

## Pink's Inaugural Weekend

### Dr. Bill Pink formally installed as Ferris' 19th president



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Dr. Bill Pink listens to opening remarks alongside the board of trustees at his inauguration ceremony in Williams Auditorium.

**Jessica Oakes**  
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Dignitaries, family members and students gathered to honor the official inauguration of Dr. Bill Pink as Ferris' 19th president and first Black president.

#### The ceremony

On Saturday, Oct. 8, Pink took to the stage of Williams Auditorium for a cheerful and tearful ceremony. The audience responded to his inaugural address with applause and laughter as Pink shared lessons from his previous work as a basketball coach and wise words from Woodbridge Ferris, Lin Manuel Miranda and LL Cool J.

"This university plays big," Pink said. "It doesn't just sit back and decide that, as a 10,000-student campus, there are some things that we do and can't do. This has to be a university that thinks big all the time because you've asked a person to come to this space that loves to play big all the time."

Chairperson Amna Seibold welcomed Pink into his new position in the "Ferris family" by the power vested in Ferris' board of trustees. She called upon Pink to make students the "first, second and last priority of everything [Ferris] does."

Seibold believes that with Pink as president, "we have the right man, in the right place, at the right time."

"[Pink] puts an exclamation point on

diversity," Seibold said. "Beyond that, he has the skills, he has the energy, he has the drive and the vision. He has seen so quickly things that we can improve on... I'm not sure he sleeps at night, but he really gets it. To have that kind of a visionary, energetic leader right now, it's a blessing."

Seibold carried on tradition by presenting Pink with a presidential medallion of office. The medallion and chain were designed and created by a faculty-student duo at the Kendall College of Art and Design. The chain incorporates the names of Ferris' 18 previous presidents, including Pink's predecessor, David Eisler.

"To see [Pink's] enthusiasm for the university, and to see the genuine way that he cares for students, I think it just bodes really great things for the future," Eisler said. "I look forward [to] great things for Ferris under his leadership."

Members of Pink's family traveled from as far away as Texas to support him on Saturday. He became emotional when acknowledging the three vacant seats reserved for his late mother, father and father-in-law.

Lydia Pink, a healthcare management sophomore and the president's daughter, said the family felt "very loved" at the ceremony.

"I'm very proud of [my dad]," Lydia said. "It's also emotional to watch how far he's come in the journey of his career ever since I was born. It's really amazing."

Dr. Kasey Thompson, an associate professor of management, led and presided

over the ceremony. She and President Jennifer Wheeler of the Black Alumni Association touched on what having a Black university president means for Ferris.

"He is a symbol of possibility," Thompson said. "To extend that to all of our students, he is a source of inspiration to anyone who wants to break barriers or anyone who wants to do what seemingly may be impossible."

Wheeler shared that she and other alumni get emotional when thinking about this historic moment for Ferris. She has seen graduates from the 1960s tear up when they heard the news, not thinking it would ever happen in their lifetime.

Pink was also the first Black president of his previous institution, Grand Rapids Community College.

#### "You are our work"

Pink often reminds Ferris students that they are never an interruption. He believes that they are his work. Fittingly, his inaugural weekend began on Friday, Oct. 7 with a student picnic in the David L. Eisler Center.

Students had the chance to play indoor cornhole, meet the president and "enjoy a hot dog with the top dawg." Throughout the afternoon, Pink was consistently greeted by a line of students waiting to speak with him about life at Ferris.

Echoing the words of Thompson and Wheeler, pre-science freshman Jaylon Grimes appreciated seeing a Black, "down to earth" president interacting with students.

"It's really empowering," Grimes said.

"It's nice to see a Black president of the university. It does, in a way, help me connect to the university a little bit more."

Dental hygiene sophomore Emily Kearney sees Pink on campus often. She believes that by interacting with the student body, Pink shows that he is "truly kind" and cares about the Ferris community.

Grimes and Kearney are only two of the many students who enjoyed the free food and customized President Pink memorabilia — from cookies to Popsockets — at the student picnic. They were also joined by members of Ferris' cheer team and Brutus the Bulldog.

#### Looking Ferris forward

To conclude his inaugural weekend, Pink gathered at the Robinson Quad with other community members for refreshments and hors d'ouerves. Members of Ferris' pep band kept spirits high as people enjoyed cider, donuts and a new era at Ferris.

After the inaugural picnic, brunch, ceremony and reception, Pink felt "relieved."

"I always feel like an inauguration is for the campus more so than for the president," Pink said. "It's an opportunity for the campus to enjoy a renewal... It was important for our campus and community to hear where I believe we need to go."

Pink believes that the Ferris community of faculty, staff and students must work together to bring the university "Ferris forward" under his administration.

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New jobs coming to Big Rapids, read the story on [page 2](#)

# News

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## Global battery company set to bring over 2,000 jobs to Big Rapids

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a \$2.36 billion investment project with battery manufacturer Gotion to place an electric vehicle battery components facility in Big Rapids.

Whitmer and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced financial support for the project, dubbed “Project Elephant,” from the Michigan Strategic Fund. Leading members of Gotion, the MEDC, Ferris’ board of trustees and Consumers Energy gathered for last Wednesday’s statement.

“This was a competitive project with a lot of different states in the mix,” Whitmer said. “And we’re proud that Michigan will be home to [Gotion’s] first manufacturing presence in North America.”

Ferris President Bill Pink introduced the governor in Boyer Hall of Kendall College of Art and Design and emphasized the value of Ferris’ partnership with Gotion in this project.

“Not every day does a company [like Gotion] come into town to say, ‘We want to invest in your community, invest in your people, invest in what the future is,’” Pink said. “[This] will be big for today [and] for years and decades to come.”

Pink sees the project as a potential enrollment booster. He believes this partnership between Ferris, Gotion, the MEDC and many other entities across both the county and the state “will provide strong connections [and] pathways for our students.” In the future, Pink explained, Ferris will educate prospective Gotion employees as well as those who return to school for upskilling and other certifications.

“[It is] going to be a great opportunity to just blow this thing out to where our students have not only an incredible opportunity, but they have a really cool career path that they can choose with a really good company,” Pink said.

This project is already 15 months in the making. After a lengthy planning period, the Big Rapids facility is set to include two 550,000 square foot production plants, two anode production plants and other supporting facilities spanning an estimated 260 acres.

Vice President of Gotion and Ferris graduate Chuck Thelen explained why Big Rapids was chosen for the project. As reported by the Pioneer, Thelen cited Ferris, a “superior technical college,” as well as the town’s skilled workforce and access to sustainable energy. Gotion is committed to running the Big Rapids facility with 100% renewable energy.

In late September, the Big Rapids Township and Green Township’s board of trustees approved a 30-year renaissance zone in support of Project Elephant. As a renaissance zone, this designated plot of land across the Big Rapids Airport Industrial Park and Green Township would be virtually tax free for new businesses.

As the automotive industry introduces more electric vehicles, Whitmer identifies “range anxiety” as a consumer’s number one concern. To alleviate this anxiety, Whitmer stated that Gotion batteries will run for 600 miles on a

single charge. This is enough to travel from Big Rapids to Nashville.

Whitmer believes that Michigan is a leader in the effort to make owning and driving electric vehicles more “accessible.” The state has joined the Great Lakes charging network and installed vehicle chargers at state parks in a “unique partnership.” The governor has also proposed “purchase relief” for electric vehicle buyers, though the proposal has not been through the state legislature.

Garrick Rochow, CEO of Consumers Energy, does not go so far as to say that the public is “resistant” to the transition to electric vehicles. As more people see their neighbors buying electric passenger vehicles, or see their employer use electric delivery vehicles, Rochow believes people will get used to this “something new.” Rochow also referred to an “electric concierge service” in which Consumers Energy would connect electric vehicle owners with proper electricians for in-house charger installment.

Whitmer expressed gratitude for the bipartisan cooperation that went into making Project Elephant and three other statewide manufacturing investment projects possible.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Tudor Dixon released a recent advertisement speaking against the project. With Gotion, Inc. being a California based subsidiary of Guoxuan High-tech Co., Dixon stated that tax dollars are going into “an adversary, a Chinese corporation.”

There are still local decisions to be made regarding infrastructure, land purchasing and site plans between Big Rapids and Green Township. Paul Bullock, Mecosta County controller/administrator, stated that students currently enrolled in local middle schools could be hired by the Big Rapids Gotion facility by the time the hiring phase is fulfilled.

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University President Bill Pink and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer speak in Grand Rapids.

# Sean Astin leads a conversation on mental health

## “The Goonies” and “Stranger Things” star carries on his mother’s legacy

Meghan Hartley  
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On Oct. 7, actor turned mental health advocate Sean Astin came to Williams Auditorium to speak to the Big Rapids community about the importance of opening up the mental health conversation.

Astin is well-known for his roles in “Stranger Things,” “The Lord of the Rings” and “The Goonies.” What individuals may not know is that he has become a mental health advocate because of his mother.

Anna Marie “Patty” Duke, Astin’s mother, was also an actress who accumulated much love and countless awards and dedications. In 1985, Astin says Duke was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. He grew up seeing his mother’s struggle with mental illness affect aspects of both their lives.

Before diving deep into what he experienced through his mother’s mental illness, Astin stated that he was not a professional or expert on mental health. He also said that everyone must do their own research on this topic to find what will help them best in their mental health journey.

“Mental health, mental illness [and] mental challenges [affect] every single person,” Astin said. “In a lot of ways, our country is really struggling with helping meet the problem, and one sure fire way to advance the cause of mutual understanding is communication.”

Throughout the evening, many of his discussion points came from his personal experience with mental illness and trauma and his desire to continue to be a

foot soldier for this ongoing problem. Astin has travelled all around the country to open up conversations on mental health for people.

“It touches everyone,” Astin said. “People really appreciate it, and my goal is to just share the story of my family’s challenges with mental illness. That act alone is modeling that it’s okay to talk about painful things; it can be helpful for people.”

Astin said he tries to be a model for people who have dealt with difficult experiences, as sometimes speaking about what a person is feeling can help them on their path to healing. A big reason why Astin came to speak at Ferris is because he believes that there is a level of openness in a college setting that most don’t find in other settings in the world.

The main idea Astin wanted to get across was that mental health should be acknowledged instead of ignored. After a difficult two years in a pandemic, Astin hopes mental health is something everyone takes care of first and foremost so their challenges never get too out of control.

“Sometimes, if you breathe in and out, that’s enough,” Astin said. “When you realize you are alive and can eat. You are obligated to not be stressed.”

Astin ended his talk with a few words of advice. One, that you are your own human being — no matter what a doctor or anyone tells you — and you can decide how to handle your own health as you choose. Two, always protect yourself physically, and do not let yourself become victimized. And three, nobody is better than anyone else. Everyone is equal.



Photo by: George Lawless | Torch Photographer  
Actor Sean Astin addressed mental health to Big Rapids residents.

# Pharmacy students network with national companies

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For the first time in three years, members of Ferris’ accredited College of Pharmacy networked at Thursday’s in-person career day event.

Ferris’ College of Pharmacy is ranked third in the state by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. In the Hagerman Pharmacy Building, students

attending career day met with Big Rapids pharmacists and representatives from Walmart, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Meijer and SpartanNash.

During meet and greets with each company, students discussed internships and scheduled one-on-one interviews with the companies in attendance. Students were also given the chance to have lunch with the companies to learn more about them.

P2 Holly Wright, a second-year student of the College of Pharmacy, took advantage of the opportunity to interact with professionals in her field at career day.

“I was interested in networking with all of the pharmacy professionals,” Wright said. “I’m looking into residency after school, and I wanted to look at what opportunities were available to me.”

P2 Kelsea Coty believes other pharmacy students, even those who are hesitant or nervous, should attend networking events and connect with professionals before they graduate.

P2 Chloe Still used this event to confidently introduce herself as a prospective pharmacist.

“[I’ve] never worked in a pharmacy before, so I wanted to meet the managers,” Still said. “I definitely think it’s beneficial to come out and meet people.”

The College of Pharmacy focuses on several different levels of training, from drug stores to trauma centers. These trainings include partner labs, seventeen hundred hours of field experience and training in both community and institutional settings.

Dr. John Sloan, pharmacist and Market Health and Wellness Director at Walmart, explained that the Walmart pharmacy is

looking for future employees that would truly fit the company.

“We came out today because we have Walmart stores all over Michigan, specifically in west and mid-Michigan,” Sloan said. “We look forward to forming connections with students and getting to know their interests and really finding out who our company would be for.”

Rite Aid pharmacist Dr. Mark Phelps attended the event to engage with new students who are willing to learn, whether they be “up-and-coming” pharmacists or technicians.

Walgreens representative Dr. Emily Torong explained what Walgreens has to offer students.

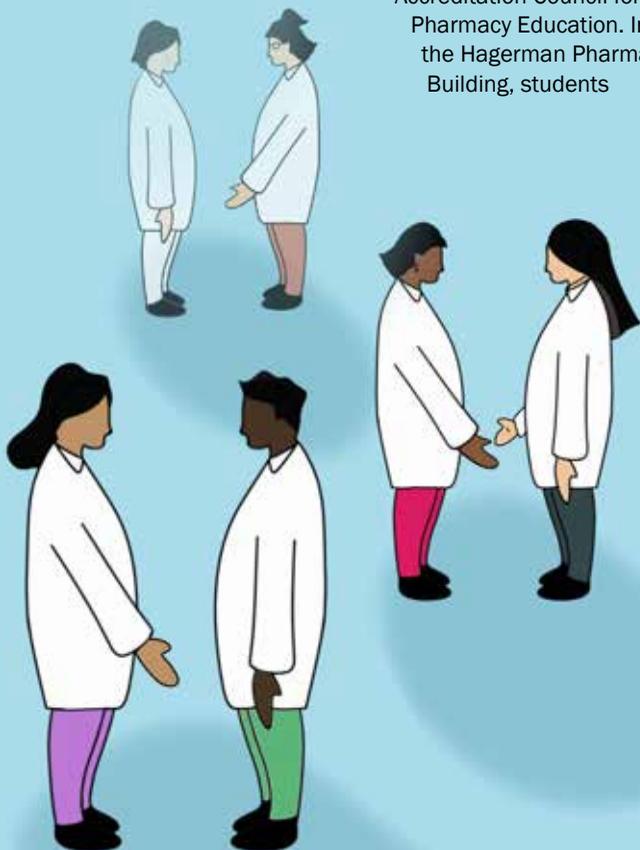
“The potential for growth and the diverse opportunities that we offer as well as how we are revolutionizing pharmacy to be different than the normal healthcare system,” Torong said. “We have opportunities throughout the nation, and we have interns who are just getting started in pharmacy.”

Dr. Jamie Vroman, a clinical pharmacist specialist at Meijer, believes students need hands on, in-person experience to understand how the industry has evolved over the years.

“Retail pharmacy has changed so much in the last few decades,” Vroman said. “For pharmacy students to really get an idea of what we do, there [is] a lot of clinical testing.”

Dr. Shanielle Rypma explained that SpartanNash is focused on getting their company on pharmacy students’ radar. With limited interaction with Ferris students in the past, Rypma wanted to show them who SpartanNash is.

After career day, pharmacy students return to their studies with new connections and knowledge within their field.



# EUs' grocery bingo returns

**Jonathen Hart**  
News Reporter

The registered student organization Entertainment Unlimited gave students the opportunity to win free food at last Tuesday's grocery bingo.

EU's grocery bingo is a mid-semester tradition. Around 50 students came to the David L. Eisler Center ballrooms to play the game and restock their kitchen or dorm cabinets with free food.

Data presented by the Annals of Anthropological Practice show that up to 59% of students experienced food insecurity to some degree before the COVID-19 outbreak. First generation students and students of color are disproportionately affected, and the numbers increased post-pandemic.

Grocery bingo is one of several ways Ferris students are able to get the food they need.

"I thought it sounded fun, [and] I wanted a chance to win groceries. I'm a broke college student, and free groceries would be nice," pre-optometry sophomore Emma Aho said.

Students attended grocery bingo for fun competition, campus involvement and snacks to complete their studies.

Forensics freshman Liah Perez and elementary education senior Vanessa Garcia both won in the first round.

"It seemed like it would be fun," Perez said. "It got me out of my dorm, and my friends wanted to go. I'm excited that I

won. I didn't think I would, so it was a great experience."

Pre-optometry freshman Janelle Lekies said it was "the perfect event." She hopes to go to other EU events in the future.

"I wanted to participate in a campus activity, and I wanted to win free food," Levies said. "I have been able to talk to a few people, which was nice. The event overall was awesome to go to, and I hope they do something like this again."

Marketing senior Rianna McCafferty wanted to find a way to get food, since she doesn't have a meal plan.

"I don't have a meal plan, and this was a fun way to see if I could win free food," McCafferty said. "It was a competitive night, which I enjoyed because I am a competitive person."

EU is Ferris' Campus Programming Board. The organization is made up of motivated students who have a general interest in entertainment and enjoy planning and implementing campus events. EU coordinates a variety of events each semester, including comedy shows, film screenings, concerts, grocery bingo and more. Meetings are on Mondays at 6 p.m. in DEC 217.

To find out more information on EU, check their RSO page on Bulldog Connect for upcoming events.

If you or anyone you know is in need of food for any reason, visit the student food pantry in lower level of the Wesley House at 628 S. Warren Ave. The pantry is open Monday-Friday from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. or by appointment.

## ON THE RECORD

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

**Jessica Oakes**  
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### Campus stalking

Sept. 5 - Oct. 7, time unknown - A resident of North Hall reported to the Department of Public Safety and Title IX that a subject had been following them. This was first observed during the second week of classes. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

### Roommate harassment

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, time unknown - At Cardinal Ct in West Campus Apartments, a student was allegedly harassed by their roommates. The student stated that their roommates went through their belongings without consent. The case went to judicial

referral, encouraging the student to handle things in Ferris' Office of Student Conduct.

### Nude photo blackmail

Oct. 3, 1 p.m. - Complainant alleged that a recipient of nude photos threatened to send the student's photos to friends and family if they did not send money. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

### A gun?

Oct. 8, 3 a.m. - A conversation overheard in Brophy Hall prompted an investigation for potential possession of a gun. The case was declared unfounded.



## The Ferris State Torch

### Corrections

Student loan update: The federal student aid website states that students have until Dec. 31, 2023 to submit their student loan forgiveness application.

Corrections can be submitted through email at [fsutorcheditor@gmail.com](mailto:fsutorcheditor@gmail.com) or by calling 231-999-1405

## MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

**Jessica Oakes**  
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**Disney in Michigan:** From the makers of the Grand Rapids and Detroit "Van Gogh Experience," a "Disney Animation Immersive Experience" is coming to Michigan.

This traveling exhibit is set to open next year. It will include floor-to-ceiling, light-up displays from classic Disney movies like "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King," "Pinocchio," "Peter Pan" and "Aladdin." Newer movies like "Big Hero 6," "Zootopia," "Encanto" and "Frozen" will also be included.

The exhibit will be located at 311 E. Grand River Ave in Detroit, where the "Van Gogh Experience" is currently located. Ticket prices are estimated to be similar to the \$40-\$50 charged at the "Van Gogh Experience."

This project will debut in Toronto before opening in U.S. cities, including Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Las Vegas and Denver.

**Bye bye birdie:** State Rep. Greg Markkanen, R-Hancock, recently introduced a bill to replace Michigan's state bird.

Though the American robin has held the title for almost 100 years, Markkanen is proposing handing it off to the Kirtland's warbler. He is aiming to highlight a unique Michigan species and the work that went into saving it.

"Fifty years coming back from near extinction, it's an incredible story, and I think this is really to honor the efforts of the biologists at the federal and state level and all of the private citizens that have contributed to help bring this bird back," Markkanen

Markkanen used to hear Kirtland's warblers, a migratory songbird nearly exclusive to Michigan, when stationed with the Michigan Army National Guard in Grayling.

The Kirtland's warbler was removed from the Endangered Species List in 2019.

## GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

**Dylan Rider**  
Opinions Editor

**Crimea:** The only bridge between Russia and Crimea was damaged after an explosive blast on Saturday.

The bridge played a key role in transportation between Russia and Crimea, their annexed territory.

According to The Associated Press, Russian President Vladimir Putin called the explosion a "terrorist attack" and that "the authors, perpetrators and those who ordered it are the special services of Ukraine."

The true cause of the blast is unknown. However, Russian officials said the blast was caused by a truck explosion, which in turn ignited several fuel tanks.

Ukraine has not claimed responsibility for the explosion. Russia has responded with missile strikes across Ukraine

**United States:** President Biden announced a pardon of all charges of "simple possession" of marijuana on

the federal level.

The pardon is estimated to pardon 6,500 people. According to NBC, a senior administration official has said, "No one is in federal prison solely for simple possession of marijuana."

Biden has also pushed governors to pardon the same charge on a state level, alongside urging government officials to review how marijuana is scheduled alongside other drugs.

Biden did not call for total decriminalization of marijuana, but he's made statements on his Twitter account saying, "Sending people to jail for possessing marijuana has upended too many lives — for conduct that is legal in many states."



# Culture

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## Understanding invisible disabilities

### The struggles and support

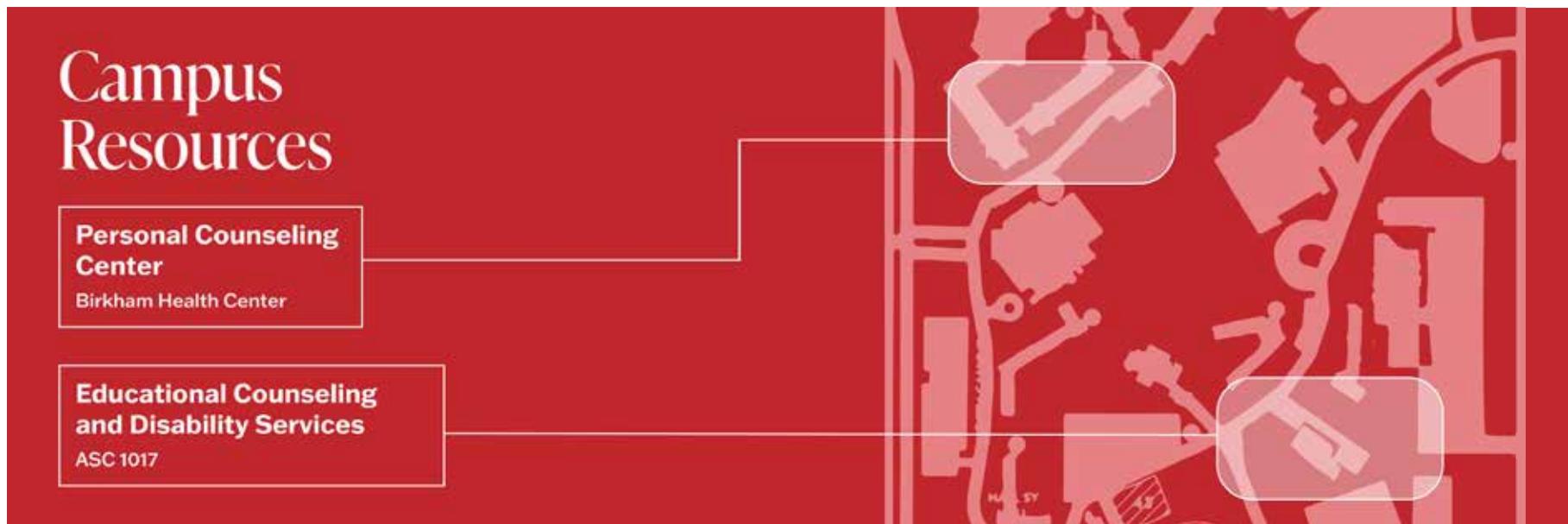


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Throughout October, disability awareness events are being hosted at Ferris to educate the campus community.

It is especially important to educate people on invisible disabilities. An invisible disability is a disability that cannot be seen just by looking at a person. There are many kinds of invisible disabilities, such as chronic illnesses, mental illnesses and brain injuries. Since there are so many different invisible disabilities, symptoms can vary.

In the social work program, senior Autumn Wurtz suffers from postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, a condition that increases heart rate with changes in certain movements, such as standing up or sitting down. Wurtz's symptoms include chronic pain and fatigue.

People often associate disabilities with something they can physically see. This association can even carry over during the diagnosis process.

"It's very hard for doctors to take things seriously [if] they can't see [them]," Wurtz said.

Getting a diagnosis was hard for Wurtz, as most doctors chalked their symptoms up to anxiety. Physical therapy was also something doctors tried to recommend. It became apparent after a few rounds of unsuccessful physical therapy treatment that Wurtz needed to reach out to different doctors.

Also in the social work program, sophomore Skylar Meyer suffers from irritable bowel syndrome and gastroesophageal reflux disease. Early morning classes can be challenging for Meyer, since their stomach issues tend to be worse in the morning.

Director of the Personal Counseling Center Andy Slater believes that one of the biggest struggles of having an invisible disability is feeling valid. One of the most effective ways to help someone feel valid is to show support.

"Showing support can be knowing the resources of where that person can go to if they need help," Ashley Hawley, a secretary at the Educational Counseling and Disability Services said.

For those suffering from an invisible disability, according to Meyer and Wurtz, another way of showing support is just being willing to listen and understand. This is why it is so important to educate people about disabilities, whether they are visible or not. A good listening ear and knowledge of resources are some of the best ways to show support.

There are a few different services around campus to help those struggling with invisible disabilities, such as the Personal Counseling Center, which is located in the Birkham Health Center. The Educational Counseling and Disability Services, located in ASC 1017, also has services available. The services provided by these two centers are free and available to students at any time.

Wurtz believes that people with disabilities can do anything that those who are not suffering from a disability can do, they just might have to take a different approach.

"As someone who struggles with disabilities, it is important to not undermine what we are able to do," Wurtz said.

Lastly, the biggest way to show support is by treating everyone the same, regardless of whether they have a physical or invisible disability, or if they are non-disabled.

# It's Breast Cancer Awareness Month

## Important breast cancer facts

Jasmine Baar  
Culture Reporter

As October begins, so too does Breast Cancer Awareness Month. About 42,000 women and 500 men die each year due to this invasive cancer. So let's talk about



the facts.

According to cancer.gov, breast cancer is described as an uncontrollable growth of breast cells or a malignant tumor that has developed from cells in the breast. Breast cancer is always caused by a genetic abnormality, although only 5-10% of cases are due to abnormalities inherited from your mother or father. In actuality, 85-90% of breast cancer cases are the result of genetic abnormalities caused by the aging process and “wear and tear” of life.

No scientific evidence claims that breast cancer is preventable, but education on the topic is always important. Although you cannot always detect breast cancer when performing an exam on yourself, it's still a good start to protecting yourself in the long run.

Two to three days after your period, start by raising one arm and feeling around on one breast and armpit at a time with the pads of your finger. While doing this, there are a few different motions that are important to know, such as vertical ups and downs, wedges and circular movements. You're feeling around and looking for any lumps, abnormalities, skin dimpling or color disorientation. Nipple deformation, color changes or leaks of any fluid are common indicators of breast cancer.

Performing self-exams is proactive, but getting physical examinations by a health professional every year is still necessary and important.

As reported by breastcancer.org, other than breast exams, there are three main procedures to screen for breast cancer.

Thermography and tissue sampling are more commonly used when a woman has a first degree relative who has had or has breast or ovarian cancer. However, mammography is the most conventional screening test for breast cancer.

Mammography is the process of using low energy X-rays to photograph the breasts. Doctors are able to identify breast cancer up to three years early with mammograms. Typically, when women are between the ages of 40 to 45, they should start getting mammograms yearly. Women aged 50-74 should be getting it done twice a year.

Although breast cancer rarely affects young women, it's never too early to start laying the groundwork to protect yourself in the future.

“You don't realize how horrible breast cancer is until you have it or someone you know or love has it,” pre-nursing sophomore Alyssa Way said.

Way is the Think Pink chairman for Zeta Tau Alpha, a sorority at Ferris. Think Pink is the sorority's philanthropy. Each year, Zeta chapters across the country hosting events and distributing pink ribbons to engage their respective campuses and raise awareness for breast cancer in the community.

Alyssa Way is very passionate about the position she holds in her sorority. Although this was her first year taking on the responsibility, she hopes to continue her position in bringing awareness to breast cancer.

“This position is so near and dear to my heart because of my mom, who lost her battle to cancer in 2019... Every October, I get the chance to meet people affected by breast cancer. It's important to remember no one fights alone,” Way said.

Educating young adults before they are at risk for developing breast cancer is essential to helping future generations have a stronger chance of beating it.

# Belong, believe, become

## Learn more about Ferris' Ready For Life program

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Culture Reporter

For two years, the Ready For Life program has been providing young adults with cognitive learning and social disabilities opportunities to develop skills to help them reach their personal goals.

RFL has a wide variety of programs for different target audiences, so everyone has a place where they can thrive. Because of their partnerships with Hope College, Calvin University and Ferris State, RFL provides post-secondary education experiences for college-aged individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities.

Lead Instructor Jay Kalis started working for RFL in July, leading into his first year at school. Although Kalis had COVID-19 a week after he started, he was still determined to learn the information needed for

the job.

“The week after I started, I got COVID-19, but, thankfully, Ready For Life had me come on and in plenty of time to get as much ready and organized for the school year as I could,” Kalis said. “And so I was reading through all that information, getting to know my students on paper... before they moved in.”

Toni Falk, the director of RFL, found RFL by chance when searching on Indeed. When applying, she found that the link on the website was broken, but because of her interest in the job, she took an extra step to apply.

“So I called and had second round interviews scheduled before I could sign the teaching contract..., and I haven't looked back since,” Falk said. “To know that our students have a place of opportunities at the college level is exciting. I'm happy to

say that I don't [see] myself seeking any other job before retirement.”

The students in the program benefit from the experience of being on campus because it gives them an authentic college experience.

The students have jobs based on their skills and preferences. The shyer students who prefer to be in quiet places have office jobs, while the more energetic, extroverted students work in places that require interacting with others, like the quad or the athletic department.

Students who are not in the program also benefit from RFL by serving as peer partners. A peer partner is a student at Ferris who helps make students in the RFL program feel welcome and included by helping them understand their class work, attending sporting events with them and providing community living support.

RFL's motto is belong, believe and become. They don't want anyone to feel out of place. Instead, they want to ensure others feel comfortable and safe, on and off campus.

“The first part of belonging [is] somebody has to invite you to their group, right?” Kalis said. “So we have a spot to sit for lunch at the cafeteria, or when a peer partner or regular student sees a Ready For Life student in their class, they step forward and say, ‘Yeah, I'll be your partner.’”

RFL is full of opportunities for students to learn from those with different life experiences. If you are interested in volunteering for RFL or becoming a member, email [info@rflnetwork.org](mailto:info@rflnetwork.org).

# Groove with Groves

## Ferris professor's musical journey



Photo courtesy of Dr. Randy Groves

Dr. Randy Groves

**Evan Hibbard**  
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Ferris humanities and philosophy professor Dr. Randy Groves has been waiting to get back into music and performing with local bands since the pandemic began.

Groves plays around the Big Rapids area and occasionally in Grand Rapids and Mackinac City. As a professor, he finds it easier to stick to performing shows in downtown Big Rapids.

"... A lot of us have jobs like this," Groves said. "... I'm not gonna get everybody on a bus and go to Indiana or anything like that."

Groves also worked for a time as the booking manager in charge of jazz acts at Schuberg's in Big Rapids.

"... Three nights a week we had jazz for like five years," Groves said. "And so during that time I was playing every single week once or twice at least; sometimes three times because there would be other gigs as well."

Playing in multiple bands around town, Groves' musical palette is very diverse. He switches between playing in a classic nine-piece blues rock band, an Irish band and a jazz band.

One of the bands Groves plays for

is the Key West Permafrost Blues Band. Harry Dempsey, a former bandmate of Frank Sinatra Jr. and Ferris jazz band director, is also in the band. He plays the bass and keyboard and provides lead vocals, according to the band's website. The Blues Band mainly plays Saturday nights at the Sawmill Saloon in Big Rapids.

Five-piece pop-rock group Carmichael Quinn is another band that Groves plays in. Other bandmates include KWPBB singer Shannon Carmichael and singer Kelly Quinn. They have played at Cranker's, among other local venues.

Groves' main musical passion lives in the genre of jazz, of which he has multiple small groups he plays with. His musical influences include many jazz guitarists, such as traditionalists Joe Pass and Pat Metheny and more modern fusion-influenced guitarists like Guthrie Govan.

A couple of his favorite newer artists that he believes are some of the best in the business are the Japanese metal trio Babymetal and Indian bass-playing extraordinaire Mohini Dey.

In addition to this, he spoke about how jazz and metal music are very

closely connected.

"... All these universities pump out really high-level musicians," Groves said. "Well, they can't make money playing jazz, and so these guys turn into shredders and play metal..."

Groves tries not to feel discouraged when young musicians take up a lot of the focus in the industry.

"... [One] thing that's depressing about music is, you know, [how] people talk about the young people today," Groves said. "Well, young people today are kicking butt in music because they're better than they've ever been."

Groves has been playing the guitar for about 50 years. Although he is mainly a jazz guitarist now, he says that as a young kid he was a big fan of blues rock musicians Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck and Jimi Hendrix.

Groves believes that good guitars are relatively cheap too. He claims it's one of his favorite things about the guitar industry. He owns a Gretsch Electromatic, which he got for around \$600.

Go check out Groves live in Big Rapids venues like Sawmill and Cranker's.

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Dec. 5 will mark seven years since I first came out as gay. I say first because you're never truly done coming out. It's something I'm sure I've done thousands of times at this point.

In honor of National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, I took a moment to reflect on how I have gotten to this place of self-acceptance after years of feeling different. While the lens did point inwards at some points, I came to realize something.

Why must we come out? The answer is simple. Society has determined a "default," and anyone who doesn't fit into that binary is automatically deemed different and must go through the motions of coming out. But I ask again, why? What effect does someone loving who they love have on anyone else?

I spent three long, confusing years trying to deny who I was by pushing it down inside of me be-

cause I was taught by the world that I must fit into its box. Not by any one person, group or entity, but it was cemented into me at such a young age from all around that it was expected that I end up in a "straight" relationship and act a certain way.

A lack of representation further cemented this idea. There weren't any shows that had a main character that was openly gay during primetime. It didn't stop at TV either. Rarely was there a movie from a big-name studio with even a supporting role where I saw representation. While we may be slowly improving in the media, 2022 will mark the first time we'll see a gay rom-com hit theaters.

The one caveat to that was social media, and more importantly YouTube. These platforms allowed me to seek out people like myself and find a sense of community when I needed it most. It was incredibly validating to find a space where even a corner was just where I fit in and

found my people.

I know that so many others aren't so lucky to find their community. This is the problem. Not only should we be welcoming everyone with open arms, but we should foster an environment where everyone feels safe being out and proud.

I wish to one day live in a world where there isn't such a thing as coming out, and instead people are just accepting of who we are and who we choose to spend our lives with. I know this is a long way off, and seemingly quite a

big ask, but it would be not only life-changing but life-saving for so many people.

As we're not there yet, I close with this. If you are in a position where you can safely be who you are, I hope you come out. Once you're on the other side of that scary experience, it's truly wonderful. Celebrate yourself loudly, and live as you are. If you still have roadblocks on your journey, that's okay. I urge you to wait for your safety. I can't stress enough that it's worth the wait.



## EDITORS COLUMN:

# Why must we come out?

## MEDIA MINUTE:

# The 'MAGYK' may be lost

**Noah Kurkjian**  
*Editor In Chief*

*The following story contains spoilers for Grey's Anatomy 19x1 and other major plot points from previous seasons of the show.*

As Grey's Anatomy opened its 19th season last Thursday, I was excited because the series opener bore the name "Everything has Changed." Which it has, but at what cost?

Season 18 ended by cleaning house, meaning we got an onslaught of new cast members to replace the previous surgical residents. They're an interesting bunch, but they are seemingly imitating the season one interns. I can see qualities of all the original interns in this new bunch that I feel is not quite coincidental.

One of the most interesting parallels presented in this episode came from the new interns' names. Usually, the main residence class that we follow has initials that in some way spells out the word "magic." Season one was Meredith, Alex, George, Izzie and Christina. George and Izzie were eventually replaced by Jackson and April to spell "MA-

JAC," and now the intern's last names spell out "MAGYK."

We also see other parallels to the first episode with Meredith's speech to the new class, classically in an operating room. While it wasn't an exact replica of her chief, the apple didn't fall far from the tree. Furthermore, Link had the same crisis that Derek had when a girl he picked up in a bar less than a week prior walked through the doors of the surgical wing wearing intern scrubs.

While it was a stark departure from what we've grown used to in the last couple of seasons, it's feeling like a repeat of season one. That's the issue I take here. Why try and bring back the magic of season one when it already exists? The three people that are still here from day one got a total combined screen time of probably about eight minutes, and all their futures with the show are uncertain.

It's called "Grey's Anatomy," but Ellen Pompeo, the actress who plays Dr. Meredith Grey, has confirmed she will only appear on screen in eight episodes this season. While she has committed to doing her classic voice overs for the entire season, why bother?

It's not altogether too hard to notice that Pompeo is just sticking around for fan service at this point.

Not to say the quality of her acting has declined, but it's easy to tell by the lack of jaw-dropping storylines and plot points that subtly indicate Meredith may not be the only one wishing for new things.

I want it to be clear that I say all of this as a viewer that has seen every episode, cried all the requisite tears and grown up with the characters of this show. I love it, but we must not forget to occasionally hold a critical lens up to the things we love.

The thing that makes this sting even more is that there have been multiple natural cut points where they could have ended the show and it would have felt right. With some slight alterations, season nine would have been a fantastic point to cut. The Seattle Grace Five had just bought the hospital, and it felt a series goal had been reached. Season 13 closed with an episode so good it deserved to be a series finale, and season 16's "My Shot" would have made an interesting mid-season end like Kate

Walsh's Grey's spin-off "Private Practice" did.

While, no, there wasn't anything inherently wrong with this season opener, aside from the lazy and nonsensical way they wrote Teddy and Owen back into the show after they exited last season on an international flight on the run from the police. Otherwise, the new interns were funny. They made newbie mistakes as to be expected, but is it necessary? I think not.

While I love this medical drama for all the comfort it has provided me through the years, it's not what it once was, and that's okay. We don't need Krista Vernoff and her team to try and reinvent the wheel to bring the magic back, we need them to remember when you love something, let it go.

I'll still be tuning in Thursdays at 9 p.m., but not because I'm excited to see what hijinks "MAGYK" has gotten themselves into or to see which attending surgeons' relationship is falling apart. No, I'll be tuning in out of a sense of obligation to the 401 episodes I've already watched, waiting for the closure fans deserve.

# Trials and tribulations of on-campus living

Jasmine Baar  
Culture Reporter

On-campus living is familiar to most college kids, however, off-campus living is the superior option.

According to MLive, most universities and colleges in Michigan require freshman to live on-campus, with some exceptions for commuting and married students. This is no different for Ferris. Ferris requires students under 20 to live on campus, except those who commute or are married.

Living on your own in college is the next step of freedom for some young adults. There are no parents telling you to pick up your room or do the dishes. However, most students first realize this freedom in the dorms, which come with their own restrictions.

With quiet hours, room checks, odd smells, a

lack of vacant laundry machinery and loud neighbors, it oddly feels like confinement. Plus, having a RA live next to me was like having someone who isn't related to you act like your mom. That is one of the many reasons why on-campus living was not for me.

Living off-campus, I don't have to deal with the nasty body odor of freshman boys who haven't learned how to do laundry yet, I'm never woken up by my upstairs neighbor redecorating their room at 4 a.m., I don't have to hear every single person on my floor's alarm go off all morning and, personally, I didn't love being woken up every Saturday by the roar of fans at Top Taggart field. Mostly because I'm not a morning person, nor a football person, but also because I could hear the play by play of every home game from my bed in North Bond, probably just as good as everyone in the bleachers.

Having to endure parking at Ferris is also a whole can of worms, and the dorm parking lots are dreadful. It's a madhouse — a battlefield truly — just to park your car.

Think about this as well: off-campus living equals a commuter parking pass. I know we've all parked in the commuter lots, and maybe even been served a ticket or two for it, but with off-campus living, it helps eliminate that problem.

Now for a touchy subject for those of you in the dorms right now. How's that double XL twin bed of yours? Did you get a mattress topper yet? I won't even mention the shared bathrooms.

On-campus living isn't always completely negative, though. Being in walking distance from most of the buildings on campus, exposed to events and meeting new people who are also new are some of the positives to on-campus living.

However, the dorms for me were like living a year at band camp, and I served my two semesters. Now my only worries are, "how early is that guy going to mow his lawn today?" and "can you please get your dog to stop barking?"

# Loving on-campus living

Meghan Hartley  
News Reporter

Choosing to live on campus has been one of the best decisions I have ever made when it has come to Ferris.

I am currently in my last year here at Ferris. I have decided to live on campus every year, and have loved almost every minute.

Before moving to Ferris, I watched a lot of videos on what college life was like. From "15 Things I Wish I Knew Before Going to College" to "Things I Keep in my College Backpack," I watched it all. I wanted to be prepared when I moved up here. Granted, no one can really be prepared for college, as it's different and unique for every individual, but there was one piece of advice all these videos had in common.

That one thing was getting connected with other students by living in a residence hall. So, in my freshman year I moved into Miller Hall, excited to make connections and friends.

Part of the college experience is having fun with friends. I remember meeting so many people in Miller, talking with them, staying up late playing games and laughing a ton. It was connections like these that I had been wanting for a long time.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 hampered the year, and we had to move out. I had to leave campus without being able to say goodbye to any of the new friends I made. After this, all I wanted to do was get back to the fun community I once knew.

When the time came to sign up for a place to live on

campus, I didn't hesitate. I was craving interaction. Although we had certain restrictions, I was still happy to be around people and do activities again. I know for a fact that if I had chosen to live off-campus after my first year, I would not have the strong friendships I have today, I wouldn't be a part of as many RSOs and I would have considered transferring schools.

However, there were a few moments in which I wished I lived someplace better. This was mainly due to the fact that I had been woken up at 3 a.m. every night by neighbors. Other than that, I've been happy living on campus. I'm never too far away from my classes or campus events, and I stay informed.

I know that on-campus housing is not for everyone, however, I have heard way too many individuals who live off campus complain about parking and how they aren't meeting people or attending events. In those situations, I always say that it may not be such a bad idea to consider a dorm.

Yes, the dorms may be small and the walls are cinder blocks, but that doesn't mean you have to make it your jail cell for the school year. Ferris also has the option for students to live in an apartment or a suite, which can be more comfortable for a lot of students.

I recently moved into a suite, and I am very happy with where I am. My best advice for other students is to look on the bright side. Try to jazz your space up a little bit and look into other on-campus housing options before completely stating you don't like it.

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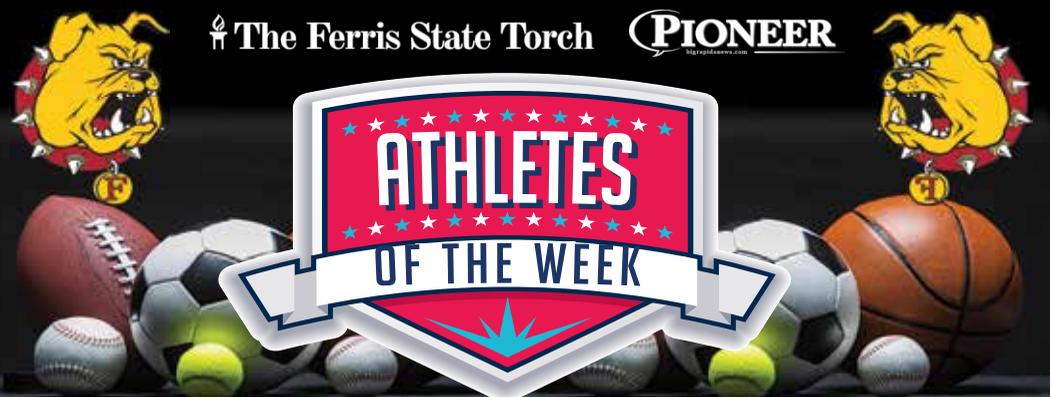
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# Sports

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## An up and down home debut



Photo by: Dylan Rider | Opinions Editor

Noah Giesbrecht got the start in goals for the Bulldogs against Western Michigan. He allowed four goals through the first two periods, and Logan Stein replaced him going into the third period.

### Bulldogs top Michigan Tech, fall to Western Michigan

**Brody Keiser**  
Sports Editor

Ferris was 30 minutes away from starting 2-0 at home.

The Bulldogs debuted at home on Friday with a strong 2-1 win over the Michigan Tech Huskies. On Saturday, they jumped out to a 3-0 lead over Western Michigan midway through the second period, but they ultimately lost 6-4.

Ferris (1-2-1) spoiled the Huskies (2-2-0) start of the regular season after some early success and a strong individual performance from junior goaltender Logan Stein.

Stein saved 28 of 29 shots while coming up big in the third period to slam the door shut against a Huskie comeback.

Head coach Bob Daniels was very impressed by Stein's first two performances to start the season.

"In the two games he's played, it'd be hard to imagine a goalie playing better than how he's played," Daniels said. "Now with that said, Noah [Giesbrecht] is fully capable of coming in tomorrow and having a great game. Those two are dynamite. I'd be hard pressed to think there's another college team that's got a tandem as quality as those two."

The Bulldogs traded blows with Michigan Tech in the first period. Freshman Tyler Schleppe capitalized on an opportunity and scored only 16 seconds into the game for his first collegiate goal. Five minutes later, the Huskies tied it up.

The deciding goal came 15 minutes into the second period, courtesy of senior forward Dallas Tulik.

Stein faced 21 shots in the second and third periods, and he saved all 21.

"I think this is where the expectation has been for me," Stein said. "I'm starting

to find my groove, and I'm starting to mature a little bit. Hopefully, I can continue on this path because I think expectations are high for me, and I like when they're high. It's a good thing when they're high."

The last four contests against Michigan Tech before Friday night's win went to overtime. Most recently, the two overtimes that eliminated the Bulldogs from the playoffs.

Despite the Huskies being responsible for ending the Bulldogs' season last year, Daniels did not view the win as a revenge match. As Stein put it, it was "just another game."

Despite the win, Daniels highlighted causes for concern.

"We're playing too much in our own zone and not enough in the offensive zone," Daniels said. "We've got work to do there. I think it's just a matter of being a little bit more aggressive than we are right now."

This concern is certainly quantifiable. Through four games, including Western Michigan, the Bulldogs have been outshot in three of those games.

Noah Giesbrecht started Saturday's game against Western Michigan. The Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead by the midway point in the second period. However, the Broncos fought back and ultimately came out with a 6-4 victory.

"It was a tale of two games," Daniels said. "We came out great and built a 3-0 lead. From there on, there wasn't a lot to cheer about. It's excuse making, but the reality of the situation was this was our fourth game in eight days. Western didn't play last night, and you could see as the game went on they had more jump than we had. Once we fell behind, we didn't have the pushback we needed. We just didn't have the energy."

Connor McGrath scored his first collegiate goal on a power play at 8:06 in the first period to give Ferris an early lead. Blake Evennou and Dallas Tulik each picked up assists.

Western Michigan finished the first period with four penalties. One of those penalties was following a big hit to Nick Nardecchia. After a head injury, he did not return to the game, and he joins Stepan Pokorny, Kaleb Ergang and Austin McCarthy on the injury report for the Bulldogs. Daniels believes they all have a chance to play this upcoming weekend.

At the end of the first period, the Broncos had 11 shots on goal compared to just six for Ferris, but it was the Bulldogs who took a 1-0 lead into the second period.

At 7:50, Brad Marek gave Ferris a 2-0 lead with his first goal of the season. Evennou picked up his second assist of the night and Jason Brancheau also assisted.

Ferris took a 3-0 lead at 8:57 when McGrath scored his second goal of the game. Tulik recorded another assist.

That lead would not last for long though because Western managed to score four times before the third period.

Their first goal came at 10:53 in the second period on a power play. Then, Jason Polin sifted through the Bulldog defense for an unassisted goal at 14:46. Western Michigan tied the game at 15:55 with an unassisted goal from Carter Berger. They took the lead at 19:43 on a set play where Ryan Mcallister took a pass from Max Sason and put it past Giesbrecht in goal.

Stein took over the net to start the third period for Ferris. Daniels said he did not fault Giesbrecht for the performance.

"I've seen enough out of [Giesbrecht] in practice to know he's really good," Daniels said. "Tough job for Logan [Stein] after playing last night and having to come in

cold, but I thought he did a good job too. Right now, I would grade our goaltending an A- for the year. We just have to get our team play up to that same A- category."

At 1:05 in the third period, Ethan Wolthers scored his first collegiate goal for the Broncos and extended their lead to 5-3. Polin scored another goal on a power play late in the third to push Western's lead to 6-3.

Ferris had three more power play opportunities in the final period and scored on the final one at 19:48. Marek recorded his second goal of the season. Deelstra and Drew Cooper assisted.

"We have to continue on with the build aspect going into next weekend," Marek said. "We need to see what we did to Michigan Tech. We're a special team here, and we'll continue to prove people wrong."

In the 6-4 loss, Ferris went 2-10 on the power play and killed three of five Western power plays. Stein took the loss in net and moved to 1-1-1 on the season.

"I'm not going to hit the panic button," Daniels said. "I saw some good things early and some good things late. I was appreciative of the effort."

Daniels wants to "throttle back" a little bit in practice this week and allow his players to get some rest.

"We have four forwards out," Daniels said. "We might need to back off just a little bit right now because the guys that are playing are playing a lot of hockey right now. They almost need a bit of a blow."

Ferris will be back home Friday and Saturday against Canisius at 7 p.m.

*Opinions Editor Dylan Rider contributed to this article.*



# Barely unbeaten

## Bulldogs win ugly to remain perfect on the season



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

Carson Gulker scored the go-ahead touchdown to give Ferris a 31-28 lead with 1:11 to go against Saginaw Valley.

**Joseph Nagy**  
Sports Reporter

The Bulldogs almost broke a 10-year streak on Saturday, Oct. 8 when they nearly lost to Saginaw Valley.

2013 was the last time Ferris lost to the Cardinals. It took late game heroics from the Bulldogs to avoid a loss this season.

The nationally ranked #1 Bulldogs opened their GLIAC schedule on Saturday with a suspenseful 33-28 come-from-behind victory to stay unbeaten on the season.

**“I would say the s-word but I’ll just call it a crap show, just a complete and utter crap show.”**

Tony Annese

A dominant first-quarter was one of the only high points for Ferris, jumping out to a 20-7 lead after the first fifteen minutes. When the fields switched, it looked as if the team would continue the dominance by flirting with the endzone on the one yard line. However, a fumble by quarterback Carson Gulker was the boost

that Saginaw Valley needed to score 28 straight, holding the lead until late in the fourth quarter.

“We had a chance to win the game early, in my opinion,” head coach Tony Annese said. “Then once we screwed it up, we kept on screwing it up. I don’t know how many yards in penalties we had.”

The Bulldogs had 17 penalties for 203 yards. They also had three turnovers — a fumble and two interceptions — that allowed the Cardinals to keep the game close. Marcus Taylor had multiple strong kick returns that were shortened due to the penalties.

Despite the penalties, Ferris found themselves within five of the Cardinals after a 25-yard field goal by Eddie Jewett with just over 8:00 left in regulation. The defense stopped the momentum generated by the Cardinal offense to get the ball back in the hands of the Bulldogs. Gulker got the redemption call at the one yard line to put the team ahead, and a nearly disastrous trick play for the two point conversion was salvaged by senior receiver Brandon Childress.

“We just couldn’t get our momentum back after those stupid mistakes,” junior offensive lineman Adam Sieler said. “Eventually it was head-to-head offense down the middle, and we got it going.”

Before the team could get it going, Cardinals quarterback Andrew Brito

completed a 43 yard touchdown pass to Nick Johnson in the first-quarter that put the Cardinals ahead 7-6. Brito completed another pass to Earnest Sanders for a 29 yard touchdown, chipping away the Bulldog lead at 20-14 in the second. Brito found the endzone two more times on a pair of one yard rushing touchdowns, one late in the second half to put the Cardinals up 21-20, and the latter stretched the lead to 28-20.

Saginaw Valley’s offense was led by Brito, who finished the day 11-21 for 168 yards and two touchdowns through the air, as well as two touchdowns on the ground. Ferris held the Cardinals to only 52 total yards rushing, but saw 195 yards of passing for a total of 247 yards of total offense.

“I would say the s-word, but I’ll just call it a crap show, just a complete and utter crap show,” Annese said. “Tough man, but happy to get the W.”

The legacy of excellence from the Bulldog football program chalks this up as a sloppy win, but there are positives to look at when it was all said and done. Quarterback Evan Cummins finished the day by leading the team with 178 all purpose yards, gaining 79 yards with his legs and 199 with his arm. He added two passing touchdowns, with one going to Cj Jefferson and the other going to Childress, who had a team high of 97 yards receiving. Other offensive standouts for the Bulldogs

included Taylor, who had a 79-yard touchdown reception. He also nearly had a 60 yard punt return that was called back for holding that negated the touchdown.

Even with the Cardinals’ offense putting up numbers in the first, second and third quarters, the Ferris defense came to play in the fourth quarter. Caleb Murphy tallied three sacks for 23 yards for loss, and Ian Hall stepped up by breaking through the line to sack the Brito in the endzone for a safety to lock in the win for the Bulldogs.

Following their narrow victory over Saginaw Valley, Ferris will again be tested this upcoming weekend on Oct. 15 when longtime rival Grand Valley comes to Big Rapids. Annese and the Bulldogs will have lots to work on in practice this week as they prepare for the #2 team in the nation.

“Oh yeah, it’s a big game every year,” Sieler said. “They know it, we know it. If we do Ferris State and play our game, we’ll be good.”

With the win, Ferris improves to 5-0 on the season. But more importantly, it sets up the first time that the Anchor Bone Classic will be played by the nation’s #1 and #2 overall teams, which leads many to expect a record crowd for Top Taggart Field at 1 p.m. this upcoming Saturday.