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# Annual Veterans Day Concert

## Ferris State West Central Concert Band honors veterans



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Guest conductor, University President David Eisler, conducts the band for "Suosas March" with the Color Guard on watch. This is the 12th annual Veteran's Day Concert.

**Megan Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

One of the ways Ferris State University seeks to honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces is through the FSU West Central Concert Band's annual Veterans Day Concert, which Director Richard Scott Cohen describes as a big multi-media celebration with a lot of pageantry, including the concert itself, the Pledge of Allegiance, a Power-Point presentation, bagpipe music in the lobby and a collection for the FSU Military Support Group.

"When I started this concert 12 years ago, there weren't that many veterans celebrations happening in town," said Cohen. "In the last several years, there have

been more and more, which is really nice, but at the time I created it, it was filling a pretty big void. The music is all picked either to



**Richard Scott Cohen**  
Director

celebrate the veterans and/or to commemorate one of the war periods in which we've had veterans serve. I believe it's our job to support all of our vets to the best of our ability and it's also our job as citizens to make sure that the politicians who put them in harm's way are doing so with just cause."

This year's concert took place on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and featured traditional favorites, such as *America the Beautiful* and *The Star-Spangled Banner*, as well as an eclectic mix of patriotic and war-themed pieces, including an American premiere performance of a Lithuanian piece called *Valiant Soldiers*.

Aside from the FSU West Central Concert Band performers, the annual concert includes participation from around campus and the greater Big Rapids community. This year's concert featured Paul Blake, Interim Provost, and Arthur Sherwood as guest speakers, as well as President David Eisler as a guest conductor.

"President Eisler is guest-conducting the final piece," said

Cohen. "He does a march. I started this Veterans Day concert series my 2<sup>nd</sup> year here at Ferris, which was President Eisler's 1<sup>st</sup> year here. With the exception of one year when he was out of town, he has conducted at all of the Veterans Day concerts. Dr. Eisler was a band director; he has his Doctorate degree in clarinet performance from the University of Michigan. I don't know how long he worked as a band director. He fairly quickly got into the college world and became an administrator. He stopped playing clarinet for a while and did the administration stuff. He's played a lot of marches and knows a lot about them." The final piece of the concert is typically a John Philip Sousa march.

The concert also features two

speakers every year: welcoming remarks from someone on campus, this year by Paul Blake, and a veteran speaker. "Art [Sherwood] was a math professor here at Ferris for about 20 years and before that he spent 21 years in the Air Force," said Cohen. "He's been playing in the West Central Concert Band for 18 years, [so this is] the first time we're having a band veteran do this speech!"

"I always have a lot of featured people doing stuff," said Cohen. "We've had a bagpiper for the last several years and, before the concert, he'll be playing on a small set of bagpipes outside in the lobby as people are coming in." The bagpiper, Dave O'Neil, also plays *Amazing Grace* during a special ceremony in the middle of the concert.

# BEYOND religious diversity

## *A panel for peaceful discussion of religious topics*

**Megan Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

At Ferris, one of the core values is diversity, which not only applies to culture, but also to religion.

As a part of the BEYOND initiative, a discussion panel was held on Tuesday, November 11 to help bring awareness to all the religious diversity Ferris accommodates.

"The BEYOND initiative goes throughout the whole year, and

there's a lot of different events. For the big event we had in October, there were banners that over 30 faculty and staff helped write the content for and one of the topics was religious diversity. So this is the BEYOND diversity: religious diversity panel discussion," said Katie Davidson, international development graduate intern and project manager for BEYOND initiative.

According to Davidson, there were about five people on the

panel, all of different religions.

The panel was chaired by Dr. J Randall Groves, professor of philosophy.

Violence between religions was to be discussed, as well as universalism, or to what extent religions are similar, recent theories of origin of religions, and the rise of atheism, according to Groves.

"This isn't just to promote religious diversity, but to understand it, and not just on campus, but everywhere. We're all living

in a religiously diverse world, and so we really need to come to terms with that," said Groves.

"I think it's great just to have a conversation about it, because religion is a difficult topic that sometimes people shy away from talking about it, but the more we talk about things that are difficult like that, the more awareness there will be. People don't have to agree with each other, but they can be respectful," said Davidson.

"Our first panel was diversity

of abilities, and though there weren't a ton of people there, I think the people who were there really got something out of it, and I think the panelists were very happy to have their voices heard. It seemed like a very successful event," said Davidson. "So, I think it helps to have events like these, and it might be a small way, but if you're changing even one mind, or building awareness in one mind, I think you're still making a positive impact."

# Assault at Star Shooters

## Suspect yet to be apprehended



Courtesy Photo

Star Shooters is located on Michigan Avenue.

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-in-chief

An assault at Shooters left a 20 year-old male Ferris student injured and the suspect has not been apprehended.

The Big Rapids Department of Public Safety is looking for tips regarding an assault that took place at some point between the late hours of October 30 and early hours of October 31 at Star Shooters bar at 120 South Michigan Avenue according to Detective Brian Miller.

"A 20-year old male Ferris student was walking through the bar and out of nowhere was struck in the face by an individual," Miller said. "Causing some damage to his mouth [and a] loss of some teeth."

The suspect is unknown at this time, though he was described as taller and with a larger build, somewhere around 6 foot 2 and 6 foot 3 and wearing a short sleeve white t-shirt at the time of the assault.

The assault took place near the support post that stands between the bar and the dance floor, near the kitchen area at Shooters according to Miller.

The Big Rapids Department of Public Safety is still looking for information on the subject in question, and is asking anyone with information on the assault to come forward. Miller also said if necessary, a tipster is allowed to remain anonymous.

Anyone with information regarding the assault is encouraged to contact Detective Miller at 231-679-1299, or in person at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety offices at 435 North Michigan Avenue.

# Student arrested in Science Building

## A round-up of this week's crime across the FSU campus

**Ben Rettinhouse**  
News Editor

November 2 at 12:30 a.m., officers assisted Sherriff's department with disorderly person complaint on McKineley Rd. One male arrested and lodged in county jail for felonious assault with a hand gun and domestic violence.

November 1 at 8:05 p.m., officers assisted Sherriff's department at Walmart for larceny in progress. Two subjects were attempting to steal a television. Suspects left building but were later located and turned over to Sherriff's department.

October 31 at 7:15 p.m., officers received report of malicious destruction of property complaint occurring in lot 4. Victim's license plate was spray painted orange.

November 1 at 2:15 a.m., officers assisted city police at a traffic stop at State and Woodward. Driver arrested for OWI.

October 31 at 8:15 p.m., officers assisted police at the Halloween Store with two males refusing to leave the building. One subject arrested for disorderly conduct and lodged in the

county jail.

November 2 at 8:30 p.m. officers assisted hall staff at Pickell on a marijuana complaint, one subject referred to Office of Student conduct.

November 2 at 10 p.m. officers assisted Sherriff's department located subject in Clark hall in reference to a retail fraud complaint from Walmart.



October 31 at 10:30 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State St. for defective equipment. Driver was found to have outstanding warrants and suspended license.

October 31 at 9:05 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle in Bond Circle for driving without headlights. Driver was ticketed for possession of marijuana.

November 1 at 3:50 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State for improper lane usage. Two subjects in vehicle were ticketed for MIP.

November 5 at 1:30 p.m., officers arrested a student in the Science Building for possession and delivery of dangerous drugs.

November 4 at 1:15 p.m., officers assisted Ottawa County police in recovery of a stolen police jacket that occurred on October 31.

November 3 at 5:15 p.m., officers assisted hall staff in Helen Ferris on an odor of marijuana complaint. Situation was handled by hall staff.

November 3 at 3:40 p.m., officers assisted city police for traffic crash on State Street.

November 3 at 4:30 p.m., officers assisted staff in Clark Hall on a marijuana complaint. Handled by Office of Student Conduct.

October 31 at 2:35 a.m., officers assisted hall staff in Travis regarding a noise complaint. Three subjects were ticketed for noise complaint.

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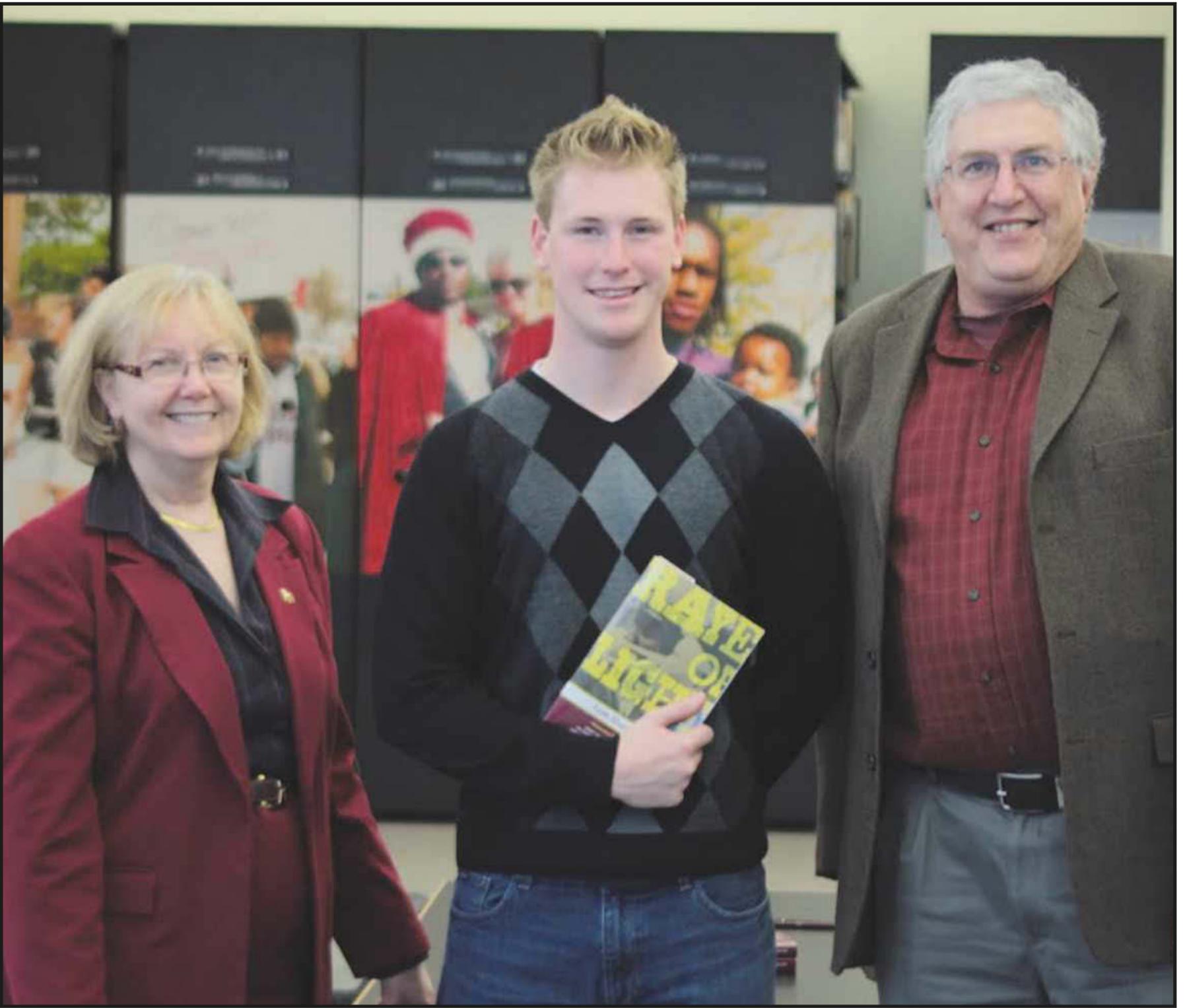


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Tom Shanahan, right, is a Big Rapids native and promoted his new book "Raye of Light." It's an interesting read for football fans, history buffs and those concerned with social justice and civil rights. Shanahan is with Ferris student and sports management major Nathan Wells, center, and communications professor Dr. Sandra Alspach, left.

# Raye of Light

*Author explores sports history and Civil Rights in his new book*

**Megan Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

Author Tom Shanahan came to his native town of Big Rapids to promote his new book, *Raye of Light*.

"It's about Jimmy Raye, the first black quarterback at Michigan State," said Nathan Wells, senior Applied Speech Communication major and president of the Sports Careers RSO. "It pretty much follows Jimmy's experiences through life. I have yet to read it and I'm hoping to."

The RSO, along with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Humanities and the Sports Leadership Institute, were responsible for coordinating Shanahan's book-signing event on Thursday, which aptly took place outside of the Jim Crowe

Museum, as well as his guest speaker event, "Desegregating College Football: Jimmy Raye and MSU and the Ferris Connection," a part of the RSO's sports speaker series. As president of the Sports Careers RSO, Wells was invited to give introductory remarks.

Shanahan's book, *Raye of Light*, is described as an interesting read for football fans, history buffs and those concerned with social justice and Civil Rights alike.

"Michigan State was the leading school in the integration of college football," said Shanahan. "Duffy Daugherty was Michigan State's football coach from the mid-50s through 1972. In addition to having black players from the North on their roster, Duffy Daugherty was the first coach to go down and recruit players

from the segregated South. They couldn't play for their home state university. [MSU] really led the way for the rest of college football to integrate."

Since Shanahan and Jimmy Raye both live in North Carolina, Shanahan met with Raye personally and worked with him to gather accurate material for the book.

"Jimmy Raye was the quarterback for Michigan State on their 1966 team," said Shanahan. "There were no black quarterbacks back in those days, so he was kind of a pioneer. One thing we decided when we worked on the book is that we didn't want it to be a simple sports story. It was also a history of the trails that Michigan State blazed and the sociological impact of what those teams accomplished."

Usually, guest speakers are in-

vited by the university to come speak on campus, but having grown up in Big Rapids, Shanahan took the initiative himself and contacted Sandra Alspach, Communications professor and director of the Sports Leadership Institute. She accepted his offer.

"As the host of the Jim Crowe Museum of Racist Memorabilia, with the mission to 'teach tolerance through images of intolerance,' FSU is a great fit for this presentation," said Alspach. "The last room of the Jim Crowe Museum celebrates those who fought for racial equality, and we could argue that Duffy Daugherty deserves recognition for his efforts to give black athletes opportunity for an education, using their football talent as their key to open the door."

"Everybody knows the star

players that Duffy Daugherty brought up to Michigan State," said Shanahan. "A lot of people just dismissed it as trying to win games with great players. Well, it's hard to recruit someone out of high school and project that they're going to be a star, so I knew that there had to be more than the 7 star players from the South. I went through all the old rosters from 1959 to 1972 and Duffy Daugherty recruited 44 black players from the South. Obviously most of those guys weren't 'stars.' The other interesting thing I found out [was that] these players were so grateful to come up North and attend a Big-10 school."

*Raye of Light* is available for purchase at Great Lakes Book and Supply, including a limited quantity of signed copies. More

# MIND OF A MAN

Questions and prayers will be answered about what men think about

Jennifer Corrie  
Ferris State Torch

Ladies, if you've ever wondered how men think, you may be able to find out this Thursday.

A panel called "Mind of a Man," hosted by the Ferris chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be taking place in order to do just that.

"I guess one way to look at it is, one thing we're big on is diversity and empathy," said Ozurumba Nyeche, a senior in criminal justice and sergeant-at-arms of the Ferris chapter of NAACP. "Yeah, it's going to be fun and it's going to be entertaining, but we want people to understand that everyone doesn't think the same, especially between genders."

On the other end of the scale, if men are wondering how ladies think, there will be a similar event coming soon.

"We're doing the same thing next semester, 'Mind of a Woman,' where guys have to have to be the ones to try to think like women," said Nyeche. "It just gives the opposite sex a look or perspective that you might not naturally take."

Nyeche said that the panel will be held in almost a game-style, where random contestants will be chosen, and the panel members will help the contestants answer questions.

"They'll be onstage, right across from the contestants because they're pretty much there to help the contestants answer the questions," said Nyeche. "They'll just give their input on what they think the answer is, and why that is."

For the time being, Nyeche and the president of the Ferris chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Breia Harris will be hosting the event, but will be subject to change.

"We'd like to get anywhere from 30-40 people, if we can get them in there," said Nyeche, who hopes for a good turnout on Thursday evening.

"Everything that we do as an organization, whether it's silly, or controversial to some degree, or educational, has a purpose," said Nyeche, of the Ferris chapter of NAACP. "We just want to use the entertainment as a portion of this event to give people new perspective. I am very happy with the idea, and I'm hoping everybody will come out and have a good time. It should be a really good show."

The panel will be held on Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in IRC 107.

For more information about the Ferris chapter of NAACP, go to [orgsync.com/18781/chapter](http://orgsync.com/18781/chapter), or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NAACPFerris?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/NAACPFerris?ref=hl).

# The world at large

## Republicans take Senate majority

Devin Anderson  
Ferris State Torch

Republicans had a decisive victory in last week's midterm elections, winning several key states and ultimately the Senate majority. The gubernatorial race was also swept by Republicans, with governor re-elections in Maryland, Wisconsin, Florida and here in Michigan with Rick Snyder.

"People are frustrated with what they see going on in Washington and they're looking for a change," junior public relations major Arielle Borkovich said. "I hope that we can move in a positive direction."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell won re-election by a large margin, securing his spot as Senate Majority Leader come January.

"Some things don't change after tonight," McConnell in a victory speech said. "I don't expect the President to wake up tomorrow and view the world any differently than he did when he woke up this morning."

After some silence, McConnell quipped, "He

knows I won't either," to thunderous applause.

"But look, we do have an obligation to work together on issues where we can agree," McConnell said. "I think we have a duty to do that. Just because we have a two-party system doesn't mean we have to be in perpetual conflict."

Mason Bailey, a finance major at Michigan State University, says "The recent uproar of votes for Republicans in the Senate is no surprise, given President Obama's recent shift to national unpopularity."

Bailey contends that Obama's decisions regarding the NSA and foreign policy could be to blame for the resulted Republican congress (the first since 2006).

"Even at Spartan Stadium, where many of the seats are filled with what should be left-leaning college students, when Obama's face is shown on the big screen it gets bombarded with jeers from the football crowd," Bailey said. "Obama has lost many of the people that supported him from the beginning."

Certainly President Obama's remaining two years in office will be affected by a

GOP-unified Congress, but just how much? In a press conference following the election results, the President stressed bipartisanship.

"The key is to make sure that [the] ideas that I have overlap somewhere with some of the ideas that Republicans have," Obama said.

Obama met with newly elected GOP leaders over lunch last Friday to discuss just how much political "overlap" there might be between parties. As Republicans are preparing immigration reform legislation, GOP leaders warned President Obama not to take executive action. It appears as though Obama will act if legislation isn't signed by year's end.

More gridlock, then? Will the parties ever get along? Borkovich hopes not.

"I hope that [Congress] will be more productive. However, difficult decisions need to be made and someone is always going to be disappointed with the outcomes," Borkovich said.

For more on the midterm election and a live senate floor webcast, visit [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

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# LIFESTYLES

“Your grades today do not determine who or what you can become.”  
**Celeste Baine**  
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# A HERO FOR ALL



Photo By: Hannah Ringler | Photographer

Eric Alva came to speak to students Friday, November 7 at Williams Auditorium. Alva was the first to receive a Purple Heart in the Iraq War after losing his leg in battle. He is also a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign.

## Ferris welcomes the first American wounded in the Iraq war

**Dylan Peters**  
Ferris State Torch

Retired staff sergeant, Purple Heart recipient and Iraq War Veteran Eric Alva came to Ferris to speak to students about diversity and equal rights.

Although the crowd was relatively small to Alva, he found it refreshing to talk to a “small, intimate crowd.”

Alva was deployed to Iraq in 2003 and was in charge of 11 Marines in a supply unit. On March 21, 2003, Alva triggered a land mine and lost his right leg.

“I was in the helicopter flying back to base and all I could think about was ‘I’m

going to die,” Alva said.

After his injuries, Alva became the center of media attention. After his recovery in 2006, he decided to contact the Human Rights Campaign (HRA) and use his popularity to repeal the



**Tonja Carter**  
Senior, social work

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy.

“I wanted to speak out on how people treat each other,” Alva said. “I

served my country proudly and I served for the rights, the liberties and the happiness of everybody. Not just the select few.”

Having recovered from a war injury, Alva felt he had been given a second chance at life and discovered a new calling. I had to use my voice,” Alva said. “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.” After coming out as gay and being a spokesperson for the HRA for five years, the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy was finally repealed on Sept. 20, 2011.

“It wasn’t about the LGBT

community having extra rights,” Alva said. “It was about the LGBT community having the same rights as everyone else.”



**Clarence Drilling**  
Junior, business administration

W o r k .

After serving in the military, Alva went to college and received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Social Work. “[Social Work] taught me

about who I am,” Alva said. “It showed me that I am a very diverse person. I’m Latino, I’m gay and I’m disabled.”

Although the crowd was small, the message he gave was vast.

“It was very interesting,” Social Work senior Tonja Carter said. “[His speech] was a reality check. Diversity will always be an ongoing struggle unfortunately.”

Students found that not only is equality an ongoing issue, but it also emphasized the importance of appreciating and supporting our veterans.

“I always personally believed that, as Americans, we should show support to Veterans,” Business Administration junior

# Defying Stereotypes

Girls are encouraged to break gender barriers



Submitted Photo

Ferris hosted the Mother-Daughter Technology Engineering Aptitude event on Saturday November 8 to encourage female students to enter male-dominated fields.

**Hailey Klingel**  
Ferris State Torch

Engineering role model and author of over 20 books Celeste Baine traveled to Ferris on November 8 to motivate young women at the Mother Daughter Technology Engineering Aptitude (TEA) event.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, females represent only 13 percent of all engineers. Females also represent less than 25 percent of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers, even though they comprise 52 percent of the population.

"Unfortunately there are a lot of stereotypes out there that exist, especially about engineering," University Career Program Specialist Leigha Compson said. "Like that they're dirty jobs, or it's a man's world. The reality is that there's a high demand for the jobs, they often pay very well, and the industry wants to hire females."

The Mother Daughter TEA motivated young women to keep working toward STEM careers, specifically engineering.

"At an early age, girls and boys perform very equitable in math and science," Compson said. "But, the confidence in girls starts to go down and they start to lose interest right around middle school. So they might stop wanting to take math and science or they might

want to go into another field."

At the Mother Daughter TEA, girls had the chance to practice their skills and show them off to a female role model. Baine also provided awareness of the opportunities STEM fields present, and inspired girls to not be intimidated by this competitive field.

"Your grades today do not determine who or what you can become," said Baine. "Engineers are some of the most creative people on the planet. That is not something that will ever show up on a test so if you really enjoy what you do, that will take you further than the grades you are getting today."



**Leigha Compson**  
Career Program Specialist

Baine said that entering a STEM field as a gender minority never stopped her from pursuing what she wanted.

"I never thought of it that way," Baine said. "I was going after what I liked to do. I always liked to fix things, take things apart and build stuff. My brother never liked to do any of that so it never concerned me that I was entering a male dominated field."

Mechanical engineering junior Carly Charlier explained her experiences with being a

female engineering student.

"I think that it's interesting being in a male dominated program because you can see the differences in views on a subject or assignment," Charlier said. "I really enjoy the ability to be looked at as an equal and not be thought of as 'the girl.' I feel I have the same respect from my



**Carly Charlier**  
Junior, mechanical engineering

classmates that I have for them." According to Charlier, not very many females express interest in STEM fields due to a lack of peers and role models in those positions. Events that encourage parental involvement with young women interested in these fields, such as the Mother Daughter TEA, are hoping to stimulate positive change.

"Now that so many females are being recognized for their involvement and dedicated, I think it will draw in more females," Charlier said.

Charlier's advice for girls who are all interested in STEM careers is to just try it out--they won't regret it.

"There is no straight line to follow once you start," Charlier said. "You can make it into whatever you want it to be."



Equality from Page 6

## Iraq war veteran Eric Alva fights for more than just freedom.

Clarence Drilling said. "I was raised to believe that no matter what walk of life you chose, you are deserving of our respect, admiration and dignity."

During his speech, Alva stated that the world will

always have segregation against someone in the world.

"I hate to agree and I hate to be a pessimist, but I feel he's right," Drilling said. "It all boils down to hatred. The first step we need to take is to let go of hatred."

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# GIRL POWDER



## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

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### *The National Organization for Women seeks to promote social justice and gender equality*

**Kelsey George**  
Ferris State Torch

Ferris senior Brittany Wellman puts promoting a happy and healthy outlook on gender equality at the top of her agenda.

Wellman, a Psychology major, is the president of the Ferris chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

NOW is a multicultural feminist activist student organization connected with the national organization. Their main goals are to bring about equality for

women and promote justice in everyday society.

"The organization as a whole has many core beliefs, including reproductive rights, economic justice, LGBT rights, ending violence against women and constitutional equality," Wellman said.

NOW is the largest feminist activist group in the United States, proudly bearing over 500,000 contributing members. Since its founding in 1966, their goal has been to bring about equality for all women.

"The group also aims to shed light upon some of the more

taboo subjects of gender equality, such as sexual health and sexual assaults on campus," Wellman said.

"We just had a table in FLITE where we passed out free condoms - so far this semester we've probably handed out at least 1,500," Wellman said. "We want to do all that we can to change stereotypes surrounding women's rights movements and promote a healthy campus environment."

Political Science senior and active NOW member Heather Elliot has the same goal in mind.

## Cancer Awareness

**Sarah Herbert**  
Guest Writer

The month of November focuses on lung cancer and pancreatic cancer awareness.

Cancer is divided into over 100 subtypes, usually based on location of where the cancer originated from, and every month, special focus is placed on at least one of these subtypes to raise awareness and shine a light on research and prevention.

Pancreatic cancer is cancer of the pancreas, which is an organ located behind the stomach that contains exocrine and endocrine glands. The American Cancer Society estimates 46,420 new cases of pancreatic cancer and 39,590 deaths in 2014.

One in every 67 people can be at risk for pancreatic cancer, with age and race also coming into play as risk factors as well as tobacco use and obesity.

Men are also more likely to get pancreatic cancer than women. There is no precise way to prevent this disease, however maintaining a healthy lifestyle and avoiding

tobacco use is the best way to avoid pancreatic cancer.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the United States. It claims about 228,190 lives each year and is responsible for 27 percent of all cancer related deaths.

The main cause of lung cancer is smoking, which includes second hand smoke. Being exposed to radioactive dust, arsenic, or radon can also increase your chances of getting lung cancer.

This is a time where we can come together to understand more about both lung cancer and pancreatic cancer and fight for a cure.

Ferris State Colleges Against Cancer is ready to take part in that fight. Both pancreatic cancer and lung cancer is heavily influenced by tobacco use.

The Great American Smokeout is Thursday, Nov. 20. Everyone is welcome to join the rally to put an end to the greatest preventable cause of cancer, smoking, and lower the number of cancer diagnoses.

## Modern love A Not-So-Love Triangle



**Kelsey George**  
Ferris State Torch

There is only one time in our lives when a third wheel is a positive thing.

Unfortunately, we outgrow the fascination before we even hit double digits. Now, the third wheel is nothing but a curse.

Urban Dictionary defines it as "one who deters the socialization of a couple, usually invited out of pity or through a feeling of duty."

I, however, define it as awkwardly sitting on the couch across from your friend and their significant other as they blatantly make out in front of you.

Sound familiar?

You know the friends I'm talking about- the ones who invite you over to chill and once you arrive, you discover they have their boyfriend/girlfriend waiting as well. Talk about false advertising.

Yeah, relationships are a wonderful thing, and I'm happy that you found love, but don't invite me to come hang-out with you when the probable outcome is you and your boyfriend getting it on while I just get annoyed and pretty much ignored.

This puts us outsiders in a compromising position because as your friend, we're

obligated to support your decisions and be friends with whomever you're dating.

That's fine and all, I'm more than happy to hangout with the two of you, but preferably in a larger group so I don't have to play babysitter once again.

This may come as a shocker, but I don't happen to find your pet names and Eskimo kisses as adorable as you do. Sorry, Loveyubbasnugglepuff.

Let's get another thing straight. It is never, EVER a good idea to invite a third person out with you and your significant other to a restaurant.

This can only result in awkward seating arrangements and sympathetic looks from waitresses that say, "Aw, your uncomfortable solitude is just precious!" No, thank you.

My advice to fellow third wheelers: turn the tables on your friends, and make them the uncomfortable ones. Talk obnoxiously on the phone, pop your gum, play Schoolboy Q at a high volume. Whatever it takes.

If you're in a relationship, don't do this to your single friends. We have all been there and it is just not cute.

# THINGS TO DO

ON CAMPUS, BIG RAPIDS, GRAND RAPIDS & MORE

## CAMPUS FUN

11/12: Sports Speaker Series: Steve Kaminski at 7 p.m. in BUS 111  
 11/13: Bulldog Hockey Hosts Anchorage Alaska 7:07 p.m.  
 11/13: Fall Symphony Band Concert at 8 p.m. in Williams Auditorium  
 11/14: Together We Can Make a Difference- Ebola Fundraiser 5-7 p.m. at the West Campus Community Center  
 11/15: Bulldog Hockey Hosts Anchorage Alaska 7:07 p.m.  
 11/16: Fall Orchestra Concert 4 p.m. at Williams Auditorium  
 11/17: Honors Program Speech Contest 7:30 p.m. SCI 102  
 11/18: Be Greek, Be Proud with Dr. Kevin Snyder  
 11/18: Conflict Resolution Can Change Your Life speaker Dr. Donna Smith 11 a.m. in SCI 102  
 11/19: Fifty Years On- Wounded Body & Soul 7 p.m. in Williams Auditorium

## OFF CAMPUS

11/12: Cornhole Tournament 8 p.m. at The Gate  
 11/14: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine & Canvas 6 p.m. at Tullymore Golf Resort  
 11/14: Midwest Skies "secret" acoustic performance 8 p.m. at The Talking Donkey Café  
 11/14: DJ Gary S & Glow Bowling 9:30 p.m. at The Gate  
 11/15: Opening Day of rifle season!  
 11/15: Deer Hunters Widow Craft & Vendor Show 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the DeltaPlex Arena  
 11/15: Driving Blind 9:30 p.m. at The Gate  
 11/19: Blood Drive 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital  
 11/21-11/23- Grand Rapids Comic Con 10 a.m. at the DelaPlex Arena

# ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin



**Genre: Indie Rock**  
**Like: Tokyo Police Club, Voxtrot**

If you're a fan of indie music, super long band names and a unique sound, then you must listen to Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin.

Named after the first President of the Russian Federation, SSlyBY is an indie pop band that has released about a dozen albums in the past 10 years.

SSlyBY was formed by Will Knauer, Philip Dickey and John Robert Cardwell in 2002 during their freshman year of college. They would record their music in their dorm room and play

local shows in Springfield and Columbia, Missouri.

SSlyBY's first official album, Broom, was released in March of 2005. It was an indie success and got their name out in the world of indie music.

Three months after the death of Boris Yeltsin, SSlyBY performed in Moscow, Russia at the Afisha Picnic music festival.

SSlyBY released their latest album, Fly By Wire, in 2013, which is the final album John Robert Cardwell will be involved in, due to his departure from the band.

I started listening to SSlyBY a couple of months ago after I heard they had

a song titled "Harrison Ford," which was named after quite possibly one of the most important actors in Hollywood history.

"Harrison Ford" will remain my favorite SSlyBY song as long as I live, not because it is named after my favorite actor, but also because the melody and the vocal sound of Philip Dickey is exquisite. The band also has some other amazing songs, such as "I Think I Wanna Die," "Modern Mystery" and "Glue Girls."

If you're a fan on SSlyBY, you'll also love Tokyo Police Club, who toured with SSlyBY in 2011.



NOW from Page 8

## National Organization for Women works toward equality for all

"I joined NOW because women's rights and equal opportunity are important to me and our group supports and advocates those ideas," Elliot said.



**Brittany Wellman**  
Senior, psychology

rights and equality not only in America, but in other countries as well," Elliot said. While advocating equality and justice for women is NOW's foremost goal, the group also focuses heavily on just promoting a happy and healthy growth in the way we think and feel as a society.

"We will be doing a Love Your Body Day this semester," Wellman said. "The details are still being planned, but the day is all about positive body image and loving yourself no matter what."

NOW meets every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in FLITE 214, and the next meeting will take place on Nov. 5.

Organization for Women is accepting to all, men and women alike. It isn't a competition for one sex being better than the other, but rather a fight for equality for all.

"I also hope to one day have a career fighting for women's



## Overheard at Ferris

"69 stopped being funny when it became my average grade."

-Yik Yak

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# SPORTS

“With the varsity team, the training is really high-tempo, and the focus is really placed on improving everyday, so that’s what I’ve been trying to do.”

**Ruben Medrano**

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## FOOTBALL



### GLIAC NORTH STANDINGS

1-Ferris State*	9-0 (10-0)
2-Michigan Tech	8-1
3-Wayne State	5-4 (6-4)
4-Grand Valley St.	5-4 (5-5)
5-Hillsdale	4-5 (4-6)
6-Northwood	3-6 (4-6)
7-Saginaw Valley	2-7 (2-8)
8-Northern Mich.	1-8 (2-8)

\* clinched share of GLIAC title.

Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

Jason Vander Laan (right) and receiver Shakur Sanders celebrate one of Vander Laan's three rushing touchdowns in route to a 35-17 victory over the Northern Michigan Wildcats while earning a share of the GLIAC title in the process.

# GLIAC CHAMPIONS

*Bulldogs go for perfect regular season on the road at Walsh University*

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Ferris State Torch

Ferris Football is one victory away from a perfect regular season in terms of their record.

The Bulldogs will play the Walsh University Cavaliers in North Canton, Ohio on Saturday. The Cavaliers are 4-6 overall and 3-6 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Ferris State won in comeback fashion last Saturday against the Northern Michigan Wildcats. After being down 17-7 early in the third quarter, the Bulldogs scored 28 unanswered points on their way to a 35-17 victory. With that win, the team clinched at least a share of the GLIAC

title for the first time since 1999.

Junior quarterback Jason Vander Laan isn't worried about the slow start that the Bulldogs had against the Wildcats last Saturday.

He said, "We can't focus too much on what went bad against Northern and try to change things in week 11. We had a hot start in 9 out of 10 games so we shouldn't have to change many things up. Hopefully that was kind of a fluke thing and we can go back to how it was the first 9 games."

The Bulldogs have their fate in their own hands. With Ohio Dominican and Michigan Tech with one loss, the Bulldogs can win the conference title outright with a win against Walsh on Saturday.

That would be Ferris State Football's first solo conference title since 1996 when they were in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference, which disbanded after the 1998 season.

The Bulldogs have an almost 6 hour drive to North Canton on Friday, but traveling has not seemed to bother them too much this season.

"It's just a little different," freshmen linebacker KC Zenner said. "It's kind of fun going into a different environment that you're not comfortable with, just knowing you need to be on top of your game."

The Bulldogs have definitely been on their game. The team has outscored their opponents a combined 220-56 in

their 5 road games this season.

With Walsh being 4-6, and the Bulldogs coming off a big win against Northern last Saturday, some people might say this is a "trap game." Jason Vander Laan says the team is treating this game just like any other.

"By this point in the season we've had four games that people have been calling trap games," Vander Laan said. "Honestly, none of our players think of it like that. We approach it like any other game. We're too focused to overlook what could happen. If we do lose, we share the title with Tech/Dominican so we have a little extra incentive to win actually."

The Bulldogs beat Walsh 59-16 in Ohio last year, and

compiled 615 yards of total offense.

The final challenge in the 11 game regular season will boil down to preparation. "We have really been blessed on our team to have great athletes all over the team," Vander Laan said. "It's really us taking advantage of that. We have the best O line in the GLIAC I believe, and those guys work very hard. It's kind of the same situation every week; we need to take advantage of our mismatches."

The game kicks off at 12:00 p.m. this Saturday in North Canton, Ohio. With a win, the team increases their chances at a first round bye and home field advantage in the NCAA tournament.

HOCKEY



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Sophomore forward Gerald Mayhew fends off a Michigan Tech defender in the offensive zone.

# The rematch

## Alaska-Anchorage seeks revenge for 2014 Final Five loss

**Justin Aiken**  
Ferris State Torch

After being on the road the past two weekend series, the Ferris State Bulldog hockey team will be back in Big Rapids on Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 to face a familiar WCHA opponent in the Seawolves on Alaska-Anchorage.

The Bulldogs faced the Seawolves three times last season and came out winners in each of the three contests. The wins included a 4-2 and 5-3 weekend sweep in late February, and then a 5-4 overtime thriller in the first round of the WCHA Final Five Playoff Championship.

After sweeping Alaska-Anchorage last season, junior defenseman Simon Denis says the Dawgs can't look past the Seawolves, and have to stay focused to come out with another sweep in the weekend series.

"We know they're a good team. They took us to overtime in the Final Five last season, so we know they'll remember that," Denis said. "They've had a strong start to this season and we haven't quite come around just yet, so we're aware of the challenge ahead of us."

Sophomore forward Chad McDonald agreed with what Denis had to say,

but says the Bulldogs will be ready for the challenge.

"Anytime you sweep an opponent from the year before, they always come in with more to prove, as you saw with the Michigan Tech series," McDonald said. "After the great season we had last year, we know that we have a target on our backs and we are ready and up to the task of defending our home ice and playing a hard fought game."

Ferris State is still looking to get back to Bulldog form, as they will be coming in with a 3-4 record, which includes impressive wins against the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. The Bulldog's WCHA record stands at 1-3 early on in the 2014-15 season.

Alaska-Anchorage will come into the weekend with a 4-2-2 record in the 2014-15 campaign, including a 1-3 record in WCHA play. As a part of the four wins for the Seawolves this season, two of them have come against strong competition in Maine and Wisconsin.

The Seawolves will travel 3,808 miles to face the Bulldogs this weekend, and the travel time could be something that will give the Dawgs a slight advantage heading into the weekend.

"It's definitely not easy trav-

eling that far; it's a long trip from Alaska," Denis said. "But we know they're accustomed to their travel schedule. We know we have to jump on them early and hope that the travel is still in the back of their heads."

Puck drop is slated for 7:07 p.m. both Thursday, Nov. 13 and Friday, Nov. 14 inside the Ewigleben Arena in Big Rapids.

### WCHA Standings

- 1-MICHIGAN TECH (6-0-0)
- 2-BOWLING GREEN (5-1-0)
- 3-MINNESOTA STATE (5-1-0)
- 4-NORTHERN MICHIGAN (3-1-0)
- 5-BEMIDJI STATE (2-2-0)
- 6-ALASKA-ANCHORAGE (1-3-0)
- 7-FERRIS STATE (1-3-0)
- 8-LAKE SUPERIOR (1-5-0)
- 9-ALABAMA-HUNT. (0-4-0)
- 10-ALASKA (0-4-0)

VOLLEYBALL

## Sharing Champions

*FSU splits conference title with GVSU*

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

As the regular season came to an end last week, both the Ferris State and Grand Valley State's volleyball teams stood atop the GLIAC with a 17-1 record in conference. The Bulldogs are not far removed from a share of the Conference Championship, as they split it with Hillsdale back in 2011.

FSU and GVSU's only conference losses came at the hands of each other on the road. In both cases it was a close battle to the end of the match, and if both teams continue to play as well as they have, they are likely to clash once again in the GLIAC Tournament.

"It's sort of inevitable that we will meet up either in the conference tournament or in regionals, so we know that it's bound to happen. Both teams are having great seasons and have so much drive to push deep into the postseason. If we meet up it'll be another point-for-point battle and the best team that night will walk away with the win," junior middle hitter Caroline Heitzman said.

Grand Valley also stood atop the conference last year, as the Bulldogs were forced to settle for second place in the GLIAC.

"Every team that I've been a member of has had such strong and focused leaders, and this year is no exception. One of the biggest strengths that this year's team possesses is our versatility," Heitzman said. "Every player on the court can run any type of play and execute it well. We also have grown up quite a bit from last season."

This maturation did not

just come with age, but through recent experience in the NCAA Tournament last season, in which they advanced all the way to the Elite Eight before losing a close game to BYU-Hawaii that sent them home.

"I think that experiencing the Elite Eight was really eye-opening for us. We had the ambition to go that far, but I don't think we realized how attainable it all actually was until we were only a few games away from a National Championship," Heitzman said. "Returning the versatility and making the realization that we are at the caliber of a National Championship team is such a huge strength for us. We know what business we want to accomplish and how to take care of it."

With a 20-5 overall record, it is clear that the team had some trouble against unfamiliar competition in both the Tampa Invitational and the GLIAC/GLVC Crossover Tournaments. Between the two tournaments, the Bulldogs went just 3-4, which is a far cry from their typical winning percentage this year.

"In the preseason tournament in Florida, we were just starting out with our new lineup so we had some kinks to work out. We definitely competed with two top teams in the nation, so it was still a promising start amidst the losses," Heitzman said.

The Bulldogs fell victim to their unusual surroundings in the second tournament, which accounts for their losses there. Thankfully, the adjustments seem to have been made at this point.

"The GLIAC/GLVA

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## HOCKEY

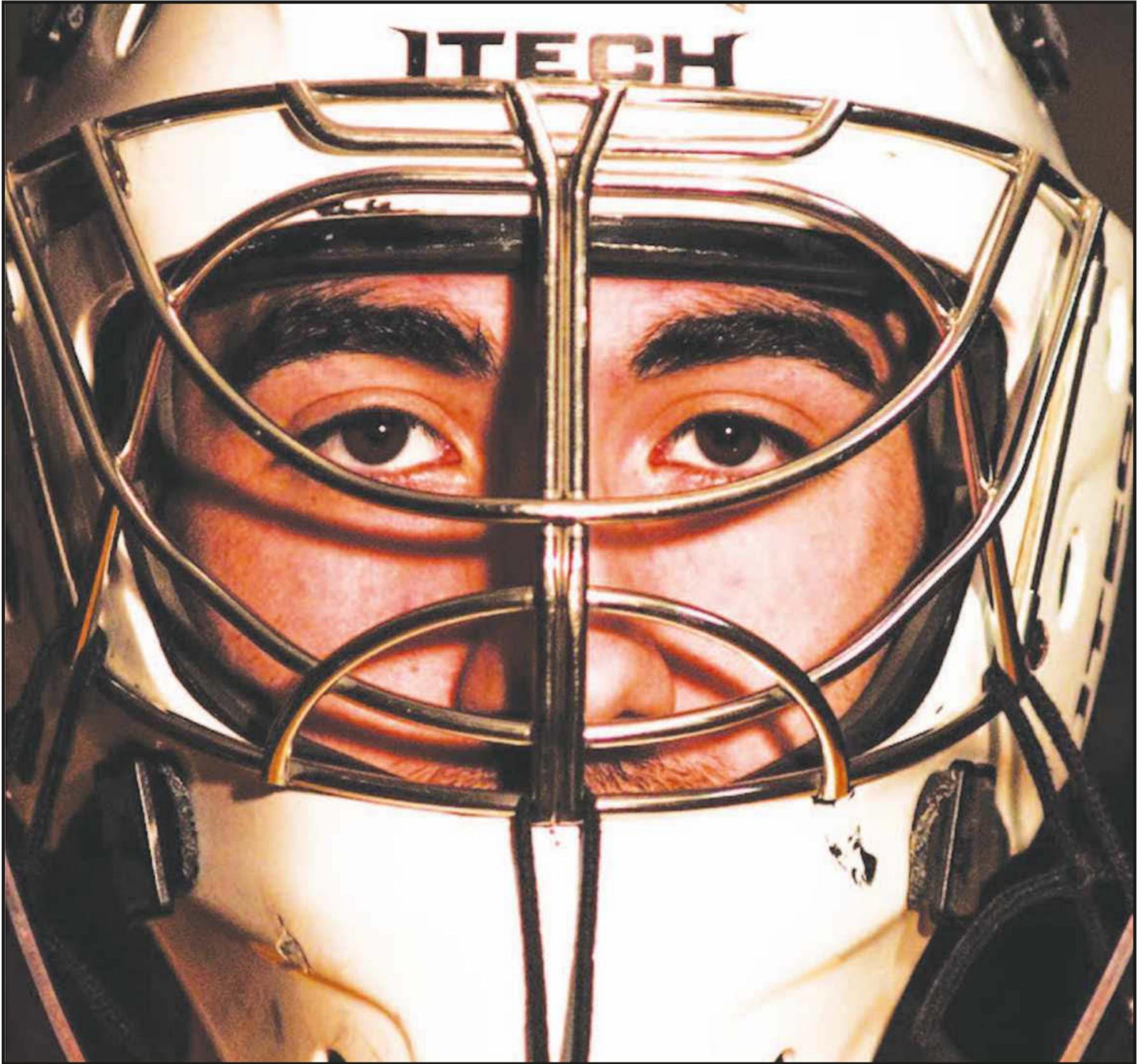


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Senior Ruben Medrano has been on the Ferris State Club Hockey team for the past three years. Following an injury to the Division I team's back up goaltender Charles Williams, Medrano received the opportunity to join the Division I team as a back-up.

# The chance of a lifetime

## *Ruben Medrano promoted to Division I team*

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

Starting as an unrecruited club hockey standout and being bumped up to the varsity team of a nationally ranked Division I school may seem like a dream, but for senior goalie Ruben Medrano, it has become his reality.

When junior Charles Williams, who was originally planned to play backup to senior goalie CJ Motte was injured, Medrano got his opportunity to claim the open slot in the roster as a third string goaltender behind sophomore Trace Pennock.

"How it worked out was I spoke with someone over the summer who used to play on the team also, and he asked me if I wanted to do it. He gave me Coach Daniels' contact information and I got through to him that way," Medrano said.

Of course, being called up to a major hockey program does take some getting used to, as the talent level far exceeds that of a club team. Also, as the talent level increases, so too do the expectations on the ice and in the weight room.

"There is a big jump in overall skill level on the ice, and we also put in a lot more work in off the ice than I did with the

club hockey team. The club team just practiced twice a week, but the varsity team is always doing something everyday," Medrano said. "All of the guys are really nice and accepting though, so it's been really fun."

The increased intensity in practice is something that Medrano originally had some trouble becoming accustomed to, but he feels that it has improved his skills in the long run.

"When I had originally gotten bumped up I hadn't been on the ice all summer, so I was a little rusty at first, but I'm feeling more comfortable out there everyday," Medrano said. "With the varsity team, the

training is really high-tempo, and the focus is really placed on improving everyday, so that's what I've been trying to do."

Medrano has been blessed with an opportunity that few people ever see. While he has yet to see any minutes on the ice in a game, he has found comfort in his reserve role, and is thankful just for the opportunity to be offered a spot on the bench, and a jersey bearing his name.

"It's just great. A couple of years ago I would have never imagined this, and I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunity," Medrano said.

**#35 Ruben Medrano**

Height: 6-1

Weight: 175

Year: Senior

Hometown: Holt, Michigan

High School: Holt

Former Team: Ferris Club Hockey (ACHA)

Catches: Left



# Sports Shorts

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

## Soccer season closes with loss to Grand Valley

The Bulldogs' season was brought to an end by the hands of rival Grand Valley State, as they dropped the first game of the GLIAC Tournament to the Lakers, 4-0.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Bulldogs can revel in the fact that this year marked the fifth consecutive year that they qualified for the tournament, which is the longest stretch in school history. While seniors Leanne Boehm, Taylor DiCiccio, Riley Wood and Stephanie Garland have played their final games for Ferris State, they can take pride in the fact that they helped to establish this streak.

Now the Bulldogs will face a long offseason before they will next see game action. However, if the Dawgs can carry the momentum that they built through a winning streak towards the end of the season into their offseason workouts, it may translate to continued success.

## Bulldogs have success off the field

While the Bulldogs have found ample success on the football field and volleyball court, they are also shining in the classroom.

Several students have shown precisely why the word student precedes athlete in the phrase student-athlete.

Junior quarterback Jason Vander Laan, junior guard Cody Dingeldey and junior defensive end Justin Zimmer have all qualified for a spot on the academic all-district team. Also appearing on the list in a different sport is junior libero Danielle Dowd of the volleyball team.

In order to be granted the academic all-district accolade, one must both excel in their sport of choice, and maintain a 3.30 GPA while also being nominated by the sports information director. While these athletes are performing well in their sport, they're also getting it done in the classroom and representing their university well.

## Dawgs run in the GLIAC championships

This past week, the Ferris State cross country teams represented the university in the GLIAC Championships Meet which was held in Tiffin, Ohio. The Bulldogs finished in the middle of the pack, as the men took home seventh place while the women claimed eighth. The runners of Grand Valley State ended the day on top as both their men and women's squad took home first place.

Senior Andrew Harper led the pack of Dawgs, and was awarded second team all-GLIAC honors for his finish within the top 20 participants.

Now both the men and women's teams are looking ahead to the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships that will take place on Nov. 22 in Evansville, Indiana. If the Bulldogs can finish in the top four slots, they will then advance to the national championships on Dec. 6 in Louisville Kentucky.

## Basketball dominates Calvin at home

After a close loss on the road to Division I opponent Oakland University, the men's basketball team claimed an exhibition victory at home against in-state competitor Calvin College, 92-58.

Ferris State caught fire early, as they raced to a 56-19 lead at halftime, shooting for 59.5% from the floor in the initial stanza. Taking advantage of the big lead, 15 different Bulldogs saw minutes on the floor as they cruised to a decisive victory.

The Dawgs will hope to carry this momentum into the regular season, which will tip-off on Nov. 15 in Quincy, Illinois within the walls of the Pepsi Arena. This first action will be the start of the Microtel GLVC/GLIAC Challenge, in which the Bulldogs will square off against the hosting Quincy Hawks, followed by another game the next day against Missouri-St. Louis.

# Top Dawg



The 6 foot 10 junior center Jared Stolicker is one of the bright spots for an improved men's basketball squad.

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-in-chief

The Bulldog hoops squad is off to a hot start in exhibition play, coming within eight points of a victory on the road at Division I Oakland, and smearing Calvin by 36 points.

Rising above them all has been the imposing 6-foot-10 center, Jared Stolicker.

Stolicker, a junior out of Thornapple-Kellogg High School, has matured into a go to post player and shown his improvement in the team's first two games.

Most recently, the junior posted 16 points 7-9 shooting

and five rebounds in the 92-58 win over Calvin College on Nov. 8 inside Wink Arena.

Master of the swat, Stolicker also had a team high four blocks in the contest in just 21 minutes of play.

Stolicker had 18 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks in the 94-87 loss at Division I Oakland University

Last season, Stolicker was second on the team in points per game with 10.4, and led the team in shooting percentage. Stolicker shot 60.8 percent from the field. Stolicker also led the team in rebounding with 6.3 per game and 164 in 26 games overall.

In two exhibition games, Stolicker has eight blocks, which is an average of four per game. In the 2013-14 season Stolicker averaged nearly two blocks per game, showing an apparent improvement over the first two games at least.

The men's basketball team will hit the road for the Conference Challenge in Quincy, Ill. where they'll play Quincy and vs. Missouri-St Louis on Nov. 15-16.

The Bulldogs open at home on Nov. 22 against Lewis (Ill.) at 3:00 p.m.

## Dawgs

## take on Hillsdale in Big Rapids tonight

crossover was a little overwhelming for us at the start. It's the biggest collegiate volleyball tournament in the country with eight courts going at one time, so you can imagine the atmosphere," Heitzman said. "The inability to hear yourself speak let alone your teammates threw us off a bit. We really thrive on communication, during and after play, so due to that challenge we struggled a bit there."

These tournament struggles are unlikely to follow the Bulldogs into the GLIAC Tournament, as they will be playing at home and have had sufficient time throughout the season to gel on the court.

The Bulldogs will take on the Hillsdale Chargers to kickoff the GLIAC Tournament. Earlier this year when the two teams met, Ferris took the match 3-1. The quarterfinals match is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in Ewingleben Sports Arena.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 13

Hockey vs. Alaska Anchorage, 7:07 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

Hockey vs. Alaska Anchorage, 7:07 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Volleyball @ GLIAC Tournament

Football @ Walsh, 12:00 p.m.

Men's basketball @ Quincy (Ill.), 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16

Volleyball @ GLIAC Tournament (Finals, If qualified)

Men's Basketball vs. Missouri-St. Louis 12:00 p.m.



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Between the inescapable cold and the suffocating crush of school, these upcoming months can be a horrific stretch.

Hailey Klingel

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### Letter From The Editor

## The best?

Harrison Watt  
Editor-in-Chief

If you hadn't seen, Ferris football is 10-0, a top four team in the nation and has clinched a share of the conference title.

It'd be disappointing if you haven't seen. It's one of the most explosive teams in all divisions of college football.

In terms of total offensive yards per game, guess who's in first in all of Division II?

Did you guess Ferris? If you did, you are correct. This football team gains 534.8 yards per game. Some teams are happy to have that in two games.

Fans want offense. Ferris has offense. The best offense in terms of yards gained.

Ferris is the number four best rushing team in Division II. This is a team that averages 341.8 yards on the ground per game. About a third of that comes from the quarterback, Jason Vander Laan, who is basically an NFL sized linebacker with a throwing arm.

On some plays, it takes more than five guys to tackle him. If he's human, I'm not quite sure what species I am.

Vander Laan is a candidate for the Division II equivalent of the Heisman award, known as the Harlon Hill trophy. He's the only active quarterback in all of college football with 50 rushing and 50 passing touchdowns in his career. As a member of this community, you get to see perhaps the finest player in the nation in this division.

Do yards not excite you? That's fine. This team scores 48.0 points per game. For those keeping score, that's third in the country. And they've scored 66 or more three times this season.

There are computer polls that say this is the best team in the country. This is a team that hasn't lost a game in a calendar year. They're on a school record 14-game winning streak and are a victory away from an undefeated regular season.

It's time to party like it's 1999. Bring that party to Top Taggart Field, because if Ferris wins this next game, they'll host an NCAA home playoff game.

The stadium packed over 5,800 fans for the Grand Valley game. I've been pondering over the last few games just how many fans this team could pack into Top Taggart.



Graphic by Jordan Lodge

## My favorite season And it is not the one with snow



Tyler Hanan  
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So winter is pretty terrible in many ways, as attested in other articles in this section. It isn't wholly an inhumane monstrosity of a thing, though. With it comes some seasons we enjoy. For many in Big Rapids, it's hunting. That's not me, though. Camo makes

me cringe. I'm all about Oscar. Winter means Oscar season, when a large amount of the awards-bait movies are released. All the big actors and directors

get together and make their biopics and their war epics in hope of, in a few months, standing on a stage to congratulate each other with gold statues and grossly excessive speeches about the importance of movies. I eat it up.

You don't have to. There are good reasons not to: life is short,

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Just because you have a bad day doesn't mean you have a bad life."

-Unknown



# I don't vote

Why I don't care about voting



**Dylan Peters**  
Ferris State Torch

I've only voted once in my life and that's because my girlfriend wrote all over my Facebook wall and metaphorically held me at gunpoint until I went to vote.

Since then, I refuse to vote.

I'm not saying my girlfriend is the reason I don't vote. I'm saying that I don't care about America enough to vote for anything.

I care about America about as much as I care about sports, which is not at all. There are very few things I care about in my life; my girlfriend, pizza, Star Wars and tea. I obviously care about more things, but you get the idea.

If I was given pizza for voting, then you bet your ass I'd vote. But sadly, pizza is not given to voters. Instead, we're given a sticker. I can't eat a sticker.

I didn't vote this election. To be honest, I don't know anything about what happened in this recent election except that one of the candidate's names was Gary Peters. The only reason why I know that is because I've had to tell a majority of Ferris students that I'm not related to him. I was too busy working and doing things I actually enjoy

to go vote. I will admit that voting did cross my mind, but ultimately, I just decided to go on with my life instead.

I'm not one of those people who don't vote and complain about a specific candidate not winning. The way I see it, you can either vote and complain when your politician in semi-shining armor loses, or you can shut up about it. If you're like me, then be the latter. We can all shut up together.

I actually don't pay attention to politics at all. I think all politicians are a-holes.

The only thing I'd ever vote for in my life is if we should keep the Government around. I would vote that we get rid of the Government. Because the Government really isn't that great at their job.

I'm not saying I'm an expert in anything related to politics, but I do know enough to realize that Capitalism sucks. And so does the Government.

When I think about the Government, I imagine that person in everyone's family that won't finish a game of Monopoly because they were losing or didn't get their way or some other stupid reason.

If you like politics and voting, then that's great. I'm not saying you're wrong to vote and enjoy politics. I'm just saying that I hate voting and I hate politics.

# Faces of Ferris



**Sam Moore**  
Junior, Architecture

by: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

"Why do you do go around telling people that they're awesome?"

"To spread smile, spread good vibes, just brighten someone's day. You never know how far a smile might go with some peoples day. Spread the positivity."

## Happy Veteran's Day



Photo By: Shelby Soberalski | Photo Editor

Ferris ROTC raises the Flag and fires the cannon at the Football games.



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## Why the Oscars are probably the best thing ever for you to watch this winter

time is money and who cares about a probably fictionalized biopic about some dead dude?

There are reasons to care about which movie wins which award, but that's not what I'm advocating for here. As much as I love explosions and Avengers - and I adore explosions and Avengers - awards season is a time when movies that are interesting in a much different way are celebrated. This is when films that are weird or starless can be celebrated and it's these films that I'm vouching for.

The arts are important, even if our government treats them as less so than other first world countries. Music and movies, television and drama, they play a role in each of our lives and affect the way we think. Watching "Apocalypse Now" will affect your opinion on war in a vastly differ-

ent way than "Lone Survivor."

This time of year is when it is easiest to see movies that are weird or challenging, movies that challenge the way we think movies work, even some that challenge the way we think. Some of it is pretentious swill, no doubt, or the same old awards bait. Much of it doesn't work. Some of it does, to great effect.

The award is not the point. Awards are meaningless in the long term, as likely nobody will remember what won best picture at the Oscars this year. Nor should they, often the movie that wins isn't actually the best. The point is that, in a year otherwise filled with prequels, sequels, re-quels, biopics, spin-offs and adaptations, Oscars season gives you the option to at least dip a toe in the pool of auteur cinema. So go forth. Like now.



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The January temperature dropped as low as -11 degrees Fahrenheit, and some weather experts expect a winter that could be nearly as brutal as the constant snowstorm that was 2013.

# SURVIVING IN THE COLD

*Five tips for being happy when you're freezing and miserable*

If you're one of those people who love winter, I envy you. For the rest of us, it's a constant battle to leave our beds and almost ritualistic morning exclamations of "holy crap, I hate Michigan. I can't live here anymore. I just can't. I'm moving to Florida." Too bad we can't actually do that.

Between the inescapable cold and the suffocating crush of school, these upcoming months can be a horrid stretch. Lacking wishes and witchcraft, we can't make Big Rapids any warmer, but there are some small things you can do to spare yourself some suffering this winter.

1. Take vitamin D supple-

ments. Because going outside was absolutely miserable last year, my suitemate and I avoided it at all costs. A lack of the outdoors resulted in a deficit in vitamin D, the "sunshine vitamin," and we got pretty sad. According to Psychology Today, low levels of vitamin D contribute to wintertime depression and seasonal affective disorder. Even the acronym is SAD. So go to Walgreens or Rite Aid, and get some supplements.

2. Force yourself to get out of bed. When you're snuggled up in your bed and you feel like a big toasty cinnamon bun, getting



**Hailey Klingel**  
Ferris State Torch

out to go do something is nearly impossible. Make yourself. Exercise some willpower, or else the only interaction you're going to have is with the characters in that Netflix series you're bingeing. Soon, you'll be as loony as the entirety of BoJack Horseman.

3. Have something small to look forward to. Enjoy the little things that brighten your day. An example: if you really need to go to the library to study but are absolutely dreading the walk

there, reward yourself by getting hot chocolate or coffee once you get there. I did that countless times last year, and even if I spent way more money than I should have, it was worth it.

4. Go to the gym. Yeah yeah, I know you've all heard it before. Exercising releases endorphins, which make you happy and so on and so forth. Well, it's true! You think people just say that to trick others into working out? Seriously, unwrap yourself from your blanket burrito and go run some laps at the Rec. Then treat yourself to a long, hot shower and some

more cuddling with your bed.

5. Find the pros of winter. Uggs are warm. Caramel Macchiatos are toasty and delicious. Having a decently sized collection of cute hats, scarves and gloves really is a game changer. Take a picture of the glistening snow and put it on Instagram with the caption "#wintertime #blessed." Those are all pretty basic behaviors, but if it makes you happy, who cares? It's better than being a cynical Scrooge all season.



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