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A downward spiral

Michigan continues to struggle with opioid addiction

Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

Over the last five years, the United States has seen a sharp increase in opioid use and addiction.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse classifies opioids as "heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and pain relievers available legally by prescription." Because of the powerful nature of this drug, deaths from opioid overdose have been on the rise, as well.

"I had a friend who struggled with opioid addiction," Ferris computer information technology senior Declan Flood said. "He was using to control pain, but he was also using to deal with depression and self-medicate."

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), most people fall into addiction after they are injured or after they have gone through surgery; to help manage pain, doctors have often over-prescribed painkillers to patients, giving them a larger amount of the drug than is necessary. The CDC reported that in 2016, nearly 215 million prescriptions were written by physicians in the U.S., a rate of 66 per 100 people.

After an effort made by the U.S. government to curb overprescription and death from overdose, these numbers fell significantly in 2017, dropping to 191 million prescriptions written.

"I think it's more of a problem than people are willing to talk about," Ferris pre-pharmacy senior Monica Pittaglio said. "There's such a stigma around it."

However, despite these efforts, the U.S. continues to struggle with the side effects of addiction, specifically overdose and death. According to the National Center for Healthcare Statistics, 42,429 people in the U.S. died from an opioid overdose in 2016. Opioid overdoses accounted for 66.4 percent of all drug overdoses that year. In 2017, the national number of deaths continued to climb, ending the year with 49,068 deaths. These statistics include overdose from prescription opioids along with heroin and synthetic opioids.

The national trend is no different in Michigan. Opioid overdose deaths in Michigan have escalated quickly since 2013 and the CDC reported that deaths from opioid overdose had risen to 18.5 per 100,000 people in 2016, a five-person difference from the previous year. In 2017, deaths continued to rise, and more than 2,500 people in Michigan died from an opioid or opioid-related overdose, which is 12 percent higher than in 2016.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, Ferris' College of Arts and Sciences and the Endowed Rupe Lecture Series hosted a panel titled 'The Opioid Epidemic: Pushing Back,' aiming to inform the Ferris and Big Rapids residents about the threat of opioid addiction. Lieutenant Joel Abendroth of the Michigan State Police (MSP), who spoke at the event, said the opioid problem is present in the greater West Michigan area.

"There's a few hotspots in Montcalm and Ionia County," Abendroth said. "It's related to probably three or four doctors in the early 90s that were prescribing oxycontin. As the medical profession saw the dangers of oxycontin, they started pulling that off the streets, making it harder to buy."

According to Abendroth, patients in these counties were still addicted to the prescription drug and as a result, there was a supply to fill that demand. However, Abendroth said, the opioid addiction doesn't seem to have reached younger generations.

"We don't see a lot of heroin use in the college population, and we don't see a lot in the high schools yet," Abendroth said.

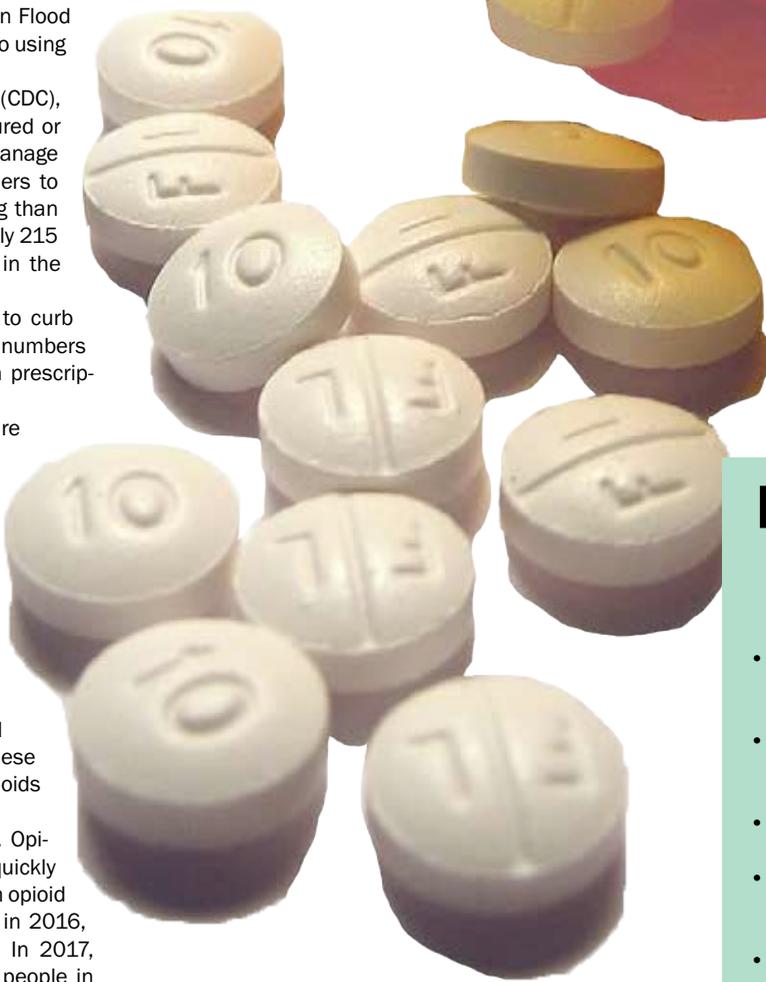
There are groups hard at work to help those who are struggling with opioid addiction in the West Michigan area and the state in general. The Grand Rapids Red Project helps the people of the Grand Rapids area who use opioids by offering clean hypodermic needles and provide the prescription medication Narcan, which reverses the effects of a possible opioid addiction.

The MSP also operates the MSP Angel Program, which allows a person who is struggling with addiction, including opioid addiction, to seek assistance from the State Police regarding recovery programs, without the fear of people placed under arrest and sent to jail.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's national hotline is available 24/7 for free at 800-662-4357.



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National and Statewide Opioid Statistics

- **42,429 people died from an opioid overdose in 2016**
- **215 million prescriptions were written by physicians in the United States in 2016**
- **191 million prescriptions written in 2017**
- **Over 2,500 people in Michigan died from an opioid or opioid-related overdose in 2017**
- **In Michigan in 2016, 2,356 people died of drug overdoses. That is more deaths than car accidents.**
- **The total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is estimated to be \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.**
- **From 1999 to 2016, the total number of overdose deaths involving any type of opioid increased more than 17 times in Michigan, from 99 to 1,699.**

The above information was gathered from the National Center for Healthcare Statistics, Center for Disease Control and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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NEWS

"The day she gave me that choice, I left." - Byron Brooks - See below for story

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A lasting impact



Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

Ferris music and entertainment business junior Byron Brooks is currently doing a sweater drive for the non-profit he started, For the Hood, By the Hood. Brooks said he became homeless when he moved out to go to college.

Ferris student went from being homeless to helping the homeless

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

Ferris music and entertainment business junior Byron Brooks has overcome many obstacles, even homelessness, and now runs a nonprofit organization to give back to communities.

According to Brooks, when he graduated high school, his mother told him he either had to get a job at the factory to help her pay rent or move out. Brooks knew that getting an education was critically important to him and his future, so he decided to move out and pursue a degree.

"The day she gave me that choice, I left. I chose college and I became homeless," Brooks said. "I knew that education was a way that I could better myself and better my family."

Brooks said he found a supportive community at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, where he eventually became student body president and received his associate degree. The community not only encouraged Brooks to achieve his goals, but they also were there for him in his time of need.

"They just really poured into me and helped me. I feel that because all those people helped me when I was down, that now it's my obligation to help others," Brooks said. "It wasn't easy at all. By God's grace and by the people placed around me I was able to get through it, and I want to provide that same support to those who need it."

According to Brooks, once he was able to get back on his feet, he was able to create a nonprofit organization called For the Hood, By the Hood. The organization is currently doing a year-long fundraiser in hopes

of raising \$100,000. The organization's goal is to use that money to purchase houses in Detroit to build them into new shelters for the homeless.

"The organization's mission is to empower, engage and develop young people in communities that are often overlooked, while also being a training catalyst for social justice and fighting against homelessness," Brooks said. "We've sent water to Flint and we've adopted a couple of schools in Detroit. We're also currently doing a clothing drive here, to clothe the homeless within Big Rapids and Grand Rapids."

Though Michigan is where the nonprofit organization runs for now, Byron said he sees For the Hood, By the Hood as something much bigger.

"I want this to be for more than just Michigan. I want to be nationwide and I want to help people nationwide. I want to bring hope to those people," Brooks said. "That's my goal: to just help as many people as I possibly can."

Ferris Music and Entertainment Business Program Director Paul Kwant has worked with Brooks a significant amount and said he is impressed by his desire to help others.



Paul Kwant

"In this day and age, it's rare to see somebody with the moral character that he has, and also just the drive to make a difference," Kwant said. "Students like him don't come around that often."

For more information about Brooks' sweater drive, visit For the Hood, By the Hood's Facebook page.

Open to change

New events being held for transfer students

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Many students transfer to Ferris each semester, such as secondary education senior Olivia Pahl, who transferred last year from Lansing Community College (LCC).

After earning scholarships to attend Ferris, Pahl said the transfer process was easy for her.

"I think it was pretty easy. We had a University Center at LCC, and there was a person there



Olivia Pahl

that I would just go and talk to every couple weeks and make sure I was on the right track, and make sure I had everything filled out that I needed to," Pahl said. "All of my classes transferred and I didn't have any issues with that."

However, the transfer process is not always so simple. Ferris nursing junior Rebecca Welsh began her first semester here this fall after transferring from Muskegon Community College, and said she had a hard time making contact.

"It was easy once you actually got ahold of someone. I had a really hard time. I called for about two weeks before I even got a real person. I kept getting voice-mails and no one would call me back, so I feel like that was the hardest part about transferring to Ferris was trying to get a hold of someone without driving up here," Welsh said.

Ferris Director of the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships DeeDee Stakley began working at the university in 2011 and built the transfer program from the ground up.

The office hosted their first event at Ferris to celebrate National Student Transfer week Thursday, Oct. 18. Transfer students were given refreshments, snacks and the opportunity to mingle.

"What's exciting about celebrating Transfer Students Week is that transfer students are unique. They have different needs; they come with different experiences than our traditional first-year students," Stakley said. "Having an opportunity to join a



DeeDee Stakley

nationwide effort to celebrate transfer students helps our transfer students to feel like they're a part of something larger, and that they're valued."

Stakley said that she has many plans to implement into the program, including transfer student ambassadors, a newsletter and a campus tour specifically for transfer students.

Due to the unique nature of transfer students, they often face a different set of challenges on campus.

"I didn't know anybody coming here, and I was living off campus, so you don't have that traditional freshman-in-the-dorm experience where you meet people," Pahl said. "I wish that there would've been more welcome events for transfer students. There was a lot of freshman stuff and I felt really left out, because I never got that experience, and especially because I don't live on campus, I literally never got any of that."

Still, many Ferris transfer students adjust well to the campus and feel at home after arriving.

"It's big enough where you can still get lost, but small enough where you can have an impact on campus. I'm from the Lansing area, so Michigan State University is huge and you're not important in any way, but it's not like that here," Pahl said.

Both Pahl and Welsh advise other transfer students to get involved with clubs and activities.



Rebecca Welsh

"Really try to get involved, because I didn't know anyone outside of my friends group from home, so I joined a

couple RSOs and went to youth groups on campus. So, that really helped me to broaden my horizons and get to know people," Welsh said.

Transfer students are encouraged to contact transfersuccess@ferris.edu with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Professional drug management

Cora Hall
News Editor

Didn't even make it past the pregame

Oct. 12, 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a disorderly minor in possession in Bond Hall. Two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct and issued appearance tickets.

An unsettling afternoon

Oct. 12, 2:04 p.m., officers received a report of domestic assault in Ward Hall. Two warrant requests were submitted and two subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Green alert

Oct. 12, 7:54 p.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation in Lot 61. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and issued an appearance ticket.

Stranger danger

Oct. 14, 12:44 p.m., officers responded to a report of Home Invasion III in McNerney Hall. Two subjects were arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Fight night

Oct. 14, 12:44 p.m., officers investigated a report of assault and battery in McNer-

ney Hall. Two subjects were arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

The worst kind of person

Oct. 14, 12:00 p.m., officers received a report of a hit and run in Lot 64. The investigation is still open.

McStoney in McNerney

Oct. 14, 6:28 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance violation in McNerney Hall. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and issued an appearance ticket.

Flying high in Finch

Oct. 14, 5:32 p.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation in Finch Court. The case is still open.

Same, dude

Oct. 14, 5:32 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance violation in Finch court. The investigation is still open.

Sharing is caring

Oct. 15, 7:01 p.m., officers received a report of larceny in North Hall. The investigation is inactive due to a lack of leads.

You already know

Oct. 15, 11:28 p.m., officers investigated a controlled substance violation in North

Hall. The case is still open and one subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Hit me, baby, one more time

Oct. 16, 11:00 a.m., officers responded to a hit and run in Lot 37. The investigation is inactive due to a lack of leads.

Troubling problems

Oct. 16, 9:58 p.m., officers received a report of domestic assault in FLITE. The investigation is still open and one subject was arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct, Housing and the Title IX Office.

Where did you learn to drive?

Oct. 17, 7:05 p.m., officers investigated a report of a hit and run in Lot 1. The case is inactive due to a lack of leads.

Professional drug management

Oct. 17, 9:35 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance violation in Henderson Hall. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and issued an appearance ticket.

That's not cool, man

Oct. 17, 11:30 p.m., officers received a report of larceny in Ward Hall. The investigation is still open.

Don't smoke and drive

Oct. 18, 12:37 a.m., officers caught a subject operating under the influence of drugs in Lot 61. One subject was arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Serious issues

Oct. 18, 12:30 p.m., officers investigated a report of criminal sexual conduct in the 4th degree that reportedly occurred Sept. 26 in McNerney Hall. The case is still open.

Fight Night: Part Two

Oct. 18, 3:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of assault and battery on Ives Avenue. The investigation is still open.

We found drugs...sike

Oct. 18, 6:31 p.m., officers received a report of a controlled substance violation in Finch Court. The report was unfounded.

That ain't it, chief

Oct. 21, 5:44 p.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation in Cardinal Court. One subject was referred to the Office of Student Conduct and two appearance tickets were issued.

The Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 334 tickets between the dates of Oct. 15 through Oct. 21, totaling \$5,385.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Cora Hall
News Editor

Manila, Philippines

Nine sugar cane farmers were killed while occupying part of a plantation in the central Philippines after armed men opened fire on them Saturday, Oct. 20. Those killed were part of a farmers' union who began occupying the area over the weekend as part of a campaign to begin cultivating land covered by a government agrarian overhaul. Many are calling for the Commission on Human Rights to conduct a thorough investigation on what they are calling a "massacre."

Original story by Jason Gutierrez. Oct. 21, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Britain, United Kingdom

On Friday, Oct. 19, 20 men in Britain were found guilty of trafficking and sexually abusing several young girls after a judge lifted reporting restrictions in a series of sexual abuse trials. The men were found guilty in a series of trials this year of more than 120 sex crimes against 15 girls in northern England between 2004 and 2011. Sixteen men were sentenced to prison terms of five to 18 years.

Original story by Reuters. Oct. 19, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Mexico City, Mexico

Scientists stumbled upon a rare sighting of the endangered Vaquita, an elusive type of porpoise. It has been nearly two years since scientists last counted the number of Vaquitas in the wild, and they estimated that only 30 remained in the Gulf of California, which is their only habitat. Scientists spotted multiple calves, giving them hope that their population would continue to grow in the wild.

Original story by Elisabeth Malkin. Oct. 17, 2017. *The New York Times*.

Johannesburg, South Africa

Fifteen civilians were killed by Congolese rebels and at least a dozen children were abducted in an attack at the center of the most recent deadly Ebola outbreak. The efforts to contain the virus were compromised by the violence. The Ebola outbreak in the Congo was declared on Aug. 1 and the World Health Organization said there have been 118 confirmed Ebola deaths so far in the country's 10th outbreak since 1976.

Original story by Associated Press. Oct. 21, 2018. *The New York Times*.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cora Hall
News Editor

Fall Jazz Concert

Enjoy the music at the Ferris jazz band's fall concert 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. The concert will be held in University Center Ballrooms A and B. For more information, contact Matt Moresi at MattMoresi@ferris.edu.

Skeleton Skurry 5K

Join this creepy crawl, run or walk 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. This is the race's sixth year and it is teaming up with the Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities to offer its first fully accessible race. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at Big Rapids City Hall, where the race will begin and end. The entry fee is \$30 for pre-registered participants and \$35 to register the day of. All ages are welcome. Contact Maggie Walcott at (231) 591-3942 or MaggieWalcott@ferris.edu for more information or to request special accommodations.

Resident Appreciation Tailgate

Be one of the first 500 residents or meal plan holders to receive a free long sleeve t-shirt 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Top Taggart Field before the football game. There will be a free walking taco bar. Students must bring their student ID for access to the tailgate. For more information, contact Kara Kosloski at karakosloski@ferris.edu.

Haunted House

Members of Phi Sigma Kappa will be hosting a haunted house at the Phi Sigma Kappa house at 118 Oak St. The house will be open 7 - 11:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 to Wednesday, Oct. 31. All proceeds will be donated to Area 5 Special Olympics. For more information, contact Trevor Hartley at hartlet4@ferris.edu.

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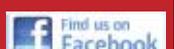
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Darren Smith's bond reinstated after alleged violation

Former Ferris hockey player released from jail after two weeks

Cora Hall
News Editor

Darren Smith, former goalkeeper for the Ferris ice hockey team, was released from jail Monday, Oct. 22, after being arrested Oct. 9 for allegedly violating his bond conditions.

Smith was originally arrested July 12 for three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, and according to Mecosta County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Amy Clapp, the charges have remained the same. When Smith posted his bail, there were several conditions for being let out on bond, including not leaving the state, not using alcohol or illegal controlled substances, and no contact with the victim, her residence or place of work, according to court documents.

The alleged incident happened off-campus during the late-evening, early-morning hours of July 7-8. The victim's name is being kept anonymous in the interest of protecting her privacy, but she is currently a student at Ferris.

"He of course has, in most situations, a right to bond," Clapp said. "We don't necessarily want defendants to stay in jail, especially in a case like this. It's going to be a long time until we get to trial, so he has an interest in being out of jail, coupled with the interest of society to protect victims, to protect society against individuals who are facing a charge like this. This is multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree that he's been charged with."

From 4:12 a.m. to 4:19 a.m. Oct. 7, Smith's GPS tether, which he was required to wear as part of his bond, recorded him going on the road outside of the victim's apartment complex, and thus into the exclusion zone of the victim. The Community Corrections Pro-

gram Tether Violation document stated that Smith was instructed not to go within 400 feet of the victim's address as part of his tether rules, which he signed.

However, the Renewed Emergency Motion for Release and Reinstatement of Bond filed by the defense claims that Smith was never given written documentation of the exclusion zone and where it specifically extended. Smith did not initial the section of his bond conditions stating that he was aware of the boundaries of the exclusion zone.

The court posted a bench warrant for Smith's arrest and he was taken into custody Oct. 9 until the case was handled in the 49th Circuit Court by Hon. Scott Hill-Kennedy Monday, Oct. 22.

The prosecution asked that the bail be raised, stating the original bond amount was too low based on the charges. The defense countered by stating Smith did not intend to violate the bond conditions and asked that the original bond be reinstated.

The final ruling was made to reinstate the original bond with the amendment that Smith is not to be on or around the road leading to the victim's apartment complex, as Hill-Kennedy believed the offense to be more of an oversight rather than intentional.

"Fourteen days in jail were a strong and appropriate reminder to Mr. Smith," Hill-Kennedy said. "We protect people until we find there is no longer a reason to."

The pre-trial date is set for Nov. 5 and future trial dates will be set as needed. Clapp said she does not expect to get a date before March 2019.

Smith is not on the roster for the Ferris ice hockey team and, according to Clapp, is not currently enrolled at Ferris as a student.

Raising rates



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Room and board rates will increase for the 2019-20 academic year

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Ferris' Board of Trustees has approved an increase in housing and dining costs by \$208 for the 2019-20 academic year.

In an effort to make Ferris' room and board costs more aligned with other Michigan universities and to ease the financial burden of students, Ferris decided to keep the room and board rates stagnant from the 2017-18 academic year into 2018-19. With the exception of this year, in which the rate didn't change, the \$208 increase will be the smallest in the past five years.

"I think it would be hard for the university to not raise or cut at a time where they're not getting as much income. It doesn't surprise me, but I'm glad it's on the lower end of the spectrum," Ferris business administration

senior Andrew Kapanowski said. "I think it's just what needs to be done with the way the numbers are looking as far as student enrollment."

Between the 2014-15 and 2017-18 academic years, the cost of room and board increased on average by \$246 per year, with the most significant increase being \$266 in 2015-16. These increases have been smaller than many other comparable Michigan universities, which has helped Ferris go from the second most expensive room and board in 2009-10, to the fifth least expensive in 2018-19 amongst comparable universities.

"You have to give them credit. If that was their goal to get their name off the top of that list, then I think they did it," Kapanowski said. "It shows that they at least made the effort last year to not raise anything, and when you're looking at a budget you can't always do the nice thing or what people want to do, but I think they've at least tried to minimize the impact."

Comparatively, Michigan Technological University had an average increase of \$325 per year from 2014-15 through 2017-18.

Northern Michigan University had an average increase of \$408 per year during the same time span and Eastern Michigan University had an annual increase of \$470, nearly double that of Ferris.

Ferris pre-medical sophomore Hunter Poser said she is glad to see Ferris working towards making room and board costs



Hunter Poser

more affordable. Poser also said that as Ferris increases scholarships and incentives to stay on campus, keeping the room and board rates

affordable allows students to stretch their money further.

"With Ferris already offering all of the scholarships to help us with room and board, it's really good to have them lowering room and board because that's less we have to pay, and that's more that scholarships help us," Poser said. "If Ferris can continue working on this, it will help the people that struggle with paying and make things a lot easier for people like me."



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Assessing the numbers



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Ferris Department of Public Safety writes a crime report each year as required by the Clery Act. This year's report reflects an overall decrease of crime across campus.

Annual campus crimes report reflects overall crime decrease

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

On-campus crime experienced a slight decrease from 2016 to 2017, according to Ferris Department of Public Safety's (DPS) 2017 annual crime report.

The total reported number of criminal offenses decreased by 118, dropping from 481 in 2016 to 363 in 2017. Reported non-criminal offenses decreased as well.

According to Ferris DPS Chief of Police Bruce Borkovich, the decrease is reliant on several different factors and tends to fluctuate depending on the year.

"It goes up and down year to year. Our folks work hard," Borkovich said. "We work hard to patrol and respond on campus and educate, take preventative measures, but the exact reasons for that are difficult. There are all those different dynamics of how many officers are working and what they're

focusing on."

However, 2017 did see a slight increase in both larceny crimes and nonaggravated assaults as compared to 2016. Borkovich said a lot of the non-aggravated assaults result from freshmen in residence halls.



Bruce Borkovich

"I can tell you that they tend to be freshmen, they tend to be in residence halls and they tend to be early in the year," Borkovich said. "Here are some of the common denominators: sometimes it involves intoxication, whether it's alcohol or marijuana. More often than not, I think what we see are maybe young people who've never lived on their own before."

Ferris and Grand Valley State University both experienced 41 cases of larceny in

2017, according to both schools' annual crime reports. In regards to these cases, there are preventative measures that students can take.

"We do find two dynamics that could really make a positive change there, and it's locking doors. So, locking vehicle doors and locking residence hall doors. Those two things alone would eliminate quite a few of these. The other part of that is over the last several years, people have a lot more electronics and technology on them. They tend to have more things with them for technology's use that are items of value and are items of interest for others," Borkovich said.



Stephen Heberling

Despite these increases, many students still feel that Ferris is a safe campus to be on overall.

"There seems to be a lot of police officers around here, so they keep a good eye on what activities go down on campus and make sure it's as safe as they can possibly make it," Ferris criminal justice freshman Stephen Heberling said. "I've lived here my whole life, so I'm a townie. It's a pretty safe area."



Bailey Giddens

The degree of safety that students feel is likely due to high DPS officer visibility around campus.

"I feel like it's pretty safe. Walking around campus during the day, I don't feel like anything bad is going to happen," Ferris dental hygiene junior Bailey Giddens said.

"You can see police cars drive around, so you know that people are out there."



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- Mike Mischley - See page 7 for story

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More than we know



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Ferris pre-pharmacy third year Nikola Redmond visits the pharmacy building in celebration of American Pharmacists Month.

American Pharmacists Month touches Ferris

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

After three years of hard work, Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Nikola Redmond has been accepted into Ferris' pharmacy school.

Redmond became passionate about becoming a pharmacist when he saw his dad unable to walk after cracking three vertebrae. The road to recovery and seeing how his dad's medication helped heal him motivated Redmond to join the pharmacy field.

"He's my role model. It was really inspirational to see what medication can do. I want to help other people any way I could through that," Redmond said.

The road to pharmacy school was a tough one. Redmond had to sacrifice friendships, sleep and some mental stability.

"It has been extremely hard. I think a lot of the undergraduate classes are to sort of weed people out. It's a lot of studying, and you have to sacrifice things, like going out with friends and stuff. That's the hardest part, but apparently for pharmacy school, it gets even more intense, so it's good to practice those things," Redmond said.

Redmond met Ferris second year pharmacy student Kailey Cole in a peer mentor group. Their similar family backgrounds allowed them to become close.

"We both come from families that have had issues with drugs. That's what has pushed us to pursue pharmacy as a career. Nikola is a dedicated student and has worked so hard for his accomplishment with being accepted into the program," Cole said.

With the help of Cole's mentoring, Redmond was able to focus on his studies. Cole was someone that Redmond looked up to when he felt discouraged.

"I kept going through all of the studying because I wanted to help people. I remembered how my father progressed, and as a personal trainer at Beagle Fit, I see people progress all the time, so it's so cool for me to be a part of the process of people getting better. It was a very voluntary thing. If I spent a weekend not studying, I would feel horrible," Redmond

said.

Redmond's work has paid off with an acceptance letter, and his father continues to be his biggest fan.

"My dad always tells me, 'I knew you were going to do something great.' That's pretty much my dad and I. We're super close, and there's nothing that we don't know about each other. I'm happy to make him proud," Redmond said.

Did you know?

There's more to October than Halloween

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

October 2018 is American Pharmacists Month. According to pharmacist.com, "easy to reach and ready to help" is the theme of the month, where people all around the country take time to recognize and learn about all that pharmacists do.

With 90 percent of Americans in arm's reach of a community pharmacy, pharmacists' responsibilities include contributing to health care and taking care of their community, according to pharmacistmonth.com. Some other responsibilities include pain management, over-the-counter and supplement suggestions, assessing the safety and effectiveness of medication, and so much more.

For more information on American Pharmacists Month, visit pharmacistmonth.com or pharmacist.com.

What does Pharmacy Month mean to you?

"To me, National Pharmacy Month is a way to appreciate the most accessible and second-most trusted health-care professional. Sometimes, people don't realize how accessible, knowledgeable and important pharmacists are, and this month helps shed light on it."

- Ferris pharmacy P1 Miranda Blaine

"It's important, just like any epidemic or crisis. It's something that you bring awareness to. It's cool that there's a month for that. People don't understand the importance of pharmacists, like they just think it's your local Walgreens or your local Rite Aid, but it's not just that. We do so much and help the community more than you would ever know,"

- Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Jayla Smith

Mentoring the future

Let's get smashed

FIRST robotics hosts a pumpkin smash in celebration of Halloween

Date: Friday, Oct. 26

Time: noon - 4 p.m.

Location: North Quad

Price: \$5 per pumpkin

Description: Students will have the chance to smash a pumpkin with weapons provided by FIRST Robotics.

Is FIRST right for you?

If you're interested in these things, you may be interested in FIRST

Do you:

-Like robotics?

-Wonder how things work?

-Like to have fun?

-Enjoy and/or are interested in teaching kids?

Interested? Join!

Meeting Day: Tuesdays

Meeting Time: 11 a.m.

Meeting Location: Swan 221

Contact: funkev@ferris.edu

What does FIRST mean to you?

"FIRST was a place of exploring, self-discovery and belonging. When I went into the high school level, I knew I wanted to be an engineer, but I did not know what kind. For other students, this is where they discover whether they want to be an engineer, a designer, a business major or anything in between. It's a safe place to find out what you like to do and may want to be before you get into college along with build real life skills to use in your career whether it's mental or physical skills. I also felt like I belonged.

There is a huge variety of people in FIRST. I was in soccer and orchestra in high school and yeah, I loved both and enjoyed being around the people, but it was not the same connection I felt/feel when I'm at a FIRST event or meeting or just around those people. Yes, we are a bunch of nerds, but it is a variety of nerds. Car nerds, music nerds, anime nerds, D&D nerds and so on. To me, FIRST is a place of self-growth."

- Ferris welding and engineering technology junior and FIRST president Victoria Funke



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Interim Photographer

FIRST members pose with some of their favorite weapons that will be used in the pumpkin smash event Friday, Oct. 26.

Igniting passion through technology

Alicia Jaimes
Lifestyles Editor

Ferris welding engineering technology junior and FIRST President Victoria Funke is celebrating Halloween with members of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics registered student organization (RSO).

An RSO dedicated to the mentorship and growth of students K-12 who are interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), FIRST will be hosting a pumpkin smash event noon - 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, in the North Quad. During this time, students will have the opportunity to destroy a pumpkin with a weapon provided by FIRST. These weapons include a crowbar, hammer, sledge hammer, metal pipe, baseball bat and pool noodle.

"The pumpkin smash is an event we have wanted to do for a while. Not only is it placed in between midterms and finals so any variation of stress can be released, it is also just something fun. I'm excited to see pumpkin guts go everywhere. I believe we are trying to get a Tickle Me Elmo, and if anyone can destroy a pumpkin with a pool noodle we'll pay them," Funke said.

With a \$5 pumpkin fee, the RSO hopes to use the money raised for other events to compete in a collegiate-level competition where members of FIRST will build a robot in three days and compete against other FIRST alumni groups.

"We're trying to challenge ourselves to show the high schoolers that this can be done," Ferris welding engineering technology junior and FIRST Vice President Mike Mischley said.

Mischley is valuing the time he's spent with this RSO impacting the lives of future engineers and said he enjoys "getting to see the light click on in someone's eyes when they actually understand what you're talking about."

Mischley is excited to raise money for this competition and can't wait to see what weapons students choose when smashing their pumpkin.

"I really want to see someone go to town on a pumpkin with a pool noodle," Mischley said.

Ferris elementary education freshman and FIRST Secretary Lilian Gray has learned a lot in her

time with the RSO. Being involved with robotics since she joined a team her freshman year of high school, Gray believes that FIRST creates a positive environment for students and a chance to meet new people.

"Through robotics, I've learned so many skills: from building to bettering my presentation skills and teamwork. It's given me so many more opportunities for friendships to my career. I'm majoring in elementary education, and thanks to the RSO, I'm currently working with an elementary robotics team," Gray said.

Mentoring students for a couple hundred hours per semester, FIRST is always looking for potential new members or volunteers to help with events.

"You just need a desire to introduce and teach kids about STEM or just an interest to build things and get involved," Funke said.

For more information on the pumpkin smash or FIRST, contact Funke at funkev@ferris.edu or Mischley at mischlm1@ferris.edu.



Lilian Gray



Mike Mischley



Creative costumes

10 Years of Halloween Costumes

Costumes that never get old

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| 1991 - Terminator | 1996 - Scream |
| 1992 - Cat Woman | 1997 - Batman and Robin |
| 1993 - Barney | 1998 - South Park |
| 1994 - Power Rangers | 1999 - The Matrix |
| 1995 - The Star Trek Cast | 2000 - Austin Powers |

The above information was found on visual.ly

DIY Costumes | Creativity on a budget

Living on a college budget can make dressing up for Halloween a struggle for many students. With just a few tips and tools though, students can easily avoid the expensive struggle of costly costumes and apply their own DIY spin on Halloween.

Where to shop for affordable costumes and paints:

- Goodwill
- Dollar Tree
- Walmart

Breadwinner

- What you need:
- Blue shirt
 - Gold medals
 - Sweatbands
 - Loaves of bread

Fifty Shades of "Gray"

- What you need:
- Black shirt
 - Shaded gray paint swatches

Arthur

- What you need:
- Glasses
 - Monkey ears
 - Yellow sweater

Bob Ross and Happy Little Trees

- What you need:
- Craft leaves
 - Curly brown wig

Rosie the Riveter

- What you need:
- Red and white polka dot headband or bandana
 - Denim shirt and jeans

Han Solo

- What you need:
- Henley shirt
 - Dark vest
 - Blue pants
 - Gun holster

Forrest Gump

- What you need:
- Plaid shirt
 - Khaki pants
 - Red baseball cap
 - White sneakers

The above information was found on goodhousekeeping.com

What will you be this Halloween?

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

Like many busy college students, Ferris graphic design freshman Bobbie Sheldon hopes to set aside some time for herself Wednesday, Oct. 31, to dress up in her latest Halloween costume.



Bobbie Sheldon

"Halloween is always a time for me to express creativity, outside of drawing and stuff like that, and it was a time I could dress up in ridiculous costumes without feeling like I was judged," Sheldon said.

Growing up, Sheldon's costumes as a kid consisted of video game-based characters such as Mario, Spyro and Sonic.

This year, Sheldon has been making her own costume, a mercenary elf influenced from Dragon Age 2. Infusing her passion for creativity into her costume, Sheldon has been working on it piece-by-piece.

"The basic costume is actually her armor itself — which is going to consist of a corset-like piece that I'm ordering that comes up to the collar. Then I'm going to have a chest plate. I also have these brown, leather-looking leggings that I'm also going to add plating onto. The plating is going to be made from foam," Sheldon said.

Though Sheldon's busy schedule hasn't allowed her to celebrate Halloween in the past years, she hopes to have her costume done in

time for the big night. Enjoying the holidays is something Sheldon values because it gives her new ideas for her drawing and character work.

"I've always liked it when people took the cliché costumes like the vampires, the werewolves, the devil and put their own spin on it," Sheldon said.

Like Sheldon, Ferris applied speech communication junior Tristan Scribner enjoys putting his own spin on Halloween costumes.

"I kind of get creative. Some of the costumes I have previously owned and sort of just thrown together, cutting up and sewing up to make it look right. I don't spend too much money on other costumes, and if I ever do, it's on little bits and pieces," Scribner said.

In previous years, he has dressed up as the Mad Hatter or a cowboy, but this year plans to do a group theme with roommates as pirates.

Though Scribner and Sheldon enjoy the creative challenge of making their own Halloween costumes, Ferris pharmacy P1 student Lindsay Christensen prefers to find her costume online.

"I usually do minimal effort. I'll just order something online because it's easier than shopping in stores," Christensen said.

Christensen plans to celebrate Halloween this year by dressing as a lifeguard and hanging out with her friends.



Tristan Scribner

What should you be for Halloween?

Take the quiz below to find out!



The alternative



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When you're not feeling spooky

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

Ferris chemistry freshman Megan Anderson and many other students will not be celebrating Halloween in the traditional sense this year.

"Growing up, my family just didn't really celebrate it. We are Christians, and we would go to a harvest party at my church every year, but we never really went trick-or-treating. We would go to the movies on trick-or-treat night," Anderson said.

Because of this, Anderson never cared for Halloween and hasn't considered celebrating it since.

"I would feel weird dressing up now. Since I didn't really grow up with it, I guess I'm not used to it," Anderson said.

Though many students prefer to go out on Halloween, Ferris marketing freshman Bayley Davis would rather spend the night in with her friends.

"I've never really been someone who likes to go out, especially on Halloween. I can only imagine the craziness that goes on. But some friends and I still like to celebrate by hanging out and watching movies," Davis said.

Davis enjoys a relaxing night in watching classic movies on Halloween such as "Casper" or "Hocus Pocus."

"Ever since my friends and I started this Halloween tradition, I look forward to it every single year. Life is so busy, and it's fun to just take a break and relax. I would rather spend a day like that with people who care about me than in a skimpy costume partying," Davis said.

While some are contemplating their costumes or just plain aren't celebrating, Ferris pre-nursing freshman Anna Miller can't wait for Halloween to come and go so she can celebrate the holiday she's really waiting for.

"I'm really into Christmas. To me, all the other holidays do not compare to Christmas. I just view Halloween as another holiday to get over with, so we can get closer to Christmas, honestly," Miller said.

Halloween party alternatives

Hayrides and mazes

Get lost in a maze, take selfies on a hayride and enjoy the crisp fall weather.

Scary movies

Binging on classic 80s and 90s horror films is the way to go: "Friday the 13th," "Scream," "The Sixth Sense" or "Chucky."

If you're trying to avoid nightmares, "Hocus Pocus" or "Beetlejuice" are better options.

Bake-off

Find the sweeter things in life as you bake holiday cookies with your roommates after class.

Stock up on sweets

Whether you're a sweets or chocolate person, there's bound to be some candy sales come November.

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“Saturday, we just straight up got outplayed and we knew it. We were all pissed off.”
- Corey Mackin - See page 11 for story

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From the ground up



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris freshman forward Pia Nagel fights for the ball with a GVSU defender. The Bulldogs took their first loss in 15 games to the Lakers.

Trouble in paradise

Ferris football reports ineligible player to NCAA

Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Ferris football's record so far this season is unblemished as they sit at 8-0, but a secondary violation involving a student-athlete may lead to negative consequences.

Ferris News Services and Social Media Manager Sandy Gholston released a statement to the Ferris State Torch Wednesday, Oct. 17, saying that the university had notified the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) of a secondary violation involving a Ferris football player who is ineligible due to a transfer rule. The university has not confirmed the identity of the student-athlete, but multiple news sources have identified him as Ferris sophomore defensive tackle Dan Perry.



Sandy Gholston

“By design, the eligibility of every student-athlete is certified by the university, independent of the athletics department,” Ferris Vice-President for Student Affairs Jeanine Ward-Roof said.



Jeanine Ward-Roof

“The student-athlete's transfer history was complex, and the error by the department that certifies student-athlete eligibility was the result of a misinterpretation of a transfer rule.”

Perry played the first four games of the season for the Bulldogs against East Stroudsburg, Findlay, Northwood and Northern Michigan, recording five tackles. Since that point, Perry has not played.

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Commissioner Kris Dunbar also released a statement. “The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is aware of the violation and will make sure proper policies and procedures are followed as we work through the process with Ferris State University,” Dunbar said.

The NCAA will have the final say on any repercussions for the team. Perry served as a redshirt freshman for Ferris last season after he transferred from Kent State University (Kent, Ohio). He also previously wrestled at the University of Michigan in 2016-17.

As they await a ruling from the NCAA, the Bulldogs will turn their attention to the Wayne State Warriors who come to Top Taggart Field for a GLIAC showdown 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Ferris women's soccer establishing a new identity

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Ferris women's soccer head coach Andy McCaslin is in his sixth year at the helm of the program and it seems this may be the year all the pieces fall into place.

A year ago, scoring and finishing games were an issue with the Bulldogs, which contributed to the reason they lost seven contests by only a single goal, with four of those being 1-0 losses. This season, both of those have changed drastically.

“The group has been able to play loose and has been able to be creative,” McCaslin said. “We have a lot of the same players as we had last year, so we're able to rely on that history and when you can do that, synergy really takes off. They're also taking a lot of good risks in the final third and it's paid off.”

The team only lost seven seniors a year ago and have added nine new talented players to the winning roster McCaslin has built. One of those talented new additions is Ferris freshman forward Pia Nagel.

“Pia has been a great addition. She's a quality person that the team likes to be around and she's super humble,” McCaslin said. “When she isn't scoring goals, she is still so important to the attack because we

could play into her and she'd create quality moments for the team. We thought she could come in and be dynamic, but she's exceeded expectations because you never know how an international will translate to the college game.”

Nagel's transition has been quick and easy as she leads the Bulldogs in scoring with nine goals, falling into the fifth spot in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC).

“My ability to play with speed and technique fit well in our style of play,” Nagel said. “We just want our opponents to adapt to our game and not the other way around. We have the ability to win against every team in this conference and we just need to stick to our game plan, trust the process and have 110 percent from every player.”



Pia Nagel

The Bulldogs didn't slow down in weekend action, as they took on the GLIAC No. 1 nationally ranked Grand Valley State University Friday, Oct. 19.

The Bulldogs fell 2-1 in extra time in that matchup but proved they could go goal-for-goal with the current best team in the country.

The Bulldogs bounced back Sunday, Oct. 21, when they defeated Davenport University 2-1.

Following the weekend action, the Bulldogs now possess a 13-2-2 overall record and a 5-1-2 GLIAC record. The win over Davenport clinched home field in the upcoming GLIAC Tournament and the team will earn the No. 2 seed.



Andy McCaslin

“We really just try to focus on the next day and try to get better in each training session and each game,” McCaslin said. “The group is really mature about all of the national recognition we've been receiving, so I have no doubt we'll manage the end of the season well and take things as they come.”

The Bulldogs will host a GLIAC quarterfinal game on Tuesday, Oct. 30, with the opponent and time to be determined.

The team finishes the regular season as they take on Northwood University at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, in Midland, with the ability to tie the all-time school record for wins in a single season.

Knocked down

Bulldog hockey addresses tough start to season

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

A slow start to the year has the Ferris hockey team sitting at 1-3 overall and looking for answers.

Hopes were high after the Bulldogs dominated preseason, winning both of their exhibition games. The first two weekends of the 2018-19 season, however, have ended in disappointment.

Ferris hockey head coach Bob Daniels mentioned the Bulldogs' exhibition match with the U.S. Under-18 team helped. However, they are a young team so the strength is not quite equivalent to that of an older Western Michigan University team. Another area of concern for the Bulldogs was their puck control.



Bob Daniels

"I thought Friday night we didn't come out well. We fell behind four-nothing in the first, so that's an understatement,"

Daniels said. "The next night, we started off all right in the first. If anything, we had the better of the play and then didn't have a great finish to the game."

Being swept by the No. 18 nationally-ranked Broncos in the first weekend of play was just the start, as the Bulldogs faced a rollercoaster of emotions in back-to-

back home games against Mercyhurst University (Pennsylvania).

On Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, the Bulldogs hoped to regain the stature they showed before the season began. The Bulldogs had no problem on Friday night securing their first win of the season with a score of 5-2, outshooting the Lakers 41-23.



Corey Mackin

Saturday was a different story, however. The Bulldogs had a slow start, allowing two first-period goals, as well as one in the third, and failed to score until the third period, leading to a 3-1 loss.

"You can't come back from a 4-0 start. I mean, it was too bad of a start. We started playing good in the second and third, I think we carried the play that night," Ferris senior forward and captain Corey Mackin said. "Then, Saturday, we just straight up got outplayed and we knew it. We were all pissed off. We showed it this week in practice. We battled hard and it kind of showed tonight that we were playing frustrated and we wanted to get the first win."

Ferris hockey returns home to face Alaska Anchorage 7:07 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, as they start Western Collegiate Hockey Association play.



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris sophomore forward Lucas Finner searches for a scoring opportunity as he skates past Mercyhurst defenders.



Top Dawg

Bri Rogers

Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Top Dawg honors for the week are staying on the pitch as the Ferris women's soccer team faced tough conference play.

Ferris sophomore midfielder Bri Rogers secured the game-winning goal against Davenport University Sunday, Oct. 21, off a penalty kick in the 88th minute. Rogers also scored the first goal of the day in the first half off another penalty kick. This win capped off a tough weekend where the Bulldogs went 1-1.

Friday, Oct. 19, the Bulldogs dropped their first game in 14 matches against No. 1 nationally

ranked Grand Valley State University in a grueling game that went into double overtime. It was the first time the Bulldogs lost dating back to the end of August. Although the loss is tough, the Bulldogs fought hard with a historically successful team that figures to make a deep postseason run.

The Bulldogs looked to take the energy from Friday and leave it all on the field Saturday to start a new win streak. With help from Rogers, who recorded her second game-winning goal of the season, the Bulldogs were able to secure the win.

Scoring during crucial moments is nothing new for Rogers, who has six goals on the year. Earlier in the

season when the Bulldogs faced tough Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponents Ashland University and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), Rogers was able to find the back of the net.

Against Ashland, she scored the second goal of the game which was crucial as the game ended in a 2-2 draw. In their next game against the No. 3 nationally ranked SVSU team, Rogers and the Bulldogs did not give up as she scored the game-tying goal in the 88th minute resulting in a 1-1 draw.

The Bulldogs soccer team finishes up regular season play as they play the Northwood Timberwolves 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, in Midland.



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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

A low scoring affair this week in Fantasy Football leaves Team Torch four measly points away from a victory.

The Ferris football team faced a very good Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) squad set on fighting their way towards the top of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). The Bulldogs had plans of their own, however, coming out with a 28-14 victory Saturday, Oct. 20.

Twenty-eight points is a slow day for a Bulldog team that is averaging 41.1 points on the year, but they still managed to defeat SVSU.

Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell continued his fantasy dominance, as he was responsible for nearly half of the Bulldogs' fantasy points as well as all of his team's touchdowns against the Cardinals.

Campbell had a mediocre performance through the air, highlighted by a 62-yard bomb to Ferris junior receiver Jevon Shaw. The ground game is where Campbell provided a spark, recording 165 yards and three touchdowns on his feet.

To prove just how effective Campbell has been this season, you need only look at his team's offensive numbers. The Bulldogs have found the endzone 44 times this year on offense; Campbell has been involved in some way on 32 of those touchdowns.

Facing a 14-7 deficit heading into halftime didn't phase the Bulldog defense. The defensive unit for Ferris held the Cardinals at bay, not allowing a single point in the second half, and recording six sacks and two interceptions on the day.

The six sacks for the Bulldogs was a good sign, as the team has struggled to get consistent pressure on the opposing quarterback since the departure of Ferris alumnus and current Baltimore Raven Zach Sieler. This is just the third time in eight games that Ferris has managed more than one sack.

Ferris is now 8-0 on the year and 6-0 in the GLIAC. In Ferris Fantasy Football, however, the Bulldogs improve to 4-3 with the 89-86 victory over Team Torch.

The Bulldogs will look to continue their win-streak when they take on the Wayne State Warriors 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, on Top Taggart Field.



Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Here are my picks for next week:

QB — Deshaun Watson — Houston Texans: Watson loves to throw the deep ball to Deandre Hopkins, so I'm expecting some big passing numbers from the second-year signal caller.

RB1 — Kareem Hunt — Kansas City Chiefs: Hunt hasn't had as big of a year as he did in 2017, but the young guy can still turn on the jets.

RB2 — Nick Chubb — Cleveland Browns: The Browns traded Carlos Hyde, so Chubb will now be the number one guy in the backfield. Let's hope he runs wild against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

WR1 — Emmanuel Sanders — Denver Broncos: Sanders was the number one scorer in fantasy this week at the wide receiver position. I'm hoping I didn't wait too long to call his number.

WR2 — T.Y. Hilton — Indianapolis Colts: Andrew Luck picked apart the Buffalo Bills this week and Hilton was a big part of that.

TE — Michael Roberts — Detroit Lions: Head Coach Matt Patricia is starting to get the tight-ends involved in Detroit. Roberts caught two touchdown passes this week and is a big-time red zone target for the Lions.

D/ST — Washington Redskins — This team has so many pieces on the defensive side. Plus, they held Ezekiel Elliot to minimal yardage this week. A matchup with the 1-5 New York Giants looks good for them.

K — Chandler Catanzaro — Tampa Bay Buccaneers: I'm taking a risk here. Catanzaro missed two field goals this week, so I'm hoping he bounces back in a big way against the Cincinnati Bengals.

FLEX — Kenyan Drake — Miami Dolphins: Drake is a pass-catching nightmare that can burn any line-backer he matches up with.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Friday, Oct. 26:

- Women's Soccer at Northwood 3 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at Wayne State GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals
- Volleyball at Saginaw Valley State 7 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Alaska Anchorage 7:07 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 27:

- Football vs. Wayne State 1 p.m.
- Volleyball at Lake Superior State 2 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Duke 4 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Alaska Anchorage 7:07 p.m.

Sunday Oct. 28:

- Women's Basketball vs. Trine 1:30 p.m.

TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Matthew Stafford	18
RB1	Melvin Gordon	0
RB2	Phillip Lindsay	17
WR1	Jordan Matthews	0
WR2	Adam Theilen	26
TE	Eric Ebron	6
FLEX	Sony Michel	7
D	Cleveland Browns	9
K	Jason Myers	7
Total:		86

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Jayru Campbell	42
RB1	Marvin Campbell	8
RB2	Derrick Portis	2
WR1	Dion Earls	4
WR2	Sy Barnett	3
TE	Keyondre Craig	1
FLEX	Jevon Shaw	14
D	Ferris State	11
K	Jackson Dieterle	4
Total:		89

Sports Shorts

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

Men's basketball at Duke

The Ferris men's basketball team started their season last weekend with a win against Grand Rapids Community College.

The team is scheduled to play three exhibition games leading into the season. With one already under their belt, the Bulldogs will be ready to face the Division I Duke University Blue Devils (Durham, North Carolina).

Duke has a historic basketball program with five national championships under their belt. With nearly an entire new starting lineup, the Bulldogs will get a chance to figure out their team against some stiff competition.

The Bulldogs will face the Blue Devils 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.

Titan's Motown Collegiate

The Ferris men's golf team wrapped up their fall season in the Titan's Motown Collegiate tournament Monday, Oct. 15, and Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The two-day event was played at Prestwick Village Club in Highland and included a total of ten teams.

The Bulldogs ended the tournament in third overall in team play with a shot total of 902 through three rounds. Ferris senior Andrew Hammett ended in first place individually with a shot total of 210, ending six under par.

Hammett is the third Bulldog to pull an individual win this year, as Ferris seniors Jack Weller and Seth Terpstra each won one as well.

The Bulldogs will be back in the spring for the Bulldog Shootout hosted in St. Cloud (Florida) March 7 and March 8.



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Digging for gold | Bulldogs looking to finish season strong



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Ferris junior outside hitter Courtney Brewer blocks a ball onto the opponent's side of the net. The volleyball team is still undefeated in conference play at 12-0.

Mollie Hamelund
Torch Reporter

A short weekend for the Ferris volleyball team was just what they needed as they enter the home stretch of the regular season.



Julia Mitchell

"I think our team's biggest motivation is to finish strong and to take one game at a time," Ferris redshirt freshman setter Julia Mitchell said. "We don't like to look too far ahead in the future, but finishing the GLIAC out strong is for sure something we're looking forward to."

Following a tough loss that snapped a 13-game winning streak to non-conference opponent Drury University (Missouri) Saturday, Oct. 13, the Bulldogs bounced right back against Northwood University Saturday, Oct. 20.

Ferris junior outside hitter Allyson Cappel led the way in a 3-0 sweep of the Timberwolves. Cappel led the team with 11 kills, while Ferris junior setter Maeve Grimes lead the team in assists with 29.

With the conference win, the Bulldogs have clinched a spot in the playoffs by bringing their conference record to 12-0 with an overall record of 19-4. With only four games left in the regular season, the Bulldogs hope to finish strong.



Mekayla Carey

"Every girl on our team plays for the girl next to us rather than ourselves," Ferris junior middle hitter Mekayla Carey said. "All of us are extremely dedicated to this team and I believe that's why we've been so successful."

The Bulldogs needed players to step up after losing so much leadership last season. Carey has stepped up big time bringing in over 248 kills, a big improvement from last season where she only had 29.

"My motivation is my teammates," Carey said. "It's a team effort and I just try to do my job the best I possibly can."

With just four games remaining before the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tournament begins, the Bulldogs have their eyes set on four straight conference matchups with Saginaw Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Tech. University and Northern Michigan University slated over the next two weeks.



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm

"We are entering the second round of GLIAC play this week," Ferris volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "Playing teams for a second time is tough, both teams know each other and everyone is playing for positioning in the postseason."

Brandel-Wilhelm highlighted staying healthy as a key for her team moving forward, noting that the Bulldogs are "focusing on daily recovery."

The Bulldogs are set to face the 16-8 SVSU Cardinals 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Hamilton Gymnasium in University Center.

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

My first notable encounter with ageism happened when I was 16.

It was right before Christmas, and my mom sent me up to the post office to purchase an oddly-specific number of stamps needed to mail out holiday cards. At that point, I had never bought stamps and didn’t really know in what groups they were sold.

I walked into the post office and politely asked the cashier how many came in a book of stamps. The worker, a woman in her 60s, scoffed, gave me an eye roll and a disapproving look before sarcastically answering my question.

Throughout the remainder of my transaction, I felt so judged for not possessing any prior knowledge about stamps. As I rushed out of the post office, feeling ashamed, I wondered if the woman would have the same reaction if I was 20 years older. Perhaps she would have still been condescending even if I was older, but throughout

time, I’ve discovered that people often stereotype others based on their ages.

Ageism is discrimination against a person or group because of their age. It is very real, and I’m sure many of you have experienced it to some extent throughout your life.

Personally, I’ve dealt with ageism my entire life. For starters, my birthday is later in the year, so I was younger than most of my graduating class. Because of this, some of my peers would tell me I’m “so cute” and “so young,” despite me being less than a year younger than them. In addition, in high school, I was occasionally in classes where the majority of students were a year older than me. And sometimes, these classmates would be patronizing and dismiss my ideas because I was younger, as if one year of age makes a significant difference.

Since coming to Ferris, I’ve certainly encountered ageism less. I

Age really is just a number

have classmates, coworkers and friends in a wide age range, and I don’t see any discrimination as a result. My professors seem to treat everyone similarly despite their age, as well.

However, outside of campus, ageism cannot be escaped. I went to the grocery store and my cashier, who was middle-aged, talked extensively to the older customers before and after me in line, but ignored my greeting and gave me the silent treatment. I see people on social media dismiss the ideas of Gen Zers, saying that there’s no way they can compose an intelligent thought because a minuscule number of 11-year-olds ate Tide Pods for YouTube clicks.

I’m tired of seeing people bash those in other generations, categorizing people into age groups and judging them accordingly. Not all Baby Boomers or Gen Xers are racist or hateful of younger generations. Not all millennials or Gen

Zers are lazy, entitled or disrespectful of older generations. In fact, I’d say these statements are false for the vast majority of people. The actions of a few should not represent the rest of the generation.

In no way does my age correlate with my capabilities. My number of years on this planet does not limit my intelligence, my friendliness, my morals. These things are crafted by one’s experiences and upbringing. People can possess way more knowledge about a topic than someone decades older than them.

Before you make assumptions about a person based solely on their age, talk to them. Hear their story. Learn about their past and their present.

Stereotyping exists in many forms. Let’s not allow ageism to be one of them.

Too drunk to dance

We need to do more to stop sexual assaults at Shooters

Guys, stop grinding on random drunk women in Shooters. Quit groping them and trying to kiss them to see how far you can get. It’s sexual assault. Point blank.

I’ve been to Shooters one time this semester and I’ve already had to confront two men about trying to take advantage of a woman who was clearly too drunk to know what was happening, let alone consent. One was trying to take her home; the other groped and kissed her on the dance floor in a matter of seconds before I could break them up.

It disgusts me that I can’t go out to Shooters without witnessing women getting pulled away by their friends because some guy is grinding on them without consent on the busy dance floor. Most of the women I have been to Shooters with have experienced at least that, if not more blatant forms of sexual assault.

If you don’t ask permission, it’s assault. If she doesn’t say yes, it’s assault. If she doesn’t answer, it’s assault. If she’s too drunk to consciously consent — you guessed it — it’s assault.

I don’t blame Shooters’ security at all. Security does a fantastic job and can’t go around asking everyone who’s dancing if it’s consensual; they deal with enough already. I blame the men who go to Shooters to target drunk women and try to bring



Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

them home.

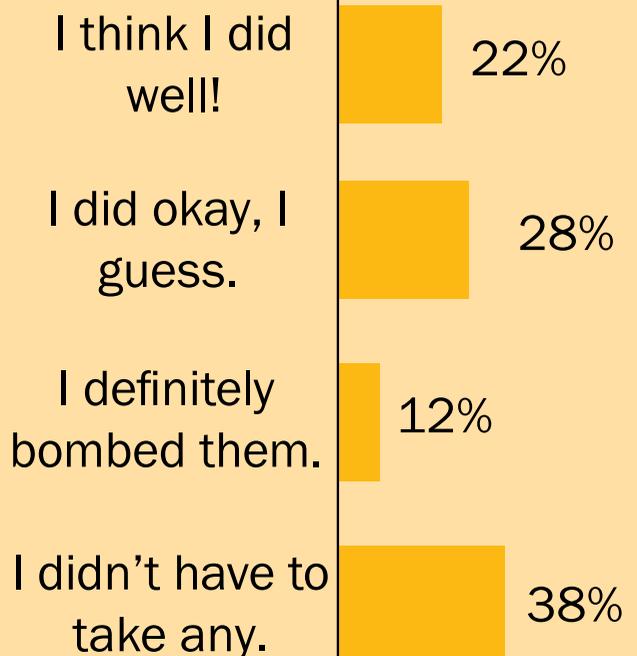
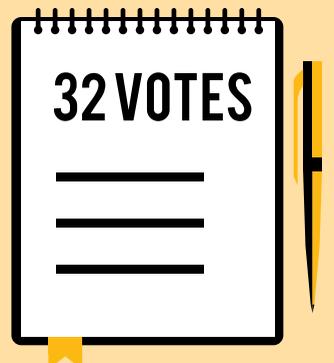
People often try to twist words here and say, “So guys can’t dance with girls at the bar anymore?” when in fact I’m saying please stop sexually assaulting women. If you get permission, dance all night. If you’re both sober enough to make conscious decisions, go ahead and go home together. But consent is key.

To the friends of the guys doing these things at the bar, I fully understand how awkward it may be, but you need to confront them or at least get the woman into a safe situation. Not only are they violating women, but they’re also committing a crime. To anyone who sees sexual assaults happening, you have an ethical responsibility to protect vulnerable people. When you see it taking place, you should inform security.

I love going out on the weekend and I want everyone else to enjoy it, too. But in order for everyone to have a good time, people shouldn’t be victims of assault. Please, just ask for consent. It’s really that easy.

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Snooze it or lose it

Why getting back to a normal sleep schedule is important

The days are getting shorter, the weather is getting colder and many college students may find themselves struggling to maintain a normal sleep schedule here at Ferris.



Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

According to dictionary.com, insomnia is defined as the "inability to obtain sufficient sleep, especially when chronic; difficulty in falling or staying asleep; sleeplessness." This might sound all too familiar to you, as many college students at some point struggle with their sleep schedules.

Getting sufficient sleep is crucial to maintain your health, both physically and mentally. According to the Sleep Health Foundation, at least every one in three people have mild insomnia.

Insomnia can cause students to experience a lack of concentration, make it hard for them to focus and impair their memory. These mental symptoms caused by sleep schedule disturbances can lead students to fall behind in their classes rather quickly.

Insomnia also can cause physical symptoms. These include an increase of appetite due to the fact you're losing more sleep, and have less energy to complete your normal daily tasks that would normally burn calories, which also makes weight loss less attainable.

One main symptom of insomnia

is being tired all the time, which can cause the dangerous habit of drowsy driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that drowsy driving was responsible for 72,000 crashes, 44,000 injuries and 800 deaths in 2013. If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of insomnia, I encourage you to take the proper precautions or ask for help before they intensify.

Whether you think your sleep schedule is an issue or not, it's important to know how to get back into a healthy sleeping pattern once yours has been disrupted. Make sure to set down the electronics at least half an hour before bed. Instead, maybe try to wind down by reading a book or meditating.

Try to wake up around the same time everyday. Eventually, this can help to adjust your body's natural timer to an improved sleeping schedule, which will help increase your hours of rest.

Also, avoid caffeine in the afternoon or evening, as it has been proven to disrupt sleep during the night.

Get your facts straight



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PSA: Twitter is not a credible news source

Honestly, I'm just going to say it: Twitter has ruined our generation.

Yes, while there is some high quality comedy going on in the universe of Twitter, there's also a boatload of horse shit. It's as if the internet — an endless resource of information — has ruined people's ability to think critically for themselves. Ironic, I know.

There's an endless amount of tweets loaded with ignorance and emotional responses to issues that are just unreasonable. Which is fine, as everyone has their right to say what they please, but it becomes a problem when other people begin to treat those tweets as their main source of credible information on current issues.

It's so rare to see people be able to remove themselves emotionally from a situation and actually see it from both sides, especially in politics. This is all too clearly displayed on Twitter where the latest viral tweet with over 200,000 favorites is just illogical, emotional ranting, but is labeled as an insightful opinion on a political issue.

Social media in general has kindled this attitude of going viral and it has led to millions of people desperately trying to say the popular opinion before someone else does.

It's as if people don't even care about knowing all the facts about an issue before forming their opinion. Instead, they form their opinion based on the emotional side of the issue and

find facts to support it. This is called confirmation bias and you could pretty much label 95 percent of political tweets with it.

The most frustrating part about this is that it makes me never want to have a debate, or even a discussion, about politics with anyone, ever. Because nine times out of 10, I'll have seen your opinion on Twitter about 30 times already and it's just illogical.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that everyone on Twitter is ignorant. Just the loudest or most popular accounts tend to be the most unreasonable and go viral most often. Because it's what people want to hear, even if it's not the truth.

Fellow students, please do better. Do your research, be informed and think critically. Especially in the midst of election season, don't just go with whatever Twitter is saying. Get on candidates' websites and find out what they stand for and decide if YOU agree with them or not.

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