

Pro-choice demonstrators gather next to “abortion victim photography”

Both sides of the abortion debate were put on display at Robinson Quad



Photo by: Jessoca Oakes | News Editor

Pro-Choice and pro-life students groups demonstrated in front of the David L. Eisler Center weeks before Michigan citizens vote on statewide abortion rights.

Meghan Hartley
News Reporter

A new registered student organization protested at a pro-life campus demonstration in front of the David L. Eisler Center, showing two sides of the debate regarding the unborn.

On Oct. 20, the new Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance RSO stood with posters in hand, sharing statistics and phrases opposite pro-life demonstrators. The pro-life demonstrators represented the Protect Life RSO and stood behind graphic photos of “abortion victims.”

While Protect Life has made their on-campus presence known for years, pro-choice counter demonstrations are an extremely rare sight for Ferris. Social work junior Jenna Pasfield is the president of the FMLA. She attended last Thursday’s protest to inform students on the pro-choice stance, promote Michigan’s third proposal in the upcoming midterm election and spread the word about her RSO.

“Us and a bunch of other pro-choicers are out here supporting women’s rights,” Pasfield said. “We are out here to make women on campus feel safe. We have a safe place for all women on campus, and that is in the FMLA.

Pasfield says the goal of the FMLA is to

spread awareness of women’s rights and try to make people feel “more welcome to have the outcast opinion, rather than the dominant opinion.” While FMLA members and other pro-choicers stood with posters reading “keep the government out of my uterus,” three pro-life demonstrators stood nearby behind large photographs depicting aborted fetuses at varying stages of development.

Organized by Protect Life, abortion victim photography is an outdoor display meant to go “beyond words when it comes to abortion by using a visual display.” Though she is not a Ferris student, Emily Dimmick attended the demonstration as a Protect Life Michigan organization worker. She described the group’s purpose as exposing the “reality” of abortion.

“We recognize that human life begins at fertilization,” Dimmick said. “Any biology textbook will tell you that. We believe that all humans are equal and should have equal human rights, and abortion violates those human rights because it intentionally kills innocent human beings. We use these images to show the reality of abortion because these are real images of abortion victims, and they help break through the narrative to show that real human beings are being killed by abortion every single day.”

Dimmick says she is used to people protesting against her and other pro-lifers. In these instances, she wishes more people would come and have a conversation with her on such an important topic. There were two other pro-life demonstrators who held up these images alongside Dimmick. Each demonstrator could be seen conversing with others who did not share their views.

“We don’t hate pro-choice people,” Dimmick said. “We don’t hate women who have abortions. We support women, we care for women and we want to help women. We want to talk to these people and have a conversation with them, but I’m glad that they’re free to express their opinions — just as we’re free to express our opinions.”

While the majority of the pro-choice students who gathered last Thursday were women, male students also shared their views. Social work junior Chance Wagoner was a spectator who came to see the protest. He said the images the pro-lifers were holding were “a little graphic,” and he hopes that people can be respectful to each other, regardless of their opinions on abortion.

“From what I’m seeing today, I see a lot of men speaking up for women about this subject, and I will too... because I just

think it’s right for them to have what’s best for them,” Wagoner said.

Mari Kermit-Canfield, FLITE’s Creative Learning Librarian and Coordinator of Research Services and the FMLA’s co-advvisor, was happy to see so many attendees. However, she was not as thrilled to see the information the pro-life demonstrators were sharing with students.

“I was really disappointed... because I think they could have really spread their message with correct information,” Kermit-Canfield said. “You can be a person who wants to have a child without trying to force your views on others. If they wanted to talk about their reasoning, they could do it with correct information.”

Kermit-Canfield is referring to an image of a fetus with fully developed arms, legs and a head. The photo asserted that this fetus was seven weeks old. Kermit-Canfield disapproves of promoting ideology through shock value and misinformation.

Both Protect Life and the FMLA can be found on Bulldog Connect. Protect Life meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., and the FMLA meets on Mondays at 5 p.m. To learn about Michigan’s third proposal regarding reproductive rights, see page nine.

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Families Against Narcotics opens local chapter



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Dr. Gail Bullard and regional Angel Coordinator Justine Garcia cut the symbolic ribbon for Mecosta and Osceola Counties' new FAN chapter.

“[Students] will be able to have a level of empathy that hasn’t been in healthcare prior,” Dr. Gail Bullard said.



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Sober Eats food truck lists the company's values.

Jessica Oakes
News Editor

After last Wednesday's Families Against Narcotics chapter launch, Ferris students now have the opportunity to become an “angel” in the Big Rapids area.

On Oct. 19, members of the grassroots FAN organization held a press conference in Ferris' Michigan College of Optometry. The speakers discussed a new FAN chapter covering Mecosta and Osceola Counties, as well as the implementation of the Hope Not Handcuffs program in local law enforcement.

Ferris' Department of Public Safety, Big Rapids DPS and the Mecosta County Sheriff's Office will now connect anyone who asks for help with a FAN-trained, Hope Not Handcuffs volunteer, known as an angel. The role of an angel is to help people with addiction find resources and treatment.

Social work senior MiKayla Altoff recently finished training to become an angel. She believes that other social work students would be interested in getting involved with Hope Not Handcuffs.

“I have [a] family history of substance users, so that is what drew me in,” Altoff said. “I thought, if I knew that [other substance users] could get that help, then I'd be willing to volunteer.”

Anyone interested in becoming an angel can apply at hopenothandcuffs.com. Altoff described the training and onboarding process as “super easy.” She first heard about the program from her internship advisor, Dr. Gail Bullard. Bullard is program coordinator for the master of healthcare administration and secretary for Mecosta and Osceola County's FAN chapter. As project director for the Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network, Bullard was among the first people to reach out to FAN in hopes of forming a new chapter.

“We introduced FAN to the community because we amplify services that are here and try to fill gaps in prevention, treatment and recovery for substance use disorder,” Bullard said.

Bullard was moved to tears explaining what this work means to the Ferris and west Michigan communities. She believes that Ferris students who enter the medical workforce after gaining experience with FAN will be set up for success.

“[Students] will be able to have a level of empathy for this that hasn't been in healthcare prior,” Bullard said.

Social work and healthcare students are not the only ones with a unique career experience opportunity. Dr. Mike Mendendhall is an associate professor of criminal justice and the Mecosta County FAN treasurer. He plans to bring the FAN organization directly into the classroom with Narcan training led by Regional Angel Coordinator Justine Garcia. Each student will leave the classroom with their own portion of Narcan, a nasal spray used to treat narcotic overdose.

“The sooner we can familiarize and make students more comfortable with this topic and some of the stuff they have to use on the job, it'll be easier to bridge [the gap] once they start working in the field,” Mendendhall said.

Mecosta County Sheriff Brian Miller told his story of self-education and seeing the “bigger picture” of opioid addiction. He explained that those in law enforcement can sometimes become “jaded” when they only see one side of the drug use issue. Miller's worldview evolved once he saw the non-criminal side of addiction. By working with FAN and reading the book “Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company that Addicted America,” Miller's perspective changed.

“I think a large part of protecting and serving is understanding people, being able to have compassion for people and maybe the place that they are in life at that point,” Miller said.

As a sheriff today, Miller feels a responsibility to go beyond law enforcement. He says that officers are also expected to do the work of psychiatrists, social workers and more. This is why he believes that the only way to make a difference in this community is by working together with organizations like FAN.

“Get off the ground,” Miller said. “Get on your feet. It is important because, more times than not, we can't do it alone. We're fortunate to have FAN, Hope Not Handcuffs [and] our community mental health involved in our agency.”

Everyone in attendance at the press conference was able to enjoy free street style tacos courtesy of a Sober Eats food truck. Sober Eats is a family owned business with over 20 years of experience in the mental health and addictions field.

As Bullard said, last Wednesday was only the beginning. FAN chapter meetings will take place in Liberty Baptist Church on the first Monday of every month. Hour long board meetings will begin at 6 p.m., followed by forums that are open to the community.

Peter Boie: the non-believing magician

Magician performs for family, friends and skeptics

Jonathen Hart
News Reporter

Peter Boie performed a “perplexing” candy-filled show called “Magician for the Non-Believers” in honor of Bulldog Family and Friends weekend.

Students and visiting loved ones gathered in the David L. Eisler Center Ballrooms on Saturday, Oct. 22. Boie, booked by the registered student organization Entertainment Unlimited, came to Big Rapids to display “astounding magic and [have] a good time.”

Like many other celebrity guests invited by EU, Boie engaged with Ferris attendees during his show for laughs and a friendly show environment. To begin the act, he selected one “sucker” from the audience. Gabriel Swartout came to the show to visit family, but ended up being part of the finale.

“At the start of the show, [Boie] had me pick a random Tootsie Pop and lick it the entire show until I reached the middle,” Swartout said. “I wasn’t sure the reasoning, but I got a free sucker out of it.”

Swartout took the entire show, nearly 200 licks, to reach the center of the Tootsie Pop. He believes his “hard work paid off.”

“I didn’t expect to be apart of the finale trick when I was the first person to be

called up. It’s very impressive that [Boie] was able to have a predetermined guess of how many licks and the flavor I had was,” Swartout said.

Pre-pharmacy freshman Bradyen Dayton handed off his student ID to Boie for a trick. While it appears that the magician had sliced through the card, Dayton was “befuddled and perplexed” to see that Boie had switched out the student’s ID without anyone noticing.

“When he went to cut the envelopes, there was a little resistance,” Dayton said. “He had to go all the way through. It made me a little nervous that he just cut my ID, but he didn’t. When he went to open the envelope, his ID was in there instead of mine, and all I could think of was, ‘Oh my god. What just happened?’”

Dayton called the show “amazing,” rated it a 10/10 and recommended that everyone who has the chance goes to see Boie.

Boie has performed for such celebrities as

musician Neil Young, quarterback Tom Brady and the Patriots football team. He first became fascinated with magic at the age of eleven when he stumbled across a magic book at his local library. Boie now travels around the country performing his award-winning magic that defies logic.

The title of the show is about being honest with his audience. Boie doesn’t

believe in magic, but he will convince the audience for the length of his show. Combining original mind-blowing magic and a heavy dose of humor is his secret to success and why it’s made him one of the top-booked college acts around the country

Upcoming EU celebrity events include “Chris Fleming: Ghost Hunter” in early November.

ON THE RECORD

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

Jessica Oakes
News Editor

North Campus MIP

Oct. 14, 10:08 p.m. - A caller noticed a few females walking past FLITE with alcohol in hand. The caller believed the women to be minors, prompting them to call and report the situation to Ferris’ Department of Public Safety. The case was placed under judicial referral, directing the parties involved to the Office of Student Conduct.

Anchor-Bone vandal

Oct. 15, time unknown - A vehicle was reportedly vandalized in lot 6A near the South Athletic Fields during last Saturday’s football game against Grand Valley State University. The case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Lot of cocaine

Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m. - A student found a small bag of cocaine in lot 9Q near West Campus Apartments. The substance was destroyed, and the case was closed due to a lack of leads.

Wink thief

Oct. 22, 9:20 a.m. - 12 p.m. - A case of larceny was reported from Wink Arena. An undisclosed amount of cash was allegedly stolen from the register of Bulldog Bistro, but the case was closed due to a lack of leads.

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Welding program introduces new course

Introduction to Welding course comes to Ferris

Ember St. Amour
News Reporter

Starting in spring 2023, students will be able to learn the basics of welding without the commitment of obtaining a welding engineering technology degree.

Next semester, students will have the opportunity to take Introduction to Welding, or WELD-150, a beginning welding course. Ferris' welding program is the largest of its kind across the United States and the only four year welding program in the state of Michigan.

The welding program offers students hands-on learning opportunities. Welding classes are taught in the Swan Technical Arts Building, which houses laboratories and classrooms for students to learn in, regardless of whether they are taking one class or obtaining a degree.

Professor Jeffrey Carney is the welding program coordinator. Carney explained the significance of the welding program at Ferris, as well as some of the recognition the program has earned in the past few years.

"We're the only [Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology] accredited welding engineering technology program," Carney said. "We just received our ABET accreditation for the third time here just this past month."

Brent Williams is a three-time Ferris alumnus and an associate professor in the welding program. He explained the skills students will walk away with once completing the course.

"We have a bunch of new equipment, and if anybody wants to take WELD-150 in the spring, they can come on over and use that equipment [and] learn how to weld, cut, grind and... shape metal to support their hobbies," Williams said.

This welding course will introduce students to different pieces of welding equipment. Williams explained one of the program's newest pieces of equipment and how students can operate it.

"We [have] something cool in the lab over here called a cobot," Williams said.

"They are the latest and greatest thing in the world of... industrial robots, and [they are able] to sense contact and proximity to humans.

So, the cobots can work right alongside a human with no barrier, and they program much easier than a standard robot. Basically, you drive the arm in a position, press a

button and you're off to the races."

The introductory welding class taking place next semester gives all students the chance to learn the fundamentals of welding, while allowing students to get familiar with equipment they may have never heard of or used before. Spring registration for classes opens on Oct. 31. Any student looking to take a welding class in the spring, regardless of their degree program, can sign up for WELD-150.



MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

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News Editor

Oxford: Ethan Crumbley pleaded guilty on all charges related to last year's Oxford High School shooting on Monday, Oct. 24.

The 16-year-old stood in Oakland County Circuit Court with 24 charges against him, including one count of terrorism, four counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of assault and 12 counts of felonious possession of a firearm.

Michel Loftin, Crumbley's lawyer, originally intended to advance an insanity defense. After a prosecutor dismissed this, she later said Crumbley was remorseful and decided to plead guilty.

"He wanted to accept accountability ... to do the right thing," Loftin said.

Crumbley's parents face four counts of involuntary manslaughter after the shooter's father purchased him a 9 mm handgun as a Christmas present. Judge Julie Nicholson of the Rochester District Court said that Crumbley's parents provided their son with a weapon, despite showing signs that he was a "troubled young man."

On Nov. 30, 2021, Crumbley "methodically and deliberately" walked the halls of the high school, firing at students at close range after exiting the restroom with the weapon.

James and Jennifer Crumbley pleaded not guilty as the nation's first parents of a teenage school shooter to be charged for crimes committed by their child.

Prosecutors believe the two did more to allow the shooting than "just buying their son a gun." They explained that the parents could have taken several courses of action in addition to securely locking the firearm in order to prevent the murder of four students and injury of six students and one teacher.

Crumbley faces up to life in prison without parole. His parents' trial was postponed from this week to January of 2023. They remain in county jail custody until then.

Representing the families of the late Madisyn Baldwin, 17 and survivor Phoebe Artuhr, Wolfgang Mueller said the guilty plea is a "relief for the families," but many questions still need answers.

GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

Dylan Rider
Opinions Editor

United Kingdom: Following the resignation of former Prime Minister Liz Truss, Conservative members of the United Kingdom's parliament have voted for Rishi Sunak to take over as PM and conservative leader.

Sunak is British-Indian and will be the first person of color to lead the UK. Alongside this, Sunak will be the first Hindu to operate as PM.

Sunak has been in the UK's government since 2015, when he was elected as a Member of Parliament. Since then, he has served as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Government, Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Sunak was in the running when former PM Boris Johnson stepped down. Of course, the spot was originally given to Truss in early September. After proposing tax cuts for the wealthy and cuts to public services, the pound dropped to a record breaking low value compared to the United States dollar. This led to Truss' resignation 45 days into her term.

Sunak and his wife, the daughter of an Indian billionaire, are on the UK's richest people list with a collective net worth of £730 million (\$826 million), according to CNN. As mentioned, Sunak had worked inside the UK's treasury while also having a background of working in banks and hedge funds.

The new PM is slated to help the UK stave off an economic crisis. Fears of a recession have grown in recent months. Energy prices are projected to increase by 80% in October alone, then even more in the new year.

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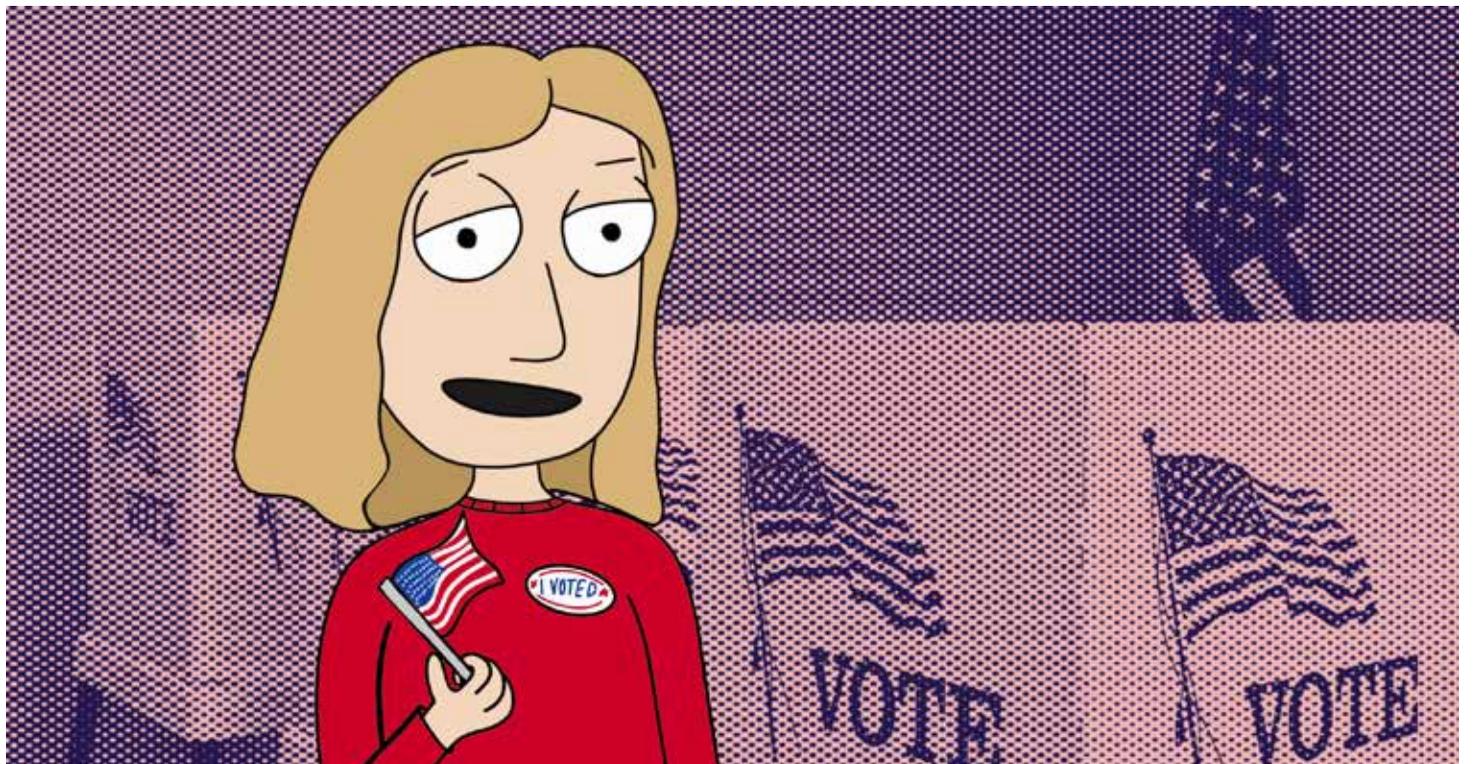
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EDITORS COLUMN: *A sense of pride*



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Aug. 4, 2020, is a day I remember like it was yesterday. 7:03 a.m., groggy, half-dressed, still in my basketball shorts from the night before and not having had a chance to put in my contacts yet. I walked into the Mecosta Township Hall rec room, filled out a card and flashed my ID. Moments later, I was standing in a booth, sharpie in hand, voting for the first time.

I had been looking forward to this day since I was 13 years old. Sure, voting in a primary isn't thrilling on its own, but voting in 2020, and for the first time no less, made it an unforgettable experience. I meticulously bubbled in my choices, taking special care not to cross vote, and fed my ballot into the tabulator with a huge grin across my face.

I wore that "I voted" sticker like a badge of honor that Tuesday. I finally got to use my voice by way of my vote. Even though I was just one vote in an election that had a turnout of just over 2.5 million voters in this state alone, I felt like I was a part of something bigger.

Since that election, I wanted to do more and get more involved in that process. So, I got certified as an election official and started to help run my local polling location. I know it's not most people's typical idea of fun or how they'd want to spend a Tuesday, but it was just amazing to be involved.

I started off at the check-in table, helping people understand their ballots and ensuring they had as much direction as I could

give them. The part that gave me the most joy was helping those with what I had done just one election prior—vote for the first time. I took time to answer their questions and tried to make it as unforgettable of an experience as my first time was.

Once the doors closed, I got to help ensure the quality of our count and diligently worked to certify the precinct properly and securely. While it's a tedious process, it's one that's taken very seriously and done with great

care. Arriving home just after 2 a.m. on Wednesday, I couldn't wipe the smile off my face.

I then moved to the absentee counting board. We were the ones who ensured that all of the mailed-in ballots were valid, accounted for and counted. This takes a special amount of dedication, as those running the absentee counting board must be sequestered for the entirety of their count and certification process. I don't know too many people besides myself that would

take that on. I am more than happy to do that, though, because of what it means.

Giving the people their voice is my goal at the end of the day. Whether it be through working elections or this very paper you're reading, that's what puts a smile on my face. If you haven't already made a plan to voice your vote, don't fret, it's not too late to get registered to vote or request an absentee ballot. Go vote and let your voice be heard.

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Midnight Mass is a Halloween masterpiece

Mike Flanagan's spooky miniseries is endlessly fun and rewatchable



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Halloween is a time for spooky ghouls and ghost stories, of course, but what happens when the things that go bump in the night are actually people we know?

This is the premise of “Midnight Mass,” Mike Flanagan’s Netflix miniseries that shocked audiences with its brutality. This was Flanagan’s return to form after the lackluster effort that was 2020’s “The Haunting of Bly Manor,” which is the follow-up to the previous year’s “The Haunting of Hill House.”

For me, “Midnight Mass” is Flanagan’s masterpiece. It’s definitely not the emotional and gut-wrenching juggernaut that “Hill House” was, but it is so endlessly fun and rewatchable for the Halloween season. While “Hill House” is a masterpiece in its own right, “endlessly rewatchable” is not how I would describe it.

“Midnight Mass” takes place on a secluded island, presumably in the North Atlantic Ocean because the town is heavily focused on crab fishing, and examines the eccentric residents of Crockett Island, a town deeply set in their religious ways.

The main character of the show is Riley

Flynn, a recovering alcoholic who is recently released from prison for killing someone in a drunk driving accident, and we follow him as he returns home to the faith he previously left behind. There he reunites with his former girlfriend, Erin Greene, who has just gotten divorced and has returned to the island to raise her child. These two become the main crux of the show and interact consistently with the highly religious and domineering Bev Keane, the mysterious Father Paul and Sheriff Hassan, whose Muslim beliefs often clash with Keane’s Christian ones.

Every time I watch a Flanagan show,

whether I enjoy it or not, I am consistently surprised at how well he incorporates different relationships into his scripts. As I mentioned before, “The Haunting of Bly Manor” isn’t my favorite show of all time, but it had a great love story at the center that made the ending all the more upsetting.

Flanagan knows how to make you care about a character, and he makes the real evil in the story the other humans, rather than a monster or ghost. I won’t spoil anything about what actually happens in “Midnight Mass,” but the “monster” in the show isn’t really the evil Flanagan wants you to be afraid of, it’s the greed of the

people on the island.

I never thought that I would go to bat so hard for a religious horror show, since I have never been religious, nor did I grow up in a family that was at all religious, but the way Flanagan writes it so that it’s really greed and selfishness that is corrupting the townspeople, rather than religion, is really smart and not something a lot of writers do.

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Another thing the show does incredibly well is slowly building an intense sense of dread over each scene throughout the show. A lot of people stop after the first or second episode because it focuses on this slow type of world building, but I always say watch the first three episodes, and if you somehow don’t like it after the third episode, then you probably won’t like it at all.

With the Halloween season drawing to a close, I would recommend everyone go watch this show before I spoil too much about it. Learn as little as possible about this show and dive in headfirst, as is recommended for all Flanagan shows.

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Voting for beginners

THE NEED TO KNOW FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS

Harmony Goodman
Culture Reporter

Voting season is right around the corner. For first-time voters, it can be easy to become overwhelmed without the right guidance.

To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years or older and a citizen of the United States. Election day is Nov. 8, however, it's important to register to vote ahead of time. In Michigan, registering to vote can be done online, by mail or in-person. You can check your voter registration status by going to the Michigan.gov website. Registering by mail can be done by mailing a registration form to your local clerk. Registering to vote in person can be done by visiting a Secretary of State office.

Keep in mind that if your name is not on the registration list, your vote will not be counted.

Every city has a designated voting area that voters must go to in order to vote in person. Voters who need to know where their polling place is located

should call their election office.

When voting in-person, it is important to plan accordingly, since the lines to vote are long and can take some time to get through.

Requesting a ballot by mail is an option for those who need an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are needed in the case that a voter cannot be in their designated voting area on election day. The absentee ballot is considered early voting.

It is important to know what is on the ballot ahead of time. The ballot this year will include all Michigan House representatives. The gubernatorial election will also be on this year's ballot. Three big proposals in Michigan will also be on the ballot this year. Local school board elections and other small elections that are relevant to a voter's hometown will also be on some ballots.

Researching candidates and proposals is a very important part of voting. With a simple google search with reliable websites, anyone can figure

out what they can expect when they vote for a candidate or proposal.

It is also important to know your rights as a voter. The voting rights of U.S citizens cannot be revoked or dismissed based on someone's race, color, sex or age as long as they are 18 or older.

There are also some other helpful things to note while voting. Voters have the right to stay in line to vote even if polls close before they cast their ballot. Voters also may ask for a new ballot if a mistake has been made on the original. If a machine goes down, voters are allowed to receive a paper ballot upon request.

It is important to know that voters should bring their ID to their polling location, which may be needed, especially if they're first-time voters.

Voting is how you can ensure that your voice is heard. Every vote means something, and that is why it is so important to vote.

Know the candidates: Whitmer vs. Dixon

WHERE DEMOCRATIC GOV. GRETCHEN WHITMER AND
REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER TUDOR DIXON STAND

Jessica Oakes
News Editor

In the 2022 gubernatorial election, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer runs against political commentator and businesswoman Tudor Dixon.

Michigan voters have two clear and distinct choices for their next governor. Whitmer and Dixon have little in common in terms of background, experience and stances on hot-button issues.

Maintaining access to safe and legal abortions is one of Whitmer's top priorities. On April 7, Whitmer took legal action by urging the state Supreme Court to resolve the constitutionality of Michigan's 1931 abortion ban that made no exception for rape or incest. While the state Supreme Court has yet to rule on the matter, the Michigan Court of Claims ruled that the ban is unconstitutional on Sept. 7.

"Today, the courts have ruled once again that Michigan women have the right to make medical decisions with their health care provider and those they trust," Whitmer said in a press release. "Whether you're a young professional deciding where to begin your career or a mom trying to take care of the kids you already have, my message is simple: we respect women's rights in Michigan."

At the forefront of Whitmer's education plan is "making college and skills training more accessible to those who can't afford it." In August, Whitmer announced that over 100,000 Michiganders had been accepted into Michigan Reconnect, a bipartisan tuition-free higher education program. In July, Whitmer signed a bipartisan education budget with the highest per-student investment in state history.

"Every kid in every district deserves to feel safe and supported in school, and I am proud today to sign a historic, bipartisan education budget that will make game-changing investments to improve every student's in-class experience," Whitmer said.

On Oct. 11, Whitmer called the phrase "defund the police" both "dangerous and foolish," though she shared support for the movement's "spirit" in 2020. During her term as governor, Whitmer raised the annual state police budget from \$716 million to \$824 million. She also directed an additional \$253 million in revenue sharing payments to local public safety funds. Despite this, violent crime rates in Michigan followed the national upward trend of the 2020s.

"I understand the desire to get more resources invested in prevention and creating opportunity, and that's what I was talking about [in 2020]," Whitmer added. "If you look at my record, I have funded the police over and over again."

Roads and Bridges

Four years ago, Whitmer's campaign promise was the "fix the damn roads." Since then, over 13,000 miles of roads and 900 bridges have been fixed. On March 30, she signed the bipartisan Building Michigan Together Plan, a nearly \$5 billion plan dedicated to improving the state's transportation, parks, housing, water and internet. Still, Whitmer insists it will take more than one term to fix all of Michigan's roads.

"This is a bipartisan plan that truly is fiscally responsible and will make some of the largest infrastructure investments in our state's history at a time where we need that more than ever," Whitmer said.



Dixon has expressed her belief that abortion should only be allowed in instances where the mother's life is at risk. She gained an endorsement from Right to Life of Michigan, though she does not view abortion as a main issue in the gubernatorial race. During a debate in May, Dixon referred to the 1931 abortion ban as a "good law." She expressed positive remarks after the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision came out, overturning Roe v. Wade.

"Today is not just a day for celebration as it is an affirmation that life is precious, but it is a day for action," Dixon said.



Dixon wants to "preserve parents' rights" in primary education. She plans to require school districts to post all teaching materials online for parental review, and ban the discussion of gender identity and sexuality for students below fourth grade. Dixon would also ban children assigned-male-at-birth from playing on girls' sports teams.

"Parents want to know exactly what's happening in the classroom," Dixon said. "When you see the Department of Ed has come out and said we're going to keep secrets from parents, that's where the distrust starts."



In efforts to protect Michigan communities, Dixon supports constitutional carry of firearms, cash bail for violent and repeat offenders and de-escalation training for law enforcement officers. She opposes implicit bias training for law enforcement officers, "sanctuary cities" and any tolerance for protests that "destabilize our communities through death and destruction." Dixon revealed the \$1 billion Building a Safer State plan on Sept. 13.

"Michigan families deserve to feel safe in their communities and law enforcement needs to know we always have their back," Dixon said.

Election Integrity

By signing new voter identification laws, increasing punishment for ballot signature forgery and banning absentee ballot drop boxes, Dixon aims to strengthen Michigan's election integrity. Dixon repeatedly expressed her belief that widespread voter fraud influenced the 2020 presidential election results. Due to "destroyed" evidence, Dixon shifted her stance in July, stating that there is not enough conclusive documentation to know if the election was secure. Michigan's Republican-led Senate Oversight Committee found no evidence of widespread fraud after investigating the election.

"We have to make sure that our elections are secure and what happened in 2020 doesn't happen again," Dixon said.



Gretchen Whitmer:

DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT

Gretchen Whitmer grew up in Lansing and Grand Rapids. She studied communications and law at Michigan State University. She began her career as an associate attorney before serving five years as a state representative and eight years as a state senator. Whitmer lectured at MSU, worked as a policy maker at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and was the Ingham County prosecutor before becoming governor in 2019.

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Tudor Dixon:

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Illinois born Tudor Dixon studied psychology at the University of Kentucky. She began her career in industrial sales, had a brief acting career and co-founded Lumen Student News before becoming a political commentator.

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The back side

BREAKDOWN OF MICHIGAN’S THREE BALLOT PROPOSALS

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Three polarizing issues will be gracing the backs of Michigan ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 8: term limit and candidate financial disclosure reform, election reform and establishing the right to reproductive free-

dom and family planning.

In 2020, more than 500,000 Michigan voters didn’t flip their ballots over to vote on the ballot proposals. With mid-term elections having historically lower turn outs than presidential year elections, it seems fitting to promote these proposals and explain what they mean.

Prop 22-1

- YES
- NO

Prop 22-1 does two main things. First and foremost, it would require the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general and state legislators to produce an annual public financial disclosure report. These reports would include things like their income, assets, liabilities, reimbursements, gifts, future employment agreements and

more. It was also specifically stated in the proposal that although legislators would be responsible for implementing these requirements, they could not limit or restrict them.

The other half of 22-1 adjusts the way term limits are structured. Currently, a person is eligible to serve for six years in the State House and eight years in the

State Senate. If this proposal is adopted, this would be amended so that a person could serve in either chamber for a combined total of 12 years. The vote is as simple as if you’d like to adopt these new rules.

Prop 22-2

- YES
- NO

Prop 22-2 asks voters to consider a swath of amendments in regards to voting and elections. For starters, it would establish a fundamental right to vote without barriers for all those eligible. This ensures the right to vote without denial, abridgment or interference, no matter the law, rule or regulation. This Prop also gives any voter who feels threatened, harassed or intimidated while voting the chance to file a lawsuit in circuit court to enforce their right.

Another piece for 22-2 would provision for a minimum of nine days of early, in-person voting throughout the state for

all state-wide and federal elections. Early voting would not have to follow the same voting jurisdictions as day-of voting, allowing for precincts to partner up for ease.

This Prop would also allow registered voters to use their photo ID or a signed affidavit confirming their identity and receive a standard ballot instead of a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are given when a question about a vote or voter must be answered before that ballot can be cast.

Prop 22-2 also does a lot for absentee voting. First, it would allow voters to place themselves on a permanent absentee

voter roll that would automatically send them a ballot for every election they were eligible to vote in going forward. Second, it would create a state fund that pays for all of the postage for absentee ballots and ballot applications so that burden no longer falls on the voter. Finally, it would provision for at least one ballot and ballot application drop box within every municipality. These drop boxes would be available for 40 days prior to election day and they would be picked up at 8 p.m. when the polls close.

Prop 22-3

- YES
- NO

Finally, the last ballot Prop all voters will see is Prop 22-3. This would establish a person’s right to reproductive freedom. This includes decisions regarding contraception, sterilization, prenatal care, pregnancy, postpartum care, abortion, miscarriage management and infertility treatment. This would still allow the

government to impose restrictions on abortion access after fetal viability has been reached unless medical intervention is necessary.

Along with these rights comes the assurance that they won’t be later invalidated. This amendment would also protect those that fall under it from state

persecution for making choices regarding their reproductive health. Finally, it would invalidate any conflicting laws that may still stand.

This is your opportunity to have your voice directly heard in the lawmaking process, so don’t forget to flip over your ballot this midterm election.

Get to know the Third Parties

YOU KNOW ABOUT DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE OTHERS STAND FOR?

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Libertarian Party

The Libertarian Party is a political party in the U.S. that promotes non-interventionism, which is a political philosophy that opposes interference in the domestic politics and affairs of other countries, laissez-faire capitalism, which is an economic philosophy of free-market capitalism that opposes government intervention, civil liberties. This Libertarian Party also wants to limit the size and scope of the government. Although libertarianism originated as a left-wing party, it is often associated with right-wing politics. Libertarians believe that the government should be kept out of the decision in abortions, that the government should not force people to pay taxes and that schools should be privatized. They also feel hostile towards government programs that cause environmental harm. The Libertarian Party is also the third biggest political party in the United States.

MICHIGAN CANDIDATE

Mary Buzuma, Ottawa County resident

U.S Taxpayers Party

The U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan is the Michigan affiliation of the Constitution Party. The Constitution Party platform is based on their interpretations of the Constitution and principles from the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and the Bible. They believe in banning abortion and giving parents unimpeded rights to provide education for their children. They also oppose any taxes that exceed what the government needs to function, and they support realistic efforts to preserve the environment and reduce pollution.

Since March 2016, the rules and bylaws of the U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan were not available for the public to know.

MICHIGAN CANDIDATE

Donna Brandenburg, Kent County resident

Green Party

The Green Party is a “grassroots,” national political party. According to their slogan, they are a party for “We the People” and the health of the planet and future generations. Everything they do is based on their four pillars, which are peace, ecology, social justice and democracy. The Green Party is considered a left-wing party. Members of the Green Party are committed to feminism, social and economic equality for women, which includes reproductive rights and ending gender-based hate crimes. They also advocate for a fair tax system that is based on principles of social equality. They believe that schools should provide everyone with knowledge and a full range of skills to participate in society, and they wish to stop runaway climate change and phase-out nuclear and coal power plants.

MICHIGAN CANDIDATE

Kevin Hogan, Wayne County resident

Natural Law Party

The Natural Law Party was founded to “bring the light of science into politics” and to oppose the political influence of special interest groups. This party does not have specific, set platforms, which allows candidates to run for office according to their independent principles. They want to minimize the federal government’s role as a “micromanager” in the energy marketplace. The Natural Law Party seeks to prevent abortions through educational programs, wants a flat tax that will stimulate the economy while paying debts, advocates for scientifically proven education programs and wants to create a future in which renewable, nonpolluting, inexpensive energy is abundantly available.

MICHIGAN CANDIDATE

Daryl Simpson, Genesee County resident

Ferris staff and students celebrate voting

STAFF AND STUDENTS LOOK BACK AT THEIR FIRST VOTING EXPERIENCE



Jonathen Hart
News Reporter

We are weeks away from what some deem to be one of the biggest Michigan midterms to date.

For the first time, we have two women going head-to-head in the gubernatorial race, with the incumbent Gov. Gretchen Whitmer facing off against up-and-comer Tudor Dixon. Women's reproductive rights are also on the ballot. No matter who you support or what you are voting for, it is imperative that you show up and use your voice.

While most college students will be voting for the first or second time, we are going to see how staff and students felt during their first time voting.

Associate Vice President for External Relations and Executive Director of the Ferris Alumni Association Jeremy Mishler has voted in many elections and he has been a candidate in local and state elections.

"I'm not sure the first election I voted in, but I remember when I opened the renewal for my driver's license, and the reminder that I was eligible to register to vote was stapled to it," Mishler said. "There was a reminder slip from the local Secretary of State telling me to register to vote."

Mishler recalls being nervous as a first-time voter. He stated that he didn't want to be the only first-time voter, so he tried to see what others were doing to gain some context.

Mishler recalls not wanting to be alone when he voted.

"I remember walking to a station and thinking, 'Wow, I don't want to be alone. I still want to be around people.' So I took a station where two other people were voting right next to it," Mishler said. "For some reason, I felt good about the fact that I was part of a community of voters. I think that... gave me confidence even though I was doing it for the first time."

Mishler looks back on the first time his name was on a ballot.

"In 2010, I ran for state representative in our area. [Although I was not successful,] it expanded my community network, and it gave me exposure to a whole plethora of local leaders," Mishler said. "It allowed them to get to know me."

Mishler relives the excitement he felt when he found out he won his school board election.

"I was excited, [and] I was humbled. I was [also] nervous," Mishler said. "The moment that you realize you have won, you immediately want to thank everybody."

Mishler informs first-time voters that there is no need to be afraid.

"Don't be afraid, but it's okay to be a little nervous," Mishler said. "Voting takes an act of bravery, and confidence and duty, and it's okay to feel a little bit apprehensive."

Ferris English professor Dr. Phillip Savage recalls the first time he was able to vote for an election.

"I think the first election that I was eligible for was 2010," Savage said. "I didn't vote in that, which I feel bad about because there was no reason why I didn't. It was a midterm, so I wasn't as engaged because there wasn't a presidential race going on."

Savage has long been interested in politics, so being able to vote was exciting for him.

"I was getting my bachelor's degree in political science at the time. I was heavily invested in all of the candidates at that time in the election, and I was pretty enthusiastic," Savage said.

The first time Savage voted was in 2012 when incumbent Barack Obama faced off with Republican Nominee Mitt Romney in the presidential race.

"The big thing that I noticed is that we were the youngest people there by about

four years," Savage said. "That still strikes me as true for in-person voting. This election, in my opinion, was a big one. We saw a lot of support for Obama and a second term, but some people truly believed we could see Romney edge out a victory."

Savage gave some advice to first-time voters, or voters who aren't sure who or what they want to vote for yet.

"I guess the big thing that I would say is that this is a midterm, like the first election that I was eligible for. So even if you don't recognize the names of the candidates... take some time... and figure out what the candidates stand for," Savage said.

Information security and intelligence freshmen Seth Brott reminisced on his first time voting during the August primary, where he voted to see who would go against Whitmer in the gubernatorial race. Brott didn't feel anything special participating in his first election.

"The whole process felt weird to me," Brott said. "It didn't feel like a right of passage like I was told it would be like. It just felt like a chore."

As we go down memory lane with other voters, remember to register to vote while you still have time, and don't forget Election day is Nov. 8.

The lesser known office

LEARN ABOUT THE TWO WOMEN
RUNNING FOR MICHIGAN SOS

Dylan Rider
Opinions Editor

Alongside the gubernatorial candidates, the role of Secretary of State is also up for grabs.

Like the gubernatorial election, both the incumbent and the challenger are women. Representing the Democratic party is incumbent Jocelyn Benson. Her challenger, Kristina Karamo, is representing the Republican party.

Jocelyn Benson

Benson is seeking her second term as Michigan's Secretary of State, as she was elected in 2018. In her 2018 campaign, she ran on the promise of reducing SoS wait times to 20 minutes or less.

This promise was seemingly fulfilled as, according to Bridge Michigan, SoS records show that visits to the SoS take less than 20 minutes, and the amount of business completed at the SoS' self-service kiosk and online has "increased to 60 percent from 28 percent in 2018."

In her tenure, Benson oversaw Michigan's part in the controversial 2020 election. The election in question is where Benson draws some criticism. Republicans viewed her rollout of unsolicited absentee ballots as a potential danger to the security of the election.

According to Benson's website, her victories from her first term include:

- Modernizing voter registration
- Recruiting 30,000 election workers
- Securing drop boxes
- Enabling at-home voting
- Mailing absentee ballot request forms to all voters
- Releasing online absentee applications
- Engaging underrepresented voters
- Conducting hundreds of election audits

During the pandemic, Benson kept all 131 Michigan SoS offices open. To accomplish this, she changed the service to an appointment only system, which is still in use.

Benson is backed by notable organi-

zations. Some of these organizations include Planned Parenthood, the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, the Sierra Club, United Auto Workers and the Black Economic Alliance.

Kristina Karamo

Challenging Benson is Karamo, who is a political newcomer. Before this election, Karamo ran for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and volunteered in other political spaces. While working as a poll challenger in Detroit, she claimed she witnessed election fraud occur at the absentee counting board.

According to her website, Karamo wants to "restore the rule of law and earn back the trust of Michigan citizens in our government."

Karamo is running on the specific issues of election integrity, fair auto shop inspections, identity protection, fully opening SoS offices, investigating fraud claims and election security.

Karamo has been endorsed by many groups and figures. Her biggest endorsement comes from former

President Donald Trump.

"Kristina will fight for justice," Trump said. "Good luck Kristina, and while you're at it, check out the fake election results that took place in the city of Detroit."

Alongside Trump's endorsement are endorsements from former lieutenant general Michael Flynn, six Michigan representatives, multiple Michigan republicans, multiple Michigan county chairs and multiple Michigan congressional chairs.

The election for the SoS, alongside most other elections, is state-wide and not isolated to any district.

If you have conducted any business at an SoS office since 2018, you should be registered to vote. By the time this article runs, the deadline for voting registration will have passed.

Michigan's 2022 midterm election will be held on Nov. 8.

Sports

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Football back in win column



Carson Gulker falls into the endzone for one of his three rushing touchdowns during Ferris' 28-20 victory over Michigan Tech.

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Brody Keiser
Sports Editor

It took a hard-fought game against Michigan Tech, but the Bulldogs ensured that their losing streak ended at one game.

A week after dropping their first regular season game in 44 tries against Grand Valley, Ferris returned home to face Michigan Tech. The Bulldogs came away with a 28-20 victory, despite trailing 10-0 early, earning 12 penalties for 126 yards and not having starting quarterback Mylik Mitchell, who did not play due to an injury.

Head coach Tony Annese described the performance as a "huge win" in a "very challenging game."

"[Michigan Tech] jumped out ahead of us," Annese said. "We had our back against the wall early, but our kids [ground] through it. Every win is obviously important, but when you play a team like Tech, who is viciously competitive, and they get you down a little bit, you just try to hang in with it."

Annese added that he had "no idea" how his team was able to overcome the penalties and record a win. He mentioned that between Grand Valley and Michigan Tech, there were 77 passes and zero holding penalties against those teams.

"These offensive linemen from our last two opponents must be extraordinarily good at never holding," Annese said. "I don't know if you get sarcasm in my tone or 'what the heck is going on' in my tone, but it's mildly confusing for me."

Ferris (6-1, 2-1 GLIAC) held the Huskies to -26 yards rushing and got four total touchdowns from quarterback Carson Gulker

during the win.

"I just trusted everyone to do their job," Gulker said. "Evan [Cummins] was over on the sideline in my ear helping me out to succeed. We just put our trust in each other."

Cummins drew the start at quarterback for the Bulldogs, and Ferris received the opening kickoff but quickly went three-and-out. Michigan Tech wasted no time and entered the red zone off their first play from scrimmage, thanks to a 76-yard reception from Brandon Michalak. They capitalized with a five-yard touchdown just three plays later.

The Huskies added a field goal with just over a minute remaining in the first quarter to jump out to an early 10-0 lead over the #4 ranked Bulldogs. Ferris answered with a touchdown from Gulker midway through the second quarter and entered the half trailing 10-7.

"I was happy that it was only 10-7," Annese said. "We struggled a little bit with rhythm on offense. They played a four-man front, and we anticipated a three-man front."

Gulker started the second half at quarterback for Ferris and remained in for the rest of the game. He led a 12 play, 52-yard touchdown drive for Ferris' first drive in the second half after the defense forced a punt from Michigan Tech. Gulker capped off the long drive with a one-yard rushing score, his second of the game.

Gulker rushed for his third touchdown of the game at the start of the fourth quarter. This score was a seven-yard designed quarterback keeper where he fought through defenders into the endzone for his NCAA DII leading 16th rushing score of the season. It also gave the Bulldogs

a 21-10 lead.

Michigan Tech tried to answer back, but Ferris' defense forced a three-and-out. However, on the ensuing possession, Gulker threw an errant pass that was intercepted and returned for a Husky touchdown.

"With the exception of one really big mistake, [Gulker] played really well," Annese said. "I'm really proud of him."

On the first play of the next offensive sequence for Ferris, Gulker responded and found Tyrese Hunt-Thompson for a 75-yard touchdown and pushed the lead back to two scores at 28-17.

"When I came to the sideline, I had a lot of people telling me to keep my head up," Gulker said. "The next play, I was ready."

A field goal from Michigan Tech's Drew Wyble kept the Huskies within a score. Down 28-20,

they forced a Bulldog punt and had a chance to tie the game.

Ferris gave up a quick first down, but then Ian Hall and Jordan Jones combined for a sack to push the Huskies back. With the game on the line, the Bulldog defense held and forced a turnover on downs, sealing a 28-20 victory.

"It's just pure heart for a lot of our players," senior linebacker Jovan Bayless said. "I had a lot of heart for this game. The guys on the field with me have a lot of heart and will keep going no matter the situation we're in. We're not going to let off the pedal. We're going to keep fighting for the goal we want."

Gulker finished the game with 174 passing yards, a touchdown through the air, 103 yards and three touchdowns on the ground with 23 carries. Marcus Taylor

contributed 11 carries for 60 yards, while Hunt-Thompson finished with four catches for 130 yards and a touchdown.

Hall led the way defensively for Ferris with four tackles, .5 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble. Caleb Murphy recorded a sack and Sidney McCloud had an interception. As a team, the Bulldogs gave up 271 yards of total offense, including -26 yards on the ground.

"It was good for us to get back to that winning mentality," Gulker said. "Coming off that loss, we kept our spirits high in practice all week, and it's just good for us moving forward."

Ferris will finish out the month of October on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Northern Michigan. For more information on Bulldog football, visit ferrisstatebulldogs.com/sports.

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New team, new season

Men's basketball looking for another successful season despite changes

Joseph Nagy
Sports Reporter

After a 22-9 record and a trip to the national tournament in the 2021 season, the Bulldogs will look to replicate that success after a clean sweep in their pre-season Canadian tour.

The team travels across international lines once every four years, and the late August trip set up an exciting and valuable experience in Toronto. Through three games played against the Canadian teams, Ferris tallied 275 points, with two games having 100 points scored by the Bulldogs, while averaging 91 points in each game for the trip.

The Bulldogs lost Walt Kelsner, Logan Ryan, Dorian Aluyi and Lee Higgins from last years' team. These players combined for 54.5 points per game. Replacing that production is never easy, and head coach Andy Bronkema had to adjust his lineup in hopes of creating an offensive spark.

"It's important for the returners because they're in new roles," Bronkema said. "There's very few of our guys that are in a similar role to where they were last year."

Players stepping into new roles include sophomore guard Ethan Erickson. Erickson was one of the many three point threats from last years' team that averaged 8.7 threes per game. Averaging 11 minutes in 31 appearances, he amassed a 35% three point

percentage and 3.6 points per game. Despite his limited minutes last year, the sharpshooter will be expected to take a larger role in the offense.

Sophomore guard Jimmy Scholler started all 31 games last year and averaged nearly five assists per game. Redshirt junior Vejas Grazulis is also in line for expanded minutes. He played backup to Ryan last season and averaged six points and three rebounds per game in 31 appearances.

Last season's sixth man of the year Ben Davidson will be a key part of the Bulldog rotation. His 11 points per game last year suggests a potential takeover ability for the 6'1" guard. Sophomore forward Deng Reng will make his return to the floor this season as well after missing much of last year with an injury. Reng's versatility and athleticism at 6'9" offers a high upside on both ends of the floor.

"Everybody is either up on the scouting report with higher emphasis or maybe playing a different position," Bronkema said.

In addition to his renowned recruiting skills, Bronkema hit the transfer portal in the off-season. Redshirt junior transfer Dolapo Olayinka, who originally started at Northern Michigan University, and Solomon Oraegbu, who transferred from Wisconsin Parkside, bring valuable GLIAC experience. The final transfer, junior Amari Lee, finished his time



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

Ben Davidson earned Sixth Man of the Year honors last season and will play an important role for Ferris this year.

at Roberts Wesleyan and brings skills from a competitive NCCAA conference.

"Experience and depth will be our strongest suits," team manager Isaac Culp said.

Ferris will face Calvin in an exhibition contest at home on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. before heading to Ann Arbor to play Michigan on Nov. 4. Then they will participate in the Robert Garrett Crossover Classic in Nashville, Tennessee.

A rematch against the Universi-

ty of Minnesota-Duluth, who not only made it up to #9 in the national rankings, but also beat Ferris in a thrilling 109-107 offensive shootout last season, awaits on Nov. 19.

GLIAC play begins against Grand Valley on Dec. 1. The GLIAC is expected to be a tough conference, headlined byavenport, the reigning conference champions. Perennial contenders in Grand Valley and Michigan Tech are among the teams to keep an eye out for as well.

"We are all locked in, motivated and hungry to continue our winning culture," Davidson said.

The annual Alumni game on Sunday, Oct. 23, saw the Bulldogs record a 107-69 win over former Ferris players. Oraegbu and Erickson led with 21 and 18 points, respectively. With the start of the regular season closing, the Bulldogs hope for continued success from a new lineup.

Women's basketball looking for continued success



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

Mallory McCartney returns as a veteran leader for Ferris this season.

Jeffery Walker
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball season is quickly approaching, and after a very successful season last year, they will be looking to go even further this season.

The Bulldogs are looking for a repeat as the women's GLIAC champions, and, as they eye the tournament championship, they are looking to have more success in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Last season, the Bulldogs finished 22-9 and claimed the GLIAC North championship in the regular season. They then went on to win the GLIAC Championship. The Bulldogs were able to win their first-ever GLIAC tournament championship by upsetting rival Grand Valley, the top seed in the tournament, giving them their second loss on the season.

The Bulldogs were led by Adrienne Anderson, who had 18 points and was named the GLIAC tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Bulldogs earned a NCAA Division II Tournament bid, but they lost in a close game against #2 Ashland in the first round of

the tournament.

Going into this season, the Bulldogs will have to replace Anderson and other key players like Zoe Anderson, both of whom were seniors on the squad last year.

Adrienne Anderson played in 30 games last season and started all 30 games. She averaged 13.9 points, 4.0 assists and 3.7 rebounds per game, while shooting 38.5% from the floor and 37.6% from three-point range. She also led the team with 72 steals and had 18 blocks.

Zoe Anderson appeared in and started 32 games. She averaged 7.5 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.4 assists, while shooting 38.5% from field goal range and 31.7% from three-point range.

The good news for the Bulldogs is they will have a good returning squad and some exciting new additions.

Returning key players are Chloe Idoni, Mallory McCartney and Kady Blanchard.

Idoni appeared in 30 games and started in all 30, averaging 11.8 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.1 assists. McCartney played in 32 games, all of which she started in, while averaging 10.2

points, 4.7 rebounds and 4.8 assists. Blanchard appeared in 32 games and started 31 of those games, averaging 14.6 points, five rebounds and 2.3 assists.

All three of these players will be keys to the team's success this season. They will be joined by Kenzie Bowers, a transfer from the Division I Illinois State. Bowers averaged 2.7 points, 2.4 rebounds and 0.7 assists per game last season for Illinois State in her freshman season.

During her high school career, she scored 1,822 points and was Kent City High School's all-time leading scorer. In her senior year, she averaged 19.9 points, 7.2 rebounds and five assists per game and was named the 2021 MLive Muskegon Region Player of the Year. Other accolades from her high school career include all-state, all-conference and all-area honors.

The Bulldog's season opener will take place in an away game on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. against Ohio Dominican. The first home game will take place on Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. against Northwood. This will be the first of thirteen home games this season.

Soccer undefeated in last 11 games



Nikki May fights for possession of a ball during Ferris' 2-0 victory over Michigan Tech.

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The Bulldogs have not lost since Sept. 16 against Northern Michigan.

Ferris (9-3-5) played the Michigan Tech Huskies (7-7-3) on Friday and beat them 2-0. Following their win, they played Northern Michigan (10-2-5) on Saturday. This time, the game resulted in a 0-0 draw.

This weekend's win and draw kept the Bulldogs in second place of the GLIAC standings. A win over Saginaw Valley on Friday, Oct. 28, will lock them in as the #2 seed for the GLIAC tournament.

Friday's match started quickly when senior midfielder Katie Nestico scored just under four minutes into the match. Nestico's goal was her second of the season.

Nestico's goal was her first since the Sept. 16 match against Northern Michigan.

"Finally, it's about time," Nestico said. "I've been waiting for a long time."

Following her goal, scoring subsided. Ferris trailed Tech in shots 10-9 in the first half. Despite the edge, Ferris forced the Huskies to make six saves, while Ferris only made two.

Opening the second half with a 1-0 lead, Ferris defended well and stifled any offense that Tech brought. Tech only had one shot throughout the entire second half and forced Ferris to make no

saves.

The final goal came from Isabella Zamborini. Zamborini's 11th goal of the season helped solidify her as the GLIAC goals scored leader.

With post-season play approaching, head coach Greg Henson said his teams' mindset has to change.

"We have to start coming into every match with the playoff mentality," Henson said. "Today wasn't our prettiest effort. The game got a little bit ugly from both sides at times, and it kind of had that playoff feel to it a little bit. We got the win, and we figured out a way to score early and got that one late to close it off and make things a lot easier for ourselves at the end there. Overall, we just did what was necessary to win the game."

Sunday's contest was a defensive stalemate. Despite both teams registering double digits in shots, not one goal went past each team's respective goalkeepers.

Sophomore goalkeeper Darya Mosallaei got her second shutout of the weekend while picking up her sixth shutout on the season.

Mosallaei was pleased with her team and credited her defense.

"I think the defense plays really strong every time we play," Mosallaei said. "Lindsey Cole had a really big game-saving header to help me out in the last couple of minutes of the game. I was really appreciative of that. Overall,

I think we did a really good job keeping them out."

Sunday's match was a "big redemption game" to Mosallaei and the team. The last time Ferris suffered defeat was a 3-1 loss to Northern Michigan back in September.

Ferris currently sits at #2 in the GLIAC standings. With one game left in the regular season, they failed to get a win against the other two teams in the top three of the GLIAC.

In their two ties to Grand Valley, they only scored once while giving up one goal. In their tie and loss to Northern Michigan, they gave up three goals while only scoring one.

According to Henson, this is not an issue with one game left in the regular season.

"This is a very tough league," Henson said. "I think those games and those results, we're right there. We had opportunities today to finish, we just didn't

get it done. [I'm] not concerned at all. We'll find ways to find the back of the net. We did get it on Friday. A week ago against Grand Valley, we came back to tie them. It's all about just finding the result."

The Bulldogs will travel to Saginaw Valley on Friday to take on the Cardinals in their final game of the 2022 regular season.

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Area 5 versus Bulldogs

Special Olympians continue victory streak against Ferris hockey

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Culture Reporter

The roar of fans filled the student recreation center, cheering both the Ferris hockey team and the Area 5 Special Olympic team. On Tuesday, Oct. 18, the teams went head-to-head in a friendly poly hockey match.

The student section showed up with bright spirits and posters filled with encouraging messages for the players. Students and parents maintained high spirits while Ferris took the loss against the Special Olympic team.

The Area 5 Special Olympics program aims to provide year long competition in a variety of sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The athletes in the organization have opportunities to get involved in physical fitness and develop friendships within the community.

“Events like this help raise awareness and create an inclusive environment.”

“Events like this help raise awareness and create an inclusive environment,” Special Olympics College Club president and pre-medicine senior Dakota Young said.

Young runs the Unified Champion Club, which involves all the events with the Special Olympic athletes. She has also coached an Area 5 hockey team and sits on the board of the management team for the Special Olympics.

“I feel like the community kind of knows a little bit about [Special Olympics] but doesn’t know how to get involved... so events like this can get them involved, and it just shows their support for their community members,” Young said.

Young and others on her team strive to

provide a safe environment for all of the Special Olympians and encourage others to get involved in raising the spirits of others.

The poly hockey exhibition was organized and put on by Ferris’ Sports Careers RSO and Special Olympics College Club.

The event was meant to bring together Special Olympians, Ferris athletes, sport communication students and fans. “We had a little bit of a hiccup [because] it was a little struggle to get started at our seven o’clock start time, but everything works, and once it works, you just let it go and it plays itself,” survey engineering junior Niko LaGreca said.

LaGreca is a part of the Sports Careers RSO. He took photos and helped set up and tear down the event.

“When I was taking pictures, a Special Olympian scored, and the entire sideline went nuts,” LaGreca said.

He noted that this is a giant unification event for the athletes, fans and those running the event.

Business administration sophomore and Ferris hockey player Kaleb Ergang was the coach for Tuesday’s poly hockey game. Ergang said that his team’s strategy was to give the puck to their star player of the night, Tyler Cylerlawton, an incoming freshman in the general education program.

“Cylerlawton put up five goals tonight. That puts a smile on all our faces,” Ergang said. “Events like this are rewarding [because] everyone’s involved, and we can all get together to enjoy this sport.”

Cylerlawton was the captain of the Special Olympic hockey team, where he coached and supported his fellow players. After 16 years on the ice, this was Cylerlawton’s last game. Cylerlawton wishes his teammates from Area 5 and Ferris the best of luck in their upcoming season.



The Area 5 Special Olympics team plays floor hockey against the Ferris Hockey Team.

Photos courtesy of: Niko LaGreca

The curious case of post-punk

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Freelance Reporter

Post-punk seemingly died in the 80s after the emergence of college and alternative rock groups like R.E.M. and The Replacements, but the genre has had a surprising resurgence overseas.

Post-punk is the name that is essentially given to any punk band that doesn't really fall in the parameters of being a punk band. According to Oxford Languages, it usually constitutes rock music that sounds like punk music but is more focused on melodies, rather than raw aggression.

Now, bands in the United Kingdom and Ireland are reviving the once-dead genre after the pop-punk genre had a similar trajectory in the United States, although pop-punk fans didn't have to wait nearly as long as fans of post-punk did.

Two bands that are succeeding at the top of the genre are Black Midi and Black Country, New Road. Both had incredibly successful album releases this year, namely BCNR's, which will almost certainly push them to the forefront of alternative music in general.

BCNR's trajectory remains an interesting one to follow after lead singer Isaac Wood's surprising departure from the band just four days before the release of their sophomore effort, this year's "Ants From Up There." Since Wood's departure, several other band members have picked up songwriting and singing responsibilities and have said that they won't perform any songs off of their first two albums, both of

which Wood served as lead singer on.

Aside from the British side of the post-punk revival scene, there is a surprisingly strong sense of the movement in the mid-western United States, which is battling with its sister genre, Midwest emo.

One of the founding members of the post-punk revival movement, at least on the American side, is Detroit's own Pro-tomartyr, whose third album, 2015's "The Agent Intellect," garnered critical acclaim, namely for the standout single, "The Devil In His Youth."

According to Apple Music, the band began playing music together in 2010 before releasing their first album titled "No Passion All Technique" in 2012, where Michigan native Joe Casey takes the helm as lead singer with his uniquely passionate, baritone voice.

Back in Europe, another band that has made major waves since their debut album "Dogrel" dropped in 2019 is Ireland's Fontaines D.C., which is led by Grian Chatten. The band stands proudly in its Irish sensibilities, never trying to sound like something that they're not.

A lot of singers from the U.K. and Ireland will

put the "Hollywood" effect on their voice to sound more American, but Chatten never once does this. Instead, he retains his original Irish accent, which lends itself so incredibly well to tracks like "Big," "Boys in the Better Land" and "Jackie Down the Line."

Another great story of the British post-punk scene is the London-based group TV Priest. The band is comprised of a group of old high school friends who reunited after 20 years to play music together again.

The band played one gig together in an abandoned industrial freezer before

Covid-19 interrupted. Luckily, their maiden concert gained so much buzz that they were immediately signed to Sub Pop Records and released back-to-back records in 2021 and 2022, which are two of the strongest post-punk records in the last decade since the resurgence began.

The movement is obviously not limited to just these few groups, as there are many other great acts currently in the scene. Notably shame, Egyptian Blue, IDLES and many more, but I believe that the above mentioned bands are some of the ones that will stand the test of time.

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Boo to the flu

APhA hosts free flu shot clinic

Kylah Robinson
Culture Reporter

The American Pharmacists Association and Bikram Health Center helped keep the campus safe and healthy by offering free flu vaccines along with holiday treats.

Registered nurse Chelsea Sykes assisted students who wanted flu shots by collecting their contact and insurance card information in the Robinson Quad. While Sykes helped the students with their information, second year pharmacy students and APhA members Robin Rodriguez, Hailey Flood and Ryley Farwell gave out flu shots and doughnuts.

Rodriguez learned about the importance of having a pharmacist in the community while giving out vaccines in the past and decided she wanted to help the campus community as well.

"Our biggest goal was making it easy and accessible for students... so that way people don't have to go to the doctor for that," Rodriguez said.

Flu season typically lasts from December through May, but people can get the flu at any time of the year. Flu rates are highest during the winter, so getting the flu shot before winter arrives will prepare the body to have a good immune response.

Although flu shots are easily overlooked as unnecessary, Interim Director and women's health nurse practitioner Christy Bourd-

lais has seen research that says that, while the flu shot doesn't completely avoid sickness, they will make cases less severe.

"The severity of the illness can actually be quite worse than Covid," Bourdlais said. "So the flu shot is one of those that can prevent you from getting sick, but also if you are exposed with the flu, typically your symptoms are not as severe."

Common symptoms of the flu are fever, chills, body aches and a severe sore throat. Gastrointestinal side effects like nausea, vomiting and diarrhea can also occur.

With the fall season quickly turning into winter, Bourdlais has noticed that both the flu and allergies are affecting people, and it can be difficult to differentiate between the two.

"If you know that you are an allergy person and it makes sense that you would have allergies according to the season... I would say it makes sense [to assume you are experiencing allergies]," Bourdlais said. "If you feel fine and [are] not running a fever, mask up and keep your distance from people, but if you are feverish, and coughing and hacking all over the place, stay home. Just [use] a general sense of awareness of your body."

Appointments for flu shots at the Birkam Health Center can be scheduled online at the Healthy Dog Portal or over the phone.

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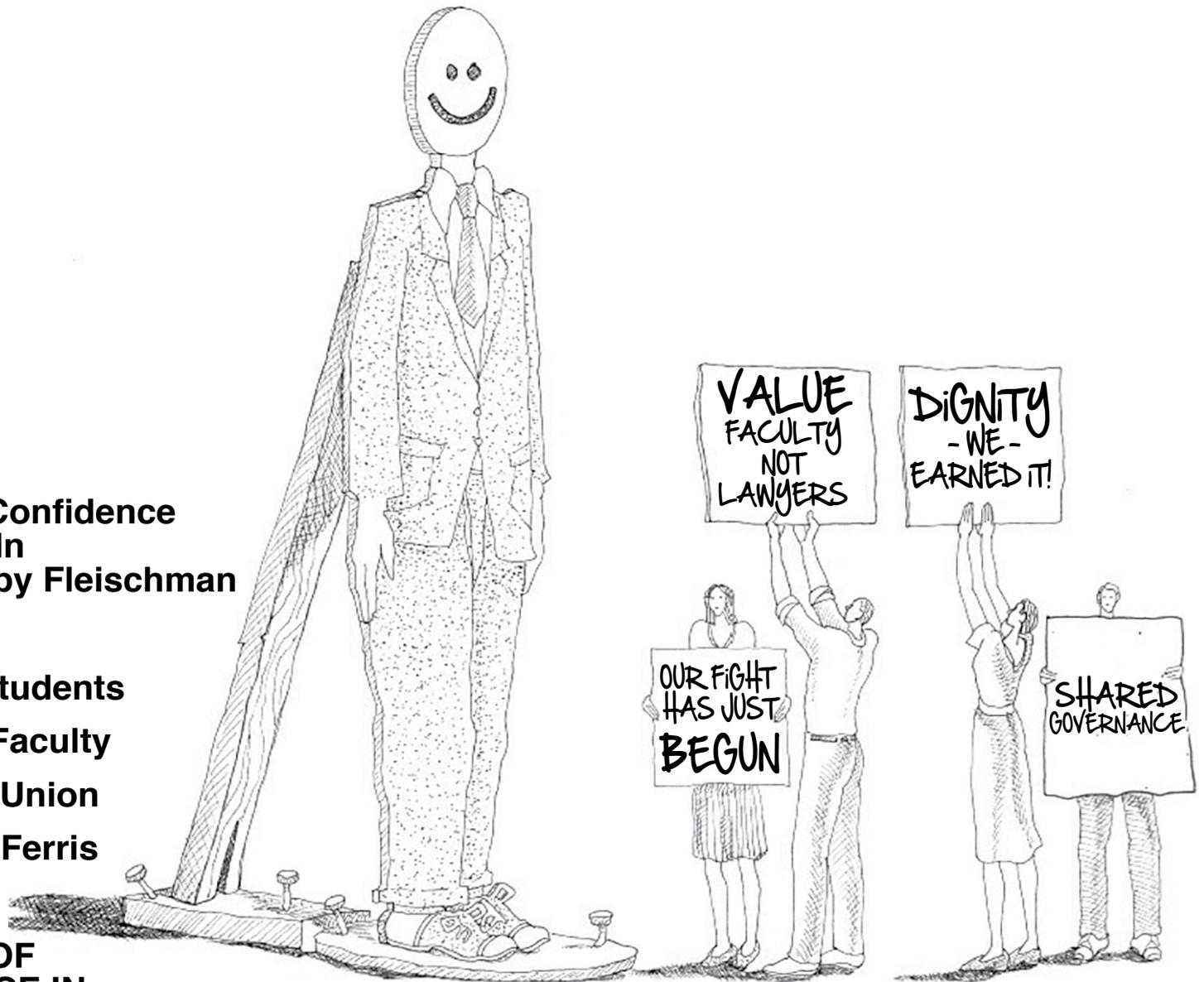
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