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# BATTLING IT OUT



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Ferris American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union protests "Scoby Care" at Ferris' annual Founder's Day celebration.

## Employee union takes a stand against Ferris administration

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

Healthcare is complicated to begin with but for some employees at Ferris, it's been particularly messy.

The Ferris American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is a union made up of the employees who clean Ferris classrooms and dorms, provide food services and keep the campus grounds clean.

AFSCME picketers have been spotted around campus recently, including an appearance at Ferris' annual Founders Day celebration, during which they were handing out Little Caesars coupons with AFSCME information on the back.

Although a tentative agreement was reached and the contract negotiated on Sept. 8, it was a long road getting there.

Ferris retiree, former union president

and current head of the crisis committee Tom Weaver claims that the union members were not getting any options when it

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- Tom Weaver

came to their own healthcare.

"It was clear right off the get-go that their position was that they're not going to let us negotiate health insurance," Weaver

said. "It's just negotiation. It's just a process, and the biggest issue going on here is they want to take away the right to negotiate health insurance. All those plans that exist here right now is because of the union negotiating these plans, and we like to have options."

The flyers and posters directly targeted Ferris President David Eisler and Vice President of Administration and Finance, Jerry Scoby, with statements declaring that the two personally have great healthcare benefits, but they won't allow the union members to negotiate for themselves.

"All I can tell you right now is this has been the worst contract I have ever seen. Later we will file an unfair labor practice because they have threatened us. What they want to do is they want to kind of dominate and intimidate us by saying our custodians make too much money," Weaver said.

A statement released from Ferris State University on Tuesday, Sept. 5, stated that the university is aware of the informational picketing.

"The University is focused on good-faith negotiations that will be conducted at the bargaining table rather than in public," the statement said. "Since May, eight bargaining sessions have taken place, including one with a mediator on Wednesday, Aug. 30."

Neither Ferris administration nor a representative from the union was available to comment on the newly negotiated agreement.



Tom Weaver

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## NEWS

"I feel like I have to take a couple more steps every day, take a couple more steps every night to make sure my daughter has everything she needs."

- Anzhane Lance - See page 4 for story

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# The aftershock of Charlottesville

## Campus stands strong against racism

Megan Lewton  
Torch Reporter

Big Rapids is nearly 800 miles away from Charlottesville, Virginia, but the Ferris community is affected by the events that took place there a few weeks ago.

According to multiple news sources, Saturday, Aug. 12, a white supremacist drove his car through a crowd of counter-protesters during a Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, killing one and injuring others. This attack led to other alt-right protests and national decisions to remove statues commemorating confederate leaders of the Civil War.

Nearly a month later, people across America still reflect on the attack and the aftermath.

"About Charlottesville, I have some sympathy— a great deal of sympathy— for the city itself," Ferris Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion David Pilgrim said. "You hate to see any city torn apart with strife, whether the strife is racial, or class, or politics or whatever. You hate to see the city go through that."



Alyssa Cosselmon

Pilgrim, also the founder of the Jim Crow Museum, does not support the idea of the statues being removed from history altogether. Instead, he believes they should be relocated.

"I'm not for destroying the statues," Pilgrim said. "What I am for is them being moved to other places. If someone

wanted to create a space dedicated to the history of the confederacy in a specific area... yeah, I could see that."

Some students, like Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Alyssa



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

A statue located in the racist memorabilia section of the Jim Crow Museum at Ferris.

Cosselmon, have strong opinions regarding the Charlottesville attack and the removal of confederate statues.

"I think that the decision to remove the confederate statues was probably a good thing," Cosselmon said. "Because it's a part of our history that is pretty dark, and I don't think that statues of people that represent those that are as unpatriotic as you can get should be made and out in the open."

Others, like Ferris criminal justice sophomore Jamelle Peebles, don't think what happened in Charlottesville affects Ferris.

"I don't really think it impacts Ferris because the people on campus and all races are connected in some way," Peebles said.

Pilgrim said that he believes events like Charlottesville could happen anywhere.

"There's racism everywhere," Pilgrim said. "Bad things happen here also. We have people who pass out racist flyers. We have incidents between students. Something could blow up here just like it does in other places."

Pilgrim wants students to remember the standards under which Woodbridge Ferris founded the university.

"He [Ferris] had women in the first class," Pilgrim said. "He had international students within a decade. He had African American students right around the year 1900. We began as an institution that was inclusive in some ways. There have been times when we've gotten away from that. Part of what I see my job is, is to kind of help us get back to where our founder was."

As far as bigotry on campus goes, open-mindedness is key in preventing racial clashes.

"I think we should have open discussions about it," Cosselmon said. "And we should be open to other people's opinions and other people's stances and their experiences."

Pilgrim also agrees that respect is fundamental to any discussion.

"We must learn as a campus to disagree in ways that are civil and respectful," Pilgrim said. "If we are doing that and if we are working towards doing that, that's as good as we can do."



David Pilgrim



Jamelle Peebles

# Record attendance for Big Alleyway Cleanup

## More than 100 students came together to help the community

Grant Siddall  
Torch Reporter

A record-breaking day for Big Alleyway Cleanup saw more than 100 students volunteer to clean up the community on Saturday.

"We went from 16 people, then 30 something last year, now we have 107," Ferris student government representative for the FSU Sustainability Committee Michael Williams said. "I just want to see people take care of their home, it's not just about us having a good time but it's about making sure we responsibly use the resources we have."

Those 107 people made up about 12 groups that were each assigned alleyways to clean. The groups included four registered student organizations, two fraternities, one sorority and members of the Army ROTC program, as well as approximately 40 individual students who did not come with a group but formed groups after arriving. The 12 groups were responsible for cleaning 51 blocks of Big Rapids alleyways.

Each group and individual had different reasons for coming out to help, many stemming from their experience with The Big Event, which helped put on the event.

Former Big Event Director Alex Reeds was at the event representing The Big Event and student government.

"They were looking for a way to make this program more sustainable," Reeds said. "We have the funds, we have the tools and we have the programming so we



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris bulldogs pose before volunteering to cleanup alleyways in the Big Rapids community.

were really fortunate to get to work with them to put this on."

Ferris digital animation and game design senior Joe Rodriguez came with the Club Hockey Team and also credited The Big Event for drawing the club out on Saturday.

"Last year we started doing The Big Event, we all had a lot of fun and now we're just trying to get more involved with the school and community," Rodriguez said.

Ferris surveying engineering senior Tarik

Ceric led the Pi Lambda Phi group in cleaning and said that they just want to repay the community.

"We're trying to give back to the community. Big Rapids does a lot for us and so does Ferris State," Ceric said. "We know how important it is for every single person to give their little bit back."

The Vice Chair of the Big Rapids Planning Commission Dr. Jennifer Cochran was the main organizer for the event and was pleased by the number of volunteers.

"I am absolutely thrilled with the turnout today; I'm very encouraged by the commitment of these students to come out on a Saturday and help clean up the community. That's something we definitely want to see continue," Cochran said. "We're just taking it semester by semester to see what's realistic and feasible but we do definitely want to encourage all of the student groups to make a commitment to this and to participate in it."

# - ON THE RECORD -

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

## Choose that filter wisely

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Guess who?

Aug. 18, 8:30 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street near Maple Street. An officer recognized the driver from a warrant of arrest. The suspect was lodged in the county jail for the warrant.

### Bumper cars

Aug. 25, 11:55 a.m., officers received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Lot 32.

### Lock your car

Aug. 26, 9:45 p.m., officers responded to a report of theft from a vehicle in Lot 3. The vehicle was unlocked and items had been stolen.

### Noisy minors

Aug. 27, 12:25 a.m., officers assisted hall staff at Pickell Hall for a noise complaint. Four students were referred to Student Conduct for being minors in possession.

### Parking lot troubles

Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m., officers received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Lot 45.

### Hookah unattended

Aug. 28, 4:55 p.m., officers received a complaint of Hookah stolen from the porch of a residence in West Campus Apartments.

### Welcome to your new home

Aug. 28, 9 p.m., officers responded to a report of theft in Bond Hall. The subject stated that items were removed from his unlocked apartment during move in.

### Insurance please?

Aug. 29, 8:15 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Oak Street near Stewart Street for an improper turn. The driver was ticketed for not having insurance on the vehicle.

### Hiding in Lot 28

Aug. 29, 10:05 p.m., officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in Lot 28. Three people were ticketed for marijuana violations. Two subjects also had probation violations. All three were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and the two were referred to the Probation Office.

### Dock and run

Aug. 30, 2:30 a.m., officers found a

vehicle parked in the loading dock of Williams Auditorium with the doors open. The vehicle had recently been taken from a residence on Locust Street but no suspects were in sight. The vehicle was returned to the owner and a follow up was done by city police.

### Fighting in Hallisy

Aug. 30, 3:25 p.m., officers responded to an assault complaint in Hallisy Hall. One student was lodged in jail for assault. The second student was hospitalized for the injuries received in the assault.

### Flying high in Brophy

Sept. 1, 10:45 a.m., officers assisted hall staff in Brophy Hall for a marijuana complaint. One student was ticketed for the use of marijuana.

### Hit the brakes

Sept. 1, 3 p.m., officers received a report of a two-car accident in Lot 27.

### Bonding in Bond

Sept. 1, 11 p.m., officers assisted hall staff at Bond Hall for a marijuana complaint. One student was referred to Student Conduct and the other was referred to the probation office out of county for

violation of probation. Both students were warned for possession of marijuana.

### Hurry home

Sept. 2, 2:10 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Stadium Drive for failure to stop at a stop sign. Marijuana was observed in the vehicle. The driver was warned for failure to stop and possession of marijuana.

### Sweet escape

Sept. 2, 1:45 p.m., officers received a report of a hit and run accident in Lot 3.

### Lovers quarrel

Sept. 3, 12:15 a.m., officers investigated a subject yelling for help in Lot 55. Officers discovered a couple having an argument. One of the two suspects was uncooperative and a warrant was requested for obstructing police.

### Choose that filter wisely

Sept. 5, 1:05 a.m., officers responded to a verbal argument in Puterbaugh Hall. Two subjects were arguing over a Snapchat. No criminal action was taken and the parties were separated for the night.

# Body found in Mitchell Creek

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

51-year-old Martin Avila's body was found in Mitchell Creek just one day after Ferris students started classes.

According to a press release from the Big Rapids

Department of Public Safety, officers and rescue personnel responded to a report of a man's body in Mitchell Creek just before 5 p.m., Aug. 29.

The juveniles who called the authorities found the subject in a shallow area, according to the press release, which also stated that the autopsy results determined the death to be of natural causes.

# NEWS BRIEFS

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Take Back the Night

The Social Work Association in collaboration with the Title IX Office is hosting Take Back the Night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18 in the University Center Ballroom. The Five Star Event will host Theater Delta, a group of performers that will cover topics such as consent, the role of alcohol, bystander intervention, how to support a survivor and victim blaming. For more information, visit OrgSync or email Charlotte Halm at halmc@ferris.edu.

### Kickoff Cultura Latin@

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS), the Center for Latin@ Studies (CLS), the Diversity and Inclusion Office and the Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) are hosting Kickoff Cultura Latin@ 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14 in the University Center, room 202A. There will also be a concert by the band Comparsa Sur. For more information, email omss@ferris.edu.

### Panhellenic sorority fall recruitment

Panhellenic will be hosting fall recruitment starting Friday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 17. For more information, please contact Sarah Scorpio at scorpis@ferris.edu or visit the Ferris State University web calendar.

## WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

**Harley Harrison**  
News Editor

### Caribbean

After Hurricane Harvey's destruction in Texas, Florida is facing Hurricane Irma, which has already terrorized the Caribbean. Irma directly hit St. Barthélemy, St. Martin, Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands and Barbuda, where 95 percent of buildings were destroyed. The Category five hurricane also spread to the United States Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, where 70 percent of people were without power.

Original story by Jonah Engel Bromwich, Frances Robles and Richard Pérez-Peña, Sept. 7, 2017. *The New York Times*

### Australia

The Australian High Court ruled unanimously that the question of same-sex marriage may proceed to a nationwide postal vote. While the debate of same-sex marriage has been a hot topic for months, Australian lawmakers are not bound by the results of the vote.

Original story by Adam Baidawi, Sept. 7, 2017. *The New York Times*

### South Asia

Floods in South Asia have killed more than 1,000 people over the course of the summer and the rain still continues. The United Nations

has estimated that at least 41 million people in Bangladesh, India and Nepal have been directly impacted by the floods and landslides of the monsoon rains. While many survivors remain in camps that offer shelter for the displaced, disease begins to spread within these shelters.

Original story by Jeffrey Gettleman, Aug. 29, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### West Midlands, United Kingdom

Four members of the British Army were arrested on the suspicion that they are members of the neo-Nazi group, National Action. Under the Terrorism Act, a number of serving members of the army have been arrested.

Original story by Dan Bilefsky, Sept. 5, 2017. *The New York Times*.

### Juchitán de Zaragoza, Mexico

An earthquake left the pacific coast of Mexico in shambles, damaging thousands of homes and killing at least 61 people. Conditions at the main hospital of Juchitán de Zaragoza were so extreme that staff members evacuated patients to a lot outside and worked using the light of their cellphones.

Original story by Paulina Villegas, Elisabeth Malkin and Kirk Semple, Sept. 8, 2017. *The New York Times*.

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# Focus on family

## Program offered for FSU student parents



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Ferris student Makaila Michae' and her son, Amari, have fun watching a video during the Students with Children event.

**Cora Hall**  
Interim Reporter

It takes a dedicated student to do well in college, but to be a student and a parent takes dedication to a new level.

For students who are parents at Ferris, some of that stress can be eased through the Students with Children (SWC) program. Directed by Karen Green-Bay, the program has been around since 2009 and has provided resources to hundreds of student parents.

At their fall kick-off event Thursday, Sept. 7, parents new to the program could learn more about SWC and Life Resources, a Big Rapids organization that provides parental support, parenting classes and life-skills classes. Life Resources also provides free services such as pregnancy tests and ultrasounds at their medical clinic.

Getting parents connected with the campus and community resources in order to make their lives easier is at the forefront of the minds of those who run the program.

Among those connections are child care services, family activities, housing options, job links and local school options. SWC also offers a scholarship to parents based off of GPA and participation in the program.

"It gives me an opportunity to spend more time with my family," Ferris actuarial science senior Anzhane Lance said. "The Students with Children program re-

minds us what we're here for and why we're working so hard. It gives us fun stuff to do with our kids that we probably couldn't afford on our own."

The goal of SWC is to not only provide resources to parents, but also to provide an outlet for students to get away from homework and have fun with their children.

"It's pretty nice to relax and spend a day with my kids," Ferris mechanical engineering student Adam Lassen said. "It's even better because you have the day to not worry about homework, or doctor's appointments or class or anything else that's going on."

Lassen is also the secretary of the Student-Parent Association (SPA), an RSO that works in conjunction with SWC. With the same end goal in mind, SPA puts on events for families throughout the year.

"I have to work a little harder with my time management to balance everything— to make sure I get my classwork done and still take care of my family and be around," Lance said. "I feel like I have to take a couple more steps every day, take a couple more steps every night to make sure my daughter has everything she needs."

The next event SWC has planned is a trip to Klackle Apple Orchard Saturday, Sept. 16. For more information, check their Facebook page or email studentswithchildren@ferris.edu.

## Growing pains

*Students settle into North Hall amidst electrical problems and new experiences*

**Marley Tucker**  
Torch Reporter

Freshmen living in North Hall experience some of the best housing Ferris has to offer, but some problems have arisen with the new building.

With construction not completely finished on the hall yet, it isn't surprising that students encountered some electrical hiccups after move-in day.

"I was kind of overwhelmed with everything at first but it's an interesting thought to know no one has slept in my room before because it's so new and clean," Ferris pre-optometry freshman Tommy Folker said. "The lights are motion sensitive so when your roommate walks in late at night your room gets bright. We had a floor meeting about it and they told us all to



Photo by: Odette Lopez | Torch Photographer

Ferris students play games in the North Hall Living Learning Center located on the first floor of the new residential building.



Tommy Folker

tape over the sensors, which is weird because it is such new technology. Some of the general outlets and water fountains don't work either."

Overall, many students have been satisfied with their experiences at Ferris so far. The location of North Hall is

close to important areas on campus such as the University Center, FLITE and Williams Auditorium.

"It's really nice here. It seems like a five-star hotel. Right now, there are still some people working on the building— didn't really expect that— but overall, it's been pretty smooth," Ferris plastics and polymer engineering technology freshman Ross Chaplin said. "All of my classes are really close to the hall on the other side of the

University Center, so that's convenient. Being so close to the Quad is great."

The North Hall Living Learning Center is equipped with a lobby, lounge areas, a game room, study rooms, classrooms and kitchen in the central area and east wing of the first floor. This area of the building is accessible to all students, faculty and staff Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.

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# As tuition goes up, enrollment goes down

## Ferris enrollment decreases for second consecutive year

Grant Siddall  
Torch Reporter

For the second consecutive year and the third out of the last four, enrollment has dropped at Ferris.

On Thursday, Aug. 31, the university took its official fourth day count and revealed that enrollment has yet again decreased. According to the university's online enrollment records, which date back to 2002, this year's decrease of 389 students (2.7 percent), coupled with 2016's decrease of 528 students (3.5 percent) are by far the two worst years for enrollment at Ferris.

In fact, the combined total amount of students lost from every year that enrollment declined between 2002 and 2015 only totals 297, which is 92 students less than this year alone, according to the online enrollment records.

Secondary education senior Nick Seraphinoff believes students' financial issues may partially be to blame.

"I definitely think that tuition increases could play a huge roll," Seraphinoff said. "The price of tuition has just continuously increased. Even working while you're going to university, you're still gaining a decent amount of debt and people just don't think they'll be able to climb out of that hole."

Ferris Dean of Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions and Records Dr. Kristen Salomonson said that two important issues are to blame for this trend.

"The first is a persistent overall decline in the number

of high school graduates in Michigan," Salomonson said. "This is critical for our freshmen population numbers. It won't be brighter anytime soon."

Referencing the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Salomonson noted that the number of high school graduates in Michigan is predicted to decline by 13 percent between now and 2031.

"Second, the number of students attending community colleges has also seen declines over the past four years. This translates into fewer students looking to transfer to Ferris to complete their degrees," Salomonson said.

The university has taken a wide variety of approaches to combat the loss in enrollment including enhanced dollar amounts for scholarships and Ferris application week, which was a weeklong virtual application event held in February that resulted in an increase of 178 applicants compared with the same week last year.

"The leadership at Ferris State University is committed to a fiscally conservative and transparent budgeting philosophy. When there are fewer financial resources, the University reduces its operating budget accordingly," Salomonson said. "Our President's commitment to maintaining tuition levels with increases as small as possible is strong. Ferris is consistently under the state cap for percentage increases. This is possible because of careful budget management."

### NORTH HALL

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to 5 p.m.

"I don't really know what to say, it is so nice here I'm kind of jealous," Ferris CAD drafting and tool design technology freshman Joe Emmett said.

Like all students who struggle with any problems in their residence hall, a resident assistant (RA) is stationed and ready to help find solutions.

"North Hall is so interesting because it is an all freshmen hall and it's my first year as an RA. We're all learning and creating our own community and it's a super new building, and there's

always tools and lots of people coming in and out," Ferris elementary education sophomore Alicia Harvill said. "We have a fix-it list at the front desk, so students come to us and then we type it in and problems are then shared with the appropriate personnel and people overseeing the construction of the building. Then the problems are handled according to the list."

If you are inside a residence hall and experience issues within the building, contact someone working at the front desk or the hall director. For more information, you can contact Ferris' Office of Housing and Residence Life at [housing@ferris.edu](mailto:housing@ferris.edu).



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

Anna and Daniel Rivera speak at the candlelight vigil held in respects to the DACA termination.

## Ferris stands with dreamers

### Candlelight vigil held over DACA termination announcement

Marley Tucker  
Torch Reporter

A solemn crowd gathered around North Quad Tuesday evening to share opinions and offer support to peers affected by the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced on Tuesday, Sept. 5, the end of DACA— a program that protects about 800,000 undocumented immigrants who had been brought to the United States as young children. Students residing in Big Rapids can already feel the effects of this decision.

"Tonight we come together in our city halls, community spaces, our churches and campus to hold each other in unity to process the pain, anger and sorrow we feel," Ferris applied speech communications junior and president for the Hispanic Student Organization Daniel Rivera said.

The DACA program was an executive order created by former President Barack Obama in 2012. The program was made to provide legal status for recipients for a renewable two-year term, worker authorization and other benefits. Those who benefited from it came to be known as Dreamers.

"I feel very sad at the fact that I see a lot of students struggling to make it through high school with hopes of making it to college to benefit their families," Ferris social work junior Anna Rivera said. "Knowing that they won't be getting that opportunity really hurts me. I can't feel what they're feeling,

however, I still fully support them. I'm frustrated that at the moment we don't have the tools to move forward with this."

According to the Department of Homeland Security, as of September 2016, Michigan had nearly 11,000 approved DACA recipients and was ranked 24th in the nation. The median age of DACA children entering the United States as of this year is six years old.

This decision to end DACA sets a countdown for congress to act to preserve the program's protections before DACA recipients begin losing their status March 5, 2018.

"Today is a sad day. We need to come together to support our students. We want to be here for you," Ferris President David Eisler said at the vigil. "We are also going to begin tomorrow morning seeing whatever we can do with our legislative delegation in Washington. Our university was founded on the concept of opportunity and we believe in that opportunity with each and every one of you."

Eisler released an official statement to the university community addressing the ending of DACA on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

To seek further support on campus, contact Birkam Health's Counseling Center at (231) 591-5968, the Office of Multicultural Student Services at (231) 591-2617 or the Diversity and Inclusion Office at (231) 591-3946.

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“There are so many different opportunities that you gain from Greek life, whether it be leadership or just personal development.”  
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Ferris automotive engineering major Kevin Straney (left), pre-nursing major Robert Ross (center), and marketing major Chaz Shugrs represented Sigma Pi at Ferris' 2017 Bulldog Bonanza.

# GREEK GEEKS

## Your home away from home

**Briana Hammtreee**  
Torch Reporter

Each new school year is the beginning of possible friendships and new experiences, bringing students together to join in on events, registered student organizations (RSOs) and Greek life.

Ferris State's Greek Panhellenic Council is used to help unite and advocate for the campus sororities, such as Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Xi Delta, with a goal of helping bring students together into a welcoming community.

“I think that the best reason is that you're looking for something sort of bigger than yourself,” Ferris integrated studies fifth year student and vice president of Panhellenic council Sarah Scorpio said. “So, if you're looking for an organization that is a little bit different than the other ones on campus, because obviously we have over 251 organizations, or something a little bit different, then Greek life may be for you.”

The recruitment process for each Greek chapter varies. Students who are interested in going Greek are encouraged to attend chapter or council events. These events will give insight on costs, academic requirements and philanthropies, as well as the benefits of living a Greek life.

“I think that it's a different type of support system. You're always with the same 44 girls—45, 46, whatever your chapter size is— and you really get to know them on a deeper level, honestly like family,” Scorpio said. “So, if you want a family, that's not your family— kind of the family you get to choose, you know— then that's for you. That's your home away from home, honestly.”

While Greek life can have a large impact on a student's social experiences, it can also play a key role in providing benefits

and opportunities for a student's academic and professional career which they can use towards scholarships and giving back to the Big Rapids community.

“There are so many different opportunities that you gain from Greek life, whether it be leadership or just personal development,” Ferris hospitality junior Allison Jackson said.

A student's academic load can also affect how the experience of joining the Greek community may first seem, but it can also serve as a memorable learning experience.

“There's a lot and you're really busy all the time but you learn to manage time,” Jackson said.

Prior to joining Greek life, Jackson considered herself a shy individual. A transfer student to Ferris, she never imagined joining a sorority,

but found herself attending recruitment and becoming treasurer of her chapter. Over time, her chapter has helped her both professionally and personally.

Elementary education fourth year student Sarah Quick also found both her professional and personal life benefitting from experiences in her chapter.

“When I first came to college, I was probably one of the shyest people I knew and now you can never get me to shut up,” Quick said. “Honestly, I say hi to everybody. I can strike up conversations, which is really good because I'm going into teaching and you can't really be shy if you're going into teaching, so it ended up helping me professionally.”



Allison Jackson



Sarah Quick



Sarah Scorpio

# Ferris finds the fine arts

## Ferris alumnus uncovers fear and anxiety in his gallery

**Rachel Lowing**  
Torch Reporter

The fine arts have the unique ability to incorporate real-life and imagination and then work them together in a physical form. Each piece of art has inspiration that the artist turns into a visual masterpiece.

Seth Marosok, a graduate from Kendall College of Arts & Design of Ferris State University, managed to masterfully portray the feelings of fear and anxiety with his charcoal drawings on canvas in his gallery called "Angst."



Carrie Weis

Feelings of fear and anxiety are some of the most complex feelings, since they can be hard to explain to someone who is not experiencing the same thing.

What Marosok managed to do was incorporate the inner-human body with these inner thoughts, and outwardly show the commotion that is felt by so many peo-

ple that experience feelings of fear or anxiety.

Marosok brought together the sciences, arts and mental health in this exhibit. All three work together to bring up many thoughts and feelings to the individual observing the work. That is what fine arts is all about.

Just like the arts, the exhibit is frequently changing and honoring different artists and art styles.

"This one is a graduate from Kendall and he received an MFA Graduate Purchase Award but we have other professional artists from all over the U.S., and sometimes international. We sometimes have student exhibits [and] faculty exhibits," gallery director Carrie Weis said.

If you would like to visit Marosok's exhibit you can find it in the University Center room 205. The gallery changes each month, so there is always diverse art on display.

You can also visit ferris.edu/gallery to see any past or upcoming exhibits that have been held, or more information about the Fine Arts Gallery.



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

"Angst" by Seth Marosok was a 2016 MFA Kendall Graduate Award Solo Exhibit before coming to Ferris Thursday, Sept. 7 at the University Center.



### Bulldog Bonanza

Students enjoyed free samples and coupons from Big Rapids vendors and Ferris RSOs Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the UC.

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# Practicing self-love

The most valuable relationship in life

**Kat Merby**  
Torch Reporter

Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your physical health. Learning when to take a break from the hectic moments of life is just as much a part of becoming a mature adult as budgeting and paying bills on time. To help with this, Ferris offers a program to help students live on life's terms.

Self-Compassion Practice for Living Life on Life's Terms is an eight-segment event hosted by the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and is presented by George Nagel.

According to Ferris' website, participants "will learn how to apply specific self-compassion principles and practices throughout each day of our personal and professional lives."

Having moments alone to collect personal thoughts can be a vital part in keeping a student's sanity during hectic university life. Sometimes, there are activities that are more enjoyable alone, such as creating art or reading a book.

Some great places to unwind on campus include the Rock and Quad cafe. The student rec center, racquetball center and the woods surrounding campus are great places to relax as well.

Self-Compassion Practice for Living Life on Life's Terms will be held in FLITE 438 from 12:05 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 13.

"I go to the gym because it clears my mind,"

- Tiffany Lacap

"I would say taking vacations is how I relieve stress in my life,"

- Amber Gross

"I like running and doing things outdoors,"

- April Derby

Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Assistant

## TORCH CONFESSIONS

Torch staff members write about a slightly embarrassing aspect of his or her life because hey, we all have those.

### The monsters in the dark

Okay, so confession time.

This is a first for me and I'm not quite sure where to start, so I think I'll just blurt it out and we'll go from there.

I am afraid of the dark.

Yes, I am 22 years old and no, the Christmas lights hanging in my room at night aren't because I'm a hardcore Christmas-fanatic- it's because I'm a hardcore I-don't-want-to-die-from-the-monsters-under-my-bed fanatic.

I'm not entirely sure where this fear stems from. Maybe I watched too many scary movies when I was a kid. I do remember a scene from "The Grudge" that left me frozen on my friend's bed for a good half-hour before her older sister



Alicia Jaimes  
Lifestyles Editor

picked me up and carried me down the stairs.

But no, I don't believe it's because I watched too many scary movies. I honestly believe it's because I'm a writer.

As a writer, I've written many short stories, most being suspenseful or somewhat scary and you know why? Because the scenes just pop into my head at the least expected times and lucky for me, I

see them in great detail.

I see a shadow behind a tree and I'm writing about a hunter stalking prey.

I hear a bump in the night and it's a ghost that never left its residency.

I was the kid who felt those peeled grapes in the Halloween boxes at school and honestly visualized human eyeballs.

My imagination is the best part of me and the worst part of me. Yes, I may still sleep with the lights on but at least now I get a good night's sleep.

Just kidding- I am still in college after all.



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Assistant

# Media Minute

## Stephen King's "It"



Keith Salowich  
Web Supervisor

Go see it. By it, I mean "It."

Had I shown up a few minutes later, I wouldn't have been able to review this movie at all. There was a line of moviegoers clamoring to see the latest Stephen King book-to-film adaptation stretched out the door of Big Rapids' AMC movie theater on Saturday night.

"It" has blown away previous box office records for an R-rated horror movie opening weekend by amassing \$117 million in the United States alone. That nearly doubles the previous record holder for the same genre, "Paranormal Activity 3," which saw a \$52 million opening weekend.

The fun of "It" is driven by seven kids, dubbed the "losers," hunting down the murderous clown monster. Could they have told their parents? Sure. Might the local police have liked to know about the pile of floating bodies they find in the sewer? Definitely. But that's not what the movie is about.

It's about this group of kids getting into trouble and learning independence during summer vacation. The creepiness is just a secondary element. In terms of King's other work, it's a lot closer to "Stand By Me" than "Cujo" in that way.

The few times adults are shown in the film, they're almost as predatory as the child-eating clown monster. Between the homes of the families we're exposed to in Derry, Maine, we see a heavy dose of physical, mental and sexual abuse towards the children.

No wonder they don't turn to adults for help when their nightmares are com-



Promotional image

Kicking off the fall semester, students raved about the latest horror film— "It" by Stephen King.

ing to life.

The losers are fun to follow through the 1980s backdrop. It's a nostalgic look into the past that feels similar to "Stranger Things" and the movie even casts Finn Wolfhard, who played Mike Wheeler in the acclaimed Netflix series.

There are a few too many dirty joke wisecracks in the movie for my liking but those who enjoyed that element of

"Deadpool" should appreciate the excessive 'your mom' jokes in this movie.

The character development is what makes the movie memorable but the clown is what's selling tickets. The legendary Tim Curry as Pennywise was going to be tough to follow up in the modernized version of "It," but advancements in CGI and an expanded versatility for the shape-shifting monster does

a good job at it. Bill Skarsgard's Pennywise may not be as charming a dancing clown but the many faces he adopts are creepier.

Overall, "It" is a great kickoff to a slate of fall horror releases that I'm very much looking forward to. I give the film four floating red balloons out of five and will definitely be recommending it to my mother, who is terrified of clowns.

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## SPORTS

"We have a team that believes in each other and feels like they will work for each other and sacrifice for each other."

- Head Coach Andy McCaslin See page 12 for story

Brendan Samuels | Sports Editor | samuelb1@ferris.edu



Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Sophomore outside hitter Allyson Cappel spikes the ball over two defenders waiting to block it. The Bulldog Volleyball team started their season strong, going 6-2.

# Ferris volleyball off to great start

## Ferris volleyball prepares for what could be a special season

Jacob Carlson  
Torch Reporter

Ferris State's volleyball team is off to an impressive start in a season where the sky is the limit.

Less than a month after beating a pair of Division I programs in Western Michigan and Central Michigan in exhibition match ups, the Bulldogs have solidified themselves as one of Division II's top teams.

"We have a couple more returners than we had last year so I think we have that base. We're just working hard to keep improving," said senior libero Lauren Reminga.

After sweeping the Ferris State Invitational, the Bulldogs set out for Denver for the Colorado Premier Tourney where they came out with an even 2-2 record on the weekend to improve to 6-2 overall.

The Bulldogs started out with a 3-0 win Friday against the University of Tampa before suffering a 3-0 loss at the hands of No. 2 Southwest Missouri State. The Bulldogs bounced back Saturday with a 3-1 win against Central Missouri before falling

in a rematch of last year's Midwest Region Championship game against Lewis.

Ferris is using the tough competition early to help prepare them for yet another Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title defense.

"When we come out here to play these tough teams it's more of a reflection for us to see where we are and what we need to work on," Reminga said. "We just want to keep getting better and working harder to see what we can do."

Ferris was just 2-4 at this point a year ago before they went on to win 28 of their final 30 matches in route to their third straight GLIAC championship and a trip to

the Midwest Region Championship game.

After the decent start, the Bulldogs are trying not to get too caught up in expectations.

"At this point we're just going to take it day by day. In practice, we are just pushing each other to be as competitive as possible," junior outside hitter Katie Placek said.

The Bulldogs return to the court on the road against Purdue Northwest University Sept. 15 at 8 p.m.



Lauren Reminga



Katie Placek

# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

A beautiful first weekend of football kicked off Sept. 9 for Ferris State as they returned to the gridiron with a 48-27 win over Findlay.

Ferris State quarterback Reggie Bell showed up ready to play, leading his team in both passing (206) and rushing yards (216) in the big victory, combining for 422 total yards.

Bell not only dominated the Findlay defense, he also dominated my entire fantasy team by combining for 55.5 fantasy points on his own.

I thought that Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr, due to his record breaking contract (before Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford signed his), might take my team to the promised land.

Carr put up a respectable 15.5 points but Bell more than tripled the franchise QB's total fantasy points and laughed in the face of Carr's "respectable" performance.

The only position that my fantasy team beat the Bulldogs in was the running back position but I fear that was only because Bell did most of the running. The Jacksonville Jaguars' fourth overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft Leonard Fournette gained 14 points for my team, though Bulldog RB Jevon Shaw was close behind him with 13 points.

Bulldog kicker Wyatt Ford was able to knock in six extra points along with two field goals to give him 12 fantasy points over NFL veteran Adam Vinatieri's three fantasy points.

With Ferris' 113.5 to 51.5 win over the Beauld dogs, which is my fantasy team's self-proclaimed clever name, I fall to 0-1 to start the year in Ferris Fantasy Football while the Bulldogs improve to 1-0 with their impressive win over Findlay.

I will be back next week to recap the Bulldogs' matchup with Northern Michigan and to hopefully bring the Beauld dogs back with a vengeance.

Here is a quick look at who will be competing against Ferris in my fantasy matchup next week:



Beau Jensen  
Torch Reporter

**QB- Tom Brady:** What better time to pull the Tom Brady card than the week after he took a walloping? After a lackluster performance against the Chiefs in week one, look for Brady to play with some intensity against the Saints.

**RB- Le'Veon Bell:** Bell is one of the most explosive backs in the league and one of the top fantasy prospects in any league. I'm going to need him to show up ready to play if I am to compete against the Bulldogs.

**WR 1- Larry Fitzgerald:** The dependable veteran gave a great effort in Arizona's week one matchup against a tough Detroit defense. Hopefully Carson Palmer can find Larry in the end zone.

**WR 2- Tyreek Hill:** Hill scored a touchdown in the Chiefs' big week one win over the Patriots. Hopefully some of that magic will carry over to their week two matchup against the Eagles.

**FLEX- Devonta Freeman:** I'm placing Freeman in the FLEX position this week to give my team as much of a chance as possible against these dominant Bulldogs. I'm starting to get desperate here and it's only week two.

**Defense- Houston:** They may have been eaten up by Fournette and the Jaguars last week but the Texan defense has some key players who should be able to perform. Against a Cincinnati offense that struggled last week, look for J.J. Watt and company to perform.

**Kicker- Justin Tucker:** Tucker and the Ravens take on the Browns in week two. As one of the best of 2016, Tucker needs to snag some points for me against Cleveland.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Derek Carr	15.5
RB	Leonard Fournette	14
WR1	Golden Tate	7.5
WR2	Julio Jones	4.5
FLEX	Rob Gronkowski	2
D	Atlanta Falcons	5
K	Adam Vinatieri	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>51.5</b>

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Reggie Bell	55.5
RB	Jevon Shaw	13
WR1	Malik Taylor	16
WR2	Keyondre Craig	6.5
FLEX	Davontae Harrington	4.5
D	Ferris State	6
K	Wyatt Ford	12
<b>Total:</b>		<b>113.5</b>

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# New year, new attitude

*Veterans and rookies will both be a big part of women's soccer this fall*

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris State women's soccer team is embracing the 2017-18 season on their new field with open arms and looking to put last year's dismal season in the past.

Veteran leadership and young talent will both be a big part of Ferris women's soccer this fall.

"Team chemistry has been one of our big areas of focus," head coach Andy McCaslin said. "We have a team that believes in each other and feels like they will work for each other and sacrifice for each other. That's special in a group and sometimes difficult to find."

The odds that the Bulldogs perform better than last season are good as they are favorites to finish in the top half of the 2017 GLIAC standings. The preseason rankings had the Bulldogs sitting in fourth place among the 10 other teams in the

conference.



Carley Dubbert

The Bulldogs advanced to their seventh-straight GLIAC Post-season Tournament in 2016, which stands as the best stretch of soccer in school history. The team has also advanced to the GLIAC postseason semifinals three out of the last five years.

Scoring appeared to be an issue last year for the Bulldogs offense, as they only managed to get the ball past the goalkeeper 17 times.

"We need to continue working on our ball speed and speed of play. If we can capitalize on our opportunities in front of the net and score goals, we have a good shot at achieving our goals this season," Ferris junior defender and captain Carley Dubbert said.

The Bulldogs return seven seniors to their team and welcome 14 new freshmen with a lot of young talent.

"There is no question that there's soccer in our players and the team," McCaslin



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Sophomore defender Tia Vansuilichem battles against an opponent forward. The Ferris women's soccer team has started their year out 2-2 as they try to build chemistry with 14 freshman.

said. "We just have to put all the pieces together and it's coming along nicely."

One year removed from a lackluster 6-8-4 record, the Bulldogs will be looking to rebound in a big way.

Fans can catch the soccer team in action again Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. when they take on Tiffin.



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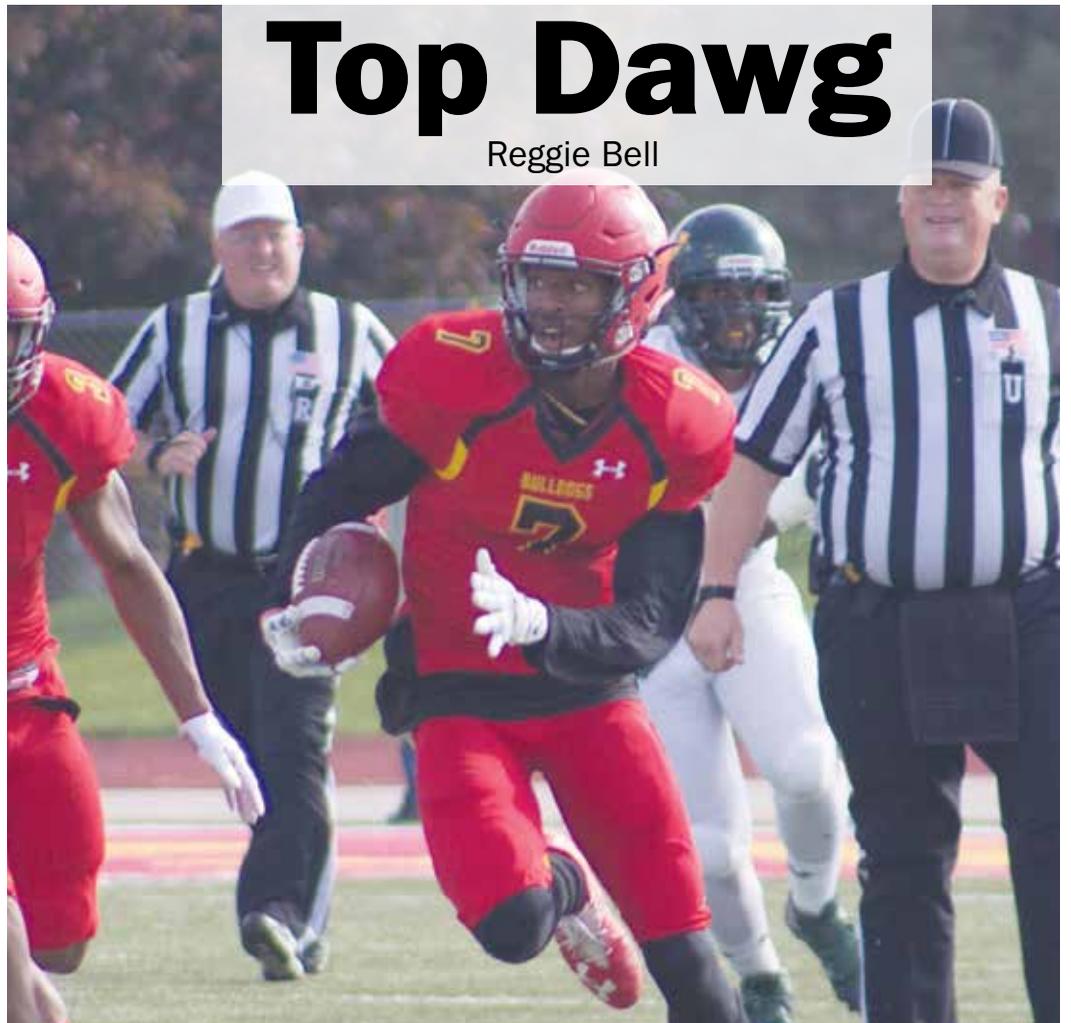
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## Top Dawg

Reggie Bell



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**Brendan Samuels**  
Sports Editor

The Ferris football team kicked off the 2017 season this past weekend, so naturally Top Dawg honors fall on the gridiron this week.

Senior quarterback Reggie Bell had an absolutely outrageous performance against Findlay Saturday, Sept. 9. The former Eastern Michigan transfer went wild against the Oilers, finding open field on multiple occasions.

The wild night started out with Bell breaking free and scoring on an 85-yard run. That drive took only 35 seconds off the clock. From that moment on, it was the Reggie Bell show.

Bell tore through any Oiler defenders that dared

to step in his path. He finished the night with over 400 all-purpose yards and five total touchdowns.

When you think of a quarterback, often you think of a guy with a strong arm, lifting his team up by throwing deep bombs down the field. Bell, however, got more done on the ground than through the air.

Out of the 422 yards that Bell picked up, 216 were picked up on the ground as well as four out of the five touchdowns. That's not to say that Bell didn't get it done through the air. In fact, Bell put up solid numbers with his arm as well, recording 206 yards and one touchdown in the passing game.

It's early in the season and very likely that Bell will have several other games worthy of Top Dawg honors but on Saturday night Bell's star power just couldn't be outshined.



Torch file photo

Ferris strong heading into Saturday's matchup against Northern Michigan.

# Ferris football set for home opener

*Ferris to host Northern Michigan for first home game of the season*

**Jacob Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris State football is set to host Northern Michigan under the lights in their home opener Saturday.

Ranked No. 2 nationally, the Bulldogs are returning home after a strong performance in a 48-27 win at Findlay. Ferris was led by an outstanding performance from senior quarterback Reggie Bell. Bell accounted for 422 total yards of offense and five total touchdowns including four on the ground.

Ferris is undefeated against Northern Michigan under Head Coach Tony Annese and the team has won six straight meetings against the wildcats dating back to 2011, including a 45-23 victory last year thanks to a Bulldog rushing attack that accounted for 436 yards.

Northern Michigan was on the wrong end of a 48-20 loss at the hands of Angelo State University and

will be looking to bounce back with a stronger effort against Ferris.

Some familiar faces will be on other side of the field as former Ferris assistant coach Kyle Nystrom was named Northern Michigan's new head coach last December after working with the Bulldogs for two seasons.

Nystrom is in charge of helping the Wildcats improve upon a weak 3-8 record from a year ago while the Bulldogs are considered national contenders after collecting 12 wins and a trip to the national semi-finals.

"We're kind of trying to look at it one week at a time; obviously we're all excited for every game," junior defensive end Zach Sieler said.

This will mark the fifth straight season that Northern Michigan has come to Big Rapids to play the Bulldogs. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at Top Taggart Field.

## Sports Shorts

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

### Adding more fire power

The three-time GLIAC defending champion Ferris State men's basketball team has added to their already talented roster.

The Bulldogs announced the addition of Division I transfer TyQuone Greer for the 2017-18 season.

Greer, who is a Chicago native, appeared in 31 games and made 16 starts for Hofstra in 2016-17. He will be a senior in eligibility for the Bulldogs this upcoming season.

Greer averaged nearly seven points and four rebounds per game for Hofstra and proved to be an effective shooter from behind the arc, which bodes well for the sharp shooting offense of the Bulldogs.

Last season, the Bulldogs set a school record by winning 28 games and also won the GLIAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships in the same year for the first time in Ferris' history.

The Bulldogs have made the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Tournament for three-straight seasons and with the addition of Greer it looks like they have no signs of slowing down. The Bulldogs begin their season against Aquinas on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

### Work hard, play hard

The Ferris men's hockey team is right in the middle of their preseason camp and are preparing hard for the upcoming 2017-18 season.

The Bulldogs return seven seniors and have brought in six talented freshmen. Head coach Bob Daniels will enter his 26th season leading the Bulldogs this year.

Ferris once again faces a daunting schedule with games against many of the nation's top-ranked teams including Michigan Tech and Western Michigan. Other intriguing games will be against rivals Michigan and Michigan State.

"Camp has brought nothing but positives to our team this year. All the guys are in great shape and ready for a successful season where we aim to get back to the NCAA tournament," junior defenseman Zac Tierney said. "Everything seems to be heading in the right direction at the right time."

The Bulldogs will have their annual Crimson & Gold Game on Saturday, Sep. 30 at 6 p.m. at Ewigleben Ice Arena.

### Strong outing

The Ferris men's tennis team had an outstanding showing over the weekend when they took part in the Warhawk Invitational in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Sophomore Nur Adim Iswan came in second in the #3 singles bracket and junior Simon Levy gained runner up honors in the #4 flight round.

In total, the Bulldogs managed to advance all five individuals who competed to the semifinals in the singles draw. Three individuals even reached the title round in the flight-based competition.

Fans can catch the Bulldogs once again as they take the court Sept. 15 for the ITA Regional Championship in Allendale.

# Running over the competition

Bulldog cross country dominated in opening meet of season

**Beau Jensen**  
Torch Reporter

The 43rd Annual Ray Helsing Invitational started off the 2017 season for Ferris State cross country in winning fashion on Sept. 9 in Big Rapids at Katke Golf Course.

The Bulldog men and women both came away from the event as big winners. The women led their division with 15 points while the men beat out their competition with a score of 26.

The women dominated, gaining eight of the top ten spots in victory over Lake Superior State, who left with 52 points and Mott Community College, who ended the day with 77 points. Sophomore Katie Etelamaki led the way for Ferris State with a time of 18:50.6, taking second place. She was followed directly behind by senior Natalie Perry and freshman Sydney Dawes, taking third and

fourth respectively.

The Bulldog men were paced by senior Trevor Holowaty who took first overall with a time of 25:26.4. With some impressive performances last year, Holowaty is sure to be big for the Dawgs this season. Junior Damien Halverson took third place for the Bulldogs with a time of 27:04.9.

Five of the top men's placers were Bulldogs, giving Ferris the win on the day, followed up by fellow GLIAC opponent Lake Superior State in second with 37 points, Mott Community College in third with 89 points and Alpena Community College in fourth with 93 points.

Last year's Bulldog men and women runners churned out some great results in the 8K Ray Helsing Invite with the men placing first overall and the women taking second in their meet.

The 2016 Dawgs were paced by Logan Hammer in first place and Kyle Richardson in third, two Bulldog graduates

that will certainly be missed by their teammates in 2017.

The Dawgs certainly aren't out of the picture after graduating two of their top runners. As a junior, Holowaty was runner-up to Hammer in second place. Fourth place was also marked with pawprints as 2017 senior Casey Neal rounded out the fourth place spot to seal the win for the Bulldogs.

With some impressive young faces on the women's squad and some dependable returning legs on the men's squad, the Dawgs are on par to compete this year, just as they showed at Katke Golf Course.

The men and women of Ferris cross country will lace up their running shoes next on Friday, Sept. 15, in East Lansing for the Michigan State Spartan Invitational.

# OPINIONS

“If someone comes to you and says they’ve been sexually assaulted, believe them.” - Harley Harrison - See below for story

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## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Angela Graf

So recently I rented a movie (I know, how very stone age of me) called “The Circle.” It starred Emma Watson and Tom Hanks, so really, how could I walk past it?

The movie was decent, if a little anti-climactic but it broached an interesting topic. With technology evolving and growing at the speed it is, how much sharing is too much?

I admit, the movie took it to some serious extremes but really, how far away are we from celebrities and internet personas constantly live-streaming everything they do?

I have always taken a more conservative stance on this issue. Despite being a member of the press and being stereotyped as someone who routinely invades the privacy of others, I

personally believe in practicing quite a bit of discretion.

A good example of this in practice is my love life. My boyfriend and I have been together for two years now and I have posted on social media about our relationship MAYBE three dozen times over the course of those two years.

And when I say “posted,” I mean that I put up a picture of the breakfast he made me, or us picking apples on our anniversary. I see couples airing their dirty laundry online and I so badly want to comment and tell them to reign it in.

A small argument about communication or household responsibilities is one thing— we all have those— but it becomes something much more serious when you repeatedly vilify your

## The value of privacy

partner to your friends, family and the rest of the world. That’s something you need to work out between the two of you.

Another good example of over-sharing that I’ve seen is with young parents (because apparently I’m at the age where people I went to high school with are reproducing). There’s literally a term for it: “sharenting.”

I get it, parenting is tough and sharing online can make it feel like you aren’t going it alone. That being said, there is such a thing as too much.

These parents need to seriously think hard about what they are putting out there. Pictures of babies are great, I’m a huge sucker for them actually, but in doing this you are creating a whole personality for someone that hasn’t even learned how to

talk. Is that fair?

It’s even worse when kids get older and parents go the lovely route of shaming their child on Facebook for a particular activity. I mean, hell, it’s okay to leave a skeleton or two in the closet.

Think about all the dumb shit you did as a kid. Do you really want prospective employers, colleges and romantic interests to be able to see that on your mom’s Facebook page? Give the kid a fighting chance.

Of course, there’s a line and it’s going to be different for everybody. I’m sure some people think that I share too much and others think that since I don’t constantly post about how happy I am, my life must be miserable.

But at the end of the day? To each their own.

# Victim blaming

### It’s never okay to say ‘I told you so’



Harley Harrison  
News Editor

Victim blaming is a regular part of rape culture and is probably one of the easiest parts to ignore.

It comes naturally and with tons of fallacies attached. It stems from the inability to comprehend what it means to be sexually assaulted or the inability to understand why it happened.

People search for patterns in order to figure out why bad things happen to good people. We often hear the excuses that comment on the victim’s clothing, alcohol consumption or attending parties and honestly, I’m sick of every last one of them.

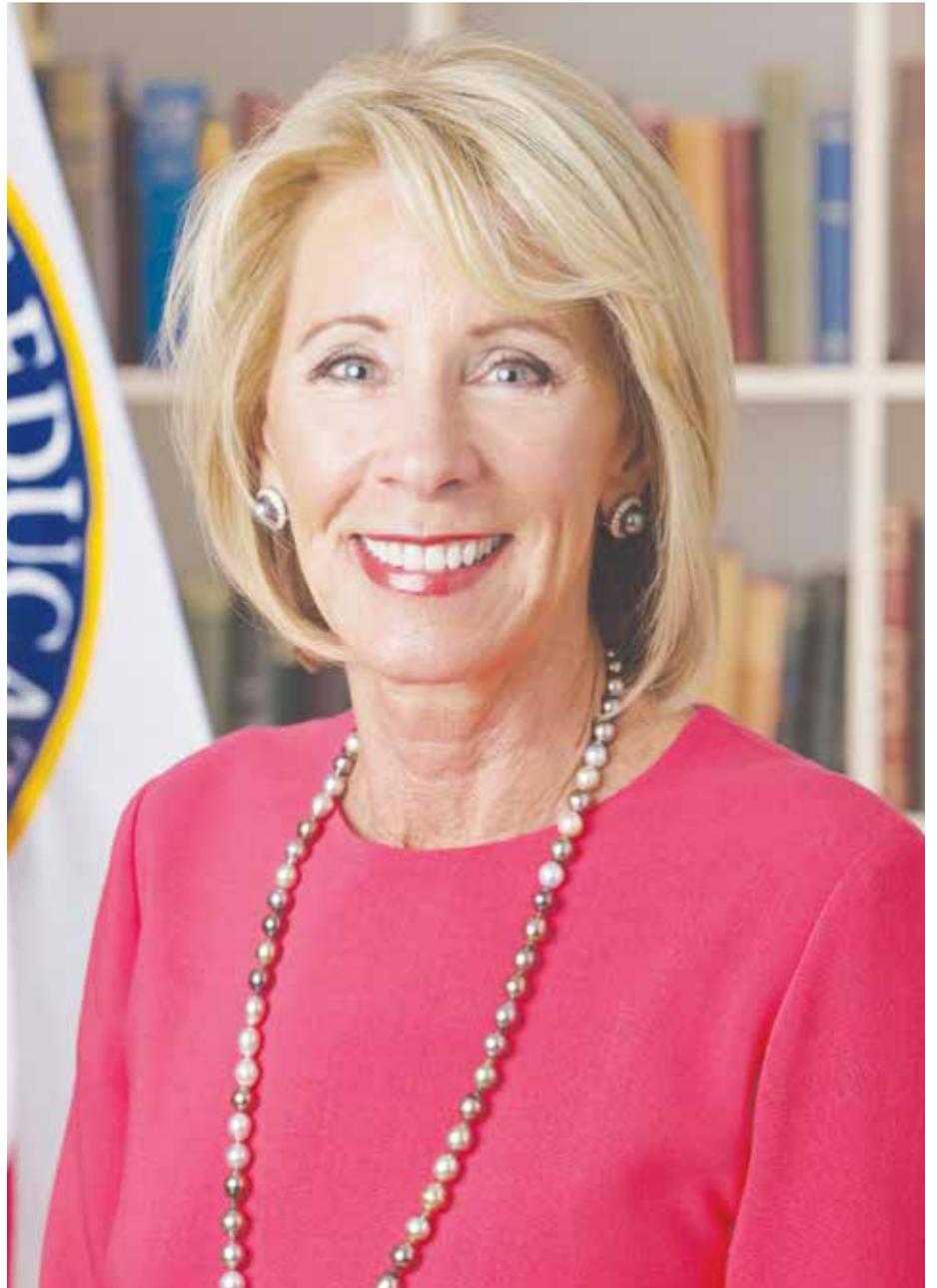
But what really makes me nauseous is the idea that someone would have the audacity to say these comments to a victim. Where is your sense of humanity or sensitivity?

The latest conversation that sparked my enagement came from a peer who thought that it would be helpful to tell a victim not to make the same mistakes again.

Baffled and stunned by this, I’d like to remind everyone of the severe PTSD that comes after someone is sexually assaulted. According to RAINN, a website dedicated to preventing sexual assault and aiding survivors of sexual assault, 94 percent of women who are raped experience symptoms of PTSD.

What makes you think that they’d take those same steps again, even though they weren’t wrong in the first place?

Also, making comments like that isn’t



Department of Education official photo

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced Thursday that her department will be reviewing guidelines put in place under Obama regarding the process of reporting sexual assault, paying particularly close attention to allowing the accused due process.

going to be supportive, it’s only going to hurt them further.

And waiting for the ‘right time?’ I don’t think so. People don’t heal at a linear pace, especially after such a traumatic experience that alters your life forever. It’s not like a broken leg where you can get your cast off

in a few months. You could wait six months, a year, five years or even ten years to make these comments but in the end, they wouldn’t help anyone.

Be supportive— it’s really not that hard. If someone comes to you and says they’ve been sexually assaulted, believe them.

# Cover your mouth!

Be conscious of others this cold and flu season



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Autumn is upon us once again here at Ferris. With the season comes beautiful colored leaves, multiple holidays and of course, those pesky colds.

We've all been there. You're walking to class and you're freezing cold but once you walk in the room, you feel like you just walked into a furnace. You sit down in a desk and the professor begins their lecture.

Then, out of nowhere, you get this little tickle in the back of your throat. The tickle is relentless and before you know it you're coughing all over your sleeve. Just for a moment the tickle is gone and you feel like you're in the clear.

Then you feel something running out of your nose. You didn't bring any tissues and you're not in high school where there is always a box of them sitting up on the



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teacher's desk. So you do what no person should ever do- you suck the snot straight back up your nostril.

I don't know about all of you but one of my biggest pet peeves is when I'm sitting in class and the person directly behind me makes the loudest possible noise trying to control the river of snot attempting to escape their body.

I'm not saying I haven't been on the other side of this situation. In fact, I've had to make that obnoxious sucking noise on multiple occasions but I finally got so

embarrassed that I began coming prepared.

It only takes 10 minutes max to walk across the street to Walgreens and grab one or two of those pocket-sized tissue packages. I know you probably spent a good deal of money on tuition but is a \$5 purchase really going to be the straw that breaks the camel's back?

It's also not an awful idea to grab a package of cough drops. I hate when I start coughing in class, I feel as though everyone (including the professor) is staring at me like: "really, it's so inconsiderate of you to cough in the middle of this lesson."

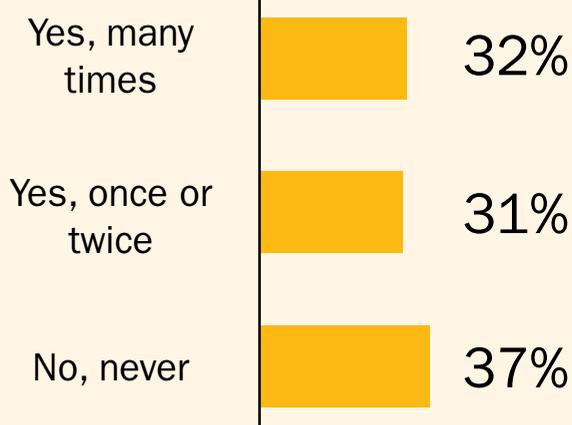
You're not a bad person if you get sick; it happens to everyone. Just be considerate of those around you and take the measures necessary to make your sickness less of a distraction for others around you!



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