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A safer social network

DPS reveals new campus-wide threat assessment tools

Trenton Carlson
Torch Reporter

Ferris' Department of Public Safety (DPS) is making many changes in their efforts toward keeping the campus a safe place for students.

Ferris DPS has implemented new campuswide software technology designed to alert DPS when a violent threat may be imminent. The software — a monitoring tool called Social Sentinel — monitors social media around the clock, notifying appointed officials via email any time threatening keywords targeted toward students, campus or the user's self are posted online.

"Obviously if we can keep a bad thing from happening, that's desirable for everyone," Ferris Director of Public Safety Bruce Borkovich said



Bruce Borkovich

Although this news may be unsettling to some students, Borkovich ensures that it does not illegally or improperly invade anyone's privacy. The technology simply scans for keywords such as "kill," "bomb" or "shoot," for example.

This technology was funded in part through raising the prices of commuter parking passes by \$30 from \$100 to \$130. Many students are in support of the extra cash going towards safety for students and staff.

"I think it's a good idea," Ferris biotechnology senior Ethan Tippet said. "Coming to Ferris I knew it was always Ferris' initiative for safety, and I really appreciated that coming here. I guess in the long run I



Ethan Tippet

would rather pay for more protection than risk having any sort of major crisis happen to me or any of my friends."

Although not all students are happy with the new prices of parking passes, according to Borkovich, Ferris still has the lowest cost for parking passes in the lower peninsula.

"It makes sense if they have a crisis prevention system," Ferris pre-physical therapy student Jonathan Nguyen said. "Universities have a lot more school shootings now, so I see where they are coming from."

Ferris has also implemented another new threat assessment tool called Mosaic. This can be used by the threat assessment team at Ferris to determine if a person is dangerous based on information they are given and then put into the software. The software reads the data and then provides the team with a number between one and ten that determines the danger of a person along with an accuracy percentage. This percentage is determined based on how many of the questions the threat assessment team was able to answer while using the software.



Jonathan Nguyen

Ferris also plans on implementing a new set of security cameras with the money earned from raising parking pass prices by the start of next summer, details of which are not yet revealed.



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- Lindsay Barber - See below for story

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Flu season is fast approaching

How students can prevent and prepare for the upcoming 2019 - 20 flu season

Ry Rodriguez
Torch Reporter

With the seasons changing and school in full swing, students are at a higher risk of sickness with flu season right around the corner.

For students trying to avoid illness or attracting influenza this season, one option is getting a vaccine from the Birkam Health Center.



Lindsay Barber

“There are some things everyone should do in addition to getting the vaccine to help avoid getting sick — wash your hands and avoid close contact with people who are sick,” Ferris Director of Birkam Health and Personal Counseling Center Lindsay Barber said.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also suggests that if you come down with the flu, stay away from others and try to cover your mouth and nose (elbows, not hands) if sneezing is occurring to help others stay healthy.

For some students, this seems common sense.

“I wash my hands regularly, and I tend not to drink from other people’s drinks,” Ferris business administration junior Kendall Rooks said. “The thing about washing my hands is I hate having dirty and non-clean hands, like after touching desk and before I eat to prevent me from getting sick.”

For those who contract the flu, medical attention is not usually necessary.

“The flu is a virus,” Barber said. “A virus is not traditionally treated with an antibiotic. Most people who contract the flu do not need medical attention. If you are sick with the flu, stay home, avoid people and crowds, and treat the symptoms with over-the-counter and home remedies.”

Barber also debunked the myth of ‘flu shots giving the actual flu.’

“This is not true. The flu vaccine that we provide is an ‘inactivated virus’ which means that it does not introduce a live virus into your body,” Barber said.

The CDC recommends anyone from the age of 6 months and above get a flu shot. The earlier the flu shot is administered, the better the chance to have protection against later viruses during the upcoming flu season.

This year the CDC has reported between 162 to 169 million doses of the vaccine to hit the U.S. market. Among these include three primary flu vaccines, which usually protect against three or four different viruses.

For some students new to campus, learning where to get their flu shot can be an important step in staying healthy.

“I do get flu shots, and no I wouldn’t mind getting them here, I just don’t know how to get them,” Ferris welding engineering and technology freshman Mark Helton said about Birkam Health.

Students can set up a vaccination appointment through the Healthy Dog Student Health Portal through MyFSU or call the center to make an appointment.

These appointments are free for people who have not requested for their health center fee to be refunded. No insurance card is needed to obtain a flu shot.



Photo submitted by Chanella Garcia

Ferris ROTC students stand at attention as an American flag is raised on campus.

Military science to military service

ROTC Program offers students the opportunities to get a taste of military life while getting their degree

Elizabeth Norvey
Torch Reporter

Ferris’ Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is providing opportunities to students inside and outside of the classroom.

Ferris’ ROTC program is a way for students to get experience with military science and, should students decide to sign a contract for the military, a scholarship, monthly stipend, and a book advance.

“For all students we offer the benefit of having a true insight to how the U.S. Army operates, with real opportunities to train and act as a soldier without having to be one,” Ferris assistant professor of military science and 2LT Chanella Garcia said. “The first step for any student who is interested in ROTC is signing up for the military science classes. They sign-up the same way they would for any other class.

If [the students] are looking to have the military be part of their life during and after college, then they have the opportunity to sign a contract with us. This contract locks them into a position where they get paid while going to college and while training to be an officer in the U.S. Army. They also have the opportunity to apply and receive scholarships during the contracting process for tuition or room and board.”

Some Ferris students, such as Jennifer Orent, decided to enter the ROTC program and military early on because of family.

“I knew from a young age I wanted to be an officer. My parents were both in the Navy and they always told my brother and I that if they could go back, they would have went the officer route, so I am doing what they couldn’t,” Orent said.

Others decide to join because of an urge to help people while getting their degrees.

“I wanted to broaden my ability to lead others and be the most effective servant leader I could for the people and soldiers around me,” Ferris manufacturing engineering and ROTC student Andrew Smolinski said, “I would like to pursue becoming an Officer in the US Army, while still seeking a Bachelor’s degree in manufacturing engineering.”

Both students mentioned the need for dedication in order to enter the ROTC program, particularly if a student chose to sign a contract and enter the military.

Anyone interested in the Ferris State ROTC program can find information through the Ferris website as well as in their office, in room 626 of Bishop Hall.

Requirements for signing a contract

- Must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree
- Must be a full-time students
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0
- Attend physical training sessions
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test
- Pass Army medical screenings and qualifications

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

Grant Siddall
News Editor

Europe

Members of the European Council reached a deal to redistribute some migrant asylum seekers to other countries in Europe. The deal was struck in order to take burden off of countries like Italy, Greece, and Malta which are receiving a large amount of migrants due to the policy of aid ships dropping migrants off at the nearest safe port. The new deal will ensure that other European Union states open their ports to migrants.

Original article by Jason Horowitz, Sept. 23, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Nairobi, Kenya

Dozens of students were injured and at least seven killed when a school building in Kenya collapsed. Kenya's education minister says that a second level was added to the school without

planning permission. Kenyatta National Hospital reported that 64 students were being treated and that "...the children are stable as they receive treatment."

Original article by Richard Perez-Pena and Daniel Victor, Sept. 23, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Jakarta, Indonesia

Violent protests in Indonesia left 20 civilians dead as protesters torched government buildings, shops and homes. The protests started after rumors that a teacher had insulted an indigenous student in the province of Papua. Most deaths came from those trapped in burning buildings, though the police also killed three protesters. About 65 civilians were injured and five police officers were critically injured according to a Papua military spokesman.

Original article by The Associated Press, Sept. 23, 2019. *The New York Times*.

- ON THE RECORD -

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

Why can't we be friends?

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

Why can't we be friends?

Sept. 18, 7:45 p.m., the student who previously wrote obscenities in the dirt on another students car continued to have issues with the student who owned the car. Officers went to North Hall to talk to the two subjects and reported that they had been harassing each other back and forth. North Hall directors issued a no contact order between them and the subjects were given info on personal protection orders.

Unfortunate turn of events

Sept. 19, 1 p.m., a subject had

left a bag on the table of the first floor of Wheeler Pavilion and was gone about 30 minutes. When the subject came back, their bag that had an iPhone and other equipment in it was gone. The investigation is still open.

This isn't Call of Duty

Sept. 19, 11:45 p.m., a student shot two people with an airsoft gun in Ward Hall. The subjects shot did not wish to press charges and the airsoft gun was confiscated by the officers.

Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 489 tickets between Sept. 15 through 21, totaling \$8,025.

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9/25

FIELD DAY

Wednesday, 9/25, starts at 7:30pm at Top Taggart Field and will feature mini-golf, obstacle course, ladder ball, corn hole, tug of war, prizes, and more!

9/26

COMEDIAN, MARLON WAYANS

Thursday, 9/26 starts at 8pm at Williams Auditorium. Tickets are available in the CLACS Office through show day until noon for \$15, then at the Williams Auditorium box office.

9/27

PEP RALLY

Friday, 9/27 starts at 8pm in the University Center and will feature coaches, players, sign making for the game, arcade games, food, and more!

9/28

PARADE

Saturday, 9/28 starts at noon downtown, sign up on Bulldog Connect to register your RSO.

9/29

FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, 9/28, starts at 3pm football versus Northern Michigan, Ambassador will be announced at halftime.

Check out ferris.edu/homecoming for additional details

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Generational War and Peace

The FSU Annual Conversation on Inclusion hosts a discussion on how different generations interact in the workplace

Elizabeth Norvey
Torch Reporter

"This is the best — not one of — but the best event on campus," Ferris Provost Paul Blake said in his opening remarks during the FSU Annual Conversation on Inclusion.

The Thursday, Sept. 19, event focused on communication between generations within the workplace and featured three keynote speakers: one from the Baby Boomer generation, one from Generation X, and one from Generation Y; a "Millennial."

"One of the things that our organization has had to deal with is welcoming newcomers but remembering that they're individuals," speaker Michael G. Walraven said.

The loosely-followed theme the speakers presented was "not painting generations with a broad stroke," a phrase reiterated several times throughout the discussion. The focused view was how people in the workplace, regardless of generation, should be tolerant and respectful of their coworkers.

Another theme of the discussion, primarily from speaker Tim Baumgardner — the Generation X speaker — was the concept of conformity to expectations. Baumgardner mentioned a story in which he changed his manner of dress as a means to "climb the corporate ladder." This conformity also extended to expect-

tations workers held within and toward the company they work for. While Walraven mentioned the changing of expectations or benefits needed from a workplace from money to time, Millennial speaker Arielle Barlage focused more toward earning good experiences from a job.

"Once you move through the career path for a bit and you reach a certain amount of income where you can care for yourself and care for your family and accomplish the things that bring you joy in life, money then isn't as important as some of the other things," Baumgardner said. "I'm personally more motivated by a healthy work-life balance."

The emphasis the speakers seemed to place on time over money also seemed to increase with age.

When the event began, the audience was asked if they were there for extra credit, and an anonymous member of the audience responded that "it's more than just extra credit, it's mandatory." After the event, reactions seemed to range from genuine interest to boredom, though many students found it informative.

"I really don't know what it's for," Ferris operations and supply chain management freshman Breyanna Gebben said, regarding the discussion as it began. "I just know that it's something about inclusion, and I'm kind of excited to learn what it's actually supposed to be about."



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NEWS BRIEFS

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Lifestyles Editor

Sports Speakers Series

Warren Henson: Listen to alum Warren Henson speak of his experience in the criminal justice field and as a basketball coach 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in IRC 120. The event will be hosted by the Sports Careers RSO, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the sports communication program and the criminal justice program. It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sandy Alspach at SandraAlspach@ferris.edu.

Hugh Ryan Author Talk

Hear author Hugh Ryan discuss his novel, "When Brooklyn Was Queer," 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in University Center 116. The event will be hosted by the LGBTQ+ Resource Center in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month. Ryan will answer questions and sign copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Copies of the novel can be borrowed from the LGBTQ+ Resource Center in advance. For more information, contact Sarah Doherty at SarahDoherty@ferris.edu.

The Incredible 5,000-Mile Journey of Saul Flores

In honor of Latinx Heritage Month, hear Saul Flores speak about the dangerous journey of immigration 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in UC 202. Flores walked 5,328 miles through 10 countries to show how dangerous immigration can be, and in the process, he raised money for a Mexican elementary school. He will be speaking of his trek and showing pictures of the people, communities and cultures he saw during it. The event will be hosted by Sigma Lambda Beta, the Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Hispanic Student Organization, the Center for Latin@ Studies and Spanish faculty. For more information, contact Daniel Rivera at riverad2@ferris.edu.

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“It just seems logical to want to branch out. It’s your first opportunity to see the world, so why waste it?” - Trent Carlson - See page 7 for story

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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

The phrase is just two simple words. It is just 14 letters long. And yet, as short as it is, too many people seemingly come up short when it comes to actually grasping this concept in its entirety.

The term, which is defined in the dictionary as “politeness that people can usually be expected to show” seems easy enough to understand.

However, I have an announcement to make: The human race sucks.

Now, obviously this doesn’t refer to all people. Many individuals have not only heard of this concept but have implemented it

into the fabric of their everyday lives. They’re the kind folks who have this human interaction thing figured out.

Then you get to those individuals who haven’t quite mastered the concept. These people are easily recognized in your daily life. They’re the ones who fail to do things such as holding the door open for the person behind them, or letting someone know if there is a change of plans as to not leave the other individual in the dark.

These are just the most basic examples of the term.

If you want a deeper dive into this concept, think of a relation-

Common courtesy

ship, whether it be intimate or just a friendship. Common courtesy when it comes to a relationship can be as simple as respecting the other individual in the relationship or not interrupting them when they talk.

Common courtesy is even relevant when it comes to the end of a relationship. Some people end relationships by text. That’s not common courtesy. Some end relationships without letting the other person speak their mind. That’s not common courtesy.

But now, back to the definition. If the word truly means “politeness that people can usually be

expected to show” then why don’t we hold everyone to that standard. Why don’t we call out those who fail to show common courtesy. That needs to stop.

So, I challenge all of you who are reading this. If you witness another person going out of their way to act in a manner which discourages, hurts, or even annoys another individual, call them out.

Let’s spread the word on what common courtesy truly means and get people to stop being jerks, one person at a time.

Baking the grade

Trying my best to be Buddy Valastro



Sydney Stevens
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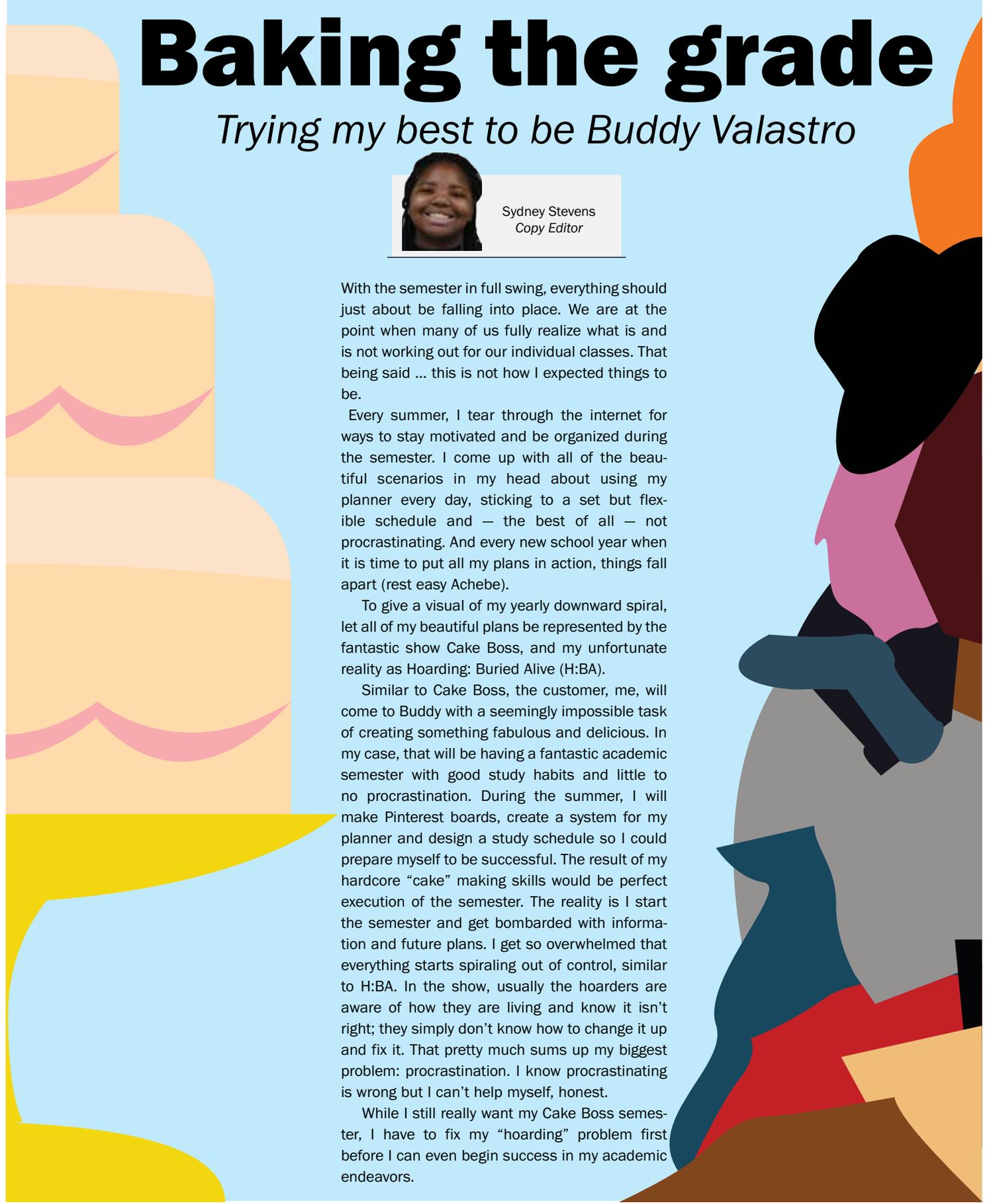
With the semester in full swing, everything should just about be falling into place. We are at the point when many of us fully realize what is and is not working out for our individual classes. That being said ... this is not how I expected things to be.

Every summer, I tear through the internet for ways to stay motivated and be organized during the semester. I come up with all of the beautiful scenarios in my head about using my planner every day, sticking to a set but flexible schedule and — the best of all — not procrastinating. And every new school year when it is time to put all my plans in action, things fall apart (rest easy Achebe).

To give a visual of my yearly downward spiral, let all of my beautiful plans be represented by the fantastic show Cake Boss, and my unfortunate reality as Hoarding: Buried Alive (H:BA).

Similar to Cake Boss, the customer, me, will come to Buddy with a seemingly impossible task of creating something fabulous and delicious. In my case, that will be having a fantastic academic semester with good study habits and little to no procrastination. During the summer, I will make Pinterest boards, create a system for my planner and design a study schedule so I could prepare myself to be successful. The result of my hardcore “cake” making skills would be perfect execution of the semester. The reality is I start the semester and get bombarded with information and future plans. I get so overwhelmed that everything starts spiraling out of control, similar to H:BA. In the show, usually the hoarders are aware of how they are living and know it isn’t right; they simply don’t know how to change it up and fix it. That pretty much sums up my biggest problem: procrastination. I know procrastinating is wrong but I can’t help myself, honest.

While I still really want my Cake Boss semester, I have to fix my “hoarding” problem first before I can even begin success in my academic endeavors.



DIVIDED OPINIONS

AWAY

I don't understand why some students would ever want to go to a university close to their hometown.

For me going away to college meant freedom and the opportunity to be who I wanted to be without worrying about things such as popularity like in high school. I also thought that the farther I went away from home would mean the more ability I would be granted.

I'm from Port Huron, Michigan, just thirty minutes north of Detroit and about three and a half hours from Big Rapids. Going to Ferris was my first choice because it allowed me to experience life away from home with the long drive deterring me from making the trip every weekend like some people.

To me, it just seems like people who are still caught in the same hometown loop went to either Central Michigan University, Michigan State or stayed in town and went to community college. To me, this is a one-way ticket to never leaving your hometown, something I have looked forward to for years. For this reason, when I was given the opportunity, I couldn't pass it up.



Trent Carlson
Torch Reporter

Understandably, college is costly and if that is the issue, by all means, do what you have to do to get your education. But if you have the opportunity to go anywhere why waste it?

It allows you to make an entirely new group of friends and the opportunity to reintroduce yourself to a society you are unfamiliar with as they are unfamiliar with you. You have so much freedom when you branch out and get away from home.

Going away to college may also be beneficial because you don't know a lot of people. Therefore, giving you more time to focus on yourself instead of being less than an hour away from home and having friends expecting you to come back for the weekend.

In my opinion, it just seems logical to want to branch out. It's your first opportunity to see the world, so why waste it?

Attending university: better off close to home, or far away?

HOME

Staying home for college was the most logical thing for me to do. I am from Reed City, a small city about 20 minutes away from Big Rapids. Growing up I was always close to Ferris campus, dreaming of the day I got to be one of the college kids walking around campus. Now I'm living the dream while saving hundreds of dollars because I live so close to campus I commute every day. I also don't have to pay for groceries or very much on gas.

I love the fact that I know a lot about the area of Big Rapids. Most people say there's not much around Big Rapids to do but I don't think of it like that. I love the calming atmosphere of Big Rapids and while we might not have a lot of bars and clubs around we do have a lot of cool things like parks and country roads. Because I am from here I get the opportunity to show all my college friends things they might not know about.

Another reason why I picked Ferris is because a lot of my close friends from



Marissa Russell
Torch Reporter

high school also decided to go to Ferris. I knew that if I went to Ferris I wouldn't be alone, I would at least have some friendly faces I knew around campus.

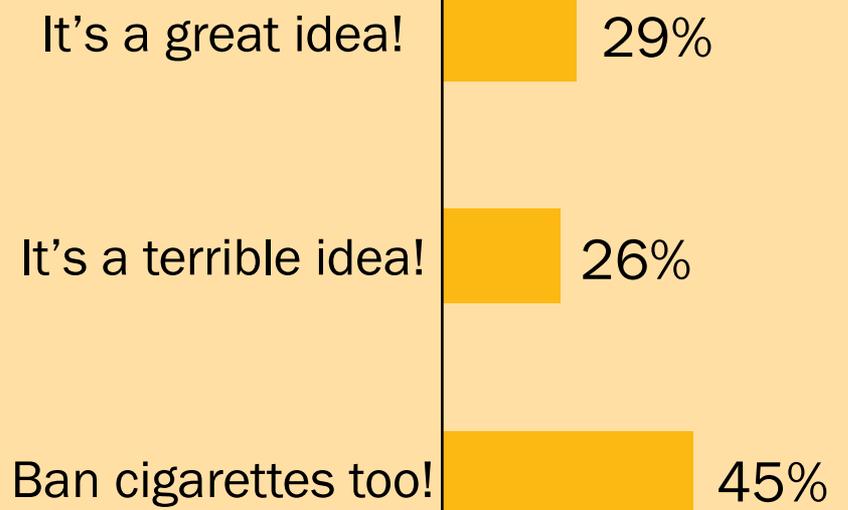
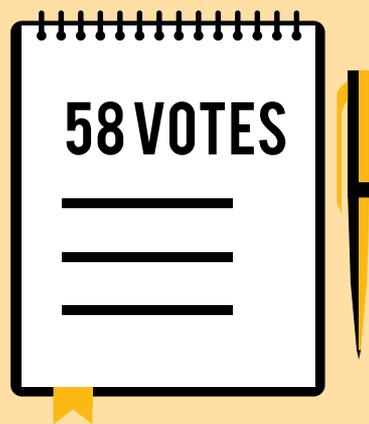
Moving away from home helps many students reinvent themselves and become someone different than their high school self. For me I was ok with who I was in high school. I knew exactly who I was and didn't want to change.

Moving away might have made me into someone I didn't recognize and I didn't like that thought. Although I do plan to move away from the Big Rapids area one day I am OK with staying around here for now.

I love the area I come from and I am proud to represent it every day I go to class.

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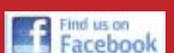
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A SUSPICIOUS STATUE



Why is that creepy statue of Woodbridge Nathan Ferris really there?

Shoo-fly
Won't stop bothering me

Walk onto the quad, and you'll see a statue of Woodbridge Ferris, the dude so uptight that he can't just have an entire university named after himself. No, he has to have himself immortalized in stone. But why? Is it really just to commemorate Mr. Ferris? Or is there something more?

We thoroughly examined the statue, and didn't see that it was made of any suspicious material. So the statue got a nice prostate exam, and the cloaking spell hid any traces of its true origins.

It could be a portal to another dimension. Or if you pull the statue out, you'll find where Elvis Presley's been all these years. It also could be where an ancient

tribe fanatically worshipped an Easter Island head and gave offerings of gum. Or where you'll find the Illuminati.

It also could mean the Woodbridge Ferris statue, the World Statue, and the 125th Anniversary Statue make up the northern Bermuda Triangle.

Students and faculty are notoriously skeptical of our conspiracy theories, and a result would not speak to us regarding the mysterious statue.

Does no one possess a healthy conspiracy these days? What are these phones and vaccines doing to our children? ARE WE BECOMING SHEEP?

Anyway, back to the topic at hand: If we rub the top of Woodbridge's head, will Robin Williams appear and give us three

wishes? Is the northern Bermuda Triangle where motivation goes to die? Just standing near the statue drained the energy and will to live from multiple *Tire Fire* reporters.

While it is technically undetermined if it was the statue of Woodbridge that caused such an adverse reaction in the reporters, or the fact that none of them had eaten anything but iced coffee for the past month, our reporters do claim that it was the statue, as they had felt fine prior to being near him.

We'll burn a few wooden bridges to get to the final answer. However, we will not be visiting the statue in person again, because his eyes followed

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According to that DNA test you took, you are only 3% that bitch.



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A project that you think will take five seconds will turn into five hours... Good luck with that.



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Drinking White Claws is not a personality trait.



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Your dreams will finally come true and you'll get hit by the campus shuttle.



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You're basically a clown so you might as well transfer to clown college



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Having 47 followers on your Spotify playlist doesn't make you a DJ.



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Now is the perfect time to drop out of all of your classes and ghost your roommate.



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You'll download Tik Tok as a joke and end up with an addiction problem and 300,000 followers.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Wait, you paid your rent at Campus Creek on time? Let's charge you \$3,000 in fees anyways.



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DUDE WHERE'S MY CAR?

The harrowing tale of how one student blacked out and lost a whole-ass vehicle.

Karen
Needs to speak to the manager

In an unfortunate Friday the 13th incident, a male student lost a whole-ass vehicle. A senior in the black-smithing program, Jason Voorhees woke up from an ill-fated blackout to find that his 2013 Volvo C30 had mysteriously disappeared.

Voorhees and his fraternity brothers, or 'frat bros' as he referred to them, made the weekly hungover march to Shooters to collect their vehicles. However, Voorhees was unable to locate his Volvo.

After making stops to check that he hadn't left his car in an obvious place, such as the Gypsy Nickel, the impound lot, or smashed into a tree, Voorhees contacted his fraternity group chat, aptly named 'the real bros 🍷🍷🍷' for help.

A group of man-children in varying states of intoxication pooled their 69 brain cells together to try to piece together a timeline from the previous night.

Voorhees and his 'big bro' Michael Myers, who unfortunately goes by the moniker "Eminem" as if he'd ever be that cool, spent the next seven hours trying to build that timeline of the night. Voorhees generously drew us a replica of the timeline they were able to create.

When one dumb freshman asked Voorhees why he didn't call the police, Voorhees looked the poor freshman dead in the eye and said "Fuck the 12."

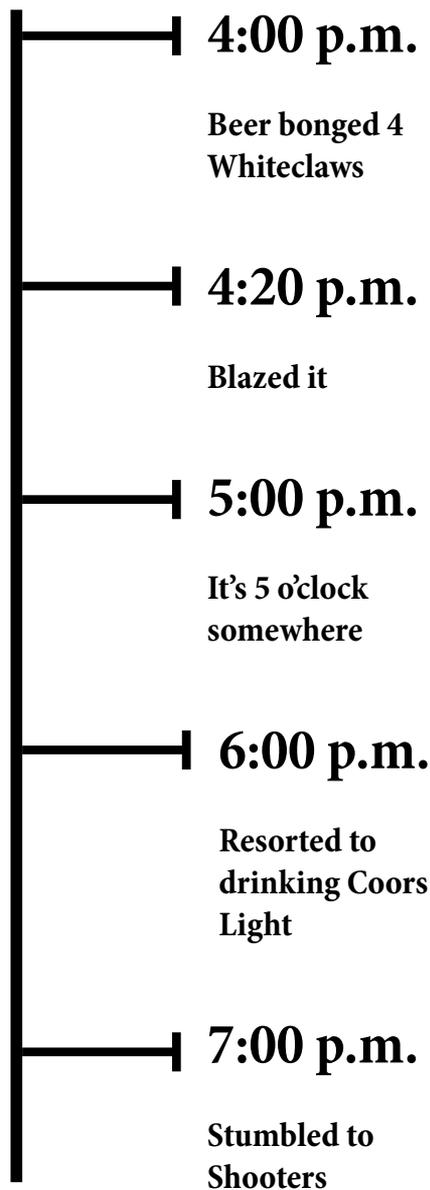
The next item of business on Myers' list of options to help Voorhees find his car was to text anyone and everyone Voorhees might've seen the night before.

Obviously, the entire Greek community at Ferris was contacted, just in case. All group project members from any classes Voorhees had were also questioned.

Jason was adamant that he had not seen his ex-girlfriend Carrie the night before, as he had made a pact through the 'Bro Code' with Michael 'Eminem' Myers that he wouldn't see Carrie, after Voorhees cheated on her and then was hurt when she got mad at him.

When asked if it was possible that Voorhees had seen Carrie the previous night, Myers got very defensive and refused to speak to *Tire Fire* reporters about the topic.

"Jason wouldn't do that. Carrie really hurt him by being angry. It was an accident that he slept with that Delta



girl. Carrie shouldn't even be upset! They look kind of similar."

Two *Tire Fire* reporters took it upon themselves to use the information that had been gathered, and attempt to put together a timeline of their own.

Despite their vast knowledge, the two reporters were unable to learn anything from the information Voorhees and Myers had given them. Very little handwriting was legible, and what could be deciphered was gibberish.

The *Tire Fire* was about to put this investigative piece to rest, when Voorhees got in contact with us.

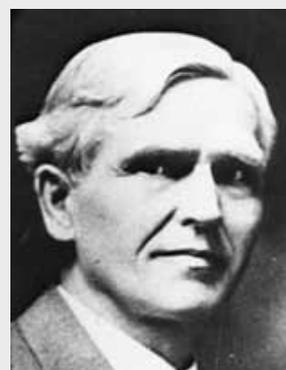
After beating around the bush and making very little sense, Voorhees admitted that he had found his vehicle. He was hesitant to tell us where the vehicle was found.

While many *Tire Fire* reporters had placed bets to where the vehicle was, few were shocked to be informed that Voorhees had, in fact, found his Volvo at the apartment of none other than his ex-girlfriend herself, Carrie.

When asked about the situation, Carrie said that Voorhees showed up at her apartment at 12:30 am and cried on her bedroom floor about how sorry he was, and that she was the love of his life, and how he wanted nothing more than to have her back.

At press time, Voorhees and Carrie are back together, seemingly happily.

ASK WOODBRIDGE



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"What is there for me to do in my free time?"

-Bored Brendon

You should've known when you showed up for orientation what there's absolutely nothing to do in your free time, other than get drunk, and/or smoke crack. Big Rapids is the most boring county in the United States. Look it up. Alternative facts. Your only options are literally: go to Shooters and get hammered on shitty death stars, or smoke actual crack.

- Woodbridge

"What happens if the university ever shuts down?"

-Paranoid Paul

Are you a freshman? I can tell you're a freshman. The Grand Rapids campus closes if it rains. However, main campus only closes if Eisler senses that he might lose money. He never shuts down campus during the winter because he knows Starbucks is going to be poppin'. Dave might consider shutting down campus during a hurricane, but even then it's unlikely, since you'll be stuck in the UC, you'll probably buy overpriced Quad food. Just don't expect him to be around in those instances, because we all know he goes missing whenever a university-wide crisis occurs.

- Woodbridge

"I've got a Netflix account, and my boyfriend likes to watch stuff like Stranger Things and Black Mirror under my account, and I hate those shows, because I want to watch The Last Kingdom and The Crown and Outlander, but he hogs the account so I can't watch what I want to. How can I watch my shows?"

- Grouchy Gretchen

Everyone sucks here. Your shitty boyfriend should get his own account so he doesn't have to continue to mooch off of you. And you, get a decent taste in entertainment. Outlander is for 40 year-old moms who are trying to escape their boring marriages with a shitty husband, and two dumbass kids. Those sex scenes are for grandmothers. You both should be ashamed of yourselves, but on the bright side, you're perfect for each other.

- Woodbridge

"Why is my professor playing Bubble Shooter while we're taking our test?"

- Testy Troy

Let the man live. He has to deal with your dumbass like three times a week. I know you never listen to him while he lectures, give him a break. If he wants to play Candy Crush, let him. You know damn well that you're too socially awkward to actually go ask him if you have a question about the test, so why should he just be sitting there and staring at you as you take your test?

- Woodbridge

"Who are you?"

- Inquisitive Ian

Wouldn't you like to know?

- Woodbridge

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"To that old white guy in the Quad the other day: PREACH QUEEN!"



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- OFF THE RECORD -

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

Phat Hoe
Baker

Should've been a business major

Sept. 3, 11:01 p.m., a first year pharmacy student was complaining about having to study already for their first exam only two weeks into the semester. No one present gave a shit.

Guess we'll never know

Sept. 5, 6:45 p.m., a student accidentally meandered into Brutus the Bulldog's dressing room before the home football game and caught a glimpse of the student's head who was in the costume. Before he could escape, he was grabbed by Brutus' handlers and although the Student Alumni Gold Club claims to know nothing about the incident, the student hasn't been seen since.

So close

Sept. 6, 9:14 a.m., a class waited anxiously in the hall for 14 minutes, hoping their professor wouldn't show and they would be able to leave due to the 15 minute rule. But alas, the professor rushed in with seconds to spare and started his lecture with, "I would have marked you absent if you had left, anyway." What an asshole.

Absolutely diabolical

Sept. 7, 10:23 a.m., a student in line at the University Center Starbucks listened to the order in front of them and ordered the exact same thing, but two sizes smaller. Then while the student in front of them wasn't paying attention, they took their venti drink when it came out instead of their own, which was a tall. That's one way to save money, I guess.

Well, that's one mood you can set

Sept. 10, 10:56 p.m., after pong night at Shoots, two subjects left the bar together. Once they made it back to the male's room, the female told him to put some music on to "set the mood." Shortly after, the lyrics "Yeah, I'm gonna take my horse to the old town road" broke the silence that became even more awkward. The female subject immediately called her roommate to pick her up.



You ANIMAL

Sept. 12, 12:04 a.m., a subject at the Gypsy Nickel bought a pitcher of Oberon and only got four sips in before he poured the pitcher over his head screaming, "I'm the king of craft beer." Chads are such a f---ing waste of space. Who wastes the nectar of the gods like that?

I'm calling the police

Sept. 14, 8:06 a.m., two roommates happened to be getting ready in the bathroom at the same time and both reached for the same toothbrush to brush their teeth. They both realized in horror they both thought the toothbrush was theirs and had been sharing a toothbrush for a month. Excuse me while I hurl.

The worst kind of person

Sept. 17, 9:33 p.m., a student posted spoilers on not only her Snapchat story, but her Instagram story, too, and ruined the finale of everyone's favorite reality television shit show, Bachelor in Paradise. All her friends have since deleted her off all forms of social media and labeled her as a Bachelor Nation pariah. No one has cable anymore, Becky, keep it to yourself.

A colorful ambush

Sept. 19, 11:45 p.m., a North Hall resident finally snapped after being kept awake by his suitemate banging his girlfriend three times a night. He bought a paintball gun and barged into his suitemate's room while he was in the act and blasted the couple with paintballs, reportedly screaming obscenities. I'm not sure whether I'm horrified or amused.

Hack at FAC

Sapt. 20th, 4:20 p.m., a flu-ridden female student hacked up a lung while trying to chug a double vodka soda. Everyone was immediately horrified and security had to escort the poor monster to Spectrum to be quarantined, because that shit is gross. Stay home if you're sick.

Halloween starts now, thanks for coming to my TED talk.

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

SPORTS

“We were really good in a lot of ways, we just had several plays that sabotaged our drives.” - Tony Annese - See page 10 for story

Cora Hall | Sports Editor | hallc36@ferris.edu

Breaking: Big Rapids renamed ‘Shutout City’



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris freshman forward Payton Price dribbles the ball downfield against Saginaw Valley State University at home on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Taking on double duty

Three Ferris coaches show love for coaching both men's and women's programs

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

One job is hard enough, but for three Ferris head coaches, the workload is doubled. These coaches are head tennis coach Mark Doren, head cross country and track and field coach Jared Kelsh and head golf coach Kyle Wittenbach. All three coaches spend countless hours with both men's and women's teams.

“It makes us more of an overall program versus a men's and women's team with two separate coaches. The interaction and bond between the teams and the way they support each other is key to success,” Kelsh said. “You have to find what motivates each individual to do their best, while not compromising the goals of each team. The general outline can be the same but the tone and way you handle the women's team versus the men's team is usually significantly different.”



Jared Kelsh

With the challenges and rewards of coaching both teams, each coach exclaimed honor to coach both teams and love to see their players succeed not only on the field but in the classroom.

“I'm just as concerned about what they do in the classroom, community and their future as I am what they do on the court,” Doren said. “I am lucky enough to have some amazing young adults that are going to do great things in the future and I'm ecstatic that I get to be part of their path.”

All three coaches tell their teams they are student athletes, and the work they do in the classroom is just as important as the work they put in on the field. Wittenbach believes his biggest reward is seeing all his players accomplish their goals as well as have them make good decisions in their social, academic and athletic lives.

Wittenbach sees the two golf teams as one program and encourages that mentality among his golfers. He also pushes his golfers to take some control and lead the program.

“I've tried to develop a framework/schedule for both programs where the student athletes have a share of that responsibility,” Wittenbach said. “We are one program, two teams. We do a lot together; training, practicing, fundraising. A good analogy would be that they drive the bus and I occasionally



Kyle Wittenbach

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Ferris women's soccer leans on veteran goalkeepers to roll to undefeated start

Brendan Samuels
Torch Reporter

It's been a strong start for the Ferris women's soccer team and the Bulldogs have emerged undefeated through the first third of their schedule, currently owning a 5-0-1 record.

Ferris senior goalkeeper Alison Chesterfield has started in front of the net for five of the Bulldogs' first six games. Chesterfield has been impressive, allowing just one goal and posting four shutouts.

“I give so much credit to my defense and the rest of my teammates in front of me for the lack of goals against so far this season,” Chesterfield said. “They do so much work on the ball and that makes my job a lot easier. Our coach always says that part of a team's job is to make your goalkeeper do as little work as possible, so I just try to be ready and do what I can when I am called upon.”

The defense in front of Chesterfield has done an excellent job of keeping the ball away from their zone. Opposing offenses have only forced Chesterfield to make 18 saves over her first five starts.

Ferris' defense has shown that no matter who they put in goal, scoring against them is going to be difficult. Head coach Greg Henson inherited five goalies on his roster, so he has plenty of options in front of net.

“Obviously when you have five goalies competing for one po-

sition, there's going to be some tension,” Chesterfield said. “We have so much respect for each other and we know that any one of us could step in at any time. I think we just try to do our best to be happy for each other no matter who plays, knowing that our coach chose that person that game for a reason.”

Ferris senior goalkeeper Grace Kraft got her first chance to start in front of goal Sunday, Sept. 22. The Bulldogs' defense didn't miss a step in Kraft's first appearance, only allowing three shots on goal and giving Kraft a 2-0 shutout over Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU).



Greg Henson

“Whether we're rotating goalkeepers, utilizing all five or rolling with the hot hand, whichever one of those is going to give us the best chance to win is what we're going to make our decision based on,” Henson said.

The win over SVSU was the first in a stretch of five home games for Ferris after being on the road for three straight.

“There's going to be a target on our backs and that target is going to keep growing with every win,” Chesterfield said. “We know we just have to take things one game at a time and focus on improving from game to game. If we do that, the goals and the wins will come.”

The Bulldogs will be back in action 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 for a conference matchup at home with Davenport University.



Allison Chesterfield

WEEKEND SCORECARD

Football
Sept. 21 - Ferris 28, Ashland 13

Women's Soccer
Sept. 20 - Ferris 2, Walsh 1
Sept. 22 - Ferris 2, SVSU 0

Women's Golf
Sept. 21-22 - Team: 2nd place, 604
Individual: Destiny Lawson 2nd place, 142

Ferris defense 'key to victory'



Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Senior cornerback James Ceasar takes down Ashland wide receiver Logan Bolin in Saturday's win. Ceasar had four solo tackles on the night.

Ferris totals 40 solo tackles and snags three interceptions in road win at Ashland

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

Everyone can collectively breathe again: Ferris defeated the Ashland Eagles to go 3-0 after facing three of their toughest opponents of the season.

Even head coach Tony Annese felt the pressure, playing three teams that make regular playoff appearances to start off the season.

"When I sat down and assessed the season, I worried about being 3-0, I really did because I felt like it was kind of a playoff situation ... I really concerned myself with playing three powerhouse teams and so to be 3-0 is awesome," Annese said.

The 28-13 win over Ashland University was won by the defense, who held the Eagles to less than 300 yards of total offense on Saturday, Sept. 21. The Ferris defense also accounted for three interceptions and four sacks on the night.

"Our defense was the key to victory and if our defense can play like that and our offense can keep it together, there's a lot of positive moving forward because you look at the potential and you know we've got the capacity to do a lot of special things," Annese said.

Senior cornerback James Ceasar's performance earned him Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference defensive player of the week. Ceasar had two interceptions, two pass breakups and four solo tackles against the Eagles.



Tony Annese

The Bulldogs started the night quickly, with a 43-yard passing touchdown from senior quarterback Jayru Campbell to sophomore wide receiver Xavier Wade. Then they turned around and scored another on the next possession to gain an early 14-0 lead after senior linebacker Avonte Bell blocked Ashland's punt on their first possession.

But three turnovers left Ferris scoreless the rest of the first half and Ashland cut their lead to four going into halftime. Annese sees the potential of his offense once they clean some things up and take better care of the ball.

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THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Friday, Sept. 27:

- Soccer vs. Davenport at 4 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Purdue Northwest at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

- Men's Golf at Hawkshead Links Invite
- Women's Golf Bulldog Fall Invite
- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals
- Volleyball vs. Wisconsin-Parkside at 12:30 p.m.
- Football vs. Northern Michigan at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29:

- Men's Golf at Hawkshead Links Invite
- Women's Golf Bulldog Fall Invite
- Men's Tennis at ITA Regionals
- Soccer vs. Ashland at 12 p.m.

Coaches

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give directions. It's their program."

The biggest challenges the coaches face are time commitment and time management between the two teams. All the coaches expressed the difficulty in dividing their attention equally between the two teams. Another challenge Wittenbach said he has is spending time away from his family because of being on the road most of the year.

Doren said his biggest challenge is never letting his players see him get tired and adapting to each player's own needs.

"The only disadvantage could be is if one team feels I focus to

much on the other team, but my goal is to make sure that never happens," Doren said.

Of course, with all the challenges, there are just as many rewards. All coaches want what is best for their players and want to see every player strive and reach for the stars. Kelsh's biggest reward of coaching is seeing his players reach not only their personal goals but the team's goals as well. All coaches stay busy with the responsibilities of both teams, but for Doren, spending time with his teams is the best part.

"The biggest reward for me is having both my teams respect each other, and it makes my life easier when both are each other's biggest supporters," Doren said. "Coaching both teams allows me to always be either on the court, in the van traveling to matches [or] eating dinner with the team. Those are the moments that I live for."



Mark Doren

Volleyball

Sept. 20 - Ferris 3, Lake Superior State 0
Sept. 21 - Ferris 1, Saginaw Valley State 3



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Diggin' that defense



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Ferris junior outside hitter Katie O'Connell spikes the ball against McKendree on Friday, Sept. 6. She has 113 kills and 147 digs through ten games this season.

Junior racking up stats on defense and offense for the Bulldogs

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

It's typical to have a player who racks up the kills every game, or a player who constantly hits the ground for digs ... but to have a player that racks up stats in digs and kills? That's uncommon, but that's also Ferris junior outside hitter Katie O'Connell.

The team has an overall 7-3 record after a tough non-conference start and their first two conference games, led by a strong veteran core. Senior outside hitters Allyson Cappel and Courtney Brewer are the only other two players beside O'Connell to have more than 100 kills through 10 games. Besides O'Connell's 113 kills, her defensive stats are the second highest on the team with 147 digs.

"Katie has a great offense [and] her defense is excellent," Ferris head volleyball coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "She has a really confident knack for lining up and seeing what hitters are going to be able to do. To have that kind of defensive player on the right side of the court in volleyball is a really good strength."

An All-American as a sophomore, O'Connell has carried some success to the 2019 season. In the Bulldogs' first 10 games O'Connell has had but one game where she did not reach double digits in kills. She has also been at least top three in digs for her team in every game so far.

Her best games so far were against Barry Univer-

sity where she had 15 kills and 21 digs in five sets and against University of Tampa, with 12 kills and 26 digs in three sets. Being such a versatile player, she impacts the team in a significant way. Despite being a leader in kills, O'Connell loves making big defensive plays on the ground.

"I love defense a lot, when you dig and there's no block, that's the best play to make," O'Connell said. "They think they are going to get a kill and then they don't."



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm

It's not hard to see how close this team is or how they love playing with each other. O'Connell praises her teammates, giving them the credit for her success on the court.

"I think my confidence comes from my team every day in practice, giving each other feedback and cheering each other on. When the set is there and our middles are pulling the block, it really helps everything," O'Connell said.

According to senior setter Maeve Grimes, O'Connell's most important aspect is not only as a great player, but as a great leader and person.

"Katie is the definition of a great teammate and leader by example. Every day she goes out of her way

O'Connell | see page 12



Top Dawg

Pia Nagel

Photo by: Megell Strayhorn | Multimedia Editor

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

This week's Top Dawg returns to the soccer pitch and belongs to sophomore forward Pia Nagel.

Nagel leads the women's soccer team so far this season with three goals, two of them netted in Sunday's matchup against Saginaw Valley State University. The 2-0 win kept the Bulldogs undefeated overall and started their five game home stand on a good note.

The Germany native also leads the team with 15 shots — 11 of them on target. Her goal-minded play is no surprise to fans, as she led the team with 10 goals and 56 total shots last season. Nagel started all 24 games last year and has played in all six games this season, starting five.

With three goals already and 12 more regular season games to go, Nagel is on track to meet and possibly exceed her stats last season. After losing senior defender Carley Dubbert last year—who scored eight goals—the Bulldogs will need Nagel or another forward to step up this season.

The Bulldogs have climbed in national rankings, now ranked No. 11 in the country, allowing but one goal in the first six games.

The team will be back on the home field against Davenport 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

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O'Connell

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to make sure everyone is taken care of before herself," Grimes said.

One key to being a great leader is serving your teammates and supporting them, and O'Connell's values and efforts do not go unnoticed by her coaches and teammates.

"Katie is an amazing person with really strong values and works really hard to live by her values," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "She is an excellent student, she's a nursing major with a really busy schedule. But she works everything out well and takes time with her teammates to make sure she's building relationships there."



Katie O'Connell

The question is now, can O'Connell do anything wrong? Well, despite her athleticism and dominating presence on the court, O'Connell is apparently a bit of a klutz, according to her teammates.

"Katie doesn't do much dancing in the locker room, but she makes us laugh a lot as a team because she's so clumsy," Grimes said. "This isn't something that would hurt her feelings because she's the first one to laugh at herself. She's forever tripping over my feet and on her own during games and she gets right back up with a smile on her face ready to kill the ball."

O'Connell and the Bulldogs will be back in action at home this weekend for more conference play. The team will face Purdue Northwest, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and Wisconsin-Parkside 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.



Maeve Grimes

Football

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"We were really good in a lot of ways, we just had several plays that sabotaged our drives," Annese said. "So, you feel good about our potential, but we just need to minimize the big mistakes. We were ahead at halftime but we had three turnovers in the first half ...you feel good about it but you still kind of look and say 'Dang, if we wouldn't have had those turnovers.'"

Campbell was 16-29 for 246 passing yards on the night with one passing touchdown and two goal line rushing touchdowns. Despite the three interceptions on his stat line, Annese feels that they weren't entirely on Campbell.

"Part of when you look at interceptions, there's a lot to do with a lot of things, one is protection. The first interception, if he had the capacity to throw it on time it would have been a big play, but he got flushed out of the pocket, so that became a force of negativity on that," Annese said. "The second interception he got pressure again and wheeled out of there, and the third interception was completely not his fault. So you assess those and there's just where a receiver can be, how the protection scheme is, so all in all it wasn't completely his fault on any of those."

Sophomore wide receiver Sy Barnett led in receptions with five for 81 yards and Wade wasn't far behind him with 80 yards on four catches. Junior running back Marvin Campbell led the rush with 18 carries for 74 yards and one touchdown.

Jayru Campbell's composure in the pocket and patience to let the play develop was the mark of a seasoned veteran and led the Bulldog offense to have success against a tough Ashland defense.

"It's very important, the composure to take what the defense gives you and he's obviously a great improv guy," Annese said. "He can take plays that aren't there and make 'em there and so with that capacity obviously it helps because some plays that break down end up being really good plays for us. He's done it for two straight weeks where he's created good opportunities for our offense by improvising."

The Bulldogs get to catch a break from traveling this weekend with this year's homecoming matchup against Northern Michigan University 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

"I think it's awesome to have the opportunity now to settle in," Annese said. "I'm proud of how we traveled, it was not easy to go to Central Washington and beat them and then Ashland, it's a tough team to beat... You gotta give them a lot of credit for being able to travel and play that well on the road. It really tells a lot about the character of your team and how committed they are to being successful."

Nearly par-fect start



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics

Ferris senior golfer Margo Brown shot 155 over 36 holes, tying for 19th overall in the Cumberland Classic Sept. 21 and 22.

Women's golf ties and sets records in second tournament of season

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

Ferris women's golf has started this season in top spots through week two on the road, setting themselves up nicely for their home tournament this weekend.

The Bulldogs started off the season by winning the Saginaw Valley State Fall Invitational by six strokes over Lake Superior State University (LSSU) on Sept. 14 and 15. They then followed up their top performance by finishing second in the Cumberland Classic Sept. 21 and 22. The weekend saw the Bulldogs set or tie two records after the team shot a score of 296 on Saturday, which tied the record set 14 years ago in 2005. The next day, junior golfer Destiny Lawson set the 36-hole record by shooting a 142 over the course of the weekend.

In the Saginaw Valley State Fall Invitational, the Bulldogs finished the first day in third place after the team shot a 312. They then bounced back by shooting a 298 on the second day, erasing a six-stroke deficit to Wayne State and winning the tournament by six strokes themselves over LSSU. The tournament consisted of nine teams.

Lawson tied for first overall with Hannah Meloche of Davenport in individual play after shooting a 150 over the two days of play. This included a score of 76 on Saturday and a 74 on Sunday. After the tie, the duo went to a one-hole playoff. Lawson was able to birdie the playoff hole to finish first overall in the tournament.

"I would describe the start of the fall golf season to be strong and successful for the women's golf program," Lawson said. "The hard work and dedication of the entire team has been shown through the first-place finish at the SVSU Invitational and then the second-place finish at Cumberland Classic. Personally, the first couple weeks have provided a good foundation for the rest of the year and have shown me what I need to improve on."

Senior golfer Shayna Schneider finished second on the team and fifth overall after shooting a 153, including a tournament best round of 71. Sophomore golfer Mackenzie Dale carded a 154 and finished tied for eighth overall, third on the team.

Both Lawson and Schneider were named to the all-tournament team for the Bulldogs. A total of nine teams were in the field.

Moving onto this past weekend, the Bulldogs continued building momentum on the season after the team tied the school record by shooting a 296 as a team. They finished the day in second place out of 16 teams only behind Tiffin University by four strokes. After the first day, the Bulldogs led the tournament in pars shot with 79, which was six pars more than the second place team, Gannon University.

Both Lawson and Schneider shot a score of 72 on Saturday, which is even par for the course. Lawson led the team with four birdies while also carding 13 pars.

On Sunday, the Bulldogs closed the four-stroke deficit to Tiffin University, but it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs finished with a score of 604, two strokes behind Tiffin's 602.

Lawson once again led the team by shooting a 70, two strokes below par. This strong second round led her to her score of 142, breaking the previous record of 144 set by Jacqueline Bencoter in 2007.

"The final round of the Cumberland Classic was competitive," Lawson said. "The thought never crossed my mind about setting the 36-hole individual record for Ferris. Going into the final round as a team we were 4 strokes off the lead and my mindset going into the round was to play for my teammates and to get a few strokes back. The individual 36-hole record I set is a secondary accomplishment compared to the team breaking the 36-hole team total record with a 604 total."

The Bulldogs will return home this weekend as the Bulldog Women's Invitational will be held this Saturday and Sunday.

LIFESTYLES

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Meeting royalty

Get to know Ferris homecoming royalty

Marissa Russell
Torch Reporter

Before casting your vote for this year's Ferris ambassador, get to know the candidates a little.

Ferris dental hygiene senior Raina Brink wishes to win ambassador because she wants to represent the student body, but also because there is a scholarship on the line.

Brink is the Study Abroad student recruiter and the Student American Dental Hygiene Association President.

"I would be honored to represent the student body and the pride of Ferris because my brother came here before I did, so I have been coming here since I was like 12 and I just love it here a lot," Brink said.

Brink is unique in the fact that she comes from a graduating class of two people and her school has fewer than 100 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Brink is from Vanderbilt, a village with a population of about 600 people.

Brink has also traveled to Italy twice. The first time was to study abroad and the second was because she loved it so much. Brink said she met so many amazing people because of her traveling. She is very thankful about going to Europe and encourages anyone to do the same thing.

Ferris applied speech communication senior Daniel Rivera is running for ambassador to connect with other students and highlight the importance of the campus activities he has done.

Rivera is a part of the Center for Latin@ Studies and the Office of Multicultural Student Services. Rivera was also an original founder of Sigma Lambda Beta and helped expand Latino culture at Ferris.

Rivera believes representation is important, which is one reason why he wants to win.

"With everything I have been involved in and everything I have advocated for, I think it is a perfect example of how if you reach out and you get connected and if you're active on campus, then you can do great things as a student here," Rivera said.

Rivera has been very active within the cultural experiences at Ferris between volunteering and getting involved with different student organizations.

The last candidate for ambassador is Ferris social studies secondary education senior Olivia Pahl. She is running because she wants to represent Ferris in a positive light.

Pahl is the Phi Sigma Sigma Community Service and Philanthropy Chair, Association of Future Educators President, Order of Omega President, Kappa Delta Pi Treasurer and an orientation leader.

Pahl said she has had a difference experience in comparison to other Bulldogs because she is a transfer student.

"I feel that as a transfer student, I was able to experience all that Ferris has to offer, even though I wasn't a typical freshman coming in," Pahl said. "There is just so many opportunities that this campus has."

Pahl believes Ferris offered her a lot of opportunities, which she is very thankful for, and wants to start giving back. She hopes that other students can see there are a lot of opportunities on campus if they just go for it.

Pahl hopes to be able to come back to Ferris and become a professor. Her goal is to become a president of a college later in life.

To vote for a candidate, visit Bulldog Connect through MyFSU. Voting will be open until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

The homecoming royalty winner will be announced at the homecoming football game Saturday, Sept. 28.



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Ferris dental hygiene senior Raina Brink hopes to win royalty to earn a scholarship and represent the student body.

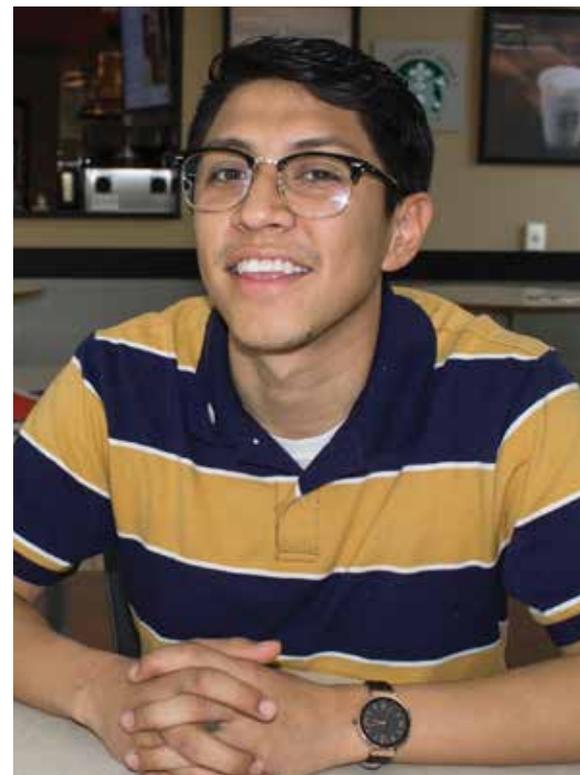


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Ferris applied speech communication senior Daniel Rivera wants to highlight the importance of representation as royalty.



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Ferris social studies secondary education senior Olivia Pahl wants to give back to Ferris for all it has done for her.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?

Wil Roy
Interim Reporter

"My favorite part about homecoming weekend is that I get to attend two of my sorority formals with all of my sisters and friends and also living life to the fullest that whole weekend."
- **Ferris respiratory therapy senior Lizzy Miedzielec**

"My favorite memory about homecoming is seeing the homecoming king and queen on State Street during the homecoming parade."
- **Ferris undecided sophomore Daniel Okonski**

"I have celebrated for two years in a row, and each year, the football game is the best part because every single year, our football team smacks the opponent."
- **Ferris construction management junior Tristan Sparks**

"After the football tailgate, we go in to the football game, which I do not normally do, so it was nice to experience that part of the day with all of the friends that came up to visit."
- **Ferris graphic design senior Maddy Martin**

"I am looking forward to this year's homecoming because the alumni from my fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa are coming up for the football game and I didn't get to experience homecoming last year."
- **Ferris HVAC sophomore Greg Bush**

Excitement in the air

Students prepare for Marlon Wayans to perform on campus



Promotional Image

Comedian Marlon Wayans, known for his roles in "White Chicks" and "Scary Movie," will perform at Ferris Thursday, Sept. 26, in celebration of homecoming.

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

With more than 900 tickets sold so far, Ferris students are excited to see this year's homecoming comedian, Marlon Wayans.

Best known to students for his movie "White Chicks" and the "Scary Movie" franchise, Wayans has spent more than 30 years starring in and producing a variety of comedy films.

Ferris healthcare system administration senior Ziyad Alzaid is very excited to see Wayans take the stage.

"I loved the movie 'White Chicks,'" Alzaid said. "I've seen his Netflix special and it was very funny, so I am looking forward to seeing him."

This is Alzaid's second year going to see the homecoming comedian, although he wasn't a fan of last year's comedian and was left disappointed.

Ferris music and entertainment business senior Megan Yuchasz is the coordinator of the show and serves on the Homecoming Committee as the homecoming comedian chair.

"I am so excited. It took a lot of planning to get him here but I am excited for people to see his act," Yuchasz said.

Yuchasz said she usually doesn't attend the homecoming comedian shows because there hasn't been anyone in previous years that she was interested in.



Ziyad Alzaid



Megan Yuchasz

Ferris mechanical engineering senior Andrew Boonstra said he had never been to the past homecoming comedian shows, but after learning that Wayans would be the comedian, he is now interested.

Ferris Coordinator of Activities and Student Organization Center Nicholas Smith said the process for searching and selecting the homecoming comedian begins in the spring semester of every year.

"We contact a few different agencies that we frequently work with for comedy," Smith said. "We give them our price range just to get some ideas. They send us some options and then we approach finance division, our student government with some different options, that include the whole homecoming week. We then do a student survey with the realistic options that we can get. We have write ins, but sometimes we get good ones and others are comedians who cost \$300,000."

To conduct these surveys, the homecoming committee sends out a variety of surveys through social media and even have whiteboards with different comedian options that students can vote on as they walk by.

"We take the data that we collect and we see who are the top comedians to get a feeler out and then we go from there with the costs and availabilities," Smith said.

Smith couldn't say the exact cost it was to bring Wayans out, but hinted that in the last few years, it cost more than Dave Coulier but less than Nick Offerman.

The homecoming comedian performance will be 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in Williams Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Just for laughs

Student to make stage debut opening for Marlon Wayans

Meg Lewton
Lifestyles Editor

A few weeks ago, if you asked Ferris sports communication senior Isaiah McCrory how many times he's performed for a crowd, his list would be incredibly short.

"The closest thing (to this) I've performed in is church singing," McCrory laughed. Now, he is preparing to open for comedian Marlon Wayans in front of hundreds of people.

McCrory, 24, earned the opportunity after winning Entertainment Unlimited's comedy competition Thursday, Sept. 12. He and a few other students performed for a small audience in the University Center, and ultimately, he was chosen.

The Mount Clemens native has always had a passion for comedy, having grown up watching the Wayans brothers with his dad and being considered the "class clown." When he learned of the competition via email, he chose to attend. However, signing up for the contest was a last-minute decision.

"When I got to the show, it was only four people. There were only four people that signed up, and I was like, 'Oh, that's not many. I'll sign up. Why not? I'm going to try it out,'" McCrory said.

McCrory said.

He also said he was given a push in the direction by his girlfriend, Central Michigan University senior Anita Matharou.

"My girlfriend thinks I'm the funniest person on Earth, and I'm like, 'I'm not that funny. I'm just a goofball,'" McCrory said. "I've been telling her I want to do standup, and she's like 'You gotta just go up there and try it, man. It won't hurt anything if you don't do it.' And I was like, she's got a point. So I think the biggest person who's supported me and pushed me to do this was her, without a doubt, and I can't thank her enough."

McCrory was the final competitor to perform, and although he began planning content before taking the spotlight, he didn't end up using most of his prepared punchlines.

"Most of the stuff I was saying was off the top of my head. I was just doing crowd work, playing with everyone in the crowd, making sure everyone was engaged and having fun," McCrory said.

Since he was selected the day of the competition, McCrory has been preparing for the show. However, he said the pre-performance jitters have yet to sink in.

"The nervousness hasn't hit me. Day by day, it's starting

to hit, like, 'Oh crap, I'm going to have to start talking in front of people,'" McCrory said. "But I've been practicing. I've been thinking of different things to say and many different jokes. It's going to be a good time. It's going to be interesting."

Although stand-up is a new hobby for McCrory, he hopes he can keep doing it after stepping off the Williams Auditorium stage.

"We'll see how this goes, and if it goes pretty well, I would love to continue to do it. I enjoy making people happy and I enjoy making people laugh. It's probably one of my favorite things to do in the world," McCrory said.

And even though McCrory said preparing to perform before Wayans is "nerve-wracking," being able to perform at Ferris eases his tension.

"I think the good thing about it is that I'm at Ferris. I've been here for a while and I know a lot of people. It's almost like I'm home. What do I have to be nervous about?" McCrory said.

McCrory and Wayans are set to perform 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in Williams Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 each in the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services in the University Center.

Homecoming events

Wednesday

Sept. 25

Homecoming Field Day

Location: CLACS

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.



Thursday

Sept. 26

**Homecoming Comedian
Marlon Wayans**

Location: Williams Auditorium

Time: 8 p.m.



Friday

Sept. 27

Homecoming Pep Rally

Location: University Center

Time: 9 p.m.



Saturday

Sept. 28

**Homecoming Alumni
Welcome Tent**

Location: Lot 37

Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Homecoming Parade

Location: Michigan Avenue

Time: noon

Volleyball hosts

Wisconsin - Parkside

Location: Ewigleben Sports Complex

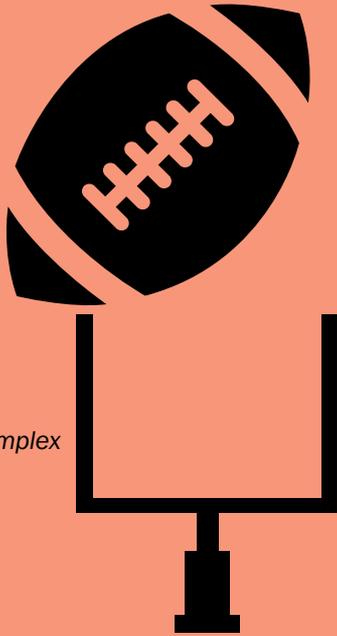
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Football hosts Northern

Michigan

Location: Top Taggart Field

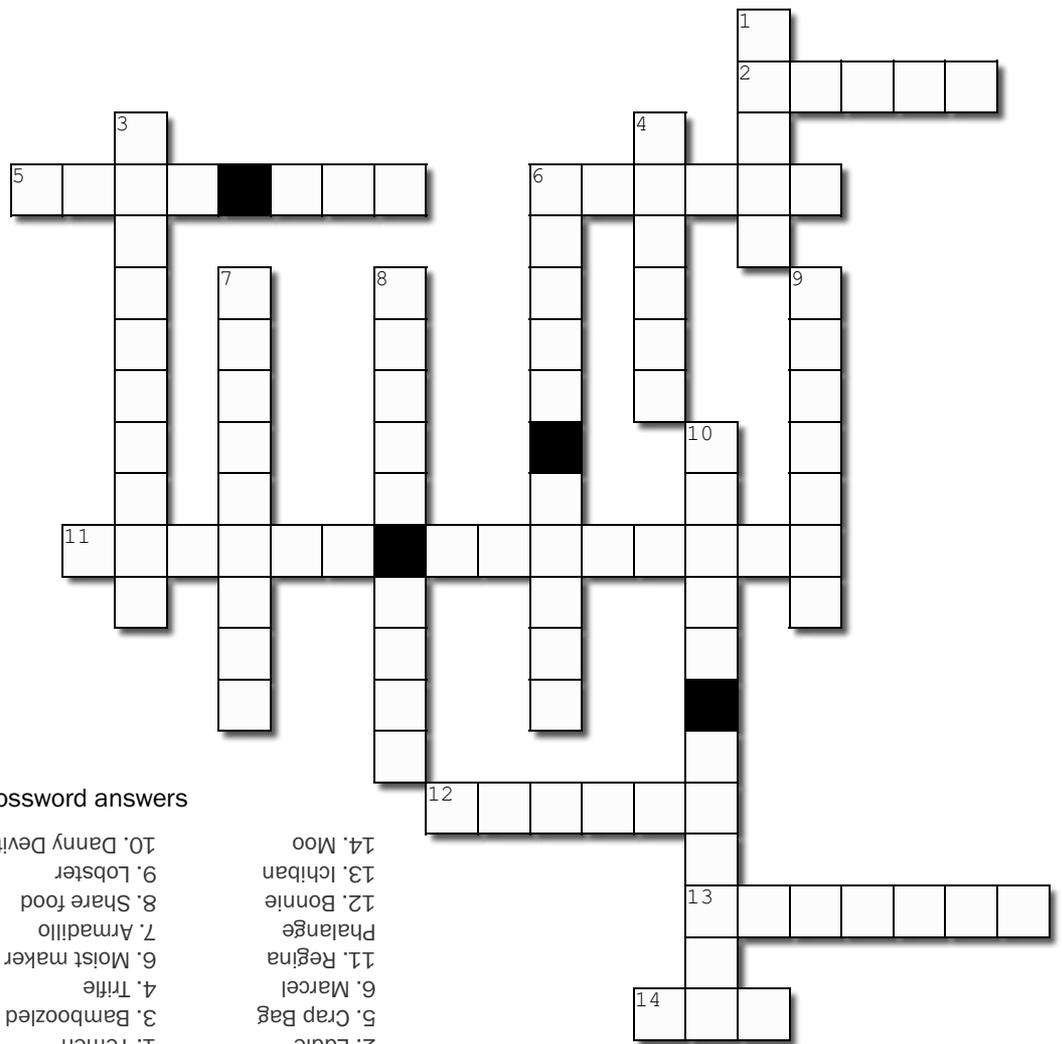
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"Friends" 25th anniversary

Complete this crossword in honor of the classic sitcom!



Crossword answers

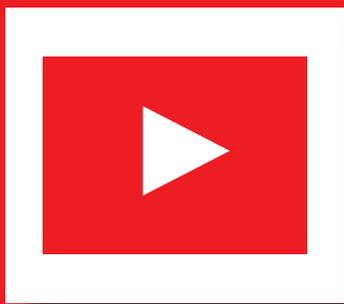
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| Down: | 1. Yemen | 2. Eddie | 3. Bamboozled | 4. Trifle | 5. Crap Bag | 6. Marcel | 7. Armadillo | 8. Moist maker | 9. Lobster | 10. Danny DeVito |
| Across: | 11. Regina Phalange | 12. Bonnie | 13. Ichiban | 14. Moo | | | | | | |

Across

- Chandler's crazy temporary roommate who refuses to move out
- When Phoebe changes her name to Princess Consuela Banana Hammock, Mike changes his name to _____
- The name of Ross' monkey
- Phoebe's alias: a businesswoman in town on business
- Phoebe's bald friend
- Joey made a commercial for this Japanese brand, who makes lipstick for men
- 'It's like a cow's opinion. It just doesn't matter. It's ____'

Down

- To avoid breaking up with Janice, Chandler pretends to move to this country
- Joey auditioned to host this game show
- Rachel accidentally adds beef, peas and onions to this dessert
- Monica makes a Thanksgiving leftover sandwich with a gravy-soaked piece of bread in the middle. Ross calls it the _____
- Forget Santa: the best seasonal character is the Holiday ____
- 'Joey doesn't _____!'
- Phoebe says Ross and Rachel are like this animal, which mates for life
- Which actor plays the male stripper at Phoebe's bachelorette party?



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