



## Psychiatric help offered to students

Students can see psychiatrist through the Personal Counseling Center



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The Personal Counseling Center, located inside of the Birkam Health Center, will offer the service of a licensed psychiatrist this year.

**Ember St. Amour**  
News Editor

The Personal Counseling Center will offer students the free service of a psychiatrist this year.

Students will need a referral to receive this service, either from the PCC or Birkam Health Center.

To provide the service to students, the PCC has partnered up with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Students referred to the service will be able to meet with Dr. Jayanthi Peters, who is from Indiana, virtually in the PCC on Fridays.

PCC Director Dr. Andy Slater detailed that not all referrals will go through the psychiatrist.

"Historically, the Birkam Health Center has been our referral for mental health medication, which, they do an amazing job, there's still going to be a referral for us for just a very kind of basic course of treatment," Slater said. "Birkam is still going to be our primary referral, and that's due to a lot of the fact that we don't have a lot of capacity in our psychiatrist schedule based on this arrangement."

Slater also noted that while

the psychiatrist's service is free, any prescriptions will need to be covered by the student.

Vice President of Student Affairs Jeanine Ward-Roof felt that Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services met the criteria that were wanted in the psychiatrist.

"We really were looking specifically for the psychiatric piece and this was a place that had it," Ward-Roof said. "So it just was something that offered to what we wanted that we were able to tailor to meet what we believe are our student's needs and [the students will] tell us that

because they're really good at saying this is working and this isn't."

While the psychiatrist is a service offered, not every student who wants to see her will be able to. The psychiatrist is there as a treatment plan if counseling and Birkam cannot help the student.

"I wouldn't want students to feel like that's validating by any means," Slater said. "I mean, their challenges are obviously their challenges and they're very real. They're coming to counseling, because their impact, it's impacting their life. But we would want to make sure

that we talk about kind of like the lower steps of treatment before we escalate them to basically what now is probably the highest, most severe category of treatment, which would be seeing our psychiatrist."

Students should not expect an impact on their bill for this new service according to Ward-Roof.

"There's different dollars that are allotted all over campus for different things," Ward-Roof said. "So, what we did is when we looked at the allocations that we received for health and wellness, we decided that this was a prior-

ity that we wanted to fund in there, so it's not an increase in terms of what we're asking the students to pay."

Students who need counseling can call 231-591-5968 to schedule an appointment or get more information.

*Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services and Peters were unavailable for comment at the time of this article.*



# News

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## Objective in the works

The Academic Senate and Student Life are partnering to try to help benefit the student experience

**Tate Zellman**  
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The Academic Senate revealed an objective to help improve student life on campus during their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Taking place at the David L. Eisler Center Ballrooms with an attendance exceeding 50 members, the Senate discussed three objectives that were identified at the Senate Symposium. One of the objectives was about the student experience, where its goal was to craft a statement about support services that could be used by faculty. The metric of their objective is to present a statement for Academic Senate support during the 2024-25 academic year. The Senate is teaming up with Student Life in an effort to complete the objective.

Associate Professor and President of the Academic Senate Emmanuel Jadhav described the importance of the university knowing about the Academic Senate working on the objective.

"The student experience objective is for the Academic Senate to meet for this year," Jadhav said. "We are going to be looking at the student experience from a standpoint of what are the sources that

students need. Within the statement, we're going to highlight the different mental health resources, housing resources, pantry resources and the different options on campus."

The Academic Senate's partnership with Student Life began when Jadhav called Dean of Student Life Lina Blair during the summer. Blair stated that Jadhav reached out to them with an offer. The offer was that the Academic Senate would like to prioritize Student Life and the student experience and asked them if they would like to participate. Blair was honored and excited to be able to work with the Senate during their summer retreat and throughout the 2024-25 academic year.

"The idea was to improve the student experience," Blair said. "And I could bring forward basically anything that the Senate could assist with and support. I want to prevent students from feeling like they have to piece together support and resources for themselves. The goal is to help centralize and provide case management for students. And that we can help plug them into resources and support that work for them."

It has been confirmed by

Blair that the statement is currently being worked on with the Academic Senate. In terms of where the statement will go, Blair stated that the hope is to get on the common syllabus, Ferris360 or somewhere accessible where the students can be reminded of it consistently.

Professor of Music and the Chair in the Department of Humanities Dr. Richard Scott Cohen explained that the statement can't just be something that's written and that it has to do its part of accomplishing the goal in order for it to come out.

"The downside is if we don't come up with a statement," Cohen said. "It's just whether we're successful in building more bridges across campus to help students. A statement itself isn't going to do that, but if it's a statement that we take to heart, then we use that moving forward to help achieve that broader goal. The hope is that the statement will provide some guidance for people to work collaboratively on behalf of students."

The Academic Senate will have its second meeting of the 2024-25 academic year on Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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**Melinda Isler, secretary of the Academic Senate, speaks at the meeting.**

### Student thoughts on the announcement of the new dorm building:

"I think it's kind of sick, like if you are on the side that's facing the field you can just like watch the game from your room. But also, I'd rather have a new or some more seats and have better facilities, but I still think it's sick," *Product Design Engineering freshman Thomas Hagans*

"I think it's great. The more the merrier less people at every dorm will be just nicer you know more space," *Nuclear Medicine freshman Joseph Guerreiro*

"It's gonna be bad for those people that don't like, want the noise, but it's gonna be good for football fans. I heard a lot of athletes are gonna be in that dorm so hopefully they're gonna like being right there. I don't know, it might be school spirited." *Psychology senior Abby Winkle*

"I personally wouldn't want to live in those dorms right there. I feel like it would be pretty loud," *Architecture freshman Kendra Paul*

# Training day for RSO presidents

## Learning what it takes to become an RSO



Photo by: Kate Babel | News Reporter

Attendees learn about how to run their registered student organization.

**Kate Babel**  
News Reporter

Presidents of registered student organizations met on Sept. 4 to learn what it takes to become an RSO and what it means to be an RSO leader representing the students of Ferris.

The meeting was held at the David L. Eisler Center in Ballroom A. It was about the recent updates in university policy, discussing campus resources, finances, responsibilities regarding safety and resources students should connect and collaborate with before beginning any event. It started with icebreakers between the club presidents to get to know one another, followed by topics about what it means to be an RSO leader, the requirements to start an RSO and the importance of student involvement.

A registered student organization is an independent and self-governed organization or group consisting primarily of students enrolled at Ferris formed to contribute to those students, educational growth, recreation and/or personal development and who have been approved to function on campus. The meeting discussed what resources these student organizations need. RSO leaders assume the responsibility for the organization's activity and

conduct.

RSO and Greek Life Coordinator Josh Olszewski spoke about what both new clubs and existing clubs should know.

"The idea is that there are a few policies and procedures that student organizations have to follow and so it's an opportunity for us to let them know," Olszewski said. "Here's how you reserve a space on campus, here's where the RSO handbook is, here's what you should know from the RSO handbook, the Student Code of Community Standards, and here's how to navigate Bulldog Connect. The goal is that they leave the meeting, they know what they need to do, they know what resources are available to them and they can go out and accomplish their goals and do their thing."

Not only are existing clubs getting a refresher on the rules, but newer clubs are gaining a better understanding of how an RSO should be run.

Information security and intelligence junior and President of the Information Security and Intelligence Alliance Seth Brott shared information about his club and insights about the meeting.

"The club has been around since 2007, it's gone through many iterations and I took it over two years ago," Brott

said. "What I found helpful about the meeting was that this is a great place for like a lot of other presidents of other RSOs to come around and meet each other, sit at the same table and try to share information about each other."

During the meeting, Olszewski talked about finances, including what happens when a group holds a fundraiser and what role faculty advisors play. Communication between RSO leaders and their faculty advisors was one of the main topics aside from acknowledging the importance of the Ferris State community. In the end, the meeting allowed students to ask questions and receive the updates they needed.

Elementary education senior and Vice President of Aspiring Educators in Michigan Emily Wardell commented on the meeting.

"I thought everything was helpful like how to actually register events, how to run things appropriately and not to break any Ferris rules," Wardell said.

The next RSO training meeting is Sept. 9. For more information about starting an RSO, go to the Ferris 360 Center for Student Involvement resource tab or visit the Center for Student Involvement in the DEC.



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RSO coordinator, Josh Olszewski, explains the importance of organizations on campus.

## Ferris State Torch Corrections

**In the "J.D. Vance rallies in Big Rapids" article from the Sept. 4 edition of the Torch, Mike Rogers' title was incorrect. Rogers is the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in Michigan, not the current House of Representatives candidate.**

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# Student Government Association updates:

★ Director of Operations position added.

★ "It will be the first time in my administration that a new position will be added, and I think it will be energizing for everyone to see," Bender said. "Additionally, regarding the specific work that I want this addition to achieve, it will allow us to keep track of each committees' operations. Once we have someone to manage these committees and act as a centralized figure of communication for them, our effectiveness as an organization will be greatly improved."

**-SGA President computer information systems senior Stephen Bender hopes that this new position will be helpful for SGA.**

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**Student Government President, Stephen Bender, speaks about new initiatives to the members.**

## MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

**Connor Grypma**  
*Sports Editor*

**Michigan-** On Sunday, Sept. 9 the Detroit Lions beat the Los Angeles Rams 26-20 in an overtime thriller.

The Lions (1-0) opened their season at home in Ford Field where they had a playoff rematch against former Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford with the Rams (0-1).

After building a 17-3 lead, the Lions gave up a field goal and two touchdowns to go down 20-17 late in the fourth quarter. Lions quarterback Jared Goff led the team down the field to tie the game 20-20 and send it into overtime. The Lions won the toss and in a final drive dominated by running back David Montgomery, the Lions found the end zone to end the game.

In the game, Goff led the way completing 64% (18-28) of his passes alongside a touchdown and an interception.

Detroit running backs Montgomery and Jahmyr Gibbs found the end zone, combining for 131 rushing yards. Wide receiver Jameson Williams was respon-

sible for the lone passing touchdown of the game and led the team in receiving yards with a career-high 121.

The Lions will continue their season next week at home against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1-0) in another playoff rematch from last season. The game is set for Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.

## GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

**Ember St. Amour**  
*News Editor*

**United States-** There was an egg recall on Sept. 6 due to 65 people contracting salmonella.

The eggs are from Milo's Poultry Farms LLC and include the labels "Milo's Farms" and "Tony's Fresh Market" according to MLive. In addition, all eggs regardless of size, expiration, and types were recalled.

The outbreaks reported were from May 23 to Aug. 10 with those effected ranging from two to 88 years old according to USA Today.

The company is based in Wisconsin and after an inspection was done, strands of salmonella were found in the hen house and the packing facility.

While most of those with the virus were from Wisconsin, the outbreak also affected those in California, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Utah and Virginia.

The CDC has concerns with the treatment of the outbreak.

"This outbreak may be difficult to

treat with some commonly recommended antibiotics and may require a different antibiotic choice for people who need them.," the CDC said. "Laboratory testing showed that the salmonella making people sick is resistant to nalidixic acid and ciprofloxacin."

The recalled eggs were in stores in Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.



# Culture

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## Cars, coffee and camaraderie

Big Rapids car culture continues to grow as BMC begins monthly cars and coffee



Photo courtesy of Ethan Tymensky

Vehicles in show ranged from Volvos, Volkswagens, Toyotas and Cadillacs.

Blase Gapinski  
Culture Editor

The Bulldog Motorsports Club hosted its first cars and coffee event of the semester, which brought community and club members together over the love of cars.

The club held its car meet-up on Sunday, Sept. 8, in the parking lot of Bernie's Place, where members and attendants could show off their various vehicles while sipping on coffee. There were around 30 different vehicles showcased, ranging from bikes, cars and trucks, and over 50 people attended the meet. Members used this time as an opportunity to meet new people and show them what the BMC is all about.

Welding engineering technology junior Ethan Tymensky is the social media

coordinator of the club, and the BMC has been a big part of his life since coming to school. He believes anyone can get involved with this club because you don't have to know much about cars or have a flashy vehicle to participate in their events and group outings.

"You don't have to have a fancy car or know everything about them. Cars are what initially brings us together which tends to lead to non-car events like bowling or even axe throwing," Tymensky said. "We have one of the bigger automotive programs in the state, so we have a lot of people to show and represent the love of car culture."

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Photo by: Blase Gapinski | Culture Editor

Students and members of the community attend the monthly car meet to express their passion for motorsports and connect with others.

# Media Minute

## The rise of Chappell Roan

**Harmony Goodman**  
Production Manager

The music industry is brewing with upcoming artists, and Chappell Roan is a great example of how internet fame can bring new artists to the spotlight.

Since early 2024, Roan's songs have been all over the social media app TikTok. However, it wasn't until the dance for her song "HOT TO GO!" was released that she became the newest celebrity sensation.

According to Constance Grady, in her article "Chappell Roan spent 7 years becoming an overnight success" for Vox Media, Roan's fame has seemingly appeared overnight, and so has her name of the future of pop lists all over the industry.

Roan has since taken over Billboard's Top-100 charts and rising pop Spotify play-

lists, but just months before her rise to fame, Roan had moved back home and began working as a drive-through worker at a local coffee shop. She spent days working, brainstorming ideas on how to get her name out there.

At the same time she spent saving money and planning her next career move, Roan's song "Good Luck Babe!" spread like wildfire all over TikTok.

Just like that, Roan's career took off at a tremendous rate. Her songs gained millions of streams on Spotify alone, and she quickly became one of the newest pop sensations.

For some listeners, however, it isn't just the music that keeps Roan in the spotlight. The LGBTQ and drag community can't get enough of Roan and the representation she brings to the community as a queer pop artist, especial-

ly her drag-inspired makeup looks she wears on stage.

Beauty Beyond Drag Productions, a group of drag performers in Grand Rapids, Mich., even included "Pink Pony Club" and "My Kink is Karma" during Drag Bingo at Ferris.

It's clear that Roan is building a strong fan base that will continue supporting her through her newfound fame and future. However, this does not mean the sudden fame has not taken its toll on her.

According to Rolling Stone, Roan has been quick to reveal a statement about protecting her personal life. With stalking and harassment online and in person, it is clear that Roan felt invaded and mistreated. Roan stated in her video posted across her media in August she doesn't care how normalized obsessive fan behavior has be-

come. No artist deserves to have their personal life invaded as she has over the past few months.

Fans were quick to support her statement and call out the behavior of these fans. With the statement from Roan and the support it gained, the pop industry is backing her up and spreading more awareness as more celebrities begin to speak up.

With her involvement in the LGBTQ community, plus the future of pop labels being put on her according to music streaming platforms across the internet, Roan will continue to stay in the spotlight. Roan's years of work and dedication have paid off all because of a TikTok trend, and she may be the biggest viral internet star to work her way to fame yet.



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# Urinetown: A battle of the bathrooms

## Award-winning Broadway satire comes to Ferris

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**Ni'Jah Rankin**  
Culture Reporter

Ferris State Theater held auditions for its first production of the year, called "Urinetown" opening in October.

Assistant Professor of Theater Dennis Henry chose "Urinetown," by Greg Kotis for this fall semester's musical. This production is a three-

time Tony award-winning musical about a 20-year-old drought in a city causing a ban on private bathrooms, forcing citizens to pay for public bathrooms.

Henry chose "Urinetown" for the fall because of the casting number and the political aspects that it offers.

"It does have a little bit of a political story and we are in

a political year, but it is not as angry or polarizing as the election is," Henry said. "It both talks about corporate greed and government overreach."

Henry thinks that this play is not only a good choice for its political relatability because of the upcoming presidential election, but it also helps lighten the mood

surrounding politics by being a satirical comedy.

"I think it's really important in this time to be able to laugh at ourselves a bit," Henry said. "It also has something to say to make people think a bit about the things that we take for granted every day."

Henry thought this production would be great for

students who haven't been to a play before and even for students who frequent them. This is because of the title and the list of songs that parody well-known musicals.

Henry believes this is a great opportunity for students and the community to watch this production as it is a bigger production title, and tickets are only \$10.

"It has a hook for people who have been to a lot of shows, and for someone who has never been to one," Henry said. "It's one that's got a lot of good songs in it, and that has some great comedy in it."

Bryanna Monaco is a social work junior who loves to watch plays. She has gone to every production since she started her time at Ferris and enjoys watching them perform. Especially since her best friend frequently has a role in them. Monaco has not heard much about the upcoming play, but based on the title, she feels pretty neutral about it.

"It didn't ring any bells or raise any flags," Monaco said. "Every musical or play that Ferris puts on is fantastic, so I'm hoping it's good."

Lindsay Greenfelder is a freshman in dental hygiene, and she is also interested in theatre. Even though she does not play in them herself, her sister and many of her friends do, and she likes to watch them and see what goes on in the theatre.

When she first heard about "Urinetown," she did not have any thoughts when it came to her first impression of it.

"I don't ever have any kind of expectations when I go into plays," Greenfelder said. "I just go to them and would be interested in going."

"Urinetown" will be opening on Halloween and continuing through the weekend. Anyone can follow up on any updates on the current or upcoming productions on their Instagram: @ferrisstateuniversitytheatre.

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# Opportunities for students

## Fraternalities, sororities and other organizations distributed for Get Acquainted Day

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Freelance Reporter

Students were given the opportunity to mingle with fraternities and sororities during the Get Acquainted Day event on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Taking place outside of the Robinson Quad, a range of five to over 50 students stopped by to see the different multicultural groups that advertised what they do. A total of 15 organizations that consisted of fraternities, sororities, and groups from the United Greek Council and other Multicultural and Affinity RSOs had their tables set up to tell students what their organization was about, the upcoming events the organization would have and information regarding contacts and social media accounts.

Director of the Hispanic Latino Cultural Center Sonia Treviño found it important for students to come to investigate the organizations, but more importantly, freshmen students are still getting adjusted to life on campus.

“As an incoming freshman they usually have a lot of fears and maybe some anxiety about being in a new place and a new community,” Treviño said. “Having events like this allows for those new freshmen to be exposed to

the different resources on campus. Also to meet students with like-minded organizations they can join and be a part of. That way they can know that they have a community here at Ferris State.”

Additionally, Treviño stated that it is vital for students to know about the multicultural resources on campus and the upcoming events as other ways to help develop a sense of belonging for not just the students in the minority but also for students for the campus at large.

Each group had a range between one and five members representing their respective organizations. Dental hygiene sophomore Mia DeBerry, the community chair for the Black Student Union, would recommend her friends to have attended the event and encourage students to branch out and see what organizations are available.

“A lot of people think that there aren’t things geared towards them,” DeBerry said. “In reality it’s because they don’t go out and search for those things. The organizations can only go so far in campaigning and advertising what they have, but students are the ones who have to take a step out and make an effort to see what they do.”

Additionally, DeBerry explained what it meant to her

telling other students what the Black Student Union does and what they do for their students.

“Our group is the Black Student Union so it’s geared towards the black community,” DeBerry said. “A community is rather something black students don’t feel like they have. So it’s important that we have this organization to show them that they are supported and that they have a voice on campus. For them to come out to the Black Student Union and be a part of that community will give them a sense of belonging.”

Welding technology freshman Nate Perrin in just his first semester on campus found it important to attend the event to develop a sense of community.

“To meet new people is good for me and my friends who are freshmen,” Perrin said. “There’s about ten thousand kids on campus and I’ll maybe remember fifty of them. And I’ve seen events here almost every day and at some point, people get involved which is good.”

You can check out the fraternities and sororities accounts on social media or learn more by contacting the Office of Multicultural Student Services.



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Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority talk with interested students.

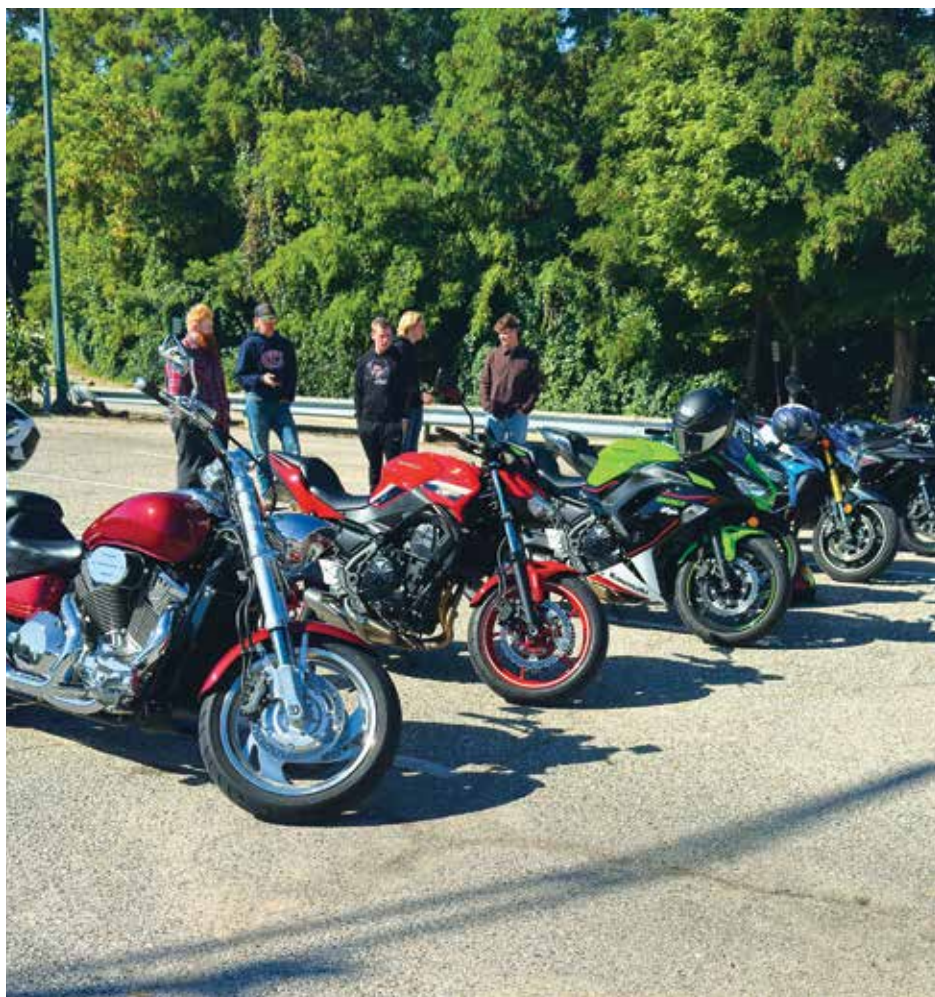


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An array of motorcycles is lined up besides the cars at the event.

### CARS, COFFEE CONT.

The BMC tries its best to host smaller events like those as the winter starts to come around. An example is NASCAR racing watch parties and going to go-cart tracks. Tymensky believes in hosting events like this that the community can get involved with, so they can have a larger outreach.

“We try to sell our T-shirts, just so we can put on little events,” Tymensky said. “It especially helps during the winter, when we don’t want to have our nice cars out. We have our little beaters and even sometimes driving those gets tight financially. Doing events like that gives us the chance to not drive them more than needed and get all of us involved.”

Mechanical engineering technology junior Corey VanOchten recently became president of the BMC. The club members have supported him and helped get the club operational as he transitioned to a new role.

One of his goals for the semester is to grow the club by showing that there is a place for everyone within it.

“We try and welcome anyone regardless of what kind of vehicle they have,” VanOchten said. “Our only goal is to bring the community together. We’re completely non-profit and we just want everyone to get together to have fun.”

VanOchten was pleasantly surprised with the turnout for the first meet. The variety of different vehicles is what he believes attracts people to their events.

“It’s the first cars and coffee we’ve hosted since it has become a monthly event, and the amount of people showing up is almost as much as last year,” VanOchten said. “Even the variety of vehicles we have displayed shows we welcome everyone. Whether it’s a motorcycle, a nice truck, a rust bucket or if you don’t even have a car, it’s a great time to meet and talk to people.”

Welding and engineering technology junior Braden Cowell has been a club member since he started college. Due to the harsh winters that Big Rapids faces, he recognizes why meets held earlier in the year draw more attention.

“For the first event of the

season, we are pretty happy with the turnout,” Cowell said. “These tend to be a little hit or miss further into the year with the weather but we always appreciate everyone who shows up to support us.”

Cowell has been around while the club has been restructured for the last three years, and a common goal expressed by all the members is a community appeal. He is proud of where the club is today and hopes they can continue to get students and the community involved with their events.

“It’s a good time for the whole family. It is free and gives people the chance to check out genuine vehicles that are built and owned by students,” Cowell said. “We enjoy connecting with people who live here and being able to hang out with everyone.”

The BMC plans on hosting its future cars and coffee events on the second Sunday of each month. To stay up-to-date with the BMC regarding car meets, fundraisers, and other events, check their Instagram page @bulldog\_motorsports\_club.

# Opinions

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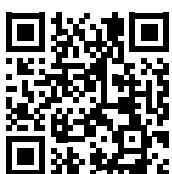
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## EDITOR'S COLUMN:

# The art of the tailgate

### Tailgating has a secret beauty



Photo by: Jordan Wilson | Multimedia Editor

Students celebrate the first home game of the season by attending the tailgate, accompanied by live music and games.

**Dylan Rider**  
*Editor in Chief*

In my eyes, going to a football game always meant going to a tailgate.

The relationship between a game itself and the pregame tailgating is incredibly strong, especially if the two aren't already synonymous in North American sports culture.

For those unfamiliar or totally uninterested in sports, tailgates are held before the games and usually consist of drinking, barbecuing, grilling, listening to music and playing games. These are held for all sports, but it's football where it's most popular.

With Ferris football's first home game this past weekend, it also means that the Ferris community was also

there for the first tailgate of the year. Before going to the Ferris tailgate, I realized that it's been a few years since I've fully attended and fully enjoyed a tailgate.

This realization was a tad saddening. I've been "a sports guy," if not "the sports guy" at the Torch for years. A lot of my life revolves around sports. I've been to games spanning across different leagues. But, I haven't been tailgating in years.

Tailgating is the root of my relationship to football. My first brush with the sports phenomenon was when my parents took me to University of Michigan football games. Going to Ann Arbor and seeing thousands of people gather on lawns, golf courses and parking lots for the same

reason is a somewhat beautiful memory. Even though it's been years since I've dedicated a day to football and tailgating at Ferris, it's still a central memory of when I first came to the university.

One of my earliest experiences at Ferris was witnessing a mass of people partying outside the Top Taggart Field. Families, fraternities and the student body were all present in one place. I'm willing to bet that those tailgates are still one of the largest crowds I have seen here. I know for a fact it's the largest sense of community I have felt here.

There lies the unheralded beauty of the tailgate. No matter the size of the event, be it University of Michigan or Ferris State University, there's a strong sense of community

that lives in the tailgate. This uniquely American tradition is like no other. Two sides, in opposition, show up to the same place on gameday to flaunt their team's colors. Those opposing sides end up drinking, eating or playing either together or side-by-side.

It's most certainly human nature. The idea is even biblical, as it's written that "a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink and to be merry."

What's my point after everything I've said, you may wonder. It's simple: tailgate. If there's one single thing you do at this or any university, make sure it's a tailgate.

Sure, sports isn't your thing? Well, have a beer. Drinking isn't quite your fancy either? That's fine, try this

crookpot chicken. I can go on and on about the universal pull that a tailgate can offer. Even if the food, the drinks, the games and the music won't do it for you, there will always be camaraderie.

If there's one thing I'll regret not doing as much as a student, it's going to tailgates. Not for the beer or the food or the game of cornhole that I'm awful at. It's just the environment.

The crisp fall breeze is here. Alongside it is the game of football. That game of football brings forth a community that's unique to the stadium they engulf. You won't see that community any better than at a tailgate.



# More than just a sequel

## Why I consider “Inside Out 2” to be the movie of the year

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During the summer, my grandparents and I went to see “Inside Out 2,” and I consider it the most important movie I’ve seen this year.

When I first heard this movie was coming out, I was very excited and knew I wanted to see it. My excitement initially came about when I saw four new emotions introduced: Anxiety, Envy, Embarrassment and Ennui. Even though I haven’t seen the first “Inside Out” in years, I liked it and found it a unique and entertaining movie. With the showing of “Inside Out 2” this week at the Robinson Quad, the movie recaptured my attention.

What I love about this movie is that it captures important life lessons for boys and girls who are starting to become teenagers and young adults. There is a scene where the main character, Riley, said “I’m too gross to go to camp or anywhere ever again,” which was a moment that stuck out to me when I sat in the theater. While I feel like that statement was very overdramatic, it would still be something kids would say during their first stages of puberty.

I started growing facial hair in eighth grade. When my classmates noticed them, I started questioning my appearance and why it was happening. Now that I’m 21, and I’ve had facial hair for years now, I like it because it makes me look older and feel good about myself. Watching Riley go through something so similar to what I’ve dealt with makes the movie more impactful.

Another thing that I feel this movie did a great job of is representing what kids will do when they become a part of a larger community and try

to fit in. Towards the end of the movie, Riley dyes part of her hair red to make herself look like the cool girl and her friends, who all have some parts of their hair red. She does it because she feels like her new friends will accept her if she looks more like them. Throughout the movie, she acts like she enjoys the same food, even if she truly doesn’t and agrees with almost everything they say. I enjoyed how much this movie can represent real situations in which teenagers can behave around others.

Something that a lot of people have talked about, mainly teenagers, is how the movie grew up as we did. While most college-age students were between eight and 10 when the first movie came out, the movie didn’t necessarily age the same way as us. Still, watching Riley go through the same things we already have and will continue to go through in college as we navigate friendships and who we are, is a much-needed reminder that we’re still learning.

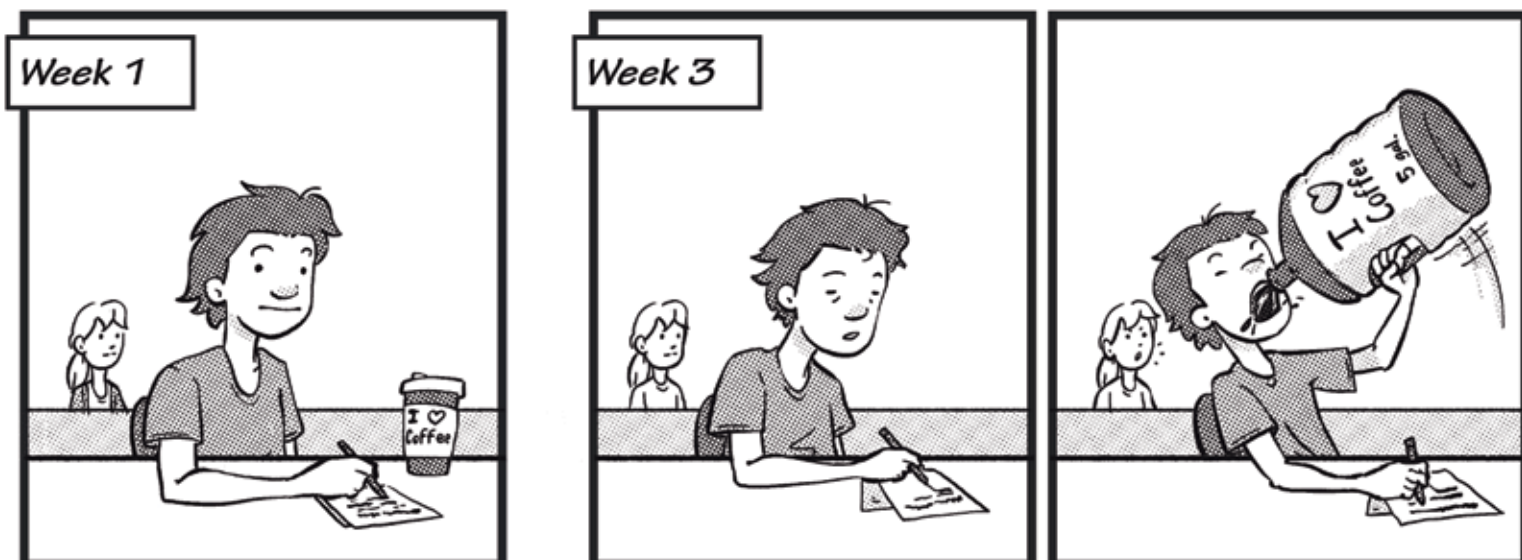
Especially for college freshmen, trying to fit in and make friends in a new environment with new people can be terrifying. Riley met the cool girl, she was at hockey camp, which had a lot of older girls, and felt the need to change herself because of them. I’ve always been myself, and I let the sense of belonging come to me naturally. However, sometimes everybody needs that reminder that it isn’t necessary to change yourself to make new friends.

I’d say one of my favorite scenes is the ending. I love how it shows that kids don’t have to change for other kids to like them more. What everyone should do is be themselves, and that message was represented in the ending.



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# Third week of classes



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## Brave the storm Bulldog football collects first victory of the 2024-25 campaign



Photo by: Sam Mulder | Torch Photographer

Junior Jeremiah Lee runs the ball after completing a catch in the home opener.

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In their home opener, the No. 9 ranked Ferris State Bulldogs bulldozed the Lake Erie College Storm 56-3 on Saturday, Sept. 7.

After dropping the season opener, the Bulldogs (1-1) bounced back in dominating fashion with over 650 yards of offense.

Ferris wasted no time in this one as they jumped out to a quick 35-3 lead after the first quarter.

Junior quarterback Trinidad Chambliss earned the start once again and was extremely efficient. Chambliss completed 72% (16-22) of

his passes with 246 yards and five total touchdowns, four of those coming in the first quarter. Chambliss did not play in the second half.

Chambliss had high praise for his coaching staff following the win.

"The offensive scheme was amazing, after the loss we were really focused," Chambliss said. "The play calling was amazing today."

Although the Bulldogs claimed a victory, the Bulldogs lost their other quarterback with 2:56 left in the first quarter. Junior quarterback Carson Gulker suffered a broken leg following a 64-yard rush. He exited the field on a stretcher and was

immediately transported to the hospital for surgery. It is expected that Gulker will miss the rest of the 2024-2025 season, and there is no timetable for his return going forward.

Gulker, a three-year starter, two-time national champion and 2022 GLIAC freshman of the year has been one of Ferris's biggest producers over the last few years. He led all of DII in rushing touchdowns with 31 in 2022.

During head coach Tony Annese's tenure, Ferris has popularized the dual quarterback system. In this system, there is no clear-cut starter, and the two quarterbacks

each play half of the snaps on offense. Gulker has been half of that system each of the last three years, but with his injury, it seems that the Bulldogs will turn to Chambliss to be the full-time quarterback and be an every-down player, something that is unfamiliar to Ferris football.

As of now, the backup quarterback job is up in the air, according to Annese.

"We have to work and find a backup," Annese said.

Due to the large lead the Bulldogs held in the second half, they were able to play four different quarterbacks, with redshirt freshman Chase Carter getting the bulk

of the snaps out of the half. Carter went 50% (2-4) for 58 yards with an interception and a fumble.

Ferris outgained Lake Erie 654 yards to the Storms 144 on offense. Junior running back Kannon Katzer was everywhere on offense as he led the Bulldogs with 118 all-purpose yards and added two touchdowns.

The defense for Ferris held the Storm to just 2.5 yards per play and only allowed Lake Erie to convert on 20% of their third down conversions (3-15).

Senior defensive tackle Victor Nelson acknowledges how great it was to get back in the win column after a

tough loss in week 1.

"After the loss last week we were disappointed in ourselves and I see that as a good thing," Nelson said. "We were hard on ourselves in practice all week to be better so we don't have another week like last week and it showed tonight."

This week, the Bulldogs will host Ashland (0-1) in their second home game of the year on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. Last season, the Bulldogs defeated Ashland by a score of 38-28, their thinnest margin of victory.

# Run this town

## Ferris cross country dominates home invite



Photo by: Ciara Brooks | Torch Photographer

Gavin Van Solkema and Ben Knuth dig deep as they sprint the rest of their 8k at Katke Golf Course.

**Connor Grypma**  
Sports Editor

The Bulldog men's and women's cross-country teams ran through the competition at the 49th annual Ray Helsing Cross Country Invite this Saturday, Sept. 7.

The Bulldogs faced off against four other schools, including Alpena Community College, Montcalm Community College, Macomb Community College and Muskegon Community College in a non-scoring format meet to kick off their season at the Katke Golf Course.

Senior Bulldog Hannah Brock finished first in the women's 5,000-meter race and junior Cooper Sorsen took first place in the 8,000-meter race for the men, with the Bulldogs filling 18 of the top 10 spots across both races.

The women's team took nine of the top 10 spots in their race, with Brock posting a team-best time of 18:20.58. This is the best

women's Bulldog invitation-al time since Ferris' Anna Rudd posted a 17:50.31 in 2012. Six Bulldog athletes finished with a time under 20 minutes.

Brock gave high praise to her team after the conclusion of the races on Saturday.

"We had the best collective race today in the years I've been here," Brock said. "The weather had a lot to do with it but it was a great day. Training camp set us up well and we all had a great showing."

In the men's race, Ferris also had nine top 10 finishers, with Sorsen leading the way, finishing with a 25:51.24 time.

Sorsen highlighted the team's results and anticipations for the season to come.

"I think we had seven guys under 26:30 this time which is a lot better than last year," Sorsen said. "Our ultimate goal is to have seven under 26:00 so we just need to stay healthy."

For the first time since 2016, Ferris will be hosting the GLIAC championship race on the same course the Ray Helsing meet took place on Saturday.

Head coach Jared Kelsh was excited to get a "warm-up" for the course before the championship race in late October.

"It was great to have a preview of this course, especially with hopefully similar temperatures as in six weeks," Kelsh said. "We're off to a great start and we can accomplish great things as long as we can stay healthy, hungry, and excited to compete."

The Bulldogs have five meets before the GLIAC championships and are looking to bring home the trophy for the first time since 1985.

The men's and women's teams will continue their season next week when they travel to East Lansing for the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational on Friday, Sept. 13. The first event will take place at 10 a.m.

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# Volleyball dominates in Texas

## Bulldogs sweep West Texas A&M University Invitational



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics  
Emma Blecher and Claire Nowicki set up on defense.

Nolan Matthews  
Sports Reporter

The Bulldogs volleyball team traveled to Canyon, Texas, and they won three straight matches.

Ferris opened its regular season with a three-match tournament against West Texas A&M, Texas A&M International and West Virginia State.

The Bulldogs faced off against national championship runner-up West Texas A&M on Thursday for their first matchup of the weekend. Ferris won the first two sets of the match, with set one being won by a score of 25-20 and set two being won by a score of 25-21. The Lady Buffs struck back winning the next two sets 25-22 and 25-16. The Bulldogs closed out the win in the fifth set with a score of 15-12.

Senior middle hitter Chelsie Freeman gave the keys to defeating tough opponents.

“One of our goals as a team is to row our oar, meaning that we all will play our role to the best of our ability and guiding our team to success and to our goals,”

Freeman said.

On Friday, we saw the Bulldogs face off against the Texas A&M International Dustdevils for game two of the invitational. The Bulldogs dominated the Dustdevils, winning the match in three straight sets. The first set was won 25-17, set two ended 25-18, and set three was won by a score of 25-16. Freeman led the match with eight kills on 17 total attempts and 10.5 points. Senior outside hitter Claire Nowicki also had eight kills on 11 attempts and had 9.5 points.

In the final game of the invitational, the Bulldogs faced a tough opponent, the West Virginia State Yellow Jackets. Ferris closed out the match in three sets. Set one was won 25-18, set two 26-24 and set three ended 25-21. This match saw senior outside hitter Olivia Henneman-Dallape have an excellent match, having 14 kills on 30 attempts and 14 total points.

Henneman-Dallape gave credit to her team for her success during the invitational.

“Just have to give the credit to the girls next to me, starting with the amazing passing, setting and covering,” Henneman-Dallape said. “Just having the trust in the girl next to me no matter what we’re going to have the next ball mentality.”

Senior libero Leah Bylut plans for the team to keep this momentum going into the next set of matches.

“We have already moved on from celebrating these wins and we are focused on the next games,” Bylut said. “We will start implementing our strategy from our scouts on these upcoming opponents in practice this week. We respect all and fear none of our opponents, so we are going into our upcoming matches fully prepared and ready to compete.”

The Bulldogs will be traveling to Huntsville, AL. on Friday, Sept. 13 for the University of Alabama Huntsville Invitational, which will have the Bulldogs face off against the Emmanuel Lions, the Tusculum Pioneers, the Alabama Huntsville Chargers and the Harding Bisons.



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Chelsie Freeman spikes the ball against West Texas A&M.



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