



## President Pink tours Michigan

### What is ‘Link with Pink’?



Dr. Bill Pink begins his presidency by interacting and engaging with the Ferris community.

Photo courtesy of Sandy Gholston

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News Editor

Wednesday, Aug. 31 marks the beginning of President Bill Pink’s “Link with Pink” tour.

Less than two months into his presidency, Pink is embarking on an eight-stop tour through Michigan. He is looking to interact with Ferris alumni by sharing his plans and listening to their stories in order to “shape and build the future of Ferris.”

Pink’s vision for Ferris may be “bold,” according to the “Link with Pink” website, but the stops on this tour are intended to facilitate casual meet-and-greet conversations over appetizers. Pink is set to speak at Cranker’s Brewery at 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 31, with the event running from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The alumni and friends in attendance will have a chance to get to know the new president as he learns how Ferris impacted their lives.

Sandy Gholston, Ferris’ social media

manager, reports that the president wants students to feel like valued members of the Ferris community before and after graduating and “leaving to make a difference in communities across Michigan and around the country.”

“There’s no better way to understand a university with the long history that Ferris has than by meeting and listening to the people who experienced it and who know it best,” Gholston said. “Our alumni are among those people. As we work to move Ferris forward, that effort is not possible without knowing and understanding the alumni experience.”

The president will spend September traveling to Flint, Detroit, Traverse City, Grand Rapids, East Lansing, Midland and Kalamazoo. Alumni and friends are not charged to attend “Link with Pink” tour stops, but they are expected to register in advance. Gholston explains that these locations were selected because they have strong alumni bases and long-lasting

partnerships with Ferris.

For those unable to attend a “Link with Pink” event in person, the tour will conclude with a Virtual Conversation on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Register on the “Link with Pink” website or Ferris event calendar to join the president in a reflection of his first three months on campus and his plans looking forward.

“I think the challenge is what excites me... [I want] to wrap our arms around the challenges together,” Pink said in the “Meet the New President” video series.

Collaboration is paramount to Pink’s administrative philosophy. A self-proclaimed “deep believer in student voice,” he wants to listen to current Bulldog’s stories just as he plans to for alumni on this tour. Through the good and the bad, Pink sees value in understanding where students are in their Ferris experience.

“People want to have their voice heard and make sure that leadership is listening,” Pink said. “I get it. Sometimes we can

make some really big changes, sometimes a minor change, sometimes the change happens over time. But I just want our students in our campus community to know that the listening ear is there.”

The “Link with Pink” tour was a collaborative project between multiple offices on campus. Brandi Behrenwald, director of Alumni Relations, explains that it was a priority to have the new president interacting with alumni across the state as soon as possible. She even hopes to see Pink on a regional tour this winter, interacting with alumni from Florida to Colorado.

“President Pink has an enthusiasm that is contagious,” Behrenwald said. “He lights up a room when he walks in. When you hear him speak, he grabs everybody present in the room.”

This is only the beginning of the president’s journey with the Ferris community. Visit the Ferris event calendar and check back in with the Torch for further updates from the new administration.



# News

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## A new president in town

### From sorority representative to commanding Student Government

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“A lot of people [say], ‘I need to make this amount of money to be happy.’ I just want to live life and be happy.”

This is the attitude MaeLynn Huhn is bringing as president of the Student Government Association in her last semester at Ferris.

Huhn, a psychology senior, joined SGA to represent her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. The glorified party planner, according to the Ferris AXD website, was taught how to be more organized and confident in herself through student involvement.

“I found it as a great way to grow myself professionally,” Huhn said. “I already within my sorority grew a lot professionally, but then [I] wanted to take it to the next level and go to the student government. And plus, I just thought it was a great way to learn more about campus. I was always looking for more ways to get involved.”

Being a part of SGA made Huhn get out of her dorm room and interact with other students. In Huhn’s opinion, a lot of people come into college and expect it to be easy to make friends, but that’s not the case for many students.

It was hard for Huhn at first, joining SGA early in the pandemic, but knowing that there were other people also going through this struggle helped. While it was harder for Huhn to talk to people, it helped her learn new strategies to get in contact with people virtually, which, in her opinion, will be a good skill to have in the future.

SGA also gave her connections and taught her about different things on campus, such as student affairs, where she works as the vice president. At Student Af-

fairs, Huhn’s work duties include working at the front desk and conducting a lot of outreach to different schools

“I have assembled gift baskets to send to all the superintendents across Michigan,” Huhn said. “It helped me learn outreach tactics for student government... and [how to promote] Ferris as a whole.”

The mission statement for SGA is “to represent Ferris State University student interests in all aspects of campus life and to maintain open channels of communication between students, faculty, staff, administration and the Big Rapids community.”

Huhn interprets this as a channel of information. They have members that bring different things to the table, and information about campus trickles down through different representatives. This also provides the opportunity for different people to speak at meetings. After that, they use various outlets to spread the information around campus.

Huhn feels like she will be able to fulfill this by bringing more people to the table. Due to graduation, SGA has lost a lot of members this past semester, and they are currently struggling to recruit. Huhn’s main goal this semester is to find people that care and want to be an active part of the association.

To read what Huhn’s friends think of her presidency, go to our website.

*News Editor Jessica Oakes contributed to the reporting of this story.*



President MaeLynn Huhn looks forward to serving as President of SGA.

Photo submitted by MaeLynn Huhn

## Biden announces student loan forgiveness

### Two years after his campaign, Biden delivers student loan forgiveness.

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News Reporter

On Wednesday, President Joe Biden unveiled a proposal that would cancel up to \$20,000 in federal student loan debt. This plan will benefit thousands of students in Michigan.

Single borrowers who make less than \$125,000 and married borrowers who file taxes jointly and make less than \$250,000 are eligible for the \$10,000 debt cancellation. Individuals who received a Pell Grant may qualify for an additional \$10,000 debt cancellation.

Federal loans taken out prior to June 30, 2022, are the only ones that qualify for forgiveness.

“Here’s what my administration is going to do to provide more breathing room for people so they are less burdened by student debt,” Biden said during an Aug. 24 press briefing.

Melanie Mulder, the assistant director of financial aid, encourages students and alumni to visit the official federal website for loan forgiveness for detailed information about eligibility. To find out if a student has received a Pell Grant, select the Pell Grant tab on the federal website’s dashboard.

College Factual states that an average of 66% of incoming Ferris freshman take out at least one loan. U.S. News reports that the “median federal loan debt among borrowers who completed their undergraduate degree [at Ferris] is \$21,491.” In the year 2020, 73% of Ferris’ graduating seniors had borrowed either federal or private loans during their undergraduate years.

According to federal data, Michigan has 1.4 million borrowers with student loan debt, totaling \$51.3 billion. According to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s administration, about 700,000 people who have federal

student loans will have their debt reduced in half or eliminated entirely.

“People can utilize their money to establish a business, a home, a family or a marriage,” Whitmer said. “I would work with anyone to maintain lowering the cost of higher education and giving more paths for Michiganders to pursue a higher education tuition-free, without entering into debt in the first place.”

After eight extensions, federal student loan payments have been suspended for a total of two years. Each extension increased the pressure placed on Biden to act and address the \$1.7 trillion student debt crisis. On Aug. 31, the current payment suspension was supposed to end, but it has now been extended to Dec. 31.

According to federal data, nearly 238,000 Michigan borrowers have debts totaling less than \$10,000, and nearly 425,000 Michigan borrowers have debts totaling less than \$20,000. These borrow-

ers carry around 12% of the state’s total student debt, and they collectively represent half of the state’s student borrowers.

According to the White House, nearly eight million Americans will automatically be relieved of their college debt. The U.S. Department of Education anticipates releasing an application for the remaining borrowers in the upcoming weeks.

Low and middle-income borrowers will incur less expense as a result of the recently announced adjustments to income-driven repayment arrangements.

Ferris State students may be in luck. As many students aren’t sure how they can pay for college Biden’s proposed plan would help a lot of us in the future. For more financial aid resources, visit the “Need More Money” tab on [ferris.edu/finaid](http://ferris.edu/finaid).

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# Inflation on the rise

## Breaking down the high prices of today's economy

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Rising prices, climbing interest rates and devastating recessions are some of the effects of inflation.

Inflation typically results in an overall increase in prices and cost of living in a county. Currently, the U.S. has an inflation percentage of 8.5%, which is causing items such as gas, groceries, homes and more to increase in price. Inflation can be caused by many factors, including an increase in the amount of money in people's bank accounts, a large decrease in the number of goods being produced and an increase in the amount of dollars being printed.

Alex Cartwright, an associate professor of economics, believes the most recent inflation surge was caused by the excessive amount of money being printed.

"I believe we've almost tripled the money supply," Cartwright said. "We printed over \$400 billion an hour for over a year. The artificially low-interest rates that the fake money created caused inflation... Inflation fundamentally occurs when the money supply is expanded. When we create more money, the purchasing power of each individual dollar falls, and

because each dollar can buy less stuff, people require more dollars in order to sell you something. Requiring more dollars to sell you something is the same as a price increase."

Another factor to consider when evaluating the causes of inflation is the increased amount of money individuals have curated since the start of the pandemic.

Tyler Watts, an associate professor of economics, believes the increased amount of spending money and a possible decline in the production of goods has led to increased prices.

"Inflation is too much money chasing too little goods, and that can happen either because there was a big increase in the number of money people have or because there was a big decrease in the number of goods being produced," Watts said. "When we look at the inflation that's happening, it's pretty much over the past year and a half or so. It's not so much because there was a reduction in the goods we are producing now, that did happen in the COVID lockdowns, but we quickly rebounded and the economy is still cranking out goods, so we can trace what's happening."

Inflation is always a difficult situation to be in because supply and demand is

off-balance, and it can be hard to know when it might return to a normal level.

Cartwright says inflation can be very difficult to measure because there is no price level, and there is no average price for items. He says we can't measure inflation, but what we can do is approximate it, and the most common way to do so is with the Consumer Price Index. The CPI is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. With this approximation, we can be more prepared for increased prices and make necessary adjustments to stay afloat during this time.

Education sophomore Rylie Avery says she has seen and felt the effects of inflation while paying for gas or going shopping.

"... It's getting harder and harder to keep a budget where you don't drown in debt," Avery said. "Even Goodwill prices are riding way higher than many can afford, so shopping second hand doesn't help as much as it used to."

Avery once heard from a higher-up working at Goodwill that they are purposefully telling their staff to raise the prices of donated items to keep up with the economy. Avery also mentioned prices at grocery

stores, such as Walmart, are on the rise as well, making it hard to buy food and stay healthy. She says she knows students who don't have meal plans that can't afford as many groceries as before.

"Being a college student who tries to find the best ways to save in order to pay for school seems to get harder and harder," Avery said. "Cutting corners isn't as easy as it used to be. The only option now for college students to stay away from debt is scholarships, since trying to buy for less seems to be slipping away from us."

Cartwright and Watts said that during high times of inflation, it is better to utilize your money instead of letting it sit in your bank account because the longer it sits, the more its value will deplete.

Cartwright recommends researching an app called Acorns, as it is a way to invest in stocks and earn more money alongside your weekly paycheck. Watts also suggests looking at what you are currently paying for, such as subscriptions, and minimizing them. The goal is to only pay for the necessities and save as much as possible.

Those wanting to learn more about what they can do during this time of soaring prices can reach out to Cartwright for more information.

# Culture

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## Phi Sigma Kappa partners with drink protection company

### The anti-spiking scrunchie

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The Ferris State chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa has partnered with NightCaps, a company that manufactures products that prevent drink spiking.

NightCaps' featured product is the NightCap scrunchie. These are scrunchies you can wear on your wrist or in your hair, and if you feel uncomfortable at a party or gathering, you can remove the drink cover from the scrunchies' hidden pocket and place it over your drink. Then, pop in a straw to safely consume your beverage.

According to the NightCap website, these covers can also protect your drink from "bugs, debris and other particles."

Cody Adkins, a marketing major and member of the Ferris State chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa, bought 250 NightCap

scrunchies to give out during their open house on Aug. 26 and Phi Sig Fest on Aug. 27.

Co-founder and CEO of NightCaps Shirah Bernarde gave a shout out to Phi Sigma Kappa on Sunday, Aug. 21, for partnering with NightCaps while showing a picture of Cody Adkins lying in a pile of Nightcaps while against the greek letters of his fraternity.

Bernarde was happy to see fraternities buy the NightCaps and help promote drink spiking awareness.

"When I see colleges and fraternities carrying NightCap, I feel like we are making a difference in the places that need change. I am hoping to see more awareness brought to these topics so we can create a better future for students around the world," Bernarde said.

Adkins found out about the NightCaps

through a TikTok video that showed individuals at Kennesaw State passing them out around campus. He immediately went on the NightCaps website and bought them in bulk. A few days later, he went back on TikTok and saw that Bernarde gave

"Our fraternities are protecting us now."

them a shout out that had accumulated 96.4 thousand likes.

"I really appreciated that," Adkins said. "[In the video] she said, 'Girls and boys, our fraternity men our protecting us now,' and I was like, that's exactly what we're trying to do here. We're trying to break that stereotype everyone sees in movies,... but while that stereotype still isn't

completely nonexistent, we'd like to be apart of the solution, rather than part of the problem."

Senior Lydia Reynolds heard about the fraternity's progress, and she agrees that it's a good step in the right direction.

"I think that [our] campus needs to start listening to their students more, so I do appreciate the fact that this fraternity is taking the time to fix things and acknowledging that there is an issue," Reynolds said.

Another student said that she always has a good time at Phi Sigma Kappa events and that the fraternity always takes care of people if they need help and always lends a hand if needed.

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# From Ferris to the NFL

## Former Bulldogs in the NFL

**Jeffery Walker**  
Sports Reporter

The Ferris State football program has produced some excellent players, and some have gone on to play in the NFL. These players are some of the best athletes that Ferris has to offer, and now they represent the university on the biggest stage.

Zach Sieler was drafted in the 7th round with the 238th pick in the 2018 NFL Draft to the Baltimore Ravens. He played with the Ravens in the 2018-19 season. Over those two years, he played in six games, and he combined for four tackles, two of which were solo tackles. He was then picked up by the Miami Dolphins on Dec. 5, 2019.

He has been with the Dolphins ever since and has continued to improve his stats and playing time. In his three seasons with the Dolphins, he has played in 36 games, recording 18 starts, 118 total tackles, with 53 of those being solo tackles, five pass deflections and one forced fumble.

Sieler's play has allowed him to stay in the NFL for five years, and he has signed a contract with the Dolphins that goes through the 2023 season.

Tavierre Thomas was signed as an undrafted free agent for the Arizona Cardinals on April 30, 2018, and was waived

by the team on Sept. 1. He was picked up by the Cleveland Browns a day after being waived by the Cardinals.

Thomas played with the Browns from 2018 to 2020. In his three seasons with the Browns, he played in 45 games and started in three of them. He has recorded 47 total tackles, with 39 being solo tackles, one sack and one forced fumble.

After the 2020 season, Thomas was picked up by the Houston Texans, where he appeared in 17 games, starting in eight of them. He posted 86 total tackles, 43 of which were solos. He also had two pass deflections, one forced fumble and two interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown for 48 yards.

Thomas will be looking to have another good year for the Texans in the 2022-23 season.

Justin Zimmer signed with the Buffalo Bills back in 2016 as an undrafted free agent, and he was waived by them on Aug. 30, 2016. On Dec. 13, 2016, he signed with the New Orleans Saints, and he was then waived again in Sept. 2017.

After being waived, he spent the 2017 season playing in the Canadian Football League for the Montreal Alouettes, where he got a chance to play for the Atlanta Falcons in 2018. He only appeared in one game that season for the Falcons.

He also played for the Cleveland Browns in 2019. He appeared in two games and

recorded five tackles, two of which were solo tackles.

In 2020, he returned to the Buffalo Bills for a second stint with the team. This lasted until 2021. He appeared in 18 games and recorded 29 total tackles, 12 of which were solo tackles, two sacks and one forced fumble.

When a knee injury ended his season early and placed him on injured reserve, the Bills decided against resigning him. Zimmer is currently a free agent.

Malik Taylor was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but he was released after four days. He then signed with the Green Bay Packers and has been with them since 2020.

During his time with the team, he has appeared in 25 games and recorded seven receptions, 80 yards and one touchdown. He also has one rushing attempt for nine yards. This season Taylor could be looking for a lot more opportunities with the Packers after the team lost Devante Adams.

Jared Bernhardt was signed as an undrafted free agent with the Atlanta Falcons in 2022, where he is currently fighting for an active spot on the 53-man roster.

Bernhardt has impressed many as a wide receiver in the Falcon's preseason. In his first game, Bernhardt made the game-winning touchdown catch against the Detroit Lions, which was his only catch

of the game, and he ended with one reception for 21 yards and a touchdown. In his next game against the New York Jets, he had three receptions for 67 yards.

Other notable Ferris alumni who are linked to the NFL are Austin Edwards, Brady Sheldon, Jake Lampman, Dylan Pasquali and Zein Obeid, who was signed as an undrafted free agent for the Detroit Lions before announcing his retirement in early August.

Be sure to keep up with these players and the future Bulldogs who will be joining these names in the NFL.

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# Torch Tunes

## Mitten Musicians

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Detroit has been known to produce great music for many years, dating back to the Motown days, but there are many artists currently working in and around the area that aren't getting enough recognition.

One of my favorite smaller groups from the area is Clinic Stars, an electrifying, shoegaze duo, whose two EPs are pleasant signs of what's to come. The intriguing production hides Giovanna Lenski's brooding voice under Christian Molik's simple yet hypnotic instrumentation.

The band evokes a darker version of the sound of Mazzy Star, while not quite falling into the trap of being a My Bloody Valentine rip-off, which is the route that lesser bands of the same genre have taken since My Bloody Valentine's album "Loveless" debuted in the 90s, captivating critics and fans alike.

Another outstanding group from the Detroit area is Zoos of Berlin, an electronically-influenced alternative group formed in 2005 by Trevor Naud and Daniel Clark. The band has retained the same members for the most part, most importantly keeping the core of Naud and Clark together.

One specific song I really enjoyed while researching for this article was "Rush at the Bond," a song that reminds me a lot of the New York alternative bands of the early 2000s, such as Interpol and LCD Soundsystem, while also sounding like something

completely different.

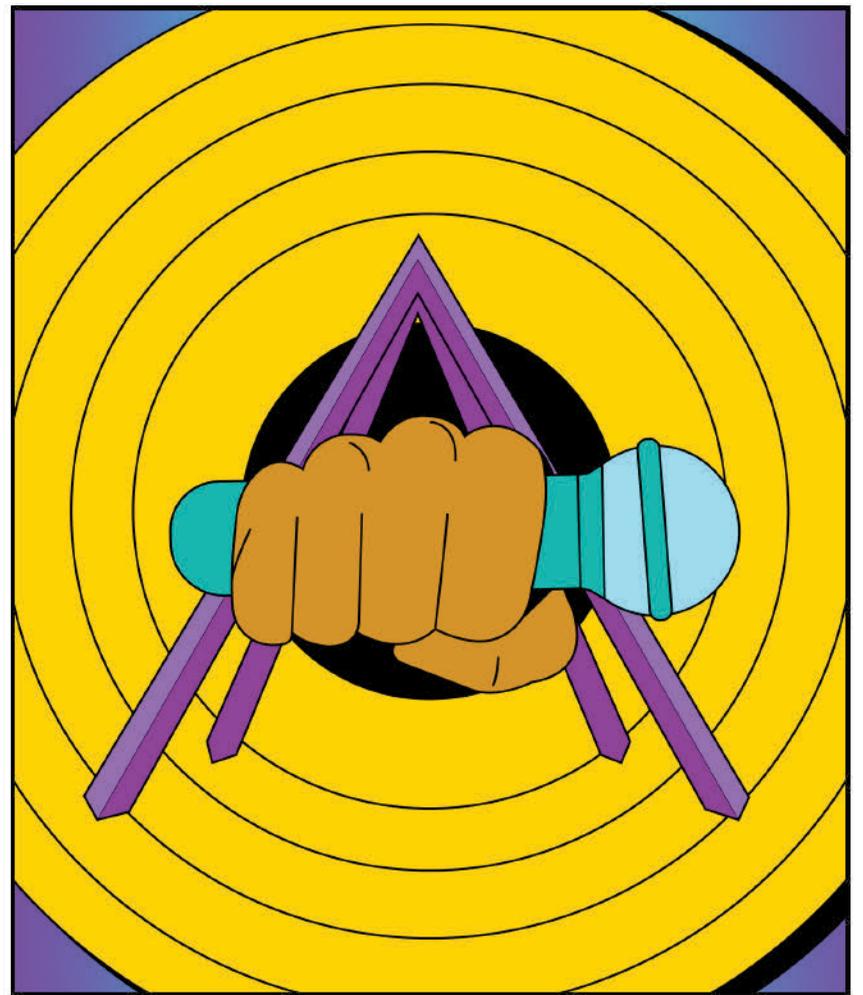
Another group I found only has 49 monthly listeners on Spotify, though they may be my favorite out of all the groups I mention in this article. The group is Strawberry Heritage, and they are a folk project mainly consisting of freelance photographer John Hanson and his friends.

Standout tracks include "Fifteen More Years" and "Sweet Marie." These songs are on their 2020 sophomore album "Light Magic," an easy-listening, slow-swaying, lo-fi, folk record of great depth and no imposed self-importance. I love this sound and look forward to hearing more great records in the future.

The last artist I want to mention is Detroit's Sugar Tradition, whose 2021 entry titled "Sugar Shack" is a face-melting and speaker-annihilating deep dive into 1960s psychedelia and the great fuzz trios of the time, which hasn't been replicated by anyone other than Ty Segall.

Sugar Tradition does have slightly more monthly listeners than Strawberry Heritage, but it still doesn't feel like enough, although I think bands like this are better listened to when discovered on a late Thursday night.

If anyone is reading this and enjoys the bands I've recommended, please go to Bandcamp and just search artists from the Detroit area. It's a great way to support small musicians from the mitten, not to mention it's just a great way to find some incredible new music made by groups of friends.



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## EDITORS COLUMN: *Are you ready to vote?*

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Midterm elections may seem unimportant because they don't quite choose the face of the country, however, they allow us to alter the course of the current president if we're unhappy. Unfortunately, college students typically waste this opportunity.

In 2018, the Census Bureau reported that approximately 24 million 18-to-24-year-olds were eligible to vote, but fewer than four million actually voted. While I won't discount this was likely because students were on campus for their regular Tuesday classes, which kept them from traveling to their assigned voting location, now is the time to start planning for Election Day on Nov. 8.

Last Thursday marked 75 days until the midterm election. This means registered voters can now apply online for an absentee ballot. This is excellent

news for college students. In lieu of having to drive back to your home precinct, your local clerk will mail your ballot anywhere in the country so that you have the opportunity to vote.

You'll get your ballot, instructions and secrecy sleeved mailed to you as early as 45 days before the election so that you may vote in the comfort of your dorm on your own time. Then, you simply pack up your ballot and mail it back home. Your clerk will check it in and ensure it's counted on election day.

The request process takes less than five minutes on the Secretary of State's website, and there is a handy option that allows you to be placed on the permanent absentee voter role, so you'll automatically be sent the application for an absentee ballot for every election going forward. Depending on who you are, this can be extremely important. For example, if you're an incoming

freshman this fall, you'll be here during a midterm and presidential election, so prepare now to carry out your civic duty.

If you're freshly 18, will be by Nov. 8 or you maybe just didn't have any interest in voting before, now is the perfect time to get registered and read up on the candidates in your voting pool. Anyone eligible can register online as late as 15 days before the election by mail, as long as their registration is postmarked 15 days before the election or, due to a measure passed in 2018, in-person at their clerk's office until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

By my calculation, only 16% of the eligible 18-to-24-year-old population voted in the last midterm election. To put it bluntly, that's unacceptable and cannot happen again. We are about to step into the world and be the next generation of decision-makers, so why can't we make our voices heard in this capacity? We clearly

have the numbers—24 million eligible voters are nothing to scoff at—but that doesn't matter if we don't show up.

It's time to make a plan. Whether you request your ballot by mail, vote early in-person at your clerk's office between Sept. 29 and Nov. 7 or head home on Election Day, the time to start thinking about this is now. No matter who you're voting for—that doesn't matter—just get out and make sure your voice is heard.

Register to vote!



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## The NCAA needs to improve their hockey promotion

### The NCAA's failure to promote is a detriment to the sport

**Evan Hibbard**  
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According to Wikipedia, the National Hockey League was the least watched of the "Big Four" in 2017, averaging an attendance of only 17,422 people. The Canadian Football League and Major League Soccer even averaged more people at 24,644 and 22,112, respectively.

This obviously extends to college sports as Division I hockey is one of the least watched college sports alongside baseball. This is in part due to the fact that most games aren't regularly on TV, and if they are, they are locked behind a paywall.

It seems the only ways to watch college hockey are by either paying for ESPN+ or watching a student-made livestream on the college's website, which many people don't want to do.

I know that one of the reasons it was hard for me to get into college hockey at first is because even with the ESPN+ streams, it lacked the high-quality and exciting feel that can be found in a basketball or football broadcast.

One wonders why the NCAA seemingly has no plan to actually promote their hockey and baseball competitions, especially since they have the potential to gain a large audience. Once properly exposed, the same people

that watch college football and basketball could become loyal viewers.

College hockey is also arguably the most intriguing of the college leagues, since it is the only Division I sport that is comprised mostly of smaller market universities looking to prove themselves as the best hockey program.

Ferris is one of these universities and was actually in the National Championship game in 2012. One of the dominating schools in recent years has been Minnesota-Duluth, who won three out of four championship games in the 2010s. This is important to the sport since hockey is the

school's only Division I sport.

The organization itself could stand to lose some money advertising some of their smaller sports. Plus, it would benefit states like Michigan and Minnesota, whose small markets are at the forefront of Division I hockey. Not to mention, the influx of expansion schools that could come from it, which is already something NCAA hockey is interested in.

Overall, I feel that it would be beneficial to fans, players and the league if they were to give hockey a chance and actually promote it rather than neglect it, which has been the standard for over 50 years.

# Barstool Ferris returns

## Back with a bang

Dylan Rider  
Opinions Editor

On July 2, @ferrisxbarstool began posting on Instagram. This isn't the first time Ferris has had a Barstool page, but its return is fun nonetheless, and it shows the unfiltered student life at Ferris.

According to Barstool Sports, they are a "sports and pop culture blog covering the latest news and viral highlights of each and every day with blogs, videos and podcasts." Their company has student-affiliated pages throughout numerous colleges in the United States.

The original account, @barstoolferris, began posting in April 2017 and disappeared in Feb. 2021.

This left people like me confused. I was confused to the point where I messaged the @barstoolferris account in February of this year to ask if there would be a return. I received no reply.

@ferrisxbarstool's first post sheds some light onto where the first page went. Their first post was the Kermit tea-drinking meme captioned "has account with 7K followers. Loses the login info."

Fast forward to now, Barstool Ferris is regrowing their base. The page, albeit not close to where the old page was, has amassed 1,645 followers with 53 posts.

This new page has strived to hit a wider audience by creating a "Chicks" page. @ferrisstatechicks is a more female oriented Barstool page. In addition to their Instagram pages, @barstoolxferris has returned to Twitter.

The return of Barstool at Ferris offers a very raw and unrefined look at student life on campus. What the account posts is what you would never see from any official Ferris social media page.

For example, the page's recent posts have given a look into Welcome Weekend and the parties at Campus Creek.

One video shows two ambulances driving through Campus Creek while an unknown student jumps onto the back of one and

starts slightly dancing while hanging on.

Another video shows multiple students dancing on top of a car, with one student dancing very provocatively, with a large crowd surrounding it.

It's assumed that videos like these are submitted by students, as the page's bio asks students to submit their photos and videos to be featured. This is how Barstool pages cultivate authentic views of student life.

Barstool Ferris also shares polls and brackets related to partying, posts about Ferris' sports team and Ferris-related memes.

While this page is fun, it begs the question of "should student's unfiltered moments be published online for all to see?"

It's the thing our teachers and parents warned us about in this digital age. All the concerns about what we post online being seen by our future employers and the current Ferris administration.

An even bigger question regarding the privacy of students can be raised. The student submissions could be anyone submitting a video of anyone.

My thoughts and advice for these questions and the Barstool Ferris page is this:

We live in a world where nearly everything is being documented in multiple formats. With this being known, we must act accordingly in certain settings and think about what we do. However, this doesn't mean not to have fun. Parties and moments that are shared online, specifically by Barstool Ferris, are going to happen, regardless of whether someone is recording.

Personally, my advice is to have fun, but don't be reckless. If you want to be out there like that, go ahead. If you don't, just don't.

Barstool Ferris allows you to look into the real student life at Ferris, but it also raises big questions that you must prepare for and answer yourself.



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# Sports

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## Back on the gridiron



Ferris will begin to defend their 2021 championship Sept. 1 against Central Washington.

Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

### Ferris football begins title defense

**Brandon Wirth**  
Sports Reporter

Thousands of Ferris football fans watched their team roll to a 58-17 win over Valdosta State inside McKinney ISD Stadium the last time the Bulldogs took the field. That win gave the Bulldogs their first ever Division II Football National Championship.

As the upcoming season nears, fans, players, coaches and alumni want to feel that euphoria again.

While it may be tempting to focus on the success of last year's campaign, head coach Tony Annese continues to tell the media that this season is being conducted with the same procedures.

"It's been the same process for the time I've been here," Annese said to the media. "You can't put any unneeded pressure on yourself. We've been extraordinarily good at focusing on preparation."

Ferris will open the 2022 season with two games against a pair of playoff teams from a year ago. The season opener on Sept. 1 will be against Central Washington University, who finished 8-3 after failing in the Central Region opening round against Northwest Missouri State. The Bulldogs last played the Wildcats in 2019, where they won the nationally televised game 62-28.

In Week two, the Bulldogs will travel to Hickory, North Carolina, to take on Le-

noir-Rhyme. The number 16-ranked Bears finished fifth in total offense last season, trailing only Henderson State, Shepherd University, Valdosta State and Ferris. Then the Bulldogs will round out their non-conference schedule with a homecoming match-up on Sept. 24 against Waldorf University, and a Week four trip to Ohio to face long-time rival Findlay.

For the conference schedule, the Bulldogs will begin with a road trip to Saginaw Valley State, who took Ferris to a 47-45 thriller in 2021. Oct. 15 will be a highly anticipated matchup: the AnchorBone Classic at Top Taggart Field against number four ranked Grand Valley State.

Ferris will stay home the following week to face Michigan Tech and then travel to Northern Michigan the next week. The Bulldogs will finish the regular season with a Nov. 5 home bout against Davenport and a road trip to Wayne State on Nov. 12.

"It's been a huge challenge to get anyone to play us with the GLIAC shrinking," Annese said. "We're happy to get non-league opponents that are willing to play us."

On the offensive side, eyes will certainly be on the quarterback position. After the departure of current Atlanta Falcon Jared Bernhardt, the reigns will be handed over to former Kent State quarterback Mylik Mitchell. The John Hay High School standout started in three games for an injured Bernhardt, including a Week five

game against Northwood where he threw a program record of 508 yards and six touchdowns.

Based on Annese's history of using multiple quarterbacks, there will likely be snaps given to senior Evan Cummins and even sophomore Jesse Rivera.

"One big thing we are focusing on right now is getting the ball to the right places," Mitchell said.

While the Bulldogs did lose Sy Barnett, who transferred to Division I Samford University, starting receivers Xavier Wade, Marcus Taylor, C.J. Jefferson and Tyrese Hunt-Thompson returned.

Senior Jeremy Burrell and Carson Clark will be the likely front runners to lead the backfield this fall. Former basketball player Mason Pline will remain the top tight end on the depth chart followed by Brendan Siwajek and Keidren Davis.

Ferris did lose a number of key players on the offensive line, including NFL invitees Zein Obeid and Dylan Pasquali. There will certainly be plenty of talent and experience to fill the holes around veteran Adam Sieler and Marouf Hamade.

"We've got a lot of young talent coming in," Hamade said. "Everybody has been doing their role and there are no egos on this o-line."

For the defensive side, the team will be led by 2021 Cliff Harris Award finalist and sophomore defensive end Caleb Murphy. He will be joined by junior Ian Hall, senior

Jordan Jones, senior Austin Simpson and senior Olalere Oladipo.

The linebacker position will certainly be up for grabs this offseason after the departure of seniors John Higgins and Liam Daly. The favorites to fill the chart are a trio of sophomores: Chaise Ford, Jason Williams and Konnor Near. In the secondary, the Bulldogs return four starters that contributed to the second-most interceptions in Division II last season. This includes Cyntell Williams, Sidney McCloud, Caleb Smith and Major Dedmond.

"Going into last year, I didn't think I was going to play too much," Smith said to the media. "After getting some playing time, I'm feeling really confident going into this year."

All in all, there are many reasons to believe the Bulldogs will have another successful season. As many players return to the field with experience from the ring season, a tougher non-conference schedule and brand-new ticketing and stadium resource systems, fans will be filing into Top Taggart Field in major numbers this season.

This season will certainly be one of the most anticipated seasons ever, and fans should be excited as the Bulldogs step foot on the gridiron on Sept. 1.

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