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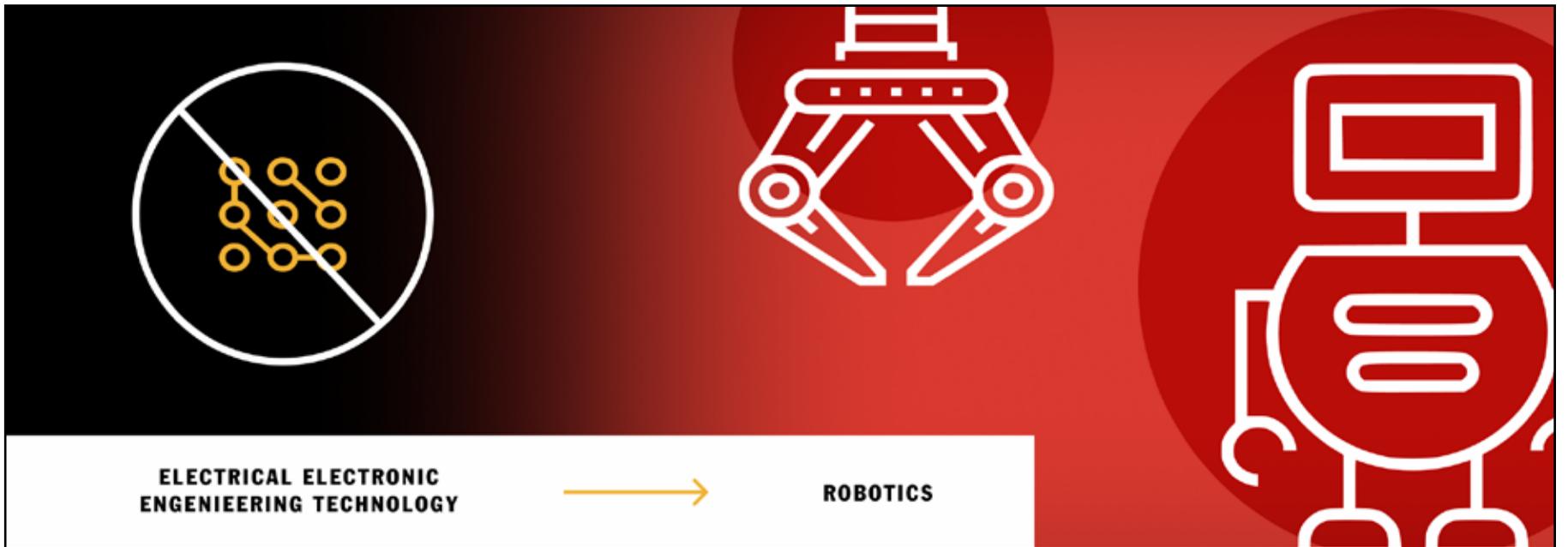
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## Ferris announces closure of EEET program



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### After losing accreditation, the program will run until Fall 2024

**Giuliana Denicolo & Dylan Rider**  
*Torch Editors*

The closure of the electrical/electronic engineering technology program has left many students at a crossroads of waiting, transferring or changing their major.

An informational meeting took place in the Swann building on Nov. 10. Students, faculty and staff attended, with Dean Mike Staley of the College of Engineering Technology leading. Staley explained the closure and held a Q&A session with students.

“The best path forward for the program [and] for the students was to teach out the programs and create a new program,” Staley said. “The program we will create will be around robotics automation control, which is kind of the future of engineering technology.”

Staley explained that the decision for the closure stemmed from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology’s assessment. According to Staley, the ABET’s standards are very high. The one deficiency outlined in the ABET report was that the program’s improvements “were made outside of the assessment data collection and reflection process.” Staley explained one potential course of action following the deficiency.

“We would have to create this process, and then we would have to collect data,” Staley said. “The courses where we have outcomes being assessed, whether it’s exams, projects or any other kind of assessment tools, we would have maybe fall and spring to do that. We have to reflect on that data, make a continuous improve-

ment plan and implement the plan to show we actually made some change.”

Staley added that if they were to have done this, they wouldn’t have had a full summer semester to show implementation. This posed a risk to both Staley and the students, one he wasn’t comfortable with taking. Despite Staley’s explanations and him answering questions throughout the meeting, students from the EEET program were shocked and unhappy with the closure.

The EEET program requires students to get their associates degree before pursuing their bachelors. The closure poses an issue for freshman and sophomores, as they will no longer be able to earn their bachelor’s degree in the program. For sophomore Abraham Evanzo, this change impacts him and his future heavily.

“I have put a great amount of risk into coming back to school, rather than just continuing to work,” Evanzo said. “By doing that, I have had to dip into massive amounts of my personal savings to come here. I want a [bachelor’s] in EEET. That’s why I came here. If I want to get that now, I have to go to a new school. The closest one is Central Michigan... I have to move hours away to be able to get this degree now.”

Evanzo described the abrupt announcement of the closure as the rug being pulled out from under him. Evanzo wasn’t the only frustrated student. Many students were critical of Staley and his reasoning behind the closure.

In a separate interview, Evanzo’s words were echoed by second year student John Bacha.

“Think of the school as ‘Aladdin,’” Bacha said. “We came to them saying we want to be successful in life. ‘That’s all I want, Genie. What are you gonna give me?’ They gave us the tools and the magic carpet to fly through the world and chase our dreams, and then they rip the carpet from beneath us, and now we are falling towards the Earth.”

Multiple students wished they had learned the news sooner. Some claim that their academic advisors previously encouraged them to change majors. Students are also confused as to why a successful program had to close.

Junior Manuel Paniagua has been told by employers he’s interned for that what Ferris does in this program is “amazing” and something they’d never seen before in college.

Dr. Robert Most is the only full time professor of the program. He and adjunct professor Dr. Al Palmer both remarked on the program’s high placement rate.

“We have over 100% placement. What does that mean?... Every graduate that we have gets multiple job offers,” Most said.

In the first week of October, faculty first learned about the closure during a meeting discussing ABET accreditation. Most felt “blindsided” by the news.

“On behalf of our program, I truly apologize to the families, to the parents and to whoever is supporting these students because, you know, I think that they expected a four year degree, and the freshmen and sophomores will not get that four year degree, and I’m sincerely sorry for that,” Most said.

Most has told his students that he

wants them to feel comfortable in talking about this because he believes it’ll help them all accept it.

“I told my students, ‘anytime that you guys feel like you need to talk about this, we’ll set time aside in class, we’ll put our pens away and we’ll just have a group discussion about this.’ I think talking about it is really an important part of a healing process, which needs to happen at this point,” Most said.

Director of the School of Engineering and Computing Technology Bill Koepf had recently stepped up to take the position in August. During this process, his job has been to help coordinate and schedule meetings with students.

Koepf describes his relationships with his students as “tight” as they share their concerns of the status of their jobs now that the program is shutting down. Koepf empathizes with his students who feel inconvenienced. Still, he understands the amount of work, time and money that was put into this trying to save the program.

“I really can’t stand up here and say that this has been done with the best interest of the students,” Koepf said. “It crushes me to hear them say that this was a financial decision. If they could only see the amount of hours that we’ve put in trying to solve this dilemma. No matter how you look at this, this is not something any of us wanted to go through.”

The groundwork for the new program is currently being laid, but there is no solid timetable for the program’s debut.

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# News

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## The future of MyFSU

A new design is coming to the university site for the convenience of students

Meghan Hartley  
News Reporter

By the fall of 2023, MyFSU will have a new look and feel to better help Bulldogs navigate campus life.

Since January, the IT Services Department has been working with software service vendors to bring a new design and page that will become the one-stop shop for faculty, staff and students.

MyFSU is one of the most commonly used sites by the Ferris community, as it links users to Canvas, Bulldog Connect, housing contracts, class registration and more. Eric Hazen, the Director of Digital Marketing in the University Advancement and Marketing Office, says it's too hard to navigate the website.

"It's not as easy to be a Bulldog as it should be right now," Hazen said. "You shouldn't have to dig through a ton of stuff that's not relevant to you. We have the technology and the ability to give you surface content that is relevant just to you."

Business administration junior Jordan Wilson says she finds MyFSU extremely confusing and outdated.

"How everything is laid out like, for housing, you have to open a whole different page," Wilson said. "MyHousing isn't connected to your meal plan and where you have to go to get bills or pay for your bills. It's not just all in one area, and [that] makes it way harder."

Wilson also described how she found

the process of trying to get a new ID confusing, stating the page and information she was looking for was not even on MyFSU.

Hazen and his team are working alongside Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Charlie Weaver and his team to bring a fresh MyFSU website that will "integrate content."

"So, somebody doesn't need to go and say, 'Alright, Bulldog Connect has this event and this event, we're going to manually type it into the system,'" Hazen said. "[Instead,] it's going to pull that data in from Bulldog Connect, it's going to pull that data in from the campus calendar, from Canvas, from wherever it exists natively, and it's going to display it in an easier-to-digest place all in one spot."

Hazen and Weaver say they originally reached out to five vendors who specialize in modern webpage design and have narrowed down their choices to two designs. They refrained from saying which companies they were working with for privacy reasons and to not give the impression that a choice had been made with other companies involved before any usability tests could be conducted.

This project is partially in-house and partially external. Weaver says the frame, or the base design, of the page will be created by a software service vendor. The information, colors, security and more will be added by his team.

Hazen and Weaver say the reason why



Graphic by: Sienna Parmelee | Production Manager

they decided to have a company design a website for them instead of having a department within Ferris take on the project was time. They said it would take a year to have a new MyFSU website created and ready to be released, while it takes up to 16 weeks with an outside company.

"It's a tool and resource that we can purchase that is going to be far easier for us to maintain, develop and contribute to than if we try to do something in-house," Weaver said. "The product itself comes from an outside company, but the content is what it looks like, the stuff that's in it, that's gonna come from us."

Since a vendor has not been selected

just yet, it is not certain how much this project will cost the university. However, Weaver says these systems typically range between \$15,000 and \$150,000. While the price may vary depending on the style of system their team decides on, they have full confidence the new look of the MyFSU website will be used over the course of ten years.

These changes are expected to be fully implemented in the fall of 2023, ahead of the new academic school year. Hazen and Weaver say they are looking to conduct usability tests in the next few months to receive input from students before releasing it completely.

## DPS Update

### DPS TO ADOPT BODY CAMERAS

Nolan Harris  
News Reporter

Chief Abe Haroon, Ferris' new Department of Public Safety director, announced plans for implementing body cameras at last week's Student Government Association meeting.

On Nov. 8, Haroon attended his second SGA meeting as DPS director. After introducing himself to the room, he explained that a body worn camera system will be implemented in January of 2023.

While Haroon will be finalizing this endeavor, the contract for the body cameras was signed in January of 2022. The cameras were shipped in May under the supervision of former DPS director Sheriff John Allen. The cameras currently sit in a box unused. This is the chief's second time working with body cameras in his career. He appreciates that he is not working "from the ground up."

There is a "tremendous amount of questions" regarding the camera's installation. The logistics of camera models, battery life, upload path and system storage all must be planned

out. With a great deal of the work already done, Haroon feels confident the policy will be ready for the new semester.

Psychology sophomore Ainsley Miller values the role the body cameras will play in "keeping the facts straight" when an officer arrives on scene. She believes the cameras will ensure that officers are being held accountable, which will enforce their commitment to safety. Some students expressed worry about the financial cost of the body cameras.

A senior in the criminal justice program who wished to remain anonymous added that body cameras are there for accountability.

"When you're in the criminal justice field, you're on your own, and you're expected to uphold a certain sort of stature," one student said.

The criminal justice students also emphasized body cameras' role in increasing safety, stating that they "provide safety for the individual and the officers." They also explained that there is almost no other alternative policy for body cameras.

### CURRENT PARKING REGULATIONS

Jessica Oakes  
News Editor

An updated list of campus parking rules and regulations has been posted to Ferris' Department of Public Safety website.

Notable changes to previous rules include:

"Motor vehicles shall be parked only in lot(s) assigned by the parking permit they were issued."

"Parking in the meter areas is enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

A previous sheet posted to Ferris' website titled "Vehicle Registration & Parking - Did you know" reads as follows:

"Did you know if you park at a meter you must pay the meter fee? After 5 p.m. meters are free, except at the Rock where they are enforced until 8 p.m. Parking at meters is prohibited from 2 a.m. - 6 a.m."

"Did you know if you have a residence hall or apartment parking permit you may only park in your assigned lot on campus during the day Monday through Friday or pay to park

at a meter? After 5 p.m., you may park in a commuter or faculty/staff lot until 2 a.m., then you must return to your assigned lot"

Any previous parking rules that differ from those currently posted on the DPS website are now invalid.



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DPS director Abe Haroon addressed the Student Government Association

# STUDENT LOAN UPDATE

**Noah Kurkjian**  
*Editor in Chief*

A firm block was put in front of President Joe Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan on Thursday, Nov. 10. A Texas federal judge appointed by former President Donald Trump stopped the program in its tracks under the guise that the president did not have the authority to act in the way he did.

The case, brought by the Job Creators Network Foundation, completely halts the program from progressing, whereas the previously filed injunction

stopped it until conditions were met. The Biden administration has already filed an appeal to this decision, according to USA Today.

“In this case, the HEROES Act — a law [that provides] loan assistance to military personnel defending our nation — does not provide the executive branch clear congressional authorization to create a \$400 billion student loan forgiveness program,” wrote Judge Mark Pittman in his judgment on the case obtained by USA Today. “The Program is thus an unconstitutional exercise of Congress’s legislative power

and must be vacated.”

The administration claims it has the power to create programs like this one in states of emergency — the emergency in this case being the COVID-19 pandemic.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre affirmed in a statement that the administration has filed an appeal with the Department of Justice.

“We will never stop fighting for hardworking Americans most in need — no matter how many roadblocks our opponents and special interests try to put in our way,” Jean-Pierre said in a

statement, according to USA Today.

While the application on studentaid.gov is now closed, the over 26 million borrowers who have already applied should rest assured that their information is being held, and they don’t need to reapply if the application reopens, according to the Biden administration.

The JCNF filed this suit on behalf of two borrowers that would not benefit from the student loan forgiveness program. The organization claims that this “bailout does nothing to address the root cause of unaffordable tuition.”

## ON THE RECORD

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

**Jessica Oakes**  
*News Editor*

### Roommate to doormates

Nov. 2, 8 p.m. - An East Campus Suites resident reported harassment from a former roommate. The behavior was ongoing and reportedly delivered through a third party. The case was closed and sent to judicial referral.

### Mirror in the rearview

Nov. 4, 10:30 p.m. - An instance of malicious destruction of property was reported in Lot 9A near Bond Circle. A student went to their car and found it to be missing the driver’s side rear view mirror. The case was closed due to a lack of leads but would reopen if new information is brought to the Department of Public Safety.

### Overseas extortion

Nov. 6, 7:15 p.m. - An extortion threat was reported from McNerney Hall. The complainant sent revealing photos to someone they met online, who then threatened to forward the photos to friends and family unless the complainant paid. The complainant was advised to block this person’s number. The suspect was likely overseas and could not be traced by DPS.

### Wink stinks (of weed)

Nov. 7, 2:19 a.m. - One DPS officer was dispatched for a “suspicious situation” in which he encountered two students smoking marijuana in the Wink Arena parking lot. The case was moved to judicial referral.

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### Corrections

**For the story released on Aug. 31, “Phi Sigma Kappa partners with drink protection company”**

The Torch mistakenly characterized Phi Sigma Kappa’s purchase of NightCaps anti-spiking scrunchies as a partnership between the fraternity and the company. While the company did acknowledge the purchase on social media, they do not partner with or sponsor fraternities because they “can’t vet them.”

# Bloody good ghost hunt

Chris Fleming: Ghost Hunter comes to Ferris



Photo by: Evan Hibbard | Freelance Photographer

Chris Fleming, host of Help! My House is Haunted and Haunted Scotland, comes to Ferris to speak about his real-life experiences with the paranormal.

**Ember St. Amour**  
News Reporter

Despite once being shamed and shaken by his Catholic school peers for lying about the paranormal, Chris Fleming came to Ferris last week as a professional ghost hunter.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Fleming gave a presentation exploring paranormal sightings and the equipment used in ghost hunts. Following the presentation, thirteen guests and their plus ones embarked on a ghost hunt.

Attending the show were accounting finance junior Tyler Brandel, marketing junior Colton Cook and pre-veterinary medicine junior Alexis Saagman. All three were skeptical of Fleming and came out to watch him for the entertainment. While

they believed that some of what Fleming had said could be true, they weren't convinced by the end of the presentation.

Upon arrival at Three Girls Bakery, Fleming noticed a woman in the upstairs window. He then confirmed with the bakery staff that no one was upstairs and what he saw on his way in was not a person. Fleming also indicated that he smelled tobacco after walking into the bakery, though no one was smoking or chewing tobacco. Fleming then began an electronic voice phenomenon session in the bakery, where he asked questions and made out a few words before the actual hunt began.

Once upstairs, participants were split into groups to investigate. Fleming stood at the end of the hall and used an app called Necrophonic to contact any spirits in the building. He then gave the partic-

ipants a chance to ask the spirits questions. At the end, with each group Fleming communicated with the spirits to try to convince them to cross over.

Construction management junior Jack Moloney was exploring the lower level of the bakery with two other participants while waiting for their turn to go upstairs. They were given an electromagnetic field reader by Fleming and made their way towards the back of the room, away from the appliances.

"We put [the EMF reader] up to a painting, and then we asked it if it was mad at us. 'Spirit, are you mad at us?' Then I thought my nose started running. My nose, it was bleeding," Moloney said.

When Fleming "asked the spirits" why Moloney's nose started bleeding, he was told it was "to teach them something."

After Fleming had talked to the spirits with the final group of participants, he recommended that anyone who was not feeling well after the hunt say a prayer. That way, he explained, the entities knew they were not welcome to stay.

Fleming has been experiencing the paranormal since he was three years old. He grew up in a haunted house, and many people did not believe his ghost stories.

Fleming stated throughout the night that "believing is one thing, knowing is another." He explained that he doesn't just believe in the supernatural, he knows that the supernatural exists, and has been experiencing it his whole life. He has been visiting colleges since 2006 and hopes that those who have supernatural experiences who attend his events realize that they are not alone.

## MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

**Jessica Oakes**  
News Editor

**Three proposals passed:** A record-breaking 4.8 million Michiganders voted in last week's midterm, approving all three ballot proposals.

The state constitution will soon be amended to adjust term limits and expand voting and reproductive rights. Michigan's constitution also states that proposed amendments approved by the majority of voters will take effect 45 days after the election, which will be Dec. 23.

Proposal 1 passed with 66.5%. This will require members of the state legislature to publicly file annual financial disclosure reports after 2023. The finances will include assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts and travel reimbursements. In addition, state representatives and senators elected following the 2022 midterm will have

a 12-year total term limit.

Proposal 2 passed with an even 60%. This amendment requires all military and overseas ballots be counted if dated and sent by election day, nine days of early in-person voting and state-funded drop boxes and postage for absentee voters. It also provides voters with the right to verify identity with ID or signature and apply once to vote absentee in all elections. While some of these acts were already legal, Proposal 2 enshrines them in the state constitution.

Proposal 3 passed with 56.7% of the vote. The Reproductive Freedom for All initiative allows individuals the right to "carry out all decisions about pregnancy," including contraception, sterilization, abortion and prenatal and postpartum care. The state is allowed to "regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed." All state laws conflicting with this amendment will be invalidated.

## GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

**Jessica Oakes**  
News Editor

Elon Musk's Twitter takeover has been nothing short of dramatic.

In less than a month, the social media forum has been wrought with drama, including a reported rise in hate speech, eight dollar blue checkmarks and the abuse of the purchasable blue checkmarks.

According to Center for Countering Digital Hate, the organization who checked Musk's claim of lower hate speech, found that 82,057 tweets that include slurs towards African Americans and members of the LGBTQ+ community. All of which increased dramatically from the 2022 average. 4,789 other tweets carried various other slurs against different ethnicities and races.

Musk and Twitter also debuted blue checkmarks for those who paid eight dollars a month for Twitter Blue. The

release of this feature created a firestorm of parody accounts posing as businesses and people. The impact of impersonation has ranged. Someone impersonating Edmonton Oilers superstar Connor McDavid harmlessly announced a fake trade. On the other end, someone impersonating Eli and Lilly, a pharmaceutical company, announced that insulin would be free. This resulted in a 4.5% drop in Eli and Lilly's stock. This also occurred with weapons manufacturer Lockheed & Martin.



# Sports

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## Consecutive crowns

### Volleyball stifles Lakers for second straight tournament title

**Brandon Wirth**  
Sports Reporter

For the second straight season, Ferris found themselves hoisting the GLIAC tournament trophy after defeating rival Grand Valley 3-2 in a championship classic.

The Bulldogs initially won the first two sets of the match 25-16 and 25-23, thanks to an efficient offensive attack. While Grand Valley made defensive adjustments and eventually tied the match 2-2 after 25-20 and 25-17 wins in set three and four, respectively, it was the Bulldogs that clinched the title after outlasting the Lakers' in the fifth and final set.

"In my perfect world, we would have put that bad boy away a little sooner," head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said. "We gave up the run and pulled ourselves back into the match. You have to be proud of that."

Ferris was led in the match individually by Hannah Tecumseh with 18.5 points on 14 kills, who replaced Emma Bleacher following a first set injury. Olivia Henneman-Dallape registered 16 kills and

17 points, while Claire Nowicki added 13 kills for 16 points. Leah Bylut added 30 digs, and GLIAC Tournament MVP Kaylee Maat recorded 50 assists. Syann Fairfield led the Bulldogs with four block assists.

"We lost a starter in the first set," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "I was really excited [with] how the team responded to that. [Tecumseh] did fabulous, and the whole team rallied around it."

With the victory, the Bulldogs claimed both the GLIAC regular season and the GLIAC tournament title for the seventh time since 2014. Ferris also earned an automatic berth to the NCAA DII National Tournament, where they were selected as the number three seed in the Midwest bracket.

To reach the title game, Ferris fended off a tough matchup with number five seeded Michigan Tech in the semifinal 3-1 on Friday. The Bulldogs used an elite defensive effort to rally back and win three consecutive sets after losing the opener. Ferris held the Huskies to a .206 hit percentage over the final three frames,

as opposed to a .469 effort in the first. Following the match, Brandel-Wilhelm gave credit to the Huskies' offensive attack for causing the slow start.

"I thought Michigan Tech played so well," Brandel-Wilhelm said. "Their offense was great, and it took us a long time to find any rhythm."

Fairfield led Ferris with 23.5 points individually with 16 kills and nine block assists. Nowicki finished the semifinal with 18.5 points on 17 kills, followed by Henneman-Dallape and Bleacher with nine points each. Maat added 51 assists in the contest, and Bylut paced with 20 digs for the Bulldogs.

In Wednesday's quarterfinal match, Ferris added their third win on the season against Lake Superior State with a 3-0 win over the Lakers. The Bulldogs used a tournament high of 2.67 service aces per set in the contest with a tournament low two reception errors to pass by the eight-seeded Lakers on Wednesday night.

Bleacher led Ferris with a breakout performance of 15.5 points individually on 14

kills, followed by Henneman-Dallape with nine points and Fairfield with 7.5. Maat collected 29 assists and 11 digs with Bylut adding 11 digs and Fairfield finished with three block assists.

"I think Lake State did a great job of throwing us out of system and giving us a lot of junk," Bleacher said. "In the beginning, we weren't talking as much, but we started implementing that, and it was better."

Ferris notched their ninth GLIAC tournament championship in program history, leading Grand Valley by three for most in the conference. The Bulldogs also clinched their 10th consecutive 20-win season, excluding the shortened COVID season, under the leadership of Brandel-Wilhelm.

Ferris improved to 24-9 on the year and will return to action on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the opening quarterfinal match against the #6 seed Ashland Eagles, a team they beat twice a year ago in Big Rapids. The tournament will be hosted at Quincy University in East Peoria, Ill. Game time for the contest has yet to be announced.



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Kaylee Maat attacks a ball during Ferris' 3-0 victory over Lake State in the GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinal match. Maat would go on to win tournament MVP.

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# Still dancing

## Soccer's historic season continues

Joseph Nagy  
Sports Reporter

For the second time in program history, the Bulldogs have advanced to the NCAA DII Regional Championship game.

The sixth-seeded Bulldogs upset Ashland and Cedarville to start the tournament. They beat the three seed Ashland with penalty kicks in the opening round and then beat the two seed Cedarville 3-1 in the second round.

Ferris was just two seeds away from not even making the tournament. Their strong performances to start the tournament have their Cinderella story continuing. After a 1-3-2 start to the regular season, there were times where a NCAA DII tournament appearance seemed very unlikely.

"That really drove us and gave us momentum and fuel for the fire," head coach Greg Henson said. "Just extremely proud. Glad to be a part of this journey."

The Bulldogs got off to a slow start on Thursday, not having much in the way of production for the greater part of the first half. They were pushed back even farther once Ashland opened up the scoring at 37:25 on a shot from Leah Goedde that barely got through the defense of goalkeeper Darya Mosallaei.

Coming out of halftime, the Bulldogs

started quickly on offense. Senior Nikki May tied the game just under three minutes into the half. She rocketed a volley from the top of the goalie box into the top left corner to tie up the score.

"We needed to go out into the second half really strong," May said. "So scoring that was really a breakthrough for us, and we really needed it."

Staunch defensive efforts from both teams closed out regulation with a tie game. The overtime periods nearly came to an end as the Bulldog offense created two chances to send the Eagles packing, but the missed opportunities pushed the game into penalty kicks.

Ashland got out to a 2-0 lead in the penalty kick. But the Bulldogs' leading scorer, Isabella Zamborini, breathed new life by answering with a goal of her own to bring the score to 2-1, which was followed by a big stop by Mosallaei and another goal by May in the third round. The back and forth continued into the 8th round, where Brinley Bell slotted the ball through Ashland's keeper to tie the score at 8-8. Another stop by Mosallaei meant that senior Isabella Sabo had a chance to finish the game.

Both benches looked on as Sabo stepped back. The preparation gave the Bulldogs flashbacks to last season, when

they lost to Saginaw Valley in penalty kicks 3-0 in the opening round of the NCAA DII tournament play. But this time, the Bulldogs came out on top in the penalty kicks. Sabo's kick to the top left caught keeper Bri Rogers off balance, bringing a walk-off win for the team in the ninth round of penalty kicks.

"We were confident," Sabo said. "We practice [penalty kicks] everyday, and we came out and got the result."

The Bulldogs lived to fight another day and a fight they would have. Playing into the underdog role once again as they would took on Cedarville, who held the #2 seed in the region.

With snow on the field, mother nature delayed the game by an hour, but that did nothing to cool Ferris down. At 24:22, Zamborini scored her 12th goal of the season off a pass from freshman Ella Wolf. Despite the early lead, the production slowed down for the duration of the half.

Ferris extended their lead at 80:03 when a lobbed corner kick from Grace Pratt found the head of senior Jessie Bandyk. Bandyk's leaping header barely made it over the outstretched arms of Cedarville's keeper and went bardown to put the Bulldogs at a 2-0 advantage late in regulation.

"It's the resiliency of this group. They've

shown it game in and game out," Henson said. "It's that grit and determination that really makes us a tough team to play against."

31 seconds later, the Yellow Jackets answered. Cedarville's Mary Kate Wyer scored the lone goal for the opposition and breathed new life into the team.

But the change in momentum was short lived, as Zamborini found herself with the ball on a breakaway. She fought her way past the last defender, giving herself a one-on-one opportunity against the keeper. She cut to the left and found a wide open angle for her 13th goal of the season, which iced the game for the Bulldogs at 88:46.

The Yellow Jackets had 15 shots compared to 12 for Ferris, six corner kicks to Ferris' five and three fewer fouls. But this next stat line is in Ferris' favor: three goals to one.

With the win, Ferris will head to Bemidji, Minn. on Friday, Nov. 18, to face rival and top seed Grand Valley for the Midwest Regional Championship at 1 p.m. Ferris faced Grand Valley in the same game in 2018 and lost 2-1. The Bulldogs tied Grand Valley twice in the regular season and lost 3-0 in the GLIAC Semifinal.



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# Hockey victorious in exhibition



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Former Bulldog (2021-2022 season) Brendon Michaelian (number 5) greets his former teammates after the Bulldogs' 5-1 victory over Mercyhurst.

## Ferris scores season-high five goals against Mercyhurst

**Dylan Rider**  
Opinions Editor

The Bulldogs recorded their best offensive output of the season during a 5-1 exhibition win against the Mercyhurst Lakers.

The exhibition game, which had an irregular 1 p.m. start, had five different Bulldogs score through three periods. Four of these goals came in the first period, which is also a season high.

Within the first five minutes of the game, senior forward Dallas Tulik, junior forward Stepan Pokorny and junior forward Antonio Venuto all scored. Junior defenseman Ben Schultheis topped off scoring eight minutes after the previous goal.

Sophomore forward Bradley Marek, who scored the fifth and final goal for the Bulldogs in the third, gave his thoughts on the game.

"We played hard, and we played our game," Marek said. "It was good to be able to build on [our game] heading into our next weekend against Bowling Green. At the same time, we know we have more work to keep pushing on."

The last time the Bulldogs scored four or more goals in a single period was a five goal period against Bowling Green on Dec. 10, 2021.

Coming into the game, Ferris had scored just one 5-on-5 goal in their previous four games. With all five goals against Mercyhurst coming during 5-on-5 play, associate head coach Drew Famulak was pleased.

"It's been an emphasis this week in practice," Famulak said. "We've been really harping on

that and trying to get to the net."

Alongside the offensive eruption, both Mercyhurst and the Bulldogs combined for a litany of penalties.

In total, the two teams combined for 20 penalties and 51 penalty minutes. 33 of the minutes belonged to Ferris.

Among the penalties was a game misconduct and ejection of freshman forward Tyler Schleppe. Schleppe was called for contact to the head after a big hit on former Bulldog Brendon Michaelian that left Michaelian motionless on the ice for nearly three minutes. He needed to be helped off the ice.

The CCHA reviewed the play where Schleppe hit Michaelian and determined that Schleppe will not be suspended.

Michaelian seemed to be in good spirits after the game as he greeted his former teammates on the ice.

Logan Stein, who recorded two saves and one goal allowed, gave his thoughts on Michaelian's return.

"It's a little weird to play against a former teammate," Stein said. "[Michaelian] was a great player and teammate for us here, and we were sad to see him go. We obviously wish him the best at Mercyhurst."

All three goaltenders received playing time. The trio of Stein, sophomore Noah Giesbrecht and freshman Joey Henson stopped 26 of 27 shots.

The Bulldogs will remain at home for their next matchup against Bowling Green on Nov. 18 and 19. Puckdrop for Friday's game is 7:07 p.m.

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## EDITORS COLUMN: *The midsemester slump*

**Noah Kurkjian**  
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If you couple the fact that classes are becoming increasingly difficult as they progress with the passing of midterms, the shortening of days and the sharp drop in temperatures, you have the perfect recipe for a midsemester slump.

After midterms were completed last fall, I retreated to my LED strip lit room and binged an unhealthy number of seasons of "Grey's Anatomy." By the time the weeks hit double digits in the semester, getting up and going to class started to feel like an unfathomable chore. This year, I'm working to change these feelings and stay on track.

### Adjust the routine

For starters, I'm adjusting my routine to ensure that I'm seeing

the most sunlight that I can. While I may be a night owl, the ever earlier darkness puts an extreme damper on my mood. I'm trying to shift my awake hours up a bit so that I can bask in the bright sun for as long as it's out.

The time change helped jumpstart this change, as my body doesn't just take on an extra hour of sleep. While it's taking some time to get adjusted to meeting the sun between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m., eking out those precious few hours of daylight is well worth the effort. On the backend, going to bed earlier has been the easy part.

I've also shifted around my routine for getting stuff done. I used to take my mornings slowly, ensuring I was primed and ready for the day. Now, I wake up and get breakfast as soon as I can, and then it's off to the races. I typically like to be working on

homework or one of my asynchronous classes by 9:30 a.m. to put the sunlight to good use.

This shift allows me to have my leisure time in the evening when the sun has already disappeared for the day. While I may be a night owl, there is such a thing as too much darkness for me, so I try and mitigate that the best I can.

### Embrace the season

I'm also trying to lean into the fall and early winter season a bit more than usual. I've carved pumpkins for Halloween, planned more Thanksgiving get-togethers than I can keep track of and started doing my Christmas shopping and decorating early. While I haven't put up the tree yet, I'm really looking forward to a sense of community this year.

I'm also working to learn to tolerate the cold. While I'm no

skier or snowboarder, Big Rapids offers some incredibly beautiful walking and hiking trails for those who like more tame winter exercise. The cooler air is more oxygenated, making it an even more enticing time to get out and get active.

This is also the perfect time to try something new. I finally invested in a crockpot towards the end of last winter, so I'm looking forward to seeing what tasty soups and stews I can make in just one crock. I'll probably need to buy a second freezer for what I have planned.

For those feeling the midsemester slump, don't fret. There are only three and a half weeks of instruction left at the time of print. Finish strong, keep up the hard work and don't falter just before the finish line.



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# Culture

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## Senior spotlight

### SHERYL KARRIP'S PATH TO SUCCESS



Photos courtesy of Sheryl Karrip

**Mackenzie Griffin**  
Culture Reporter

Many seniors are preparing to graduate, including Sheryl Karrip, who is ready to finish her six-year stint at Ferris and walk across the stage.

Karrip will be graduating with a degree in business administration and a minor in human resources. She is originally from Grand Rapids and chose to attend Ferris because of its proximity to her home. Keeping the smaller community environment was also a deciding factor of hers because it's what she has been used to her whole life. She appreciated the interpersonal connections

she could make on a smaller campus and how easy it would be to communicate with professors.

"I figured this would be a great opportunity for me because [Ferris is] so small," Karrip said.

Along with her academics, she is involved all across campus. She can be found working in the David L. Eisler Center as an information assistant, at Zeta Tau Alpha as a sorority woman, on the field with her intramural softball team and working with the Student Leadership Activities Advisory Council, a Registered Student Organization that helps start-up other RSOs. Most notably, she is the current Panhellenic Council president, and she enjoys her job overseeing all the sororities on campus.

"I am very involved with sorority life, and, to be honest, I really think that's my biggest accomplishment because I have done really great things with it," Karrip said.

Not only was she Sorority Woman of the Year in 2021, she also planned an event in that same year that won "Best Programming" at the Torch-bearer Awards. This event was called "Best Greek on Campus." This event was a talent show that allowed members of Ferris' Greek life to participate in and spread information about their philanthropy, which for Zeta Tau Alpha is breast cancer education and awareness.

Though she has accomplished a lot during her

time at Ferris, she has also experienced some struggles. She describes herself as a very independent person, which can make asking for help and seeking on-campus resources difficult for her.

Associate Dean of Student Life and Karrip's boss Nicholas Campau believes that he and her coworkers are very fortunate to have Karrip on their team.

With many great qualities, her attention to detail is what Campau has noticed and appreciates deeply. Her current position as an information assistant was created uniquely for her.

"[Karrip] is someone that we can kind of give vague ideas of what we want done, and she'll just make it happen in a way you didn't know... you wanted it, but it [gets] done the right way," Campau said.

According to Campau, having Karrip at work is always reassuring. He describes her as someone that thinks ahead to what a person didn't ask for and provides them with what they need to know.

Compassionate, fiercely loyal and passionate are three words he uses to describe Karrip's "incredible personality."

As she's training the next person to take her role as Panhellenic Council president, Campau believes that "it's not just a side gig for her" and that her commitments to her extracurriculars, connections and sorority are proof of that.

"[Karrip] has given a lot to Ferris... While she is one that is here to help others grow, she's a teacher [and] she's a learner, and one of the things that I really appreciate is she finishes and closes strong," Campau said.

Human resource management senior

Zoie Willson portrays her "best friend" as a role model.

"I think no matter what she ends up doing, she's gonna lead," Willson said. "It's not going to take her very long to get on top. I think everybody that meets her sees this power in her, and I think that in a couple of years, she's going to be top of the game, whatever she's doing."

Willson met Karrip about four years ago, but says it took them a while to become close friends because of their "strong personalities." Finally, they found their balance when they first had to work together on the Panhellenic Council. Willson believes that after they gained respect for each other, their friendship blossomed.

"I always say I think [Karrip] and I could take over the world," Willson said. "We are just a power duo..., we motivate each other. I think we really balance each other out."

Once Karrip graduates, she will be heading up north to Petosky, Mich. Last summer she interned at Boyne Highlands and has been offered a job to come back and be an event manager for their events team.

Her advice to other students is to not "be afraid to get involved." She advises others to get out there because she believes it's one of the best things you can do at Ferris.

If Karrip hadn't taken her own advice, she believes she wouldn't have made connections that were vital to her current and future successes.

*Giuliana Denicolo contributed to the reporting and writing of this story.*



# Jazz It Up

## Ferris' jazz band's fall performance

**Jasmine Baar**  
Culture Reporter

Mellow and sophisticated sounds of jazz music filled the Williams Auditorium the night of Ferris' jazz band's fall concert.

The young musicians have been working hard since the third week of the semester to put on this performance. Although there was a shortage of fans in the crowd, that didn't stop attendees from packing the auditorium with cheers and adoration for the sweet-sounding music and talented musicians.

Electrical engineering freshman Logan Hargreaves plays the trumpet and synthesizer, and he performed five solos at the fall concert. He feels free when playing music in the band.

Hargreaves believes that because of their director, Matthew Moresi, the atmosphere of the music building doesn't feel like it needs to be serious all of the time.

"That's kind of the air around the whole music building. It doesn't have to be strict to be considered good," Hargreaves said.

This is dental hygiene senior Morgan Olsen's fourth year in the jazz band. As a

freshman, she played with other bands at Ferris, but ultimately decided to stick with this one.

"Do it for fun, do whatever you want to do and it's better to try than wish you had," Olsen said.

Moresi is cherished by his students because he doesn't make them feel pressured. Instead, he encourages them to play and practice for pleasure. He truly believes that being involved in music provides many skills that can be used in college and life.

"I've always thought music was a great trainer for success in life by teaching [you] how to be responsible for your individual assignments and how they fit into a larger structure," Moresi said. "The understanding of expectations, roles and hierarchy and the ability to dedicate yourself to the daily study of something."

What Moresi teaches his students is how to be a good person inside and outside the classroom. Responsibility, teamwork and self-growth are skills he wants his students to take away from him.

Each musician has a part to play in jazz band, and when everyone plays their part correctly, a beautiful arrangement is heard.

Business sophomore Sydney Palmer

decided to go to the concert spontaneously. She believes that getting to go to a free concert should be taken advantage of because, why not, it's a part of the young adult experience.

The jazz band will rock a full show of holiday music, with many selections from the "Charlie Brown Christmas Special" at their next concert on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Williams Auditorium.



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The jazz band performed "Chameleon" by Herbie Hancock and many other hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's.

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