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Death at the Rock Cafe

Harley Harrison
News Editor

A meal at the Rock Cafe turned deadly Sunday, Oct. 1, at 10:21 a.m.

Officers received a call reporting a medical emergency at the on-campus eatery. Upon arrival, they found an unresponsive 52-year-old male.

Officers performed basic CPR and used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in an attempt to revive the subject until the Big Rapids Rescue Team arrived.

The rescue team took over revival efforts, however, they were unable to save the subject.

The man was pronounced dead and removed from the scene.

A breath of fresh air

Ferris working toward tobacco-free campus

Cora Hall
Interim Reporter

It won't be long until the only clouds on campus will be in the sky.

Ferris has received a grant from the American Cancer Society's Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative, funded by the CVS Health Foundation, to adopt a 100 percent smoke and tobacco-free campus policy, according to a recent press release from the Ferris Public Health Student Association.



Brandon Watros

And yes, this does include blowing fat "Os" out of your vape.

How the policy will be enforced is up to the students in the Ferris Public Health Student Association and they may consider getting the Department of Public Safety involved, according to Ferris public health senior Alyson Hill.

"I mean, I understand that not everyone would want a cloud of smoke or vape blown in their face. I think having it student-run is probably a better idea. I don't think DPS should be involved. I don't think fines are fair because obviously Ferris hasn't always been a smoke free campus," Ferris advertising integrated marketing communications sophomore Brandon Watros said.



Molly Gabrielson

For some students, the policy comes as a relief.

"I hate when people are smoking outside my dorm because the wind blows the smoke inside my room when my window is open," Ferris interior design freshman Jordyn Hujan said.

There are also mixed feelings on whether or not the policy violates students' rights to buy and use tobacco products after the

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NATIONWIDE STATISTICS

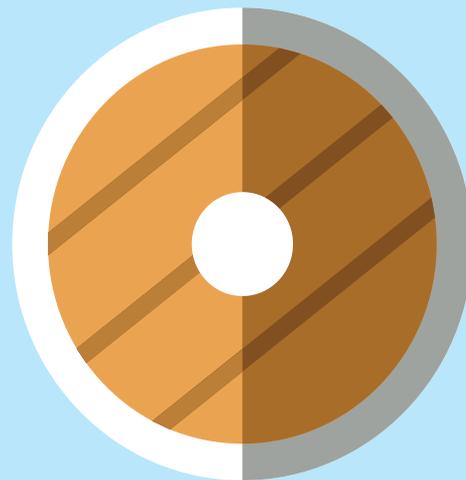
- 2,049 Smoke Free Campuses
- Of those, 1,736 are 100% Tobacco Free
- 1,634 prohibit e-cigarette usage
- 830 prohibit hookah usage
- 209 prohibit smoking/vaping marijuana

Information found at no-smoke.org.

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NEWS

"It should be Indigenous Peoples Day, they were the original owners of this land,"
- Pieter Bresser - See page 4 for story

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Title IX distortion

Despite changes to Title IX, Ferris will not change policies

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has released new guidelines regarding Title IX.

Title IX is a federal law that prevents discrimination of any form based on sex. It is also the department responsible for dealing with sexual violence on campus. The new guidelines, released in the form of a Q&A document, replace the Dear Colleague Letter that was released during the Obama administration and put their focus on creating a more fair trial for both parties.

"The changes are attempting to address a perceived problem with due process within Title IX and the way universities respond to Title IX," Ferris Title IX Coordinator Kevin Carmody said. "This is interim temporary guidance that doesn't have any force of law. As far as what that's going [to] impact and how Ferris State University is going to respond, I don't think we're making any changes. We've already established our policies and our procedures. In the last six years since the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter came out, we've learned a great deal about how to do this work."

The reaction of Ferris to not change their policies falls in line with many other universities around the nation who have already made similar statements. Like Ferris, many universities feel that they already have working policies and procedures in place that are fair to both sides.

"I think it's important that you support both the victim and the person accused. The system as a whole shouldn't favor one or the other and it should be fair for



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Betsy DeVos, the United States Secretary of Education, is making changes to Title IX policies.

both parties involved," secondary education senior Brianna Desmond said. "I think you need to keep supporting the victim in this time. Because Title IX is dealing with sexual assault and things of that nature,



Brianna Desmond

I think anything you can do to help the victim in that time needs to be done while keeping a fair playing field."

One change that has garnered controversy is the suggestion that schools should give the accused a chance to appeal the results of the trial but whether or not the victim can appeal the results is at the discretion of the school. Formerly, the Dear Colleague

Letter suggested both parties be given appeals.

"I think both sides should be able to appeal if they're not satisfied," business administration junior Nick Richert said. "Most courts have the right for people to appeal on either side."

As for the effects of these changes at Ferris, Carmody reiterated that they will not affect policies or students.

"We're going to keep moving forward," Kevin Carmody said. "The biggest thing I'd hate to see is for people to feel like they can't come forward because there's no longer any protections. I'm already hearing it online where people are saying 'They're rolling back all of the protections.' Our protections are still the same and those are things that we are going to have in place."

FERRIS STATE CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS 2016

26.4% of female respondents reported experiencing unwanted sexual behavior since attending Ferris.

10.4% of male respondents reported experiencing unwanted sexual behavior since attending Ferris.

34.8 % of female respondents reported experiencing stalking behaviors since attending Ferris.

19.2% of male respondents reported experiencing stalking behaviors since attending Ferris.

25.6% of female respondents reported experiencing relationship abuse behaviors since attending Ferris.

10.6% of male respondents reported experiencing relationship abuse behaviors since attending Ferris.

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Film: Lives Worth Living 11 a.m - 12 p.m., UCB 217
Thursday, Oct. 5
6 - 7:30 p.m., IRC 115

Poet Neil Hilborn
Tuesday, Oct. 10
5:30 - 6:30 p.m., BUS 111

Film: Best and Most Beautiful Things
Tuesday, Oct. 17
6 - 8 p.m., IRC 115

PAWS With a Cause
Thursday, Oct. 26

Grand Rapids Pacers Exhibition Game
Saturday, Oct. 28
6 - 8 p.m., Wink Arena

disABILITY: DEBUNKED! Forum for Inclusion & Understanding
Tuesday, Oct. 31
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., UCB 202C
RSVP by Oct. 23 to
MaggieWalcott@ferris.edu

Disabled, not unable

October is Disability Awareness Month

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

As a student attending a university, there is a high probability you will meet someone with a disability.

Disability Awareness Month spans the month of October and students and faculty are joining together to learn more about disabilities and remove common misconceptions.

"The theme of this year's disability awareness month is 'Disability Debunked,'" Maggie Walcott, the administrative assistant to the President's Office and chair of the planning committee of Disability Awareness Month said. "What we're going with that is we want to take all of those



Kamaria Lewis

preconceived notions, the assumptions, the presumptions, everything that people think that they know about what it is to live with a disability and just kind of smash those to pieces."

Disability Awareness Month at Ferris includes free events throughout the month that students can attend to become educated on what it's like to live with a physical, mental or learning disability.

The events include film presentations, a

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- ON THE RECORD -

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

Tube wars

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Foolish tampering

Sept. 17, 4:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to McNerney Hall where a subject was tampering with a smoke detector. The fire alarm had been activated and the subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for tampering with housing.

Bike thief strikes again

Sept. 18, 9 a.m., a student came to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to report that her bike had been stolen on Sept. 15. The bike was locked in the bike rack by Cramer Hall. Anyone with information on the suspect is asked to contact DPS.

Caught on camera

Sept. 19, 11:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to Pine Valley Suites for a broken

window. A video revealed that a subject had broken the window intentionally earlier in the day. Further investigation revealed that it was the resident's boyfriend. A warrant was sought for malicious destruction of property and the subject was trespassed from the area.

Roommates and boyfriends

Sept. 20, 4:04 p.m., officers were dispatched to Finch Court for a harassment complaint. The complainant advised that a roommate's boyfriend had made threats. The subject was advised that further harassment and threats would result in a warrant and the subject was given a warning for trespassing.

Too much alcohol

Sept. 23, 1:45 a.m., officers responded to an EMS assist at Vandercook Hall. An investigation revealed a highly intoxicated student. The student was transported to

the Spectrum Health Emergency Room and was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for underage drinking.

Pot problems

Sept. 24, 12:15 a.m., officers were called to Finch Court in reference to an odor of marijuana. Further investigation revealed three subjects had been smoking marijuana. The subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and warrants were submitted to a prosecutor's office for their arrest.

Tube wars

Sept. 24, 2:25 p.m., officers were dispatched to Clark hall for a dispute. The subjects were arguing over people going tubing. The subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct for intimidating behavior.

Hiding in plain sight

Sept. 24, 8:17 p.m., officers were dispatched to West Campus Apartments due to an odor of marijuana. Further investigation revealed a glass pipe and officers could see a bag of marijuana sitting on top of the smoke detector. The matter was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

R-rated photos

Sept. 24, 11:19 p.m., officers were dispatched to North Hall for a harassment complaint. Officers learned that a subject went into another student's room to show a student an obscene photo on the subject's phone. An investigation revealed that the subject was removed from the room. The matter was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

A total of 377 tickets were issued from Sept. 21 to Sept. 27, which totaled \$4,355.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Saudi Arabia

Starting in June, 2018, women in Saudi Arabia will finally be allowed to drive. A ban had formerly prohibited women from driving, which served as a symbol of the oppression of women in the country. Officials hope that allowing women to drive will not only serve as a step towards equality but will also help the economy to grow by making it easier for women to get to work.

Original story by Ben Hubbard, Sept. 26, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Bali, Indonesia

Mount Agung, a volcano in Bali that is showing signs that it could erupt, has roughly 145,000 people abandoning their homes. The volcano last erupted in the early 1960's, killing approximately 1,700 and destroying multiple villages. Authorities in Bali have advised residents within a 7.5 mile radius to evacuate their homes.

Original story by Austin Ramzy, Sept. 29, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Baku, Azerbaijan

More than 50 gay and transgender people were detained for a week by the Azerbaijani government after locals urged police to be stricter with the illegal sex trade. Lawyers and activists said most of the detained people were not involved with prostitution and the accusations

were used as an excuse to detain and abuse them.

Original story by Ivan Nechepurenko, Sept. 29, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Chihuahua, Mexico

15 people are dead after a mass shooting at a drug rehabilitation center. According to authorities, the mass shooting was a result of a feud between two drug gangs. In Mexico, it is common for drug gangs to use rehab centers to recruit drug addicts and rival gangs will sometimes fight over these centers.

Original story by The Associated Press, Sept. 27, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Las Vegas, United States of America

59 people were confirmed dead, as well as 527 injured, after a 64-year-old man opened fire on the crowd during a Jason Aldean performance at the Mandalay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. The shooter was positioned adjacent to the concert on the 32nd floor of the hotel. Authorities located the room to find that the shooter, Stephen Paddock, had seemingly taken his own life. There were more than 20 illegally obtained weapons in the room. Paddock had no known links to international terror organizations and is thought to have been working alone. This event makes for the deadliest mass-shooting in modern U.S. history.

Original story by The New York Times Staff, Oct. 2, 2017. *The New York Times*.

TOBACCO

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age of 18.

"Once you turn 18 you have the right to buy and

use tobacco products to your discretion and I don't think that taking that right away is fair to a lot of people," Watros said.

A major goal of the policy is to educate students about the severity of the health concerns related to tobacco products and smoking.

DISABILITY

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wheelchair basketball game played by the Grand Rapids Pacers and an event where students can meet and learn about service animals.

"We want people there. We want you to bring a friend," Walcott said. "We want you to see this theme in action, because living with a disability is so much more and less in a lot of ways than what people think."

Students can also enter an original piece, such as artwork, writing or a speech, that focuses on the topic of Disability Debunked. The winner will receive a \$150 gift card to Barnes and Noble and will present their winning piece at the final event—the capstone forum—at the end of the month.

"I think it'll be beneficial on how we can learn how to help them or help them around if they need any assistance with like, getting around campus or any

like, tutoring or things like that," Ferris diagnostic medical sophomore Kamaria Lewis said.

Disability Awareness Month is intended to provide insight and show just how many people have "invisible" disabilities that might go unnoticed.

"Most people really don't, you know, pay too much attention to people with disabilities," Lewis said. "Some people kind of just brush it off but it's kind of a significant aspect that we should all kind of indulge in."

NEWS BRIEFS

Harley Harrison
News Editor

Arts and Lectures

Historian and author Nell Painter will be presenting Oct. 6 from 7-9 p.m. in room 202 of the University Center. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$7 for non-students. For more information, contact Sylvia Maixner at SylviaMaixner@ferris.edu.

CROP Hunger Walk

Join students and community members Oct. 8 from 12-4 p.m. in the IRC for a walk that will raise awareness for those without easy access to meals on a daily basis. Proceeds will go to those living in impoverished parts of the world. For more information, contact Greg Brunner at brunneg@ferris.edu.

Paint-A-Turtle

Delta Zeta will be hosting their annual Paint-A-Turtle event Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campus Quad. Students can pay \$1, \$5, or \$10 to soak one of the Delta Zeta sisters with water mixed with paint. All proceeds go to the Painted Turtle Camp in California, which is a summer camp for children with chronic or life threatening illnesses. For more information, contact Samantha Miller at (989) 251-9157.

Torch Corrections

In the Sept. 26 edition of the Torch, the front page graphic mistakenly displayed an orthodox cross on the top of the mosque rather than the traditional crescent moon.

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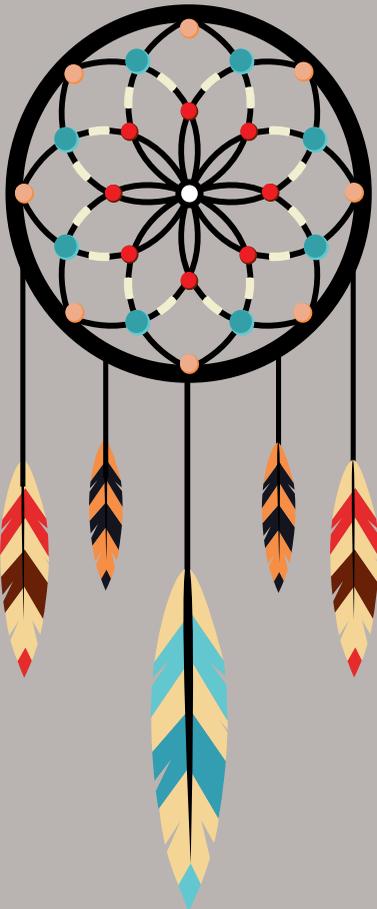
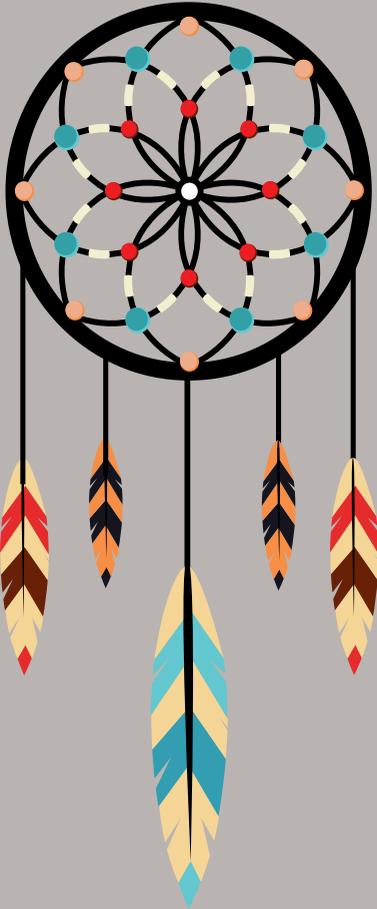


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Indigenous Peoples Day

The national movement to replace Columbus Day



WHO IS CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY?



PRE-2015 ○

- California (B)
- South Dakota (IPD)
- Seattle, WA (IPD)
- Minneapolis, MN (IPD)
- Berkeley, CA (IPD)
- Red Wing, MN (IPD)
- Grand Rapids, MN (B)

Key
IPD - Has been replaced with Indigenous Peoples Day
B - Celebrates both holidays

States that do not recognize Columbus Day as a holiday:
Alaska, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

2015 ○

- Alaska (IPD)
- Multnomah County, OR (IPD)
- Sandoval County, NM (B)
- Bexar County, TX (IPD)
- Lawrence, KS (IPD)
- Portland, OR (IPD)
- Corvallis, OR (IPD)
- St. Paul, MN (IPD)
- Anadarko, OK (IPD)
- Olympia, WA (IPD)
- Alpena, MI (IPD)
- Carrboro, NC (IPD)
- Traverse City, MI (IPD)
- Newstead, NY (B)
- Akron, NY (B)
- Lewiston, NY (B)
- Fargo, ND (IPD)
- Ann Arbor, MI (IPD)
- Missoula, MT (IPD)

2016 ○

- Vermont (IPD)
- Pheonix, AZ (B)
- Tompkins County, NY (B)
- Denver, CO (IPD)
- Boulder, CO (IPD)
- Albuquerque, NM (IPD)
- Spokane, WA (IPD)
- Bemidji, MN (IPD)
- Eugene, OR (IPD)
- Cambridge, MA (IPD)
- Asheville, NC (B)
- Belfast, ME (IPD)
- San Fernando, CA (B)
- Yakima, WA (IPD)
- Durango, CO (IPD)
- Sante Fe, NM (IPD)

** Information found at ThinkProgress.org

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Some cities and states around the country have started celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day, and Ferris may follow the trend.

Indigenous Peoples Day is a day to celebrate Native Americans and was created in opposition to Columbus Day. A group lead by assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Student Services Michael Wade and Dr. Scott Herron are trying to spread awareness of Indige-



Emile Laforce

nous Peoples Day in an attempt to replace Columbus Day on campus.

There are many reasons why people want to make the change, most stem from the way Christopher Columbus treated Native Americans and how he claimed to discover a land that was already inhabited.

"It should be Indigenous Peoples Day,

they were the original owners of this land," business administration freshman Pieter Bresser said. "The people that took it from them forcefully, they aren't the original inhabitants of this land, so it's kind of funny that we would celebrate that."

The awareness campaign on campus will feature informational tables in the Rankin Atrium across from



Pieter Bresser

Starbucks in the University Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 9. They will also be hosting a solidarity photoshoot at three different times of the day.

"I'm currently taking a Native American literature class and after learning about Columbus and how he was a rapist and how he abused the Native Americans, I'd have to say I would rather support Native Americans than Christopher Columbus," health care systems administration sophomore Emily Laforce said.

Standing ovation for Offerman

Ferris comedy show sold-out

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

Nick Offerman came to Ferris and he gave the audience all the eggs and bacon he had.

At 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Offerman performed in front of a full house as the Ferris Homecoming Comedian. Offerman made jokes in reference to everything from Facebook, to his friendship with Chris Pratt, to his role as Ron Swanson on "Parks and Recreation."

Students and community members lined up outside of Williams Auditorium hours before the doors opened. Every seat in the theater was filled by the time Offerman took the stage.

"I was really excited to see Nick Offerman live since I am a huge fan of him in 'Parks and Rec,'" Ferris business administration junior Lucy Reigle said. "It was cool that we got to see such a big name for our homecoming comedian."

Although Offerman is best known for "Parks and Recreation," many students who have never seen him as Ron Swanson came out to see the show.

"I didn't really have many expectations going into it," Ferris medical



Logan Dunsmore

laboratory science sophomore Cheyenne Brown said. "I have never seen 'Parks and Rec' but I have heard of Nick Offerman and seen him in other movies. I was really just going to have a good time and laugh and I definitely did."

Offerman engaged the crowd by using local content about Michigan universities and had some audience participation when he borrowed a spectator's Swiss Army knife to clip his fingernail. Aside from traditional stand-up comedy, Offerman played comedic songs he wrote on his acoustic guitar and ukulele.

"My favorite part was when he played the ukulele," Reigle said. "It was such a contrast from his characters he's played in the past. I was impressed with his song writing."

Before Offerman came on stage, Ferris plastics and polymer engineering junior Logan Dunsmore performed



Lucy Reigle

an act to open the show. Dunsmore described his feelings during his performance as "a delightful mix of utterly terrified and extremely excited."

"I think that is by far my strongest performance I've ever done," Dunsmore said. "It's hard to tell because I have an adrenaline rush from it."

Dunsmore's opening act, which lasted about ten minutes, received positive reactions from the crowd.

"I thought he was pretty great," Ferris pre-optometry freshman Logan Peterson said. "I didn't know we had people that talented at Ferris either, because he was pretty darn good."



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

Actor and comedian, Nick Offerman, performs at the sold-out Ferris homecoming comedy show in Williams Auditorium.

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"I don't think I fully understood how big ArtPrize is until I entered it. There is some really amazing art and not nearly enough time to see all of the pieces I'd like to see." - Mikala Piller - See page 7 for story

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It's not easy being royalty



Homecoming royalty representing Ferris for the year

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

Each year, Ferris coordinates a candidacy for students to run for homecoming court.

While in the past Ferris has always started the application process during the beginning of each new school year, this year's process began last spring.

"We want students—the students who are running for royalty—we want them and everyone to understand that this isn't someone who is the most popular person on campus but this is someone who exceeds expectations of what a proud Ferris student acts like," Ferris Director of Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS) Angela Roman said. "There is much more to this process than us putting their name on a piece of paper and people vote."

Each contender must meet certain criteria, including being a full-time student, having a GPA of 2.5 or higher, participating in some type of extracurricular activity and being involved in at least two sponsored registered student organizations (RSOs). Once the application process has been conducted, applicants then go through a formal interview.



Angela Roman

"I would encourage people to try out for [royalty] because it's a good way to be involved on campus and show your Ferris pride," Ferris mechanical engineering technology freshman Destiny Bullard said.

Ferris business administration senior Jacqueline Charette is one of three candidates that ran in the homecoming court this year.

"I've watched a few of my friends be on the court and it just seemed like an incredible opportunity to be a representative for all Ferris students. The royalty winner gets to attend a ton of Ferris events through the remainder of the year, and interacting and meeting everyone on campus sounds like a dream. I've loved all four—and now starting number five—years of being a Bulldog and I want to share my incredible experience with as many people as possible," Charette said.

The student who wins royalty is required to fulfill certain duties that are associated with the title, such as speaking at a freshman class seminar throughout the semester, working with Entertainment Unlimited, attending 10 Ferris events throughout the school year and serve as master of ceremony for the 2017 Torchbearer Awards.

"This is a chance to find the student who really exemplifies the Ferris spirit," Roman said.

Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Ferris architect student Corey Nichols was crowned royalty Saturday, Sept. 30 during the homecoming football game against Wayne State.



Photo courtesy of Mikala Piller

Artist Mikala Piller spent one month creating "Driven," an acrylic painting shown in the Water Center for ArtPrize 2017.

BR meets GR

ArtPrize showcases a fellow bulldog

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

With crowded streets and the smell of hot dogs in the air, people bustled about, taking photos and mental images of the art that Grand Rapids' ArtPrize presented.

This is Ferris product design senior Mikala Piller's first year participating in ArtPrize and her new experiences have left her amazed and proud of her work.

"I'm excited to be a part of such a friendly and experienced art community," Piller said.

Piller's piece, "Driven," is a 6 foot 4 inch square acrylic painting depicting a 2016 Ford Shelby GT350.

"I used bright, exaggerated colors and chunky brush strokes to try to capture the excitement and thrill of driving," Piller said.

Though her piece is in Grand Rapids, Piller's inspiration was an encounter she had at Ferris.

"I went to the Ferris State Car Show last spring, put on by the Bulldog Motorsports Club with the intention of finding a car to paint, so I could study it in person. Pictures don't do a car's curves justice," Piller said. "I noticed a Shelby at the show and immediately felt inspired."

Piller said the process of cre-

ating her art was cut short because of the June 2016 deadline for ArtPrize entries. She was able to spend one week building and stretching her canvas and an additional three weeks priming and painting her piece.

Piller always knew she was an artist at heart.

"I have been doodling since I could hold a crayon," Piller said. "When I was little, I would draw in the margins of coloring books because just coloring the given picture wasn't my thing."

Piller has won awards for her artistic talents before, such as the Merit Award in the 2013 Congressional Art Competition and even had a few private buyers while in high school. However, ArtPrize offered her a more creative opportunity that has left her with no regrets in entering this annual Grand Rapids event.

"My ArtPrize experience has been overwhelming but amazing," Piller said. "I don't think I fully understood how big ArtPrize is until I entered it. There is some really amazing art and not nearly enough time to see all of the pieces I'd like to see."

Piller's art can be seen at the Waters Center in downtown Grand Rapids. ArtPrize will continue until Sunday, Oct. 8.



Sushi Shangri-La

California rolls, Detroit rolls, Chicago rolls, oh my!

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

With the variety of food offered on campus, it seems only right that just as much variety is offered off campus as well. A brand new restaurant recently hit Perry Avenue, bringing change to the Big Rapids community.

Ttowa is a sushi restaurant that combines classic Asian flavors and inventive originality.

"Ttowa is new and out of the ordinary. It's definitely something that Big Rapids doesn't have, and I know people have been looking forward to it for a long



Jessie Reid

our food."

Ferris fifth years Joe Hudson and Jessie Reid are more than excited for this new restaurant to hit the town.

"This is our third time coming this

time," Ferris music management graduate and manager Talesha Wright said. "The taste is very authentic. We take special precautions to make sure the quality is amazing. Our sushi chef is fantastic and you can really see that in the quality of



Joe Hudson

said.

With a new sushi restaurant close to campus, the bistro has a variety of options.

"Our top dishes are the firecracker roll

week," Hudson said. "It's delicious and reasonably priced. Also, it tastes very authentic and fresh. I like the shrimp tempura roll."

"We love it here. I hope it sticks around and gets enough business. It has lots of flavor and quality," Reid

which is shrimp tempura, cream cheese, spicy crab salad, spicy mayo and a sweet sauce and the Detroit roll, which is spicy tuna, crab, jalapeño, cucumber and cream cheese with spicy mayo," Wright said. "Pretty much all of our deep fried specialty rolls are popular. My favorite is the Hurricane—it has crab, eel, avocado, cucumber and cream cheese with spicy mayo."

Dining hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. Ttowa is located at 105 Perry Avenue, right next to the Ferris Copy Center.

Graphic by: Jordan Lodge | Production Manager

TORCH CONFESSIONS

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

I like to dance on tables

There is an activity that I love to do and trust me, it sounds really great on wood tables. The sounds are much more refined and accented on the wood, as opposed to carpet.

Ever since I was little, my mom claims that I was walking around on the balls of my feet and my elementary school teachers complained that I couldn't sit still in my seat. It turns out that I love to be creative—physically creative. My mom's solution was to enroll me in dance classes. She asked me what style I wanted to do.

Of course I wanted to take the style that was extremely loud and required extremely expensive shoes.

I absolutely love to dance but my favorite style by far is tap dancing. I danced at a studio from kindergarten until my senior year of high school. My mom tried to get me to take classes when I was five but I didn't listen to directions well enough, so I had to wait a year.

She enrolled me in one class, which was tap. My first dance on stage was to "Hakuna Matata" from "The Lion King" and I hated my costume—it was bright pink and extremely itchy.

Over the years, I took many more classes and eventually joined the competitive team at my studio when I was in seventh grade. We focused on other styles of dance such as contemporary and



Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

jazz more than my one true love—tap.

The past two years, I have gone to the Motor City Tap Fest. There is so much positive energy there and attending it restores my will to live.

I have become more and more obsessed with tap every year. It also makes me extremely frustrated but I adore doing things that make me want to yank my hair out.

I also enjoy tapping early in the morning back home in my garage. The shape of the garage acts as a funnel amplifying the sounds all throughout my neighborhood.

My new favorite place to tap is in the basement of Vandercook. The basement smells like cauliflower, which makes my stomach turn but my tap shoes stink just as bad, honestly.

The place in the basement that sounds best to tap is on top of the wood coffee tables. I don't know if I will break them in the near future but no regrets if I do.



Rising from the ashes

Tune in for the latest on Bulldog Radio

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

Bulldog Radio had become a distant memory until recently when a group of students decided to re-establish the RSO.

It had originally been created in 1967 and again in 2013. Due to location issues, the RSO had difficulty remaining active and ceased to exist by December 2014.

Ferris sports communication senior Johnathon Gustin hoped to bring Bulldog Radio back to air when he found it difficult to earn experience in his field while on campus.

"I had an interest in broadcast and trying to get a way to be involved with broadcast at Ferris State University," Gustin said. "There wasn't a platform to do so anymore when I had asked Cami Sanderson, who was the adviser for it."

After going through the process of trying to figure out what the group wanted, members of Bulldog Radio are working towards promoting and getting the RSO working by February of 2018.

During this process, Bulldog Radio has also helped those interested build skills and figure

out personal goals.

"It helped me define my major because I knew I wanted to be a sports comm major but I wasn't sure where I wanted to take it," Ferris sports communication sophomore Conner Pycr said.

"As I've worked with Bulldog radio a little bit, I've learned that I want to be more of a writer than I nescarrily want to be a broadcaster, which is not what I thought going into it. But I do want the broadcasting skills in case I ever need them."

While newcomers to Ferris may not have heard of this type of radio before, they have shown interest in the idea of it.

"I haven't heard of it but I would be willing to learn more about it," Ferris forensic biology sophomore Amanda Garber said.

Bulldog Radio meets Monday nights at 6 p.m. in FLITE 108.



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VEGGIE NATION

Fish are friends, not food

Rachel Lowing
Torch Reporter

According to the Vegan Outreach website, “Over 68 billion farmed animals worldwide are slaughtered every year; that’s more than 2,000 per second.”

There are many reasons why people decide to have a vegan or vegetarian diet. Some of these include animal welfare, religious beliefs or health benefits.

Although these diets can be challenging, especially while being a college student, they are not unattainable.

Ferris pre-veterinary freshmen Megan Johnson has been a vegetarian for two years and does not let the challenges keep her down.

“A benefit I guess would be just knowing that I’m not supporting the harsh food industry,” Johnson said. “Also, I have always felt better about my health after cutting out red meats.”

Vegan Outreach has numerous studies broken down on their website on the health benefits of cutting out meat. There is less chance of vegans and vegetarians get-

ting diabetes, heart disease and cancer according to their website and sources.

At Ferris, The Rock and The Quad try to make inclusive dietary options for students who choose to be vegetarian. These include a number of breakfast options, soups, salads, Mongolian or veggie burgers.

Former Ferris National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) intern Rachel Beining has studied nutrition and wrote an article breaking down different educational points on how to be vegan and how to be vegan at Ferris.

“The Mongolian grill can be done vegetarian style by simply informing the workers of the grill that you would like them to use a different set of swords to cook your meal,” Beining said. “Vegetarian burgers are available upon request at Woody’s grill at The Rock and Riverside Grill at The Quad.”

Beining’s article and a full list of vegan choices can be found under Nutrition in the Dining Services tab on the Ferris website.



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A jazzy ensemble

A common passion that leads to everlasting friendship

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

“I can’t imagine not playing jazz. It’s just part of me, I love the culture of it and every moment spent in rehearsals,” Ferris music industry management senior Devyn Miller said.

Miller has been a part of the Ferris Jazz Band for six semesters now but his history with playing jazz started back in eighth grade.

“Virtually all modern genres of music stemmed from the creation of jazz in New Orleans and I think it’s how much a person can learn from the interconnectedness of it all,” Miller said.

He plays drums and has a song from Ferris Jazz Band that is his favorite.

“Watermelon Man, which is by Herbie Hancock,” Miller said. “I enjoyed playing it because it’s one of my favorite jazz songs of all time. It’s very laid back and has a chill or smooth groove to it. Puts me in my happy place.”

The music is just one of the aspects of the band that members enjoy.

“I love the variety of music we play and that we’re able to improv solos if we want,” Ferris criminal justice senior Chelsea Rae Miller said.



Phillip Milligan

Miller plays trumpet for the band and this is the first jazz ensemble she has been in. Miller recalls her first time playing a solo with the group.

“It was my first solo on trumpet ever. I was so nervous that I was shaking but once I started playing, I fell in the groove of the music and did well. It was exhilarating and now I love doing solos,” Miller said.

Miller also has words of praise for the director of the bands, Matthew Moresi.

“He’s able to guide us through efficient but fun rehearsals. He encourages us to get out of our comfort zone and try solo-



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Assistant

ing. He’s always open to song suggestions that we want to play and he will throw a pizza party or BBQ for us after our concerts to thank us for our hard work,” Miller said.

Not only is the Jazz band rewarding because the musicians get the chance to play their favorite music but they get to play in a group.

“In jazz band, you can meet people with similar interests, improve on playing music and it’s fun playing shows in front of an audience,” Ferris music industry management sophomore Phillip Milligan said.

Milligan primarily plays drums in the ensemble and this is his second year in the band. One of his favorite memories with the group is a trip to the 2017 Hastings Jazz Festival in April.

“It is a great bonding experience for our group and we learn a lot from the workshops we do, and we typically have a tradition of stopping for freshly made Krispy Kreme doughnuts,” Miller said.

The Ferris Jazz Band’s next performance is 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the University Center Ballroom.

SPORTS

"I want to help my team get to the next level and work to have the best season in Ferris State women's soccer history."
- Carley Dubbert - See page 12 for story

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PUCKING PREDICTIONS



Photo by: Sam Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Members of the Ferris State hockey team battle for the puck during the team's Crimson and Gold scrimmage. Ferris hockey opens its season Friday, Oct. 6, against Western Michigan University.

A look into the upcoming season for the Bulldogs

With less than a week remaining before the Ferris hockey team hits the ice for the first time, many questions still float around the Bulldogs.

Fear not, the Torch is here with five bold predictions that will hopefully clarify any remaining doubts about this year's hockey team.

1. The Bulldogs will have the lowest goals scored against totals in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA).

During the 2016-17 season, Ferris goaltender Justin Kapelmaster was ranked sixth in total goals allowed in the WCHA and was ranked second with a .921 save percentage. He was also named the College News National Freshman Goaltender of the Year. Kapelmaster only played in 17 games last season and put up incredible numbers for the Bulldogs, so it makes you wonder what he could have done with a full season under his belt. With Kapelmaster back, and a veteran defense returning with fellow Bulldogs senior Tyler Dorantes, juniors Ryker Killins and Zac Tierney and sophomore Cameron Clarke, don't expect the Bulldogs to allow opponents to put up gaudy numbers.

2. The Bulldogs will take advantage in the power play while boasting the best power play percentage in the WCHA conference.

Last season, the Bulldogs had six players in the top 40



Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

for power play goals in the WCHA. Four of these players return in senior Mitch Maloney, junior Craig Pefley, junior Corey Mackin, and sophomore Jason Tackett. With these offensive specialists on the powerplay this year, along with many talented new freshmen, this team could be prolific.

3. My next prediction might be my most daring. Ferris junior forward Corey Mackin will be the highest goal scorer in the WCHA this season.

Mackin, a former WCHA Rookie of the Year, is coming off a 13-goal, 26-point sophomore season. Mackin was second in total points behind former Bulldog Gerald Mayhew and was tied for 11th overall in total goals in the WCHA. Four of the players on the list for total goals last season have graduated their respected teams, and with Mackin having the off-season of a lifetime, he can jump to the top of this goal scoring list in the 2017-18 campaign.

4. Bulldog Head Coach Bob Daniels' crew will take advantage on their home ice and boast the best home re-

cord in the WCHA.

Last season, the Bulldogs finished 6-9-2 at home in Ewingleben Arena, which we all know was not characteristic of the team. In the 2015-16 season, the Bulldogs finished 9-5-5 at home, 2014-15 7-6-1, and in 2013-14, 16-1-1. I expect the men's hockey team to put on stellar performances this year in front of the always wild Dawg Pound and Bulldog faithful. Ferris State's Ewingleben Arena has made Big Rapids one of WalletHub's "Best Cities for Hockey Fans," and this year I expect the Bulldogs to perform at a high level with all the returning talent.

5. To finish this thing off, I strongly feel that the Bulldogs can play for a WCHA title this season.

The Bulldogs finished fifth in the final standings last year, finishing behind Bemidji State, Michigan Tech, Minnesota State and Bowling Green. Ferris had at least one win against all four of these teams during the season last year. In many of those games, the Bulldogs were a few saves/bounces of the puck away from victories. The Bulldogs have many returning starters in their line-up as well and many of these teams lost key pieces. Expect a deep post-season run from this team.

With the season-opener set for Friday, Oct. 6 at 7:05 p.m. against the Broncos of Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, the Bulldogs certainly look special this season.



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Fresh faces

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside to join conference next season

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

New competition is heading to the GLIAC in 2018.

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside was announced as a new addition to the conference beginning in the 2018-19 academic year.

"UW Parkside is a top-notch institution with outstanding leadership," GLIAC Commissioner Kris Dunbar said in a public statement. "The athletic teams have had proven success in the past and can continue those traditions in the GLIAC. They will be a strong addition to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference."

The Rangers are a part of the University of Wisconsin school system and currently play in the Great Lakes Valley conference. Wisconsin-Parkside is located in Kenosha, Wis. and the school is home to more than 4,000 students.

Wisconsin-Parkside was founded in 1968 and currently sponsors 15 sports programs. All those programs, except wrestling, will compete as wrestling is no longer a sport sponsored by the GLIAC.

The University has won a combined 28 Great Lakes Valley Conference titles spread out among eight different sports that consist of baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, women's cross country, men's golf and men's and women's soccer.

Wisconsin-Parkside will be the first university in the GLIAC that is located west of



Kris Dunbar

Lake Michigan. With the addition, there will now be schools from three different states that are a part of the GLIAC.

The last time Wisconsin-Parkside and Ferris State crossed paths was last November when the Bulldog basketball team hosted the Rangers. Wisconsin-Parkside won the game 85-75.

Wisconsin-Parkside is set to officially become a member of the GLIAC on July 1, 2018.

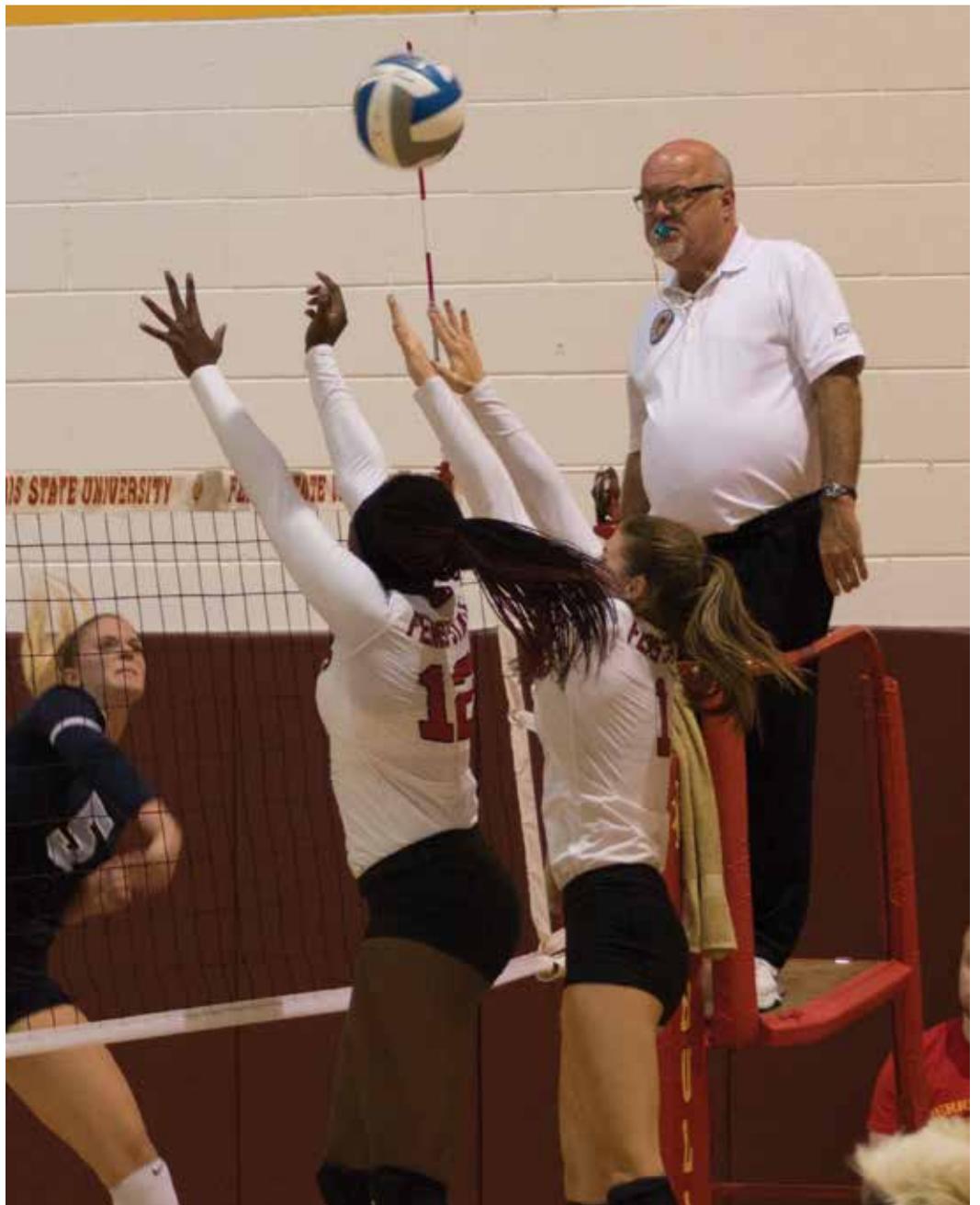


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Sophomore Maeve Grimes and senior Ayanna Buckley block an opponent's shot. The Ferris volleyball team is currently 7-0 at home.

Home is where the wins are

Ferris State volleyball remains dominant on home court this season

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

The No. 7 nationally ranked Ferris women's volleyball team is rolling.

The Bulldogs are looking good after four-straight 3-0 sweeps, the latest over Saginaw Valley State Saturday, Sept. 30.

Two of those four sweeps came on the Bulldogs' home court, leaving their home record at 7-0 versus GLIAC opponents.

With an undefeated start at home, what plays into the Bulldogs advantage when they play on their home court?

For starters, any team that has the luxury of practicing on their home court and then playing on that same court is bound to have an advantage.

"It's definitely an advantage for us since we get to practice in our gym every day," Ferris senior middle hitter Maria Kronner said. "A lot of teams in our conference are used to practicing in a larger gym, so it may be a challenge for them when they come to our gym and they don't have as much space as they usually do."

While practicing in your own gym is an advantage, the setup at Ewigleben Sports Complex is also a factor.

The Bulldogs' volleyball arena only has a seating capacity of 600, and with the action so close to the bleachers, it makes it very difficult for opponents

to come into the Bulldogs' house and get a victory. The environment is typically extremely loud and condensed with loud Ferris fans.

"It's very loud in our gym so it gives us an advantage as far as momentum goes. Our fans are also really close to our bench so we get a lot of support and encouragement that way," Ferris senior middle hitter Ayanna Buckley said.

Over the past two seasons, the Ferris State volleyball team are 32-5 on their home court, proving that home-court advantage truly does come into play. This record has also helped the Bulldogs to win three straight GLIAC Championships.

"I don't feel any different where we play, home or away. We have the same level of support from parents, locals and students," Buckley said. "I try to play my best game regardless of where I am."

The Bulldogs have four guaranteed regular-season home matches left in which they hope to continue their dominance.

With a 13-2 overall record this season, look for the Bulldogs to have even more home matches when tournament time rolls around.

The Bulldogs will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 6 when they host archrival Grand Valley State University at 7 p.m.



Ayanna Buckley



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Junior defender Carley Dubbert breaks free from defenders. Dubbert currently leads the women's soccer team in scoring.

On the offensive

Carley Dubbert has taken over the scoring responsibilities for Ferris soccer

Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

Ferris State women's soccer has had a nice early start against their Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC) competition, and leading the scoring charge for the Dawgs has been junior defender Carley Dubbert.

Though she's listed as a defender, Dubbert has been getting a lot of reps at the forward position, allowing her to amass a team high six total goals as they stroll into the October portion of the season.

Starting 2-1 against GLIAC competition this year through their first three league games, as opposed to last year's 0-2-1 league start through the same amount of games, is a beginning to the positive change that the Bulldogs would like to see. The early league wins, according to Dubbert, are just steps on the path to an even bigger team goal.

"One of my big goals for the team is to make it to the NCAA Tournament and win the GLIAC, we want a ring," Dubbert said. "I want to help my team get to the next level and work to have the best season in Ferris State women's soccer history."

On a team with an abundance of freshmen and only seven seniors, it's important for somebody to be able to step up and set an example.

"We are a very young team with fifteen freshmen so we have been working to find our groove and things have really been flowing these past couple

of games," Dubbert said. "We need to keep being aggressive in front of the goal and apply hard pressure defensively."

Dubbert, the pre-pharmacy major who has hopes to enter the Ferris State College of Pharmacy next year, has a big lead on the rest of her team when it comes to goals scored, as the next nearest Bulldog has only two goals.

Defender-turned-forward Dubbert has the backing of her fellow upperclassmen as she leads the team's scoring efforts, according to senior midfielder Hilerie Schatzle.

"Carley really has a go-getter attitude and goal scoring mindset, she has six goals which have been a huge contribution to our team's success so far," Schatzle said. "She always plays 110 percent and with all the heart, which is exactly the kind of teammate you want to play alongside with and count on."

Schatzle recognizes the number of younger players on the team this year and knows that having a role model who can perform on the field is a big deal.

"The upperclassmen are responsible for teaching the standards of the team to new teammates," Schatzle said. "Here at Ferris, I think that has always been a tradition to make sure everybody is on the same page and working toward the same goals, and that is definitely part of our success."

With her pharmaceutical aspirations and her superb goal scoring ability, Dubbert has been serving up the right prescription for this Ferris State women's soccer program and she hopes to do the same throughout the rest of the 2017 season.

The ladies will finish the rest of their season playing against conference opponents en route to the GLIAC Tourney, which kicks off on Halloween. The first opponent on that list is Tiffin, who Dubbert and the rest of the Dawg pack will play on the road at noon on Friday, Oct. 6.

FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL



Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

A huge bounce back homecoming win for the Bulldogs spelled defeat yet again for the Beaulldogs this week in the form of a 92-47.5 Ferris fantasy victory as over 80 Ferris State football players were able to get some playing time.

Matt Ryan, the Falcon who led his team all the way to the Super Bowl last year, scrounged up a whopping one point for my team this week after the Falcons lost to the Bills 23-17. In reality, Ryan didn't even have one point, but I rounded up to make myself feel better about the massive "L" he had led me to.

Quarterback for the Bulldogs Travis Russell had himself a huge day after a lackluster start to his year last weekend, amassing 28.5 fantasy points on a touchdown pass, and two more touchdowns on the ground. He seems to be finding his rhythm after losing starting QB Reggie Bell to injury.

Russell wasn't the only Bulldog to find the end zone on the ground, as running back Jahaan Brown was able to get on the board with a TD of his own. Even though I have nobody to blame but myself for selecting Theo Riddick over Ameer Abdullah for my running back this week, I can't help but let out a, "C'mon, man!" as I realized Riddick also received only one fantasy point.

Malik Taylor was another Bulldog who was able to put six points on the board, catching a TD pass from Russell and receiving 14.5 fantasy points, the second highest fantasy scorer of the week.

Bulldog running back Robert Thomas brought forth a nice effort, bringing his team 9.5 fantasy points after scoring a touchdown on the ground.

The always-on-point Wyatt Ford knocked in

eight of eight extra point attempts and a 23-yard field goal for 11 fantasy points.

The Ferris State Torch's own Danny Collins also jumped on the scoreboard with a touchdown of his own after jumping on a blocked punt in the end zone, tacking onto the defense's 13 point fantasy performance.

The Bulldogs, after taking a 3-1 lead on the less than impressive Beaulldogs, are back on their home turf this weekend at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7 against Tiffin.

Here are my week five picks:

QB: Jameis Winston - The Buccaneers are taking on the Patriots this week in a Thursday night football match up, and the Patriots' D has been giving up a lot of points this year. Let's go, Famous Jameis!

RB: Ameer Abdullah - How silly of me not to choose this guy last week. I need another huge day from Abdullah as the Lions take on the Panthers on Sunday.

WR 1: Jermaine Kearse - The J-E-T-S will be riding a wave of momentum after taking down the Jaguars last week. Hopefully the Jets' newest acquisition Kearse can find the end zone a couple of times for me.

WR 2: Alshon Jeffery - The Eagles are taking on the tough Cardinals secondary this week, but Wentz is an up-and-coming QB who should be able to (I hope) find Jeffery a few times, hopefully in the end zone.

FLEX: Marshawn Lynch - Pulling out my wildcard here, I'd like to see Mr. Skittles trample the Baltimore defensive line en route to the end zone.

Defense: Raiders - Khalil Mack and the Raiders are taking on the Ravens this week, a team who has really struggled to find their place this year. I'm not one to wish ill will on anyone, but if I were a person who would do that, I wish for Baltimore offense to not play very well.

K: Stephen Hauschka - Hauschka is one of the best kickers in the game, and with the way the Bulldogs are playing again, I'll need all the help I can muster up.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Matt Ryan	1
RB	Theo Riddick	1
WR1	Stefon Diggs	6.5
WR2	Michael Thomas	12
FLEX	LeSean McCoy	7
D	Jacksonville Jaguars	15
K	Matt Bryant	5
Total:		47.5

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Travis Russell	28.5
RB	Jahaan Brown	10.5
WR1	Malik Taylor	14.5
WR2	Keyondre Craig	5
FLEX	Robert Thomas	9.5
D	Ferris State	13
K	Wyatt Ford	11
Total:		92

Sports Shorts

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Back on the Ice

The Ferris hockey team held their Crimson and Gold scrimmage Saturday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The team split into two groups and played two 12-minute periods. Ferris junior forward Corey Mackin is recovering from surgery and suited up in the game but wore a non-contact jersey.

The game went to a shootout, tied 3-3 before Ferris sophomore forward Taylor Fernandez got the game winner for Gold. Ferris sophomore goaltender Justin Kapelmaster stopped all three shots he faced in the shootout. The Bulldogs will start their season on the road Friday, Oct. 6, at 7:05 p.m. against Western Michigan University before returning for their home-opener against the Broncos Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7:07 p.m.

Swing those Rackets

Ferris women's tennis opened their conference season on the road Saturday, Sept. 30, and won decisively over Purdue Northwest University, 8-1. The Bulldogs swept doubles round and won five of the six singles matches against the Pride. The Bulldogs will have their first home match when they host Grand Valley State on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

Running Dawgs

Ferris men's and women's cross country competed in the Greater Louisville Classic held in Louisville, Kentucky. Saturday, Sept. 30. The women's team finished 10th in the Blue Division and the men's team came in 16th overall. Ferris sophomore Kathryn Etelamaki led the charge for the women, finishing 10th while Ferris senior Trevor Holowaty finished fifth on the men's side.

The Bulldogs will return to action when they compete in the Conference Crossover in Romeoville, Ill. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

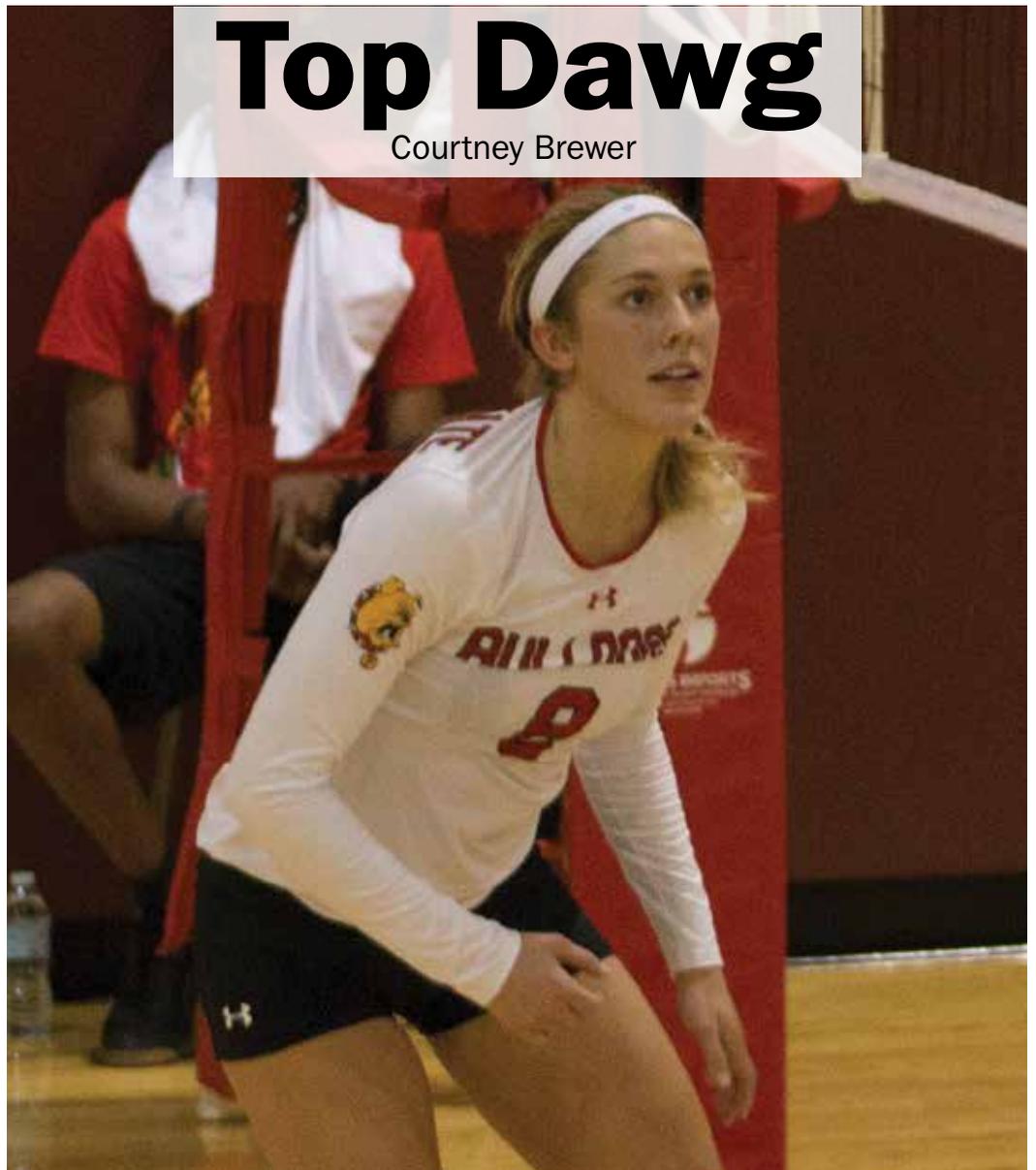


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Top Dawg

Courtney Brewer

Brenden Samuels
Sports Editor

For the second time this year, Top Dawg honors are headed to the volleyball court.

The Ferris volleyball team has been dominant this past week and this whole season overall. Coming off four straight 3-0 sweeps, the Bulldogs are sitting at 13-2 overall.

While the team as a whole are playing at an elite level, one person has been making more moves than most.

Sophomore outside hitter Courtney Brewer has been on fire as of late.

Brewer started out her impressive week with 11 kills, two digs and accounted for a team-high 13 points against Northern Michigan.

That wasn't the peak for Brewer either. When the Bulldogs met with Lake Superior State on Friday, Sept. 29, the numbers were gaudy.

Brewer lead her team in kills (12), digs (17) and points (14) against the Lakers and was the team leader in two of the three statistical categories again when Ferris took on Saginaw Valley State.

After adding a team high 10 kills and 11.5 points against the Cardinals, Brewer finished the week with a grand total of 33 kills, 20 digs and 38.5 points accounted for.

These are among the best numbers put up by an individual player for the Ferris volleyball team so far this year.

With fans buzzing around fellow sophomore Allyson Cappel and veteran players like Ayanna Buckley, Brewer is quietly becoming one of the soundest players on this squad.

Ferris volleyball will be back in action when they take on rival Grand Valley State on Friday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Ewigleben Sports Complex right here in Big Rapids.

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We've all done it; turned up the radio a little to drown it out, put a cute figurine on the dashboard so you can't see the emergency lights, pretended you don't smell that slight scent of burning-something that hangs in the air for a second after you turn your key...

We've all done it because, the truth is, none of us have the time or money to deal with car troubles in college.

The automobile is a magical invention created as a means of

getting you from A to B. I know this better than anyone because oftentimes my A is in Michigan and my B is in Ohio, so driving is kind of a fact of life for me.

But let's be honest: cars are money-pits. Whether it happens now or five years from now, something is going to go wrong, and both you and your wallet will suffer for it.

For example, I went out to my car bright and early Monday morning, turned it on, and winced when I noticed that my

low-tire pressure light was on for the second time in five days. Dreading what I already knew, I got out of the car with my pressure gauge in hand and reaffirmed that it was, in fact, the same tire that was low. Again.

With a heavy heart, I called a local shop and made an appointment to get a slow-leaking flat fixed.

My train of thought while all of this was happening?

"I don't have time for this. How much is this going to cost

me? Can I afford it right now? I just had to pay rent yesterday, maybe I can walk this week..."

For all their convenience, when it comes down to it, cars are a pain in the ass, and if you can hold off on dealing with that while in college, count yourself lucky.

As for me, I'm going to turn up the music, plaster over my dashboard, and lean into the tilt my car has while it rides down State Street on its rims.

Taking a knee

Protesting injustice isn't unpatriotic



Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

As President Trump wages war with the National Football League (NFL), it has become increasingly clear that the United States is no longer united.

According to the results of a poll done by this very paper that employs me, 48 percent of you agree with me. To the other 52 percent, I hope that you read this piece with an open mind.

Let me take a moment to catch you up before we get started. Puerto Rico is recovering from two hurricanes that have left the island in shambles, North Korea is becoming a larger threat everyday to the safety of the United States and lawmakers are trying to repeal legislation that brings health coverage to millions of people nationwide. But for now, let's focus on getting that "son of a bitch" off the field.

Oh Colin, look at what you started. I applaud you, because it has worked. You've brought light to a subject that most would prefer to be left in the dark and now you've got the entire country talking.

I am not one for kneeling. You can come to any of this wonderful university's sporting events and you will catch me standing, eyes locked on the flag. But I'd be lying if I didn't tell you that I admire the members of this movement for creating the conversation that they have.

This is not a flag issue. This is a social justice issue. Rosa Parks didn't protest public transportation.

The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States provides those involved the right to kneel. You know, the right that



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our brave men and women have served and fought to protect.

What's worse than calling all involved sons of bitches (for the record, Donald, I'm sure most of their mothers are rather nice

ladies), is calling them ungrateful. Why, Donald? Because most of them are wealthy African-American men? They are just supposed to take the money us white men provide them and

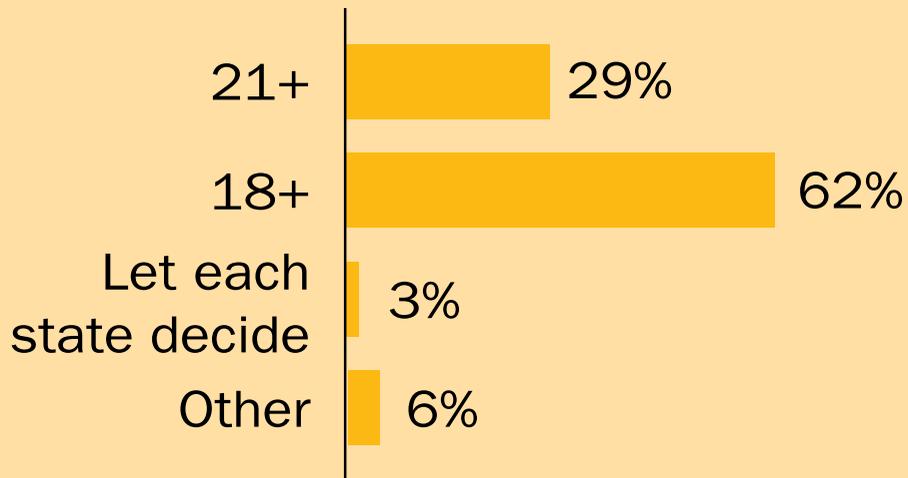
entertain us?

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I'm a Barbie girl

A smile goes a long way

Working in retail has taught me three things: you cannot mix food and chemicals, a coupon can only be used a maximum of four times and people really need to lighten up.



Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

I spend every day working in a pool of stress. I can't tell you how many times I've heard the door ding and I turn to greet an angry face.

The customer I'm greeting will either see me and look away, or worse, just walk past as if they didn't hear me at all. Excuse me? That's not okay.

Because of school, I only work Friday through Sunday so, thankfully, I don't have to deal with that as often—or so I thought. I arrived on campus and since day one I constantly encounter grumpy faces.

Maybe you haven't had your caffeine yet, or maybe you've had seven classes and are on your way to work, I don't know. What I do know is that life is too short to be unfriendly to people.

True, sometimes I feel like Barbie from that Toy Story movie when the credits are rolling and her face hurts from smiling so much. I'd rather have the tiniest possibility of making someone's day than the greater chance of making it worse.

I spend every day stressed and some days I feel like I'm barely keeping my head above water. People may not think

small gestures are any gesture at all but that's not true.

I remember one year I was having a horrible day and I'll admit, I was not smiling at strangers as they walked by.

I had just driven up to school and my arms were full of bags and books for the week and as I walked up to the door of my building I was stressing about how I was going to slide my student ID to get inside. Just as I was near tears from the cherry on top of a horrible day, this student was leaving the building and saw I had my arms full and offered to carry some of it and opened the door for me.

That made my day.

Ever since, I wonder how many other students feel how I felt that day and are just trying to find some little bit of good to hold onto to push through the weeks.

So, I smile. I say hello and open doors when I can. It's the smallest of things that truly go a long way.

PROTEST

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earning. The league creates the revenue by using the players and in turn, pays the players accordingly. Ultimately, this movement was started to get this country talking and it surely has. Whether you agree with it or not, you have to respect their right to do so.

For those of you that want to leave politics out of sports, great. The president can quit complaining about football players and football players can quit worrying about whether they are

going to stand or kneel anymore, because they are there to play football.

In our homecoming game Saturday, our football team along with Wayne State's decided to stay in the locker room for the anthem, which isn't any different than they've always done. I guess nobody noticed that until this was such a big deal.

I salute all the brave men and women who have fought to protect our country. I also salute all of those using their rights and their platform to bring about change where change is needed.

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How much is that doggo?

Why college students should not get a dog



Rachel Lowing
Torch Reporter

I absolutely love dogs. I might even be obsessed! These days, who isn't?

Dogs are hilarious, sweet and too pure for this world. I wish everyone could have a dog that they cherish so they would be happier and there would be no more homeless dogs.

With that being said, is it a good idea to get a dog in college? As a dog owner, I am so torn on this subject but ultimately, I say no.

There is so much that goes into raising and caring for a dog. It is a full-time job in itself. They need to be housebroken, trained not to bark at everything they see, taken for walks and of course, fed. They have wants and needs, like any other living thing and the only one who can provide those things is you.

In college, we are already worrying about attendance policies for upwards of 12 credit hours, work, extracurricular activities, resume builders and then on top of all of that, trying to find time for the loads of homework

assigned each week.

College is a time when students are learning to take care of themselves and learn about life without parents constantly telling them what to do. Bringing another life into your home can make the transition that much harder.

Then on top of everything else, not all landlords and apartment complexes allow dogs.

This makes the search each year for a new home extremely difficult. Many students have no idea where they are going to be after college, which poses a whole new problem. There are certain cities across the country that are very lenient with their dog policies and others that are extremely strict.

Would a freshly graduated student give up a prospect of a job because they can't find a pet-friendly living situation? Or would the number of dogs living in shelters and the streets grow?

As amazing as dogs are, they are time and money, both of which college students tend not to have.

I would say to wait. These four years at college are meant for self-growth and learning the ups and downs of a sort of freedom before "the real world." Once they are done and you are established in a home with a career,

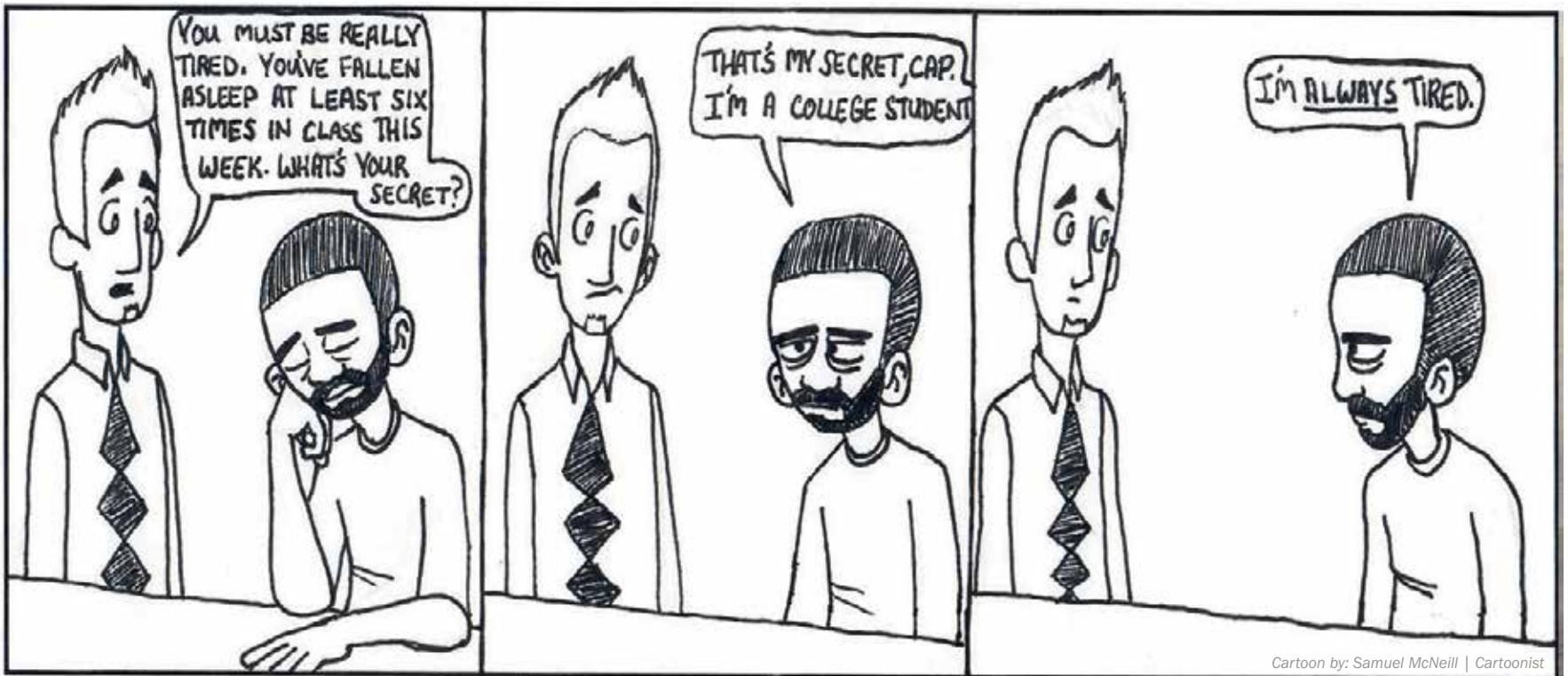


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please march on down to your local shelter and adopt all the dogs your heart desires (and budget allows for).

Until then, you can get your dog fix by volunteering at the Animal Rescue Coalition located right here in Big Rapids. Or even

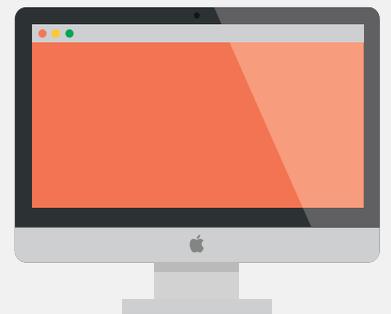
find a friend with a dog and offer to dog-sit so they can actually get some homework done.



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