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# Pot proposal

**“A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.”**

**-Proposal 1**

## Items in Proposal 1



**Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them**



**Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers**



**Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions**



**Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10 percent tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located**



**Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption**

Graphic by: Sarah Massey, Production Manager

The above information was taken from Proposal 1.

## The fate of legal marijuana in Michigan will come down to the November election

**Grant Siddall**  
Torch Reporter

Legalizing recreational marijuana is arguably the most talked about issue on this year's ballot and has already garnered a lot of support and backlash.

If Proposal 1 passes in November's election, Michigan will become the 10th state to legalize recreational marijuana. The proposal would allow for individuals 21 and older to possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and allow them to grow up to 12 marijuana plants.



Monica Pittiglio

“Almost all of my friends use marijuana, and I would estimate that 50 percent of everyone I know smokes marijuana already,” Ferris pre-pharmacy senior and Students for Sensible Drug Policy President Monica Pittiglio said. “Over half of the states in America are already implementing medical marijuana programs. When you really step back and look at the bigger picture, we're already moving to-

wards national legalization. This is all just a matter of time.”

Two of Michigan's gubernatorial candidates support recreational legalization — Democrat Gretchen Whitmer and Libertarian Bill Gelineau — while Republican candidate Bill Schuette has expressed his disapproval, but said he would “respect the will of the voters” if the proposal passes.

Even if Proposal 1 passes, it is highly unlikely marijuana will be allowed on Ferris' campus.



Bruce Borkovich

“The drug-free schools act is a federal law that says we can't have marijuana on campus even if it becomes legalized, so I don't envision that even if the law passes that it would be allowed on campus,” Ferris Department of Public Safety Director Bruce Borkovich said. “It means that now it's a university rule and student conduct process, not a police process.”

Borkovich also spent time at a Political Engagement Project event arguing some of the negative impacts of passing Proposal 1, including more than 100 percent more traffic deaths where marijuana is involved in

Colorado since it became the first state to legalize.

“The yearly rate of emergency room visits related to marijuana increased 52 percent [in Colorado], so 52 percent more people after it was legalized are going to the hospital, and there are pretty high numbers of people who have actually been admitted,” Borkovich said.



Lauren Perry

Some students say that they already know a lot of people using marijuana and that the 10 percent tax rate on marijuana purchases will be good for the economy while also allowing people to use marijuana without breaking the law.

“I'm for it because I think it would be good for our economy and a lot of people do it anyway and have a criminal record because of it. It would help a lot of people who wouldn't [have a criminal record] anymore because of it,” Ferris pre-dental freshman Lauren Perry said.

For students who made the deadline to register to vote, the polls open Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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# Enjoy being employed

On-campus employment builds student time management



Photo by: Kaitlyn Kirchner | Torch Photographer

Ferris automotive engineering technology junior Trevor Wells umpires an Intramural softball game.

**Madison Kettlewell**  
Torch Reporter

On-campus jobs provide many benefits for Ferris students that off-campus jobs don't account for.

Being a full-time student while managing a job is difficult, but some on-campus options make it easier. According to Ferris pharmacy senior Megan McGrath, who works at the University Center information table, student employment encourages students to keep their education a main priority, even allowing her to do homework while working.



Megan McGrath

"On campus, they really work with your schedule pretty well, and they make sure that school is first," McGrath said.

Some students worry that with a job they won't have enough time to study for a full schedule of classes. According to Ferris hospitality management senior Luke

Pattison, who works with Intramurals, positions on campus are often more understanding when it comes to a student's schedule.

"The biggest difference is intramurals are a lot more forgiving when it comes to class or homework," Pattison said. "You can pretty much make your own work schedule."

Working on campus not only can give students a reason to get outside of the classroom and out of their dorm to meet new people, but it can also provide them with the opportunity to get to know more about their school.



Ciara Kibby

"I really like that our office deals with so many different aspects of campus and I get to meet so many people that I wouldn't just on my way to the science building," Ferris pre-vet junior and Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS) desk worker Ciara Kibby said. "It's so much more of a fun environment being here because

I work with other students who share the same

struggles."

Ferris manager of student employment John Randle said there are currently 1,935 student employees and the number is still expected to rise this year. He also said the most popular jobs for current Ferris students around campus include dining, athletics, resident life and FLITE. Randle said student employment really tries to understand students' lives.

"Our departmental supervisors understand that you're here as a student, your primary reason for being here is to be a student and to get a degree," Randle said. "It's important to work, but they're normally very flexible in the scheduling."

Randle believes student employment can be beneficial for students and social life.

"With any student employment job, it helps students learn about campus, but it also gives students relationships with their coworkers and with their supervisors and like-minded individuals," Randle said. "It's one more relationship, one more bond that they create with the university to help them get through school."

## A cleaner campus

Students give back by picking up around campus

**Dan Deitsch**  
Torch Reporter

It doesn't take much to clutter campus, but some students are taking steps to keep Ferris looking nice.

Every Monday evening, Ferris' American Marketing Association (AMA) holds their Adopt-a-Campus program, which aims to clean up the campus and keep it looking beautiful.

"Ferris gives so much to us, and it's a good way to give back," Ferris advertising junior Emily Hamner said. "It's a great and easy opportunity to give back to the community."

AMA Vice President of Community Service Kayla Jordan said the program runs year-round and provides an opportunity for students to keep the campus clean. The event is open to all students and those wanting to join can arrive 6 p.m. Mondays outside the Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC).

"I volunteered because I needed community service for the AMA, but it's also a great way to hang out with other AMA members," Ferris marketing senior Veronica Cousino said. "I really like [the program]. I'm really busy, but it feels like I can help out in some way."

Students can check Ferris' web calendar for any further details about Adopt-a-Campus. The AMA and its members are more than willing to volunteer for the program and are grateful for the opportunity to keep Ferris clean, according to Jordan.

"[We do] this because we love to volunteer and provide community service in any way possible," Jordan said. "Not only to serve the community but in our own personal environment every day, where we live and where we learn."

Many AMA members appreciate the program to help keep the areas students use every day clean.

"It's a great way to get in your hours for community service," Ferris marketing senior Zach Ineson said. "We walk on this campus every single day, so it's important that we keep it clean."

# - ON THE RECORD -

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

## Geico could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance

**Cora Hall**  
News Editor

### Alumni got a little out of hand...

Sept. 29, 11:30 p.m., officers investigated a controlled substance and narcotic equipment violation in Clark Hall. The investigation is still open and one subject was arrested and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

### Geico could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance

Sept. 30, 10:22 a.m., officers discovered

a subject driving with no insurance at South and State Street. One subject was arrested.

### Puff and pass

Sept. 30, 11:15 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance violation in Finch Court. The investigation is still open and two subjects were arrested and one was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

### Missing cutlery

Oct. 1, 5:45 p.m., officers received a report of larceny at the Rock Café. The investi-

gation is still open.

### Smile and wave, boys

Oct. 1, 10 p.m., officers investigated a report of disorderly conduct in Brophy Hall. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

### They were just brownies

Oct. 3, 4:51 p.m., officers responded to a report of a controlled substance violation in Robin Court. The investigation was closed.

### Oops, I did it again

Oct. 3, 9:15 p.m., officers discovered a

subject driving with no insurance at Northland and Knollview Drive. One appearance ticket was issued.

### How rude

Oct. 4, 3:05 p.m., officers received a report of a hit and run in Lot 9. The case was closed.

The Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 363 tickets between the dates of Sept. 14 and Sept. 20, totaling \$6,175.

## WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

**Megan Lewton**  
Editor in Chief

### Nairobi, Kenya

A tanker truck hit a bus and caught fire in the Democratic Republic of Congo, killing at least 50 people. More than 100 people suffered burns. The interim governor of Kongo Central Province, Atou Matubuana, said officials would take care of the deceased and help those wounded in the fire.

Original story by Steve Wembi, Oct. 6, 2018. *The New York Times*.

### London, England

An eight-year-old girl discovered a sword in a Swedish lake that dates back to the 5th or 6th century. The sword is about 33 inches long and is black-brown in color. The sword will appear on display in the Jonkoping County Museum in Sweden in about a year.

Original story by Palko Karasz, Oct. 6, 2018. *The New York Times*.

### Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 hit Haiti, killing at least 11 and injured more than 100 people. The earthquake was centered near the town of Port-de-Paix and had a depth of about 7 ¼ miles. This was the strongest earthquake to hit Haiti since one with a 7.0 magnitude struck in 2010, killing tens of thousands of people.

Original story by Reuters, Oct. 7, 2018. *The New York Times*.

### Hong Kong, China

A zookeeper in Japan was mauled by a rare white tiger and died as a result. The zookeeper, Akira Furusho, was pronounced dead at a hospital after he was found bleeding from the neck in a cage. The tiger, Riku, was sedated following the attack. Police are investigating the zoo's care practices for Riku and the three other white tigers they have.

Original story by Mike Ives, Oct. 9, 2018. *The New York Times*.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Cora Hall**  
News Editor

### Budgeting basics

Learn about managing your money with Lisa Bondarenko from Edward Jones with free pizza and pop 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in FLITE 133. All attendees will be entered to win a \$200 scholarship. For more information, contact David Scott at davidscott@ferris.edu.

### Screening of "Michigan Divided"

Watch the screening of the "Michigan Divided" documentary that describes how Michigan residents have or have not attempted to find common ground in politics post-2016 elections. The Political Engagement Project will host this event 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in IRC 120. After the screening, Dr. Christian Peterson will moderate a discussion on the topic. For more information, contact Peterson at peterc27@ferris.edu.

### Study abroad fair

Learn about global education opportunities open to students at the study abroad fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 and Wednesday, Oct. 17, in UCB 202, and learn about all of Ferris' international programs. For more information, contact the Office of International Education at (231) 591-2450 or international@ferris.edu.

### Chicago Boyz

Be entertained by the Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Team 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in Williams Auditorium. The professional gymnastics troupe's show includes acrobatic stunts, jump ropes and catapulting off trampolines. Admission is free. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at EU@ferris.edu.

# Prepare for the fair

Hundreds of employers coming to Ferris for Career and Internship Fair

**Landry Shorkey**  
Torch Reporter

An internship or new job opportunity could be waiting just around the corner for many students looking ahead to next summer and beyond.

The annual Ferris Career & Internship Fair will be taking place 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Ewigleben Sports Complex. The fair is open to all majors and will have over 300 employers in attendance.

"It definitely is good practice for people who are not used to talking to employers or people who are hiring, and it's good practice for the proper attire that people are supposed to wear, too," Ferris information security and intelligence senior Lilia Herdegen said, who has attended the fair the past three years.

According to Ferris Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services (CLACS) Coordinator of Career

and Volunteer Centers Michele Albright, the fair has been growing in size and success since its beginning, with this year being the biggest fair yet.

"It has consistently grown each year over the last six years that I have been planning it," Albright said. "There are over 300 employers registered to attend. These include engineering technology, criminal justice, education, healthcare, finance, business, information security, non-profit organizations and many other fields."

Appropriate attire for the event is business professional. Students can take advantage of First Lady's Attic located in the University Center, which provides one free business professional outfit per year to any Ferris student.

To prepare, students should think of conversation

**Career Fair** | see page 4

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# Groundwork for growth

## Students' resumes can be the difference in getting a call back

**Landry Shorkey**  
Torch Reporter

Following graduation, the goal for most students is to enter the workforce, and building a strong resume is the essential first step.

For many students, creating a resume can be stressful and confusing, as there is debate on what should be included and what is relevant to employers.

"Resumes are an employer's first snapshot of a potential employee. The resume needs to showcase the person's skills and clearly connect to the position," Ferris English professor Sandra Balkema said.

Balkema has had experience in working with students on resume building for over 35 years.

"A resume needs to have the right information in the right design. The visual appearance is as important as the content, or the reader won't find the information easily and quickly," Balkema said.



Logan Cook

Ferris construction management senior Logan Cook said that organization is the most crucial aspect of his resume.

"I know they say that employers will give you ten seconds or something like that when they first look at your resume, just a really fast overview, and then they decide at that point are they going to keep looking at it or just pass it on," Cook said.

According to Balkema, common mistakes that students make include using the resume as a list of their employment history and including too many de-

tails from their high school career, which employers will rarely be interested in.

Fortunately, Ferris offers a variety of resources to teach students about career readiness and assist them in avoiding resume pitfalls. Career prep



Kassie Butterworth

workshops are available on the university calendar, and students can schedule appointments for practice job interviews and review of their resume, cover letter and portfolio through the Ferris website.

"I'm in it right now. The first two weeks is resume, cover letter and memos. It's actually really helpful," Ferris nursing junior Kassie Butterworth said. "We learned about the statistics. Every job gets like 200 resumes submitted for every job posting, and so if yours isn't one that sticks out, it's not going to be one they're going to look at."

Ferris HVAC sophomore Cole Weber said having a good resume shows your interest in the job.

"I feel like everyone needs a resume for applying for a job, and if you have a good one it shows how much time you're going to put into it and how serious you're taking the job," Weber said.

Before submitting a resume to an employer, Balkema said it is a good idea to get feedback from a professional in the field.

"It's good, though, to get opinions from several people, especially someone from the student's professional area. They'll be more familiar with the skills that the field values and the terms or language the field uses," Balkema said.

For students looking to improve their resumes, Purdue OWL is an online resource that provides instructions for nearly every aspect of a resume. On the website, students can find the necessary sections in a resume and how to organize each one. Tips on design, using two pages or more, and scannable resumes are also available.

## Tips on how to improve your resume

**1. Write to the future, not the past:** Focus on credentials and experience that relate to your current career path, rather than focusing on irrelevant former job experience.

**2. Integrate critical keywords:** Each company and recruiter has certain keywords for which they search in resumes. To know which keywords to use, check out online job postings and "About Us" areas of company websites.

**3. Showcase your "wow:":** Determine your top attributes that make you a strong candidate for the position and show them off with pride. Include impressive job experiences, awards and honors.

**4. Ditch the objective:** An objective is what you are telling employers that you want from them, but employers don't care about this. The only time an objective might be appropriate is when your objective might not be clear from your work experience. Instead, use a summary.

**5. Write "lean and mean:":** Every word counts in a resume. Cut the fat off of your resume and leave the real meat of your experiences.

**6. Make your contact information pop:** You want to make it easy for employers to contact you. Leave your email address and link to your blog or relevant social media accounts. Include a cell phone number and an email address.

**7. Improve your resume's skimmability:** Employers are typically reading many resumes in a short amount of time. Make yours easier to skim by writing in short paragraphs, adding white space and using headings and subheadings to segment information.

**8. Punch up the design:** Color, shading, boxes, charts, tables, images and icons can be valuable additions. Do not over do it and make sure your design matches industry norms in your field.

*The above information was found at forbes.com*



Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Students interacted and had impromptu interviews with employers at last year's Career & Internship Fair. This year, over 300 employers will be at Wink arena Thursday, Oct. 18.

## Career Fair

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starters, questions and a 30-second elevator pitch about themselves. Albright recommends bringing a nice notebook to write down information and collect company literature in, as well as several copies of a resume.

"Go into the CLACS, I know that they offer practice interviews. Take advantage of that, make sure your resume is free of any errors, make sure your LinkedIn is updated, too," Herdegen said. "That's just in general with being prepared and making sure you're confident when you go up to employers."

Ferris psychology and biology senior Duvonna Haynes has not attended the fair in the past, but said that she can see the benefit

of doing so.

"I believe it's a benefit because even if you're not ready to graduate, it allows for practice for the lower-classmen to get used to meeting potential employers and potential grad schools, and it also gives them a direction to go in as far as figuring out their career choices," Haynes said.



Duvonna Haynes

More information is available under Handshake at MyFSU, FairsAPP and at CLACS. Students and alumni can contact Albright at [clacs@ferris.edu](mailto:clacs@ferris.edu) with questions.

## Tips for success:

- Dress professionally
- Bring several copies of a resume to hand out
- Bring a nice-looking notebook to record information and store company literature
- Research FairsAPP and have it easily accessible on a mobile device
- Make a game plan to talk with your favorite companies first
- Prepare conversation starters and appropriate questions
- Prepare to give 30 second elevator pitch about yourself

# Health(s)care

Faculty members not budgeting on three-year contract due to health insurance disagreements

**Cora Hall**  
News Editor

Some Ferris faculty have been getting “screwed” since health care regulations changed in 2012, according to Ferris mathematics professor Holly Price.

“We’re losing ground every single year and I just don’t see that this will be good in the long run,” Price said.

The latest contract negotiation meeting between the university and the Ferris Faculty Association (FFA), which took place Friday, Oct. 5, made minimal movement and was a hostile atmosphere according to Price, who is on the FFA negotiations team. One of the persisting issues is the university’s insistence on a five-year contract versus the three-year deal the FFA is pushing for.

Price said the FFA is standing its ground on a three-year contract because of past issues with health insurance. The state of Michigan has limitations on how much employers can contribute to their employees’ health insurance called statutory caps, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury. These limits increase every year to adjust for inflation and have averaged a 2.83 percent increase over the past six years.

“I’m not going to put our members at risk and trap them into a five-year deal when the health insurance isn’t fair,”

Price said. “[The university’s] argument is they can’t have that uncertainty and we have the same argument. They want to cap the cap because of the uncertainty and we want a three-year deal because of the uncertainty.”

State employees are responsible for paying whatever cost of their health insurance exceeds the cap, which is set at \$13,981 for two-person coverage this year according to the Michigan Department of Treasury. This means when state caps increase and employers are not bound by contract to increase their payment as well, the employees pay more money when their health insurance costs go up.

The university is not required to follow this legislation and could opt-out if the governing board voted to, according to Price.

“We all got burned when they switched over to the state caps because we were getting more money before,” Price said. “And so it was a big drop in what was being paid for our insurance from Ferris. They saved a bundle from the state

caps.”

The university’s latest offer on the table included resetting to the state caps this year on Jan. 1, 2019. The following four years of the contract, the university proposed that health plan contribution increase would be a maximum of 3 percent, even though state caps increased by 3.4 and 3.3 percent in 2018 and 2017, respectively.

“If the state corrects the rates again, the 3 percent prevents Ferris from honoring it. It’s something we can live with for a short contract, but not a long one,” Price said. “We are almost in agreement on health care based on our proposal Friday to them, but it’s a big reason we won’t go past three years.”

Price said when the state caps were introduced in 2012, the state made a mistake in calculating the two-person category, which they later amended in 2013. The state declared it was a retroactive change, but Ferris did not correct the change, according to Price, and the faculty members were told they would have to wait until their contract expired in five years to fix it.

FFA President Charles Bacon also said the meeting Tuesday, Oct. 2, was “exceedingly confrontational” and “pointless,” as essentially all the FFA’s counter-proposals were denied.

“Given that inflation is running at 2 to 2.5 percent, to expect us to agree to salary increases that mean in three to five years we make less money than we do now, it’s just silly,” Bacon said. “Their rationale on Tuesday night was ‘Well, everyone else took it’ ... that doesn’t go over great.”

President David Eisler was not available for comment. Ferris Communications Officer Michelle Rasmussen declined to comment.

Price said she is concerned that this disrespect will drive away younger faculty, who bring ambition and innovation to academic programs.

“I worry, though. This kind of disrespect, it’s going to wear down the faculty. Faculty are going to leave, you know,” Price said. “We just want to be valued. Words are cheap, you know? Actions, we want actions. We want to see that our work is valued.”

Bacon said the sit-ins have not had any affect on Eisler and the Board of Trustees, but the FFA will continue in its efforts.

“We will have to turn up the heat on some major events because they’re not listening. They don’t care — the board doesn’t care, Eisler doesn’t care,” Bacon said. “Whatever that means, we’ll be in their face.”

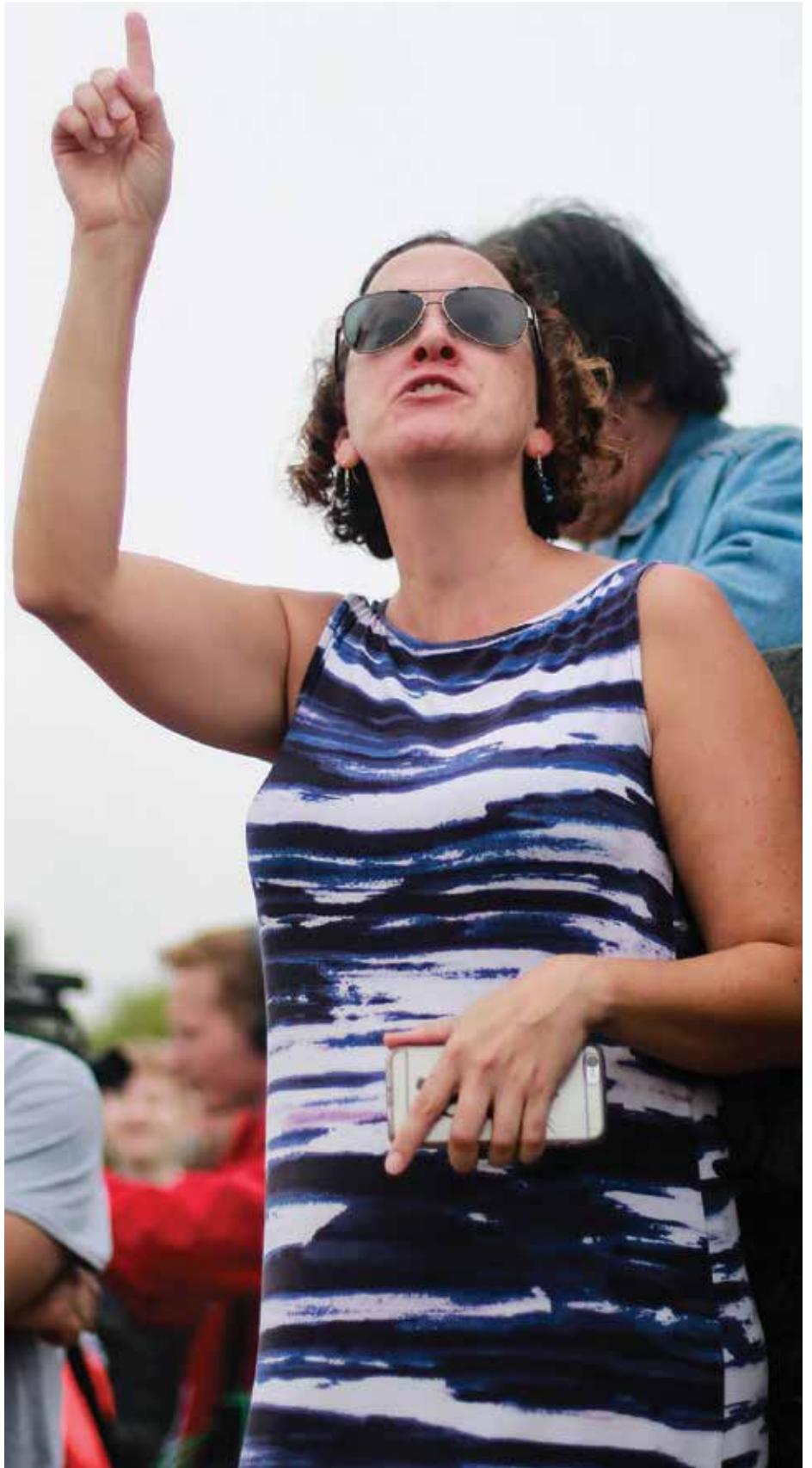


Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Ferris mathematics professor Holly Price protested at a Ferris Faculty Association picket this year. Price is on the FFA negotiating team, which last met with the university bargaining team Friday, Oct. 5.



Holly Price

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**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

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

**Commencement Program** – Graduates must complete their online graduation application by **Friday, October 12, 2018 for their names to appear in the Fall 2018 Commencement Program** or their name will not appear in the Commencement Program. In order to have the program printed and back in time for the ceremonies we have to adhere to these deadlines. Contact your college’s Commencement Coordinator if you have any questions.

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

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10:00 am	College of Business
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	Doctorate of Community College Leadership

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# LIFESTYLES

“We want Greeks to recognize the importance of our community and letting people know about what we do.” - Jenna Steele - See page 7 for story

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## Building relationships

*My favorite part is working with the athletes, and building that personal relationship with them is second to none.*

- Jared Ozella

Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

The Special Olympics RSO values fun and inclusivity during their meetings at 6 p.m. Thursdays in SRC 114.

### Special Olympics RSO impacts Ferris

**Holly Baker**  
Torch Reporter

With the goal of building personal relationships, the Ferris Special Olympics is a registered student organization (RSO) that pairs Ferris students with Special Olympic athletes.

“We are focused on doing fun social events to help them feel included in the community because they already live at Ferris, so if we can have all of us get together with them, that would be our goal,” Ferris sports communication junior Savanna Stout said.

The events give students the opportunity to socialize with the Special Olympians. Students can come to events and play on a team with the Special Olympians, which creates a personal relationship with them through unified sports.



Savanna Stout

Jared Ozella said. “It’s awesome to work with them. You grow super

close with them and they become some really good friends with you. It’s one of the coolest things ever.”

The Special Olympics College club will be hosting a volleyball tournament Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Rec. Students have the opportunity to play on one of four different teams, with three athletes on each team.

“The relationship you grow with the athletes is an amazing feeling. Even if you go to one event for them, they bring you in like you’re their own. We’re all like one family together, so they’re bringing you in like were all one and that’s the main reason that I go. Just to work with them, they really make your day every time,” Ozella said.

Meetings for the Ferris Special Olympics RSO are 6 p.m. Thursdays in SRC 114.

“We’re super open. If you go to an event, or come to a meeting or something like that, it’s not like you have to pay money to be in the organization, and you don’t have to go to everything. You can pick what you want to go to,” Ferris sports communication sophomore Trenton Demeuse said.

For more information, contact fsusocollegeclub@gmail.com.



Jared Ozella

## Disability Statistics

- About 15 percent of the world’s population lives with some form of disability, of whom 2 to 4 percent experience significant difficulties in functioning.
- This global estimate for disability is on the rise due to population aging and the rapid spread of chronic diseases.
- Policy design does not always take into account the needs of people with disabilities, or existing policies and standards are not enforced.
- Many people with disabilities are excluded from decision-making in matters directly affecting their lives.

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# What are we?



An interview with the Order of Omega Vice President Jenna Steele

**Q: When you say Order of Omega stands for unity, what does that mean?**

**A:** Greek unity is something we really strive for in Greek life because as the saying goes, "No matter the letters, we're all Greek together." So, while we have a focus on academic achievement, we're united in that we're creating a admirable image and reputation for Greek life as a whole.

**Q: What do you believe in?**

**A:** I think this really comes back to the idea of unity, reputation, leadership and giving back. We want Greeks to recognize the importance of our community and letting people know about what we do. It's no secret that often times people associate Greeks with negative stereotypes, so I think in a way that it's part of our mission to fight that image and show people that we have so much

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# A night inn

## An all-Greek Halloween mixer

Marissa Russell  
Interim Reporter

Order of Omega is throwing a Halloween mixer to find other Greek life members to be inducted into their organization.

"It's our way to give back something to the community," Ferris hospitality management senior and event planner for Order of Omega Allison Jackson said.

Order of Omega is an honor society on campus that is offered to Greek members who are in the top 3 percent of their sororities and fraternities. By hosting the Halloween party, they hope to welcome potential members to their organization.

With ticket prices at \$5, the All-Greek Mixer was originally planned to be last semester, but because of an ice storm, they had to cancel. They have now decided to have a Halloween-themed party 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct 27, at the Holiday Inn.

Money for tickets go toward food, drinks and activities. There will be a DJ along with a costume contest, dancing, a photo booth and Halloween games.

They want Greek members to come out and meet the Order of Omega and see what they are all about.

"We want Greeks to recognize the importance of our community and letting people know about what we do," Ferris applied speech communications senior and Order of Omega vice president Jenna Steele said. "It's no secret that often times people associate Greeks with negative stereotypes, so I think in a way that it's part of our mission to fight that image and show people that we have so much more to offer."

Order of Omega looks at more than a grade point average, they also recognize achievements in the community as an important requirement for their organization.

"It's all great to be able to study a book and pass a test. It's another thing to get involved and make an impact," Jackson said.

Order of Omega donates philanthropies to Greek chapters when they have events going on. They recently helped with Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bash, and also helped plan and host leadership workshops for students.

"It's hard because I don't think a lot of people don't really know what exactly we stand for and the whole idea is unity," Steele said.

According to Steele, Order of Omega goes by the saying, "No matter the letters, we're all Greek together."

While Order of Omega has good representation through their organization now, they are always looking for ways to be more diverse. Their organization is now mainly made up of sorority women, but they are looking to reach out towards fraternity men, too. They want more people around campus to recognize them and what they do for the community.

"Order of Omega is meant for members who want to be leaders for the community and to not only give back to our respected philanthropies as members of that sorority or fraternity, but to support and help all Greeks and their philanthropic missions," Steele said.

Order of Omega meets 8:30 p.m. every other Tuesday in UCB 116. For more information, contact Steele at steelej5@ferris.edu.

## Halloween Greek Mixer

**What is it?** A Halloween mixer for Greek students

**Location:** Holiday Inn, Big Rapids

**Ticket Price:** \$5

**Who's invited?** Members of the Greek organizations

**Description:** Plans are to have a costume contest, dancing, food, photo booth with props and other Halloween themed activities.

**Date:** Saturday, Oct. 27

**Time:** 8 p.m.

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# October Opportunities

## THURSDAY

Oct. 11



### Game Tournament

Location: West Campus  
Community Center  
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Oct. 12

### Keep Calm and Have Coffee with your Academic Advisor

Location: First floor of the  
Arts & Science Commons  
Time: 10 a.m. to noon



## SATURDAY

Oct. 13



### Dawg Days

Location: University Center  
Time: 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## MONDAY

Oct. 15

### DAM Presents: "Don't worry, he won't get far on foot" Film Screening

Location: University Center  
Ballroom 202  
Time: 6 to 9 p.m.



## TUESDAY

Oct. 16



### Step Up! Active Bystander Training

Location: University Center 217  
Time: 11 a.m. to noon

### Money Talks - Basics of Investing

Location: FLITE 133  
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Oct. 19

### Free Movie Screening: Ant-Man and the Wasp

Location: University Center  
202  
Time: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m..



## THURSDAY

Oct. 25



### Speakeasy Costume Party Hosted by Phi Alpha Theta

Location: Old Jail, 220 S. Stewart  
Ave., Big Rapids  
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

# And the beat goes

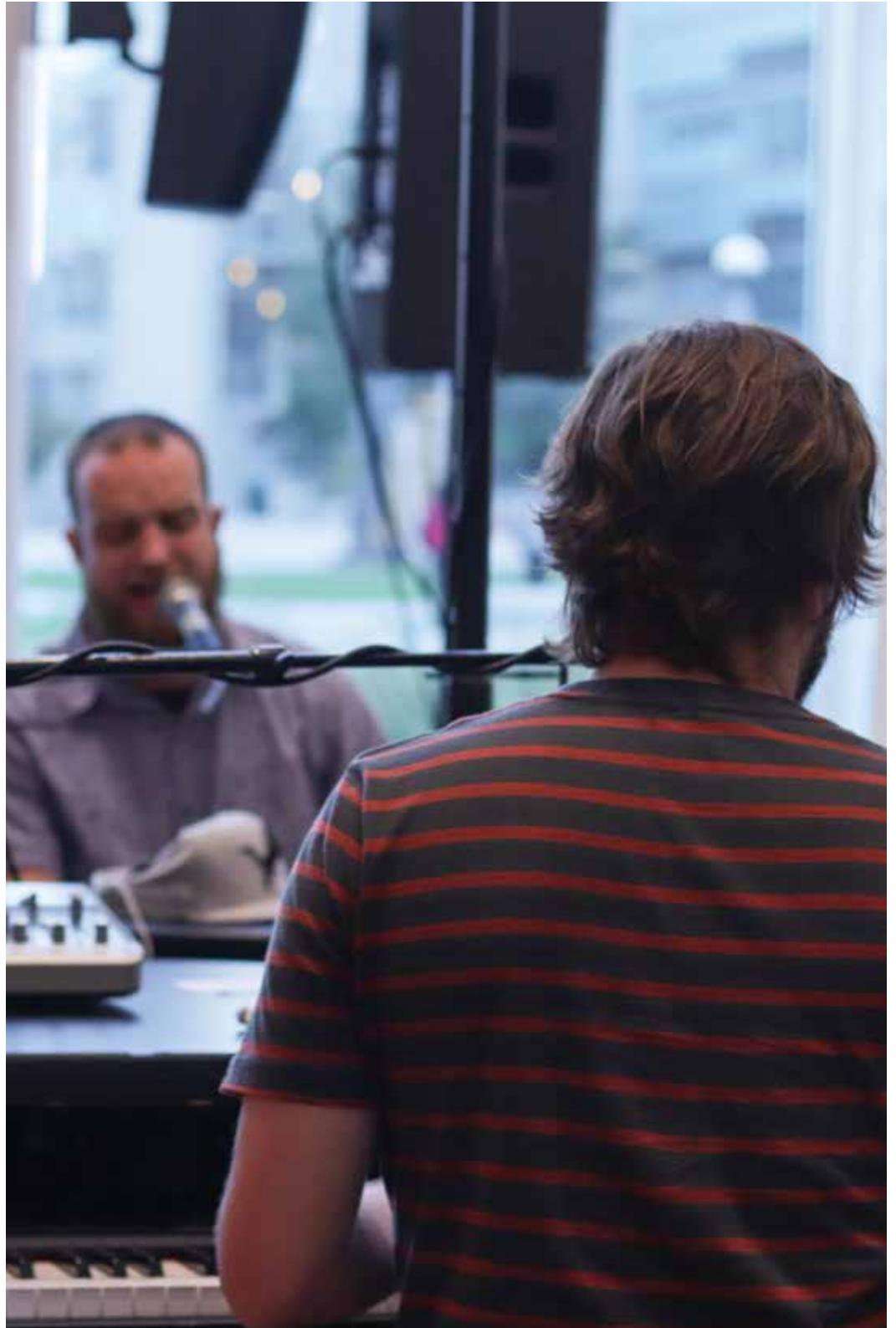


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The University Center was filled with music as students requested songs at the Dueling Pianos event Wednesday, Oct. 3.

## Dueling Pianos comes to Big Rapids

**Briana Hammontree**  
Torch Reporter

The University Center was filled with the harmonious sound of piano keys as students gathered to watch the Dueling Pianos perform.

The songs played at Dueling Pianos Wednesday, Oct. 3, ranged from classics to new hits, pleasing both old and young. Students were encouraged to participate by providing the pianists with their songs of choice.

Ferris pre-med freshman Sara Laforce was one of many students in the crowd, having heard about the event through a CLACS office flyer. She had previously been at the re-Perussion event and, having enjoyed it, decided to check out Dueling Pianos.

"I requested five songs. I requested Brandy - which they played - and they also played Undone by Weezer. But I requested a song by the Tragically Hip, Pearl Jam and another song by Silver. I feel like they had hundreds of requests," Laforce said.

Throughout the night, the pianists played various songs, encouraging crowd participation. When they began to perform Bruno Mars' hit "24K Magic," a few students in the crowd hopped out of their seats and

started to dance.

Aside from dancing, students clapped and sang along, enjoying the laid-back atmosphere the event provided during the busy school year.

"I love how interactive they are with the crowd and how enthusiastic they are," Ferris radiography freshman Lydiah Scharaswak said.

Based from Michigan, the Dueling Pianos is a comedy dueling piano show that works with weddings, colleges and corporate events.

Having previously worked with Dueling Pianos in another institution, CLACS Coordinator of Activities Nicholas Smith enjoyed having the opportunity to bring their performance to Ferris students.

"We had to look at the schedule for what's going on because September can be really intense - in a good way. We have Bulldog Beginnings, all those welcome activities. Then we get in Homecoming, which is, again, pretty intense. So, we look at those traditions, those annual events. Then we have the series Fridays at Ferris, and so we consider where else we can add stuff," Smith said.

For students interested in other events held by CLACS, the office will be showing the Marvel movie "Antman and Wasp" 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the ballroom.



Sara  
Laforce



Nicholas  
Smith

## Corn, costumes and crazy good times

Take the quiz to find out what fall activities you should do this October!

1

**What's your reaction when the temperature drops?**

- a. Can't wait to watch the leaves change color
- b. Bring on the sweaters and hot cocoa
- c. Let's get SPOOKY



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**When watching a scary movie, do you typically:**

- a. Mock the characters, saying you'd definitely be able to escape the murderer
- b. Find it hard to know who the killer is...it could be anyone
- c. Scream like they are going to jump out of the TV and get you



2

**What is your favorite fall activity?**

- a. Pumpkin carving
- b. Shopping for new clothes
- c. Watching scary movies



3

**What cold holiday do you love?**

- a. Christmas: I enjoy the outdoor activities
- b. Halloween: is there any other holiday
- c. Thanksgiving: the time to give back



**On a typical Friday night, you can be found \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. On a midnight stroll back from the gym
- b. At the bar with friends
- c. Netflixing your latest Halloween movie



## Answers

### Mostly A's: Corn Maze

Spend the evening with friends or family with wagon rides and a corn maze to test your skills.

Date: Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 29 Oct. 28  
Time: Saturdays: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sunday:s 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Location: 15693 Wilson Rd. Rodney, MI  
Prices: \$3 admission, \$2 horse drawn wagon rides, children 5 and under are free

### Mostly B's: Speakeasy Costume Party

Hosted by Phi Alpha Theta

Dress up for a night out with your friends or significant other.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 25  
Time: 6 - 10 p.m.  
Location: Old Jail, S. Stewart Ave. Big Rapids  
Prices: \$3/person or \$5/couple  
Say "Huey sent me" to be allowed in

### Mostly C's: Haunted Fish Hatchery

Friends and family are welcome to this event. There are two floors; the first is kid-friendly and the second floor is for those who dare to walk it.

Date: Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27 and 31  
Time: 7 - 10:30 p.m. and Oct. 31: 6 - 9 p.m.  
Location: Paris Fish Hatchery, 22090 Northland Dr., Paris  
Prices: \$5 for the kid-friendly main floor, \$10 for both floors  
Discounts: Bring a canned food item and receive \$1 off your ticket price.

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## Q & A

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more to offer. Order of Omega is meant for members who want to be leaders for the community and to not only give back to our respected philanthropies as members of that sorority or fraternity, but to support and help all Greeks and their philanthropic missions.

**Q: What is your favorite part about being a member?**

**A:** Definitely the friendships. It's really nice to meet like-minded Greeks who have the same values and you get to work with them on projects like this all-Greek mixer. It feels good to be building a network of friendships and bonds with people outside of your chapter.

**Q: What do you do during meetings?**

**A:** One of the biggest parts of our meeting is the executive board go-

ing through our reports. We usually explain what projects we might be working on, any challenges we've faced and then recruiting members in order to help with different tasks. From there, we usually open it up to the whole group and ask if there are any questions, suggestions, ideas or announcements, which is a time for general members to voice ideas for future projects or events, their own chapter's events or the events for other RSOs they're a part of.

**Q: What do you do for the community?**

**A:** We work to donate to the philanthropies of each chapter when they have ongoing events (i.e. Lambda Chi Alpha's recent Watermelon Bash) as well as planning and hosting leadership workshops for students.

**Q: Who is the contact if someone is interested?**

**A:** That's me! My email is steelej5@ferris.edu.



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# Ballpark brawl



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Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell launches a pass down field. The Bulldogs are now 6-0 heading into a matchup with rival Grand Valley State University.

## Bulldogs stay undefeated with 42-24 win over Huskies

**Mollie Hamelund**  
Torch Reporter

Playing on the Fifth Third Ballpark diamond did not phase the Bulldogs in a 42-24 victory Saturday, Oct. 6, over the Michigan Technological University (Tech) Huskies.



Jayru Campbell

Ferris started strong, finding the endzone in just four minutes when Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell connected with Ferris senior tight end Jacob Allan for an early lead.

"We did a great job adjusting to their pass rushers that they were bringing," Campbell said. "It confused us a little bit in the first half, but I think we did a great job adjusting."

The Bulldogs offense went on to score three more times in the first half, including a 19-yard run by Campbell on the last Ferris drive of the half,



Tony Annese

leading to a 28-0 lead heading into halftime.

Tech looked ready for a comeback in the second half as they connected for a 56-yard bomb to put themselves on the board for the first time.

The Bulldogs were held scoreless in the fourth as Ferris junior quarterback Travis Russell failed to keep the offense's tempo going. The defense for the Bulldogs employed a "bend but don't break" game plan, keeping the Huskies from making a comeback.

Ferris then scored two unanswered touchdowns to bring their lead to 42-7. The game would end with the Bulldogs' defense giving up two more touchdowns and a field goal.

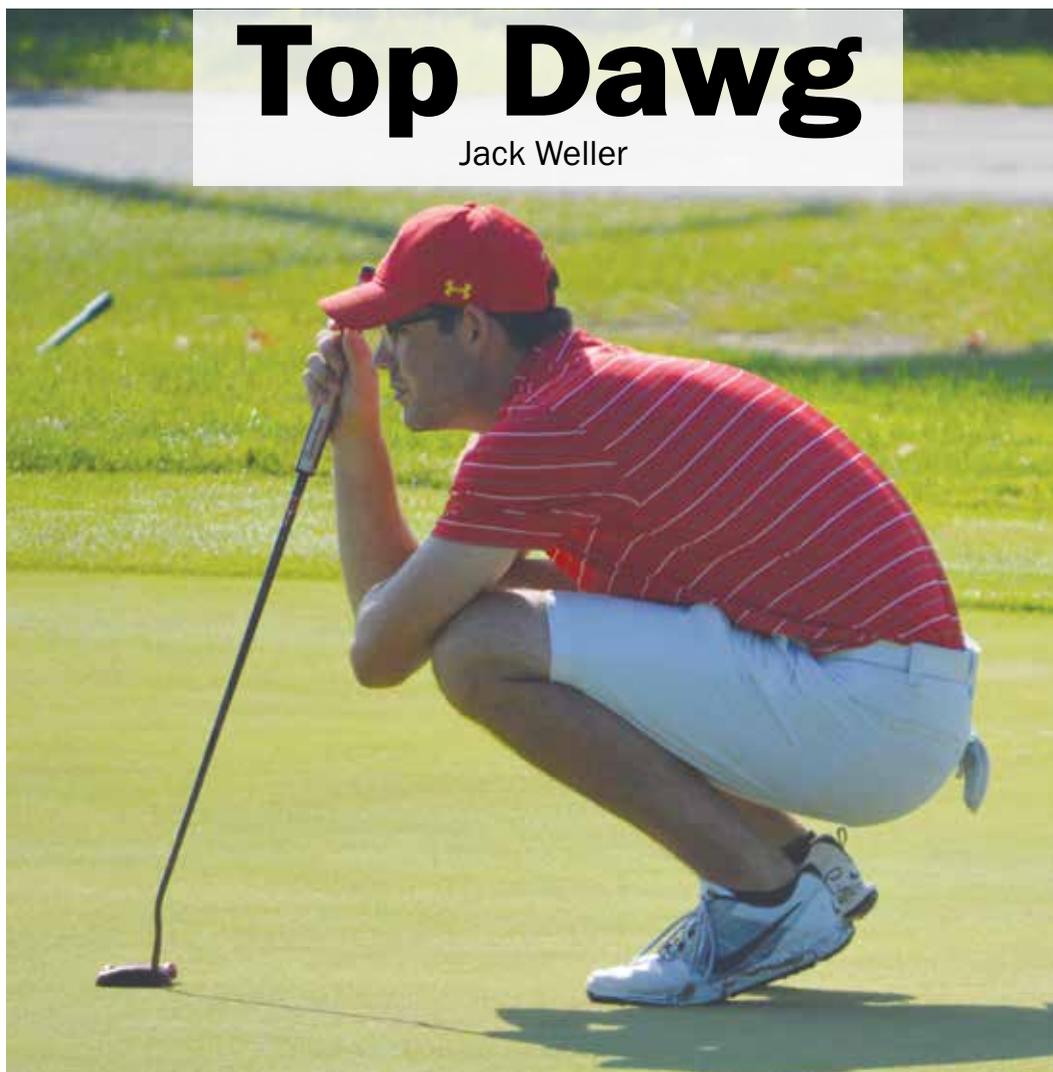
"We had a fast start. This season, when we've had fast starts, we've been really good," Ferris head coach Tony Annese said.

Campbell, who is currently the top passer in the nation in terms of passing efficiency, went 20/24 passing for 291 yards and three touchdowns.

Ferris also found success on the ground, as they outrushed the Huskies 310 yards to just 86. Ferris sophomore running back Marvin Campbell led the Bulldogs with 64 yards rushing on the day.

The win over Tech brings the Bulldogs to 6-0 overall on the season and 4-0 in GLIAC play.

The No. 3 nationally ranked Bulldogs go on to face the No. 2 ranked Grand Valley State University Lakers for the Anchor-Bone Classic 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in Allendale.



# Top Dawg

Jack Weller

Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

Top Dawg is on the links this week as we feature a first-place individual finish for the Ferris men's golf team.

Ferris senior golfer Jack Weller earned GLIAC Athlete of the Week honors last week as he captured the 2018 HawksHead Individual Champion medal at the HawksHead Invite in South Haven Sept. 28 and 29.

Weller shot a 70 in the first round and a 68 in the second round of the tournament to finish with a 138 total. Weller completed a two-shot victory on the weekend for the par 72 course.

Weller ended the tournament six under par and roared up three spots in the standings on the final day to receive the victory.

"This was my second individual college win, and at the same place I got my first college win two years ago in 2016. I felt like I stayed locked in every shot and was able to stay in the moment helping me hit the shots I needed in order to close out the win. I really like the way that course sets up for me," Weller said.

Weller became the second Bulldog golfer to receive medalist honors in the season.

The Ferris men's golf team will return to action in the Missouri-St. Louis Invitational Monday, Oct. 8, and Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Eureka (Missouri).

## Eyes on the prize

### Volleyball team continues to have a dominant season

**Michael Reedy**  
Torch Reporter

More than halfway through the season, Ferris volleyball looks to secure their fifth straight GLIAC title after a difficult home conference weekend.

Going into the weekend with a 14-3 record while being undefeated at home, the Bulldogs looked to add two more wins into their win column after facing tough GLIAC opponents Wayne State and Ashland. Both teams are placed first and second, respectively, in the south region of the GLIAC, while Ferris sits at first in the north region.



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm

Ferris coaches and players knew beforehand that they were going to have to battle throughout the weekend to finish 2-0. "They're two really quality opponents, very good teams," Ferris volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "These teams will be in the consid-

eration for rankings in the region, probably top 10 or 12 for sure."

The highly skilled teams could not stop the Ferris volleyball team, however, as the Bulldogs swept Wayne State Friday, Oct. 5, and beat Ashland in a nail bitter that ended in five sets Saturday, Oct. 6.

After the weekend of wins, The Bulldogs maintain their perfect

11-0 record during conference play, where they have only dropped eight out of 41 sets played.

Part of the Bulldogs' success has come from Ferris junior outside hitter Allyson Cappel, who was recognized Friday, Oct. 5, for achieving 1,000 kills so far in her career. Similarly, Ferris junior setter Maeve Grimes was recognized Saturday, Oct. 6, for her 2,000th assist that she recorded the night prior.

On top of the success from those two, the Ferris volleyball team has been clicking on every level while feeding off the energy of the enthu-



Allyson Cappel

siastic home crowd.

"We're so lucky we have such great student support and faculty, administration and the community," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "So much fun to play in front of that environment."

Although the Bulldogs have had much success to date, there is always room for improvement.

"We've been working on getting the ball up at crucial times like when we're in a crunch," Ferris junior outside hitter Courtney Brewer said. "We need to improve on and keep working at just pursuing our blocking assignments and making sure we get the ball down when we need to."

The Bulldogs will travel to Indianapolis (Indiana) Friday, Oct. 12, and Saturday, Oct. 13, to compete in the 2018 Midwest Region Crossover. Their first game is 11:30 a.m. Friday, where they face the Findlay Oilers (Findlay, Ohio).



Courtney Brewer

## Sports Shorts

**Mollie Hamelund**  
Torch Reporter

### Athlete of the Week

Ferris senior golfer Jack Weller was named the GLIAC athlete of the week this week after leading the golf team to seventh place in the Wayne State University HawksHead Invitational. After scoring 70 in the first round of 18, he scored 68 in the second round leading to a total of 138 points. Weller ended in first place individually, after placing fourth in the Bulldogs' last outing.

### Battle at the Ballpark

The Ferris football team brought their home crowd out of town as they hosted the Michigan Tech Huskies at Fifth Third Ballpark in Comstock Park.

The Bulldogs proved that anywhere they play can result in a win, dominating the Huskies 42-24. This weekend's win brought them to 4-0 in conference play and 6-0 overall for the season. The Battle at the Ballpark marked the first time a college football game had been played there since 2009.

The No. 3 ranked Bulldogs face No. 2 ranked rival Grand Valley State University 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in Allendale.

### Keep Winning

The Ferris women's soccer team kept their undefeated record this week with a four-goal shutout against Purdue Northwest.

The No. 14 Bulldogs lead the game early with an unassisted goal by Ferris senior defender Carley Dubbert. Just one more first half goal was scored from Ferris junior midfielder Maddie Fouts.

The last two goals for the Bulldogs came in the second half from Ferris sophomore midfielder Abigail Gilmore and Ferris sophomore defender Gabrielle Teodorescu, respectively.

The Bulldogs are heading back to the field 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Tiffin, Ohio to face the Tiffin Dragons.



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# FERRIS FANTASY FOOTBALL

I can't even put into words how poor my fantasy picks were this week.

Following a promising victory last week that pulled Team Torch even with the Bulldogs at 2-2, Ferris stormed right back to the tune of a 116-48 victory.

Obviously, my downfall was caused by my picks at the FLEX, kicker, tight-end and running back one positions. Hunter Henry, Cory Clement and Leonard Fournette were all ruled out of their games this week with injury. As for Robbie Gould, he missed his only kick of the day, sending him into the negative.

The only real bright spot for Team Torch this week was Panthers' quarterback Cam Newton, and even he failed to post the gaudy numbers expected of him.

On the flip side, the Bulldogs had one of their best performances fantasy-wise as they defeated Michigan Tech. University 42-24 Saturday, Oct. 6.

Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell again led the team, throwing for 291 yards and three touchdowns while adding another on the ground.

Ferris redshirt freshman receiver Sy Barnett continues to be Campbell's favorite target, compiling 132 yards on eight catches and a touchdown.

The defense continues to post low scores. Their lack of sacks and interceptions contribute to that, as well as the amount of points allowed.

With the Bulldogs winning, they jumped back in front and are now 3-2 on the year in Fantasy Football.

I'm expecting to outscore the Bulldogs this week as they take on Grand Valley State University 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. The Lakers are ranked one spot ahead of Ferris nationally at No. 2, so I'm expecting a low-scoring affair.

Here's hoping these picks stay healthy:

QB: Mitch Trubisky - Chicago Bears: Trubisky threw



Brendan Samuels  
Sports Editor

for six touchdowns two weeks ago, then had a break for his team's bye week. A good matchup with the Dolphins will help him repeat.

RB1: Carlos Hyde - Cleveland Browns: Hyde is a battering ram that often finds the endzone multiple times.

RB2: Derrick Henry - Tennessee Titans: I picked the other Titan's back last week in Dion Lewis. Let's hope Henry has more luck.

WR1: Alshon Jeffrey - Philadelphia Eagles: Jeffrey is a big target and he's got his starting quarterback in Carson Wentz to throw him open.

WR2: Mike Evans - Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Evans is another big target, so let's hope Jameis Winston throws him some 50/50 balls.

TE: Kyle Rudolph - Minnesota Vikings: The Vikings have plenty of targets, but Rudolph is by far the biggest and strongest.

D/ST: Seattle Seahawks: The Seahawks play the Raiders this week, and boy, have they struggled on offense. That'll help Seattle make big plays.

K: Graham Gano - Carolina Panthers: The key to picking kickers is finding consistency. That's what Gano provides.

FLEX: Josh Gordon - New England Patriots: Tom Brady's new target showed up big in their last game. He'll continue this week.



## THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

### Friday, Oct. 12:

- Men's & Women's Cross Country at Muskegon CC Invitational
- Women's Volleyball vs. Findlay 11:30 a.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana
- Women's Volleyball vs. Indianapolis 5:30p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana
- Men's Hockey vs. Western Michigan 7:07p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 13:

- Women's Tennis vs. Wayne State 10 a.m.
- Women's Volleyball vs. Drury (Mo.) 1 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana
- Football at Grand Valley 7 p.m.
- Men's Hockey at Western Michigan 7:07 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 14:

- Women's Tennis vs. Ashland 10 a.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Northwood noon

## TEAM TORCH BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Cam Newton	16
RB1	Leonard Fournette	0
RB2	Dion Lewis	6
WR1	Marvin Jones	8
WR2	Albert Wilson	9
TE	Hunter Henry	0
FLEX	Corey Clement	0
D	Houston Texans	10
K	Robbie Gould	-1
Total:		48

## FERRIS STATE BOX SCORE

Position	Player	Points
QB	Jayru Campbell	32
RB1	Marvin Campbell	8
RB2	Derrick Portis	4
WR1	Sy Barnett	27
WR2	Jevon Shaw	18
TE	Jacob Allan	7
FLEX	Xavier Wade	13
D	Ferris State	1
K	Jackson Dieterle	6
Total:		116

## Winning mentality

### Ferris fall sports finding success

Mollie Hamelund  
Torch Reporter

Ferris has a history of sporting success, but this fall, multiple teams are taking that success to a new level.

Heading up Ferris fall success are the football, volleyball and women's soccer teams. All three teams are ranked in the top 20 for NCAA Division II sports, and all three are undefeated in GLIAC play.

"A lot of players that are coming back on all three teams have been around and gained a lot of experience," Ferris assistant athletic director Rob Bentley said. "They've had a lot of success."



Rob Bentley

Bentley started his career at Ferris 19 years ago before the university's sports program was even on the map. The school is surely on the map now, after the Ferris men's basketball team won their national championship earlier this year.

A team that has made a considerable jump from last season is the women's soccer team. After ending last season 11-8, Ferris head coach Andy McCaslin's team is on track to eclipse that win total by a longshot.

Currently standing at 9-1-2, they have their eyes set on scoring goals well into November. Ferris senior defender Carley Dubbert has been a key player in the scor-

ing line, currently leading the Bulldogs in goals scored.

"We are in a very competitive conference, so there are no teams that you can overlook," Dubbert said. "We talk about each game as it comes and try to avoid looking too far ahead."

Ferris volleyball has also found great success this fall. They've started this season 16-3 and have moved up to No. 16 ranked team nationally. With just eight games left in the regular season, the Bulldogs are in a good spot to take control of the GLIAC tournament.

"This team is very centered, very much about the team, very much focused on doing what they can in their role to help the team be successful," Ferris volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "We're simple. We're a one day at a time team."

Then, there's the Bulldog football team, which remains undefeated at 6-0. Ferris junior quarterback Jayru Campbell has been taking Big Rapids by storm, leading his team in both passing and rushing yards.

With a monumental matchup with rival Grand Valley State University slated for Saturday, Oct. 13, the Bulldogs will look to take home the Anchor-Bone Classic title.

Tournament time is approaching quickly, as the regular season closes for most teams in the GLIAC. People will soon learn who truly has taken a leap forward from a year ago, and who will have to wait another year for a chance at a championship.



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## Bulldog hockey prepares for competitive home schedule

**Danny Collins**  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris men's hockey team is looking to bring back the Bulldog standard of excellence on the ice this season as the team gets set to host some highly-anticipated competitors.

The team will once again be playing all of their home games inside of the Ewingleben Ice Arena. This year will feature 18 home games, which will be the most in the last three seasons.

The Bulldogs' home schedule featured 17 home games in 2016-17, and 16 home games in 2017-18.

Last season, the Bulldogs proved to be the better team in front of their home crowd as they went 9-7 at home and only 5-16-1 on the road.

"Home ice advantage is huge for us. The atmosphere in our rink is incredible. Every little hit, shot, nice play, et cetera, makes the arena extremely loud. The adrenaline is definitely pumping when the Dawg Pound is loud," Ferris senior defenseman Zac Tierney said.



Zac Tierney

The home-ice advantage showed over the weekend as the Bulldogs claimed two exhibition wins over the U.S. Under-18 squad and Lethridge. The Bulldogs defeated the U.S. Under-18 team 3-1 and Lethridge 5-2.

Ferris hockey is known nationally for their rowdy "Dawg Pound" student section. This section has been sold out for the last six years, which tallies more than 100 straight regular season contests. Ewingleben Ice Arena has been home to more than 25 sellouts since the 2011-12 season, in which the Bulldogs competed in the national championship game at the NCAA Frozen Four.

"The home ice advantage we have at Ferris is tremen-



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Ferris sophomore forward Liam MacDougall carries the puck down the ice. The Bulldogs received two big exhibition wins over the weekend.

dous. Hearing the Dawg Pound and band every Friday and Saturday night makes playing at Ferris so special," Ferris senior defenseman Ryker Killins said. "I love this year's home schedule. It's obviously awesome to play 18 home games, and to be in front of our crowd and with the Dawg Pound giving us that extra boost we need."



Ryker Killins

The Bulldogs once again are scheduled to play games against many of the nation's top-ranked teams. These teams consist of Michigan Tech, Western Michigan and Michigan State, all of which will make an appearance in Ewingleben Ice Arena in front of the Dawg Pound.

Out-of-state opponents that the Bulldogs will be hosting consist of Mercyhurst University (Pennsylvania), Bowling Green

State University (Ohio), Minnesota State University and more.

"Home games create a major advantage for our team because we can go about our regular routines that may be altered when we're on the road and traveling. It also gives us the opportunity to feed off the momentum of our crowd and Dawg Pound," Ferris senior forward Trevor Recktenwald said. "This year's home schedule benefits us a little more than last year's. We have the most home games since I've been here in Big Rapids and that creates a huge advantage because we will be able to play in front of our fans."

The Bulldogs will open their regular season schedule at home as the team gets set to host in-state rival Western Michigan 7:07 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

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## Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Megan Lewton

If I've learned anything about people during my time on this planet, it's that everyone needs to gain a little patience.

Patience seems to be a rare commodity among many people, and I don't quite understand why everyone is in a rush all the time. Sure, maybe here and there I'm in a hurry to get somewhere, but most of the time, I'm fine waiting a few extra minutes.

Unfortunately, that's not true for a lot of people.

Just recently, I was out of town camping with my family. The drive back to Ferris was supposed to take two hours. About 30 minutes into my drive and two miles before I had to take an exit, the expressway was consumed with standstill traffic. I was a little annoyed, but I wasn't in a huge rush to get home. I was fine.

Everyone else around me was not fine. People were driving as far as they could go in the closed lane, then whipping into the open lane, consequently cutting off other cars and prompting people to lay on their horn. This was all in an attempt to get just a little bit further ahead in the line of backed-up traffic.

As I sat in my truck on the expressway, actively avoiding getting smashed into by these reckless drivers, I wondered why everyone was so desperate to get to their destination. Was the driver about to miss a flight? Was he on his way to the biggest job interview of his life? Was someone in labor in the backseat?

I've found that a lack of patience exists basically everywhere. I see people all the time getting angry with their waiters or baristas

## The waiting game

because the line ahead of them is long and their food is taking a little bit more time than usual. Some drivers do a rolling stop at stop signs with crosswalks, nearly hitting pedestrians. People double-text just minutes after sending the first message and not getting a response, afraid that the receiver is ignoring them.

We live in an age where information and products are frequently available at a moment's notice. Between speedy delivery of fast food restaurants, one-day shipping offered by many online retailers and the surplus of knowledge at our fingertips thanks to the internet, people don't have to wait nearly as long as they once had to to get what they want. And while this is great, it weakens everyone's willingness to wait.

I know waiting can be annoy-

ing. Sometimes, you really need to be somewhere or you need to have that product or meal in your possession quicker than it is becoming available. However, I think we could all benefit from taking things a little slower.

If you have to wait an extra five or ten minutes, stop and smell the roses. Take that extra time to look around, people-watch, pick up a newspaper or check your phone. Unless the wait is ridiculously long or it'll make you late to a vastly important appointment, it really won't throw your day off very much.

As for my traffic catastrophe, I just sang really loudly to Panic! At the Disco and it got me through. At the end of the day, I made it to my destination, and I don't even care anymore about that extra 30 minutes I lost.

# Confessions of a white girl

I am ashamed to admit this



Holly Baker  
Torch Reporter

I absolutely love fall. As soon as I see one leaf change color, I throw on my sweater and head to the nearest haunted house and pumpkin patch.

Fall is a time of optimism and surprise. Everyone is excited about the chilly weather after a sweaty summer. The semester is just starting, and days are starting to slow down. Fall sparks a beginning to a season of movie marathons, rain puddles and specialty drinks.

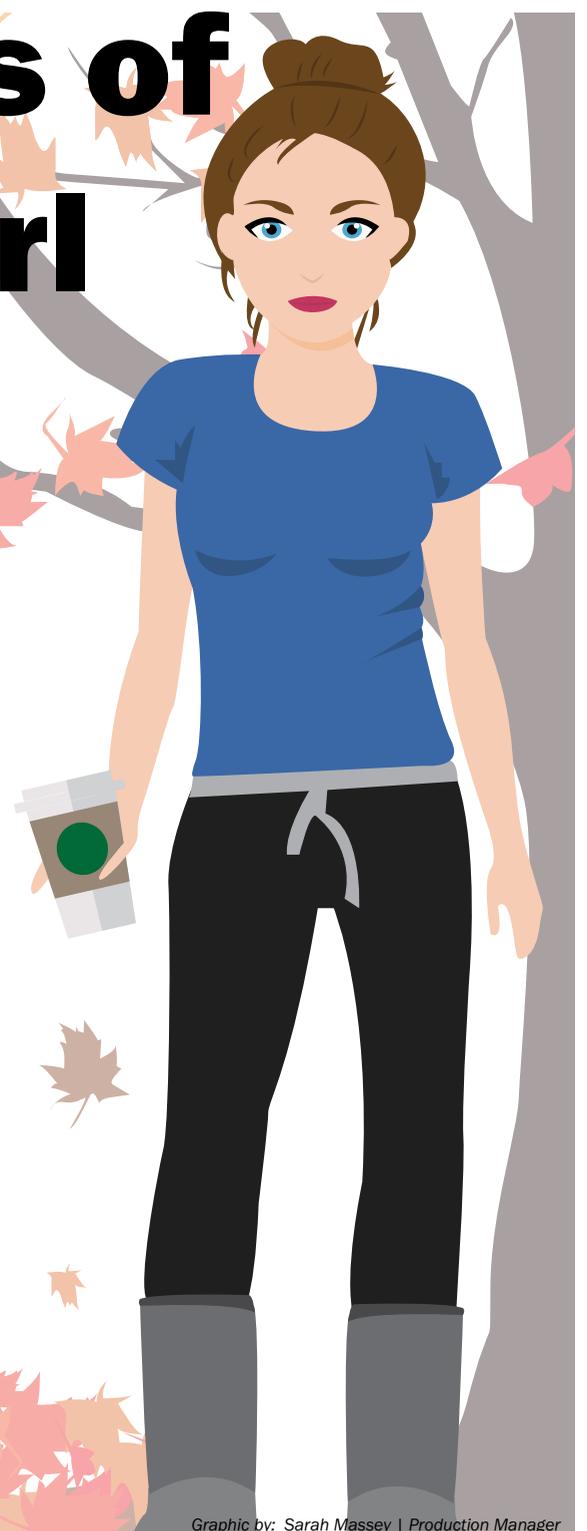
Do not get me wrong: I love Starbucks, especially here at Ferris. There's nothing better than a grande iced caramel macchiato with extra caramel during class. Also, I'm all about embracing my white girl exterior. I take that selfie and post it on Instagram with a dozen different hashtags with pride. But, although my small white girl exterior may fool you, I think a pumpkin spice latte (PSL) tastes like the melted wax of a fall candle.

I know, I know, my taste buds are broken. Honestly, I wish I could jump on the PSL bandwagon. But the PSL still has so much more wrong with it. First of all, Starbucks released the latte Aug. 28. I'm pretty sure the temperature was still in the upper 80s at that point. That is not during the cozy

fall weather that these kind of drinks should be consumed in.

Second of all, the drink didn't even contain pumpkin until 2015. Why would there be pumpkin in the title if there isn't pumpkin in the drink? The drink is literally just coffee, milk and a ton of spices. So America's favorite latte was living a lie until recently. If you're someone who cares about sugar, a grande pumpkin spice latte has the same amount of sugar as five Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Personally, I would rather eat the doughnuts.

I am finally coming clean to the world. Fellow white girls, I apologize. I will willingly return my Uggs. Let us associate fall with more things than just a spicy drink. To me, fall is watching spooky movies in your pajamas, carving pumpkins and sitting by the warmth of a fire. A breath of fresh air before winter rushes in, fall is a beautiful time when trees shed their leaves in preparation for their well-deserved rest. Without fall, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the natural magic unique to Michigan and all of its treasures. I am thankful for it here in Big Rapids.



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4. Email your opinion to the editor for a chance to have your work published in our next issue!

# Intent doesn't matter

## Brett Kavanaugh's appointment shows how many treat sexual assault

If you follow any semblance of the news, especially politics, you've likely become recently familiarized with the names Brett Kavanaugh and Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. Kavanaugh is the accused and Ford the accuser in a sexual assault that reportedly happened in the early 1980's. But this is much bigger than that.

Kavanaugh was recently sworn in as the newest Supreme Court justice, a lifetime appointment that represents one of the most prestigious positions in the American political system. Whether or not this sexual assault claim is true should have been imperative to whether or not the senate even held a confirmation hearing. It wasn't, and we had a week-long FBI investigation during a pause in the confirmation. Nothing was found, especially against all of the constraints involving the investigation, which raised its own concerns by being too hasty.

During a senate hearing Thursday, Sept. 27, that was aimed at airing the details about the alleged assault and gave senators a chance to ask questions to both Kavanaugh and Ford, Ford drew multiple questions about her intent when coming forward with the assault accusation implying that her intent is somehow important when in fact, it's not.

It does not matter even if the one singular reason that she came forward, thrusting herself into an unwanted spotlight full of unwanted attention, is to stop Kavanaugh's appointment to Supreme Court. All that matters is whether or not there is a reason to believe that her claims are warranted. Even if Ford came forward only to stop Kavanaugh's appointment, if he is guilty of sexual assault he doesn't deserve to hold that office. Any other stance not only discredits victims who come forward, but also implies that even if guilty, sex offenders won't be held accountable by the American justice or political system; the action of his appointment shows that for many those in power are not listening to the people. Rallies were held all over the United States in response to his appointment, and people are already trying to find ways to impeach him.

According to Philip Bump of the Washington Post, "Kavanaugh will be the first Supreme court Justice nominated by someone who lost the popular vote to earn his seat with support from senators representing less than half of the country while having his nomination opposed by a



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Protesters have taken to the streets for months in opposition of Brett Kavanaugh being sworn in as 114th Supreme Court Justice.



Grant Siddall  
Torch Reporter

majority of Americans."

During the senate hearing, Ford also expressed that she had contacted her congressional representative about the alleged assault when Kavanaugh was still just a potential nominee for the position and hoped her message would reach the White House. This isn't just coming out of the blue to stop a senate confirmation; it was previously reported, and previously ignored, similarly to many reports of sexual abuse.

Ford described in the hearing how Kavanaugh held

his hand over her mouth to stifle her screams during the alleged assault. It isn't without irony that as a country, we've placed a proverbial hand over the mouths of victims, stifling their voices and their claims when they come forward.

Ford, however, is an addition to a long list of sexual assault accusers who have been discredited due to the amount of time before coming forward and the status of the accused. She went home only to receive death threat by strangers, and Kavanaugh became one of the most powerful people in our governing body.

We need to send a message to everyone that abuse won't be tolerated, and that victims will not be silenced. This case could be a good place to start. Keep fighting and make sure you are registered to vote and really think about the implications of certain people in power.

# Be spooky, not racist

## Let's keep offensive costumes from ruining Halloween festivities



Without question, fall has always been my favorite season. I love the smell of fall candles and a cup of hot spiced apple cider paired with my favorite horror movies. But here's what I don't like about the season: the offensive Halloween costumes that exist disguised as "scary" or "sexy". The reduction of people to stereotypes for a night of temporary fun isn't what I would call a good idea.

Before you shop for face paint, outfits and spooky accessories, let's establish one guideline for costumes this year: just don't be racist. I feel like that should go without saying, but every year people don't listen and I can't face palm hard enough. Just because it's Halloween and you can hide behind a costume, doesn't mean you should.

The holiday may be weeks away still, but an online petition with thousands of signatures is gaining steam in its opposition against Yandy's "sexy Native American" costumes like "Hot on the Hunt" and "Chief's Desire." The costume company previously pulled its "sexy" "Handmaid's Tale" costume following protests concerning women's oppression. It released a statement saying that triggering offense was "not our intention on any level." When enough white women complained, the company apologized, but when people in and out of Native communities complain the company stays quiet. Native American costumes are bestsellers at many shops all over the United States. That is the reality for many minority groups, and Halloween costumes cheapen the experiences and histories of people and hurt people by normalizing the dehumanization of their cultures.

When I see the phrase "cultural appropriation," I know many people roll their eyes. How can a costume hurt someone? I can begin by saying that Native women are three and a half times more likely to be victims of violent crime than other women. The rate of sexual assault is more than twice the

national average, highlighting the point that dressing up and perpetuating Native women as sex objects is especially harmful. Plenty of people believe that Native groups don't even exist anymore and that their culture is up for grabs. By disregarding the role costumes play in this, you are only perpetuating further harm.

Leave headdresses and fake regalia out of your Ferris Halloween parties and music festivals like Coachella. It's in bad taste. While you might wear a costume for one night, someone else lives with the stigma their entire life. While some offensive costumes are not as obvious as blackface, their presence is harmful. Though many don't pick their costumes maliciously, society needs to understand the historic context and oppression of other people. You can appreciate another's culture without trying to imitate it into a mockery of what it really is. Even still, some people dress up as someone or somethings from another's culture to honor it, like Katy Perry dressed up as a geisha for a song performance. Even if you have good intentions, that doesn't mean you're off the hook.

When this subject comes up every year, I think of every episode of Scooby-Doo where the creatures are unmasked and 9/10 times, the villain is an old white man. Don't be that guy. It's not that difficult to check out whether your costume is racist or not. The older I have gotten, the more I try to raise awareness and bring attention to Halloween costumes that are frankly unnecessary. Costumes aren't just innocent fun, and we can't have a good scare when you add things like racism to the equation.

Go out and buy your Halloween costume and have fun at parties across Ferris and Big Rapids this month, but consider the story behind what you're wearing. There are countless costume options that don't hurt anyone and are so much fun to wear.

# Free the weed

## People shouldn't have to risk their lives everyday for pain relief



The upcoming Nov. 6 election has many people around the state anticipating the vote on recreational marijuana in Michigan.

This October marks 81 years since marijuana became federally illegal in the U.S. Yet, over the past decade, the support for marijuana legalization has increased dramatically. A 2017 study says about every six in 10 Americans support legalization, according to pewresearch.org. Current Michigan law says that marijuana use is only legal for patients with debilitating medical conditions.

Recreational marijuana has many potential benefits for Michigan. Not only will legalizing marijuana recreationally be relieving our residents of physical pain, but it will also improve our economy and lower crime rates.

Before marijuana was illegal in the U.S., cannabis-infused extracts were sold over the counter and were used to treat symptoms such as menstrual pain. According to nccih.nih.gov, marijuana has been used to treat health conditions for at least the past 3,000 years.

According to www.health.harvard.edu, the most common reason for medical marijuana use in the U.S. is to control pain. If more citizens had access, it could help with painkiller and opiate addiction, replacing them with a natural medicine.

Not only has marijuana been proven to be medically beneficial, but states that have legalized the plant recreationally have seen some amazing results. If cannabis is legalized in Michigan, the results could be quite similar.

Colorado, one of the first states to vote recreational, saw

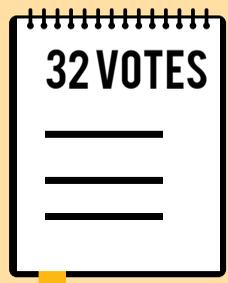
some drastic economic improvements. According to www.ippsr.msu.edu, Colorado has raised more than \$500 million in tax revenue since legalizing marijuana recreationally. They also estimate that if Michigan legalized marijuana, the revenue would be about \$63 million a year.

With all of the legalization talk, some people may be concerned that if Michigan does vote for recreational marijuana, youth drug use will increase. In a 2015 study done by Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, students in Colorado were asked if they had smoked marijuana in the past 30 days. While 25 percent answered yes in pre-legalization 2009, only 21 percent answered yes in 2015 after legalization. The study concluded the use of marijuana in youth had stayed relatively the same, if not lower, regardless of recreational legalization.

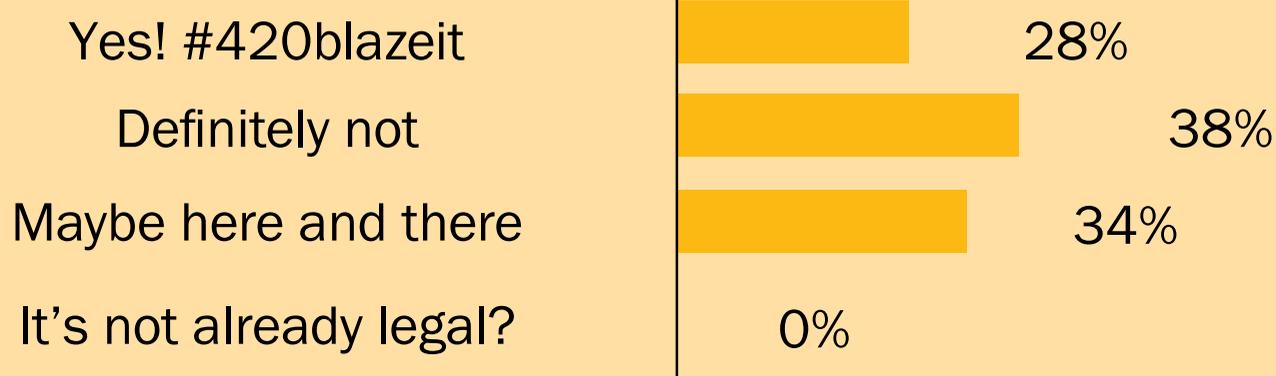
With recreational legalization, marijuana crimes themselves can be expected to plummet. According to aclu-wa.org, when Washington state legalized recreational weed use in 2012, possession charges dropped 98 percent. If this happens in Michigan, so many more of our residents will be able to keep their record clean, which will give them so many more opportunities in life.

No matter what your opinion is on recreational marijuana, it deserves to be heard. Don't forget to go and vote Tuesday, Nov. 6!

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