www.markschauer.com).

"It's a tight race," said Baily. "There has been a lot of mud-slinging on both sides and a lot of influence on outside financial sources who are not Michigan-based sources. To get more information on the elections, I recommend that students go to the League of Women Voters of Michigan site, which is [www.lwvmi.org](http://www.lwvmi.org). The League of Women Voters here in the state has put together information not just about the state candidates and the congressional candidates, but also information on some of the local races. Don't pay attention to what the major media says, think for yourself. Make your decision based upon your values. I don't



**Christine Bailey**  
Professor of Political Science

### INFO ON CANDIDATES

#### SNYDER

- Republican
- Running for re-election
- Wants to create better jobs
- Wants to revitalize education.

#### SCHAUER

- Democrat
- Wants to invest \$1 Billion into education
- Grow economy from the middle out

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## The realities of sexual assault and community awareness provided by Ferris students

calendar," said Owens. "We want to get people more involved, and try to get some discussion and engagement out of the crowd."

Sexual assault, another issue that tends to be overlooked, was the prime focus for two television and digital media production major seniors, who produced and published a video that creates awareness about the realities of sexual assault.

The video was part of the Ferris in Focus show, in 'Bulldog Health,' was a collaboration with both Renee Vander Myde and Mark Van Lent of Birkam health center, and was done for TDMP 499, Advanced producing and directing.

"Renee presented a list of topics for the video to us and I thought sexual assault was the

one that seemed heaviest, because it's obviously been relevant lately," said Kyle Panek, co-producer of the video.

Anthony Brock, also a senior in TDMP, co-producer and edi-



**Anthony Brock**  
Senior, television and digital media production

tor of the video, agreed that the issue carries a lot of weight. "I think we tend to teach people to not to get raped. We teach don't get raped instead of don't rape," Brock said. "So I think sexual assault is definitely overlooked. That's what we

wanted to go for in the video. We wanted to make it kind of daunting, to make you realize that things like this really do happen, it's real."

"Even one of the statistics that we showed in the video was that 60% of all rapes and forms of abuse actually go untouched and unnoticed," said Panek. "A lot of people are pretty shy about it and obviously being on a college campus, it happens unfortunately more often than not."

Brock and Panek both agreed that colleges, in a nationwide sense, need to crack down more on the cases of assault that they receive.

"I definitely think that colleges need to crack down a lot more on it," said Brock. "It's seems like it's just such a touchy situa-

tion that nobody wants to crack down on it, but that means we have to crack down on it. It happens, there are people out here sexually assaulting other people."

I really think that a lot of different universities really need to put an emphasis on this, because it's one of those things that really shouldn't be happening."

Barbara Cook, a sexual assault advocate for WISE, the local shelter for women and children, saw the video and said that she thought it was effective.

"I do think the video was effective," said Cook. "It provided a lot of facts that most people don't know about sexual assault. A lot of times when you hear about someone being sexually assaulted, you'll hear people ask what she was doing by herself at a bar

or party, or what was she wearing. Unfortunately, victim blaming is something that our society promotes."

Cook also agreed that we as a nation need to bring more awareness to the topic.

"I definitely think that sexual assault is sometimes pushed to the side," Cook said. "It's a hard topic to talk about and a lot of people don't want to talk about it. It needs to come to the forefront in order for us to get a chance to end it."

To watch the awareness video, go to [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search Bulldog Health: Sexual Assault Awareness. "Love Shouldn't Hurt" will take place Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in IRC 107.

# TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

## Ben Rettinhouse

News Editor

### Ferris Foundation Benefit

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Ferris Foundation benefit sponsored by the Ferris Foundation Board of Directors, a group which has collectively pledged almost \$7 million to the University to support students, faculty and staff in "their pursuit of excellence" took place this past week. Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative was the title sponsor.

### Ebola Information

While our campus and surrounding community is at extremely low risk of exposure to Ebola, the Birkam Health Center with support from the Communicable Disease Committee, is monitoring any potential health threats to the campus community. The Committee will be meeting weekly as a work team to address campus communicable disease protocols.

Current members of the Communicable Disease Committee include Matthew Adeyanju, Dean, College of Health Professions; Paul Blake, Provost; Bruce Borkovich, Director of Public Safety; Dr. Susan Davis, Staff Physician, Birkam Health Center; Bret Haner, State of Michigan Health Department District #10; Anne Hawkins, Lab Safety Coordinator; Mike McKay, Manager of Employee Safety/Training; Cande Price, Clinic Coordinator, Birkam Health Center; Mike Ryan, Professor of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Renee Vander Myde, Director, Birkam Health and Counseling Center; Jeanine Ward-Roof, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Chris Weber, Manager of Risk Management and Insurance.

The Birkam Health Center is following Ebola recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Addams Family Musical

This week Ferris State Theatre presents "The Addams Family – the Musical," this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2:30 p.m. in Williams Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for seniors and \$10 for adults.

### Evolving Social Media

On Nov. 2, from 7-8 p.m. in Williams Auditorium, Ferris alumnus Luke Wyckoff will give a presentation on "Evolving Social Media." Luke is president of Social Media Energy, and in that position stays up-to-date with evolving technology and social media trends. He will discuss what students should do, what businesses are doing to reach their customers and future trends in social media technology.

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## Ben Rettinhouse

News Editor

October 23 at 1:55 am, officers stopped a vehicle on Ives for speeding. Driver was found intoxicated and lodged in county jail

October 20 at 9:05 pm, officers assisted hall staff in Cramer with marijuana complaint.

October 20 at 9:50 pm, officer investigated marijuana complaint in lot 4, warrant request was sent to prosecutors office.

October 20 at 9:45 pm, officers investigated marijuana complaint next to lot 4, subjects were referred to student conduct

October 21 at 11:45 am, report of a car/bicycle accident on intersection of Campus and North Campus Drive.

October 16 at 7:55 pm, malicious destruction of property complaint in lot 19, victim claimed her car was scratched.

October 20 at 2:30 am, officers assisted Sheriff's department in the emergency room of the hospital, transporting subject

to county jail

October 19 at 12:50 am, officers assisted city police at Shooters concerning an MIP, subject was ticketed

October 19 at 1:50 am, officers assisted Sheriff's department with shots fired on 1 Mile Rd.



October 19 at 2:00 am, officers assisted Sheriff's department at county jail to administer Breathalyzer.

October 17 at 11:20 am, officers investigated accidental damage done to car in lot 9 by University electrician

October 24 at 12:00 pm, officers assisted with hit-and-run accident in Walgreen's parking lot.

October 24 at 11:50 pm report of civil complaint in West Campus; victim stated his girlfriend left with his car keys

October 27 at 1:20 am, marijuana complaint in lot 4, subjects referred to student conduct, one warrant request issued

October 26 at 11:35 pm, report of area check for person yelling in lot 4 led to officer finding two subjects with marijuana, both referred to student conduct.

October 25 11:40 am, officers stopped a vehicle at State and Fuller for lack of tail-lights, subject was found with no license

October 22 at 10:50 pm, report of disorderly subjects in Travis hall, referred to hall staff.

October 23 at 6:20 pm, report of cell phone stolen in FLITE

October 22 at 6:45 pm, report of harassment at FLITE, victim stated she was receiving unwanted text messages.

October 21 at 2:25 pm, report of credit card fraud.

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# BEYOND: Diversity

*Ideas and opportunity abound with this years BEYOND series*



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Students take part in the Diwali Light Festival that took place on Friday October 24, 2014.

## Devin Anderson

Ferris State Torch

Lights, festive clothing and tasty food meet great opportunity as an eclectic mix of students and faculty are collaborating on the "BEYOND: Diversity" event series.

The BEYOND Initiative began in 2012 with the theme of the Silk Road. Last year, BEYOND expanded further with Mythologies. This year, the Office of International Education and the Diversity and Inclusion Office have partnered for this year's theme: Diversity.

BEYOND held its flagship exhibit event for this semester in the IRC on October 19.

"There were many different interactive elements that attendees could engage in at various banner stations," explains Katie Davidson, Project Manager of the BEYOND Initiative. "The banners were set up in a manner that provided the authors of the banners the opportunity to really engage with those who came to the event."

Murtadha Alwail is an automotive engineering major from Saudi Arabia who photographed the event.

"I learned many things at the event, like new information about Germany and Tolerance of Ambiguity," Alwail says. "The Office of International Education was accommodating to all the people."

BEYOND's Exhibit event also served as a "mini study-abroad fair," providing students information on educational opportunities abroad including international internships.



**Dr. Piram Prakasam**  
Professor, Chemistry

out the year with speakers, dinners, panel discussions and workshops. In the spring semester, BEYOND is organizing "Minds Aflame." A speaker series similar to a TEDx conference, vonReichbauer says it will "challenge students to think outside the box."

"There really neat thing about the Beyond project is that it brings the entire campus together," says Tara Braun, International Admissions Coordinator. Braun says "It provides an academic theme for the entire year."

In fact, being "co-curricular"

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# The world at large

## Terrorism shakes Canada



Photo Courtesy of mctcampus.com

Royal Canadian Mounted Police respond during the shooting inside the Ottawa parliament building.

### Devin Anderson

Ferris State Torch

Two shootings, one at the Canadian National War Memorial and the other at the Centre Block Parliament Building, shook Ottawa and the public at large early last week.

Corporal Nathan Cirillo, a Canadian soldier, was gunned down in the National War Memorial by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, a Canadian convert to Islam. At this time, Zehaf-Bibeau is believed to be linked with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL or ISIS).

Soon after he breached the Parliament Building's long and narrow lobby, Zehaf-Bibeau was shot and killed. Responders to the shooting have yet to identify a purpose in Zehaf-Bibeau's actions.

What would prompt such an extreme act? "There has to be some conclusion in his head that this was the right thing to do," Best says.

This comes after news of another ISIS-affiliated shooting in Quebec two days prior.

Though terrorist affiliation has yet to be confirmed, an ISIS media Twitter account recently tweeted a picture of a man holding a rifle, believed to be Zehaf-Bibeau.

Drew Best is a junior in psychology who says "Some people become fanatics and they push away from normal human values to do something that they feel is right."

So what would prompt such an extreme act? "There has to be some conclusion in his head that this was the right thing to do," Best says. "He seemed to be passionate about [ISIS] and was able to justify his actions."

What would prompt Angela Guy-Lee is a sociology instructor at Ferris who discusses conflict theory and

isolation in her classes.

"It's a danger to every society when you have people that feel like they are outsiders," Guy-Lee says. "If people feel outside of themselves and isolated, often they'll do things that are horrible."

Zehaf-Bibeau, it has been reported, was a drug addict and former criminal. His parents, including mother and Canadian immigration worker Susan Bibeau, had lost contact with him long before the shooting.

Canadian officials and the media have done little to sensationalize what has happened. Prime Minister "We are a proud democracy, a welcoming and peaceful nation, and a country of open arms and open hearts," says Justin Trudeau, member of the Canadian House of Commons.

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## The importance of youth movement in voting

just want you to vote. I want you to participate."

Because college students and young adults as a whole are not involved in politics, the issues that are important to them are not receiving the attention of the candidates and thus the college age/young adult constituents go unrepresented.

"We've heard for the past 30 years that tuition is becoming too high," said Richard Hewer, Steering Committee member of the Political Engagement Project (PEP) and Associate Professor of Accountancy, Finance and Information Systems. "That's because the amount of state tuition paid by the government has continu-

ally decreased."

Garrison Adams, junior Applied Math Computer Science major, echoed this sentiment.

"I think it's definitely important [to vote], because, for the most part, teenagers don't get involved in politics, so our voices aren't heard," Adams said.

So if people agree all around that it's important for young adults to take interest in politics, how come so few of them are actually voting? Well, many believe that their votes don't matter.

"Because of gerrymandering, individual votes are robbed of their power, so while it's important for everyone to vote, individual votes aren't as important,"

explained Paul Darnton, senior English major.

"Young people are just hardened, are just wounded by candidates," said Hewer. "They usually think it doesn't matter. People are feeling insignificant; they don't really have a say." Hewer also believes that many young adult voters may feel they have been let down in the past by politicians who have gained their support.

"Go vote!" said Bailey, "November 4<sup>th</sup>, be there! Polls open at 7am and close at 8." Voters can find their polling location as well as information on what will be on their ballot by visiting [www.vote.michigan.gov/mvic](http://www.vote.michigan.gov/mvic).

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## BEYOND's diversity theme applied broadly

is one of BEYOND's main objectives.

"Many, if not all, of the professors who took part in writing content for the banners for the event discuss diversity in their classrooms," Davidson says. "We hope that others have taken this opportunity to put diversity into their curriculums if it wasn't there already."

Dr. Piram Prakasam, Director of the Office of International Education and professor of chemistry, explains that diversity is being taught in some unexpected ways. Professors have involved diversification studies in sports

communication, biology and ecology, to name a few.

"All that conversation, it's not in terms of the traditional gender and ethnic diversity. It's a diversity of ideas and a diversity of opportunities," Prakasam said.

"There are definitely still ways to get involved," says Katie Davidson. "So check out the calendar periodically for upcoming BEYOND events and join us in the discussion on diversity!"

For more on the Office of International Education and the BEYOND series, visit [www.ferris.edu/international](http://www.ferris.edu/international).

## LIST OF EVENTS

### Thursday, Oct. 30

**Caught in the Crosshairs: The Impact of Poverty and the War on Drugs on African Americans Panel Discussion**  
6:30 to 8 p.m. in IRC, Room 121

### NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, Nov. 4**  
**Diversity in Social-Eco-logical Systems Panel Discussion**  
6:30 to 8 p.m. in IRC, Room 120

### Wednesday, Nov. 5

**"Waste Land" documentary showing**  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. location

TBA

### Thursday, Nov. 13

**Religious Diversity Panel Discussion**  
6:30 to 8 p.m. in IRC, Room 120

### Thursday, Nov. 20

**Diversity of Languages Panel Discussion**  
6:30 to 8 p.m. in Science Building, Room 126

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**  
**Culture Partner Project Presentation**  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in IRC, Room 120



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Students take part in the Diwali Light Festival that took place on Friday October 24, 2014.

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**Jessica Shepard**  
Ferris State Senior  
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# FAMILY REUNION



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Ferris will have the luxury of their own production of the Addams family. Above is the Broadway production of the play.

## Ferris students become members of the Addams family for Halloween

**Sarah Force**  
Lifestyles Editor

What better way to spend Halloween weekend than with the Addams family?

Students can do just that beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Devil's Night.

Nuclear medicine technology sophomore Meredith Hague was shocked when she discovered that she would be playing a star role in her very first show at Ferris.

"I definitely wanted to be Wednesday, but I would have been happy playing a brick wall," Hague said.

Hague will be assuming the role of the "charming, irresist-

ible bundle of malice" known as Wednesday Addams.

"Everyone sees Wednesday as this straight faced, emotionless little girl, but that's not how I see her at all," Hague said. "In the show, she goes through a huge change as she meets a boy and falls in love. I think she experiences a huge range of emotions, but she just doesn't show it all on her

face."

Being a normally happy and energetic person, Hague faces a challenge when getting into Wednesday's character.

"The thing that gets me into the part the most is the eyes," Hague said. "I try keep my eyes wide open and not blink as much as I can when I'm on stage. It feels so weird but it gets me into this whole dark and brooding mood, and it's harder to laugh at all the silly things that happen in the show."

Television and digital media production senior Lee Nickisson landed a star role for his last musical at Ferris, portraying none other than Gomez Addams.

"Gomez, like the rest of the

family, is an interesting flavor of crazy," Nickisson said. "He is energetic and excitable, but he is loyal. One of the most, if not the most, important things to him is his family. He wants nothing more than his family to be happy, or unhappy as it were."

Another cast member, Jessica Wheatley channels Nickisson to help her get into the role of the fierce Morticia Addams.

"There's a certain level of confidence that she has that I feel her and Morticia share," Wheatley said. "She knows who she is and what she likes. She truly doesn't care what people or the outside world thinks. She knows she's a bad bitch."

Wheatley is also thankful that

she and her on-stage spouse have a ton of natural chemistry and have both agreed it would have been a different experience if it were with anyone else.

"I'm really excited to give the audience a taste of that epic Gomez and Morticia romance," Wheatley said. "Lee and I were friends before the show and it has made finding that love eas-



**Meredith Hague**  
Sophomore, nuclear medicine



**Lee Nickisson**  
Senior, television and digital media production



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski Photo Editor

With fall in full swing, there are leaves all over the place and in most places there is no other place to put the numerous leaves that keep piling up.

## Student Alumni Gold Club benefits Big Rapids community

**Hailey Klingel**  
Ferris State Torch

Leaves falling in Big Rapids signify that it's time for students to group up, grab a rake and give back to the community.

Rake N' Run, which was held on Oct. 26, is an annual event in which students volunteer to rake the yards of residents of Big Rapids.

The Student Alumni Gold Club (SAGC) makes the event possible by organizing and plan-

ning every detail of the event.

Nuclear medicine technology senior Jeremy Heinrich is the head of the Rake N Run committee and is in charge of making sure everything goes smoothly.

"I think that Rake N' Run is so successful because of the fact that everyone wants to volunteer to help out our community," Heinrich said. "It just makes you feel really good when you see the look on the person's face when you ask if you can rake their yard for them. They are genuine and

grateful."

So many students participate in Rake N' Run that Heinrich said it was like the "fall version of the Big Event." Rake N' Run

is a simple way for students to get involved outside of campus, which isn't always prioritized in the busy schedule of a college student.

"Not often does an entire campus come together. What is even more special is the fact that we are uniting to help the community around us," plastics

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# Seeing the light

## Ferris Students Celebrate India's New Year

**Dylan Peters**  
Ferris State Torch

Students and guests at Ferris were able to celebrate Diwali with students from India on Friday.

"Diwali, The Festival of Lights, is a celebration for a beginning of a new year in India," President of the International Student Organization (ISO) Hassan Altkroni said. "It's commemo-

rates the victory of the forces of lights over the forces of darkness."

In India, the forces of light represent knowledge while the forces of darkness represent ignorance. It spiritually signifies the victory of good over evil and hope over despair.

Diwali is a way for students from India to share their culture

with their peers at Ferris, which is what ISO's mission is.

"The ISO is trying to bring diverse cultures to Ferris campus," Altkroni said. "In this time of year, Diwali is happening in India and celebrating Diwali here on campus will let the Indian students share their culture with anyone who attends."

The event began with a PowerPoint that explained the meaning of Diwali and what India does to celebrate.

After the PowerPoint, students from India participated in a dance that symbolized the light defeating the darkness. After a couple of minutes, the dancers pulled some students out of the crowd and had them dance alongside each other.

"It was unexpected and sur-

prising," sophomore Shawn

White said. "But it was fun. I'm glad I participated in the dance."

Diwali is celebrated for five days in India. Families get together, d a n c e , exchange gifts and participate in Rangoli.

Rangoli is a folk art in which people in India decorate their doorsteps with beautiful designs that welcome guests to their home. People use materials such as colored rice, dry flour, sand, and flower petals to make the designs.

Guests at the event were able

to sign up and participate in a group activity that involved creating their own Rangoli symbols.

"Making the Rangoli was fun," White said. "It was very artistic. It's a different art form than what I'm used to. It's way better than chalk."

The majority of students who showed up enjoyed the show and the introduction to Indian culture.

"The event was really nice,"



Photo by: Irma Collins | Photographer

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### Addam's family stars assume spooky, kooky and ooky personalities

ier."

Adam Jandura has the pleasure of becoming good old Uncle Fester for Halloween weekend.

"I was really excited to land such an iconic character. Fester is such a well-known character and it's just so neat to be a member of the Addams family," Jandura said.

Uncle Fester might physically fit in with the Addams, but when it comes to personality, he couldn't be any different.

"Fester is a unique member of the family," Jandura said. "Whereas the rest of the family adores all things dark and morbid, Fester just really loves love. That, and a healthy dose of chaos."

Jandura has developed a mental strategy to assume the role of Uncle Fester.

"Getting into [Fester's] char-

acter involves thinking about love and how it would make this kooky, boisterous man feel," Jandura said. "Once I have that feeling, I round it off with a charismatic charm."

The Addams Family musical will be presented Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Williams Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$7 for seniors and \$10 for adults.

"I'm really excited about the timing of the musical," Jandura said. "The fact that it's showing on Halloween weekend is perfect and will provide an awesome atmosphere for the show."

There will also be a costume contest on Halloween night hosted by Alpha Psi Omega. For more details on the contest call 231-592-2704.

According to a 2012 survey by waitingtillmarriage.org, only 3% of Americans wait until marriage to have sex. Even sexual education is built around the mentality that it's going to happen anyway. Rather than teaching students not to engage in this extracurricular at all, students are being taught how to be safe about it.

Even the Christians are abandoning the idea. According to the 2014 State of Dating in America report published by Christian Mingle and JDate, 61% of Christians said they would have sex before marriage.

## Modern love

### Why the purity pledge is a thing of the past



**Sarah Force**  
Lifestyles Editor

In all reality, abstinence may be a favorable idea for old fashioned folks, but it's just not natural for human beings. Guess what? That's okay!

Nowadays it's a regular occurrence for young adults to test out the merchandise.

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The culture we live in is all about the "I want it now" attitude. Who needs a laptop when you have your cell phone and 4G? Life in our generation is sped up in that regard and others, including sexual romance.

Sex is a huge part of relationships and it can even tear marriages apart. There's nothing more ironic than waiting until marriage only to find out that you have absolutely no sexual chemistry, which ultimately results in a divorce.

Maybe older marriages and generations could withstand

that test. Maybe it shouldn't matter whether or not couples "have it," or not. But being human with primal needs, we often see it as a high priority to be with someone that is sexually compatible with us.

You're not going to go out and buy the first car you see without at least test driving it and checking it out. You compare pricing and features of multiple prospects. It's the same game. You need to have some experience to know what you like because odds are you're not going to get it perfect on the first try.

Waiting until marriage might be an outdated value, but you can't go wrong with waiting until you're ready.

Just like you should discuss children, religion, where you both want to live and finances, sex is too big of a part of a relationship to leave to chance.

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"We're not getting too carried away with any success that we're having and we're staying focused"  
**Jason VanderLaan**  
 Quarterback, Ferris football  
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HOCKEY

# Spartan Dawgs



Graphic by Jordan Lodge

## Ferris rekindles CCHA rivalry

After losing the WCHA series opener against the Huskies of Michigan Tech last weekend, the Ferris State Bulldog hockey team is looking to get back on track this weekend.

The Dawgs will travel to East Lansing this weekend in a matchup against the Spartans of Michigan State University. With a 2-3-0 record, the Bulldogs are looking forward to the task at hand and getting back into form against a Spartan team that will come in with a 1-3-0 record.

"It's obviously really important to get back on track this week-

end. Having a losing record early in the year isn't good, but it is early and we can still turn things around," junior center Dakota Klecha said. "This weekend is a good test for us with it being on the road and games like these are a must win. We need to find a way to score goals if we're going to get back on track. We have to be more physical around both nets."

The Dawgs have struggled of late, scoring just one goal in their last nine periods of hockey.

"You have to score more than that, you need more than just one goal to win

hockey games," Klecha said.

With their 1-3-0 record so far this season, the Spartans are a team that the Bulldogs can't look past. Michigan State has faced tough competition so far this year, facing teams like Massachusetts, Boston University, and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. In the three losses this season, which came against those powerhouse college hockey programs, Michigan State has not lost by more than a goal so far this season.

For Klecha, playing against the Spartans, who are a for-

mer CCHA rival, it is something everybody on the team is looking forward to. Especially for the guys who hail from the state of Michigan. Klecha also sees a great opportunity in facing these teams to prepare the Bulldogs for conference play.

"Growing up as a kid, you always dreamed of playing on Michigan or Michigan State," Klecha said. "When we play these teams, it's great to compete against bigger schools and be competitive against them. These type of games really help us prepare for WCHA play

because these are teams have similar playing style to the teams we face in conference. This weekend will hopefully help us move forward and get us one step closer to our goal."

The Bulldogs weekend series against the Spartans will begin on Oct. 31 with puck drop slated for 7 p.m. The Dawgs and Spartans finish the series on Nov. 1 with puck drop again slated at 7 p.m.

### 2013-14 vs. MSU

#### Goals

Chad McDonald  
Justin Buzzo

Ferris won 2-0 in the US Hockey Hall of Fame game over Michigan State inside Munn Ice Arena on December 14, 2013 in the midst of a blizzard.

CJ Motte tallied the win in a shutout making 16 saves in the effort.

## FOOTBALL



Photo Courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Bulldog linebacker, James Wimberly, goes for a tackle against Ohio Dominican on Saturday, October 18th, 2014.

# Eighth heaven

## Bulldogs stand at 8-0

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State Bulldogs topped the Huskies of Michigan Tech, who were formerly the only other undefeated team in the conference, 37-3.

This one-sided victory not only keeps the Bulldogs on the road to a perfect season, but also has major implications for the conference standings. The Dawgs now stand alone atop the conference, with their toughest competition in the rearview mirror.

Now the Bulldogs will return home to take on a floundering Lake Erie team that currently stands at 4-4 on the season. With the Bulldogs toughest competition now behind them, excitement is continuing to build around the campus and city. However, this hysteria is not mirrored among the team, who refuses to let the hype distract them. "We don't have to tell people

to not get caught up with it and I think that just comes from the maturity we've had over the last couple of years. We're not getting too carried away with any success that we're having and we're staying focused, so it's not really a problem for us right now," junior quarterback Jason Vander Laan said.

The Bulldogs have also refused to look past any opponent, regardless of what that team's record may indicate about them.

"We take one team at a time and we never overlook anyone. We've played some great teams and some tough games and we just feel like the only team that can beat us is ourselves," senior wide receiver Jake Lampman said.

Lampman's determination to continue to contribute is the rule rather than the exception on this team, as the Dawgs have displayed an inspiring amount of tenacity, which they'll hope to continue throughout the rest of the season.

While Lampman did suffer an injury earlier in the season, he has worked to stay active as a contributing member of the team, even if his impact can't be made through his play on the field.

"I am there for moral support and for guys that are down on themselves. The main thing I told coach is that I want it to feel the same everyday with the only difference being that I can't be on the field," Lampman said. "I know that God has a bigger plan for me and that my team doesn't want to be around a person that has self-pity. It brings a team down. So I just like to stay positive because I love this team and I love what we've been able to do."

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"We've got the toughest resolve of any team in the nation. D-1, D-2, D-3, I don't care. No one has prepared and worked the way that we've

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## WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Playing it up

*Ferris States women's basketball team get ready for D-1 competition*

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State hoops squad will climb the divisional ladder to play 2013-14 NCAA National Champion runner-up Notre Dame in an exhibition match.

This level of competition is likely to test both the Bulldogs physical game, and mental spirit.

Having stepped up to endure a tough game against Michigan State's squad last year, the Bulldogs have once again been tasked with playing a highly talented group to start their season.

"They were undefeated until the National Championship Game last year and they only lost three players this year, so it's going to be a challenge. It is what it is," Head Coach Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate said. "We pick up big games to start our seasons and it always just grounds us, and then we go from there. Notre Dame will let us know what we need to work on and what we're good at."

The Bulldogs typically end up with unfavorable results against top-notch opponents in their exhibition games. However, the start of their season is defined by the work put in and the finished product on the court when it really counts, rather than an ugly loss in the pre-season.

"Everyone on the team has

been hitting the weights and working on speed and agility," Lamoreaux-Tate said. "We time them in certain drills before the season and at the end of every season, and their times when they came back this year were cut way down from last season, which was just awesome."

Last season, the Bulldogs finished their season winning four of five games down the stretch. This changing of the tides seemed to make the women of this team hungrier for success than ever heading into the offseason.

"When you win your last four out of five games in the season it really motivates a team and I think that carried into the summer. They were just so driven over the summer, and that's what I'm most impressed with," Lamoreaux-Tate said.

Heading into the season, the Bulldogs are looking to capitalize on their strong leadership and improved athleticism in order to become a more well-rounded team.

"We've got the leadership, we've got the shooters, we've got the guards and the posts, so what we've really been focusing on is defense for the last couple of weeks. We do have the firepower, but they've been relying a little bit too much on the offense and the ability to out score the other team, so now we're really buckling down on stopping other teams defensively," Lamoreaux-Tate said.

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## SOCCER

# Survive and Advance

## Women's soccer nears GLIAC tournament

**Marshall Schedlt**

Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State women's soccer team kicks off their conference tournament next Tuesday.

The team is currently fifth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and has an overall record of 6-8-2. The team has won four out of their last six games and they want to ride that momentum into the conference tournament. Sophomore defender Meredith Smith has high goals for her team.

"My expectations in the GLIAC tournament are to just

take one game at a time and make it to the finals," Smith said.

In order to do that, the Bulldogs will have to get past some tough competition, but the team does not yet know who they will play in the first round. The favorite going into the tournament is a tough Grand Valley State team who has won the tournament for the last 6 years. The Bulldogs are confident in their team, but don't want to think too far ahead.

"We are not out of conference play yet," junior Casey Shauman said. "So we are still focusing on winning our conference games. We like to focus on one game at

a time, and at this point of the season it is important to focus on the conference games."

Shauman is the team leader in goals this season with nine markers.

The team still has a game to play before the GLIAC tournament against a tough Ohio Dominican team on Thursday. The two teams have not played each other yet this season, but the game should be a good test for Ferris State before heading into the tournament next week.

In terms of the team's chances at making the NCAA tournament, Casey Shauman seemed

more focused on the task at hand.

"It is our goal to get into the NCAA tournament, but we first need to focus on winning the GLIAC," Shauman said. "And to get there we will have to play some of the top teams in the GLIAC. Those teams are Saginaw Valley, Michigan Tech, Ohio Dominican and Grand Valley."

The GLIAC tournament will be taking place Nov. 4, 7, and 9. The team with the highest speed will host the tournament. If the standings stay the way they are now, the hosting team will be Grand Valley State.

### GLIAC Rankings

- 1- Grand Valley
- 2- Ohio Dominican
- 3- Saginaw Valley
- 4- Michigan Tech
- 5- Ferris State
- 6- Walsh
- 7- Ashland
- 8- Northern Michigan

Top Eight qualify for GLIAC Playoffs

FOOTBALL from Page 10

### Bulldogs perfect record stands through eight, rivalry games in rearview mirror

worked and then shown it on the field for seven straight weeks," Head Coach Tony Annese said.

The Bulldogs have three games left in the regular season, all of which are against conference opponents lacking winning records.

If the Bulldogs can stay

focused and win out, then they will solidify their GLIAC Conference Championship and Ferris football will finish the season undefeated for the first time since 1968.

The last three teams Ferris plays are bottom dwelling teams in the GLIAC.

Northern Michigan is 2-6 overall and last in the GLIAC North division. Walsh is 2-6 as well and last in the GLIAC South division, and Lake Erie is in second to last at 4-4 in the GLIAC South.

Overall, the 8-0 Bulldogs will finish the season against teams

that have a combined record of 8-16 this season.

The one test for Ferris will be stopping Lake Erie's phenomenal running back, Anthony Bilal.

Bilal is the national leader in Division II in rushing yards with 1,483 and rushing touchdowns with 22.

Bilal has had a heavy load, and has carried the ball 168 times which is good for second in the nation in that regard.

The Bulldogs kickoff is scheduled for noon on Saturday, November 1 against the Lake Erie Storm.

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# Sports Shorts

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

## Volleyball team pulls out of slide

After an uncharacteristic short losing skid at the GLIAC/GLVC Crossover Tournament, the women's volleyball team has gotten back on track with a pair of victories over Michigan Tech followed by Northern Michigan, both of which were 3-0 sweeps.

The Bulldogs are currently battling arch-rival Grand Valley State for the top spot in the conference. This is a fight that Ferris volleyball is accustomed to, as last season saw the Bulldogs fall just shy of GVSU in winning the Conference Championship.

With only five games remaining in the regular season, the Bulldogs are hoping to carry their momentum into the playoffs. Last year, Ferris marched all the way into the National Quarterfinal, before falling 3-2 to BYU-Hawaii.

## Cross Country teams approach GLIAC's in good position

Both the men and women of Ferris State's cross country teams have been running well thus far this season. The men have taken home two first place finishes and a fourth place finish on the year, while the women have claimed two second place finishes.

The Bulldogs have displayed plenty of success on the course during the regular season, but it soon will become apparent if that success will lead to a championship effort, as the GLIAC Championships Meet will be held in Tiffin, Ohio on November, 8.

Following the GLIAC Championships, the Regional Championships and NCAA Championships Meets will still be on the horizon. If the Dawgs can continue running as well as they have been this season, they can really make a splash at these high-profile meets.

## Basketball Preparing to Take Flight

The whistles are blowing and the sneakers are squeaking on the Ferris State men's basketball court. The team was able to warm up in their annual alumni game, winning comfortably with a score of 106-75. Soon the Bulldogs good-natured scrimmage and practicing will translate to beginning serious play, as they start their exhibition season on the road against Division I Oakland University on November 1.

Last year, the Bulldogs finished the season with a 10-16 record. However, they were able to win 3 of their final 4 games. The Bulldogs will look to repeat their late-season successes and further improve upon last year's results.

## Tennis teams hit long fall and winter break

Both the men and women's tennis team have now reached the halfway point of their seasons, and will now face a lengthy lull until action resumes in February.

The men currently stand at 10-15-2. However, thanks to an impressive conference record, they finished in a four-way tie for second place in the conference with Ohio-Dominican, Tiffin and Wayne State.

The men won second out of the four in the four way tiebreaker to Ohio Dominican.

The Lady Dawgs finished fifth in the GLIAC tournament, and will spend the next few months preparing for their schedule to resume in February. The women finished the regular season 11-5 overall.

# 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.

**Justin Aiken**  
Ferris State Torch

In a battle of two undefeated football teams, the Ferris State Bulldogs (8-0) came out on top in a 37-3 victory over the Huskies of Michigan Tech (6-1), all behind the legs of redshirt freshman Jahaan Brown.

Brown takes home the Top Dawg honors this week for the second time in three weeks, as he recorded 150 yards on the ground on just 15 carries. Brown also found the end

zone twice for the Bulldogs and recorded one catch for 13 yards in Saturday's contest.

Brown has become a huge part of the Bulldog rushing attack over the past few weeks, recording 486 yards in his last three games. Brown has also had seven touchdowns during the three game span.

In the eight games so far this season, Brown has recorded 659 yards on the ground with eight touchdowns, along with six receptions for 84 yards and one kickoff returned for a touchdown.

The six-foot, 200 pound running back hails from East Grand Rapids, where he played both running back and defensive back for the Pioneers.

As a senior, he rushed for 1,648 yards and 20 touchdowns, which received him honors as a special mention on the Associated Press Division 3-4 All-State team at running back. Brown was also named to the Detroit News Division 3-4 All State Team in 2012 and was a Grand Rapids Press Dream Team honoree.



Sophomore forward Seth Adams leans on the puck as he skates into the offensive zone against Michigan Tech



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### Letter From The Editor

## Dream

**Harrison Watt**

Editor-in-Chief

I got the chance to live out a childhood dream this past weekend by doing a live TV and radio broadcast of a hockey game.

Since about 2002 I've been infatuated with hockey. Anyone that knows me knows that I wear the Redwing logo on my heart.

I remember a particularly life changing moment that got me on this long path. My first Redwings game was December 14, 2002.

I got in the car with my older brother and father. My brother, being an angsty teenager, could not understand why I had the right to go to a game. I remember him asking me if I knew a single player on the Red Wings. I didn't.

It was an innocuous argument between young kids, but for whatever reason from that moment on, I made it my mission in life to know more about the sport than anyone.

No, I probably will never know what the professionals know. But I feel as though I have gained a skill from a silly boyhood squabble from the back seat of my Dad's car.

Along the way, the Fox Sports Detroit team began to catch my ear. They got paid to talk about hockey, go to hockey games, and watch hockey.

Around that time, I discovered that hockey broadcasting was my life dream.

Since August, I've persistently pushed for my first shot at the open color commentary position.

It was a few text messages a week, and then once a day or so until I finally had the door opened.

I got my chance when radio and TV play-by-play analyst Dominic Hennig gave me my shot for the Oct. 25 series finale against Michigan Tech.

I've received positive feedback from family and friends to this point. I'm not sure how I felt about my performance, other than it was a load of fun.

The moral here is persistence. If you want your shot at something, you have to push. Sometimes you'll push the wrong buttons or take a left turn.

All I know is that a lack of persistence wouldn't have me where I am right now.

I may never get another chance to do what I did. But for the surreal three and a half hours that I had my chance, I enjoyed it.

For example, pizza. \$10,000 could buy 1,887

Hot N' Ready pizzas from Little Caesars

**Dylan Peters**  
Ferris State Torch  
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## Failbook

This writer is annoyed with facebook, the reason why will amaze you



**Ben Rettinhouse**  
News Editor

How many times have you logged on to Facebook and seen a row of status that say "can't do this right now" or "not sure if I can handle this"? Oh, it happens everyday? Yeah, me too.

This is the problem with Facebook. It's a cypher for not only the worst parts of the Internet, but also the worst parts of human nature as well. What is to be gained from posting whiney, vague statuses on the Internet? Even more so, what can you gain from replying to people asking you about said vague and whiney status with "I don't want to talk about it"? Then don't! I was giving you the attention you were looking for, why have you spurned me, vague and whiney friend?

But, perhaps the worst thing about Facebook is the

was fun while it lasted guys, let's all go back to Friendster.

But in all seriousness, the message here is watch what you post. In the same way your teachers will advise you from posting anything offensive or image damaging, I'm urging you not to post anything brain-rotting.

I probably shouldn't care as much as I should about articles posted on Facebook, but I really can't help myself. It's not pathetic on the part of the people sharing, it's pathetic on the part of the websites publishing half this crap. Where did these sites even come from? Is there really that much revenue in running a click-bait site and articles about "twenty dogs who can unicycle"? And if there is...then why am I working for a college newspaper?

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.."

-Eleanor Roosevelt



# Tuition Sucks

## School is a luxury necessity for our generation

I don't know about you, but I hate college. It's a place where the government has another excuse to scam us out of \$10,000 every year we're there. And by the end of it all, you get a piece of paper that doesn't even guarantee you a job in your field of study.

\$10,000. That's a lot of money that could go to something else in my life, like something that makes me happy. For example, pizza. \$10,000 could buy 1,887 Hot N' Ready pizzas from Little Caesars.

When I was in high school, nobody told me about what I needed to do in order to make it in college. I didn't even know about the FAFSA until a year after I graduated and even when I filled one out, I only got a couple of loans that paid for half of my tuition.

I recently did some research about college overseas. Turns out, it'd be cheaper in the long run to move to Europe for four years and go to college there. Many schools in Europe have free tuition. If I went to school in Europe, then I wouldn't have to take out all of these loans. And that sounds fantastic to me.

So I ran the idea to my parents and got the answer I expected.

"America's the greatest country in the world! Why not go to college here? You're better off getting a degree here where it's cheaper than going overseas to get one."

Actually, America's not. The



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people spend the next 30 years paying off the loans they took out for school. In three years, I'll be starting this ugly cycle.

I'm one of the kids whose parents didn't go to college. It's not that they weren't able to or they didn't want to. It just wasn't necessary to go. They were able to get a job without a piece of paper saying they were better than everyone else. So when I tried going to college, my parents didn't really know how to help.

I originally signed up for 15 credit hours this semester, but thanks to my financial aid being dropped, I had to go down to 9 credit hours and pay out of pocket. Since my family makes more than \$25,000 per year, the FAFSA stated that my parents would be able to pay for \$8,000 of my tuition. That's not possible.

What I find ridiculous is that I need to spend all of this money, work three jobs, and go incredibly far into debt to get a degree that allows me to do what I love to do. What's worse is that I'm not the only person in this position. A majority of my peers struggle with tuition, gas, food, and living expenses. And many people from earlier generations who didn't have these issues, blame us for our misfortunes.

Brutus loves America



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Brutus helps start the Hockey game last Friday by joining in with the National Anthem.

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# Gender is not a sock drawer

## *We should not be restricted by gender roles*

**Lyndzi Sakowski**

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Chances are you started reading this because the title captivated you. Or maybe you are thinking "ahh not this Feminist crap again!" If that's your reaction, I'm sorry that someone impressed upon you the negative, inaccurate, and unrepresentative connotations of feminism. My goal here is to refrain from using the word feminism, past this paragraph.

Sock drawers. What do they do? Well, they house your socks and hide your mail; but mostly, they organize things in a neat and tidy space to make our lives easier. This is just a small example of humanity's tendency to believe that everything needs to be categorized. If it isn't already organized, we find a way to "fix" that. Plain and simple. If I sound dogmatic - I'm not - just know that I am passionate and eager to tell you

why gender is not a sock drawer.

Here's the thing: gender doesn't exist. I probably just lost a few of you with that one - you will be missed - but if you are still there, I invite you to listen with an open heart. If you are interactive in the LGBT+ community on campus, D-Saga, first off: you go, glen coco! Secondly, you have probably already heard of the difference between sex and gender. If not, no worries, I got you: sex is what happens inside of us, the X and Y chillin' in our bodies. These letters ultimately dictate what gears ya' got, with the exception of other cases.

Gender, on the other hand, is entirely socially constructed. This is fancy-shmancy wordage for people created it, placed meaning on it, and the reason it persists is because people adhere to it. This might be confusing, but with the help of Google and the right classes, it'll become clearer.

Why does this matter? Well, because men and women co-

exist every day. They interact constantly. But this interaction is sometimes largely manipulated by unhealthy ideas of gender and what roles accompany that.

So, I've already said that gender is something constructed by society. Our brain, almost simultaneously, compartmentalizes duties, actions, roles, behaviors, stereotypes, images, dress, etc. with these genders. Without even meaning to, we place so much faith in these gender beliefs. Additionally, we might hold people accountable for not adhering to these same beliefs we do. This might seem absurd, but I witness it consistently. What comes to mind is the notorious "you belong in the kitchen," mainly directed towards females, and the painfully famous "man up! Don't be a pussy!" directed at men. You might be shaking your head, but we do this. It's human nature.

We like our beliefs and we don't like to have them chal-

lenged, especially by someone we don't even know - like me, right now. So if you look deep inside yourself and discover that you do in fact categorize gender in the ways that I mentioned, then I want to confirm that you aren't the Devil himself. You aren't even necessarily an a-hole; just remember that gender is not a sock drawer. And your beliefs about it are not an excuse to be silly and rude to others.

If you'd like to learn more about all this, and I encourage you to, there are a few simple routes you can take:

- Do some research! Google is your friend. Something like gender socialization or gender roles works.

- Be a nice person! Just because a guy is completely comfortable with expressing his emotions or a girl likes to speak out, burp, fart, chew, it is none of your damn business anyway, and it's

certainly not a reason to remind them to fit into your sock drawer of gender. C'mon now.

- Introspection. This is so good for the soul. Looking inside yourself and considering what your views are and what it all means can do some good once in a while.

- Last but not least: wear, sing, love, whatever you want, regardless of what your "gender" says you should. Just make sure it's not breaking any laws, kids.

Hopefully this article finds you well. Hopefully you didn't litter it or ditch it because I mentioned the "F" word at the outset. There's a reason I stopped using it. This is not about feminism. It's about thinking critically about your beliefs, where they come from, and what they even mean. To take it old school, it's about not being rude for no damn reason.

## Lyndzi Sakowski



Junior  
Social Work

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Heritage High School

Members of RSO's including  
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Sustainability Alliance

"I'm pretty proud of the relationships I've made with staff and students," Sakowski said. "Just from randomly smiling at them or springing up a conversation. I used to be pretty shy and Ferris has been like this true home for me."

Fun Fact: Once traveled to El Salvador on Social Work program.



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