

Furnace in Cramer Hall causes flood

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News Editor

There was a flood Wednesday in Cramer Hall after a furnace pipe allegedly malfunctioned and caused a water leak.

The flood occurred on the sixth floor of the building after one of the residents heard the pipe on the bottom of their furnace burst. The burst resulted in the room beginning to fill with water. The flooding occurred in rooms next to the one where the pipe flooded, as well as the rooms directly below it for two floors.

Business administration junior Cole Caspers was roommates with the person whose room had the pipe explode. He returned home after getting a call from his roommate.

"I'm running up here and I'm like, expecting like a little bit of water," Caspers said. "No, it was from every part of his room was an inch of water and then like half of my room was an inch of water. I had to take my socks and shoes off and walk in my flip flops because

it was so like deep of water."

Caspers explained that he was told that there was damage to some of the stuff in the room which ranged from furniture having water marks, to his roommates speaker becoming unusable.

Digital and animation game design and business administration senior Mandy Yaxley shared a wall with the room where the flooding occurred.

"I was working on homework and then I glanced over and it was all my stuff was just wet," Yaxley said. "I'm like, 'Where's this water coming from?' I grabbed out the thing that I thought maybe it was caught in the water. And it wasn't and then I realized where the water was coming from. It was coming from under the wall."

Yaxley explained that she had to throw out some of her things in her room, including her paper plates, as they had significant water damage.

Caspers explained that the flooding that occurred in the room was from the water reservoir from floors six through eleven. He also

stated that there was a black substance floating within the water caused by the furnace system.

"They had someone come up here and like they stopped it from flooding like within 40 minutes," Caspers said. "So that was super awesome that they came in that night. I was thinking it was just going to keep going, but then they came and stopped it. Then they had a person, kind of the whole janitor staff, come in and then they cleaned up the whole mess in like 30 minutes."

Caspers explained that the maintenance teams had to reseal the furnace in his roommate's room before having to bleed the air out of the system. The system needed to have the air bled out before it could be refilled with water. He also explained that the staff checked in on how he and his roommate were afterwards and also that he was advised to talk to housing about damages that occurred.



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Cramer Hall, the site of the flood last Wednesday evening.

Advising Q & A

Ember St. Amour
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Prepare for class registration with Director of Advising Michael Zaborowski.

What do you find students struggle with the most when they're setting up their advising appointments?

"I think what I would say students struggle with the most first would be unique to this semester is going to be the fact that we've switched from MyFSU to Ferris 360. So, I would say 100% That's going to be the most unique challenge that exists for fall semester of 2023.

But beyond that, I would say it's probably trying to get in to see their advisor. I know we're at this point where, like, enrollment is just around the corner. So, Oct. 30 is the date when enrollment starts. And at this point, because there's an influx of people going in to meet with their advisor, so if there's one piece of advice I can give you from that being a common struggle is just making sure in future semesters or, if you're a freshman and your enrollment date is a little bit further out, just making sure that getting into see your advisor as soon as possible."

What would you advise stu-

dents to do if they reach out to their advisor and don't hear back?

"I would say that it wouldn't hurt to reach out to me directly as the Director of Advising on because if there's something that's going on, like if you know if an advisor happens to be away from their office, likely I'm going to know some level of why that's happening. And if there's an appropriate person who can help you out if that person's away, I can help with. It doesn't hurt to kind of fall away, like, try an email. If you don't hear anything back in 48 hours, try another email. Wait another 48 hours. If you don't get anything then then it might not hurt to reach out, reach out to me and then I of course would be happy to reach out to the department and try to facilitate something."

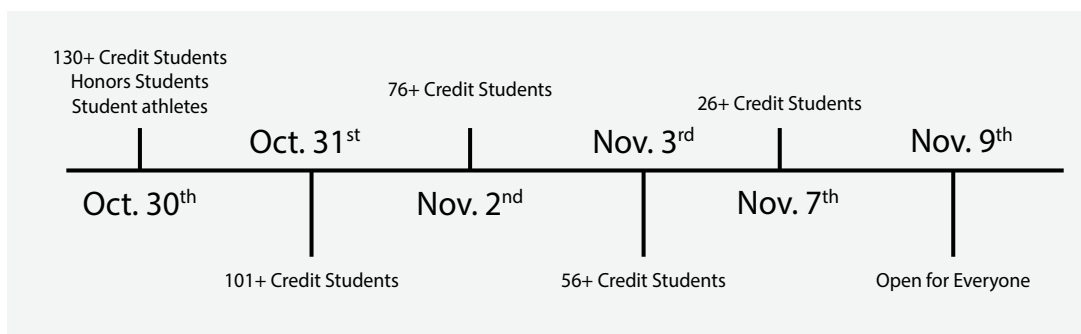
Do you have any tips for students about advising to make it go smoother?

"Come be prepared for your advising appointment. So, I wouldn't just schedule an academic advising appointment, I would say okay, here's the courses, plan out some courses sit down go in to see the schedule. Say okay, I know from past advising appointments or if this is my first advising appointment, come prepared with a set of questions."



Photo courtesy of Cole Caspers

Cole Caspers' dorm room flooding.



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Registration schedule for the 2024 spring semester.

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New COVID-19 variant

The new COVID-19 strain affecting the world and Ferris

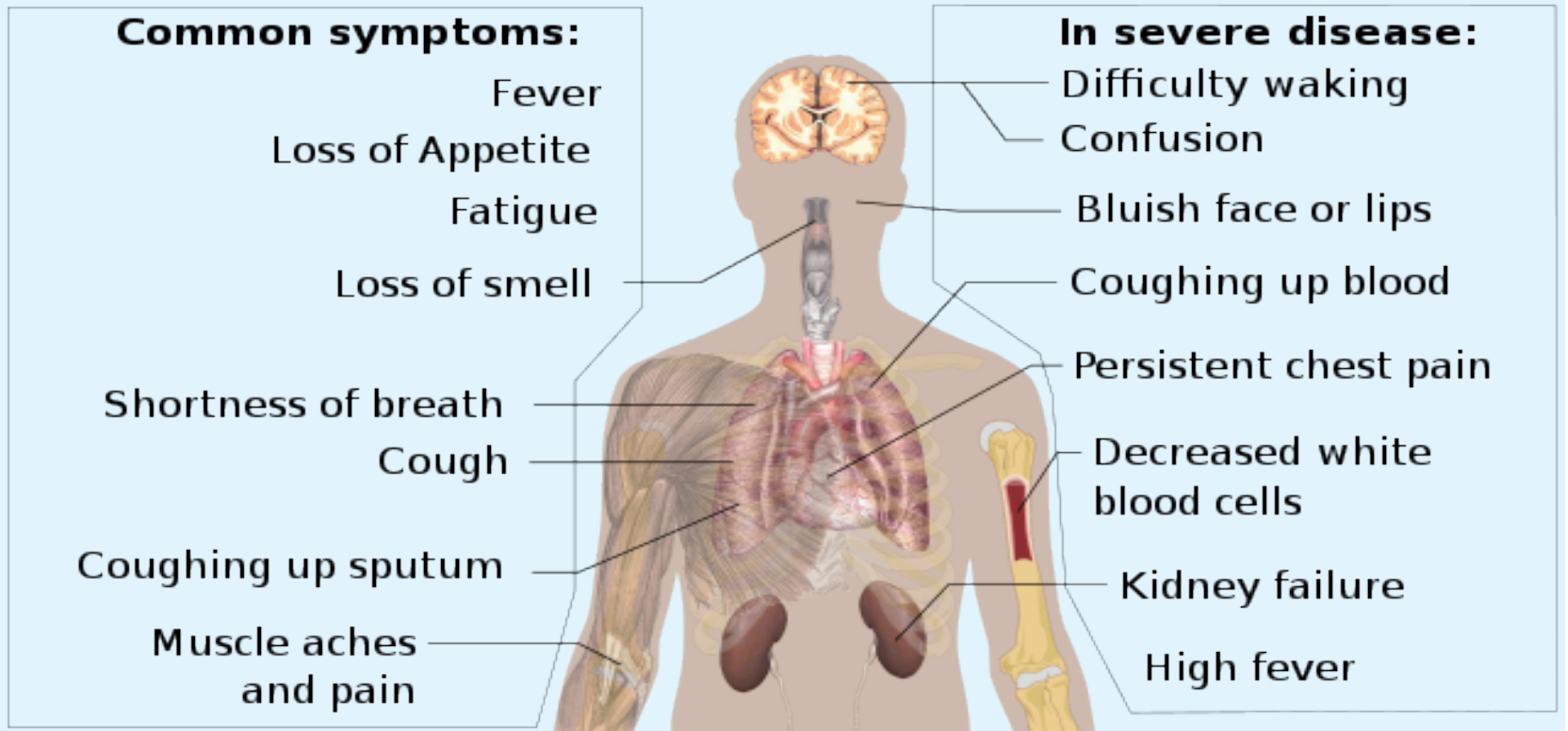


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News Reporter

Despite COVID-19 causing a shutdown in March 2020, it's still a worldly issue, and a new variant is spreading dating back to 2021.

The new COVID-19 strain is called EG.5, or Eris as an informal term.

EG.5 was responsible for just under 30% of COVID-19 cases in the United States by the end of last month. Toward the end of the summer, about a 14% upward trend led to more COVID-19 related hospitalizations. Even though the uptick in cases and hospitalizations was significantly lower during previous years, this new COVID-19 variant is still making people sick and go to the hospital.

Public health associate professor Emmanuel Jadhav has a learning objective he teaches in one of

his courses as to why it can be important to relate COVID-19 to Ferris as well as to the entire world.

"In the PUBH-210 global health course I teach, one of the learning objectives is about the relationship between globalization and global health," Jadhav said. "Anything that impacts one area of the world, will eventually have some intended or unintended implication for another area. We must be intentional to be alert about trends in communicable diseases."

Christy Bourdlais, Senior NP & clinic manager of the Health Center Operations, stated that they're offering COVID-19 testing at the Birkam Health Center. The tests received would indicate whether that person tests positive or negative, but the specific variant from a COVID-19 test would have to be determined during a laboratory test.

"We currently are offering antigen testing (rapid), which would not differentiate between strains," said Bourdlais. "We have the ability to do PRC testing at the lab, but it is the lab that decides to test for a variant of a virus, and we would not know the results of that information. We would know if that patient tested positive or negative. The lab is who collects data like that and will advise state and local health departments that they are seeing this specific variant in the community."

Even though students have to go to a lab to discover the variant of their test, COVID-19, according to Jadhav, has not been a big issue for the areas within Mecosta County.

"The DHD#10 COVID-19 dashboard for Mecosta County, in which the university resides, does not reflect an alarming trend," Jadhav

said. "However, winter does bring its own onset of diseases, so we should be mindful and alert to COVID-symptomology."

As of now, according to the Michigan Gov. website, Mecosta County has a total of under 9,500 confirmed cases and under 115 COVID-19 related deaths. These are probable cases that have been tracked down ever since the new variant began and as early as April 5, 2020. Jadhav mentioned there's no alarming trend because there are other counties in the state that have over 100,000 confirmed cases. Due to not many counties exceeding alarming COVID-19 numbers, Michigan has a case fatality rating of 1.4% across the United States.

The new variant is likely to spread, as it's inevitable. If cases uptick and more students get sick, then the university has the poten-

tial to move towards either masking or virtual learning to help bring cases down.

"The university follows recommendations from the local and state health departments and the CDC," Bourdlais said. "If these entities recommend masking again, then the University may follow suit. The majority of the Ferris community has been exposed to this virus in the last four years, no matter what variant is circulating. With that said, I do not believe we will get to a point of 'shut-downs' and back to only virtual learning if necessary."

Anyone can take the precautions of washing their hands more often, as well as staying home, limiting contact with others and wearing a mask in confined areas if they feel they're developing COVID-19 symptoms.

ON THE RECORD

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Roommates no more

Oct. 17, 7:00p.m.- There was an argument between roommates at Robin Court. One of them reported that they were arguing over pots and pans, while other issues came up. The roommate who reported the incident moved out of the apartment.

Colorful car

Oct. 17, 10:00p.m. to Oct.18, 2:00p.m.- Someone reported that someone had thrown a red beverage on their vehicle in lot 3G. There was no damage to the vehicle. The case was closed due to lack of leads.

ChapStick Graffiti

Oct. 19, Time Unknown- Someone reported that someone had drawn sexual pictures on their car in ChapStick in lot 3G. The case was closed due to lack of leads.

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Humanities Colloquium: Russia and Ukraine's war

History professor and doctor of Russian history presents on the ongoing conflict

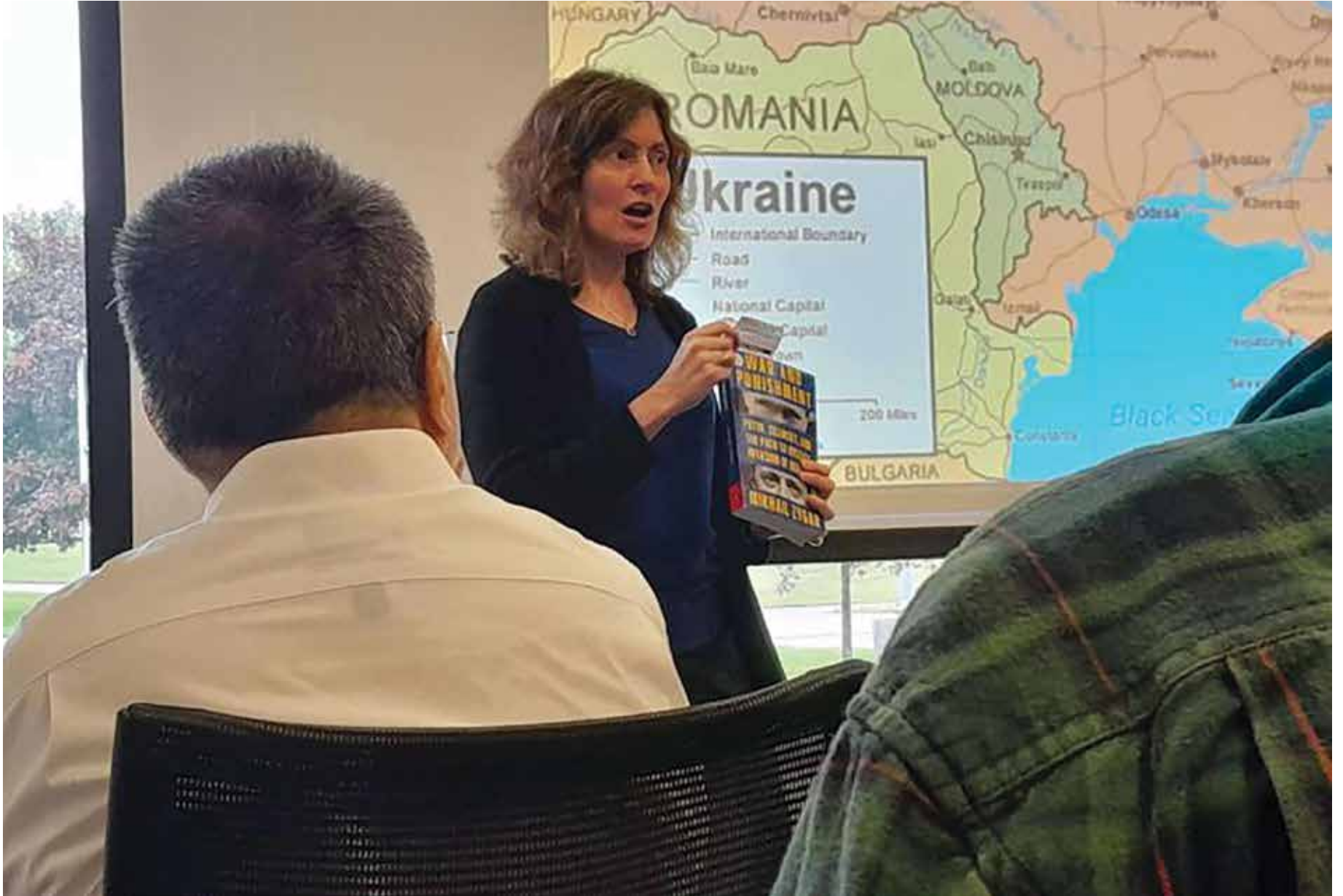


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Dr. Tracy Busch discusses the impacts of war and punishment on the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Kate Babel
Freelance Reporter

Dr. Tracy Busch presented information about the ongoing war with Russia and Ukraine on Thursday.

The presentation was part of the Humanities Colloquium. Busch is a history professor and gave information about both sides of the war at the presentation to help students understand how both sides see one another.

The war has been happening since 2014, however an escalation happened on Feb. 24, 2022, when Russia began to invade Ukraine. Busch explained the thoughts she had had that February.

"I didn't think that they were actually going to do a full-scale invasion," Busch said. "I was predicting that they were going to use the People's Republic that they control to gain access. You know, I thought they were going to just finally connect those and call it good. I didn't think they would take the risk that they took by invading credit, but they did."

Busch went on to explain that the months following the attack on Ukraine. Ukraine was able to push back to get more of their territory back.

While visiting Ukraine, her husband brought back a piece of a

bomb that had went off in the garden of his Ukrainian interpreter. While she did not bring it to the presentation, Busch included a picture on her slides to show what the shrapnel looked like to the audience.

During the presentation, Busch also wanted to explain the differences that the two sides had in response to the breakout of the war.

"The Russians like to deny early on in particular that anybody was dying," Busch said. "They don't even call it a war. They would cremate the bodies of the soldiers a mobile crematory so that nobody would know families would not know what happened to them. Whereas, you know, looking at East versus West here with Ukraine in response to Russian aggression is they make it front and center that these are people and they are dying in this unprovoked war."

Ferris Alumnus Adam Langworthy was in the audience. He helped answer Busch's question on one of the events that happened.

"There was an island, and there's only like 13 Ukrainian soldiers on there," Langworthy said. "And the Russians at the Black Sea Fleet surrounding it, and they ordered them to surrender and that was the guy's response. Initially, people thought they all died

to a man, but it turns out they were taken prisoner, but I think a lot of them have been released at this point in prisoner exchange."

Busch went on to say that Lang-

worthy was correct and that this was how Ukraine had an interaction with Russia.

Busch ended her presentation by letting the audience know that

her husband will be presenting on Nov. 28 about what was happening in Ukraine, as he was there last August.

Ferris ranks “best bang for your buck”

Ferris community members reflect on the quality of a Ferris education



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Ferris State University unveils two new signs welcoming visitors to the university.

Ethan Edsall
News Reporter

Ferris was ranked fifth best in Michigan for the “Best Bang for your Buck,” and staff and students have found things that they wish the university could do better, but have also found things that they love about attending Ferris.

The university was ranked by the Washington Monthly, who in addition to ranking Ferris in Michigan, also rated Ferris 40th for the Midwest. Students and staff have several different reasons for choosing Ferris as their college.

Secondary education mathematics freshman, Vivian Cash explained that she chose Ferris for

its small-town feel.

“I love that everything I needed was on one strip of road,” Cash said. “I also love how beautiful the campus is.”

Automotive engineering freshman Anna Xander also shared her biggest interest that Ferris had to offer.

“I choose to come to Ferris because of the small class sizes,” Xander said. “Instead of sitting in a big lecture hall with a professor who you don’t know, here at Ferris I know who my professors are which makes it a much better learning environment.”

According to Fremont University, a class size of twenty students results in professors having more

time for individual attention, increased class participation, and better communication between the instructor and the students. Furthermore, in the same study from Fremont the article stated that it is proven that students perform better and learn faster in a smaller class size.

Despite ranking fifth for the most things to do with the tuition price, there are still some things that students have not been fans of on campus.

“One thing that I dislike about Ferris is that the class is less hands on than I expected,” Xander said. “I took a couple classes at a community college last year in the automotive program and it

was a lot more hands on than here at Ferris.”

Cash also stated that the food offered on campus was repetitive and felt that the meal plan was “a waste of money.”

While it seems that a big draw for students to Ferris would be the pleasing aesthetic of the campus, professors at Ferris may have different reasons for choosing to work for Ferris. Dr. David White is an associate professor in the school of criminal justice. He chose to come teach at Ferris because his family was originally from Michigan, however there are some more personal reasons for staying at Ferris.

“It was great to settle into a

department where most of my colleagues also had careers in the field before we all started to teach,” White said. “Together, we are able to share those experiences and bridge the gap between theory and practice in a way that I think helps our students. Ferris was built on a foundation of preparing students to get jobs and it is because of the experience that our teachers bring to the program that our students become highly sought after they graduate.”

Overall, Ferris has been chosen by staff and students for the features that it has to offer that allow some students to continue to go to Ferris despite finding some things they don’t like about it.

MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

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News Editor

Michigan: Michigan football analyst Connor Stalions was suspended on Friday.

Stalions was suspended due to an investigation by the NCAA over illegal scouting and sign stealing according to MLive.

On Monday, ESPN’s Pete Thamil stated that Stalions had allegedly purchased more than 30 tickets for games over the past three years.

Head coach Jim Harbaugh denied having anything to do with the stolen signs according to ESPN.

“I do not have any knowledge or information regarding the University

of Michigan football program illegally stealing signals, nor have I directed any staff member or others to participate in an off-campus scouting assignment,” Harbaugh said.

The allegations against Stalions stated that he purchased tickets for at least three other people around the country. Some of the tickets were reportedly not used. The tickets were also reported to have been bought with Stalions’ credit card.

The NCAA is continuing its investigation into the allegations according to MLive. Stalions did not comment on the matter at the time of this story.

GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

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News Editor

Europe: The world’s oldest dog died on Saturday at his house in Portugal.

The dog, Bobi, was 31 years old and 165 days according to BBC News. Bobi became the world’s oldest dog in February and was published in the Guinness World Book of Records.

Leonel Costa has had Bobi since he was eight years old, after hiding him from his parents. The dog was eventually discovered, however Costa’s parents let him keep the dog. Costa has not yet made a statement on the death of his dog.

“Despite outliving every dog in history, his 11,478 days on earth would never be enough, for those who loved him,” Bobi’s veterinarian Dr. Karen Becker wrote on social media.



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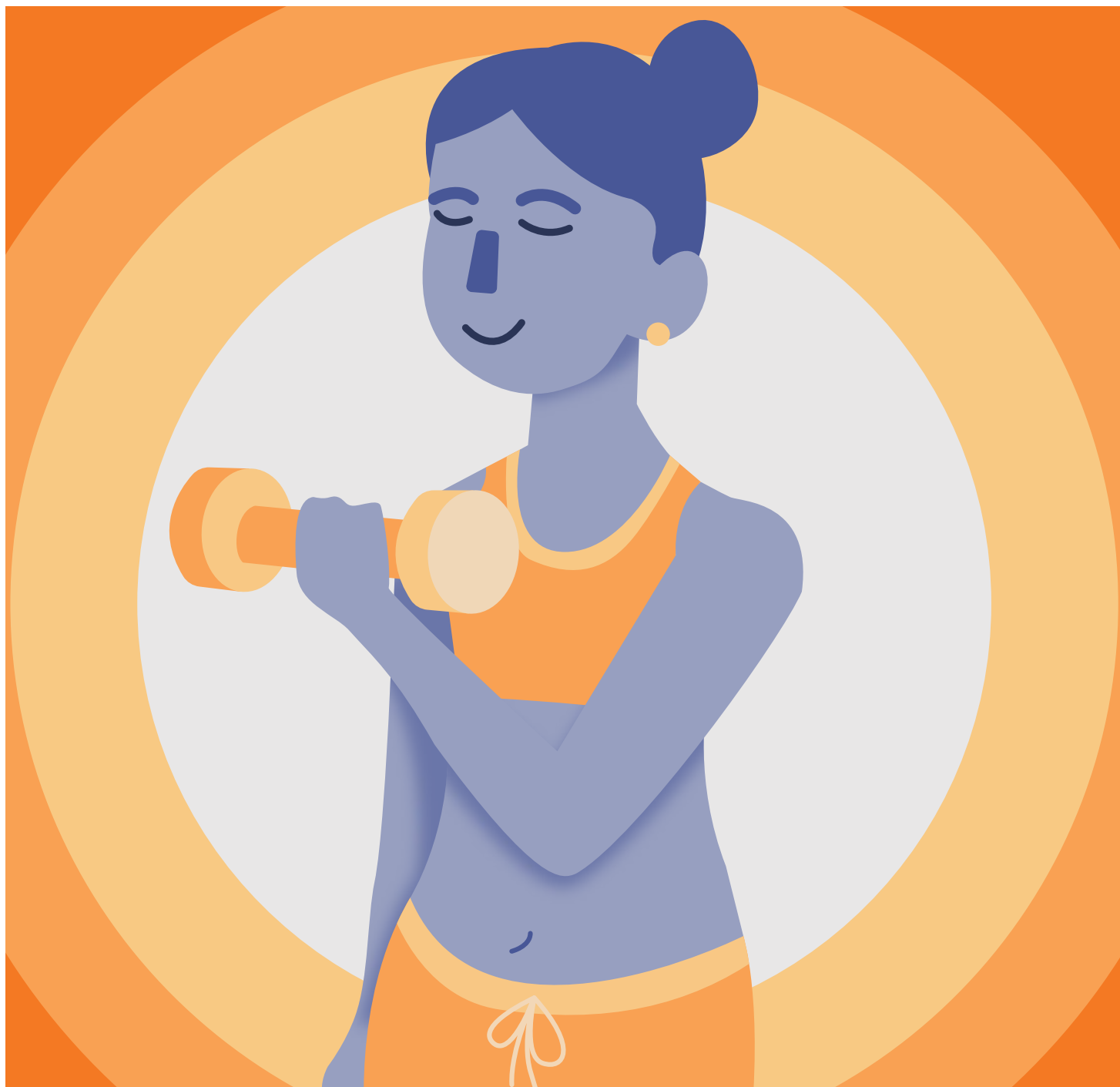
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EDITORS COLUMN:

Working out impossible tasks

It's what I gain, not what I lose



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The thought of running, playing sports or lifting weights in front of people used to be the most embarrassing thing imaginable. Now, I can hardly go a day without spending time at Ferris' Student Recreation Center.

To use terms taught to me in high school and hated by my classmates, I have often been guilty of keeping a fixed mindset rather than a growth mindset. Anything that wasn't on my list of strengths was automatically assumed to be an impossible task.

These impossible tasks ranged from Algebra to aerobics. Even if I knew I could eventually do them with enough effort, it wasn't worth it. I was convinced I would never do them well enough to even try.

Aside from a few years of com-

petitive gymnastics in high school, the last thing anyone could call me was athletic. I avoided gym class and school sports. I tried to stay home for my first "phys-ed Friday," a full day dedicated to exercising with your classmates and making me feel as out-of-place as possible.

I believe all this comes from the stories we're told about ourselves as kids. Growing up, my older sister was the athlete, and I was the performer. Our parents drove all around Michigan for her basketball games and my choir concerts.

People around me confirmed this binary narrative every time they laughed at my running form. I was almost certain I'd never enter a weight room again after my gym teacher dubbed me "Scooter," a reference to my vehicle of choice for sitting out the mile run when I had a fractured ankle.

Fortunately, college is a place to restart without hometown reputations. It is also a great time to become well acquainted with exercise.

Before we get stuck in the rigid structure of a 9-5 job, we should make personalized exercise a habit. I go to the gym at whatever time works for me, wear an athleisure set that I love, play meticulously curated playlists and do whatever activity feels right for me in the moment. Not to mention the fact that I avoid a monthly gym membership by going to the Rec.

When I first began my work as editor in chief, I struggled to understand when I was ever off the clock. Much of this work can be done remotely, and journalism emergencies happen at all hours.

Working out became more desirable when I realized that any time I'm in the gym, I'm definite-

ly not in the office. This thought alone made exercise feel like an indulgence.

I've gained a new kind of confidence and structure through this indulgence. I now spend a considerable amount of time out of the office, out of my main social setting and out of school to focus on myself at the Rec.

Even in a full gym, you can be alone with your body, your mind and your music. It's believing that your individual self is still important regardless of the other things you could be doing. It's choosing to feel proud about something.

When I'm frustrated with my own work and feel less than accomplished, I know I can reach some goals at the gym. I hope other people who have similar gym anxiety are able to turn it into a place for stress relief as well.

Reservoir Dogs: Tarantino's underrated gem

How the popular director's first film set him apart



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Lucas Gill
Web Editor

If I were to ask you what your favorite Quentin Tarantino film is, which one comes to mind first?

Chances are you're probably thinking about "Kill Bill" or "Pulp Fiction," right? While those films are incredible in their own ways, I've always loved his first film "Reservoir Dogs" the most. With its 31st anniversary being this month and with the news of the director's final film, "The Movie Critic," releasing next year, I thought it would be a good time to talk about this underrated movie and its importance.

For those unfamiliar, "Reservoir Dogs" focuses on a group of six perfect criminals. These men, strangers to one another and equipped with color pseudonyms, are under the employment of crime boss Joe Cabot. After a tightly planned heist to rob a diamond wholesaler goes awry and the group is ambushed by L.A. police, the surviving criminals meet back at their warehouse rendezvous. They begin to suspect that one of them is a police informant after they piece together what went wrong during the robbery.

"Reservoir Dogs" laid out the groundwork for future Tarantino films in what sets his directing style apart from other filmmakers. One aspect being his iconic non-linear style of storytelling. The film jumps backwards and forwards in time. Every little bit of the heist and leadup to it we see serves to add foreshadowing and recontextualize future scenes. When more information is revealed this way, it adds a greater impact to the later reveal. Tarantino would

go on to use this storytelling format for his more popular future films such as "Pulp Fiction" and "The Hateful Eight".

Similar to other directors, Tarantino has some mainstay actors throughout his roster of movies, most of which helped him start his career with "Reservoir Dogs". The movie stars Harvey Keitel as Mr. White, Tim Roth as Mr. Orange, Steve Buscemi as Mr. Pink, and Michael Madsen as Mr. Blonde. The film also features Tarantino himself as Mr. Brown alongside Chris Penn as Nice Guy Eddie, Joe Cabot's son. The engaging, raw performances from this smaller cast paired with a well-written script and impressive cinematography paved the way for Tarantino in the filmmaking scene.

Another Tarantino first comes in the form of the movie's soundtrack. The director prefers to use exclusively licensed music in his films rather than creating an original score. The soundtrack of "Reservoir Dogs" includes music exclusively from the 70's. Some of the songs included are Stealers Wheel's "Stuck in The Middle With You," "I Gotcha" by Joe Tex, and Harry Nilsson's "Coconut". These tracks add to the overall feel of the film's world and pair well with the onscreen action.

Overall, this is a movie I highly recommend. "Reservoir Dogs" is a shining example of independent cinema and is what I consider to be one of the greatest indie movies of all time. It has been in the shadow of "Pulp Fiction" for almost three decades and it's time that it got its well-earned recognition. If you are a fan of the crime genre or appreciate a well-written story, go check it out!

The best treatment why ESAs are beneficial

Brook Blausey
Culture Reporter

As a college student living away from home for the first time, getting an emotional support animal was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

More and more people are being diagnosed with mental illnesses every day. According to the website Rachel Bustin, over 43.8 million adults each year are diagnosed with a mental illness. Emotional support animals are a safe and calming aid to those who struggle with an illness.

Society has slowly become more accepting of ESA animals, whether it be apartment complexes waiving the fee of the animal or college dorms being required to allow support animals for their residents.

Certain steps must be taken to get your pet considered as an ESA. First and foremost, you must meet with a therapist to see if you qualify for an ESA. Then you can request a letter of ESA from said therapist. And that's it! All you have to do is make sure you have

the ESA letter from your therapist and your pet will be considered an emotional support animal.

Ferris State University along with many other colleges have many accommodations in place for their students who meet the qualifications of having an ESA. Ferris State allows students with disabilities to meet with a disability counselor to see if they meet the needs of an ESA if they do not have a therapist. Once approved, the pet can then live in the dorm and be allowed in certain buildings such as FLITE.

Having a support animal has been proven to help relieve anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses. These pets provide companionship, responsibility, endless love and affection and form a special bond with you. Having an ESA provides a reason to get up on those hard days. Also, having an ESA will trigger the release of dopamine in the body which creates the feeling of bonding and love.

ESA animals are not required to do any type of training like service animals are. The animal doesn't

provide any skill besides providing comfort for their owners. However, support animals are expected to be potty trained, harmless and overall be a well-behaved animal.

The presence of this animal can make you feel happier, whether it is playing fetch with your dog or listening to your kitten purr. Most of the time they love to be cuddled and practically ask nothing in return. With my kitten, Ollie, I just change his litter box and feed him and he gives me love in return.

The support animal helps those who feel alone feel loved and accompanied while at the same time building confidence and creating stability. This will reduce the risk of panic attacks, depressive episodes or other mental health illness symptoms. They also provide a natural and effective treatment option.

Having an ESA can potentially allow mental health patients to stay away from addictive medications while still treating any physical and psychological symptoms.

In my experience, having an ESA has turned my life upside down in

the best way. Ollie always gets excited to see me and loves to play with his toys. He keeps me from being bored and provides a sense of "adulthood" since he trusts me with his life. He has helped by making me laugh when he falls off the counter or drinks out of the toilet. He has also helped with my

anxiety by just being there whenever I need him to be.

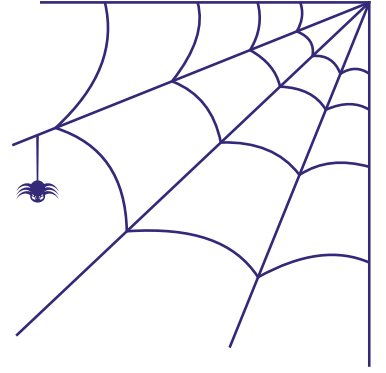
I definitely would recommend that anyone who is considering getting an ESA or has a mental illness buys the pet. It is truly life-changing and helps in so many ways.



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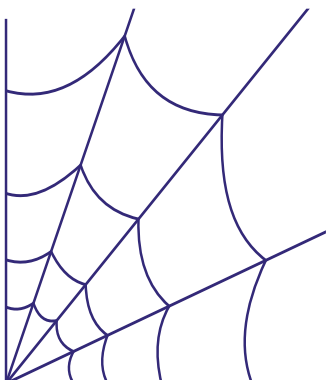
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The Fire pit Tales

A collection of short campfire stories

Discord badwoman *Ghost writer*

As I step out into the cold, dark campus my hair stands up on the back of my neck. As the rustling of fallen leaves puts me on edge I make a mental note to myself to not take any more late shifts.

I am making my way toward the Flite library when I see it. Actually it's not what I see, it's what I don't see. In front of me stands a empty stone pedestal, where the Woodbridge statue should be.

Before I know it, I am running. Everyone knows that theres only one reason Woodbridge leaves his pedestal. He's after a students school spirit. Everyone is warned that during the month of October you shouldn't be walking around campus at night with Ferris merch.

I curse myself for my outfit choice today. I wasn't thinking when I grabbed my Ferris scarf before I left, I was cold.

I am running so fast I hardly notice the stairs going up the music building. Before I know it I am on

the ground, I can hear his heavy footsteps on the sidewalk behind me.

I say my silent goodbyes as I hear him getting closer, my world goes black.

I shoot up out of bed, cold sweat running down my face. I am safe, it's just a dream. I check my clock,

it's 7pm. I scramble out of bed getting ready for my late night shift, I ignore the weird Déjà vu feeling I experience when I grab my Ferris scarf out of my wardrobe.

After all story of the Woodbridge haunting is just a fake story they made up to scare freshman, right?

"I say my silent goodbyes as I hear him getting closer, my world goes black."

Beheaded brook *Ghost writer*

All the lights were off on campus. I was surrounded in complete darkness as the wind rustled the leaves on the trees hanging above

me. There was no one in sight yet the hairs on the back of my neck were standing straight up and fear enclosed every inch of my body. There was a pit of anxiety in my stomach that I just couldn't seem to shake. With goosebumps run-

ning down my arm, I hurried my pace back to my dorm.

Once I made it back to my dorm, I quickly locked the door behind me feeling a sense of safety overtake me. Staring at myself in the mirror I took small deep breaths

to try to calm my racing heart only to look up and see the outline of Brutus the mascot, standing behind me with his red eyes glued to mine. I let out a horrific, terrified scream before everything went dark.

Thaddeus Cockburn III *Ghost writer*

The Department of Public Safety is actively investigating Brutus the Bulldog in relation to the disappearances of Ferris students around the oddly frequented "party" spot called "the Lines."

One unnamed criminal justice freshman, who begged the officer not to write him up for underage drinking because his dad would "kill him," alleged that he and oth-

er "totally not drunk" students saw a "dog-like" figure lurking around the area around the time of the disappearances. DPS found pawprints in the mud, alongside 13 vapes, three iPhones and six student IDs at the Lines.

Brutus, who was apprehended with excessive force, is currently being interrogated by DPS officers. According to DPS director Abe Haroon, the questioning is "going poorly" due to Brutus only being able to gesture with his "grubby,

little paws" and with how Brutus stares blankly with a "toothy, dumbass grin."

The Tire Fire's true crime podcast (hosted by know-it-all college journalists who watched "Unsolved Mysteries" on Netflix once) believes that Brutus is not the dog behind the crime. The podcast

alleges (with solely circumstantial evidence collected by arm-chair detectives) that Rufus, Brutus' cousin, is behind the disappearances. His motive? The podcasters didn't really know. To them, it "just made sense."

"Brutus... is currently being interrogated by DPS officers."

Frankstein *Ghost writer*

"Hey Candy-Man," A voice woke up Dani, who found himself lying on the dirt ground. A soft kick to his side forced his eyes open to see a new world. The first thing he saw was a dirt road, orange sky, and black pants connected to the

foot that kicked him. He followed the body up until he saw the character's head. A head like no other- no head at all. Just a floating Jack-O-Lantern over where the head should be.

What was Dani, now just Candy-Man, scrambled back to get a look at the thing. A normal body dressed somewhat casually,

wearing all black besides an orange and brown flannel, and that pumpkin.

"You're new to this, aren't you?" the stranger asked him. She got down to the other's level. It was hard to read her face when there was none, but the body language showed that she would be smiling

at the other if she were able to. "Don't worry, you're not dreaming."

Dani's hand was guided to his face, allowing him to feel it. What his hand came in contact with was not flesh, but plastic candy wrapper.



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Senior Hauntings

Editor in chief haunts the office

Energy drinks and coffee keep her heart bouncing into the afterlife

Bloody Mary
Ghost writer

After four years of late nights and early mornings at the newspaper, the ghost of editor in chief Jessica Oakes refuses to leave the office.

Some from the Arts and Science Commons have reported hearing haunting chants of "Oh, perf," "That looks gorg" and "This latte is making me feel like God" from

room 1016.

Many speculate that this spirit is what keeps one of the lightbulbs turned on 24 hours a day.

"She'd been talking about getting out of Michigan forever to go to Florida and now she's in the office for all eternity? Tough," Paul Ryder, Oakes' colleague, acquaintance and potential successor said.

Custodian Woodbridge Ferris has become well acquainted with

the ghost and doesn't mind the company.

"It was alarming at first. She has decent music taste, though, so I enjoy my time in the room. All she ever wants from me is a kiwi guava Celsius from the vending machine on Starr's first floor," Ferris said.

Ironically, the ghost of Oakes refused to comment on this piece or speak with the newspaper at all. She must have had enough.



Died on this hill

"Stop calling the UC that," Gabaghoul said

Gabaghoul
Ghost writer

Hundreds of students in the University Center have complained about hearing a ghostly voice correct them every time they refer to the building as the David. L Eisler Center.

All throughout the month of October, a short sassy looking ghost has been haunting all parts of the building. She's been known to be not dangerous, really short and annoyed by the recent name change of the building.

"I see her there everyday, and usually I'm afraid of ghosts, but

not her," Ferris Outfitters employee Matt Nathenson said. "I mean, she's mad about the name like the rest of us. Even though she may be the only one still talking about it, at least she's being an advocate."

One source said this ghost makes it "every one's problem" that the U.C. is being misnamed. As she's mad about the name change in general, her most prominent victims of correction are freshman.

"I'm constantly getting interrupted by her when I'm doing my homework in the Quad," anonymous freshman said. "One minute, I'm eating my churro because it's

Wednesday. The next thing I know is I'm hearing an annoying voice correct my paper on the David L. Eisler Center and my churro is gone."

When asked why she is still so mad about this, she couldn't even finish her sentence.

"I just, ugh," Gabaghoul ghost said. "Just, stop calling the U.C. that."

Though she just started this haunting, she plans to haunt the U.C. until Ferris changes the name back to the University Center, or at least names the building after her.



The hard to spot campus ghost

Alexander the third
Ghost writer

Sighting by Itsa Brick.

Alexandra Brickley is one of the harder ghosts on the campus to spot. Even when she was a student it would be easier to find Big-foot or Moth Man, then find her out on campus.

Becoming something of a campus cryptid for a time before the hauntings began. The easiest place to find her the is the bottom level of the business building, though she's been known to phase between floors.

With how much time she spent in the building over her years at Ferris state it's no surprise she haunts the building. Alex has

been known to make computers used in the building crash or run slow, make Photoshop or InDesign crash, and can be responsible for the temperature changes between floors.

"If I so much as talk about my math class, my laptop crashes." Said marketing student Itsa Brick.

With her being one of the harder to spot ghost on the Ferris state campus, even in the business building. A sure fire way to summon her is if you need help with your homework, at least if it has to do with Art, Art History, Ancient History or English. If you need assistance with Stats, Econ., or Math homework she'll probably cry and run away.

To get this help walk about the business building three times, go into of the computer rooms In the bottom level, leave a Big B drink, and bacon cheese fries next to your homework, leave the, room spin around three times and hop on one foot back into the room and she should be there ready to help you with your homework.

"She'll talk your ear off about whatever a fresco is if your nor careful," public relations junior Ista Brick said.

Next time you're in the business building, you might want to try calling on the ghost of Alexandra Brickley to help with your art homework.



The integrative studies ghost

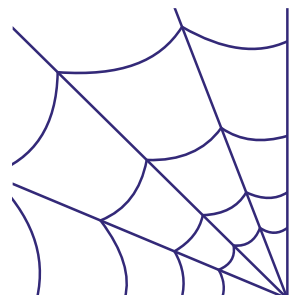
Kathoween
Ghost writer

Wandering through the halls of the Science building you might find the ghost of Kathleen Camp. She is known to be taunting the students in psychology and social work classes. During the exams students often complain they can feel her presence. Other students claimed to of seen her while they

were doing presentations about their psychological experiments and other research they have completed.

If you have not seen her ghost in the Science building, then the other place she has thought to be is in the computer room for the Center for Virtual Learning. If your computer has ever randomly shut down then there is a good chance,

she may have had something to do with it. There have even been stories of professors saying the computers would randomly shut down right at the stroke of midnight when the students had an assignment due. Always do your homework early just in case she might turn off your computer too.



New fall treat

Wendys joins to the pumpkin spice train



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Beheaded brook
Ghost writer

With the weather starting to turn cold and the leaves officially changing colors, pumpkin spice everything is a must. Wendy's is officially jumping on the hit flavor train by making a brand-new seasonal pumpkin spice frosty and a pumpkin spice cream cold brew. The new frosty item will temporarily replace the classic vanilla frosty on all Wendy's menus. Consider switching up your normal order for a fun new way to bury those fall cravings.

Wendy's isn't known for their bizarre flavors and throughout the years typically stuck to the two basics: Vanilla

and Chocolate. Although recently Wendy's has come out with the peppermint frosty, reintroduced the strawberry frosty and now brought out the pumpkin spice flavor.

Use a spoon or a straw to drink up this delicious, limited time treat. The new frosty is a smooth creamy vanilla base with pumpkin flavoring mixed with spices such as nutmeg and cinnamon to give the frosty an orange color and amazing taste. It's sweet but not too sick where it makes you feel yucky after eating it.

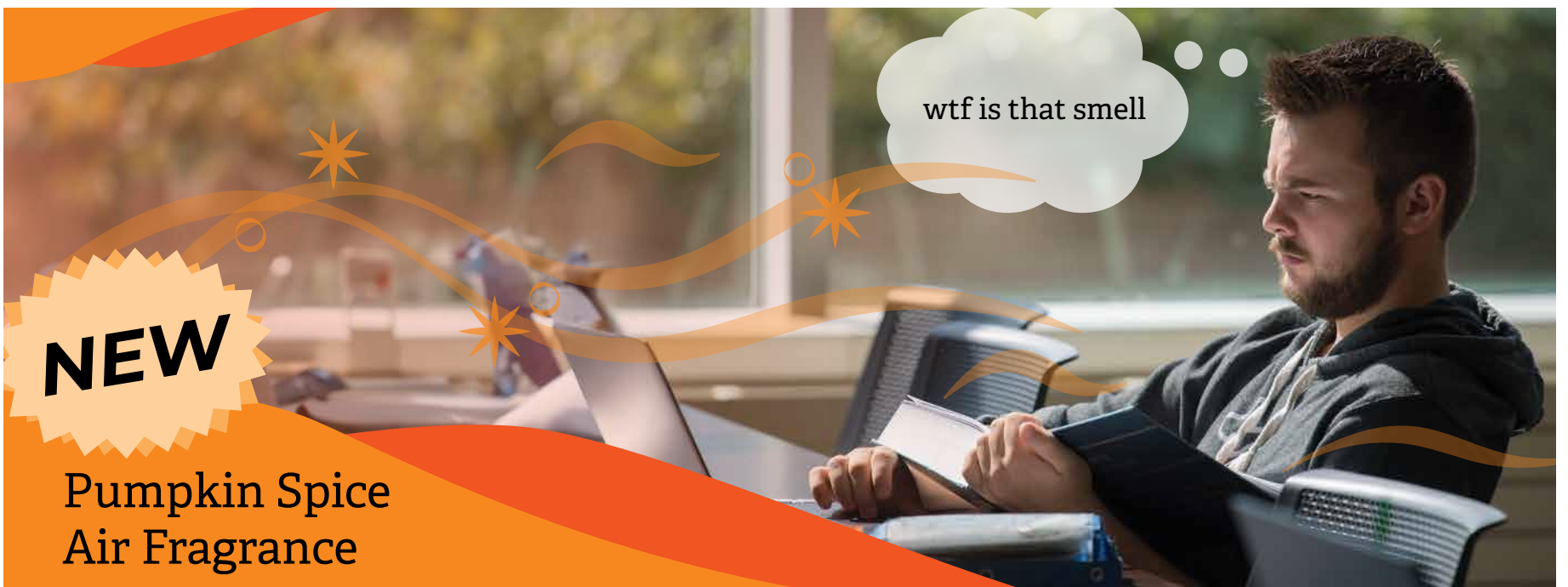
As someone who is a die-hard chocolate girl it was a bit out of my comfort zone to try this all-new pumpkin spice flavor. However, after taking the first bite

I was instantly hooked. With a strong pumpkin flavor that doesn't drown out all the other flavors going on, it's the perfect ice cream creation for the fall time. It tastes like pumpkin pie mixed with ice cream served in a cup.

If you're big into pumpkin spice flavored things this new dessert is a must-try item that you won't be able to put down till the very last bite. However, if you tend to stay away from the pumpkin spice craze, I wouldn't recommend this for you, since it has a strong mix of flavors. Try it for yourself today at your local Wendy's, only being served for the season!

David L. Eisler Center boasts new scent

Pumpkin spice smell not just coming from the Starbucks anymore



Graphic by: Hailey Nye | Production Assistant

Alexander the third
Ghost writer

The Ferris State David L. Eisler Center now has a fall sent wafting from its air vents, all thanks to company Pumpkin Spice the World. That smell of pumpkin spice wafting around the building isn't coming from the Starbucks but from the air vents themselves.

After much consternation by the administration at Ferris, the DEC now has a fragrance coming through the ventilation system. All of this was done though the com-

pany of PSW who specialize in adding fragrances in ventilation systems. At this time, they only do so with one fragrance, that being pumpkin spice.

According to technician Matt Mark, the installation is much similar to how plug in wall fragrances are used, only on a much bigger scale.

"Honestly, I can't smell it, so I can't tell if it works or not," Mark said. "This is my first install, so students may start smelling pumpkin spice or nothing. Or, the air system will stop working.

With the DEC being the companies first install as well as the first place to have a four year long contract with PSW, the scent of pumpkin spice will be ever present in the DEC for the following four years.

PSW founder Clare Pumpkin was on campus doing her own interviews of students and staff as the smell of pumpkin spice began wafting through the air.

"Who doesn't like pumpkin spice? Why not have it all year round?" Pumpkin said. "Why would we need to have more

scents? We do just one, you only need the one."

Engineering sophomore Mason Matt had little to say about the new smell.

"Huh, I thought that was just the Starbucks," said Matt.

Though, when questioned why, when told it was not Starbucks, Pumpkin then began to argue with him over the logistics of the system as well as where she received a patented for it.

Nursing senior Jane Doe openly complained about the smell and how it gives her a migraine.

"Well, I guess I'm never going to the UC ever again, at least without a gas mask," said Doe. "Don't get me wrong, I like a good seasonal latte, but fragrances give me a headache."

While with a head cold it's hard to tell either way if the smell is good or bad. It was never thought that perhaps the reporter with a head cold, and the installation technician who doesn't have a sense of smell should not be the people involved with something that requires a sense of smell.

Bad luck for students

Students experiencing bad luck after a run in with cat

Nightmare on Emb Street
Ghost writer

Students have reported that they have had bad luck after spotting a black cat on campus at night.

The reports began on Oct. 13 and have continued to have been reported since then. Students who have reported seeing the cat have claimed it hangs out near the Center for Virtual Learning around 3:00 a.m. every night. The cat has only been seen by the CVL and there have been no reports of it being seen elsewhere.

Radiology sophomore Moira Maynes was the first student to report seeing the cat on campus.

"I was just leaving my friends dorm after watching some horror movies when I saw it,"

Maynes said. "Its eyes were an eerie yellow, and it creped me out. The next day, I woke up with food poisoning."

Maynes' food poisoning was so bad that she was required to stay in the hospital for 3 days. According to her toxicology report, the only food in her system was popcorn, and experts are unsure of how she contracted the food poisoning.

In addition to Maynes several others have experienced bad luck after encountering the cat. Pharmacy junior Seymour Wurms also claims to have had an unfortunate run in with the cat.

"I saw it, with its chilling eyes watching me from a distance," Wurms said. "When I went to approach it, it made a devilish hiss. I couldn't sleep the next two days because

I saw it every time I closed my eyes, and I ended up failing my midterm."

Automotive management freshman Carrie Meyers claimed to have seen the cat disappear after having an interaction with it one night. She said that the cat had watched her from a distance as she was heading to her dorm in Clark Hall. Meyers claimed that she kept direct eye contact with the cat, however, as she left the path between the Music Building and the CVL for the path towards the David Eisler Center, the cat seemingly disappeared.

CVL night custodian Benjamin Better has also reported several interactions with the cat, however his claims differ from the interactions students have claimed to have had with the cat.

"I call him Frank," Better said. "I haven't had any trouble with the little guy, and I try to leave some tuna out for him at night. His eyes are kind of an eerie yellow, but I think it gives him some character, you know?"

Better claims that he has not had any accidents or hints of bad luck since interacting with the cat. In fact, Better said that he won \$20 off the lottery ticket he had purchased the afternoon after seeing the cat.

Currently, no one has claimed the cat, or have reported to have seen the cat in daylight hours. Students are however being asked to avoid the CVL between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. as a precaution until authorities can figure out whether the cat is causing direct harm to students.

The spirit of a Bulldog Halloween

Ten costumes that will make you Ferris' best dressed up



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Gabaghoul Ghost writer

Halloween is known to be the one day of the year where you can be whoever you want to be. When really, it's the perfect time to show off your Bulldog pride. Here are some ideas to be either the cutest or scariest looking Bulldog Ferris has ever seen.

CUTE COSTUMES:

Sexy Brutus

Starting off strong, we have our sexy Brutus costume. Even though Brutus serves every day of the year, Halloween is the time to put the word sexy in front of everything. This is your chance to serve like Brutus while looking like the hottest Bulldog known to Western Michigan.

Headless Woodbridge N. Ferris

Is the founder of the best col-

lege ever your version of the Roman Empire? Be a headless version of him this Halloween. Though a decapitated undead man does seem scary, add a pink bow and boom, you got a cute costume that makes you look like a true Bulldog.

The new Brutus FLITE sign

If you feel like you can't pull off sexy Brutus, I so understand. Not everyone can look that good all the time. If you still want to be Brutus though, because obviously who doesn't ever dream of that, you can dress up as the new FLITE sign. FSU is Brutus' biggest fan so you have so many options if you go this route but the best choice is the newest and bestest looking sign ever because then maybe the money we spent on it will be worth it.

Rock Café employee

For those on a budget this year (because you work at the Rock) then being a dining hall employee can be a great way to show off your school and Halloween spirit. Literally just wear the largest chef hat possible, put some headphones on and you look the part.

Erberts and Gerberts

Need an idea for you and your significant other? Boy, do I have something for you. Erberts and Gerberts is all the rage these

days, you know, since they're finally open for longer than a couple hours every other day. Dress up like the cute little sandwich men that fill a part of the IRC. I promise you, you and your sweetheart will win any couples costume contest hands down.

SCARY COSTUMES:

Now if you're not feeling any of these cute costume ideas, and you want to take the scary costume route, read below. Here are some of the scariest costume ideas a Ferris student can do while still being prideful of our school.

Board of Trustees

This doesn't even need an explanation. You just already know.

Meter maids

They always say if you can't beat them, join them. Meter maids are everywhere waiting for you to make one wrong move. Give them a taste of their own medicine this Halloween by dressing up as one of them and acting like one of them. With this costume idea, I'm seeing a lot of yellow tickets in the near future.

Frat bro in your group project

Think of the few people in your class who you hope won't be put in the same group as you, but always are. One of them is always

a frat boy. This Halloween, double the number and make that two frat bros no one wants in a group project. Now, you're terrifying everyone because they know they have to do your part of the work. Kill two birds with one stone by getting out of your group project and having a killer scary costume.

Your freshman year friend group

Almost every non freshman has a different friend group than their first one at Ferris. Usually, that old group of friends isn't friends anymore for good reasons. Dress up like your old group of friends, and you're scaring everyone. Including yourself, and them. Imagine that.

Townies

Now if you want to win Halloween this year, dress up as the scariest thing a Ferris student can imagine: a townie. If you need any inspiration, the scariest townies of them all are found at Walmart, Sawmill Saloon and the Rock Café.

I hope this guide was helpful for you having the best Halloween costume ever. If anyone dresses up as anything I mentioned above, no thank you necessary. Happy Bulldog Halloween!

Vamp from Vandercook

New building, old business

Bloody Mary Ghost writer

In the Center for Virtual Learning's latest catastrophe, a swarm of bats fell through the ceiling and surrounded Ferris' DI esports team.

After knocking a virtual reality headset off of a sophomore, one bat transformed into Vandercook the Vampire in disgusting Animorphs fashion.

"Once I got my glasses back on, I saw this thing that looked like a bat start yelling 'What the hell is this place? Why is it a glass box? Where is my hall?' I can't even put into words what

happened next," esports team captain Lorem Ipsum said.

The spirit inside the bat was none other than Vandercook, the namesake of the residence hall that once stood next to FLITE which was a perfectly reasonable place for a hall to be.

Immediately following the attack, the vampire returned to bat form and flew south. The Tire Fire was still able to land an exclusive interview.

"I don't know what esports are, let alone why they're more important than my legacy," Vandercook said.

Victims and witnesses were

terrified. Vandercook does not want the public to view him as "vengeful" after the incident.

"Listen, I know how it looks. Bats, vampires, blood. I swear I'm not a violent guy. But put anyone in my situation: my name is gone, and they did what to the UC?" Vandercook said.

A source close to the Tire Fire who wished to remain anonymous reported seeing Brutus the Bulldog run in the opposite direction once things got bloody.

"Don't print a word of what that dog says. He's a fearmonger and he never liked me,"

Vandercook said.

Brutus was not available for comment and is reportedly still hiding under a shock blanket. Paramedic Garrett Zack treated the dog for an hour.

"He wasn't even injured. I had ten TDMP kids bleeding on game controllers, but Brutus would not let me leave his side until the area was confirmed bat-free," Zack said.

University President Mr. Dr. Sr. William Orange released a TikTok following the atrocity.

"Bulldogs, let's remember to be friends with everyone. Even dogs and bats," Orange stated in the video.

After chewing through hundreds of cables and crashing into Ferris' most expensive computers, the bats caused \$5 million worth of damage. This was less than one twentieth of the budget for the important, necessary, state-of-the-art building.

Donations for the victims' medical expenses will be added to every student's ebills, now easily accessible through Ferris360. For clarification, that is 360.ferris.edu. Ferris360.com will send you to a gym in Toronto.

Horror-scopes

Don't be scared to know what the stars have in line for you!

<p>Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18: Watch out for interdimensional portals, they are out to get you and only you. We don't know who they are, but they are in fact out to get you.</p> <p>Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20: This Halloween is your Halloween, you're the pumpkin leader.</p> <p>Aries: March 21-April 19: Don't, just fucking don't.</p> <p>Taurus: April 20-May 20: Now is the time to tell your crush to do that couples Halloween costume, of a moth and a lamp.</p> <p>Gemini: May 21-June 20: Go to that Halloween party, the worst that can happen is that you'll throw up on your roommate. They'll only bring it up to everyone you bring over for the rest of the year, nothing too bad.</p> <p>Cancer: June 21-July 22: No one is going to get your Halloween costume, stop being so pretentious. It doesn't make you better than anyone.</p>	<p>Leo: July 23-Aug. 22: Your astronomy professor is totally not a werewolf. The guy in the front row, closest to the corner totally is though.</p> <p>Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22: It's time to stop with the pop and lock, and time to pop in to your classes, attendance is 20% of your grade remember.</p> <p>Libra: Sept. 23-Oct.22: Do, just do you. No one can stop you, at least not on Halloween.</p> <p>Scorpio: Oct. 23-Nov. 21: Watch out for other Scorpios, as there can only be one.</p> <p>Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21: Halloween is the perfect time to call open the dark forces so you can pass that one class.</p> <p>Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19: Being a werewolf can be rough, but you make it work. Dropping out at this point might be a good idea, you're not going to pass that chemistry class.</p>
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Culture

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Student Spotlight

Alondra Reyna looks back at her years as HSO President



Photo Courtesy of Alondra Reyna

Alondra Reyna with members of the HSO.

Kendall Phillips
Culture Reporter

At an early age, Hispanic Student Organization President Alondra Reyna knew she wanted her culture to be a part of many different aspects of her life. With this goal in mind, she came to Ferris looking for camaraderie and a way to indulge in her cultural pride.

Reyna is in her third year at Ferris and is studying mathematics education with a minor in Spanish. She has hopes of one day being a math teacher.

The idea of attending Ferris started when Reyna found out about the numerous cultural organizations that Ferris offered. According to Reyna, she loved how she could reach out to organizations such as the Center for Latin@ Studies.

"I came here because Ferris was one of the only schools that had a center like CLS," Reyna said. "I wanted to find a home, I wanted to be with my identity and explore my identity. I came here on the promise of finding a home away from home."

Before college, she knew that she wanted to be involved with

her culture and her community in any way she could. She originally joined the Aspiring Educators of Michigan, but soon decided that she wanted to join an organization that represented her culture.

This is when she decided to join the Center for Latin@ Studies as a permissive scholar. Joining the permissive scholar program was what led her to find out about the HSO.

At the end of her freshman year, she was asked to take over as the HSO president. After only her first year, Reyna was intimidated by the position in front of her and had doubts about her abilities to do it.

"The director came up to me and told me about the opportunity, and at first, I was scared," Reyna said. "I rejected the position out of fear that I would fail my community, but my community supported me and encouraged me to do it."

Since becoming president, Reyna "loves what she does" and she is so grateful for the opportunity she was given. She believes she wouldn't be able to do it without the help of her e-board.

"I cannot ask for anything more, my e-board has really been my strongest support," Reyna said. "I feel like they are the reason why I have enjoyed being president so much, it's because I know that they always have my back."

Biotechnology senior Alex Guzman-Vargas is the vice president of HSO and has worked closely with Reyna throughout her presidency. He believes that the best quality about Reyna's presidency is how observant she is of HSO members.

"She can read the room and see where she is needed," Guzman-Vargas said. "For example, in our club meetings, she takes note of which members are not as involved or might feel more distanced from the community, and she always eases them back into the group."

Guzman-Vargas describes Reyna as a "wolf pack leader." He be-

lieves that her leadership stems from the love of her community. Reyna strives to make a sense of community and a "home away from home" for all of HSO students. According to Guzman-Vargas, Reyna's leadership is a key aspect of their success.

"She leads the organization to success and continues to foster a welcoming community," Guzman-Vargas said. "She frequently checks in with members of the executive board and members of the organization as a whole. She ensures that no one is ever feeling left out from the group"

According to Reyna, the best part about being HSO president is her community, and getting to connect with so many different people and organizations. As president, Reyna works closely with other student organizations to host events.

Reyna's favorite event that she attends each year is the Day of the Dead Ball, hosted by the multicultural fraternity, Sigma Lambda Beta. According to Reyna, it's the event she "has to attend each year" because of how much she enjoys it. This event is one of her favorites because of how much fun it brings to the community.

"There is loud music, good food and you get to wear cute dresses," Reyna said. "The guys of Lambda are super nice, and always do such an amazing job putting it on."

As president, Reyna wants students to know that HSO is for everyone. According to Reyna, it "hurts to hear" that people say they can't join because they are not Hispanic.

"We want people to come to our events, and I can tell the Hispanic organization's name can shy away a couple people," Reyna said. "As president, I want everyone to know that it is a safe space, and everyone should feel like they are welcome. We are all here. We are all a community, and we are a community with open arms."

For more information, visit [hso_fsu](https://www.instagram.com/hso_fsu) on Instagram.



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Alondra Reyna, president of the Hispanic Student Organization.

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Sada Baby concert canceled

Detroit rapper's performance to be rescheduled

Kathleen Camp
Culture Reporter

Acacia Place canceled their grand opening concert one day in advance.

The concert was originally going to be on Oct. 21 with performances by Sada Baby, Jolo Reeves, Felix the Don and Munch Squad Music.

Tickets were \$40 for students, \$60 for general admission and \$100 for a meet and greet, and will be refunded back to buyers' charge cards in the next 10 to 14 business days from the canceled show date.

Though the show was canceled, the grand opening event is expected to be rescheduled.

Ferris alumnus Marc Robert was one of the event organizers

and one of the people in charge of promoting the event. According to Robert, building owner Jerry Bowman didn't have the occupancy permit on file with the county which is initially why the concert was canceled.

"The fire marshal came and inspected the second floor and it passed," Robert said. "However, since the occupancy permit wasn't on file at all, he shut it down."

The City of Big Rapids has verified that this is the reason why the concert had to be canceled. Bowman was informed that if the Certificate of Occupancy could be provided by the day before the event, the event could continue as scheduled "within the code."

According to William Sell of the Big Rapids DPS, "The department

was unfamiliar with the occupancy rating for that space and wanted to ensure the safety of all of the participants during the event. Upon arrival, it was found that there were no posted occupancy ratings and, when requested, the owners were unable to provide proof of a Certificate of Occupancy per the building code."

Ferris alumnus Ralph Lang also helped organize the concert. He believes that he "dropped the ball" regarding the required permit issues and fire requirements.

"It's a little embarrassing, to be honest, but we decided it was best to deal with the situation by playing it safe and making a difficult choice," Lang said. "We are humbled that an event was canceled, but looking forward to moving on

and will continue to work with the municipality to protect all of the parties involved."

Lang feels that "canceled events are never easy," but knew this was the best route to go because they didn't want to "put anyone at risk."

"We want to maintain the best relationship possible while also maintaining a great public appearance," Lang said.

The flyer promoting the Sada Baby concert stated that they were limited to 225 people, but according to Lang, the number of ticket sales was below the total building occupancy. Robert describes the cancellation as "just a bump in the road."

"There were a total of 225 available tickets and we had sold over half of them," Robert said. "We

had so many people reach out to inquire if tickets were available at the door. We were quite confident that we would have sold out the show."

Robert explained that the show was considered a "promotional" event. The concert was going to be professionally filmed for social media marketing in the future. Along with this, channels nine and 10 were going to film the entire show and then follow with a news special.

According to Robert, Bowman is "taking care" of the permits. Though there are plans to reschedule Acacia Place's grand opening concert, the new date and details are still unknown. Look to future Torch editions for more information on rescheduling the event.



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Professor's book wins national award



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Ferris State University English and literature professor Deirdre Fagan.

Brook Blausey
Culture Reporter

Along the walls of the English, Literature and World Languages office, Professor Deirdre Fagan holds recent national awards for her memoir.

Fagan is an English and literature professor, but she is also known as a published author. Her inspiring memoir "Find a Place for Me" was published on Nov. 1, 2022 and in June of this year, has won the 17th annual National Indie Excellence Awards' top prize in the Death and Dying category.

Over time, her memoir has won the 2023 Readers' Favorite Grief & Hardship Gold Medal and the 2022 Living Now Awards Bronze Medal. She has been nominat-

ed for the Shelf Unbound 2022 Indie Notable 100, was a finalist for the American Writing Award Memoir and American Bookfest "Best Book," and was invited to a ceremony this Nov. to celebrate the success of her book and was a finalist for two other awards.

Fagan's memoir describes her marriage with her late husband Bob Fagan, who at the young age of 43 was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. With only a few months left with her husband, she talks about how they make the most out of every moment together. Fagan takes a "loving and humorous" approach as she tells her love story of how she said goodbye.

Fagan started writing the memoir six years after her husband

had passed away. She made this decision after receiving many comments from friends and family

about needing to write about her family's story.

"I wrote the book to preserve what I remember," Fagan said. "It's a way for my children to know their father more. I also wanted to raise awareness for ALS and open up conversations about death and terminal illnesses but also to have conversations about love and survival."

English professor David Robinson is Fagan's current husband. Because Fagan is a mother, full-time faculty member, spouse and an author, Robinson believes that she "is very busy" and yet can still "accomplish so much."

"I'm so proud of Deidre, writing a memoir has been a dream

"I wrote the book to preserve what I remember," Fagan said.

of hers for years now," Robinson said. "I'm happy that she was able to accomplish this and that the memoir has been such a success."

According to Fagan, being a professor and author makes the process of publishing a book a little difficult. She focuses most of her summer on writing her books and spends the school year writing poetry or short stories. Fagan says it is harder for her to "concentrate" when writing during the school year due to all the "interruptions."

Though her book writing is saved for summer break, Fagan

feels that Ferris has done well in supporting her throughout the process. She is excited about the success of her book and believes it helped Ferris' creative writing department by helping expand creative writing offerings.

"This has truly been a fun ride and it's always a surprise when one of my books gets an award," Fagan said. "You receive this email about your book and you could be anywhere. I was at Lake Michigan when I found out about the award for this book. And then you're like okay which book won the award and which award was it? It's always interesting."

Writing this book was a way for Fagan to help other people with their grief and loss. She hopes that when she visits people for book readings, people will have deep conversations with her and won't be afraid to have them. She believes that these are topics we as a society don't talk about enough.

"In a tragedy, you can still find joy, and it's really about living a full life," Fagan said. "When you're aware that life can be fragile, it can help you embrace it more. If you dwell on these moments too much, it can be hard to find joy but if you hold it, and balance it, along with recognizing you're still here now, you can get so much more out of the life you're living."

Fagan continues to write and publish books. Her most recent publication is a poetry book called "Phantom Limbs" that covers similar themes as her memoir does. Fagan hopes these books will help people get through difficult times.

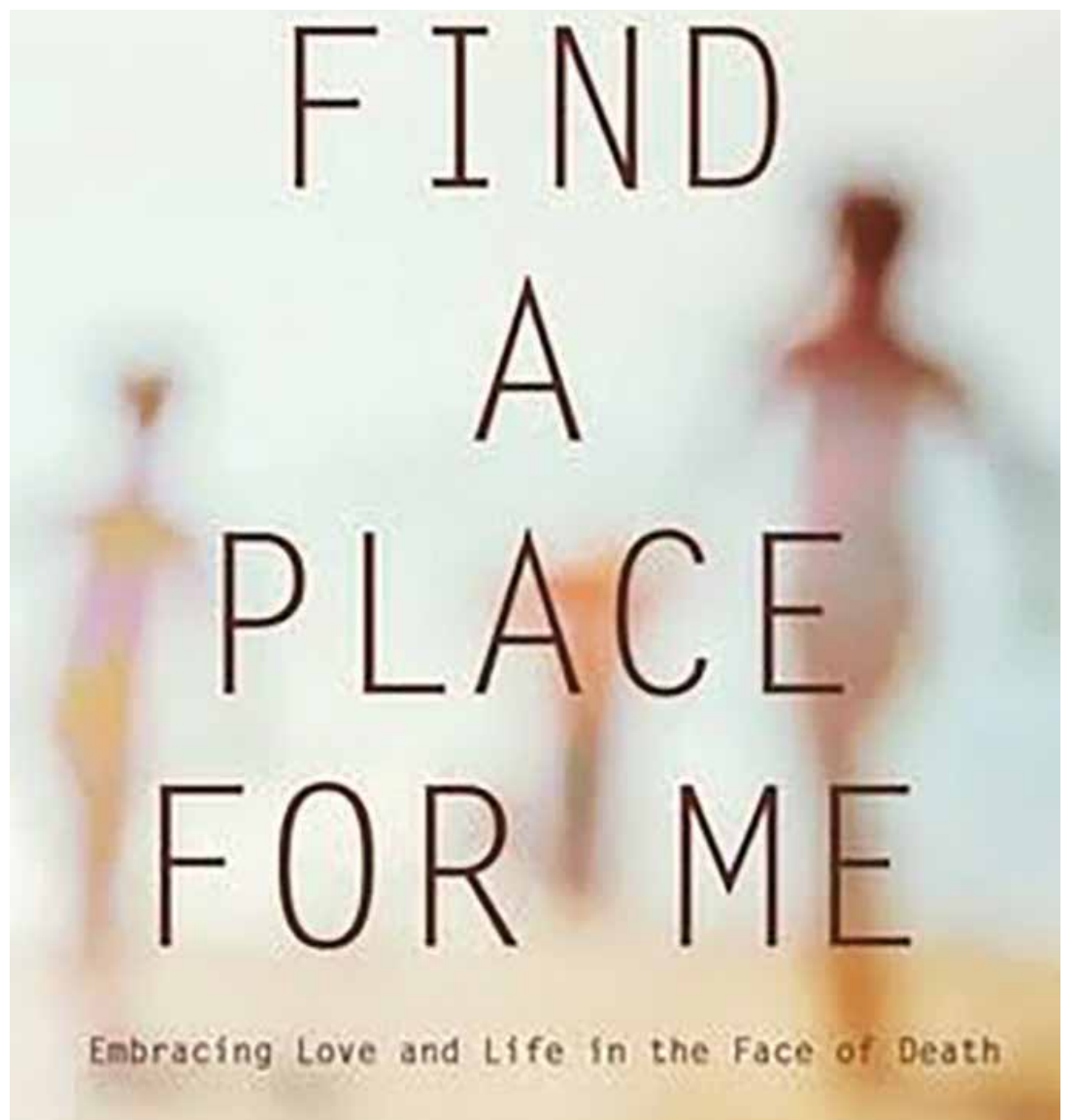
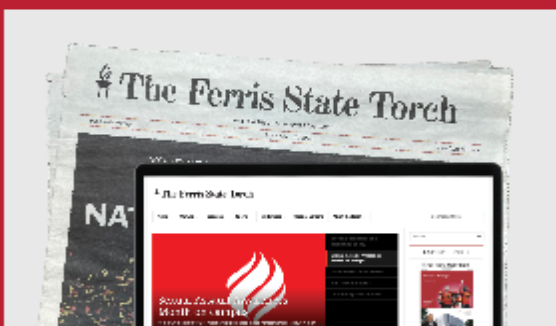


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Bulldogs mush Huskies

Football beats Michigan Tech 35-21, Carson Gulker scores five times



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Quarterback Carson Gulker scored five times in the 35-21 win against Michigan Tech.

Jeffery Walker
Sports Reporter

Ferris State football defeated the Michigan Tech Huskies in an interconference matchup at Kearly Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Following their loss versus Grand Valley State, the Bulldogs (5-2, 3-1 in conference) returned to the win column after getting off to a great first half on both sides of the ball that led to the 35-21 victory over the Huskies. Michigan Tech is now 4-3 overall and 1-3 in conference, and the Bulldogs get back on the track that may lead to the National Championship. However, Bulldog football has stumbled in rankings. The once #1 ranked team has been ranked between #4 and #9 nationally.

Head Coach Tony Annese reflected on the game and was proud of the way his team bat-

led in the win but was concerned about the Bulldogs possibly coming out cold.

"We knew it was going to be a battle," Annese said. "Obviously concerned about a little hangover from last week's battle in which that's heartbreaking for us when we start so poorly and fought back so hard and so there's a lot of variables involved. So really proud of our guys just thrilled the way we played."

Sophomore quarterback Carson Gulker scored the game's first two touchdowns for the Bulldogs as they went up 14-0 over the Huskies. The Huskies responded early in the second quarter with a touchdown of their own pulling the deficit to seven with 11:51 remaining. The Bulldogs scored again with 3:14 remaining with a four yard touchdown run from Gulker, his third of the game.

Gulker and the Bulldog defense led the Bulldogs to a 21-7 lead at the half. The defense held the Huskies offense to seven points and forced four punts and a turnover on downs in the first half.

After halftime, both offenses battled with three straight touchdown drives. The Huskies scored first out of the half, followed by another Gulker touchdown run from three yards out to put the Bulldogs back up by two touchdowns. The Huskies responded with another touchdown drive in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs added another touchdown run from Gulker, his fifth of the day, to go back up two touchdowns. The defense proceeded to shut the Huskies offense down in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Gulker gave his thoughts on the game and while giving credit to his

offensive line.

"That was a smashmouth game, they played really hard on the other side of the ball," Gulker said. "Our offensive line stepped up as the game went on, they were making big holes for me to run through. It was a fun game to play."

The Bulldogs rushing attack helped propel them to victory as they rushed 47 times for 185 yards and 5 touchdowns as well as let them eat the clock away as the offense controlled the time of possession with 34:46 as the defense did their job getting the Huskies offense off the field.

The defense held the Huskies to 21 points but suffered to defend the pass as the Huskies offense threw for 326 yards. The defense was dealing with multiple injuries to starters and players stepped up to hold the Huskies off.

Senior defensive back Major

Dedmond spoke on the defense missing starters, but making the most of

"It's a next man up mentality around Ferris," Dedmond said. "When you get your opportunity, you have to showcase what you got and then take advantage of every moment. We don't get this opportunity much to just get on this field and play with each other, so once you get your opportunity you just got to take advantage."

In the end, it was a team performance for the Bulldogs that ended with Ferris State getting the win on the road.

The Bulldogs will now come back home to Top Taggart Field to face off against American International Yellow Jackets on Oct. 28 with game time set for 1 p.m.

Records

Ferris

5 - 2 overall
3 - 1 conference

Last five games 3 - 2
Points allowed per game 21.0
Points scored per game 40.1

VS

American International

2 - 6 overall
1 - 5 conference

Last five games 1 - 4
Points allowed per game 33.8
Points scored per game 15.3

Bulldog hockey dismantles Grand Valley

Ferris State score nine on Grand Valley in exhibition



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Defenseman Travis Shoudy fires a shot from the left circle.

Jack Alcorn
Sports Reporter

Ferris State hockey beat the Grand Valley State Lakers in the Anchor-Bone on Ice exhibition game on Friday, Oct. 20 at Ewigleben Arena.

The exhibition match saw the Bulldogs beat the university's long-time rival by a score of 9-0. Ferris' offensive output was dominating, as they outshot the Lakers' D1 ACHA team 61-8.

Head Coach Bob Daniels felt that the Bulldogs got better with every frame.

"I thought we were a little bit off through the first," Daniels said. "I could feel us playing better and better in the second, and then hats off to our guys because we

played exceptional in the third period".

Daniels felt having this game was "way better" for his players than having a practice instead of the game.

Ferris had 15 more shots in the first period than Grand Valley, but Ferris only scored one goal in the first period. With eight minutes left on the clock, sophomore forward Connor McGrath received a pass from freshman forward Luigi Benincasa and blasted it into the top corner of the net.

The second period featured two goals from senior forward Stepan Pokorny, and one goal from freshman forward Emerson Goode. The Bulldogs dominated the third period scoring five goals, four of which came from different players giving

Ferris State nine goals to the Lakers' zero.

All three Ferris goaltenders played in the game. Junior Noah Giesbrecht playing 31 minutes and made five saves, senior Logan Stein playing 26 minutes and made three saves and sophomore Joey Henson playing the final three minutes but did not face a single shot.

Sophomore defenseman Andrew Noel, who scored in the match, described the atmosphere surrounding the matchup against the longtime rival.

"There was a lot of buzz around campus all week," Noel said. "We had a great turnout and a great student section, and that gave us lots of energy and it gave the whole school something to look

forward to on a Friday night".

Grand Valley State has had Ferris State's number this past season beating them nine out of 15 individual match-ups spanning across all sports. The yearly rivalry game between Grand Valley State and Ferris State doesn't stretch to hockey as they haven't played each other since the 1974-75 season. Despite this, the Bulldogs brought lots of energy and excitement into Ewigleben Ice Arena.

The Bulldogs' hot offense hasn't cooled down and continues to put the puck in the back of the net, as they have scored 3 goals in every game besides one so far this season. This past season, Ferris was top 20 in the nation in goals per game with an average of 3.5. This season, not including the exhibi-

tion, Ferris has the same goals per game as last year. Senior Stepan Pokorny has played a big part in their offense appearing in all four games, scoring one goal, and accumulating two assists.

"Once we get in the zone then we start making plays," Pokorny said. "It comes down to just playing hard no matter what opponent you're playing."

Pokorny thinks they will continue to be successful offensively if they keep their "fast-paced physical" style of play.

Bulldog hockey will travel to Marquette on Oct. 27 and 28 to play a two-game series against the winless Northern Michigan Wildcats to open CCHA play.

Upcoming Hockey home games



VS.

Friday, Nov. 3
7:07p.m.



VS.

Saturday Nov. 4
6:07p.m.



VS.

Friday, Nov. 10
7:07p.m.



VS.

Saturday Nov. 11
6:07p.m.

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Winless woes continue

Bulldog soccer draws with Panthers, loses to Lakers



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Sophomore defender Bella Vallone gets the ball away from two opposing players.

Sean Anderson
Sports Reporter

This past weekend, the Ferris State Bulldog women's soccer team looked to continue their win streak with two games at home on Friday, Oct. 20 against the Davenport Panthers and Sunday, Oct. 22 against the Grand Valley State Lakers.

Ultimately, the Bulldogs came out of the weekend winless, as they tied 1-1 to Davenport (5-5-4, 2-5-4 in conference) before losing 2-1 to the Lakers (8-2-5, 6-1-4 in conference).

The Bulldogs, who tied with Davenport on the road earlier this season, continued their streak of draws against the Panthers on Friday.

After a scoreless first half, the Bulldogs got onto the scoreboard first with a goal from senior forward Payton Price assisted by freshman forward Katherine Welch early in the second half. This was Price's fifth goal of the season.

The Bulldogs couldn't quite hang onto their lead however with more struggles defending set-pieces. Davenport would later score from a free kick in the second half to tie the game.

This ended in a 1-1 draw despite a late chance by the Bulldogs. This was the Bulldogs fourth

draw of the season.

For head coach Greg Henson, the 1-1 game did not resemble a draw.

"A tie never feels like a tie," Henson said. "This one kind of feels like a loss today."

That was not the end of the weekend for the Bulldogs, as they hosted Grand Valley State on Sunday. This was also the Bulldog's Alumni Appreciation Day, in which they paid tribute to the Bulldog soccer alumni in attendance.

The Bulldogs were looking to bounce back after Friday's draw and get revenge on their rivals, the Lakers, after losing to them 2-1 earlier this season.

Junior goalkeeper Darya Mosalaei made the start in net again Sunday, recording two saves.

The Lakers scored early in the first half from their first shot of the game and then the Bulldogs conceded a second goal halfway through the first half.

Henson elected to make a substitution having Lauren Kubacki check in at goalkeeper. She made three saves in the second half while not allowing a goal.

After a rough first half in which the Bulldogs were struggling to create chances, they fought their way back into the game. The turning point came when Welch headed the ball past the Lakers keeper

after a corner kick from junior defender Lindsay Cole.

The second half goal was their lone goal of the day despite a few late chances. The Bulldogs lost 2-1 and are now winless against their rivals this season.

Henson felt that his team fought hard in the second half to no avail.

"Our response in the second half was really strong," Henson said. "We just couldn't find the equalizer."

Welch echoed her coach's thoughts in believing that they "came out as a whole new team" in the second half.

With three games left in the season before the GLIAC playoffs, the team has to go on the road for its remaining matches.

Despite the loss, Welch still has a lot of hope and optimism about the remainder of the season.

"These next couple weekends we're really gonna come back and get these wins that we need," Welch said.

With no home games remaining for the Bulldogs, they'll travel to Houghton to face the Michigan Tech Huskies on Friday, Oct. 27 and then face the Northern Michigan Wildcats in Marquette on Sunday, Oct. 29.



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Sophomore defender Bella Vallone heads the ball.