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# NEWS

"I opened my eyes and he was on top of me and we were having sex,"  
- Anonymous, see page 4 for story

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## Black lives matter too

Students talk about what it's like to be a minority at Ferris

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Representatives on the discussion panel included (left to right) Ajia Phillips of You Beautiful Black Woman, Perla Veloz of the Hispanic Student Organization, Tyrikh Hunter of Black Leaders Aspiring Critical Knowledge and Kayla Jordan of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Andrea Lenhart  
Torch Reporter

Students were able to voice their opinions and share their stories about Black Lives Matter, stereotypes and peaceful protests at a panel discussion hosted by the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS).

"I think the Ferris community lives these values in their daily walk, by joining organizations that they believe in and having respect for one another and a sense of openness so that we all can feel like this campus is ours, just like the next person," said Michael Wade, the Assistant Director of OMSS.

According to Wade, these discussions are not held as a reaction event or after something bad has happened, they are something done as part of activity on campus.

"That's the problem with the narrative of conversation on race, it's always perceived as negative. It should be positive and something we embrace," Wade said. "Some folks might be shocked about that but we really want to be proactive and change issues from happening."

The discussion was led by Ferris communications senior Lindsey Hogan. Hogan recognizes that as a white woman, she is considered privileged and has a sense of security but she also believes that every person of any color should feel that same way.

Throughout the discussion, students came forward about times when professors racially profiled them and how some students would make racist comments towards them—intentional or not. Those in attendance felt uneasy and bothered by these instances.

"I thought it was nice to bring everyone together to smooth everything out. People don't communicate like that normally because they are too scared to speak out," said Gary Harmon, Ferris business administration sophomore and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Epsilon Tau chapter.

Martiz Brooks, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and a former Ferris student believes that the term "Black Lives Matter" is misunderstood.

"It's all about equality, it's in our nature to be aggressive about it but it really should be 'Black Lives Matter, too,'" Brooks said. "We aren't saying that other

lives don't matter but just that we matter, too."

Wade offered an analogy to go along with Brooks' comment: "It's like by spreading awareness for breast cancer, by doing so you're not saying that other cancers aren't important, you're saying that this is a good cause and somebody should do something to help, just like the Black Lives Matter Movement, all lives matter and we all should be treated equally."

The President of Ferris, David Eisler, thought that the students did a beautiful job serving as the panel and encouraging a conversation about issues of concern.

"I think that anyone in attendance heard some of the stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination that some of the African American students have experienced, and at Ferris, we do have a graduation gap for African American students and I look forward to working with them and supporting their goal to graduate and get a degree," Eisler said.

According to Wade, the purpose of OMSS is to work for the students, to make sure students feel safe and that students know they don't have to go through anything alone.

## Parking lot expansion

### Swan Annex construction will claim 107 parking spots

Kip Biby

Torch Reporter

Students who commute to campus may have to get used to a new parking routine as the upcoming Swan Annex project will claim 107 parking spaces in Lot 2.

According to Michael Hughes, the associate vice president of Physical Plant, these spots will be made up for with the upcoming parking Lot 17 construction.

"The parking Lot 17 expansion is the first phase of the Swan Annex project. The goal is to have the expanded Lot 17 open for use by mid-November 2016, before we take any parking offline in lot 2," Hughes said.

Parking issues are a frequent topic of frustration among students but Director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Bruce Borkovich says that the number of parking tickets has gone down. From July to the end of September, this year compared to last, 329 less parking tickets have been written.

"The goal is to write less tickets by educating people on parking," Borkovich said.

Public safety employees have been instructed to give better instruction on where students can and cannot park but some students still have issues.

"It's extremely difficult to find parking if I don't want to walk ten or more blocks to get to class," said Ferris psychology senior Emily Haight.

DPS has suggested that students might find it beneficial to park in the commuter lots on the west side of campus, such as Lot 19 or Lot 55, either walk or take the shuttle to the academic buildings on the other side of State Street.

"Ferris should lower the price of a parking pass for commuters. On top of the cost of gas to commute to school, the parking pass rates are outrageous. Ferris should also introduce more commuter parking, as they need to take into consideration the fact that many of their students do commute," Haight said.

While for many students parking is a daily struggle, others find the issues with Ferris' commuter parking to be dependent on a lot of factors, like the time of day. Jeff Ford, an applied mathematics senior, commutes every day from Venlo Place apartments.

"Because I normally get on campus at 9 a.m., I have no issues with parking. If I ever get to campus after 9:30 though, I have significant problems finding a spot remotely close to my academic building," Ford said.

Ford added that he feels some of the parking stress would be alleviated if faculty and staff were not allowed to park in commuter lots and the number of commuter lots were increased.

The Swan Annex project is projected to be completed by August of 2018, just in time for the fall semester of that year.



# DIY battering ram

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

By Angela Graf - News Editor

### Smash n' dash

Oct. 18, 10:40 a.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run accident in Lot 17.

### More disorderly people

Oct. 18, 6:05 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly subject in the Rock Café. They removed the individual from the building and a warrant was sent to the prosecutor's office for disorderly conduct.

### V-ball smackdown

Oct. 18, 7:25 p.m., officers responded to a report of a dispute on the volleyball courts at the Student Recreation Center (SRC). They assisted SRC staff in resolving the issue.

### I'm suspended?!

Oct. 19, 1:20 p.m., officers reported to the business building to remove a student that had been suspended and was not permitted on the premises. It is possible the student was not aware they had been suspended.

### Smash n' dash 2

Oct. 19, 7:15 p.m., officers responded to a report of a hit and run accident in Lot 3.

### Good job

Oct. 19, 10:55 p.m., officers responded to a one vehicle accident in Lot 11. An individual had hit a high curb and sustained undercarriage damage.

### Smash n' dash: Tokyo Drift

Oct. 20, 1:45 p.m., officers re-

sponded to a report of a hit and run accident in Lot 39.

### Clark and Mary-Jane

Oct. 20, 8:35 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Clark Hall. One ticket was issued for possession.

### Highest honor

Oct. 20, 9:15 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Pickell Hall. A warrant was sent to the prosecutor for possession and one student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

trying to break into what he mistakenly thought was his girlfriend's apartment which, according to neighbors, involved attempting to fashion a "Welcome" sign into a battering ram and breaking the door. A male living in the apartment came out to investigate what was going on, and the intoxicated individual went on to accuse him of sleeping with his girlfriend. The subject was apprehended and lodged in jail for attempted home invasion, malicious destruction of property and being a minor in possession.

### Dude, my car!

Oct. 23, 6 p.m., officers responded to a report of malicious destruction done to a vehicle in Lot 4. The trunk lid had been smashed in and vandalized.

### Accidentally on purpose?

Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a fraud complaint in which the victim received a check and cashed it when they shouldn't have. The situation is still under investigation.

### Fun in Lot 1

Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident in Lot 1.

### Travis and Mary-Jane

Oct. 25, 11:50 p.m., officers responded to a report of marijuana in Travis hall, however no criminal activity was uncovered.

Ferris' Department of Public Safety issued 323 tickets between the dates of Oct. 20, and Oct. 27, totaling \$5,280.



### Into the woods

Oct. 22, 10:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of suspicious people east of Lot 61 near the woods. Five people were found, four of which were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for marijuana and one that was ticketed for possession.

### DIY battering ram CARTOON SPECIAL

Oct. 23, 3:15 a.m., officers assisted the Sherriff's Department with a breaking and entering report at University Park Suites (UPS) apartments on 14 Mile Road. A highly intoxicated 20-year-old was

# NEWS BRIEFS

By Angela Graf - News Editor

### Day of Love

You Beautiful Black Woman (YBBW) will host its annual lock-in Friday, Nov. 4, from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. The event is intended to raise awareness for breast and prostate cancer. There will be free food, prizes and music. Students have the option to either pay \$2 for entry or donate two non-perishable food items.

### The Ability Exhibit

Ferris will be hosting an event promoting the inclusion of people with disabilities starting Monday, Nov. 7, through Wednesday, Nov. 9. This is a multimedia travelling exhibit teaching respect, awareness and how to handle situations that might not be totally comfortable at first. This exhibit was made possible through the collaboration of over five different campus organizations and will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in UC 203.

## ON THE RECORD - CARTOON SPECIAL



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# The FFA gives back

Harley Harrison

Torch Reporter

As cold weather approaches Michigan, it's important to help local shelters and food pantries provide for those who don't have the money to survive the harsh winter.

The Ferris Faculty Association (FFA) donated \$250 on Wednesday, Oct. 19, to eight different local organizations that give back to the community of Big Rapids and Mecosta County including Our Brothers Keeper, Angels of Action, Project Starburst, Manna Pantry, American Legion Food Pantry, God's Helping Hands, WISE and the Ferris State Wesley House.

"We have other donations we give out this year, so far we've given out written checks for \$3,400 and I think we set a limit of \$4,000 this year," said Ferris associate professor of mathematics Dr. Jim Nystrom, who is also in charge of External Relations.

Although the FFA considers requests for donations on a regular basis, these eight organizations were chosen by the FFA because they deal directly with the homeless, the hungry and with organizations like WISE and victims of domestic abuse, according to Nystrom.

"Well, the Ferris Faculty Association is the faculty union, so we're responsible for bargaining with the administration, periodically for our contracts, which define our job descriptions and responsibilities, our compensation etc.," said Charles Bacon, Ferris professor of

physics and chemistry and FFA president.

All the money donated by the FFA comes from membership dues from approximately 390 members, according to Bacon.

"The faculty is concerned not only with what happens at the university but of the community as well. It's an important relationship between the community and the university because they depend on us but we depend on them," Bacon said.

The FFA wants to recognize the upcoming Mecosta County Philanthropy Day, formerly known as Match Day, that will be hosted by the Mecosta County Community Foundation, as another event where community members can make more donations to local organizations.

"Over the years that I've been here, this is getting more and more money here, so what the foundations do now is they have a big base of money and they're using some of the interest and some of the annual earnings to then give out to these other [foundations]," Nystrom said.

The Mecosta County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

"A lot of communities have community foundations. They're set up for the purpose of funding proposals, basically, to fund community type things," Bacon said.

The Philanthropy Day will be held at the Big Rapids Holiday Inn Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit [mecostagives.com](http://mecostagives.com) for more event information.



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## Process of Reporting sexual assault

**1.)** The victim is taken into a questioning room with a senior officer.

**2.)** They are told upfront that they are completely in charge of what is done with the results of this investigation.

**3.)** The victim is given a booklet with frequently used terms and exact definitions of different degrees of Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC). This is so they can more easily understand what is going on during the investigation.

**4.)** Officers find out where the incident took place and determine jurisdiction. The goal is to make sure the victim doesn't have to tell their story repeatedly to multiple different police organizations.

**5.)** If the victim is coherent enough to make a written statement, this is the time that is completed.

**6.)** At this point a rape kit is performed to collect any evidence from the victim's person. This exam should take place within 72 hours of the incident and will take up to 3 hours to complete.

**7.)** Collect any other time-sensitive physical evidence including bed sheets, DNA samples, surveillance recordings from public places the victim and assailant were at and photographing the scene.

**8.)** Any other people involved in the incident are canvased and questioned while details are still fresh.

**9.)** Before the victim leaves the police department, the officer attempts to arrange a follow-up counseling session for them.

**10.)** The Department of Public Safety then collaborates with other facilities to make sure the victim and assailant are kept apart as much as possible. This can include rearrangement of class schedules as well as an interim move within campus housing as necessary.

**11.)** All the evidence, all the witness statements, lab results and interviews with the suspect are gathered and sent to prosecutor's office.

**12.)** The prosecutor will either charge or not charge depending on what the victim wishes. A victim's rights advocate will normally come in and talk about what to expect if they wish to proceed with a trial. This means an arraignment, a pre-trial and an actual trial.

**13.)** Lastly, Ferris has the Office of Student Conduct complete their portion of this process. They have all of the information as well, and that is reviewed and the person can either be suspended or dismissed on these grounds.

## What happens when a rape kit is performed?

**Treatment of injuries:** The priority is to make sure that any physical injuries to the victim are treated before collecting evidence.

**History:** This portion includes questions about health history, recent sexual history, and details about the assault itself. Oftentimes particular injuries or articles of clothing contain DNA evidence that can be removed and analyzed.

**Head-to-toe examination:** This part varies depending on the nature of the assault, but it can include an examination of the mouth, vagina and anus. Additionally there are often samples of blood, urine and hair taken. This is also the point where exact injuries are documented both by being written down and photographed.

**Follow-up care:** The last major step in the process is the treatment of and prevention of STIs and pregnancy, as well as the further treatment of injuries sustained during the assault.

# How to get help

## The process of reporting sexual assault at Ferris

Angela Graf

News Editor

Across the board, sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the United States.

Be it because of shame, embarrassment or a sheer lack of knowledge on how to report, the general opinion is that the more people that know how, and the more accessible that process is, the more victims will come forward with their stories.

When a victim walks into the Ferris Department of Public Safety (DPS) claiming to have been a victim of criminal sexual misconduct (CSC), they are immediately taken back into a room for questioning by a senior officer, more often than not, Detective Travis Jacobs.

"I let them know before we even begin that they 'drive the bus' on the investigation," Jacobs said. "We let them know what happens at each point with the investigation because you'll have victims that don't wish for criminal charges or they don't know at this point. This stuff is very new to them, they're scared and they haven't had the ability to digest what the process is going to be."

The goal is to avoid victims having to tell and retell their story to five different police organizations. Apartment complexes off-campus like Venlo, Oakwood, UPS, etc., are not within the jurisdiction of Ferris DPS and would have to work with city or state police, although Det. Jacobs says they would help in any way that they can, including follow-up with Title IX.

Title IX Coordinator Kevin Carmody and the Title IX program, base their cases more so on who was involved, was it a student or Ferris affiliate, as opposed to where the incident occurred. DPS, however, are much more concerned with geographic location and if it happened on campus.

Jacobs explained that even if a victim doesn't know how they want to proceed and whether or not they want to press charges, the collection of time-sensitive evidence is crucial if they decide to prosecute down the road.

"There are certain things that you can't get back, such as DNA evidence that we want to preserve," Jacobs said. "Whether we prosecute or not, we want to have everything in case that

day comes that the person does want to prosecute. And if this person is a predator, we have that evidence possibly for another case."

The preservation of DNA evidence is often done by means of a sexual assault evidence kit as well as collecting things like bed sheets and any surveillance footage of the victim and assailant while they were in a public place.

This particular step will be made much easier by the addition of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to the Spectrum Health facility in Big Rapids. While some advocates feel this addition is long overdue, it is welcomed nonetheless.

"I'm excited that they have a SANE nurse because it lends more credibility in court and the more that a person works with anything or does anything, the more efficient they become," Jacobs said.

Both Title IX Coordinator and Detective Jacobs want to make it clear that whether or not a victim is inebriated or has been drinking underage at the time of the assault is completely irrelevant.

"The seriousness of sexual assault is such a major concern that the University does not want any barriers to reporting that experience," Carmody said. "Including the use of alcohol and/or drugs."

The next major step, after the rape kit and an investigation of the scene is complete, is assessing things like class schedules and housing situations. The goal is to keep the victim and assailant from seeing each other as much as possible. Often involved in this step is a personal protection order, a less severe version of a restraining order.

"I would get with their Dean right away and we would make provisions because the accused is not guilty, so they have a due process, but on the other side we would rearrange classes so they don't see each other. This way they don't meet but they can still meet their academic requirements," Jacobs said. "The same applies for housing as well. If they're in the same residence hall the first thing would be an interim move."

Everything is collected as soon as the victim feels safe, including an interview with the suspect, all the evidence and interviews and lab results are sent to the prosecutor's office.

The prosecutor will either charge or not charge depending on what the victim wishes. Additionally, a victim's rights advocate will normally come in and talk about what to expect if they wish to proceed. This means an arraignment, a pre-trial and an actual trial.

A common misconception in this process is that the assailant can't be tried both criminally and by the university itself. This is not true. Even if criminal charges for whatever reason don't stick, the Office of Student Conduct and Title IX program are still within their rights to expel a student from the university.

However, no matter how many steps are put in place to help survivors, the goal is always to prevent it from ever getting to this point.

During his freshman year, third year psychology major and WISE volunteer, Justin Wolber, got together with another student, who is no longer at Ferris, to fill a gap they saw in campus life concerning advocacy and bystander intervention.

"I saw it was an area that I could help and I could try and make a difference on campus," Wolber said. "Because of that I've learned a lot about the topic and I want to utilize everything that I've learned. I've stayed with it and become passionate about making a difference and making those survivors feel safe."

Wolber and the other student heard of a program from the University of Arizona, who they conferred with in order to attain usage rights, that was based on the theory of bystander intervention as well as education and awareness.

The program is called Step Up and is designed by students for students, encouraging intervention in situations of sexual assault, mental health crisis and alcohol abuse.

"We targeted those three situations because we think they're attainable for us to try and make a difference," Wolber said.

Whether or not a bystander intervenes can be life changing for both of the parties involved.

"There's a chance that this person could end up on a registered sex offenders list for the rest of their life, and there's another chance that this other person has to live with the effects of sexual assault for the rest of their life," Jacobs said. "You interfering can change both of those outcomes."

# I NEVER SAID YES

## Recognizing the importance of consent in every sexual encounter

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The Torch chose to publish this firsthand account of a sexual assault in order to help define and personalize the parameters of an assault. Sexual assaults at Ferris State are an unfortunate reality, and it's up to the community to intervene to help put a stop to them. The name of the author of this piece has been withheld to protect the identity and safety of the individual.*

Last week, I saw the rape statistics in the *Torch* and thought of how awful it is that so many people are personally affected by something so horrific and traumatizing.

That's when I remembered that I am the one in six women.

For six months I have chosen to ignore what happened. I have convinced myself that it was not rape and that what happened was an unfortunate consequence to my own poor choices. At the very least, that's what our society has brainwashed me to believe.

I could give you many reasons for why I initially took the blame for being raped. I made many decisions that day that allowed this to take place and that's exactly how I justified it in my mind. I didn't think that it was fair to blame him for what he did without first taking

some of the responsibility for myself. I now see how wrong it was of me to downplay what happened.

It was in the spring and my friends had left the party we were at without telling me. As I wandered around, I ran into a group of people that I knew. That is what scares me the most. I knew him. I thought I knew his character. He seemed decent. They recognized me from class and offered to help me find my friends right after we took a short walk to their apartment so they could grab more beer.

When we got to the apartment I immediately realized that I was about to be sick and he pointed me in the direction of his bathroom. I ran for the door and violently threw up. I did not realize that he came up behind me until he started knocking on the door asking me to let him in.

When I had rinsed my mouth, I opened the door and he told me I could lay down on his bed if I wanted. He was going back to the party and told me that I could try and rest and then leave when I felt better. I happily took the offer and he left the room.

It had to have been hours later when I woke up. I opened my eyes and he was on top of me and we were having sex. I was so

drunk and disoriented that I could hardly even speak. I tried pushing up against him but he was too strong for me. When I was finally able to say something, I asked him to stop. He said no because he was "almost done."

Looking back on it, I remind myself that yes, we were both drunk but I never said yes. I have thought hard about the way that I held myself that night. I was too drunk to be able to flirt or flaunt myself at someone. I have no recollection of any behavior that would let him know that this was what I wanted.

It was hard for me to think of this experience as a rape. I shouldn't be able to block this out and yet I have. When I am reminded of that night, I quickly push away the memory and focus on something else. Anything else.

There are a total of three people that know about this experience. Myself, him and a friend that I recently told.

I am writing this article in the hopes that both people will understand that it does not matter that we were drunk, or that I was willingly in his room. I was not conscious when he started and when I asked him to stop he refused. That is rape. The point is, he never asked and I never said yes.



Photo by: Andrea Cordes | Torch Photographer

Ferris human resource management senior Victoria Mason (left) was one of the attendees at the discussion on domestic violence held by Ferris and led by Whitney Buffa (right), a member of the WISE team.

# Anyone, anytime, anywhere

## Ferris holds event to educate students about domestic violence

Megan Hiler

Torch Reporter

Sexual assault, unwanted sexual contact and domestic violence are problems that can happen to anyone, at anytime, at any place.

A discussion about the topic was held Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the University Center, led by Women's Information Service, Inc. (WISE) program director Whitney Buffa and volunteer coordinator Jessica Bazan.

WISE is an organization located in Big Rapids that helps women and men who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, etc. All of its services are free and confidential.

According to a 2015 article by the Huffington Post, every day three women are murdered by a current or former male partner.

Volunteer coordinator for WISE and social work graduate student Jessica Bazan was a leader in the discussion. Bazan thinks that educating the masses about the problem is vital.

"I feel like speaking about things like do-

mestic and sexual violence on a campus are important because it raises awareness," Bazan said. "Sometimes there is an education piece that needs to be expanded on a little more; things that people don't get specifically in classes. I was asked by a criminal justice student because he was saying that there was not any training specifically with domestic violence in his program and it's a population that he will work with at some point."



Remington Romanowski

According to WISE, abuse can happen in any type of household or any type of relationship regardless of economic background or race. Sexual violence can be shown in many degrees, ranging from rape to stalking.

"There is a lot of misnomers out there; a lot of people don't recognize nuances. You think of big terms like physical violence but you don't think of other ways power and control is expressed in relationships," Bazan said.

In addition to providing housing and counseling to people and students in need, WISE also works closely with law enforcement to be there for support in times of need.

"When we first meet a survivor, it tends to be at the hospital," Buffa said. "We interact a lot through first responders. We are kind of the second responders. When the police get a sexual assault call, they call us."



Morgan McCarty

Ferris criminal justice freshman Morgan McCarty came to the discussion to expand her knowledge base.

"I decided to attend because I wanted to learn more about some of the things that I would encounter in my potential future career," McCarty said.

According to a report from WISE, 80 percent of sexual assaults reported by women were perpetrated by family members or close friends.

"It can be people you know, that you trust and want to exert power over you. I'm sure

by word of mouth the information will travel through campus," McCarty said.

Ferris social work senior Remington Romanowski also attended to learn more about the topic.

"I'm part of the social work program and I think it is really important to continue to go to these kind of events to further my knowledge base. I think it was a very informative event, it was intimate because there weren't a ton of people here, so I was able to get my questions answered," Romanowski said.

Students can help with preventative measures to potentially dangerous situations by being aware of these possible harmful encounters and speaking up.

"Be alert and be a good friend," Buffa said.

If you are in a dangerous situation, call 911. If you are in need of support, contact the WISE 24-hour hotline at 1 (800) 374-9473 or visit [wiseagainstviolence.org](http://wiseagainstviolence.org). You and/or your organization can volunteer with WISE by contacting [volunteer@wiseagainstviolence.org](mailto:volunteer@wiseagainstviolence.org).

## Building the future of science in Michigan

Andrea Lenhart

Torch Reporter

Ferris students are involved in presenting research in front of professionals with the Van Andel Institute Graduate School (VAIGS) for the annual West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference.

"Van Andel Institute Graduate School hosts this unique event to bring together undergraduate researchers to discuss results from their research and that of others," said Julie Davis Turner, the associate dean of VAIGS. "In recent years, over twenty area colleges and universities bring roughly 300 participants and nearly 150 poster presentations to this day-long event."

According to Turner, the posters provoke sharing of ideas, critiques and differences of opinion, providing a sense of how science works and the importance of interaction.

"The symposium also hosts a keynote speaker and five presentations from regional sponsoring institutions, this year we are proud to present Dr. Philip Gingerich from the University of Michigan as our keynote," Turner said.

According to Allie Walker, VAIGS senior account executive, there will be two academic departments from Ferris, the Shimadzu Core Laboratory and the College of Pharmacy, along with Dr. Stephen Durst and Dr. Thomas Dowling, both deans at Ferris.

Important to the mission of this symposium, diverse disciplines are presented from biology to chemistry, from math to physics, engineering to science education and many more.

"As a result of this diversity, students who are not quite sure what they want to do in their career benefit from the contact with other fields," Turner said. "In this way, they experience the current research, the manner of discourse within disciplines and other students already working in that field."

The event will take place Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Van Andel Research Institute.

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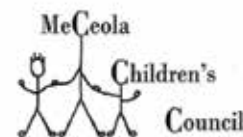
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# LIFESTYLES

"The indigenous peoples commonly honored ancestors at this time of year. It's a seasonal change, and it allows for a narrower window or portal between the physical and the spiritual world." - Scott Herron, see page 8 for story

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## Knowledge conquers ignorance

### Ferris students and guests celebrate Diwali Festival



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Ferris students associated with the Office of International Education and the International Students Organization pose on stage in front of the rangoli made for the occasion. The Diversity and Inclusion office assisted with the event.



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Ferris sociology senior Sangita Khadka performs a traditional dance from her native Nepal.

Nick Vander Wulp  
Lifestyles Editor

Ferris International students hosted the third annual Ferris State Diwali event featuring students dancing, painting henna, serving Indian food and participating in a rangoli making competition.

Diwali, also known as Deepawali in Nepal, is a festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists around the world. In India, the celebration centers around victory of the light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

"Here at Ferris, we are more like participants," said Ferris computer information security graduate student Ranjith Katukojwala. "We also have students from other countries—Nepal and Thailand—who are also celebrating here. It's a really good experience for us and we are not really missing home here."

Some students celebrating were also from Malaysia and Sri Lanka—countries with large Hindu and Buddhist populations that also celebrate Diwali.

In Nepal, Deepawali celebrations take on the characteristics of celebrating all life. Although there are many similarities between Nepal and India in the celebrations, the reasons and the meanings behind Diwali/Deepawali festivals are different.

"The first dance is the Tihar dance from Nepal and is a traditional cultural dance. The gods, they sing and they dance and have fun," said Ferris sociology senior Sangita Khadka. "The second dance is the people welcoming the goddess Laxmi into their home. They're cleaning their home, they're respecting their brothers and sisters, they're respecting their elders, and welcoming the goddess into their home so they can have happiness and prosperity in their lives."

Deepawali is not only celebrated by the Nepalese as a light over darkness festival, like in India, but they also celebrate it by honoring all life, and how the animals and spices protect, cure them and provide for them.

"In Nepal, we have more than electricity light, we have a special 'diyas.' We light this special candle, it's a handmade candle called 'diyo.' We light them and decorate the house," Khadka said. "In comparison to India, it's totally different. We have the same festival and the same kind of music, only the language is different. The food is the same but the spices are different. The culture is the same but the ways we celebrate are different."

Celebrating Diwali/Deepawali in the United States has taken on different characteristics for the different students celebrating the festival.

Khadka said it was much different for her because some items for celebrating are not available, and gave the example that her outfit wasn't complete.

There are also many different regional practices in India. For example, in southern India, many people celebrate with fireworks and sweets. In the north of India, card games are played and more emphasis is put on making sweets.

"When I went to my first Diwali here, last year, I missed home for some time. I missed playing with 'crackers' or fireworks," Katukojwala said. "But this time, even though we have less Indian students, we are celebrating a good year."

Ferris HVACR student Anirudh Baliga said he looks forward to events like this from the International Student Organization so he can celebrate with his friends. He said it's a good feeling to share his culture with other people, and because of Skype he can talk with his family back home to wish them well, too.

"Advice for anyone American, try to celebrate and actively participate in the events they have going on," said Grand Valley State University accounting junior Danielle Panchal. "Go and do the rangoli and get henna done if you want it. It's a lot of fun."

Katukojwala expressed his gratitude toward Ferris for making the Diwali celebration possible.

"I'm very excited to see this festival growing here. I hope everyone likes it," Katukojwala said. "Our motivation here is diversity, and I hope every culture here respects the other cultures represented here. I hope they'll do this every year."



Photo by: Nick Vander Wulp | Lifestyles Editor

A human statue perched outside of the Quad cafeteria in the UC promoting this weekend's "Big Fish."

# Ferris theater brings Broadway musical to campus

## Big Fish—the musical preview

Adrianna Walker  
Torch Reporter

Ferris theatre's 2016 fall production will bring a Broadway hit to the humble Williams Auditorium with its rendition of "Big Fish—The Musical."

Big Fish tells the story of Edward Bloom, a father who claims a life of remarkable feats and his son Will, who begins to doubt the sincerity of his father's stories.

The musical adaptation, originally a novel and then a movie, will be performed by a cast composed primarily of Ferris students passionate about theatre, despite the scant amount of theatre classes offered at Ferris.

"We don't even have a theatre major at Ferris and yet we have all this talent and tons of students who are involved," said Katherine LaPietra, artistic director of the musical. "They come from a multitude of majors and programs."

Ferris elementary education student

Donald Lloyd, who plays the mayor and a circus worker in the musical, is confident in the cast's work, which only began rehearsal in late September.

"With only eight weeks, I feel we have put together a fantastic show," Lloyd said. "The new members coming into our small family have quickly been welcomed in and have brought some amazing fresh blood into our company."

"The musical is quite different from the book and movie," Lloyd continued. "I feel it has more tender moments than its counterparts. 'Big Fish' is a show of the complex relationship between father and son. The show touches on the hidden horror that your father is in fact not a bigger than life person but just man, complete with faults and failures of his own."

Lloyd says that the overall story pulls on the heartstrings of a person with its story of romance, loss and is comical at times. The show leaves you with hope, according to Lloyd.

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# Honoring ancestors

## Circle of Tribal Nations to host Ghost Supper

Ferris students Tori VanOeffelen (left), Elizabeth Nystrom (right), and Ferris professor Scott Herron prepare to celebrate this year's Ghost Supper, a traditional feast to honor ancestors who have passed on to the spirit world.

Alexandra Bourne

Torch Reporter

The Circle of Tribal Nations' second annual Native American Ghost Supper will feature food, a drum circle and a sacred fire to honor the spirits of ancestors who have passed.

The supper will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the West Campus Community Center.

According to the description found in the Ferris State web calendar, The Ghost Supper is a Native American cultural tradition in which guests bring a dish to pass that was a favorite of a loved one who has passed away.

"Every part of the country has different cultural parts," said Scott Herron, Ferris professor of biology and Circle advisor. "In northern Michigan especially, a lot of the tribes will host ghost suppers."

This year's supper will include a sacred fire started in a traditional manner without matches, a lighter or gas. A food offering, called a "spirit plate" will be fed to the fire before people eat.

"The indigenous peoples commonly honored ancestors at this time of year," Herron said. "It's a seasonal change, and it allows for a narrower window or portal between the physical and spiritual world. You can be afraid of it or accept it and honor it. The fire is one of the conduits between the worlds, too. If you take something and put it in the fire, when it burns it turns into a non-physical form that can transition to the spirit world."

Ferris pre-med junior and Circle of Tribal Nations vice president Elizabeth Nystrom likened the idea of a sacrificial plate to leaving cookies out for Santa.

"I like to see everybody eating together," Nystrom said. "It's like a family. You get to know a bunch of different people and it's a really good feeling."

Ferris secondary English education senior and Circle of Tribal Nations president Tori VanOeffelen explained that in the Native American culture, the oldest people are fed first, then the younger, to teach respect for elders.

"The majority of the people who come are not native people but learning about the tradition," VanOeffelen said. "It's pretty open.

It's a learning experience, a cultural experience. I think it's great because we don't have a lot of that culture on campus, so it's nice to educate people. I think it's easy for anyone to show up and feel welcome in joining in and have their own experience with it. It connects across cultures."

A drum circle honors the Big Drum tradition, in which the drum is a gift from the women to the men to bring unity and peace. Only boys and men sit at the drum and use drumsticks, while only women and girls have the right and honor to stand around the drum and often use rattles.

"You really get a lot of the culture, language, songs, music and spirituality that goes with it," VanOeffelen said. "When you're around the big drum, you can feel it go through you. It clears your mind and puts you in the moment."

"People are being immersed in the culture and they have to learn to respect the traditions," Nystrom said. "It's a really good educational opportunity."

VanOeffelen values the occasion because it's an opportunity to open your mindset to different cultures and learn something about the indigenous cultures of

North America.

The day of the event, participants are expected to refrain from drinking alcohol or using street drugs to avoid interfering with the positive and peaceful atmosphere of the event. Etiquette sheets will be at the event so participants can learn more as event speakers walk participants through each part.

"Introducing and ensuring that a really core important tradition of the culture is not only alive but transferring to another generation is my favorite part," Herron said. "It makes me hopeful that those traditions will remain a part of our culture. The next generation might not have every component but they have enough to carry it forward with the intent. The more we can do it and talk about these things, we can rediscover them. We try to teach about the cultures in our back yard."

For any questions or more information the event, contact the Circle of Tribal Nations at [tribalbulldogs@gmail.com](mailto:tribalbulldogs@gmail.com).

# Halloween mischief

## Students reflect on Halloween weekend



Travis Sacher  
Opinions Editor

With Halloween being last weekend, students had a great excuse to go out and cause mischief in Big Rapids. And a lot went down this weekend pertaining to partying, drinking, drugs, sex, costumes and music.

College is the prime time in our lives to express ourselves sexually. Some like to find different partners each evening, while others prefer to be in a committed relationship before they engage in sex.

Ferris pre-law sophomore Tess Strasser believes you should wait until you meet the right person before having sex.

"I feel like if you are in a committed relationship and you both have that conversation about it, then it is OK. But if you don't, then it isn't a great idea, especially if you have been drinking," Strasser said.

Ferris alumna Alexa Murdoch, who returned to Big Rapids for the weekend, has a different view on weekend sex.

"Halloween Saturday night is my time to go out and express myself. I am wearing a revealing Greek Goddess outfit, want to get really drunk and meet some guy that I don't have to see again the next morning," Murdoch said.

Murdoch also touched on the topic of drugs.

"I was at a house last night and I saw a guy snort a line of blue Adderall off of the table," Murdoch said. "I don't do that stuff myself, but it definitely seemed like he had a fun night."

Strasser is also against drug use but stated, "Students will most likely be smoking pot and doing Molly and Adderall tonight."

Let's move on to parties this past weekend. Big Rapids sure was full of them. It was especially exciting for two Ferris State first-semester students.

Ferris communications junior Zachary Cook enjoyed his first Halloween weekend in Big Rapids.

"I thought it was amazing; I had a ton of fun," Cook said. "I got pretty intoxicated, went to a few parties and had a good time."

Cook also drank a wide variety of beverages and very interesting concoctions.

"I drank a lot of beer, mostly Busch," Cook said. "I tried Fireball and apple juice and somebody made a whiskey slushy. That was pretty good."

Ferris HVACR freshman Spencer Dodde called Halloween weekend, "A very fun time, probably one of the best weekends of my life."

Cook and Dodde spent their Saturday night in the south side of town at the Oakwood townhouses.

When asked what Dodde did at Oakwood he stated, "I got Patrick shwasted."

As usual for Oakwood on the weekends, a couch was burned on the basketball court.

"I saw guys laying on the couch while it was getting lit on fire," Dodde said.

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# New RSO in town

Tia-Jane' Oakes

Torch Reporter

Students in the social work master's program started a new registered student organization (RSO) this month.

The Conscious Consumer Coalition is here to bring awareness to students on how they can create changes within the economy. The purpose of the RSO is to promote and encourage socially and environmentally responsible consumer habits among Ferris students and the Big Rapids community.

"The Better World Shopping Guide' by Ellis Jones is where the idea came from," said Daniel Newberger co-founder of The Conscious Consumer Coalition. "This is something we are trying to use as a teaching tool, as an easy guide for people when they go shopping."

The Conscious Consumer Coalition wants students to make wise choices when it comes to purchasing goods from certain companies. This organization thinks students should purchase from companies who are involved with creating positive change.

Ferris general education sophomore Adam Thompson said learning about different companies' values would be surprising to students.

"Learning to spend my money wisely is something I deal with all the time, should I go buy food or cook what's at home," said Ferris nuclear medicine senior Rebecca Tinsley. "I never looked into backgrounds or philanthropy on certain businesses I just go with whatever is on sale at the time not thinking too much about if the company is good or not."

Newberger said that in the U.S., the top one percent has as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent, there are 20 to 30 million people around the world who are exploited by major corporations.

The Conscious Consumer Coalition plans on teaching students about the role companies play in today's economy. They will achieve this goal by holding learning sessions with students.

"With this year's election, I feel students should be open to learning about how major businesses affect the economy because things can get very bad soon," Tinsley said.

"We want students to take the concepts we teach them and use them for their everyday life," Newberger said.

For more information on The Conscious Consumer Coalition visit [facebook.com/group/ConsciousConsumerCoaliton](https://facebook.com/group/ConsciousConsumerCoaliton).

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This weekend though, the crowd at Oakwood got a special treat, a semi-professionally done fireworks show, as well as a few firecrackers set off.

"I think the fireworks were great, my first time seeing that at Oakwood. I was also up here for Ferris Fest and didn't see fireworks then," Dodde said.

On the north end of town, The Gypsy Nickel Lounge hosted Blacklight Night Out Saturday night, a CHoFF Entertainment presented concert.

Ferris music industry management junior Duke Talley, a.k.a. rapper TWENTY, performed with show host Ferris public relations senior Christian Hoffer, supplying the beats. Talley noted that the atmosphere was different than what he was used to.

"It was an unique experience," Talley said. "It wasn't the type of crowd I'm used to performing for. I'm glad I can adapt to different audiences though."

Besides rappers TWENTY and Toronto Young taking the mic during the show, deejayed electronic sets were played till 2 a.m. and there was no shortage of grinding.

Lastly, since it was Halloween weekend, costumes were worn and some stood out compared to others.

Strasser stated during her time at Gypsy, "There was a guy in a full dinosaur costume and I couldn't stop staring at him when he was on the dance floor."

Cook saw a different type of costume at Oakwood that 'literally' stuck out to him.

"One costume that stuck out to me was a tall dude dressed as Nemo and he was also wearing a dildo," Cook said.

Murdoch saw two couples and old friends wearing matching outfits.

"One couple was wearing matching lederhosen outfits and they were so cute together," Murdoch said. "The other was Jenny and Forrest from Forrest Gump. I thought that was amazing."

Halloween weekend has come and gone, Ferris State had its fun and the town of Big Rapids was littered with empty beer cans and Svedka bottles Sunday morning.

Now it's time to get back into the swing of classes and nurse those last-ing hangovers until next weekend.

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# SPORTS

"We have been playing very gritty soccer. That kind of play gives the team energy and makes us more eager to prove themselves" - Grace Kraft - See page 12 for story

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Ferris freshman outside hitter Allyson Cappel (left) is one of eight underclassmen on a Bulldogs squad featuring only three seniors. The Dawgs are currently rolling on a 16-game winning streak.

# Young and gettin' it

## Ferris volleyball continues hot streak

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

With only a couple weeks until the Ferris State women's volleyball team returns to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tourney, the young team of Lady Dawgs continue their dominance.

Senior libero Kaley Konjarevich says the team is not looking that far ahead to the tournament, but instead focusing on the immediate future.

"Of course another GLIAC Title would be awesome, but right now we are staying present and focusing on our next game," Konjarevich said. "Before tournament time, we just need to work hard every day in practice and work to make each other better."

Konjarevich is one of only three seniors

on the team this year. Many of the crew's top performers this year are underclassmen, giving the young Dawgs a chance to take charge of this program. They have done pretty well so far, as the Bulldogs are 20-5 on the season and have won 16 straight matches.



Kaley Konjarevich

Sophomore right-side hitter Hannah Guy said that even though there are only three seniors, those three are crucial to the team's success.

"Even though we only have three seniors, they are great leaders," Guy said. "During our offseason they push us younger kids to work our hardest and develop a level of competitiveness and perseverance. We get in the gym every day and just focus on that moment. We focus on get-

ting one percent better every day."

Guy also spoke highly of Head Coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, the woman at the helm of the Ferris State volleyball program for more than 20 years with ten GLIAC Titles under her belt.

"She has a really high volleyball IQ," Guy said. "She has been around the game coaching for longer than I have been alive. She really knows how to break down the game and focus on the fundamentals and I think that is what helps us out. Rather than getting super crafty, Tia likes to make the game of volleyball seem simple."

The Bulldogs have gone a month and a half since their last loss which came at the hands of Northwood. The Timberwolves happen to be Ferris' last opponent before entering the GLIAC Tournament in November.

With only four more games to go until the

GLIAC Tournament, the women are staying focused on the now, getting better so that they may bring another GLIAC Title back to Big Rapids.



Hannah Guy

Guy's opinion on the tournament was very similar to Konjarevich's.

"We just focus on the present and what we can do to get better at this moment in time." Guy said.

The young team of Bulldogs is back in action 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, when they make the trip up north to take on Lake Superior State. Ferris then heads back downstate the following night to take on Saginaw Valley State University 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

# Top Dawg

Trevor Bermingham



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Editor in Chief

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

Punters are people, too.

Especially when they master the art of pinning the opponent deep. Senior quarterback/punter Trevor Bermingham kicked his way into this week's Top Dawg. This 6-foot-4-inch veteran out of Addison, Illinois had a near perfect day punting as he pinned the Wayne State Warriors deep and often in Saturday's home victory.

Bermingham punted four times for an average of 55.3 yards per kick. He pinned the Warriors inside their own five yard line three times with two landing at the two. With poor field position most of the game,

Wayne State struggled to find the endzone.

The Bulldog's punting formation is unorthodox with two punters side by side, both with hands ready to catch the snap in an attempt to conceal which side of the field the ball will be placed. Both punters roll out to their respective sides after catching the ball and use a rugby-style stick with a side-winding motion. Birmingham has had success most of the season with the backspin he puts on the ball which allows it to bounce straight up after it lands.

Bermingham averages 48.3 yards per punt on the year and has had 11 punts land inside the 20 yard line. Despite being Jason Vander Laan's back up quarterback for three years and now Reggie Bell's, Bermingham has made his mark on the Bulldogs as a punter.

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# Sports Shorts

By Johnathon Gustin - Torch Reporter

## Women's tennis claim fourth place in semi-finals

The Ferris State University women's tennis team entered the 2016 GLIAC Tournament as the fourth seed and were able to advance to the semi-final round before losing to the No. 1 seeded Northwood University Saturday, Oct. 30.

The Bulldogs faced off against the fifth seed Saginaw Valley Cardinals Friday, Oct. 29, and won 5-3 in the opening round that evening. Teodora Stefanovic, Nicole Meylor, Arien Kissinger and Silvia Verebes won their single matches for Ferris. Sydney Berens and Kissinger as a doubles team won 8-3.

In the semi-finals against Northwood, Ferris lost 5-1 against the Timberwolves. In doubles-play, they matched their previous day's output against SVSU to win 8-3.

The Bulldogs faced off against Grand Valley State University Sunday, Oct. 30, for third place in the tournament.

Ferris women's tennis is now 8-5 on the season and will begin their spring season Sunday, Feb. 26, at Aquinas College.

## Strong season predict for men's basketball

Ferris' men's basketball team has been picked to finish second place in the 2016-17 GLIAC North Division by the league's coaches. Saginaw Valley State was picked to win the North Division with 49 points and seven first-place votes. The Bulldogs tallied 40 points.

Other preseason recognition for the Bulldogs came was awarded to Ferris junior guard Drew Cushingberry who was named to the Preseason All-GLIAC North Division First Team.

Ferris comes into the 2016-17 season following two back-to-back GLIAC Tournament Championships and a NCAA Div. 2 Sweet Sixteen appearance.

Preseason play tips off against Div. 1 schools Xavier Saturday, Nov. 5, and the University of Detroit Monday, Nov. 7. Regular season play begins Friday, Nov. 11, in St. Louis for the GLIAC/GLVC Classic against Missouri-St. Louis.

## Lady Dawgs end regular season on loss to Grand Valley

Women's soccer ended the season on a sour note losing at home to the Grand Valley State Lakers 3-1. Grand Valley Struck early in the first half off of GVSU junior forward Gabriella Mencotti's header at 10:58 to make it 1-0. Less than two minutes later, GVSU senior defender Clare Carlson rebounded a corner kick in to go up 2-0. The Lakers final score came six minutes into the second half from senior forward Kendra Stauffer. The Bulldog's lone goal came from junior defender Audrey Romine on a penalty kick at 66:10.

On the day, Ferris was outshot 30-12. Freshman goalie Grace Kraft played the first 52 minutes of the match and saved five out of eight shots faced. After GVSU scored their third goal, fellow freshman Alison Chesterfield took over goalkeeping duties and recorded nine saves.

The Lady Bulldogs have an overall record of 6-7-4 with a 4-3-4 record in conference play. Ferris recorded 16 points to finish at No. 6 in the women's soccer standings in conference play. They play No. 3 seed Michigan Tech in the opening round of the tournament in Houghton Tuesday, Nov. 1.

# When we go OT

## New regulations on overtime in the WCHA

Marshall Scheldt

Sports Editor

"OT, OT, there's never much love when we go OT," was said in Drizzy Drake Rogers' No. 1 song "One Dance."

Good thing he was just abbreviating for "out of town" and not talking about overtime in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), because the new overtime format deserves much love and much, much more.

"I love it," said Harrison Watt, the play-by-play broadcaster for Ferris State hockey, "I think it's awesome for the fans to be able to go home with a result."

In previous years, if the score was tied at the end of regulation, the game would go into a five-minute sudden death overtime. If neither team scored a goal in overtime, the contest would end in a tie.

"You've probably heard people refer to ties as 'Un-American.' I might not go quite that far, but I'm not at all a fan of a tie," Watt said.

The new overtime format starts with five minutes of five-on-five hockey and if neither team scores it is followed by five minutes of three-on-three play. If the three-on-three goes scoreless, the game is decided by a sudden death shootout.

On top of the change in format, the point system in the WCHA has changed as well.

If a team wins in regulation or in the first five minutes of five-

**OT** | see page 12



Harrison Watt

# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Last week, I did something that no person in their right mind would do. I put my faith in the Detroit Lions.

If you sat in front of your television on Sunday and watched the Lions lose a disappointing game to the Houston Texans, then you'll probably realize why I got beaten so badly.

With Detroit only scoring 13 points and Ferris State scoring 42, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand why I got beat 108-44.5 this week in Ferris Fantasy Football. Ferris quarterback Reggie Bell outscored my whole team. I am still up 5-3 on the Bulldogs but my lead is dwindling with losses in the last two weeks.

I'm not even going to get into the analysis of last week besides saying that I will never ever put so much faith in a team that has caused fans to empty out their lunch bags, cut holes in them and wear them on their heads in fear that someone will identify them as a Lions fan.

This week, my (non-Lions) lineup will go head-to-head with the best of the best from Ferris State's matchup against the Hillsdale Chargers Saturday, Nov. 5, in Hillsdale at noon.

Here is my lineup:

**QB: Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers:** After a rough start to the season, it looks like Rodgers has his swagger back. He'll probably throw for a lot of yards against a bad Colts defense, especially since the Packers are so down at running back right now.

**RB: Ezekiel Elliot, Dallas Cowboys:** The Cowboys play the Browns in week nine. Ezekiel Elliot is an absolute animal. I won't be surprised if he runs for 200+ yards and scores two or more touchdowns.

**WR1: Davante Adams, Green Bay Packers:**



Marshall Scheldt  
Sports Editor

Once again, I'm stacking a wide receiver with my quarterback because that's just what I do. Adams has come out of nowhere to become a favorite target of Rodgers. Adams has 13 and 12 receptions his last two weeks. That number might drop a little but not much against the Colts.

**WR2: Travis Benjamin, San Diego Chargers:** Benjamin has seen a slowdown in targets and scoring opportunities as the season has progressed, probably due to a couple bad fumbles late in close games. Last week, he made an incredible catch in the back of the end zone, and something tells me that will give the Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers enough confidence to target Benjamin more against a bad Dolphins secondary.

**FLEX: Delanie Walker, Tennessee Titans:** Just as the Titan's pass defense is weak, so is San Diego's. Walker is a tight-end that Marcus Mariota loves to throw to. Look for a big week out of him against San Diego.

**D/ST: Detroit Lions:** I probably should have learned last week but the Vikings aren't incredibly productive on offense. This is a long shot but the Lions might hold them to under 20 points?

**K: Matt Bryant, Atlanta Falcons:** Atlanta attempts a lot of field goals and just scores a lot of points in general. Bryant is 17 of 18 on the season and the Falcons are matched up against a middle of the road Tampa Bay defense on Thursday. So he should have a couple opportunities at field goals or at least a lot of extra points.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

### Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Matthew Stafford	27 COMPLETIONS, 240 YDS, TD	18
RB	Zach Senner	2 YDS	0
WR1	Marvin Jones	3 REC, 33 YDS	4.5
WR2	Golden Tate	7 REC, 42 YDS	7.5
FLEX	Anquan Boldin	1 REC, 4 YDS	0.5
D/ST	Detroit Lions	20 PA, 269 YA, SACK, INT	7
K	Matt Prater	2/3 FG, XP	7
Total:			44.5

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

### Starters

Position	Player	Stats	Pts
QB	Reggie Bell	13 COMPLETIONS, 223 PASS YDS, 172 RUSH YDS, 4 TOTAL TD	48
RB	Jahaan Brown	1 REC, 53 REC YDS, 41 RUSH YDS, 2 TD	21.5
WR1	Shakur Sanders	2 REC, 60 YDS, TD	13
WR2	Jajuan Pollock	3 REC, 10 YDS, TD	8.5
FLEX	Jamel Lockett	4 REC, 46 REC YDS, 31 RUSH YDS	9
D/ST	Ferris State	20 PA, 419 YA, 3 SACKS, INT	3
K	Wyatt Ford	0/1 FG, 6 XP	5
Total:			108

# Starting fresh

## Ferris women's soccer looks to break semifinals slump

Brendan Samuels

Torch Reporter

The Ferris State women's soccer team has earned a GLIAC Tournament berth for the sixth straight season and will be looking to break a streak of semifinal losses.

The Bulldogs have been in the GLIAC Tournament every year for the past six seasons, but for three of those six seasons the women's soccer team has failed to push past the semifinals.

The drought was nearly broken a year ago when Ferris managed to post a 14-5-1 overall record and fought their way to a competitive semifinals match against Ashland.

Despite being led by former senior forward Nichole Boehnke and former senior goalkeeper Maddie Hausteine, the Bulldogs lost 5-4.

Wins haven't come as easy for the soccer team this year,

as the Bulldogs have fell into a bit of a slump on offense, averaging right around a single goal per game. Junior Rachel Fouts has been one of the very few players that has been able to find the back of the net, scoring a team-high four goals to this point in the season.

"Throughout the year we haven't scored a lot," Head Coach Andy McCaslin said in an interview posted on the Ferris State Bulldogs Athletics website. "Defensively we're very confident and our goalkeepers are making big saves when we need them most."

Defense has kept the team afloat, leading them to a 6-7-4 overall record, which was good enough to land the Bulldogs a sixth spot in the GLIAC.

The success on defense is in part due to some impressive play from freshman goalkeeper Grace Kraft. Kraft has filled the shoes of her predecessor Maddie Hausteine starting 12 games for the Bulldogs as she has posted nine

shutouts and allowed nine goals in her debut season at Ferris.

"We have been playing very gritty soccer," Kraft said. "That kind of play gives the team energy and makes us more eager to prove ourselves. This team has each other's backs; we just have to continue to play our game and focus on our strengths."

Gritty play can often take its toll on athletes, causing fatigue and making them more prone to injury. This team however, seems to feed off games that come down to the wire, which could make them a serious threat heading into the month of November.

Following Friday night's loss to Grand Valley State University, the Bulldogs will claim the sixth seed in the Tournament. This means they will travel to Houghton where they will take on third seeded Michigan Tech 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

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on-five play in overtime, they are awarded three points while the losing team doesn't receive any points. If either team wins during the three-on-three or in a shootout, that team receives two points while the other gets one.

"It's action packed and there's a lot of scoring chances," said Ferris State hockey Head Coach Bob Daniels. "I think the three-on-three is unbelievably exciting. I think the fans are going to really enjoy it, and I think it's way better than just going to a shootout. It's closer to normal hockey than a shootout is."

In addition, if a game goes past the first five-minute overtime, it is counted as a tie by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rankings.

In terms of strategy, Daniels said the approach during those first five minutes should be balanced.

"If you take a risk and it backfires and they get a two-on-one the other way and a score, then you just walked out of there with nothing," Daniels said.

The 1-7-1 Bulldogs will try to pick up six points as they travel to Bowling Green this weekend to play the Falcons at 8:07 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4 and 7:07 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5.



Bob Daniels



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# Red and yellow brick road to the playoffs

## *Ferris football pushing toward the postseason*

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The 7-2 Ferris State Bulldogs trail only Grand Valley State in the GLIAC standings, as they have a tiebreaking victory over Wayne State. However, Ashland is 5-2 in conference but 7-2 overall and has a tiebreaker win over the Bulldogs.

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

With Saturday's victory against the Wayne State Warriors, Ferris football controls its own playoff destiny if the Bulldogs win out the rest of the season.

The two-time GLIAC champion Bulldogs are tied at No. 2 in the conference in overall record, but have a tiebreaker win over Wayne State. A third straight GLIAC championship is out of reach with undefeated Grand Valley ready to take that crown. But the Bulldogs will make the playoffs with victories in their final two games.

As of Monday, Oct. 24, the Bulldogs were ranked ninth in Super Region IV. Three GLIAC teams ranked above them in Grand Valley, Ashland and Wayne State. Grand Valley remained undefeated this past weekend and safe at the No. 1 spot. But Ashland lost to Michigan Tech and Ferris shut down Wayne State Saturday, Oct. 29. With those losses, both the Eagles and Warriors hold identical records to the Bulldogs at 7-2.

The victory over Wayne State was huge in terms of rankings but will also help the Bulldogs moving forward. Head Coach Tony Annese said his team needed this victory for confidence.

"These are the kind of games that will hopefully propel you with a lot of confidence to finish the regular season strong," Annese said. "[The Warriors] were dangerous and competitive. This is the kind of game I was looking for from the beginning."

Since the Dawgs beat the Warriors, Ferris will finish ahead of them given tied records. The Bulldogs lost that edge to the Eagles on the opening game of the season when Ashland came to Big Rapids and shocked the home crowd. If Ferris and Ashland finish with tied records, the Eagles would

place higher.

Despite that, the Bulldogs will make the playoffs if they win their next two games. In the first, the Dawgs must do something they haven't done in Annese's tenure—beat the Hillsdale Chargers.

The last time the Dawgs downed the Chargers was in the 2011 Ferris home opener. The Bulldogs lost 30-20 in Annese's first homecoming game in 2012 and again on the road in 2013 by score of 45-38.



Tony Annese

Annese said, "I've been here five years and the only team we haven't beaten is Hillsdale."

The Chargers have underperformed this season going 4-4, but they rank fifth in run defense in the GLIAC, so they may still show resistance against Ferris which ranks second in rushing offense.

In addition to their running prowess, the Bulldogs lead the GLIAC in stopping the run allowing 109.8 yards per game. Against Wayne State, they held Romello Brown, the leading rusher in the GLIAC to 82 yards compared to his 137.9 yards per game average. A big part of the Dawgs' daunting run defense is a deep defensive line led by breakout sophomore Zach Seiler.

This 6-foot-6-inch, 275 pound defensive end leads the GLIAC in sacks with 13. Six and a half of those came in the last two weeks. With Seiler leading the way, the Bulldogs have the second most sacks in the GLIAC with 29.

Seiler said, "Our first and second string, it's all first string to me. We're all getting there. It's a whole team effort for the D-line."

The road to the playoffs starts on the road against the Chargers at noon Saturday, Nov. 5, in Hillsdale.

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## Chat with the chief

### Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

I'm going to tell you something you already know. You should get out and vote for a presidential candidate on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

But get ready for a curveball reader, because I've got some important news for you. That's not the only election that matters occurring on that day.

Both Republican candidate Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton have discussed their various stances, televised their promotions and had plenty of dirty laundry aired

over the course of the last several months.

Additionally, some third party candidates have gained some leverage as we draw nearer to the opening of the polls. Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson, Green Party candidate Jill Stein, U.S. Taxpayers Party Darrell Castle and Natural Law Party Emidio Soltysik will join Clinton and Trump on Michigan ballots.

Choices are abound, and there's plenty of unbiased information on every candidate available online if

you dig for it.

Voting doesn't end at the presidential race, however. Michigan will also be looking to replace one of its 14 congressmen, one of its representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and two seats in the state's Supreme Court.

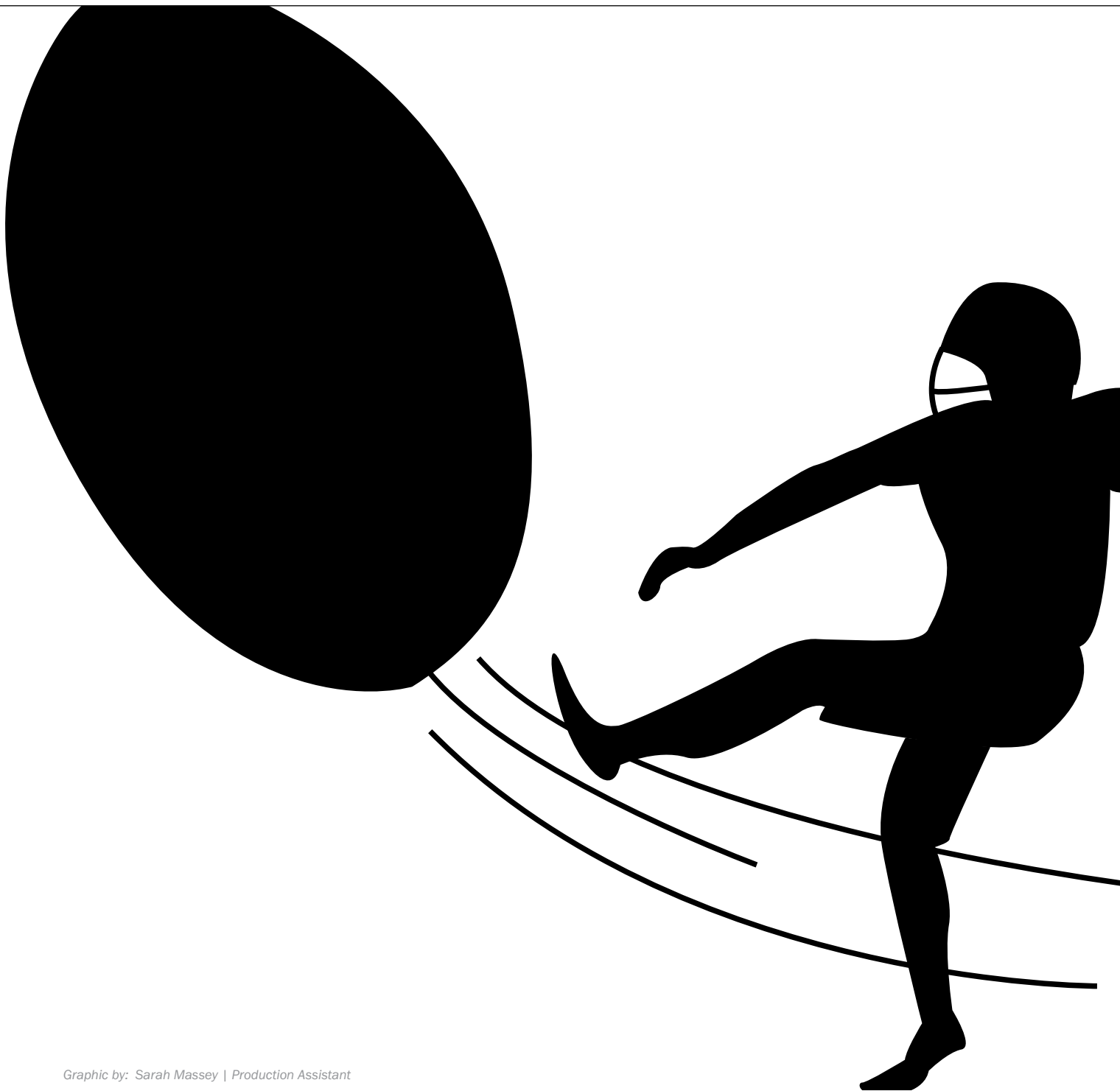
It's important to vote for the presidency for obvious reasons, but the person sitting behind the desk in the oval office is not the only one making decisions with massive impact on the world.

Again, it's not too late to do your

research and weigh your options. There are several candidates running for these positions to choose from.

The classic adage is that if a citizen doesn't vote, they are not entitled to complain about the outcome of the election or the consequences that follow.

So my advice would be to vote for every position on the ballot, then complain at your leisure knowing that it's your American right.



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# Old news?

## NFL kicker released for domestic violence

You may or may not have heard the news of former New York Giants kicker Josh Brown. He was recently released amid a domestic violence incident. And it seems like nobody cares.

Josh Brown was placed on the NFL commissioner's exempt list on Oct. 21, one day after documents were released relating to a domestic violence charge involving his now ex-wife dating back to May of 2015. The commission-



Travis Sacher  
Opinions Editor

er's exempt list basically means a player is removed from the active roster for "unusual" circumstances but continues to receive salary.

On Oct. 25, the Giants released Brown from the organization but he will continue to earn the rest of his salary.

According to CBS Sports, Brown will earn the remaining \$720,480 on his contract even though he will not touch the turf of an NFL stadium.

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public seems to care about this issue. A professional football player beat up his wife a year and a half ago and continued to play televised professional football up until last week. And the team only terminated him once it was made public, because until then, the Giants were pleased to have Brown in their organization. Why wasn't this action done earlier? Did they care about the issue of domestic violence, or about the image of their organization?

Between now and when his ex-wife called the police in May of 2015, Brown played a full season and a half of football, played in the 2016 Pro Bowl and received a two-year contract extension from the Giants in April 2016. It seems like the Giants cared more about the player's production than his abusive behavior.

Domestic violence was nothing new for Brown and he openly admitted it. Brown had a "Contract For Change" signed by him, his ex-wife and a counselor that states Brown physically, verbally and emotionally abused his ex-wife. Brown kept a therapy journal where he wrote down statements such as, "I have abused my wife," as well as "I objectified women and never really worried about the pain and hurt I caused them."

This man is an abusive, misogynistic monster, yet was celebrated as an elite athlete.

Sure, there was sufficient media coverage on Brown from major sports network, but this does not even sniff the coverage on Colin Kaepernick,

the NFL quarterback who started the 2016 trend of kneeling during the national anthem.

Kaepernick has been widely praised by people across the country that support him in his civil effort of raising awareness for the inequality of black citizens. Others have called Kaepernick a disgrace, burned his jersey and taken to social media to voice their opinion on the "Anti-American" behavior of this man using his rights to protest.

At a Kid Rock show in Boston last month, Kid Rock stated "Fuck Colin Kaepernick" during his performance of his terrible song "Born Free" to the high praise of cheering fans. It's a very disturbing video to watch, as if watching Kid Rock isn't disturbing enough.

But it is more disturbing that if a famous musician said, "Fuck Josh Brown," a good portion of fans would have no clue what that means, and this is unfortunate. It seems to me that people care more about a black man using his power to fight a racial battle peacefully than a white man assaulting and objectifying women.

The good to come out of this is Josh Brown will never play for an NFL team again. Ray Rice, the star running back who was released by the Ravens in 2014 after a video of him assaulting his wife and dragging her across the floor was made public, has yet to receive a single invitation from an NFL organization since being reinstated in the league.

Maybe the trend is changing. NFL teams do not want abusers to be part of their franchise. Maybe they want to end domestic violence, or maybe they only care about the image of their organization.

# No music venue in Big Rapids

*No artists come through*



Travis Sacher  
Opinions Editor

It's no new proclamation that Big Rapids is a dead spot for entertainment and excitement, but it is especially lacking in having a thriving live music scene.

The town of Big Rapids has no established music venue that brings in touring artists.

As an avid live concert attendee, this royally sucks for me. But it's not just me; most Ferris State students enjoy live music. Grand Rapids is the closest city to campus with music venues. Grand Rapids is only an hour drive away, but not every artist makes a tour stop in the city. Detroit and the surrounding cities are the most prominent stop for touring artists, and that drive may top three hours.

Ferris State offers an excellent music industry management program within the College of Business, of which I am a student of. Unfortunately, there is no venue for the program to host live music shows.

Right now the live music scene in Big Rapids mainly consists of open mics and DJ sets at restaurants and bars, or small living room gatherings that have to be kept below a certain decibel level so the city ordinance on noise is not broken. Plus hosting live music without a permit is technically illegal. Including the few big events hosted by the music industry management association and Music Takes Action, which has maybe one well-known artist each year, this is the major extent of the Big Rapids live music scene.

Don't get me wrong, all of that is awesome and important. Ferris bands and music groups playing at The Raven, Sawmill or Crankers is always a good time and the events MIMA puts on are extensive and great successes. But there is no venue in Big Rapids. How can we be a college town without a venue?

This town not being a music hot spot is understandable. Big Rapids is in the middle of no-where and touring artists would have to travel through Detroit, Lansing and Grand Rapids to get here. That does not mean somebody cannot rent out a vacant building or warehouse and start a venue. And Big Rapids sure has an abundance of those. One that immediately sticks out is the old Twice-is-Nice consignment store building at the intersection of Elm St. and State St.

An established venue would make it way easier to have concerts in town. Students would not have to ask permission from restaurants or Oakwood for quad concerts. They could simply book a date at the venue. And most importantly, other artists can come perform in Big Rapids!

Clearly, Drake and Kendrick are not making any stops anytime soon, but there are countless acts out there who are amazing and play shows for 50 to 200 people.

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# Halloween is not that cool

*The stepping stone to better holidays*

We have a lot of new staff at the Torch so naturally we went around and introduced ourselves in our first meeting. We said our names, majors, years and what our favorite holiday is. An estimated 65 percent of us said Halloween. This is ridiculous.

First of all, no good horror movies came out this Halloween. Ouija sucked so bad. Second of all, costumes are a huge nuisance. If you don't dress up, you are looked at as some Halloween version of the Grinch. But if you choose to wear one, you either have to spend money on a useless outfit or you throw together a makeshift Charlie Brown costume and people will mistake you for Pikachu all night (that's what happened to me).

Don't get me wrong, any excuse to go out and have a good time is just fine by me. But when I am at Shooters my preference is to dress like a normal person. Does this make me a boring person? I guess that's for you all to decide.

I know Halloween is over but for next year I have a few ideas to improve this inferior holiday.

If you are going to dress up, put together a wicked cheap rig that still looks okay. No inflatable costumes, no onesies and definitely no Pokemon characters.

When handing out candy, only give chocolate. Why does anybody give anything besides



Kip Biby  
Torch Reporter

chocolate? Mini Snickers are the same price as Starbursts and they are at least 200 percent better.

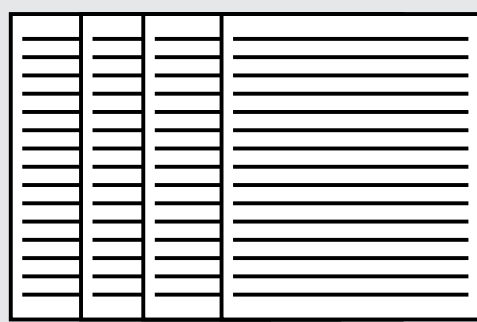
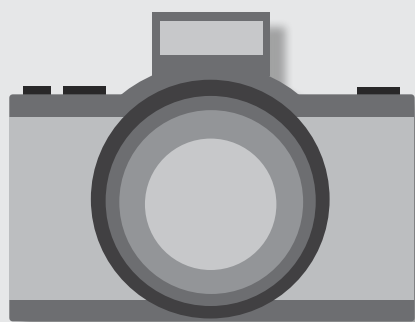
Cancel trick-or-treating. Buy your kids a Kit-Kat from the gas station and watch a scary movie. Trick-or-treating is a nuisance.

## TOP FIVE HOLIDAYS THAT ARE BETTER THAN HALLOWEEN

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2. International Jazz Day
3. Thanksgiving
4. Fourth of July
5. St. Patrick's Day

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# 2016 Presidential election



**Kyle Kramlich**  
Sophomore | Automotive Engineering

**Who are you voting for and why?**

"I'm voting for Trump because I feel like, yes he's outspoken sometimes, but I feel like he's right to the point and he can get more stuff done with the way he talks and works as a business man."

**What political issue/stance is most important to you and why?**

"I'd say terror because that's the biggest thing that's going to cripple us, besides debt, that's probably our main fear with everything that's been going on in the world right now."

**Why is it important for college students to vote?**

"I'd say because it's our future, even if you're a freshman, the next four years is a huge part of your life and it can make or break if you get a job when you come out or what the the world is when you come out."



**Jacob DeBerry**  
Freshman | Pre-law

**Who are you voting for and why?**

"I'm not 100 percent sure yet, but probably Hillary Clinton just because I think she has more expertise in the area of government and also because Donald Trump has a some very strong, forward ideas, Kind of more laid back in not really wanting to get too far into that."

**What political issue/stance is most important to you and why?**

"I think just foreign politics. Just because relations with other countries are extremely important to run ours."

**What resources do you use to research what candidates are for and what they're against?**

"A lot of it is just looking stuff up on the internet and trying to figure stuff out like which side I relate to most."

**Why do you think it's important for college students to vote?**

"I think we do have an influence on the vote so if you don't vote then you're basically forfeiting your right to vote."



**Ciara Kibby**  
Freshman | Pre-vet

**Who are you voting for and why?**

"I'm hoping to vote for Trump just because I've heard a lot of bad things about Clinton and my family has influenced me greatly."

**What political issue/stance is most important to you and why?**

"I don't know, I really think a candidate should be completely honest and I feel like, as much as Trump is seen as kind of a jerk sometimes, it's sometimes needed to be straight up instead of avoiding topics to be politically correct. I take honesty most importantly."

**What resources do you use to research what candidates are for and what they're against?**

"Just whatever is on the internet, the different things that come up and I watch the debates. I took a current events class in high school and we talked about it."



**Hunter Koster**  
Senior | Pre-medicine and forensic biology

**Who are you voting for and why?**

"I plan on voting for Jill Stein because I don't like either of the main party options. There's things about Hillary and Trump that I am not in favor of and I do not support. So, I thought a third party was one of the best choices."

**What political issue/stance is most important to you and why?**

"Most important stance would probably have to be in relation to the immigrants and Trump's infamous building the wall. Hillary had good points with that but I think Jill Stein would have a better way to implement her plans."

**What resources do you use to research what candidates are for and what they're against?**

"Well, there's always all the propaganda from social media that kind of helps feed people's minds but I follow Jill Stein's and Gary Johnson's pages on Facebook."