



Rivalry revenge

Bulldogs claim 22nd annual Anchor-Bone trophy in dominant fashion



Photo by: Dylan Rider | Editor in Chief

The Bulldog football team celebrates their Anchor-Bone Classic victory with the rivalry's trophy.

Caden Hofmann
Special Editions Editor

Ferris State reclaims the 22nd annual Anchor-Bone classic trophy in a 34-7 upset win.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the No. 3 nationally ranked Ferris State Bulldogs (7-1, 4-0 in the GLIAC) took down the No. 1 ranked Grand Valley State Lakers (7-1, 3-1 in the GLIAC) on the road in front of a sell-out crowd in the 22nd annual Anchor-Bone classic game.

The 27-point margin of victory for the Bulldogs is the third largest since the creation of the Anchor-Bone rivalry.

Ferris gets back in the win column versus Grand Valley State after losing both matches against the Lakers last season.

Senior defensive back Justin Payoute acknowledges

how it felt to get the win after the two-game skid versus the Lakers.

"We just knew that we needed to get our get back," Payoute said. "We came out here and showed that they can't really mess with us."

Ferris totaled 363 yards of offense and allowed 229 against the Laker front. The attack for the Bulldogs was more focused on rushing the ball than weeks prior. Ferris ran the ball 44 times for 249 yards and all four of their touchdowns came on the ground. Going into the game, Grand Valley was allowing just 100.9 yards per game on the ground.

It was a low-scoring first half for both teams, Ferris was able to strike first with an opening drive field goal but would not score again until the second quarter.

The Bulldogs went almost

the entirety of the second quarter scoreless before they connected on another field goal. A Laker interception on the first play of the next drive set Ferris up in a position to make it a two-score game going into halftime.

Junior quarterback Trinidad Chambliss extended the Bulldog lead 13-0 going into halftime after a 31-yard designed quarterback run.

Chambliss led the Bulldogs in rushing with 122 yards on 22 attempts and three touchdowns, all of which are season highs for the four-time GLIAC offensive player of the week.

It wasn't just the legs of Chambliss that Ferris utilized. He was also efficient through the air, making key throws and completing 57.8% of his passes (11-19) for 122 yards.

Chambliss credits the

game plan and execution to his play on Saturday.

"[Tony] Annese and Steve [Annese] had a great game-plan going into the game, we watched a ton of film and we knew what to expect," Chambliss said. "They blitz a lot and run a lot of cover one and cover zero so we knew could attack that."

The second half was similar to the first in terms of domination. After a Laker touchdown on the opening drive of the half, the Bulldogs put their foot on the gas and never looked back. Chambliss added two touchdowns to his total in the third quarter and junior running back Zak Ahern finished the game with a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Ferris played a complete game on all sides of the ball including special teams. After the Laker touchdown early

in the third quarter, sophomore slot receiver Taarik Brett would take the ensuing kickoff 71 yards down to the Grand Valley State 24-yard line which set up a Chambliss touchdown.

The Bulldogs used another short field to their advantage late in the third quarter after junior receiver Jeremiah Housey blocked a punt that set up Ferris deep in Laker territory.

The Bulldogs were on top of their defense, only allowing 74 passing yards and picking off two Grand Valley State quarterbacks.

The all-around performance stuck out to head coach Tony Annese.

"All sides of the ball were great, the defense had a couple interceptions and a fumble recovery," Annese said. "The offense churned out the clock and ran the

ball effectively on a great run stopping team. Special teams were also great, Taariks almost touchdown and Housey blocking a punt. That was as good of a team win as I can remember in a very long time."

Ferris and Grand Valley have the possibility of meeting each other again in the playoffs as that has happened each of the last three years. As it stands right now if they were to meet again, the Bulldogs would have home field advantage in said matchup.

Ferris will hit the road once again this week and travel to Marquette, MI to face the Northern Michigan Wildcats on Saturday, Nov. 2. The Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats 78-3 in their 2023 matchup.



News

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Social work from home

Ferris MSW program moving to fully online delivery



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Social work senior Giana Harris presents during a Social Work Association meeting.

Emma Walters
Freelance Reporter

Ferris State University master's of social work program is transitioning to a fully online format.

This change, expected to be completed by the fall of 2025, will allow graduate students to pursue an MSW

from anywhere in the state and eventually anywhere in the country.

The MSW program provides a pathway for students to obtain licensure within the state of Michigan and practice clinical services in various settings. These include hospitals, private practice, schools, prisons and several

other environments.

While the Ferris MSW program has been offered in a hybrid setting since COVID-19, the social work department is currently transitioning the program to be offered solely online.

The program is currently working with e-learning to develop a well-rounded online

setting with a concrete standard for course organization to make the program more user-friendly.

Dr. Carolyn Sutherby, the director of the MSW program here at Ferris, says that this change has been long awaited by students.

"The data about prospective students coming in says

they want to be online," Sutherby said. "We have many people that are in situations where there are barriers in coming into campus. There is this idea of inclusivity to allow anyone who wants to get an MSW to be able to access it."

The online program will include asynchronous and synchronous sections, providing students the opportunity to continue connecting with their professors and their peers. Additionally, online students will also have access to campus resources such as the Personal Counseling Center, the Writing Center and other various academic assets.

Advisors within the program will continue to work with students to match them with opportunities in fields they are interested in. For out-of-state students, these advisors will also extend help to find opportunities available in their respective states.

Sutherby also noted that research has demonstrated that online MSW programs are equivalent to campus-based counterparts. In addition, the quality of education and learning standards do not change with this transition to online.

Internships for the MSW curriculum will remain in person, allowing students to practice hands-on skills in real clinical settings and building connections along the way.

Sutherby noted that supporting students throughout

the program remains a top priority.

"We are gathering data and continuing to research students going through the program, specifically about connection and support," Sutherby said. "The support piece is about intentionally using feedback from our students, if they need more support, or what they would like in terms of connection to the university."

Students in the social work program seem to have mixed feelings about online delivery for a graduate program.

Social work senior Isabella Campoli is grateful for the flexibility an online program offers.

"It opens up where I can live," Campoli said. "Online gives me the opportunity to do it in the comfort of my own home. Also, with the internship, I don't have to worry about scheduling around class time."

However, social work senior Mia Osorio worries that it may be difficult to build a relationship with professors.

"I think it's good and bad," Osorio said. "I would say online sometimes can be difficult to get all the information you usually get from an in-person class, like the tactile worksheets and interviewing skills."

For students currently applying to the master's program, the early application deadline is Dec. 1. The normal application deadline is March 15.

ON THE RECORD

Ember St. Amour
News Editor

Don't text me

Oct. 22, 4:15 p.m. - Officers responded to Travis Hall after students argued about texts they received from each other. The case was sent to judicial referral.

Wanna fight, bro?

Oct. 23, 4:15 p.m. - A student received a call from an unknown person who said they wanted to fight. The case was closed due to lack of leads.

Candlelight remembrance

Honoring those who lost their lives to domestic violence



Photo by: Shaunti'ara Reynolds | Freelance Photographer

The domestic violence awareness candlelight vigil is hosted by the Anti-Violence Alliance and provides resources for students.

Kate Babel
News Reporter

On Oct. 24, the Anti-Violence Alliance held a candlelight vigil to honor those who lost their lives to domestic violence, bringing Domestic Violence Awareness Month to a close.

Small battery-operated candles were placed on the seats. Those who attended gently held the candle in their cupped hands.

Violence Prevention Coordinator for the AVA Sydney Mingori explained that the goal of the AVA is to educate people about the importance of learning about domestic violence and how that will help extend support to those who need it.

"We have to recognize that this does impact people, even if it hasn't personally impacted you in some capacity, it has probably impacted somebody you know," Mingori said. "It's important for us to know about it, to stay educated so that we can show up for the people in our lives that this does impact so that we can better support them, help them out, as well as just stay educated in general on these topics."

Mingori has worked for six years in anti-violence prevention. The candlelight vigil started in October 2020 and

remains a day of somber, honor and remembrance.

She stood at the podium as the main speaker for the ceremony. The ceremony started with a presentation about the roots of domestic violence, who is affected and the reasons why perpetrators feel the way they do with their significant other. The AVA explained that domestic partners feel like they have attitudes and beliefs of entitlement over their significant other. They believe they have a right to harm their partner and not because of issues like anger management, mental health or substance abuse.

After the presentation, the names of people in Michigan in the past year who lost their lives due to domestic violence were read aloud.

Social work senior Kayla Doerhing attended the event and shared her thoughts.

"I thought it was very emotional, even though I didn't know any of the people personally, it was still very heavy," Doerhing said. "I mean, I feel like sometimes it's under-talked about and people don't realize the impact that it has, especially the holistic names just from Michigan."

A moment of silence followed after the list of names had ended. During the cere-

mony, it was mentioned that victims are 75% more likely to be killed when leaving their domestic violence or intimate partner relationship.

Social work junior Collinee Butler stood beside Mingori during the ceremony and helped provide the statistics.

"I think it's important for these names and this message to get out because so many people are dying from interpersonal violence, and so many people aren't reaching out because they do feel shame and guilt and they shouldn't," Butler said, "This almost brought me to tears, it literally did when I first looked through it."

The statistics presented stated college women, ages 16 to 24, have the highest rates per capita of intimate personal violence, 21% of college students report having experienced dating violence by a current partner and 32% of college students report experiencing dating violence by a previous partner.

"A new study of 3070 undergraduate researchers at Michigan State discovered that 62% of those 3000 people reported being physically, psychologically, or sexually abused by an intimate partner," Mingori said. "That is over half of those 3000 people, young people who experience abusive relationships

are twice as likely to experience abusive relationships in their adult relationships."

Domestic violence can still happen to anyone regardless of age, sexuality, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, race, religion, education, faith or socioeconomic status. The memories and the names of those who died because of domestic violence will not be

forgotten.

"I've known people in my life who have unfortunately passed away due to domestic violence, and it's a terrible thing to go through," Mingori said. "So I love that we can provide the space for people to grieve together, to remember those people together and to celebrate those lives as well."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, reach out to the Personal Counseling Center, contact the Title IX office or contact WISE at (231) 796-6600.

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New changes in SGA leadership

Latest meeting introduces a new parliamentarian



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Newly appointed parliamentarian, junior Justin Reifeis, presents ideas at the SGA's Oct. 22 meeting.

Caleb Nadeau
Freelance Reporter

The SGA meeting took place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, with notable changes in the organization's leadership structure.

A new parliamentarian, television digital media production junior Justin Reifeis, was appointed and spoke at the gathering.

Reifeis explained his reasoning for accepting the position and why he considers this role to be a great fit for him.

"I'm excited about it because I think it's room for just a whole bunch of improvement that nobody has looked at," Reifeis said. "And if nobody is focused on some and it's just room for anybody to come around and be like 'Oh well, let's see what we can do to create here.' And that's my thing, I'm a TDMP major, so I like to create."

Reifeis mentioned his desire to update the system framework and introduced Canvas Connect Live as a news source that can be used for all student and staff

issues. He encouraged members to share their concerns.

"Right now, the biggest plan is Campus Connect Live," Reifeis said. "And the reason why that's such a big initiative is because the perspective from staff is not typically talked about and regarded in student problems and that gives a sense of transparency that needs to be there, so students know how everyone feels about those issues."

Reifeis also stated that they were going to be starting on this initiative next semes-

ter at the beginning of the year with a marketing campaign. Those working on the initiative currently meet on Wednesdays in the CVL building in room 322 at 12 p.m.

Part of the plan for SGA is to start a live-streaming app that will eventually stream the meetings twice a month.

"A notification will go right to your phone, and you can click on it, and it will go to a dedicated player," Reifeis said. "Kind of like how YouTube works. So, we look to have our own platform, that way we will move away from

getting all mixed up in everything else that was going on before. We'll try to work around what we've got. I hear there's a lot of problems in everything that was set up and that's why we've strayed away from it, but what is it for a new parliamentarian to get into?"

Additionally, former Parliamentarian computer information systems junior Okedi Matseka changed his job from parliamentarian to director of philanthropy.

SGA President computer information systems senior

Stephen Bender further explained why Matseka changed from parliamentarian to director of philanthropy.

"Once Pedro [Saltini] resigned, I put the things that Pedro had been working on onto Okedi and found pretty huge success in that," Bender said. "So, I knew that he would be a good role and chose to appoint him to director of philanthropy."

The SGA meetings occur every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the David L. Eisler Center in the Founder's Room.

Ferris State Torch Corrections

In the Oct. 23 issue of the Torch, the article "Meat and poultry recall for the Quad" features a statement from the University. The last sentence of its statement is misquoted. It was intended to read "We have no indication that the affected meat was served to students."

In the same edition, the article "Roll the films" had a typo in the 19th paragraph. The quote attribution is correctly spelled as "Tingley"

Corrections can be submitted through email at torch@ferris.edu

GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

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India- A warning from Prime Minister Narendra Modi was given to India due to a fraud of digital arrest occurring.

Victims are contacted through video call by someone posing as the police. They are then told that they are under "digital arrest" and that they need to stay in one spot, most of the time their house, and told they should not contact anyone according to BBC News.

India does not have laws for digital arrests and Modi said that law enforcement would not contact citizens about this over on video call.

The scammers wear outfits that

look like the official uniforms as well as provide legitimate looking fake IDs. They have reportedly had fake arrest warrants as well.

Modi urged citizens to not panic and to take video recordings of the conversation if they are told they are on digital arrest, and if this occurs citizens should inform the police.



Tire Fire

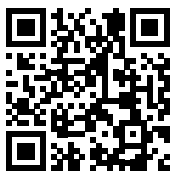
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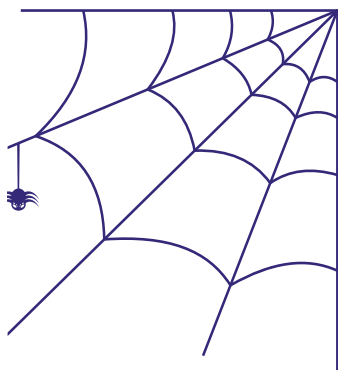
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Senior Cemetery



JK Hooch
Ghost Editor

The Torch's Multimedia Editor, Jordan Wilson, suddenly passed away on Oct. 25 due

to an unfortunate accident. She believed that there was an injured puppy in the middle of the road.

Bystanders grew concerned when they

saw her run into the street and attempted to warn her of an oncoming semi-truck.

Unfortunately, Wilson is hard of hearing and did not hear the

warnings before the truck was able to stop. According to witnesses her last words were "Huh? Can you repeat that?"

No injured animals

were found next to the deceased. Instead, a bundled up sweatshirt that Wilson had mistaken for a puppy was gathered for evidence.



Tanka Jahari
Ghost Editor

A loud crash was heard on Oct. 27 in Williams Auditorium, leading to the death of

Managing Copy Editor Anthony Malinowski. It was revealed that a comically large anvil suddenly fell on top of him during tech week of Urinetown.

Prior to the incident, Malinowski was heard discussing how "busy" opening night will be, overlapping with Halloween.

The cast was som-

ber the day after, but kept telling themselves that "the show must go on." Upon questioning, it was discovered that Malinowski mentioned the "Scottish Play." The

director then chose to take matters into his own hands.



Connor the Conjurer
Ghost Editor

Sports editor Connor Grypma has tragically passed away after being accused of

cheating in the board game, "Castles."

Editor in Chief Dylan Rider and news editor Ember St. Amour, who both also recently passed, were said

to belittle Grypma to excruciating lengths after he moved his castle pieces around mid-game. Once Grypma left the office after the incident, he was

never seen again.

One of Grypma's friends, culture editor Blasé Gapinski, who was sitting in on the fateful game, spoke on the tragic situation.

"It was awful," Gapinski said. "If I had a dime for every word of profanity I heard during the game, I could buy my dream house."



Snack Snatcher
Ghost Editor

Kate Babel, a journalism senior, has died after the revving engines of people's cars and motorbikes

caused her head to explode and the sound waves shook her bunk bed and caused her body fell off the top bunk and hit the mini-fridge.

Babel liked writing

for fun, binge-watching her favorite shows on Netflix and sleeping in on weekends. She was supposed to graduate in the upcoming spring semester. Babel was known to have disliked

the loud exhausts and lack of mufflers on the vehicles around campus, and is said to have complained about it before her death.

"Everywhere should

just be like Mackinac," she was heard saying, mere hours before the tragic accident.



Thaddeus Cockburn IV
Ghost Editor

Ferris State Torch editor-in-chief Dylan Rider has died from one too many paper

cuts.

Following his Wednesday distribution of the Torch, the newspaper boss went to Birkam, complaining that he sustained

a "gruesome injury."

A Birkam report found that the aforementioned injury was just a paper cut.

Rider was survived by his plentiful staff,

who seemed both apathetic and unsurprised by his passing.

"We always knew it'd be the paper that would do him in," editor Jack Moggles said.

"It was kind of a waiting game. But we're getting the rest of the year off, so we'll call it a win."



Nightmare on Emb St.
Ghost Editor

While working her second job as a residential advisor at Brophy McNerney,

News Editor Ember St. Amour tripped going up the stairs and fell to her death after hitting her head on a wall during rounds.

St. Amour was

known for being clumsy, repeatedly missing steps and tripping over thin air, so her death came as little shock to friends and family.

It was found that St.

Amour had a specific request for her funeral to be on the closest "spooky holiday" so respects can be paid at the Elm Street Cemetery on Halloween.

She also requested for AC/DC and bad song covers to be played, so be prepared to bring earplugs, while paying respects.



Fox Mulder
Ghost Photographer

In an event some have called "hilariously idiotic," Samuel

Mulder died attempting to snowboard on a hill without snow.

When asked when he was last seen, people said he slipped on

wet leaves covering stairs outside and hit his head. The autopsy indicated resulted in a severe brain injury.

Samples show

that his snowboard had been coated in a self-formulated solution for reducing friction. It is unknown whether Mulder suc-

cumbed to the flame from the coating or from tree he hit.



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Fire pit tales

Snack Snatcher Ghost Writer

A grumpy old ghost haunts the halls of the Interdisciplinary Resource Center.

Legend has it he used to be a janitor named Gordy O'Brian, dubbed

the IRC Creeper, often seen cleaning the halls and grumbling at the students who passed him and those who dropped their trash on the ground. He allegedly would regularly steal from the vending machine until one day, he was crushed while trying to shake the machine to get a

bag of Cheetos that was stuck.

Numerous students claim he still roams the halls and possesses the vending machine, intentionally stopping snacks before they fall, just to annoy students. "All I wanted was a snack," one anonymous student complained.

The only time he comes out is to eat a sandwich at Erbert and Gerbert's. "We just give it to him for free," an employee admitted.

Erbert and Gerbert's employees have claimed to have seen O'Brian roam the halls and follow students headed toward the vending

machine. "There's no time to warn them," another anonymous employee said. "Nobody has been able to buy Cheetos all year."

Students are encouraged to use other vending machines until O'Brian settles back down, which is likely to be after Halloween.

Jack O'Lantern Ghost Editor

A years-old investigation by the Department of Public Safety into the so-called Big Rapids Strangler is being re-opened upon recent sightings of the alleged killer.

Two Ferris students made the most recent reports of seeing the Big Rapids Strangler earlier in the

month. Welding engineering technology junior Craden Bowell made the first call into DPS. Bowell claims the killer "kind of looks like Brutus, but if he lost weight and had a better fashion sense," and that "the mask really incites fear."

The second student, business junior Lesty Fester, backs the claim that the killer is "really spooky." The mask looks "better than the ones

at Spirit Halloween," according to Fester.

Others have reported an increase in dogs barking and howling, as well as frequent power outages, according to multiple reports made on the incredibly reputable app YikYak.

The Big Rapids Strangler is believed to have been related to at least 27 deaths in the area, usually reappearing every other year, start-

ing in 2020.

All of the bodies were found around campus and the immediate area.

DPS claims there haven't been any confirmed deaths following the sighting, saying the weird amount of blood found in the Quad Cafe was "totally unrelated." Dining was unavailable for comment.

Students are encouraged to stay

vigilant on and off campus following the sighting. It is unclear if students are the targets of the Big Rapids Strangler, but DPS believes that the killer "really hates red." They also asked that students "stop trying to summon" the killer after receiving poor midterm grades.

Thaddeus Cockburn IV Ghost Editor

Following the robbery of the blood bank in Big Rapids and the disappearances of Ferris's world-renowned garlic farmers, rumors of a certain vampiric variety have begun to spread.

The rumors have only been strengthened by an outbreak of

neck pain, exclusively by members of the Ferris State Torch. When Tire Fire reached out to editor-in-chief Dylan Rider for comment on the ailments, the newspaper boss blurted out, "I'm no vampire. Why do you ask?"

When the university's YikYak allegations that Rider was indeed a bloodsucker were brought to Torch employees, one said "he's already

a pain in our necks figuratively, it's totally unfair that it's possibly literal now too."

Art and science commons janitors furthered the theory by complaining that Rider is in the building until the "ungodly hours of the morning."

A Tire Fire investigative reporter set up shop outside the Torch office to prove or disprove the janitors'

claims. At roughly 2 a.m., Rider waltzed out of the office, slamming on the ground a Taco Bell cup, full of a red substance.

When confronted about vampiric claims, the editor in chief snapped, stating that "the only bloodsucking that happens at this university is when Ferris releases a semester's tuition bill."

Rider declined to comment fur-

ther but asked Tire Fire not to stake out the office since he's got an aversion to the phrase as a whole.

With no clear answers and a vampire possibly at large, Tire Fire asks its readers to make like Wu-Tang Clan and "Protect Ya Neck."

Nightshade Ghost Writer

It was a dark October night. The sky was pierced by a sharp waning moon, and the only thing that could be heard was the loud crunching of leaves as Ferris students ran out of

the woods.

Originally, the digital media students came together to produce the best film the campus has ever seen. Their professor challenged the class to make one horror film together, and they would all pass the class.

Everyone grouped in the Big Rap-

ids's woods to set the scene. Hour after hour, they continued to film. Finally, they were done. After, they decided to stay and make a bonfire to celebrate a successful night and an A in their class.

Little did they know that there was a secret town in the back of the

woods of Ferris with a small town of Brutus, the bulldog worshippers called the "Dawgs." As they tried to sneak away, they were discovered by the townies and kidnapped.

They were tied up and forced to learn the true origins of Big Rapids, as it was a town that was formed by

Brutus, the god of bulldogs, a long time ago. Left traumatized by the hours of bulldog videos, the digital media students were released back to campus and secretly worship Brutus to this day, maybe even teaching a digital media class.

Tanka Jahari Ghost Editor

Every new moon, the Department of Public Safety has to be on red alert. Rumors have begun to spread that Billiam Pinkham, Bill Pink's lost twin brother, returning to Ferris State's campus. An external inves-

tigation was launched, as much of DPS has been tasked with ticketing the campus parking spots.

The investigation started with the men's hockey team. The team has widely attributed Pinkham for their lackluster season. Sophomore forward Junior Senior recalled the allegation.

"Our pucks have felt like they were filled with lead," Senior said. "That's why we haven't been able to surpass one win this season. It's impossible to score goals."

Once asked how the other team was able to still score, Senior declined to comment and proceeded to walk away.

A poll from the investigation stated that 89% of Ferris students believed the widespread smell of marijuana in the resident halls was caused by Pinkham. After reaching out for a comment from Ferris Housing, a representative stepped in, denying all rumors of Pinkham's existence.

"No level-headed student should believe this." The representative said. "They should, like, read a book or something."

We urge you to contact (555) 776-6591 (SPOOKY1) with any tips. It is highly recommended to get a search party to investigate, with the sole purpose of splitting up later.



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KNOW THE CANDIDATES: HARRIS VS TRUMP

Know where both presidential candidates stand

Ember St. Amour
News Editor

In the 2024 presidential election, Vice President Kamala Harris is running against former President Donald Trump.

Below is the outline of each candidate's agendas

Democratic Candidate, Kamala Harris:

Harris grew up in California and has degrees in political science and economics. Harris worked as a district attorney before she became Vice President of the United States in 2020.

Republican Candidate, Donald Trump:

Trump was raised in New York and received a degree in economics. He worked in different real estate fields, including a developer and investor before he became President of the United States in 2016.

Taxes

Harris plans to lower taxes for middle-class families by reinstating the Child Credit Tax and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Harris also plans to increase the

Child Credit Tax to \$6000 for families who have newborns. She also plans to have anyone who makes one million dollars or more pay 28 percent in taxes.

Trump plans to instate the Trump Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to double tax deductions and expand the Child Credit Tax. He also plans to get rid of taxes on tips.

Education

Harris plans to make pre-schools and childcare more accessible to middle-class families. She also plans to lower student debt and make college more affordable.

Trump plans to enforce schools of choice, end teacher tenure and adopt merit pay in K-12 schools. He also plans to "defund schools that engage in inappropriate political indoctrination of our children using federal taxpayer dollars" and have schools focus on history, math, science and reading. Trump plans to make higher education more affordable by offering alternatives to the traditional four-year degree and tui-

tion deductions.

Border and Immigration

Harris plans to bring back the bipartisan border security bill. She plans to keep the current immigration efforts while helping reform the current policies to strengthen border security with a pathway for citizenship.

Trump plans to reinstate all border policies he had during his presidency. He also plans to have the Navy enforce a fentanyl blockade to inspect ships for fentanyl. He plans to increase penalties for those who enter the country illegally or overstay their visas, reverse the open border policies that are in place and invoke the Alien Enemies Act, which focuses on removing anyone who is suspected or is a part of gangs, the cartel or is a drug dealer.

Rights

Harris plans to bring back women's right to reproductive health. She does not want a country-wide abortion ban and plans to sign off if Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive rights. Harris also plans to

pass the John Lewis Voting Rights and the Freedom to Vote Acts to expand on early voting and voting by mail. Finally, she plans to pass an act to protect discrimination in health, education and housing among others, for LGBTQ communities.

Trump plans to ensure that the federal government will not get in the way of lawful speech and plans to defund institutions and hold bureaucrats accountable if they partake in illegal censoring. He also plans to ensure that anyone who practices religion can do so in the place of worship in public. He plans to have a federal task force on fighting anti-Christian bias to investigate anything that may be discrimination against religion. Finally, Trump plans to ban late-term abortion, support prenatal care, birth control and IVF. He plans to keep the rights to life up to the states.

All information included in this article was taken from each candidate's campaign website.



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CANDIDATE COMPARISON

Elissa Slotkin and Mike Rogers vie for Senate seat



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With one of Michigan's seats in the U.S. Senate up for grabs, Democratic U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin and Republican former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers are looking to fill it.

Neither candidate is new to the political scene. Slotkin has served as a representative for Michigan's eighth congressional district from 2019 to 2023, then the seventh district since 2023, while Rogers served as the representative for the state's eighth congressional district from 2001 to 2015.

With long-time Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow not seeking re-election, Slotkin looks to keep Michigan's only open seat, which's been blue for 24 years, in the hands of a Democrat. On the other side of the aisle, Rogers looks to become the first Republican senator elected in the state of Michigan since 1994. Here's what the two politicians believe and support.

Elissa Slotkin:

Slotkin touts a long past

of civil service, as she began working with the Central Intelligence Agency as an analyst in the Middle East shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks. From there, the now seventh congressional district representative worked with and for the United States National Security Council under former president George W. Bush and both the State Department and Department of Defense under former president Barack Obama.

Slotkin's campaign site lists her priorities as "support inclusive community and economic development," "reduce health disparities" and "enact responsible gun laws and expand opportunities for youth" among other campaign promises. Slotkin has also made statements showing her support for women's reproductive rights and urging a fix to the "bleeding ulcer" when speaking about the United States' southern border. On the economy, Slotkin believes that bringing home supply chains back to Michigan is the way to go. The Democratic nominee has

been endorsed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, fellow U.S. Rep. Hillary Scholten and Dan Kildee, Reproductive Freedom for All, Planned Parenthood Action Fund and 22 labor unions.

Mike Rogers:

Before beginning his political career, Rogers served in the U.S. Army from 1985 and 1989, then worked in the Federal Bureau of Investigations as a special agent. In 1994, the Livonia native was elected to the Michigan State Senate, serving until 1995. Rogers took over the state's eighth congressional district, serving for eight terms. During his time as a representative, he served as the Chair of the House Intelligence Committee from 2011 to 2015. The Republican representative then walked away from public service until his recent Senate bid. Rogers' campaign site identifies his key issues as the "crumbling economy," "Communist China," "open border" and "rising crime." Rogers' push against China was seen locally in Big Rapids back in September when he spoke at Vice Presiden-

tial candidate JD Vance's rally, targeting Gotion's proposed EV battery plant in Mecosta County. Concerning the economy, Rogers has stated that rolling back federal regulations and becoming "energy independent" would help with the country's inflation. He has also supported reinstating Trump-era border policies. In 2022, Michigan enshrined reproductive rights into its constitution, a measure that Rogers has said he "won't do anything to change it." The Republican candidate is endorsed by current presidential candidate Donald Trump, former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, Republican Rep. John Moolenaar, the Detroit News Editorial Board and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Slotkin and Rogers have sparred through their respective campaigns and heavily differ on most issues. Whoever wins the seat in the U.S. Senate will hold a six-year term and will not be up for re-election until 2030.

SAME DAY VOTING GUIDE

Caden Hofmann
Special Editions Editor

If you have not registered to vote there is no need to panic, Michigan is one of 23 states that offer same day

voter registration in the United States. Here is everything you need to know.

Eligible Michigan residents are able to vote up until 8 p.m. when the polls close on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

How do you check if you

are registered?

Visit Michigan.gov/vote and click on the "Am I registered" below the "your voter information" section.

Who is eligible to vote in Michigan?

Voters in Michigan must

be at least 18 years old, be a US citizen and have been a Michigan resident for at least 30 days prior to casting their vote.

Where can you register to vote?

Citizens must register at

their local clerk's office, if you are unsure where your local clerk's office is, you may visit Michigan.gov/vote.

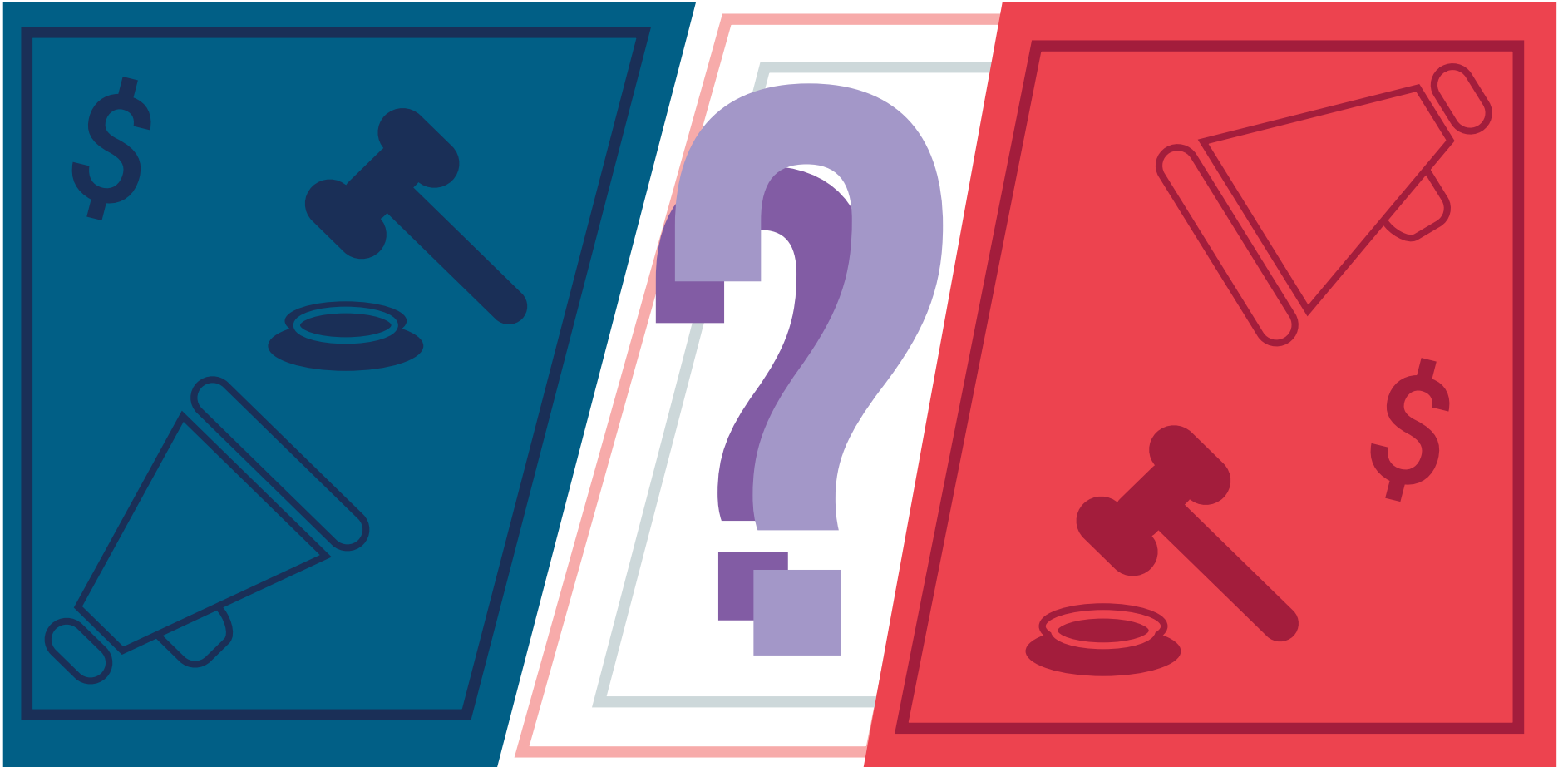
What should you bring to register?

You must provide proof of residency. This can be

one of many things, a current driver's license, a bank statement, a paycheck or any government document with your name attached to it.

HOUSE DIVIDED

A moderates view on the 2024 presidential election



Graphic by: Harmony Goodman | Production Manager

Nolan Matthews
Sports Reporter

“You’re either one side or the other,” is a quote I hear more as time goes on when discussing the hectic political spectrum.

This election will be the first presidential election that I, and many other people my age, will be voting in, but that does not mean I know who I am voting for. I always try to avoid talking about politics, but when I do, people always talk about how they dislike Donald Trump or Kamala Harris just based on them being a “bad person” but rarely ever looking into what their policies will be if they run the government.

Not only am I a moderate, but an undecided moderate. I like both candidates’ policies, but unfortunately, these candidates make themselves seem so unlikely it is very hard to decide who I want to vote for. I originally wanted to vote for the “We the People” candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr, who had policies that were bipartisan, such as his pro-choice stance on abortion and ending corruption on Wall Street and mega-corporations. He later dropped out and endorsed Donald Trump.

When I look at the Republican candidate, Trump, I see a disgraced former president who runs his mouth to the point where he keeps repeatedly shooting

himself in the foot. Looking at his economic policies, he promises to “end inflation and make America affordable again,” which is practically impossible, as the economy is always changing. Many people believe Trump is against abortion, which he originally was, but recently, he has taken a more moderate stance and said that the states should be free to decide their laws on abortion.

Looking at the Democratic candidate, Vice President Harris, I see someone very similar to the 2016 Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton trying too hard to relate to everyone, which makes her seem disingenuous. Looking at her economic

policies, she has worked with President Joe Biden to pass legislation regularly called “Bidenomics,” which includes investments across the country in infrastructure and green energy. Many people also believe Kamala is for open borders. She is quite moderate on the subject, stating many times that she supports the cross-party border security bill, which “includes hundreds of millions of dollars for border wall construction.”

One thing I hate about politics nowadays is that people support whoever they are voting for like they’re supporting a sports team, wearing their merchandise, flying their flags and making their whole

personality based around who they are voting for, this is just one of the many reasons I am a moderate. While I understand Presidential merchandise has been a thing since the mid-1800s, since the 2016 election, I have seen an uptick in supporters who make their whole personality about whoever they support, common with the conservative side with Trump merchandise.

This country has been incredibly divided. I have seen people that I know stop talking to close friends just because of who they support in the election. This has also been an issue in Congress, especially recently many Congress members

do not cross party lines to pass legislation, which was quite common up until the late 2010s, with the last major congressional member to be known for this being Republican Sen. John McCain.

We as a country deserve a candidate who can not only help the country flourish but also help bring American citizens closer together, no matter their political beliefs, we are all the same at our core and many people seem to have lost that knowledge these days, because at the end of the day we are all human beings.

WHY WOMEN VOTE

Your vote, your voice

Harmony Goodman
Production Manager

In an important election, such as the 2024 presidential election, voting is as crucial as ever.

For the past decade, there has been debate back and forth about women’s rights. The Supreme Court is mostly made up of men, and there’s no history of women in presidential power. I can’t help but feel concerned.

When it comes to women’s rights and our bodies, why are men controlling the majority of the vote? This issue is exactly why democracy is so important. We all deserve a say in what we need and want in our society.

That is why, as a woman, I am choosing to vote and

make my voice heard.

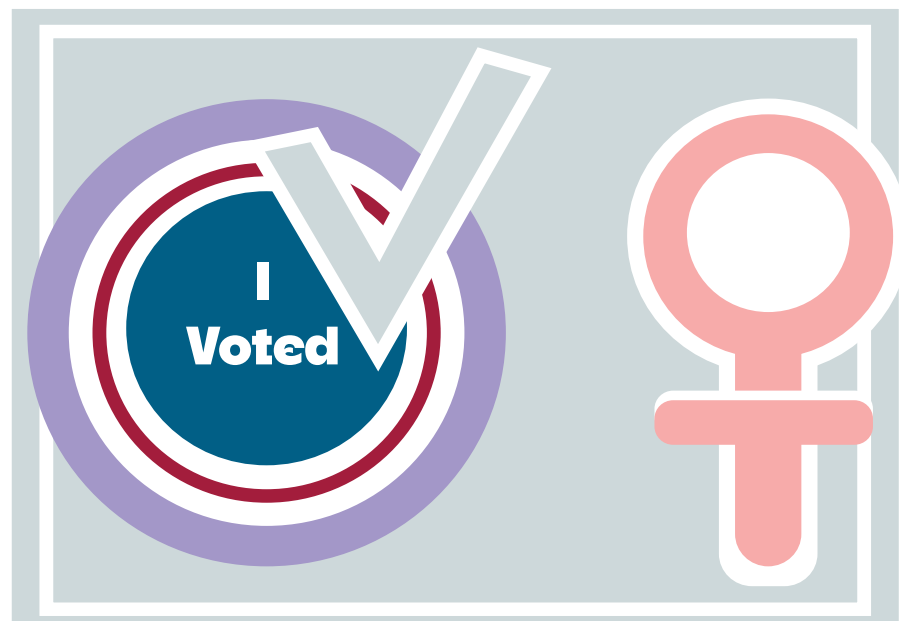
According to Five Thirty-Eight in 2020, it was found that most Americans don’t vote because they think their vote either doesn’t matter or doesn’t make a difference. When so many people feel this way it gets easier and easier for the next person to think and feel the same.

So why does your vote matter? Your voice is an influence on others around you. No matter the outcome of a vote, you’ll know that you were a part of that decision. For most voters, especially first-time voters, voting can be an intimidating experience. Having someone you know and trust who has had the same experience is valuable. Especially when it

comes to our generation.

I stress the importance of voting and encouraging others to vote. Especially when early voting and absentee ballots. You don’t even have to leave the comfort of your home to do so. Politics affects all of us, so it only makes sense that we all vote and do our part for a better tomorrow.

We deserve for people to listen to us and take into account our thoughts and feelings. As a woman, deserve to see women in places of power, whether it’s in the Oval Office or the Supreme Court.



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Beyond a ballot

Experiencing different firsts in voting



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Voters receive 'I Voted' stickers after turning in their ballot.

Nijah Rankin
Freelance Reporter

This year will mark the first year I can vote in a presidential election.

When it comes to voting,

many people are skeptical about it and debate whether or not they should do it.

I grew up learning about

my rights and how people like me didn't always have the rights I do today.

This made me under-

stand that voting is important to ensure I am included in choosing how I want to live and keep my rights.

During the current and previous elections, I've been hearing many people saying that they would not vote or are uninterested in politics.

I agree that sometimes it feels like one measly vote won't do anything.

However, I understand that if I don't vote, then saying that my vote doesn't matter will make me have a confirmation bias and take away my voting power.

I'm not a political science major, and neither are most people, but just a little bit of time and research may be more confident about my decision to vote.

I grew up to be very involved in rights from a historical matter, and listening to different views of politics

and how people believe the United States should be run.

This has made me know what I want for the future and, along with doing research from reliable sources, made me want to vote even more.

I am voting because I know that each election not only chooses the president for four years but choosing the course of healthcare and education, which is very important to me.

I'm voting because it's important to understand what policies and initiatives could be taken away or put in place, and voting helps me decide how I want to live in the future.

Kate Babel
News Reporter

This election marks my second time voting, but my first time doing an absentee vote. I live in the small town of Marysville, MI. It's a three-and-a-half-hour drive away from Ferris State.

I like having an absentee ballot because it gives you more privacy than the voting booth in a building. Mainly because you feel less pressured by people around you and you can research the other candidates on your own.

My first time voting was during the 2020 election. Voting for the first time was a very scary experience because I wasn't sure of who

to vote for.

When I entered the voting building for the first time, there was a large line of people behind me. Growing up, history was one of my favorite subjects. I learned to get to know someone before judging them, and those who cannot remember history are doomed to repeat it.

But during that time of voting, I still wasn't sure who to vote for, so I voted for the person I believed was the right fit for the job. To me, back then, voting was a choice, but it felt like both candidates were on both of my shoulders, yelling in my ears to vote for them. So, it all felt stressful.

What voting means to me is it is your right to choose

who you want and who you believe would be the right fit for running the country.

Someone who puts the people and the country before themselves. I'm not really a fan of politics unless there's something big happening, but for this election, so much has happened that it's hard to take in the information and figure out who to vote for.

I had to tread lightly when researching both candidates and the things they have done for the country. I know history very well, and as someone voting, it makes me feel like I'm a part of history, even as a single vote. Every vote counts.



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Ballot boxes are the final step for those voting in person.

Support your local candidate

Don't miss the ballot, even if you skip the presidential race



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The local democratic party office on Michigan Street.

Caleb Nadeau
Freelance Reporter

For many college students, election season brings a sense of dread and

voter apathy. The constant stream of sensational, often misleading campaign ads, combined with lectures from poll volunteers and older generations claiming that this is the most im-

portant election of a lifetime, can make the whole process feel overwhelming. This leads many young voters to skip the ballot box altogether.

Young adults ages 18-29 are seen as less likely to vote in elections, in general, and local elections, in particular, are known for a significantly lower turnout and little participation.

Despite all this, your vote still matters. Voting in this year's election is crucial, even if you find the national political drama exhausting. While federal elections, like the presidential and congressional races, tend to dominate the conversation, there's more to the electoral process than just these widely known contests.

Often overlooked are the local elections further down the ballot—races that may not grab headlines but have the potential to significant-

ly impact your community. State and local elections frequently take place alongside federal and midterm contests, involving positions like state legislature, city council, county commission and key municipal roles, including sheriff and mayor.

These offices may seem mundane. After all, who cares about the drain commissioner of a small town? But these local officials hold considerable influence over the daily operations of your community, often more so than federal representatives. For instance, a drainage commissioner can issue permits, impose taxes and manage the water systems you depend upon every day.

Mayors and city council members advance plans for public spaces, as well as zoning laws, housing, business regulations and other decisions that involve public safety. These choices can

hold powerful sway in how the community looks and how it functions, as a whole.

Understanding who will be making these decisions in your community is also important. These elected officials influence everything from local environmental policies to transportation management and the overall direction of your school district. Their decisions can have a greater direct impact on your life than any presidential policy does.

Their approach to the local budget can reveal the quality of services in your community, which include the roads, the parks, healthcare services and public library.

Young voters often express frustration over feeling underrepresented in federal elections, where individual votes can seem insignificant. However, in local races, every vote car-

ries more weight, making it easier to influence electoral outcomes. A single vote for a mayoral candidate or city council member can be far more impactful than one cast in a federal election.

So why let older generations decide how your hometown is run? Your involvement in local elections is a chance to transform the political process and make meaningful changes in an area that you call home. This is, after all, the most impactful opportunity for direct change that has been afforded to you. Why not exercise that power and make a difference for your local community?

Voting in Michigan takes place on Nov. 5. Residents can register in person at their local clerk's office until the polls close at 8 p.m. For more information, visit michigan.gov/vote.

Culture

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The impact of your online presence Ferris alum gives insight for future success



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Students remain engaged as they listen to Luke Wyckoff's stories about digital footprint repercussions.

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Freelance Reporter

On Oct. 22, Ferris State alumni Luke Wyckoff presented "Your Digital Footprint" to the college of business students about the importance of finding their digital footprints.

Bulldogs Mean Business were the sponsors of the presentation. Wyckoff is the founder of Wyckoff Consulting and four other companies including, Z3 Talent, Social Media Energy, Knowing Ai and Amaze Health. The presentation was held at the Interdisciplinary Resource Center in room 120, with 67 members in attendance.

Wyckoff presented in hopes of students taking away that their digital footprint can help them find success in their futures.

"I wanted the students at Ferris to know that the content they put out on the internet in terms of social media becomes how the rest of the world defines them," Wyckoff said. "Employers, at a rapid pace, are conducting digital background checks as part of their hiring process, and students today can shape

how others view them. Your digital reputation is how the rest of the world sees you. Do the right things today that will set you up for success in the future."

Wyckoff stated that it was a true honor to be back on campus and to have presented to everyone. It was the first time he had entered the IRC since 1993.

Wyckoff shared the monthly active users for each social media platform. YouTube was first with 2.5 billion, Instagram was second with 2 billion and TikTok was third with 1.5 billion. In addition, Wyckoff stated that, on average, Americans spend 4.37 hours on their phones per month.

Marketing senior Ivabelle Wilhelm who is an intern for Wyckoff, gave her reasoning as to why the presentation was important to her life and her major.

"I have a unique name, so my digital footprint is very easy to track," Wilhelm said. "I think it's important to enjoy your social media, but also keep in mind that what you do on there is many people's first impression of you. It impacts your professional and

personal life.

One story Wyckoff told during his presentation was when he had a client who was an NBA player, and the client lost a 20 million dollar contract due to a posted tweet. That story made Wilhelm think: do you want everyone you will ever meet to know you are saying this?

Another part of the presentation that stuck out to Wilhelm was the "Digital Audit" Wyckoff suggested, which was also a three-adjective project. The first step was for people to look over their last 30 social media posts. The second step was to figure out what three adjectives people wanted to see tied to their name. Wyckoff's lesson with this was to outsource social media.

Wyckoff answered what students could do. He advised the room to Google themselves, to adjust who can see everyone's information and to clean up bad information.

The Director of Internship Programs Jennifer Njenga Kinuthia explained the importance of why students should attend the monthly events and how they can

prepare them for success in the future.

"Bulldogs Means Business is a monthly professional development series co-sponsored by the College of Business and a number of [resident student organization]'s including the Accounting Association," Njenga Kinuthia said. "Each month they have speakers, panels

or workshops to help prepare students for their careers. Attending this monthly series is a great way for students to connect with and learn from professionals and become career-ready."

Njenga Kinuthia stated that November's Bulldog Means Business event will be on Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. in BUS 111 and will feature a

young alumni panel of recent college of business graduates that will share their experience and tips for transitioning to their professional careers.

For more information regarding Bulldogs Mean Business, visit their website and stay up-to-date with the campus event calendar.



Photo by: Blase Gapinski | Culture Editor

Luke Wyckoff shares experiences about a negative digital footprint.

Entertainment in a small town

Finding things to do in Big Rapids



Photo by: Jordan Wilson | Multimedia Editor

Big Rapids local bowling alley, The Gate, is located across the Muskegon river and offers entertainment for students.

Aiden MacLean
Culture Reporter

In the heart of Mecosta County, Big Rapids may be small, but the town has a big heart for entertaining its residents and the community of Ferris State University.

When it comes to variety in entertainment, opinions are mixed. Locals and students have voiced hopes for more options to enliven their experiences here. With local hotspot The Purple Door planning to close its doors Nov. 2, options for entertainment are becoming quite limited.

The owner of Cranker's Brewery Jim Crank is one of the pioneers in offering diverse entertainment options for the community. Known for its lively vibe and unique events, Cranker's has become a popular spot not only for food but for a night out.

"We have live music and even a golf and gaming sim-

ulator," Crank said. Yet, he admits there's room for improvement, expressing that he would like to see more options for entertainment within Big Rapids.

"People need a place to have fun, and though we're trying to meet that need, I think there could be more," Crank said.

The popularity of live music and game nights at Cranker's reflects a trend that resonates with Ferris students and residents.

The need for entertainment beyond the standard bar or restaurant setting has become increasingly important, as Crank observes a steady flow of students and locals seeking alternative options to the typical bar scene.

One local hotspot that has consistently drawn crowds for years is The Gate, Big Rapids' longstanding bowling alley.

The Gate employee Stacy Mawrot described it as a bowling alley that appeals to all ages that features

leagues, a gaming arcade and events like College Night on Tuesdays. The Gate offers a social experience that appeals to a broad range of people, from Ferris students to local families. However, Mawrot notes that while Tuesday nights bring a strong student turnout, it's quieter on other nights.

"Supporting the local community and bringing in new entertainment options is always our goal, but we see fewer people than we'd like," Mawrot said.

A drive down Perry Avenue reveals a selection of dining options, but for Ferris students like hospitality management sophomore Alex Twiss, the town's entertainment options are limited compared to his hometown of Holland, Michigan.

"Entertainment in Big Rapids has been more on the less side," Twiss said. "Coming from Holland, where there's a ton of stuff to do, I find it disappointing but not

shocking for a small town."

Twiss mentions that a movie theater would be a welcome addition, noting the nearest theater is nearly an hour away in Grand Rapids. For now, Twiss keeps busy by coaching the Ferris State rugby team—a demanding but fulfilling commitment that fills some of the entertainment void for him.

HVACR freshman Aidan Ondrus was drawn to Big Rapids' natural surroundings rather than its nightlife.

"I'm very big into outdoors and scenery, so I go on walks by the Riverwalk and try to make peace with myself and relax," Ondrus said.

However, Ondrus shares the sentiment of limited entertainment for social gatherings.

"When it comes to straight entertainment, I think it lacks a bit here. Yes, we have sporting events, but besides that, there isn't anything you can do with a group of friends," Ondrus said.

The call for more variety resonates with many in Big Rapids, who seek a broader range of activities beyond bars, dining and the occasional event at Ferris. Suggestions for new venues have ranged from a local movie theater to an expanded range of outdoor activities. These ideas align with the town's potential to attract not only students but also residents of all ages looking to unwind in new ways.

Crank sees the possibilities for Big Rapids to further evolve as a place where people can find enjoyment in multiple forms. "It's important to have a range of entertainment options for people to enjoy, and we're making strides," Crank said. But I'd like to see even more growth, more things for people to do."

Despite its limitations, Big Rapids offers opportunities to create memorable experiences. Events like College Night at The Gate, live music at Cranker's or simply walking

along the scenic Riverwalk, give a taste of what could come if the town expands its offerings. And while the dream of a local movie theater might be on hold, the potential for a wider range of activities remains strong.

For those like Twiss and Ondrus, who are used to a more active entertainment landscape, Big Rapids may still have some distance to go. But as local businesses and residents continue to invest in and discuss ideas for new venues and experiences, Big Rapids may well be on its way to becoming more than just a college town. It could be a community with entertainment options as varied and vibrant as its residents.

Whether through supporting live music, improving the college-town vibe or introducing more all-ages venues, Big Rapids has the chance to grow—and perhaps one day, be a small town with big-time fun for everyone.

Media Minute

Tyler, the Creator continues hip hop and R&B reign



Photo courtesy of Columbia Records

Blase Gapinski
Culture Editor

Tyler, the Creator released his eighth studio album “CHROMAKOPIA,” on Monday, Oct. 28 and has established himself against creators with a versatile sound and style.

This album was a surprise to This release follows “The Estate Sale,” which featured previously unreleased tracks cut from his previous album. “CHROMAKOPIA,” represents a new chapter in his discography, showcasing his evolving sound and lyrical themes.

This project revolves around the theme of ambition and youth fading away from Tyler as he deals with the hurdles of maturity which is represented by the grayscale palette used in the album cover. Unlike the dark cover art, this project is full of vibrant and colorful hip-hop and R&B.

This album starts off strong with “St. Chroma.” Listeners are introduced to St. Chroma, the masked character who is depicted in the cover art. It feels very similar and familiar to the sound that was showcased in his fifth studio project “IGOR.”

Although, Tyler does a

great job establishing something that feels fresh and new which sets the tone for the persona of St. Chroma. This album does a great job of taking all of the styles and themes from Tyler’s previous projects and blending them into a symphony.

The transition from the first track to “Rah Tah Tah,” is an example of the wild side of this new persona. This track features Tyler’s fast and aggressive rapping which is something I am a big fan of. It is full of exaggerated swagger and flexing which has become a common theme in recent Tyler tracks.

“Noid,” continues this deep dive into this new sound with a loud electric guitar that is accompanied by drums and joins the layered vocals on the track nicely. This track suggests that this representation of Tyler is a more vulnerable side as he talks about the reality of constantly being consumed by paranoia.

There are many highs scattered throughout this record and “Darling, I,” is definitely one to be included on that list. Featuring vocals from Teezo Touchdown, this record does a great job blending their singing which is a great

introduction to Tyler’s aggressive and menacing flow.

Out of all of the tracks on the album, this song does the best of blending all of Tyler’s styles into one phenomenal track.

“Hey Jane,” does a great job reinforcing the vivid imagery that commonly recurs throughout the lyrics on this record. Each verse refers to the perspective of a couple that is shocked by an unexpected pregnancy and how they respond to it. He is worried about the responsibilities of parenting and the life-changing reality that is raising a child and she is facing the inner dilemma of possibly having to face this challenge on her own.

“Judge Judy,” is another strong track that brings the calm energy from “Flower Boy” in full force, especially with background vocals from Childish Gambino. The light guitar chords accompanied by Tyler’s vocals along with the imagery and memorable chorus make this track one I will continue to revisit.

We see the wild side of St. Chroma once again with “Sticky,” which features Glo-Rilla, Lil Wayne and Sexy Red. The whistle accompa-

nied by the clap beat gives it an unmatched energy that isn’t seen anywhere else on the album.

There are some lows throughout this album that

bring the vibes down but they do so in a way to prepare you for what is to come later. “Tomorrow,” is a slower track that features heavy use of the guitar which feels like

a way to divide the album. The calm singing and soft rapping combined with the chords create a perfect track to break up all the excitement so it isn’t hitting the listener all at once.

“Thought I Was Dead,” brings the action back with a bass-heavy beat backed with horns and trumpets alike. The quick bars from ScHoolboy Q and Tyler accompanied by the chanting crowd in the background give it a lot of hype and make it a standout record.

This record closes out with “I Hope You Find Your Way Home,” where he continues the story from “Hey, Jane,” where he furthermore explains why he wasn’t ready to have a child. It is backed with a beautiful mixture of piano and synth sounds where Tyler brings out that aggressive flow and themes one final time in full force.

This album is definitely one that fans of hip-hop and R&B fans will be able to digest. Long-time Tyler, the Creator fans are going to enjoy this project through and through for the vulnerability that he brings and for revisiting older styles that he seems to experiment with.

Even if you aren’t an avid Tyler, the Creator fan, this album is definitely worth the listen for the different themes and stages of love that everyone can relate to. The musical components and production that back all of these tracks also make them worth the listen as they add a beautiful touch.

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Bulldogs barren

Ferris soccer fails to pick up a goal in its GLIAC weekend stint



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Freshman midfielder Natalia Leavens runs for control of the ball.

Nolan Matthews
Sports Reporter

The Bulldog women's soccer team was shut out in their weekend matchups with a scoreless tie against the Davenport Panthers and a 2-0 loss to the Grand Valley State Lakers.

Ferris (6-4-4, 5-3-2 in GLIAC) faced off against

the Panthers (6-3-6, 4-2-5 in GLIAC) in Grand Rapids on Friday, Oct. 25 and ended up tying the match with the Panthers, the final score being 0-0.

The Bulldogs struggled to get shots on goal against the Panthers, only attempting two. Both were towards the beginning of the second half, the first from senior midfield-

er Brinley Bell and the second from sophomore forward Katherine Welch. The Panthers also totaled two shots on goal of their own.

Freshman goalkeeper Morgan Fillion played all 90 minutes of the match and saved both shots on goal from the Panthers helping preserve the tie for Ferris.

The Bulldogs looked to get

a win against the Grand Valley State Lakers (10-1-3, 7-1-2 in the GLIAC) on Sunday, Oct. 27 who sit in second place in the GLIAC behind the Northern Michigan Wildcats.

Despite the loss and the built-in rivalry, Welch gave her flowers to Grand Valley's squad.

"Grand Valley is a great team, and it is obviously always a great game whenever we play them and I thought that today Grand Valley put up a good fight and we put up a great fight as well," Welch said. "Grand Valley finished those chances that they got in the box, but I think our squad played just as well."

The Bulldogs struggled again to get shots on goal against the Lakers squad, totaling two shots on goal. The first came from Welch and the other came from junior defender Bella Vallone.

The Lakers struck first early in the first half with a goal, but the Bulldogs played tough against the Lakers the whole match holding them to one until the Lakers struck

again, scoring late in the second half to put the game out of reach.

Welch remained positive about the team's outcome heading into the homestretch of the season.

"I honestly think my team did a great job of going out there with so much grit and playing as a team today," Welch said. "Obviously we didn't get the result that we wanted, but I definitely think we left it all on the field as a team, and played to the best of our ability, just unfortunately we couldn't get a shot in the net today, but we're going to come back from this and have a great attitude for the upcoming matches."

With only four matches left in the season, the Bulldogs need 12 points to get into the playoffs for the first time since their excellent run to the NCAA DII Final Four back in 2022.

Head coach Greg Henson stressed the impact of the remaining four matchups for the team's playoff hopes.

"We have four games left on the season, you know points are crucial for us right

now to finish with where we want to finish top four in the standings, so every game matters," Henson said. "So we have a tough one on our last road game of the season at Saginaw Valley, then a three game homestand, so we're looking to pick up 12 points, and you can't pick up 12 unless you pick up three first."

With upcoming matches against a tough squad in the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals and the Purdue Northwest Pride the Bulldogs have their work cut out for them, but can take advantage of matches against the winless Roosevelt Lakers and the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers.

The Bulldogs will travel to Saginaw to face off against the Cardinals on Friday, Nov. 1 then come back home for the first game of a three game homestand to close out the regular season against the Roosevelt Lakers on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. This will be the squad's first time taking on Roosevelt since they joined the GLIAC in 2024.

Conference clash

Cross country hosts GLIAC Championship races



Photo by: Sam Mulder | Torch Photographer

Juniors Gavin Vansolkema and Ryan Osoki compete in the men's GLIAC cross country championship.

Connor Grypma
Sports Editor

For the first time since 2016, the Ferris cross country teams acted as hosts to the GLIAC championship races on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Seven weeks removed from the Ray Helsing Bulldog Invitational where the Bulldogs raced on their home course, Ferris returned to Katke Golf Course which served as the conference finals racetrack.

The Bulldogs placed sixth overall in the women's team standings and seventh in the men's. Grand Valley State University placed first in both divisions. Senior Hanna Brock, junior Whitney Farrell and junior Cooper Sorsen took home All-GLIAC Second Team honors after their respective finishes.

Head coach Jared Kelsh remained positive despite the final result of the conference match.

"It's always nice to have a second home meet because

we get so much support from the community and administration," Welch said. "Our groups did well of sticking together and holding each other accountable, we were hoping to be higher up as a team but there are things to fine-tune in time for regionals in two weeks."

In the women's race, Brock led the team, finishing 12th overall out of 109 total runners and with a final time of 21:54.0 in the 6k event. Farrell was close behind, finishing 15th overall with a final time of 21:57.6. This was a personal record time for Farrell in the 6k event, overtaking her previous personal best of 22:30.20 at the Lewis Conference Crossover.

Farrell gave a lot of credit to Brock for her performance in the championship race.

"A major role that played into getting my personal record was having Hanna there," Farrell said. "We've been emphasizing pack running this year so when I have a weak race, she's there pull-

ing me along and vice versa. We're going to take this race as a learning step and try to place higher as a team in regionals."

The women's team improved on their team time after placing eighth in the conference at last year's GLIAC championship race. Four Bulldog women's runners finished inside the top 40.

For the men's race, Sorsen placed 11th overall out of 110 total runners in the 8k event with a final time of 24:52.2. This was also a personal record for Sorsen beating out his previous record time of 25:00.60 during the Lewis Conference Crossover earlier this year. Junior Gavin Vansolkema was the next Bulldog to place finishing 34th overall and sporting a final time of 26:16.4.

Vansolkema gave his thoughts on what the team could do better in their potential final race, the regional tournament.

"We came out really fast today, so we need to make

a better conscious effort to slow it down," Vansolkema said. "The regional race is a 10k not 8 so we got a few extra miles. Being able to pull back, be smart and realize where we're at will help us."

The men's team placed 7th in the GLIAC standings last year as well but improved on their individual times heading into the end of the season. Three Ferris men's runners placed inside the top 40.

Both Bulldog cross-country teams will compete in the NCAA DII Midwest Regional race on Saturday, Nov. 9. The races will take place in Romeoville, Ill. Last season, the men's team placed 17th out of 32 racing teams with 478 total points. The women's team placed 12th overall and had 375 total points.

Ferris will look to build off its conference race performance in hopes of earning a bid to the NCAA DII National Championship race in late November.

Beaver battles

Ferris splits CCHA opening series



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Sophomore forward Emerson Goode maneuvers to collect the puck.

Dylan Rider
Editor in Chief

Bulldog hockey kicked off their long run of interconference tilts with a 4-2 victory and a 3-0 loss against the Bemidji State Beavers.

Ferris' first CCHA victory

of the season on Friday, Oct. 25 acts as a measure of revenge, as Bemidji (2-3-0) beat the Bulldogs in the first round of the CCHA Playoffs last season. However, the vengeance only lasted until Saturday, Oct. 26 with Ferris (2-4-2) failing to find the

back of the net.

A flurry of goals in the first and second periods generated the Bulldogs' Friday night win. After a shorthanded tally from senior defenseman Nico Devita was answered by a Beaver goal in the first period, the Bulldogs celebrated

the middle frame with three unanswered tallies from junior defenseman Xavier Jean-Louis, junior forward Caiden Gault and freshman forward Matt Corbet. From there, Bemidji answered with a single power-play goal in the third.

Despite leading by three after the second period and ultimately winning by two, head coach Bob Daniels felt that the game was closer than the score suggested.

"I'd say it was a pretty even game," Daniels said. "I was very happy with how we played in the third. Even though it was 4-1, I felt like they were throwing a lot at us. I thought the guys, for the most part, played very well."

Daniels was also pleased with Ferris' blueliners getting in on the scoring action, stating that it's a "real bonus" for the defensemen to find the back of the net.

Senior goaltender Noah West posted a .926 save percentage in his seventh start with Ferris, denying Bemidji on 25-of-27 shot attempts.

Corbet's second-period goal marked his first collegiate tally, which drew a confident response from Daniel, stating "it won't be his last." For Corbet, the confidence has been instilled.

"It means a lot as a freshman coming into a new team," Corbet said. "It means a lot that the coaches have trusted me and played me some pretty big minutes so far."

With confidence from the win and Daniels sitting at 499 career wins, the Bulldogs entered the last leg of the series only to be shut out in the latter half of a weekend for the second series in a row.

One goal in the first and two in the second for the Beavers was enough to put Ferris away. West, in his third time starting back-to-back contests, let up the trio of tallies on 28 shots (.893 save percentage).

For Daniels, the Bulldogs' shutout loss wasn't due to a lack of trying.

"I think the overall feeling was that this was a missed opportunity," Daniels said. "We had a chance for a sweep here and again. I don't fault the effort at all. I thought the guys played hard the entire night. I did think some guys' legs looked a little bit tired. Some guys just didn't have the jump that they had last night. But overall, the effort, the care, the want to was there. We've got to find a way to continue to try to manufacture scoring chances."

Ferris' power play unit has struggled mightily through the first four series, including going 0-4 in the loss to Bemidji. The Bulldogs have zero man-advantage goals on 22 chances, which seats them at the bottom of NCAA DI hockey power-play percentages with other teams without a power-play goal.

On the topic of offense and power-play scoring, senior forward Nick Narddechia knows what it boils down to.

"It just comes down to execution and putting the puck in the net," Narddechia said. "We're there, but we got to execute and get the job done."

Ferris will spend the next six weeks taking on five CCHA opponents and will not get any interconference relief until they play in the Kwik Trip Holiday Face-Off Tournament at the tail end of the year.

Up next, the Bulldogs will start their first interconference road trip with a weekend slate set against the Bowling Green Falcons on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2.

Game changer

Women's basketball earns NIL deal

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Sports Editor

On Monday, Oct. 21, the Ferris women's basketball team secured a team-wide NIL deal with Mitch Lyons Wealth.

The partnership between the two parties involves the women's basketball team being a part of weekly social media posts for Mitch Lyons Wealth and promotional matters.

The deal between Ferris and Mitch Lyons Wealth is one of the first full team deals across Division II women's basketball.

Bulldogs' athletic director Steve Brockelbank made a statement on the partner-

ship when it was announced last week.

"The partnership represents a major investment towards our student-athletes from Mitch Lyons Wealth," Brockelbank said. "We're extremely grateful for the belief in our student-athletes and the value they have placed on our program."

The partnership comes after a historic season for the women's basketball program, where they earned 26 wins in the 2024-25 campaign. The 26-6 record also propelled them to the NCAA DII National Semifinals.

Mitch Lyons, the creator of Mitch Lyons Wealth, is excited to start a partnership with the Bulldogs.

"We believe that these women should be supported, and we're excited to offer, what we believe to be the first full-team NIL deal in Division II women's basketball," Lyons said. "We hope this groundbreaking deal encourages other businesses to step up and support women's athletics and inspires Ferris State's team and little girls around the country to shoot for their dreams."

Ferris will officially begin their new season next weekend on Nov. 2 in the Division II Conference Commissioners Association Tipoff Classic. The classic will take place in St. Joseph, Mo.

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