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Former Ferris star Coleman happy to be with Rampage

GRAND RAPIDS - Clarence Coleman has never been one to lack confidence in himself - and is not about to start now

Coleman, a two-time All-American during his playing career at Ferris State, signed a contract to join the Grand Rapids Rampage of the Arena Football League. The Florida native of Miami is the NCAA Division II all time leader in pass receptions and receiving yards. Coleman originally signed a contract with the National Football League's Buffalo Bills in 2002, and finished with eight catches for 69 yards in 14 games.

"My ultimate goal is to get myself back into the NFL, but I am excited about being with the Rampage and I'm going to work hard this season and do whatever I need to do to get back to the NFL," said Coleman, who will play for Rampage head coach Charles "Sparky" McEwen, a former Ferris State quarterback during his collegiate days. "If you look at Sparky's track record, he has a history of developing his receivers and receivers under him have had big years.

"Even when he was coaching in high school, (at Grand Rapids Creston), you could see how much he did to take a lot of inner-city kids, develop them and help them to get to the Division I college level," he added.

Coleman, who played for the Bulldogs from 1998-2001, still ranks as the career school leader in punt returns (1,494 yards), all-purpose yards (8,009) and receiving (4,983). He ranks third all-time in scoring in the history of the program with 298 points on 49 touchdowns and two two-point conversions.

"Clarence is a guy I've kept my eyes on since he first arrived at Ferris and I continued to follow him even as I became an assistant coach for the Rampage," McEwen said. "Even when I saw him playing in the NFL, I've always looked at him and thought he would make a great AFL player with his great speed and the way he runs routes."

The Rampage coach likes the intangibles he sees in the 5-foot10, 195-pound Coleman, who was released prior to this season by the Bills.

"The biggest thing I like about Clarence, and I've really come to appreciate a lot more as I've talked to him and worked him out, he is a guy who has played in the NFL and wants to get back to the NFL," McEwen said. "During his time at Ferris, it has been well documented all of the success he has had and I really do believe he is arguably the greatest receiver that has ever played at Ferris."

Coleman is more than ready to get started.

"It's going to be exciting working with a young and talented coach who has shown during his career that he knows what he is doing and has a track record of developing people," he said. "The thing is, right now, he is looking for guys who are athletes and guys who have NFL experience and who are hungry to get back to the NFL or get in there in the first place."

Another player to sign with the Rampage is a guy Coleman knows a whole lot about—former Grand Valley State All-American quarterback Curt Anes. But, in spite of the possibility of a Laker throwing to a Bulldog, Coleman does not see any problems in the future.

"Naw, we're gonna let bygones be bygones." Coleman said with a chuckle. "We played a lot of great games against each other, but we've got to put that in the past and start getting ourselves ready for the season now that we're teammates."

McEwen liked the early chemistry he saw between Anes and Coleman during their workouts.

"Who would have ever thought these two guys, a Bulldog and a Laker, would now be playing together," McEwen said. "I think it shows what a great league the GLIAC is and you can see those two guys developing chemistry together and even a friendship. It is kind of strange to see, but both guys want to be part of a good team and are willing to work for it."

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Ferris hosts weatherization conference

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University, in partnership with the Michigan Family Independence Agency, is hosting an annual weatherization conference Monday through Wednesday on its campus.

Weatherization staff from around the state will enhance their knowledge of providing energy-efficient homes for low income families and will receive hands-on training in state-of-the-art Granger Center for Construction and HVACR. Ferris is providing its facilities and services to its non-profit partners as part of its community collaboration efforts.

Weatherization has been operating in Michigan for the past 28 years under the auspice of community action agencies that provide services in all 83 counties of the state. Over 3,000 homes are weatherized each year throughout Michigan, saving home owners and renters thousands of dollars in energy costs.

Weatherization is a program designed to help low-income households save money on their energy bills such as electricity and gas. Eligible households receive free services that prepare their home for the colder season by adding insulation, repairing windows and doors, and appliance repair or replacement.

For every dollar spent on weatherization services, \$1.78 is saved in energy bills. The weatherization program reduces the average annual energy costs by \$218 per household at the current prices. To assist families further with their knowledge of, energy efficient measures, the weatherization programs also offer client education classes and incentives that encourage families to follow more savings opportunities in their homes.

Your local weatherization provider can be found through the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency located in Big Rapids and Reed City.

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October 4, 2004

Terry sets record; Ferris wins big

BIG RAPIDS - Even sore and fatigued, not much could have wiped the smile off the face of Andrew Terry, after the kind of game running backs usually only dream to have played.

Terry established a new NCAA Division II single game record as he rushed for 410 yards on 38 carries with a touchdown as Ferris State won its fifth straight game 35-7 at the expense of Findlay Saturday evening in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference competition at Top Taggart Field.

"It's all still soaking in for me." Terry said as he pondered the new record he set with his performance Saturday evening against the Oilers. "Something for me just felt different coming into this game.... I felt almost like I was back in high school with the way I was out there getting the ball as many times as I was and running the way I did.

"That first play of the game I just came out and my fullback John Vandenberg set a nice block and the offensive line did a nice job and before I knew it I was right at a linebacker. ... I made him miss and then I looked up and there was just an open field and I started to run as fast as I could."

The former high school star at Grand Rapids Creston spoke of the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage as he took the handoff from quarterback Ryan Kaul and rumbled 82 yards from, the north end of the stadium turf to the south end zone to give Ferris the 7-0 lead at 13:06 of the opening period.

That 82-yard run, however, proved merely the tip of the iceberg for Terry:

"It was really nice to be out there on the field and see the performance Drew Terry was able to have," said Ferris State head coach Jeff Pierce, who recruited the Grand Rapids native into the program - even though he to play behind a perennial all conference back in Derek Fudge. Drew is a young man, who came into our program and had to play backup for three years, but has persevered and deserves what he able to accomplish.

"Those are the kinds of people want to have in your program guys who are very committed to themselves as people and to the program."

Terry's first touchdown of the game, in the first quarter, set the right off the bat. Nate Wruble the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead on a three-yard touchdown pass from Kaul at 6:38 of first. At 2:58, however lead ballooned to 21-0 as Kaul scored on a three-yard run for a commanding lead.

In the third quarter, Ferris struck again as Ryan Fritz scored four-yard pass from Kaul at 12:39 to make it 28-0. Findlay finally jumped on the scoreboard at 5:36 of the third as Brian Wolters hauled in a 12-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Crooks to trim the deficit

back to 21. That minor shift in momentum, however, proved only temporary as junior receiver Cariton Brewster got himself open in the end zone and cradled a 27yard pass from Kaul for a 35-7 lead at 3:29 of the third quarter.

With a lead of 28 points, Pierce and the coaching staff put the rest of the game in the hands of Terry' and the defense. Terry, named the GLIAC Player of the Week for his efforts, did his part with 410 yards, but the defense also stepped it up as the Oilers tallied 326 yards of total offense, but found it difficult to cross the goal line as Ferris stiffened time and time again. Perhaps at no better time was that exemplified than on fourth-down-and-goal from the two yard line for Findlay. Coach Dan Simrell chose to go for it, but a big hit by Ferris linebacker Rob Mida denied Crooks on the keeper at the one-yard line.

"That really knocked the wind out of their sails because they were right there at the end zone and our defense really stepped it up and gave us a big lift," Pierce said. "Then, when you're able to run the ball like we were able to run it ... we can keep our defense off of the field and keep them that much fresher."

The previous single-game rushing record was set by Kentucky State's Alvon Brown in Sept. of 200 when he rushed for 405 against Kentucky Wesleyan. Ferris rushed for 472 net yards to set a new school record - beating the previous mark of 417 set in 1973 against Illinois, Chicago.

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October 5, 2004

Annual "Take Back the Night" march, rally tonight

BIG RAPIDS - It's time to Take Back the Night tonight (Tuesday). Gathering for the 16th annual march and rally begins at 5:30 p.m. at Ferris State University's quad complex. After marching to Big Rapids Middle School, participants can take part in the rally, which will follow in Cardinal Hall. There will be free pizza, cider and donuts.

This community event serves as a peaceful protest against the violence that many people endure on a daily basis. The march and rally bring men, women, and children together in a common goal – to promote safety, perpetrator accountability and equality for all.

"It takes each of us as individuals, working together, to create a community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, school violence, child abuse and other types of violence," said Brandi Shelton, Sexual Assault Program Director for W.I.S.E.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time when advocates for battered women in Michigan and across *the* nation foam on education for their communities about domestic violence and the effects that it has on not just the victim but the community as a whole. During this month, advocates hope to see the community rally together to make homes, streets, workplaces, schools and communities safer for everyone.

"Many of us do not realize how prevalent intimate violence is. We are shocked to hear about our neighbor who was abused for years without our knowledge and we are devastated to hear about a trusted friend or loved one that has sexually or physically assaulted another human being. But you have a choice - you can choose to ignore the problem or do something about it," said Shelton. "Take Back the Night is an opportunity for you to be part of the solution!"

Based on statistics, one out of three women will be sexually assaulted at some point in her lifetime. One out of six males will be sexually assaulted by age 16.

"This is a huge number of victims, not to mention all of the family members, schools, workplaces and churches that are affected by the perpetrators' actions. We need to open our eyes, hearts and minds to the reality in our community and make a commitment to be part of the solution," Shelton said.

Added Heather Hodges of W.I.S.E., "Domestic violence is everyone's business. Each one of us has a role to play in stopping domestic violence. Action can be as simple as contributing money or clothing to a local battered woman's shelter, volunteering time to a program that supports victims of abuse, talking to a child about relationship violence, offering support to a battered woman, or posting awareness materials in public places."

Events of the rally at Big Rapids Middle School include music, entertainment and live singing featuring Jerilyn Scheid and Erin Eveland.

A memorial service will take place to honor those who have died as a result of violence. Participants are then given the opportunity to share a message with the community," Shelton said.

The Take Back the Night committee is making an effort to involve youth in the prevention of violence as well.

"In the past, the memorial service included detailed information about victims' deaths - this descriptive detail will be left out to be more appropriate for kids," Shelton added.

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October 5, 2004

Michigan Police Corps recruits visit local students

A special visit: On Sept. 28, members of the Michigan Police Corps from Ferris State University visited Hillcrest and Brookside elementaries. The visits were intended to teach students about the Police Corps; to foster a positive relationship between students and police; and to develop a Police Corps presence within the community. Police Corps members joined in the classroom activities during the entire day. They read with students; helped with class-work; played outside at recess and made presentations to the classes. Recruit Rob Meredith spends time in Sue Behler's third-grade class at Hillcrest Elementary playing a math game with Joe Templin, Thomas Michalski and Trista Bourke.

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October 6, 2004

A Walk A Cause

Hundreds of area residents, Ferris State University students and officials march during the annual "Take Back the Night" rally Tuesday. The rally - which serves as a peaceful protest against violence - started at FSU's quad, headed down State Street and finished at the Big Rapids Middle School. Big Rapids first hosted the march in 1988 as a way to help rid violence against women. According to organizers, it has evolved to protest violence against child abuse, sexual harassment, gender violence and even elder abuse.

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October 7, 2004

Bulldog hockey program picks up big assist

BIG RAPIDS -- In an ongoing mission to strengthen Ferris State's varsity hockey program, a scholarship endowment program is officially under way.

Local residents Kenneth and Sueann Walz, of Big Rapids, emerged as leaders in the effort known as the Bulldog Hockey Scholarship Endowment Campaign by unveiling a hockey scholarship. Monies from the fund go to cover expenses of a renewable scholarship for a Bulldog varsity hockey player who remains in good academic standing and works toward the overall success of the Ferris program - on and off the ice.

"We are so appreciative of what Ken and Sue have done and have pledged to continue to do with their support of the hockey program and athletics as a whole here at Ferris State," said Bulldog coach Bob Daniels, who this winter enters his 13th season behind the bench in Big Rapids. "This is a big step for us toward endowing these scholarships for our student-athletes.

"Scholarships are the key to recruiting the top talent it takes to skate with the powerhouse hockey schools we face in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association."

Ferris State, one year removed from its CCHA regular-season championship season of 2002-03, is eager to build off the momentum it gained during that year with a stronger emphasis being placed on recruiting efforts. Ferris had a record of 15-20-3 last winter, but is hopeful for better results this fall with a solid group of veteran players, including forwards Jeff Legue and Derek Nesbitt, defenseman and team captain Matt York and goaltender Mike Brown - all seniors for Daniels.

The Walzes have long been fans and supporters of Bulldog hockey and also are deeply involved in the Big Rapids community. Ken Walz is a Big Rapids-based attorney with Walz and Warba while Sueann serves as assistant vice president and manager for the local branch of Independent Bank. Like the coaches, players and loyal fans - the Walzes want to see a successful Bulldog hockey program.

"We are happy to support Ferris and student-athletes," Sueann Walz stated as the university announced the project. "We hope this new endowment fund plays a part in strengthening Ferris' great hockey program and easing the financial burden for athletes."

This endowment program is not the first time the Walzes have been active with financial support for the program. Sueann served as co-chair of the FSU Bulldog Hockey Locker Room fund-raising project in addition to a role she has on the Ferris Foundation Board of Directors.

In the past, she has served as vice president of Friends of Ferris, a political action group supporting the university and has served on its executive board for 14 years.

She becomes president of Friends of Ferris in October.

The endowment scholarship program, however, is an important component of the future success of the program. The Ferris coach believes the endowment will go a long way toward helping the Bulldogs level the financial playing field a little more between them and the bigger and wealthier programs in the CCHA such as full Division I athletic universities like Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State and Notre Dame.

"Of all the things that can be done to help our hockey program, the endowment of scholarships is the single most important one," Daniels said. "We are super-appreciative of their generosity."

The objective for the program to have the scholarships permanently involved requires an endowment of \$1 million.

The cost of a scholarship at Ferris is in the neighborhood of \$12,000 and is a big chunk of the university's athletics budget.

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October 7, 2004

Terry's 410 earns national recognition

BIG RAPIDS - Even in Big Rapids, great deeds can still be recognized by state and national media.

Ferris State senior running back Andrew Terry's performance during a 35-7 win Saturday evening against Findlay at Top Taggart Field, has made his something of a household name with respect to Division II football. Terry, a native of Grand Rapids and graduate of Creston High School, rushed for 410 yards on 38 carries with a touchdown against the Oilers as he burned up the artificial turf from start to finish on an otherwise chilly evening outdoors.

That effort by Terry helped him earn the D2Football.com Pizza Hut National Offensive Player of the Week award as a result of a performance that set an NCAA Division II single-game record for yards gained by an individual. That came shortly after he had been named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Week.

"I kind of had a feeling I was maybe around like 300 yards, but then the public address announcer all of a sudden said I had 410 yards and it was a new Division II record," he said. "I didn't think I was even close to that."

"I was sucking up wind big-time out there a few times and (Findlay) really was laying some big hits on me whenever they got the chance."

Junior receiver Carlton Brewster, a current teammate of Terry's at Ferris and former high school teammate of his with the Polar Bears, was as much in awe of the performance as anyone.

"On his first carry, when he started to go, I was just amazed when he took off and just blew past everybody," Brewster said. "Once he got past the line of scrimmage and past the linebackers, he just kept on trucking. ... The offensive line and fullback did a nice job blocking up front and the receivers did a nice job blocking down field."

The 410 yards Terry rushed for set a new Ferris single-game record as it broke the 329 yards gained by Chris Pulliams in November of 1995 against Saginaw Valley State. The 410 set the national Division II mark as it inched beyond the 405 yards Kentucky State's Alvon Brown rushed for against Kentucky Wesleyan in September of 2000.

"It was incredible because they just kept giving it to him and he just kept breaking off these big runs," Brewster said as he smiled.

Terry also was one of four players recognized as a national player of the week by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette.

"It was really great to see what Drew was able to do in that game," said Ferris head coach Jeff Pierce, whose team is 5-1 overall and 5-1 in the GLIAC, and who coaches the running backs. "Here is a young man who came here and basically sat on the bench for three years behind a great running back in Derek Fudge, but kept working hard, didn't quit and now is finally getting his chance to show what he can do and he is taking advantage of that opportunity."

The Bulldogs are on the road this weekend, in an unusual mid-season non-conference game, in Grand Forks, N.D. against the University of North Dakota. The Fighting Sioux were ranked second in the nation, in last week's poll, but were upset on the road by St. Cloud State this past Saturday.

The Grand Rapids Press

October 7, 2004

Prosecutors slow to charge filmmaker with noodle bribes

A northern Michigan prosecutor said he is looking at allegations from the Michigan Republican Party that liberal activist Michael Moore is offering underwear and noodles in exchange for votes.

But Charles Koop of Antrim County is not looking too seriously.

Moore, who has a home in Antrim on Torch Lake, is touring the country and imploring so-called slackers to head to the polls Nov. 2, saying they could help defeat President Bush.

On the first leg of the tour, he stopped at Michigan State University, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Central Michigan University and Elk Rapids High School.

During each program, those who regularly avoid voting are invited onstage to pledge to vote. First-time voters are offered prizes such as clean underwear.

State Republicans said Moore also offered a clean dorm room, a one-year supply of Tostitos and a package of Ramen noodles.

"I'm most interested in that offer of cleaning the dorms. I've got kids in college," said Koop, a Republican.

The GOP said it has also asked prosecutors in Wayne, Ingham and Isabella counties to charge Moore with violating Michigan's election law, which prohibits giving something of value in exchange for votes.

The Isabella County prosecutor, Larry Burdick, declined, saying he would prefer to pursue people who deliver drugs "rather than underwear."

Michigan Republican spokesman Chris Paolina said it doesn't matter if the party is perceived as humorless.

"This is no different than offering someone money or alcohol when they walk through the door to vote," he said.

Not surprisingly, Moore wasted no time in promoting the GOP's actions.

"I may soon be a wanted man in Michigan, simply because I convinced a few slackers to change their underwear and eat a healthy meal of artificially flavored noodles," said Moore, the controversial writer and director who made the anti-Bush movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11."

"My friends, they will not catch me," he said on his Web site.

But Ferris State University Republican Chairman James Santilli Jr. is not laughing. He said there were reports of Moore handing out prizes in Big Rapids, though he didn't see it because he was outside protesting.

The president of campus Democrats at Central Michigan University is equally outraged at Republicans.

"I can't believe anyone would waste their time or taxpayer dollars on this," Leah Brady said.

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October 8, 2004

'Simpsons' producer speaks in Big Rapids

BIG RAPIDS - Mike Reiss, winner of four Emmys as producer of television's "The Simpsons," is speaking in Williams Auditorium Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Tickets for his Arts and Lectures presentation are \$5 and may be purchased at the auditorium box office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Drawn from more than two decades of creating the funniest and most outrageous shows on television, Reiss' presentation is a unique glimpse inside the cutting edge of entertainment, including rare clips from "The Simpsons" and "The Critic." He takes audiences inside the lives of Springfield's first family, revealing how "The Simpsons" was almost canceled before it hit the air, secret trivia of the show, insane dealings with network censors and lots of juicy gossip about celebrity guest stars.

Reiss also delves into the current state of television programming, describing with his characteristic wit why TV is so rotten and what steps need to be taken to bring the medium back to life.

Reiss has written a dozen scripts and produced more than 200 episodes during his 11 seasons on "The Simpsons." His other TV credits include "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," "Alf," Eddie Murphy's "The PJs" and "It's Garry Shandling's Show," where he earned an ACE award for writing and producing. He is the co-creator of Comedy Central's "The Critic," an animated series starring Jon Lovitz, and a writer of children's books and former editor of The Harvard Lampoon and The National Lampoon.

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October 8, 2004

Woman faces charges after striking man

MECOSTA COUNTY - A Sparta woman has been arrested in connection with a traffic accident early Thursday morning.

According to the Mecosta County Sheriffs office, a 21 Year-old female was driving on Northland Drive south of 1-1 Mile Road when she struck Nicholas Gargano of Williamston.

The name of the driver is not being released pending arraignment.

There were four passengers in her car at the time of the accident, police said.

Gargano sustained incapacitating injuries and was taken by emergency medical services to Mecosta County General Hospital. From there, the victim was transferred via Aero-med to Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

The Sparta woman was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Big Rapids Township Fire and Rescue assisted deputies at the scene.

Investigation into the crash is being handled by the Mecosta County Investigation Team.

The Grand Rapids Press

Friday, October 8, 2004

Terry's gold rush Grandfather's words inspire

The thought of walking away from college football and concentrating fully on his studies in plastics engineering technology, and on raising his 20-month-old son, Camron, ran across Andrew Terry's mind dozens of times over the last three years.

Was it really worth all the effort just to be a backup running back at Ferris State, the Grand Rapids Creston grad wondered.

"I talked a lot about quitting football to my mom (Sheila Terry) and dad (Andrew Mack), but especially to my granddad, Andrew Mack Sr., before he recently passed away," said Terry, a fifth-year senior.

"Granddad, more than anyone else, continually told me to stick with football. He always told me that whenever I got the chance to get in games, to do my best, and I'd eventually get a chance to shine."

Turns out Grandpa Mack was absolutely right.

The 5-foot-8, 196-pound Terry had a glowing night last Saturday against the University of Findlay.

Terry went around, over and right through the Findlay defense for an NCAA Division II national record 410 yards on 38 carries to propel FSU to a 35-7 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win.

His effort, which goes down as the sixth best rushing game in NCAA history, included a 10.8-yards-per-carry average and an 82-yard scoring burst on the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage. Terry shattered the school and conference single-game records of 329 yards established by Chris Pulliams in 1995 against Saginaw Valley State.

The old Division II national record of 405 yards is held by Alvon Brown of Kentucky State in 2000 against Kentucky Wesleyan.

Terry's performance added to a legacy of fine running backs at FSU, including graduated All-Americans Derek Fudge, who Terry backed up the past three years, Mo Harris, Tyree Dye, Chuck Evans and Pulliams.

"There are a lot of great running backs who played here, and put up amazing numbers,"

Terry said. "Because I was a career backup to Derek, a lot of people wondered if we would have a running game once he graduated, which made me determined to show I could put myself on the same level as all those other great backs."

It's taken Terry just half this season to prove his worth. He averages 5.6 yards on 167 carries and 156.3 yards per game for the 5-1 Bulldogs, who have won five straight since a turnover-plagued 24-6 loss to top-ranked Grand Valley State.

It took Terry just one game last Saturday to go beyond what any other Ferris State back did before him, but also to upstage all but five other runners to ever compete in NCAA football at any level.

"You always want to go in and get a 100-yard game, but no one ever expects 410," said Terry, the obvious choice for this week's Great Lakes Conference offensive player of the week honor. "We just had a good day running the football. I give all the credit to the offensive line and my fullback, John Vandenberg.

"The best part was that my other sets of grandparents (Curtis Stein and Sims Terry) were at the game with my mom, and saw me play for first time since last year. Everyone was excited, and glad to see me back playing regularly at this kind of level."

Bulldogs head coach Jeff Pierce had taken Terry out of the game last Saturday in favor of getting some reserves playing time until word from the press-box informed him of Terry's rushing status at the expense of Findlay.

"When word came that Drew was close to 400 yards and the Division II record, I thought, 'Well, this kid deserves it,' so I told him he could go in and get two more carries, and that was it," Pierce said. "He got them, and he set the record."

To his credit, Pierce refused to leave Terry in long enough to try to erase the NCAA record of 441 yards owned by Dante Brown, a Division III performer at Marietta (Ohio) College who collected his real estate against Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio) College in 1994.

"We were already up by a sizable margin," Pierce said. "I don't like to see anybody get beat bad. I've been there myself. I also didn't want to risk Drew getting hurt.

"The one thing I'll say about Drew, and I said it in front of the team, is that here's a guy who waited four years for his opportunity, never complained and then took full advantage of his opportunity when it arrived."

The Bulldogs rushed for 472 yards on 59 attempts last Saturday to create a team single-game mark for rushing yards. And they'll now head to the University of North Dakota (4-1) for Saturday's non-league clash with the 11th-ranked team and defending Division II runner-up with a full head of steam.

"It feels good to have a place in the record books," Terry said. "Especially because I didn't play my entire career here, so I think I answered questions about whether I could step to the plate this year."

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October 9 & 10

Public Safety program debuts at Career Center

BIG RAPIDS - While 35 students at the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center explore careers in public safety, they also are pioneers, blazing the way for future classes.

This is the first year public safety has been offered at the Career Center. The program was offered in response to student interest, explained MOCC Principal Dave Cox.

"We did two surveys, one in 2000 and one in 2002, when we surveyed every sophomore about potential programs they'd like to see," Cox said.

In 2000, the No. 1 program requested was CAD drafting and design - which the Career Center implemented - and the No. 2 program was Public Safety. In 2002, the No. 1 program was Public Safety.

"Keep in mind - and I think this had a lot to do with it - this was No. 1 because of 9/11," Cox said. "But it was No. 2 two years earlier."

At that time, the economy took a turn for the worse and administrators decided to put any new programs on hold. Public Safety again came to the forefront in January, when an advisory committee with representatives from all disciplines - law enforcement, firefighting, the court system and the correctional system - was formed.

"At our first two meetings, we had 100 percent attendance," Cox said. "That shows me they think it is a valuable, worthwhile program."

MOCC is one of seven schools in the state to begin a Public Safety program this year. Other area intermediate school districts - Newaygo and Mason Lake - already offered a program.

"It was so easy for us to cut, paste and steal (how to set up a program)," Cox began. "They're wonderful people -they send you everything."

The MOCC Public Safety course is taught by Jim Williams, who has a long history in law enforcement. Williams retired in July from the Ferris State University Department of Public Safety after 32 years on the force. He taught 20 years as adjunct faculty in the FSU Criminal Justice program and for six years in the Michigan Police Corps

During class, Williams will give students a taste of the various public safety disciplines, including law enforcement, firefighting and other areas, as well as showing them how all the disciplines work together under the title "public safety." He will utilize a combination of lecture, hands-on activities, site visits, job shadows and guest speakers to bring the various careers alive for his students. Part of the site visits includes trips to P.T. Plus for wellness training, in which the students do low-impact workouts and aerobics.

Before diving into the various career fields, however, Williams wanted his students to come together as a team and not be divided by which school is their home school.

"I started by telling them they're not a division of the various schools - when they're here at the Career Center, they are one: MOCC Public Safety," Williams began. "I instilled team-building not just by telling them about it or putting them through military drill and learning; I gave each of them a T-shirt with MOCC Public Safety and a hat with the same logo on it. I explained that yes, you are from different schools but you'll have the same background."

The students wear the T-shirts whenever they go off campus on a site visit.

In the beginning weeks of school, Williams also had career services speak to his class, had them all take CPR and become certified, covered ethics and interpersonal communication, taught them military time and the phonetic alphabet (Adam, Boy, Charles, etc.). In addition, he began wellness training, including military drill and bearing.

As far as leadership within the class, I've got the class divided into two different units - platoons - and each one has a platoon leader. It's a rotating job so everybody gets a turn. We talk about leadership and leadership training," Williams continued.

Cox emphasized that students are given a taste of what careers in public safety are really like, as opposed to what they see on television programs such as "CSI." While the program's two sessions - morning and afternoon - filled quickly, some of the students dropped out when they discovered what it was.

"What happened - there's no question in my mind - is people thought they were going to get to shoot guns and stuff, and they're not." Cox said.

Still, there are opportunities for hands-on learning. One such chance occurred recently when students were taught to dust for and lift latent prints, as if they were at a crime scene.

"They learned how to dust for them - on dark objects, you use light powder and on light objects, you use dark powder," began Williams. "And how to physically do it - there's a technique to it and you get better the more you do it."

Other hands-on learning lessons will cover areas such as physical defense and how to make a traffic stop safely.

The next subject on the curriculum will be fire safety.

"The idea of the program is not to qualify for Firefighter 1- not to get certification out of it - but to give a strong base to those interested in firefighting," Williams said. "My hope is these young men and women (who are interested) will go on and take

Firefighter 1 training from their local fire departments and become a firefighting asset to their communities."

"We wanted to expose kids to all different things," Cox said. "One advantage is Jim knows everybody (as far as getting guest speakers, et cetera). They're going to get a pretty good taste."

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October 9 & 10

Ferris sorority conducts blood pressure screenings

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University's professional pharmacy sorority, Lambda Kappa Sigma, is conducting free blood pressure screenings each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon during October and November at Walgreens on State Street.

Ferris Pharmacy students, under the supervision of Walgreen pharmacists, will provide the service to any member of the campus or local communities.

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October 9 & 10, 2004

Congratulations!!!

Some congratulatory notations are in order:

- To Andrew Terry for his remarkable performance last Saturday as the Bulldogs slammed Findlay 35-7 for their fifth win against only a single defeat to the two-time defending national champs, Grand Valley.

Terry rumbled for 410 yards on 38 carries and scored a touchdown as he earned honors as the D2Football.com Pizza Hut National Offensive Player of the Week; the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Week, and as one of four players recognized as a national player of the week by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette.

Now, that's a pretty distinctive list of accomplishments - well earned considering that Terry's 410 yards eclipsed the former Bulldog rushing record by 81 yards and the previous Division II one-game running total by five yards.

So, now the man from the Rapids is representing his hometown (Grand) and adopted town (Big) in the national spotlight as football followers take note of his accomplishments.

Hey, maybe we'll see Terry playing on Sunday afternoons sometime in the future. We certainly suspect some pro scouts are giving him a good look now.

- To the hundreds of people who turned out Tuesday evening for this year's "Take Back the Night" demonstration.

The rally serves as a peaceful protest against violence against women, children and the elderly, sexual harassment and gender violence.

We're pleased to see that more and more people are standing up against domestic violence of all types.

- To those people who turned out in Big Rapids Sunday to show their commitment to the sanctity of life even though their convictions are not supported by the Wade vs. Roe court decision more than three decades ago.

Obviously, not everyone supports their definition of when life begins, but everyone certainly should support their right to stand up for their convictions.

Hey, that's part of what makes this country so great - the right for everyone to freely express their opinions.

- To those new members of this country's electorate who took the time to register to vote in the upcoming November general election.

You have taken the first step toward participating in this country's decision-making process.

The next step? Get out and vote Tuesday Nov. 2.

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October 11, 2004

Ferris observes 75th birthday for campus Alumni Building

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the oldest building on its campus during a 4 p.m. ceremony Oct. 19. The event will be held in the lobby of the historic Alumni Building, once the hub of all Ferris Institute activities.

The observance features remarks by Ferris President David Eisler and Dacho Dachoff, emeritus professor and former special assistant to the president for the arts.

Dachoff directed the Ferris bands in the mid '50s and early '60s, when they rehearsed and presented concerts in the Alumni Building.

Dachoff, who came to Ferris as band director in 1955 and retired in 1984, is now a resident of Sarasota, Fla., and he will talk about the events, activities and classes held in the building and the role it played in the lives of students, staff and the community. .

The ceremony, sponsored by FSU's History Commemoration Task Force, occurs 75 years to the day of the building dedication.

Thirteen members of the first Ferris Institute graduating class attended the building dedication Oct. 19, 1929.

The facility was considered state-of-the-art at the time, with new classrooms and a gymnasium for the institute's budding athletic teams. The building also housed dressing rooms and showers for men and women, a progressive concept at the time.

The Alumni Building was originally envisioned as "The Woodbridge N. Ferris Memorial Building," with construction starting in early 1929, about a year after Ferris' death.

Gerrit Masselink, who then led the Institute, had undiagnosed typhoid fever at the time. He walked through the rain soliciting \$20,000 in project pledges from local businesses, subsequently catching pneumonia and dying shortly before the groundbreaking.

There were 10 days of festive enthusiasm on campus immediately following the dedication as students occupied the new facility.

Then, Oct. 29 brought the great stock market crash, plunging the country and Ferris Institute into financial uncertainty. Even though hard times would follow, for 20 years the Alumni Building was the pride of the institute.

Thousands of students attended classes and participated in or went to athletic events there. Watching games was so popular that during at least one basketball season, stu-

dents received tickets on an odd and-even basis to attend games on alternating nights. The gym simply couldn't hold all the spectators.

The building also hosted convocation ceremonies and concerts and housed athletic equipment for football and baseball.

After fire destroyed the neighboring Old Main Building in 1950, the Alumni Building took on even more significance as the institute's only prominent architectural representation.

As times changed and the school grew dramatically in the 1950s, the Alumni building became increasingly obsolete. By 1960, its once grand gymnasium was now dwarfed by many grade-school gyms.

A new gym in the much larger Health and Physical Education Building, now the Student Recreation Center, opened just before Christmas in 1963, forever moving the university's center away from the northeast corner of campus.

Today, the Alumni Building is used for classes, offices and storage.

The gym was walled off years ago, first for handball courts and now for storage. Even still, the building's historic past is evident today.

The building's restored lobby looks much as it did in its hay-day, with a beamed ceiling, prominent "FI" displayed on the floor and original wooden ticket booth ready to issue admittance to bygone athletic events.

The alumni Building remains the center of the Ferris for countless graduates who attended the institute in the days before it became Ferris State College. It is this heritage that the university honors Oct. 19.

All members of the campus and local communities are invited to attend the celebration. Refreshments will be served and historic photos will be displayed with a remembrance book available for alumni, staff and community visitor comments.

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October 12, 2004

Ferris students spiff up playground

BIG RAPIDS - On Oct. 2 the Associated Construction Students (ACS) at Ferris State University helped clean up Hillcrest Elementary School.

The students painted playground equipment and spread around wood chips for the play areas. The clean-up took about six hours and lunch was provided by the Hillcrest Parent Teacher Organization.

The Associated Construction Students also do other community projects as well. They participate in Adopt-a-Highway clean up, Habitat for Humanity and Home Repair Services in Grand Rapids.

The students that were involved the Hillcrest clean-up were Mike Sambirsky, ASC president; Jamie Erbes, ACS secretary; Ken Darner; Rob Armstrong; Adam Currie; Matt Lyster, ACS community service chair; Charles Barnes and Pat Kasper. Lee Templin, the ACS advisor, who also is an FSU professor, helped organize the clean-up. He also is a part of the Hillcrest Elementary PTO

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October 13, 2004

Comedian Kathy Griffin to present Ferris Homecoming concert

BIG RAPIDS - Comedian and television actress Kathy Griffin is presenting Ferris State University's Homecoming Concert Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. in Williams Auditorium.

Concert tickets are \$5 for Ferris students and \$10 for the general public and may be purchased at the Williams Auditorium Box Office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Griffin is best known for winning the "Celebrity Mole" reality show on ABC; hosting NBC's reality series, "Average Joe;" and spending four years on the NBC sitcom "Suddenly Susan" as Vickie Groener, Brooke Shields' acerbic colleague. Prior to that, she had many guest-starring roles on such series as "Mad About You," "ER" and "Ellen," and also appeared as the recurring character, Sally Weaver, on "Seinfeld."

As a result of her TV guest shots, the Chicago native gained notice as a stand-up comedian. In fact, her first job after moving west was to join the famed Los Angeles Groundlings comedy improvisational troupe.

Griffin landed her own "HBO 1/2-Hour Comedy Special" and in 1998 did a "HBO One-Hour Special," "A Hot Cup of Talk."

Griffin just completed taping a comedy special, "The D-List," based on her acute celebrity observations for the Bravo Network.

The special is scheduled to air in March.

She also taped "Allegedly," her comedy DVD due out in six months. She will soon start production of a sitcom for NBC, titled "The D-List," which will chronicle Griffin's life as a D-List celebrity. In addition, Griffin keeps stand-up comedy dates at colleges, theaters and comedy clubs across the country.

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How to keep Wingnuts from going wacky

1. Take a grass-roots, down-to-ice approach. Just because the high-priced NHL is out to lunch doesn't mean hockey is dead. The American Hockey League Griffins, with their Red Wings affiliation and almost-like-the-Wings jerseys, are the obvious first choice for addicted puck-heads, and seats are wa-a-ay cheaper than in Joe Louis Arena. But pucks are flying all over the state. The lower-level United Hockey League's Central Division features all Michigan teams: Muskegon Fury, Flint Generals, Motor City Mechanics, Kalamazoo Wings, Port Huron Beacons. Why stop there? Area colleges feature some of the country's best NCAA hockey, with the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Ferris State University and Western Michigan University in the mix. And there's pee-wee hockey, with between-periods hoopla at Friday's Griffins game featuring 10-year-olds from the Griffins Amateur Hockey League facing off in a "mini-me" spectacle.

2. More screen time. Rent movies about hockey. Try "Miracle," "Slap Shot," "Mystery, Alaska" or video highlights of the Red Wings' last Stanley Cup championship. Do not, under any circumstance, try "The Mighty Ducks."

3. Strap on some skates. Don't do this in the house unless you enjoy getting berated for gouging up the wood floor while doing your best Yzerman imitation. Instead, visit open skates sponsored regularly by local rinks, including Griff's Icehouse at Grand Rapids' Belknap Park and Standard Federal Ice Center (aka Patterson Ice Center) on Patterson Avenue SE. It's cheaper than a belt sander and vat of varnish.

4. A pond of your own. Build an ice rink in the back yard. OK, you might want to wait on this one a while.

5. Concoct iced drinks. Whip up strawberry- Red Wing daiquiris and penalty-minute margaritas. This is a great alternative to No. 4, as it doesn't take as long, it requires much less water, and you can enjoy it all just sitting in a hot tub.

6. Crank up the tunes. Get into the frosty spirit with bands and music that scream ice hockey, and I'm not talking contrived anthems such as "I Want Stanley." Consider Cold, Ice Cube, Coldplay, Cold Blood, the Chills, Icehouse, Slapshot or the Zambonis, whose songs include "Lost My Teeth" and "Johnny Got Suspended." Another can't-miss artist is Barefoot Hockey Goalie, which in 1995 released a rock opera about a goalie with gargantuan feet, spawning the tune "Narcoleptic Pee Wee Hockey League." Then there's the punk-edged Hanson Brothers, whose CDs include "Gross Misconduct" and "Sudden Death." The Skates gave us "Lord of the Rinks," while Warren Zevon penned the classic, "Hit Somebody (The Hockey Song)." And the "Puck Rock" compilation CDs include the unforgettable tracks "You High Sticked My Heart" and "Blood on the Ice." I kid you not, eh?

7. Abandon ship. Forget about the pain of Wings-lessness, pack some bags and head for Florida, where hockey is just a novelty to most folks anyway.

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October 15, 2004

Local woman volunteers seven days in Florida

Rose Bauman is the typical wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Bauman, retired from Ferris State University after working more than 27 years in the food service department, resides in Evart with her husband, Charles.

The two have five children, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren:

However, since retiring, Bauman has remained active in the community - volunteering and training for the past year with the American Red Cross (ARC) Mecosta-Osceola Chapter.

On Oct. 4, her life changed forever.

According to ARC Director Sharon Oleson, Bauman was the first ARC volunteer from the area to travel to Sebastian, Fla., where she helped provide aid to hurricane victims.

Millions of Florida residents still have no power and are dealing with the millions of dollars in damages caused by the recent hurricanes - Jeanne, Ivan, Frances, Charley and Tropical Storm Bonnie.

"Everyone thinks this was a vacation ... it wasn't. We worked between 12 and 16 hours a day," Bauman said.

After arriving in Orlando, where she received her assignment from the National American Red Cross headquarters, Bauman traveled to Sebastian.

For seven days - mostly sleeping in either churches or cheap hotels in Sebastian or Vero Beach, Fla., and at times, using portable showers to bathe - Bauman and a slew of others from across the U.S. helped serve hot meals from mobile kitchens, which were mostly provided by Baptist churches in Louisiana.

Beginning each day, Bauman and the other ARC volunteers woke up early and drove more than an hour to Sebastian, helping serve a variety of hot lunches and dinners to local residents.

She also helped provide ice and water to needy victims.

"Seven mobile kitchens visited neighborhoods everyday in Sebastian," she said. "The residents couldn't cook their own meals because they had no power. If someone wanted a meal, they would just stop at the station and grab one."

Bauman said the only other Michigan native she met was from the Detroit area.

"I met so many people from different parts of the U.S.," she said.

Fulfilled and exhausted from her experiences, Bauman returned home Monday.

"I volunteer because I enjoy helping people. I would have stayed longer - another two weeks - if I could have." she said.

One of Bauman's fondest memories in Florida was when local people just wanted a hug.

"These people were so appreciative of what we were doing, they all wanted to give me a hug," she said. "Helping others makes me feel good."

Now that she is back, Bauman hopes to continue training with the ARC. She eventually would like to run her own mobile kitchen; however, the training to do so is in Texas.

Oleson said there is always a need for volunteers, especially in Florida, but the ARC doesn't just send anyone willing to help.

"We always receive calls from people saying they are ready to volunteer in Florida, but we always tell them they can't go as a liability - they need to go as an asset," Oleson said.

Both Oleson and Bauman suggest those wishing to volunteer should receive the proper training and as much of it as possible.

"This was my first national disaster, and if I had to, I would do it again," Bauman said. "But my advice is to receive as much training as possible. The more you receive; the better off you will be in certain situations."

According to Oleson, all ARC disaster assistance is free and is made possible by voluntary donations of both time and money.