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## Gotion brings national politics to Big Rapids

GOP candidate visits local farm, students weigh in on controversy



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Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy takes the Majestic Friesians horse farm stage in Big Rapids.

Jessica Oakes  
Editor in Chief

Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy spoke against the upcoming Gotion factory at Majestic Friesians Horse Farm north of campus.

“Independence from Communist China” is high on Ramaswamy’s list of policy commitments. Seated in lawn chairs, Thursday’s audience responded well to his calls for American exceptionalism.

Many gasped as the politician read a Chinese Communist Party pledge that employees allegedly recite within Gotion North America’s parent company, Gotion Inc.

“Now, a company that recites that bastardized pledge of allegiance I read you [is] getting ready to build a taxpayer-subsidized battery plant across the street right over there,” Ramaswamy said. “That’s why we’re not going to let it happen. The reality is you got to know how deep this cancer runs.”

Nearly one year after the factory’s initial announcement, the project and its surrounding rhetoric have drawn in student advocates.

Education sophomore Graham Wolinski attended the event in opposition to Ramaswamy’s poli-

cies. He reports being instructed to stay 100 feet from the stage after satirically shouting, “Way to go, Communism” while Ramaswamy quoted the CCP.

Wolinski accused Ramaswamy of having the same “violence” as former president Donald Trump. He also believes that even if the location of the Gotion project is problematic, the factory is necessary for both the town and the state.

“We need the jobs,” Wolinski said. “With Michigan being an automotive state and Gotion making batteries, [General Motors] is trying to switch to fully electric cars by 2035. We’re going to need a battery plant. This will bring a lot of money into Big Rapids.”

Computer information technology senior Sam Skene found himself particularly concerned with “xenophobic and racist attacks against Chinese businesses.”

Skene co-founded the FSU Students Coalition for Jobs in support of the employment opportunities Gotion plans to bring to Big Rapids.

“In the last decade or so, we’ve lost a little bit over 2,000 jobs in the area. Now people are commuting to Grand Rapids and stuff like that to get jobs,” Skene said. “This

is going to bring 2,300 high-paying jobs to the area.”

Skene also noted Mecosta County’s poverty rate, which is nearly 1.4 times the state average according to Census Reporter.

Jake Loutzenhiser, a construction management student and president of FSU College Republicans, attended Thursday’s event with other members of his organization.

The College Republicans attended with concerns for Gotion’s environmental impact.

“[People say,] ‘We need to get rid of all the general emission cars. We need to build EVs’... then when it comes to this beautiful landscape we have here, ‘Oh, no, it’s fine. We’ll just put a giant battery plant that’s going to end up poisoning everything around here,’” Loutzenhiser said.

Loutzenhiser’s comment echoed Ramaswamy’s disregard for environmental concerns surrounding fossil fuels, consistently calling the climate “agenda” a “hoax.”

The event was held on farmland six miles from Ferris’ campus. MLive reports that 260 of the acres of land purchased for the factory are industrial. The remaining 10 acres were zoned industrial

for 20 years before shifting to agricultural land. The Gotion project would see the land re-zoned for industrial use.

The new Mecosta Environmental and Security Alliance organized Thursday’s event after sending a notice of intent to sue Gotion Inc. over concerns regarding the Endangered Species Act.

“We have, in the letter, brought an Endangered Species Act claim, technically called a Section 9 claim, which allows citizen suits against the government or private parties for anyone who, quote, ‘takes an endangered species,’” MESA’s attorney Robby Dube said in WOOD-TV. “Taking an endangered species can include killing them, harming them, disturbing them, messing with their habitat or their food sources.”

MESA was formed in response to the Gotion project. According to its website, MESA opposes “any attempt to bring a business into our community that threatens harm to our environment, or has ties to foreign governments who threaten harm to America.”

University President Bill Pink spoke on how to properly navigate the informational landscape of the project, as it has become a local hot-button issue.

“This boils down to, who do you listen to?” Pink said. “The conversations that I’ve had with and have heard from [Gotion], they have a strong focus on making sure that their carbon footprint and environmental footprint is paid close attention to. If you don’t believe them, then you’re not going to go for that. If you believe them, you are at ease.”

Pink is saddened by the division sown in the Big Rapids community by the Gotion project. With Ferris as a financial partner in the project, he sees it as “no different” than any other company that the university has worked with.

“We will do our due levels of diligence to ensure that we’re doing all we can with any type of threat,” Pink said. “That, I feel, is indicative of what we do here at Ferris State. We’ll continue to do all we can to protect that. But quite frankly, from a national security perspective. I’m not so sure I am in full agreement that it is of a heightened concern.”

Citing Ferris’ “awesome” automotive program, Pink sees the Gotion project as one way for future students and alumni to find decent-paying jobs without leaving the area after graduation.

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# News

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## DCCL director's plans for program

### Helping students look for a change in education

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After welcoming its 14th cohort in the summer of 2023, the doctorate in community college leadership program has a system to help students develop skills in education.

Launched in June 2012, the DCCL program was designed to help those who are searching for an environmental change in education. Courses are taught, with both in-person and on-line components, by experienced college leaders, such as vice presidents, deans and even community college presidents. Topics include finance, resource development, marketing and many others.

Wendy Patriquin, the DCCL program's director, took on the leadership role in August 2023. Ever since she joined the DCCL, she has been very happy about the success of the program over the past decade and a half. Not only are there cohorts in Michigan, but a few have been able to locate two different states.

"Since the DCCL program was launched in 2010, the program has served approximately 300 students who are diverse in their race, ethnicity, gender and geographic representation," said Patriquin. "Although most cohorts have been based in Michigan, the program has served cohorts in Illinois and Texas and is looking to serve other states to meet growing demand."

Another aspect of the program

Patriquin is pleased with is the faculty's ability to help the students in a variety of ways, as well as being able to cover topics that are important to the student body.

"Courses are taught by experienced community college leaders using a combination of face-to-face and on-line delivery," said Patriquin. "The program can be completed in three years, including dissertation, and coursework covers such topics as leadership, governance, policy, teaching and learning, finance and research development."

A key feature of the DCCL is that the dissertation is integrated throughout the three years when an individual decides to join the program. The goal is to have students complete the dissertation by the time their three years are completed.

Hospitality junior Sara Keilman finds the program to have had a positive impact on the university and that other colleges that don't have a DCCL program should develop one.

"Any campus with some sort of leadership program is a strong one," Keilman said. "Schools mainly with education majors especially could use a program like DCCL."

The DCCL program includes six to seven credits a semester and only has one tuition rate. The program's lower expense can provide other US states the opportunity to create another DCCL program or collaborate in creating another cohort.

Since its launch, Patriquin has seen the program become stronger due to the staff guiding those parts of the program, while she continues to see the program follow its mission since its creation.

"The curriculum has continued to evolve based on feedback from faculty and the program's National Advisory Board, who provide guidance and input to ensure topics covered are current and relevant," said Patriquin. "To this end, the program serves the university's mission to prepare students for successful careers."

When the DCCL started, the cohorts were only in Michigan. As of now, the DCCL has launched 14 cohorts, where only three have been outside of Michigan. One is at Harper College in Illinois, and the others are in two colleges in Houston, Texas. All 14 cohorts are taught by alumni who've been a part of the DCCL.

Since the extension of the program to Illinois and Texas, more than 300 students have found help in a changing environment in education. The DCCL has the potential to grow if more students get the help they need during their college years. The DCCL has shown that helping students change their environment in education can lead to a more successful future and also help them on the road toward graduation.

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**Wendy Patriquin, the director of the doctorate in community college leadership program.**

## MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

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**Michigan:** Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently signed a bill that requires all children one to two years old to get tested for lead poisoning, unless parents opt out.

In certain areas where the lead exposure risks are known to be more, the bill will also require that 4-year-olds be tested as well.

This comes into effect after the amounts of drinking water found with traces of lead over the past decade has been high according to the Detroit Press.

While drinking water is one source of lead, there are other sources, like paint chips and soil, that contribute to lead levels found in the body.

"Keeping Michiganders safe and healthy is top priority, and today's bipartisan bills will build on our efforts to protect children from lead poisoning," Whitmer said.

Whitmer signed a budget earlier this year that set \$600 million as

the budget to help protect drinking water, including replacing lead pipes.

State Sen. John Cherry sponsored the new bill. He explained the importance behind it.

"To protect the health of our children, families and communities we must take the necessary steps to address this pressing issue on multiple fronts, including during regular healthcare checkups," Cherry said.

Cherry also stated that all children will be provided access to lead testing, regardless of insurance, so that parents can identify the presence of lead early, allowing for early treatment.

Due to no amount of lead in the blood being safe, early detection will be important so treatment can start as soon as possible, to according to the State of Michigan's website.

Starting on Jan. 1 children's immunization records will include a space for whether or not they were tested for lead poisoning.

## GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

**Jessica Oakes**  
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**Gaza:** On Simchat Torah, an annual Jewish holiday, the Palestinian group Hamas launched "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood" against Israel.

Al Jazeera reports that Hamas took credit for firing 5,000 rockets. Spokesperson for the Israeli army Daniel Hagari said attacks came from land, air and sea.

Hamas spokesperson Khaled Quadomi explained the group's military objective to Al Jazeera this weekend.

"We want the international community to stop atrocities in Gaza, against Palestinian people, our holy sites like Al-Aqsa. All these things are the reason behind starting this battle," Qadomi said.

Dozens of Israeli settlers followed calls by ultra nationalist Jewish groups and "forced" their way into the Al-Asqa Mosque in Occupied East Jerusalem, according to the

Islamic Waqf Department.

According to Human Rights Watch, the first nine months of 2023 saw more Palestinian deaths by Israeli authorities in the West Bank since 2005.

Later on Oct. 7, Israeli authorities announced their decision to stop providing electricity to 2.2 million Gaza residents.

HRW reports that Hamas' apparent targeting of civilians amounts to a war crime under international law. Israel's punitive measures following the attack would then amount to the war crime of "unlawful collective punishment."

# Free Narcan dispensers come to campus



Photo by: Jessica Oakes | Editor in Chief

Narcan dispenser placed in the Michigan College of Optometry building on State Street.

**Selena Quintero**  
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With grant funds from late July, Ferris' Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network now allows the university to place Narcan dispensers around campus, helping combat the detrimental consequences of rising opioid usage.

Narcan, a brand of the generic naloxone, is a nasal spray that is used to save individuals suffering from an opioid overdose.

USAFacts reported 200 daily opioid deaths in America last year. That would be the equivalent of the entire student body at Ferris State University in less than three months.

Biology junior CJ Crabtree, a student focusing on pre-physician assistant studies, has personal experience in this movement to decrease opioid-related deaths.

"I helped Dr. [Gail] Bullard on campus put together and distribute the Narcan boxes. I think these boxes are such a big help for everyone to have access to," said Crabtree.

Bullard is program coordinator for the Master of Healthcare Administration and project director for the Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network.

"Many students I have interacted with do not know what Narcan is," Crabtree said. "By keeping this topic open and informing students, we can reduce the stigma around using Narcan and help people get access to the resources they need."

Not only were these dispensers placed at the Big Rapids Community Library and the Michigan College of Optometry building, but they were also donated to Corewell Health, which distributed these

items to surrounding counties.

Through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Rural Communities Opioid Response implementation project, the program was funded with a four-year federal grant containing \$1.2 million.

Since then, there have been many educational prevention campaigns and events for substance use disorder.

"As we neared the end of the grant, we wanted to be sure that we were giving things back that were visible and meaningful to the community," Bullard said.

Their program has placed a work order to put more Narcan dispensers above the defibrillators on campus.

"I personally think that they are a good thing to have around, but people need to be educated before it's dispersed like that,"

Medical laboratory science senior Allison Mony said. "Anything that's health and emergency related, people should be trained on it before use."

Some people are worried that Narcan may be harmful if used when unneeded. Narcan is not hurtful if accidentally used, as it only works when opioids are in the person's body. The antidote binds to the drugs and brings it out of their system.

After the spray is applied, it gives a withdrawal effect causing the victim a feeling of irritation.

Bullard explained that by having these readily available, lives could be saved. There are cases in which even buying a different drug could be laced.

"Substance use disorder is a disease," Bullard said. "The real deal is, don't buy anything off the street, and don't misuse drugs."

It could start with recreational use or even be genetic makeup as to why it's an issue. It takes up to at least two years for the brain changes that have occurred to recover. The Narcan boxes can be a start to that recovery.

At pharmacies, Narcan can be sold to an uninsured person with a price ranging from \$250 to \$300 a box, which is good for one dosage administration. In some places, the cost of Narcan is being reduced to \$50.

It still may not be easily attained for people suffering from substance use disorder. This is why Bullard shares the importance of letting the public know that they are making it as accessible as possible.

## ON THE RECORD

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### Henderson Harassment

Oct. 5, time unknown - A Henderson Hall resident reported that a student had been harassing them for nearly two months. The case moved to Student Conduct.

### Knock-knock

Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.- A student in Brophy Hall reported that female students banging on doors and making threats. No assault occurred, and the case moved to student conduct.

### Parking lot Houdini

Oct. 8, 8:09 p.m.- A worker at the D.E.C reported their car had been hit in parking lot 3A while they were at work. No charges were filed as there were no leads.

### Amateur dorm photographer

Oct. 8, 10:49 p.m. - A student in Miller Hall was reported for photographing residents and room numbers. They were gone once the officers arrived, but DPS advises students to call 911 if they see the activity happen again.

### Off-campus crime

Sunday Oct. 8, 11:20 p.m. - Students were notified of a reported attempted rape at Venlo Place apartments. According to an email from FSU Emergency Alert, the suspect drives a dark Jeep Cherokee but fled west on foot when police arrived.

Venlo residents received an email Monday night explaining that their enhanced apartment security team would begin extending hours out of caution.

For more information, visit the DPS Facebook page.

# How to set up your RSO



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**RSO and Greek Life coordinator Josh Olszewski provides materials to student organizers during the workshop.**

**Ethan Edsall**  
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Students interested in starting a registered student organization gathered in the David Eisler Center to learn how to do so.

On Oct. 4, the Center for Student Involvement allowed prospective student organizers to learn how to get their organizations accredited by the university.

This was led by Josh Olszewski, the Student Organizations and Greek Life Coordinator. He had the student organizers go through a series of exercises before explaining the university's policy on what

the expectations are for student organizations.

Optometry sophomore Lindsey Hopkins went to the event to learn more about starting an optometric public health association. Hopkins' student organization is a public health association that is focused on educating the public on optometry services.

"There was a lot of information that I didn't know about RSOs before I came to this event," Hopkins said. "I'm glad that I came to this event because I got to learn skills that will help my RSO, but I also got to meet other people and learn

about their RSOs."

Through the event, Hopkins explained she was able to learn a lot about how the university handles student organizations.

Olszewski ran the event by having all the student organizers watch a TED Talk on leadership and then went over the university policy on what is expected from student organizations. The student participants then had to make a vision board on what the students think should be the outcome of their organizations.

As the event started to come to an end, students were able to ask

Olszewski any questions that they might have not only about what is expected of the student organizations but also any other questions the student might have in general.

For any student who didn't go to the event or who wants to start a student organization and is curious about how to do so, Olszewski offered some guidance.

Olszewski said that anyone who has an interesting idea can start their own student organizations, but before the university recognizes the student has to go through a couple of steps to become accredited by the university.

"Reach out to the Center for Student Involvement. Any student can fill out an application. You need at least four students and an academic advisor," Olszewski said. "We will invite them to an orientation to make sure the students have the knowledge and tools to be successful on campus."

Regardless of what kind of an interest that a student has, if you can meet the requirements for people needed, you can become university accredited.

## Where's my FAFSA?

Form to be released in December. Expect these changes:

### Student Aid Index will replace Expected Family Contribution

- Number of family members in college will no longer contribute to a student's SAI number.
- The minimum SAI will be -1,500.
- There will not be alternative EFCs for enrollment periods other than 9 months.
- The Simplified Needs Test and Auto-Zero calculations will be replaced for similar calculations from information from the International Revenue Service.

### Untaxed income eliminated from need analysis includes:

- Housing
- Food
- Living allowances paid to members of the military and clergy
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Entire "other untaxed income" and "money received by or paid on behalf of the student."

Federal Pell Grant access will be expanded with eligibility linked to family size and federal poverty level.

Tax allowances including child support payments and combat pay no longer need to be reported.

Students will be asked questions about personal identity but responses won't effect aid eligibility.

# Culture

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## A time for remembrance

### Native Americans reflect on a holiday of grief



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According to Newsweek Magazine, 79% of college students support replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. The widely controversial holiday is a time for all Native Americans to mourn the loss of their people.

Columbus Day is a national holiday that celebrates Christopher Columbus and his discovery of America. To many Native Americans today, Oct. 9 is instead known as Indigenous People's Day to remember the lives and culture they lost years ago.

Hannah Tecumseh is a pre-op-tometry senior, and also a part of

both the Navajo and Prairie Band Potawatomi tribes. According to Tecumseh, Columbus/Indigenous People's Day should be a time for everyone to educate themselves, and learn about the true history of what happened so many years ago.

"I honestly really hate Columbus Day," Tecumseh said. "So many

people are misinformed and uneducated on what really happened. Indigenous People's Day is a good way to inform yourself on what actually happened and the true history behind the mass genocide."

Tecumseh also says that Columbus Day is a very difficult time for most Native Americans. Even to this day, they are still grieving from the events that took place so many years ago. She feels that it is very important to recognize how hard of a holiday it truly is for Native Americans.

"A lot of people don't think about Native Americans and how all of this stuff that happened still runs through our culture," Tecumseh said. "And most people think that Columbus Day has this great story behind it, which it is not what people talk it up to be."

Tecumseh has been educating as many people as she can about the true meaning of this holiday, especially to some of her teammates on the Ferris' volleyball team.

Leah Bylut is an actuarial science junior and teammate to Tecumseh. According to Tecumseh, Bylut's opinion on Columbus Day has completely changed after learning the true meaning behind the holiday, and has become an advocate for Indigenous People's day.

"In school, I was taught that this holiday was a celebration of the European people coming to settle in America, but after talking to [Tecumseh], I realized that it isn't something that should be celebrated in a happy way," Bylut said. "It should be a day of remembrance for the people who lost their lives and their homes."

Just like Tecumseh, Bylut feels that it's very important for everyone to do a better job at educating themselves and others on what really happened to the Native Americans.

"People my age are more educated about the history of this holiday, and it will be good to share this information with the younger generations to come and continue to see this day as a time for remembrance," Bylut said.

Tecumseh also encourages everyone to take the time this Indigenous People's Day to learn about the tribes that've lived on the land that they're on today. As well as continue to spread correct information and awareness about Native American history and respecting Native Americans this holiday season.

## Homecoming week recap

### How student-run Entertainment Unlimited took over the festive week

**Brook Blausey**  
Culture Reporter

At the end of September, Entertainment Unlimited reflected on the result of their first planned homecoming.

Homecoming week started with a Ferris Famous dance. This dance was the first in decades and included a live DJ, snacks and refreshments, a 360 camera, a red carpet and a fully decorated ballroom. The dance went from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and nearly 200 students attended.

Entertainment Unlimited event coordinator and advisor Ben Avery was "very pleased" with the turnout of the dance and couldn't have expected a better outcome.

"When group after group continued to show up from 10 minutes before the start of the event all the way through to the middle of the night, we were incredibly pleased," Avery said. "We were not sure about how many students to expect to attend since this is a fairly new tradition."

According to Avery, the staff was surprised by the number of out-of-

town guests present at the dance. After talking to one student, Avery found out this student's significant other drove over three hours to be at the dance. He is hopeful to see more off-campus plus ones throughout the years.

Even though Avery saw this year's dance as a success, he still has some ideas on what EU can change for years to come and what will stay the same per tradition. According to Avery, EU will "always" have a Homecoming comedian, and may change locations of some events like the Pep Rally Bonfire.

"When we look to next year, there will be some things that we try to be more intentional about, and some things will just naturally change as new students will come through EU with new ideas and new traditions" Avery said. "Some things will for sure stay the same, however."

Marketing sophomore David Carrier is the EU retention and recruiter coordinator. He agrees that the dance was a "big hit." He's already looking forward to planning next year's dance.

"We think people had a lot of

fun and danced the night away," Carrier said. "Everything ran how it was supposed to... the staff that was there and involved had a blast and enjoyed themselves."

That following Wednesday presented students with Homecoming comedian Trevor Wallace. This was Carrier's favorite event because he got to meet and showcase Wallace.

"Seeing the crowd we brought in was so surreal," Carrier said. "It feels good knowing we were able to draw in that many people."

The next homecoming event was the parade and was Avery's favorite event because of the "spectacular" turnout. He credits EU for putting in hours of work to prepare and coordinate.

"There can be a significant cost in time and effort to prepare your group for a parade, especially when there's floats to build, routines to practice and other busy schedules," Avery said. "We were so happy with all of our participating groups, and it's always great to see so many smiling faces, too."

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**The Ferris State cheer team show their support during the homecoming half-time show.**

# Being a first generation student

Center for Latin@ Studies features “First Voice First Generation”

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Culture Reporter

On Oct. 3, the Center for Latin@ Studies showcased the film “First Voice First Generation” by director Cynthia Martinez.

The film features three Holland High School Latino students during the global pandemic as they navigate through high school at home and virtually. They use the Trio Upward Bound program, a federally funded program that helps first generation students with college.

The film shows three high school students as they persevere through racism, the pandemic, poverty and other common problems high school students face today. With the assistance of Trio Upward Bound, the three students graduate and are all accepted into college.

Martinez is a first-generation college student that was born and raised in Holland, Mich. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she received a bachelor’s degree in aviation business. She is also a graduate of Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. Her grandparents were Mexican migrant farm workers and her parents had her when shortly after they graduate high school.

“My parents told me as a kid that if I wanted to get new school clothes at the age of eight or nine years old, they said I must help them pick blueberries in the field and help us contribute to the family’s income,” Martinez said. “It was challenging work, and I was confident that was not what I wanted to do for the rest of my

life which sparked me to be a little more interested in my education.”

Though Martinez was interested in expanding her education, she believed that her parents didn’t have the resources that could help her with schooling. After realizing her education was on her, she decided to get her grades up so that she could get into a good college. It was then that she enrolled in Upward Bound and tutoring.

As the program helped Martinez get through high school and into college, it also played a large part in her film. After college, she reached back out to the Trio Upward Bound program and asked if she could document how students in the program were doing during the pandemic.

“I just knew I wanted to bring awareness to these students and what they were going through,” Martinez said.

Martinez believes that her film is truly relatable to all students and especially to those who are first generation. She hopes her film plays a role in changing things for the better for first generation students.

“There is a financial barrier of higher education and I feel it should be more accessible to anyone who is first gen, but that starts at a national level,” Martinez said. “I am hoping this film can inspire legislation that can be incorporated into our government. I also want to create awareness with the colleges and universities, what work that they can do to make it more accessible to first gen students.”

Aside from raising awareness to the financial aspect of college for

first generation students, Martinez also wanted her film to represent Latinos.

“Latinos are the highest population that are first gen,” Martinez said. “The film is from the Latino lens first, but you will see that resonates with anybody.”

Director for the Center for Latin@ Studies Sonia Trevino wanted to bring back a film showcase in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month because students have enjoyed it in the past.

“When I learned about Martinez’s film, I found out she was from Holland and did her documentary on students from Holland I thought that was a great tie into our area,” Trevino said. “So, we wanted to invite her to come out and show her film. It has been winning a lot of awards, so we were excited to have her here.”

Digital animation and game design senior Ivan Flores is a first generation student who came to see the film. He has been a member of CLS his entire time at Ferris, but has participated in any of their events. Every year he makes a vow to watch a new movie, this year he decided Martinez’s would be the one.

With the help of her film, Martinez hopes to bring awareness to what it’s like to be a first generation student and to make a change in the education system for them and others.

“Education is the pathway to social mobility,” Martinez said. “We want to help get out of the cycle of generational poverty and flourish as a society which starts with education.”



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The referee signals another touchdown for FSU during the homecoming game.

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Carrier believes the event itself went very well, as well as the set-up beforehand. He believes they sometimes ran a bit too close to start time, but did well with time for the parade.

“The parade ran smoothly and we had good attendance,” Carrier said. “It was nice to see the community participate and come watch the spectacle. It was also great to see some of our student organizations participate.”

Carrier felt that homecoming week was a “major success.” Though there was a lot to be done and this was EU’s first time planning, this experience wasn’t draining for Carrier because EU members came together and “put in the effort” to keep the space stress-free.

Avery also felt that planning wasn’t too stressful. He was “incredibly proud” of the turnout, of EU and to be a Bulldog.

“Luckily, there wasn’t too much mental gymnastics necessary to pull off Homecoming with EU,” Avery said. “Because it’s a week packed with events, it certainly takes more planning and preparation, more coordination of schedules but running events is their thing. They rose to the challenge,

and they persevered through the pressure that comes with making Homecoming as great as possible.

According to Carrier, last year’s committee believes that Homecoming 2023 had an overall bigger turnout at each event.

“We strive to get as much attendance as possible since we’re geared towards the students,” Carrier said. “Next year, I would like to see more attendants at our events. So now it’s making a plan to figure out how to get more engagement. We’re always open to hearing everyone’s ideas.”

If you’re interested in planning next year’s Homecoming or other Ferris EU events, EU meetings are every Monday at 5 p.m. in the David L. Eisler Center in room 217. For more regular event reminders, text FSUEVENTS to 71444.

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**Acorn**  
**Autumn**  
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**Fall**  
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**October**  
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**Rake**  
**Scarecrow**  
**Sweater**

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## Maks' poem corner

### October, My Love

She was draped over a kitchen table  
that could fit 24 guests

There was enough food to feed a  
small country spread throughout the  
cloth

Though it was just the two of them,

A canvas,

And his paint supplies

The conversation was mastered with  
clever lines of intimate jokes and  
fluffed-up compliments hitting each  
other like pillows

The ballroom had music playing that  
made a gorgeous, muffled noise that  
bounced from hall to hall and finally  
singing into the dining room,

“What can a man do so that everyone  
will recognize your beauty just as I  
do?”

He'd think while painting his  
momentary obsession,

Ah yes,

Make the leaves grow up and find a  
new home,

Take the warmth out of the  
nighttime just enough to bite through  
a flannelled jacket

And pour the scent of rum and coffee  
beans out into the streets,

Then maybe they'd be able to see a  
glimpse into what my eyes have been  
so blessed to witness,

October, my love,

*Thank you.*

**Maksymilian Sidorowicz**  
Freelance Columnist

A great piece of art is filled with descrip-  
tion. Whether it be a novel and its nev-

er-ending backstory of a character who's  
in between lives, or a piano ballad telling  
you exactly what the rhythm of a fight be-  
tween lovers was like. This poem describes  
a painter who is creating the world through

the looks of a woman and how her beauty  
should be showcased for everyone in this  
lifetime to see. Putting a twist on the scope  
of how the world decides to act in the fall  
months. Through the leaf change, the per-

fect drops in temperature before the bliz-  
zards takeover, and every breath of scent  
that finds your nose in Autumn's blanket.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN:

# The Amazon problem

Consume ethically, consume less



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### Jessica Oakes Editor in Chief

The Federal Trade Commission sued Amazon last week, alleging an algorithmic monopoly.

In their complaint, the FTC claimed that "Amazon recognizes the importance of maintaining the perception that it has lower prices than competitors," but the company deterred, "other online stores from offering lower prices than those of Amazon."

Whether I like it or not, Amazon is a wildly relevant tool in our current economy. Its practices not only have the potential to impact pricing off the platform, but can also set new industry standards and norms.

Representatives from Amazon disagree with the validity of the FTC's complaint. Regardless of the outcome of one lawsuit, I believe

that the company has already negatively rewired our markets and our consumer minds.

A friend of mine recently asked how Amazon could hurt us if we are only voluntary consumers, people who never have to step foot in a warehouse. The problem with this question comes in three parts:

First, I find the "we don't have to work there" argument selfish. I may not have to work at Amazon. As long as the company exists, however, someone else will have to.

If a company with years' worth of occupational safety violations and union-busting activities can still make \$514 billion in one year, nothing will deter other warehouse from treating their workers the same way. If one company can succeed financially through immoral practices, what keeps those practices from becoming industry

standards?

Second, Amazon is a leader in e-commerce's quantity over quality philosophy. Online shopping has convinced consumers that we are entitled to have anything at our doorstep in a day. We forget the sacrifice involved.

Speaking broadly, our commodities aren't built to last anymore. From cheap clothing to meticulously temporary iPhones, we buy things to replace them in a number of months to a year. Amazon hauls are full of plastic that will stay in landfills centuries longer than in a home.

Consistent commodity spending works on a planet with infinite resources. We will run out of materials and space eventually. We don't even consider the human resource fundamental to commerce: overworked laborers.

Having every new trendy make-

up product freely shipped directly to your house in 24 hours is not a necessity. The affordability isn't a real benefit. It's a sign that consumers are content with low-quality materials and underpaid labor.

Finally, Amazon is already larger than the silly world of online shopping. It is now also a grocery store with Amazon Fresh, a pharmacy and medical clinic. Bloomberg reported that Amazon's attempt at factory towns would "lift the working class."

We are forgetting centuries of history in anti-trust efforts, unionization and the disastrous potential of company towns shown in the Appalachian coal towns.

Cynics like to say that there is no ethical consumption under capitalism, so there is no reason to care. If this is the case, the answer is to consume less. Almost every single one of us can survive that.



# Not another parking article

## Navigating Ferris' parking with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome



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**Jakie Moglia**  
*Opinions Editor*

If I get a parking ticket, I'm going to lose my mind.

Ferris has a parking problem that many students hate. The university has failed to fix it. For me personally, it's much more than just an inconvenience.

Like other West Campus residents, I have quite a hike over to all of my classes and work given the fact that my parking pass only allows me to park in my apartment's lot.

Normally, I wouldn't necessarily mind a 20 to 30 minute walk in good weather, which is never a guarantee in our beloved mitten state. Given the fact that I have Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, that's changed.

EDS is a connective tissue disorder that can cause frequent dislocations, or subluxations, of almost any joint. My hip and femur is just one of several joints that loves to slide out of place. Usually, things like KT tape helps people with the hypermobile subtype of EDS keep their joints in, but that is unfortunately not an option for me.

Walking anywhere for over five minutes leads to my hip popping out or subluxating. After showing a few physical therapists, a service I can no longer afford, they were shocked that I could even stand, let alone walk.

The joy of this disorder is the more a joint slides out, the easier it slides out the next time. However, it wasn't deemed worth it to give me a handicap parking pass.

At most stores, I can park pretty close to the front and stop walking more frequently without looking like a lost Sims character. Here at Ferris, however, it's a different

story.

As I've gotten older, my EDS has only gotten worse. No amount of parking changes will fix the walks inside the buildings, but there are other solutions for that. Parking doesn't quite have a simple change.

Technically speaking, I'm only supposed to park at West Campus. That means a long walk for pretty much everything. If the parking here was just a bit different, that could all change.

I refuse to pay \$130 for a parking pass and then be expected to pay more to park on campus at the meters. Sure, it would save me some pain and reduce the wear and tear on my joints that have decided to prematurely act like they're 80, but it's not exactly a cost effective plan. I could park for just the duration of my class and hope that I don't get a ticket, but that's not a cost effective plan either.

There is some public transportation available, but it's not always reliable. Quite frankly, I've found it a little confusing to even figure out how it works and struggle using the app.

It would be a lot easier if Ferris would listen to the thousands of students that drive about the parking issues. Students, professors and guests alike struggle with where they can park and the honestly ridiculous fee of the parking meters.

I know I'm not the only student on campus who has mobility issues, and I'm certainly not the only Torch writer to talk about parking, but I hope to bring a new perspective during disability awareness month to the never changing issue of this campus.

# A major decision

## Why re-declaring can be a good thing

**Ethan Edsall**  
*News Reporter*

It's okay to change your mind and change your major.

If you are a college student, then like me, you have probably changed your mind on what you'd like to study.

That's not at all uncommon in college. In fact, according to the University of Tulsa, college students tend to change their minds about their declared majors at least three times before even graduating from college.

Now, the question needs to be asked: is that a good thing or a bad thing?

Contrary to popular belief, changing your major can be a good thing.

When I first came to Ferris, I was a business major. During my first semester here, I was sitting in my marketing class and I kept thinking to myself, "Man this is so boring.

What am I doing here?"

If I had stayed in the same program, I knew that I was going to burn out quickly. As I was going through the motions that first semester, I kept thinking to myself, "Why am I spending my money studying something that I have no interest in?"

You see, studying business was not my idea, my parents were the ones who wanted me to study it. I understand why they would have wanted me to study business. After all, outside of STEM, business is one of the most in-demand majors with the best job opportunities.

Business, however, was not my path to take. But, I had always loved the field of criminology. Ever since I was a child, all I wanted was to be a police detective. In fact, I have always felt that was my calling.

During the middle of the fall semester last year, I decided to

take a chance on my future and decided to switch my major over to criminal justice. And you know what? I'm glad that I did.

I went from slowly burning out in school because I didn't enjoy what I was studying, to enjoying my college experience. The ability to choose topics that you find interesting can vastly make the academic side of college not only more manageable, but also, dare I say, fun.

If you are currently thinking about changing your major, my advice would be, do it. Your time at Ferris would be better spent doing something that you enjoy. There is an old saying that if you love your work, then you will never work a day in your life.

Why not start your journey off on the right foot and go chase your dream by studying a major that you are passionate about, instead of the major that your parents told you to study?



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# Sports

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## Cardinal sin

Bulldogs stay undefeated in GLIAC, beat Saginaw Valley Cardinals 38-17



Photo by: Dylan Rider | Sports Editor

**Quarterback Carson Gulker anticipates an incoming tackle from SVSU.**

**Jeffery Walker**  
Sports Reporter

The #1 ranked Ferris State Bulldogs emerged victorious in a tough GLIAC matchup against the Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Following their win versus Northern Michigan last week, the Bulldogs (4-1, 2-0 in conference) picked up where they left off with an explosive offense and a stifling defense that helped them snag another win on the season.

The Bulldogs' win hands the Cardinals their fourth straight loss

on the season (2-4, 0-2 in conference).

Head coach Tony Annese reflected on the match and previous SVSU games, which had resulted in narrower Bulldog wins than on Saturday.

"That's probably the best played Ferris State versus Saginaw Valley game we've had in a while," Annese said. "We've had close games, but I thought that Saginaw really played well. They fought hard, it's hard to get a team going after three losses in a row."

The Bulldogs went up early thanks to, what Annese calls, "two

bombs to [Xavier Wade]," in which senior quarterback Mylik Mitchell and senior wide-receiver Xavier Wade connected through the air on two touchdown passes to put the Bulldogs up by 14 in the first quarter.

After the two touchdowns, the Bulldogs struggled to get it going due to some good defense by the Cardinals. Saginaw Valley responded after a missed field goal attempt by scoring a touchdown early in the second quarter to cut the Bulldog lead to seven. Following two Bulldog punts, the Cardinals were able to even the game up at 14 with 1:24 left in the half.

The Bulldogs marched down the field, going 82 yards on six plays, to score a third touchdown. Mitchell connected with senior wide-receiver Tyrese Hunt-Thompson on a 40-yard touchdown to take the lead before halftime. With momentum recaptured after the late first half touchdown, the Bulldogs went on to outscore the Cardinals

17-3 in the second half. Following a successful field goal, both Hunt-Thompson and Wade hauled in another touchdown pass late to help secure the 38-17 victory over the Cardinals.

Xavier Wade, who had a hat-trick of touchdowns, thinks that the connection between him and Mitchell is coming together more and more with every game.

"It's definitely getting better as time goes on," Wade said. "The first week, I know we were both kind of frustrated that we couldn't get it to go how we really wanted to or how we had talked about when he first came to Ferris State. But now it's starting to roll. It's almost like it's manifesting right in front of our faces and it's just exciting."

Other than a field goal in the third quarter, the Bulldog defense kept the Cardinals at bay and out of the end zone as they began to dominate and get the ball back into the hands of the offense for the Bulldogs.

Senior defensive back Major Dedmond explained the defensive game plan, which shined in the second half.

"In the second half, we just had a good game plan," Dedmond said. "Just really put pressure on them and then stop the run early. I think we had a great game plan. As you can see, we just let up three points in the second half."

Ultimately, it was a team effort for the Bulldogs that ended with Ferris State reigning supreme over the Cardinals.

The Bulldogs now set their eyes on a rivalry matchup against Grand Valley State in the Anchor-Bone classic. The Lakers defeated the Bulldogs in last year's Anchor-Bone classic matchup 22-21, now the Bulldogs look to make things right and enact revenge. Ferris State will hit the road as they travel to Allendale to face the Lakers on Oct. 14 at Lubbers Stadium. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

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### Offensive Stat Spotlight:

QB Mylik Mitchell: 12-14, 262 yards, five TDs

QB Carson Gulker: 23 rushes, 144 yards.

WR Xavier Wade: Five receptions, 158 yards, three TDs

WR Tyrese Hunt-Thompson: Four receptions, 71 yards, two TDs

### Defensive Stat Spotlight:

DL Olalere Oladipo: Eight tackles, one sack

DB Major Dedmond: Seven tackles

DB Justin Payout: Three tackles (1.5 TFL)

DL Shaderrick Bradford: One sack

# Hockey opens season with split

Bulldogs win 5-4, lose 5-2 against RedHawks



Photo by: Dylan Rider | Sports Editor

## Forward Holden Doell maneuvers around opposing Miami University team.

Dylan Rider  
Sports Editor

Ferris State hockey began their season with a split against the Miami (OH) RedHawks on Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8.

The Bulldogs (1-1-0, 0-0-0 in conference) pulled off a comeback to win 5-4 in overtime on Friday and then lost 5-2 on Saturday. The win on Friday is the latest overtime win the Bulldogs have had against the RedHawks (1-1-0, 0-0-0 in conference) since their last overtime win in 2021.

Following the win on Friday, head coach Bob Daniels explained the team's thought process when they were building their comeback.

"We really had to work hard for our first goal," Daniels said. "We get to 3-1. We had a good feeling, we were down, we were working. We did have a little bit of a hiccup and all of a sudden boom we come down, it's 4-1. I give the guys a lot of credit though. I thought the second goal was huge for us. Once it got to 4-2, now we're back in it and

the guys are believing."

Daniels felt that the game was "crazy" and described it as "three games in one."

The Bulldogs started off their new season with a first period shellacking, letting up three goals in the starting frame. It took the Bulldogs a fresh start in the second for them to find the back of net, courtesy of senior forward Antonio Venuto. The RedHawks set the Bulldogs back again following a fourth goal in the second.

With the final frame in front of them, the Bulldogs went to work. Less than two minutes in, junior forward Kaleb Ergang scored, making it 4-2.

Following Ergang, not even a minute later, freshman forward Jack Mesic scored his first collegiate goal. After the two quick goals, scoring tapered off. In the waning seconds of third period, an icing call from a narrowly missed RedHawk empty net goal placed the Bulldogs in offensive zone.

With 20 seconds on the clock, Venuto scored the game tying goal

and sending the Bulldogs to overtime.

As time expired in the extra frame, senior forward Jason Brancheau tapped the puck into a wide open net for the overtime win.

Brancheau, who mobbed and celebrated with his teammates following the goal, found a sweetness in the comeback win.

"It's awesome," Brancheau said. "Coming back from three goals in first game, it's nice to have one of those games early. We kept on battling and came out on top."

Brancheau added that of all of his teammates in the celebratory dog pile, he believed sophomore defenseman Travis Shoudy had it the worst as he "had him in a choke-hold down in the corner."

Propelling the Bulldogs in this game, outside of the overtime winner, was Venuto. The Whitmore Lake, Mich. native's two goal effort is his first multi-goal game in his career as a Bulldog.

Before the weekend slate, Daniels referred to the RedHawks as "hard-nosed" and "aggressive."

Venuto expanded on the idea and explained what it looked like for the players.

"Every time we had the puck, they were finishing hits on us," Venuto said. "They make it hard in the corners for us. That's something we can improve on tomorrow."

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they would not be able to repeat their winning ways against the RedHawks. The Bulldogs fell behind during the first, but would keep themselves in the game with a goal from sophomore forward Conor McGrath to tie the game at 1-1. The game unraveled for the Bulldogs in the third period with two straight goals from the RedHawks. Junior forward Zach Faremouth enacted a measure of revenge as he scored a goal on the powerplay for a 3-2 game. However, the RedHawks scored twice more to sink the Bulldogs in a 5-2 loss.

Daniels expressed dissatisfaction in the loss while evaluating the changes made by the Red-

Hawks between the two games.

"It's a little frustrating that we lost, certainly by the score of 5-2," Daniels said. "I thought we played better than that. Maybe deserved a little better. I thought they were heavier around both goals when it came down to the nitty gritty and battling around the nets. I thought they were more of a load in front of our goal than we were at their end."

Daniels wishes to correct the penalties the team has taken while on the powerplay. The three penalties on the powerplay, according to Daniels, are things "we don't want to do."

The Bulldogs will have a quick turnaround following their series against the RedHawks. The team will face the Western Michigan Broncos, who they have lost eight straight games against, on the road on Thursday, Oct. 12 before finishing the series at home on Friday, Oct. 13 at 7:07 p.m.



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# Bulldogs shutout by Saginaw Valley

Bulldogs fall 3-0 in lone Friday game



Photo by: Sam Mulder | Torch Photographer

**Midfielder Brinley Bell attempts a pass through SVSU defenders.**

**Jack Alcorn**  
Sports Reporter

Ferris State women's soccer could not retain their undefeated streak as they lost to the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on Friday, Oct. 6.

The Bulldogs (3-5-3, 1-4-2 in conference), who have beaten the Cardinals (7-2-2, 4-1-2 in conference) seven times in the past five seasons, failed to add another win as they lost 3-0.

Head coach Greg Henson stressed the importance of scoring following the loss.

"We have to find ways to get the ball in the back of the net," Henson said. "When you don't, you rely on asking yourself to be perfect defensively. We had three defensive miscues and they capitalized on all three."

The Bulldogs' scoring woes have been a trend throughout the season. The Bulldogs have not scored more than two goals since Sept. 3 of the this year. The Bulldogs have also been held scoreless four times this season.

Heading into the matchup, the Bulldogs have struggled in conference-play while Saginaw Valley has dominated and went into the game on a five game undefeated streak.

The Bulldogs fell behind early as the Cardinals scored in the eighth minute of play. The Cardinals kept tacking on goals, adding another goal in the 30th minute. Down 2-0 at half, the Bulldogs attempted to control the game from there on out.

However, the Cardinals scored for the third and final time in the 63rd minute which left the Bull-

dogs with a 3-0 loss.

With this loss, Ferris is now 7th in the conference heading into the final stretch of the season before the GLIAC tournament. For them to have success in this half of the season, Henson needs to get the most out of his players mentally and physically.

"We are giving them a mental health weekend to rejuvenate, revive and come back Monday ready to get back to work for the next games," Henson said. "We have four home games in a row to wrap up the home series for us. We really want to find a way to come out of that with an above .500 record."

The Bulldogs registered 14 shots, four of which the Cardinals goalkeeper was forced to save. However, as the scores suggests, the Bulldogs could not find a goal. Freshman midfielder Isabella Bar-

on, who scored against Purdue Northwest last Friday, knows what needs to happen for the Bulldogs to score.

"We are good at building from the back," Baron said. "But, we need to find more through balls and finish off of that."

Last season Ferris State won 12 games, finished 4th in the conference, and made it to the National semi-finals. They came into this season losing 5 seniors on an already young team but returned three out of their five All-Conference selections. This season they have three wins and are running out of time to turn it around with seven regular season games left. Still, senior midfielder Brinley Bell is confident they will turn it around.

"It's been tough to keep a positive mindset but this stuff happens and we just have to keep push-

ing," Bell said. "We're still trying to figure it out as a team because we're young but it is only a matter of time before we figure ourselves out".

They have a perfect opportunity to change the course of their season as they play three of the bottom four teams in the conference over the next three games. That then brings them to the toughest part of the schedule where they face the top four teams to round out their regular season play.

The Bulldogs will start their four game streak of home games this weekend when they play the Purdue-Northwest Pride on Friday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. then face the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.



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