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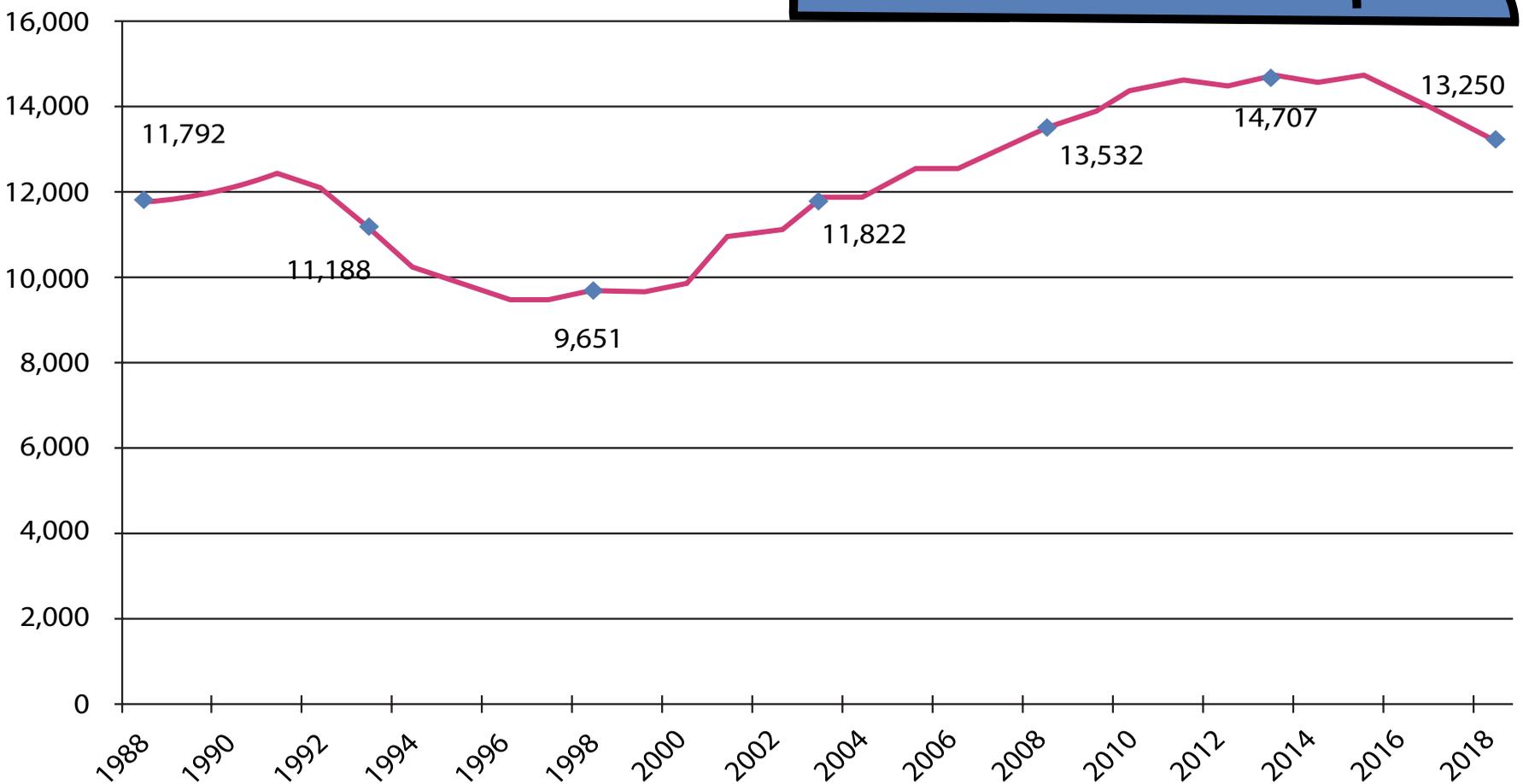
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# Enrollment declines for fourth consecutive year



## Total headcount enrollment



The above graph was taken from the Ferris State University 2018 - 19 Factbook

### As high school graduation rates decline, Ferris continues to struggle with shrinking enrollment

**Trenton Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris enrollment dropped for the fourth consecutive year, this time by 6% and it's predicted to continue on a decline in the coming years.

Enrollment has fallen for a number of reasons and it appears to be out of the university officials' hands. One of the main reasons is due to Michigan's high school graduation rate and that too is predicted to continue to fall.

"Our most challenging circumstance is that the State of Michigan has one of the largest predicted declines in the number of high school graduates in the US. Between 2013 to 2025, we are predicted to have 14,000 fewer high school graduates. And from 2025 to 2032, we are predicted to lose 10,000 more," Ferris' Dean of Enrollment Services, Kristen Salomonson said.

In 2013 the state of Michigan had 111,000 high school graduates, however, that is predicted to shrink down to 87,000.

This is not the only reason Ferris is experiencing low enrollment numbers. Trade schools and the workforce also seem to have a large impact on the university's enrollment as well.

"Finally, particularly for our statewide and online enrollments, the positive economic and unemployment trends traditionally mean fewer people opt to pursue education and instead participate more actively in the labor market. When a greater number of good jobs are available, enrollment at colleges and universities tend to decline," Salomonson said.

Now with less students enrolling at Ferris State, the university must figure out how to encourage students to come to college. This proves to be challenging with the decline of students graduating high school along with other larger university's being available to them.

That being said, other universities are experiencing the same decline. For example, Grand Valley State University has lost more than 1,000 students from 2018 to 2019.

"I don't think you can change the mindsets of these individuals. However, if Ferris were to advertise themselves

by encouraging positive outcomes of going to our university, I believe this could change the outcome," Ferris dental hygiene student Clarissa De Roo said.

In addition to new recruiting efforts, Ferris is planning ahead with budgeting and are preparing for lower numbers.

"We planned for having fewer student credit hours and adjusted budgets accordingly. As a result of our accuracy, the effect on the University from fewer students and corresponding lower revenue will be contained," Salomonson said.

Other Ferris students think fear of debt is why less students are seeking college degrees and are looking into trade school instead. This may hold true with tuition prices across the state on the rise.

"I think students are afraid of becoming in debt. Going straight into the work force gives them the comfort that they will not have to take out loans to go to school just to go back to work," Ferris construction management student Leah Hawthorne said.

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# NEWS

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- Daniel Rivera - See below for story

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# #Orgullo



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Daniel Rivera accepts his award for being named Homecoming Ambassador at halftime of the Ferris homecoming football game, Sept. 28.

## Daniel Rivera elected homecoming ambassador

Elizabeth Norvey  
Torch Reporter

Ferris Spanish for the professions and applied speech communications senior Daniel Rivera was chosen homecoming Saturday, Sept. 28, to represent Ferris as their new Homecoming Ambassador.

Rivera's work on campus was considered a major contributing factor in his claim to the title.

“Homecoming Ambassador is a representative of Ferris State University. To me, it's a student who represents the core values of our university and has been active in our community. Over the past month, I've been actively networking with returning and new students to talk about my campaign. #Orgullo, which means pride in Spanish, was my hashtag throughout my campaign. I have used this word as a way to teach others on the values of the Latinx culture and also showcase the opportunities that the Latinx culture has offered me as a student,” Rivera said.

Homecoming Ambassador includes quite a few benefits,

such as a small scholarship for the following Spring semester, priority registration and halftime recognition at the Homecoming football game. It also includes a few extra responsibilities. Rivera will have a “Letter to the Editor” that may be published by the Torch on his campus plans for the year, influence on the artists and event featured by Entertainment Unlimited, and returning for next year's Homecoming Parade, as well as the Torchbearer Ceremony.

“As Homecoming Ambassador, I will be hosting the 2020 Torchbearer Ceremony hosted by the CLACS Office. I am also representing Ferris State University, and it's mission to uphold its principles and the great things our University has to offer,” Rivera said.

The Torchbearer Ceremony is an annual awards ceremony that recognizes students with outstanding achievements, particularly those that contribute to the community through service hours and leadership.

Rivera is very involved in campus outside of his role as Homecoming Ambassador.

“I am a member of the Hispanic Student Organization,

was the 2018-2019 Newman Civic Fellow, a Promesa Scholar, and am now part of the team at the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,” Rivera said.

To be considered for the Newman Civic Fellowship, a student must be a part of long-term social change and address the issue of inequality in their community. Only one student from every campus may be nominated each year. A Promesa Scholar is a part of a campus organization that aims to increase the retention of Latin@ leaders on campus.

“The position of Ambassador is important because it gives candidates the opportunity to spread word of the wonderful things students can take advantage of on campus. Whether it be Greek life, academic clubs, social or culturally-based organizations; Homecoming Ambassador serves as an example of student leadership and development by the many things that have been utilized as an undergraduate student,” Rivera said.

The Ferris Homecoming Ambassador honor replaced the traditional royalty titles in 2018.

# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

## Catch up on news around the globe

**Grant Siddall**  
News Editor

### London, England

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has called for the wife of an American diplomat that was involved in a crash that killed a teenager to return to Britain to stand trial. British authorities have been pressuring the US to intervene in the investigation, after the suspect, who has diplomatic immunity left the country after telling British authorities she would not. Johnson has argued that diplomatic immunity should not be in place in this case.

Original article by Iliana Magra and Mark Landler, Oct. 7, 2019. *The New York Times*.

### Lampedusa

The bodies of 13 migrant women were found off the

coast of the small Mediterranean island of Lampedusa after a migrant boat carrying around 50 passengers capsized. Italian Coast Guard officials said that 22 survivors were rescued but they fear that many more passengers have died. According to a spokesman for the United Nations refugee agency more than 1,000 people have died in the Mediterranean this year, most attempting to travel from Libya to Europe.

Original article by Reuters, Oct. 7, 2019. *The New York Times*.

### Iraq

The Iraqi government was unprepared as thousands of protestors took to the streets last week to protest government corruption, unemployment and a lack of basic services. In addition to deploying security forces Iraqi leadership also imposed a curfew and shut down the internet. As of Saturday, Iraqi police have killed 91

people and wounded more than 2,000 as they have struggled to deal with protestors in a non-lethal way.

Original article by Alissa J. Rubin, Oct. 5, 2019. *The New York Times*.

### Spain

Three police officers pursuing four people suspected of trafficking drugs were rescued by the suspects after the officers fell into the ocean during the pursuit. A police helicopter crew used a megaphone to ask the suspects if they would rescue the officers. The suspects complied and were subsequently arrested for drug trafficking.

Original article by Alan Yuhas, Oct. 6, 2019. *The New York Times*.

# NEWS BRIEFS

**Grant Siddall**  
News Editor

### Glow Yoga

Exercise your mind and body with glow yoga 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Top Taggart Field. Attendees should bring their student ID, a yoga mat or towel and arrive by 7:15 p.m. to sign in. Participants will be supplied with body paint and glow sticks. In the event of inclement weather the event will be moved inside. For more information, contact Jennifer Spicer at [jenniferspicer@ferris.edu](mailto:jenniferspicer@ferris.edu).

### Relationships, Respect and Resources: Not Your Average Sex Talk

Come talk about healthy relationships, consent and

bystander intervention on Monday Oct. 14. Students will learn who, how and what shapes our decisions around sex and relationships. For more information, contact Shelly VandePanne at [shellyvandeppanne@ferris.edu](mailto:shellyvandeppanne@ferris.edu).

### Fridays at Ferris: Comedy Club

Test out your comedy skills or come and watch your peers at a comedy open mic night 9 – 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 in UC 202C. Stand-up comedians, improv comedians, impersonators, impressionists, magicians, ventriloquists and more are welcome to come take a turn at the microphone and show off their comedic skills. Refreshments will also be available. For more information, contact CLACS at [CLACS@ferris.edu](mailto:CLACS@ferris.edu).

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# October Is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

*Local groups hold feminine product drive to commemorate women and spread awareness*

**Elizabeth Norvey**  
Torch Reporter

October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, and Women's Information Service (WISE) and the Student Parent Association (SPA) have teamed up to run a feminine hygiene drive and raise awareness for the issue of domestic abuse.

This drive will be taking place every Wednesday in October at the main entrance to FLITE.

According to Ferris' social work masters student and SPA Secretary Bianca Butler and Ferris criminal justice masters student and SPA President Trisha Blackwell, they will be donating all of the collected items to the women's shelter in Big Rapids.

"We are raising awareness for domestic abuse and collecting feminine hygiene products," Butler said. "We col-

lected about 10 items. I think the event went well spreading the word of Domestic violence awareness. Hopefully, more people will bring feminine hygiene products now that they know we will be there."



Bianca Butler

While they feel the first event went well, WISE and SPA are each optimistic about turnout being higher in the coming weeks.

Domestic abuse is extremely common, even in a smaller town like Big Rapids. According to Big Rapids' The Pioneer, domestic abuse in the form of physical violence has affected 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States. But that's just the physical abuse. Domestic abuse also includes emotional, financial and verbal abuse, among others. There are many different ways that

partners can abuse one another, and that's what WISE and SPA are trying to educate people on.

Students seemed to support this event, as it gave necessary information on a topic that wasn't as talked about as it should be.

"It's a common problem that isn't talked about, but a surprising number of people experience domestic abuse," Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Kyle Latta said. "I'm glad events like this happen, so people feel more comfortable to speak out and seek help."

Anyone wanting to donate more feminine hygiene or wellness products or looking to learn more about domestic abuse and what it means can visit WISE and SPA on one of the remaining Wednesdays in October. They will be located in FLITE on Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# Spreading the word

*Ferris' Title IX office's efforts to increase awareness have led to an increase in reports.*

**Trenton Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris' Title IX office receives more cases by the year, but this is actually a positive outcome of hard work.

Title IX was passed in 1972 as an education amendment. It was intended to prevent sexual harassment and sexual discrimination among universities across the United States.

"In recent years we have seen an increased number of people coming forward to file a complaint or otherwise seek resources and support. This can be attributed to a variety of reasons including, but not limited to; increased education on campus for students as well as employees, increased societal awareness of sexual misconduct, major cases at other universities, and movements such as Times Up and Me Too," Title IX coordinator Kaitlin Zies said.

Student awareness has been a key turning point for the agenda Title IX has been trying to push. With more students

aware of what Title IX is, as well as how it can impact them, more students are taking advantage of the opportunity and subsequently more cases are being brought forward.



This uptick in numbers nationwide could be easily mistaken as society moving in the wrong direction but many would argue the contrary. More awareness on campus means more people feeling comfortable enough to speak up.

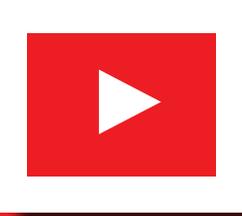
"We increased students awareness of Title IX and sexual misconduct in a variety of settings and ways," Zies said. "Examples include: sessions in both online and in person orientation; the Consent and Respect online module; Relationships, Respect, and Resources for incoming students; posters around campus; student employee focused trainings; Bringing in the Bystander workshops; and other educational programs and tabling opportunities throughout the year."

Students are also in support of Title IX and were unbothered by the modules that Ferris State requested but did not require everyone to take.

"I think they are beneficial; they try to give you a quick overview and the whole thing only took a couple of minutes and it gives you some decent scenarios," Ferris automotive management major Josh Walker said.

The key idea behind Title IX is support for all people in one of the most vulnerable areas in anyone's life. This is important to all campuses nationwide and many Ferris students agree that it makes the university a safer space.

"Obviously it's great. Women need to know that there is support behind them in every aspect of going on if they come forward," Ferris plastic engineering junior Jessica Bacon said.



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**Tickets** are required for all ceremonies. All Students planning on participating in a ceremony will receive (7) seven tickets. Electronic tickets will be available for students to reserve or print starting 8:00 am November 7, 2019. Extra tickets are not distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. **Tickets must be reserved by Thursday, December 12 at 11:59 pm.**

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**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

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# LIFESTYLES

"In an unexpected place, I discovered a community that I wanted to serve."  
- Saul Flores - See page 7 for story

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# Columbus Day vs. Indigenous Peoples Day

Ferris continues to support Columbus Day, while community celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day

## Columbus Day

- Supports the idea that Christopher Columbus discovered America
- Honors Columbus' coming to America in 1492
- Became a federal holiday in 1937
- Recognized by Ferris State University



The above information was gathered from Time

Veronica Mascorro  
Torch Reporter

Despite one of Ferris' core values being diversity, the university continues to support Columbus Day, a day that for many represents the genocide of thousands of indigenous people.

Indigenous Peoples Day is the celebration of people indigenous to the Americas as a counter to Columbus Day.

Ferris professor of biological sciences Scott Herron has served as the adviser for the Circle of Tribal Nations since 2011, when the registered student organization first began.

According to Bulldog Connect, the Circle of Tribal Nations is an organization open to students, faculty, staff and alumni that is dedicated to expanding public awareness and preservation of tribal cultures, both in the past and present. The Circle integrates diversity among tribal members in a safe and welcoming environment, enhancing personal growth.

Herron has been fighting for Ferris to adopt Indigenous Peoples Day for many years now, and after struggling to do so, has turned his efforts toward the city instead. In August, the city officially declared a proclamation recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day over Columbus Day.

Herron believes recognizing Columbus Day over Indigenous Peoples Day shows who people value more.

"Columbus represents an Italian and Spanish group of people who thought it was their right to travel anywhere in the world, name them what they wanted to name them, but didn't even acknowledge who they were as individuals," Herron said.



Dr. Scott Herron

Although this was a very important victory for Herron, he was slightly disappointed that he was able to get more support from the city of Big Rapids than Ferris.

Ferris political science, international studies and sociology senior Indra Iman Phillips would like to see more places recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

"I think that it's something the world should acknowledge," Phillips said. "Of course, America should take the lead, not necessarily abandon Columbus Day, but rehabilitate the whole ideology of that day. Because I think to acknowledge or even celebrate a man who did colonize a whole group of people and ignore them and ignore their history is disrespectful. We live in a world where all generations are trying to be more inclusive and I think that's great. I don't think we should ignore Columbus Day, because we need to acknowledge history, but to embrace indigenous people and their culture and their history is so important."

A common misconception is indigenous people only represent those native to the United States. Indigenous Peoples Day serves to represent those indigenous to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean.



Indra Iman Phillips

Miseducation regarding Columbus Day and over Native Americans stems back to what is being taught in the education system. Ferris biology junior Abigail Gilmore could resonate with this.

"I just learned the basic information," Gilmore said. "It wasn't really touched on, aside from the discovery of the new land."

At the moment, The Circle has nothing planned for this year's Indigenous Peoples Day. In the past, the organization has hosted an assortment of events. Last year, the Circle displayed a banner in the University Center students could sign to show their support for Indigenous Peoples Day over Columbus Day.

To celebrate the day and the decision of the city of Big Rapids to adopt Indigenous Peoples Day, there will be an event at the Big Rapids Public Library 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14.

## Indigenous Peoples Day

- Supports the idea that Columbus didn't discover America, but that he colonized it
- Honors the native lives lost by Columbus' colonization of America
- Not a federal holiday, but became recognized in the United States in 1992
- Not recognized by Ferris State University; recognized by the city of Big Rapids



# A dangerous journey, an incredible story

*One man's trek changed his life and impacted many more*

**Wil Roy**  
Interim Reporter

Saul Flores walked 5,328 miles by himself through 10 different countries in a journey that changed his life, creating a story that could change thousands of others.

Flores spoke to Ferris students Thursday, Oct. 3. The event was hosted by Sigma Lambda Beta and co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Center for Latin@ Studies, the Hispanic Student Organization and Spanish faculty.

Sigma Lambda Beta President Leonardo Almanza was a primary reason Flores came to Ferris to speak about his journey. Almanza chose Flores because the two have a very similar background. Almanza heard him at a previous presentation and knew from the beginning he wanted Flores to speak at Ferris.

Flores grew up with his two migrant parents and younger sister. He would go to work with his mom and dad when he was younger. As a child, he knew he was hungry, but he never really felt hungry. What he felt was the love and sacrifice of his parents.

Flores received a scholarship to attend North Carolina State University. While he was there, he led a group of classmates back to his mother's hometown of Atencingo, Mexico.

When he took his classmates there, his grandmother escorted him around the town to see how poor it really was. When he came to the school his mother went to, he saw how happy the kids were, despite their school practically falling apart.

Four years later, when Flores rallied more classmates back to that same town, he was told that his mother's school was going to be shut down. It was going to close because the building was beyond help or repair.

Flores admitted heartbreak. Upon return to the United States, he went straight to his parents and said, "In an unexpected place, I discovered a community that I wanted to serve."

Flores wanted to embark on a journey: "The Walk of the Immigrants." The purpose of this journey was to walk across South America to the United States to bring awareness to the hardships immigrants face while coming to America. He brought his camera and was going to sell the photographs he took along the way to raise money for the school in Atencingo. He hoped to make it home alive.

Along his trip, he saw many beautiful sights, but he ran into danger, as well. He used a tree log as a canoe, and claims to have suffered a three-day coma after infection from a poisonous dart frog. However, he ended up completing the 5,328-mile journey.

Flores' trek has since become well-known. He has been featured on TED, National Public Radio, Huffington Post and Fox News.

What started as an idea evolved into something greater. Despite the complications and peril he faced along the way, Flores was happy to have made the journey after seeing the impact it had on the children of Atencingo.

"The picture of the kids at the new school in Mexico made it worth it," Flores said.



Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

Saul Flores, who walked 5,328 miles to show the dangers immigrants face, spoke at Ferris Thursday, Oct. 3, in the University Center.

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# Overheard at Ferris

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\*Speaking to DPS Chief Bruce Borkovich

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love your  
mustache!”**

-Top Taggart Field

# Treat yo-self

## How self-care can make an impact

**Marissa Russell**  
Torch Reporter

Between the stress of classes and trying to juggle work, college can be extremely exhausting.

One thing Ferris secondary education senior Aaron Wisner does to relieve stress is what he calls "Saturday spending." Wisner will budget himself money throughout the week so he has a little extra cash to spend on Saturdays. This helps Wisner get out of the house and find something interesting to do.

Wisner also values time with friends, even if his friends are miles away.

"Most of my friends from childhood live in other states now, so the best way to keep in touch is through video games," Wisner said. "Almost every night, our long-time group of friends from home get together and play games for a while. Even if it is only for an hour, we make sure we have time for it. It helps us all deal with living in new places on our own."

Another thing Wisner likes to do is cook. He frequently tries out new recipes to help broaden his cooking spectrum. Although the recipes don't always work out, he still enjoys the challenge.

Ferris pre-veterinary junior Olivia Crapsey often turns to her religion as an outlet when she's stressed.

"As a Christian, I pray when I am frustrated or out of touch with things," Crapsey said. "It really helps to talk through things and try and work them out."

Crapsey also takes care of herself by exercising. She tries to go as often as she can, which is usually three times a week. She believes self-care is very

important because life can get overwhelming, which is why she tries to take the best care of herself.

Ferris pre-veterinary senior Lauren Thomas agreed that working out can help release stress.

"Running is a really big thing that helps me a lot," Thomas said. "Napping also really helps. I don't know if that's avoiding the problem, but for me that helps to not think about it for a while."

Besides exercising and using drug-store face masks to destress, Thomas finds peace through her seven pets. She has a rabbit, three guinea pigs, two mice and a gecko. Playing and spending time with them helps her get through the daily struggles of college and makes her happy.

Thomas advises freshmen to involve themselves with their passions on campus to distract from daily worries. She said it is also best to talk about issues to other people.

Ferris mechanical engineering sophomore Nick DelMoro stays positive by reflecting on his day and all the good it had brought him. DelMoro likes to forget about anything rough that happened and take a smoke break to relieve the stress.

"It is very important to take care of yourself," DelMoro said. "If you can't take care of yourself, then you can't take care of the people you love."

Wisner said self-care is essential in order to survive college.

"It's important to practice self-care and give yourself time to unwind," Wisner said. "College is an extremely stressful and difficult environment to live in and the best way to succeed is to put your well-being ahead of school. You should make yourself a priority."



Nick DelMoro



Olivia Crapsey

## Self care essentials

**Oil diffuser:** Aromatherapy is one of the best self-care tools. Essential oils can calm you down, wake you up or put you to sleep, depending on which kind you use. Lavender oil helps reduce anxiety and promotes relaxation. Peppermint oil will help improve your mood and allow you to focus. Cedarwood can help you fall asleep and has also been said to aid with congestion and coughing.

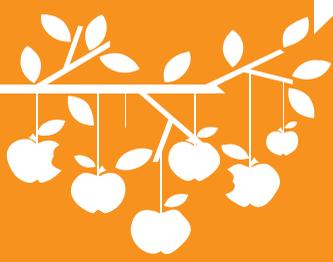
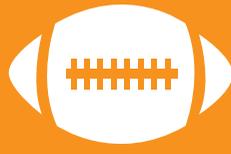
**Face masks:** Not only can face masks help your complexion, but they also offer users an opportunity to relax while the mask is on. Peel masks, foaming masks and sheet masks are all good options, depending on your purpose. Just be sure to test a little bit of the mask on your wrist first to ensure the ingredients will not irritate your skin.

**Journal:** If you like to write, logging your experiences in a journal may be beneficial. Whether you're reporting good days, bad days or all days, journaling can be therapeutic for some because it allows people to release their feelings in a private manner.

**Coloring book:** Fun self-care comes in the form of adult coloring books (or children's coloring books - we're not here to judge). Coloring in intricate images makes people slow down and focus on the picture, rather than on their stress.

**Tea:** A warm cup of tea in your favorite mug can often fix a bad mood. If tea isn't your thing, try hot chocolate. If caffeine makes you anxious, be sure to pick a caffeine-free beverage.

## Fall bucket list

- 1  Wear a cozy sweater
- 2  Go apple picking
- 3  Read a book with a cup of tea
- 4  Attend a Ferris football game
- 5  Go to a haunted house
- 6  Make soup or chili
- 7  Get cider and donuts
- 8  Eat Halloween candy
- 9  Watch your favorite Halloween movies
- 10  Carve a pumpkin
- 11  Hand out candy to trick-or-treaters
- 12  Make caramel apples
- 13  Take a walk to see colored leaves
- 14  Make your Halloween costume

# Event calendar

## WEDNESDAY

Oct. 9



### Sick or Treat Flu Shot Clinic

Location: University Center  
Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### The Rock 10 Year Anniversary

Location: The Rock Cafe  
Time: 4 – 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Oct. 10

### Career and Internship Fair

Location: Ewigleben Sports Complex  
Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Glow Yoga

Location: Top Taggart Field  
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## FRIDAY

Oct. 11



### Jobs - n - Java

Location: CLACS Lobby, UC  
Time: 2 – 5 p.m.

### DSAGA Drag Show

Location: UCB 202 A and B  
Time: 7:30 – 10 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Oct. 12

### Unified ESports Tournament

Location: UCB 202  
Time: 10 a.m.

### Tuba Bach - Caroline Worra with BRHS Serenade

Location: Big Rapids High School Auditorium  
Time: 7 – 9 p.m.



## SUNDAY

Oct. 13.



### Tuba Bach - Caroline Worra with BRHS Serenade

Location: Big Rapids High School Auditorium  
Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

## MONDAY

Oct. 14

### Relationships, Respect and Resources: Not Your Average Sex Talk

Location: UC 202 A, B and C  
Time: 7 – 7:50 p.m.



## TUESDAY

Oct. 15

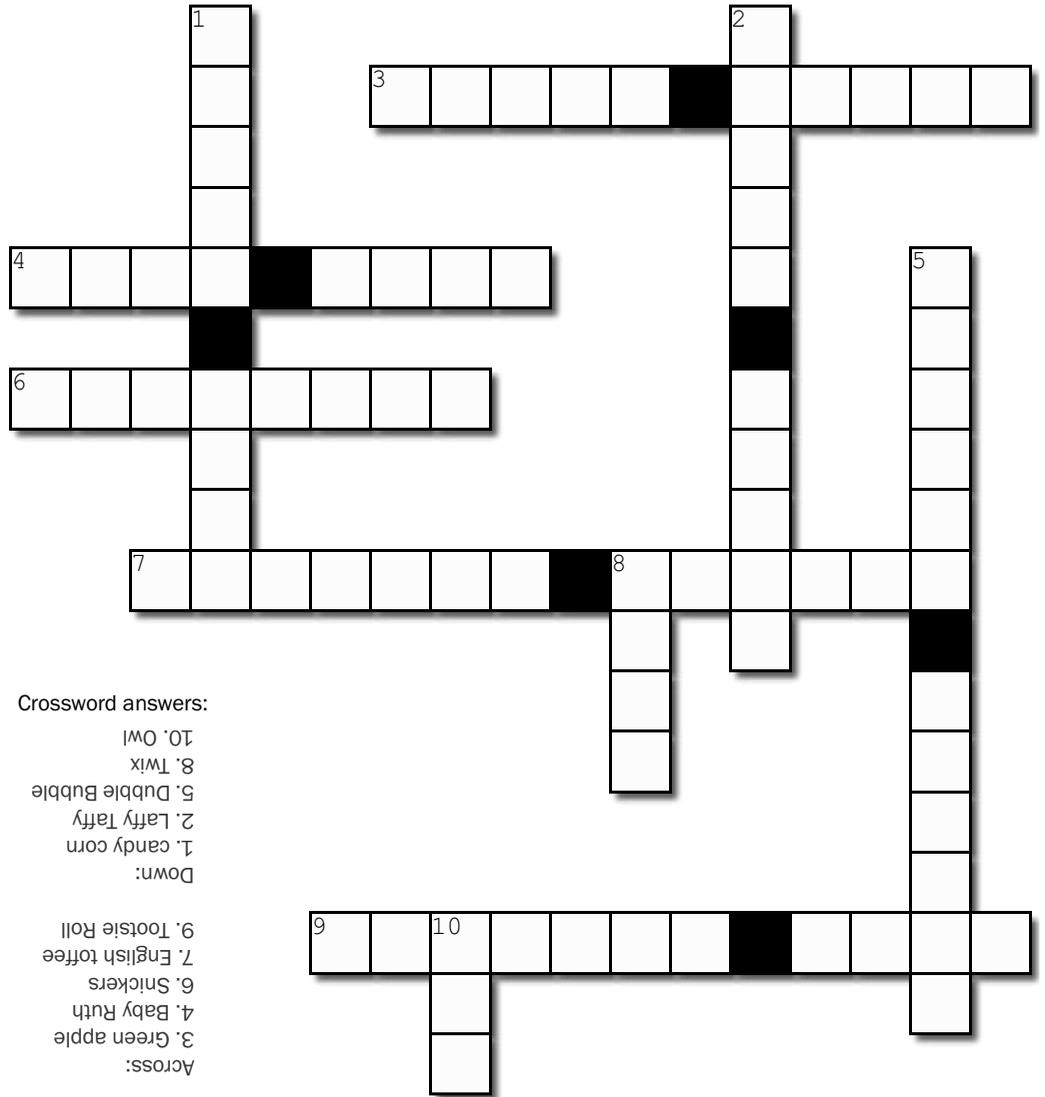


### Open Mic Sponsored by Literature in Person, Storyeaters and the FSU Art Gallery

Location: UC 205  
Time: 6 – 7 p.m.

# Sweet treats

Satisfy your sweet tooth with this Halloween candy crossword!



Crossword answers:

- Down:  
1. candy corn  
2. Laffy Taffy  
5. Dubble Bubble  
8. Twix  
10. OMI
- Across:  
3. Green apple  
4. Baby Ruth  
6. Snickers  
7. English toffee  
9. Tootsie Roll

### Across

- The green Skittle, which was originally lime-flavored, is now this flavor
- This chocolate bar has a similar name to a baseball player
- This classic candy bar was named after the founder, Frank Mars' horse
- The newest peanut M&M flavor
- This candy was given to soldiers in World War II because they could withstand severe weather conditions

### Down

- According to USA Today, this is the most popular candy in Michigan
- The chewy candy with jokes on the wrapper
- This was the first bubble gum brand to blow a reliable bubble
- Do you prefer the left or the right?
- What animal is featured in the original Tootsie Pop commercials?



# SPORTS

“There isn’t any uncertainty. We are certain that whoever’s playing quarterback is good.”- Tony Annese - See below for story

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# Running away with the victory



Photo by: Cora Hall | Sports Editor

Ferris sophomore quarterback Evan Cummins dives into the end zone in Ferris’ 35-7 win against Davenport Saturday, Oct. 5. Cummins had four rushing touchdowns and led the team in rushing yards with 77.

## Bulldogs rely on running game again and secure road win to move 5 - 0

Coar Hall  
Sports Editor

Ferris Football remains undefeated after steamrolling the Davenport Panthers 35-7, but is still plagued by mistakes which keep them from reaching their full potential.

The No. 2 nationally ranked Bulldogs handed Davenport their first loss of the season, but committed 16 penalties along the way, giving up 138 yards on Saturday, Oct. 5. Two such penalties led to the Panthers’ only touchdown in the fourth quarter, and dashed any hopes of registering the team’s first shutout since Nov. 4, 2017, which was also against Davenport.

Ferris head coach Tony Annese voiced some post game frustration to the team for their effort in the fourth quarter, demanding

more from his team after the win.

“It’s just one of those things that I’m bound and determined to push them hard enough for them to respond to let themselves be the best they can be and I’ve always been that way,” Annese said. “I told them in the locker room that it’s our standard. Sometimes young people look at the scoreboard, it’s 35-0 and they think it’s time to just relax and hang out on the sideline and I just want everybody engaged and playing four full quarters.”



Tony Annese

Senior quarterback Travis Russell earned the official start, according to Annese, but sophomore Evan Cummins took the first snap because the first play call was a quarterback run play. Senior quarterback Jayru Campbell sat in the coach’s booth all game “helping us call plays,” Annese said. He did not dress for Ferris’ 58-man roster.

However, when Russell was out for three games due to a broken rib, he dressed without pads for every game and was given a headset to help play call on the sidelines.

Annese claims Campbell is “making a lot of strides” and would

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## Battle of the undefeated

### Bulldogs come out on top against tough conference opponent

Greg Williams  
Torch Reporter

Ewigleben Sports Arena was electric when Michigan Technological University showed why they were undefeated in women’s volleyball conference play until Saturday afternoon.

MTU entered a hostile arena against the No. 16 nationally ranked Bulldogs but the 3-0 sweep by the Bulldogs doesn’t reflect the highly competitive back and forth play which took place on the court. A sweep usually sets the perception that one team dominated, which was not the case in this match. The sets went 25-21, 25-21, and 25-18 in the Bulldogs favor, but Ferris fought from behind the whole first set.

With a large crowd, the Huskies kept their composure and battled in all three games. Ferris couldn’t quite pull away from MTU as they stayed within a point or two in each set.

“Michigan Tech is such a nice team. They have some fantastic offense going on and their setter does a great job of mixing the ball up, so were obviously really excited to get a win against a quality team,” Ferris head volleyball coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said.

The Bulldogs improve to 12-3 overall and 6-1 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play. Ferris posted a .297 hitting percentage with a team total 45 kills. Upperclassmen led the way on offense with senior outside hitter Allyson Cappel bringing in a team-high of 16 kills, senior outside hitter Courtney Brewer contributing nine kills and junior outside hitter Katie O’Connell adding eight kills.

“I thought we hit well on the outside, especially, and that was a good thing. We moved

the ball around well. We were trying to keep their block off balance a little bit, and I think we did a really nice job with that,” Brandel-Wilhelm said.



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm

Ferris held off Michigan Tech just enough on defense with a total 58 digs and seven blocks. Junior libero Nina Gorgijevska had a team high of 15

digs and freshman middle hitter Kira Merkle led the way with six total blocks.

The Bulldogs had the help of a large home crowd and veteran leadership to pave their way to victory.

“I think it’s because we are all best friends and we are super comfortable with each other so we just look to each other and stay focused. Being leaders on the court together means a lot for us in big games like that,” Brewer said.

The Bulldogs will continue GLIAC play next weekend against rival Grand Valley State University on Friday, Oct. 11 and against Davenport Saturday, Oct. 12.

## WEEKEND SCORECARD

**Football**  
Oct. 5 - Ferris 35  
Davenport 7

**Women’s Soccer**  
Oct. 4 - Ferris 5  
Northern Michigan 0  
Oct. 6 - Ferris 3  
Michigan Tech 1

**Hockey**  
Oct. 6 - Ferris 2  
Waterloo 2

# Bulldogs shoot their way to a draw



Photo by: William Byrd | Production Assistant

Ferris freshman defenseman Jake Willets scored one goal in Sunday's exhibition game against Waterloo. Willets also maintained a +1 score in his first collegiate match.

## Men's hockey team ties with Waterloo in exhibition match

**Austin Arquette**  
Torch Reporter

Ferris State men's hockey team was in action on Sunday, Oct. 6 at Ewigleben Ice Arena against the Waterloo Warriors of Canada. The fierce battle resulted in a 2-2 draw.

The Warriors were piling big hits on the Bulldogs early and often in this one. However, the Bulldogs held strong behind a strong defensive effort. The Bulldogs rallied behind sophomore goaltender Roni Salmenkangas to start the game and the blueliners continued to put up a good fight when freshman goalie Carter McPhail came into relieve Salmenkangas.



Bob Daniels

"Two saves come to mind that Carter McPhail made. One was on the penalty shot, and the other was late in the game and he went post to post from his right to his left and made a great save that showed some really good athleticism," head coach Bob Daniels said.

While the defense performed well, their offense wasn't as quite as crisp as they made some sloppy passes. Although, the Bulldogs did have the majority of the shots taken in this game outshooting

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# Turning negatives into positives

## Women's tennis gains confidence boost after close loss to Grand Valley

**Brendan Sanders**  
Torch Reporter

It's not often a team can say they gained confidence from a loss, but it appears the women's tennis team has done just that.

The team lost to Grand Valley State University 4-3 on Wednesday, Oct. 2, but they did not let it get them down. The Bulldogs bounced back to have a successful weekend, crushing Davenport 7-0, and followed it up with a dominant 7-0 win over Purdue Northwest.

The week started off with the thrilling match against GVSU. After scoring a point in the doubles matches, the Bulldogs lost four out of the six singles matches to lose 4-3.

But this did not hurt the Bulldogs confidence, instead it gave them more, according to head tennis coach Mark Doren.

"It's funny. I think that we almost gained confidence after playing Grand Valley," Doren said. "It's been years since we've really competed like that against them. It really showed our girls that we can really compete."



Mark Doren

The confidence gained from the match was noticeable almost immediately as the weekend came. The Bulldogs went to face the Panthers of Davenport in Northview on Saturday, Oct. 5. However, the Panthers were shorthanded due to some pre-match suspensions.

"It was a tough match for us, Davenport came in short-handed and had to forfeit their third doubles match and two of their singles matches due to team discipline. That kind of dampened the atmosphere," Doren said.

The Bulldogs proceeded to win the matchup 7-0, with all matches ending within two sets.

Sophomore Isabela Paixao led the team by winning her doubles matchup with sophomore Agata Klak before winning the toughest match of the day against Davenport's



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Freshman Morgan Waller won in both her singles and doubles match against Purdue Northwest on Sunday, Oct. 6.

Adeline Nelson 6-4, 7-6.

"We were expecting to play a full lineup, so I think it was a little bit of a shock coming in," Paixao said. "I think going into matches our energy was little down just because of the situation, but everyone fought really hard came out really strong. Obviously, my match was a little bit of a fight, but I think we all came together, and I think we pulled out a really

good win."

The Davenport win was the first of a busy week for the team. Not only did the team play GVSU and Davenport in a five day span, but they also traveled to play Purdue Northwest in Hammond, Indiana Sunday, Oct. 6.

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### Volleyball

Oct. 4 - Ferris 3, Northern Michigan 0  
Oct. 5 - Ferris 3, Michigan Tech 0

### Men's Golf

- Team: 4th place 894  
Top Individual: T6 Thomas Hursey and Nathan Kraynyk 218

### Cross Country

Oct. 5 - Team: 29th (W), 37th (M)  
Top Individuals: Katie Etelamaki 36th, Aaron Jarema 194th

### Women's Tennis

Oct. 2 - Ferris 3, GVSU 4  
Oct. 5 - Ferris 7, Davenport 0  
Oct. 6 - Ferris 7, Purdue Northwest 0



# Top Dawg

Bri Rodgers

Photo by: Cora Hall | Sports Editor

**Cora Hall**  
Sports Editor

With her seventh career penalty kick made against Northern Michigan University, junior midfielder Bri Rodgers set the school record for career penalty kick goals. For that—and her consistently solid offensive play all weekend—Rodgers gets this week's Top Dawg honors.

In the Bulldogs' dominating opening weekend of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play, Rodgers led the team and collected seven points. Against NMU, the captain had one goal, three assists and four shots in the 5-0 win. Rodgers added four more shots against Michigan Technological University, with one finding the back of the net to

add to the Bulldogs' 3-1 win.

Rodgers' three assists on the weekend make her the leader in assists on the team and she lands in second in goals scored with four. Her poise in penalty kicks is no surprise, as she has not missed one in her entire career at Ferris, scoring two her freshman year, three her sophomore year and two this year so far.

Her offensive-minded play is not only aggressive, but it's accurate. Out of players with 10 shots or more, Rodgers has the second highest shot percentage with .200, trailing only sophomore forward Pia Nagel who has a .211 shot percentage.

Rodgers also gained GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week honors for her performances.

## Football

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have played had Annese believed he required him.

Another game without Campbell meant another run-heavy offense, and the Bulldogs racked up 317 rushing yards on 64 carries. Between Cummins, Russell and senior slot receiver Jevon Shaw, only 13 passing plays were called with five completions for 106 yards. Cummins led the rushing stats with 77 yards and four touchdowns.

Annese claims the constant rotation of quarterbacks doesn't compromise consistency, and hasn't affected the team at all.

"There isn't any uncertainty. We are certain that whoever's playing quarterback is good. There is no uncertainty when it comes to the quarterback play and all three of those guys have played well," Annese said. "We don't throw it as efficiently or effectively without Jayru and when Jayru's in there, the receivers like it more because we're more of a vertical stretch team and we throw it a lot more."

Cummins echoed Annese's statement and said the team performs well no matter who's at quarterback. Only six passing plays were called for Cummins Saturday, but the young quarterback is confident that if more get thrown his way, he can handle it.

"Of course, I just got to trust my guys. We have great skill players and we win games when we get the ball into their hands," Cummins said.



Evan Cummins

Cummins admits his increased amount of runs is taking a toll on his body, but mentally he feels more comfortable with his bigger role in Campbell's absence. Cummins led the team in carries against Davenport with 16.

"I just prepare the same every week, just same thing, repetition," Cummins said. "Everything starts to come together the more you [repeat] it. It's definitely getting easier. Harder on the body, but it's getting easier mentally and just settled in, I guess."

The Bulldog defense held Davenport to only 62 yards of total offense, -9 rushing yards and kept them out of the end zone until the beginning of the fourth quarter. Senior cornerback James Ceasar had two interceptions on the game and senior linebacker Avonte Bell accounted for three of Ferris' six sacks that totaled 52 yards for loss.

"My coaches put me in the right position and all I have to do is execute," Bell said. "So it just feels good to have three sacks, I've never had that before. It's just a good feeling."

Campbell's status for this weekend is still uncertain with the team heading to Detroit for their matchup against Wayne State, who is still undefeated in conference play. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

## Hockey

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the warriors 47-20 with 16 coming on the power play.

"You can see that they're used to junior hockey, where they are a little loosely with the puck for me, I don't like no look passes and that sort of thing, I'm much more five feet from him put on him and work up the ice," Daniels said.

Despite the sloppy passing, the defensive efforts and many shots towards the goal allowed the Bulldogs fought back and forth with the Warriors. Towards the end of the third period, Ferris sophomore defenseman Justin Smith got tied up with Waterloo's Michael Scanlan on a breakaway, which awarded the Warriors a penalty shot.

McPhail made the stop on the penalty shot. Keeping the game knotted up. At the end of three periods, the fans in attendance were rewarded with a sudden death period of five minutes to see if either of the teams could leave victorious.

Coach Daniels said the game was very clean outside penalties and he was very appreciative of that especially since Waterloo came to play and play hard. Daniels also said that all his defensemen played well with their groups and that he will look to switch up lineups depending on who is performing.

Daniels also said that senior defenseman Nate Kallen and senior forward Dominic Lutz are doing a tremendous job at leading this team right now and that he is happy with where the team is going.

"You have to have good leaders, but you also have to have good followers too and that means having young kids come in wanting to learn and are willing to watch and learn the culture," Daniels said. "We have the four senior defensemen so that's pretty nice and they are able to really coach up our freshmen defensemen and by having those four guys there is a lot of coaching that can happen player to player."

With having such a young team with 10 freshmen on the roster, the senior leaders on the team have stepped up and guided the younger men in the game. Daniels and freshman defenseman Jake Willets said that the leaders on the team have helped the young guys massively and that it has played a big role in terms of developing the players' mindset.

Going forward Coach Daniels said he wants to see the team playing hard to develop good habits while looking to build chemistry that will help him be able to tweak some lines to set up more power play combinations that will be able to put goals on the board.

"Going into the game I said you know, it's not about winning and losing," Daniels said. "You are just more 'let's see where we're at and let's try to get a handle on it,' but low and behold the game starts, you just want to win anyway."

The Ferris men's hockey team will be back on the ice Tuesday, Oct. 8 against the USA National Team Development Program (NTDP) Under-18 Team. The team is coached by Bulldog alum and former Bulldog assistant coach Seth Appert. The puck will be drop at 7:07 p.m. at the Ewigleben Ice Arena.

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## THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

### Thursday, Oct. 10

- Hockey vs. Colgate 7:07 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 11

- Men's and women's cross country at Jayhawk Invitational
- Women's soccer at Saginaw Valley State 1 p.m.
- Volleyball at Grand Valley State 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 12

- Men's and women's cross country at Lewis Crossover
- Women's tennis vs. Lake Superior State 10 a.m.
- Volleyball at Davenport 2 p.m.
- Football at Wayne State 6 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 13

- Women's tennis vs. Michigan Tech 10 a.m.
- Women's soccer at Ashland 1 p.m.

# Bulldawww- wwwwwwgs



Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Junior defender Gabrielle Teodorescu dribbles up the field against Truman State early in the season. Teodorescu has two goals and one assist this season.

## Bulldogs bounce back from first loss of season with two wins

**Brendan Samuels**  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris women's soccer team found themselves in unfamiliar territory this weekend, as they tried to rebound from their first loss of the season.

The Bulldogs were 6-1-1 heading into a matchup with Northern Michigan University (NMU) Friday, Oct. 4. In the rearview for the team was a 3-1 loss to Ashland University just a week prior.

There was no semblance of rust against NMU as Ferris returned to their old ways in a 5-0 shutout victory. Ferris senior goalkeeper Grace Kraft knew it was vital to get back on track and recreate the momentum that let the Bulldogs rattle off six-straight wins.

"The win was extremely important for us," Kraft said. "We mentally had to get back into playing the game the way we want to play."

Kraft got the start in net and received plenty of defensive help as she was only forced to record three saves on the day.

Ferris sophomore forward Pia Nagel continued to defend her position as the Bulldogs' lead scorer, finding the net twice on five shots on goal. Also finding the net was junior forward Mackenzie Dawes, sophomore defender Merin McDermott and junior midfielder Bri Rogers.

Ferris women's soccer head coach Greg Henson has earned a lot of praise for the defensive play of his squad, but the offense has started to shine as well. Over their last three wins, the Bulldogs have recorded 14 goals.

"We trust each other up top and in the back," Kraft said. "We know that our team is able to get the job done and we rely on every person on our team to play their part."

Kraft earned her fourth start of the year when the Michigan Technological University Huskies came to town Sunday, Oct. 6. Rogers found the net again against the Huskies for her fourth goal of the season as the Bulldogs took home a 3-1 victory.

Ferris now stands at 8-1-1 overall with a 2-0 conference record. That mark has them standing tall at the top of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) leaderboard

The Bulldogs aren't done however, as they have their eyes set on a rematch with Ashland this weekend.

"Knowing which players are their dangerous players will help a lot," Kraft said. "Also knowing what to expect when we play them. We have a ton of fire in us that is itching to get out."

Ferris has a weekend of GLIAC matchups on the road ahead and will look to even the score with the Eagles 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. First, however, they'll have to take on the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

### Tennis

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"It all falls on the girls," Doren said. "They're very focused athletes and they know how to control their time between their studies and practice and all that. I think that they do a great job of helping each other through those types of things."

The players also explained what they did during a tough streak of matches where the team had to travel hours on end.

"Just shower, get some food, and then just get a good night rest. Just mentally get ready for tomorrow and just expect to go out and compete," Paixao said.

The Bulldogs kept up the momentum on Sunday with a 7-0 win against Purdue Northwest. The wins over the weekend catapulted the Bulldogs to a 4-1



Isabela Paixao

record on the season and a tie for third place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic C standings, one game behind GVSU and Wayne

State. The 4-1 start to the season is the team's best in the last few years.

With the newfound confidence and momentum building, the Bulldogs are set to face off against Lake Superior State University and Michigan Technological University in another back-to-back this weekend. Both matches are set to start at 10 a.m. at home on Saturday, Oct. 12 and Sunday 13.

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## Chat with the chief

### Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

It's important to have confidence.

Whether it be having confidence in a particular activity or simply having confidence in yourself at all times, nobody disputes how key it truly is.

However, some people take their confidence a bit too far.

This is when cockiness comes into the equation.

To be cocky is to be conceited or arrogant, especially in a bold manner. This can be a person's natural way in which they act, or they can gain the trait when they discover something they're very good at.

An example of this could be someone finding out they're really good at football, causing them to

act in a way which makes sure everybody knows about it.

Now, there are sub-categories you can dive into when discussing cocky people. Some people are cocky and they know it. That's their entire persona. Other people can be cocky, and simply not even realize they're acting in such a way.

The latter group may simply think they're being extremely self-confident. This is them not recognizing the line between cocky and confident. And that's okay too. Almost all of us, at some point in our lives, struggle to find that line.

Maybe some people don't realize what confidence even is. Confidence is defined as the feel-

## Confidence v. cockiness

ing or belief that one can rely on someone or something (such as their own skills).

As you can see, the key difference between cockiness and confidence is very small. A cocky person is a person who is extremely confident in themselves and their abilities. Where they cross into cockiness is in how they display this confidence to the outside world.

Now, what exactly is the point of me writing this you ask? I know for a fact there are numerous occasions when I look back at my actions and realize "Wow Noah, you were real high and mighty back there." That realization sucks.

While it sucks, it is still an

extremely helpful realization for someone to have. For me, it allowed me to make adjustments to how I behave in certain situations. I truly hope other people will see this and respond in a similar way.

Just because someone is cocky, it doesn't mean they're a bad person. That's far from the truth. Nobody is perfect and it's not our job to judge another person.

We can all be better versions of ourselves by distinguishing between being confident and being cocky.

If we can all do that, we can go a long way towards being the best versions of ourselves.

# DIVIDED OPINIONS

## Hell yass

To party or not to party?

## Heck no

While it may have a bad reputation, partying is a great stress relief for many college students. For most of my life I stayed home and read books about different teenagers going out living their best lives, feeling content in my own little bubble. It wasn't until I started hanging out with new people over the summer that I realized how much fun going out was.

The best part about parties is that there are different kinds. For someone who is not that into crowds, like me, can go to small house parties with a few friends and be able to let loose. But people who are more daring than myself can get wild at bars and fraternity's. There are so many different parties around Big Rapids that can interest anyone. From dancing at Shooters to sharing a beer during beer pong, going out is a huge part of being in college.

Going out to parties can be good for your health also. It allows your brain to stop stressing over school and work. It gets you out of the house and lets you stop over-



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thinking about homework and tests. Now don't get me wrong, school is very important and nobody should prioritize partying over school. But going out and letting loose every once in a while can help get through the school year without pulling your hair out.

Going out to parties can help you meet new people and network. Partying can help you make new friends with people you would have never meet if you stayed locked inside your room. This allows you to make connects that can help in future endeavors, like trying to find jobs or internships.

As long as you're safe and know party etiquette, like not bringing three guys to a fraternity party, then going out can do no harm. Let loose this semester and find some new friends that have similar party interests.

Being a college student has its ups and downs, but those who party 24/7 or hate on people who don't party should think about it first.

Not partying is far better not only for your well-being but it's cheaper than going out to party. Not to mention, just going to a party is a waste of time. Now you can ask how is not partying more fun or cheaper and I will tell you why. Being at a party and having so many people around you acting like hooligans or just being plain stupid whether they are drunk or not isn't fun for anyone. Everyone has a tolerance level of how much stupidity they can handle.

On the money side of not partying I believe it's way cheaper not to party on the basis of having more money in your pocket. All the expenses if you host a party adds up quickly. Even if you go to the party free, you still need a way to the party so you'll pay gas money. If ANYTHING goes wrong at the party, then you pay for it in some sort of way. All actions have consequences and most parties



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have some sort of issue.

Any little thing could go in the wrong direction and you would have to live with that consequence for the rest of your life, not to mention you are ending years of your life with the stupid things people do at parties. If you aren't partying with someone you trust and wind up needing to trust an absolute stranger things get sketchy because you have NO idea what could happen at that point. We don't live in a sunshine and rainbow world. There are nasty and cruel people, and I hate to say that but it's the truth. Everyone knows the stupid things people do at parties so I won't waste my time listing them all, but the general fact is we all know it's bad for you and will eventually wind up killing you in the end.

I personally find partying

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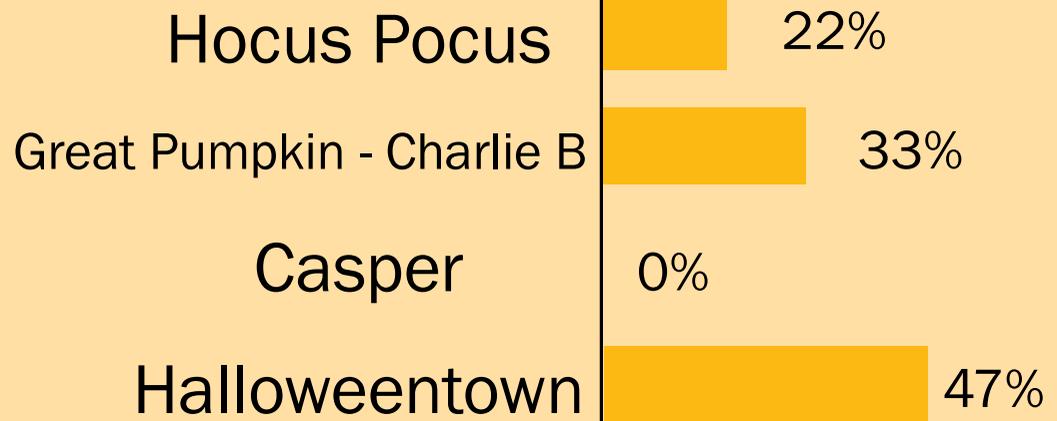
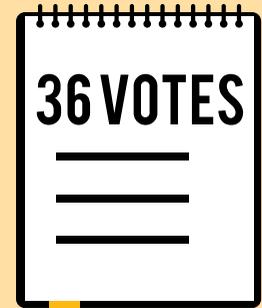
to be overrated, but that does not mean I judge others for doing it nor will I ever. Not everyone goes out and wants to party, and that is okay. Everyone says if you don't party you are lame or boring or even a loner and that is just a load of garbage. I can have my own fun being sober at home alone watching a movie or kicking back playing a good video game.

Partying is essentially just a way for people to get out and embarrass themselves, but they also wind not remembering half the party. I get people are free to do their own thing and that completely okay. You do you, just don't be stupid. There are a million other things you can do besides partying whether it's by yourself or with your friends you can do so much more and probably have a better time than being at a party. Let's face it 99% of the time the party dies quickly, and you get bored and just want to leave and be with your friends. Yes, there are the parties that never stop and go on until the next morning but honestly those are the parties when the most things that could go wrong wind up happening.

I truly believe that Ted Mosby said it best from How I Met Your Mother, "when its 2 a.m. just go to sleep ... nothing good happens after 2 a.m."

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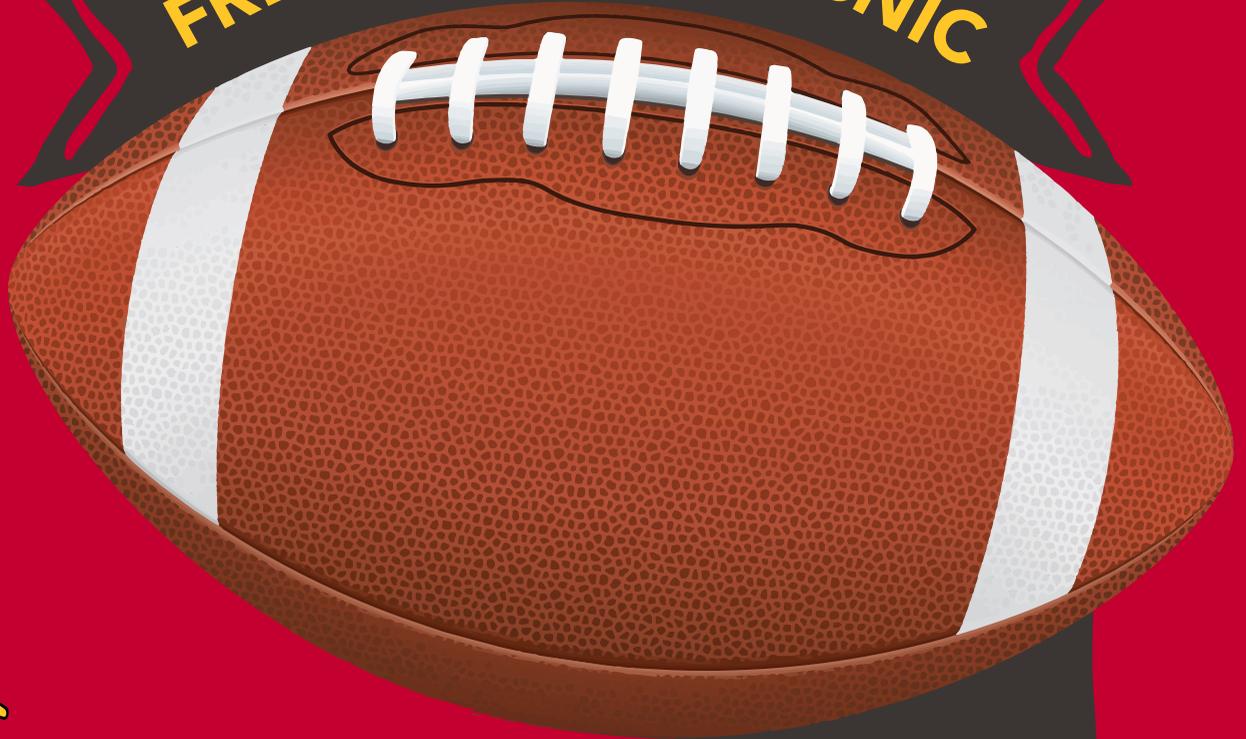


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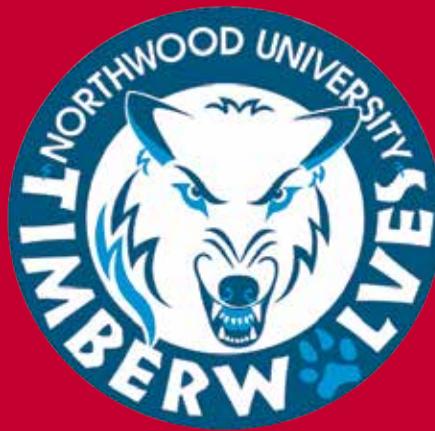


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