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HERE'S WHAT'S INSIDE**IN THE BLOOD**

Ferris forward freshman Hunter Wendt is making huge strides for Bulldog hockey, following in the footsteps of his father, former Ferris hockey player Tim Wendt.

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EL MUERTO, EL MUERTO

With Halloween coming to an end, read about the holiday that many students are celebrating next.

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Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Ferris student opinion on the best dining hall is pretty evenly split between The Quad, located in the University Center, and The Rock, located in the South Quad. A significant issue students have with The Quad is that the space is too small for the amount of students who eat there at lunch time.

Students voice their opinion on which dining hall is superior

Madison Kettlewell
Torch Reporter

According to students around campus, the dining halls at Ferris might not be as great as they seem to be at first glance.

Ferris pre-pharmacy freshman Megan Hastings, who prefers to eat at the Rock, said the dining halls seemed great when she first got to campus. Now, after being on campus for just a few months, Hastings realized she may have been mistaken.

"At first I thought the food was good," Hastings said. "Now it's getting kind of old."

Ferris social work sophomore Kaylee Kee-

na agreed. Due to this, Keena often finds herself cooking her own meals.

"The food is very repetitive. Sometimes when I go there I feel like there's nothing there that I actually want to eat," Keena said. "I like grocery shopping because I can choose what I want to make to eat."

Not only is the food failing to meet some student's expectations, but students also believe that the area being used for the Quad is too small.

Though Keena prefers the Quad over the Rock, she said that the café is often filled with students during lunch time, and it can be hard to enjoy a meal.

"There is definitely not enough space at

the Quad, especially during lunch," Keena said. "I always feel very overwhelmed and it's hard for me to find a place that I can actually sit."

Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Laura Hunt agreed, and said that if there was one thing she could change about her favorite dining hall, it would be the size.

"The Quad could definitely be bigger. It gets crowded at lunchtime," Hunt said. "Between noon and two, it's jam-packed."

Ferris communications freshman Carlina Edmonds said not only was the Quad too small, but that it also doesn't have that much food variety. Due to this, she fa-

vors eating at the Rock.

"I prefer to eat at the Rock. They have different food varieties all the time," Edmonds said. "Plus, the Rock is much roomier than the Quad."

Last year, Ferris gave out free food take out containers to students, so that students could use them to easily bring back meals to their dorm. This year, Ferris decided to sell the containers instead of just giving them out. Although the cost is only \$7, some students think the container should come complimentary with a meal plan.

"We're paying to eat and we have a meal plan," Edmonds said. "So we shouldn't have to pay to take food back to our dorm, too."



Keena



Laura Hunt



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Too much help



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Honors Advisor Cathy Bordeau teaches in her HNRS 100 class this semester. This course is an orientation for Honors Program freshmen to help them transition to college life.

Students feel semester-long FSUS class is overkill

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

Every Ferris freshman is required to take a one-credit seminar course, but some feel the experience is unnecessary.

The mandatory class is called Ferris State University Seminar (FSUS). Students in the Honors Program must take the equivalent Orientation to Honors version, HNRS 100.

The main objective of the course is to introduce resources, both on campus and online. Students are taught to use Ferris weblinks such as MyFSU, MyDegree and Blackboard. They are also exposed to campus tools such as the Writing Center.

Ferris marketing junior Rashawn Heaston took FSUS and said that although the material was mostly common sense, a couple aspects were helpful.

"Maybe the scheduling, my teacher helped me with scheduling. Being more organized, that's about it really. I think it was common sense," Heaston said. "It's a waste of money, really. If anything, it should be free."

Orientation to Honors is similar to FSUS but includes some added objectives.

"They have to do with understanding the honors requirements and why they exist, and how you fulfill them and how you report them. We also have a selection of readings in our textbook, which is the student handbook, that are supposed to be discussed in Honors 100 and those contextualized requirements as well," Ferris Honors Program Director Dr. Peter Bradley said.

Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Jessica Bernhardt



Jessica Bernhardt

is an honors student who took HNRS 100 her freshman year.

"I think that it helped with some parts of learning about registration mostly and getting to know my adviser because my teacher for it was my advisor at the time, but I think that it was a lot of filler if I'm honest," Bernhardt said.

Ferris Director of Student Academic Affairs Shelly VandePanne said this system has been in place since 2002. Previously, the course was not required for everybody, but retention rates were higher among students who completed it, according to VandePanne.



Shelly VandePanne

"About 70 percent of the colleges and universities across the nation are requiring some type of first year seminar," VandePanne said. "We're helping them to adapt to college life, prepare for present and future success and engage with the campus and community."

Honors students can potentially see even more course material in the upcoming spring semester.

"We're going to add a three-credit course that is synced to it. The idea is to get some of those readings and the academic content into a full-fledged three-credit course," Bradley said.

The new three-credit course is called HNRS 190: "Why Honors?" and Bradley said it will still contain orientation content paired with academic aspects. It will be offered 9 - 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays during Spring 2019.

Fuel to the fire

Oil pipeline at center of debate in Michigan



Dan Deitsch
Torch Reporter

After being in place since 1953, Line 5 has become a controversial topic between candidates for Michigan's 2018 gubernatorial election.

The Line 5 pipeline runs from Superior, Wisconsin, through Michigan and the Straits of Mackinac, and ends in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. These lines, part of a larger pipeline system between Canada and the U.S., carry crude oil from sources in northern Canada into the upper Midwest and southern Canada.

"I think [a spill] would be devastating because we rely so much on the Great Lakes," Ferris pre-science sophomore Abby Smith said. "The lakes are one of our biggest resources. Maybe if we could redirect it, if possible, that would be OK. Keeping it around may cause more problems."

Line 5 has become a topic of discussion this year during the gubernatorial race. Governor nominees Republican Bill Schuette, Democrat Gretchen Whitmer and Independent Bill Gelineau have spoken about Line 5 and their plans for its operation once they are elected.

"An oil spill in the Great Lakes would be absolutely devastating to our environment and our economy," Whitmer said.

Whitmer is in favor of shutting the pipeline down, having said Michigan can't afford to wait for disaster to strike.

In an interview with Michigan Radio, Schuette said, "I'm a problem solver, and I laid out a plan, and it concerns, number one, let's build a tunnel in alternative to the 4.5-mile Straits of Mackinac where there are some pipelines now."

Through a statement on his official website, Gelineau said "at minimum, we should require Enbridge to engage the best practices to prevent any problems from occurring and make sure they have the means to make it right should something happen."

Enbridge, Inc., the Canadian corporation that operates and maintains the Enbridge Mainline system, reports that Line 5 delivers up to 540,000 barrels of "light crude oil, light synthetic crude and natural gas liquids, which are refined into propane." Enbridge also reports that, as of June 2016, Line 5 supplies 65 percent of propane demand in the Upper Peninsula and 55 percent in the Lower Peninsula.

Line 5 and the Enbridge Mainline system have not been without

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- ON THE RECORD -

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

Cora Hall
News Editor

Y'all gon' make me act a fool

Oct. 25, 1:34 a.m., officers responded to a report of disorderly conduct in Bond Hall. One subject was arrested and issued a citation. The investigation is still open.

Desperate measures

Oct. 25, 12:47 p.m., officers received a text tip about a Snapchat video showing

students mixing rubbing alcohol with NyQuil. The incident was turned over to the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Bombs away

Oct. 25, 6:08 p.m., officers investigated a report of a suspicious bomb threat in FLITE. The investigation is still open.

Cooked in Vandercook

Oct. 25, 9:56 p.m., officers received a report of a controlled substance violation in

Vandercook Hall. Two subjects were issued misdemeanor tickets and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Too much fun?

Oct. 26, 1:34 a.m., officers dealt with an obstruction of justice and a disorderly subject who also made a liquor violation in Bond Hall. One subject was arrested and given an MIP and sent to the Mecosta County Jail for the obstruction of justice.

Shake 'n Bake

Oct. 26, 10:16 a.m., officers investigated a report of a controlled substance violation and careless driving in Lot 27. A warrant was completed on the two subjects for marijuana possession and both were referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The investigation is still open.

Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 349 tickets between the dates of Oct. 21 and Oct. 27, totaling \$5,725.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cora Hall
News Editor

Day of the Dead celebration

Join the Spanish Club 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, for a celebration of Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. There will be a flower making workshop, a papel picado workshop, a Calvera "Sugar Skull" painting and light refreshments at the West Campus Community Center. For more information, contact Michael Wade at 231-591-2617 or omss@ferris.edu.

Ghost Supper

Participate in the Native American Ghost Supper 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in the West Campus Community Center. The Ghost Supper is a cultural tradition where guests bring a dish to pass that was loved by someone who has passed away. There will be teachings, a feast, and a drum and song presentation. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Scott Herron at tribalbulldogs@gmail.com.

Hidden Disablers Among Our Children

Come to an interactive seminar called Hidden Disablers Among Our Children Series: The Effects of Poverty on Children 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the Founder's Room in the University Center. The presentation will allow attendees to experience common challenges of families who live in poverty and see how family life affects children in the classroom. RSVP is required to Andrea Kitomary at AndreaKitomary@ferris.edu.

Election Day

Remember to vote at the polls where you are registered. In Michigan, the polls open 7 a.m. and close 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Torch Corrections

In the Oct. 24 edition of the *Torch*, it was falsely stated in "A downward spiral" that Narcan reverses the effects of opioid addiction. Instead, Narcan reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Cora Hall
News Editor

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Brazil elected far-right populist Jair Bolsonaro Sunday, Oct. 28. Bolsonaro has supported the country's military dictatorship and threatened to destroy, jail or drive his political opponents into exile. Some see this as a radical shift in politics, as many Latin American countries have recently embraced more conservative leaders.

Original story by Ernesto Londoño and Shasta Darlington. Oct. 28, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Jakarta, Indonesia

At least 189 people are feared to be dead from a plane crash into the Java Sea Monday, Oct. 22. Flying from Jakarta to Pangkal Pinang, Lion Air Flight 610 went missing minutes after takeoff and was seen crashing into a bay northeast of Jakarta in clear skies. By that afternoon, officials speculat-

ed there were no survivors. Air navigation authorities said the crew had requested permission to turn around minutes after takeoff, but then contact was lost.

Original story by Mukti Suhartono and Hannah Beech. Oct. 28, 2018. *The New York Times*.

Arua, Uganda

Uganda has been welcoming in refugees and Ugandan Government Official Solomon Osakan manages one of the largest concentrations of refugees anywhere in the world, with over 400,000 people being hosted in his rural district. Refugees are allotted enough land to build a small house, do some farming and be self-sufficient. There are as many as 1.25 million refugees living in Uganda, which makes it one of the most welcoming countries in the world, according to the United Nations.

Original story by Joseph Goldstein. Oct. 28, 2018. *The New York Times*.

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problems, though. According to the National Wildlife Federation, the pipeline has leaked at least 1.1 million gallons of crude oil into the Great Lakes since 1968. In July 2010, a separate line in the Enbridge Mainline system, Line 6b, leaked over 840,000 gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River, creating the largest inland oil spill in the history of the U.S.

Ferris students are concerned about the pipeline, and for the effects it can have on Michigan's environment.

"I don't think it's good for the environment, and it's not good for the wildlife," Ferris information security sophomore Zach Harris said. "If something were to leak into the straits, it could have a whole domino effect on the whole environment, and the runoff

effect could be bad. Depending on where it's at, it could do some damage."

In a study done by the Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities in May 2018, researchers said that because of Line 5's age and the large amount of oil that is sent through the pipeline daily, "No successful business person would continue in an arrangement that massively risks a vital asset, while the other party in the deal receives nearly all of the financial benefit."

Ultimately, whoever is elected to Michigan governor this November will have to make a choice concerning Enbridge, Inc., and Line 5: whether to keep the pipeline in operation, or to close the line down and prevent further oil spills. It also falls upon Enbridge, Inc., to maintain the pipeline and ensure no further leakage occurs within the Straits of Mackinac and the Great Lakes at large.

People, not disabilities

Everyday struggles for students with disabilities overlooked by most

Landry Shorkey
Torch Reporter

privileges of non-disabled students, she said.

"All of my classes are in Starr and Arts and Sciences. I have to use three elevators, and I have to cross two floors just to get to my class. There's stairwells everywhere that you can see, but I don't think they took into consideration the elevators," Mohnke said.

Ferris psychology sophomore Kalina Mohnke has Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II and has been in a wheelchair since she was three years old.

"When I first got here, one of the funniest things that I noticed right away that most people don't notice: the disabilities sign that says where the disability office says 'up the stairs.' I was like, that is so ironic," Mohnke said.

Getting from her dorm room in North Hall to her classes can be a time-consuming struggle, and Mohnke often misses out on the

Students with disabilities are assigned a disability adviser who can help them secure accommodations in the classroom, such as extended exam time or a scribe to write for them.

Although Ferris provides many

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services to help students with disabilities, there are still some problems, such as buildings without accessible buttons or bathrooms.

In general, Mohnke said that physical disabilities tend to get less recognition than mental illness because of their rarity.

"Physical disabilities aren't as prevalent. You don't meet a lot of people our age with a physical disability, whereas mental health, that is very common. A lot of college students have some sort of mental health problem or disorder or whatnot," Mohnke said. "That's just true in general, too, not just Ferris. Most people that do have a physical disability, they die when they're younger. My disease is the number one genetic killer of infants."

Ferris social work second-year master's student Emily Garlick has a mild form of cerebral palsy and said that the language people use is important.

"Terminology is a big one for me. Everybody has a different opinion about this if you talk to people with disabilities, but personally I prefer the language 'person with a disability' if it's part of the conversation," Garlick said. "The other way to use language is to say, 'disabled person,' but I prefer what's called 'person-first' language. The emphasis is on the idea that we're people, and not that we're disabled."

Garlick said that, for her, finding the energy to go to class, study and do homework is a challenge.

"Energy is something that needs to be managed carefully. One thing I'm really grateful for is that the master's of social work program has a part-time track, and I think that is part of the reason I'm able to be successful," Garlick said.

October is National Disabilities Month, a time when all students can strive to gain a better understanding of the experiences that people with disabilities have.

Events for the month included a theater performance, movie showing, forum and luncheon, and fully-accessible "Skeleton Skurry" 5K event. The events were planned by the Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities, which is comprised of faculty, students and administrative staff, and strives to advocate for persons with disabilities.

Ferris Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities Chair Maggie Walcott has been the Disability Awareness Month planning chair for two years.

"Unfortunately, for most, living with a disability is simply one of those things that they don't think about because they don't have to," Walcott said. "Which really is a travesty considering that one out of every five people identifies as being part of the 'persons with disability' population. Can you imagine just discounting the experience of 20 percent of the population on a daily basis?"



Politics Corner

Behind the ballot

Grant Siddall
Torch Reporter

Michigan has a couple big names running for governor on the ballot for the Nov. 6 election, but outside of Democrat Gretchen Whitmer and Republican Bill Schuette, the election will feature four other candidates.

With less than a week until the election, many Ferris students are still unsure who they will be voting for. Ferris Spanish for professions junior Adam Thompson said he still has to do



Adam
Thompson

more research before he heads to the polls.

"I don't believe it's just a two-party system. I think that what really matters is that you look into the candidates, what they're looking to do and what they have backed in the past," Thompson said. "As long as I see someone is consistently making decisions that will benefit me and my life moving forward, that's who I'll lean towards regardless of party."

Gretchen Whitmer, Democrat

Whitmer has campaigned on creating a stronger middle-class, with much of her focus on issues such as increasing public school funding, skills training institutions, water quality and infrastructure. One of her more popular slogans throughout the campaign has been "Fix the damn roads," in reference to her goals of fixing Michigan infrastructure, including roads, and solving the Flint water crisis.

Three takeaways:

- Invest in infrastructure and education
- Affordable healthcare, including funding Planned Parenthood
- More training for skilled jobs

Bill Schuette, Republican

Schuette has titled himself the "Jobs Governor" and has an economic policy structured around growth. Schuette has campaigned on economic policies that include lowering taxes and cutting auto insurance rates in order to keep people in Michigan and allow them to keep more of their money. By growing the population and economy, Schuette plans to become a leading economic state and create a better state infrastructure.

Three takeaways:

- Cut taxes and auto insurance rates
- Create economic and population growth
- Improve third-grade reading scores to make Michigan a more attractive place to live

Todd Schleiger, U.S. Taxpayers Party

Like many of his opponents, Schleiger has focused on funding schools, but has also campaigned on increasing jobs in Michigan through tax incentives and using a higher percentage of the gas tax towards road maintenance. Schleiger also wants to lower auto insurance by making Michigan an at-fault insurance state again.

Three takeways:

- Increase jobs through tax incentives
- Use gas tax to fix roads
- Decrease auto insurance rates

Keith Butkovich, Natural Law Party

Butkovich has arguably the smallest chance of being elected and made his way onto the ballot with the least amount of votes out of the six candidates, receiving only 1,838. A former Libertarian, Butkovich has aligned himself with views of personal freedom, including legalizing drugs and eliminating taxes.

Three takeaways:

- Legalize drugs
- Eliminate taxes
- Eliminate roundabouts

Jennifer V. Kurland, Green Party

Kurland has campaigned on issues such as increasing school funding, investing in infrastructure and, as a former manager of Clean Water Action, has been an advocate for protecting Michigan's water. Kurland has also called for increased funding for police and a database of all police encounters to better address racism in policing.

Three takeaways:

- Increase school and police funding
- Invest in infrastructure
- Invest in small business and encourage Michiganders to start businesses

Bill Gelineau, Libertarian

As a Libertarian, Gelineau has campaigned on issues regarding personal freedom, including legalization of marijuana, but has also focused on environmental protections and decreasing the prison population by as much as 30 percent through marijuana legalization.

Three takeaways:

- Legalize marijuana
- Decrease prison population
- Environmental protections, partially through electric mass transit in urban areas

While many are still undecided, some Bulldogs have already done their homework and are prepared to head to the polls to vote for their candidate. Ferris technical and professional communication junior and College Republicans President Kendyl Kirkland said her Nov. 6 vote will be for Bill Schuette.

"Michiganders have a lot on the line this election. In addition to the many state House and Senate seats, we have the

national Senate seat also being contested. Michiganders are thinking about bigger paychecks, better healthcare, and lower auto insurance rates. These issues are ones that Republicans will deliver on, without hiking up our taxes," Kirkland said. "I believe in Republican leadership because they are committed to protecting our rights, initiating economy-boosting policies, and making sure Michigan will continue our comeback from the Democratic lost decade."

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"No more did I wish to hear the jingling of the bells."
- Briana Hammontree - See below for story

Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

Many people may agree that being surrounded by others when emergency strikes is ideal, because there's a higher probability that someone will help you. Unfortunately, thanks to the bystander effect, facing an emergency in a highly-populated area can do more harm than good.

I recently encountered an emergency situation that could have gone poorly had the bystander effect had a strong presence. I was in Louisville, Kentucky, with a few other Torch staff members attending a journalism conference. On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 27, our group was walking on the outskirts of downtown Louisville when a car, swerving drastically across the road, crashed into a small bus and flipped, getting about six feet of air before landing

upside down on the driver's side.

Right away, we knew we had to take action. Someone asked if we should call 911, and another member of our group said maybe we don't have to. After all, we didn't know the area well and had to search to find the nearest street names. We also didn't know much about the situation. However, someone mentioned the bystander effect and that we couldn't assume others would step in and take action. So, we intervened and called for an ambulance.

The bystander effect is defined as the unlikelihood of people to intervene in a situation when others are present, according to "Psychology Today." When tragedy strikes in a populated area, many people will assume that someone else has already begun to help,

Don't stand by, step in

but when everyone makes that assumption, no one actually ends up doing anything to aid those in danger.

The bystander effect is such a serious, common issue, as many people do not want to involve themselves in a situation they might not understand. This harms people who urgently need assistance and intervention, but fail to receive it because people want to mind their own business.

I'm positive we weren't the only people to call for help that night, but I am so glad we did. We were in a less populated area, so there probably weren't as many witnesses. Plus, the driver appeared to be under the influence and was likely unable to make the call himself. Sure, we could have let the bystander effect get the best of

us, presumed that someone else had already reported the accident and gone about our lives. However, it is our moral obligation as human beings to make sure other human beings get the help they need.

When you see someone in trouble, step in and do something about it. You can't assume they will be okay or someone else will help, because that's how people are seriously injured or killed. If you witness a car accident, check to make sure the victims are okay. If you think someone is being followed, say something.

Don't stand by. Step in. Intervene. It's better for you to falsely believe someone is in danger than falsely assume someone is safe.

What's with all the Christmas cheer?

Overplayed tunes

October is nearly over, and Christmas fanatics everywhere are going crazy knowing they're that much closer to the holidays.

I, for one, am not. For me, Christmas used to be a great time of the year where I was able to spend time with my family and friends.

From going to celebrating Halloween with friends, stuffing my face during Thanksgiving, and finally being able to participate in decorating trees and playing in the snow, I loved Christmas growing up.

However, working in retail warped that perception a long time ago.

My former place of employment was a grocery store, which meant the number of shoppers in the store was, by definition, "a nightmare before Christmas." Everyone always was shopping last minute and showed little to

no appreciation of those working during the holidays.

No more did I wish to hear the jingling of bells; no more did I want to dash through the snow.

That's right: compared to the other problems I faced during this time of year, holiday songs are the Grinches who stole my Christmas.

If you don't understand my struggle, then remember all of those times in your life when some song on the radio was played a million times during the summer, and by the end you



Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

hated it. Now imagine that one song was playing on a loop with about ten other songs you hate for seven years straight.

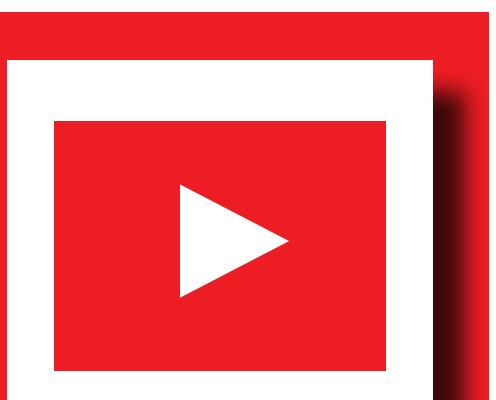
Working in retail meant as soon as Nov. 1 hit, Christmas music was on constant rotation until pretty much March.

I experienced this nightmare for seven years — seven years of hearing not only the cheesy tunes but the hits of Michael Buble. The funny thing is some of the songs aren't even meant for Christmas. TIME magazine discusses how "Jingle Bells" is often associated with Christmas time, but was actually created for Thanksgiving.

Thankfully I can still enjoy one song: "Carol of the Bells" by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. The fact the song plays no lyrics makes it an enduring classic in Christmas history.



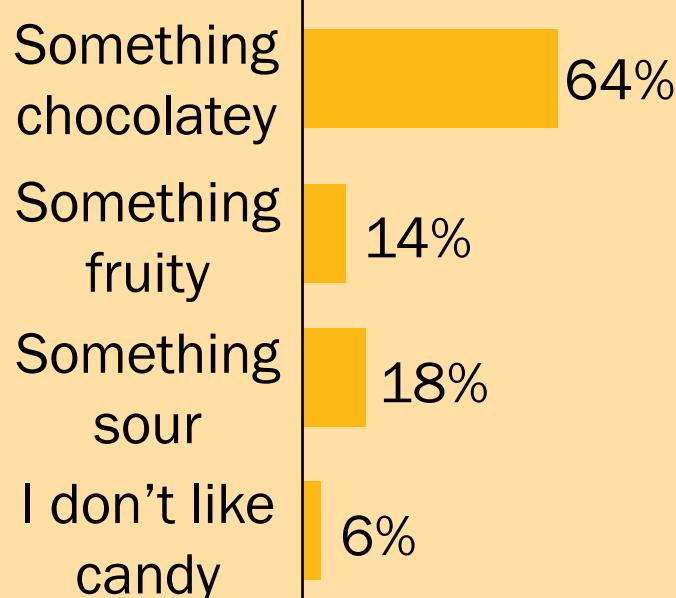
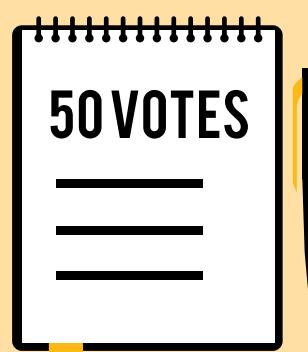
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You'll get more oranges than candy this year.



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Gemini: May 21-June 20

You'll irritate more people than usual this month.



Cancer: June 21-July 22

It's not them, it's you.



Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

You don't have a drinking problem, you have a food allergy.



Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You'll break out of your shell this month and everyone will beg you to go back in.



Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22

No one thinks your baby costume is cute, it's just creepy.



Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov.21

Twenty people will have the same costume as you. You are not unique.



Saggitarius: Nov.22-Dec. 21

This month will be another letdown. Shocker.



Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

Try to avoid doing the walk of shame in your Halloween costume.



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You'll find a penny heads up, but it will not be lucky.



Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

You should start studying.

Tire Fire Poll Results



What are your plans for tonight?

Going trick-or-treating

12 year olds

Going to a party

31%

Trying to die tbh

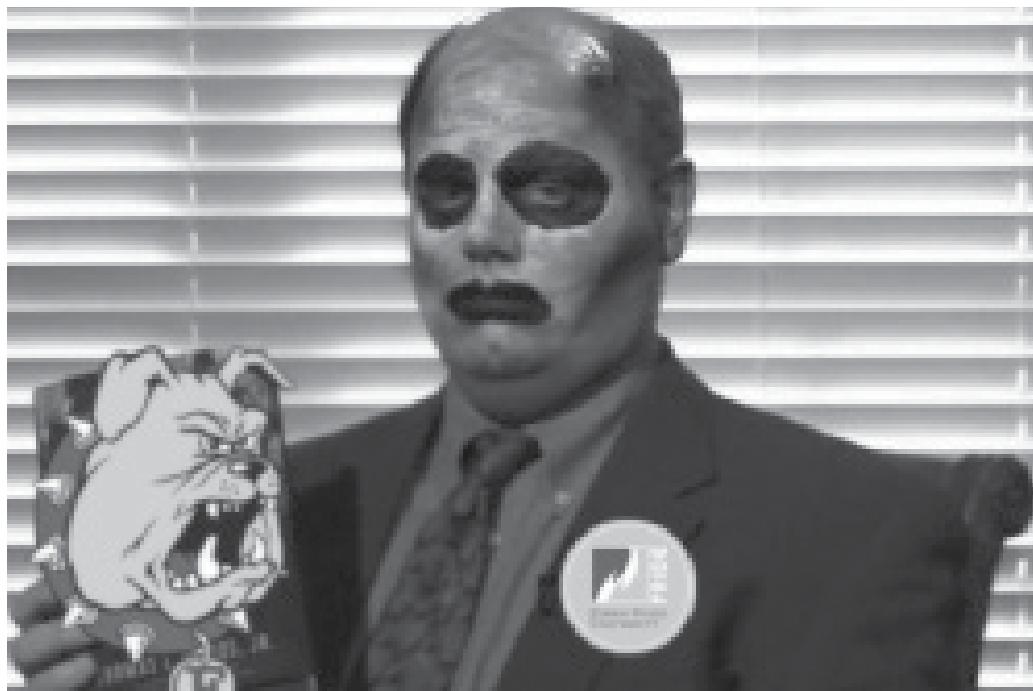
666%

Dude. It's a Wednesday

10%

Interview with a zombie

It's like Interview with the Vampire, but somehow worse



Tom Cruise
My dream stepdad

Q: So, tell me a little bit about yourself.

A: Well first off, I'm fucking dead, if you haven't noticed. My name is St. Jimmy, but you can call Brain Daddy.

Q: ...Okay, "Brain Daddy," would you say your death was traumatic?

A: It was traumatic, but not nearly as brutal as Ferris getting absolutely fucking rekt by Duke.

Q: What are you doing in Big Rapids?

A: I was on the search for some brains, hoping to find some good ones on a college campus, you know? But then, I realized your entire university is stocked full of business majors and guys

in dirty camo pants, and there's nothing of substance or nutritional value there. Hard pass.

Q: How are you enjoying your visit at Ferris? What's your favorite part?

A: At least it's not GVSU, but it's still a shit hole. I got the Chinese at the Quad and the first thing that went through my head was "I wish I could die again." The upside was the shit vent. It made me feel right at home.

Q: What's your skin-care routine?

A: First, I exfoliate with a mixture of sand and dirt. Then, I moisturize daily with the blood of the innocent. It's just that combination that makes my face as smooth as Michigan roads.

Q: What's your work-out routine like?

A: I walk literally 100 miles every day and I eat like once every two weeks. That's how I maintain this thigh gap and rockin' abs.

Q: How do you feel about the political climate today?

A: I'm a real advocate for zombie rights. We deserve representation in the government too. Also, fuck that Trump guy. I wouldn't even eat him, he's that awful. I was very conservative when I was alive, but now that I'm fucking dead and I realized that organized religion was a hoax, I became more liberal. I've eaten enough brains to learn how to be a fucking decent zombie being.

Q: Ass or titties?

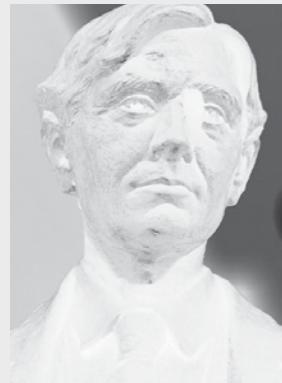
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"I think my girlfriend wants to do kinky shit for Halloween. What do I do?"

- Plain Paul

You better start learning positions other than missionary. No one likes boring sex.

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"How old is too old to go trick-or-treating?"

- Young 4ever

Once costumes start to become 'sexy' you should probably avoid people under 18.

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"What should I do about my anger issues?"

- Dedicated Dan

Bottle it up. Tell no one. Suffer for the rest of your days. It'll go away when you're dead.

- Woodbridge

"How often is too often?"

- Asking for a friend

Come on, man. Did you learn nothing from the internet? Crowd source? You've got to be desperate to ask me.

- Woodbridge

"When should I tell my parent that I dropped out to chase my dream of becoming a Pokemon master?"

- Ash Ketchup

PokemonGo isn't even popular anymore, you're pretty late to the game. Maybe you'll be the very best because no one else plays anymore.

- Woodbridge

"My friends want to spend Halloween getting drunk and my family wants to spend it in a sugar high. What do I do?"

- Indecisive Igor

Here's the plan. Get drunk with your friends and the go trick-or-treating with your family absolutely shitfaced. Then, actually get high so the sugar high will be more enjoyable.

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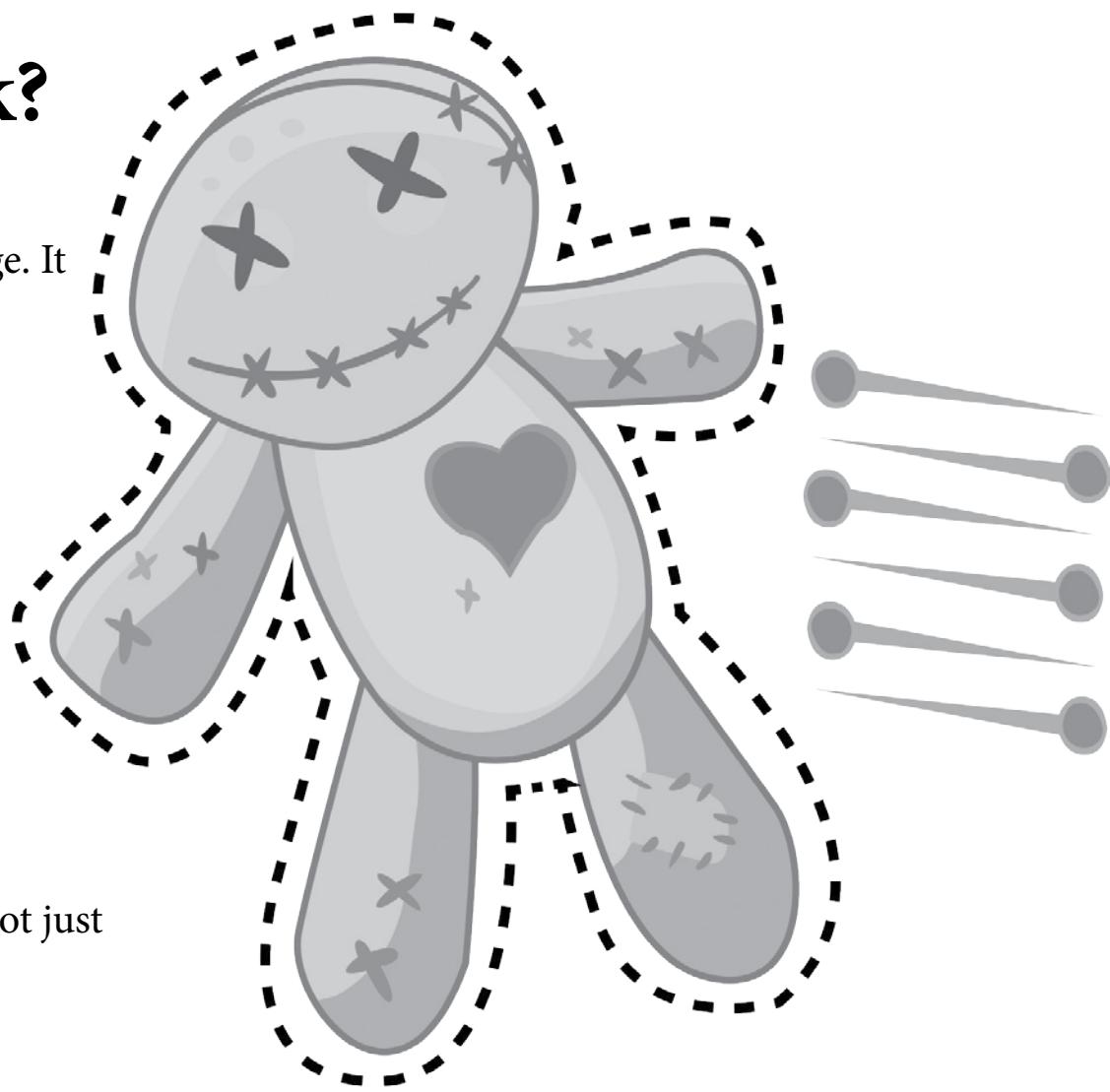
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Bitchy roommate?

Shitty professor?

Asshole boss?

My stepdad Rick?



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- OFF THE RECORD -

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

Regina Phalange

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Test Torture

Oct. 27, 3:14 p.m., A finance professor schedules a test on Halloween like a fucking monster. Why are you like this? Who hurt you??

RIP Pike's table

Oct. 28, 12:23 a.m., an intoxicated white girl was bet she could not dance on a table during a Pike halloween party.. To say the least, the table ended up in two pieces. Elevated surfaces stay undefeated.

Off-brand Adele

Oct. 24, 7:02 a.m., a student wakes up all his roommates who don't have class until noon because he was singing "This is Halloween" obnoxiously loud while showering. It is unclear if the roommates are more upset about being woken up or their ears bleeding.

Just stay home, you monster

Oct. 25, 1:30 p.m., a student shows up to his English class sick af and coughs over everyone. At least seven students have reported to Birkam as a result with bronchitis. Halloween is ruined now thanks to you.

Costume catastrophe

Oct. 26, 11:57 p.m., a zombie-man scared a tooth fairy shitless because he thought she was his other friend who was also dressed as a tooth fairy. The girl slapped him in the face when he scared her out of instinct, so no other punishment was needed.

Ultimate Halloween horror

Oct. 27, 10:49 p.m., a student showed up to a costume party without a costume because they "don't like Halloween." Many dirty looks were served until the student finally felt awkward enough to leave.

Pumpkin spice psychopath

Oct. 31, 10:49 p.m., a female student showed up to a Halloween party dressed up as a pumpkin spice latte with a Fireball-spiked pumpkin spice latte in her hand. The overwhelming smell of cinnamon was horrific. Three casualties were reported. The offending student was referred to the United Nation for crimes against humanity.

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SPORTS

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In the blood



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Ferris freshman forward Hunter Wendt prepares for a face off with an opponent from Alaska Anchorage. Wendt is off to a hot start, leading the Bulldogs in scoring with three goals.

Wendt family shares special father-son hockey connection

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Leaving a legacy is a difficult thing to do, but a former Ferris hockey player and his son are doing just that.

Ferris freshman forward Hunter Wendt has already brought a positive impact to the Ferris hockey team, accumulating four points in the five regular season games he has appeared in. If you know the history of Ferris hockey, the last name Wendt may sound familiar and that is no coincidence. Hunter's father, Tim Wendt, played forward for the Bulldogs from 1981-85.

Tim played under head coach Rick Duffett, where he posted 68 points in the 126 games that he dressed for. The overall record for the Bulldogs during his time at Ferris was 55-77-10, which may not seem like an outstanding record, but was a stepping stone to what the program has become.

"It was a great experience for me. Coach Duffett gave me a great opportunity to come on board and play hockey at Ferris back in the day," Tim said. "It was young in its early stages. They just have gotten into CCHA DI [Central Collegiate Hockey Association Division I], and the program was really taking off, and I was there at the right time. I was able to watch it grow to where it's at today. It's just unbelievable."

Growing up, Hunter was influenced by his dad greatly, whether Tim was coaching Hunter at a young age or even helping him practice his shots in the driveway. Having a positive father figure like Tim helped mold Hunter into the person he is today and pushed him to be the best he could be.

"He would talk about it when I started talking to schools," Hunter said. "He obviously brought up Ferris State and I thought it would be a dream of mine to come here, and for it to actually happen, it's been amazing."

It seems the Bulldogs think highly of Hunter, as he usually sees top line minutes playing alongside teammates Corey Mackin, Coale Norris and Marshall Moise. Ferris head coach Bob Daniels knew Hunt-

er's dad played for the Bulldogs back in the day, but that was not the only reason why they pursued him.

"It's one of those things that we'll note," Daniels said. "When we went and watched Hunter, we walked in and said, 'Oh, here's the son of Tim Wendt,' so you watch and see if he's any good and then we saw that we kind of liked him."

Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20,

"If I had won that lottery a couple days ago, I would still be here coaching. This is everything. This is exactly where I'm meant to be."

-Tia Brandel-Wilhelm - See page 11 for story

Can't keep them down

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm has the volleyball team winning on and off the court

Noah Poser
Torch Reporter

Ferris head volleyball coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm is in the midst of her 23rd season coaching the Ferris women's volleyball team. Over her time at the helm of the program, Brandel-Wilhelm has led the Bulldogs to nothing but success on the court.

Since taking over as head coach in 1996, Brandel-Wilhelm has guided the Bulldogs to 12 NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, including 10 in the past 13 seasons. She has also helped the Bulldogs compile 20 straight winning seasons and has led the team to four consecutive seasons in which they have won both the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Regular Season Championship and the GLIAC Tournament Title.

In her career, Brandel-Wilhelm has a coaching record of 630-228. This season, she has coached the Bulldogs to a 19-4 record, and they rank No. 10 in the nation.

These are all impressive numbers, but they don't even tell half the story. In fact, Brandel-Wilhelm wasn't even aware of these accomplishments when they were brought up to her.

"I had no idea. The university expects us to go out and represent them well, and to go out and try to win every game that we play in and to win championships," Brandel-Wilhelm said.

She said that while winning is important, there are far more important things out there.



"Striving to win is the important thing. We obviously want to win, and we work really hard on the volleyball court, but the striving to win and overcoming the obstacles that come our way are the powerful things,"

Brandel-Wilhelm said. "We hope if we do everything right, the wins will come."

On the court, a common thing pointed out by a couple of players was that Brandel-Wilhelm loves the mental aspect of the sport, and that's what her number one priority is when they start each season.

"When we're on the court, she really likes the mental aspect of the game, so she really focuses in on that and makes sure that we're mentally prepared going into each and every season," Ferris junior setter Maeve Grimes said.

Brandel-Wilhelm expanded on this notion when talking about adversity and how much this program welcomes it to be able to grow in the mental phase of the game.

"We love adversity. We like to rub our hands together and get dirty when adversity comes our way. We're grateful for the opportunity to be challenged," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "We're grateful for the opportunity to find out what we're really made of. So, adversity is what makes us who we are, so we welcome it when it comes, and we seek it as much as we can."

It seems like this mindset has done wonders for the program regarding wins and championships on the court, but perhaps it has achieved even more concerning how

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FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL



Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

Team Torch and Ferris football team continue to trade wins in fantasy football, and this week, it's Team Torch's time to shine in a 119-101 victory.

The Bulldogs took a 38-28 victory Saturday, Oct. 27, over the Wayne State Warriors in a game where offense wasn't hard to find.

Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell racked up 36 points with his five-touchdown performance against the Warriors. While Campbell did put up big numbers, he struggled to hold onto the football as he gave the ball away three times — twice on interceptions and once on a fumble.

Giving the football away has been a rarity for Campbell, only throwing four interceptions on the season and fumbling three times. Saturday marked his first multi-interception performance.

Ferris sophomore wide receiver Miles Jones had a breakout game, hauling in five catches for 83 yards and a touchdown. The Bulldogs needed a big game from a receiver other than Ferris redshirt freshman Sy Barnett.

Speaking of Barnett, where is he? After three straight games with over 100 yards receiving and a touchdown, Barnett has caught just one pass in the last two games.

Ferris junior receivers Jevon Shaw and Dion Earls are beginning to take turns manning the "Swiss Army Knife" position for the

Bulldogs. Earls takes the crown this week with a two-touchdown performance.

Flipping to the defensive side of the ball, it wasn't the best effort for Ferris. The defensive squad allowed 28 points and struggled yet again to get to the quarterback, recording just one sack. Ferris junior linebacker Deion Stephenson continues to shine bright for the Bulldogs, grabbing his sixth interception of the year.

The Bulldogs jump to 9-0 on the season and are guaranteed at least a share of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title. For Team Torch, they even the score in fantasy football to 4-4 with just two regular season games remaining before we enter the playoffs.

Ferris will return to Top Taggart Field 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, when they take on Davenport University.

Here are next week's picks:

QB — Russell Wilson — Seattle Seahawks: Wilson is a shift quarterback that can throw and run. A nice dual-threat with big play potential.

RB1 — Lamar Miller — Houston Texans: Miller doesn't get enough credit for what he does in the Texans offense. A reliable ball carrier is just what Team Torch needs.

RB2 — Alvin Kamara — New Orleans Saints: Kamara is now the stand-alone starter in the Saints' backfield. I'm expecting at least 150 yards of total offense from him this week.

WR1 — Josh Doctson — Washington Redskins: Doctson is the number one guy

and was super friendly, and when she would watch me play in high school, she would sit by my sister and talk with her, and that was what sold Ferris for me," Grimes said.

Some of the volleyball players describe their coach as a role model, a teacher and a friend.

"I love coaching here, and I think Ferris is just such an amazing school. I walk into the office from my car, and I'm really giddy and just super excited that I get to do this each and every day," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "If I had won that lottery a couple days ago, I would still be here coaching. This is everything. This is exactly where I'm meant to be. I'm really excited that I get to be here."

Brandel-Wilhelm and her Bulldogs wrap up the regular season as they head north to take on two GLIAC opponents in Michigan Tech. University 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, and Northern Michigan University 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Brandel-Wilhelm

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successful the program is off the court as well.

While talking about Brandel-Wilhelm as a coach, multiple players also spoke about their love for their coach as a mentor and as someone who they could talk to if they ever needed help or advice. Brandel-Wilhelm was especially praised for her ability to be a coach first and a friendly face second.

Grimes said that her main reason for coming to Ferris was because of the type of person that Brandel-Wilhelm is.

"She was why I came to Ferris. She was such a good recruiter



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RB 2	Nick Chubb	9
WR1	Emmanuel Sanders	9
WR2	T.Y. Hilton	4
TE	Michael Roberts	0
D/ST	Washington Redskins	14
K	Chandler Cantanzaro	8
FLEX	Kenyan Drake	24
Total:		119

FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Jayru Campbell	36
RB 1	Marvin Campbell	6
RB 2	Derrick Portis	5
WR1	Miles Jones	19
WR2	Dion Earls	17
TE	Keyondre Craig	9
D/ST	Ferris State	2
K	Jackson Dieterle	8
FLEX	Robbert Thomas	7
Total:		101

for Alex Smith. I'm hoping for a multi-touchdown game.

WR2 — Equanimeous St. Brown — Green Bay Packers: St. Brown has arguably the best name in the league. Let's hope he can have the best game as well this week.

TE — Hayden Hurst — Baltimore Ravens: Hurst is the tight-end the Ravens have been looking for. The rookie will see plenty of deep balls from Joe Flacco this week.

D/ST — Kansas City Chiefs: Dee Ford has

found his niche as a pass rusher for the Chiefs. I expect him to create havoc for Baker Mayfield.

K — Greg Joseph — Cleveland Browns: Joseph has done well in his first year as the Browns' starter. He will see plenty of action when the Browns take on Kansas City.

FLEX — Calvin Ridley — Atlanta Falcons: Ridley has been the rookie sensation in Atlanta, quickly earning the trust of Matt Ryan.

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Top Dawg

Roni Salmenkangas



Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Michael Reedy
Torch Reporter

Ferris freshman goaltender Roni Salmenkangas got the nod Friday, Oct. 26, to head in net after Ferris junior tender Justin Kapelmaster was ruled out with an injury.

Salmenkangas has started in net three games so far this season, only allowing four goals and has tallied up 69 saves. In every match Salmenkangas has begun, the Bulldogs secured the win.

Salmenkangas recorded his first career shutout against Alaska Anchorage Friday, stopping 27 shots on goal. The Finnish goaltender seemed to be cool, calm and collected in net as he stopped everything coming his way.

When Salmenkangas got the second straight start in net Saturday, Oct. 27, he had yet another stellar performance, stopping 21 shots out of the 23 he faced. Although it was not a shutout like the night before, Salmenkangas' ability to stand tall in net is a good

sign for the Bulldogs who were looking for a steady counterpart to Kapelmaster.

Salmenkangas is from the city of Tampere, which is in Pirkanmaa, the southern part of Finland. Before he came overseas to play for Ferris, Salmenkangas played in Finland, where he played for Hämeenlinnan Pallokerho (HPK) U20 team. During the 2017-18 season, he posted 1.58 goals against average in the 45 games he appeared in. His team got the honors to play during the playoffs but lost during the quarterfinals.

At 19 years old, Salmenkangas has a lot of room to grow and be molded into a star goaltender. With Kapelmaster being a junior this year, it gives Salmenkangas time to improve his game and follow in the footsteps of the great goaltender that Kapelmaster is.

Salmenkangas and the Bulldogs will be back in action as they travel to East Lansing 7:07 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, to take on Michigan State University.

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Sports Shorts

Danny Collins
Torch Reporter

Closing the book

The Ferris women's tennis team closed the book on their fall season in the 2018 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament, finishing in fifth place.

Friday, Oct. 26, the team faced off against Wayne State University, falling short in a 4-2 loss. The team received a 6-2 win and a 6-0 victory from Ferris seniors Nika Hein and Nicole Meylor in singles play.

Saturday, Oct. 27, the Bulldogs responded with a huge 4-2 win over Ashland University. The Bulldogs won in straight sets with Hein, Meylor, and freshmen Brittany Lavenant and Patricia Martin Gomez. The team won four out of their five singles.

On the final day of the tournament, Sunday, Oct. 28, the Bulldogs competed against Lake Superior State University in a consolation match and defeated the Lakers by a 4-1 score.

The team received victories in doubles play by winning the second and third flights.

The team finished the season with a 6-6 overall record and 4-5 record in GLIAC play for the fall.

The Bulldogs will be back in action for their spring season Feb. 10 against the Hillsdale Chargers.

Experience of a lifetime

Having won the NCAA Division II National Championship last year, the 2018-19 Ferris men's basketball team had the chance to compete against the Duke University Blue Devils.

The Bulldogs headed to Durham, North Carolina, Saturday, Oct. 27, in hopes of finding a win. Instead they fell short with a score of 132-48 in their final exhibition contest before regular season competition gets underway.

The Blue Devils gives the Bulldogs the opportunity to play them in an exhibition contest every year. The exhibition marked the first time in Ferris basketball history that they played an opponent from the Atlantic Coastal Conference (ACC).

The Bulldogs shot the ball only 16 percent in the first half and 34 percent in the second half. Duke shot the ball 59 percent overall on the day and dominated the boards with a 61-35 rebound advantage.

Toledo transfer center Taylor Adway led the Bulldogs in scoring on the afternoon with 12 points. 16 Bulldogs saw action in Saturday's contest.

The Bulldogs will be back in action as they get set to start regular season play Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic in St. Joseph, Missouri against Fairmont State University (West Virginia).

Preseason honors

The Ferris women's basketball team has been projected to finish in third place in the 2018-19 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) North Division Preseason Poll announced Thursday, Oct. 25.

The conference also announced that Ferris junior forward Lilly George was named to the Preseason All-GLIAC North Division team.

The team returns 13 players this season and is looking to build on the success from a year ago. Last season, the team recorded 15 wins, which was the most since the 2011-12 season, and also appeared in their first GLIAC Tournament in five years.

The team will begin regular season play with an opening tournament 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, against Davis & Elkins and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, against Ursuline in Wink Arena.



Saturday, Nov. 3:

- Women's and Men's Cross Country at GLIAC Championships (Grand Rapids, Michigan)
- Football vs. Davenport 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Fairmont State in St. Joseph, Missouri 4:15 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball vs. Northern Michigan 5 p.m.
- Men's Hockey vs. Michigan State University 7:07 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4:

- Women's Soccer vs. GLIAC Tournament Championship (Opponent, Time, Location TBA)
- Men's Basketball vs. Northwest Missouri State in St. Joseph, Missouri 6:30 p.m.

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Happy Hallows' Eve



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Phi Sigma Kappa member Connor Schrank embodies the dead as he scares students at a haunted house hosted by his fraternity.

From "mumming" to trick-or-treating

Torch Staff

Though many Ferris students don't know the history of Halloween, there are multiple concepts and traditions that the holiday holds beneath its evolving tricks and treats.

"I know when it was starting out, it definitely didn't involve clowns and ghosts. People have told me that it has to do with people believing that spirits are crossing from our world to theirs. I'm not sure if that's true though," Ferris pre-nursing freshman Megan Shoemaker said.

Tracing back at least 2,000 years, according to [livescience.com](#), Halloween was also known as All Hallows' Eve, and was a time where pre-Christian Celtic festivals were held to celebrate the end of summer, known as

Samhain to pagan Celts. The "hallows" in its title refers to a Christian reference to saints.

"For Halloween this year, I'm dressing up as Wonder Woman," Shoemaker said. "I've been trying to dress like a superhero for the past couple of years. Last year, I was the Wolverine. Yeah, it was as cool as it sounds. There's something about dressing up like a superhero that makes me feel powerful."

According to [livescience.com](#), dressing up for Halloween could also be called "mumming" or "guising," as people used this practice to disguise themselves as they traveled town asking for food.

"I remember when I was in high school, we would always TP someone in our friend group's house on Halloween night.

Looking back at it, it was kind of mean," Ferris health care systems administration sophomore Chelsea Miller said.

As Halloween progressed, it lost some of its original traditions and became more than a night to dress up. People began playing tricks on their neighbors and friends, and, according to [livescience.com](#), grew to acts of vandalism and more serious matters.

Though Halloween is now known as a night to dress up and go out with friends, there are still events happening in Big Rapids to celebrate Halloween's newer traditions. For more information on Halloween events, visit [calendar.ferris.edu](#) or [bigrapids.org](#)/events.



Photo by: Alicia Jaimes | Lifestyles Editor

Ferris pre-med sophomore Teona Roby feels festive as she poses in front of pumpkins made during Family and Friends Weekend.

"Where will you be on Halloween?"

I think me and a group of friends are going out this weekend to celebrate. We might be going to Shooters and some other places. All I know is that I'm dressing up like Wonder Woman.

— Megan Shoemaker
Ferris pre-nursing freshman

On Halloween, I'm thinking about having a movie marathon. I want to watch a bunch of old, classic horror movies, like "Halloween," "Scream" and "Nightmare on Elm Street." It should be fun.

— Kelsey Allen
Ferris allied health freshman

I'm planning on going home and going trick-or-treating with my little siblings. I have a little brother who's like, 12 and a little sister who's 8-years-old. It's really special to me that I can take them out every single year. I try to make it a point to...

— Andrew Johnson
Ferris pre-med sophomore

I'm going to a party, and just hanging out with friends. I'm dressing up as a cat. We're just going to hang out that night. Maybe we will go out, who knows.

— Chelsea Miller
Ferris health care systems administration sophomore

Facts on *Día de los Muertos*

1. The day before is dedicated to remembering dead children.
2. It's a day to celebrate, not a day to mourn.
3. Altars to the dead show they haven't been forgotten.
4. The flowers attract ghosts.
5. Monarch butterflies are returning ancestors.
6. The most famous skeleton of them all is named La Catrina.
7. Spending a night in the cemetery is commonplace.
8. Practices vary from region to region.

The above information was found on deseretnews.com

EVENT

OMSS: 2018 *Dia de los Muertos*

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they say 'el muerto, el muerto,' meaning 'the dead, the dead' in English. But instead of handing out candy, people hand the children small portions of food such as maybe a piece of bread, Jell-O, cake, et cetera," Rodriguez said.

The holiday is not widely celebrated in the U.S., but there are some areas where people can be found celebrating their loved ones. "Actually, growing up, I had a neighbor who celebrated it," Ferris public health freshman Abby Marshall said. "It wasn't how it's pictured in movies and TV. For them, they went to church in the morning and had pictures of their loved ones on the altar with lighted candles. And then they went to the graveyard and visited their dead family members."

In celebration of Día de los Muertos, the Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS), Ferris Spanish Department and Spanish Club will be hosting OMSS: 2018 Día de los Muertos 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the West Campus Community Center. Sigma Lambda Beta Int. Fraternity, Inc., co-sponsored by the African Student Union and the Hispanic Student Organization, will also be hosting a Day of the Dead Ball from 7 p.m. - midnight Friday, Nov. 2, at the University Center Ballroom.

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El muerto, el muerto

A day of celebration

Holly Baker
Torch Reporter

As Halloween draws to a close, the Latin American holiday of Día de los Muertos takes center stage.

Celebrated Thursday, Nov. 1, to Friday, Nov. 2, Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is dedicated to honoring loved ones who have passed away. The first day is dedicated to the children who have died, while the second day is dedicated to lost loved ones of any age, according to nationalgeographic.org.

"During this celebration, people pray while having pictures of their loved ones on an altar, along with many flowers and with each of the dead one's favorite food. The food is seen as an offering to the spirit," Ferris business administration sophomore Lezley Rodriguez said.

While mourning a loved one is the typical response to remembering the dead, nationalgeographic.org states that for Día de los Muertos, participants are required to celebrate the deceased with food, drinks and parties. Any mourning or sadness would be insulting to the holiday and what it represents.

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Welder Woman

Women thrive in a male-dominated field

Briana Hammontree
Torch Reporter

James Brown once famously sung that it is a man's world, but Ferris welding engineering technology junior Ruth Whiteside is one of many women breaking that mold.

"My dad owned a body repair shop and I used to help him as a kid all of the time. So, I did a lot of welding. And there is a career center at my school, and I welded at the career center, so I kind of fell in love with it," Whiteside said.

Growing up, Whiteside considered welding as just a hobby, but realized she wanted more out of it and decided to learn more about Ferris' welding and engineering program.

"I've tried really hard to harden her a bit, try to bring out her confidence," Ferris welding engineering professor David Murray said of Whiteside. "I've always been pretty firm with her and if she asks a question I tell her, 'Come on Ruth, you know that.'"

Murray is one of the various welding professors to have an influence on Whiteside's welding career.

As a welding and engineering student, Whiteside hopes to work in a plant someday as a welding engineer.

"I'd like to be able to perfect a plant's plans or be able to help people who don't understand what exactly they're doing with welding in order to get more control of what's going on," Whiteside said.

Though welding is considered a relatively male-driven field, Whiteside finds that she doesn't deal with as much pushback from men as expected.

"Here at Ferris, it's great. Everyone gets along really well. There's no issues like a lot of people would think. In the field, guys sometimes aren't used to seeing women in that role, so it's just them getting used to it. It's not like there is anything bad, they're just learning it's more normal now,"

Whiteside said.

In an effort to educate women more on the possibilities of working in welding, Williams hosted Women Who Weld Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Swan building on campus in hopes of encouraging students with undecided majors and the community to attend.

Like Whiteside, Founder and Lead Instructor of Woman Who Weld Samantha Farr first found welding as a hobby but soon discovered a career in teaching others.

Farr originally worked at a technology startup in New York City as a business development director, and, after loving the city life, decided to get a master's in urban planning at the University of Michigan where she learned about welding through a class offered there.

"I saw a lot of the things I was studying and working on in community development, workforce development and economy development would really translate well with welding and create a program that would create those opportunities," Farr said.

Since creating the program, Farr has traveled from California to Traverse City teaching the program to women like Whiteside.



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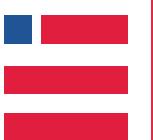


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