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Who's that next door?

House near student rental turned into transitional home for paroled felons

Angela Graf & Harley Harrison
Editor-in-Chief & News Editor

Do you know who's living next door?

Ferris junior Krista Bowles and her three roommates do. After re-signing the lease on their off-campus duplex in spring 2017, they arrived back in August. At that time, two of the women noticed a strange man in the house next door watching them move in.

"The girls were concerned and they went on the sex offender registry and they found him on there," Bowles' mother, Tami Bowles said. "That's how creeped out they were. When Krista told me about this the following week, I went on there and saw that there were three of them in the same residence. So that's when I was like, 'This is not right. This is more than just a sex offender living in the area.'"

Tami Bowles came to find out that there were four recent parolees living in the residence next door, three of which are registered sex offenders. After contacting the Central Area Prison Reentry Initiative, she found out that the residence was a transitional home.

Transitional homes, commonly known as "halfway houses," provide a temporary residence for felons for up to 90 days after they are released.

As part of this arrangement, parole officers are at the house on a daily basis because they take the parolees to and from work.

The ladies' landlord, Sue Glatz at Silvernail Realty, is not concerned about the new living situation.

"The girls, or I should say women, are of age. I trust that they're smart enough to lock their doors," Glatz said.

Glatz also said it's inappropriate that Bowles' mother is contacting her rather than letting the young women handle it themselves.

"Only one mother is calling, there are four girls living in that house," Glatz said. "Your child is putting their name on the dotted line... your child is paying rent."

Tami Bowles is upset with the situation and Glatz's apparent apathy.

"[Glatz] said that she's not letting them out of their lease and that she doesn't talk to parents," Tami Bowles said. "If the girls have a problem with it, they have to contact her themselves and they did contact her asking to put a deadbolt on their house. Her response was 'I'm not putting a deadbolt on the house. If you want one, put it on yourself. I'm not paying for it.'"

Tami Bowles also requested a privacy fence and more extensive exterior lighting be installed on the property.

"[Glatz] basically said, 'I have 200 students and if I talked to everybody's parents, I would be on the phone all day. I gotta go,'" Tami Bowles said. "So that was my contact with her."

After that conversation, the police reached out to Glatz and request that she

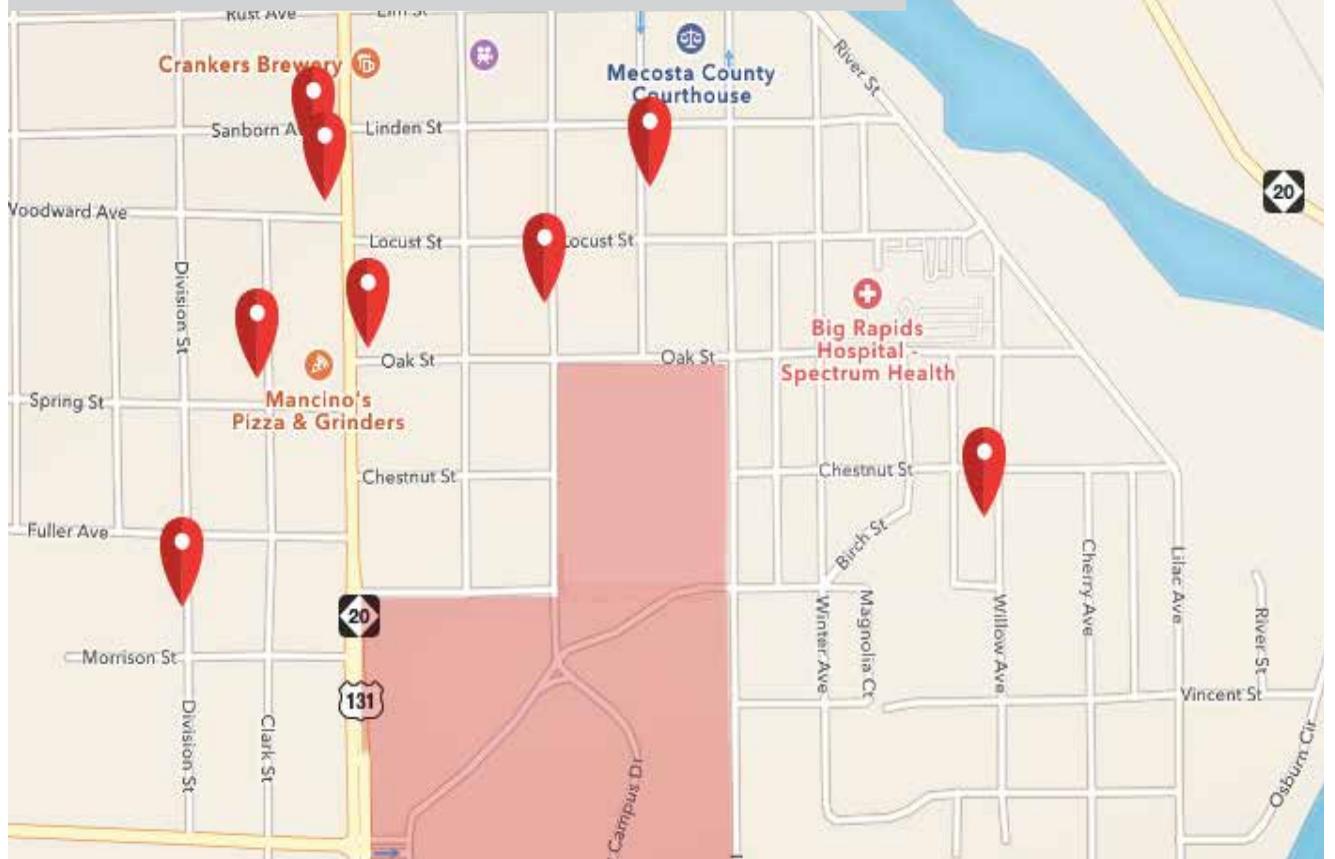
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

In the State of Michigan, the following definitions apply in cases of criminal sexual conduct (CSC):

1st degree CSC (felony) - sexual act involving penetration and any of the following:

- Victim is under 13-years-old
- Victim is 13-15 years old and has a blood affiliation to the defendant or the defendant is in an authority position to the victim
- Multiple actors are involved or the victim is incapacitated
- There was a weapon involved
- There was personal injury and force or incapacitation
- The defendant was in the process of committing another felony

2nd degree CSC (felony) - Sexual contact with the genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttock or breast WITHOUT penetration, as well as any of the above circumstances for first degree CSC



The above information was taken from the Michigan Sex Offenders Registry and the University of Michigan's Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center website. Each red marker on the map denotes the residence of a registered sex offender; there are 25 within within two miles of Ferris' Big Rapids campus.

install exterior lighting near the duplexes' parking area, which she complied with.

The residents of the transitional house include a 33-year-old man convicted of second degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) and assault, a 40-year-old man convicted of second degree CSC and a 46-year-old man who was convicted of first degree CSC in Minnesota.

Tami Bowles said that the ladies immediately went out with one of the other parents and bought supplies to protect themselves including mace, flashlights, an air horn and a bat.

Ferris professional golf management

freshman Alissa Snider said she absolutely understands why the situation would be worrisome.

"I would probably feel very uncomfortable in the living space," Snider said. "I wouldn't know what to do exactly, because that's just a weird situation that you don't really foresee happening to you when you're living this close to a university."

According to the Michigan Sex Offenders Registry, there are 25 registered sex offenders within a 2-mile radius of Ferris' Big Rapids campus.

Tami Bowles posted publicly about the situation on Facebook last week and re-

ceived mixed feedback.

Comments in response to Tami Bowles' post ranged from deeply sympathetic to accusatory.

"I can't even describe how I feel," Tami Bowles said. "I don't want to think about it. I know it could always be worse, but this isn't something you could imagine would happen to your daughter while she is so close to campus."

For more information on sex offenders in the state of Michigan, go to michigan.gov.

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Taking back the night

Banding together to raise sexual assault awareness

Megan Lewton

Torch Reporter

Sexual assault is an epidemic taking over the nation, with an emphasis on college campuses.

Take Back the Night, a Five-Star event hosted by the Social Work Association and the Title IX Office, took place Monday, Sept. 18. The event aimed to inform students about sexual assault and provide support to those affected by it.

The event began at 6 p.m. in the North Quad, where participants marched through campus. At 7 p.m., a performance about sexual assault by Theater Delta took place in the University Center. After the performance, professionals from the Women's Information Services (WISE) were available to talk to students for emotional support.

"It's so early in the year because it's back to school, which is when the majority of sexual assault happens on campus," said Ferris social work senior Charlotte Halm, the president of the Social Work Association and head of the event. "One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college on college campuses and 90 percent of sexual assaults on college campuses go unreported."

According to Halm, the last time Take Back the Night occurred at Ferris was in October of 2015. The event returned to campus to raise awareness, teach students what to do if sexual assault occurs and what to do to help prevent it.

"That's the goal, really, is for someone to walk out knowing at least one more thing about what they can do to help, whether it's supporting a survivor, what to do if someone is closest to you, who to go to if you do need to disclose [information]," Halm said.

Students of many backgrounds attended the event to learn more about sexual assault.

"Everyone needs to know," Ferris respiratory care senior Stacey Nanasy said. "Whether you're a woman or a man, you need to know everything you need to know about sexual harassment."

Title IX Coordinator Kevin Carmody believes that sexual assault rates are gradually going down as people are becoming more aware.

"It seems that we're getting more and more aware," Carmody said. "Whether or not that means sexual assault is happening more or less, I tend to think it's not happening more. I tend to think we're shining lights in



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Students march with President Eisler in a stand against sexual assault and domestic violence.

dark places where things have been happening for a long time."

According to Carmody, raising awareness, reaching out to talk to others about sexual assault and knowing you're not alone are three big steps people can take to lower the statistics.



Stacey Nanasy

"The good people far outnumber the bad, in this community and around the world," Carmody said. "So often, when we hear someone joking about sexual assault, we see someone potentially about to commit a sexual assault, we start to think that we're the only one that's upset by it. Chances are good that there's a lot more of us that are uncomfortable by it."

There are many other ways students can help prevent this from happening. According to Ferris social work senior Jenna Gordon, people should intervene when they

see a sexual assault about to happen.

"Don't be like a bystander," Gordon said. "Just hop in and try to stop whatever's happening."

Carmody thinks that standing together against sexual assault, which is what Take Back the Night is all about, is the most important thing people can do to prevent it.



Jenna Gordon

"We have a voice and we can speak up and call it out for what it is," Carmody said. "And I think that that, more than anything else, that's what's gonna change the numbers. That's what's gonna make it so that we have less people in this community and around the world experiencing a sexual assault, is the good people standing up and saying

'Not here. That's not what we want in our community.'

Dealing with mental illness

Suicide numbers increase

Grant Sidall

Torch Reporter

Someone commits suicide every 12 minutes in the United States, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

In 2015, 121 people committed suicide each day and for every one person who took their own life, 25 others attempted to do the same. That means that the daily amount of suicide attempts was about 3,025, totaling over 1.1 million annually.

The suicide rate went up again in 2016, as it has every year for over a decade. This year will most likely not see a break in the upward trend.

According to National Data on Campus Suicide and Depression, one out of every 12 college students makes a suicide plan and 1,100 college students commit suicide annually. As aforementioned, over 1.1 million people attempt suicide every year. That means about one in 300 people will or have attempted to take their own life.

Ferris has about 14,000 students this year, so if the student population matches the national average for sui-

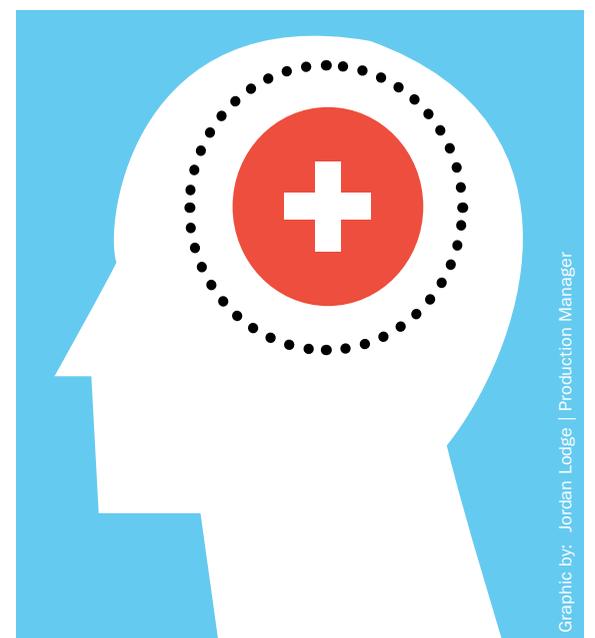
cide attempts, about 46 students will attempt suicide this year. Statistics show that the majority of people with mental illnesses fail to seek out professional help. Only 41 percent of adults suffering from mental illness got treatment in 2016.

One issue for many people is the cost of counseling and their insurance not covering any of the cost. According to Mental Health America, 21.3 percent of the residents in Michigan with mental illness were unable to get treatment because of the cost.

However, Ferris' counseling center is free to all students. Counseling topics include anxiety, depression, substance abuse and homesickness along with many other subjects, according to the counseling services page on Ferris' website.

Some students take fighting mental illness into their own hands, including one Ferris senior, who has struggled with anxiety and depression since coming to campus.

"The main thing that makes me feel better is maintaining a sense of physical health," the Ferris senior (who wished to remain anonymous) said. "The stronger I feel



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- ON THE RECORD -

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

High at DPS

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Chillin' in Miller

Sept. 5, 9:55 p.m., officers assisted hall staff in Miller Hall for a marijuana complaint. One student was ticketed for possession of marijuana and referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The second subject was a non-student on probation in another county and the information was passed on to their probation officer.

Baked in Brophy

Sept. 7, 6 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in Brophy Hall. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

High at DPS

Sept. 7, 7 p.m., officers investigated an

odor of marijuana complaint in the West Commons Building. One student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Pot possession

Sept. 7, 7:45 p.m., officers assisted hall staff in Clark Hall for a marijuana complaint. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and another subject was ticketed for possession of marijuana.

Bike rack mysteries

Sept. 8, 1 p.m., officers received a report of a stolen bike from the rack next to Ward Hall.

Bad luck

Sept. 10, 9:30 p.m., officers assisted hall staff in Bond Hall for a marijuana complaint. One student and two non-students

were all lodged in the county jail for possession of marijuana.

Frat wars

Sept. 11, 3:40 p.m., officers received a report of a sign stolen from the North Quad belonging to the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

Endangered bikes

Sept. 11, 4:40 p.m., officers responded to a report of a bike stolen from the rack by the Business Building.

Gas ain't cheap

Sept. 11, 6 p.m., officers received a report of gasoline being stolen from a vehicle in Lot 9 over the course of the week.

Fake parking pass

Sept. 12, 8:35 p.m., officers located a

person displaying an altered decal in Lot 9. The subject was ticketed.

Race away

Sept. 12, 4:50 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle for speeding on Ferris Drive. The driver was ticketed for speeding and driving on a restricted license.

What's that smell?

Sept. 12, 9:05 p.m., officers assisted hall staff in McNerney Hall for a marijuana complaint. One subject was sent to the Office of Student Conduct.

Again?

Sept. 12, 10 p.m., officers investigated a marijuana complaint in McNerney Hall. One person was ticketed for possession.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Garissa County, Kenya

White giraffes were recently spotted in Kenya near the Ishaqbini Hirola Conservancy. A villager spotted the creatures and reported it to rangers nearby. The giraffes were caught on camera, which is believed to be the first time they have ever appeared on footage.

Original story by Yonette Joseph, Sept. 16, 2017. *The New York Times*.

London, United Kingdom

A blast that occurred in a subway station has injured at least 30 people which the Islamic State has claimed responsibility for. The British police arrested an 18-year-old man a day after the attack.

Original story by Ceylan Yeginsu and Stephen Farrell, Sept. 16, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Florence, Italy

American students reported being raped by two officers in Italy while studying abroad. The officers met the women in a nightclub while on-duty and gave them a lift home in their squad car. The students claimed that they were drunk and raped. The officers said the women were sober and the sex was consensual. The officers have been suspended while an investigation is ongoing.

Original story by Jason Horowitz, Sept. 16, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Protests erupt after legislation was approved to roll back the anticorruption campaign. Tensions were already high in Guatemala as the government and the United Nations anticorruption panel have debated suspending the legislation.

Original story by Elisabeth Malkin, Sept. 15, 2017. *The New York Times*.

MENTAL HEALTH

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physically, the stronger I feel emotionally. That's why I lift things more than I do cardio exercises now, because it makes me feel like a stronger person and that makes me feel a lot better."

The student also spoke about how to help overcome depression as a freshman.

"I know the thing that helped me the most was forming a strong social circle and it helped me with studies, because I felt motivated when they were motivated," the anonymous Ferris senior student

said.

Others turned to organizations on campus to cope with their experiences.

"Being involved in a Greek organization has changed my life drastically," marketing junior Jordan Johnigan said. "The confidence and knowledge I've gained from the support of my brothers is invaluable."

The on-campus counseling center is located in Birkam room 210 and is available to schedule counseling meetings Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An Out of the Darkness Walk to fight suicide will take place on Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northend Riverside Park.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Harley Harrison
News Editor

FSU blood drive

Kappa Psi and the Pharmacy Leadership Society are hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 21, in FLITE 438. Anyone who donates can get approved service hours and a voucher for a free medium pizza from Jet's. Direct questions to Kara VanderKallen at vandek34@ferris.edu.

Communication, choices and consent

Join Ferris Title IX Coordinator and Associate Dean of Student Life Kevin Carmody and Director of the Counseling and Health Center Lindsay Barber for a presentation on communication, choices and consent. There will be two presentations Sept. 21, in Williams Auditorium. Audience members can attend at either 11 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Out of the Darkness Walk

Walk to fight suicide Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northend Riverside Park. Proceeds will go the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Learn more at outofthedarkness.org or contact Michelle Lewis at (231) 580-5891.

Phone scam

Students receive fake FBI calls

Harley Harrison
News Editor

According to a notice sent out through Ferris email by the Ferris Director of the Department of Public Safety Bruce Borkovich, there is an ongoing scam targeting Ferris students.

"The scam begins with a phone call from someone who claims to be from the FBI and often times the phone number on the caller ID will be an actual FBI number," the notice said. "The caller advised that there is a warrant out for their arrest and if the student does not pay the 'bond' money, they will come to arrest the student or in some

cases, the student will lose their financial aid."

The notice warns that this is always a scam because law enforcement would never call and ask for money to be sent or wired to avoid arrest.

If you receive this call, hang up immediately and don't send any money.

Questions can be directed to the Ferris Department of Public Safety at (231) 591-5000.



Bruce Borkovich

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Four Bulldogs pose in vibrant colors and bright facepaint before competing in the Glow Run 5K at Hemlock Park to raise money for the Hope House Free Medical Clinic.

Colorful competition

Runners compete in 5K to support community health clinic

Marley Tucker
Torch Reporter

Decked out in glow sticks and splattered with neon paint, runners zoomed throughout town to benefit the Hope House Free Medical Clinic.

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) chapter at Ferris organized the 5K run/walk. In addition to sponsoring the run, the organization also held a raffle for prizes and passed out water and snacks to runners as the sun went down.

“Last year we had around 30 people show up including volunteers and so far by our rough count around 120 people were involved tonight. It’s amazing,” Ferris College of Pharmacy graduate student and president of NCPA Darren Jacks said. “We wanted an event the community could get behind and we wanted to sup-

port health professionals that do so much in the community.”

The Hope House Free Medical Clinic is located at 405 S. 3rd Ave. in Big Rapids. The goal of the clinic is to provide support to low income, medically uninsured adults in Mecosta County. All net proceeds from the event will be donated to the clinic.

“I’ve wanted to get in shape more and heard about this event and got excited. It seemed fun to get involved with and my goal is to finish the race and to jog at least part of the way,” Ferris graphic media management freshman Marielle Bender said.

The race began at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15 and saw Ferris

students and Big Rapids residents alike walking and running throughout the path set within town.

“This is my first 5K and I just hope I can finish with a good time. My roommate told me about the event and I’m just feeling out a lot of activities throughout town,” Ferris music industry management freshman Ryleigh Spetosky said.

Ferris assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences Shelby Kelsh came in 1st place with a time of 17 minutes, 27.5 seconds.

To learn more about Hope House Free Medical Clinic, call their office at (231) 598-9500 or visit their Facebook page.



Marielle Bender



Ryleigh Spetosky



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Ferris nursing senior Sarah Johnson, nursing senior Rachel Weaver and transfer student Hannah Scharfenberg paint their faces before the 5K.



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Melting pot in the workplace

A conversation on inclusion

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

It’s not uncommon to work with someone from another culture and now speakers are stepping up to talk about inclusion.

The College of Business hosted a conversation on inclusion in the University Center on Sept. 13. The topic was focused on immigrants in the workplace.

A panel of men and women talked to students about their lives as immigrants coming to the United States and how they found success in their work.

One of the speakers was Raquel Salas, an attorney and co-founder of Avanti Law Group. “In the past two years, we’ve

seen a very negative narrative about immigrants, not only in the workplace but overall in America,” Salas said. “Michigan is a state that has about six to seven percent of its population as immigrants, so at some point or another, students will either work with immigrants, supervise immigrants or be hired by immigrants, and it’s important for them to know the other side of the story, you know, listen to the reality of the immigrant community in the United States, especially in Michigan.”



Shri Thanedar

Another speaker was chief executive officer of Eastern Floral Bing Goei. According to Goei, immigrants are valuable in Michigan’s workplace because during the recession, the state lost population and nearly 800,000 jobs.



Romy Wassenaar

“Now as the state is regaining its economic strength, we are needing those positions to be filled,” Goei said. “Because of the loss of population, we are going to look at other talent

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Giving back

Students volunteer through RSOs

Cora Hall
Interim Reporter

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer both on and off campus, and several Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) are dedicated specifically to community service.

For Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Alyssa Cosselmon, her passions for animals and volunteering are combined in Pet Savers, the service RSO she is currently president of.

"I like volunteering because I like knowing that I'm doing something worthwhile and helping those that need it," Cosselmon said.

Many service RSOs host events throughout the year, making it easy for students to get involved and get service hours. Circle K International runs a haunted house every year, which attracted many of the current members to join the organization.

"The haunted house is definitely a big draw. It's a great way to get community service hours and it's a fun way to interact with the community," Ferris biology senior and Circle K president Paige Kramer said. "The people kept me around, though. We have a good laugh at meetings."

For Kramer, giving back is personal.

"I grew up here so I've seen the need in Big Rapids. What I like most about Circle K is that we focus on helping the community and it's really nice to give back," Kramer said.

Another upcoming service opportunity for students is the blood drive sponsored by Kappa Psi, the Health Care Management Association and Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Honor Society.



Paige Kramer

Volunteering also provides another outlet for students to spend time together, according to Ferris second year pharmacy student Megan Hurst.

"With Kappa Psi, there's quite a few of us and it gives us another way to hang out so you're not just studying all the time. It gives you the chance to go out and do something different," Hurst said.

"I always tell people how important it is to give back," Hurst said. "It also looks good on resumes and you're making a positive impact on the community at the same time."

Students can have service hours approved for donating blood at the drive on Sept. 21 at FLITE, get involved with volunteering through Circle K and Pet Savers by attending meetings or finding information on OrgSync and Facebook, and can volunteer for multiple activities or learn about volunteer opportunities by signing up in the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) Office.

We have an app for that now

Students can now use their phones to enrich their college experience



Graphic by: Jordan Lodge | Production Manager

Marley Tucker
Torch Reporter

Ferris students can now have an excuse to look at their phones as campus schedules and other functions are streamlined into one handy app.

Ferris has created an app called Ferris Go that has been available for download on mobile devices since Aug. 23.

"Students have been enthusiastic about the ability to access their class schedule, location and course rosters within the app," Ferris dean of student life Joy Pufhal said. "Many have also shared that they appreciate having access to the campus map and a daily listing from the on-campus events calendar within the app."

The app gives students the ability to view grades and class schedules, navigate Orgsync and Blackboard, view maps of campus, read weather reports, connect other social media apps and access the University Recreation Center schedule.

The notion of creating an app to improve the mobile experience of students is not a new one with more people online than ever before. Many students have enjoyed their experiences after downloading Ferris Go.

"I've used this app for about two weeks and I like that campus event dates are accessible and the Blackboard app is right on it," Ferris criminal justice sophomore Jade Whiting said. "It's more convenient than the regular Ferris page for a current student."

The human interaction behind the scenes allows the app to function as smooth as possible. A team of on campus experts monitor the incoming data

from the app to ensure student satisfaction.

"Our plan is to continuously improve the Ferris Go app, whether that means adding new features or simply improving existing features included in the app," Ferris mobile applications specialist Steven Costello said. "We will also be setting up a small survey accessible from within the app allowing end users to provide feedback."

One complaint students have had in the past is that Ferris websites have not been user friendly. The creation of this app aims to change that and allow users to find necessary information with little hassle.

"We are currently working on getting the campus shuttle schedule included in the app, along with a map that provides the GPS location of the shuttle. Plans are also being made to include the weekly dining schedule for each of the dining facilities on campus," said Costello.

According to a 2014 Baylor University study, college students spend half of their waking hours on their cell phones. Unlike other phone apps, this new app is aimed at facilitating student success.

"I would definitely recommend this app, especially to freshman students because getting around campus can be a bit confusing," Ferris political science sophomore Charnice LaGrone said. "My favorite part would have to be the course feature that shows you your class for the day, what building that class is in and the room number. Plus, changes in rooms during the week were found on the app too."

The Ferris Go app is available for free download in the iTunes App Store and Google Play Store.

Showing off at Tioga

Car crash floods basement

Harley Harrison
News Editor

A 27-year-old Ferris student crashed his Ford Mustang into an apartment, flooding the basement.

According to the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety, the accident occurred 8:40 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, in the Tioga apartment complex. The subject intentionally gassed the vehicle in attempt to squeal the tires when the driver lost

control and sheared the hitch off of a pickup truck.

The driver then over-corrected the vehicle and ran into the garage door of one of the Tioga apartments. The impact pushed the vehicle in the garage into a waterline, which then flooded the basement of the apartment.

No one was hurt but the driver's car was totaled. The driver was cited for reckless driving and damages were made to the flooded basement.

INCLUSION

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pools, which we believe are immigrants and refugees, and foreign-born educated and skilled workers, to fill those jobs that are necessary for Michigan's economy to continue to grow."

Founder of Avomeen Analytical Services Shri Thanedar told students about his experience finding work in Michigan. According to Thanedar, he came to the United States from India in 1979 and became a citizen in 1988. Thanedar has run small businesses for the past 26 years and is running for governor in Michigan in 2018.

"Sometimes we only look at outer looks or how somebody talks but there is more to it than that," Thanedar said. "If

we can have an open mind and understand, then we can do better."

Some students, like Ferris international business sophomore Taylor Wildeboer, came to the conversation to learn about how to be more inclusive in the workplace.



Taylor Wildeboer

"The world is becoming more global, so you're never going to have a job where you don't meet someone or work with someone who's from a different country or a different culture," Wildeboer said. "So I think it's important to expand your horizons, to gain a better

understanding and learn how to communicate better with people from different places or backgrounds."

Ferris finance exchange student Romy Wassenaar came to the event to hear the immigration stories of the speakers.

"I'm also interested in, like, how did they get to where they are now?" Wassenaar said.

Thanedar believes that immigrants and native-born Americans would be most successful if they work together as one.

"Ultimately, we all will be successful if we all can be together and work together," Thanedar said. "We need to really be inclusive in everything that we do, because we all have common goals and our goals fit well into the general goal of our country."

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"The part of the presentation that made a lasting impact on me was when the speaker made a joke about needing Viagra,"
- Jeff Rase - See page 7 for story

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HOMEcomings CALENDAR

Tuesday Sept. 26

8 a.m.

Royalty voting begins on OrgSync

11 a.m.

CLACS Craft Pep Rally at UC 120

Wednesday Sept. 27

11 a.m.

Greeks in the quad

8:30 p.m.

Meet the royalty candidates in UCB 202

9 p.m.

"Spiderman Homecoming" movie

Thursday Sept. 28

8 p.m.

Homecoming comedian Nick Offerman

Friday Sept. 29

8 p.m.

Homecoming bonfire at Lot 61

Saturday Sept. 30

11:30 a.m.

Alumni welcome tent at Top Taggart Field parking lot

12 p.m.

Homecoming parade at downtown Big Rapids

3 p.m.

Ferris vs. Wayne State football game

7:15 p.m.

Crimson and Gold hockey intrasquad game at Ewigleben Ice Arena

8 p.m.

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Rachel Lowing
Torch Reporter

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) works every year to help cultivate diversity. Each week there are many different events held around campus to shed light on the various cultures and backgrounds of students who attend Ferris.

"Cultural Awareness is a critical part of life and development morally and professionally as the world we live in is very diverse," Ferris assistant director of OMSS Michael Wade said. "The events hosted aim to increase the awareness and appreciation of diversity, inclusion and social justice."

OMSS partnered with the Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) and the Center for Latino Studies (CLS) to host the Kickoff Cultura Latin@ Sept. 14 at the University Center.

Ferris freshman Jared Prevost attended the event for his Spanish class but quickly noticed the enjoyment of learning about a new heritage.

"It's a pretty cool culture, it's definitely exciting and fun. Since I'm trying to learn Spanish, it's good to get exposure to some of the cultural things too," Prevost said.

Ferris applied speech communications and Spanish for the professions junior Daniel Rivera was in attendance and helped organize the event.

As the president of HSO, Rivera encourages students who are interested in celebrating Latin heritage to attend future events hosted by HSO and OMSS.

"The main thing that I want out of these events is for students to one, have a great time and two, educate themselves, because it's important that we know traditions and values of different culture. These events are for anyone and everyone who's interested in knowing more, or just curious about it," Rivera said.



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Students enjoyed free food and beverages as they engaged in learning about Hispanic culture at "Kickoff Cultura Latin@" co-hosted by OMSS, HSO and CLS.

During the celebration, students mingled as they enjoyed free food, drinks and dancing to a live band.



Diana Giles

"It's just a good time for everybody to talk and socialize and interact with each other," Ferris criminal justice fifth year Marco Rojas said. "When we do things like this, other students from Ferris State think 'I'm not Hispanic, I can't go there' and that's not always true. They shouldn't feel that way. It's for everyone to come here, socialize, get to know each other and maybe develop bonds— friends."

Involvement and cultural education is an integral part of being an active member in a university and society in general. Ferris Nuclear Medicine Technology junior and Vice-President of HSO Diana Giles hopes for students to realize and act on that.

"I'm really glad that they make these events. Well to me, it's a small population of Latinos here but also it would be nice to have not just multicultural students come but other students come as well and be more involved," Giles said.



Jared Prevost

These events are held on various days between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and help bring insight and awareness to the Hispanic culture on campus.

The next event is a trip to Grand Rapids for the Celebración del Arte Latin@ on Sept. 21.

Other dates for the events can be found on the posters around campus or the Ferris calendar at calendar.ferris.edu.



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A Hispanic band was brought in on Sept. 14 at the University Center in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Wellness Wednesdays

Health before homework

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

With exams and homework starting to pile up, students can sigh in relief knowing that there are groups on campus they can turn to when it comes to staying in check with their wellbeing. These events are part of a project called Wellness Wednesdays.

"I'm on the committee with others from Birkham, CLACS, the Student Rec center and other student life organizations that put together events that talk about wellness and health every Wednesday," Ferris State Title IX Coordinator/Associate Dean Kevin Carmody said.

Staff from Birkham, CLACS and other organizations on campus have participated in Wellness Wednesdays in hope of shedding light on programs and organizations students can turn to when they need help making their college experiences run more smoothly.

"Due to the fact it is the beginning of the year, we wanted to bring awareness to the issues that these programs address, which are bullying, abuse and alcohol-related issues. We wanted students to know, that even though these things do happen, that there are still people here at the university they can come to if problems arise," Carmody said.

"Step Up" is a program that's taking place at the UC where students take a sticker off of a wall and sign their name in place of it. By doing

so, students are pledging to speak up or help out if they ever witness a bad situation.

Step Up is just one of many programs that have been held over the years.

"The program has been going on for three or four years now," CLACS employee Katie Thomas said.

She encourages student groups and RSOs to contact clacs@ferris.edu if they have ideas on what they would like highlighted next.

"Bringing organizations like this to Ferris helps students to feel a little more safe at the university they chose to go to. College life can be very strange and disorienting for first time college students or people living away from their homes for the first time," Carmody said.

Wellness Wednesdays are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

outside of the CLACS office in the University Center. The topic being discussed on Sept. 20 is Bacterial vs. Viral diseases and infections,

hosted by the Birkham Health Center.



Katie Thomas



Kevin Carmody



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Speaker Jim Matthews shocked students with an interesting presentation on the dangers of drinking in college.

Beer, Booze, Books

An interesting twist on a typical presentation

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

Students have been to many presentations during their grade school years about how the use of drugs and alcohol can be destructive to their lives. It is refreshing when a speaker can make one of these presentations enjoyable, especially when the presentation is required for some classes.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, Jim Matthews made sure Ferris students understood his personal, terrifying and sometimes comical experiences with alcohol while basing his presentation off of his book "Beer, Booze and Books."

"The part of the presentation that made a lasting impact on me was when the speaker made a joke about needing Viagra," Ferris computer networks and systems freshman Jeff Rase said.

This isn't something that most students would expect to hear in a mandatory presentation. This joke was made during the portion of the presentation where the speaker was addressing how alcohol affects men's and women's sexual performance (Spoiler alert, it's negative).

Creating an interactive environment, students were allowed to use their cell phones during the presentation as an incentive to participate in surveys texted to them from the comfort of their auditorium seats.

Bursting with information, Matthews referenced pop culture with scenes from Spongebob and Beauty and the Beast to show how everyone in the auditorium has seen alcohol use since they were too young to realize exactly what it was.

Even though his presentation was information-based, he was clear when stating the message that "information does not mean permission."

Matthews made sure to add a light twist to a presentation about a topic that could have affected many students lives negatively by including jokes, humorous stories and creating moments of strong empathy by explaining his own issues with alcohol in the past.

"I expected the presentation to be more strict but it was comedic and lively," Ferris pre-veterinary freshman Megan Johnson said.

Other focuses of the presentation included alcohol poisoning, alcohol induced amnesia (blackouts), alcohol related violence, sexual assaults, hangovers and risky sex while under the influence.

"I learned that a wine cooler has more alcohol than you would think," Johnson said.

At the end of the presentation, Matthews mentioned how there are many ways to have alcohol-related concerns and questions answered. Matthews recommends students text him at (603) 315-8028, email him at bbbjim@mac.com or refer to the website Colledrinkingseries.com.



Jeff Rase



Meghan Johnson

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It's never too late to broaden your horizons

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

According to the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) "two out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born with a detectable level of hearing loss in one or both ears."

Ferris students will have a chance to learn American Sign Language (ASL) beginning Sept. 20.

"When people see that I'm hard of hearing or I discuss my research, they often tell me about their interest to learn ASL and I encourage them to take classes," Ferris adjunct instructor of anthropology, department of social and behavioral sciences Monica Rodriguez said. "There aren't currently any other ASL classes locally, so Dr. Nichols-Whitehead and I thought it would be a good idea to have a class offered on campus."

Though Rodriguez has been at Ferris for one year, she is already aware of students' interest in learning ASL.

"There is no universal signed language just as there is no universally spoken language," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez has done doctoral research focusing on deaf cultures in Central America. She has learned Guatemalan Sign Language and is interested in learning ASL too, thus coming to the decision to bring in outside help to Ferris.

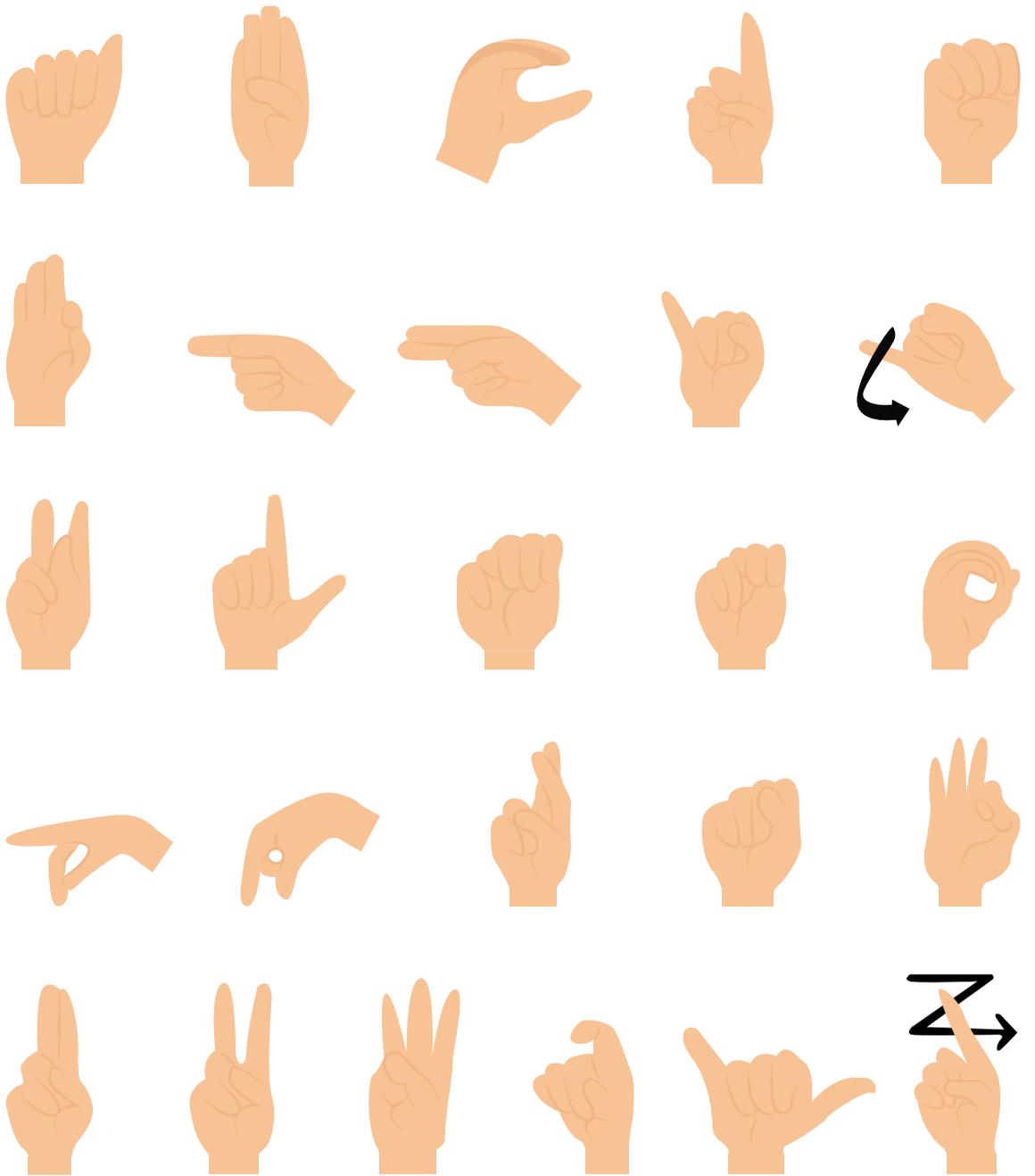
Teacher Consultant for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing at MAISD (Montcalm Area ISD) Betsy Smith has been teaching for almost ten years. Her personal attachment to the cause allowed her to

experience the oral method of communication, as well as becoming fluent in sign language.

"As a hard of hearing person, I grew up orally because I was raised by family who used oral method of communication and attended the Hearing Impaired Program that used the oral approach," Smith said.



Betsy Smith



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The eight-week class will be at an introductory level and will receive a completion certificate at the end of the course.

Students will learn to fingerspell words, basic word signs such as nouns and verbs, numbers and understand ASL conversations. Each session will include information

and historical facts relating to deaf culture and its existing deaf world.

"The class will be a lot of fun where we will laugh and learn to communicate with one another. You will make a difference in someone's life by knowing sign language," Smith said.

Whose line is it anyway?

A look inside Ferris' Improv Group

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

A bag of chips flies around the room as students laugh, talk among their friends and come and go as they please.

It is Sunday evening and Ferris' Improv group has come together for the first time this semester to participate in and watch skits.

Ferris industrial chemistry senior Adam Jandura stands at the front of the room and talks with fellow improv members before the meeting begins.

Jandura's own experience with improv has made him notice when newcomers grow and become more confident in the group.

"It's really cool to see people come

and their first week they don't really go up. They're there to watch and take it all in. But then by the end of the year, they're one of the people who always wants to get up there for every single game and people laugh," Jandura said.



Adam Jandura

Jandura is in his fourth year of improv but is serving his first year as the group's chancellor.

Ferris elementary education senior Don Lloyd found himself joining the improv group when he was originally a theater major attending Ferris, becoming interested when many of his friends from theater

attended the meetings.

"Improv is just amusing, fun and entertaining. There are lot of fellas and ladies in the group that just put together a serious gem of skits that they just make up on the spot. There's a lot of talented people in the group," Lloyd said.

The night continues with students improvising their introductions before moving onto games such as "Sit, Stand, Lean and Doors."

Improv acts as a great way for students to meet new people, make new friends and let off some steam after a long week of homework. It offers students not only a new social network but an educational benefit as well by helping with public speaking.

"I think a benefit of doing improv or at-

tending it or watching, you can get a lot of life skills, a lot of thinking on your feet," Ferris television and digital media produc-

tion junior Colin Assink said. "Not everyone is able to think really quick thoughts, but improv will really improve that. Like, a while ago, before I did all the theater stuff, I was not very good at interviewing and stuff and being interviewed. But I know since I've been in

improv I've been able to be quick on my feet. To help me focus more and respond faster to questions."

The group meets every Sunday at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in UCB 217.



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Disc-overing a culture



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Fifth-year pharmacy major Ryan Brophy grabs a frisbee at a Ferris Ultimate Frisbee practice. The disc golf team has quietly won two national championships in the last five years.

Underdawg Ferris disc golf team turning heads

Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

If someone were to tell you that a Ferris athletic program has defeated teams like Alabama, Clemson, Central Michigan and Oregon to win a national championship twice in the past five years, which team would come to mind?

Ferris' own disc golf team has done just that, winning the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships in both 2015 and 2017, and they have the trophies, banners and championship rings to prove it.

Fifth-year pharmacy major Ryan Brophy, president of the Ferris State Disc Sports Club since the 2014-15 school year, has been a member of both of those championship teams for the Bulldogs.

Even though the program is one of the top contenders in the nation with the hardware to back it up, Brophy said that the club is still a place where any student interested in giving disc sports a shot is welcome to join.

“If someone is relaxed enough to chill

and enjoy tossing a disc around, they're typically pretty easy to get along with,” Brophy said. “We all help each other get better so there is certainly no need for experience to get involved in the RSO, the entire team is happy to teach and learn from fellow Bulldogs.”



Leonard Johnson

The theme of friendliness and excellence within the program is not something that sprouted up within the past five years. Current Ferris professor of education Leonard Johnson, Ph.D. is the man responsible for bringing disc sports to Ferris State in 1977, when he was hired on as a Hall Director, serving his first stint as a Bulldog until 1981.

Johnson then left Ferris in 1981 for a position at Kent State University before returning to Big Rapids in 1998 where he has served ever since. In 2000, Johnson was approached by a student who was

interested in starting up a club for disc sports at Ferris once again. With over 25 years of experience at the time, Johnson was clearly the best option for the adviser position for the club, a position he still holds today.

Steve Moblo was a Bulldog and ultimate frisbee enthusiast from 1978-80. As Moblo walked around the Big Rapids campus one day in 1978, he noticed Johnson tossing the disc and having a good time with the newly formed club named “Millennium Falcon Ultimate Frisbee.” Ever since that day, Moblo has been addicted to disc sports, thanks to Johnson.

“[Johnson] is a god. He is a god of Frisbee, he is the coolest cat and one of the nicest guys ever,” Moblo said. “What a great ambassador for the sport in all respects, he has definitely built a great bunch of guys.”

Moblo's endorsement of Johnson holds true to today's Bulldog students, as Brophy also spoke highly of Johnson.

“I think it's neat that we can still be advised by the founder of the club back in

the 70s. [Johnson] has played a huge part in the club's success,” Brophy said. “He is very encouraging and just wants to see the sport grow, which is part of the reason why we are able to have one of the largest teams every year at the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships.”



Ryan Brophy

The defending Disc Golf National Champ Bulldogs will be competing in the Great Lakes Collegiate Open on Saturday, Sept. 23 in Weyland.

“There's no activity more freeing than playing catch with a Frisbee,” Johnson said. “Whether it's just playing catch or whether it's taking it to the next level and playing an organized sport like ultimate or disc golf, that just takes it to a new level of building relationships and engaging in an activity that is just fun.”

Young pups added to the pack

Opportunities and challenges faced in a new environment

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Many incoming freshmen enter college at the age of 17 or 18 and are quickly thrown into the fire. For most of the new students, this will be the first time on their own, away from their home and family.

Coming into college is a tough transition. Add in the workload from classes and a sport on top of that and one gets the challenge that many freshmen student-athletes face year in and year out.

The transition from high school to college for student-athletes is complex and filled with anxiety and excitement about what it means to balance school and sport.

Typically, student-athletes at Ferris attend practice and sport related activities, such as meetings, lifting, film study, etc. for nearly 30 hours a week. Depending on their major, athletes take an average of 12-15 credits per semester. That calculates to around 40 hours of school work a week.

With nearly 70 hours of work put in between school and athletics, it can be tough to juggle everything.

Freshman outside hitter Abby O'Brien is a brand-new Bulldog on the Ferris volleyball team and has experienced difficulties of her own. O'Brien comes to Ferris from Evergreen Park, Illinois and is a pre-nursing major.

"One of the hardest things about being a student athlete is just finding time to balance workouts, skill sessions, homework and studying all in one day and not falling behind," O'Brien said. "I do like that I have more time to decide when I can get things done than I did when I was in high school. I use a planner and write down everything I have to do throughout the week in it."

Freshman midfielder Bri Rodgers is a new face to

the Bulldog women's soccer team. Rodgers is originally from Livonia and is majoring in pre-pharmacy. Rodgers has already been a contributor to the soccer team as she scored her first career goal against King University on Sept. 3 to help the Bulldogs secure a 3-0 win.

"I think the hardest part about being a student-athlete is being expected by your coaches to put forth 100 percent effort every day in practice and in games and then likewise by your professors in the classroom," Rodgers said. "Before every week I layout my schedule for the week and I try to stick to it as closely as possible. I find that if I keep myself to a tight schedule, I get most of my stuff done."

Freshman linebacker Mohamad Amen joined the Ferris football team this season. Amen is originally from Dearborn Heights and is a business management major.

"My days start very early and I have a lot of running around to do. I picked all my classes so they can be back-to-back, so after football practice I can focus on my homework," Amen said. "The upperclassmen on my team have given me advice to use good time management and not to overload my day with too many things. At first it was all overwhelming but I have gotten used to it."

Coaches at Ferris typically try to run a mandatory study table a few times a week for their student athletes when they are in season. This helps give their athletes mandatory time to work on their studies and develop good habits outside of their sport.



Abby O'Brien



Top Dawg

Carley Dubbert

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Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

This week's Top Dawg honors will stay on the turf, as a member of the women's soccer team has scooped up the honors.

Junior defender Carley Dubbert is out to prove that even though she's a defender, that doesn't mean she can't score.

The Ferris women's soccer team had four matches this past week starting with Cedarville on Sunday, Sept. 10, continuing onto Concordia on Tuesday, Sept. 12, Tiffin on Friday, Sept. 15 and finally finishing with Ashland on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Dubbert was on fire in two of the three matchups, dominating Cedarville on her own as she recorded both of Ferris' goals in a 2-1 victory.

In a matchup with the 4-3 Cardinals of Concordia,

Dubbert was able to lead her team with three shots on goal. None of those balls found the net, as the Bulldogs dropped that game 0-1.

The Bulldogs and Dubbert did bounce back against Tiffin though, finishing the Dragons off in yet another 2-1 victory. Dubbert came out of that game with another goal.

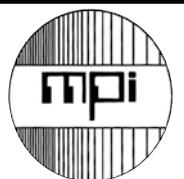
To finish up the week, Dubbert and the Bulldogs fell in a close match with Ashland 0-1. Dubbert finished second with two shots on goal in that match.

While three goals in four matches doesn't seem like much, Dubbert's scoring performance has kept the Bulldogs' heads afloat within the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC).

Ferris currently stands below .500 with a 3-4 record and will look to battle back to an even record Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Madonna.



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Back in action

The Ferris men's and women's cross country teams competed in their second meet of the season Friday, Sept. 15, in the Michigan State Spartan Invitational in East Lansing.

The event took place at Forest East Golf Course and was the 37th year of the event.

On the women's side, there were nearly 300 runners that took part in the race. The Bulldogs' top three finishers were sophomore Katie Etelamaki who placed 24th overall with a time of 22:35, senior Natalie Perry in 68th overall with a time of 24:03 and freshman Sydney Dawes in 75th with a 24:08.

The men's side had senior Trevor Holowaty leading the way in 78th place overall with a time of 27:41 and junior Damien Halverson coming in 99th with a time of 27:44.

Both teams will be in action again on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Greater Louisville Classic in Louisville, Kentucky.

From Big Rapids to the big leagues

The Ferris men's ice hockey program will be represented this year by seven alumni who have been invited to participate at NHL preseason training camps.

At the top of the list for the Bulldogs is four-time Stanley Cup Champion Chris Kunitz, who will be playing his first season with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Former Bulldog Zach Redmond will be returning to the Montreal Canadiens for his fifth season of professional hockey.

Former Bulldog forward Greg Rallo will be back on the ice in the Dallas Stars' training camp. He previously played with the Florida Panthers.

Two former Bulldogs, defenseman Simon Denis and goaltender Pat Nagle, will both take part in the Detroit Red Wings' camp in Traverse City under head coach and Ferris alumnus Jeff Blashill.

Lastly, two of the most recent Bulldogs, former captain Kyle Schempp and forward Gerald Mayhew, will be in action in NHL camps this year. Schempp remains in the New York Islanders' system and Mayhew will take part in the Minnesota Wild's camp. Both players are competing for official roster spots.

Chippin' and puttin'

The Ferris women's golf team finished up play at the Bulldog Fall Invitational at Katke Golf Course Saturday, Sept. 16.

The Bulldogs did well, finishing 70+ on the day, which was good enough for 10th place overall.

Individually, Ferris' Baylee Thompson finished the day tied for 11th overall, shooting a 154 total.

Morgan Zloto and Mari Suokko also finished strong for the Bulldogs, coming in dead-even with a 162 total for a tie at 32nd place.



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

The Ferris volleyball team huddles to celebrate a big play. The Bulldogs have started their season well, recording an 8-2 overall record.

Volleyball victories

Ferris volleyball back after another solid weekend on the road

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Ferris volleyball impressed with another solid showing on the road last weekend while improving to 8-2 on the season.

The Bulldogs, ranked No. 8 nationally claimed their first victory ever against Purdue Northwest University Friday night before grabbing a win in Davenport on Saturday night. The weekend sweep puts Ferris at 2-0 in conference play early on in the season.

"Our goal is really to just keep getting better and working harder to see what we can do and striving to be the best," said senior libero Lauren Reminga. Ferris grabbed the two road victories after returning from a trip to Denver, Colorado for the Colorado Premier Challenge where the Bulldogs split the weekend.

"This year when we went, it was really cool to be able to play top ranked teams in the nation and to be able to hang with them," sophomore outside hitter Courtney Brewer said.

Friday night's victory was the first for the Bulldogs against GLIAC newcomer Purdue Northwest University. The Bulldogs dropped the first set before rallying off three straight for the win.

Sophomore outside hitter Allyson Cappel totaled 42 kills and 19 digs on the weekend after two very strong performances. The Bulldogs also got a solid performance on both nights from senior libero Lauren Reminga who totaled 38 digs on the weekend.

Saturday night's win against Davenport completed a 6-game road trip for the Bulldogs after they started the season at home with the Ferris State Invitational.

"We do all love to travel and play in different areas," Brewer said. "I think it makes us better as a team and it's really cool that we get to travel that far."

The Bulldogs will return home to face off against Michigan Tech at the Ewigleben Sports Complex on Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.



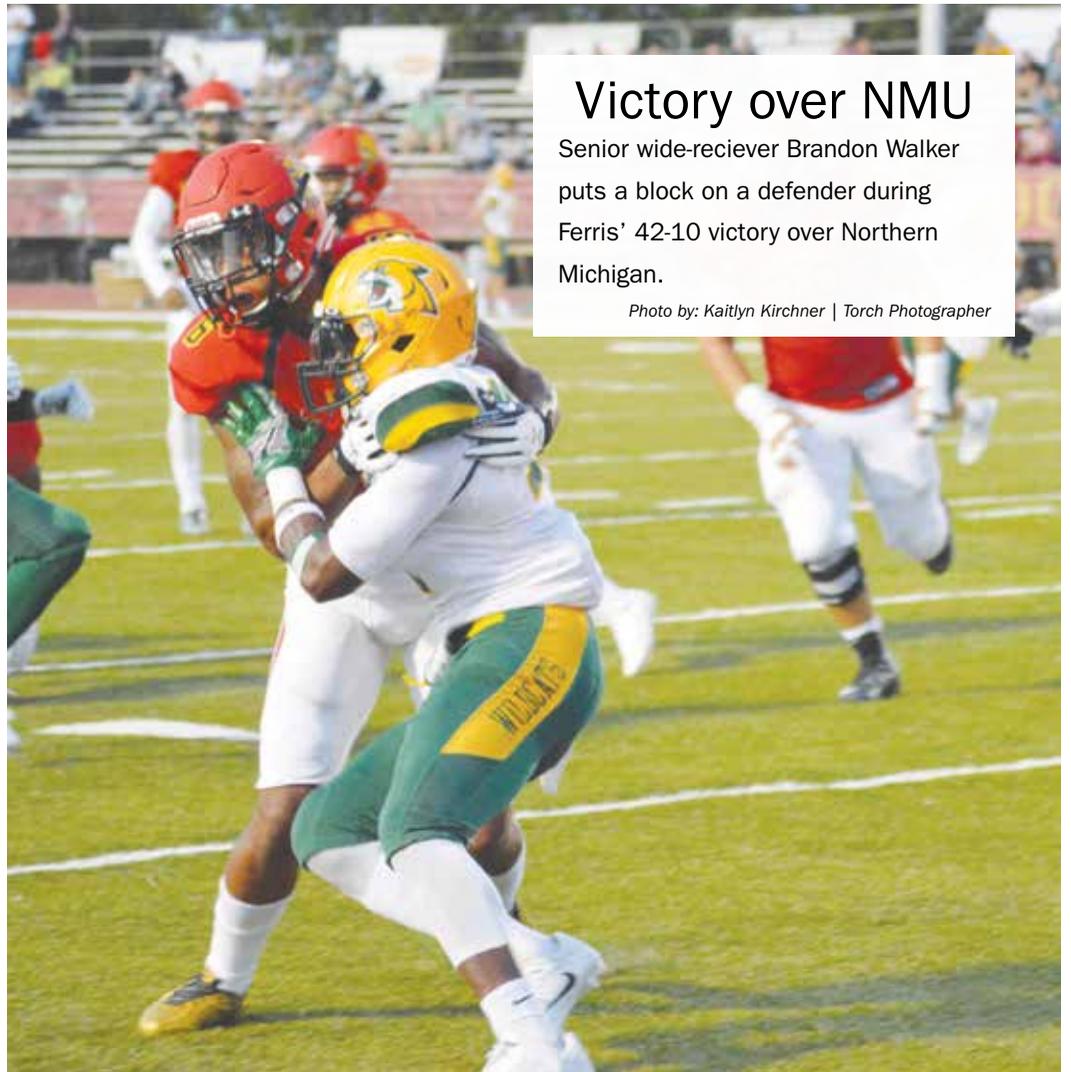
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Victory over NMU

Senior wide-receiver Brandon Walker puts a block on a defender during Ferris' 42-10 victory over Northern Michigan.

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

Despite a huge performance by Tom Brady in a bounce-back victory over the Saints, the G.O.A.T. didn't get enough help from his supporting cast, giving Ferris State another substantial win over the Beaulldogs.

With an 0-2 start to the Ferris Fantasy Football season, my hope for a dominant season is looking bleak, though the same cannot be said for Ferris. On top of beating my fantasy team 76-57.5, the Bulldogs took out Northern Michigan University in a 42-10 victory for their 2017 home opener.

Bulldog quarterback Reggie Bell proved that he's more than a run first quarterback, going 16-24 with 254 total passing yards and four touchdowns to top it off. Bell only had three rushing attempts for 24 yards, as the heavy lifting on the ground was done by running back Jahaan Brown.

Though he didn't have a touchdown, Brown rushed for 84 yards, more than anyone from either team on the night. I had hoped Le'Veon Bell would be able to churn out some big numbers for me but he was unable to find the end zone against the Minnesota Vikings.

The defense of the Houston Texans was the only part of my fantasy team that was able to outperform the Bulldogs but that doesn't mean the Ferris defense didn't show up to play. Allowing only 10 points and intercepting two passes, the Bulldog defense is looking as good, if not better, than anyone in the league.

After a great performance last week, Chiefs' wide receiver Tyreek Hill only brought four fantasy points to the table. Larry Fitzgerald, my other wide receiver, wasn't even able to break two points.

Jajuan Pollock and Malik Taylor combined for 20 total receiving fantasy points for Ferris, whereas Fitzgerald and Hill only combined for a measly five and a half points.

The Bulldogs are back in action this weekend at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept 23 on the road at Ash-



Beau Jensen
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land. With a victory, the Dawgs would start their season 3-0 and I'll probably start mine 0-3.

Here's who the Bulldogs will be looking to knock off in week three:

QB: Drew Brees- The Saints may not be all that dominant this year but I never count out Drew Brees. A Hall of Fame caliber guy, I'm banking on Brees to put up some decent fantasy points against the Panthers in week three.

RB: Todd Gurley- With a matchup against the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday night, I'd like to see Gurley step up and be the amazing back that he was as a Georgia Bulldog. The 49ers are less than good this year, so here's to Gurley running amuck.

WR 1: Brandin Cooks- As Cooks adjusts to New England and becomes one of Brady's favorite targets, look for him to be a consistent fantasy scorer. And since I've already used Brady, the next best thing is to pick one of his targets.

WR 2: AJ Green- Some may call me crazy for picking anyone on the Bengals, but after some coaching staff changes made by the Cincinnati management, I'm hoping Dalton will be able to find Green in the end zone once or twice.

FLEX: Jesse James- As the Steelers take on the Bears in week three, hopefully Big Ben will be able to find his tight end in the end zone.

Defense: Ravens- The Ravens have historically great defense and I'm about to have a historically terrible season if I don't find a defense that can put some points on the board for me.

Kicker: Matt Prater- My Lions pick of the week goes to Matt Prater. With Wyatt Ford kicking the lights out for the Bulldogs, I'm hoping Stafford can at least get Prater in position to put some points on the board.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Tom Brady	27
RB	Le'Veon Bell	6
WR1	Larry Fitzgerald	1.5
WR2	Tyreek Hill	4
FLEX	Dalvin Cook	4
D	Houston	9
K	Justin Tucker	6
Total:		57.5

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Reggie Bell	28
RB	Jahaan Brown	8
WR1	Malik Taylor	8.5
WR2	Jajuan Pollock	11.5
FLEX	Lindell Mitchell	9
D	Ferris State	5
K	Wyatt Ford	6
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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Angela Graf

I debated writing this column because frankly, it's petty and shallow but damn it, I can't be the only one bothered by this.

I want to talk about the travesty that is navigating Ferris' campus.

Am I referring to the insane daily traffic and complete lack of parking? The seemingly suicidal pedestrians that throw themselves in the path of two-ton vehicles? No. I am talking about the absurd layout of north campus.

During freshman year, I didn't drive around campus much. I lived in a residence hall, so why would I? So many times, I took for granted that beautiful little

road formerly known as North Campus Drive.

I say formerly because it's deceased; it was murdered by a lack of common sense and the poor planning of "The Man."

Now most of you kids don't know what I'm talking about but picture this: you could drive east past the Science Building. You don't have to drive all the fucking way around to Warren, and then Oak and then Ives just to get back to civilization. You could just go straight past the Automotive Building to Ives.

THERE WAS EVEN MORE COMMUTER PARKING ALONG THE SIDES OF THE ROAD.

But why, how, would such a

perfectly convenient stretch of road be destroyed? The answer is simple: North Hall.

I've bitten my tongue until now, not expressing how much I dislike this eyesore of a building, built to appease freshmen and their parents. But I'll be damned if that isn't the reason that hundreds of students have to drive in circles every day just to get to and from classes.

To add insult to injury, if you look at the new campus map, there is maybe a 30-foot stretch of grass and sidewalk between the North Hall resident lot and the connecting road to Ives near the Automotive Building. 30. Feet.

Or Christ, even connecting that lot to the University Center parking lot would be a massive improvement, which, allow me to point out, is an even smaller gap.

But no, that would be too easy. Too beneficial to the students that pay thousands of dollars into a deeply flawed institution every year.

So here I sit, a plea in my heart, stripped of commuter parking, convenience and sanity. Waiting for the day that the administrators come to their senses and fix that which they have so badly broken.

Why I don't want kids

Children aren't in the equation for my life

I absolutely do not want to have children. I already know that upon reading that sentence a lot of people are thinking something along the lines of "he just isn't old enough yet," or "good luck finding a woman that doesn't want to have kids and to raise a family."

As for the first thought, I'm almost 21, so I will admit I'm still really young but I pretty much have never wanted kids and they have never fit in my life plan. The second thought is luckily taken care of already. I'm already married to someone who regularly mentions how having children would ruin her life and that's probably true.

After I graduate from Ferris, I fully intend to move out of Michigan to somewhere with better job opportunities and no snow in the winter. After that, I plan on moving many more times. I want to experience different areas of the country by living there for at least a couple years and then leaving.

Having children basically eliminates my opportunity to move frequently without



Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

uprooting them from their school and friends every time I want to leave. That isn't fair to a child and it isn't fair to me to not be able to live out my dream of traveling.

Even if I decided not to travel and to settle down somewhere right after graduation, it still doesn't change the fact that having children is ridiculously expensive. According to the most recent report from the Department of Agriculture, raising a child from infancy through age 17 costs a middle-class family \$233,610 on average. That averages out to \$13,741 annually and that's if you only have one kid.

The average salary for a journalist is \$40,000, meaning \$13,741 would take up about 3 percent of my annual salary. That



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could pay my mortgage, allow me to rent a nice apartment in many areas or fund multiple vacations around the country. When you

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Beauty booster

When there is happiness, there is beauty

Whatever makes someone happy is what truly makes them beautiful.

When one thinks of the word 'beauty,' where does one get influences of what the word means to them? The sources are endless but a few common ones could be family and culture. My family's culture and heritage greatly influences my beauty ideals.

In my family, minimal make-up and dark colored clothing are seen as an attractive look because that is what has been popular in Danish and many other Scandinavian cultures since the 1950s. My family has a very traditional idea of what beauty means to them, because they consider it a way of holding on to the culture they left behind when they migrated to North America in the 1960s.

The biggest influence of beauty for me is self-expression and whatever makes me feel good. I really appreciate and love the traditions and culture in my family, so I do gravitate towards darker colored clothing. However, I stray from the tradition when it comes to makeup and tattoos.

I believe that beauty is something that makes someone happy.

This is why my opinion on tattoos and those who have them is one of extreme respect and adoration. Getting to wake up every morning with art on your body is an honor and can be a major mood booster. I have one tattoo and hope to have more in the future because I feel that



Kat Merby
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with every piece is a journey. I wish to go on as many journeys as I can in my lifetime.

It's an experience that leaves a lasting effect not only on the owner's skin but also on their soul. Making that decision to sit in a chair and let an artist put a piece of their work on one's skin for eternity will surely result in an adrenaline rush and a boost of confidence.

I highly support the statement that beauty is something that is created over time. As a person matures and becomes more aware of what makes them truly happy, they become more aware of what makes them feel beautiful.

I wear makeup because it makes me feel happy. It can be a therapeutic moment to look forward to every morning. I do not feel that I need makeup to look decent but putting it on is something I thoroughly enjoy doing.

I really don't know if the makeup actually makes me more beautiful or not to other people. All I care about is that the process makes me happy, therefore making me more beautiful in my own eyes.

having kids, it would be better for the people already here and for the planet's resources.

Another deterrent is my desire to focus on my career. I want to have time to grow in my chosen career path and kids, at the very least, make that harder. I want to move up in my field and take on more responsibilities, which means more time spent on work.

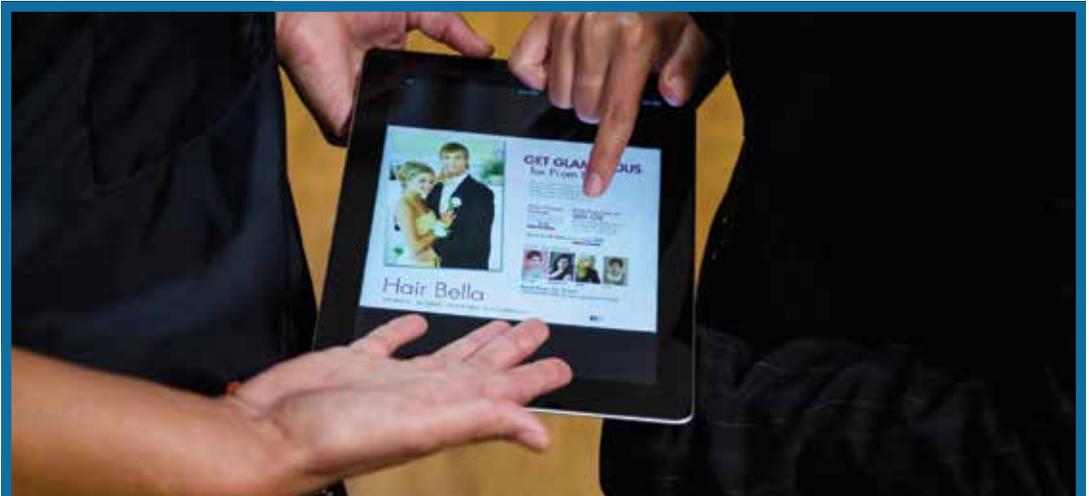
Once again, it isn't fair to a child to have a father that is gone all the time for work and it isn't fair for me to have to sacrifice my career in order to meet a child's needs. It simply makes more sense to not have kids.

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take into account the massive student loan debt that I am going to graduate with, it doesn't financially make sense for me to have children.

Focusing on the whole instead of just on my own life, there are already way too many people in the world. I feel absolutely no desire to bring another person into the world when we are already populating it at a rate that cannot be sustained. If more people take the approach of not



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