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DAWGONE IT, THEY DID IT!

Bulldogs rally to beat Grand Valley 28-27 in Anchor-Bone Classic

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

The Bulldogs are 6-1 after rallying late to beat Grand Valley State in a nail biter—28-27 in the annual Anchor-Bone Classic on Saturday.

The Bulldogs trailed almost the entire game but that didn't matter as they claimed their first lead of the day with just 15 seconds remaining thanks to an impressive drive led by quarterback Reggie Bell.

The Lakers started the day off strong as they took just 1:43 and four plays to march down the field on their opening drive that was capped off by a three-yard touchdown run by Marty Carter. The Bulldogs responded well on their opening drive but were stopped on fourth and two at the Grand Valley five-yard line.

After a quick stop on defense the Bulldogs got the ball back and drove down the field before Wyatt Ford put Ferris on the board with a 27-yard field goal.

Both defenses would hold until later in the first half when Laker receiver Austin Paritee hauled down a 25-yard pass from quarterback Bart Williams just inside the end zone to put the Lakers up 14-3 which would stand at the half.

The Lakers outgained the Bulldogs 254-163 in the first half but were held back by nine penalties that accounted for 73 yards. The Bulldogs had just two penalties for 15 yards in the first half.

Ferris took over the momentum early in the second half when they drove 68 yards in just 2:11 before Ford added another field goal from 25-yards out to cut the Grand Valley lead to 14-6.

The ensuing kick-off took a bounce and a number of Lakers were unable to fall on it, allowing the Bulldogs to recover and bringing the offense right back

out on the field. The Bulldogs found the end zone for the first time when Bell took a keeper 9-yards to the house to cut the Grand Valley lead to 14-13.

The Lakers responded on their following drive when Williams found receiver Brandon Bean in the end zone on third down and long for a 16-yard score to extend the lead to 21-13 with the 6:14 left in the third quarter.

Both defenses would stand tall until the last five minutes of the game. Bell came back after another injury and led the Bulldogs down inside the Laker 5. Jevon Shaw checked in at quarterback and found the end zone and the offense pulled out some trickery for the 2-point conversion to tie the game at 21 with just 4:50 left.

The Lakers didn't take long to respond as they drove down the field after a pair of deep passes and used a three-yard touchdown pass from Williams to Nick Keizer to reclaim the lead with 2:30 left. The Laker lead was only 27-21 though after the Bulldog defense blocked the Laker extra point attempt.

Bell would lead the Bulldog offense again down the field before finding the end zone on a two-yard keeper with just 15 seconds remaining in the game. Ford added on the extra point to give the Bulldogs their first lead of the game. The defense did their job to hold the Lakers in the final seconds to close the game.

Bell led the charge in his first start since the second week of the season as he went 15-29 for 228 yards through the air while collecting 91 yards on the ground with two touchdowns including the winner with 15 seconds remaining.

The Bulldogs will return to action next Saturday, Oct. 28, when they host Northwood University at Top Taggart Field. Kick-off is set for 1 p.m.

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Us too

This is only the beginning

Harley Harrison

News Editor

Your social media feeds are filled with statuses and tweets declaring: “Me too” and hopefully you’ve had an epiphany about sexual assault.

If you’re still confused about this trend, “Me too” is a campaign that is asking survivors of sexual assault and harassment to update their social media statuses to “Me too” in order to bring awareness about the widespread nature and severity of sexual assault to those not directly impacted by it.

Hopefully, you’re starting to visualize the statistics that some of us know by heart, like the fact that one in four women in the United States has been sexually assaulted or that 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men.

But if you’re a survivor, this campaign might mean something different to you.

Many survivors keep their assault a secret, even from their friends and family. Not only do victims have to face the trauma of sexual assault but some deal with victim-blaming or shaming by others.

However, this social media trend is uncovering secrets and uniting survivors throughout all ages, races and genders. There is now a visual representation and reminder that they are not alone, while everyone else is able to get a glimpse of how serious the matter truly is.

If you don’t think this movement is go-

ing to change anything, I encourage you to think again.

The “Me too” campaign started in 2007 but this year its popularity has shattered ceilings because social media has become such a massive part of our society. Now sexual assault has everyone’s attention, igniting a global discussion.

But we cannot stop here. We need to take a firm stance against sexual assault, not because we are survivors or we know survivors but because we are decent human beings who shouldn’t be tolerant of a crime where the blame often falls on the victim while the criminal walks free.

It is time for us to destroy rape culture by reporting our abusers and testifying for justice. We need to demand that rape kits get tested and “locker room talk” sees its deserved consequences. We need to stop accepting and forgetting the rapists who walk free after only three months in prison or the rapists who never even get convicted. We must stop being inactive bystanders and we need to stop shaming the survivors who desperately need our support.

For any survivor who might be reading this, we encourage you to share your story when the time is right. We want to let you know that you are not alone and that your assault was NOT your fault.

Despite how heartbreaking it might be to see status after status claiming “Me too,” my heart is instilled with hope, because this movement is just the first step.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted, and every 8 eight minutes, that victim is a child. The first step in solving this issue is opening a dialogue.

In a show of solidarity, the Torch staff members below, past and present, have elected to print their names because yes, us too.

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REMEMBER LAST SUMMMER?

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A few nights ago, I did something I haven’t done since my overdramatic, activist teenage years – I went off on a guy on Facebook. It was pretty bad. I challenged myself to say the worst thing I could think of, and what resulted was the kind of thing you would never say in front of children or your grandma. But I think I had a good reason, and I’m not sorry. Not one bit.

A man, dare I even grace him with that dignity, essentially implied that my friend should be sexually assaulted for giving her opinion on sexual assault and rape culture. I lost my cool.

The outburst stemmed from a thought process I had earlier while standing in my kitchen, making a grilled cheese – Me too.

This campaign was something I immediately supported and felt connected to. I applauded the people who were brave enough to say these simple words in front of family, friends, and possibly even coworkers on Facebook. But slowly, I began to realize –

Me too.

I was sexually assaulted just over a year ago by a former coworker whom I was becoming friends with. At the time, I was hesitant to call it sexual assault because I didn’t think it was “severe enough” and because I was embarrassed that I had gotten myself into the situation. I honestly don’t think I wanted to admit that it was sexual assault.

But something clicked that night.

Me too.

What happened to me was undeniably sexual assault.

He asked if he could come visit me over the summer. I had just moved back to my hometown. I was hesitant about letting him drive down, but in his words it was just to “hang out” and I even flat out told him that if he was coming to try to have sex with me, he shouldn’t bother. He assured me he just wanted to hang out. So I let him visit.

As soon as he arrived, he kept trying to touch me. I did everything I could to keep myself at a distance. I should’ve told him to leave, but I felt guilty because he’d driven several hours to hang out with me, and I figured that surely he’d

get the hint and stop and then we could actually just hang out.

When he started to forcibly kiss me and rub himself on me, I spoke up. I told him no. I told him no over and over and over and he was not stopping.

There was a point when it had gotten so bad that I remember thinking, “This is when he rapes me. Oh my god, he’s going to rape me. He’s going to rape me and I don’t know what to do.”

Me too.

This horrible thought was somehow followed by a worse one – “Do I deserve this? Is this my fault? Of course this is happening to me.”

I told him I had to use the bathroom and I locked myself inside. I was that afraid.

How did I deny that this was sexual assault for so long? How could I let myself believe that this was somehow my fault?

How many people feel this very same way and have these same thoughts?

Me too.

Finally, he gave up. He said he had to go, but next time, could we “do stuff”? Would I promise him that, since he drove all the way to see me? I lied. I lied and it

made my stomach churn, but I was afraid that he would take what he wanted this time if he knew there would be no next time.

What are we supposed to do in these situations? How are we supposed to cope with it afterward? I chose to ignore it, to push it away, to pretend it wasn’t real sexual assault.

A year later, I’m realizing what a disservice I did to myself. But again, what are we supposed to do? What can heal a betrayal like that? How do you steady yourself after something that shakes you so deeply?

Without knowing how to deal with it, I just didn’t.

When the “Me too” campaign caught on, I thought it was a beautiful way for victims of sexual assault to come together and support each other. And yet I never posted “Me too.” I was too embarrassed, stuck on the idea that it somehow had to be my own fault, and unknowingly in denial about what the situation was, even though every single day I thought, “Remember that time last summer? You too.”

Yes, me too. Me fucking too.

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Egg-saustive damage

Harley Harrison

News Editor

Broke and busted

Oct. 11, 12:05 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Campus Drive near FLITE for defective equipment on the vehicle. Officers located marijuana inside the vehicle and the driver was ticketed for possession of marijuana.

Trouble out West

Oct. 13, 5:20 p.m., officers assisted staff at the West Campus Apartments for a marijuana complaint. The issue was handled by the Housing Department.

Shady tints

Oct. 13, 7:20 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle on Northland Drive for a tinted window violation. The driver had a suspended license and was issued an appearance ticket.

Pickell pot probs

Oct. 13, 11:20 p.m., officers assisted staff in Pickell Hall for an odor of marijuana complaint. Three people were ticketed for possession of marijuana.

Party disappearance

Oct. 14, 5:15 a.m., officers received a report of a missing person who was last seen at an off-campus party. The complainants located the subject around 10 a.m. the same morning.

Eyes on the road

Oct. 14, 4:55 p.m., officers assisted the city police with a two-vehicle accident in the 200 block of Michigan Avenue. There was minor damage to the vehicles.

Drunk racing

Oct. 15, 12:20 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle on State Street for speeding. The driver was drunk and lodged in the county jail for driving under the influence.

Meijer madness

Oct. 15, 10:20 a.m., officers assisted the Sheriff's office with a disorderly subject at the Meijer gas station. Officers were able to convince the subject to leave the scene with a relative.

Don't spill that shit

Oct. 15, 10:10 p.m., officers stopped

a vehicle on Northland Drive and Gilbert Street for driving with defective equipment on the vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle, officers saw open liquor and the driver was ticketed for driving with open liquor inside of the vehicle.

Window worries

Oct. 16, 5:25 p.m., officers received a report of a damage complaint in McNerney Hall. The windows of an outside door leading to Lot 40 had been broken with an unknown item. There are no suspects.

Bad drivers

Oct. 17, 1:05 p.m., officers investigated a two-vehicle accident in Lot 61.

Apartment assaults

Oct. 17, 9:25 p.m., officers responded to a report of a domestic assault complaint in the West Campus Apartments. A female was lodged in the county jail for domestic violence.

Look out

Oct. 17, 11 p.m., officers received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Lot 17.

More trouble out west

Oct. 19, 2:20 p.m., officers assisted staff in the West Campus Apartments for an odor of marijuana complaint. The issue was handled by the Housing Department.

Joint jealousy

Oct. 19, 11:25 p.m., officers assisted the staff in Vandercook Hall for an odor of marijuana complaint. One suspect was identified and sent to the Office of Student Conduct.

Egg-saustive damage

Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m., officers investigated a malicious destruction of property in the West Campus Apartments. The victim's car had been damaged with key marks that had scraped off the paint and eggs had been thrown at it. The investigation is still ongoing.

There were 467 tickets issued from Oct. 11 to Oct. 19, totaling \$8,120 in fines.

NEWS BRIEFS

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News Editor

Paws with a Cause

The Ferris Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities (LCSD) is hosting Paws with a Cause in honor of Disability Awareness Month. The agency will bring five service dogs to campus for a presentation Thursday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to noon in the University Center basement 217. Please direct questions to Maggie Walcott at MaggieWalcott@ferris.edu.

Trick or treat photo challenge

Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. students can stop by the Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS), the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) and the International Office to take a photo and eat free Halloween candy. The students with the most festive photos from all three offices posted on social media will win a prize. Questions can be directed towards CLACS@ferris.edu.

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Harley Harrison

News Editor

Russia

Ksenia A. Sobchak, a 35-year-old journalist, has announced her campaign to run against the current Russian president, Vladimir Putin. The election is set for March and so far, the main liberal opposition candidate, Aleksei Navalny, has been banned from the race due to politically motivated fraud cases.

Original story by Neil MacFarquhar, Oct. 18, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Quebec, Canada

The Quebec provincial legislature has barred people wearing face coverings from working in government jobs or receiving public services in an effort to ensure state religious neutrality. However, in this effort, the piece of legislature has also barred Muslim women who wear face veils from all modes of public transportation and from obtaining health care services.

Original story by Dan Levin, Oct. 18, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Kabul, Afghanistan

32 people were killed and another 41 were injured after a suicide bomber detonated explosives in a Shiite mosque. Despite the immediate transportation to a hospital, the death toll is expected to rise due to the severity of most of the injuries. This explosion comes after a series of attacks on Shiite Muslims in Afghanistan.

Original story by Fatima Faizi and Mujib Mashal, Oct. 20, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Patagonia, Argentina

The body of a missing indigenous rights activist was found in a river two months after the man's disappearance. The death has caused an uproar due to the current mid-term legislative election, which is seen as a referendum on Mauricio Marci, who took office about two years ago. The man's disappearance caused an uproar on social media but authorities are suspect that the body may have been planted.

Original story by Daniel Politi, Oct. 19, 2017. *The New York Times*.



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Changes take FLITE

Alterations prompt mixed reactions

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

The Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education (FLITE) added one amenity and altered another this semester.

New to FLITE is a meditation and prayer room. Located on the third floor in room 315, the room serves as a space for prayer, meditation and quiet reflection, according to FLITE Outreach and User Engagement Librarian David Scott.

“We were not aware of any other space on campus that fills this niche that would be open as many hours as we are,” Scott said.

As well as the addition of the meditation and prayer room, FLITE changed the hours of the extended study area due to budget cuts. Rather than being open 24/7, the area is only open during regular library hours.

“It wasn’t used a lot,” Scott said. “We did look at the numbers. There were a couple of nights it’d have one person in it. It’s kind of hard to justify paying staff to be here for one person or even no people.”

According to Scott, the extended study area was open 24 hours Monday through Thursday of midterm week and will be open 24 hours again during finals week.

Some students have positive feedback about the meditation and prayer room.

“Personally, I don’t think I would use it because I do that on my own time in my own space but for anybody that’s having trouble with tests, or having anxiety and they just need to go somewhere while they’re in the library and pray and just calm down, I think it’s a great place for them to do that,” Ferris radiography sophomore Mackenzie Williams said.

As for the extended study area, many students are upset with the reduced hours.

“I used it for group work,” Williams said. “Instead of using the study room, the extended hours were just easier because we met late at night. So it was really nice and convenient for everybody to go there for group work. Now we don’t have anywhere to meet, so we have to find somewhere during the day and it’s really difficult.”

Although Ferris undecided sophomore Maegan Neely commutes to Ferris and didn’t use the extended study area, she said that she knows people who did.

“I definitely think that a lot of kids did use it or they found it useful,” Neely said. “I don’t think that a lot of kids are going to appreciate the hours being cut.”



David Scott



Maegan Neely



Mackenzie Williams

WE ARE FAMILY

Bulldogs reunite with loved ones

Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Bulldogs geared up before the football game with a tailgate outside of Top Taggart Field.

Families from all over came to visit their beloved Ferris students during Family and Friends Weekend.

Family and Friends Weekend, Oct. 20 through Oct. 22, had free events on campus for everyone who came. According to the Bulldogs Family and Friends Weekend Planning Committee, roughly 1,268 participants were registered the variety of festivities over the weekend, which entailed everything from the GVSU football game to a movie night.

Ferris undecided freshman Sydney Pruett attended the family movie, Despicable Me 3, with her brother and grandparents on Friday, Oct. 20. Pruett said that coming to Ferris was a difficult transition without her family.

“It was harder because I’m like, seven hours away, so I came from a totally different state,” said Pruett. “But I like the atmosphere and I like Michigan better than Indiana.”

Pruett also said having her family visit relieved some of her stress from midterms.

Another main family event was the tailgate before the football game on Saturday, Oct. 21. Ferris political science senior Amber Gross, who attended the tailgate with her dad, said she still misses her family from time to time.

“The first couple months were definitely rough,” Gross said. “I was really homesick but after I started to find friends and things to do, then it wasn’t so bad. But I still miss them.”

Ferris pre-med freshman Arrianna Jones said her favorite event was the casino and bingo night on Saturday, Oct. 21, which she attended with her friend and her friend’s family.

“Having them here was a really good time because I wasn’t really close with them at first but then today I feel like we got really close because we did so much,” Jones said.

Jones also said that she plans on participating in Family and Friends Weekend next year.

“I feel like it’s a good experience for us and them to see how campus is and how everything is around here,” Jones said.



Photo by: Abbey Good | Multimedia Editor

Family and friends weekend participant Emily Lassen enjoys a minion-themed cookie at the showing of Despicable Me 3 in the University Center.

Never give up

Grandson of Cesar Chavez visits Ferris

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Andres Chavez had one recurring message for those who gathered to hear him speak—never give up.

Andres Chavez is the grandson of Cesar Chavez, who is widely regarded as one of the most influential labor leaders and civil-rights activists in American history. His appearance at Ferris on Oct. 18 was organized by the Center for Latin@ Studies (CLS), which is also where the event was held. According to the Ferris web-

site, his visit is in conjunction with visits to several other local colleges, universities and high schools in the area.

The event drew in dozens of students and faculty, including Ferris President David Eisler to listen to Chavez, who has followed in his grandfather’s footsteps as a political and social activist.

Chavez’s speech told the story of his grandfather’s life, but he also spoke about social and political is-



Photo by: Odette Lopez | Torch Photographer

Andres Chavez speaks with students about social and political issues.

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Power to the people

The voice of FSU student government



Graphics by: Jordan Lodge & Sarah Massey | Production



Megan Lewton
Torch Reporter

Student government is working behind the scenes to put student involvement into Ferris' professional affairs.

The Ferris Student Government Association is a group of students who join together to represent fellow students, plan events and initiate change on campus.

"The role and mission of student government is to represent students in all aspects of campus life," Ferris business administration and accounting senior and Student Government President Patrick Maloney said. "Our members serve on committees where we can offer the perspectives of students on the many

issues and areas our campus covers."

According to Maloney, student government is composed of senators who represent academic colleges and representatives of registered student organizations. The meetings are open to the public, so non-members can also attend the meetings and give their input.

Student government has been working on projects and events throughout the semester. The organization recently held SPAWgetti, a benefit dinner where proceeds were sent to help animals in states affected by hurricanes.

Student government's event for October was a pumpkin smash held Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the North Quad. According to Ferris psychology senior and Student Government Director of Finance Alex Reeds, stu-

dents could purchase a pumpkin for \$2 and they could either smash it or take it home. Donuts and cider were also available for \$1.

Student government also coordinates fundraisers to give back to the community, such as Sweetcases, where students donate to give items to foster children.

"We collect donations so we can purchase the supplies through a non-profit to put together the bags for foster kids," Reeds said. "RSOs are welcome to donate and individuals."

Other popular events held by student government each year include Pancakes with the President and the Big Event.

"It's a very good opportunity to get more involved in the community and to get a more hands-on look at how things

are run behind the scenes," Ferris pre-dental senior and student government representative Christian Watson said.

Aside from planning events, student government allows students to have a say in what happens on campus.

"I think student government gives students a voice that they don't have otherwise," Reeds said. "The general assembly of student government really does have the connections. It gives students an opportunity to get involved and make a difference on campus about things that are important to them and I don't think you'd be able to do it to the same effect if we didn't have student government."

Getting smashed

Ferris Student Government collaborated with Phi Alpha Delta to sell cider and donuts, and host a pumpkin-smash fundraiser on the North Quad in the spirit of Halloween, where students could pay to either take a pumpkin home or destroy it.

Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer



CHAVEZ

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sues today. Chavez focused heavily on the issues of immigration and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which are topics he has spoken out about in the past.

"When we think about the issues facing immigration, building walls definitely doesn't bring people together, we know that takes

building bridges. When we talk about DACA, ending DACA which would deny dreamers their future and their prosperity in the only nation most of them have ever known definitely doesn't show them the beauty and the value of this land," Chavez said.

For many of the students and staff, this event was an opportunity for them to learn more about the life of Cesar Chavez and his impact on the past and present, but also an opportunity for a di-

verse group of people to come together.

"I thought it was very important and amazing that we saw unity with a diverse set of students, faculty members and administrators," Ferris applied speech communications junior and president of the Hispanic Student Organization (HSO) Daniel Rivera said. "To hear words from somebody who knew such an amazing leader in our history, it was an amazing event."

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“Last week, I saw a guy pour a Red Bull into his coffee and knock it back like a shot of tequila.” - Marley Tucker - See page 8 for story

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Angela Graf

As a result of living in a different state, I travel quite a bit. As a general rule, this means lots of road trips, a part of my life that I became accustomed to a long time ago.

This summer, however, I had a problem. When it came time to travel up to Michigan and spend the Fourth of July with my boyfriend's family, I was miserably nauseous. For days. I knew I wasn't pregnant and I didn't have a single other symptom, so I was stumped and the four-hour drive was looking increasingly imposing.

I did finally make it up there with several stops but I regret to say that I didn't get to enjoy many barbecues or ice-cream parlors this holiday. In fact, I

barely ate a thing for three days because it seemed that every time I did, I would have cramps, nausea and a myriad of other symptoms.

At this point, I resolved to visit my doctor when I got back to Ohio, so I made the appointment and lived on crackers and Vernor's for just a couple more days.

When I did finally get back, I learned something new, something that apparently is fairly common: you can become lactose intolerant into your teens and adulthood.

In retrospect, this made sense. Almost everything I had tried eating the past several days had had dairy in it one way or another. Cereal, cream

of potato soup, grilled cheese, even the veggie tray with ranch dip at my boyfriend's uncle's place and that then threw me off for the whole day, even if I didn't have any more dairy.

So after living dairy free for several months with significantly fewer bouts of discomfort, here is what I've gathered from this lifestyle change:

First, there are actually pills out there that help with this kind of thing. Lactose intolerance is essentially a result of your body not producing the enzyme, lactase, that breaks down dairy. So, naturally, there is a pill you can take with this enzyme in it to help.

These have been a lifesaver because, to be brutally honest,

dairy-free cheese is rough and ice cream with coconut milk or almond milk is expensive. Plus, it's nice to go out and be able to order off a menu without asking for an ingredient list.

On that note, I have also made the switch to almond milk as well. Sometimes I buy the lactase-added milk when it's on sale but generally almond milk is a fair substitute.

The upside in all of this? Apparently people of Asian descent tend to be lactose intolerant, which is why Asian cuisine generally doesn't contain dairy. So while I'll never be able to properly digest a piece of pizza again, Chinese takeout is still very much on the table.

It's friggin' bats

Why bats are amazing and you shouldn't fear them



Jen Corrie
Managing Copy Editor

With Halloween coming up, it's the perfect time to talk about these amazing creatures. A lot of people associate bats with spooky things—the dark, creepy old houses, caves and the nighttime woods.

Bats are also one of the iconic symbols of Halloween, along with the jack-o-lantern and sheet-style ghosts. Why? They're just nocturnal bird/mammal hybrids.

The answer is vampire bats, which don't even inhabit the U.S. Vampire bats are the only species of bat that prey on mammals and occasionally birds, so they are named after a blood-sucking fictional monster.

Don't condemn vampire bats as spooky and evil for preying on helpless cattle. That's the circle of life, folks. They need to eat, just like us. Also, I'm pretty sure humans have preyed on helpless cattle more than bats ever have. Just think of our meat industry before you're grossed out by vampire bats.

Furthermore, have you ever seen the face of a bat? They're actually pretty cute. The only thing that makes them look weird is their leathery wings that they wrap around themselves like a cape. My theory is that they have cape-like wings because many bat species are tiny superheroes that rid the world of evil—otherwise known as bugs.

Without bats, the insect population would soar. Insects already outnumber humans

FAST FACTS ON BATS:

- The nine types of bats found in Michigan:**
 - 1.) Big Brown Bat
 - 2.) Little Brown Bat
 - 3.) Eastern Red Bat
 - 4.) The Hoary Bat
 - 5.) Silvered Hair Bat
 - 6.) Indiana Bat
 - 7.) Evening Bat
 - 8.) Tri-colored Bat
 - 9.) Northern Long-eared Bat
- Bats use echo-location to find their food in the dark**
- More than half the bat species in the United States are in decline or listed as endangered**
- Most bats have only one "pup," or offspring, per year**
- The world's largest bat, the Flying Fox, lives in the South Pacific and has a wingspan of up to six feet.**

The above information was sourced from nature.org

by an astronomical amount. Luckily they're at the bottom of the food chain and our fuzzy nocturnal friends think they're a tasty snack. According to nature.org, "Bats can eat up to 1,200 mosquitoes in an hour and often consume their body weight in insects every night, helping keep bug populations in check."

On top of that, bats that eat fruit play a role in the pollination process, just like bees. They also are the only flying mammals to

inhabit the Earth and they rely on echolocation rather than sight.

Bats are one of the most unique mammals on our planet and they are extremely beneficial to our environment. So whenever I see a bird-like figure flutter overhead after dark, I don't feel a shred of fear. Instead, I feel a surge of happiness that there are less mosquitos in the world thanks to some fuzzy superheroes.

DINERS IN THE DARK

Nocturnal eaters are neglected on campus



Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

I really hate having to walk all the way over to the Rock to get food. This is especially annoying when I'm hungry after the Quad is closed. Walking over to the Rock on cold mornings for breakfast before 11 a.m. on the weekends is also something I don't look forward to.

The Quad needs to have the same hours as the Rock. I currently live in Vandercook Hall, which is significantly closer to the Quad than Rock. Even though the food is arguably better at the Rock and the staff is more pleasant, I still enjoy the convenience of enjoying a bagel at the Quad within roughly six minutes of rolling out of bed. I also find that the coffee is stale more often at the

Rock and I'm quite the coffee snob. I would enjoy being able to go to the Quad at around 11 p.m., which is when I generally work on homework and have some delicious, fresh coffee that's paid for by my meal plan.

As an ex-employee of the Quad, I understand why it would be horrible to work there for the same hours that an employee works at the Rock. The thing I hated most while working there was the lack of training when being asked to do a new task.

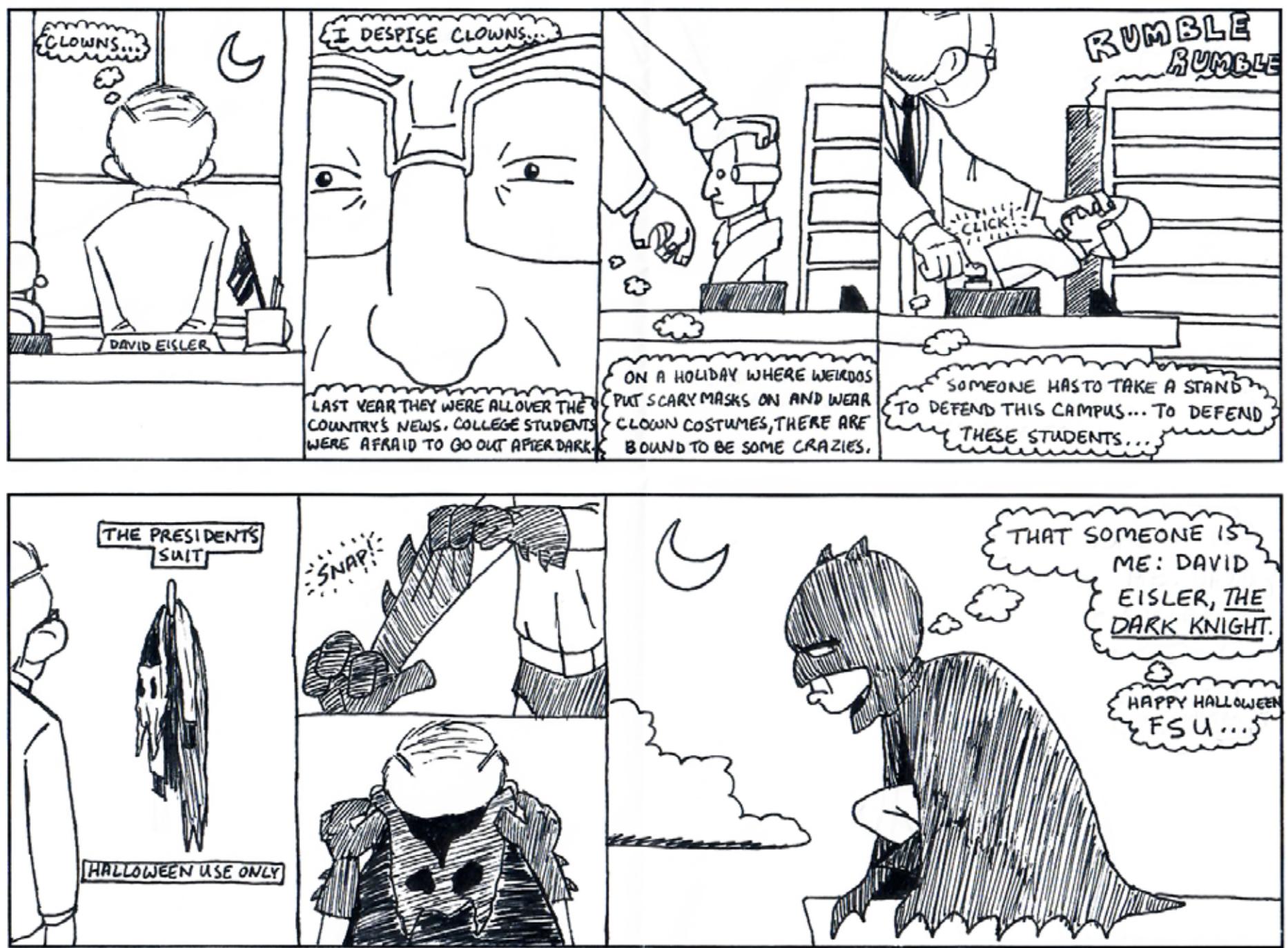
I understand why nobody would want to work more hours at the Quad but if there was a way to boost the

morale of the employees and have them stay later, my stomach would be very grateful.

If they can't keep the whole Quad open, then they could at least keep the front portion open where the "Pebbles and Rocks" section is. Being able to just come in and grab a bagel and a handful of cereal would definitely boost my motivation to get more studying done.

I appreciate that the Market is now open until 1 a.m. but some people do enjoy being able to use their meal plan on more food than five unsatisfying options. Some people are what I like to call nocturnal eaters. This occurs when your brain becomes hungrier for information and becomes more creative at night, which in turn makes people very hungry when the moon comes out.

Since Ferris claims to cater to many lifestyles, they should accommodate nocturnal eaters and have the Quad Café stay open during the same hours as the Rock.



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SMARTER SLEEP

We all love sleep but neglect it too much

We all complain about how little sleep we get in college. I've been guilty of it too. As students, we have to change that attitude and take better care of ourselves.



Marley Tucker
Opinions Editor

It's midterm season and I constantly smell coffee in the air like the perfume they pump out in shopping malls. Last week, I saw a guy pour a Red Bull into his coffee and knock it back like a shot of tequila. I was disgusted by the combination and impressed by his dedication to finish a term paper he had neglected to start before the approach of the due date.

The real casualty in all of this is our sleep schedules. Our culture praises sleepless nights and burning the candle at both ends. This is extremely harmful to our quality of life. Most people generally need as many as eight hours of sleep a night to feel well-rested and alert throughout the day.

According to research at Brown University, at least 11 percent of students report good sleep and 73 percent of students were found to have sleep

problems. When I'm stressed with group projects and exams, sleep is the last thing on my mind. I'll stay up all night and convince myself that I'll make up the difference after I turn in my work on Blackboard.

That is a bold-faced lie to myself. I'll look at the dark circles under my eyes and accept the broke and hungry raccoon I have become. Next thing you know, I'm on BuzzFeed at night taking a quiz to see what flavor of Poptart I am. I'm brown sugar cinnamon, in case you were wondering.

There are ways which we can improve our sleep and quality of life as college students. We need to treat our bodies with kindness. You can try out any of the following to work towards a well-rested mind.

HOW TO GET MORE RESTFUL SLEEP



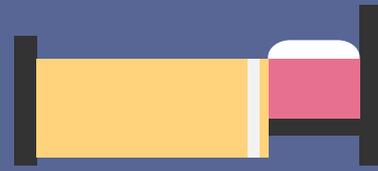
1. Put your phone down at bedtime and don't pick it up again until morning.

4. Spend the last hour before bed doing a calming activity such as reading.

2. Keep your sleeping area clean and prepped for sleep.

5. Avoid things like caffeine and heavy meals that wire your body to stay up later.

3. Stick to a schedule so you wake up at the same time, even on weekends.



Ghosts are a girl's best friend

Is this what my communication major is for?



Rebecca Bostic
Copy Editor

Okay, before you start calling me crazy for believing in this stuff, take a step back and remember that this is under the opinions section of the newspaper for a reason.

I started to investigate the paranormal and the supernatural when I was about nine. My grandma—who is now deceased—told me a story about a voice coming from a vacant corner in the house she lived in until the day she died that said, "Hello, Helen." Validation that the story

was true? Their dog at that time was growling at the same corner, hair on end.

My family has passed various stories around about "unexplainable" happenings but I have never had an experience nearly as exciting as my grandma's. So, I found a sort of substitute.

While on a vacation to Virginia, I picked up a pair of dowsing rods. They are simple objects—metal wire with beads for the handles—that were originally designed to pick up on the energy of moving water.

Supernatural beings, alias ghosts, can manipulate energy in the same manner.

So while I may not have seen a ghost, heard a ghost, or even felt a ghost—I have kind of talked to a ghost. Yes, the dowsing rods are easily tampered with, such as it being windy or my hands are shaking. Yet whenever I do a session with my dowsing rods, I come to the conclusion that it wasn't me.

For starters, if the wind is blowing, the rods would be moving in the same direction every time. So, if the wind blows but one of the rods moves against the wind, I'm going to put that under the category of energy interference.

When I conduct a session with my dowsing rods, I ask the spirit(s) that I am speaking with to cross the rods over one another for 'yes' and move them far apart for 'no.' I begin with the rods perpendicular from one another and invite spirits

to talk with me, asking them to move the rods across one another to alert me of their presence.

It could take seconds to minutes for a spirit to respond, depending on how much energy they have to move the rods. If there seems to be absolutely no response, I end the session; if I get a response, however, I ask the spirit to move the rods back to their starting stance and begin to ask simple 'yes' or 'no' questions.

Kind of like 20 questions but very, very one sided.

I have had several successful sessions with my dowsing rods, ones that I cannot ignore. While I await the day to be confronted by a spirit to confirm that, yes, they do exist, I will content myself with my dowsing rods and exploring this unknown territory.

GOT AN OPINION?

HOW TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

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2. Write out your thoughts in a coherent and respectful manner.
3. Include a headshot and some information about yourself.
4. Email your opinion to the editor for a chance to have your work published in our next issue!

TORCH POLL RESULTS



How do you feel about Trump's administration so far?

I am happy about new policy changes



I can not stand that man



People need to just accept it and move on



I am unaware of what is happening in politics right now



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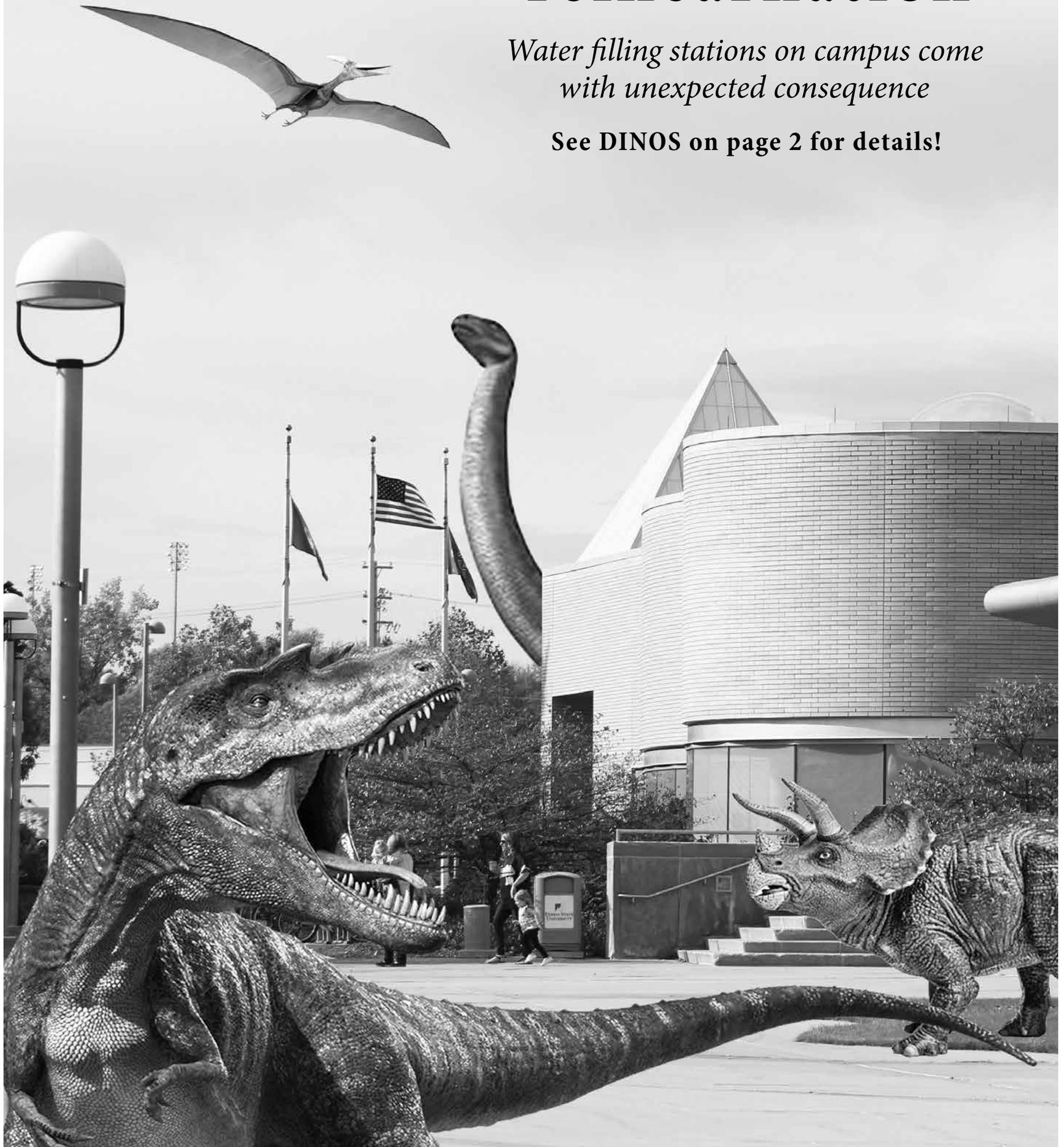


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Reduce, reuse, reincarnation

*Water filling stations on campus come
with unexpected consequence*

See DINOS on page 2 for details!



Tire Fire

Satirical insert laced with absurdity, hyperbole and going way too far

Pull out this section for the hardest-hitting fake news ever put to print



DINOS
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This refillable bottle station in the Prakken Building saved more than 6,000 plastic water bottles from being used, which probably equates to about 12 T-rexes.

Reginald Bumpstonwit
Half of a Centaur

An effort to reduce plastic water bottle use on campus has people screaming “H2-oh no.”

Ferris began installing refillable water stations in buildings all over campus in 2012 in hopes of reducing the amount of plastic water bottles ending up in landfills. However, the measure may have been too effective.

“Now that there is no need to make hydrocarbon-based plastic water bottles, the natural oil deposits beneath Big Rapids are turning back into the dinosaurs that they were synthesized from,” Ferris evolution

professor Mike Mulargis said.

Triceratopses, brontosauruses and many other species of once-extinct reptiles have resurfaced to wreak havoc on campus.

“If only we had known the terrible costs,” Ferris physical plant manager Biff Butler said. “These dinosaurs and the ensuing lawsuits have been a way bigger headache than a couple hundred tons of plastic that will never break down in the ecosystem.”

The dinosaur population has been especially concentrated around the Rock Cafe, where the prehistoric reptiles

are devouring scraps of food and the student body indiscriminately.

“It’s actually pretty sweet. Sure, my suitcase was carried off by a pterodactyl on the way to class yesterday and I now live in constant fear for my life, but I’m a big ‘Jurassic Park’ fan so this is like a dream come true. Or a horrible nightmare come true. Definitely one of those two things,” Ferris biochemistry sophomore Marty Sweeney said.

At press time, the velociraptors were learning how to open doors with their claws and—oh God, they’re getting into the newspaper office, please send help.

Traffic tickets up 1,000 percent

Heather Cruxhort
Female Father Figure

Between rolling through stop signs, running bicyclists off the road and unnecessary honking at 3 a.m., students were baffled when Ferris’ Department of Public Safety decided to crack down on the hooliganry that’s been invading campus.

“One second, I’m flipping through Facebook on my way to class and the next thing I know, I’m being pulled over for driving recklessly,” Ferris education freshman Mitzy Fitzgerald said. “Since when did texting and driving become an issue? I totally glance up every minute or so.”

With a whopping 37 tickets, Fitzgerald has unveiled her plan to take DPS to the courts of Judge Judy to plead her case.

“They won’t get away with this,” Fitzgerald said. “I’ve already made a Prezi stating all the ways students should be practicing their multi-tasking skills.”

Unlike Fitzgerald, Ferris automotive junior Brian Beets is all for the new rules.

“These whippersnappers are far too stupid to be on the road,” 21-year-old Beets said. “It’s about time someone laid down the law. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve been flipped off for driving 25 miles-an-hour. People need to get a grip.”

Beets has tried to protest driving before by yelling, “driving is bad, stop making me mad” on a megaphone. Finally, realizing nobody listens to a guy with the last name of a vegetable, Beets teamed up with DPS and came up with a reasonable solution.

“We were wracking our brains for the last 20 minutes thinking about what all students have in common and then finally, it hit me,” Beets said.

To help students better practice their ability to stop at stop signs, mini Starbucks carts are being installed at every stop.

At press time, students were spotted sitting through stop lights, creating the biggest traffic jam since last Thursday.

Naked and afraid

Local Tinder party matchup gets spooky

Sam Samson
Sand Sampler

A young man was found unconscious on main campus early morning on Oct. 21. The nude student was identified as Ferris biology junior Peter Dodgenson.

Dodgenson was found unconscious by Ferris pre-pharmacy senior Fiona Frost on her daily jog before classes. She reported the incident and Dodgenson was transported to the hospital to check for frostbite injuries.

“I was running by myself when I saw that someone was laying on the ground. It wasn’t until I got close enough that I realized he was stark naked and asleep. My eyes are scarred to be honest,” Frost said.

Dodgenson was questioned about his nudity by the authorities after receiving medical attention due to cold temperatures. Dodgenson was attending a party with a group of friends before leaving to meet with his Tinder date. After leaving Shooters, the details became hazy to Dodgenson.

“I met with this really hot girl and we were going at it at her place. I had the time of my life. I don’t really remember what happened after that. Something grabbed my leg in the dark outside and I thought I made it back to my dorm room,” Dodgenson said. “I have no idea where my clothes went.”

Dodgenson was ghosted by his date, literally, as no one on campus has come forward knowing the woman from his encounter or recollect a person on Tinder who matches the physical description given by

Dodgenson.

“I don’t know, maybe the ghost in Alumni has a female friend and I had a really trippy night. I did drink a lot of Fireball at Shoots before meeting that chick,” Dodgenson said. “It’s not the first time I’ve been thrown out of a house sans clothes but usually I remember why.”

Dodgenson was referred to the Office of Student Conduct because of his public nudity.

Screaming vulgarities

Irate Ferris football fan changes referee's call, challenges his manhood from the bleachers



An angry football fan voices his displeasure with the referees during last Saturday's home matchup against Grand Valley State.

“Hey ref, your whore mother must’ve been just as blind as you are to sleep with a guy ugly enough to be your dad.”

Misty Mountain
Rambler

If you can't say anything nice you should scream it relentlessly until you get your way, according to one Ferris football fan.

A six-yard gain was negated for the Bulldogs early in the third quarter of last Saturday's gridiron showdown when Ferris was whistled for a 10-yard penalty. The Dawgs would have been facing a third-and-12 situation if not for the heroism of one inebriated fan in the bleachers.

“I was pretty sure that FSU's left guard was holding but once the fan shrieking in the stands brought my lack of manhood and my mother's promiscuity into the equation I had to reconsider,” 46-year-old GLIAC referee John O'Fleckel said.

O'Fleckel has been wearing the stripes and throwing flags at the NCAA Div. 2 level for 19 years but he's never before faced the ire of a drunken

fan criticizing his called penalties.

Onlookers claimed that the irate fan carried on with the targeted taunting for several minutes while getting progressively louder and more vulgar.

“Honestly it hurt a lot. I mean, I just want the game to be fair and enjoyable for everyone—fans and players alike. I'm trying to do a good job and am just feeling really attacked right now,” O'Fleckel said.

The Bulldogs may have appreciated the call being swung in their favor if not for the fact that the game had to be delayed for 20 minutes while the ref tried to regain his composure on the sidelines.

“Our team preaches sportsmanship at every level. Even when a game doesn't go our way, we want to be respectful of other teams and the officials,” Ferris Head Coach Tony Annese said. “Still, that guy must've been blind, dumb or both to make that bullshit call.”

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Ask Woodbridge

Submit questions to fsutirefire@gmail.com for a chance to see Woodbridge N. Ferris give you personalized advice

“With Halloween coming up, how do I wear my slutty nurse costume without judgement?”

- Slutty Sofia

Halloween is the one time of year that people can dress in slutty costumes and not get judged for it—a life lesson I learned while watching this movie on Oct. 3rd about girls who were mean or something. Plus, if you want to beat the competition on Instagram and Snapchat, you're going to have to objectify yourself like all the other women your age. But, if you're truly worried, I suggest burning the costume and dressing up as your grandmother.

- Woodbridge

“I'm soooo excited for Halloween but also I'm like, terrified because once it's over I'm scared that cafes are going to stop making pumpkin spice lattes. IDK if I can get through the semester without them like I can't even. What do I do?”

- Basic Brittany

Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done to prevent the disappearance of these coffee drinks you love so much. However, you can keep the spirit alive by buying extra plaid shirts and another pair of Ugg boots. Deep breaths, the peppermint mocha is just around the corner.

-Woodbridge

“I want to go trick or treating but I'm afraid that, since my latest growth spurt, people will laugh at me or slam the door in my face. Do I have to make a choice between being embarrassed or being candy-less?”

- Constantly confused Chase

Now that you're in college, you have to start playing the system. The objective is to get a child to go with you. If you can't find one, kidnap one; it is Halloween after all. Go from door to door with this child and no one will have the guts to deny you candy. If this is unachievable, I believe you can obtain candy for less money the day after Halloween at every store ever.

- Woodbridge

“Last year, my roommate and I went to seven Halloween parties over the weekend. When we got home, he crashed on the couch and slept for three days. How do I prevent that?”

- Nate the Nerd

The overly drunk roommate scenario is not uncommon after Halloween weekend. I usually stay passed out for about a week but I'm a lightweight. I recommend that you put your couch on the neighbors' lawn so that when he inevitably passes out, it's their problem, not yours.

- Woodbridge

How to dress as a Dawg this Halloween

A costume guide for townies and local high-schoolers looking to dress up as Ferris students

Rebekka Mouldy
Gangstalker

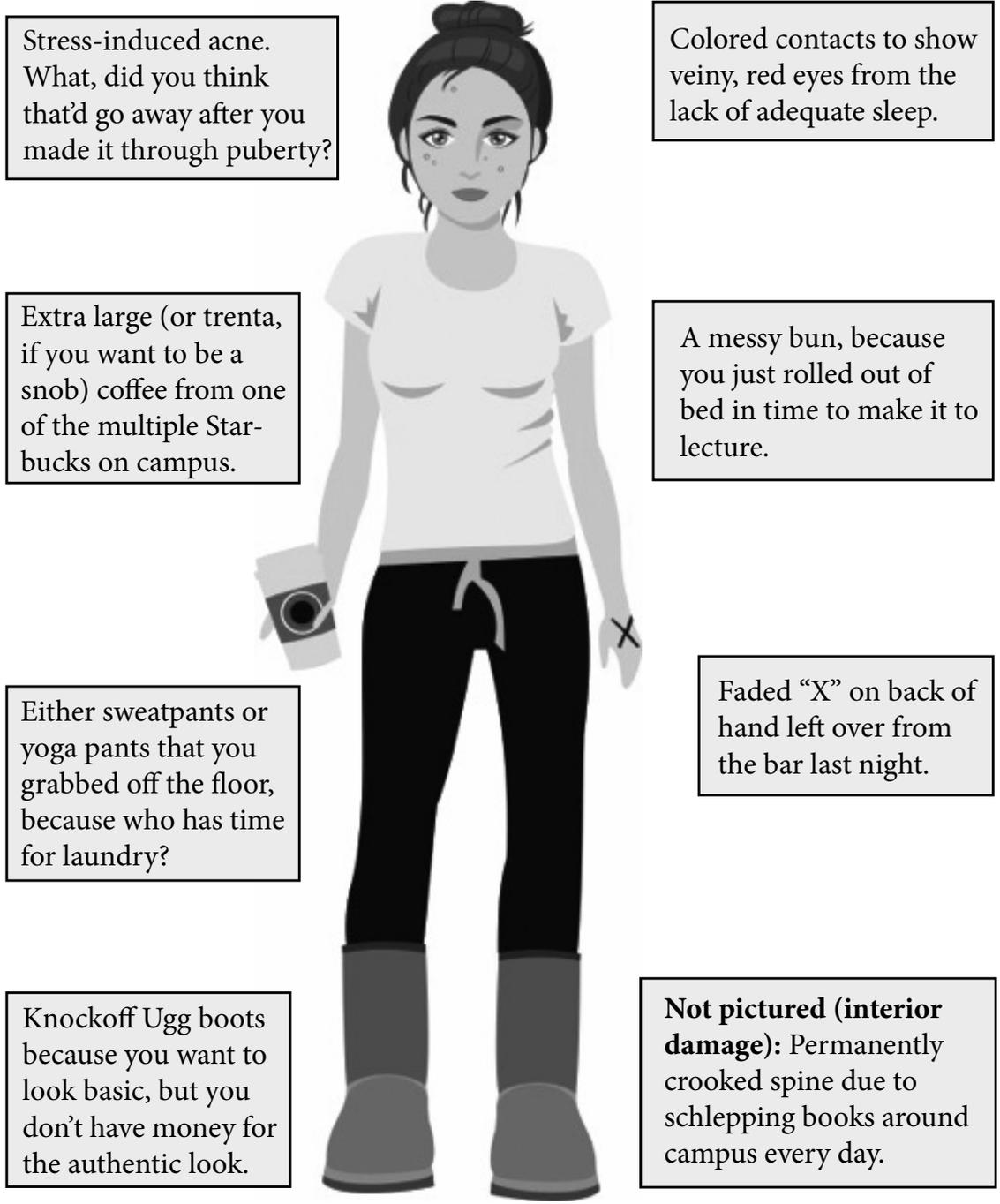
Look, we get it. Maybe you're trying to recapture lost youth. Maybe you never went away to college. Maybe you just really want to look like every facet of your life is falling to pieces and on fire. In any case, we've got you covered.

Check out this costume guide aimed at townies and local high school students hoping to dress as a Ferris student.

The total price should come to around \$14 and most of that cost is the Starbucks coffee. The rest can be picked up at your local superstore, or on any one of a thousand daily Ferris State Trades posts on Facebook featuring a girl cleaning out her closet.

If you're looking for the male counterpart to this costume, there are just a few adjustments to make. Swap out the messy bun and sweatpants for a backwards hat and gym shorts with mid-calf Nike socks and you're in business.

Just apply these tips and you'll be looking like Ferris' own brand of basic or douchey in no time. Happy Halloween!



- OFF THE RECORD -

Campus exploits that aren't necessarily illegal or reported to DPS but probably should be

Harvey Hankerson
Bruise Editor

Midterm blues

Oct. 17, 2 p.m., a Ferris English professor promised her students there wouldn't be a midterm exam only to assign a 10-page essay in its place.

OK, fuck you especially

Oct. 18, 9 a.m., a female student slowly walked the length of the Business parking lot with her keys out but didn't actually leave.

Psycho therapy

Oct. 19, 8 a.m., a male student willingly walked over the vent outside of Hallisy Hall and enjoyed it. The student was admitted to a psychiatric ward in a remote location in northern Michigan.

Missing mascot

Oct. 20, 9 a.m., Brutus goes missing... Just kidding, we won't put you through that bullshit again.

Anchor down

Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m., the Grand Valley State Lakers have their six-point lead robbed from them with 15 seconds left to play in the fourth quarter. Suspect was last seen by 7,400+ witnesses wearing a #7 crimson and gold jersey.

Buzzkill

Oct. 22, 11 p.m., a female student refused to go to Shooters with her roommates again. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Passive-aggressive anger

Oct. 23, 1 p.m., a female student added "lol" to the end of a text to her messy roommate who failed to do the dishes for the fourth day in a row in order to mask the bitchy undertone of the message.

10 cents per page

Oct. 24, 8 a.m., FSU charges thousands of dollars for tuition and overprices books at campus bookstore, yet still charges students for printing at the library.

My truck is bigger than yours

Oct. 24, 6 p.m., a fight broke out between students gathered at Lot 62 over who's truck was the most obnoxiously loud. The five male students who started the fight were last seen (and definitely still are) wearing camo and chewing dip.



Loner out to lunch

Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m., a male student sat at the Quad Cafe by himself at a table meant for six people.

SPORTS

“We have fart contests in the locker room,”
- Riley Blair - See page 11 for story

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Senior goalkeeper Darren Smith defends the net. The Bulldogs have played well overall but have found trouble landing in the win column, as their record currently sits at 2-4.

Another ruff start on the ice

Ferris hockey showing inconsistency early on

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Things haven't been so smooth on the ice for the Bulldogs this season as they have crawled out to an early 2-4 record.

Though the Bulldogs have racked up two more wins than they had at this time last year, things haven't been that glamorous for Ferris to start the season. After starting out the year with a 6-1 loss at the hands of Western Michigan, the team responded with a 3-2 win of their own

against Western the following night but the Bulldogs have dropped three of their last four games.

The Bulldogs fell in back to back matches at home in Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) play against Northern Michigan before splitting last weekend on the road against Mercyhurst University. The Bulldogs are on the road for four more games over the next two weekends before returning home on Friday, November 10.



Bob Daniels

“I think our game will transfer pretty well to the road. There's plenty of things that I am excited about. I'm not too worried about that,” Head Coach Bob Daniels said in an interview with Ferris State Athletics.

The Bulldogs got back into the win column Friday, Oct. 20 when they beat Mercyhurst 3-2. Sophomore forward Dominic Lutz led the way including the game winner in the second period of that contest. Junior Darren Smith made 28 saves in the win—his second of the season.

The Lakers bounced back Saturday afternoon when they exploded for a three-goal third period en route to a 4-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

Last year it was the defense that struggled early for the Bulldogs, while this year the team has struggled to score goals. Through the first six games, Ferris has only been able to find the back of the net 10 times.

The Bulldogs return to action this week as they look to put together a pair of wins when they travel to Bemidji State on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28. Both games are set for an 8:07 p.m. faceoff.

More than a sport

Volleyball senior reflects on four years as a Bulldog athlete



Hannah Guy
Guest Writer

These past four years have been the most exciting years of my life and I wouldn't change a second of it for anything.

Prior to coming to Ferris, I had no idea where I wanted to go. I knew that I did not want to go to Ferris—I didn't like the idea of going to a school so close to where I grew up. After some thinking, I decided to go on a visit and just check out the campus and team. It was the greatest decision of my life. The coaches and team were all so welcoming and I knew immediately that Ferris was my next home.

My experience as a Ferris athlete was much different than many others. I was not the stud who was getting All-American honors or even one who started every game. At first, this was hard for me to grasp. In high school, I was used to playing in every single game and not coming out for a second.

One night after practice, I decided to go to Fellowship for Christian Athletes. I spent about an hour there with other athletes and got to worship and listen to a message from Pastor Mike. That night changed my life drastically. Pastor Mike's message was about sports being so much bigger than playing time. It's not about the physical aspect of playing the sport but the players and coaches you get to surround yourself with who help you to develop into the person you're meant to be.

This was so eye-opening for me. I may not have always been on the court during games but I was always on the sidelines serving my teammates by pouring my heart and soul into encouraging them. During practice, I pushed my teammates every single day and worked my tail off to make them all better.

These four years have taught me that the sport of volleyball is so minute in comparison to the things it has taught me. I have made some of the greatest friends and memories of my life here at Ferris. I'll never forget



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Senior Hannah Guy has been on the Ferris volleyball team for three years, during which time the team has won three GLIAC championships.

the 8-hour bus rides to Michigan Tech, the Euchre tournaments, sore knees from preseason, team talks, plane rides to Florida or Colorado and free chocolate milk after practice.

While my time here is coming to an end, I don't regret coming here for a minute. I am so thankful for the

experiences I was able to share with my teammates and coaches including three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) conference championships, three GLIAC tournament championships and making it to Regional Finals multiple times.

Like they say: once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog.



Top Dawg

Special teams unit

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Brendan Samuels Sports Editor

In a new twist, Top Dawg will not be given to a single player but a group of players that really made a difference on the turf this weekend.

The special team play of Ferris football made the game in a nail-biting 28-27 victory over rival Grand Valley State.

This group of players features some of the most consistent performers week-in and week-out but none more consistent than senior kicker Wyatt Ford.

In the first half of the Bulldogs' Saturday, Oct. 21 victory, the team looked to be in trouble as the offense failed to find the end zone once. Often, Ford was kept on the sideline as the offense was kept on the field on multiple fourth down situations.

The veteran kicker did trot onto the field to nail a 27-yard field goal and the Bulldogs entered halftime starting at an 11-point deficit.

Then Ford came out again in the second half, knocked through a 25-yard field goal

and tacked on an extra point to bring the game to within one point.

After a few back and forth drives that found both teams in the end zone, the Bulldogs were faced with their toughest position all year. The Lakers tacked on a late touchdown with only two minutes remaining and lined up to attempt the extra point.

That's when the special team unit really made their mark.

As the ball was snapped, multiple Bulldogs dove at the kicker's legs and scared him into kicking a line-drive ball towards the uprights. At that moment, junior behemoth Zach Sieler stuck his hands up and sent the ball flying, allowing the Lakers to come away with just six points.

After a heavy dose of senior Reggie Bell on the Bulldogs' final drive, the Ferris football team found themselves tied at 27 with around 20 seconds remaining on the clock. Ford came out, stared down the Lakers and knocked through the kill shot that would stand as the highlight of the game.

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Sports Shorts

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Upper Peninsula slate

The Ferris women's soccer team traveled to the Upper Peninsula this past weekend for matchups against Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech.

The Bulldogs fell to Northern Michigan 2-1 Friday, Oct. 20 and shut out Michigan Tech in a 1-0 game Sunday, Oct. 22. Freshman Bri Rogers was the lone scorer for the Bulldogs against Michigan Tech and scored her fifth goal of the season. The Bulldogs are now 10-7 overall and sit at third place in the GLIAC. The Bulldogs will be back in action at home at 4 p.m. Friday, October 27 against archrival Grand Valley State. This game will have huge National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoff implications, GLIAC standings implications and GLIAC tournament seeding at stake.

GLIAC championships

The Ferris men and women's cross country teams had an excellent day at the 2017 GLIAC Championships as the Bulldogs were in action on Saturday, Oct. 21 in Marquette.

The Bulldog men placed fourth out of 11 schools with 144 points while the women finished in fifth-place out of the 12 teams competing.

Senior Trevor Holowaty led the men's team as he came in ninth overall with a time of 25:25 on the 8k course to claim all-league honors. Junior Damien Halverson claimed second team all-conference by placing 15th with a 26:12 in the race. On the women's side, sophomore Katie Etelamaki took 10th place with a time of 22:18, which earned her first-team honors. Senior Natalie Perry claimed second-team honors with a 23:38 and finishing 20th overall.

Ferris will next take part in the 2017 NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships slated for Saturday, Nov. 4, in Cedarville, Ohio.

Wrapping up the regular season

The Ferris women's tennis team finished GLIAC regular-season play with a 7-2 loss against Saginaw Valley State on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the FSU Racquet and Fitness Center.

The Cardinals swept the doubles round and then took the bottom four singles positions to aid their victory. Ferris State's Nika Hein was a 3-6, 6-4, 10-8 winner and Silvia Verebes posted a 7-6, 3-6 and a 10-8 win.

With the loss, Ferris finished the regular season at 4-6.

Ferris will be the number seven seed for the GLIAC Tournament next weekend, Oct. 27-29, in Midland. The Bulldogs will open tourney play on Friday, Oct. 27 against either Grand Valley State or Northwood, depending on the pairing announcement this week.

Locker room confessions

What happens behind the scenes in Ferris athletics

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

In the world of sports, spectators only see what their favorite team does on their turf. However, behind the locker room doors is where the real fun happens.

Typically, teams adopt traditions such as singing in the locker room or freshman induction activities that build team comradery.

The memories shared in the locker room or on the playing field will last them for a lifetime and build relationships that they cherish for the rest of their lives.

Each team has their own unique traditions and confessions and teams at Ferris are no different.

Here are just a few locker room confessions:

Women's cross-country:

To begin, there are currently 16 women on the roster for the Bulldogs.

When that many friends share a locker room there's bound to be a funny or embarrassing confession.

The women's team said that they don't have many confessions but they do have jokes.

One such joke is that you know you run cross-country when you're running around a pumpkin patch with half your clothes on.

Senior Kelly Babcock had a few embarrassing confessions that often apply to several runners on her team.



Riley Blair

"When you run cross country, you can find yourself peeing behind an abandoned barn before your race," Babcock said. "Honestly the grossest confession is that we have some girls who measure their showers by how many miles they've ran since the last time they showered."

Men's hockey:

When the men's hockey team comes to mind, often an image of a straight-faced guy showing no emotion appears. That's just not the case.

"Our goaltender Justin Kapelmaster is the dancer on the team and always does a weird and strange dance in the locker room and weight room," junior forward Corey Mackin said. "We always sing and dance in the locker room as a team as well."

When it comes to dancing, the team would agree that the Snapchats of senior defenseman Tyler Dorantes doing "his shoulders" dance to the song "Good Times Roll" by Griz would be the funniest. While Dorantes

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

The triumphant return of Reggie Bell in a huge victory over GVSU spelled defeat for the Beauddogs once again but this time with a close score of 66.5-69.5.

With a 1-6 record, my chances of making any fictional playoffs really went down the drain, though I'm not giving up yet. I made a rare, decent pick with Alex Smith this week, giving me 24.5 fantasy points.

Those 24.5 were great and all but Bell's 32 fantasy points on 228 passing yards and 91 rushing yards on top of two touchdowns were too much for me to overcome.

Bell did a lot of the heavy lifting in the game with the support of his teammates such as Keyondre Craig who gave the Dawgs 10.5 fantasy points on 106 receiving yards.

The only Bulldog other than Bell to find the end zone, Jevon Shaw, had just one rushing yard on three attempts, giving him six fantasy points.

After the realization that I selected Cowboy's receiver Cole Beasley, who played later in the day than I anticipated, I decided to swap him out for Saint's receiver Michael Thomas, a target of Drew Brees. Thomas was only able to corral 6.5 points but those 6.5 points were more than any of my other skill players were able to gather.

Ol' reliable himself Wyatt Ford went two for two on field goal attempts with his longest kick coming from 27 yards out. Ford also knocked in both extra point attempts, giving his team eight fantasy points.

The L.A. Rams' defense produced 17 points for the Beauddogs, shutting out the Cardinals. The Ferris defense played well but allowing 27 points and recording zero interceptions led to a two-point fantasy performance.

Though the Dawgs' returned the Anchor-Bone trophy to its rightful home, all eyes are now on Northwood as they host the Timberwolves at 1 p.m. on



Beau Jensen
Torch Reporter

Saturday, Oct. 28 for week eight action.

Also, I only lost by three points this week, a new personal record.

Here are the week eight NFL picks:

QB: Philip Rivers – The Charger who never seems to be able to get up to a full charge, Rivers is at least somewhat dependable. With that ringing vote of confidence, hopefully Rivers will be able to carve up the New England defense.

RB: Carlos Hyde – Hyde and the 49ers have had a bit of a rough year but even in a loss, they can find the end zone. Hyde also put up 17 points in week 6.

WR 1: Amari Cooper – Cooper put up 26 points in the Raider's victory over the Chiefs. Keep 'em coming!

WR 2: DeSean Jackson – The once dominant Eagle now plays under the Buccaneer banner, with his highest performance coming in week two against the Vikings in a loss with 11.5 points. I'd say he's about due for a big game.

FLEX: Kyle Rudolph – The Vikings will have an early morning game against the lackluster Browns this week, giving me a good feeling that the Vikings (with a possible return from Bridgewater) can find the big man in the end zone.

Defense: Bengals – I wouldn't normally choose the Bengals D but they're up against a less than stellar Colts offense.

K: Graham Gano – Depending on which Cam shows up, you never know how the Panther offense will play, which is why I'm putting stock into the Carolina kicker.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Alex Smith	24.5
RB	Javorius Allen	4
WR1	Michael Thomas	6.5
WR2	Devin Funchess	2.5
FLEX	Jordan Howard	4
D	Los Angeles Rams	17
K	Wil Lutz	8
Total:		66.5

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Reggie Bell	32
RB	Jahaan Brown	5
WR1	Keyondre Craig	10.5
WR2	Malik Taylor	6
FLEX	Jevon Shaw	6
D	Ferris State	2
K	Wyatt Ford	8
Total:		69.5

Preparing for tip-off



Basketball prepares for openers

Jacob Carlson
Torch Reporter

Halloween pumpkins won't be the only circular orange items around campus as both the men and women's basketball teams are set to tip off their seasons.

Head Coach Kendra Faustin and the women's team are looking to bounce back after a disappointing 5-22 campaign from a year ago. Meanwhile, Head Coach Andy Bronkema and the men's team are looking to build off a 28-5 season that saw them win a third straight GLIAC tournament title.

"We still have a lot of room to grow and a lot of things to work on early on," Bronkema said in an interview with Ferris State Athletics. "The league is trending up. Everybody made an improvement, so it's going to be a fun year."

The men's team will be led by returning junior Zach Hankins. The 6-foot 10-inch 255-pound center averaged 14.6 points a game while shooting 64.8 percent from the field. He also added 10.5 rebounds a game in his 33 games last season. His success was recognized when he was rewarded with the

Dean Davenport Male Bulldog of the Year award.

"We've got every single weapon we could need," Hankins said. "Right now, it's just a matter of feeling good together and playing well with everyone. This is the year to get past regionals. I want to win it all."

The women's team will be led by returning seniors Rachel McInerney and Leah Humes. McInerney led the team a year ago with 15.5 points a game on a 51.5 shooting percentage. Junior Riley Blair will also look to be a big contributor, as she was second on the team last year with an average of 12.3 points per game.

The women's team will get their start when they travel to take on Bethel University in an exhibition on Nov. 1 before tipping off their regular season on the road at Ursuline University at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10.

The men's team will tip off their season Thursday, Oct. 26 when they travel to East Lansing to take on the Michigan State Spartans inside the Breslin Center at 7 p.m. in an interdivision matchup. They will return home Saturday, Oct. 28 to host Grand Rapids Community College at 6 p.m.

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Drew Cushingberry prepares to slip past defenders. Ferris junior Alexis Bush eyes down the hoop for the women's basketball team.

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may not always know if he is being recorded or not, he is always trying to put on a show.

Women's soccer:

The women's soccer team is compiled of 35 Bulldogs and they have some interesting locker room activities as well.

One thing this team enjoys doing is separating into two groups and moving to either side of the locker room. The team then jams out to Disney musicals like "High School Musical" and "Camp Rock." Each side of the locker room takes turns singing, with one half being Troy (Zac Efron) and the other Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) and then Joe Jonas and Demi Lovato for the "Camp Rock" tunes.



Rachel Fouts

senior midfielder Rachel Fouts said. "We also sing

The soccer team has also admittedly adopted Dorantes' "his shoulders" dance move. The team will do it before every game to get their shoulders loose to the song "Good Times Roll" by Griz.

"As a confession, we as a team idolize Dave Cencer who is our strength and conditioning coach,"

along to Disney songs from our childhood Disney movies to pass time on the bus and our favorite food as a team is yogurt balls."

Women's basketball:

The Ferris women's basketball may very well have the most unique and embarrassing confessions amongst all 17 Ferris athletic teams.

The team's pregame consists of dance circles to get loose and they have choreographed dances in the locker room. While these seem to be normal, what junior guard Riley Blair has to say may leave you speechless.

"We have fart contests in the locker room. We also like going into the shower while it's not turned on and singing for its ability to auto tune your voice. Multiple butt grabs are expected during practice and pantsing each other before and after practice is normal," Blair said.

Each team has something unique that makes them who they are. This is something that has been built in the tradition of

each team here at Ferris and has ultimately helped contribute to so much success within the Athletic Department.



Kelly Babcock

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- Katie Inman - See below for story

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Bulldog love for Puerto Rico

Hurricane relief fundraiser sets \$1000 goal

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

September was a month of tragedy as lives were turned upside down throughout Puerto Rico when hurricanes Irma and Maria swept the island.

Ferris Social and Behavioral Sciences Department secretary Janitza Sawyer’s family was impacted by Hurricane Maria, as she learned when her sister, Stephanie Ocasio, called her.

“Hearing in Stephanie’s trembling voice, recounting the storm and the condition of her house shook me to my core,” Sawyer said. “My first instinct was to buy a plane ticket to rush to her side but at the time, it was nearly impossible to fly into the island.”

Though she currently lives in Bitely, Sawyer was raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Because of this, she always follows news reports and calls her family for updates

during hurricane season. When she received the call that her sister’s house was damaged in the hurricane, Sawyer was ready to help in any way she could.

“While beginning to plan a fundraiser for her, Dr. Johnson approached me with her fundraising idea and I was immediately on board,” Sawyer said.

Ferris geography professor Jennifer Johnson and groups of her students began fundraisers for people who were affected by hurricanes in Puerto Rico. One of these fundraising groups was called Bulldog Love for Puerto Rico.

“I created the fundraising project as an optional assignment. It requires students to translate what they’ve learned about the hurricanes in Puerto Rico into positive action. Students are not required to participate but the value of the assignment is determined by a sliding scale based on how much money they raise,” Johnson said.

Partnering with the Ferris Social Work Association, Bulldog Love for Puerto Rico has a fundraising goal of \$1,000 in hopes of helping Sawyer’s family, as well as another faculty member

from Dominica who had loved ones caught in the tragedy.

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Hurricane Maria swept through Puerto Rico in September, leaving families to pick up the pieces.

year Katie Inman was saddened by the stories of local faculty members.

“Both stories were hard to hear but the hardest one was about the two little girls who basically lost two sets of parents. I can’t imagine. I’ve been blessed in that sense and it’s awful to think of what they must be going through,” Inman said.

Donation jars and drop-offs can be located in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences in ASC 2108, The Sawmill Saloon and Cranker’s.

“Turn in your pop cans. Collect the change between your couch cushions. Hold a yard sale and donate the proceeds. Every cent helps,” Sawyer said.

Donations of any amount are encouraged.

“Help out if you can. I know we’re all broke but reach out to your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Donate blood, collect food and water and have it shipped down,” Inman said. “Even if you can’t get it to Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas are a

long way away from being back to normal,” Inman said.

Fundraising was set to end Thursday, Oct. 27. However, due to technical problems with the website, the deadline may be extended.

“Bulldogs have fierce hearts capable of showing a lot of love. Puerto Rico needs a bit of that Bulldog love right now,” Johnson said.

Students who want to donate or help spread the word can visit youcaring.com/familiesofjanitzasawyeranddaisyhenderson.



Jennifer Johnson



Katie Inman



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Students let loose as they raised money to battle cancer during Colleges Against Cancer's Dodge for Your Balls event.

Killing cancer Coming together to combat cancer

Briana Hammtreee
Torch Reporter

The National Cancer Institute found that in 2016, an estimated 1,685,210 new cases of cancer were diagnosed in the United States.

To raise awareness for the fight against cancer, Ferris' Colleges Against Cancer (CACs) RSO held a dodgeball tournament on Thursday, Oct. 19 in the Recreation Center.

Ferris music industry management senior Catherine Loschiavo is the President of CACs and is head event coordinator for their events, including the dodgeball tournament.

"Colleges Against Cancer is responsible for organizing and coordinating Relay for Life, so all expenses for decorations, emergencies and logistics come out of our own bank account. The Dodge for Your Balls event will definitely help CACs create an unforgettable Relay for Life in the spring," Loschiavo said.

Dodge for Your Balls featured many groups of students coming out to participate and support the event.

For the last five years, the dodgeball tournament was held during the Relay for Life, with this year being the first time the event was put on before the Relay.

Ferris hospitality management junior Jessica Altene participated in the event as the group Melon Heads, having joined with her RSO Love Your Melon, to help fight against pediatric cancer.

"We promote the sale of beanies and 50 percent of the profits go towards helping kids with cancer and their families and also providing hats to kids with cancer," Altene said. "Today is actually Love Your Melon day so all of the crews, nation-

wide, are currently participating in hospital visits, which unfortunately we couldn't go to this year but we figured might as well come here and support."

Ferris criminal justice law enforcement senior Mary Catherine came out to support her friends after learning about the event for the first time.

"We got a notice about it and we asked as a class if people wanted to participate in this. You know, it's all for a good cause. It was only \$5 and you could come have fun and play with everybody," Loschiavo said. "I would probably participate during the Relay."

Ferris' Relay for Life is a 12-hour fundraising event that focuses on bringing attention to cancer and how it affects millions of lives. The proceeds that are raised goes to the American Cancer Society for research and education. The event usually has activities and games throughout the night that is used to help raise money and awareness.

"I relay for my family members who have both survived cancer and passed away from it," Loschiavo said.

CACs advisor, David Darrow has been helping the RSO for three years.

"With the popularity of the event, Colleges Against Cancer hopes to raise more money for cancer research and prevention. It is also good advanced marketing for the Relay Event," Darrow said.

The Dodge for Your Balls event will be held again in the spring during the Relay for Life.



David Darrow

Hoops of hope

Delta Zeta aiming to make a difference on the court

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

According to the National Institute of Deafness and other Hearing Disorders, "About 28.8 million US adults could benefit from hearing aids."

Though many would benefit from hearing aids, not everyone can afford them and this can lead to serious health conditions. Thankfully, the women of Delta Zeta are hosting an event in hopes of donating the money made to help these individuals.

Ferris junior Samantha Miller is the coordinator of a philanthropy event new to Ferris called Hoops for Hearing.



Hailey Eanes

"Hoops for Hearing is a three-versus-three basketball tournament for students of Ferris State. Delta Zeta's from across the country do the same event. It's our chance to give back to the community and to our school through friendly competition," Miller said.

All proceeds made from the event will go to the Starkey Hearing and Speech Foundation. As a hearing aid manufacturer, Star-

key is dedicated to changing lives day by day. They are sustained by thousands of volunteers like the Zetas.



Samantha Miller

"I think it's a great way to raise money for a great cause and who doesn't love a little friendly competition?"

Ferris junior Hailey Eanes said, another student who is helping with the basketball event.

"I know it'll become a fun, annual tradition for our students. The whole campus can come together and make a difference in a fun way. It's so easy to participate too, all you have to do is sign up. There are still many spots open," Miller said.

Sign-up is available on Orgsync. To do so, search "Delta Zeta" and open the files tab. From there, open the Hoops for Hearing document and fill it out. Send the document to Samantha Miller at milles54@ferris.edu.

Though sign-up is encouraged, walk-ins are also welcome.

Hoops for Hearing will be on Oct. 27 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Rec Center basketball courts. The cost is \$30 a team or \$10 per player. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams.

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College kids with kids

Learning to juggle classes and family

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

For non-traditional Ferris students, juggling school-work and family time brings a lot of stress and responsibility.

According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, "Approximately 2.1 million student parents attend 2-year institutions, representing 30 percent of the entire community college student body. An additional 1.1 million student parents attend four-year institutions, representing 15 percent of the total four-year undergraduate student body."

Being a member of the Student Parent Organization since spring of 2015, Ferris actuarial science senior Anzhané Lance's family revolves around his five-year-old daughter Raejané

"The Student Parent Organization is geared toward students that have families and want to be successful," Lance said. "The organization gives their students what they need to be successful while supporting their families."

Along with Lance, President Bryce Comer has been a part of the organization since fall of 2016.

"I joined because I wanted to find people who are similar to me," Comer said. "There are not a lot of RSOs on campus for students with families."

The organization has meetings every other Tuesday in UC 016 at 10 a.m. During their meetings, they have the opportunity to plan events that they will host for both their members and the community. There are currently six active members.

One of their biggest events is the Easter Egg Hunt, which is held in Hemlock Park in the spring. Last

year, over 600 people attended. It is an opportunity for parents with children to come and relax while their kids have a good time.

"The Student Parent Organization is geared toward students that have families and want to be successful"

- Anzhané Lance

The Student Parent Organization holds a spectrum of events. For many of these events, they partnered with other organizations within the community.

They will also host a study night Dec. 7 UC 016 from 5 to 8 p.m.

"The Education RSO will be providing childcare for our members as we study in the next room. It is a great opportunity," Comer said.

The Student Parent Organization will be hosting a movie critique on Nov. 3 in UC 016 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. There will be a viewing of a children's movie and a discussion afterwards on the family values found inside the movie.



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Ferris architect and sustainability senior Audrey Hesson socializes at the Fall Mix it Up event.

Women in power

Breaking through the glass ceiling

Kat Merby
Torch Reporter

Students were dressed in business casual attire as relaxing instrumental music set the mood. With about 30 people in attendance, the Fall Mix it Up event was held Monday, Oct. 16 at the University Center.

Fall Mix it Up was put together by Leigha Compson, Julia Tisdale and other members of the Women in Technology RSO.

In charge of advertising and promotions, Ferris construction management senior and President of Women in Technology Julia Tisdale is constantly pushing these events at meetings and on social media.

"I think they are great networking opportunities and I often try to get the speaker's information af-

terwards to set up a company tour and to give other students the information in case they are interested in job opportunities," Tisdale said.

Though word-of-mouth always helps, these events are also promoted through meetings, putting posters up around campus, posts on social media and forwarding events.

"It's so good and important to hear not only from alumni but women who are and have been in our shoes," Tisdale said. "Hearing real life experiences are both inspiring and offer a hint of what to expect beyond college. The connections you make at these events are invaluable because you never know who you might meet that can be supportive now and they are good to know for the future."

Fall Mix it Up speaker Amy Proos spoke about her

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Bulldog appreciation

Spending a bit of money pays off

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

Students will be able to celebrate Halloween early this year at the third annual resident appreciation free tailgate picnic.

Ferris Housing and Dining are cosponsoring the event to celebrate residents

who have a meal plan or live on campus and require that students bring their student ID to gain entry to the event.

"This is an event we look forward to every year because we get to interact with residents and give something back to show our appreciation," Ferris marketing specialist of Auxiliary Enterprises and event chair Kara Kosloski said.

The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28, starting at noon until kickoff at 1 p.m. when the Bulldogs will take on Northwood at Top Taggart Field.

Ferris public relations senior with an event management minor Savannah McCalpin is the intern in charge of coordinating the event.

"It's to show appreciation to residents and meal plan holders of Ferris State. I would encourage residents to attend to

get food, participate in our games and costume contest and to get there early because the first 500 will get the long-sleeved shirts. There



Savannah McCalpin

will also be prizes for the costume contest, with guest judges for the costume contest from the Housing department," McCalpin said.

McCalpin has been planning for the event since this past spring during her internship with Auxiliary Enterprises. Having been in charge of reviewing the budget, creating the design on this year's shirts and figuring out catering options, McCalpin has had a full plate.

The costume contest is open to Ferris

students who either have a meal plan or are residents and prizes will be awarded for the best costume overall, the scariest costume, the best dynamic duo and the most Ferris spirit. The winners will be announced at halftime.

Ferris construction management sophomore Jack Bohannon is looking forward to the tailgate and costume contest.

"I'm going to come as a unicorn," Bohannon said.

The event will also have free food including barbeque sandwiches and a walking taco bar for students to enjoy before the game begins, as well as games to play.

"I'm looking forward to the tailgate and I was planning on dressing up for the Halloween part of it," Ferris general studies freshman Jake Falkner said.

Pretty pumpkins

Fall was in the air when the Student Psychology Association hosted a pumpkin painting event Wednesday, Oct. 18 in the Quad in hopes of raising money for a psychology conference in the spring.

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Mix it up

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personal struggles with running a business in an industry mostly run by men. She had started attending Ferris in 1985 and began in the veterinary program but soon found that a manufacturing job fit her better.

"The best piece of advice I heard from the speaker is that it's never too late to change your mind about what you want to do. This is your life and you get to choose," Ferris pre-welding freshman Virginia Donley said.

Along with Donley's memorable experience, Ferris automotive management junior Madelyn Hamilton took an interest in the take away from the Fall Mix it Up event.

"The best two pieces of advice I heard were to never give up on your dreams and to be engaged with employers when they come and visit or you go and visit and be the one to ask the questions," Hamilton said.

Hamilton already knew what she was interested in and was lucky to find that Ferris offers a program that catered to her interest.

"I got into automotive management because I have always been interested in automotive and when I found Ferris and they had an automotive degree that focused on the business aspect, I knew that that's what I wanted to do in life," Hamilton said.

The next event for Women in Engineering Technologies is the first of the Coffee Chat events of the year. It will be held at 11 a.m., Nov. 7 in UC 203.