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# What's in a vote?

Students express the importance of casting a ballot

**Cora Hall**  
News Editor

Though a majority of the voting age population in Michigan registers to vote for every election, less than half is utilizing this right regularly.



Kayla Clough

According to the Michigan Secretary of State (SOS) website, less than 43 percent of the voting age population voted in the last two gubernatorial elections. As of Saturday, Sept. 15, there were 7,415,321 registered voters, according to the Michigan SOS website. However, if this election follows the trend of the past 20 years of gubernatorial election years, only 44.4 percent of the voting age population will vote.

Some students believe that people do not vote because they don't think their vote makes a difference.

"I feel like some people our age don't because they feel that their voice doesn't matter," Ferris secondary education senior Kayla Clough said. "I mean, I think it is important, but I definitely see where people come from when they feel like their opinion doesn't matter, especially if you lose what you're voting for. It's like, 'Okay, well then why did I even try?' But at the same time, if you vote and you think that you lost by one, it's like, 'I could have really made a difference if I had a vote.'"

Ferris secondary education senior Rachel Rodenhouse

agreed with Clough, but also said she believes it depends on where a person is in life, and college students are more likely to vote because they are exposed to more culture and opportunities.

"I feel like on a college campus, a lot of people will vote.



Rachel Rodenhouse

But my boyfriend doesn't go to college, and he's not registered to vote and has never voted, and I don't really think he cares to vote," Rodenhouse said. "So, I think it just depends on where you're at in life."

Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Kenzie Romps said it's important for people in the younger generation to vote, but a lot of people don't formulate their own opinions.

"No one really has their own opinions, they don't know everything about politics," Romps said. "I think most people go based off of what everyone else around them thinks."

The voter registration process is relatively simple. The deadline to register is 30 days before election day, which is Nov. 6 this year, making the deadline to register Oct. 9.

When submitting the application, students can either hand-deliver it or mail it in. However, if students mail in their application, they must appear in person to vote in the first election in which they wish to participate. There are exceptions to this listed on the Michigan SOS website, but if students want to use an absentee ballot for their first election, they are required to hand-deliver their appli-

cation to their local city or township clerk's office. Mailing in applications has additional identification requirements, which can also be found on the SOS website.

Students who have already registered can find absentee ballots on the Michigan SOS website.

## HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

### Requirements to vote:

U.S. citizen, 18 years old by election day, a resident of Michigan, a resident of the city or township where you're applying to register to vote.

**Step 1:** Fill out an application (at least 30 days before the election) from the Secretary of State, voter registration drives, local city or township clerk's office, or online.

**Step 2:** Submit your application to your local city or township clerk's office, or mail it in.

**Step 3:** Your city or township clerk will send your voter registration card which will tell you where to go cast your ballot.

**Step 4:** Bring voter identification with you on election day. Acceptable identification includes a driver's license, personal ID, U.S. passport, military ID, student ID or tribal ID.

## WHO'S ON THE BALLOT

### Bill Schuette (R-Midland)

**Economy:** Cut taxes, regulations and wasteful spending to create better-paying jobs; revitalize urban and rural communities.

**Education:** Give Michigan control over education standards; get rid of the Common Core standards to raise the bar higher for learning.

**Healthcare:** Plans to get rid of Medicaid; keep the Healthy Michigan law; prioritize protecting coverage for people with pre-existing conditions; lower the cost of prescription drugs.

**Environment:** Explore the feasibility of Line 5, an underground tunnel connecting the two peninsulas, as a utility corridor; fight the ongoing Flint Water Crisis; stop invasive species from entering the Great Lakes.

### Gretchen Whitmer (D-East Lansing)

**Economy:** Create high-paying jobs and expand education and skills training programs to provide workers for those jobs; supports \$15/hour minimum wage.

**Education:** Prioritize early childhood education; end over-testing of students; create post-graduation preparation plans with high school students.

**Healthcare:** Make health care more affordable by expanding Medicaid; restore funding to Planned Parenthood; lower prescription drug cost and expand access to care in rural areas.

**Environment:** Clean Michigan's drinking water by quickening the replacement of lead service lines; fight invasive species; enter Michigan into U.S. Climate Alliance; advocates to shut down Line 5.



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Various governmental positions and policies to vote on in upcoming election

**Cora Hall**  
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With the polls opening in November for this year's election, it's time for students to start deciding who and what they will vote for.

This year is a gubernatorial election year, which means that Michigan will be electing a new governor. There are six candidates on the ballot from the Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, U.S. Taxpayers, Green and Natural Law parties.

Bill Schuette, who is currently the attorney general for the State of Michigan, is a strong conservative running with the Republican Party. Schuette is pro-life, supports Second Amendment rights and has taken strong stands against human trafficking and sexual assault as attorney general.

Gretchen Whitmer is running with the Democratic Party and was a member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 2001-06 and was on the Michigan Senate from 2006-15. Whitmer has taken a strong position for women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights and ending urban poverty during her campaign.

A full list of candidates can be found on the Michigan Voter Information Center website, along with links to each

candidate's website where students can read more extensively about the candidates' plans.

State-wide proposals on the ballot this November include legalizing marijuana, establishing an independent citizen redistricting commission and amending the voting rights policy.

Proposal One would legalize the possession, use and cultivation of marijuana by individuals 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales through state-licensed retailers. Individuals over the age of 21 will be able to have 10 ounces kept at residences and up to 12 plants for growing for personal consumption. It will also create a state licensing system for businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.

Proposal Two would allow a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State to have exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress every 10 years.

Proposal Three would authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting and straight ticket voting. Citizens will automatically be registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued ID, unless the person declines. It will also allow voters to obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

County and city proposal will vary per student. The ballot for your voting precinct can be accessed on the Michigan Voter Information Center website.

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# NEWS

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# Glow with the flow

Local fundraiser raises money for free medical clinic

Madison Kettlewell  
Torch Reporter

Students and community members joined together not only to glow in the dark, but to also support a cause at the annual Rx 5K Glow Run/Walk.

The 5K, which took place 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 in Hemlock Park, was hosted by the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Ferris State University Chapter. The NCPA hosts this fundraiser every year, and all proceeds are donated to the Hope House Free Medical Center.

"The best thing is how rewarding it is for the patients that otherwise wouldn't get the medical care that they need," Chapter Advisor Michelle Sahr said. "Every year brings a little bit more awareness about Hope House and the services they offer this community."

Hope House Free Medical Center has helped many people in the Big Rapids community stay healthy. According to Sahr, the event hosted around 50 participants this year and they raised about \$1,500.

"The Hope House Free Medical Center partners with our pharmacy ... We partner together to provide free medical services and prescriptions for patients that don't have insurance," Sahr said.

NCPA President and Ferris pharmacy fifth year student Ben LaCross said the 5k this year was very successful.

"We're really happy with the outcome. It exceeded our expectations," LaCross said.



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Paint-covered students run with smiles all around at the Rx 5k on Friday, Sept. 21. The event raised \$1,500 for Hope House Free Medical Center.

Participants wore glow sticks and glow-in-the-dark paint throughout the 5k. Students also enjoyed the fresh air and an excuse to get outside to have some fun with friends.



Abbey Mayer

"There's quite a few people. I think it's a lot of fun to get out of the dorm for an event and outside," Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Abbey Mayer said. "I did it last year, my freshman year. It was a lot of fun; it was my first ever 5K."

The NCPA handed out goodies to

participants, made sure the runners were hydrated, gave participants T-shirts and had ready-to-use glow supplies.

Ferris hospitality management sophomore Madison Newman is a repeat participant in the 5k.

"I got a couple of more people to join me this time," Newman said. "They give you water during the run, glow sticks and everything. It was really fun."

The Hope House Free Medical Center is located at 405 S. Third Ave. in Big Rapids and can be reached at 231-598-9500.

# Free country, free speech



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Interim Photographer

Guest speaker C.L. Lindsay III spoke with students during the Free Speech Panel Discussion Thursday, Sept. 20.

Panel discusses conflicts raised by First Amendment

Landry Shorkey  
Torch Reporter

Freedom of speech is a complex issue, so Ferris hosted its first Five-Star event of the year with a discussion on the topic.

The Free Speech Panel Discussion took place 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, in the University Center and featured four individuals: Ferris adjunct professor of history Christian Peterson, Ferris Dean of Student Life Joy Pufhal, Ferris Director of Public Safety Bruce Borkovich and attorney, author and student advocate C.L. Lindsay III.

"As far as I'm concerned, the free speech issues that are most important at universities deal with having students be put in an environment that exposes them to the widest range of possible ideas, even ideas that will make some uncomfortable," Peterson said.

Lindsay refreshed students on the First Amendment and high-profile news cases focused on the issue of free speech, such as the Charlottesville white supremacist rallies that occurred in 2017.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government." However, the topic can get complicated when exceptions come up, especially in an educational setting.

There are several exceptions to free speech, such as obscenity, child pornography, threats, fighting words that cause violence and harassment from colleges. Ferris political science sophomore Allyson Faulkner echoed those ideas and said that free speech should be respectful.



Allyson Faulkner

"You can say something that's controversial and say it in a nice way. You don't have to be aggressive about it and attack someone over their opinions and what they think, but you can still have opposing opinions and respect each other," Faulkner said.

Ferris heavy equipment freshman Lorin Burch said students should attend these events to gain a better understanding of why the First Amendment is in place.

"If you want to get the full college experience, events like this are crucial," Burch said. "We should be exposed to these things so that we have an understanding of maybe why they are offensive, why don't we say them, where did that historical aspect come from."

During the panel discussion, Borkovich said that students do not have to see those with which they disagree as enemies.

"I think developing the tolerance and the understanding that someone can be and think differently than you and they're not your enemy; you don't need to hate them, you don't need to start a war... the challenge on a college campus is understanding everyone has a right to express those opinions," Borkovich said.

From a national standpoint, free speech continues to be complicated when it applies to high-ranking individuals, such as President Donald Trump.

"Some of the things that Donald Trump says are pretty offensive," Burch said. "Some people saw it as he's kind of using Twitter as his own media outlet ... I think that's something Donald Trump has done, is not sugar coat anything."

Ultimately, the panelists stressed the ideas that everyone has a right to free speech, but free speech is not necessarily free from consequences.

"One of the most powerful things we can do is provide the alternative speech, and another thing that we can do, that is often very powerful, is if you don't like the message, don't provide an audience," Pufhal said.



Lorin Burch

# - ON THE RECORD -

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

## *Sir, this isn't a driver's license*

**Cora Hall**  
News Editor

### **Want a hit, officer?**

Sept. 14, 9:45 p.m., officers investigated a report of controlled substance and narcotic equipment violations in Lot 61. One appearance ticket was issued, and two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The case is still open.

### **ISO: A chauffeur**

Sept. 15, 12:10 a.m., officers caught a subject driving without a license at Clark Hall. One appearance ticket was issued, and one subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The investigation is still

open.

### **Sir, this isn't a driver's license**

Sept. 15, 12:36 p.m., officers discovered a subject driving without a license at Knollview Drive and State Street. One subject was arrested.

### **You can run, but you can't hide**

Sept. 15, 9:02 p.m., officers pursued a subject on the count of fleeing and eluding at Morrison Avenue and Clark Street. One subject was arrested.

### **Oh, he cooked**

Sept. 16, 10:22 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance viola-

tion at Lot 5. One appearance ticket was issued, and one subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

### **Cut it out**

Sept. 17, 11:30 p.m., officers investigated a report of larceny in Brophy Hall. The investigation is still open.

### **Stop fighting, please**

Sept. 18, 10:30 p.m., officers received a report of assault and battery in Brophy Hall. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

### **Green alert**

Sept. 19, 10:35 p.m., officers responded

to a report of controlled substance and narcotic equipment violations at Clark Hall. One appearance ticket was issued, and one subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The case is still open.

### **R.I.P. side mirror**

Sept. 20, 4:00 p.m., officers investigated a report of malicious destruction of property in Lot 61. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

The Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 541 tickets between the dates of Sept. 14 and Sept. 20, totaling \$9,150.

## WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

*Catch up on news around the globe*

**Megan Lewton**  
Editor in Chief

### **Nairobi, Kenya**

The MV Nyerere, a Tanzanian ferry, capsized Thursday, Sept. 22, killing at least 209 people. One survivor was discovered in an air pocket inside the boat two days after it overturned. The ferry's official capacity was 100 people, but the ferry may have been carrying three times the capacity when it capsized.

Original story by Joseph Goldstein, Sept. 22, 2018. *The New York Times*.

### **Rio de Janeiro**

Renato de Avila Viana, a Brazilian diplomat facing assault allegations, was fired after neighbors reported a woman calling for help in the diplomat's home. Viana is accused of kicking and head-butting a former girlfriend in November 2016, who sustained injuries that required reconstructive surgery.

Original story by Ernesto Londono and Manuela Andreoni, Sept. 21, 2018. *The New York Times*.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Megan Lewton**  
Editor in Chief

### **Keychain Kraze**

Make a free keychain to spice up your key ring 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in the CLACS Office. For more information, contact CLACS at 231-591-2685.

### **CROP Hunger Walk**

Walk to end hunger in the CROP Hunger Walk 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 in the IRC Connector. Participants can register as an individual or a team to help raise funds for the cause. For more information, contact Kayla Jordan at 248-508-1802.

### **Disability Awareness Month: Theater Delta Interactive Performance**

Watch Theater Delta's interactive performance regarding mental health, particularly suicide and depression, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 in University Center 202. The performance is hosted by the Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities and the Social Work Association. For more information, contact Maggie Walcott at 231-591-3942.

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# A major remix

Music Industry Management program undergoes significant transition

**Landry Shorkey**  
Torch Reporter

In order to reflect new opportunities available to students, the former Music Industry Management program has been changed to the Music and Entertainment Business program.

"I'm a big believer in creating opportunities for students, and this degree offers a lot of pathways," Ferris Music and Entertainment Business program director Paul Kwant said.

General education classes have been reduced to make room for students to create their concentration within their degree and will give them the opportunity for a dedicated minor, certificate or an adviser-approved concentration, according to Kwant.



Paul Kwant

The previous program will continue to exist for six years, but new students will no longer be accepted. Sophomores and juniors wanting to switch to the new curriculum will not face delayed graduation, and seniors may add additional credits to their existing studies.

"The strong sell for this program is not only is that it's a cool thing to be in... but it is a four-year Bachelor of Science and business degree," Kwant said.

The new program totals 120 credits. Freshmen must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 and meet SAT requirement minimums for acceptance.

Ferris music and entertainment business senior Sarah Millen said through this change, students can now pursue their specific

interests with more depth.

"I think it's been beneficial because now we get to hone in on exactly what we're interested in rather than just kind of a general overview," Millen said. "We've been able to break off and find those students



Sarah Millen

who maybe are more interested in marketing and PR, journalism, photography... it's been able to get a little more specific."

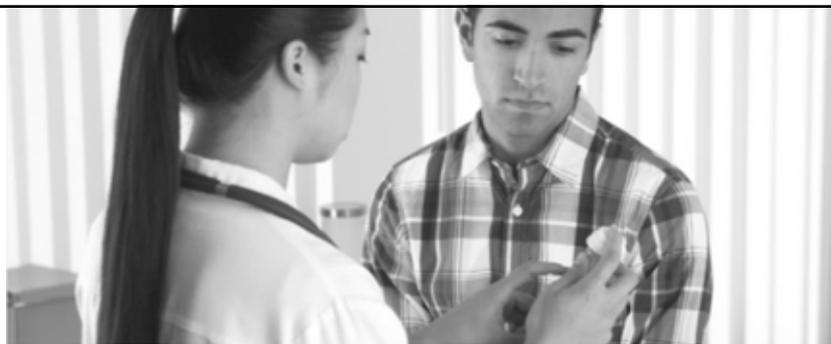
Kwant said that the original Music Industry Management Program was started in 1995 by Harry Dempsey with only one student enrolled. Today, the new Music and Entertainment Business program has experienced a massive increase in numbers and diversity, and is around 60 percent female.

Ferris music and entertainment business senior Kim Hoholik encouraged students to explore their interests.

"Try to do a little bit of everything to gauge your interests and figure out where you think you belong in the industry, and there's plenty of opportunities," Hoholik said.

The primary goal of the switch was to build on the existing success of the original program and provide a unique new experience.

"The program has a great legacy. It's been around 22 years," Kwant said. "My job is to not only value the program—where it has been, where it is now and where we're going—I really feel like we have to pay homage to what was created because they've done a great job."



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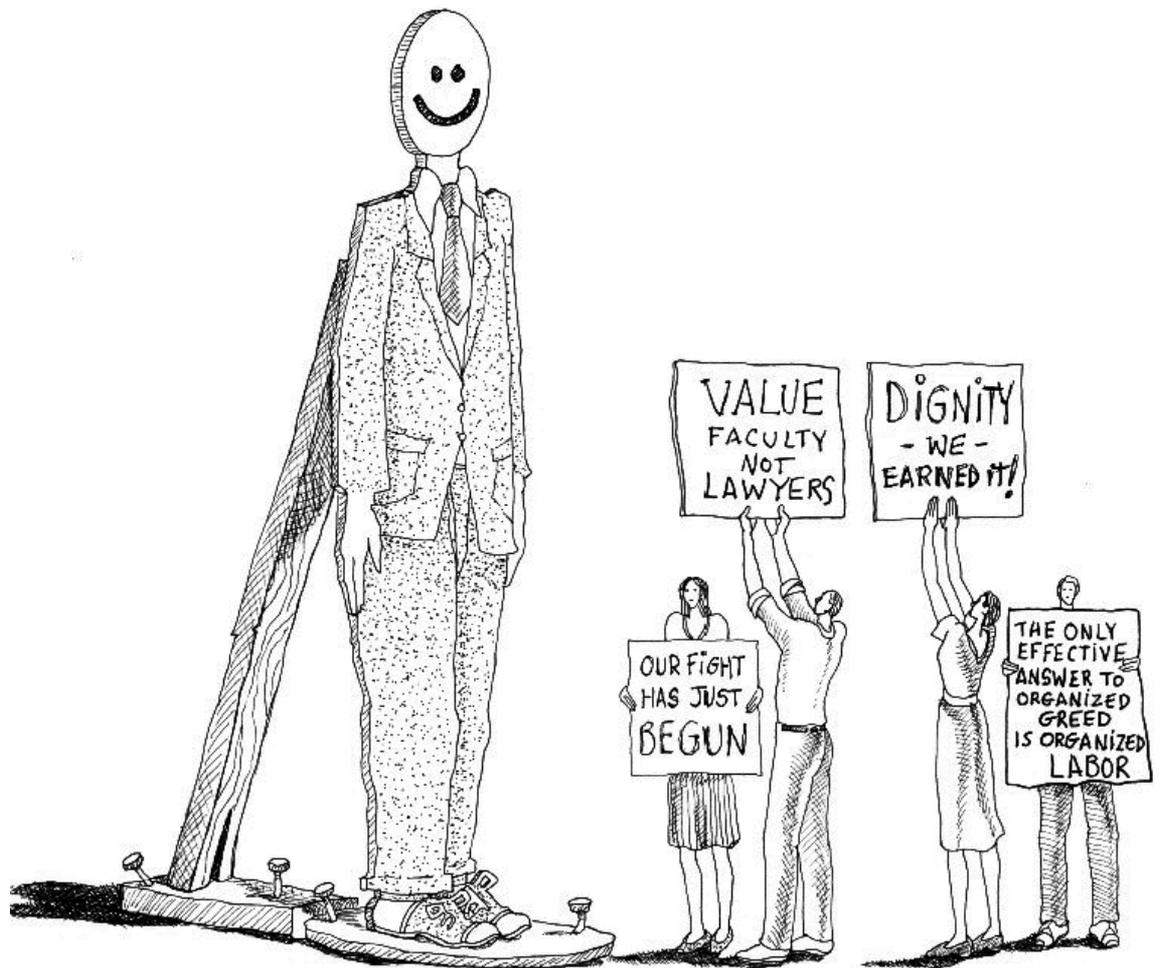


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- Whereas, President Eisler has directed a “bad faith” negotiating process that refused to discuss major contractual issues such as health care, adequate wage increases, increase in the numbers of promotions, summer pay, discipline, tenure issues and tenure review, workload, and continuing the Salary Market Adjustment; and
- Whereas, President Eisler engaged the services of an adversarial and disrespectful chief negotiator, Jim Greene, to whom he is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars from student tuition, state tax dollars, and university funds, unnecessarily prolonging the negotiating process and creating anxiety for faculty and their families; and
- Whereas, President Eisler, in addition to his salary, has continued to accept more than \$100,000 in salary bonuses and benefits and more than \$103,000 in overtime pay, while dishonestly claiming that wage increases and health benefits requested by the faculty in the current negotiations would burden the university and raise student tuition and financial debt; and
- Whereas, President Eisler’s, continued lack of leadership, has created an “imbalanced” and “dysfunctional” administrative structure, marginalized and cut adequate funding for many academic programs and exacerbated disrespect for the faculty;



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# OPINIONS

“Family plays an integral role in the lives of many students, and they should be treated as such.” - Megan Lewton - See page 6 for story

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## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

I've always been pretty family-oriented, but somehow, college has begun to take that from me.

This previous weekend, I went home for the first time in over a month. I don't go home too often, as I live on the other side of the state, and between school and work, I don't have a lot of free time. Also, most of my friends are at Ferris, so I typically like to spend my weekends with them.

However, I was becoming incredibly homesick and I made the drive back to see my family. I was so excited to be back in a place of complete comfort, but when I walked in the door, melancholy washed over me.

Once I was home and spent some time with my family, I realized just how much I missed while I've been away. My mom and I caught up on our lives for the past month, and I discovered that there was so much I hadn't told her since I last saw her. I finally talked face-to-face with my dad for the first time since he was pretty sick three weeks prior. My sister, with whom I am really close, told me anecdotes about her personal and professional lives that I likely would have already heard if I was still in the bedroom right next to hers.

But, I'm not. Therefore, I am missing everything.

## Family matters

It is so easy to become consumed with “the college experience” and forget to contact your loved ones back home.

When spending your weekdays studying in FLITE and your weekends watching Ferris football games or dancing at Shooters, your relatives are likely not on your mind all the time, and I get it. I am unbelievably guilty of this, but after experiencing the unintended exclusion from my family's lives, I vow to do better.

Family plays an integral role in the lives of many students, and they should be treated as such. Even during busy, stressful weeks, pause and call or text your loved

ones to check in and say hello.

If you are able to drive home, take a break from Big Rapids every once in a while and drive home for the weekend. Sometimes, especially during stressful times, spending time with those who mean the most can be the antidote you didn't know you needed.

Don't miss out on your family's lives just because you're away at Ferris. Make it a point at least once a week to contact someone from home: a parent, a sibling, a friend. You can't imagine how much it'll mean to them when you do.



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## GOT AN OPINION?

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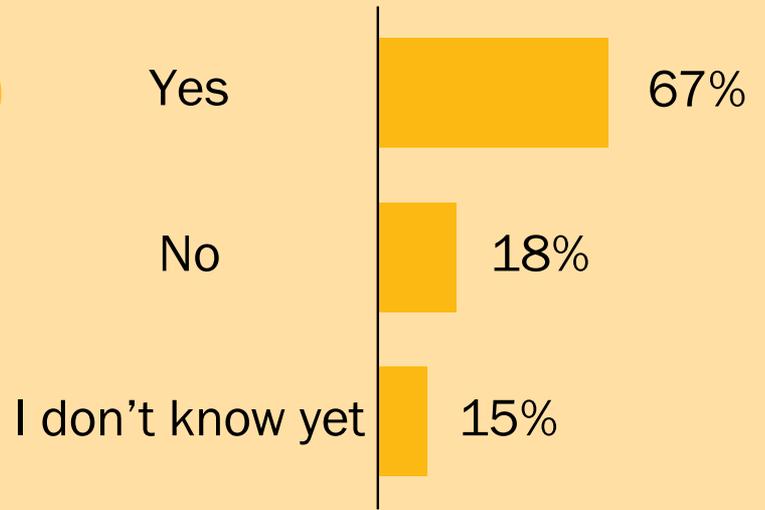
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## Let people enjoy things

Wear your “basic” fall girl outfits with pride

Fall is finally here and you know what that means.

Staples of the new season include pumpkin spice, getting lost in corn mazes, apple cider with donuts and chilly nights in front of a bonfire, but those are just the basics.

If you haven't been living under a rock, you know that this is also the time of the year when women begin to wear warmer, comfier clothing. By that, I mean yoga pants, sweatshirts or sweaters, and boots, such as UGGs. Now, not every girl wears these specific clothing styles, but may do.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to be a little more comfortable when it's chilly out and you don't want to wear jeans and T-shirts — especially when you're in class and you'd rather be in bed.

However, it is not everyone's opinion that this is acceptable fall attire. In fact, this style is a very well-known stereotype that some people get mocked or ridiculed for.

You can search Google for “basic white girl fall starter pack,” and you will get images of UGGs, yoga pants and pumpkin spice lattes. You can even see these memes floating through social



Taylor Davis  
Torch Photographer

media around this time of the year. Come on, even I have been found guilty of laughing at them from time to time because of how ridiculous they can be.

Nonetheless, I believe that this cliché should not be looked down upon, but rather praised and complimented. If you are one of these “basic white girls,” own it! I believe that anyone who mocks those of us who rock this stereotype are just jealous of how comfy and confident we look as we drink our pumpkin spiced drinks.

So, as fall approaches, get out your “basic” fall gear or head to your favorite clothing store to stock up. Once you have your flawless fall outfits ready, head to Biggby or the UC Starbucks to purchase a seasonal drink and walk around campus with zero fear.

If you are one of those who tease and ridicule others for being themselves, just remember that we are super comfortable and our lattes are steaming hot.

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**Tickets** are required for all ceremonies. All Students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to reserve or print starting 8:00 am November 8, 2018. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. **Tickets must be reserved by Thursday, December 13 at 11:59 pm.**

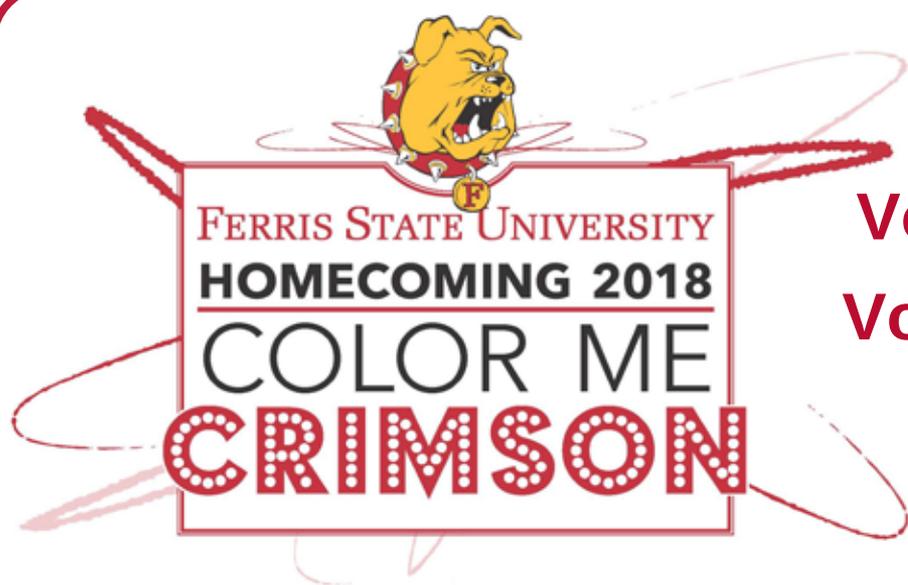
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### Saturday, December 15, 2018

Time	College
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	College of Health Professions
1:30 pm	College of Arts & Sciences
	College of Education & Human Services
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#### Tyrell Austin



- East Tawas, MI
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- Sponsors: Sigma Lambda Beta, Sigma Lambda Gamma

#### Miranda Blaine



- Flint, MI
- Pharmacy
- Involvement: Lambda Kappa Sigma, Newman Center for Catholic Students, Student Government, Volunteer at St. Mary School and Mecosta County Animal Shelter
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# Ferris State University Tire Fire



The second truest, fairest and most accurate student newspaper on campus

Student Recreation Center sees rapid decline in daily attendance due to student laziness

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Brutus shares frustrations about drunk girls taking pictures with him during tailgates and football games

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Disgruntled FFA members chew through power lines in protest of Eisler's extravagant salary and bonuses

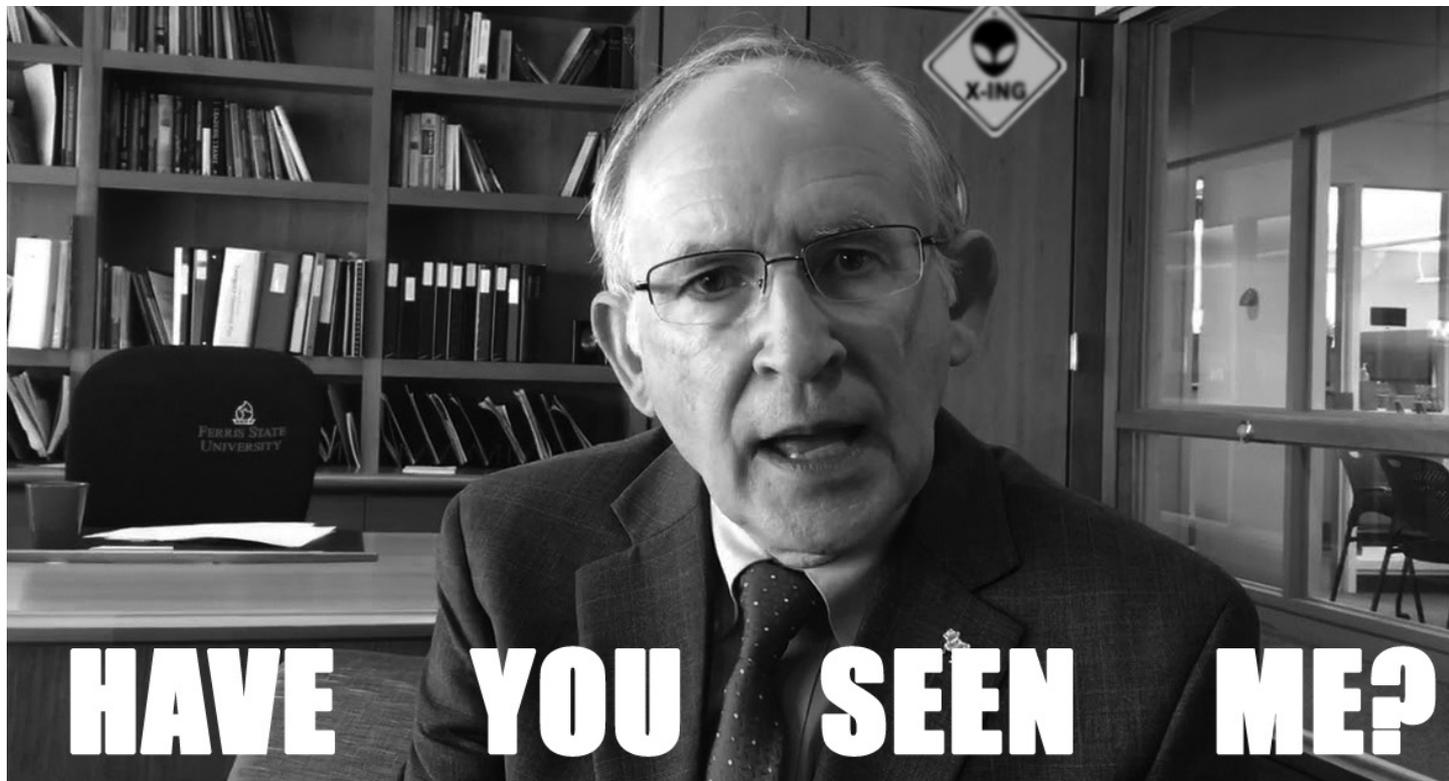
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## BREAKING: PRESIDENT EISLER GONE MISSING

*He's not just being a bad president. He got abducted, so chill.*



Daily Eisler video diary discovery shows possible connection between the president and aliens.

**Joey Tribbiani**  
*Conspiracy Theorist*

After canceling nearly all of his public appearances this semester, many students and faculty are wondering why President David Eisler was MIA. But all the evidence from anonymous sources points to one explanation: aliens.

Practically no one has seen Eisler since his appearance at Rec Fest on the first day of classes—Eisler was even absent from his office during the two sit-ins the faculty held in his office.

The only contact faculty and staff have had with him is via email, which obviously was written by his secretaries to stall the inevitable revelation of the truth.

"I'm not really supposed to tell you this, but officers found mini crop circles in Eisler's backyard the morning after Rec Fest when he didn't show up to his office," a Ferris Department of Public Safety officer said. "His wife had completely lost her memory and

didn't even know who Eisler was. Our best theory is aliens."

Clearing witnesses' memories is the most common MO of aliens, according to RealHistory-Facts.com. That, combined with the crop circles, leaves no other explanation.

The negotiations of faculty contracts are not moving forward because Eisler told his team that he was the only one allowed to make decisions and was then kidnapped by extraterrestrial beings.

The attorney hired by the university continue to desperately stall until Trump's Space Force can find Eisler. Though many would call this wasting students' tuition, it is imperative that the president be found, according to Ferris Vice President Jerry Scoby.

"You know, I really kinda feel bad wasting student tuition like this," Scoby said. "But the university really has to find the president. What else would we do with his \$68,500 bonus for the year?"

Most students who heard the

news were more excited by the notion of aliens kidnapping their president than disappointed at his sudden disappearance.

"I mean, I've always believed in aliens, but this is the first time anything has ever confirmed it," Ferris biology sophomore Dixie Normous said. "It's frickin' bats, man. Our school is literally going down in flames. I guess I should transfer."

Other students looked to take advantage of the situation.

"So, like, if the president's gone, does that mean I don't have to pay my tuition?" Ferris business management senior Mike Litoris said. "If we don't have to pay Eisler, then that's what, half a mill taken out of the budget, so I bet I could get away with it."

The university is giving the Space Force a month to find Eisler before they give up and just hire a new president. Keep your fingers crossed.

## 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*

# Horror-scopes



**Aries: March 21-April 19**

Someone will take your unassigned seat in class like some kind of psychopath.



**Taurus: April 20-May 20**

Your commuter pass was a waste of \$100. You'll never find a parking spot.



**Gemini: May 21-June 20**

Avoid Gypsy on Wednesdays. No one wants to hear your rendition of "Sweet Caroline."



**Cancer: June 21-July 22**

Nap during all of your free time. Trust me, you're not missing much.



**Leo: July 23-Aug. 22**

The stars really don't have anything to say to you this month. You should apologize.



**Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

This month is not looking good for time management. You're going to sleep through all your alarms.



**Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22**

For the love of God, please take a shower. The stars don't want to smell you anymore.



**Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21**

Stop going home with people you meet at Shooters. You're going to get an STD.



**Sagittarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21**

The stars say you're going to get struck by lightning this month. They want you to get it on video.



**Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19**

Stop asking people for pictures of their feet. It's weird.



**Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

We all know that your emotional support parrot is just a pet.



**Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20**

You have a face for radio.

# Tire Fire Poll Results



So how big is it?

I mean... it's lifted. **.69%**

It's not the size of the boat, it's the motion of the ocean. **69%**

It's visible to the naked eye. **6%**

Wanna see? **9%**

# Plans for a second power outage found

*Watermark on paper makes Ferris RSO suspect*

**Chantel Snoop**  
*Kick-Ass Nobody*

A piece of paper folded haphazardly was found in the middle of a dusty English 150 textbook and held a step-by-step plan for a second campus-wide power outage.

The paper was written in extremely sloppy handwriting, indicating a pre-pharm or pre-med connection before the paper's watermark was discovered to have a pharmacy symbol in it.

"I don't think that it's a fully pre-pharm or pre-med group," Ferris animal forensics sophomore and discoverer of the paper Jenny Craig said. "They don't want a trip to jail to tarnish their medical records. Then again, with how much money they're going to be making in the future and they weren't found out until later in life, they wouldn't have to worry about not making bail."

The comic published in the Sept. 12 edition of the Torch wasn't too far off, as the steps written on the paper (after a lot of decoding by hieroglyphicists and typographers) read as follows:

Step 1. A-M create diversions at U.C., Science, and Business. (And damnit, Joe, no fire this time!)

Step 2. N-V distract picketers and other faculty by "standing with them" and "supporting them" and whatever.

Step 3. W-X transport Z to and from the transformer marked on the map. (And floor it, Henry, gosh! A parking ticket costs more than jail!)

Step 4. Z yanks the plug or throws a wrench in the gears or whatever, and gets the hell out of Big Rapids."

"Makes sense that a lot of people would be involved," Ferris super awesome lotion testing freshman Dave Con said. "And the fact that the guy who pulls the plug is represented by Z – or the 'Omega' or the alpha-bet, Greek for 'end' – kind of makes sense. He's ending the power."

Until the paper was found, allegations were being made against the Ferris Faculty Association across campus.

"I think it's plausible that they're framing students, because what better way to exemplify their distrust of human power on campus than by cutting the actual power on campus?" Ferris phone app connoisseur Gertrude Scham said.

The FFA has been cleared of all allegations, due to solid alibis of picketing along campus property and students who could vouch that some professors were holding their office hours at the time of the first power outage.

"I'm glad it wasn't the FFA, but I still wish people wouldn't mess with the power," Craig said. "Tests and exams are already being assigned and if the power goes out as you're about to hit send..."

Craig could not finish her thought as a memory relapse-induced panic attack took control of her.

The paper has the second power outage dated for 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. Good luck, Ferris.



## Ask Woodbridge

Submit questions to [fsutirefire@gmail.com](mailto:fsutirefire@gmail.com) for a chance to see Woodbridge N. Ferris give you personalized advice

"How can I enjoy going to Shooters while I'm still underage?"

- Juvenile Jessica

Take six tequila shots in a bathroom stall. No one will know and you'll totally get away with it. On the other hand, you could spend hundreds of dollars on a very unconvincing fake ID. Worst case scenario, you get an MIP or arrested.

- Woodbridge

"How can I hit on the cute girl that sits next to me in my math class?"

-Smitten Sam

There are two ways to play this. You could go the nice guy route or the douchebag route. If you want to go the nice guy route, message her on Facebook, telling her how beautiful she is and how you'll treat her right. If she doesn't respond or turns you down, call her a slut and tell her that she's ugly anyway. Your other option is the douchebag route, where you tell her that you think she's cute and ask her to a party. Choose wisely.

- Woodbridge

"Where's the best place to live off campus?"

- House Hunter

Apartments are a commodity in Big Rapids. Anyone with any free space whatsoever will try to get you to sign a lease. The cheap apartments are gross, the nice apartments are expensive and the houses are barely standing. The landlords are vicious in this town and know they can charge you \$500 for a four bedroom shithole. Your best bet is living in a van down by the river.

- Woodbridge

"What's the best way to study?"

- Dedicated Dan

I'll let you in a little secret man: no one studies. It's a ruse. Anyone who tells you that they actually study is a dirty, dirty liar. Everyone knows you just stare at your notes five minutes before the test and hope for the best.

- Woodbridge

"I don't know what PGM means and at this point I'm too afraid to ask."

- Confused Catelyn

PGM means "Poultry Gastroenterology Management." It's a mixture of science and business. It's not a very common program, so I'm not surprised that you didn't know. The next time you see one, ask them about their "birdies."

- Woodbridge

## Eisler Says:

*"Bitch better have my money."*



# We got the beef

*Just take my order!*

David Eisler  
"Abducted"

Fast food is becoming more like a restaurant that you'd dine in. Where are the days I could just walk up to the counter, order a damn cheese-burger, take it, and then go and sit down!?

Nowadays, I walk in, gotta cross the lobby to the "kiosk," finagle with all its widgey touch screen buttons, having to start over every time when I make a mistake. And oh boy! My fellow annoyed customers behind me are getting on my ass even though it's the restaurant's fault for being confusing.

Then, just to get the order finished and apparently shorten the line, an employee comes out front and pa-

tronizes me, doing the order for me. I mean, hell, all I wanted was a quarter pounder without cheese, without ketchup, extra onion, extra mustard, add mac sauce, throw on two tomatoes, add some bacon strips and take away the buns, a large fry with no salt and a sweet tea minus the ice.

NOT. THAT. HARD.

Then I had to go up to the counter and pay there since the infernal machine didn't take cash. That involved me waiting in another line just to do that! Finally I got to the front counter and paid for the meal, I grabbed my table card and sat down.

Waiting... waiting... waiting. Finally I get my food and — dammit! They left the buns on! Ruined the whole meal and so I left. This is the problem with those kiosk machines.



## - OFF THE RECORD -

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

Herlock Sholmes  
Head Detective

### BIG yikes

Sept. 7, 1:19 a.m., a freshman girl makes her friends late to the pregame because she was FaceTiming her boyfriend who is a senior in high school. Just let it go, girl, that shit isn't gonna last the year.

### It's called a 4-way STOP

Sept. 10, 12:47 p.m., a student in a Ford F-150 didn't come to a stop at the Oak and Michigan 4-way stop and cut off the car that was taking its turn. Wait for your turn, jackass.

### It's my room, too

Sept. 12, 11:45 p.m., a freshman in Clark Hall was kicked out of her room while studying by her roommate who brought yet another boy over. Seriously, dude, that's just not cool.

### Don't drink Four Lokos, kiddos

Sept. 15, 8:40 p.m., Shooters was invaded by blacked-out, it's-clearly-only-my-fourth-time-drinking Becky. She puked by 9 p.m., total rookie move.

### He was probably a business major

Sept. 14, 2:22 p.m., a single student decided it would be a good idea to take up a six-person table in the glass rooms on the second floor in FLITE. Homeboy didn't even use the whiteboard, you worthless use of space.



### Unassigned assigned seat

Sept 19, 10 a.m., a male student took the seat a female student had been sitting in the last THREE WEEKS. Dude got drop-kicked.

### Pics or it didn't happen

Sept. 17, 10:23 a.m., a female student was seen working out in the weight room at the Rec. In reality, she was sitting on her phone posting on her fitness Instagram account about her "work out" that day and pissing off everyone who had to wait for her to be done with the leg press machine.

### Poor planning

Sept. 20, 11:35 a.m., a student was unable to find a parking spot at the Campus Creek cottages because his roommate's girlfriend slept over again and took his spot when there aren't even enough spots for the people who pay rent. How does one not plan for enough parking spaces when building more apartments????

### The exhaustion prevails

Sept 20, 11:78 a.m., a freshman slept through her 4:30 a.m. alarm and did not have enough time to put on her full face of makeup and her 46 layers of fall clothing. She struggled to class without having properly bronzed or coordinating her accessories.

**The first day of fall was September 22nd, you know what that means...**

**Look, it's fricking bats.**

**I LOVE HALLOWEEN!!!**

*Read the Tire Fire published during the last week of every month!*

# SPORTS

"This is a really special team. Arguable one of the most talented groups in Ferris State golf history, ever. - Kyle Wittenbach - See page 10 for story

Brendan Samuels | Sports Editor | samuelb1@ferris.edu

# Hold that line



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris football's offensive line has been a silent killer, opening up holes for the running game and giving the quarterback time to throw.

## Ferris offense has near perfect start to the season

Michael Reedy  
Torch Reporter

Sitting at 4-0, Ferris football has had quite a successful offense, but there is one unit waiting for their spotlight.

"Win every quarter" is the motto for the football team this year, and they are having no problem doing so. Averaging 584 yards per game on offense, it is easy to look at the stat sheet and see how incredible of a game a running back, wide receiver or a quarterback had.

What is left out of discussion however, is that these skill players would not be putting up such large numbers without the help of a dominant offensive line. There are no personal stats recorded for 'blocks per game,' so the common fan may turn a blind eye. However, the work Ferris' offensive line does should not go unnoticed.

"I would say the offensive line is the most slept," Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell said. "If my stats look good, they might give me offensive player of the week or something like that, but without those linemen in front of me, I know that none of that is possible."

The offensive line has helped Campbell post impressive stats week in and week out with their great blocking up front. The offensive line had an outstanding performance yet again Saturday, Sept. 22, beating Northern Michigan 35-19.

It is crucial for the O-Line to hold their blocks and be consistent throughout the season, whether that be in the run game or passing game.

Thanks to the alternating roster of five

guys in front of him, Campbell has only been sacked twice this season.

"It just makes me feel real comfortable and happy to be able to play for a football team with an offensive line like this," Campbell said.

Protecting a talented quarterback like Campbell is a big task for even the best offensive line, but the big men for Ferris are up to the challenge. They know that the fewer times he gets hit, the less wear and tear he receives on his body, which is key to staying healthy for the season.

"He's like a mother to a family," Ferris senior right guard Nic Sawyer said. "We take care of him, he looks after us ... we just do the best we can to protect him and we know he has our back, so we got his."

No matter which five guys line-up in front of the quarterback for the Bulldogs, there needs to be a sense of chemistry to ensure that everyone picks up their assignments.

"We kind of spent all summer together. We did a lot of group initiative type of things at Eagle Village," Ferris senior left tackle Devon Johnson said.

Campbell has seen the benefits of his O-Line working on their chemistry firsthand.

"The unity within those five guys is very special ... You can tell how they get along with one another, how they're



Jayru Campbell



Devon Johnson

## Serve-iving the weekend

### Ferris volleyball remains undefeated in GLIAC play despite shaky start

Michael Reedy  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris volleyball team continues to improve their record with a near weekend sweep during GLIAC play.

Women's volleyball faced Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Friday, Sept. 21, and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) Saturday, Sept. 22. The Bulldogs continued to thrive at home and won both matches, improving their record 12-3 overall and 7-0 in conference play.

It seems as if the Bulldogs are nearly unbeatable when they play at the Ewigleben Arena, as they have

an outstanding 72-6 record in their last 78 home matches.

However, with great success comes great challenges, which the Bulldogs experienced when they nearly dropped

the first two sets against LSSU, which left fans holding their breath as the volleyball team squeaked out a 3-0 win.

"We weren't really crisp with what we were doing," Ferris volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "I thought we were a step behind in our movements and maybe just not vocalizing and paying attention as much to what was happening on the other side of the net."

What helped bring the Bulldogs to victory was the energy from the crowd, as well as the team, to push through and win their sets.

"I think we had lots of energy. We were up and down the first two sets, so we kinda talked about that in the locker room to have more

energy," Ferris junior setter Maeve Grimes said.

The Bulldogs' struggles carried on into Saturday, as they dropped their second set to the SVSU Cardinals. The Bulldogs nearly

dropped the third, too, had it not been for an incredible rally by Ferris junior setter and defensive specialist Lauren Helsen, who brought the Bulldogs back from the losing side of a 20-13 score to tie it up at 20-20. The rally fired the team up and got the gears moving again to take the third set and come away with a 3-1 victory.

The Bulldogs are on the road this weekend to square up against Davenport University 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, and will face Grand Valley State University 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm



Maeve Grimes

**FERRIS FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE AVERAGES**

**Yards per game:**  
583.8

**Rushing yards per game:**  
340.3

**Passing yards per game:**  
243.5

**Points per game:**  
49

# Driving fore success

## Ferris men's golf starts on the right course

**Mollie Hamelund**  
Torch Reporter

The Bulldog golfers have come back this season stronger than ever, placing second in their first two tournaments.

Ferris golf head coach Kyle Wittenbach believes his team has what it takes.

"This is a really special team," Wittenbach said. "Arguably one of the most talented groups in Ferris State golf history, ever."

With thoughts of going back to the National Championship in mind, the Bulldogs are ready to have a strong season.

Ferris senior Seth Terpstra has started the season on top. He was voted GLIAC Player of the Week and, to top it off, Terpstra brought home his first college victory this past weekend at the GLIAC North Invitational.

Getting back-to-back 71's, Terpstra tied for first with a Grand Valley State University (GVSU) opponent and had to play an extra playoff hole to eventually secure the victory.



Seth Terpstra

Having the invite hosted on a home course made taking first a little easier for Terpstra.

"It was nerve-racking but it once again, being a home course, brought a little extra bit of confidence," Terpstra said.

Terpstra is one of four seniors who competed on the five-player team this past weekend. Ferris senior Andrew Hammett came in fourth and Ferris senior Jack Weller ended ninth overall. The Bulldogs had a team total of 579, just two strokes more than the Invitational winner GVSU.

All four seniors that competed this past weekend were on the team during their 2016 National Championship run, where they finished seventh. This year, the Bulldogs are eyeing another run at a championship.

"They've been there before. They know how awesome it is," Wittenbach said. "They plan on getting there by playing and competing the way they have been. They're very capable, all four of these seniors played in the National Championship two years ago when we had our best finish in school history."

The Bulldogs continue their season in Findlay, Ohio, Monday, Sept. 24, for the Findlay Fall Invite.

# Sports Shorts

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

### GLIAC Opener

The Ferris women's tennis team began GLIAC play Saturday, Sept. 22, with a 6-1 loss to arch-rival Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Allendale.

The Bulldogs solo victory came from freshman Patricia Martin Gomez in singles match play as she defeated GVSU freshman Marily Canellopoulos 6-3, 6-7, 0-5 and 10-7. This match marked the first regular season contest and featured the first competition for four new Bulldog freshman women's tennis players.

A new rule is present in GLIAC this year regarding tennis that the doubles round counts as single points in the team score.

The Bulldogs duo of senior Amiena Houston and freshman Sam Stephenson were victorious in the second match of doubles play 7-5, but GVSU would go on to win the first and third matches of the afternoon.

The Bulldogs will be back in action 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, against Davenport University at the Ferris Racquet and Fitness Center.

### Player of the Week

Ferris volleyball junior outside hitter Courtney Brewer was nominated last week as the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week as she helped propel her team to three road victories.

The Bulldogs won three matches during the week against Northwood University Sept. 11, and in the Upper Peninsula against Northern Michigan Sept. 14 and Michigan Tech Sept. 15.

The three victories helped the Bulldogs remain perfect in GLIAC action on the year and Brewer helped lead the nationally ranked No. 11 Bulldogs on a tough road stretch.

Brewer impressively secured 40 kills during the road swing. She accumulated 3.64 kills per set, hitting .321 with 10 digs, seven blocks and only six errors on 106 attacks during the three-game road stretch.

### Hockey on the horizon

Ferris men's hockey season tickets for the upcoming 2018-19 campaign are currently on sale and students who are looking to attend home games this year will need to be pro-active.

Students are encouraged to purchase their season tickets prior to the first game, due to the fact the hockey team has sold out of student season tickets for the past six consecutive years.

Student season tickets stand at \$99 this year and include many benefits with the package. Some of these include "Skate

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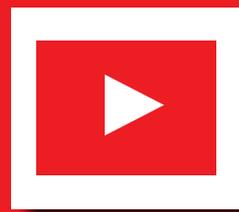


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# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

It was a nail-biter this week, but the Bulldogs prevailed in Fantasy Football for the second straight week, earning a 117-110 victory over Team Torch.

Improving to 2-1 in fantasy, the Bulldogs looked like a well-rounded team against Northern Michigan University (NMU) in a 35-19 victory on Saturday, Sept. 22. Team Torch, who once looked promising after a week one victory, have now fallen to 1-2.

After this week, I have one question: Will anyone ever stop Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell?

This man continues to single-handedly wreck my chances at coming out with a win each week. Campbell didn't do much through the air against NMU, but he did score three touchdowns on the ground, giving him 40 points for the week.

The Bulldog defense was finally awoken this week, getting to the quarterback six times and recovering two fumbles for an 11-point performance. Unfortunately, the Cleveland Browns matched that, making that performance irrelevant in the fantasy world.

I made a fatal mistake by picking the Vikings' Dalvin Cook, as he was ruled out with injury halfway through the week. Being the honorable man I am, I stayed the course knowing that I would receive a goose-egg for that pick.

My picks at receiver and in the FLEX were not very wise. Detroit stifled Chris Hogan and the New England Patriots on Sunday Night Football, and Keelan Cole was nonexistent in a game where the Jacksonville Jaguars failed to find the endzone.

Though my ego hurts, it's time to reveal my picks for week four.

QB: Tom Brady — New England Patriots: I'm taking the best of the best here. Brady will rebound against



Brendan Samuels  
Sports Editor

an undefeated Miami Dolphins team.

RB1: Ezekiel Elliott — Dallas Cowboys: The Cowboys have the league leader in rushing yards with Elliott. Look for him to continue this trend.

RB2: Matt Breida — San Francisco 49ers: Breida is a bit of a surprise, but he is having an outstanding season.

WR1: Cooper Kupp — Los Angeles Rams: With Brandin Cooks receiving all the attention, Kupp will break free against the Vikings.

WR2: Desean Jackson — Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Jackson still has speed in the twilight of his career, look for him to torch the Chicago Bears' secondary.

TE: Jimmy Graham — Green Bay Packers: Graham has had a slow start, but I can see him getting plenty of targets this week.

D/ST: Chicago Bears: Khalil Mack has wrecked offenses through three weeks. Here's hoping he continues the trend this week.

K: Matt Bryant — Atlanta Falcons: Bryant is as consistent as they come. When his leg swings, it's going through the up-rights.

FLEX: Kerryon Johnson — Detroit Lions: Johnson broke the Lions' 70-game drought without a 100-yard rusher. He's going to get plenty of touches going forward.

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Patrick Mahomes	25
RB 1	Dalvin Cook	0
RB 2	Jordan Howard	16
WR1	Chris Hogan	6
WR2	Devin Funchess	16
TE	George Kittle	15
D/ST	Cleveland Browns	11
K	Justin Tucker	12
FLEX	Keelan Cole	9
Total:		110

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Jayru Campbell	40
RB 1	Marvin Campbell	9
RB 2	Derrick Portis	5
WR1	Keyondre Craig	11
WR2	Sy Barnett	17
TE	Jevon Shaw	12
D/ST	Ferris State	11
K	Jackson Dieterle	5
FLEX	Dion Earls	7
Total:		117

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For the 20 home games, it averages out to be roughly \$5 per game when purchasing season tickets. The package also includes a free ticket to the first two games of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) postseason playoffs, pending if the Bulldogs host the first round.

The Bulldogs' home schedule features highly-anticipated matchups this year as they host non-conference opponents Western Michigan and Michigan State. The schedule also features WCHA rivals Minnesota State, Bowling Green and Michigan Tech.

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# Top Dawg

Carley Dubbert

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**Brendan Samuels**  
Sports Editor

Top Dawg is staying on the field this week, but it isn't Top Taggart Field.

Ferris junior defender Carley Dubbert of the women's soccer team continues to find ways to help her team to victory. The same can be said this week, as the Bulldogs grabbed two victories to extend their current win streak to eight.

Friday, Sept. 21, Dubbert and her squad headed to north for a GLIAC matchup with Michigan Tech. Dubbert recorded an assist on sophomore midfielder Bri Rogers' goal. That would be Ferris' lone goal and helped them to a 1-0 win.

Dubbert wasn't happy with just assisting in that contest, so she decided to score herself in a match with Northern Michigan University Sunday, Sept 23.

Recording three shots on goal, Dubbert was able to

find the back of the net late in the game to give her team a 2-1 victory over the Wildcats.

Scoring isn't anything new for Dubbert, as she is currently second on the team in goals with four and second in shots on goal with 12.

One year removed from a team-leading nine goals, Dubbert looks poised to reach that mark yet again and lead her team late into the playoffs.

The Bulldogs currently sit at 8-1 overall and haven't lost a game in nearly a month, with the last one coming in the first game of the season against Missouri St. Louis. Ferris is also tied for first in the GLIAC with the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals and the Ashland Eagles, both of which they play this week.

Dubbert and her Bulldogs will look to distance themselves in conference play when they take on Ashland 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, on Ferris' home turf.



## THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

### Friday, Sept. 28:

- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals
- Women's Soccer vs. Ashland at 4 p.m.
- Volleyball at Davenport at 7p.m.

### Saturday Sept. 29:

- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals
- Women's Golf at GVSU Invitational
- Men's Golf at HawksHead Invite
- Women's Cross Country at Greater Louisville Classic
- Men's Cross Country at Greater Louisville Classic
- Football vs. Ashland (Homecoming) at 3p.m.
- Volleyball at GVSU at 4p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 30:

- Women's Golf at GVSU Invitational
- Men's Golf at HawksHead Invite
- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals
- Women's Soccer vs. SVSU at noon

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## There can only be one



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Running for royalty is about more than just a crown. The winner will be committed to many duties throughout the year.

## Who will be at the crowning moment?

Alicia Jaimes  
Lifestyles Editor

Eight candidates find themselves in the final count-down and ready to win.

"Running for Homecoming Royalty is an acknowledgment of leadership, campus involvement and connections with the Ferris State community," Ferris criminal justice senior and Student Homecoming Committee royalty chair Ashley Harmison said. "It highlights students who exhibit the university's core values and the spirit of being a Bulldog."

In her first year as the homecoming committee royalty chair, Harmison has learned not only how students can run for candidacy, but what happens after Royalty is chosen.

The process begins every spring semester when students can fill out an application to run for Homecoming Royalty. After the application process is complete, all applicants are interviewed by members of the Student Homecoming Committee.

"Only the top 10 Bulldogs that best represent the university's core values and spirit become a royalty candidate," Harmison said.

Once fall begins, so does campaign season. Along with this, candidates participate in various events the week of homecoming including the comedian, bonfire and Big Rapids parade.

"This has been a learning experience on a personal level to be more confident in myself and gained communication skills," Ferris hospitality management senior and royalty candidate Maria Rogers said.

Going through the campaigning process has been a new experience for Rogers, unlike Ferris applied speech communication senior Tyrell Austin, who was crowned homecoming king in high school.

"I decided to run because since I have been at Ferris, I never see much diversity in colored people running. I figured it would be great to be that guy," Austin said.

Though the candidacy planning has been stressful, Austin has enjoyed meeting new people while improving his marketing skills.

Ferris hospitality management junior Taya Treiber has found her experience as a homecoming royalty candidate to be a rewarding one.

"I wanted to have a chance to represent the Ferris community," Treiber said.

Like Treiber, Ferris political science senior Samantha Miller is proud to be representing Ferris. Miller also made homecoming court at her high school.

"I always wanted to be a candidate since my freshman year. It always seemed like a blast," Miller said.

Though she missed the final vote in high school, Ferris graphic media management senior Morgan Dodson is given a second chance for the crown at her soon-to-be alma mater, learning that Ferris pride is a must when it comes to running for royalty.

Enjoying the campaigning process doesn't come without its stressful moments. Ferris pharmacy P1 Miranda Blaine finds herself balancing between pharmacy school, running for royalty and her other responsibilities. Thankfully, stressful moments come with lessons learned.

"I learned that Ferris has a lot of amazing students and alumni who are devoted to their alma mater," Blaine said.

Though the campaigning process can be stressful, many still find joy in the idea.

"I love creative themes, and it has been a lot of fun to have my organizations, Alpha Xi Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha, get involved," Ferris business senior Quinn Cross said.

Cross's favorite part of running for royalty has been the button-making and car art during this time.

As the race comes to an end, many of these individuals, including Ferris hospitality management senior Allison Jackson, hope that students can take away what many of these candidates find essential: why they decided to run.

"I've been very active on campus and wanted the chance to encourage others to be involved," Jackson said.

With anyone's guess as to who will be crowned Homecoming Royalty, the royal candidates are eager to represent Ferris and look forward to what lies ahead.

"The winner will be responsible for fulfilling numerous duties throughout the academic year and be a positive representative of the Ferris State community," Harmison said.

Voting for royalty began 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24, and ends 11:59 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. The winner will be crowned during halftime of the homecoming football game Saturday, Sept. 29. To vote, visit OrgSync on MyFSU.



## What the candidates want you to know

**"Don't limit yourself. Ferris provides so many opportunities to get involved in a number of different ways, and it will help you grow."**

-Ferris hospitality management senior Maria Rogers

**"Run. It's easy to get into, and it helps you get involved."**

-Ferris pharmacy P1 Miranda Blaine

**"Ferris notices everything you do in the best way. Don't be afraid to stand out."**

-Ferris business senior Quinn Cross

**"I want people to know that I've loved running for royalty and that I'm so glad I've had this opportunity to be a candidate."**

-Ferris hospitality management junior Taya Treiber

**"Be yourself and do the thing you want to do. It's easy to conform to norms, but don't. Do whatever your heart tells you."**

-Ferris applied speech communication senior Tyrell Austin

**"It is a very fun and rewarding experience, and I encourage every student to run if they have a chance."**

-Ferris political science senior Samantha Miller

**"Don't be afraid to try things out. You'll never know what could have been if you don't take a chance."**

-Ferris hospitality management senior Allison Jackson

**"I love this campus, the community and I've had a blast running for royalty. #MoforHoCo."**

-Ferris graphic media management senior Morgan Dodson

# Thanks for the memories

## Alumni reflect on past in preparation for returning to Ferris

**Briana Hammontree**  
Torch Reporter

With homecoming on the horizon, Ferris alumni have begun to return to their former stomping grounds in celebration of the fall reunion.

Many students wonder what their life after graduation will bring them, whether it be starting a family, finding a job they love or where they plan to live.

Ferris 1993 alumnus Luke Wyckoff, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing sales, an associate's degree in audiovisual productions and a minor in speech communications, is one of many examples to show that anything is possible after graduation.

While Wyckoff doesn't find his story to be especially unique, he notes that many students remain in their vocations in which they've graduated whereas he found himself working at a paper company for a few years after graduating before taking multiple paths that led



Luke Wyckoff

him to where he is today. "I decided not to work for corporate America," Wyckoff said. "I've decided to be an entrepreneur and start my own companies and make my own way. But I still have a lot of honor and respect for those still in their vocation that they graduated from Ferris with."

During his time at Ferris, Wyckoff was a highly active student on campus, having been a fraternity member of Lambda Chi Alpha, co-captain of two-time national champion Ferris debate team, one of the founders of Ferris' rugby team, member of Ferris Wheels barbershop quartet, president of Interfraternity Council and a freelance photographer for the Pioneer. In addition, both his father and sister attended Ferris.

Reflecting on his past experiences, Wyckoff's strongest memory was as a Ferris Debate team member and having the opportunity to debate and beat universities such as Boston College and Harvard University.

Ferris public relations 2003 alumna Jessi Wortley Adler is also from a multi-generational Ferris family — Adler's parents, cousins and other relatives have all attended Ferris, with her step-daughter now a junior at Ferris, as well.

Recalling her time spent at Ferris,

Wortley Adler sums it up as being "phenomenal," stating that Ferris assisted her academically by helping her become well-prepared for a variety of careers using her degree.

A member of Ferris' Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Honors Program Advisory Board, Wortley Adler was honored by Ferris in 2012 with the Pace-setter Award.

Unlike Wortley Adler and Wyckoff, Ferris public relations 2016 alumna Kaitlyn Patrick was the first



Kaitlyn Patrick

in her family to graduate from Ferris, as well as the first in her immediate family to graduate with a four-year degree. When thinking back to what she misses most, she finds it to be the people.

"I had exposure to organizations that pride themselves on a sense of community, but none have been comparable to what I found at Ferris," Patrick said.

During her junior year, Patrick lost her childhood best friend in an accident, stating it to be the hardest thing she has ever gone through. It was through the love and support of her Ferris family that helped her cope with her loss.

After grieving, Patrick remembers returning to Ferris with many fellow Bulldogs telling her she "didn't seem like 'KP' anymore." It was after her adviser, Dr. Patrick Bishop, also noticed the difference that Patrick realized she needed to take better care of herself.

"As I hope you gathered, that was a very tough time in my life, and it was a part of my most happiest time: being at Ferris. So, when you ask me, 'How did Ferris play a part in who you are today?,' it is this situation that has a defining moment of who I am. Because of the people and resources I had available to me, I became a stronger and better 'KP,' and I feel I owe a lot of that to Dr. Bishop," Patrick said.

When reflecting back on whether she would do anything differently, Patrick believes she wouldn't change anything.

"I believe the experiences you gain, whether they're from opportunity or challenges, are ones that prepare you for life not just a career. And that's what Ferris did for me: prepared me for life," Patrick said.

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