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Ferris considers gender neutral housing



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Ferris is considering offering gender-neutral housing for the upcoming academic year. This would allow students to live with those of the same sex or those with differing gender identities.

Ferris Office of Housing and Residential Life moves to implement gender-inclusive housing for the 2020 - 21 academic year

Elizabeth Norvey
Torch Reporter

Ferris is looking to allow gender inclusive housing starting in the next academic year.



Bryan Marquardt

Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University, Central Michigan University and more have gender inclusive housing programs, with Ferris being one of the last universities in the state yet to implement such a program.

Gender inclusive housing allows residents to choose whether they want to remain in same sex housing or if they would

be open to housing with those who do not identify as the same gender.

Ferris may not be behind for too much longer, though. "The current tentative plan is to offer gender inclusive housing for the 2020 - 21 contracting year," Ferris Director of Housing and Residential Life Bryan Marquardt said. "This contracting sign up period starts October 29, 2019. We are still in the process of working out the details. The current tentative plan is to offer this option in our three types of housing halls, suites, and apartments. The process could be as simple as a question during contracting asking all contract signers if they are interested this type of housing. If the answer is yes, then our staff would contact the individuals."

This change is not set in stone yet. The Housing Office must go through a process first.

"The university first makes the decision to allow opposite sex housing," Marquardt said. "Once this happens then housing moves on how do we make this happen in our on campus housing? We are in the process of setting this up and have in place during our early contracting which starts October 29, 2019 Tuesday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the UC ballroom. While the wording and process/sign up of this type of housing is still being discussed housing is working to put this in place by October 29, 2019 for the 2020 - 21 contracting year."



Aaron Morrison

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A sensitive subject

Ferris’ Anti-Violence Coalition is fighting sexual violence on campus.

Abbey Wood
Torch Reporter

A group of students and faculty called the Anti-Violence Coalition (AVC) is working to educate and draw awareness to the problem of sexual violence on campus.

In fall 2019, the AVC is bringing in educational workshops called Bringing in the Bystander to teach students about being a meaningful bystander. More workshops are expected in the upcoming weeks.

“The mission of the coalition is to educate, train and empower a multidisciplinary team of faculty, staff, students, that are committed to adapting, expanding and developing new approaches to sexual violence prevention efforts at Ferris State University,” Dean of Student Life and AVC staff member, Joy Pulsifer said. “The coalition will (commit/invest in/strive to) build a healthier, stronger and smarter community by delivering powerful, effective, research-informed, and on-going awareness, education and prevention opportunities across campus focused on changing the culture and preventing sexual violence.

The objective is to build our depth and breadth of anti-violence awareness, prevention and educational opportunities,” Pulsifer said. “As well as delivery in-person primary

prevention at all student orientations, to all athletic and club sports teams and all fraternities and sororities. We want to invest in and deliver a new, expanded curriculum for bystander intervention focused on anti-violence prevention, and increase reporting and decrease violence.”

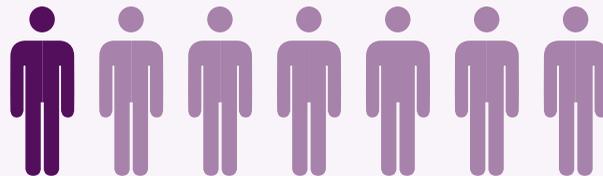
The AVC is made up of three faculty members, eighteen staff members and ten student members. Student members are called Peer Educators.

In December 2018, the coalition was awarded a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, which allows them to put on the bystander trainings.

“I’m a Peer Educator,” political science senior Charnice LaGrone said. “I want to make an impact, not only on this campus, but in the world. Sexual and domestic violence are both issues that have affected so many people, and I feel it’s one of those topics people avoid talking about. I want to get people to the point where they can actually have conversations about sexual violence and encourage them to take action, so that we can create change. I want people to learn how to be positive bystanders, and they understand the difference between positive, negative and neutral bystander, so they make a difference.”

One in seven

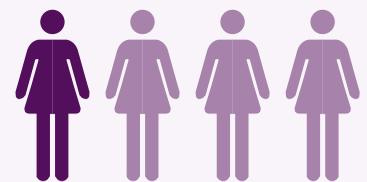
men in the United State report experiencing sexual violence



Nearly

one in four

women in the United States reports experiencing violence by a current or former spouse or boyfriend



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of all men and women in the United States have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime



On average **24 people per minute** are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States

Young women age **20 - 24** experience the highest rates of rape and sexual assault

The above information was gathered from Futures Without Violence and the Feminist Majority Foundation

Inclusivity
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Students seem to be tentatively supportive of this move. "I believe it's a pretty progressive answer to the housing concept," Ferris integrated studies senior Aaron Morrison said. "Plenty of students on campus have been awaiting such an opportunity since I've been here. However, when talking about letting different genders housing like that, you're definitely inviting the chance of gender related issues and offenses going on. I believe it's a give-and-take circumstance that can only be handled with appropriate guidelines and evaluation."

Other students also believe the change could be problematic. "I see how that could be beneficial, but I also see a lot of problems," Ferris welding technology sophomore Luke Orr said. "I think it would be a fine system because a lot of people have co-ed housing after they move out of the dorms but if you have people that are in relationships that decide to move in together you could see a lot of issues as in they move in, and then the relationship ends."



Luke Orr

NEWS BRIEFS

Meg Lewton
Lifestyles Editor

"Harry Potter" Trivia Night
Test your knowledge of the "Harry Potter" series during Trivia Night 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in UC 202. The event, which is hosted by Entertainment Unlimited, is free and open to the public. Information regarding rules and groups will be posted soon. For more information, contact Entertainment Unlimited at EU@ferris.edu.

The Rock 10 Year Anniversary Celebration
Celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Rock 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Rock Café. A DJ will be playing music from 2009, the year the Rock opened. There will also be a photo booth, games and prizes. For more information, contact Ferris Dining at diningad@ferris.edu.

DSAGA Drag Show
Watch local drag queens perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, in UC 202. The event is hosted by DSAGA and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. Following the show, the audience will vote on the Fairest Queen of them all. For more information, contact McKenna Schafer at schafm@ferris.edu.

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- ON THE RECORD -

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

What are we, 12?

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

Get your own coat
Sept. 20, 4:43 p.m., a custodial worker reported that their jacket was stolen from a cleaning cart in FLITE. Ferris Department of Public Safety detectives are still investigating the incident, reviewing surveillance video to get a suspect.

Flushed Away (2006)
Sept. 22, 1:11 a.m., resident advisers reported the odor of marijuana in McNerney Hall and when officers arrived they made contact with three students. They admitted to smoking and said

they had flushed all the rest of their marijuana down the toilet. However, officers were able to retrieve residue from the bathroom. All three students were cited for being minors in possession of marijuana and were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Missing: speaker size of small dog
Sept. 25, 12:35 a.m., a student reported that he left his wireless speaker at the Intramural Fields and said it was gone when he went to retrieve it. The investigation is still open.

What are we, 12?
Sept. 27, 4:27 p.m., a Ferris

Homecoming sign was reported stolen from University Center room 121. The suspect was identified as a white man with blonde hair and witnesses said he picked up the sign and walked away. A worker tried to catch the suspect, but lost him. The suspect was eventually found with the sign and he admitted to stealing it because he thought it was funny that it was misspelled "Homecoming" on the sign. The sign was eventually returned.

Ferris Department of Public Safety issued 427 tickets from Sept. 22 to 28 totaling \$6,815

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
Catch up on news around the globe

Grant Siddall
News Editor

Paris, France
World leaders gathered in Paris on Sept. 30 to mourn the death of former French president Jacques Chirac. A military service was held in the morning and nearly 2,000 guests gathered for the funeral procession, including foreign leaders such as Vladimir Putin and former US president Bill Clinton. Hundreds of citizens also gathered outside of the procession to watch it on television screens set up outside of the St. Sulpice church, where the procession was held.
Original article by Aurelien Breeden, Sept. 30, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Somalia
A car bomber attacked US Air Base Bale Dogle Airfield on Sept. 30. The attack, which the militant group Shabab claimed responsibility for, was unsuccessful in killing or injuring anyone on the base. The US and allied forces repelled the attackers killing 10 members of Shabab.
Original article by Richard Pérez-Peña, Sept. 30, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Jakarta, Indonesia
Thousands of protestors gathered in Indonesia to protest new legislation aimed at stopping anti-corruption efforts and limiting personal freedom. Indonesian president Joko Widodo said that he would postpone the bill but protestors are insisting that the bill is cancelled and does not return. Hundreds of protestors were injured during separate protests last week and hundreds more were arrested as tensions his between civilians and the police.
Original article by Richard C. Paddock and Mukti Suhartono, Sept. 30, 2019. *The New York Times*.

Beirut, Lebanon
The top bodyguard to two Saudi kings was shot and killed during a personal dispute with a friend. The Saudi state news media, who reported on the event Sept. 29, did not disclose the topic of the dispute. Saudi security forces attempting to arrest the suspect ended up engaged in a stand-off that left the suspect dead and five security officers wounded.
Original article by Ben Hubbard, Sept. 30, 2019. *The New York Times*.

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Home for homecoming

Alumni returned to Ferris to visit and reminisce during homecoming weekend

Ry Rodriguez
Torch Reporter

Homecoming is a time for alumni to regroup and relive their experiences as students here at Ferris.

A week of activities got many students excited for homecoming, but for the alumni, the actual activities happened on Saturday.

During the tailgating before the football game, Ferris set up tents to welcome home the various college majors.

From food tents for the college of business, to a pop-up with key chains for the college of pharmacy, there was a tent for everyone.

Alumni each had different reasons on showing up to homecoming.

"I got invited back because it is the 50th year since I graduated, and they got us into the golden eagles club," Alumni Dick DeLaere, class of 1969 college of business said. "I am looking forward to the football game, they have lots of potential. It's a beautiful day out to play some football and it sure

is perfect tailgating weather."

Others came back to reconnect with their old friends from college.

"I got a chance to meet up with one of my friends right here at the alumni tent," Alumni Gary DeLong class of '69 college of business said. "Right across from me is my old roommate here. Well, it's additional fun to come here because sports are doing amazing now. Back in the 60s we were not doing so well."

Things have changed in the 50 years since DeLaere and DeLong attended classes at Ferris.

"The alumni parade was a disappointment from 50 years ago," DeLaere said. "They used to have all the Greek life get floats for the parade. They also added many other programs and really they are all good fields to go into."

DeLong has seen changes as well. "Back then we only had 2000 freshman coming in and we

had no graduate programs," DeLong said. "Now it seems like you have 10,000 people coming in to study at Ferris. That seems like a huge change."

Even more recent alumni are noticing the changes.

"A lot of new buildings, my husband and I got married in the old Rankin Center before it got torn down," Alumni Jennifer Lokers, class of 2013 college of nursing said.

Brooke Rooks, class of 1994 college of human services and education agreed. "My old dorm is gone, it's just grass now" Rooks said. "Plus, the library is [FLITE] when I knew it as the TYME."

Similar to her mothers experience, Rooks' daughter, Ferris business administration junior Kendall Rooks' old residence hall, Vandercook Hall, will also be taken down soon [Week of Sept. 18 Issue].



Dick DeLaere



Jenifer Lokers



Football festivities

Students came out on Saturday to participate in the homecoming tailgate event.

Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Put some pep in your step

Ferris hosts pep rally to excite students before last Saturday's homecoming football game



Students compete in tug of war during the homecoming field day event at Top Taggart Field.

Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

Trent Carlson and Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporters

Ferris State held a pep rally in the University Center last Friday at 9 p.m. to kickstart the homecoming weekend festivities.

The event was held in the downstairs portion of the University Center where a variety of arcade games were played, and food was offered.

The Ferris State Dance team also gave a performance during the event.

"I like the atmosphere and how they have retro games and how I can just connect with all of the people here," Ferris State sophomore criminal justice major Lukas Sawusch said.

The event had a doughnut bar where people attendees could make their own personalized donuts with different toppings.

There was also a table for students to make signs for the homecoming weekend.

"If they could have forks at the doughnut bar that would be great," Ferris television and digital media production freshmen Hayden Passig said.

There seemed to be more compliments than complaints for the event as the room was filled with the sound of games and laughter. Some of the games at the event were multiple video games, Pac Man, Mortal Kombat, Dance Dance Revolution, Ski Ball, Tetris and more.

"Everyone is coming together for the big football game tomorrow, I love football, I'm a very energetic person so I am very excited for tomorrow," Ferris integrative studies junior Jade Quinn said.

"I came from GRCC where they also had events but not as big and not as fun as this. It was a big surprise they put a ski ball machine right out."

This week Ferris State represented just how much they consider their students with homecoming festivities and continue to leave a good impression on new students by making the campus a fun atmosphere.

Events like this get you out of your room and away from your homework, giving you a nice little study break, according to Sawusch.

For more information on other events on campus students can visit Ferris State's event calendar online or download the Ferris State University Guides application on the app store.



Lukas Sawusch



Hayden Passig



Jade Quinn

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“Making my own food is really rewarding and it tastes better sometimes.”
- Emma Tussey - See page 9 for story

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Meals on wheels



The Ferris food truck sits in front of the UC to show off this new dining option for students.

Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

Ferris creates a new dining option for students

Veronica Mascorro
Torch Reporter

Ferris' newest purchase has students lining up all over campus for a bite to eat.

Ferris acquired a food truck over the summer, creating an additional dining option for students.

The menu rotates between four different themes: All-American, Bulldog BBQ, Tex Mex and Noodle Bowls. Students are able to pay with a meal swipe, Bulldog Bucks, cash or credit card.

The food truck is not always in the same location. It alternates between the University Center, Optometry Building and Top Taggart Field. The truck will also occasionally be out during late nights or event outings.

Ferris information security and intelligence junior Jessica Jowett enjoyed being able to catch a quick meal before heading to class.



Jessica Jowett

“I think it was pretty good, and it was definitely better than the food at the Rock or Quad,” Jowett said.

The staff at the food truck, such as Ferris cook TJ Anderson, enjoy the atmosphere at the truck as well.

“It’s a great job and can be a challenge, but it’s fun,” Anderson said. “I did two years working at the Rock over at Woody’s Grill, so it’s kind of the same idea as that.”

Because the food truck operates certain hours, it is able to work with a variety of different menus and options.

“I believe it’s on the same par as the Rock or the Quad, but we are able to do different and fresh options that they don’t have, so it’s definitely a different thing. So, I definitely invite people to come out and check it out,” Anderson said.



TJ Anderson

Depending on the location, service can vary from hectic to more relaxed.

“When we were in front of the UC, we were fairly busy. We’ve been in front of the Optometry Building for the last week and it’s been pretty relaxed, but we’ve had times where

we’ve had more people over here too,” Anderson said.

Ferris business administration senior Jan Henrik Janssen has been to the food truck once before and enjoyed the experience.

“I think it’s a really cool alternative to the Quad,” Henrik Janssen said. “I thought that the Angus burger that they offer was a lot better than the normal hamburger that they have there. Also, the potato tots that they have are just perfect. I think they don’t have them anywhere else besides at the food truck. It was just good food and I liked it.”

Currently, the food truck remains nameless. Students have entered their suggestions and the winner will receive \$100 in Bulldog Bucks.

The schedule for the menus and locations of the food truck is available on the Ferris dining website.



Jan Henrik Janssen

Food truck hours and locations

Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

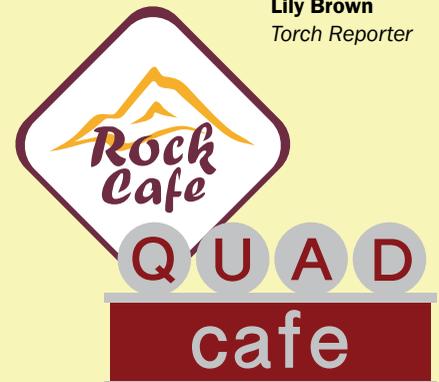
Locations:

- University Center
- Optometry Building
- Top Taggart

Battle of the dining halls

Is the Quad or the Rock the better cafeteria?

Lily Brown
Torch Reporter



“I prefer the Rock to the Quad. On one hand, the Quad has Freshens and is closer to all my classes, but I don’t live on campus so that’s hardly relevant. The Rock has the Mongo Grill, but honestly the only thing that really tips the scale is the waffle makers.”
- Ferris architecture and sustainability junior Autumn Shingledecker

“The Rock, mostly because I’ve used it as a hangout place since freshman year, so it holds sentimental value.”
- Ferris digital animation and game design senior Danin Tenerife

“The Mongo Grill is super great. I feel like it’s in a better location for my major.”
- Ferris digital animation and game design sophomore Scarlet Crowley

“I prefer the Rock. I like the facility because it feels like it has more space to sit and eat. Often times of the day, I know the Quad will have every table filled, so I won’t bother going. The Quad has the same plain burger you can eat every day, while the Rock will change the burger you can eat every day. The only thing I liked better at the Quad than the Rock was that they had Lucky Charms, but this year they don’t even have that.”
- Ferris criminal justice senior Matthew Graves

“I prefer the Rock due to the location and how late it is open. With most of my classes over in Bishop or in the IRC, it’s easier to go to the Rock rather than walk all the way across campus to the Quad, and with the Rock open late, we can work late in the computer lab and not have to walk far in order to get food.”
- Ferris digital animation and game design sophomore Emily Foster



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Schuberg's, located at 109 N. Michigan Ave. in Big Rapids, is known for its 24 unique burgers.

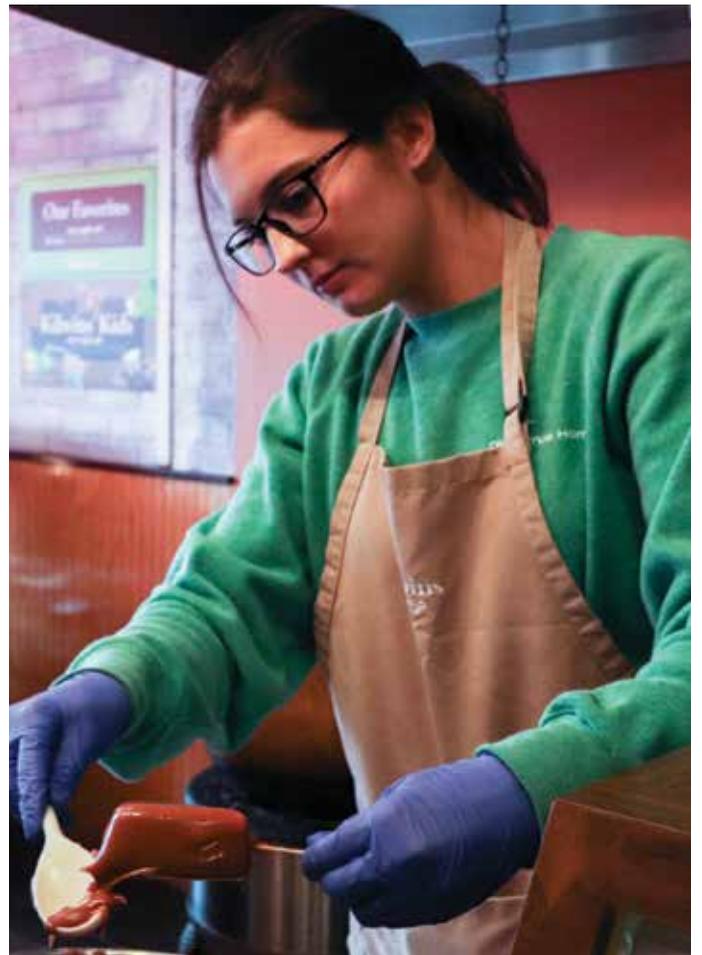


Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Torch Photographer

Ferris marketing senior Madison Slater crafts a sweet treat at Kilwins, located at 118 N. Michigan Ave. in Big Rapids.

Delicious dines next door

Locally owned restaurants offer a unique experience

Wil Roy and Meg Lewton
Interim Reporter and Lifestyles Editor

Students need not travel far for decent dining — there are many local businesses in Big Rapids that have earned big reputations for big-time eats.

Jennifer Rumsey and her husband have owned Schuberg's Bar and Grill for about six years. Schuberg's has technically been around since 1933, but the restaurant has seen multi-

ple ownerships and name changes.

Schuberg's is a mom and pop style restaurant with 18 staff members. Their prices are low enough for students to afford, but also high enough to earn enough profit to ensure its place in Big Rapids for years to come. Their menu is regionally famous for its 24 unique burgers.

Schuberg's is not your typical corporate business; it is a cozy environment and the staff focuses on building first name relations with their customers.

In addition, Rumsey is dabbling with the possibility of loyalty cards for their frequent customers.

Cranker's has been in the Big Rapids area for 14 years, but the brewery and bar side has only operated for about seven years. The brewpub was an ambitious attempt to appeal more to locals and students equally.

Themed nights also draw in customers. Trivia Night is 7 p.m. on Mondays, and Karaoke Night is 8 p.m. every Thursday.

Cranker's has a Mugg Club membership for students during the school year. It costs \$25 for a year and provides students discounts on beer. Cranker's frequently posts their

deals on their Facebook page.

Kilwins has been owned by Carleen Rose and her husband for 31 years. The confectionery has been around for about 50 years.

"I love chocolate so much that I had to buy this place," Rose said.

The front of the store contains fresh desserts, while the back of the store contains Michigan-based merchandise.

Kilwins follows the Band of Locals discount. It is \$10 for life and it offers customers a discount to most businesses in the Big Rapids area. It is one way for students to get to know the local area and the businesses that make up the town.

Carleen also loves doing fundraisers for Ferris campus organizations. She prides herself on being the "mom away from home," not only for her employees, but also for the students who frequent the shop.

Schuberg's, Cranker's and Kilwins are just three of the many local businesses Big Rapids offers. Many of these local businesses offer distinctive, cozy environments as well as discounts.



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Torch Photographer

Ferris social work senior Marissa Patterson pours a customer a beer at Cranker's Brewery, located at 213 S. State St. in Big Rapids.

Microwave friendly meals

Marissa Russell
Torch Reporter

Chicken quesadilla

Forget about going to Qdoba; bring Qdoba to you!

Ingredients

- 2 medium flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup chicken strips, or shredded chicken, cooked
- 1/2 bell pepper, diced
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. Microwave tortillas until they are slightly crispy.
2. Mix in the chicken, pepper and taco seasoning. Microwave for one to two minutes.
3. Pour the mix over one tortilla then spread cheese over it evenly. Lay the second tortilla over it and microwave for another 30 seconds to one minute.

Blueberry muffin in a mug

If you tend to sleep in — but want a tasty breakfast — this meal is for you!

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons blueberries
- 1/4 cup oat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions:

1. Grease your favorite microwave-safe coffee mug.
2. Mix egg white and honey in the mug.
3. Add oat flour, baking powder and nutmeg. Mix.
4. Microwave on high for 90 seconds.

Five minute mac and cheese

Try this simple spin on a classic dish!

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup elbow macaroni
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons milk
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- fresh chives (optional)

Directions:

1. Mix macaroni, salt and water into a mug.
2. Microwave for two to three minutes, then stir.
3. Add cheese, milk and pepper. Microwave for an additional 30 seconds.
4. Garnish with chives (optional).

The above recipes are from tasty.co

Easy eats

Where to eat when you're tired of dining halls

Marissa Russell
Torch Reporter

While the Rock and Quad have adequate food, students such as Ferris professional tennis management freshman Nick Beijer sometimes like to take an alternative route.

Beijer has never attempted to use the kitchenette in his residence hall. Instead, when he's craving something different, Beijer will usually walk from his room in

McNerny Hall to Erbert and Gerbert's or Qdoba.

When Beijer can't go out, he will eat meals such as macaroni and cheese and Hot Pockets. He also tends to eat small snacks.

Beijer advises other students to find people to eat with to make it more enjoyable.

Ferris allied health sophomore Anna Young and her roommate, criminal justice sophomore Cidney Hoffman, enjoy eating together. Hoffman prefers to make microwavable meals, such as soup and pasta. Young and Hoffman buy their own food they can make in their room instead of going out. They often share pizza

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Events calendar

Wednesday

Oct. 2



LGBTQ+ Resource Center Coffeehouse

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Movie Screening of "The Hate U Give"

Location: North Hall
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Oct. 3

Pot It Like It's Hot

Location: CLACS Lobby
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Academic Opportunities

Location: UCB 202 B and 202 C
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Five Star Speaker Saul Flores

Location: UCB 202
Time: 7 p.m.



Friday

Oct. 4

First Friday for First Gen

Location: UC 116
Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Study Abroad Information Workshop

Location: IRC 104
Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

Fridays at Ferris: Latin Dance Night

Location: UC 202 B and 202 C
Time: 9 - 11 p.m.



Sunday

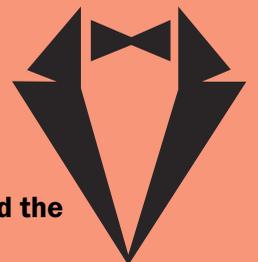
Oct. 6

JCPenney Suit Up Event

Location: JCPenney
Time: noon - 3 p.m.

Tuba Bach - Dave Bennett and the Alvin Waddles Trio

Location: Big Rapids High School Auditorium
Time: 4 p.m.



Monday

Oct. 7

Screening of "I Am the Queen"

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Time: noon

Career Fair 101

Location: CLACS Career Center
Time: 4 - 7 p.m.

Discussion: "Culture and Identity"

Location: UC 203
Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.



Tuesday

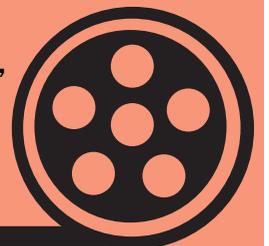
Oct. 8

Screening of "I Am the Queen"

Location: LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Time: noon

Trivia Night - "Harry Potter"

Location: UC 202
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.



Food
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Torch File Photo

Ferris hospitality management senior Shane Hyman cooks a pot of Ramen noodles in a residence hall kitchenette.

rolls. Young and Hoffman like to eat out at Qdoba, much like Beijer and other students. They also enjoy eating at McDonald's, although they would rather make their own food.

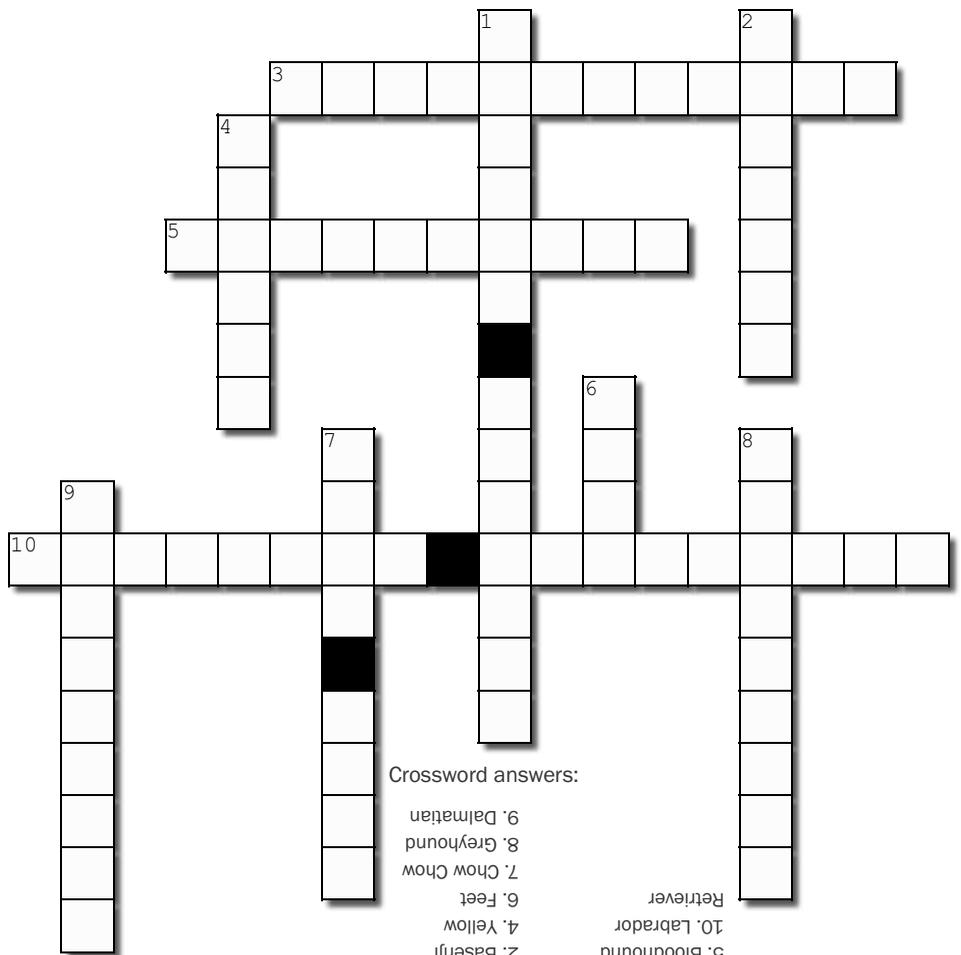
When Ferris pre-optometry sophomore Emma Tussey doesn't have the time to run to Subway, she will go to her friend's apart-

ment when she is hungry. Although Tussey has not yet had the chance to use her residence hall's kitchenette this year, she did last year. Tussey liked making desserts and baking macaroni and cheese.

"Making my own food is really rewarding and it tastes better sometimes," Tussey said.

They're good dogs, Brent

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Crossword answers:

- Down:
1. Boston Terrier
2. Basenji
3. Newfoundland
4. Yellow
5. Bloodhound
6. Feet
7. Chow Chow
8. Greyhound
9. Dalmatian
10. Labrador Retriever
- Across:
3. Newfoundland
4. Yellow
5. Bloodhound
10. Labrador Retriever

Across

- These big, fluffy dogs are great lifeguards because of their water resistant fur and webbed feet.
- This dog's impressive sense of smell can be used as evidence in court.
- This breed has been in the top 10 most popular breeds in America for 25 consecutive years.

Down

- This was the first American breed recognized by the American Kennel Club.
- This dog breed doesn't bark. Instead, they make a yodeling sound.
- Scientists believe dogs can see two colors: blue and ____.
- This is the only area on a dog that can sweat.
- These dogs are known for having a blue-black tongue.
- This thin dog is a great long distance runner and can keep a speed of 35 miles per hour for seven miles.
- Dogs of this breed are born white and develop black markings as they age.

TORCH TUNES

Throwback Thursday



Meg Lewton
Lifestyles Editor

Many of the best things in life happened in the 90s: fashion, Dunkaroos, celebrity crushes (I'm looking at you, Aaron Carter).

I'm "technically" a 90s baby, but seeing as I was born in 1998, I can't truly consider myself one. My time alive in

the 90s was spent learning to talk and being completely unaware of my own existence.

However, as I've gotten older, I've become appreciative of the great music the 90s and early 2000s had to offer. I even worked at a throwback hip-hop and R&B radio station over the summer, so I could soak up all the Nelly and TLC hits every day.

Here are my favorite throwback songs, perfect for any party or road trip. Good luck trying not to sing along.

Ride Wit Me – Nelly

I've never met a single person who doesn't like this song. It instantly livens up the party, and it's impossible not to dance to it. Fun fact: my dad used to think Nelly was saying "pass me the bunny" instead of "must be the money," so if you're ever around me when this song comes on, those are the lyrics I'll sing.

Favorite lyric: "Measurements was 36, 25, 34."

Just Lose It – Eminem

This song is appropriately named, because when my playlist shuffles to it, I do, in fact, "Just Lose It." I've always been a huge Eminem fan, and even if his music is super raunchy, it's a guilty pleasure.

Favorite lyric: "What's your name, girl? What's your sign?"

Stronger – Kanye West

I actually completely forgot about this song until a couple years ago, and now, it's often one of the first songs I queue up on Spotify. It's a feel-good song and always gets me pumped up. It's so versatile: I can play it while at the gym, pre-gaming for a party or doing homework, and it will put me in a really good mood. Plus, it's so fun to scream "Take this, haters!"

Favorite lyric: "Take this, haters!" (Obviously)

Work Out – J. Cole

This is one of those songs where I'll shamelessly sing both the words and the beat. It's a classic and literally EVERYONE knows this song.

Favorite lyric: "Damn, they don't make them like you no more."

Ms. Jackson – Outkast

I'm sorry, Ms. Jackson. OOOOH! I. Am. For. Reeeee-aaaalllll.

This song is so irresistible. I've heard so many covers of this, and while the original is obviously the best, it's hard to mess up because it's so great. I haven't heard a single Outkast song that I haven't loved, so this was a hard pick. (Honorable mentions: "Hey Ya" and "B.O.B.")

Favorite lyric: "The 'oooh' they do in the chorus"

SPORTS

"I don't know if we fumbled coming up to the press conference or not, but we fumbled every which way in this game." - Tony Annese - See page below for story

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A balanced attack

Ferris soccer
is rich in
scoring
options

Brendan Samuels
Torch Reporter

The first eight games of 2019 have left the Ferris women's soccer team with a 6-1-1 record; a mark that keeps them on pace to match last year's record-setting squad.

The good news for the Bulldogs is more than 20 returning players from last year's team played upward of 10 games. Eight of those 20 players started more than 20 games for the Bulldogs.

"Realistically the only change from last year to this year is there's more freshmen coming in," Ferris women's soccer head coach Greg Henson said. "We've got players that know what it takes to win and we're going to ride their backs."

Riding the backs of veteran players has been vital to the Bulldogs' success thus far, as scoring has primarily come from players with at least one year behind them.

Leading the way in goals this season has been Ferris sophomore forward Pia Nagel with six. A slew of juniors trail her with a pair of goals each: forward Mackenzie Dawes, midfielder Bri Rogers and junior defenseman Gabrielle Teodorescu.

"Scoring gives our whole team confidence in the game and how we play," Ferris senior goalkeeper Alison Chesterfield said. "If we can get up by a few goals we



Greg Henson



Alison Chesterfield

Soccer | see page 12

Bulldogs chase the Wildcats off Top Taggart

Ferris relies on run game with Jayru Campbell out with unspecified 'health issues'

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

Ferris football team won handily against Northern Michigan University on Saturday, Sept. 28, despite struggling with several turnovers.

The Bulldogs won 38-10 behind the legs of sophomore quarterback Evan Cummins and junior running backs Marvin Campbell and Tyler Minor. The run-heavy attack beat down the Wildcats drive after drive, allowing the Bulldogs to put up 350 yards rushing and five rushing touchdowns.

Turnovers severely hampered the Bulldogs from putting up more points, with the team losing the ball on five of six fumbles. Two fumbles came inside the Northern Michigan 15-yard line.

"I don't know if we fumbled coming up to the press conference or not, but we fumbled every which way in this game," Ferris head football coach Tony Annese said. "Five fumbles lost on six fumbles, it's hard to be that bad with ball security, so I'm very discouraged about that obviously. I thought our defense played hard and crisp. I thought for the most part our offensive line controlled the game, we were able to rush the ball well. I'm pleased by that. I thought Evan played well, but the turnovers... there's just no excuse by that."

Another story from the matchup is the absence of senior quarterback Jayru Campbell. After not practicing all week, Annese said Campbell is "experiencing some health issues" but declined to elaborate further.

With senior quarterback Travis Russell still recovering from a broken rib suffered week one, Cummins got the start.

Cummins finished the day with 79 passing yards off nine completions on 17 attempts and no touchdowns, but no interceptions, either. He also added 83 yards rushing off of 11 attempts, averaging 7.5 yards a carry. Cummins was responsible for one of six Ferris fumbles.

"I thought he was very comfortable and that just comes from all the things he does in practice. He was my project in the spring. I was relentless trying to get him going that spring and probably to the point to, I would say, I was being mean. But I knew I was going to need him for times like these. He's a great young man and a really gifted athlete," Annese said. "He's Jason Vander Laan-esque when it comes to running the ball."

Annese was careful not to announce a starter for next week's matchup, but threw senior slot receiver Jevon Shaw's name into the mix of possible starters.

"If you know, you're smarter than I am," Annese said about which quarterback would start.

Marvin Campbell led the way rushing with 85 yards on 15 rushing attempts. He also scored two touchdowns.

"Evan has a lot of versatility, so playing with him kind of opens up our offense and we kind of attack teams wherever on the field," Campbell said. "As a team we play good with everything and we got the win."

The most explosive plays of the day came from Minor, rushing for 82 yards on only four carries. This included the biggest play of the day — a 57-yard run early in the fourth quarter to put Ferris up 38-3. Earlier he had scored the first touchdown of the day off of a 14-yard run.

The defense was stifling throughout the game, only allowing a touchdown with just more than five minutes left in the game. The Bulldogs allowed only 76 yards rushing off 40 attempts, an average of 1.6 yards per carry. The defense also registered four sacks.

Senior linebacker Avonte Bell led the team in tackles with seven,



Tony Annese



Marvin Campbell



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris junior running back Marvin Campbell runs the ball against Northern Michigan University Saturday, Sept. 28. Campbell led the team with 85 rushing yards.

including one tackle for a loss. Senior defensive end Austin Edwards also made a splash play, registering a sack.

"I think that over the first four games we've been making good strides to get better," Edwards said. "We're still working towards getting a zero on the board. That starts at practice have depth for our first string, second string, third string, in games like this having the net total go down a little bit. I think we played well though but we definitely have some stuff to improve on our side."

The Bulldogs return to the road to Davenport University this weekend with a kickoff at noon Saturday, Oct. 5.



Austin Edwards

WEEKEND SCORECARD

Football
Sept. 28 - Ferris 38,
Northern Michigan 10

Women's Soccer
Sept. 27 - Ferris 6, Davenport 0
Sept. 29 - Ferris 1, Ashland 3

Women's Golf
Sept. 28-29 - Team: 2nd
place 313
Individual: 2nd Destiny
Lawson 72

Clean sweep week

Volleyball sweeps two more conference opponents to go 4 -1 in the GLIAC

Greg Williams
Torch Reporter

Ferris volleyball continued its hot streak in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this weekend with two clean sweeps against Purdue Northwest and Wisconsin-Parkside.

The Bulldogs controlled the Purdue Northwest game from the start, despite the matched intensity and energy. Ferris took advantage of their deep bench and overwhelmed the Pride in three sets, 25-15, 25-14 and 25-10.

The Bulldogs were flying everywhere around the court and were especially strong on defense. As a team they had 60 digs with junior libero Nina Gogijevska leading the team at 18. They also had eight total blocks with sophomore middle hitter Samantha Herman leading the way with four.

Offensively, the Bulldogs posted a .341 hitting percentage, 39 kills and 38 assists. They had a total of 10 players get kills with the senior outside hitter Allyson Cappel leading the way with 10. Senior setter Maeve Grimes added with 21 assists along with junior setter Julia Mitchell, who had eight assists.



Tia Brandel - Wilhelm

"I thought it was sweet we were able to get a lot of kids in and the level of the play stayed the same. Everyone who went in, especially in the serving spots, continued to keep pressure on Purdue Northwest," Ferris head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said.

On the other side of the net, the Pride struggled against the versatile Bulldogs. Purdue Northwest completed a total of 41 digs and five blocks. Dannie Fowler had a team high of 17 digs, and Annie Pulizos had a team high of three blocks.

The Pride posted a low hitting percentage of only .054, with 25 kills and 17 assists. Pulizos also had a team high of seven kills, and Eudora Negri had a team high eight assists. It did not help that the Pride was playing with a different line up and out of their original system.

"Purdue Northwest had a lineup change here. Their setter wasn't in there, so they had some new setters. So, I thought they had to work from behind a little and get into rhythm of their offense and I think that was a big part of us being in control of the match," Brandel-Wilhelm said.



Photo by: Hunter Pariseau | Torch Photographer

Ferris sophomore middle hitter Samantha Hermann spikes the ball against Wisconsin-Parkside. The Bulldogs swept Wisconsin-Parkside and Purdue Northwest last weekend and are now 4-1 in conference play.

Another reason for the Bulldogs' success was the ability to go deep in their bench and have players step up. Along with squad depth, a couple of new Bulldogs saw their first action against the Pride. One of those players was freshman middle hitter Kristina Welter, who nailed her first kill as a collegiate player.

"I am really a part of something. This is my family here, and knowing that everyone is that excited for me is like 'Wow, this is my family.' It was really cool," Welter said.



Ally Barkhaus

Another player to step up and contribute two kills was freshman libero Ally Barkhaus. This weekend was also her first collegiate action and she was overwhelmed with emotions.

"I'm not gonna lie, I was a little bit shaky and nervous, but I thought as soon as I hit the ball it's just game time and just got to relax and play," Barkhaus said. "I heard a few people using my name which was crazy because I don't know them and so hearing their support brought me a lot of joy."

The Bulldogs were confident, prepared and executed very well all weekend. This focus carried once again to Saturday

for the weekend's second game. The Bulldogs swept Wisconsin-Parkside, marking their third sweep of the week.

"Wisconsin-Parkside presents a lot of different things. They run a 6-2 with a pretty strong offense coming at you all the time, so a lot of it will be the serving and getting them out of system," Brandel-Wilhelm said.

The Bulldogs posted a .386 hitting percentage, with a team high 47 kills and 46 assists. Junior outside hitter Katie O'Connell led the team Saturday with 14 kills and Grimes led the team in assists with 38. The defense was stayed strong, with Cappel coming up with two blocks. Between Gogijevska, O'Connell, and senior outside hitter Courtney Brewer, they came in with 11 digs.

Wisconsin Parkside struggled to reignite their game, with but a .074 hitting percentage, only 23 kills and 22 assists. Reese Rossnagel completed a team high seven kills, while Ann Leo led the way with 12 digs. Lexi Packard and Jazmine Neal had two blocks each.

The Bulldogs improve to 10-3 overall and 4-1 in the GLIAC after this week of play. They continue this home stint next week on Friday, Oct. 4, against Northern Michigan University and Saturday, Oct. 5, against Michigan Technological University.



Top Dawg

Tyler Minor

Photo courtesy of Kevin McDermott

Cora Hall
Sports Editor

A few weeks ago, most people would ask you, "Who?" if you said Ferris junior running back Tyler Minor's name. Now, we know him as one of the team's leaders in rushing yards and touchdowns, and for that he has earned this week's Top Dawg honors.

Minor, a transfer from Dodge City Community College, saw the field in crimson and gold for the first time away against Central Washington, when he scored two touchdowns on two carries which totaled 115 yards. After not carrying the ball against Ashland, Minor was back for the homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 28 against the Northern Michigan Wildcats.

Completing the longest play of the day on a 57-yard touchdown run, Minor was third in rushing for the Bulldogs with 82

yards on four carries. He also ran in Ferris' first touchdown of the game on a 14-yard carry.

After only seeing the field two games this season, Minor is already third in rushing yards with 197. He trails only sophomore quarterback Evan Cummins and junior running back Marvin Campbell, who both have played in three and four games, respectively. However, Minor leads the team in rushing touchdowns with four and he averages 65.7 yards per game, second only to Cummins' 68.3 yard average.

Minor is Ferris' most efficient runner by far, though. To put it in context, Minor has touched the ball six times and is only eight yards behind Cummins' total of 205 yards on 26 carries. Campbell has carried the ball 57 times this season for 220 yards.

Fans should expect to see a lot more of Minor as the season goes on.

Volleyball

Sept. 27 - Ferris 3, Purdue Northwest 0
Sept. 28 - Ferris 3, Wisconsin-Parkside 0

Men's Golf

Sept. 28-29 - Team: 2nd place 283
Top Individual: 4th Nathan Krainyk 69

Men's Tennis

Sept. 28-29 - Top Singles:
Yannic Alexander Mader - 2nd
Top Doubles: Ayush Deswal-Josh McDermott R1-L,
Mathis Guerre-Pablo Munoz Baroja R1-L

Soccer

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know that it'll start to discourage the other team and make it easier on us. However, we still have to be on our toes and ready for our opponents to push back. We can't shut off until that final whistle."

While the offense has been effective — scoring 17 goals through eight games — it's been the defense leading the way.

Chesterfield has started six games in goal, posting a 4-1-1 record with four shutouts. Ferris senior goalkeeper Grace Kraft is equally involved, starting two games and posting shutouts in both matchups.

Henson began the year riding Chesterfield before offering Kraft a chance in the team's sixth game against Saginaw Valley State University. Kraft saved three shots in 90 minutes of play, prompting Henson to start Kraft again in a 6-0 win over Davenport University.

Chesterfield and Henson echo each other on the team's decision to who rules the goal: whoever allows the best chance to win.

After Chesterfield gave up her first goal of the season Sunday, Sept. 29, in the 3-1 match against the Ashland University Eagles (Ohio), the starter in front of the net could shift back to Kraft.

The Bulldogs hit the home pitch 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to host Northern Michigan University's Wildcats.



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Ferris sophomore defender Merin McDermott has started all eight games this season to help the Bulldogs to a good start this season.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

Friday, Oct. 4:

- Cross Country at Lansing Invitational
- Women's Soccer vs. Northern Michigan at 4 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Northern Michigan at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5:

- Cross Country at Louisville Classic
- Women's Tennis at Davenport at 10 a.m.
- Football at Davenport at noon
- Volleyball vs. Michigan Tech at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6:

- Women's Soccer vs. Michigan Tech at noon
- Men's Golf at Northwood Invitational
- Women's Tennis at Purdue Northwest at 10 a.m.
- Men's Ice Hockey vs. Waterloo (Canada) at 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 7:

- Men's Golf at Northwood Invitational
- Women's Golf at Beall Fall Classic

Tennis rallies behind strong chemistry

Captains lead team effort in offseason

Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

Building chemistry on a new team can be difficult, but Ferris men's tennis has shown no signs of struggle in that area. Instead, they've proven they are better together.

Head tennis coach Mark Doren said he has a younger team but they have shown exceptional team chemistry early in the season and it's a big deal for the future.

The men's tennis team is led this year by two of their upperclassmen; senior Jack Seymour from Traverse City and Mathis Guerre, a junior from Aix en Provence, France. Doren said both players have stepped up as leaders and have guided the young team.

The men's tennis team is currently in their offseason and last weekend headed down to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regionals. While the team struggled to bring home wins, freshman Yannic Alexander Mader won four matches in straight sets in the "A" singles draw and reached the semifinals 9 a.m. Monday. Mader's wins included upsets against No. 6 seeded Ben Kasprzak Missouri-St. Louis and No. 3 seeded Nico Hadelor of Drury.



Mark Doren

"With this being our offseason we've only played one tournament, but I was very impressed with how we played in Wisconsin and with four of the nine guys on the team being new, it was great to see the team chemistry so early in the year," Doren said.

Seymour said that the team has been boasting a lot of confidence, having a lot of great team practices and outside hitting sessions together. The team is taking the offseason to look for certain aspects of their games to tweak, along with scoping out some of the new competition in the region.

"We all were extremely excited for this weekend's tournament because it will be the first against the competition in our region," Seymour said. "I feel as though the team is jelling so well going into this year. The team feels the energy of the season coming up and it is really motivating all of us."

So far this offseason, Doren and Seymour said sophomore Josh McDermott from Queenstown, New Zealand has been a young standout. Both said McDermott acts like a leader, despite it being his first year on the team. As a captain, Seymour sees the talent on his team and is encouraging what being a captain is all about.



Jack Seymour

"Mathis Guerre has been such an amazing person to set examples for the other players on the team. He is a leader for all of us and that's why he is a captain," Seymour said. "Pablo Munoz Baroja has been the best performer so far in my opinion. His ability to compete at the highest level and still be an amazing teammate and motivator."

With this being the first tournament for the Bulldogs, Doren said that it was a good spot to see where the team ranks amongst some of the best teams in the Midwest. The men's tennis team has only competed at one other tournament this offseason in Wisconsin. Doren has loved his young teams' capacity to work together and is thrilled to get the ball rolling into the regular season.

"With only one tournament so far, Pablo Munoz Baroja and Josh McDermott have had the most success with both of them winning their flights at the Wisconsin Whitewater Tournament," Doren said. "My players do a great job of always supporting each other, which is why I'm very impressed with our team chemistry this early in year."

Rain dampens Bulldog Invitational

Women's golf comeback attempt thwarted by rain, finish home tournament runner-up

Brendan Sanders
Torch Reporter

The women's golf team finished second this weekend in the Bulldog Fall Invitational after the second round of the tournament was cancelled due to rain.

The team finished second on Saturday, Sept. 28 after shooting a 313, two strokes behind Saginaw Valley State University, who shot a 311 as a team on day one of action. Rain put a damper on a potential comeback attempt after the Bulldogs got off to a hot start on Sunday.

The Bulldogs started the day strong on Sunday, drawing even with the Cardinals, but as the rain worsened, the greens became swamped and forced a cancellation before enough holes were played. This meant the results from Saturday stood as the final score.



Kyle Wittenbach

"Just a disappointing way to end it with the cancellation," Ferris head golf coach Kyle Wittenbach said. "It was a must, the course unplayable and there was no way you could have got it in. It wasn't going to stop raining, it wasn't going to dry up, so it wasn't the most difficult decision to call it as the host. But a very disappointing decision.

"We were, as far as we can tell from the live scoring, making a comeback. We were all excited about it and we were all amped up. Sadly, it didn't work out."

The team was again led by junior golfer Destiny Lawson, who shot an even par at 72 for a second place finish and sophomore Elaina Derosé was close behind in third with a 73 on her first round of play.

Both finished with 3 birdies while Lawson had one more par with 13 to Derosé's 12. Lawson finished the day with three birdies, a bogey and a double bogey. Derosé finished with 3 birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey as well.

The Bulldogs once again were the model for consistency after leading the invitational in pars as a team with 50 on the day. They finished fifth in the invitational in birdies with four total. The team was consistently strong on both par threes and par fours, shooting +9 on par three's and +28 on par fours, third best in each category.

Other top players for the team were freshman Karina VanDuinen and senior Shayna Schneider, who each shot a 79. Other players putting in scores for the team were senior Margo Brown and and sophomore Mackenzie Dale.

The Bulldogs will have a little bit longer to rest up and prepare for their next tournament in Findlay. The Beall Fall Classic will take place on Monday, Oct. 7 and Tuesday, Oct. 8.



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Ferris junior Destiny Lawson tees off at the Bulldog Invitational in the rain. Lawson led the Bulldogs and finished in second at an even par of 72.




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Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

Most people tend to fall into two main categories.

There are a lot of people out there who really try to play up their strengths. They do this for a number of reasons, whether it be to feel more confident in themselves, or whether they are simply looking to impress others.

On the other hand, there are also a vast amount of individuals who desperately try to undervalue their talents. This also can be for a number of reasons. One reason can simply be they're trying to be humble and don't necessarily want the attention that comes with having certain skills.

However, within this second group, there are many people who simply feel not truly good enough.

That particular group is the one I feel like I should focus on today.

There's a difference between just shrugging people off when they tell you you're good at something and actually feeling like you are not good at anything.

That second part is what's problematic. And trust me, I know this sounds cliché and most people don't really want to hear it, but looking around lately it is something that must be said. Everyone has something they're good at, whether it be big or small.

There are people out there who will vehemently disagree with this statement. These are the exact people this message is targeting. The people who will want to shrug this off and say they suck at every-

thing and therefore "this can't be true" are the same people who just don't feel like they're good enough at anything to be a productive member of society.

Trust me, I get where these individuals are coming from. I also have had countless moments throughout my life, especially within the last year where I find myself saying, and even worse, thinking the same thing.

However, it simply isn't true no matter how many times you tell yourself it is. I have a tweet that I've had bookmarked almost since my twitter account's creation a few years ago. The tweet shows a kid on stage doing tricks with a yo-yo. He was spectacular.

Some people would say that's

not a real talent. Some people would say "who cares if you can play with a children's toy." However, it is a talent.

Not all people will be star athletes. We aren't all cut out to make it on the big stage in Hollywood. That's okay. It doesn't mean you aren't skilled or you don't have traits which are valuable in the world. It simply means you have your own unique set of skills, whether it be whistling Mariah Carey lyrics or just being a stand-up individual.

So stop selling yourself short, because all of you out there are great. You just got to realize it for yourselves.



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DIVIDED OPINIONS

What sport offers the best gameplay?

Football

American football is arguably the best sport in the world and everyone who says this would be correct.

Football, in general, attracts so many people whether it's high school, college or professional levels. Football gives you so much energy as a player and even just as a fan, but being a player is by far the best experience. The instant rush you get on a football field surrounded by some of your best friends (that you wind up calling your brothers) is the most energetic feeling.

Laying it all out on the line for those brothers and your coaches to get a win and make a play is what players live for. But most of all the feeling of the fourth quarter coming to its end when the game is on the line and you make a game-ending play or score the winning touchdown as the clock runs into double zeros will always make playing football better than any other sport. Giving everything,



Austin Arquette
Torch Reporter

you have and leaving it all out on the field for each player is what it's all about.

Playing the game of football is so much better than other sports simply because of being on the field in bright lights, under pressure and having so many fans and even teammates cheering and pushing you to shine brightly.

From the amazing defensive plays that don't happen in other sports as much, to the insane catches, to all the scoring plays — mostly touchdowns — all the way to making the winning kick. These are all reasons that football is, and will always be, more fun to play than any other sport.

The absolute biggest reason playing football is better

than other sports is because it teaches you so much more than a game. Football teaches you different life skills you can use after you hang up your cleats and helmets.

The game of football teaches you motivation to win, leadership skills which grow the more you play, friendships that last forever, how to be humble, team and individual cooperation, but the biggest thing the game of football can teach you is discipline. Major sports in the world today have football near the top three if not the top dog of them all, and for good reason.

Football is labeled as "America's Game" and has been growing more and more every year. With all ages being able to relate to the game of football it spreads to so many people.

Whether you are a player, coach, fan or worker of the game, football reaches different ages and has a place for everybody. Football teaches you so much and is entertaining to not only play but even to watch.

Whatever your view is on football this game is one of the most popular and isn't going anywhere anytime soon.

Basketball

Football is undoubtedly America's game. That is a given. I spend most of my weekends on the couch or in the stands watching football. I pay attention to football much more than any other sport including basketball. But the question is not what sport is more popular. The question is what sport is better to play, and that's where I believe basketball wins out.

The first reason why basketball is better to play over football is athleticism. There are certain genetic talents which make it so you can contribute to the game of football consistently. No matter what level you play, being fast or large gives you an advantage. While the same can be said about basketball, there's a skill in basketball that evens out the playing field. The skill of shooting the ball into the basket. It doesn't matter what height you are, how fast you are, or how strong you are, if you can shoot efficiently, you'll be able to contribute. Passing and defending is much easier in basketball. I would help my best friends at the local YMCA win not by being a star scorer, but by passing it and defending. You don't need



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speed or height to do those two parts of the game either. If you can anticipate a shot or a player move, you can stop almost anyone except the best of the best.

The next reason is that basketball is also much easier on the body. Playing on a 60 to 100-yard grass field is taxing to both the players legs and legs. You must be in shape to run down the field. A regulation sized basketball court is 94 feet by 50 feet. This gives a player who may not be in the best shape a better opportunity to get back and forth own the court without putting the body through too much stress. I don't recall ever getting injured in all the years of playing pickup basketball with my friends. I still feel the effects football has had on me with my knees.

Basketball is the best recreational sport in America. Anyone can play the game, and it can be played almost anywhere, with any amount of people. It doesn't matter

how many people are able to play. Basketball can be played with two players just as well as it can be played with ten.

And this is just playing the sport, basketball can be much more fun to watch depending on your taste. The game is much more fast paced; thus, it is easier for people with less of an attention span to watch and enjoy the game. There is always scoring, the longest I've ever seen a game go without scoring was four minutes, and that game goes down as one of the greatest games in NBA history. It was Game 7 between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors in 2016.

The best thing about watching basketball is the finishes. There may be nothing better in sports than a buzzer beater. Legends are made of last second shots that arc into the heavens before splashing down in the basket to win the game.

Collegewise, basketball is more popular in almost any aspect. From March Madness to the casual pickup game, college students are more likely to play or watch basketball during the winter and spring months.

Overall, basketball is great because you don't have to be an athlete to play it. It is a game for the common man. It is also one of the most exhilarating games to watch.

Soccer

"Playing the game of football is so much better than other sports simply because of being on the field in bright lights, under pressure and having so many fans and even teammates cheering and pushing you to shine brightly."

Um, Austin, doesn't that describe every game? You've described nothing unique to the gridiron. And Brendan, how does basketball's ease of passing and defending render it the better sport? Does challenge not make a sport more exciting?

Soccer is by far the best sport to play. In terms of athleticism, it is the most requiring. Picture putting the endurance and stamina required of basketball on a football field. Yeah, Shaq could not have done that. LeBron would have retired at 25.

People like to poke fun at soccer for its low scores. And that can be a drag. But when you score that goal — perhaps the only goal of the game? It makes it that

much sweeter. That's why you see soccer players going berserk, group-hugging after every goal. It's an amazing accomplishment. You've completed what seems an impossibility.

American football might be the most popular sport in, well, America, but that's only one country out of, like, 200. Of the other 199, PROPER football dominates like 180 of them. Hmm?

There's no stopping and standing around, no commercial breaks, no timeouts, no pads and no 350-lb. "athletes." You have to think on the fly, react in motion, set the attack without a moment's hesitation.

It bugs me Ferris does not have a men's soccer team

outside of club sports. But I guess that allows the women's team that much more spotlight. Whereas football is mostly dominated by men, soccer allows equal opportunity. One of my favorite memories is captaining a co-ed soccer team. We lost every game, but that's beside the point. Women's soccer is making strides in this country, dominating internationally and growing domestically.

While football is the most popular sport in the U.S., soccer is the fastest growing in popularity, and might even overtake the gridiron in, like ... 50 years or something. Maybe that's expecting too much. But it's already overtaken baseball in ticket sales, and expected to outperform basketball within 10 years.

Americans realize it's that awesome. It just took them longer than most cultures.

Soccer is the sport of the future. To refuse this fact is plain, embarrassing ignorance bordering on denial. You DO have to be athletic to play. It is a game for the common man AND woman. And while some sports "aren't going anywhere anytime soon," soccer is only going UP.



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That time of year

When the leaves fall down, so do people



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Mmmm ... Ah yes, fall. Autumn. The equinox.

Hayrides, football, cider mills ... oh, the joys. Nothing is more beautiful than when the excitement of summer transitions to the chill and lethargy of winter. The greens are replaced by yellows, reds and browns, symbolizing the maturing of summer's ignorance, naivety and bliss to a time of steady focus and quiet reflection.

And as the leaves and trees bloom with color, so do they bloom with mold, dust, mildew and stale, dead pollen.

Stock up on tissues and cough drops, kids. Things are about to get messy.

If allergies don't bother you, then surely other infections of the sinuses will.

The common cold seems to change hands more often than Bulldog Bucks these days. Phlegm is measured in liters akin to Pumpkin Spice Lattes. One may spot it flowing in puddles and streams throughout the North Quad, spiraling, swirling. Fall becomes suddenly less beautiful, doesn't it?

It's easy to become ill this time of year. Students discover

less sleep than they did during the lazy days of summer, sleeping in until the crack of noon. They march across campus in misty, drizzly and flat-out downpouring weather. The stress of balancing classes, work and social activities combined with these other factors compromises our immune systems.

And then comes the sniffing, the sneezing, the coughing, the emails to professors announcing regret for missed attendance.

We need to be diligent this time of year. We need to act practically.

And sleep is most important. Study early — don't put it off. Hard work is meaningless if you miss a test or due date because of influenza. Last-minute cramming leads to less time in bed ... which could mean more time in bed later. Or worse, in a hospital bed. Party less. Large amounts of alcohol can add stress to your body.

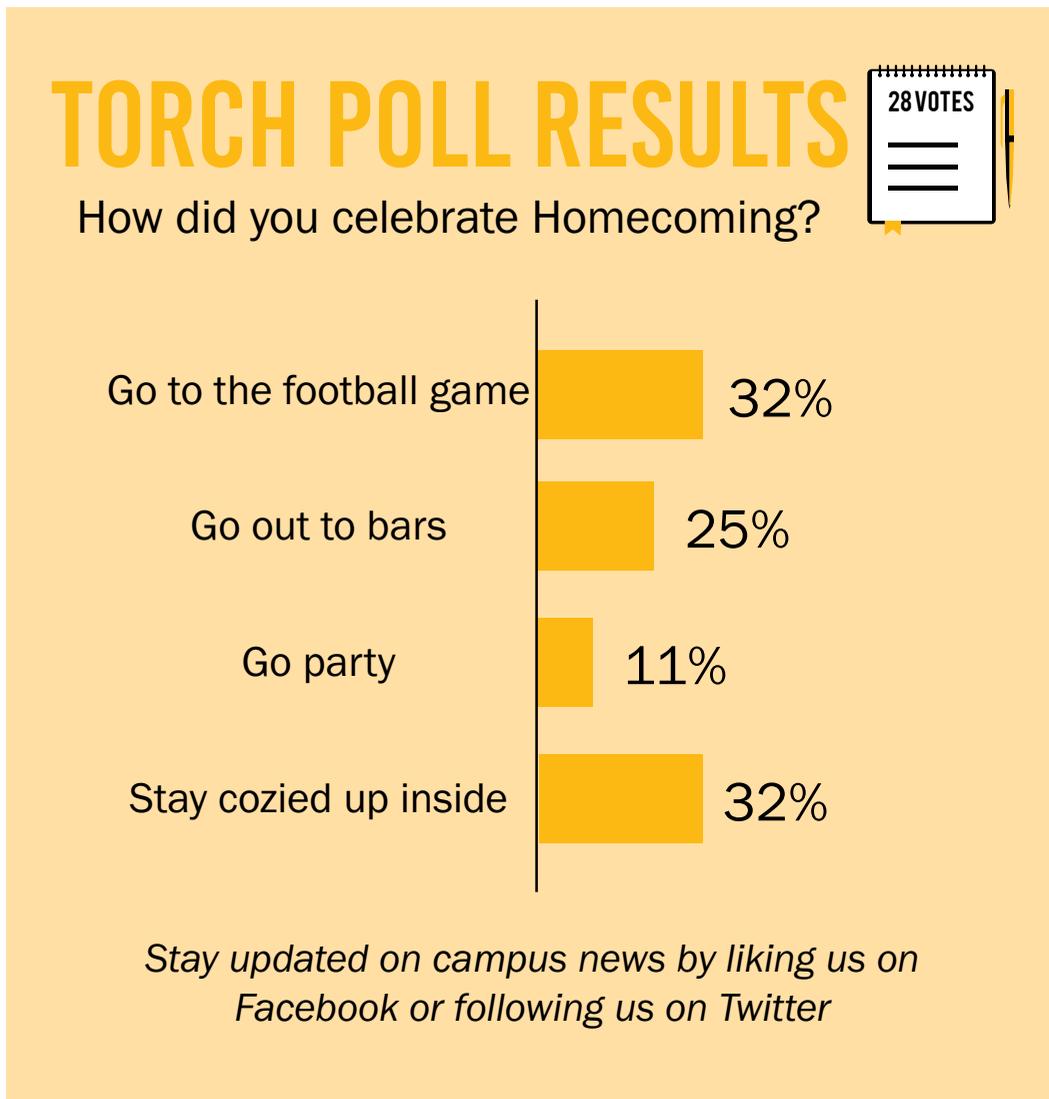
Eat healthy. Pizza every day may lead to fewer vitamins that prevent such illnesses.

And limit your exposure to bad weather. While writing this, I, myself, am suffering a terrible cold. I missed class this morning, and I blame it — in part — to having recently worked two hours in the rain as a convenience store attendant. When it gets cold, you get a cold. That's why it's called a cold. Whoever started the myth poor weather does not correlate with poor health is an idiot. We've known for thousands of years that terrible weather can lead to illness. Pack an umbrella. Dress in layers. Avoid too much outdoor activity in the drizzles of early autumn.

In a 19th century British novel, being stuck in the rain meant certain death. And ghosts.

Get a flu shot. If you in work food service, maybe call in sick. Fast food restaurants and the like infamously operate with skeleton crews. Angry idiot bosses like to pressure employees to work while ill. I hate them. You should hate them, too. They're probably more to blame for flu epidemics than anyone.

So that's all I have to say on the matter. My advice is nothing new; mostly just a rant. Enjoy the fall, by all means, but don't be stupid. Wash your hands, get sleep, eat healthy and be smart. Because it's easy to succumb to poor health. It's simply that time of year.



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