Ferris forms Ebola "task force"
Committee assembled to address the potential Ebola threat

Lately, national news has focused heavily on the Ebola epidemic, and the few patients the U.S has seen. To ensure safety of students at Ferris State University, a committee of faculty and staff has been assembled to address the potential threat.

The longstanding Communicable Disease Committee has been addressing this issue, as it did with previous illnesses such as H1N1 and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS. “This group meets periodical-
ly regardless of any health concerns,” said Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof, Vice President for Student Affairs. “When a health concern exists, the committee meets more frequently to stay abreast of updates or concerns that could affect campus.”

According to Birkam Health Center and the FSU Communicable Disease Committee, “The Birkam Health Center monitors all infectious disease updates and alerts through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN). These systems are in place to help us become informed as soon as a potential health threat presents itself so we can then inform and educate the campus community.”

The staff at Birkam intends to potentially treat the disease, should it occur, by following “to the letter” the recommendations of the CDC. Every patient that makes an appointment is screened and then asked if they’re showing symptoms or have recently travelled. If so, the patient would then be isolated and transported to a hospital for further evaluation.

The doctors at Birkam are also learning how to properly put on and remove the necessary personal protection equipment, should they see any potential cases, to protect themselves and others during the evaluation and transport process. Arrangements have also been made with the community first responders in terms of transporting any possible patients to the hospital.

Dr. Susan Davis, physician at Birkam and Dr. Renee Vander Myde, Birkam’s director, both agreed that as of right now, the Ferris community shouldn’t be worried about the disease coming to campus. As of right now, only a handful of people in the

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Ferris State Torch
**State Election Viewpoints**

Students chime in about their intent to not vote

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**President Barack Obama casts his early votes at Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center in Chicago Monday, October 20, 2014.**

**Meghan Smith**
**Ferris State Torch**

Before Tuesday’s state election, students, faculty and staff were polled on their participation, knowledge and personal opinions on the candidates and issues. The poll showed that, as is widely suspected, many students do not vote.

Time and transportation are some of the factors that students agreed limited them from being able to participate in casting a vote.

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Another significant factor, at least for lack of participation in local elections, is that many Ferris students, who make up a significant portion of the Big Rapids community, aren’t from the Mecosta area, and thus aren’t registered to vote on local candidates.

“For students, it could be difficult if they’re not registered here,” agreed David Scott, librarian at FLITE. “They probably didn’t think to get an absentee ballot, so they’re not going to go home on a Tuesday night. I think we need to make it easier for students to vote.”

What are some of the other reasons students don’t participate in elections?

“Probably because they don’t have a lot of information on the election itself,” said Courtney Zeilinski, sophomore communication major, “and I guess if they knew more about the issues and they had a stronger opinion, perhaps then they would vote.”

Zeilinski admitted to being one of those students who didn’t vote out of lacking information, but she said, “I do think it’s important for students to vote so they can kind of take a role in what’s going on and be a part of it and get involved.”

“I don’t know, I’ve just never voted for the States,” said Mairie Okoin, sophomore sonography major and native of the Ivory Coast. “I think it’s a lack of knowledge. It’s not that [students] don’t think it’s important, they just don’t think it’s going to make that much of a difference. But it’s better to be educated. Whoever they’re going to elect is going to affect you positively or negatively, so it’s really important to vote. Maybe I should think about it.”

“I think [students] are sick of it,” said Rodney Gardei, computer technician. “They’re sick of the politics and the fighting and the never getting anything done, same old, same old.”

Natalee Larson, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, said that the likely cause of college age students deciding not to vote was the time it took to go through the process.

“I think people care,” said Larson, “but they don’t realize that their effort can make a difference. They think they don’t have a part in politics in a way, at least based on the people I know.”

Other students have more personal reasons for choosing not to vote.

“[I’ve voted] because I like what he’s all about,” said Kachine Bean, senior construction management major. “Part of it is religious reasons, but also because I choose not to, because the only person I’ll vote for is Jesus Christ. Whoever God has chosen [will win].”

What were some opinions around campus on the candidates themselves? “They’re all a bunch of bozos,” said Scott. “I think they’re all pretty terrible. I’ve become a little disenfranchised. I will probably not vote for the ‘Elephant.’ I don’t vote for Elephants; I vote for Donkeys.”

“I’ll probably vote for Snyder [for governor] again,” Sizemore said, “because I like what he’s all about.”

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Student debt forums
Over the next two weeks Ferris State will be offering five forums on the issue of student debt to the Ferris community. Two open forums are scheduled: the first in Big Rapids on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in IRC 115 and the other in Grand Rapids on Monday, Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Kendall College of Art and Design Woodbridge N. Ferris Building room 217. This will provide background and analysis of student debt, share thoughts and seek your ideas on how to act on this issue.

Because time-to-degree is a major contributing factor in student debt, Provost Paul Blake has scheduled three student debt sessions for faculty members. These are in different sites across the university and all are scheduled from 4-5:30 p.m. Paul and President Eisler will be working together to elicit your thinking on this critical topic. The schedule for these faculty-oriented sessions is Monday, Nov. 3, in MCO 210 for the Colleges of Health Professions, Pharmacy and Optometry, Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Granger Auditorium 10, for the College of Arts and Sciences, FLITE, and Retention and Student Success and Monday, Nov. 10, BUS 111, for the Colleges of Education and Human Services, Business and Engineering Technology.

Together We Can Make a Difference
Registered student organization The African Student Union is seeking to further raise awareness, and funds, to fight the West African epidemic. ASU will also set up a donation box at various locations on the Ferris campus as part of their fundraising campaign to Address Ebola in West Africa, "Together We Can Make a Difference: An Awareness and Fundraising Campaign to Address Ebola in West Africa," an effort, “Together We Can Make a Difference” is seeking to further raise awareness, and funds, to fight the West African epidemic.

Native American heritage celebration
Throughout this month there will be a trio of free public events in celebration of the heritage of native peoples. This series started last month and continues this Friday, Nov. 7, with events in celebration of the heritage of native peoples. This Native American heritage celebration visits, through Dec. 1.

In addition to the Tribal Museum Tour and Tribal Harvest Feast, there will be cultural entertainment and an opportunity to donate to African in Medicine, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that helps provide medical supplies, coordination with other Ebola-responsive organizations and information about the West African epidemic. ASU will also set up donation boxes at various locations on the Ferris campus as well as at Naváa’s Mediterranean Eatery in downtown Big Rapids, through Dec. 1.

Lack of time during the day to vote hurting polls
In addition to the Native American heritage celebration, an assault investigation is currently underway at The Rock Café. The incident occurred at an unknown point of time on Sunday, Oct. 26. The Owl’s offi ce.

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Social media for students
The benefits of networking online

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Ferris alumni Luke Wyckoff, President of Social Media Energy, came in to speak to students about the positives of using social media. The main points of his presentation included how social media can be beneficial and the outlook for the future of it.

“I think that Luke’s presentation is quite valuable, and I hope that students took the opportunity to go and check it out, because with social media, I think it’s really important to make sure that you’re fully understanding what you’re doing and using it in the best possible way,” said Social Media Director, Sandy Gholston. “Buy and large, it’s used in a very positive manner.”

Social media certainly has its benefits. “Over 50% of people learn about breaking news on social media,” according to socialnetworking.procon.org. The site also says “67% of federal, state and local law enforcement professionals surveyed think social media helps solve crimes more quickly.”

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Despite the benefits of social media, it also has downsides, from lack of privacy to lack of face-to-face conversation, but when used correctly and in a positive manner, it can be beneficial. However, some just prefer more direct ways of communication, like sophomore and product design student, Zack Cox. “I think text is more direct ways of communication.”

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Overlooked this year due to the “Ebola crisis”, the changing of the weather should remind Ferris students that with the new season comes the flu season. “Thousands of people die every year from influenza,” said Candace Price, registered nurse and Office Coordinator at Birkam Health Center, who said the flu is one of the most easily spread viruses on campus. “Many students are living under close quarters. Influenza can easily be spread by coughing, laughing, sneezing or even singing.”

Although the flu has yet to be spread widely on campus, according to Price it wouldn’t take much for it to happen. With only a few un-treated cases able to spread the virus rapidly to the point of it getting out of control. Ferris student Phil Hartley, a junior studying physical therapy, concurred with Price’s sense of urgency in getting a yearly flu shot, saying that not only should students get the shot, but it’s their responsibility to do so. “A lot of people don’t even realize the risk involved. They think ‘it’s not going to happen to me.’” said Hartley. “It’s so stupid that people are putting their health at risk. Though it may be true that pharmaceutical companies are trying to make a profit, for the most part, they’re concerned about the public health.”

Hartley said that a large portion of student’s deference to getting shots is due to the fear of receiving a shot, a fear that Hartley says is baseless. “There’s no reason to be scared of needles with the flu shot. It’s not that painful and over before you know it,” said Hartley. “The longest part is sitting in the waiting room.”

The flu vaccine is covered by most insurance providers at Birkam Health Center, students may call ahead for an appointment. A “rapid test” for the flu is available for those who are experiencing symptoms.
The Sex Diaries Project

What is the best way to learn about yourself? Writer and TED speaker Arianne Cohen encourages keeping a journal of “every thought and encounter in your relationship and sexual life.” Cohen is bringing “The Sex Diaries Project” here to Ferris with an interactive 5-Star event.

“I’ve never been to Michigan,” Cohen says. “I’m thrilled to finally get up there and hear all about the private lives of students, and help out as much as I can.”


Cohen’s book “The Sex Diaries Project” is a collection of over 1,500 real sex diaries, exploring the bedroom, relationships and marriages. On the Sex Diaries Project website, you can share your own experiences anonymously and read the diaries of others.

“I greatly value privacy—there’s a reason that The Sex Diaries Project is anonymous! Privacy gives us space to be safe and develop our thoughts on something,” Cohen says. “I think it’s important to be transparent and honest about our wants and needs around sex with sexual partners—and the precursor to that is being honest enough with ourselves to know what we want, and communicate that clearly.”

Cohen’s presentation is brought to campus as a 5-Star event by Entertainment Unlimited. Following Cohen’s interactive lecture, there will be a question and answer session.

Evan Pazkowski, President of Entertainment Unlimited, discusses the relevance of the event. “It’s obvious we need to talk more about sexual responsibility,” Pazkowski says. “So we thought it was the perfect time to bring this event to campus.”

Sometimes, talking about something or writing it down helps you get it in perspective, which I think is kind of what [The Sex Diaries Project] is all about,” says Aaron Wyse, co-publicity chair for the event.

“Tinder?” Cohen asked. “I really enjoy providing a fun, safe place to talk about that.”

So how might a relationship expert like Cohen feel about college relationships as they relate to, say… Tinder? “I’m all for interesting ways to meet people,” Cohen says. “We get so much information from visual cues—facial shape is partially determined by the particular bath of hormones a fetus is exposed to in utero, so when you look at a photo of someone, you’re actually getting some cues about their personality and intellect.”

The Sex Diaries Project will be in Williams Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 10. The event is free thanks to funds allocated by the Finance Division of Student Government.

Courtesy Photo

The sex diaries project will come to Ferris courtesy of Arianne Cohen on November 10.

FSU ARTS & LECTURES PRESENTS

ERIC ALVA
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“I had fought and nearly died to secure rights for others that I was not free to enjoy. I had proudly served a country that was not proud of me.”

Retired Staff Sergeant Eric Alva was one of the first troops to be deployed for the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was also the first American wounded in the war.

Stepping on a landmine just hours after the ground war had begun: Alva became the war’s first Purple Heart recipient.

After serving in the military for 13 years, Alva retired as a Staff Sergeant and returned to college. It was there that he took the momentous step of coming out as a gay man who had served and proudly sacrificed for his country. Alva has served as the national spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign’s effort to repeal the military’s discriminatory “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, which they were successful in helping put to an end in 2011.

Tickets for all FSU Arts & Lectures events can be purchased online (www.ferris.edu/arts) or at Williams Auditorium ticket box office one (1) hour prior to the event start time. Ticket Prices: Students (Any student with valid ID) $5.00, General Admission $7.00.

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Latin band creates harmony and promotes diversity

Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

Described as the “best Latin alternate band” by LA Weekly, Las Cafeteras is known for their energetic multi-lingual performances that bring the crowd together.

Before their performance in the IRC, Las Cafeteras gave a workshop presentation in the College of Business and talked to students about stereotypes and racism using videos, music, discussions and laughter. “They talked about the reasons we stereotype and why it’s bad,” sophomore Dinah Jankoviak said. “They told us to make our own judgments and not base them off of someone else’s opinions. So we paired up with people and learned about their backgrounds instead of looked and judged.”

Las Cafeteras talked about diversity and stereotypes in a way that made everyone feel comfortable. Hector Flores, one of the vocalists of Las Cafeteras, said that people need to do two things: ask about cultures and apologize for any mistakes. “I really enjoyed it,” freshman Sabrina Timmer said. “I’m happy to learn about other’s ways. [The workshop] proves that everyone has stereotypes, but some can prove them wrong.”

Several students found the workshop to be eye-opening. “The workshop was really informative,” pre-respiratory junior Geoff Amor said. “It gave me a better perspective on how different cultures are.” After the workshop, the band set up in front of Starbucks and played music for the students.

Las Cafeteras combines music styles such as Afro-Mexican, hip hop, folk and Native American to create a new and unique sound to their performances. They have shared the stage with bands such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and Ozomatli. They are currently on a 52 day tour traveling across the United States to bring people together with dancing, music, and love. “The music isn’t what I usually listen to, but I like it,” said Amor. “It’s very unique. I’ve never heard of this type of music before.”

The music energized the crowd. Las Cafeteras got students to dance and sing along with the unique music. “I love the music,” Timmer said. “It makes people happy, some like to sing and dance to it. They’re smiling and having a good time and that’s great.”

At the end of the performance, Las Cafeteras held a raffle for students that participated in the workshop’s survey. While some students won prizes such as a gift card to Starbucks, one lucky student won a $200 scholarship. “You’re the future of the country,” Flores said to the crowd, “and the future looks hella beautiful.”

If you’d like to learn more about Las Cafeteras and their music, visit their website at www.lascafeteras.com. You can also find them on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

Sabrina Timmer
Freshman
We started Shred for the love of board sports, specifically longboarding and snowboarding. We also wanted to bring the community together and make new connections,” said Novosel. “I started longboarding my freshman year but wanted to take my skills above and beyond just cruising around campus.”

“When I was introduced to the downhill scene, I got so into it that I now ride all over the state on a regular basis with riders from all over. We’re one big family here in Michigan,” said Zinn. “(Shred) is a way to get people who think boarding is cool to see a new level of the sport. It’s all about spreading the stoke.”

The last two years, Shred has hosted the Fat Rapids River Rush, a six-mile race on the river as well as a slide jam on a local hill. “Last year there were about 100 riders, and we’re hoping to see some more big numbers this year. Also, we’re looking to start the first ever snowboard team this winter,” said Novosel.

Shred has a group on Facebook with over 200 members where boarders of all kinds can come together and talk about the hobbies they share, set up outings, and even buy, sell, or trade equipment.

“I found out about shred from members of the group, and I’m considering joining the snowboard team this winter,” said Psychology freshman Jacob Bleshenski. "I was really interested in learning more about Shred or just meeting up with some cool people, contact Blake Novosel via Facebook.

When Scott Barger founded Ferris Shred a few years ago, he had one goal in mind: create an easygoing environment where boarders of all kinds can get together and share the same passion.

While many years have passed since its inception, Ferris Shred is still going strong. Whether your terrain of choice is asphalt or Aspen, Ferris Shred has something for you. Whether you’re a student, alumnus, or simply a fan of board sports, there’s a place for you in the Shred community.

Let’s rewind a little bit to the year 2000. Anyone remember Cindy Lou Who from “How The Grinch Stole Christmas”? Adorable little blonde girl, right? Well, the actress-turned-badass is Taylor Momsen, guitarist and lead singer of the band The Pretty Reckless.

Momsen traded in pigtails and rosy cheeks for push-up bras and red lipstick, and her music is a direct correlation of this transition. Formed in 2009, the band consists of Taylor as lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Ben Phillips (lead guitar, backing vocals), Mark Damon (bass) and Jamie Perkins (drums). The Pretty Reckless debuted with their album Light Me Up back in 2010, with the more familiar songs being “My Medicine” and “Make Me Wanna Die.”

Since then, the trio has been working on their newest album, just released this year, titled Going To Hell. The Pretty Reckless have been working on their new album, titled Going To Hell. The Pretty Reckless have been working on their new album, titled Going To Hell. The Pretty Reckless have been working on their new album, titled Going To Hell. The Pretty Reckless have been working on their new album, titled Going To Hell.

Despite all the talent this New York City-based band has to offer, may the faint-hearted listeners out there beware: most of the content they produce is highly controversial and usually explicit.
Sal Vasallo takes home top prize in the Torch Halloween Costume Contest in classic school spirit pride as Lego Brutus.

Loagan Bixman and Andrew Klarecki take home second prize as Wayne Campbell and Garth Algar from “Wayne’s World.” Party on Wayne, and party on Garth!

Kevin Robb takes home third prize as Dr. Who.

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Modern love
Does size really matter?

Men seem to think that their self-worth is directly related to how many inches they’re pack-
ing in the nether regions. They also seem to think that the one and only way to sat-
ify a female is to have a long enough tool to push a certain button.

Well, boys, how do you explain lesbians? A girl can just as eas-
ily satisfy a girl without even having one of those “tools.” I know you’ve seen the videos.

Sure, to an extent it’s kind of a bonus if you have some nicely sized junk, but there’s a fine line between a pleas-
ant surprise and the next American Horror Story.

Truth is, us ladies are a lot more complex. It’s going to take more than just anything over 5 inches to satisfy us.

Whereas men are like micro-
waves, all you have to do is turn it on, push a button and he’s good to go! Okay, that was an awful metaphor, but you catch my drift.

According to a 2014 study in the Journal of Sexual Medicine, the average length of an American male’s erection is slightly over 5.5 inches and only 2% of guys are packing 8 inches or more.

In all reality, everyone is unique and everyone has dif-
ferent preferences. Different people enjoy different things and are satisfied in different ways. It’s important to learn your partner and how to get them going.

If your size is below average, find a lover that enjoys that over a huge dong. If you’re pack-
ing mad heat, I’m sure you can find someone who isn’t entirely too intimidated by it. If you’re worried that your God-given man-bits won’t do the trick, there are many differ-
ent sex positions that I’m sure you’ve researched by now that can accommodate for that. (I.e. doggy style, cowgirl)

So whether you’re rocking an anaconda or a gardener snake, it doesn’t necessarily mean that you’re a lost cause in the sack. If you don’t take it from me, take it from the sexpert, Dr. Hernando Chaves. He is an author for AskMen.com, a clin-
ical sexologist and sex coach in Beverly Hills, CA.

“It’s a myth that a large penis equates to sexual satisfaction or relationship happiness,” Dr. Chaves said.
Dawgs take on Wildcats

Undefeated Ferris closes out home schedule with Northern

Harrison Watt
Editor-in-chief

Following a 66-56 shoot-out win with Lake Erie, the 9-0 Bulldogs will have a shot to reach double digit wins at home against Northern Michigan.

“We started with a football game and ended with a track meet,” head coach Tony Annese said. “Total offense, 708 versus 706, I know our defense is going to be a little discouraged by our productivity.”

Annese joked that the turf was so worn out that it may need to be replaced after the 122 point explosion.

Despite the defensive struggles to stop Lake Erie’s offensive onslaught, the Bulldogs came away with some positives. Ferris garnered multiple awards, with Division II player of the year candidate Jason Vander Laan snagging GLIAC player of the week honors, while the offensive line was named the National Offensive Line of the Week.

Vander Laan also broke the GLIAC single game quarterback rushing record with 284 yards on the ground. Vander Laan finished with three rushing touchdowns and three passing touchdowns.

The AFCA coach’s poll has Ferris State ranked fourth in the nation, while Ferris is ranked first overall in Super-Region Four.

Now Ferris turns their attention to a 2-7 Northern Michigan team that has played Ferris close over the last two seasons. It took a last second touchdown to receiver Jake Lampman to best the Wildcats in 2012, while Ferris escaped with a 35-22 victory at home last season.

This marks the second consecutive season that Northern Michigan will visit Top Taggart Field.

Northern Michigan quarterback Shaye Brown has thrown for 1,912 yards and averages 239 passing yards per game, which is third best in the conference. His top target, Marcus Tucker, has five touchdowns on 646 receiving yards.

Tucker is the only Wildcat to be named GLIAC player of the week in any category, as a special teams player on Oct. 20.

Wyatt Jurasin leads the Wildcats on the ground with 655 yards and five rushing touchdowns in eight games.

Ferris will enter the contest on a nation leading 13-game win streak, while the Wildcats come in having lost six of their last seven games.

The Bulldogs played close with a now 4-5 team, and head coach Tony Annese was less than pleased with certain aspects of the game, but is thankful that the team came away with a victory. A loss in college football can be the difference between a home and a road playoff game.

“It’s almost like a new lease on life,” Annese said. “Being able to be 9-0 now, have a Northern Michigan come here to clinch a share of the GLIAC title. I told them at half time, you should be able to feel that ring about a quarter of the way down your finger.”

WHAT’S AT STAKE

• A share of the GLIAC title
• Ferris State’s first GLIAC title since 1999
• A home playoff game
• An NCAA playoff berth (First since 1996 when team went 10-2)

• A top three NCAA ranking*
*Ferris was ranked number one in the nation in four national online computer polls
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Back at it
Bulldogs prepare for regular season
Marshall Scheltz
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State Men’s Basketball team kicks off their exhibition season against Calvin College on Saturday. The Bulldogs were 10-16 overall and 9-13 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last year. With a hard fought 94-87 exhibition loss at Division I Oakland University last Saturday, the Bulldogs face a Calvin team this weekend that is one of the better teams in Division III. Last year the Bulldogs beat Calvin 85-70.

The team wants to turn it around from the losing record last year, but they don’t want to forget what happened a season ago. Second year Head Coach Andy Bronkema said that the team wants “To build on what we did last year. We figured out a lot about ourselves.” Bronkema said that he believes the biggest strength of his team is the balance and teamwork that they have throughout the court. With seniors Dietrich Lever and last year’s scoring leader Drew Lehman, the team has veteran support in the backcourt with championship experience. The two players were both on the team when they won the North Division in the 2011-2012 season. Along with the senior guards are returning junior center Jared Stolicker and wing player Josh Fleming who Bronkema calls a great all-around talent. The team also has 7 incoming freshmen and one transfer on the roster this year.

The Bulldogs have high goals set for this season. Senior shooting guard Matt Poches said the goal for the team is to make the GLIAC playoffs and win the conference tournament. In order to do this the team will have to be a top 4 team in the north division, but they don’t want to settle for fourth.

“When first place is available, we’re not going to settle for second,” Bronkema said.

The team plays Calvin College at 3:30 p.m. in Big Rapids on Saturday.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

From long distance
Natalia Bukur: A Russian Bulldog
Keith Sleatwich
Ferris State Torch

Sophomore guard on the women’s basketball team Natalia Bukur has come a long way to suit up in the crimson and gold of Ferris State. Originally hailing from St. Petersburg, Russia, Bukur must’ve packed a killer 3-point shot with the rest of her luggage when she made the trip across the Atlantic Ocean.

“She’s a really good athlete. She’s very offensive-minded. I mean she can shoot from anywhere. She’s learning the system and it might take her a while, but she can definitely add to our team with natural talent, but also stressed that she has worked to refine her characteristic shot. “Her three-pointer is definitely the best part of her game,” said Lamoreaux-Tate. Bukur specializes in shooting from 3-point range. She claims to have been blessed with natural talent, but also has worked to refine her characteristic shot. “Her three-pointer is definitely the best part of her game. She can nail a three-pointer from anywhere on the floor,” junior guard Katie Mavis said. Though her offensive prowess will help her to find her way onto the floor, she must also adapt a strong defensive game to match, which means adjusting to some unfamiliar strategies. “I put a zone in the other day and she just took to it really easily. When first place is available, we’re not going to settle for second,” Bronkema said.

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College of Engineering Technology  1:30 pm  Wink Arena

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Bulldogs crack the tournament

For the fifth straight year, Ferris takes a shot at the championship

Keith Salowich
Ferris State Torch

Following a disappointing first half of the season, which transitioned into a hopeful turnaround, the Ferris State soccer team has earned a spot in the GLIAC Playoffs. This will mark the Bulldogs fifth consecutive berth in the tournament.

This tournament berth was no happy accident, as it took a conscious team effort to stay afloat after beginning the season on a bad note. Thankfully, the Bulldogs were able to pull together as a unit and began turning the tides of the season early in October, as they were able to put together a series of 5 wins in just 7 consecutive games.

“We struggled to score and play a fall 90 minutes in September. We are still the same team, and have the same goals now as we did then. We have just found a way to click and compete,” senior midfielder Riley Wood said.

Sophomore goalkeeper Savanna Wojtanowski, who was recently awarded with GLIAC defensive player of the week honors, believes that the team’s defensive unity has been a major strong point on the season.

“They all play great defense. Not just the defend- ers, but the midfielders and the forwards. We’re all play- ing defense as a team, which is great,” Wojtanowski said.

For the past two years, the Bulldogs have been able to advance past the quarterfinals in the GLIAC Tournament. However, there have never been Dawgs playing for a Tournament Championship, but this reinvigorated squad will hope to change that.

“We’re hungry for a championship because we know we have it in us. This year started off rough, but I think we clicked at the right time,” Wood said. “We are only improving and winning more games, while some teams are starting to fall off at this point. So I think we are in the right posi- tion to enter the tournament.”

In order to advance, the Bulldogs will have to take on some stiff competition. After dropping a game to Grand Valley State at home 3-2 and then again getting bullied in a 7-2 loss in Grand Rapids, the Bulldogs will take on their old nemesis once again to start the GLIAC playoffs this week.

“We are confident with how we are playing and we know that to win the GLIAC, which is one of our goals, we would have to play Grand Valley at some point,” Wood said. “We have gone toe-to-toe with them every game and our coach has prepared us for this. It’s hard to beat a team three times in one season, so we’re ready to take them on.”

Grand Valley State ended the season with a 15-2-1 record, and finished second in the GLIAC Conference Championship with Ohio Dominican. They enter the tournament as the #10 team in the nation. Not to mention, they’ve won the GLIAC Tournament six years in a row.

If Ferris were to beat GVSU, they would then move on to the semifinals for the third straight year and take on the winner of the Michigan Tech and Walsh matchup.
Men's basketball plays close with Division I Oakland

A 94-87 road loss is what the men's hoops squad has to build on. Fortunately, that loss was in exhibition, nonetheless to a Division I opponent.

Ferris visited the Golden Grizzlies on November 1, and came away eight points shy of victory.

Senior guard Drew Lehman had 26 points to pace the Bulldogs, while junior center Jared Stolicker added 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior forward Josh Fleming added nine points and a team best 15 rebounds.

The Bulldogs have their conference home opener against Lewis on November 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Rehm named GLIAC player of the week second straight time

Senior Courtney Rehm has helped lead the Bulldogs to a 1-4 overall mark.

For the second consecutive week, Rehm nabbed GLIAC player of the week honors.

Rehm had a team high 36 kills with 22 digs, four blocks and three aces on the week.

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Tyler Hanan
Opinions Editor
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What few articles pop up on Google when searching this malady relate the phenomenon to high school and the dreaded effect it can have on college admission. Even Urban Dictionary, our most vaunted source of definitions for college maladies, keeps the term confined to high school. It's new to me, and I'm not sure how to handle it despite the best advice from my friends that have experienced it. I think it's because they don't have a term for this phenomenon. For the first time in my life, I may not see my whole family on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

I returned to school in August, like many of you. I'm stressed, exhausted, and impatient. I want to feel cheery. I need a little of that holiday feeling far earlier than some because it's the only thing helping me to wake up in the morning.

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Exams aren’t far off: How to prepare for success

NOVEMBER PANIC

If you need help, ask for it. Don’t be too proud to go to someone you know (Or don’t, there is a tutoring center) for help. You’re only cheating yourself if you give away an opportunity for success.

It’s the time of the semester when everyone looks at their calendar and realizes “Crap, it’s November.”

Final exams sit a little over a month away. There’s a half-week off for Thanksgiving. The first semester is winding to a close.

If I know most of you, you’re panicking. I like to call it “November Panic.” It’s a crazy phenomenon. One night you’re partying it up on Halloween, and then you wake up on Monday morning and hear Christmas music on the radio.

This month is, in the words of Ferris Hockey public address announcer Jason Daday, “Crrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
Domestic Violence

October is over but the issue of abuse still stands

Shelby Soberalski
Photo Editor

Silence Handbook. Any situation that you are forced into that is unwanted, unsafe or degrading sexual activity is sexual abuse, no matter what. Even if you are in a committed relationship be it with a boyfriend/girlfriend or a spouse, forced sex is an act of aggression and violence. Additionally people whose significant other abuse them sexually and physically are at a higher risk of serious injury or death. Even if you think that your situation seems minor compared to other instances that you’ve read or heard about, there isn’t a “better” or “worse” form of abuse. If you feel that you are victim of any type of abuse, there are a lot of resources to students right here on campus. You can talk to counselors at Birkham, you can talk to advisors, a trusted adult or even get restraining orders from campus police if needed. Go to www.ferris.edu/birkhamhealthcenter.com or you can call them at 231-591-2614. If you feel that you need to talk to the Department of Public Safety, you can call them at 231-591-5000 or visit them at the DPS office located in Bond Circle on the west side of campus. Check out loveisrespect.org, or thehotline.org. For more information you can call the National Domestic Violence hotline at 1-800-799-7233, it may just help or save a life.

On any college campus, the weekend is a gift that offers students a small release from the monotony and stress of the workweek. For many, the weekend involves studying or maybe playing video games, but most students seek the ultimate thrill that Big Rapids has to offer for getting drunk. As an inciden- tal salute to our pal Brutus, the "On The Record" section of the Torch regularly sees students behaving like actual bulldogs. Among this army sized demographic of beer guzzling, booty shaking Skrillex enthusiasts are the special few that stumble their way down Michigan Avenue to the magnum opus of all party-related affairs: Star Shooters Restaurant and Bar. With over 10,000 students attending class on Ferris’s main campus, one might think it odd that Shooters is the only youth-oriented, dare I say, “night club” in town. Reviews on Yelp call Shooters “absolute trash” and “the largest meat market in Big Rapids.” Shooters does advertise eight flavors of “famous chicken wings,” but that probably isn’t the meat he was referring to. Shooters’ old website used to advise you to “treat yourself, your family, and friends,” to its amenities. That almost sounds like a challenge. Next time my mother is in town, I’ll assure her that the Blue Cow can wait: we’re going to Shooters. Alright, mom, let’s take a look inside. Depending on the night, there may be a cover charge (on this particular night, it’s $5). Upon entering, the fast-paced magic of the place overwhelms me. The lights are shining on dozens of beautiful girls expelling a primal urge to dance with the beat of the club's quaking sound system. Then I’m rudely bumped into by an oblivious thirty-something who can’t possibly be a Ferris student, and I have to double take at what I had previously seen. Those lights illuminate wood paneling and a film of unfathomably brown grime. The room goes silent for an instant as the iPod that’s plugged in shuffles from hip-hop to country. Wait a second, why are all these people here again? Anyways, let’s find a table, mom. This one is too dirty (not sure with what substance) and that one is occupied, don’t worry, he’s just taking a nap. A look around: sober guys sheepishly walking laps around the club, slightly less sober guys playing pool, and not even slightly sober guys and gals treating themselves to cigarettes on the front patio. What a sight to behold! Everyone is crowded around the bar in the middle of the room. There are a few ladies seated and four times that many men feverishly hovering around these girls as if buy- ing them drinks were brokering at the New York Stock Exchange. Listen, my review can’t be com- plete until I use the restroom. A deep breath, and here we go…

To my surprise, no focus on the floor, but lets not get ahead of ourselves. Those crates in the earth used to be white porcelain and they’re called toilets. The keywd writing on every reachable surface does make for some nice reading, though. There’s not any toilet paper. Shooters would either like you to get cre- ative or just abstain from wiping. Sorry I brought you here, mom. But look, the nightly drinks special are actually quite impressive and this is prob- ably the busiest place in town right now. Everyone is hav- ing such a good time, too. I suppose we should just leave them be. My conclusion? Star Shooters Restaurant and Bar: not a place to bring your mom.