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# MRSA moves in to Ferris

## Two cases of antibiotic resistant infection uncovered on Big Rapids campus

Angela Graf

News Editor

At approximately 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, Director of Birkam Health Center Lindsay Barber

released a campus-wide email disclosing the discovery of two cases of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) on Ferris' campus.

MRSA is a type of staph bacteria that enters See **MRSA** on page 3

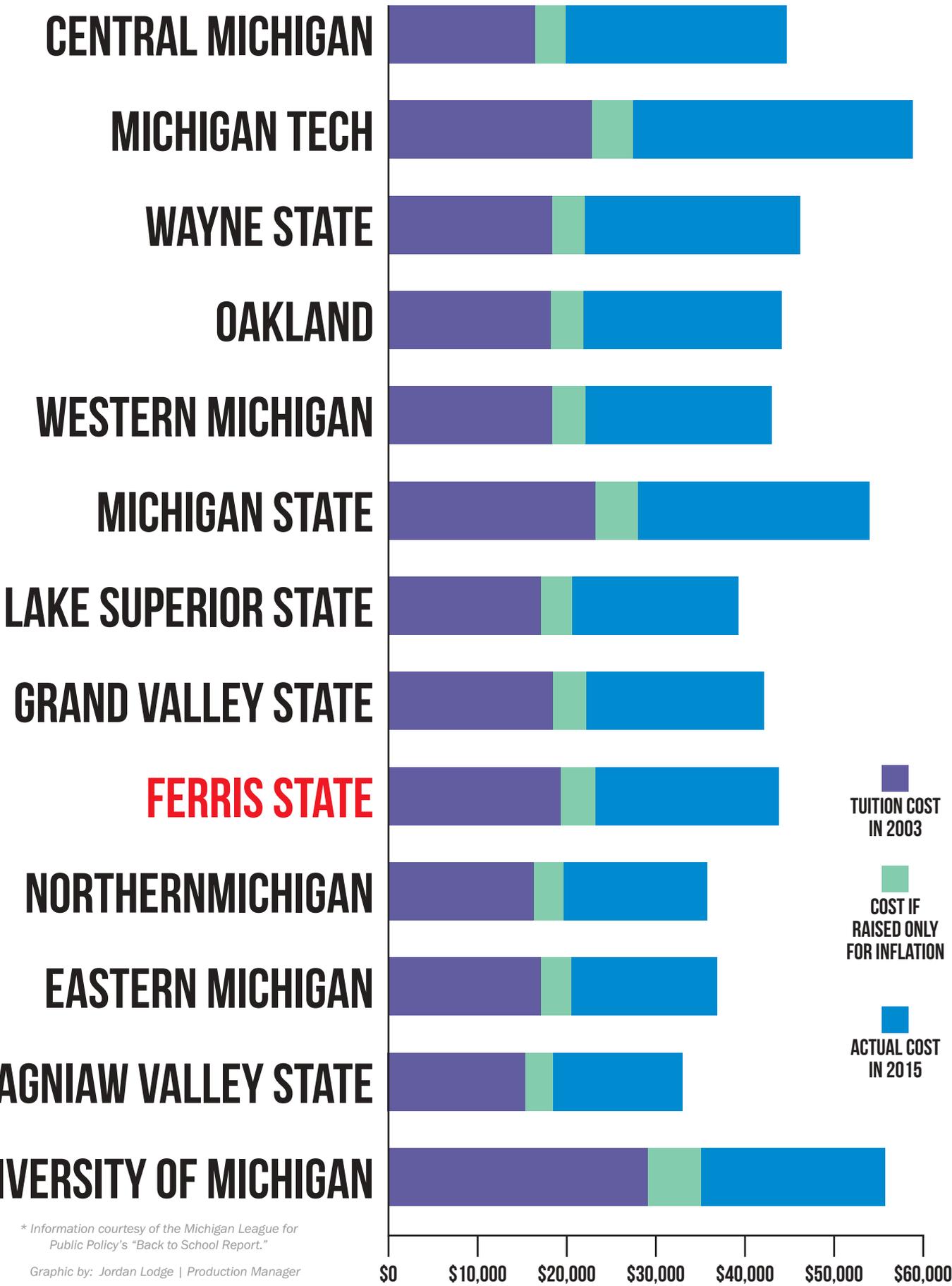
# That price is too high

## Recent data shows college students are paying double what they should be

### TOTAL COST OF TUITION FOR FOUR YEARS

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter



Alessanda Impellizzeri

Student debt is the Grim Reaper for every college student, especially when that amount should be half of what it is.

According to a recent study conducted by the Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP), Ferris students in the class of 2003 paid \$19,275 for four years of college.

The class of 2015 paid \$43,680 for four years of college, a 127 percent change when inflation only increased by 20.4 percent. When taking into account the normal rate of inflation, the class of 2015 should have only paid \$23,202 for the

same education.

"It's kind of ridiculous. We shouldn't be paying as much as we are," said Ferris undecided freshman Alessandra Impellizzeri. "It inhibits other people from going to school and colleges and pursuing careers. It's kind of sad to hear because no one can pursue their dreams and it diminishes our economy more than helps it."

Another report by the MLPP states that 62 percent of Michigan college students graduate with debt, which averages in \$29,450. This is due to the state of Michigan cutting university funding by \$262 million, the report explains.

"It kind of surprised me, but also I've noticed that tuition has gone up," said Ferris graphic media management senior Megan Hunt. "I've saved up money, which helps, but it's definitely hard."

Michigan also spends less need-based financial aid per student than most Midwestern states according to the MLPP. The U.S. average was roughly \$533 per undergrad in the 2013-14 school year but Michigan only spent an estimated \$223 per undergrad.

"Luckily, I don't have to pay tuition. Both my parents do work here at Ferris, so I do have their tuition waivers," Impellizzeri said. "But, because of tuition in general, for other colleges, it prohibited me from actually going to the college of my choice."



Brianne Harvey

The MLPP said that pell grants no longer cover a large enough portion of the rising tuitions to maintain affordable college for low-income students.

In fact, many blame the accessibility of high-interest private loans for the rapid in

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“Who’s going to watch your children while you go to class?”  
- Todd Jones  
See below for story

# Little Bulldogs



Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Torch Photographer

Ferris parents and their little ones gathered for food and festivities to discuss what it means to be both a parent and a student, and to network and find support with one another.

## Students with Children Program reaches out to moms and dads at Ferris

Harley Harrison  
Torch Reporter

Being a college student has proven to be stressful for many, but being a parent on top of that doesn't even compare.

“Being a parent, for one, humbles you, it matures you. It matures you compared to where I was at first,” said recent Ferris advertising and marketing graduate and mother Jasmine Barkley at the Students with Children Program’s first meeting Thursday, Sept. 8.



Jasmine Barkley

The Students with Children Program works to support parents enrolled at Ferris by providing free social events, information, resources and even scholarships to its members and their children.

“We want to make sure that they know that support is here for them on campus and also to let them know that the same academic support is available to them as any other student,” said Karen GreenBay, the director of the Students with Children Program and the Scholar Peer Mentor Program. “To be able to let the students know or the parents know that a degree is achievable and yes, it may take them a little longer but to let them know that they have the same opportunities as a traditional student.”



Karen Greenbay

Although Ferris offers family housing and daycare services, students and their children still face many challenges on campus.

“I am on a very long waiting list for Tots Place,” said Ferris social work junior and moth-

er, Nicole Griffith. “Day care outside of campus is \$150 and you have to pay the whole week, you can’t pay by the hour because I’ve called like 20 daycares between Ewart and Cedar Springs and they are all by the week and all I need is a babysitter for like two hours a day.”



Nicole Griffith

Finding childcare during the day is perhaps the most challenging aspect for parents that are enrolled as students.

“Who’s going to watch your children while you go to class? How are you going to prioritize homework with family time? I think that’s one major issue that should be addressed. How to better equip the student to be a student while being family,” said Ferris marketing sophomore and father of two, Todd Jones.

Despite having a program designed to help students with families, those individuals still can’t help but feel overlooked sometimes.

“I feel like their attention is more on traditional students, which is okay because that’s the way you get some of your students. But you also need to understand that we are students as well. We have more on our plate than the traditional student,” Barkley said.

Another common issue arises in breastfeeding mothers, especially those who commute.

“At the moment, we don’t have any source or facility like that to offer to our breastfeeding mothers,” GreenBay said.

For more information, email [studentswithchildren@ferris.edu](mailto:studentswithchildren@ferris.edu) or search the Facebook page ‘Students with Children’ at Ferris State.



Todd Jones



Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Torch Photographer

Ferris marketing sophomore and father of two, Todd Jones (right) understands the challenges of balancing being a student and a parent.

# Up in smoke

A roundup of this week's crime at Ferris State University

By Angela Graf - News Editor

## An unpleasant crunch

Aug. 24, 5 p.m., officers responded to a report of a car driving on the sidewalk in order to load things into the vehicle, and running over a child's bicycle in the process.

## Up in smoke

Aug. 25, 10:15 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Travis Hall. One suspect was identified and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

## Tsk tsk

Aug. 26, 1:30 a.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Miller Hall. Two students were identified and issued MIPs.

## Dazed and confused

Aug. 27, 11:40 p.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in Cramer Hall. One suspect was identified and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

## Crashed

Aug. 29, 6:15 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident in Lot 2.

## Get out, right now

Aug. 30, 12 p.m., officers responded to a harassment complaint in Ward Hall. The subject had had a fight with her boyfriend who refused to leave after being kicked out.

## Run, run, run

Aug. 31, 6 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 64.

## Crashed again

Sept. 1, 9:45 a.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident in Lot 57.

## Sloppy drunk

Sept. 1, 9:15 p.m., officers responded to a car-pedestrian accident in Lot 39. The pedestrian, who was found to be intoxicated, had walked into the vehicle and was taken to the hospital.

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## Prowlin'

Sept. 1, 11:40 p.m., officers responded to a trespassing complaint near Cramer Hall. The subject was escorted from the premises.

## Oops

Sept. 2, 1:05 p.m., officers responded to a one vehicle accident in Lot 1. The vehicle had struck a cement sign.

## Slashed

Sept. 2, 3:40 p.m., officers responded to the report of a damaged vehicle in Lot 4. The tires were flat and had possibly been slashed.

## You don't belong here

Sept. 2, 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the report of a disorder-

ly subject in Bond Hall. The subject was located and removed.

## Turn down for what

Sept. 3, 12:40 a.m., officers responded to a loud music complaint in Finch Court. The party was contacted and asked to quiet down.

## High as hell

Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m., officers assisted hall staff in Bond Hall with a marijuana complaint. Two students were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and one was additionally ticketed.

## Drunk as a skunk

Sept. 4, 2:20 a.m., officers issued an MIP to an intoxicated student in Travis Hall.

## So you do have weed?

Sept. 5, 8:30 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle for expired plates. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana and lodged in the county jail.

## Dude, my car

Sept. 6, 4 p.m., officers responded to the report of a damaged vehicle in Lot 57.

## So much freaking weed

Sept. 7, 12:15 a.m., officers responded to a marijuana complaint in McNerney Hall. One student was identified and lodged in jail for possession of marijuana.

## Accountability

Sept. 7, 5:50 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident in Lot 27.

# NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

## Beer, Booze and Books

On Thursday, Sept. 15, the annual Beer, Booze and Books presentation will be held in William's Auditorium. The assembly will be hosted by Jim Matthews, M.Ed. and author of "Beer, Booze and Books... A Guide to College Drinking." There are two presentations, one at 11 a.m. and one at 7:30 p.m., and students attending for FSUS classes will receive a stamped ticket as proof of attendance.

## Posters galore

This week, Sept. 14 to Sept. 16, Ferris will be hosting their annual poster sale, put on by Global Prints. With locations in both the North and South Quad from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., students can stop and browse on their way to class.

## Constitution Day photo booth

On Friday, Sept. 16, there will be a booth set up across from the bookstore in the University Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a "best constitutional quote" contest and a "who said what" contest in addition to the photo booth and costumes. Prizes include a Samsung Gear Fit2 Watch and a free Ferris t-shirt from the university bookstore.

## MRSA

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the body through an open wound. Once there, symptoms can be as mild as sores or boils, or as severe as infection in the blood, lungs or urinary tract.

The disease can often be identified by an area of the skin that is red, swollen, painful, warm to touch, full of pus and/or accompanied by a fever.

MRSA can be spread through both skin-to-skin contact and contact with an infected surface, and is made particularly dangerous by its longevity.

MRSA has developed a resistance to common antibiotics including methicillin, amoxicillin, penicillin and oxacillin. For this reason, MRSA is sometimes referred to as a "super bug" and can be life-threatening if left untreated.

In addition to the announcement, the university also released a page of frequently asked questions in which the following techniques for prevention were suggested for all students:

- Maintain good hand and body hygiene. Wash hands often, clean your body regularly, especially after exercise.
- Keep cuts, scrapes and wounds clean and covered until healed.
- Avoid sharing personal items such as towels and razors.
- Get care early if you think you might have an infection.
- Follow your healthcare provider's instructions on proper wound care
- Wash used sheets, towels and clothes with water and laundry detergent.
- Use a dryer to dry them completely.

Ferris' Physical Plant, as well as several other offices around campus, are in the process of disinfecting all potentially contaminated areas in order to prevent the bacteria from spreading.

According to Barber the two students that were infected are currently in treatment and are being monitored.

For more information on the disease visit [cdc.gov/mrsa/](http://cdc.gov/mrsa/).

Additionally, Barber will be available over the weekend at the Birkam Health Center phone number (231) 591-2614, to address any questions or concerns.

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Ferris human resource management senior Esad Miftari (left) and architecture and sustainability senior Corey Nichols (right) took part in the food and activities offered at Birkam Health Center's 2016 open house.

## Open for business

Birkam Health Center hosts 2016 open house

Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

Birkam Health Center offered the chance to eat free pizza, win a \$25 gift card and enjoy a free massage all at the same time, and many students took advantage.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, Birkam opened its doors to students and staff for their annual open house. Birkam Health Center Director Lindsay Barber is hoping to expand the health center's presence on campus, citing the open house as a step in the right

direction.

"We really wanted to make sure to feature all of the services that we offer here and let students be able to see everything and meet the providers," Barber said. "We have two new providers that have been with us for less than six months, so we want people to understand who they're going to be seeing when they come in here for help and recognize faces."

Barber was also hoping to showcase renovations and updates made to Birkam's clinical rooms over the summer during the open house.

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# Vibing out

## Ferris acapella group reunites for their third year together

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The Vibrato Vibes acapella group can be found around campus throughout the year performing at choir concerts, sporting events and Relay for Life.

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

The Vibrato Vibes are back in action for their third year of acapelling with tryouts that took place on Friday.

The registered student organization (RSO) at Ferris holds tryouts for the group each semester and is always eager to welcome new members. Ferris law enforcement senior Tyler Karum, is not only president of the Vibrato Vibes but also a founding member. He is looking forward to a new year doing what he has worked so hard to bring to Ferris.

"I'm one of the last people here that started this, I've been here since day one," Karum said. "We were brainstorming ideas

of how to bring people together with music."

Although they do not compete, the Vibrato Vibes have come a long way since it's inaugural year, with many people showing up to tryouts, doing performances and attending acapella workshops. One of these workshops being Soul Jam in Atlanta, Georgia. According to Karum, it is essential to attend these events to improve.

"There are live concerts that we can learn from," Karum said. "We went last year and that actually made us a lot better because we took those workshops and applied them to our acapella group."

In addition to this, the group also puts on events at Ferris. They perform choir concerts, sing at sporting events and sang at

Relay for Life last year.

When they aren't performing, the team is practicing. The Vibrato Vibes meet twice a week for practice, and according to Ferris pre-marketing sophomore Peyton Karus, this is where the work takes place.

"There is a lot of hard work that goes into this group that nobody knows about," Karus said. "We make sure we practice two days a week and make sure we go over everything and it sounds good."

Although the team works hard, they also like to have a good time with each other.

"We are a pretty good group of people, we have a lot of fun," Karus said. "We have this thing called 'aca-bonding' which is when we do different things. Like karaoke at Gypsy

Nickel or just watching Pitch Perfect movies. We are still having fun. I'll be honest, this group feels like family to me."

Ferris chemical engineering sophomore Sarah Bular joined the group for that particular reason.

"I wanted to meet new people and I found it on OrgSync. I didn't have lot of experience besides church and singing in the car but I like how everyone gets along. It is a close-knit group," Bular said.

Auditions are held every semester and the team meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the choir room located in the music building. It is not required to be able to read music or to have a musical background to make the team and everyone is welcome.

## BIRKAM

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Photo by: Justin Campbell | Visual Content

Birkam Health Center prepares for its annual open house with hopes to showcase the services it offers, new hires on staff and renovations made to clinical rooms within the health center.

of her friends came for the offerings of free food and activities, but also learned about Birkam's health services along the way.

"We got fliers in our mailbox and my friends were going. My friend wanted a massage, and pizza is always a plus!" Grabes said.

Barber believes that students cannot live up to their potential if their health is compromised, which is why she sees a health center on campus as a vital resource both during college and beyond.

"Our health is important in general, but I also really think it's important for student success. We can't really be our best in school if we aren't feeling our best in both physical health and mental health," Barber said. "We're here to help students be the best students that they can

be and are offering some guidelines and education going forward so that when you get out of college you can make good decisions with your health and health care."

According to Barber, maintaining healthy levels of stress is the most important health tip for students to keep in mind.

"Really pay attention to stress and anxiety because stress can take a big toll both mentally and physically on you. As college students you kind of get a lot piled on you so it's really important to have outlets to be able to handle that stress," Barber said. "If you find that you can't cope with that anxiety and stress, that's why we're here."

In addition to visiting Birkam's counselors if stress becomes overwhelming, Barber also recommended working out, reading and hanging out with friends as some other

potential activities to reduce stress.

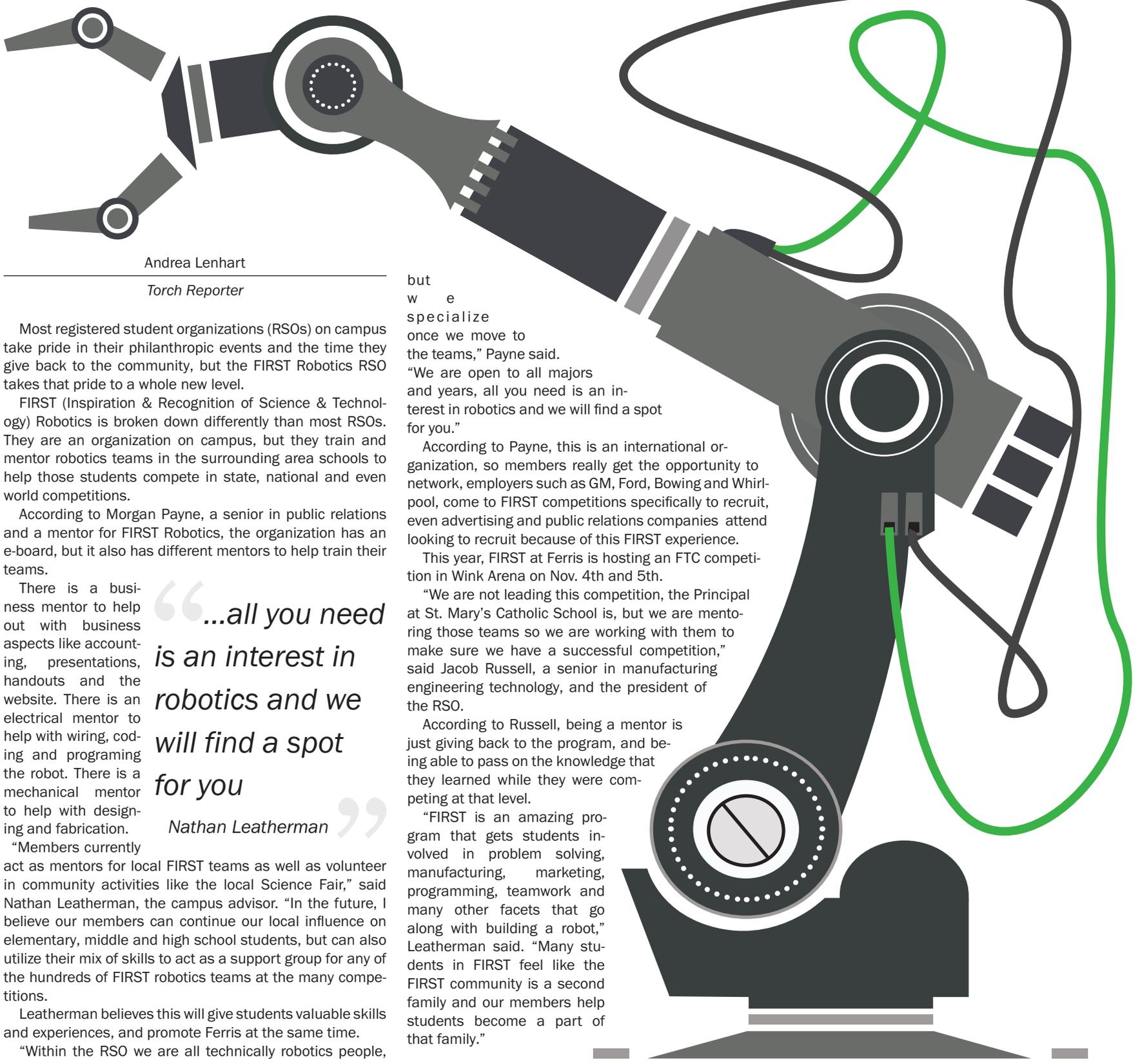
Ferris accounting senior and Birkam student employee Dakota Cortez was just one of the pairs of hands-on-deck for Birkam's open house. Cortez sees the opportunity to work together to help students as the most rewarding aspect of his job.

"I check patients in, schedule appointments, answer phone calls and help the whole process go smoothly," Cortez said. "My favorite part of working here would be the connections with the staff. Getting to work together as a team gives a good feeling of cohesion when everything works out and we can help the patients."

Birkam's clinic is open Monday to Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (231) 591-2614.

# FIRST Robotics at Ferris

Students help the community become part of an international program



Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Most registered student organizations (RSOs) on campus take pride in their philanthropic events and the time they give back to the community, but the FIRST Robotics RSO takes that pride to a whole new level.

FIRST (Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Robotics is broken down differently than most RSOs. They are an organization on campus, but they train and mentor robotics teams in the surrounding area schools to help those students compete in state, national and even world competitions.

According to Morgan Payne, a senior in public relations and a mentor for FIRST Robotics, the organization has an e-board, but it also has different mentors to help train their teams.

There is a business mentor to help out with business aspects like accounting, presentations, handouts and the website. There is an electrical mentor to help with wiring, coding and programing the robot. There is a mechanical mentor to help with designing and fabrication.

"Members currently act as mentors for local FIRST teams as well as volunteer in community activities like the local Science Fair," said Nathan Leatherman, the campus advisor. "In the future, I believe our members can continue our local influence on elementary, middle and high school students, but can also utilize their mix of skills to act as a support group for any of the hundreds of FIRST robotics teams at the many competitions.

Leatherman believes this will give students valuable skills and experiences, and promote Ferris at the same time.

"Within the RSO we are all technically robotics people,

but we specialize once we move to the teams," Payne said. "We are open to all majors and years, all you need is an interest in robotics and we will find a spot for you."

According to Payne, this is an international organization, so members really get the opportunity to network, employers such as GM, Ford, Bowling and Whirlpool, come to FIRST competitions specifically to recruit, even advertising and public relations companies attend looking to recruit because of this FIRST experience.

This year, FIRST at Ferris is hosting an FTC competition in Wink Arena on Nov. 4th and 5th.

"We are not leading this competition, the Principal at St. Mary's Catholic School is, but we are mentoring those teams so we are working with them to make sure we have a successful competition," said Jacob Russell, a senior in manufacturing engineering technology, and the president of the RSO.

According to Russell, being a mentor is just giving back to the program, and being able to pass on the knowledge that they learned while they were competing at that level.

"FIRST is an amazing program that gets students involved in problem solving, manufacturing, marketing, programming, teamwork and many other facets that go along with building a robot," Leatherman said. "Many students in FIRST feel like the FIRST community is a second family and our members help students become a part of that family."

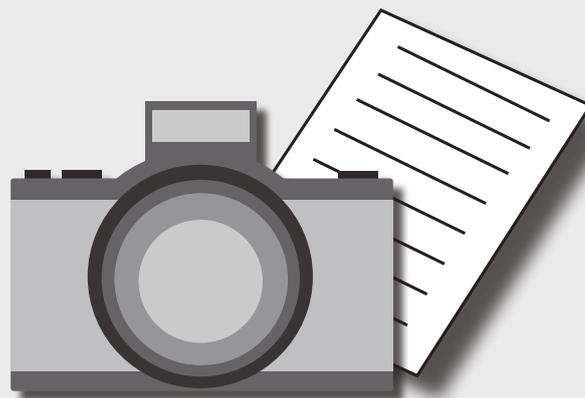
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## DEBT

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crease in debt. The schools know that students have access to more money through lenders, so they charge them more.

"Just keep looking for scholarships," Ferris pre-dentistry freshman Brienne Harvey said. "If you can, I would work and get more experience in life so it's easier to get a job." Even though me working at Wendy's isn't going to get me a job in a dental office, but still it's experience working with people."

Michigan students will have to keep searching for scholarships as tuition at four year universities in Michigan is ranked 6th highest in the nation and second highest in the Midwest.

More information can be found in the MLPP's "Back to School Report."

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"I was the first woman in my internship. Respect is earned; you don't demand it." - *Julia Tisdale*  
See below for story.

## Networking and dinner hosted for women in STEM



Photo by Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Students and faculty attending the Welcome Women in Engineering Technology event take the opportunity to network and eat dinner in the University Center.

### Ferris welcomes women in engineering technology program

Alexandra Bourne

*Torch Interim Reporter*

Women entering science, technology, engineering and mathematics studies were invited to a welcome dinner and networking event hosted by the Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology.

Approximately 50 people, primarily young women beginning studies in STEM fields, had dinner together Thursday, Sept. 8, in the University Center. They listened to a panel of female students reflect on the college and program as part of the third annual Welcome Women in Engineering Technology event.

"The objective of this event is to welcome female students who are new to the College of Engineering Technology to campus," said Leigha Compson, the University Career Programs Specialist within Academic Affairs

who works with students in the College of Engineering Technology (CET). "We provide dinner, a brief overview of campus resources, a networking activity, and a panel of female students from CET offer their experiences, advice and words of wisdom to the new females."

Ferris began hosting the dinner after a female focus group said they wanted to feel more connected to other female students in their program. Though the event is aimed at new women in the program, everyone in the program were welcome to attend. Joining the women were two male students and a few professors.

"I think it's opening eyes to different ways of thinking and doing business," said Brent Williams, assistant professor of the Ferris welding engineering technology program, chair of diversity for the college. "I think that we need diversity in the workplace so we can

have more holistic solutions to problems."

"I have two daughters, so I am very in tune to gender stereotyping. I have seen people say things to my children that I would never say to them. My job is to encourage and promote for those who are interested and opening doors for women that may not have been open before," Williams said.

Graduates of Ferris' College of Engineering Technology have gone on to complete important work in STEM fields.

Quincee Denault earned a Michigan Department of Education Breaking Traditions award for overcoming obstacles and stereotypes to be successful in her career and technical education program. Emily Jungblut is a 2014 Ferris graduate who designed a prosthetic hand for her senior project for an eight-year-old boy born without fingers on his left hand.

"We prepare students who are career

ready," said Dan Wanink, Ferris professor of computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) and tool design. "They're going to walk out the door prepared to enter the industry. We give students the confidence and skills needed to enter the work force."

During the introduction segment of the evening, nearly every student said they chose Ferris State University because the College of Engineering Technology is one of the top in the country.

"I'm very passionate about supporting women in fields that they are underrepresented in," Compson said. "They're fields where you can really make a difference in the world and in people's lives. I wish more women realized the potential in these fields and had the confidence to pursue them."

To increase awareness, Compson helps

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# HEY! I felt that!

Noticing and understanding the reality of triggers



Jasmine Nettles  
Managing Copy Editor

What happens when your mood changes? Is it a good change? Maybe a bad one? In any case, this is how you easily identify the triggers that have become a part of your daily living.

Triggers are common among people from all age groups and cultures, and it's a simple concept. When you make memories, even accidentally, something from that moment will stay with you forever.

It might be a scent, random holiday or a video clip from an old movie. If you have a "thing" that picks up your mood or have a "thing" that dims your mood, that my friend, is your trigger.

In May, I went to Italy. It was one of the best times of my life, and after this trip there are memories that I will never forget.

I can't have a Corona without thinking about my friends, Garrett and Ricky. Flirting with waiters isn't the same without my friends, Hannah and Karly. See what I mean?

Although happy triggers are great, I'd be naïve to only include those. For some, there are more relevant heavily emotional triggers as well.

When I see potted plants at a strangers home, I think of the 10 that lined the altar of my Great Grandmother's funeral. My love for superheroes is bittersweet because I once shared the excitement with someone whom I'm no longer friends.

And for some it's even more intimate than that. A lyric from an old song can trigger sadness because it reflects on the worst breakup of someone's life. The anniversary of the death of a loved one could figuratively cast a dark cloud on a beautiful day.

It could be the new cologne that a lab partner wears that reminds you of the guy from that party last weekend who wouldn't leave you alone. Or the dress that your five-year-old sister wore the day she swore she'd never speak to you again.

A trigger is a symbol. A symbol of whatever it will represent. And the worst part about having a trigger is that you probably will never be able to control when they trigger you.

So, how can you make this an easier thing to deal with? Embrace your triggers. Address your triggers in your friend circle and with family. Understand that by embracing these things, it makes it easier for you to help others embrace theirs.

And if you happen to be someone who's lucky enough to not even understand what a trigger is, because somehow you don't have any, then I challenge you to also embrace the reality of triggers as well.

You'll notice when a friend becomes tense or they get overly excited about something that happened years ago. Just make a mental note, "when I did this, my friend reacted like this."

Triggers will never change you. If anything they make you better, because you're always aware of the things that make you you.

Live in your happy moments, be sober in your sad ones. But never stop.

For me, triggers promote self-growth. And without them, I wouldn't have been able to share it's reality with you.



## Stranger Things



The Netflix original series and supernatural drama, 'Stranger Things' has become an Internet sensation and generation hopping TV success.

Created by the Duffer Brothers, the series premiered this past summer on July 15, and has since garnered critical acclaim.

Stranger Things takes influence from the late '70s and '80s works of Steven Spielberg, George Lucas and Stephen King. Set in a small Midwestern town where supernatural events continuously occur, the protagonists begin to lose their innocence and a government experimentation lab is discovered.

The story is set in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana and begins on Nov. 6, 1983. The plot follows the disappearance of 12-year-old Will Byers and the search for him by his mother, brother, police chief and his best friends with the help of a telekinetic girl named Eleven. The story unfolds during eight episodes.

At first, Stranger Things appears as a typical 1980s horror-themed TV show or movie, although it is far from typical. The mystery is intriguing and does not follow the standards of film writing. Without revealing spoilers for those who have yet to watch, a clear inspiration for the story are the works of Stephen King, who individualizes very well and has tendencies to kill off main characters.

The protagonists in the story are 12-year-olds Michael, Dustin and Lucas who play Dungeons and Dragons, but are forced to embark on a search mission for their friend Will once he disappears. Throughout their journey they meet Eleven, a young girl who says few words but has supernatural powers. Jonathon is Will's older brother and a social outcast in Hawkins whose journey to find his brother parallels that of Michael, Dustin and Lucas. The main characters are reminiscent of the cadaver-searching boys from 'Stand By Me,' a movie based on the Stephen King novella "The Body." Stranger Things parallels the boys' loss of inno-



Travis Sacher  
Torch Reporter

cence in a similar fashion.

Another main character is Police Chief Jim Hopper, who leads the police search for Will and teams up with his mother Joyce. Hopper's relentless effort to find the boy leads him to a US Department of Energy complex in Hawkins, which turns out to be a secret government human experimentation lab that mirrors the MK-Ultra program by the CIA.

Other characters include Michael's older sister Nancy, her love interest Steve Harrington and a mysterious monster that is terrorizing the once tranquil town.

Prior to the release of Stranger Things, there was not a lot of buzz for the show. The only instantly recognizable cast member is Winona Ryder, who portrays Will's mother Joyce, a distressed single mother whose youngest son vanishes. Within its first 35 days, the program averaged a total of 14.07 million adult viewers ages 18-49. This one statistic makes season one of Stranger Things the third most watched Netflix original season within the last year, trailing only season one of "Fuller House" and season four of "Orange is the New Black." The series also scored a rating of 95 percent by review aggregator website, Rotten Tomatoes.

Stranger Things is a generationally diverse series. Preteens, teens, young adults and middle-aged adults are all targeted audiences. It is also not just a supernatural horror mystery. It is much more of a drama than anything else.

Netflix has renewed Stranger Things for a second season set to premiere in 2017.

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# Switching up the style

## Ferris Students and Zonta International welcome fall fashions

Tia-Jane Oakes  
Torch Interim Reporter

Fall is nearly here and as the weather turns colder, local businesses and organizations will be displaying new fall fashions to the waiting public.

The change from flip-flops and shorts to sweaters and jeans makes students excited about the season.

Ferris health information technology senior Lakendra Brown said that she loves the fall season specifically because of the clothes she has the

chance to wear.

"I love going to football games wearing a cardigan, some jeans and a scarf," Brown said. "It makes me feel cozy and warm. Every girl loves fall. They have to, it's the best season to wear nice looking clothes."

Ferris pre-physical therapy junior Sierra Mosley said that she and her friends set a date for the beginning of each school year to go shopping for fall clothes. She said that she loves the different materials she can wear, such as leather and suede.

"Every year there are new trends, so I have to make sure I know what they are and buy a few items to add to my wardrobe," Mosley said.

Mosley looks up to celebrities for fashion ideas such as Rihanna, Kylie Jenner and Ming Lee. She describes her style as "simple with a little edge."

"Fall is the season where every layer of clothing matters," Brown said. "When I look at New York Fashion week online, I see all the models dressed in layers of beautiful clothes."

For Ferris students interested in fashion, the annual Zonta Fashion Show is a social event hosted by the Big Rapids chapter of Zonta International, whose mission is to empower women through service and advocacy and to raise funds for their local

chapter.

Deborah Griffith—president of the Big Rapids' Zonta chapter—said that she believes in empowering women; that's why she wanted to get involved.

"This year the clothes are provided by local stores JCPenny's, Maurice's, Peebles and Serendipity," Griffith said.

This year's fashion show will include 30 professional models who are allowed to pick the clothes they wish to model.

The Zonta Fashion Show is Wednesday, Sept. 14, starting at 6 p.m. at Clear Lake Golf Club and tickets are \$40.

For more information about Zonta International and the Big Rapids chapter, visit [zonta15.org](http://zonta15.org).



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## WOMEN

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Ferris construction management freshman Katie Brim holds a quote from Elbert Hubbard that reads, "You can lead a boy to college, but you can't make him think."

to facilitate community outreach events targeted to young girls in middle and high school who may be interested in math and science. They do hands-on activities and bring current CET students so the girls and parents can hear from real students.

"Events like this help students network and build connections with each other to create a sense of community for women in the CET," Compson said. "Not only do the attendees have an opportunity to interact with fellow students, faculty and staff, but they also learn more about campus resources and ways to get involved at Ferris."

According to Compson, the college now has more women enrolled in it than ever before.

"I think that oftentimes women bring a sense of creativity," Compson said. "They offer a different perspective and bring organization and passion to the field that can really help."

Students who spoke on the panel include Chelsea Porter in the welding engineering program and intern at B&P Manufacturing, Kaylie Bohn from electrical engineering technology and 2016 recipient of the Breaking Traditions Merit Award, Megan Polis from facilities management and intern at Collier County Facilities Management, Julia Tisdale from construction management and intern at Lakewood Construction and Audrey Hesson from the architecture and sustainability program.

"It's hands-on, not just learning from a book," Bohn said, who is in her second year interning with Consumer's Energy. This past summer, Bohn had the opportunity to work in the field installing some of the equipment she had designed the previous summer.

"Not only do you learn new skills but you break barriers that were once set about that career. I see how to solve problems differently than my peers. This new way of thinking affects society as well," Bohn added.

The other students invited to speak praised the progress made by each other and the women in Ferris STEM programs before them.

"You have the opportunity to be more one-on-one," Hesson said. "I've really grown to enjoy that. You have a family. There's always somebody to help you."

Two students interning through different Ferris programs spoke about their experiences.

"I think it's less common to find women in this field," Polis said. "I was the first woman to intern at the place I was at. A lot of it is just we don't have a lot of females interested."

"I was the first woman in my internship," Tisdale said, agreeing with Polis. "Respect is earned; you don't demand it."

Overall, many participating students think Welcome Women in Engineering Technology is a success and want to see it continue to succeed.

"I think tonight's event was outstanding," Wanink said. "I've been part of it since we started and I hope it continues to grow."

A mixer event with female alumni will be held on Monday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. in University Center room 202C.

Contact Leigha Compson at leighacompson@ferris.edu or (231) 591-3549 for more information.

# Intern Queen presents in the UC

## Lauren Berger talks to students about her internships, businesses and books

Nick Vander Wulp

Lifestyles Editor

Finding internships and jobs are the areas of expertise of Entertainment Unlimited's guest speaker to students seeking either this fall.

Speaking to students at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, is Lauren Berger, an author and entrepreneur who built her own brand after taking on several internships throughout her college career.

Berger is the self-titled Intern Queen who has completed 15 internships during her college career at Florida State University and University of Central Florida.

Berger interned with big media companies like Fox and MTV, and landed one of her first jobs at the Creative Artists Agency in Los Angeles within two weeks of moving to California from Florida.

Now as an entrepreneur, Berger has made a brand of herself by organizing the knowledge she gained and making this information available for free to students through her websites internqueen.com and laurenbergerinc.com.

"I've pulled what I learned from every internship and watched what the executives I interned with did," Berger said. "I took what I learned from them and have made it all a part of my life today."

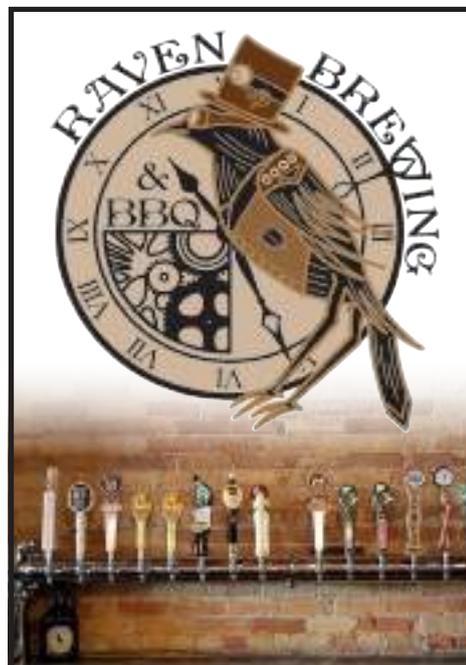
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# A NEW DAWGHOUSE



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DB - Southern Illinois

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RB - Eastern Michigan University

**David Drummond**  
Slot - Saginaw Valley State

## Ferris welcomes newly transferred athletes

Beau Jensen  
Torch Reporter

High school athletes from all over the world come to Ferris State to play under the

Bulldog banner, but our successful football program can boast a few new names from the college level.

Ferris football has picked up a total of 12 different transfer students within the year. Those transfers include senior running back

Juwan Lewis, junior quarterback Reggie Bell and most recently, Deshaun Thrower. Whether or not the transfer process was simple for each athlete is another story.

Bell and Lewis, both from the Div. 1 Eastern Michigan University Eagles, have just

begun their first season with Ferris. Bell, originally from California, took over for Jason Vander Laan at the quarterback position this year and claims that getting used to the Ferris way wasn't tough.

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Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Photographer

Senior defenders Kate Kelly and Meredith Smith are the only seniors on the Ferris State soccer team's roster, and will be looking to lead the team to the GLIAC Playoffs once again this year.

# Slim on seniors

## Women's soccer adjusts to young team

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris women's soccer lost seven seniors this offseason from last year's historic team and now has two seniors to lead a talented but inexperienced squad.

Defenders Kate Kelly and Meredith Smith are the only seniors on a young team that has gone 1-3 this season. Lack of chemistry and playing together has led to this slow start.

"We're still trying to find the starters we want," Smith said. "With time the girls will know what we're expecting and what we want."

The Bulldogs were swept this weekend on a road trip to Minnesota State and Winona State. Against Winona, the Bulldogs held a 2-1 lead going into the 88th minute. However, Winona delivered two goals within that minute for the win.

"We weren't comfortable with a 2-1 lead. It's the most dangerous lead you can have," Kelly said. "Our backline is definitely fresh down three starters from last year."

The inexperience of this team showed itself late in the game. However, those mistakes can be expected to be improved as the girls find their roles.

"We have a good freshman class," Kelly said. "We need

them to step up and fill some of those positions we lost. Upperclassmen need to show them and take charge as well."

If the Bulldogs are to fix the mental mistakes, that could come from the leadership from seniors Kelly and Smith.



Kate Kelly

Both players joined the team in the 2013-14 season and have stuck by each other since. They've seen leaders come and go but now it's their time to step up.

"As leaders, we need to keep high energy levels and keep the team united. I need to be a leader with communication on and off the field," Smith said.

Obviously, these girls haven't always been seniors and in a position to be expected to lead. They had to start somewhere.

Both Smith and Kelly were recruited by former Ferris head coach Matt Kellogg. Smith met Kellogg at a Grand Valley soccer camp and fell in love with the Bulldog program after a visit. Last year she tied former player Nichole Boenke for most points on the team with 13 points on six goals and seven assists.

Kelly met Kellogg at a camp in Indiana and was also enamored with Ferris on her visit.

"It just seemed like a place I wanted to go. It wasn't too big or too small," Kelly said. "It's good that Ferris is away

from home but also close enough that I can go home when I want to."

Kelly had a good friend on the 2013-14 Ferris team in Leanne Boehm. Boehm showed Kelly the reins and had a big impact on Kelly's decision to come to Ferris.

Essentially raised with soccer, Kelly started to play at the age of two. Her dad, Kevin Kelly, owns a few soccer complexes in the Detroit area and played collegiately for Oakland University.

While these girls are athletes, they are also Ferris students with future aspirations.

Smith is a dental hygiene major who will be done with her program in the spring. After, she will hope to find a job in her field, perhaps working at her dad's dental practice.

Kelly is a sports communication major and event management minor and will also graduate in the spring. She intends to work at sports stadiums, creating and hosting events. This is not set in stone as she also is considering physical therapy.

At 1-3, the Bulldogs have a lot of work ahead. This team will look to the leadership of Kelly and Smith as their season continues to progress.



Meredith Smith

### TRANSFER

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"The transfer process was not difficult, it was actually pretty smooth," Bell said. "I knew some guys at Ferris already and when I finally got the chance to meet Coach Annese, we clicked right away. I came in and started studying the playbook right away with coaches and teammates, and that really helped me with the process a lot as well."

Bell has already won his first two starts under center for the Dawgs. Lewis, the other Eastern Michigan transfer, had to take a bit of a different route to Big Rapids.

"It was easy and hard, I left a lot of good friends and people from Eastern along with my wife who is moving back to our soon-to-be home in Ohio, but it was great because I was around a great competitive atmosphere," Lewis said.

As a running back, Lewis was highly recruited out of Muskegon High School as one of the top backs in the state. He said that the easier part of the transfer process had a lot to do with the fact that Head Coach Tony Annese has known Lewis since he was in diapers. Literally.

"Coach Annese and my father, Coach Tracy Lewis, have huge ties because they coached with each other all throughout my

childhood," Lewis said. "Coach Annese can say he changed my diapers and has told me many stories about when I was a baby running around at practice in Ann Arbor before we moved to Muskegon."

Lewis credits Annese along with his father, his mothers Terri Simmons and Nilda Lewis, his wife Natalie Lewis and the Muskegon community where both he and Annese initially made names for themselves.

"The rest of the Ferris coaching staff have adjusted to me and I [to] them, they have given me many different lessons and are continuing to help me understand the Ferris State way," Lewis said.

The latest Dawg to make the hop to Ferris

is Thrower, who played basketball at Stony Brook University, a Div. 1 school in New York. Thrower, also out of Muskegon High School, intends to play both football and basketball next year for Ferris. He was a huge part of the Big Red football team playing both quarterback and defensive back.

Though each man has a different transfer story, they all ended up at Ferris State where they have found a new home.

The football team will take another road trip this Saturday, Sep. 17, to take on Northwood in Midland with kickoff set for 1 p.m.



Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Photographer

Sophomore Nicole Malouhos and senior Stephanie Sikorski leap to block an incoming spike.

# Volleying victories

## Bulldog volleyball .500 thru eight games

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State volleyball team has been synonymous with success these past couple years, thanks in larger part to four seniors that recently graduated.

Though those graduates are gone, that doesn't mean the remaining women can't step up and take the reins. In a slower start than the 2015 season, the team has started off the year with a 4-4 record compared to last year's 8-0 record through the first eight games.

With the fourth loss this season, the team has already exceeded the losses that 2015 took in total as their end-season record came to 33-3. Sophomore right-side hitter Hannah Guy understands the comparison but also believes the team can endure and improve.

"Obviously we lost some key players this past year, but we have some girls who have really stepped up and taken on the roles they were given," Guy said. "We are consistently in the gym working hard and taking things day by day and working to be the best we can be."

Guy also talked about the team's philosophy that they hold whether they are in a slump or winning every game.

"We work really hard to play what we call, 'Bulldog Volleyball'," Guy said. "We have high standards and strive to keep our legacy alive. It does not matter who is playing on the other side of the net, we play with grit and leave everything on the floor knowing that by the end of the game, regardless of the outcome, we walk off the court with satisfaction knowing we gave everything we had."

Ferris volleyball lost key players in Megan Vander Meer, who last year won the Deanavenport Bulldog of the Year Award. Another key player gone but not forgotten was Alexis Huntley who claimed the Willie Bouyer Leadership Award.

The squad is left with only three new seniors to take over and lead the team this season, but many of the younger ladies have shown promise in the past. One of those seniors is setter Stephanie Sikorski.



Stephanie Sikorski

"Our team has worked extremely hard and I have no doubt that we can be our own great team," Sikorski said. "Yes, we did not come out with a ton of wins off the bat, but we hung with some of the top teams in the nation. The season has just begun, and this team has so much to accomplish this year, all of which takes hard work, time and experience."

The one value that Guy believes keeps these Lady Dawgs close through thick and thin, winning or losing—relationships.

"One of our team values is strong team and friend relationships, so we really try implementing that into game play," Guy said. "We are really close off the court, and that helps being positive and purposeful in what we say on the court as well."

Ferris State volleyball will be serving up some more action on the road on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. when they head to Northwood to face the Timberwolves.

## Sports Shorts

By Cody Burkhard - Torch Reporter

### Cross Country takes first at Ray Helsing Invite

Ferris cross country ran away from the competition at home with an impressive showing at the 42nd annual Ray Helsing Invitational.

Senior Logan Hammer led the Dawgs with a first place finish with a time of 26:37.7. Junior Trevor Holloway placed second with a time of 26:26.9. Kyle Richardson and Casey Neal took the next two spots respectively with times of 26:37.7 and 26:39.1.

For the women, Kathryn Eтеленaki led the team at seventh overall with a time of 19:21.9. Coming in behind her was Kensington Garvey with a time of 19:32.3.

The next meet for the Bulldogs will be at the Michigan State Invitational on Friday Sept. 16, in East Lansing.

### Volleyball finishes up in Florida

Ferris volleyball went 3-1 over the weekend at the "Bash at the Beach" to even its record at 4-4.

The Dawgs went down to 1-3 after the Ferris Invitational, but corrected the ship this weekend, sweeping two of their opponents in West Palm Beach, Florida. On Friday, Ferris knocked off nationally ranked Washburn 3-2. The celebrations were short lived as the Bulldogs were swept later by tournament host and preseason No. 3 Palm Beach Atlantic.

The next day Ferris took down McKendree 3-1 and Florida Tech 3-0 in the tournament finale.

Freshman hitter Allyson Cappel had a great showing over the weekend posting a match high 19 kills against Washburn with 16 digs. She also led the Dawgs against McKendree with 12 kills, 14 digs. In that game, three Bulldogs had double-digit kills with senior setter Stephanie Sikorski assisting on most with 37 assists and 16 digs.

Ferris volleyball will be in action this Friday, Sept. 16, at Northwood at 7 p.m. Then again at Hillsdale on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m.

### Women's tennis splits

Ferris women's tennis picked up its first win of the season sweeping Lake Superior State Lakers 9-0 at home.

The Dawgs lost to Michigan Tech 5-4 on Friday but evened their record at 1-1 on Saturday by taking down the Lakers. No doubles match went closer than 8-5 as the Bulldogs cruised to an early 3-0 start.

Ferris did not let up winning five of six singles matches in straight sets. Only junior Amiena Houston went three sets, but she still pulled off the victory.

Women's tennis will play this weekend against Northwood and Saginaw Valley. The Dawgs will play at Northwood on Friday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. then it's on the road again when they play at Saginaw Valley on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.



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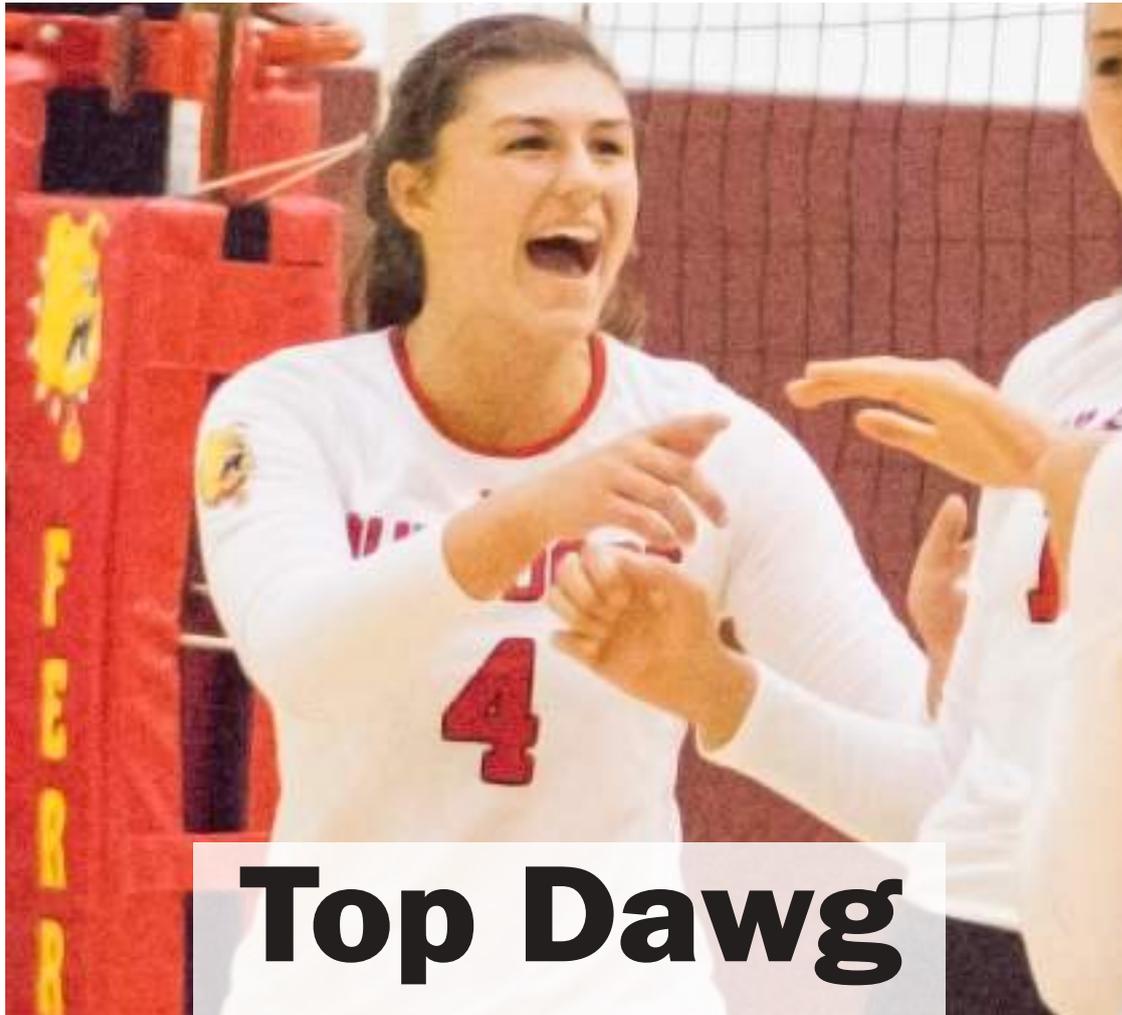
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## Top Dawg

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Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

New student athlete Reggie Bell took Top Dawg honors last week with his outstanding performance against Ohio Dominican. This week we move from the field to the court to yet another new face in Ferris State athletics.

Allyson Cappel is a promising freshman for the Ferris State volleyball team. The former high school standout made a name for herself at Lincoln-Way North in Frankfort, Illinois. Cappel compiled an astounding 341 kills with 211 digs, 35 blocks and 35 aces in high school and led her team to a 35-4 record as a senior.

Cappel's dominance seems to have followed her from Illinois to her new home here at FSU as the Bulldogs faced nationally ranked Washburn at the "Bash at the Beach" in West Palm Beach, Florida. Friday Sept. 9. All of the Bulldog players were in sync as they posted a team total of 61 kills, 96 digs and nine blocks. Cappel, however, was the star of the match, recording a match-high 19 kills and 16 digs as Ferris knocked off Washburn after 5 sets.

Cappel continued to shine in the second match of the day as the Bulldogs dropped a hard fought match against Palm Beach Atlantic after 3 sets. Cappel led the Bulldogs in that match with 11 kills to finish with 30 kills on the day.

The second day of the "Bash at the Beach" played out nicely for the Bulldogs as they defeated Florida Tech and McKendree University. Cappel led the Bulldogs on Saturday, Sept. 10, as well, posting 18 kills and 21 digs on the day.

Transitioning from high school athletics to playing at the college level can be a challenge for freshman but Allyson Cappel seems to have prepared herself well. If these matches are any indication of what she can do, Ferris State volleyball has a bright future ahead.

Cappel and the Bulldog volleyball team with travel back to Michigan where they will play the Northwood Timberwolves in Midland. The match will take place Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m.

# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Ferris State football squeaked out a close 30-28 victory over Michigan Tech last week thanks to a game-winning 36-yard field goal in the waning seconds of the game by junior kicker Wyatt Ford.

It's a shame that the ESPN fantasy football format doesn't give out extra points for game-winning field goals, because that kick was worth a lot more than the three points that it earned in fantasy.

After analyzing the set-up of Ferris Fantasy Football, I realized that I should get rid of the tight end position all together, considering Ferris doesn't really utilize a tight end. So this week, I will just play with a quarterback, one running back, two wide receivers, a flex (QB/WR/TE), a defense/special teams and a kicker.

Last week, Ferris quarterback Reggie Bell, running back Jahaan Brown and wide receiver Malik Taylor put up some pretty big numbers for the Bulldogs, but there was a slight fall off in performance outside of those three players.

To clarify, this is a Points Per Reception (PPR) league with ESPN standard scoring and a half a point for each reception.

I ended up winning by a score of 117 to 104.5 which puts my record against the Bulldogs at 1-0 so far this season.

Here is this week's lineup.

#### QB: Matthew Stafford, Detroit Lions –

Stafford put on an absolute clinic in a nail-biter against the Colts last week. Ever since the Lions hired offensive quarterback Jim Bob Cooter in the latter half of last year's season, Stafford's production has been much better than normal. Plus he'll be playing against a Tennessee Titans defense who gave up 25 points against Stafford's former backup Shaun Hill last week.

**RB: Lamar Miller, Houston Texans –** Miller had a career-high 28 carries last week. With quarterback Brock Osweiler still learning the Houston system, I expect Miller to have a field day against a Kansas City Chiefs defense that did their best impression of Swiss cheese last



Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor

week against the Chargers.

**WR1: Marvin Jones, Detroit Lions –** If you keep up with Ferris Fantasy Football, you'll come to find that I love pairing quarterbacks and wide receivers to double up on points. This week is no different. Jones has huge big play ability and Stafford seems to love throwing the ball his way. Jones only caught four of his 10 targets last week but still had 85 receiving yards. I expect a couple more connections this week, maybe a couple for touchdowns.

**WR2: Willie Snead, New Orleans Saints –** Snead played high school football in Muskegon for a couple years and had a career day last week, catching 9 passes for 172 yards and a touchdown. I don't see him stopping now.

**FLEX: LaGarrette Blount, New England Patriots –** Blount carried the ball 22 times last week, which is abnormal for a Patriots team that threw the ball on two-thirds of their plays last season, but he looked good. He isn't going to break many huge runs, but he will consistently wear down the defense and is a good guy to look to close to the goal line.

**D/ST: New York Jets –** The Jets play the Buffalo Bills this week. The Bills had 160 total yards last week. That is atrocious. That is all.

**K: Blair Walsh, Minnesota Vikings –** Walsh may not be very clutch in the playoffs but this is only week two. The Vikings had a tough time getting the ball in the end zone last week and Walsh got six tries at field goals. I don't know if he'll get that many tries against the Packers but it should be plenty.

We'll see if I can come out on top again this week as the Bulldogs travel to Midland to take on Northwood at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

### Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Ben Roethlisberger	27 completions, 300 YDS, 3 TD, 1 INT	24
RB	Todd Gurley	47 YDS, 1 REC	4.5
WR1	Antonio Brown	8 REC, 126 YDS, 2 TD	25
WR2	Amari Cooper	6 REC, 137 YDS	18
TE	Jason Witten	9 REC 66 YDS	10.5
FLEX	Ryan Mathews	77 YDS, 1 TD	14
D/ST	Seattle Seahawks	10 PA, 5 Sacks, FG Block	12
K	Justin Tucker	2 FG, 1 XP	9
Total:			117

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

### Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Reggie Bell	393 TOTAL YDS, 3 TD, 3 INT	34
RB	Jahaan Brown	134 TOTAL YDS, 3 REC	14.5
WR1	Malik Taylor	149 TOTAL YDS, 9 REC, 1 TD	24.5
WR2	Shakur Sanders	30 YDS, 4 REC	5
TE/FLEX	Marquel Hines	23 YDS, 2 REC	3
FLEX	Jamel Lockett	20 YDS, 3 REC	3.5
D/ST	Ferris State	28 PA, 350 YA, 2 INT, 2 FR	8
K	Wyatt Ford	3 FGM, 3XP	12
Total:			104.5



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# Kicking Our Butts



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## Considering a smoke-free campus

Before becoming a Ferris student I was enrolled at Lansing Community College (LCC) where I earned my Associate's degree. LCC, since 2008, has been 100 percent tobacco-free. For the 10 years before that, smoking at LCC was confined to designated areas. Currently, a third offense of campus tobacco use at LCC can result in suspension or worse.

Needless to say, coming to Ferris State was a bit of a culture shock.

I did not realize that today, in the 21st century, there still existed schools permitting tobacco use on school grounds. Ferris isn't the only school, either. There are many colleges and universities—both private and public—that still allow smoking and other tobacco uses on campus. Michigan State only recently banned the product this fall semester.

There are arguments against banning cigarettes and related products. To begin, it infringes on a person's right to smoke; a privilege that's otherwise legal in public outdoor settings. At the same time, secondhand smoke infringes on nonsmokers' rights to remain smoke-free. The 25-feet-from-building-entrances rule is hardly enforced, with smokers often chatting away in doorways during wet or cold weather.

Even if you aren't bothered by walking through clouds of smoke between classes, the growing piles of cigarette filters along walkways and school lawns

must seem alarming. The university places butt receptacles in front of nearly every main building entrance, if not all. But to assume that's 100 percent effective is akin to assuming everybody pees in the toilet.

There are those who live to disregard provided facilities.

It is safe to say every college and university will be smoke-free within our generation's lifetime. That is simply the natural course of events. Even if Ferris State has no immediate plans to kick the habit, it can at least take steps towards it.

One good segue would be to install sheltered smoking areas in semi-conspicuous places; in sight but away from the paths and entrances of the health-respecting public. An adverse of that would be to declare certain areas smoke-free—the quad, for instance—with strict penalties in place and enforced.

Wherever you stand on the argument you could probably agree that making Ferris State a nicer, healthier place is a priority and that there's always room for improvement. Now please excuse me while I go smoke a cigarette.



Jonny Parshall  
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## Chat with the chief

*Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich*

The NFL's regular season just kicked off this past weekend and the on-field action is already being eclipsed by controversy.

San Francisco 49ers' quarterback Colin Kaepernick opted to sit during the playing of the national anthem prior to multiple preseason games, and plans on continuing to do so in protest of institutional racism in the country.

Ever since that action, Kaepernick has faced ample backlash both from the press and through social media.

Yet, other pros have also demonstrated solidarity with his message. Several players on the Miami Dolphins took a knee during the anthem before kickoff on Sept. 11, and members of the New England

Patriots and Kansas City Chiefs raised fists while standing for the playing of the anthem last Sunday.

Some high school football players have kneeled during the anthem and the trend has even spread to other sports with American soccer star and Olympic gold medalist Megan Rapinoe kneeling during the anthem before a recent match.

It's clear that the quarterback's message resonated with several of his fellow athletes, but many claimed that he was setting a bad example for children that may idolize him and attempt to emulate his behavior. In reality, Kaepernick is setting an excellent example.

Peacefully standing up, in a figurative sense in this case, against what one perceives to be

an injustice should be celebrated. Kaepernick identified a social issue and used his First Amendment right to speak out against it on a grand stage.

Kaepernick is far from the first athlete to use a sporting arena or his athletic celebrity to preach a message.

Muhammed Ali was convicted of draft evasion and stripped of his Heavyweight Championship in 1967 after refusing to be inducted into the U.S. Army for religious reasons and speaking out against the Vietnam War.

The following year, Tommie Smith and John Carlos—two African American sprinters—raised a fist in opposition of racial injustice from the winners' platform while the

national anthem played during the Mexico City Olympics.

These men later became known as activists and heroes, despite initially being vilified for their acts of peaceful protest. These are names that we remember to this day for their greatness in sport and activism beyond.

So what will define Kaepernick's career? Throwing 56 touchdowns during his five year career and playing in a Super Bowl, or serving as a catalyst for modern day activism in the world of sports?

Kaepernick and a growing list of athletes may not be standing during the anthem, but that's not to say that they don't stand for something.

## Taking a knee to take a stand



# Minors: don't waste your money at Shooters

*Bar implements new, inflated cover charge for minors*

Big Rapids "nightclub" Star Shooters has set a new entry fee for patrons under the age of 21: \$10 before midnight and \$20 after.

Last school semester, the cover charge for minors was normally \$5 to \$10. Paying an entry fee to the town's popular bar is never good but at least \$5 is affordable. Now the rule only for minors is getting out of hand.

Shooters is making a clear statement with the new entry fee implying if you are not 21 years of age: spare your wallet, do not go to Shooters, they do not want you there. If you do go, especially after midnight, you will be forced to hand an agitated large male in a black shirt an unreasonable sum of cash along with your driver's license, to be put into an unorganized black box left out on a table, which is also frequently left unsupervised.

For many students this is a non-issue. They either have no desire to go to Shooters before they are 21 or already know that they cannot afford to pay the cover charge. For me, a third year Ferris student who is only a few months away from the ever so desired age of 21, Shooters has become a frequent weekend destination.

Myself and the majority of other students, go to Shooters on Friday and Saturday nights normally for one reason: to hang out with our friends. Sure, some try to get older friends to sneak them drinks but not everyone. Especially not after spending that much money just to walk through the door. Actually, that would motivate me to want to get my money's worth.

The new fee is already succeeding for the bar. I have seen fewer people there with black Xs on their hands than ever before. Honestly, good for them.

The hype on Shooters is overplayed. It is loud,



Travis Sacher  
Torch Reporter

dirty, packed with sweaty drunk students and the music choices are weak. Also, the entire time bouncers will be peeking over your shoulder to see if you dare have a beverage in your hand. Why would you pay 20 freaking dollars for this? Going to Shooters five times a semester after midnight would be more expensive than purchasing a fake I.D.

It would be great if other bars in Big Rapids grew as more popular weekend destinations. Two bars that do not charge an entry fee for minors are The Raven and Gypsy Nickel Lounge. Unfortunately, this does not matter because students will go to the bar where their friends are. The Raven and Gypsy are both restaurants that serve craft beer. They are great for large groups who prefer a cleaner and quieter bar than Shooters.

But neither is built to be the "college bar packed to the walls with students." No bar will be able to offer the ridiculously cheap prices that Shooters does. And when students go out to drink, they will go where the most people and cheaper prices are.

So, Shooters will remain the most popular bar in town. Although the prices have risen, minors will continue to waste their money on the overpriced cover charges. I recommend finding other places to go and save your money. Spend money at Shooters only at Friday After Class (FAC) for wings and save the rest until you are finally able to legally be given a drink in return.

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