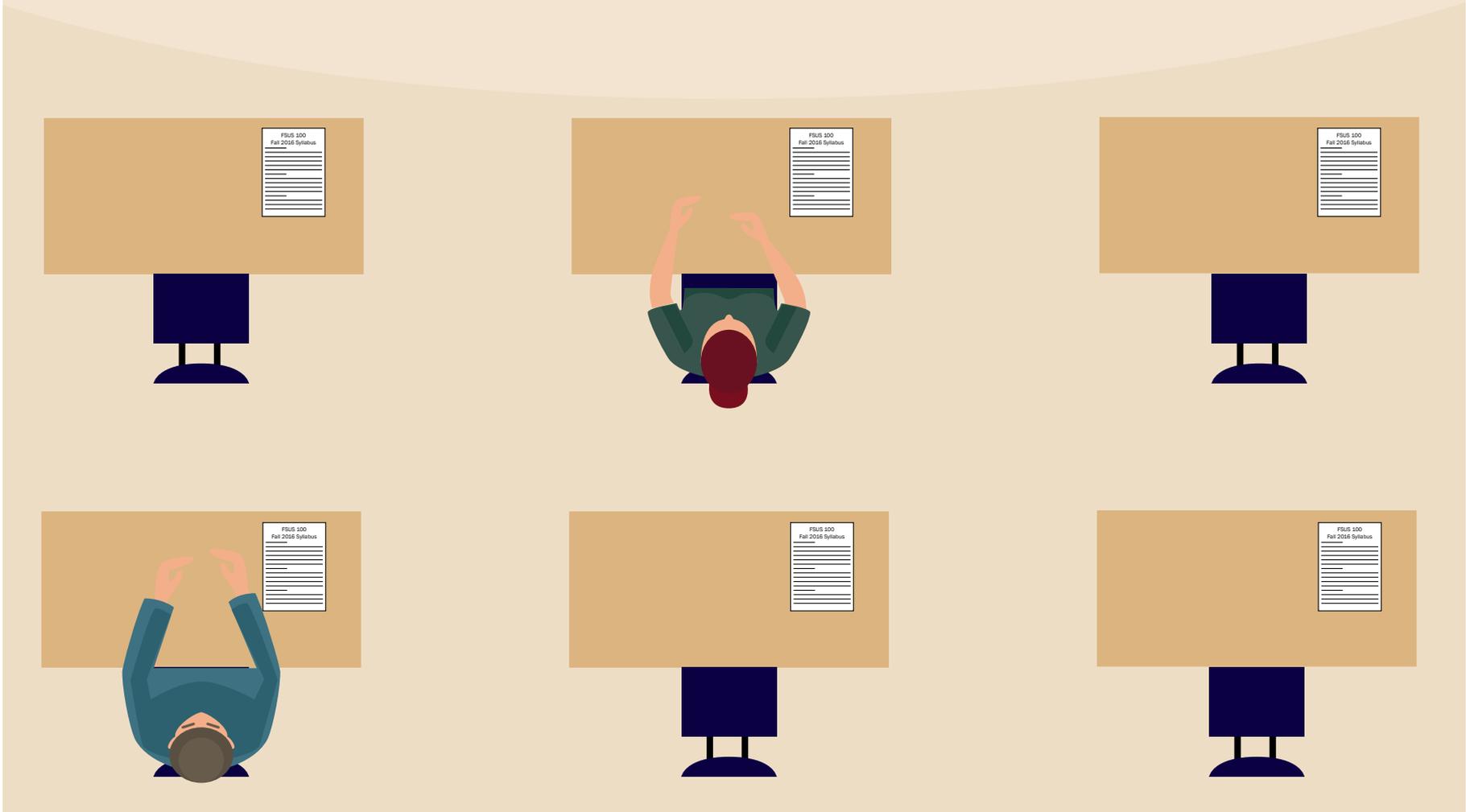




Welcome to FSUS 100



Where are the freshmen?

Ferris enrollment numbers decrease in significant categories

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

The results are in and data shows that the number of students enrolled at Ferris, as well as other Michigan colleges and universities, has gone down and won't be increasing anytime soon.

"Michigan (as well as the Midwestern Region) has been experiencing an overall decline in the number of high school graduates for the past several years. Our enrollment remained consistent until this fall, despite these demographic realities," said Ferris Dean of Enrollment Services Kristen Salomonson. "As a result, there is an impact on the number of potential freshmen as well as transfer students."

According to the President's Memorandum Fall Enrollment Forum, the number of Michigan high school graduates is continuing to decrease despite the projection of an increase in the number of national 18-year-olds.

"Best estimates are that from 2017-2022 there will be an additional 6.4 percent decrease," Salomonson said.

Ferris administration isn't taking this decrease lightly as they initiated the Strategic Enrollment Plan in 2014, according to Salomonson.

"Our overall goals are to improve access and opportunity for potential new students, enroll, retain and graduate a larger and more diverse student body, maintain the academic quality of our student population, and determine optimal enrollment based on environmental and institutional factors," Salomonson said.

However, some students think that other factors may impact the decrease in the number of students enrolled.

"There's probably lots of reasons, but I feel like a lot of people are going towards private schools because of scholarship reasons and financial aid," said Ferris marketing freshman Evan Koutny. "It's usually bigger in private institutions."

Ferris plastic engineering technology freshman Hanna Price suspects that waiting lists might also be discouraging for student enrollment.

"I feel like maybe people are starting to explore other options," Price said. "I feel like it might, in Michigan, keep decreasing because there are waits in a lot of programs."

Pressure on young high school graduates might also contribute to the decrease in student enrollment.

"I think there are a lot of people who don't really know

what they want to do and then they just don't enroll at all," said Ferris music industry management transfer sophomore Kenzi Szymanski. "I went through a time where I had no idea what I wanted to do and I didn't even want to go to school."

Students can expect a 3.8 percent decrease in enrollment by spring semester, according to the President's Memorandum Fall Enrollment Forum.

"We anticipate very little impact for current students. The University will continue to provide quality services and facilities to promote student success," Salomonson said.



Kenzi Szymanski



Hanna Price

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

The decline is across all major categories:

- FTIAC students are down 141 (7.8%)
- Transfer students are down 31 (3.2%)
- Continuing students are down 165 (2.4%)
- Student credits are down 4,137 (3.4%)



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“We have realized that we’re all going through it together so, we might as well help each other out”
- Shelby Alda
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Clowning around campus

Clown spotted in Big Rapids by students



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Megan Hiler
Torch Reporter

It sounds like something directly from a nightmare: a creepy clown was spotted in Big Rapids and then disappeared into the woods.

Unfortunately this is true. According to 9&10 News, the individual was seen on Colburn Ave. just before midnight last Tuesday.

“A creeped-out witness says the clown—in a blue costume with reddish pink hair—just stood there eerily looking at people across the street, before running off into the trees behind a house,” the report said.

Ferris construction management senior Evan Novack from Midland also saw the clown when he was heading home at around 11 p.m. last Sunday.

“I saw the clown while I was driving on Old 131 just north of town,” Novack said. “We were just talking when a red S-10 was pulling out of a driveway. We both looked at the car and saw that the driver had on all white face paint, a big red nose and red hair-fro going on and looked at each other and said ‘holy shit, that’s a clown.’”

Novack and Ferris freshmen Micheal Barrons were understandably alarmed

by the incident.

“It was freaky, [it] sent chills down our back,” Novack said, “I didn’t think clowns could drive.”

There is no word whether or not these sightings are connected, but they

“holy
shit, that’s
a clown

Evan Novack

both are a part of a long list of reported sightings across the United States. According to USA Today, more than ten states have experienced sightings of clowns, and schools were even closing in Cincinnati, Ohio due to a woman being physically attacked by a man dressed as a clown.

If you have any information about any of these clown sightings, contact Big Rapids police at (231) 527-0005.

Benjamin\$ for books

Price versus value for textbooks today

Megan Hiler
Torch Reporter

Remember the good ole days in high school when books were given to students for free by teachers? Well, those days are long gone.

According to the National Association of College Stores, the average college student spends over 600 dollars on textbooks every year. In addition to this, the Huffington Post states that college textbook prices are rising faster than inflation, healthcare costs and housing prices.

“I believe the prices of textbooks are too high,” said Ferris pre-pharmacy senior Ryan Larson. “Especially for the amount you use them and the fact you can usually get the same resources from the web.”

Students aren’t the only ones who share this belief. Andrew Peterson, Ferris Instructional Technologist in the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning also sees how online

resources can be used in the classroom.

“Viewing the textbook as an exclusive source for classroom content is a dated model that ignores the overwhelming volumes of academic content that is freely available online,” Peterson said. “College textbooks are priced as though they are the single source for content when we are in one of the most content rich environments the world has ever known.”

Assessment Librarian Stacy Anderson agreed.

“We have more information readily available than at any other time in history,” Anderson said.

The reason for the high prices of textbooks is the limited amount of companies who make them. According to James Koch, who conducted an economic analysis of the textbook market, five publishers are in control of nearly 90 percent of the entire textbook market.

“There are fewer textbook publishers than general publishers. To be fair, textbooks do

probably cost more to publish than a regular book because of the illustrations, graphs, charts, and so on, but students are also a reliable, captive audience, so there isn’t a great incentive to lower the prices or compete with the small number of textbook publishers,” Koch said.

Textbooks are a necessity when it comes to doing well in class. According to a graphic of a student survey taken by Florida Virtual Campus provided by Kristy Motz, Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Library Instruction, 64 percent of students at some point do not purchase a textbook due to its cost while 49 percent take fewer classes for the same reason.

“If the instructor makes extensive use of the textbook for content delivery in the class, not having the resource could have a detrimental impact on the students’ educational experience,” Peterson said.

Some professors try to ease the pain of steep textbook prices by providing materials for their students.

“I have seen students struggle because they didn’t purchase the textbook. That’s one reason we have made the communication theories textbook [faculty member] Paul Zube and I are writing free to students via Blackboard,” said Ferris professor Sandra Alspach. “We professors need to become more creative in designing our own materials and stop depending on the publishing companies to tell us what material our students should read and study. With Blackboard, it’s really easy to make materials available, free of charge to students.”

Students also have ways of saving money when it comes to buying books.

“I spent over 300 dollars on books as a freshman,” said Ferris pre-optometry senior Shelby Alda. “I have made friends with people in pre-opt and we all hand down books to one another or trade them.”

“We have realized that we’re all going through it together so, we might as well help each other out,” Alda said.

Armed and intoxicated

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

Sticky fingers

Sept. 19, 12:20 a.m., officers responded to a theft complaint in the Rock Café. A student had taken a t-shirt from a display case on a dare. The suspect was located, the property was recovered and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office on larceny charges.

Puff

Sept. 19, 10:05 p.m., officers investigated a suspicious subject in Lot 61. Three students were identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the use of marijuana.

Justice

Sept. 20, 6 p.m., officers assisted the Trenton Police Department in serving a warrant to a Ferris student in Bishop Hall for animal cruelty charges.

Scram

Sept. 21, 12:20 p.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run in Lot 64.

Time out

Sept. 22, 8:35 a.m., officers responded to a harassment com-

plaint in Travis Hall. The parties were told to leave one another alone.

Seriously, leave her alone

Sept. 22, 6:20 p.m., officers responded to a harassment com-



plaint in which a female student's ex-boyfriend followed her to class and to the Rock Café. The suspect was told to leave the female alone.

Armed and intoxicated

Sept. 24, 3 a.m., officers investigated a suspicious vehicle near the parking lot behind The Gate. The suspect was intoxicated and in possession of a handgun. The weapon was located and confiscated and a warrant was sent to prosecutor's office.

Puff

Sept. 24, 3:40 a.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Brophy Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for use of marijuana and one was ticketed for possession of marijuana.

Pass

Sept. 24, 3:45 a.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Travis Hall. One subject was ticketed for possession.

Very effective

Sept. 27, 3 p.m., officers assisted the city police with a two-car accident at the intersection of Ives Avenue and Campus Drive where the new stop signs were put in.

Should have been more careful

Sept. 27, 3:40 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Knollview Drive because they had a broken windshield. The driver was found to have warrants out for their arrest and was escorted to jail.

The Department of Public Safety issued 454 parking violations totaling \$7,660 between the dates of Sept. 21 and Sept. 29.

NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

FAFSA filing

This year, there have been several updates made to the FAFSA filing process. The biggest change is that the application opened on Oct. 1, rather than Jan. 1, and can be filed by students any time after that date. Additionally, the application for the 2017-2018 school year will be based off of tax information from spring of 2015 so that students don't have to wait until their parents file to apply.

CROP hunger walk

The Ferris branch of the American Marketing Association (AMA) will be holding the CROP Hunger Walk. The event is open to everyone and is intended to bring awareness to hunger all over the world. The walk starts at 12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, outside the IRC and goes until 4 p.m.

Bulldog Bonanza

The Mecosta County Area Chamber of Commerce and Ferris' Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) will be hosting the annual event, Bulldog Bonanza, on Wednesday, Oct. 5. This is an opportunity for registered student organizations (RSOs), local vendors and other groups from around campus to interact with the Ferris community. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the University Center.

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'Trumped up' or 'just business?'



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Students attending the presidential debate watch party were given free cutouts of both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton in the spirit of the event.

Ferris Political Engagement Project hosts the first presidential debate

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

Political tensions continue to grow as the presidential election makes its way around the corner and Bulldogs are not immune.

On Monday, Sept. 26, the Ferris Political Engagement Project (PEP)

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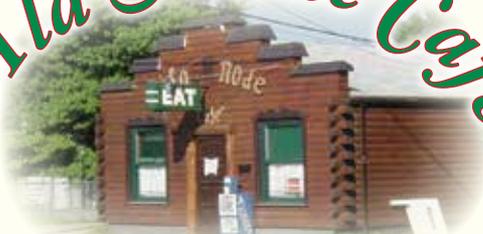
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Communication, choices and consent

Ferris freshmen learn the important c's of college and life

Andrea Lenhart
Torch Reporter

Ferris freshmen attended "Communication, Choices and Consent" for their freshman seminar class, a presentation where they learned the importance of the three c's surrounding sexual relationships.

The two speakers at the event—Elisa Cotter, the university counselor at Birkham Health and Personal Counseling center, and Kevin Carmody, the Title IX coordinator and

the associate dean of student life—knew from previous research that freshmen did not want to learn about the biology of sex.



Elisa Cotter

Instead, they touched on the definitions, myths, barriers and benefits of sex.

"I thought that it was informative and kind of funny, they made a lot of jokes to lighten the mood," said Ferris mechanical engineering freshman Ben Schei-

derer.

According to Cotter, open communication is important.

"Ask questions. You can't assume we're all on the same page because we all have different opinions and definitions of sex because we all come from different cultural backgrounds," Cotter said. "Don't be afraid to ask 'what do we do if we have an unplanned pregnancy?' or 'how do you feel about wearing a condom?'"

According to Carmody, consent is positive, clear, voluntary and needs to be ongoing.

"There has to be a 'yes,' you have to ask if it isn't clear, there are no ultimatums and throughout any point consent can be taken away," Carmody said. "There is not a look that gives consent, not even a certain outfit gives consent. Sex with no consent is rape."



Kevin Carmody

According to Cotter, one can give consent to one behavior, like kissing, but not to another be-

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Out of the Darkness

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention hosted a community walk at the Northend Riverside Park on Sunday, Oct. 2. Proceeds from the event are designated to benefit local and national suicide prevention and awareness programs. For more information on this program visit <http://outofthedarkness.org/>, or call (888) 333-2377.

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The Daily Gripe

Professor writes humor novel

Alexa Bourne

Torch Reporter

Robert Eastley, associate professor of construction management at Ferris State University for the last 34 years, recently published a novel making fun of everyday life.

"The Daily Gripe" began in 2003 as a humor column. Over the years, Eastley accumulated approximately 350 articles, and was encouraged by friends to turn them into a book.

"I didn't go into it thinking I was going to be a book author, but it became a cool idea," Eastley said.

The novel was published in June of 2016 by Green Ivy Publishing. Tom Rademacher, a retired well-known columnist for the Grand Rapids Press, reviewed the book.

"Bob Eastley has captured what it is to be human, and to laugh at it aloud," Rademacher's said in the review. "In 'The Daily Gripe,' you'll discover a sweet elixir to chase away the banality that too often rules our days. And in his humorous observations, you'll see your own life reflected in ways that remind us how we're all connected at the funny bone."

The novel contains stories about children returning home from college to life in college. From cafeteria food to bowling through an RA's door with a dumbbell weight. To graduation parties,

incompetent fast-food workers, bad car salesmen and children learning how to swear.

"It's a creation that you make that nobody else has done," Eastley said. "If I can make people laugh at something, that's the most fun. You get to make somebody's day."

Eastley was moved to write this style of book based on his love for finding humor in daily life.

"I've always had a sense of humor about day-to-day living. I really love humor in general. Once I started doing the column I would get feedback, people saying they relate to a situation. I try to find the humor in a day-to-day thing."



Robert Eastley

The novel has been receiving some attention recently, with Eastley being featured on local radio, in the Pioneer newspaper, interviewing with WGUV radio and appearing live on WZZM television.

Eastley began teaching, he said, because it suited his personality better than sitting in a cubicle.

"I really think kids are where it's at," Eastley said. "You get as much back from the kids as you give to them, you make a difference in people's lives. It's the best thing I've ever done. I guess we all have a niche, and I found mine."

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Helping our vets

Ferris offers assistance to student veterans

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Ferris State University is known for its veteran program, it has earned the MVAAs' gold-level ranking, making Ferris a great school for veterans to attend.

According to Jacob Schrot, the Veteran Resource Representative, Ferris offers veterans many amenities, such as, a veterans scholarship, priority registration, a Veteran Resource Center (VRC), help navigating benefits and applying for VA healthcare and disability claims, retrieval of military records and even support events hosted by the Student Veterans of America chapter.

"The VRC is a place where veterans can interact with other veterans," Schrot said. "They use the space to study, access computers and printers, or even just a place to take a break between classes."

Most veterans attend Ferris for the advanced technical programs, like automotive technology, heavy equipment, welding, manufacturing, construction management, HVACR, information security or even criminal justice. According to Schrot, there are many jobs in the military that are relatable to these programs.

"Many veterans are here to complete their degree and make the transition to a career, like most students," Schrot said.

There are believed to be an estimated 325-350 Veteran students on the main campus and 125-150 taking online classes.

"There are even quite a few veterans on campus that are still serving in the National Guard or Reserves, including many students in the ROTC program," Schrot said.



Jacob Schrot

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havior, like sex.

"There is not a point of no return, your partners emotional safety is more important than getting blue balls—which you may be surprised that woman experience blue balls more than men," said Carmody.

Rachel Harmen, freshmen in criminal justice, thinks that this event could have helped students feel comfortable and safe talking about these topics, especially since they may not have experience being away from home.

There were two presentations of this event on Thursday, Sept. 29 in Williams Auditorium, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



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One of the largest rooms in the University Center was completely packed as student piled in to partake in free food, festivities and witness Trump and Clinton going head to head on the big screen.

DEBATE

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hosted a showing of the first presidential debate in UC 202C starting at 8:30 p.m. The event provided pizza, pop and candy while streaming the debate live from CNN.

The room was overflowing with students from all sides of the political spectrum, some even standing out in the hall to get a glimpse of the candidates going head to head.

Ferris computer networking and software junior Alexander Wymer is planning on voting for Trump this November.

"I feel like he'd probably do a much better job than Hillary and I just don't like Hillary. She's a little shady to me," Wymer said. "I think Trump will win, but the media tries to portray that Hillary will win."

Wymer decided to attend Ferris' Political Engagement Project's debate viewing party in the University Center to gauge the political leanings of students around him.

"I just want to see how the students around campus react to both politicians. I'd like to see if there are more people here for Trump or Hillary," Wymer said.

Ferris biology freshman Alan Schultz plans

on deviating from both of the two major political parties when casting his vote, as his support lies with Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

"I don't really trust either [Trump or Clinton] and I wouldn't like either of them to be my president, but obviously one of them will be," Schultz said.

Schultz—a Democrat—admits that voting third party could lead to a Trump presidency.



Shana Schanler

"I'm okay with inadvertently giving the presidency to Donald Trump because I think that happy people don't revolt. We have to hit rock bottom before anyone wants to turn things around," Schultz said. "If we have a figure who was a racist, and a xenophobe and a homophobe who wanted to close our borders and not welcome other people, then I think it could finally be so right in our face that people would get sick of the hate and want to change it."

Despite the high tensions, students of both parties remained civil and respectful inside the room as they watched intently. Laughter occasionally filled the room upon snide comments or interruptions of a candidate, and attendees were given free Clinton or Trump cut-outs to

raise in support of either candidate, which also lightened the mood.

"I'm voting for Trump because I feel like he could really change the country and definitely take it out of the turmoil it has been in under President Obama and I feel like he definitely tells the truth more than Hillary does and I feel like he knows what he's doing," said Ferris student Shena Meyer. "I agree with a lot of his principles."

Shana Schanler, the administrative assistant of PEP, estimated that roughly 138 students attended the screening of the debate and encourages more students to join PEP over Qdoba during the upcoming debates.

"There's one on [Wednesday] October 19th, that is the second presidential debate. There's one on [Tuesday] October 4th, which is the Vice Presidential Debate, which both will be over in IRC 109,"

Schandler said. "Once we get rolling, I like to give people a little different genre of food as well."

Students who would like to find out more information about PEP can go to ferris.edu/pep/.



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"We wanted to educate others on traditions that are cherished by our culture."
- Daniel Rivera
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Music in the park

Music Industry Management Association hosts Music on the Muskegon

Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

Ferris students and local residents braved the fall misty rain to participate in Music Industry Management Association's (MIMA) second annual Music on the Muskegon festival in Hemlock Park.

People were invited to enjoy the event's activities on Saturday, Oct. 1, by sitting back and listening to the bands perform or participating in a drum circle. Activities for kids included building shakers from recycled materials, making masks and bracelets and getting their faces painted.

Adults over 21 could enjoy the beer area hosted by Jaycees of Big Rapids while enjoying the bands playing on the far end of the gigantic tented area to shield performers and guests from the weather.

"We worked really hard to make it fun," said Ferris mu-

sic industry management sophomore Sarah Millen. "We've had some really amazing bands that have come back from previous shows MIMA has put on, and returning bands from last year's Music on the Muskegon."

Millen added that the drum circle was fun because it was unstructured and people could do their own thing. She said the most enjoyable part of the day was working with the kids making the shakers because of their creativity and the joy they got from making them.

The headliner for the event was The Accidentals from Traverse City. Other bands included; An Dro from Grand Rapids, The Applesseed Collective from Ann Arbor and Pan Franek and the Polka Towners from Muskegon.

"I wanted to bring polka because Michigan has the second largest Polish community in the United States," said Ferris music industry management senior Jessica Schneider. "Also, we wanted to keep it local to support local art-

ists."

Ferris music industry management junior Brenden Long said he liked having The Applesseed Collective and An Dro because of their enthusiasm and they wanted them back this year. Long also said that one of the band members of An Dro, Carolyn Koebel, volunteered to lead the drum circle after their set.

"I loved The Accidentals when I saw them at their independent show and they have such a huge following, that was also a major reason why we chose them," Long said.

The beer tent and the drum circle were also some of the draw for Ferris students and Big Rapids residents to come down to Hemlock Park, according to Long.

The next MIMA event will be the annual spring event Turn Up the Good.

For more information about MIMA go to ferris.edu/business/program/music-industry/mima/.

Gone Fishin'!

The verdict is in for
Sushi Gusto

Jonny Parshall

Lifestyles Editor

When I'd heard sushi was being served at the University Center, I immediately assumed it a desperate attempt by Birkam Health Center to drum up some business.

Easy, easy, I'm joking!

Seriously, though. I am an absolute sushi fanatic. I'd been praying to ancient Japanese rice gods for my favorite delicacy to arrive in landlocked Big Rapids, but didn't weigh the odds in my favor. Not only did quaint, northern B-Rap finally obtain such a destination, but on campus no less. My prayers came true, and how!

I wanted to know how it tasted, but before I did, I wanted to hear it from others. Most I asked had only tried the California roll. Others had advice.

"You have to let it warm up a little," said Ferris communications Adjunct Instructor Paul Zube. "Their seaweed salad is also good."

I was presented with a platter of maki rolls the size of Albuquerque, prepared fresh by the sushi chef, Shwe. I didn't know where to start. The colors were vivid. Many of the samples were painted Pollackesque with a gracious splattering of eel sauce and spicy mayo, punctuated by the odd dab of sriracha. Other samples were kept simple—cucumber, avocado, crab—rolled tight and neat.

There was nothing humdrum about it. The spicy salmon roll was arranged as petals of a flower. Either I had received good service or I had a secret admirer. So... how did it taste?

The fish served at Sushi Gusto is fresh and firm. The rice—also pleasantly firm—is not soggy or overcooked and faintly sweet the way sushi rice ought to be.

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Color run against cancer

ZTA to host color run and walk 5k

Nick Vander Wulp

Lifestyles Editor

Zeta Tau Alpha's (ZTA) Ferris State University Zeta Omega chapter is hosting a fundraiser 5K color run and walk in support of breast cancer education and awareness.

The Breast Friends Color Run/Walk 5K takes place Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m., starting at Northend Riverside Park on Trestle Bend Drive in Big Rapids. On-site registration starts at 9 a.m.

"This is our first year hosting a color run," said Ferris nursing junior Nicole Matzke. "We're trying to do something big to bring in more people and something fun to the community."

Pre-registration ended on Saturday, Oct. 1. However, registration can be completed all the way up until the day of the race. Registration is \$25 and all proceeds go to ZTA, and it will distribute the funds to their partners: the National Football League (NFL) and the American Cancer Society (ACS).

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The sauces were applied generously where expected and sparingly where not. The same rule applied to sprinklings to both black and white sesame seeds. I was neither over- or underwhelmed at any point in my meal.

There was only one minor problem in my experience. The avocado present in several rolls was turning a bit brown in places and could have been fresher. As that was the only real problem, it is hardly worth losing one's appetite.

The star of the show at Sushi Gusto is clearly the Spider roll, with its tempura flakes, French fried onions, spicy mayo and eel sauce smothering delicious soft-shell crab tempura. Aubrey Kemme, Torch Media Editor and the photographer present for the tasting, agrees. "Smoffthrfiffiffltrg," Kemme said with a full mouth.

Grabbing a premade roll from the display cooler is good for a quick snack anytime, but for the absolute best sushi experience get it fresh just after it's made, either early in the day or straight from the chef. Sushi rice tends to get soggy or mushy the longer it sits, as does seafood. The firmer, the better. A mouthful of sushi with the consistency of banana pudding is the recipe for a bad day. As Mr. Zube said, it's best to let it sit out and warm up a bit. Not six-hours-in-the-sun warm, but just under room temperature—about 55-65 degrees Fahrenheit if you're a weirdo chemistry major that just happens to have a thermometer handy.

Whether you're a connoisseur like me or have never tried it, I suggest giving Sushi Gusto in the University Center a go. There are plenty of cooked and vegetarian options for those too squeamish to try it ala mode. The food is fresh, delicious and worth the price tag. I'm not hesitant to call it the 'best sushi place in town'.

If you're just looking for a last-minute bout of food poisoning to excuse yourself from class, I suggest sticking to Taco Bell.



That's amoré

Photo by: Samantha Dow | Photographer

Students and visitors from the community enjoyed a variety of the pizzas Big Rapids has to offer and voted on their favorite pizza.

The Gate knocks off two-time winner Jets Pizza

Travis Sacher

Torch Reporter

First-time participant, The Gate, was voted best pizza in Big Rapids at Za Best of Za Best on Thursday, Sept. 29.

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter at Ferris State University hosted Za Best of Za Best in the IRC connector for the third straight year.

Students and staff had the opportunity to taste pizza from five different Big Rapids vendors including: The Gate, Lucky Louie's in the EZ Mart, Pizza Hut, The Rock Café and two-time defending champion, Jet's Pizza. Cranker's Brewery was an original participant, yet failed to show up to the competition.

Ferris public relations student and vice president of social affair for PRSSA Lina Lintemuth is credited as the main organizer for the event and began preparation this past May. Lintemuth said she could have not been more thrilled in the outcome for the event.

"I'm really happy with the turnout, we had a lot of people," Lintemuth said. "This is the third time we are doing it, so people are familiar with it."

Entry to Za Best of Za Best was \$5. This included one slice of pizza from each vendor and one cold beverage. A portion of the proceeds were donated to Angels of Action, a non-profit organization in Big Rapids that assists children and teens by providing them with food and other necessary supplies.

The atmosphere at Za Best of Za Best was lively and energetic. Students and staff mingled freely and participants seemed to be enjoying themselves. PRSSA also held a raffle for gift certificates and Ferris apparel, an information table for Angels of Action and Ferris DJs CHoFF and Austin Felt contributed excellent tunes for the event.

Ferris HVACR first year Troy White thoroughly enjoyed his visit to this pizza tasting competition.

"I really did not know what to expect before I

got here, but once I got here I really had a lot of fun with it," White said.

The Gate coming out on top surely was a bit of an underdog story. Much of the traffic for the evening seemed to be hovering near the Lucky Louie's station. Lucky Louie's came prepared with menus to take home and a pizza warming apparatus.

Ferris Public Relations junior Kelsey George, who volunteered much of her time serving Lucky Louie's slices said, "Lucky Louie's is clearly za best of za best. The chicken bacon ranch slice is very popular and I am hearing all good things so far."

Two-time defending champion Jet's Pizza suffered in the voting by quickly running out of pies and struggled to have a supply of fresh pies delivered accordingly.

After two hours of tasting, Lintemuth announced that The Gate had the most votes and took home the prize of best pizza in town. The loaded taco slice was a major hit.

Dress and dance

Hispanic Student Organization hosts cultural rite of passage

Travis Sacher

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State University Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) hosted its first ever Quinceañera in the University Center on Friday, Sept. 30.

A Quinceañera is a celebration of a young Latina woman's right of passage once they reach the age of 15. Along with the HSO, the Quinceañera was co-sponsored by the Center for Latin@ Studies and the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS). The event began at 5 p.m. and concluded just before midnight.

Ferris architecture student and Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) president Daniel Rivera oversaw the organization of the

Quinceañera.

"We wanted to educate others on traditions that are cherished by our culture. We wanted to teach students that these traditions are important to us and it would be a great way to get our name out there and have a good time," Rivera said.

The guest of honor for the evening was Ferris student Maria Alvarado. Alvarado acted as the Quince for the celebration.

One of the main symbols of a Quinceañera is the color of the dress, which is often chosen by the girl or the mother based on favorite color and styles. Alvarado sported a solid purple gown.

The beginning of the program featured a PowerPoint presentation curated by members of HSO that detailed the background and key elements in a Quinceañera.

Alvarado was introduced as "Princess of the Day," crowned, given La Ultima Muñeca (The last doll) and danced the Waltz with the four court of honor members. After this, Alvarado changed into a shorter dress and danced a "surprise dance" with one member of the court. Once the surprise dance concluded, the lights were turned off, the party lights were turned on and the celebration transitioned into a period of open dance. Everyone was on their feet and participated in the Cha Cha Slide.

It was a tough challenge for Rivera and other members of the HSO to keep the organization afloat, let alone organize a grand celebration like this one.

"It was our first time doing an event like this first and foremost and we had to find a way to raise money," Rivera said

Rivera, only a sophomore and already president, had to work diligently just to increase the number of members in HSO.

"Last year, we had about five members and now we increased our number to 16 members this year," Rivera said. He added, "There was a need of e-board positions my freshman year and to prevent the organization from going away, a few of us freshman decided to take on those leadership roles."

The first Quinceañera was a hit for all students who attended and the Hispanic Student Organization hopes that it can become an annual event.

Gotta catch 'em all

CLACS hosts Pokémon stuffing event to promote their office

Nick Vander Wulp

Lifestyles Editor

Hundreds of students lined up outside of the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) for the chance to catch their own Pokémon.

CLACS opened the "Stuff a Pokémon" event at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, in the University Center. Before 8 a.m., however, there were nearly 150 people lined up ready to claim and stuff a Pokémon.

The Pokémon available to students were a few of the most well-known from the Nintendo games, such as Pikachu, Charmander, Squirtle and Bulbasaur.

"I had no idea what I wanted when I went back there, and I saw how cute Pikachu was, and I went for Pikachu," said Ferris biology senior Analiese Schmitt. "This one is all for me. I gift to myself some things, like a cute Pikachu."

Ferris plastic engineering technology junior Brayden Knapp said he's missed plenty of other events he wanted to participate in and he wasn't going to miss this one.

Knapp chose Charmander because it's the one he chooses first when playing the Nintendo games.

"My cousin got me into the games when I was a kid, probably around 2004 or 2005, and I've always enjoyed the fire-starters," Knapp said.

Members from the Granbulls Card Club registered student organization (RSO) also turned out for the event to stuff a Pokémon and talk with others who were interested in the games or the creatures themselves.

"My goal is just to have fun. We have Pokémon

games, cards and books," said Ferris integrative studies senior, and secretary of the Granbulls Card Club RSO, Albert Allen. "One thing we do when we meet is a game called 'Pokémon Adventure.' It's a specialized game we made with Pokémon cards. I don't how long it's been going on since I've been with the group for three years, but there's enough cards for players to be a trainer trying to catch other Pokémon."

Allen said the "Pokémon Adventure" event hosted by the RSO reminds him of Pokémon GO, except the only way to catch them all is to face other players.

"We have Magic: the Gathering, and other card games. We also get together to play Super Smash Brothers. We like games that are multi-player where people can play together," said Ferris pre-digital media and digital animation sophomore Nathan Michell.

The Granbulls Card Club meets from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Sunday on the first floor of the University Center, according to their Ferris OrgSync page.

"If you have free time on a Sunday, we like to play games and have a good time. Anyone can stop by the University Center tables, we'll be there," Michell said.

The motivation for CLACS to host the Pokémon event was to get people familiar with the location of their office in the University Center.

"Most of our lobby events are to get people aware of our office," said Ferris hospitality management sophomore Allison Finch. "A lot of people have no idea where the CLACS office is or what we do."

For more information about CLACS, visit ferris.edu/careerservices/.



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Biology senior Analiese Schmitt poses with her gift to herself, "a cute Pikachu."

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"I go into every match focused on winning no matter what."
- Allyson Cappel
See page 12 for story

Our greatest rival



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Ferris State football will have a shot at revenge this Saturday night at Grand Valley. The Lakers knocked the Bulldogs out of the playoffs last year.

Student perspectives on the Ferris State - Grand Valley Rivalry

Johnathon Gustin

Torch Reporter

Heading into the 46th meeting this Saturday between rival schools Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University, Ferris students and a few student-athletes were asked what their perspective is on what makes the competition between the two schools so great.

Here is what they said:

Jake Daugherty
Redshirt Junior Offensive Lineman

Torch: What does Ferris - Grand Valley mean to you?

JD: I try not to hype it up more than it already is. It's another week, another good football team. For us, it's another road game we've got to win. It's a big rivalry. The game is going to be intense and hard hitting.

Torch: Is that something you have to communicate with the younger players? Not to try to make one game more important than the next?

JD: Yeah. It's natural how the Grand Valley games are going to be the games you're more excited for. It's your rival. You just have to treat it like another week. Preparation is no different. Film study is no different. At the end of the day, it's not like the Super Bowl. Just another game, another week we got to win.

Torch: Is there any slight sense of satisfaction that would come with a win since Grand Valley knocked Ferris out of the playoffs last year?

JD: Truthfully, I don't really dwell on the

past a whole lot. For me, I'm not looking for revenge or anything like that.

Torch: So you'd call this strictly business?

JD: You could say that.

Torch: Is there anything else you want students to know about this game?

JD: Come out and support us. It's a big game for us. They're 5-0, we're 4-1. Ashland just lost to Tiffin so the only team that's leading the GLIAC with no losses is GV. So it's another road game and a big game in the standings.

Adam Petrowitz
Welding Engineering Sophomore

Torch: What are your thoughts on the Ferris - Grand Valley rivalry?

AP: I do not like Grand Valley. It's a thing I've acquired attending Ferris for a year. Especially after last year with the loss we had taken late in the season when we would have went on farther in the playoffs. This is a rivalry because we're so close to Grand Valley. That loss made the rivalry feel stronger. I know a lot of people that go to Grand Valley, so it's like, "Hey, my school's better." It just made me more and more proud to be a Bulldog with every win that we get. Especially with the back-to-back championships.

Shelby Ragatz
Criminal Justice Senior

Torch: What are your thoughts on the Ferris - Grand Valley rivalry??

SR: It's more fun because of the rivalry. The atmosphere is really cool. Their

quarterback I went to highschool with, I graduated with him. I know some people that play for Grand Valley so I want to go to support them but at the same time I still want us to win. If their QB has a good play, I almost want to cheer for him but I know I shouldn't because I am a Ferris [student].

Dustin Lagrow
Pre-Med Sophomore

Torch: What are your thoughts on the Ferris - Grand Valley rivalry?

DL: I usually go down there. I'm in the cornhole tournament so that's intense. For the football game, we don't really like each other but when we go down there, we can connect. We make friends and enemies. Frenemies you could say. My friends who are already there also become frenemies at that point because we don't sit by each other. Afterwards we just go out and have a good time. Whoever wins get the rights to brag forever (until the next game).

Ryan Lowney
Finance Senior
Ferris State Hockey Defenseman

Torch: What are your thoughts on the Ferris - Grand Valley rivalry?

RL: I think that the school rivalry comes from location. They seem to be very competitive with our school each year. It seems like everytime in the playoffs, it's one of us make it or advance so that adds to it.

Tyler Andrew
Human Resources Junior
Ferris State Hockey Forward

Torch: What are your thoughts on the Ferris - Grand Valley rivalry?

TA: I just think location-wise, it's pretty close and whenever you get schools like Michigan-Michigan State that are right by each other, you tend to hate them. Those wins, you enjoy them more.

Joel Vandermolen
Automotive Engineering Junior

Torch: What are your thoughts on the Ferris - Grand Valley rivalry?

JV: It's a good rivalry, one of my favorite games to go to here. Lot of fun happens there. Our schools do things together. We have competitions, tournaments with cornhole. It's just a fun game to go to.

The Bulldogs will head to Grand Valley where they will take on the Lakers on the road Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m.

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No rest for the bulldogs

Ferris hockey prepares to play against Western Michigan

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The first week of Bulldog hockey is in the books but there will be little downtime for the Dawgs as they have to get back at it earlier than normal.

With only three days between the Dawgs' first and second series of the season, Ferris will host Western Michigan Thursday, Oct. 6. Ferris State tied and then lost to Western last year early on in the season. But Bulldog head coach Bob Daniels is ready to take it to the Broncos after a quick turnaround.

"Western is going to have a good team this year, they return a lot of players, Andy Murray is an excellent coach," Daniels said. "In the past, we have had really, really good games with them."



Bob Daniels

"It seems like every time we have played Western over the years it has been a one goal game, I would expect these to be great contests," Daniels said. "The one thing I really enjoy about this series is that our arena is one of the best rinks to play in in terms of our fans and our student section and Lawson is one of the better rinks to play in in terms of their fans and student section, so there should be a lot of energy in both arenas."

Senior forward Gerald Mayhew was at the scoring forefront of last season, leading the

league with 41 total points. Mayhew knows that the rest of the league is eyeing the Dawgs' title.

"We are going to have a target on our backs for sure," Mayhew said. "We were picked to finish fourth in our league and it is time to prove people wrong. Making it to the [NCAA] tourney was one of the greatest experiences ever and to go back would be a huge blessing."



Gerald Mayhew

Starting this week with Western, nine of Ferris' next 13 games are against teams from Michigan. Sophomore forward Corey Mackin made an impression on many of those teams as he nabbed Rookie of the Year honors in the WCHA after an impressive 2015-2016 season. Even with the tough schedule ahead, Mackin is excited to continue with the season and progress with some new Dawgs.

"We have a lot of new faces that we are excited to see out there and I think they will fit in very well," Mackin said. "I am really looking forward to just getting started and getting rolling with the year. Getting into a groove in the beginning is huge and I think our team is close enough to do that from the beginning."

The puck will drop Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7:07 p.m. at Ewigleben Ice Arena to open up the second week of play for Ferris State. The Bulldogs will then travel to take on the Western Michigan University Broncos on their ice Friday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.

Sports Shorts

By Marshall Scheldt - Sports Editor

Women's tennis wins another close one

The Ferris State women's tennis team won by a score of 5-4 for their third straight match.

The Bulldogs improved to 4-2 on the season with the win over conference foe Hillsdale College. After losing two of three doubles matches, the Dawgs found themselves in a hole but recovered in singles, winning four of six flights.

Ferris' win brought them to solo fourth place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). Ferris State sophomore Nicole Meylor was the only Bulldog to win both of their matches, one at No. 2 doubles and the other at No. 3 singles.

The Bulldogs will look to continue their streak on the road at Findlay Saturday, Oct. 8, and Tiffin Sunday, Oct. 9. Both matches will begin at 10 a.m.

Men's golf wins Kyle Ryan Memorial Tourney

Ferris State men's golf is on a roll.

The Bulldogs just won their second tournament in a row and their third out of four tournaments the team has played in this season. The Bulldogs shot an impressive eight under-par combined on the first day of the Kyle Ryan Memorial tournament at Mohawk Golf & Country Club in Tiffin, Ohio.

Ferris senior Ben Cook won the tournament with a three-day total two under-par. Juniors Jack Weller and Seth Terpstra placed eighth and 12th respectively. Sophomore Andrew Hammett and junior Ryan Bayer rounded out the scores for Ferris State, placing 27th and 31st in the 99-player field.

Ferris State will head to Eureka, Missouri to play in Midwest Region Invitational No. 2 Monday, Oct. 10, and Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Cross Country races in Kentucky

The Ferris State cross-country teams went to Louisville, Kentucky to race in the Greater Louisville Classic on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The men's team placed 11th out of 12 teams outside of Div. 1. Senior Logan Hammer was Ferris' top runner, placing 27th in the event.

The women's team was 10th of 11 teams, with junior Jessica Delaney posting the best time for Ferris with an 18:56 on the 5k course at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park.

Both teams will make their way to Hillsdale Friday, Oct. 7, to race in the Michigan Intercollegiate Championships.



Top Dawg

Jahaan Brown

Photo courtesy of FSU Photo Services

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

The unsung hero of the win that got Ferris State football back on track and the Top Dawg for this week is none other than junior running back Jahaan Brown.

Brown led the Bulldogs rushing effort in their Saturday night victory over Findlay with 107 total yards on the ground off 19 carries.

Though he did not find the end zone in the team's 16th consecutive road win, he certainly brought his team into the red zone before every score. The second leading rusher on the team last year, Brown is no stranger to lining up behind a quarterback who can take off on the ground himself.

Brown's longest rush of the night came on a 37-yard jaunt down the field late in the fourth quarter into Findlay's territory. Before the 37-yard dash, Brown's longest rush attempt was only 13 yards with many of his carries sticking right around 4 or 5 yards, showing just how important it is to have him.

Playing behind two great quarterbacks may not have always been ideal for Brown to find the end zone and break into a TD celebration, but a true team player like Brown has been someone the Bulldogs can rely on to put their team into great position to pick up first downs and win football games.

The Bulldogs will need Brown's steady rushing attack this weekend when they head to Grand Valley State University to fight for the Anchor-Bone Trophy Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

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Shutout city

Ferris State women's soccer is catching traction

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris women's soccer is looking up after the team didn't allow one goal this past weekend at home.

The Bulldogs tied the GLIAC No. 3 Ashland Eagles 0-0 in double overtime on Friday, and beat the Tiffin Dragons 1-0 with an 81st minute goal.

Ferris is 3-5-2 overall this year and 1-1-2 in the conference. The record might be misleading to how this team has played. Every loss has come at the hands of a regionally or nationally ranked team.

The Dawgs have already played three teams in the top-five of the GLIAC in Ashland, Ohio Dominican and Michigan Tech which have only lost to national No. 1 Grand Valley. Ferris lost to Michigan Tech and tied Ashland but took down GLIAC No. 2 Ohio Dominican 1-0 early in the season in double overtime.

This team has been tested and come out on the losing end a few times. Though against tough competition, Head coach Andy McCaslin says his team needs to improve in consistently finishing.

"We have to be able to put the ball in the net. We create chances but we squander those chances. We need to finish," McCaslin said.

The Dawgs' shooting percentage is only at 5.1 percent. McCaslin says that needs to change.

Defensively, the Bulldogs have forced four shutouts this season. They have one more shutout at this point in the year than they did in last year's historic season when they forced a school record eight shutouts. Last year they had senior Maddie Haustein between the pipes, but freshman goalie Grace Kraft has stepped up for them this year.

Kraft gave credit to her defense in regards to the shutouts.

"I rely on them with everything. It helps to know I can trust them and they've got my back," Kraft said.

The Bulldogs will be in action next at Lake Erie. The matchup is set for Friday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. in Painesville, Ohio.



Photo by: Rebecca Snow | Torch Photographer

Senior defender Meredith Smith plays a ball along the sidelines at Top Taggart Field.

Freshman sensation

Women's volleyball's Allyson Cappel making an impact

Bendan Samuels

Torch Reporter



Photo from Ferris State Athletics

The Ferris State Volleyball team is back to its winning ways as the Bulldogs went 2-0 over the weekend with the help of some great play from a true freshman.

The entire team is playing well together, but one player is capturing the attention of Bulldog fans as well as opponents. Freshman outside hitter Allyson Cappel has made a splash in her debut season with Ferris thus far and shows no sign of letting up.

"Allyson has earned a big role as a freshman," Head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "She put a lot of work in over the summer as well as during her high school career. She is a determined competitor and handles all competition with great poise."

Determined is an understatement of how Cappel has performed through her first 16 matches of the season. To this point, Cappel leads the FSU volleyball team in kills (191), points (224) and is second in total blocks (36).



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm

"Allyson is pretty talented," Ferris junior outside hitter Ayanna Buckley said. "Her position is essential to the team, so it's important for her to be a smart player and for us as a team to continue to grind out wins."

Cappel is a young player and has the potential to develop into a great player for Ferris. In fact, she's already being viewed as such after recently being awarded GLIAC player of the week. Being in the spotlight can inflate the ego of some

players but it seems Cappel is remaining humble.

"It's really exciting to be recognized, but I go into every match focused on winning no matter what," Cappel said. "Any award I receive is because of the support my coaches, parents and teammates provide me with."

The Bulldogs, who are in the midst of a seven-game win streak, will need to continue to compete in every match if they hope to repeat the success they had last year.

The journey toward success for the Bulldogs will continue Friday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 8, as the volleyball team will take on conference opponents Ashland and Tiffin at the Ewigleben Sports Complex in Big Rapids.



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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Bulldogs beat Findlay on the road by three points last Saturday, but lost by two points to me in this installation of Ferris Fantasy Football.

Reggie Bell had a balanced day and scored Ferris State's only two touchdowns to put up 28 fantasy points. Jahaan Brown ran for over 100 yards but couldn't find the end zone and ended up with 10 points.

The difference was slim and it can be contributed to the kicking game. Vinatieri hit both field goals for me, a 53 and 49-yard field goal for nine points and tacked on three more extra points in the fourth quarter. Ferris kicker Wyatt Ford hit two of three field goals, but his second-quarter miss from 26 yards subtracted one point from his total rather than adding three.

Obviously, there are other plays that made the score the way it ended up, but regardless, Team Torch is now 3-1 against the Bulldogs this year. Anyway, here is my team for week five of NFL action.

QB: Derek Carr, Oakland Raiders: Carr and the Raiders love to throw the ball and rightfully so. The Oakland quarterback has thrown nine touchdowns and just one interception so far this year. Carr will be playing against a weak Chargers secondary next week, so I like his chances of putting up big numbers.

RB: Melvin Gordon, San Diego Chargers: Gordon has been very productive in his sophomore season, and with the San Diego passing game struggling, they'll look for him to pick up the slack in week five against a sieve-like Oakland rush defense.

WR1: Amari Cooper, Oakland Raiders: I've already picked him once this year and I'll do it again. Cooper didn't catch any touchdowns last week, but his teammate Michael Crabtree



Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

caught three. I think the Chargers defense might shift their attention away from the No. 1 receiver in Cooper and he could find himself with a couple touchdowns of his own in week five.

WR2: Sterling Shepherd, New York Giants: Shepherd is an obvious No. 2 on the Giants behind Odell Beckham Jr., which is why I think he'll have a great night on Sunday against the Packers. The Packers defense will likely key in on OBJ, and Shepherd will fly under the radar. Bold prediction: Shepherd will catch at least eight passes against the Packers.

FLEX: Jordan Howard, Chicago Bears: This is my sleeper for the week. Howard has replaced injured running back Jeremy Langford and has done quite well. The rookie out of Indiana University might even take Langford's job when he gets healthy. Something tells me Howard is going to be a great player in the NFL.

D/ST: Minnesota Vikings: The Vikings defense is good and Houston's offense is not. I'm sold.

K: Justin Tucker, Baltimore Ravens: Tucker has made seven field goals from 40 yards or more and hasn't missed one all season. I'll take that and run with it.

We'll see how my team holds up against the Bulldogs as they take a short road trip to Grand Valley State in the battle for the Anchor-Bone Trophy Saturday, October 8, at 7 p.m.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Drew Brees	23 COMPLETIONS, 207 YDS, 2 TD, 2 INT	16
RB	Le'Veon Bell	178 TOTAL YDS, 5 REC	19.5
WR1	Brandin Cooks	3 REC, 31 YDS	4.5
WR2	Doug Baldwin	4 REC, 54 YDS	7
FLEX	Cole Beasley	3 REC, 66 YDS	7.5
D/ST	Houston Texans	20 PA, INT, TD	9
K	Adam Vinatieri	2 FG, 3 XP	12
Total:			75.5

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Reggie Bell	14 COMPLETIONS, 254 TOTAL YDS, 2 RUSH TD	28
RB	Jahaan Brown	107 YDS	10
WR1	Jamel Lockett	6 REC, 69 TOTAL YDS	9
WR2	Jajuan Pollock	2 REC, 55 YDS	6
FLEX	Shakur Sanders	3 REC, 36 YDS	4.5
D/ST	Ferris State	17 PA, 428 YA, 4 SACKS, 3 INT	9
K	Wyatt Ford	2/3 FG, 2 XP	7
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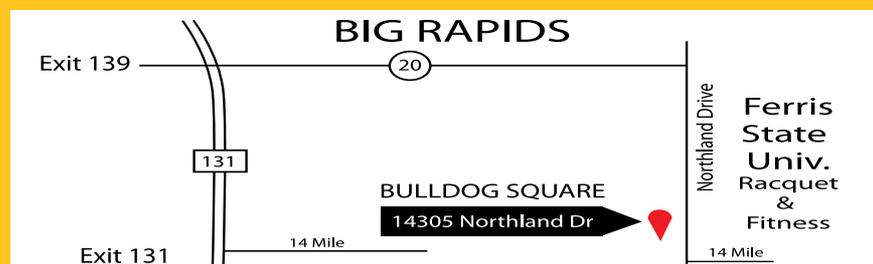
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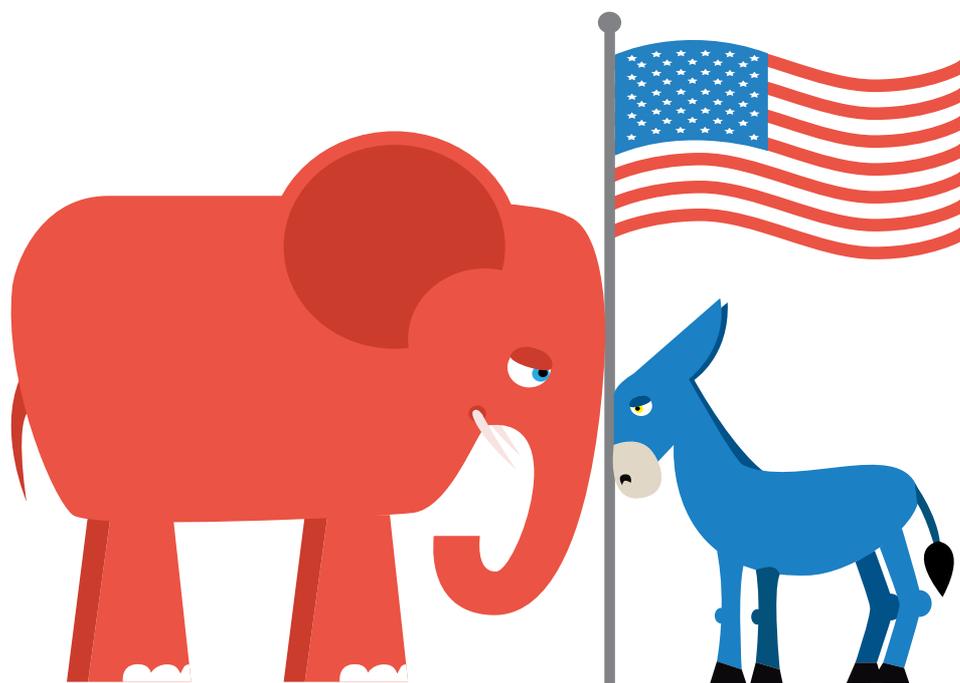
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More than a vote

Drawing the line between politics and relationships during an election year

I am very sad to see some of the political posts that have come up on my Facebook news feed in the last few days.

It would seem that we are allowing politics to dictate who we will continue to be friends with and I've even seen it cause disputes between family members.

Don't get me wrong, having civil conversations about political opinions can be extremely beneficial to both persons. But, the posts that have appeared in my news feed are not civil, nor thought-provoking. Friends of mine—both supporters of Trump and Hillary—have posted long statuses about how much they hate those who support the other candidate.

Now let me be clear, I have many friends on Facebook whose morals and values I don't agree with. Yet we are still friends, and I will remain friends with them.

Each and every one of us has a set of morals that we value—and guess what? It is okay that those aren't the same! We are unique and therefore our opinions will be also.

If I was only friends with people who had the same opinions as I did, then I would never be challenged to grow in my beliefs and possibly even change how I think or the way in which I live my life.



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By all means, post about your political opinion, but don't target your friends. Don't blame someone for trying to make the best choice for themselves or for their family. Remember, they are choosing the candidate that best aligns with the morals that they value most—and that could be different than yours.

I choose to respect the differences that my friends and I have. I value friendship and relationships with all people—including those that I don't always agree with. I base my friendships on something much deeper than the political party that they support.

I certainly hope that my character, personality and loyalty as a friend and human being cannot be completely summed up in the support I give to the candidate that I vote for. I would like to think that there is so much more to me than my vote.

If you choose to delete me or other people based on our political opinions then tell me, how tolerant are you?

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

The value of sleep

If you're a college student, chances are you're not getting a healthy amount of sleep.

According to a study conducted by the University of Georgia's Health Center, college students get an average of 6-6.9 hours of sleep per night. This is well short of the recommended amount of sleep for young adults, which is over eight hours per night.

According to campusmindworks.org, college students are one of the most sleep-deprived demographics of all, and there is a negative link

between not getting enough sleep and lower GPAs.

Sleep deprivation can affect concentration, memory and the ability to learn, which are all keys toward getting the most out of a lecture session.

However, a lack of focus and comprehension during class is just the tip of the iceberg. A lack of sufficient sleep can also afflict the immune system, attribute to moodiness and cause weight gain. So continue sleeping six hours per day if you want to be an obese jerk with

a bad cough.

College students are under a lot of pressure to put off sleeping, both in the classroom and in social circles.

How many times have you stayed up into the wee hours of the morning to finish an eight-page essay with cited sources? How many times have you been dragged out of bed for a night out with friends despite the fact that you're dead tired after classes?

So how does one combat sleep deprivation? Vowing to sleep more

is obvious but is difficult to commit to without a complete shift in philosophy. Reprioritizing one's responsibilities to value sleep is a more lasting alternative.

It can be startling to think about the fact that humans spend about a third of their life under the veil of sleep. It may seem like wasted hours, but in reality it is critical to make those other two-thirds of one's life healthy.

College students need to realize how vital sleep is for their physical health and psyche.

Parades are the worst

A bona fide tirade on the slow-moving parade



Kip Biby
Podcast Manager

If I made a list of the top ten things that I hate most in the world, parades would probably be somewhere between ISIS and Red's Apple Ale. I have never been to a parade that was even remotely worth the effort of getting there and yes, I have been to that Macy's Thanksgiving bullshit.

Break down a parade for what it is: a line of six-year-old Mustang convertibles, a shitty middle school marching band and police officers sweating their asses off walking three miles in July with a bullet proof vest on and twenty pounds of gear. I've read legal documents that were more entertaining than even the best part of a parade.

It's not just the sheer boredom of a parade that makes them suck. If you live in a part of town that the parade moves through at 1.5 miles an hour, then you are deemed immobile for the duration of the event. I work at a pizza place downtown and our deliveries were consistently late because of the Big Rapids High School Homecoming Parade. By the way, this parade followed the Crossroads Charter Academy Homecoming Parade a week earlier, which followed the Ferris Homecoming Parade. Three parades? If you are going to have useless parades just do them all at once!

"Oh, Kip, think of the children, they love parades!" No, kids hate parades, they just love candy. How about the kids' parents just buy them a Snickers and let them keep playing Doodle Jump on their iPads. Honestly, the kids just sit there and text until a float with candy comes by and then they elbow other kids out of their way so they can get a microscopic Milky Way, also known as "fun size."

My older sister lives in Chicago. She knows better than anyone the absolute nuisance parades can be. She has to put up with the parades that are louder, more colorful and more of a disturbance than Big Rapids could even try to handle.

Now, I am not an unreasonable man, I will come around to like parades if they make these three simple changes:

- Lose the middle school band and hire a half way decent rock band.
- Host the parade on a country road just five or 10 miles outside of town.
- Double the speed of the floats so we can bang this thing out in 20 minutes.



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Finding a balance

Reflecting on what worked best for my success in college

There come these moments in life when we have to take stock of what's happening in our lives, and we all need to find a healthy way to achieve balance.

It's easy to take on too much when we're scurrying about trying to find our place in the world. College is a time when things can easily get out of control; losing some sense of control is where I'm at right now—one month into this semester of my senior year.

I'll confess. I'm not the master on finding my center. I'm one of those people who deal with matters as they pile on. It's part of my nature.

Dealing with problems as they arise is the only way I've ever been, and it's probably what made me a damn good mechanic when I worked at Amway.

College is different. It takes more careful planning. It takes more self-awareness. It takes finding a balance when facing problems.

To the point, my opinion on this matter is that finding your center—that self-awareness—



Nick Vander Wulp
Lifestyles Editor

is most important during this time in our lives. It's not good for anyone to shuffle about Ferris just going through the daily motions.

Find what's important to you and embrace it. If it's physical exercise, socializing, spending time with a loved one, building a business or practicing a favorite hobby, make sure you have plenty of time set aside for these things.

Building this esteem is important to finding this balance for ourselves, and taking care of these needs is part of this process of higher achievement.

Like Maslow's hierarchy of needs, this allows for self-actualization and opens the path to achieving greater things while at college.

For me it's taken on the form of being more

open and honest with one person who is truly important to me.

I've started to find my center again this semester by opening myself to someone who's been asking me to.

If you're reading this and trying to find what's important to you at Ferris or in your personal life, get involved with a registered student organization (RSO) or in the community. Build a relationship, a car or a business.

My opinion of college isn't what it was when I started here. Coming already from the professional world when I started, I wanted to get my degree and get the hell out.

Now, I'm happy with what I've discovered here.

My new opinion of college is this: take the time to take stock of what's important, center yourself and find what you're looking for, not merely what's continually handed to you on a daily basis.

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