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Inscribed on the inside rim of the new pavilion is a quote by Mother Teresa, reading: "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

# Welding for the community

## Ferris welders create Celebration Pavilion

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

The Celebration Pavilion, the latest project of Ferris' welding students and faculty, is one of the largest projects that has been created for the community.

The university, the city of Big Rapids, local artists and private businesses and industries work together to create sculptures that support the community.

According to David Murray, Ferris welding engineering technology professor, the inspiration for the pavilion came from the city manager after his exposure to the Sunken Gardens in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Murray and Marlies Manning, the landscaping architect for the project, went to see the Sunken Gardens for this project.

"The gardens are beautiful, each year there is a different theme, and people rotate the responsibility of keeping the gardens up," Murray said. "I think eventually that is what they are going to do here in Big Rapids."

According to Murray, the project started three years ago with a group of four students working on the design of the super structure. The second year of the project, the superstructure that holds the artwork, what they call the spiders, were made by another group of students. The third and final year of the project, the art panels were placed in the spiders, along with a quote, which was completed by another group of students.

"My favorite part was fabricating, cutting the part to making it fit," said Ferris welding engineering technology junior Eyad Alnass-

er. "The most challenging part was getting up in the morning, but I was excited to work for the community and in the end, the Mayor came and gave us all a certificate, so hard work really does pay off."

The artwork for the laser cut aluminum dome, designed by Manning, tells the story of the Big Rapids community enjoying the four seasons and all the area has to offer. Inscribed on the inside is a quote from Mother Teresa, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Each group of students worked on the project for a welding class. It was all volunteer work and no one was paid for putting time into the pavilion.

"I hope the community really likes and enjoys it because it is really beautiful, and it would make me happy if they benefit from it," said Ferris welding engineering technology junior Ahmed Alsamiri. "It makes me proud that it is from the welding department to the community."

The Sunken Gardens is rented nearly each week to celebrate weddings, so the theory is that the citizens of Big Rapids use the Celebration Pavilion to celebrate.

Murray believes that students that had the chance to work on the project should be proud of the project and the reason that he does projects like this is the whole idea of community service and giving back to the community.

The Celebration Pavilion is located at Mitchell Creek Park in Big Rapids.



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The Celebration Pavilion is located off State Street in Mitchell Creek Park in Big Rapids.



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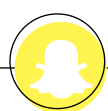
Just one small portion of the laser cut aluminum dome designed to tell the story of Big Rapids' four unique seasons.



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# Know where to turn



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## Ferris offers suicide assistance programs for students

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

Many students and young people experience depression and/or thoughts of suicide, and it is important to know that there are places to go for help.

The Personal Counseling Center located at Ferris State University's Birkam Health Center is one of these options. Lindsay Barber serves as the director of the facility.

"If a student is contemplating suicide, we take this very seriously. We advise any student who is having these thoughts to immediately seek care at the Personal Counseling Center," Barber said.

"There is always a counselor on site to address the needs of our students during these times," Barber said. "Our number one priority is keeping students safe and well. We have licensed mental health professionals and resources available at all times to ensure the well-being of each student. If a student is experiencing thoughts of suicide or self-harm, we urge them to seek help."

According to the American College Health Association, one in every 12 college students have made a suicide plan at one point. According to Barber, speaking up is essential to the healing process not only for depressed students but all students.

"We also need to continue to have the conversation about removing the negative stigma associated with mental health that too often prevents someone from asking for help. It is not weak to ask for help, it is strong," Barber said.

Active Minds is another resource on campus where students can receive support. Ferris applied speech communi-

cation senior Victoria Hudgins is the president of the registered student organization (RSO).

"Active Minds is a mental health advocacy group on campus. Its members aim to eliminate the negative stigma around mental health and focus on showing students how to be a friend, keep their minds mentally healthy and seek help if or when they need it," Hudgins said.



Victoria Hudgins

Like Barber, Hudgins was adamant about continuing the conversation.

"Everyone has mental health, therefore mental health is something everyone should be talking about. We as college students know how stressful balancing classes, work and social time can become, and we want students to know it's okay to reach out and get help if they are struggling," Hudgins said.

Active Minds strives to educate students on how to identify if a fellow student is depressed.

"A few things to know about depression would be the signs to notice in others: pulling away from friends, potential weight loss or weight gain, exceptional change in grades in classes, less responsive to others, etc. It's important to know what to look for so you can always be a friend that can point them in the right direction and help things before it gets too severe," Hudgins said.

In addition to these on-campus options, there is the Listening Ear 24-hour helpline that can be reached at (989)772-2918.

"It is important to reach out to someone—a roommate, your R.A., a professor, coach or parent. The resources are there for each student and we want to help," Barber said.

"A mental illness does not change who the person is, and it is incredibly important for everyone to understand that people who suffer from and fight depression are some of the strongest people on the planet," Hudgins said.

If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide, please seek help at one of the above listed options. If it is urgent, call 911.

The hours of the Personal Counseling Center are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is available to all students free of charge.

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# Flinging drinks

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

## Shoulda stopped

Sept. 22, 3:20 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Campus Drive for failure to yield at a stop sign. The driver was found to be in possession of fraudulent insurance documents and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

## One missed call

Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m., officers investigated a harassment complaint in Merrill Hall. A student was receiving unwanted calls from a non-student. Officers offered advice on how to handle the calls.

## F\*cked up on Finch

Sept. 24, 11 p.m., officers investigated a hit and run accident in Finch Court. The suspect was located, found to be intoxicated and lodged in jail for OWI.

## Bashed door in Lot 4

Sept. 25, 6 p.m., officers investigated a damaged vehicle in Lot 4. The driver's side door had been bashed in.

## Eww

Sept. 27, 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of assault in McNerney Hall regarding a student that had a liquid thrown on them. The victim alleged that the liquid was urine but the suspect argued that it was apple juice. The suspect was identified and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office.

## Flinging drinks

Sept. 30, 8:50 a.m., officers responded to a report of disorderly conduct in the North Quad following an altercation at McDonald's.

The suspect followed the victim onto campus and threw a cup of pop at them.

## Crash

Sept. 30, 1:30 p.m., officers investigated a two car accident in Lot 54.

## Swervin'

Oct. 1, 4:50 a.m., officers assisted the sheriff's department with a report of an intoxicated driver on the expressway. The driver was arrested and lodged in jail.



## Boom

Oct. 1, 2:30 p.m., officers investigated a two car accident on Knollview Drive near Lot 39.

## One ticket to jail

Oct. 1, 4:55 p.m., officers investigated a report of marijuana in Merrill Hall. Two students were identified and referred to the Office of Student Conduct, and one of the two was also arrested and lodged in jail.

## Turnt at Oakwood

Oct. 1, 9:10 p.m., officers assisted the city police with disorderly subjects at Hillcrest Apartments.

## Lock it up

Oct. 2, 11:30 a.m., officers investigated a larceny complaint in Bond Hall. Money had been taken from an unlocked resident room.

## Rolling high

Oct. 3, 9:50 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for a visual obstruction. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and was ticketed.

## Three times in one week?

Oct. 3, 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of assault at the Rock Cafe. An employee had a glass of pop thrown on them in the dish room following an altercation.

## Illegal travel

Oct. 3, 6:50 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Maple Street and the driver was found to have a suspended license.

## Mean media

Oct. 3, 11:40 p.m., officers investigated a harassment complaint in Hallisy Hall regarding hostile contact over social media.

## Toking in Lot 4

Oct. 5, 2:40 a.m., officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in Lot 4. One suspect was identified and lodged in jail for possession of marijuana.

## Bang

Oct. 5, 2:35 p.m., officers investigated a two car accident in Lot 27.

Between the dates of Sept. 28 ad Oct. 5, the Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 447 tickets totaling \$7,340.

# NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

## Fleece blanket drive

Ferris' Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is hosting their annual fleece blanket drive to support underprivileged children in Mecosta County. The organization is working with Angels of Action to provide warm blankets to children and families during the cold winter weather. Registered student organizations (RSOs), classes, teams and individuals are encouraged to make a \$15 donation that will be directly spent on supplies. Cash or check donations can be dropped off in PRSSA's mailbox in the Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS) office from Thursday, Oct. 6, through Friday, Nov. 4.

## Nerdology

Students interested in winning prizes and participating in an interactive show have the opportunity to take part in Nerdology. Nerdology is an interactive pop-culture trivia competition where student-made teams can compete for prizes including t-shirts, gift cards and more. This event will be taking place near the fireplace downstairs in the University Center Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

## Headshots

Ferris students, staff and faculty will have the opportunity to pay \$5 this week to have two professional headshots taken of them. This service is being offered on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon in the IRC connector and on Friday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UCB



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## Bulldog Bonanza

The Ferris State Ukulele Club was one of many RSOs, clubs and Greek organizations that took part in Ferris' annual Bulldog Bonanza on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

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# That scuttling sound

## Procedures and precautions for bed bugs at Ferris

Harley Harrison  
Torch Reporter

In student housing, bed bugs can spread from room to room with ease, which keeps the Ferris Housing and Residence Life department on their toes.

"It's been happening probably in the last 5-6 years," said Lisa Ortiz, the Assistant Director of the Office of Housing and Resident Life at Ferris. "The entire state of Michigan is seeing an uptake in bed bugs right now, so it's not just Ferris State. We're just trying to be proactive to ensure that, if something does pop up, we are quick in our response and that's why we did the awareness posters, etc. So it's nothing new, it's just ensuring that our students know the policy and procedures."

According to Ortiz, bites on your skin are a good indicator of bed bugs and students should check the seams of their mattresses or even the seams of their luggage, if they travel frequently. If a student finds bed bugs, they should contact their housing staff immediately.

"What happens is we find them a temporary location on campus. We ask them to take their basic belongings and what we do is we bring a professional exterminator in," said Ortiz. "The exterminator actually uses a system that bakes the room, which is perfectly safe for all belongings, including electronics, but still kills the bed bugs."

The extermination process heats the room to 140 degrees Fahrenheit and takes one day once the professional exterminator is able to arrive on

campus. As a result of this procedure, the Housing and Residence Life department will provide the student with a temporary living space for that time.

"We do provide them with extra laundry cards, so what they do is they wash what they immediately take with them and kill the initial eggs and adults so that they're not spreading into the new room," Ortiz said.

Ferris facility management junior, Preston Tindall experienced bed bug precautions this previous summer.

"I was sleeping in my room in North Bond over the summer and they just pounded on my door. I sat right up and I answered, it was a bunch of people, I'm pretty sure they were from the physical plant, but they came in and, they told me what they were doing, but they just came in and started pulling up my bed sheets and shining a flashlight in the crevices of the mattress," Tindall said. "They were telling me they were checking for bugs and they were looking for little brown dots that they find sometimes and that's the bug's poop, and that can be an indicator that you have bed bugs, if they find that."

Fortunately, they did not find bed bugs in Tindall's room, although a lot of other residents were mad about the search, according to Tindall.

"I think they were just doing their jobs," Tindall said.

It is advised that students inspect their beds and notify housing staff if they have reason to believe that they have bed bugs.



Preston Tindall



Graphic by: Jordan Lodge | Production Manager

# Culver's coming to town?

## Wisconsin-based fast food restaurant expected to open Big Rapids location

Keith Salowich & Andrea Lenhart  
Editor in Chief & Torch Reporter

Ferris students may soon be able to order a ButterBurger and fresh frozen custard from what is currently a vacant lot.

According to the Pioneer, a Culver's restaurant will likely be moving into the grassy lot across the street from the Meijer gas station

on Perry Street by January of 2017.

"I did not know that a Culver's was coming, I'm actually really excited about that. I really like Culver's and it would be nice to have another place to go eat in between classes," said Ferris social work junior Sarah Dobski.

Burger and sandwich prices range from about \$3 to \$7 at Culver's, and the restaurant also offers fried chicken, salads and seafood, in addition to the frozen custard it's

known for. Its proximity to campus doesn't make it ideal for grabbing a bite before class, but it will offer students an additional choice in local eateries.

"I know that there is supposed to be a Culver's coming to Big Rapids and I would love that. I think that Big Rapids needs more places for students to eat at, so that would be a really good idea," said Ferris social work junior Kyrstal Nawak.

Site plans have already been brought before and approved by the Big Rapids Township Planning Commission, according to the Pioneer.

Currently, the closest Culver's to campus is located in Grand Rapids. Other Culver's in this region are open from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the proposed establishment in Big Rapids would likely follow suit.

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# MEET THE TORCH

Angela Graf | News Editor

I am a junior majoring in business administration with a focus in marketing and I am the news editor and web editor for the Ferris State Torch. I am from Cleveland, Ohio, and yeah, I'm a Buckeye's fan. I love golfing, writing, dogs, literature and playing my ukulele. "Grey's Anatomy" is by far my most consuming vice and I really love Star Wars and punk music.

Angela's work can be found at [www.fsutorch.com/author/angelagraf](http://www.fsutorch.com/author/angelagraf)



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Ferris automotive engineering technology sophomore Kevin Straney was one of the members of the Sigma Pi fraternity to take part in the 48-hour Teeter-Totter-Athon.

# Teeter-Totter-Athon

*Ferris Sigma Pi International Fraternity hosts 14th annual fundraiser*

Harley Harrison  
Torch Reporter

The men of the Ferris Sigma Pi International Fraternity broke out their teeter-totter in the North Quad this week with the intentions of raising money to help fight cancer.

The fraternity sets a goal of \$1,000 each year, which they came close to this year by raising \$835, according to Brandon Swanson.

"We do it every single year, we'll do it for 48 hours straight and it's to raise money to help fight cancer. It's for a foundation up in Reed City, Susan P. Wheatlake Regional Cancer Center," said Ferris information security and intelligence junior, and vice president of the fraternity Brandon Swanson. "Usually we have about 18 guys who participate in it and then we just switch off shifts and we always have two people on the teeter totter at all times."

Starting at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4, the members of the

fraternity took turns on the teeter-totter for an entire 48 hours, regardless of cold nights or rain showers.

"It's a great cause because it's local, it's going to be in Reed City," said Ferris accounting senior Chris Rozine, who was also in charge of the re-design of the teeter-totter. "A lot of people donate towards cancer and they don't know where it's going to go towards, but it's going to go towards Reed City, 10-15 miles north, so I think it's going to be great because we can see it affect people."



Robert Ross

According to Swanson, the members of the fraternity must commit to at least five to six hours, although there are some members who commit as much as 16 out of the total 48 hours.

"We're out here raising money for a good cause and that's what I want to do and to make sure we get our name out into the community," said Ferris pre-nursing sophomore, Robert Ross. "Also to kill the stereotypes about fraternities [that] all

we do is party. We also do good things for the community."

Students, faculty and community members who walked through the North Quad were encouraged to donate any amount of money, including pocket change when they walked by.

"I've been a big advocate for cancer research, I've been doing Relay for Life for the past 10 years and, I mean, cancer hits everybody at home in some way, so you know, I've had a couple family members who've had cancer pass away so doing stuff like this hits home for me," Swanson said. "It's a good way for us to meet new people, have good conversations and hang out as a brotherhood."

The Teeter-Totter-Athon is the fraternity's biggest fundraiser of the fall, according to Swanson.

"Being out in the Quad and being social, getting our name out there for faculty and just regular students, making sure everyone knows who we are and what we stand for, that's what's awesome about it," Rozine said.

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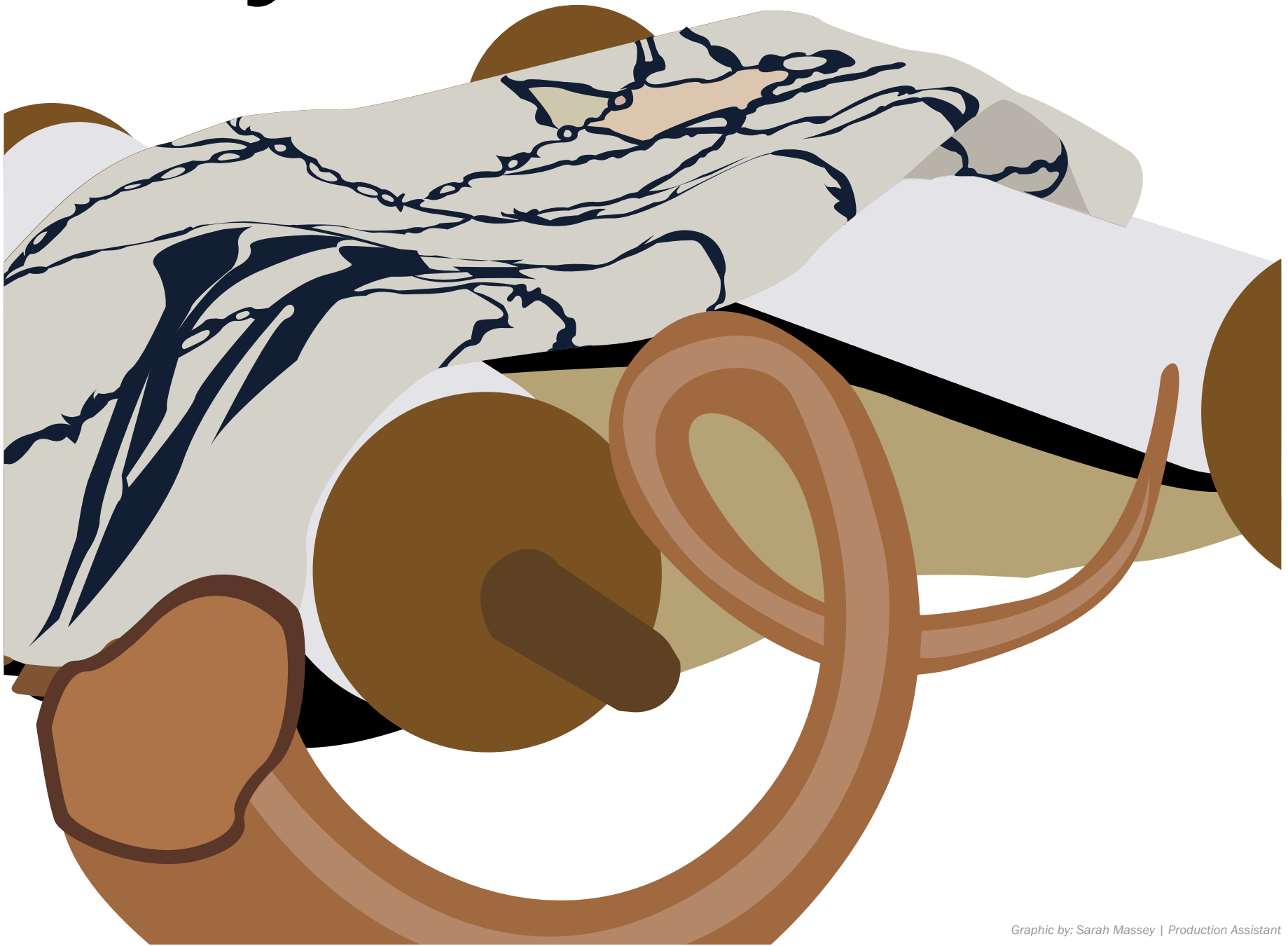


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“The money goes to whoever we hear of that’s in need.”  
- Karen Ottobre  
See page 8 for story

# Day of Atonement



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## Jewish students celebrate and fast on Yom Kippur

Travis Sacher  
Torch Reporter

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement in the Jewish religion, begins at sundown on the tenth day of the first month of the Hebrew calendar and will conclude the following evening at sundown.

Ferris marketing sophomore Shaun Martin, from Orange County, New York, was raised Jewish.

“The Day of Atonement. Putting our wants aside and focusing more on the spiritual needs. Reconciling with ourselves, God and those around us,” Martin said. “It gives us a chance to acknowledge what we have done wrong and forgive others who have done wrong to us. It’s a day of cleansing ourselves in means of fasting and prayer.”

Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the entire Jewish religion. Yom Kippur occurs on the tenth day of Tishrei—the first month on the Hebrew calendar—and 10 days after the Hebrew New Year Rosh Hashanah.

The holiday Sukkot will take place on days 15-21 of Tishrei, which means The Feast of Booths. A traditional Yom Kippur for a Jewish person is as follows:

Observers enjoy a good dinner at sundown the night before Yom Kippur. Once the feast concludes, a 25-hour period of fasting will begin, which means no food or drinks. The next day, Jews make their way to the Synagogue for a day of intense prayer. The prayer service is separated into five different parts: Ma’ariv; Shacharit; Musaf; Mincha; and the closing prayer Ne’ilah. Jews do not go to work or use tech-

nology, and the more orthodox Jews will walk everywhere they need to go.

Once the sun goes down and all parts of the service are complete, friends and family come together for a great feast and break the fast.

“ Jewish students are afraid to come out and say they are Jewish...”

Dr. Barry Mehler

Because Ferris State Jewish students are few, they struggle to continue following their religious traditions. They do not have many people around them to celebrate holidays with.

“I don’t practice my religion as much being at school. I haven’t been around people that do celebrate up here,” Martin said.

Ferris professor of history, Dr. Barry Mehler, who has been teaching at Ferris since 1989, said that the university does not do its part in spreading religious awareness and

observing the largest religious holidays.

“On Rosh Hashanah, our New Year, the beginning of the holidays, all professors have to do is wish their students a Happy New Year, but they do not,” Mehler said.

Mehler created a Happy New Year ad for Rosh Hashanah that says, “L’Shana Tovah Bulldogs!” The ad made it into the Detroit Jewish News but was not posted anywhere on Ferris’ media outlets. There is no information for Yom Kippur on the Ferris website, only a posting on the calendar marking the date that the most important day for Jewish students does exist.

In Mehler’s 27 years at Ferris, he has noticed a trend for Jewish students on campus. Many of them are too afraid to openly tell other students they are Jewish due to the minimal education and bigotry of the religion.

“Jewish students are afraid to come out and say they’re Jewish. The environment can be a lot friendlier than that,” Mehler said.

Classes will be held as scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 12, but Martin had this to say about his university not observing Yom Kippur:

“When I was in high school, my high school observed Jewish holidays and classes were not held. If we observe major holidays for other religions, why would we not observe the biggest Jewish holiday?”



Photo by: Aubrey Kemme | Multimedia Editor

Daniel Martin performs in Williams Auditorium to an energetic audience as he responds sarcastically and makes jokes about the recent clown sightings around Big Rapids, Reed City and the United States.

# I magish!

## Magician Daniel Martin visits Ferris State

Alexandra Bourne  
Torch Reporter

Daniel Martin visited Ferris on Tuesday, Oct. 4, with his magic act, "Daniel Martin: Insane magic, exhilarating escapes, sarcastic improv."

"My favorite part was going up and finding out that somehow I actually disappeared," said Ferris biology freshman Tristan Scribner. "I've had multiple people come up to me and show me pictures of me gone. I didn't really believe in magic before but I kind of do now."

The performance began with a video called "Mile High Magic" portraying Martin doing tricks while he traveled.

"I saw some posters in our hall and decided it would be fun," said Ferris plastics freshman Miles Clifford. "It was a really exciting experience and my mind was blown."

"I honestly just like the shows that they

put on here," said Ferris radiography freshman Kaela Sluss. "I just wanted to come and see what it was all about."

Martin described his act in one word during the opening monologue of his show.

"I don't dance, I don't sing. I do one thing and I do it quite well: I magish!" Martin said.

Martin interacted with the audience members, responded sarcastically to their comments, commented on the recent clown issues in the area and invited them be part of the show.

"Watching the audience is my favorite part," Martin said. "The reactions are amazing. People feel different things during the show: some people laugh, some people cry, some people believe they truly can do anything. It's amazing to be able to give these experiences in the hour that they're with me."

Martin began working as a pick-pocket when he was six years old in Chicago. His grandparents bought him his first magic kit

to try to redirect his sleight of hand talents. He began performing magic professionally when he was 12 and paid his way through school with these shows.

"I'm a firm believer that if you love what you do, that's what you should do in your life, that's your purpose," Martin said. "Don't worry about money. Money will come. Doing what you love, you'll be the happiest you've ever been in your life."

Martin performs 200 shows all over the world each year, spending about nine months of every year traveling. He has previously appeared on many television networks and is scheduled to be on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon in a few weeks (the exact air date has not yet been released).

While Martin admitted that the travel is one of the hardest parts of the job, he also claims it is one of the best.

"Even though you get to see different parts of the world, you don't get to see them for that long because you have to be in a dif-

ferent place," Martin said. "I'm in a different city or state every single night. Sometimes it's one, two, three flights a day, so you don't get a lot of sleep."

"I love Ferris State, it was amazing tonight. The energy was insane and through the roof. It was one of my favorite audiences, I can't wait to come back."

Martin has received awards for best live performer, best male performer, best variety performer and entertainer of the year, and has been the highest rated and best reviewed touring act in the country for the third year from Campus Activities Magazine.

Martin can be followed on social media as he travels and performs. More information can be found on [danielmartin.com](http://danielmartin.com).

Entertainment Unlimited's next event will be the quiz game show, Nerdology, by the University Center fireplace on Friday, Oct.14, at 8 p.m.

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## Disc golfing to fight cancer

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Supporters of Ferris United Against Cancer gathered to play two rounds of disc golf on Sunday in support of a Ferris surveying engineering student whose son has a brain tumor.

### Ferris United Against Cancer fundraises through Discraft Ace Race

Adrianna Walker  
Torch Reporter

Near-perfect October weather welcomed Ferris students and local residents alike to an afternoon of disc golfing for an important cause this weekend.

Big Rapids' 11<sup>th</sup> annual Discraft Ace Race took place this past Sunday, Oct. 9, at Northend Riverside Park, with this year's proceeds reserved for local cancer victims.

About 60 players turned out for two rounds of the 18-hole course and coffee provided by Ferris United Against Cancer. Each participant paid a \$30 registration fee, which included a T-shirt for early registration, and a grand prize awarded to the winner of the event. Ferris United Against Cancer will disburse all of the proceeds locally.

"The money goes directly to whoever we hear of that's in

need," said Karen Ottobre, secretary of the Management Department and one of a handful of volunteers who make up the Ferris United Against Cancer team.

After becoming frustrated with previous cancer fundraising being directed toward Grand Rapids instead of the Big Rapids community, Ottobre and a small group of volunteers decided it was time to start fundraising on their own.

Working without preconditions, the team now focuses on fundraising for local cancer victims only. In fact, some of the proceeds from this weekend's event will go directly to the son of a current Ferris student.

Michelle Thebo describes her son Trevor's brain disease simply as "a bad roll." The 21-year-old learned of his brain tumor in March of this year after experiencing severe headaches for a long time.

With Trevor's case still touch-and-go, Thebo and her husband—a disabled veteran—have to manage a full plate that includes her full time student schedule.

"We work out doctor visits and trips to the hospital between us," Thebo said.

Thebo, a Ferris surveying engineering senior, who also works part-time on campus, expressed gratitude towards the Ferris faculty that's been very understanding.

"My professors have been very supportive and helpful," Thebo said.

Specifically, Thebo applauded Professors Carl F. Shaugraw and Gabor Barsai of the engineering department.

"We have been truly blessed by the Ferris United Against Cancer group. Trevor has had some scary, dark days, and knowing that there are people out there who care and help to ease our burden genuinely make a difference, not just financially but emotionally. It truly raised our spirits," Thebo said.

Ferris United Against Cancer's second fundraising event of the year will be a live auction at Currie's Auction House Sunday, Oct. 23.

## Getting into the act

Comedians perform interactive show with audience at Williams Auditorium

Nick Vander Wulp  
Lifestyles Editor

A traveling troupe of comedians from New York City performed at Williams Au-

ditorium to a small audience of Ferris students and local area residents.

Eight Is Never Enough is a group of improvisational comedians who sing, act and make commentary on nearly any topic giv-

en to them. Some of the topics of the night included Donald Trump, hurricane Matthew, Bruno Mars and homework.

Nearly everyone in the audience Friday night had the opportunity to be on stage

during the performance. Most of the skits and even some of the songs had an audience participation component to them.

Ferris digital animation and game design

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## COMEDIANS

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Performers from the troupe Eight Is Never Enough on stage acting out a skit.

freshmen Nick Salamone and Angela Dato were two of the participants in different skits during the 90-minute performance.

"I was nervous at first, but after a few minutes I got used to it," Salamone said. "I wish I had said some other stuff, but it was fun."

Dato agreed with Salamone that she was nervous on stage and that improvisational comedy is much harder than it looks. She also was impressed with how well the comedians listened to those from the audience and to each other.

"Improv is a lot harder than I thought it was," Salamone said. "I really thought improv was something you just walk up and just go do it. When I went up there I was like, 'Whoa! This is a lot harder than I thought.' It's because you have to come up with stuff on the spot. It's impressive they can do that so fast."

The performance included skits like singing an Irish song about mothers-in-law, a Broadway show about a banana tree growing in New York City and commentary on the reenactment of paintings from the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War.

"The show was funny. It was really good," said Salamone.

# Media Minute

## Bon Iver

Experimental indie rock band Bon Iver, led by dynamic musician Justin Vernon, released their third full-length album, "22, A Million" on Friday, Sept. 30.

Bon Iver broke into the music world with the release of their first album, "For Emma, Forever Ago" in 2007. Their first popular track "Skinny Love" became an indie folk anthem and was made even more popular when British singer Birdy released her own cover of the song.

In 2011, Justin Vernon revamped the lineup of Bon Iver, increasing the band members from four to nine, and released a second album, "Bon Iver, Bon Iver." This album re-created the sound of the band, leaving their indie-folk roots and experimenting with heavy electric guitars, synthesizers and orchestral instruments. Bon Iver won the Grammy for Best New Artist and their latest album took home the prize for Best Alternative Music Album.

During the last five years, Bon Iver has been quiet. Justin Vernon spent time working with band Volcano Choir, recording with electronic artist James Blake, adding vocals to Kanye West's critically acclaimed albums and putting on Eau Claire's Festival in Wisconsin.

Now Bon Iver is back and "22, A Million" is their most experimental album to date. Everything from the album artwork, album title, song names and lyrics are troubling to interpret. It's the type of album that will push away old fans that worshipped the soft and vulnerable depressing tracks from "For Emma, Forever Ago" but also pull in a new crowd of fans who appreciate the musical statements Justin Vernon is making with this album.

Metacritic rated "22, A Million" with an 86 out of 100. Pretty Much Amazing compared this album to Radiohead's "Kid A," their transformation from guitar-rock to electronic music.

Pitchfork gave "22, A Million" a 9 out of 10 in their review. Author Amanda Petrusich stated, "Bon Iver's first album in five years takes an unexpected turn toward the strange and experimental. But behind the arranged glitches and

Travis Sacher  
Torch Reporter

processed voices are deeply felt songs about uncertainty."

Ferris music industry management senior Patrick Cunningham, a musician himself, has already recorded a track influenced by this album.

"I wrote a Bon Iver type song this past weekend. This album inspired me to do research on how to create vocals similar to Justin Vernon. I liked the result. Thought it sounded very full," Cunningham said.

Cunningham stated that the album is much more processed and modernized than what he was used to with Bon Iver.

"'715-CREEKS' is so good, '29 #Strafford APTS' is my favorite it like breaks my heart," Cunningham said.

He added for "29 #Strafford APTS", "I enjoy the lyrics in there and had to do research on them. Everything came together really well and it was sad and melodic in a melancholy type of way."

Ferris computer information technology sophomore Steve Rhein, a dedicated Bon Iver fanatic, was at first turned off of the album while listening to the single "10 d E A T h B R e a s T."

"The singles were more of the electronic songs, honestly at first I didn't like," Rhein said.

Rhein stated when he finally listened to "22, A Million" in full, he listened to the fourth track, "33 'God'" and every previous opinion of the album changed.

"'33 'God'" reached the album's climax for me and ends with a slow resolution," Rhein said.

In reference to Bon Iver's immense popularity for Vernon's heart-breaking story behind "For Emma, Forever Ago," Rhein stated, "He hasn't released much background on the album so I don't know much about its meaning, but that's what makes listening to it so fun."

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"This has been my dream job since I was 9 years old."  
- Harrison Watt  
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## Playing for something bigger

*Young girl with rare disease becomes part of FSU women's soccer team*



Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Eller

Ten-year old Morgan Franklin was diagnosed with Linear scleroderma—a type of morphea—that hardens certain tissues and can make it difficult to move. Just one in every five million people have the disease.

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

Sometimes it's important to take a step back and realize that next week's test or tomorrow's presentation aren't the biggest problems.

Morgan Franklin is a 10-year-old girl from Muskegon who is diagnosed with a severe case of an autoimmune disease called Linear Scleroderma. The disease, a type of morphea, creates lesions on the skin that eventually begin to affect the bones and organs, hardening them. Eventually it will become difficult—and even worse, impossible—for Morgan to move her limbs. Approximately one in every five million people are diagnosed with this rare disease.

Morgan has already begun to lose some of the movement in her right hand. Through the pain, Morgan has a strong love for soccer, so much so that she was given the opportunity to become a part of the Ferris State soccer program. Senior defender Kate

Kelly explored the opportunities that Morgan has to be a Bulldog.

"Morgan gets to sign a National Letter of Intent to be an official member of the team," Kelly said. "She gets to keep working with us until she's 18, I think."

Kelly has taken pride in being a Bulldog for the past three years, and opportunities to help children like Morgan make the Bulldog experience even greater.

"In Morgan's case, she can still play soccer, but after her games her legs and ankles hurt her pretty badly," Kelly said. "Morgan has the dream to play college soccer some day and it is awesome to give her something to dream about."

During the Dawgs' Spring season, Morgan was able to visit Hope College to help Ferris prepare for their game. She sat on the bench with the team and hung out with the women during their pre-game warmup. Something like this may mean the world to Morgan, but she may not be the only one getting something out of the cool experi-

ence.

"It's a great program for athletes as well because it gives us something to play for that is bigger than ourselves and the game that we play," Kelly said. "It gives us a good reminder how blessed we are to be able to play at such a high level."

Morgan's family and doctors hope that the illness will begin to go into remission over time with the treatments that she is receiving, but the young soccer enthusiast will never be completely rid of the disease.

"To have Morgan be able to be a part of the soccer team is awesome," said Morgan's mother, Elizabeth Eller. "We don't know what the future holds for Morgan and this gives her a little taste of what it's like at higher levels. Morgan loves the girls on the team and enjoys texting or working out at the gym with them. It has been huge for her self-confidence. We are glad she feels close enough to a couple of the girls to talk to them when she doesn't feel comfortable talking with us."

According to hospitality management senior Jodie Yuncker, another Bulldog who is helping Morgan, Morgan is currently unable to attend school, so the young soccer star enjoys painting rocks and coloring.

Kelly and Yuncker, along with other Ferris students from their event management class, are orchestrating an event to help Morgan's family pay for medical bills and other financial needs. The event will be at Applebee's in Big Rapids Saturday, Oct. 15, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Bulldog crew will be doing a raffle and selling "Morgan Strong" bracelets at the event.

The group will be handing out fliers at Friday's home soccer game. Presenting the flier to your Applebee's server on Saturday will ensure that 10 percent of your food's proceeds will go to Morgan and her family.

As Morgan continues to fight against Linear Scleroderma, dreaming of becoming the next Kate Kelly, she can rest easier knowing that the Bulldog Nation is behind her.

# Sports Shorts

By Beau Jensen - Torch Reporter

## Volleyball keeps it rolling

They may have started out slow, but the women's volleyball team has really picked up the pace this season.

Ferris volleyball has won nine straight matches now, topping teams such as rivals Grand Valley State University and Ashland University.

The 13-5 Bulldogs' last loss was suffered way back in the middle of September when they played Northwood on their turf.

New faces like freshman Allyson Cappel and familiar ones like senior Stephanie Sikorski have begun to make this 2016 season one to keep your eye on.

Last year's volleyball program made for a difficult act to follow, but the women of this year's team are showing the Bulldog Nation that they are able to pick right up where they left off. Ferris volleyball will see action this Friday, Oct. 14, in Aurora, Illinois for the Midwest Region Crossover.

## Record crowd in Allendale

In what was the Bulldog football program's second loss of the season, Saturday's game at Grand Valley State University drew 16,889 fans.

The Anchor-Bone Trophy went back to the Lakers after the Dawgs suffered the 35-23 loss. The Lakers are currently ranked second in the nation while the Bulldogs sit at 14th, and the magnitude of the game showed in the record crowd.

Though Ferris State went down, they didn't do so without a fight. Junior quarterback Reggie Bell totaled a whopping 483 yards on the night, 343 in the air and 140 on the ground. Senior receiver Shakur Sanders hauled in four catches for 94 yards.

Defensive end Marquis Dawsey had a fun night with the GVSU quarterback, sacking him 2.5 times. With three interceptions on the defensive side of the ball, cornerback Tavierre Thomas had a great night.

Back to the comfort of Big Rapids, the Dawgs will return home to take on Northern Michigan University Saturday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m.

## Coach Berryhill's last season

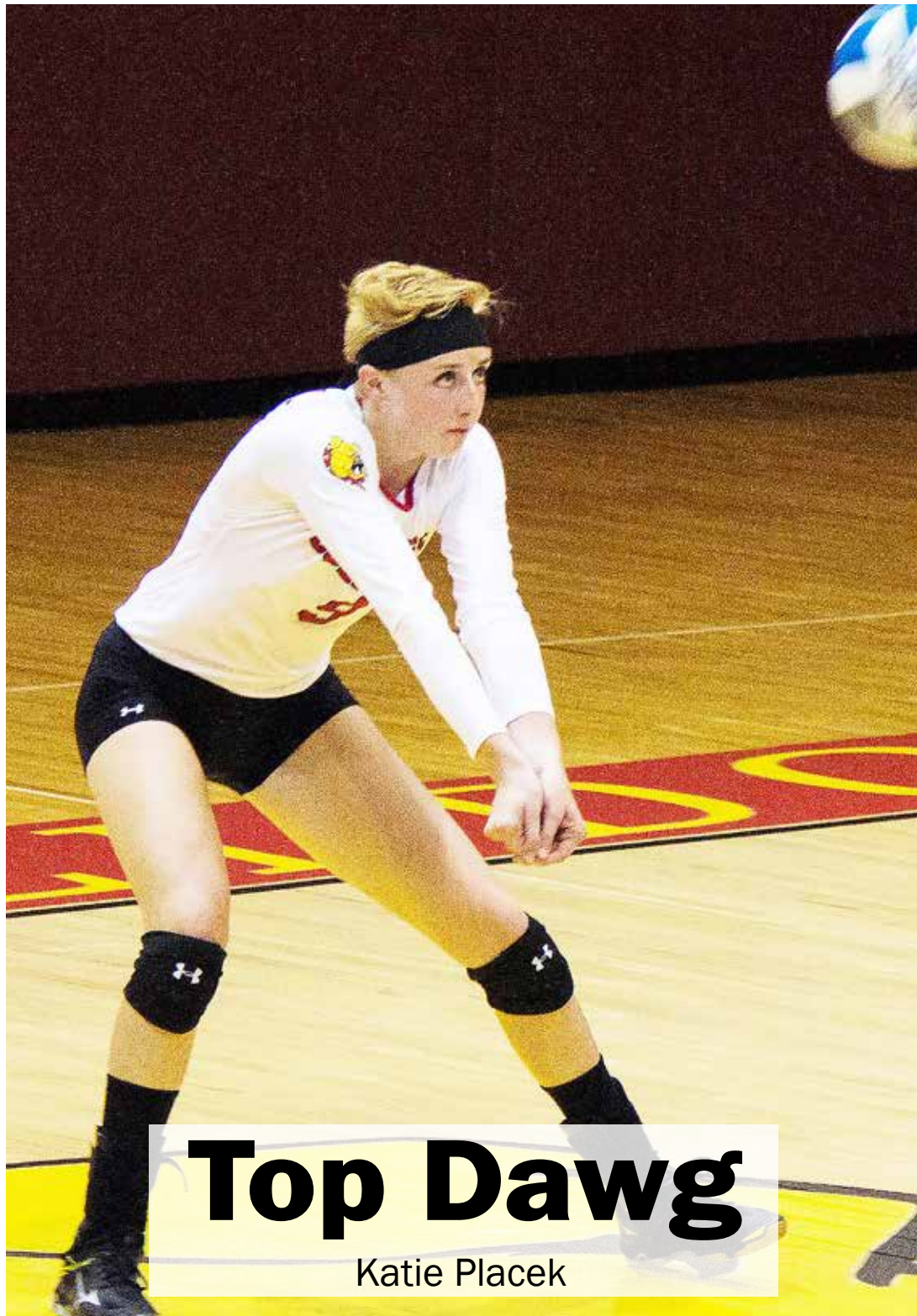
It was announced last week that this season would be the last for head coach of both the men's and women's tennis Chad Berryhill.

Berryhill was crowned the 2016 Coach of the Year for the GLIAC after leading the men's team to a GLIAC Championship last season. On his way down south, Berryhill accepted a position as the head coach at Saint Leo University in Florida.

Berryhill is a graduate of Ferris State and entered his fifth season as the program's head coach this year. He will be staying on as the coach of the Dawgs through the end of the women's season that goes into late October.

Berryhill not only took the men's tennis program to a GLIAC Title last year, he also led them deep into the NCAA Tournament's semifinals.

Once a Bulldog always a Bulldog, and Berryhill's stint as the head coach of the Dawgs will not be forgotten when it's all said and done.



# Top Dawg

Katie Placek

Torch File Photo

Johnathon Gustin

Torch Reporter

Top Dawg honors of the week go to sophomore outside hitter Katie Placek for her outstanding performances this weekend to help the Ferris women's volleyball team defeat both GLIAC foes at Ewingleben Arena to go 6-0 in their weekend sets.

Placek's outstanding weekend started on Friday, Oct. 7, when Ferris defeated Ashland University in three straight sets and then on Saturday, Oct. 8, Ferris won again in straight sets, this time over Tiffin University.

During that two-day span, Placek had the highest combined output of any of the women's volleyball

players with a grand total of 18 kills, 23 digs and two solo blocks for a total output of 21 points.

Placek is currently ranked statistically in four categories in Div. 2 Women's Volleyball Top 300 in digs per set (4.03 D/S for 190th), total digs (238 digs for 137th), total attacks (520 A for 132nd), and attacks per set (8.81 A/S for 188th).

Ferris women's volleyball is currently in third place in GLIAC standings with a 7-1 record in conference play and a 13-5 record overall. The Lady Bulldogs have won nine games straight, including 11 of their last 13 games while remaining undefeated at home.

Ferris next plays in the Midwest Region Volleyball Crossover in Aurora, Illinois against Truman State on Friday, Oct. 14, at 3:30 p.m.

# Passing the mic

## Harrison Watt named new voice of Ferris hockey

Marshall Scheldt

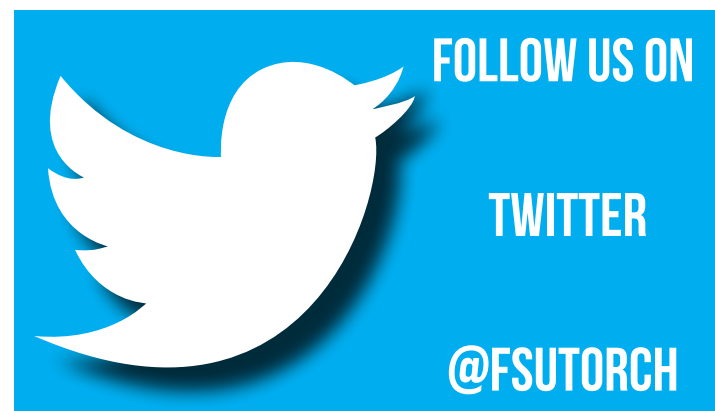
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After his last game doing play-by-play for Ferris State hockey, Jared Shafran will be passing the mic to Ferris journalism senior Harrison Watt.

Shafran will be headed to Charleston, South Carolina to act as the new Director of Communications and Broadcasting, as well as the play-by-play announcer for the South Carolina Stingrays of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL).

On the other end, Watt will not only be stepping into Shafran's role as the play-by-play announcer, but also will help fill the void Shafran left as the Athletics Communication Associ

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ate at Ferris. Watt was the color commentator for Ferris hockey, acting as Shafran's right hand man before accepting his new role.

"This has been my dream job since I was 9 years old," Watt said. "Jared has been an incredible mentor over the last year. I've learned so much from him."

During the first four games of the season, Shafran and Watt switched back and forth between periods with one doing color commentary and the other play-by-play but Watt will be doing it all on his own this Saturday against the University of Michigan.

Watt said he thinks he'll feel some butterflies, but is grateful for the opportunity.

"It's the University of Michigan. It's Red Berenson and

Bob Daniels," Watt said. "It's hard to really put into words how big that game is, and for my first solo game to be that broadcast—it's a huge honor that they have the confidence in me to hand me the keys in this one."

Watt may be a little nervous, but Shafran isn't worried about the performance of his successor.



Harrison Watt

"I think he's going to be really good. He has learned a lot over the past year," Shafran said.

As for advice?

Shafran said, "My advice to Harrison is to always be prepared and to make sure that he's giving the time and score as much as possible. Everyone listening wants to know the time and score."

As Shafran moves on to the ECHL, he said he's going to miss college hockey, the environment at Ewingleben Ice

Arena and the people at Ferris State, especially the players.

"I've been around a lot of different hockey players, and the players here at Ferris State are outstanding. They're great guys," Shafran said. "I've become close with a lot of the guys and we've got a good relationship. It's gonna be tough, I'll miss it a lot."

As Watt takes over the reins, he will not be without Shafran's presence while he does his first game as the voice of Ferris hockey.

"I'll be watching from afar," Shafran said.

Watt's inaugural game doing full-time play-by-play between the Bulldogs and Michigan will take place at Ewingleben Ice Arena Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7:07 p.m.

Fans can also tune in to radio station Sunny 97.3 FM or with FSU's live audio and video streaming package on the Bulldog Sports Network and WCHA.TV to hear Watt's broadcast.

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Sophomore forward Corey Mackin and the FSU hockey team are winless this season and currently sit on an 0-4 record.

## Searching for victory

### Ferris hockey looks for first win against the Michigan Wolverines

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Ferris State hockey will look for their first win of the season against the Michigan Wolverines on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Bulldogs have started the season 0-4 and have given up an average of 3.25 goals per game.

Head coach Bob Daniels said, "We've got to tighten it more defensively than anywhere else."

Last Saturday, the Ferris defense gave up 41 shots on goal against Western Michigan. Sophomore goalie Darren Smith had a great showing with 39 saves but the overwhelming shot volume was too much, as Smith allowed two goals.

Daniels attributed some of the defensive struggles to a young back line.

"A lot of our defensemen are very much freshman, and they're offensive minded," Daniels said. "That's going to bode well for the future, but in the interim we're going to make some mistakes."

The Dawgs have had a shaky start to the season and that will need to change against in-state power Michigan. Daniels believes that his team will improve.

"Once we get everyone back and we can get everyone slotted I can already see the makings of two really good lines," Daniels said. "A better defensive

posture, a better defensive placement will lead to better offensive output."

The Wolverines are sure to be a challenge for the Bulldogs. Michigan has started the year 2-1 averaging three goals per game while only allowing one per game. Last year, Ferris was dominated 5-2 in Ann Arbor. The Bulldogs are home this time around with a sold out crowd to back them.

Daniels said, "The game against Michigan is always special. All our games are tough, but when it comes to Michigan or other in-state teams it turns up a notch."

In their 2014 home opener, the Bulldogs defeated the Wolverines 4-3. Senior Chad McDonald said that was one of the most memorable games of his career.

"Sophomore year against Michigan it was beyond packed. The feeling you got when you went out on the ice and the electricity the crowd was bringing combined with how we were beefed up, it was unbelievable," McDonald said.

This year's matchup is one that Daniels believes will help improve his team and possibly get some problem areas straightened out.

"It'll be another step in the development of our team. It's a challenge I really welcome," Daniels said.

The game starts at 7:07 p.m. at Ewingleben Ice Arena Saturday, Oct. 15.

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# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Ferris State football team found themselves down 28-6 at halftime against Grand Valley State on Saturday.

The Bulldogs fought back in the second half, cutting the lead to 28-23 before eventually falling 35-23 for their second loss of the season.

The Bulldogs' big second half helped them put up big numbers on offense, 507 total yards to be exact. But their big day on offense wasn't enough to win in Ferris Fantasy Football either.

Since the Bulldogs were trailing for so long, they spent much of the game trying to play catch up, which means they were throwing the ball plenty. Although Ferris quarterback Reggie Bell put up 30 fantasy points this week, the lack of rushing attack left Jahaan Brown with just half a point after only rushing for nine yards on six carries, which doesn't even account for a point in ESPN scoring.

With this week's 107 to 92.5 victory, I have improved to 4-1 against the Bulldogs, while their record on the non-virtual gridiron has fallen to 4-2 on the season.

The Bulldogs will take on Northern Michigan Saturday, Oct. 15, at Top Taggart at 1 p.m.

While playing against Northern, they will simultaneously be matching up against the following team:

**QB: Tom Brady, New England Patriots:** Brady proved last week that he was back with 400+ pass yards and I don't see him stopping anytime soon. Brady is playing angry, which is a scary thing for the Cincinnati Bengals' defense in week six.

**RB: LeSean McCoy, Buffalo Bills:** McCoy is a matchup nightmare for any defense, especially a 31st ranked 49ers defense that he'll be



Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor

facing in week six. Look for Shady to end up in the end zone at least once or twice on Sunday.

**WR1: Jordy Nelson, Green Bay Packers:** Aaron Rodgers loves looking for Nelson, especially in the red zone. If the Cowboys can't get pressure on Rodgers, then look for him to have a big day. Typically when Rodgers has a big day, Nelson does too.

**WR2: Jeremy Maclin, Kansas City Chiefs:** Maclin and the Chiefs are coming off a bye and have a favorable matchup against the worst defense in the league in the Oakland Raiders. As the Chiefs' No. 1 receiver, I expect Maclin to have a big day, especially since Oakland puts up a lot of points, so to keep up, the Chiefs will have to air it out often.

**FLEX: Rob Gronkowski, New England Patriots:** Gronk is Brady's favorite target and after Patriots tight-end Martellus Bennett caught three touchdowns last week, I think Brady is going to spread the wealth in Gronkowski's direction. Don't be surprised if he catches three touchdowns himself.

**D/ST: Buffalo Bills:** The Bills are more of a middle of the road defense but they're playing a 49ers offense that just isn't very good.

**K: Caleb Sturgis, Philadelphia Eagles:** I watched Sturgis live at Ford Field last week and the guy put everything dead center through the uprights. He just seemed like he was zoned in. That's a good trait for a kicker.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

### Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Derek Carr	25 COMPLETIONS, 317 YDS, 2 TD, INT	26
RB	Melvin Gordon	87 TOTAL YDS, 1 REC, TD, FUM	11.5
WR1	Amari Cooper	6 REC, 138 YDS, TD	24
WR2	Sterling Shepherd	2 REC, 14 YDS	2
FLEX	Jordan Howard	163 TOTAL YDS, 3 REC, TD	22.5
D/ST	Minnesota Vikings	13 PA, INT, TD	17
K	Justin Tucker	FG, XP	4
Total:			107

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

### Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Reggie Bell	19 COMPLETIONS, 483 TOTAL YDS, 2 TD, 2 INT, 2 FUM	30
RB	Jahaan Brown	1 REC, 5 YDS	0.5
WR1	Malik Taylor	6 REC, 147 YDS, TD	23
WR2	Jamel Lockett	4 REC, 96 TOTAL YDS	11
FLEX	Marquel Hines	2 REC, 40 YDS, TD	11
D/ST	Ferris State	350 YA, 35 PA, 5 SACKS, 3 INT	7
K	Wyatt Ford	3/4 FG, 2 XP	10
Total:			92.5

# Playing through adversity

Women's tennis deals with lineup changes, head coach departure

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State women's tennis team is finding their rhythm as they picked up their fourth straight win Saturday, Oct. 8, before dropping a match to Tiffin on Sunday, Oct. 9.

The Bulldogs have grinded their way to a 5-3 record, despite dealing with a great deal of adversity. The biggest problem that has plagued the Bulldogs to this point according to head coach Chad Berryhill is injury.

"We have had a tough time with injuries, so we haven't had a chance to build off our strengths," Berryhill said. "We just focus on one point and one game at time. We have played very gritty tennis to start out."

Putting players in the right place based on their strengths is a huge part of being successful in tennis. Injuries have made it tough for the Bulldogs to do so, but it appears Berryhill is capable of making the best out of the cards he was dealt.

"Honestly, I have no idea how he does it," said senior Sydney Berens. "With so many new players, it's difficult to gauge how they will play. Coach Berryhill switched the doubles lineup around so many times, it was insane."

Although injury has affected the Bulldogs greatly, a different type of adversity struck them when it was announced that Coach Berryhill would be departing Ferris State following the 2016 season.

"The news shocked everyone on the team," said sophomore Nika Hein. "We are lucky that we get to finish the season with him. It gives us a little extra motivation to make this a great last season for ourselves and for Coach Berryhill."

Any extra motivation the team can get could make a huge impact for a team that wants to play well for their coach in his last year as a Bulldog.

The FSU women's tennis team will return to Big Rapids this Saturday, Oct. 15, to take on the Ashland Eagles at 10 a.m.

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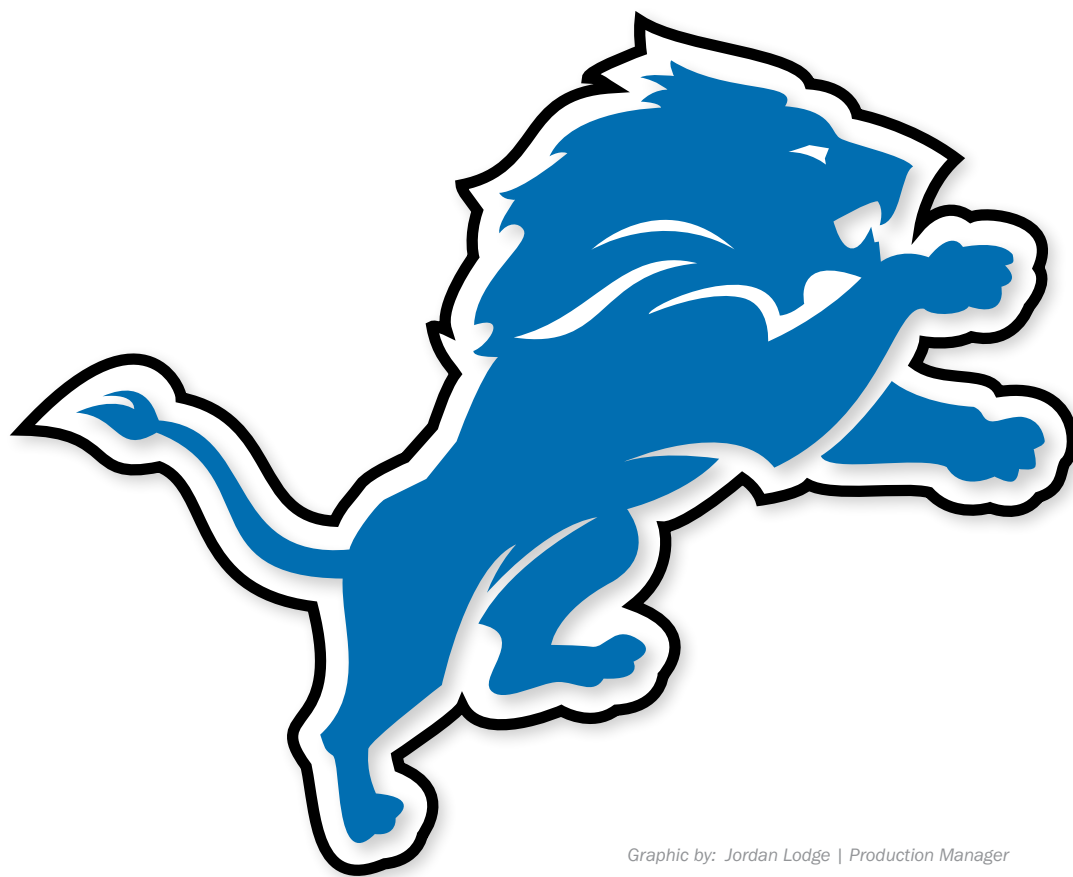
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# The 10 steps of being a Lions fan

Nearly every Sunday during the fall, I have the same routine in the morning.

First, I roll out of bed at about 10 or 11 a.m. and wake myself up with a shower. Then I cook myself some breakfast, and I spend about half an hour to an hour looking at matchups and set up my fantasy football lineups.

I then mentally prepare myself for the roller coaster ride that is a Detroit Lions game. During most games, I experience a rather routine set of feelings while shouting profanities at my television.

Here's a look at 10 of those feelings that I endure leading up to, during and after my time watching the Lions.

**1) Flashbacks** - As celebrities, choirs or war veterans sing the national anthem and the players take the field for the coin toss, I think



Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor

back to all of the horrible moments from the weeks before, like a late-game, horribly-timed, "THAT'S LITERALLY THE LAST THING YOU SHOULD DO" interception from Matt Stafford. Sometimes, I think of great moments but those are few and far between.

**2) Predictions** - "I'm telling you, Theo Riddick is the best receiving running back in the NFL. He's an absolute nightmare guy for defenses to match-up with. He's going to have a huge day," or "The Eagles have the best pass defense in the NFL, we're going to get destroyed."

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## Chat with the chief

*Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich*

## Take a close look at your checkbook

There's almost nothing worse than opening the door of an empty refrigerator with a grumbling stomach, being forced to walk everywhere because you're out of gas money and coming up short on rent at the end of the month.

Assuming you're unwilling to sell an organ and too prideful to beg for a bailout from a rich relative, budgeting your expenses is imperative.

It's simple arithmetic, really. Everyone has a set amount of savings and money coming in, and everybody wants things. The sum of

your savings and income should be higher than the cost of those wants

If you want food, it may be in your best interest to skip the midnight release of that new superhero movie when your bank account is running low. If you want to go out on the weekend, first make sure you'll still have money to pay the gas bill that's due on Tuesday. And if you want textbooks, may God help you.

For many, college is the first time we experience financial independence to any degree. Sure, we may have never heard of a money order

or still be struggling to comprehend the difference between a credit and debit card, but this is the time to figure those things out.

Like a fledgling bird we plunge from the nest and are swept up in the wind. Whether we're able to fly or we crash and burn relies heavily on our ability to make mature decisions when it comes to money

Unfortunately, this test flight is rather high risk. It's possible to fall behind on bills and hurt your credit score, all while piling up a hefty amount debt through student loans

to pay for tuition. If students aren't careful, they can find themselves in dire straits financially upon graduation.

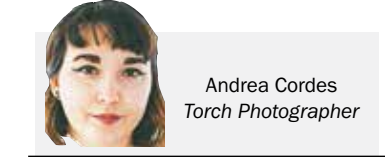
Debt collectors don't care that your car's transmission is shot and that you didn't snag your dream job immediately after school. Once your payment-free, six month grace period wraps up, you have to pay up, and that's a lot easier to do if you managed your money responsibly throughout college.

# Suffering in silence

## Recognizing the importance of a support system

As many of you may have seen floating around Facebook over the past week or so, it was reported that Northern Michigan University (NMU) was punishing students for openly discussing their suicidal thoughts or tendencies with their peers. Upon further research, I discovered that NMU doesn't have this policy anymore, as they changed it within the last year so that students could be provided with resources and counseling and not be punished.

While they may have updated their policies, there are two alarming things about this: they didn't inform potentially suicidal students about their updated policy and they only updated it last year. The now-former policy of this university is a small reflection of how our society deals



Andrea Cordes  
Torch Photographer

with mental health as a whole: it places a huge stigma on those of us that are suffering from mental illnesses.

According to the World Health Organization, 350 million people suffer from depression. Nearly one-half of those diagnosed with depression are also diagnosed with an anxiety disorder. Out of those people, two thirds of them won't seek the help that they need. Why? Because they don't want to be perceived as "weird" or "different" or that something is "wrong with them."

If someone breaks their leg, people see it as a more legitimate affliction, never questioning it. With something like depression, you're more likely to hear people say "cheer up, you'll get over it" or they blame it on someone being a moody, hormonal young adult.

So, what should we do? Take mental health more seriously. Listen to people when they're struggling to get through the day. Don't assume that someone is 100 percent healthy and shame them for "faking it" just because you can't see what's hiding beneath the surface.

As someone that struggles with anxiety, I can say that life is a lot more manageable when you have people you can talk to who understand you. Schools and places of employment should take it more

seriously too. Mental illness sometimes makes it impossible to function in a classroom or at work. Schools and employers should work with people suffering from mental illness so that they can be successful in both their education and in their careers.

The National Network of Depression Centers reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 15-44. We need to be a better society for people suffering from depression and mental illness in general. We have to let each other know that we're not alone. "I am here for you, and you are not alone." Something as simple as that could save a life.



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**3) Hope** – Every game starts with hope. It typically is false hope, but I have seen my Lions look like Super Bowl contenders on occasions, which gives me a glimpse at the light at the end of a dark and dismal tunnel.

**4) Confidence** – This happens after the first defensive stop or the first touchdown. "Our defense looks good right now," or "Jim Bob Cooter is an offensive genius, he's going to make Stafford a top five quarterback within a year."

**5) Confusion** – "What in the hell is Stafford doing?", "What is the flag for?" Or in the rare case of a win, "What just happened?"

**6) The "why's"** – "WHY WOULD YOU MAKE THAT PASS?", "WHY CAN'T WE RUN THE BALL?", "WHY WOULD YOU TAKE SUCH A DUMB PENALTY?", "WHY AM I WATCHING THIS?", "WHY DO I ALWAYS DO THIS TO MYSELF?"

**7) Anger** – "I swear to all that is holy if Prater misses this extra point I'm going to lose my mind. YUP! HE MISSED IT! YOU SON OF A B\*&@H, YOU'RE WORTHLESS!"

**8) Redemption** – "I swear to all that is holy if Prater misses this game-winning field goal I'm going to lose my mind. YUP! HE MADE IT! YOU SON OF A B\*&@H, I LOVE YOU!"

**9) Depression or Happiness** – This one depends on the outcome of the game, and also ties back to the flashbacks. If I'm having a bad week, it's probably because I'm walking to class in the rain while thinking about horrible plays by my boys in Honolulu-Blue. If I'm having a good week, it's probably because the Lions somehow pulled out a win on Sunday.

**10) Insanity** – Don't they say that doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome is the definition of insanity? Well, that's what I do. I come in to each week making bold predictions based on false hope and unreasonable confidence in a team that has done nothing but give me reasons to hate them. And maybe a couple to love them.

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## Mission to Mars

Why we should strive to reach the red planet



Keith Salowich  
Editor in Chief

Billionaire business mogul Elon Musk has stated that he wants to die on Mars and with the current state of affairs here on Earth can you really blame him?

Global acts of terrorism, the continued popularity of the Kardashians and this circus of a presidential election would make more than enough reason for me to consider flying 33.9 million miles away from the Earth if I had the funds to do so.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, President Barack Obama said that the next goal in space exploration is to launch a mission by 2030 to send humans to Mars and return them safely to Earth. Following that initial mission, Obama would like to see humans able to remain on Mars for extended periods of time.

This type of mission will only take time, innovation and billions of dollars.

NASA's funding was at its peak in 1966 during the heat of the space race when it accounted for almost 4.5 percent of the federal budget. Since then, however, it's been dramatically reduced, especially in recent years.

NASA's funding hasn't eclipsed one percent of the federal budget since 1993, and has floated around just .5 percent in recent years, or about \$18.5 billion.

Obviously, that's still a significant amount, and we've seen progress as a result. Last year, NASA discovered flowing water on Mars, extensively mapped Pluto and shot high-resolution photos of its surface and has discovered Earth-like planets that orbit distant stars.

But why does it matter? Why pour federal dollars into looking through telescopes and floating around in space?

Part of the reason is to discover a viable backup plan. Should we destroy our planet via environmental destruction, nuclear war or all of the honeybees dying off, it would be nice to have a habitable vacation resort on Mars so that the human race doesn't die off entirely.

And why limit us to hermits floating on a rock, never seeking to expand outward? If we didn't strive to expand our body of knowledge and explore our surroundings, we'd still be living in caves.

I believe continued space exploration is important. It's been a point of pride in our country ever since we beat the U.S.S.R. to the moon, and scientific advancement goes hand in hand with our development as a species.

I may not have billions of dollars to contribute to the cause like Musk, but I do have a change bucket in my room that could buy at least \$14 worth of rocket fuel. Now let's get to Mars.



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