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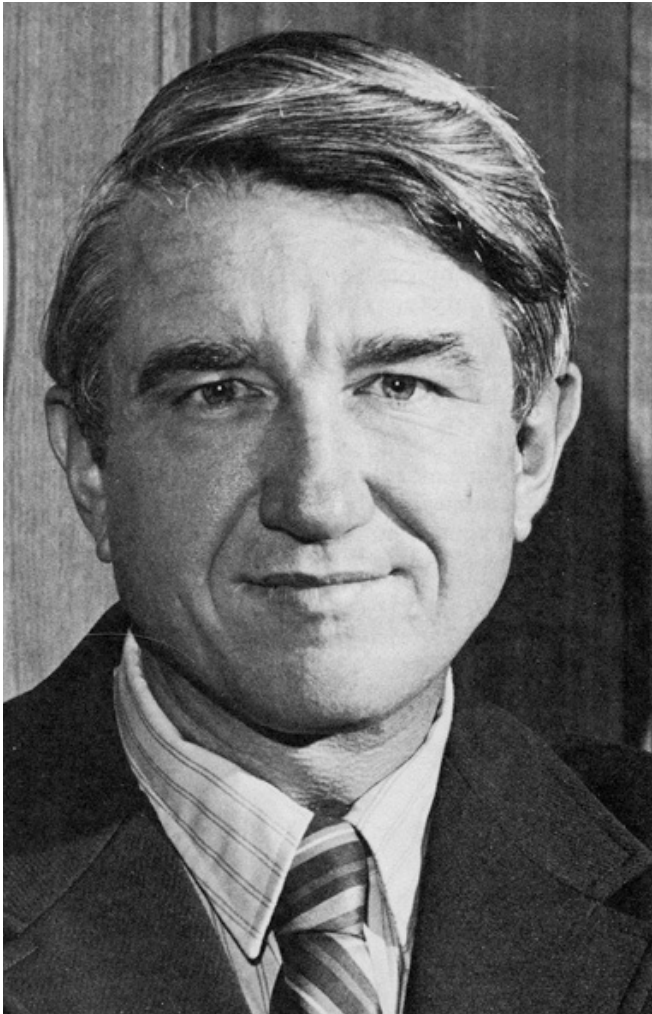
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# A former Ferris leader has passed



A headshot of Dr. Robert L. Ewigleben

Photo courtesy of Ferris State University

## Ferris' 12th president passes away in early November

**Ry Rodriguez**  
Torch Reporter

On Sunday, Nov 3, Ferris' 12th president, Dr. Robert L. Ewigleben passed away.

His death was observed on Friday, Nov. 8, by flying the flags half-staff. The next day, a moment of silence was observed before the start of the Ferris football game.

In mourning of the late former president, the now Ferris president released a statement.



David Eisler

"I had the fortunate pleasure of getting to know Dr. Ewigleben, as he was instrumental in the creation of our Doctorate of Community College Leadership just over a decade ago" Ferris' President David Eisler said.

"Patsy and I had the opportunity to visit with Dr. Ewigleben in mid-October. As always, he was keenly interested in the University and our plans for the future... President Ewigleben was a good friend and colleague who made a tremendous difference for Ferris State University. He will be truly missed."

Ewigleben made an impact at Ferris with his tenure. He was in the midst of turning the college into a university. He served from 1971-1984

During his time at Ferris, President Ewigleben brought two major aspects to the university which are still around today. He established the Michigan College of Optometry, the only one in the state, and made Ferris hockey a division one sport.

Ewigleben had a heavy hand in shaping Ferris during his tenure at Ferris. He had more than 40 curriculum changes, established the six-million-dollar Manufacturing Resource and Production Center, and the Ewigleben Sports Complex as we know it today.



Roxanne Cullen

He also made the foreign exchange program stronger at Ferris by integrating more students from Belize, Columbia, and the Continents of Asia and Africa.

One professor remembers the late president when they first started here at Ferris.

"He was in his last year as president when I was hired 36 years ago. I remembered him as gracious and a strong leader. He carried himself with great confidence" said Ferris English professor Roxanne Cullen.



Dyluk Hunter

When talking to students, they did not know much but were fascinated by what Ewigleben achieved.

"I haven't heard of him until I heard about his passing. He sounded like a great man and a great achiever, a motivated individual. It sounds like he was a role model and obviously a hard worker" Ferris food industry and

hospitality management sophomore Dyluk Hunter said.

Ewigleben had hobbies in being a scratch golfer, a pilot, and racing sailboats.

A little-known fact about Robert Ewigleben is he survived two plane crashes where he was a passenger. Sadly he lost his second wife in one of the crashes.

He met his third wife at a bridge tournament in Florida. They went on to play the number one team in the world for bridge.

Ewigleben will continue to be memorialized through the sports complex which bears his name.



Photo courtesy of Ferris State University

Former Ferris President Dr. Robert L. Ewigleben served as president of Ferris from 1971-1984.

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# NEWS

*"Ferris needs a better social media presence to get the word out about food pantries."  
- Diane Long - See below for story*

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## Wholesome help for the Holidays



Torch file photo

A Ferris student browses food options at a local food pantry working to provide the more unfortunate families in the area with food for the holidays.

### *Big Rapids' food banks help everyone participate in the holiday season*

**Trenton Carlson**  
Torch Reporter

Food pantries in Big Rapids are preparing for the holidays, and seeking help to provide food to as many families as possible.

Project Starburst, located in the basement of The United Church of Big Rapids, as well as other food pantries throughout Big Rapids, do their best to provide turkeys to families on Thanksgiving and Christmas but can only do so when they are donated.

"Because we are a food bank, it makes it difficult to know what we may need in reality, so what we do sometimes is instead of separating Thanksgiving and Christmas, we just do it for the whole month of December," said manager of Project Starburst, Diane Long. "So what we do at that point is we try to add different types of foods like sweet potato, or pumpkin or peanut butter cookies mixes, what we think of as holiday foods to help with the family."

Food banks are essential in helping to include everyone among the community in holiday festivities. Project Starburst accepts donations and is one of the main ways most food banks help serve the community.

Some Ferris students believe that the university should become more involved in helping these important facilities thrive in the community.

"Ferris needs a better social media presence to get the word out about food pantries. I know that Ferris students like to help the community and do like to donate to food pantries, but it's hard when you are not aware of the opportunities," said Ferris forensics biology junior, Heidi Stauffer.

Student involvement is important because Ferris students make up a large portion of the Big Rapids community. In fact, Ferris has more students than the entire

population of Big Rapids.

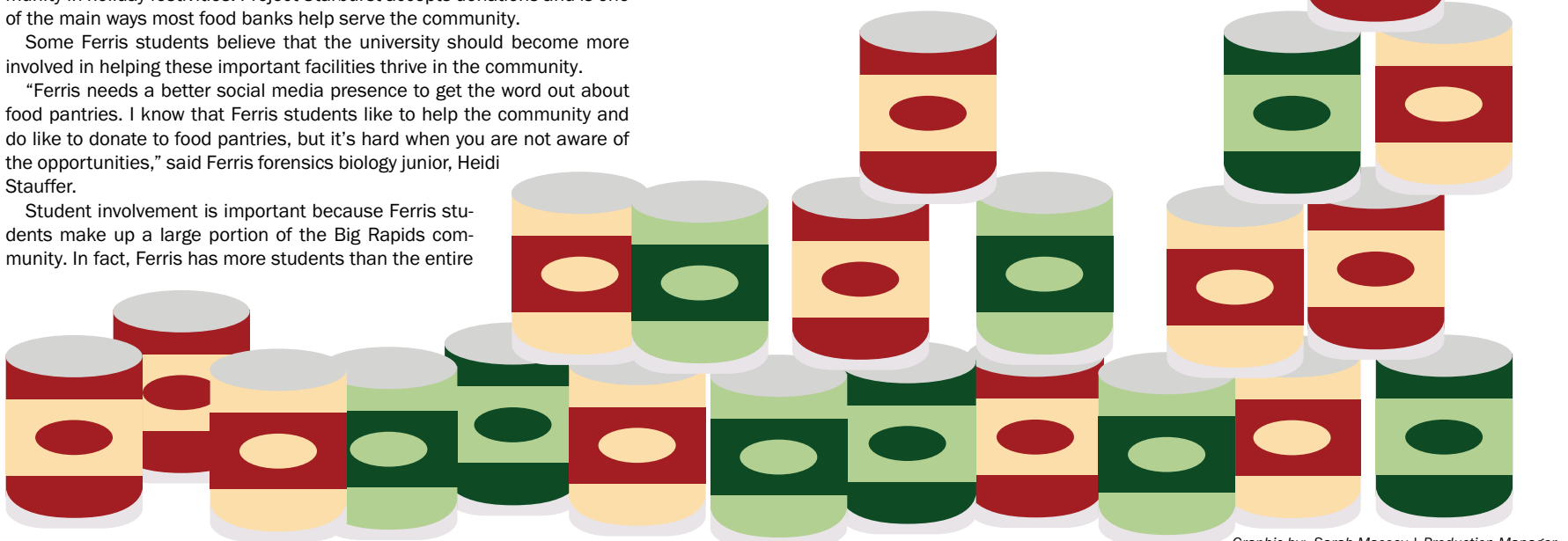
Some students believe that with the help of Ferris, Project Starburst, as well as all food pantries in Big Rapids, could benefit. The holiday season provides a great opportunity for the university to promote volunteer work to students.

Carissa Makeielski, a freshman at Ferris, volunteers with Project Starburst and feels strongly that Ferris should promote these opportunities to students.

"Ferris could help by reaching out to multiple organizations and RSO's and asking for volunteers and donations by expanding on the connections they may have in their organizations," Makeielski said.

Project Starburst provides meals to over two hundred families a month, providing approximately 13,000 meals a month.

For more information regarding opportunities for volunteer work, or to donate to local food pantries, visit Ferris State's and Project Starburst's website.



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager



# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Catch up on news around the globe

**Grant Siddall**  
News Editor

### Columbo, Sri Lanka

Gotabhaya Rajapaksa claimed victory in Sri Lanka's presidential election Sunday, Nov. 17. Rajapaksa, a former defense chief and brother of a former president defeated his closest opponent by about 10 percentage points in the race. Rajapaksa is expected to be sworn into office early this week.

Original article by Dharisha Bastians and Kai Schultz, Nov. 17, 2019. *The New York Times*.

### Hong Kong

Hong Kong saw its most violent protests on Monday, Nov. 17, as riot police were met with protestors wielding Molotov cocktails and bow and arrows as police tried to storm a university campus. Police used tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons to try to breach the perimeter of the campus but the protestors continued to fight

back, eventually leading to the police retreating. The event marks an even more violent progression in the six-month of protesting.

Original article by Edward Wong, Mike Ives, Tiffany May and Katherine Li, Nov. 17, 2019. *The New York Times*.

### Iran

Iran has imposed an almost complete internet blackout on the country as citizens of Iran become increasingly angry with their government officials, most recently over the Supreme Leader of Iran's support of raising gas prices by as much as 300%. On Sunday, Nov. 17, amidst protests in which at least 12 were killed, hundreds injured, and more than 1,000 people were arrested the government issued the blackout to cut off communication throughout the country. Internet connectivity is now at just 7% of its normal levels and it is unknown when it will be restored.

Original article by Farnaz Fassihi, Nov. 17, 2019. *The New York Times*.

## - ON THE RECORD -

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

### Shots (almost) fired

**Grant Siddall**  
News Editor

#### "That's a bold move, cotton"

Nov. 9, 11:09 a.m., officers went into the IRC during the tailgate and saw a student quickly hide a bottle of Bacardi rum once he saw the officers. They determined the student was underage and issued him a citation for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

#### Snitches get stitches

Nov. 9, 11:49 p.m., officers investigated a fight between two people on Warren Avenue between Locust and Oak Streets. After seeing the police arrive, one suspect ran. The other suspect spoke with officers and said the person he was fighting with was his best friend and he refused to identify him. The remaining suspect was highly intoxicated and was underage. He was issued a citation for being a minor in possession and for disorderly conduct.

#### A serious matter

Nov. 10, 3:46 p.m., officers responded to a physical fight between a couple in Bond Hall. The man allegedly punched, kicked and slapped the woman multiple times. The man was arrested for

domestic violence and he has been temporarily suspended from Ferris.

#### Shots (almost) fired

Nov. 12, 11:21 a.m., a student reported a threatening message received from a friend in a group chat in Brophy Hall. The suspect believed the student had an inappropriate relationship with the suspect's boyfriend. The suspect said she was going to take another student's gun and shoot her. The student did not want to press charges.

#### Whodunnit?

Nov. 12, 4:10 p.m., officers made contact with the suspect who allegedly had a gun from the previous case. They confirmed the suspect had a gun on campus, and it was discovered that the gun was stolen from an agency in metro Detroit. Officers arrested the suspect and confiscated the gun. Ferris Department of Public Safety is working with the agency to determine who stole the gun. The investigation is ongoing.

Ferris Department of Safety issued 296 citations from Nov. 10 to Nov. 16, totalling \$4,515.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

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News Editor

#### Top Dawg Showcase

Come watch your fellow Bulldogs perform in a talent show showcasing some of Ferris' most talented students on Thursday, Nov. 21. This event is free to students and the public, and will be held in Business 111 with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the show beginning at 7 p.m.

#### Community Rummage Sale

Change up your wardrobe or housewares for cheap at the community rummage sale for United Way on Friday, Nov. 22. The sale will take place in UC 116 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Thanksgiving Recess Begins

Thanksgiving recess will begin at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Classes will resume on Monday, December 2.

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# The counseling center helps conquer finals blues



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Ferris' Birkham Health Center is helping students in an effort to find better coping methods for stress

## *The Personal Counseling Center weighs in on how to handle the stress of finals*

**Elizabeth Norvey**  
Torch Reporter

With finals and holidays coming up quickly, Ferris' Personal Counseling Center is offering help to students.

"There are a variety of things students can do to manage stress and anxiety during midterms and finals," said Ferris Director of Health Services Lindsay Barber.

"They should continue to have good sleep and nutritional habits, avoid last-minute preparation or cramming, [use] studying tips ... engage in self-care to break up studying; this could be exercising, hanging out with a friend, meditating, etc."

If all else fails, a great place to visit is the Counseling Center.

"The Personal Counseling Center offers crisis intervention, individual therapy, couples counseling, group workshops and referrals to external resources for students," Barber said. "We are currently in the process of expanding our

offerings to include TAO (Therapy Assistance Online), which is a collection of online and mobile tools to help students conquer day-to-day struggles around anxiety, depression, relationships, resiliency, etc. TAO will be accessible as self-help or assigned as part of a student's treatment plan. Our current timeline to start offering TAO to students is the beginning of 2020."



Lindsay Barber

Personal Counseling Center services are available to all registered Ferris students, and couples counseling is possible as long as at least one of the parties is a student. These services are offered at no charge to students regardless of health insurance status.

The first appointment will take about 45 minutes while the patient's concerns are addressed and the Step Care Model of practice is introduced. Each plan is made to fit an individual student's needs. This could mean a number of things from a single appointment,

to ongoing therapy, to a combination of services.

While many students don't seem to be stopping into the Counseling Center for their stress, they do have some methods to help them around finals time.

"Since my finals are usually based around English and Literature, I always try to space out time to work on the papers I have to write or literature I have to review," said Ferris English junior Chrysta Lafay. "I also make sure I am taking care of myself by eating properly and getting enough sleep, so I at least have the energy to take on finals."

Some students go further than preventative physical care, though, and like to take particular care of themselves emotionally. "I really haven't been to the counseling center because I've never had time amongst all the studying. And to relieve stress, I cry and play with my cat," said Ferris psychology senior Cassie Rathbun.

To use the counseling center, students can visit the Personal Counseling Center office located on the second floor of the Birkham Health Center or call (231) 591-5968.



# Spring or winter commencement?

## Ferris students tend to prefer the spring commencement when planning to graduate

**Ry Rodriguez**  
Torch Reporter

The end of the semester leads another class of Ferris students to an end as the December Class of 2019 commencement approaches.

The difference between Fall and Spring commencement does not come at a cost; it comes from a preference and the track a person took while attending.



Richelle Williams

There are small benefits for students who participate in fall commencement rather than the spring.

“One benefit students may find participating in fall commencement versus spring is the number of tickets the students are provided. Another benefit to graduating in the fall is that the gymnasium is more comfortable when it comes to seating and temperature,” Ferris’ Commencement Coordinator Richelle Williams said.

In regards to the available tickets, in the fall, students get seven tickets to hand out to friends and family attending commencement, instead of six in the spring.

“Our Spring commencement numbers are much higher than our Fall commencement numbers. Most of our graduates complete after the Spring or Summer semester, which is reflected with graduation attendance. On average, over the past 12 to 17 years, the average number for fall commencement is 67, and for spring commencement is 243,” Williams said.

Some Ferris students explain why they will

participate in spring commencement instead of fall commencement.

“I really didn’t want to graduate early, and now that I will be here a little bit longer, graduating early really still wasn’t a priority for me... I had difficulty getting into the class, and I had to take an extra semester, and now I am a semester late, and it was no fault, but my own” Ferris Television and Digital Media Production senior Daniel LaRoche said.



Daniel LaRoche

While some students could have messed up their schedules, some have planned since high school and were determined to graduate college in the standard four years.



Trevor Wells

“I plan to graduate in May simply because it was the fastest way... I really had no plans to graduate early, like May 2020 was the goal from high school mostly because it was hard to fit around my schedule,” Ferris Automotive Engineering senior Trevor Wells said. “I did have some trouble when I got a certificate from my community college; then I transferred to Ferris, which might have been a setback...I knew I was planning to graduate in the spring by the end of high school, but when I got into my second year in college, I knew I was going to graduate on time.”

If someone cannot attend commencement, they can watch online by visiting youtube.com and searching for and selecting the FerrisStateVideo channel.



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Decorated graduation caps on display at the 2017 commencement ceremony.



Photo by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager

A Ferris student collects his diploma during the 2017 commencement ceremony.



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# LIFESTYLES

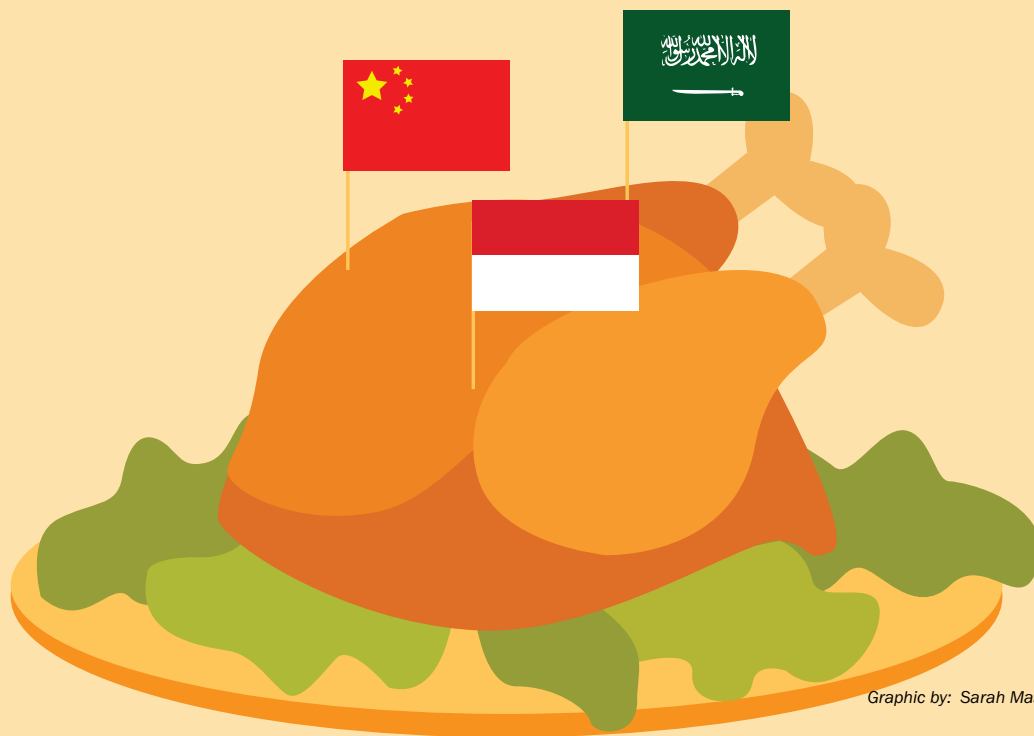
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- Karisa Sharon - See page 8 for story

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## (Not) Home for the holidays

*How international students spend Thanksgiving break*



Graphic by: Sarah Massey | Production Manager

**Veronica Mascorro**  
Torch Reporter

Universities across the nation will close so students can take time to give thanks with their families.

International students who are unfamiliar with the holiday, however, tend to spend their breaks differently.

Office of International Education Assistant Director Lisa vonReichbauer said in the past, the office has held different events and activities surrounding Thanksgiving.

"For Native American Heritage Month, there is typically a Thanksgiving dinner that the Circle of Tribal Nations puts on. We've participated in that with our international students," vonReichbauer said. "One year, we were able to host a dinner on the actual day of Thanksgiving in the West Campus Community Center, and we hosted it and invited all the international students along with any other student who was not going home for the holiday."

In other years, the office has been able to hold a traditional Thanksgiving dinner before students begin to leave for break.

Thanksgiving break has given many international students the opportunity to travel and see parts of the United States they haven't been able to see yet. Others go home with their American friends and spend the Thanksgiving break with them.

"I know that many of our students have tried to go to Chicago or Canada," vonReichbauer said. "A lot of them do try to travel to Toronto, or other places that are nearby. A lot of our students are very interested to experience Black Friday. Many of them head to the city and try and find an opportunity to experience that Black Friday shopping."

Ferris heavy equipment service engineering technology senior Andri Stephanie currently plans to stay at her apartment for Thanksgiving break and use it as a chance to re-

lax. Stephanie wasn't too familiar with Thanksgiving, but she did see a connection to her home country.

"In Indonesia, we have five main religions and if there are religious celebrations, family will typically gather and eat together," Stephanie said.

Ferris computer information security senior Safa Alkhamis was very excited and looking forward to the break so she could do some Black Friday shopping. Alkhamis was familiar with the concept of Thanksgiving but didn't really know the history behind it. Alkhamis said there are other holidays in Saudi Arabia, but she wouldn't necessarily say they were similar to Thanksgiving.

Ferris pre-pharmacy junior Kexin Zheng's plans for the break aren't definite yet, but she is considering traveling to a place she hasn't visited before or staying with her host family. When Zheng thinks of Thanksgiving, she immediately envisions the traditional turkey and mashed potatoes often served during the dinner. She also sees it as a way to celebrate with family.

Zheng saw similarities with Thanksgiving and two holidays celebrated in her home country of China.

"We have two holidays that are kind of similar in China. The most important one is the Lunar New Year, but I'm not sure if it's really the Chinese version of Thanksgiving because it's really about celebrating the new year," Zheng said. "We do have another festival called the mid-autumn festival; when I introduce this to people, I always term it as the Chinese Thanksgiving. People or family gather together and it's a moon festival, so then we have dinner together and then we share this dessert called moon cakes."

Some international students won't be able to travel during the break. In these instances, the office encourages those students to stay in Bond Hall on campus because this residence hall remains open over the break.



# Event calendar

## WEDNESDAY

Nov. 20



### United Way Closet Clean Out

Location: CLACS Office  
Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Ferris Women's Network Podcast Discussion Group

Location: UC 211  
Time: Noon – 1 p.m.

### Building Solutions: Moving Beyond Stress

Location: Birkam Health Center  
Time: 2:30 – 4 p.m.

### LGBTQ+ Resource Center Coffeehouse

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

## THURSDAY

Nov. 21

### United Way Closet Clean Out

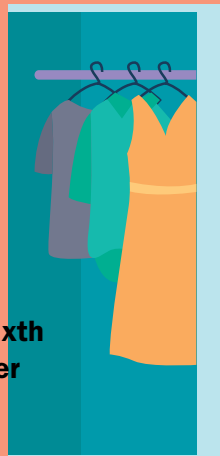
Location: CLACS Office  
Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### CALM: Conquering Anxiety though Life Management

Location: Birkam Health Center  
Time: 11 a.m. – Noon

### Humanities Colloquium: "The Sixth Extinction" with Dr. Barry Mehler

Location: UCB 213  
Time: 11 a.m. – Noon



### Throw Away Thursday

Location: Michigan College of Optometry  
Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Top Dawg Showcase

Location: BUS 111  
Time: 6 – 9:30 p.m.

### Five Star Event: "Setting Yourself Up for Success" with Phil Zeller

Location: UCB 202  
Time: 7 – 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Nov. 22



### Community Rummage Sale for United Way

Location: UC 116  
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Study Abroad Information Workshop

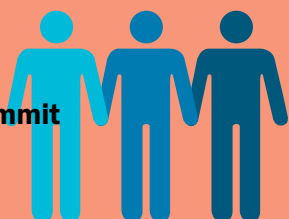
Location: IRC 104  
Time: 1 – 2 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Nov. 23

### Diversity and Inclusion Summit for Student Organizations

Location: UC Ballroom  
Time: 3 – 5 p.m.



## MONDAY

Nov. 25

### Mental Health 101: Setting Goals for Progress Not Perfection

Location: Birkam Health Center  
Time: 1 – 2 p.m.

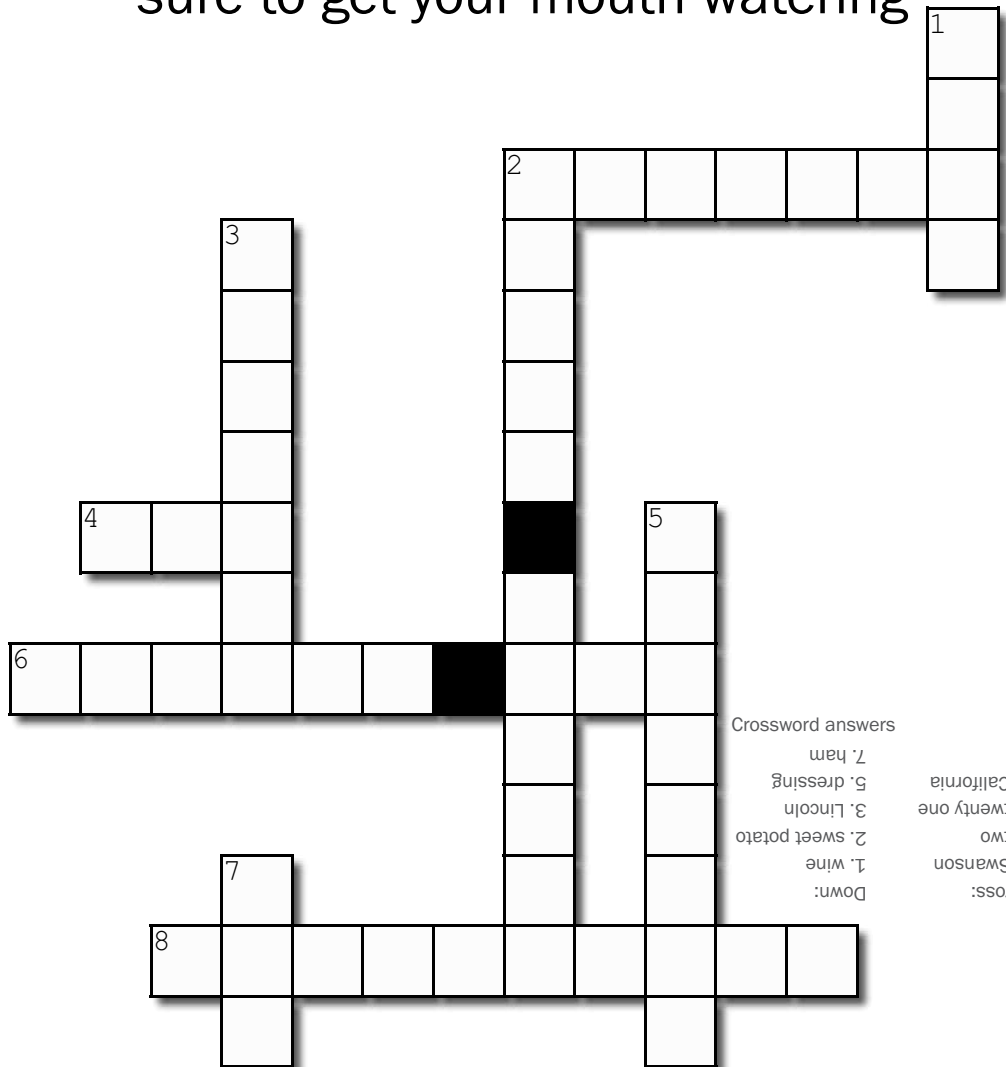


### Connect with Bulldog Connect

Location: CLACS Lobby  
Time: 1 – 5 p.m.

# Turkey time

This Thanksgiving-themed crossword is sure to get your mouth watering



Crossword answers

- Down:  
1. wine  
2. Swanson  
3. Lincoln  
4. two  
5. dressing  
6. twenty one  
7. ham  
8. California

### Across

- This company made the first TV dinner in 1953 from leftover Thanksgiving turkey.
- Thanksgiving is the number \_\_\_\_ ranked holiday by Americans.
- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 16\_\_\_\_.
- This state consumes the most turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

### Down

- This is the most common alcoholic beverage consumed on Thanksgiving.
- This pie is the cousin of pumpkin pie and is often served on Thanksgiving.
- He was president when Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863.
- Stuffing is sometimes called \_\_\_\_.
- Some people replace turkey with this meat: \_\_\_\_.

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# Drifty driving



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Drivers are facing worsening road conditions as snow begins to fall. Ferris Director of Public Safety Bruce Borkovich advises students to drive slower and keep their vehicles maintained.

## How to be safe during your winter commute

**Marissa Russell**  
Torch Reporter

Driving through the fresh white snow isn't always as safe as it may seem.

Ferris dental hygiene senior Karisa Sharon can speak from experience.

"One time, I was on 131 and it wasn't extremely bad out, but it was icy. I stopped my vehicle, I pumped my brakes behind a semi and spun out into a ditch," Sharon said.

Sharon prepares for winter by putting winter tires on her vehicle when the snow starts falling. She advises other drivers to drive slowly, wear their seat belts and give space between themselves and the driver ahead of them.

"The most common accident that we see on campus would be minor accidents in our parking lots," Ferris Director

of Public Safety Bruce Borkovich said. "This can be due to failing to properly clean off or defrost windows due to snow and ice, and for a failure to travel at a speed necessary to maintain control of the vehicle, especially in slippery conditions."

Borkovich said in almost every accident, excessive speed for conditions was the main cause, whether it involved the at-fault person being unable to control their own car, or a driver who is not at fault, but who may have been able to avoid the accident if they were traveling slower.

Although there may be a speed posted, it does not mean the driver needs to go that fast. Borkovich said traveling five to 10 miles per hour slower can make a big difference.

"Another factor is general vehicle maintenance," Borkovich said. "Make sure that your tires are not excessively worn, and make sure that they are properly inflated. Also, this is

a good time of year to check your brakes and other vehicle suspension systems to ensure that they are in good repair. It is a good idea to replace your windshield wipers once a year, and this time of year, good wipers are really important."

Ferris automotive management student Davis Kenson said the common mistakes he sees that drivers make are riding their brakes, not using turn signals and being on their phone when driving in the winter.

"You should put your winter [tires] on in the winter and your all-season ones on in the summer," Kenson said. "Typically, you want to see two seasons on winter tires."

Kenson said the best way to take care of your car in the winter is to wash it, change the oil, make sure you top off your fluids and warm up your car to optimal temperature before you start driving it.

## TORCH TUNES

### Teenage angst



Grant Siddall  
News Editor

As the weather gets worse and the end of the semester quickly approaches it, can be a stressful time of year for a lot of students.

There are few better ways to let out some of that stress and negative emotions than to put on some throwback music to take you back to that teenage angst phase of life.

Fall Out Boy, Panic! At The Disco, Green Day, My Chemical Romance, A Day To Remember and a lot of similar bands helped countless people through the rough, puberty-fueled emotional swings of being a teenager. They're great to revisit when times get rough or simply for the

nostalgia.

Here are some of my favorite songs from my emo phase.

#### Time to Dance - Panic! At The Disco

We're bringing it back all the way to 2005 with Panic's debut album when then PIATD guitarist Ryan Ross was still writing all the songs. "Time to Dance" is perfect mix of angst and upbeat melody. The song's dark lyrics about a bride committing murder on her wedding day are masked by Brendan Urie's vocals and the overall pace of the song. Like the majority of the "A Fever You Can't Sweat Out" album, the song is fun to sing along with and is a nice trip back to classic PIATD.

Favorite lyric: "When I say 'shotgun,' you say 'wedding.' Shotgun wedding! Shotgun wedding!"

#### Mama - My Chemical Romance

Even though this is relatively popular song, I still find it to be one of MCR's most underrated. The multiple build-ups throughout the song make it fun to rock out to and the lyrics about a soldier unsuccessfully trying to fix his relationship with his mother as death is imminent get pretty dark. You can't get much more teenage angst than a song about death and fighting with your parents.

Favorite lyric: "Mama, we're all full of lies. Mama, we're meant for the flies. And right now they're building a coffin your size. Mama, we're all full of lies."

#### Misery Business - Paramore

Between "Misery Business" and "crushcrushcrush" Paramore's "RIOT!" album has some all-timers in the teenage angst department. Hayley Williams has the voice of an angel and pairs it with lyrics about stealing someone boyfriend and to add insult to injury, attacks the ex-girl-

friend personally. There are a lot of teenage emotions coming out in the song, which is fitting, considering Williams was 17 when she wrote it.

Favorite lyric: "Whoa, it was never my intention to brag, to steal it all away from you now. But God does it feel so good 'cause I got him where I want him right now."

#### All Signs Point to Lauderdale - A Day To Remember

Like all the other bands included in this, it's hard to narrow it down to one song from ADTR. "All Signs Point to Lauderdale" is one that I feel is easy to connect to at any age. Hating where you're living, having friends who don't understand you and trying to fit in can be a lifelong struggle, which makes this a great angst song to revisit as a college student who's likely living away from home and making new friends. It's also one of the lighter ADTR songs, so those who can't get into the screaming can still enjoy this song.

Favorite lyric: "I hate this town, it's so washed up, and all my friends don't give a f---."

#### Fat Lip - Sum 41

Simultaneously a loser anthem and a classic rebellious song, it would be inexcusable to not include "Fat Lip" on this list. The whole song talks about not conforming to societal norms. It has a theme that is just as relevant as young adults preparing for the workforce and the rest of their lives as it was as teenagers trying to find who they are in middle and high school. Between the rebellious lyrics and the how upbeat the song is, this one always gets me pumped up.

Favorite lyric: "I don't want to waste my time, become another casualty of society. I'll never fall in line, become another victim of your conformity and back down."



# Time to volunteer

## How students can volunteer for the holidays

Lily Brown  
Torch Reporter

The holiday season is a huge time for volunteers and there are many opportunities in Big Rapids for students to give back.

There are many places that love and need volunteers during the holiday season, starting now. Volunteering also looks great on resumes for all types of majors.

Some stores and organizations even offer volunteer opportunities over winter break. With many students leaving for the break, companies need volunteers to fill in.

For those more interested in helping animals than humans, there are opportunities at the Animal Rescue Coalition (ARC), located at 18400 220th Ave. in Big Rapids. During school sessions, they normally have 50 to 100 volunteers. With exams and the holiday season approaching, they are becoming desperate for help.

"We have less volunteers during the holiday season, and we absolutely need more during the holiday season. What our volunteers do is choose either 7 to 9 in the morning or 5 to 7 in the evening to work," ARC Director Cate Arroe said.

ARC volunteers can help out on the cat side or the dog



Torch file photo

One way students can give back to the community is by ringing bells and collecting donations for the Salvation Army.

side of the humane society. This is decided by answering a few questions over the phone about the student's interests. ARC then chooses the best position for the volunteer.

Volunteers on the cat side are responsible for cleaning, feeding and socializing with the cats. Volunteers on the dog side take the dogs on walks for two hours of the day. For those interested in dogs, ARC prefers people who have some experience walking dogs.

ARC also prefers volunteers to have cars because the society is not within walking distance of the school.

For anyone interested, contact Arroe at (231) 796-

2683.

For those who live off campus and get bored over the break, there are likely many opportunities in your area. Some of these include working at a food pantry, helping out for galas and ringing bells with the Salvation Army.

Volunteering is a good way to feel better and get experience for the workforce. It also helps students stand out to employers, which can be helpful for those anxious about entering the workforce. Most volunteering opportunities only require a few hours of service a week. It can be a great way to show the holiday spirit and give back to the community.

# Winter Volunteer Opportunities

## Animal Rescue Coalition

**What:** Volunteers are needed to walk dogs and clean, feed and socialize with cats

**When:** 7 - 9 a.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. weekdays

**Contact:** Cate Arroe: (231) 796-2683

## Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala

**What:** Ten to 12 volunteers are needed to help at their 34th annual holiday gala

**When:** 5 - 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6

**Contact:** Jennifer: djbuwalda@mecostacountry.com or (231) 796 - 7649

## Mid-Michigan Community

### Action Agency

**What:** Volunteers are needed at the Reed City United Methodist Church

**When:** The third Thursday of every month:

**Contact:** Sheri Nartker: snartker@mmcaa.org or (989) 386 - 3805 extension: 1024

## Mecosta-Osceola ISD

**What:** Volunteers are needed to babysit while parents at-

tend meetings.

**When:** 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

**Contact:** Shelby Vanscoyoc: scanscoyoc@moisd.org

## The Salvation Army

**What:** Volunteers are needed for bell ringing and holiday season assistance

**When:** Times vary

**Contact:** Edwin Hoskins: ed.hoskins@usc.salvationarmy.org





# SPORTS

“His tongue went out the side of the mouth and it looked like the kindest and gentlest dog to represent an athletic department.”  
- Dean Davenport - See page 12 for story

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## Setting the tone together

### Team labs help to set the women's basketball team's mentality

**Austin Arquette**  
Torch Reporter

There's a difference between playing on a team and playing for a team.

With 14 women on a team it can be challenging to listen and learn about all of your teammates. But the women's basketball team sets up one day out of the week to incorporate a team lab for bonding and game plan strategies.

During these team labs, the players connect with one another and express themselves as a family. Ferris women's basketball head coach Kendra Faustin believes her team labs create relevant discussion away from the game, and that team feedback improves their time together.



Kendra Faustin

“Our players probably think our labs are about us giving them information, but it's really about us hearing them. It's about our staff hearing what they think

and what they need, and what they want and getting feedback from them,” Faustin said. “Our job is to get our team where they want to go, and it doesn't really matter where we want to go. It matters where the girls want to go, so we spend a lot of time working on the how we do things, how we communicate with each other and what we are all about.”

The team labs are designed so that each player can build better relationships with not only their teammates, but also with their coaches.

The women's basketball team shared their goals on the season with one another and talked about what the team culture is like in their last lab. Senior center Brayene Benner believes the team labs put the players on the same page, on and off the court. Her favorite part of the labs is knowing that everyone is all in and they are all there for the same reason.

“I know that the person next to me is putting in just as much work as me and we really define that in team lab, and it's very interesting to hear everyone's point of view and where they are at in life,” Benner said. “A lot of teams don't know what the person next to them is always thinking or they

don't get that deeper connection or deeper mentality in everything and it's just really good to hear everyone's thoughts on our team.”

Tuesday, Nov. 12, was the last team lab before their home opener Thursday, Nov 14, in Wink Arena against the Hillsdale Chargers. This opener started a six-game home stretch for the Bulldogs.

Ferris built a large lead, going on a 19-0 run from tipoff against Hillsdale, which allowed them to go deep into their bench.

The Bulldogs relied on a strong defense that forced Hillsdale deep into shot clocks and stole possessions away. The final score ended in a victory for Ferris, 85-59, bringing their record to 2-1.

“To keep that lead the whole game and get people in that usually don't get as many minutes in was awesome, and to be able to start the season off like that is just a good way to set the tone,” Benner said. “We always do the little stuff...that turns into big things and we really set those small goals in a game to achieve the bigger goals.”

Faustin hopes her team takes away some self-reflection in the lab time as the season goes on, especially since it's hard to get in an hour every week when the team's schedule is so busy.

But the players make it a top priority and it shows on the court. If even one player does not understand something, the whole team helps break it down so that no player is left behind.

Another important aspect of the bonding in lab is loosening up a bit, too.

“Sometimes women have a hard time making a fool out of themselves and it's important to have fun and laugh at yourself, and you can't do that if you don't know who you are. This is a big part of our labs with some self-reflection and really solidifying what our standards and beliefs are, individually and as a group,” Faustin said.

The women's basketball team handled their business in their first home game and will tip off next against Ursuline 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in Wink Arena.



Brayene Benner



Photo by: Will Holden | Torch Photographer

Senior center Brayene Benner goes up for the tip against Hillsdale on Thursday, Nov. 14.

## WEEKEND SCORECARD

### Hockey

Nov. 15 - Ferris 2, Bemidji State 1

Nov. 16 - Ferris 1, Bemidji State 4

### Women's Soccer

Nov. 15 - Ferris 0, Grand Valley 3

### Men's Basketball

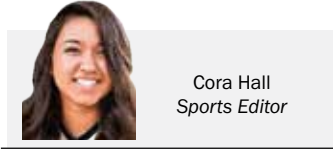
Nov. 13 - Ferris 76, Illinois Tech 49

Nov. 16 - Ferris 89, Findlay 78



# Playoff path set

Familiar opponents in region,  
tough possible semifinal  
matchup in No. 1 Slippery Rock



Cora Hall  
Sports Editor

It's finally official: Ferris football was named No. 1 in Super Region 3 for the Division II Football Championship bracket on Sunday, Nov. 17, and will get a first round bye.

The field of teams holds many familiar opponents for the Bulldogs, including a few in region. Ouachita Baptist secured the No. 2 seed in Super Region 3 and Northwest Missouri State is No. 3. Ferris defeated both in their playoff run last season.

Other No. 1 seeds include reigning champs Valdosta State, Minnesota State and Slippery Rock, who poses a potentially quite challenging semifinal for Ferris. Nationally ranked at No. 8, Slippery Rock is led by senior quarterback Roland Rivers III, who is third in the nation in passing yards with 3,409 this season and 40 passing touchdowns.

Ferris, ranked No. 2 nationally all season, is the lone GLI-AC representative in the playoffs. They will face the winner of the first round matchup between Central Missouri and Indianapolis, nationally ranked No. 9 and No. 16 respectively. The Bulldogs' playoff run is made a bit easier this year with all their potential matchups at home until the championship this year.

With a 10-game regular season and first round bye, Ferris will also only total 14 games, should they make a repeat appearance in the title game. This is opposed to the 16 games they played without a week off last year.

Although reigning Harlon Hill winner Jayru Campbell was



Photo from NCAA Twitter, for full bracket go to NCAA website

out the past two games, Ferris remained undefeated in the regular season for a second year. The team has clearly shown that no matter who's at quarterback they can be successful.

But entering into the stiffest competition they've seen all year, it's vital that all three of the Bulldogs' quarterbacks are healthy and ready to go. By the time the second round rolls around, Campbell will have had four weeks to rest his ankle injury. If he returns for playoffs, Ferris will have one of the most dangerous offenses in the tournament, as all three quarterbacks have proven themselves this season.

With No. 1 nationally ranked Valdosta State on the opposite side of the bracket, Ferris would not see a rematch until the title game. Valdosta State has had another undefeated regular season and are on a 25-game win streak, despite losing head coach Kerwin Bell along with both offensive and defensive coordinators after last season. Their season is eerily similar to Ferris, having beat their rival to win the Peach Basket in their last regular season game that also won them the Gulf South Conference title.

If the Blazers and Bulldogs meet again in the championship, it could be a historical rematch.

An interesting change to this year's tournament format is the brackets are no longer constrained to their Super Regions. Seeds 1-4 still get home bids in the first round and stayed in their Super Region, but seeds 5-7 could be placed in any region. This allowed the selection committee to place them in a region that made most geographical sense for the first round.

The seeding process remained the same—according to region record, strength of schedule, etc.—but the new caveat was introduced to get more fans to the games and reduce the number of charter flights necessary in the first round.

You can't help but love the pure bracket format that Division II Football keeps. The top 28 teams in the country compete over the next five weeks and it almost feels like March Madness for football. With nine undefeated programs entering the tournament, the competition will get interesting.

If Ferris continues to play like they have been, I have no doubt we will see them playing on Dec. 21.

# Comeback completed

Basketball transfer ready to compete and continue winning

Austin Arquette  
Torch Reporter

While many of Ferris men's basketball upperclassmen players are leading the team this season, transfer Dorian Aluyi is beginning to make a major impact.

The six-foot-five junior wing transferred from Minot State in North Dakota. A Chicago native, he thrives from the high competition the team has faced so far, including two nationally ranked teams.

"I came to this program knowing that they are capable of winning, and I knew they had potential to go back to the national championship," Aluyi said. "That's what we are trying to do here as we've knocked off Concordia in California, who was ranked 23rd and now Findlay tonight who was 17th, so I think we are building momentum."

Aluyi has been involved in both wins over the nationally ranked competition, filling in for junior wing Jaylin McFadden's after it was announced he is out for the season due to an ACL tear.

The Ferris men's basketball team remains undefeated with their gritty victory against Findlay on Saturday, Nov. 16, improving to 7-0 this year.

In the first half of the action against the Findlay Oilers, Aluyi collected 9 points, went 3-7 from the field, grabbed two offensive rebounds, added one assist and had one steal on a total of 12 minutes played after starting. The first half for the Bulldogs was a tough one as they trailed by seven entering halftime.

"I've been fighting for this one, it's a new team since I transferred and I've been fighting to contribute my part as it has been rough the past couple of games," Aluyi said. "But you know, I love going against competition — and them coming into our house at No. 17 in the country — they had a target on their backs, and I go at targets. That's what I shoot at, so I came out aggressive along with my teammates."

Ferris started an empowered comeback in the second half.

With 10 minutes left in the game, the Bulldogs trailed by only six points as they faced an uphill battle as time started to slip away.

Ferris fought back a 24-5 run in the second half against the Oilers, and in the final minute of the game the Bulldogs held tight a 10-point lead. As the final minute ran out, the bulldogs had secured an 11-point victory and completed their comeback with a final score of 89-78.

"I'm proud of them because it hasn't been without adversity as every team has faced that, but we really want to be the best team we can be at the end of the year," Ferris head coach Andy Bronkema said. "We are focused on that, but tonight was fun and it's only a good story if you win."

The Bulldogs scored 44 of their 89 points in the paint and Aluyi led the charge with 19 points. Aluyi had a very strong second half, shooting 6-12 from field goal range and 1-4 on three pointers, with 25 minutes played in the contest.

When the Oilers tried to start a comeback with a quick three, Aluyi silenced the comeback as he answered right back with a three of his own, shifting momentum in Ferris' favor.

"I hate counting, but I missed, like, my last 10 threes, and that one going in and seeing it go through the hoop felt great, especially coming back to silence their run felt great," Aluyi said. "I just got to keep shooting while my teammates find me in open spots and I just got to trust my jump shot."

Wink Arena was electrified as the team fought back in the second half to take a six-point lead. The crowd stood and gave the team a standing ovation for their hard-fought victory. Bronkema said there is no doubt the fans were a huge help as they continued their faith in Bulldogs success and get loud for their team.

Ferris will face their next six opponents at home beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 20, against Hillsdale with a 7 p.m. tipoff.

"Hillsdale and Lewis are powerful programs and I have a lot of respect for them," Bronkema said. "I want to blow the roof off Wink again because that was fun."

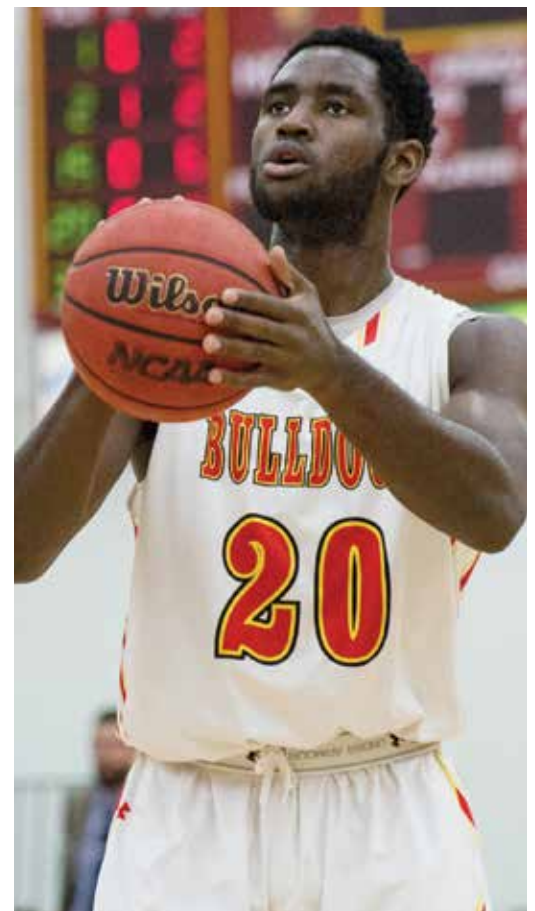


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Junior wing Dorian Aluyi shoots a free throw against Findlay on Saturday, Nov. 16.

## Volleyball

Nov. 15 - Ferris 3, Northwood 0

## Women's Basketball

Nov. 14 - Ferris 85, Hillsdale 59



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# Bulldog logo turns 40

*What began as a student's creation became a standing legacy*

**Greg Williams**  
Torch Reporter

The Ferris State Bulldog logo displayed by staff, athletes and fans has reached its 40th anniversary and its unique history is not known by most. But the story behind the logo is a prime example of how Ferris students separate themselves from the rest.

In 1979, former graphic design student Terry Davenport was presented with a challenge by his father Dean Davenport. Dean came to Ferris in the 1970s as a basketball coach, and then became the athletic director from 1979-1993 and has since been a longtime supporter of Ferris athletics and the university.

Dean inherited the old Bulldog logo his first year as athletic director in 1979, and it was just not going to cut it.

"To be frank and honest, he looked like he was going to love you to death," Davenport said. "His tongue went out the side of the mouth and it looked like the kindest and gentlest dog to represent an athletic department."

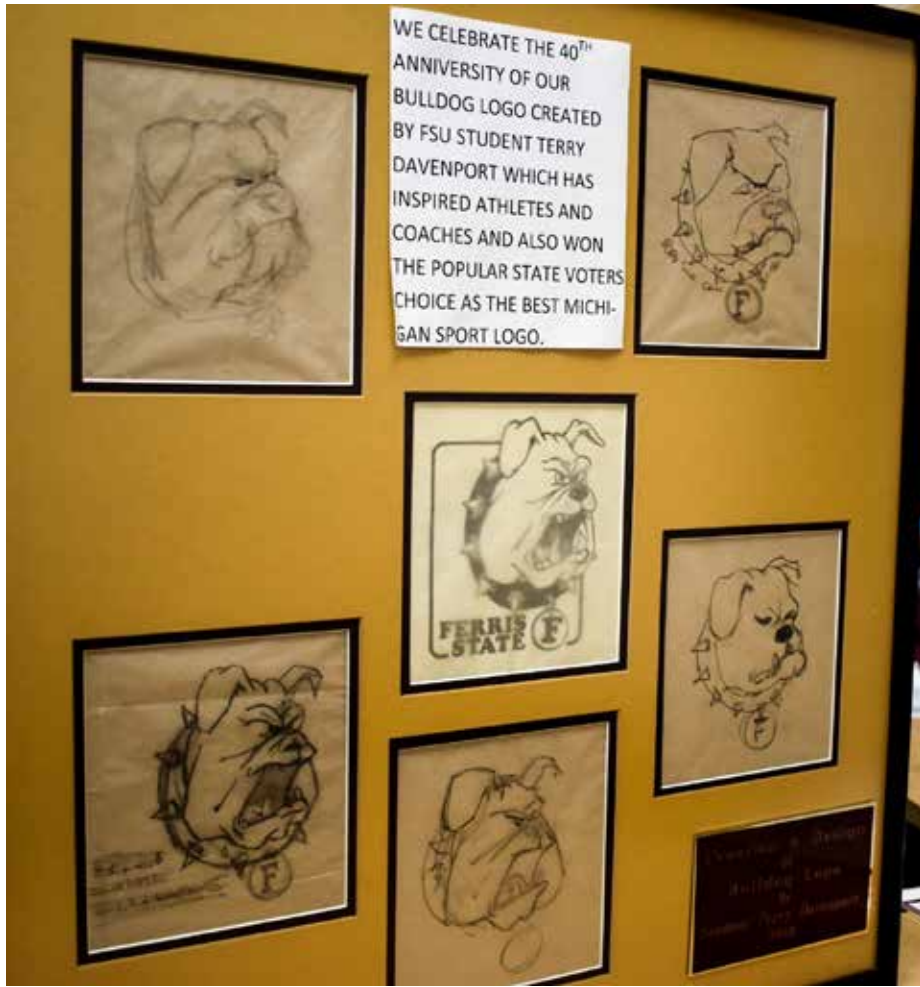
So, he took the challenge down the hallway of his home to his son Terry. He requested Terry to create a feisty and determined Bulldog that really reflected the attitude and spirit of the university. Terry took the challenge head on and 40 years later, Brutus still stands.

Not only does the 1979 logo represent the university and bring pride to Bulldog alumni and fans, but the whole state of Michigan has taken notice. In 2013, the Detroit Free Press conducted a week-long online fan poll to see who had the best sports logo in the state of Michigan.

This included professional, minor league, college and high school sports logos. There were 48 different sport logos that represented the state of Michigan and there were six different rounds to the bracket.

The top four teams included the Detroit Lions, Red Wings, Tigers and the Ferris State Bulldog logo. Over the six rounds, the Ferris State Bulldog came out on top and beat the old Tigers D logo to win and claim the best sports logo in the state of Michigan. The poll totaled more than 50,000 votes, with 11,000 total votes in the final round.

Winning logo competitions and being recognized for the logo is very special and important. However, after the accolades and all the recognition, Davenport wants the Ferris students to know the real reason behind the logo and why you should pay attention.



The original sketches by Terry Davenport are displayed in a frame by his father, Dean Davenport.

Photo by: Cora Hall | Sports Editor

"It was done by a student. That's the thing I want our college kids to realize that one of them did this. I saw this whole thing as an example to renew and re-emphasize what Ferris is all about," Davenport said. "A place where students can get caught in the act and do things. Because that's what makes us so unique. This is just another example of the Ferris student stepping up using their skills and using what they are learning in school and giving back to the university."

Terry, just a sophomore at the time in the graphic design program, did not know what this would lead to. He was just happy to help his dad out and give back to the university. As a student he took his skills that he learned and created what we all know now as the Ferris State Bulldog logo.

Terry is now taking the marketing world by storm. He has had careers with Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, Pepsi and Arby's, and is now a top executive at Starbucks.

The story of the Bulldog logo is just a reminder of what Ferris is about. Don't underestimate this small town in West Michigan and the talent it produces. This is a place where students

get hands on experience and learn skills that will help them in the real world.

Even though this message extends beyond the logo alone — and what it is all about — it's still a special moment for the Davenport family. When the logo was first introduced, the hockey team was on their run to the Frozen Four in Tampa, Florida.

"On every streetlight in the city there was a logo of the four teams and there is no question that the Ferris Bulldogs just stood out," Davenport said. "The quality and what it stood for and the little tag with the F on the collar. That's when it really hit home with me that this is a fantastic thing."

"I won't be remembered for anything, but if people knew I was responsible for the Bulldog change, then that might be my tradition. I am very proud of it. If you knew Terry, you can barely get him to talk about it, he is so humble. That is why it is so quiet, that's the way he would want it."

Forty years later and the Bulldog Logo still lives on. Who will be the next student to make history and the next big change for Ferris?

## Underclassmen step up in first conference win

Injuries begin to wreak havoc on the Bulldogs as the hockey team goes 1 - 1 on the weekend

**Brendan Sanders**  
Torch Reporter

Injuries are a part of any team sport, but how you bounce back from them shows what your team is truly made of.

The Bulldogs hockey team has been hit especially hard with multiple starting line players not dressed for gameplay Saturday due to injury.

Injuries to junior forwards Marshall Moise and Lucas Finner along with senior forward Jason Tackett has taken out three of Ferris' top playmakers. The injuries only piled Saturday as the Bulldogs also lost freshman forward Dallas Tulik to a shoulder injury in Saturday's 4-1 loss to Bemidji State. The loss puts them at 1-5 in conference and 3-8 overall.

Head coach Bob Daniels was proud of his younger players who stepped in with the top players on the line out.

"Basically, we lost four players out of our top nine. We had three defensemen in there that were freshmen playing forward tonight, we were patching a lot of holes but, boy, you couldn't tell," Daniels said.

After securing their first conference win of the season on Friday, Ferris looked to capitalize on their burst of momentum.

It was one of the Bulldogs top defensive performances this season, even if the scoreboard doesn't show it. The Bulldogs only allowed 22 shots on goal, with no goals allowed on power plays. The final two goals for Bemidji State came in the final three minutes, including an empty netter to put the final score at 4-1.

With injuries to the top players on the team, the younger players took center stage, including freshman defenseman Jake Willets, who scored the one and



Bob Daniels

only goal for the Bulldogs. It was the first goal of his collegiate career. "It was unbelievable. You know what I was really impressed with?"

Our defensemen moving up and the fact that they were able to follow our game plan. They were able to execute our forecheck very well," Daniels said.

Willets led the charge, and the Bulldogs outshot Bemidji State 23-22. Willets said the energy level of he and his teammates is still high after the close game on Saturday and the win the day before.

"We're positive because yesterday we got that win, and then today there's an even game we could've went either way on the bounce. The bounce didn't go our way today, and like coach

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## 2019 DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Ewingleben Sport Complex  
(Wink Arena)

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Education & Human Services	Jennie Stange	(231) 591-2700	BIS 604
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**Note:** You must satisfy all of your degree requirements before you officially graduate and receive your diploma.

**Caps and Gowns** may be purchased at the Grad Fair on November 7, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in the University Center - Multi-purpose Rooms or starting November 7 - December 6 at the Ferris State University Bookstore (located in the University Center, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids MI 49307).

**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

Time	College
10:00 am	College of Arts & Sciences College of Education & Human Services College of Engineering Technology
1:30 pm	College of Business College of Health Professions

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# Top Dawg

Volleyball

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**Cora Hall**  
Sports Editor

Top Dawg goes to a team that has won their conference not for the first time, or second time, but six times consecutively. If you don't know who I'm talking about yet, it's the GLIAC reigning champion Ferris volleyball team.

The regular season came to a close last weekend and with a Ferris win over Northwood and a Michigan Tech loss to Saginaw Valley, the Bulldogs clinched their sixth consecutive conference title. Ferris ended with a 14-2 conference record, dropping an away match to both Saginaw Valley and Ashland.

To say that Ferris dominated the GLIAC is an understatement. Nine of their 14 wins were clean sweeps and senior outside hitter Allyson Cappel was named GLIAC Player of the Week in the North four out of the ten weeks this season.

This streak hasn't come easy, either. Ferris has faced strong competition in the GLIAC in Michigan

Tech, Ashland and Saginaw Valley. The race for No. 1 in the conference was tight near the end of the season and all three teams took Ferris to five sets, with Ashland handing the Bulldogs their second conference loss of the year.

The dynasty that is Ferris volleyball is nothing short of legendary, led by head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm in her 24th year at the helm. I highly doubt there's a volleyball team in Division II, hell, no team in Division I that has a conference championship streak this long.

To top it off, Ferris volleyball is on a five-year GLIAC Tournament Championship streak, which they will have the opportunity to extend this week with their first game on Wednesday, Nov. 20. The program has also earned an NCAA tournament bid every year since 2011, a streak they would be guaranteed to extend with another GLIAC Tournament Championship.

Ferris has struggled to get out of their Region in the NCAA tournament, but with a strong senior core once again, it might just be their year.

## Hockey

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Photo by: Samantha Cavotta | Torch Photographer

Freshman defenseman Jake Willets scored Ferris' lone goal in Saturday's loss to Bemidji State.

said, we're out with some injuries, some top guys. So I mean for us to be battling, staying in games, we already know it shows a lot about our team about our character," Willets said.

The defensive performance was the best it had been in weeks. In close games like Bemidji State, it was important to be in the right mindset.

"I think we're starting to tilt the ice in the right direction," Daniels said. "We're not playing in our end as much, it was probably 50-50. I really do think we've got the right mentality right now."

The Bulldogs enter a stretch of

games thousands of miles away as they battle Alaska and Alaska Anchorage over the next two weeks. They first take the ice in Alaska Friday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 23, before traveling to Anchorage to play Alaska Anchorage on Nov. 29 and 30.

"It's going to be kind of challenging here the next 2 weeks we got to get out on a flight on Wednesday and we're gone for 12 days and we're trying to read the tea leaves to see who will be healthy to play," Daniels said. "We're going to have to go from Fairbanks to Anchorage and in that time we're wondering if a couple of the guys that are hurt

maybe that extra week they will be ready to go so it'll be interesting to you know sit down and try to figure out exactly who is going to be on that plane."

As the Bulldogs look to find a turning point in their season, the first weekend in Alaska will pose a challenge, with the Alaska Nanooks sitting among the top three in the WCHA standings with a 5-3 conference record and 7-7 overall. Alaska Anchorage (2-3-1, 2-6-2) may be the opportunity for the Bulldogs to catch a break, especially if they can pull out some big wins against Alaska.



## THIS WEEKEND'S SPORTS FOR FERRIS

### Wednesday, Nov. 20:

- Volleyball vs Wisconsin-Parkside at 6 p.m. in GLIAC Quarterfinal
- Men's Basketball vs. Hillsdale at 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Nov. 21:

- Women's Basketball vs. Ursuline at 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, Nov. 22:

- Hockey at Alaska at 11:07 p.m. EST

### Saturday, Nov. 23:

- Cross Country at NCAA Division II National Championships
- Volleyball GLIAC Semifinals, time and location TBD
- Women's Basketball vs. Southern Indiana at noon
- Men's Basketball vs. Lewis at 2 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Alaska at 11:07 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 24:

- Volleyball GLIAC Championship, time and location TBD

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## Chat with the chief Editor in Chief, Noah Poser

Last week in the National Football League, Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett ripped the helmet off of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph and proceeded to slam it into his skull.

If this happened in some bar or some parking lot, this would be seen as assault. However, once again, athletes get off with a pass. Not only that, but they band together, with the help of sports fans, to play off a criminal act as a “part of the game.”

To be clear, Rudolph played his part in the incident as the instigator of the whole melee that took place. While he wasn't suspended, he should have been. He should have gotten a fairly expensive fine as well.

Also, I feel it's important to recognize that Rudolph himself declined to press charges against Garrett.

It still feels like people are misunderstanding the magnitude of this situation. That's how I see it in my eyes. Besides having had seen the most horrid display of behavior I have ever seen on a football field, I also saw a legitimate criminal action take place.

If that helmet had hit just a few inches from where it had, every-

one else would see it that way as well, because it would have led to much more grave consequences.

Do you know who else might have viewed this differently? Perhaps all those players willing to stand up for Garrett would be singing a different tune about the incident. However, even if this situation would have led to much more severe results for Rudolph, chances are nothing would be different.

Don't get me wrong. As someone who has played organized sports all my life, I recognize that in most instances, a brotherhood is formed among members of a team. The team becomes your family, which is not a bad thing at all. Of course, until it is.

In the cases of a league such as the NFL, this unbreakable bond spreads beyond locker rooms, almost like a wildfire. Now obviously in this case, sides must be taken. However, those sides were largely drawn up before the incident even occurred.

This sort of blind faith has been in sports for generations, and it clearly isn't any different in this instance. Rudolph himself displayed that fact by not pressing charges. In fact, it even spreads beyond the locker rooms, as fans

## Crimes in sports are still crimes

also partake in putting on the blinders when such acts occur.

Take for example a comment I've both heard and seen regularly on social media. “Rudolph signed up to play in the NFL. He knows football is a violent sport.”

This is said as a way to somehow play the incident off as just “part of the game” or something to that effect. Yet, as someone who played football for four years in high school, never once did I witness someone taking off an opposing player's helmet and whacking them upside the head with it.

I have witnessed assault on numerous occasions outside of the football field, and most of the time it was never as violent as what I viewed on my television screen watching Thursday Night Football.

Garrett got a hefty fine. He also got an indefinite suspension from the NFL.

However, what he didn't get was jail time, which is what any other individual would get had committed the very same action anywhere else.

It just goes to show that we hold people on the “athletic battlefields” so to speak, to much lower levels than the rest of soci-

ety, and those athletes play right into those standards.

It's one thing that we as a society allow athletes, especially premier college and professional athletes, to commit crimes outside the arena or the stadium or whatever type of place they play in, and then let them come back into their respective league and compete in their respective sports as if they never did anything wrong, regardless of the violence of said crime. It's a whole different conversation when we begin letting crimes on a football field be seen as a “part of the game.”

That's got to be the line in today's society at the very least. If not, then a precedent is being set that athletes can do whatever they want with zero consequences.

Of course, it seems like we lost our morals when it comes to sports a long time ago. I mean heck, Garrett was just a wee bit too competitive, right?

Surely he didn't mean to commit a misdemeanor, but he did. I'm sure Garrett is a good person. I haven't heard anything poor about his character previously in my life. However, he, like all athletes who display this behavior, need to be held accountable.

If not now, when?

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## OK, but Tik Tok is where it's at Except the lip-synchs...



Veronica Mascorro  
Torch Reporter

People need to get over their egos and accept the fact that Vine is dead and Tik Tok has lowkey replaced it. Now before you jump and say that Tik Tok is cringey let me explain. You're probably thinking of the lip-synching and dancing videos that are a true plague on the app which I will agree, those are pretty cringey. But if you look on the other side of the app, you'll find the majestic and beautiful

comedy side which has been single-handedly responsible for a variety of the newest memes and trends on the internet at the moment.

Tik Tok's set up allows for a variety of users to blow up and be discovered through the For You page which pushes a lot of users to try and come up with creative and original content. Even some of the top music hits have

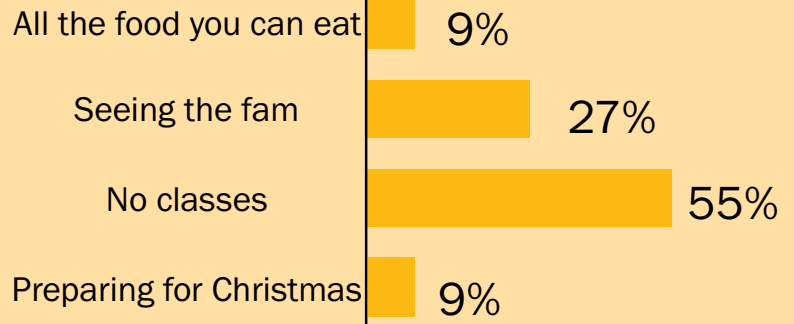
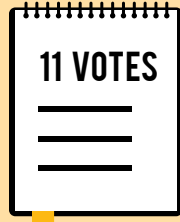
a direct connection to Tik Tok. Lil Nas X, the man responsible for Old Time Road, credits Tik Tok for blowing the song up, and propelling him into Stardom. Truth Hurts by Lizzo was released back in 2017 and just this year became a hit. Everyone knows this was with the help of Tik Tok.

I wasn't always on board with Tik Tok because of the lip-synching videos I had seen when the app was still known as Musical.ly, but after a friend convinced me to download the app, I became addicted. And surprisingly enough have come to love Tik Tok more than I even loved Vine.



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