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The University Center has a food court with five different places to eat. The new building also houses a Starbucks.



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The University Center hosts the new two story bookstore with retail on the top floor and school supplies and textbooks on the lower floor.

# Grand Opening

## University center is officially open to students

Jennifer Corrie  
Ferris State Torch

It's January and the Ferris community knows what that means-not just the beginning of the

spring semester, but that the University Center renovation is almost complete.

Students on campus are looking forward to utilizing the University Center this semester, in-

cluding Junior and Mechanical Engineering major Kyle Curtis. "It looks pretty nice," said Curtis, who agreed that the renovation lived up to the hype.

The newly revamped building's

first floor includes a full-sized Starbucks, a Student Technology Services store, a spacious atrium complete with comfy chairs and a large fireplace, numerous meeting rooms, the CLACS office and

the First Lady's Attic, where professional and business attire can be acquired for students who may not have any on hand.

The first floor also contains the Barnes and Noble book-

## Justice, inclusion and community OMSS to host 29th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration



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Students participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Freedom March last year on campus.

**Megan E. Smith**  
Ferris State Torch

Despite a day off for students, Ferris State's Office of Multicultural Student Services will be hard at work this coming Monday.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) has been busy with preparations for FSU's 29th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

"We want to encourage students to take responsibility towards diversity and inclusion and social injustice," said Michael Wade, assistant director of the OMSS and chair of the Celebration. "To create justice, to create inclusion, to make everyone feel

[like] a part of this community—those are tangible things that every student, every person in this community needs to take with them, because we live in a diverse workplace. We have to embrace our differences and we also have to create common ground, create unity. This celebration promotes that. Dr. King promoted that with his life's work—to recognize and respect someone for the content of their character, not just for the color of their skin."

The OMSS has a variety of events and activities scheduled throughout the week in hopes of educating students and community members and sparking discussion on issues of racism and injustice, both past and con-

temporary. The Freedom March and the Student Tribute have been FSU's two longest-standing traditions for MLK Day.

"The annual events are always my favorite," said Wade. "To see everybody come out to the Freedom March; I love to see people come to the Student Tribute just to see what students are going to do, whether it be a performance, a dance, a song, multimedia presentations. Those annual events I really look forward to."

Another more recent tradition Wade enjoys is the Tunnel of Oppression, an interactive multimedia exhibit which features displays designed and created by student volunteers from the Harmony Project. This year's display will focus primarily on modern issues of oppression here in the United States, making connections between present and historical events. Some of the topics that will be addressed include Dr. King and his contemporaries, the growing Islamophobia since 9/11, issues relating to the Native American population, and socioeconomic status and questioning what it means to be poor.

"Reverend King fought so hard for ending oppression—especially for the black community—that I think it makes sense to

## Board of trustees

*Ramirez-Saenz and Srivastava to serve eight year terms*



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Ana Ramirez-Saenz and Rupesh Srivastava were appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to serve eight years of the Board of Trustees.

**Devin Anderson**  
Ferris State Torch

Governor Rick Snyder has appointed two new members to the Ferris State University board of trustees.

Ana Ramirez-Saenz and Rupesh Srivastava each began an eight-year term on January 1, 2015.

"Ana and Rupesh are talented professionals and bring valuable experience to the board," said Governor Snyder in a statement. "I am confident they will do great work for Ferris State."

Ramirez-Saenz, of Rockford, is CEO and owner of La Fuente Consulting LLC. She previously worked in various management positions with Steelcase Inc. Ramirez-Saenz received a bachelor's degree and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

Srivastava is the founder, President and CEO of Youngsoft Inc. and H2H Solutions, both technology consulting firms. He is also a board member at Lawrence Tech University and is chairman of TiE Detroit. Srivastava received a bachelor's degree from Ranchi University in India.

With Ramirez-Saenz and Srivastava, the Ferris board of trustees also includes Gary Granger, of Byron Center; Alisha Baker, of Mount Clemens; Paul Boyer, of Ada; Erin Brown, of East Lansing; Lori Gwizdala, of Bay City; and Arthur Tebo, of Walloon Lake. The board of trustees, appointed by the

Governor with advice and consent of the State Senate, govern the University and appoint its President. The President serves as an "ex-officio" member of the board with voting rights.

The new appointees replaced outgoing board members William Laken, of Clinton Twp., and Sueann Walz, of Big Rapids. Both Laken and Walz were appointed by former Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Ferris President David Eisler said in a statement, "We are very grateful for the many contributions of Sueann Walz and Bill Lakin as members of our Board of Trustees. Both have been very actively engaged with the university, our programs, students and our campus community. Ferris State University has been fortunate to have them as trustees and we have all benefited from their distinguished service."

In December of 2014, Governor Snyder also made appointments to the boards of Michigan universities Grand Valley, Western, Central, Northern, Tech and Eastern.

Ramirez-Saenz and Srivastava are both currently serving terms set to expire on December 31, 2022. For more information on the board of trustees, visit <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/Trustees/>.

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# TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

**Ben Rettinhouse**  
News Editor

### Ferris employee passes away

Ferris employee Scott Atwell passed away on Friday, December 19 due to what is believed to be natural causes according to a campus-wide bulletin sent out by news services manager Sandy Gholston.

Atwell, who served as a reference librarian in FLITE, was found unresponsive in the library around 3 pm.

In addition to serving as a member of the FLITE staff, Atwell was also a specialist for Ferris in the fields of art, music, philosophy and religion and published much of his own writing on the subject of music.

Atwell served on several committees during his time at Ferris State University including the Athletic Advisory Committee; Library Promotion/Merit Committee; search committees for administration, faculty, and staff; Ferris State University Library for Information, Technology, and Education (FLITE) Core Planning Team as the Ferris State University Faculty Advisor for Michigan Christian Campus Ministries among many others.

The University will be offering grief counseling to any faculty, staff and students who knew Scott and might find the counseling helpful.

### Multiple events headline Martin Luther King week

From January 19-22, the University will host multiple events in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The newly

The 21st Annual MLK Faculty and Staff In-Service with Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Dr. David Pilgrim will take place in the newly opened University Center on Jan. 19 from 10 am-noon.

An open discussion entitled "Ferguson, What Would MLK Do?" will take place Monday, Jan. 19 at 2 pm in the University Center's room 203.

The 29th annual Freedom March will take place later the same day at 4 pm starting in front of the University Center Bookstore.

The jam-packed Monday will end with a 5-Star Event called "Culture Shock." It is scheduled for 7-8:30 pm in Williams Auditorium.

The MLK Unity Ball will cap off the week of celebration on Wednesday, January 21 from 8-11 pm in University Center room 202A.

It includes live music, light refreshments and displays that support the idea of Unity from Ferris students.

Semi-formal dress is encouraged to this event.

# Intoxicated driving

A round-up of this week's crime across the FSU campus

**Ben Rettinhouse**  
News Editor

### Three arrested in traffic stop

December 24 at 11:08pm, officers assisted Sheriff's department with a traffic stop on McKinley. Three subjects were taken into arrest and lodged in the county jail.

### Accident on 131

January 11 at 6:40 pm, officers assisted Sherriff's department with personal injury accident on 131 northbound. Assisted with transport and traffic control.

### Traffic subject attempts to run

January 10 at 9:20 pm, officers attempted a traffic stop on a subject known to have a suspended license. After vehicle was stopped, subject attempted to flee on foot and was apprehended on Linden Avenue. Subject was arrested and lodged in county jail.

### Driving without headlights

January 11 at 2:16 am, officers stopped a vehicle on State St near Perry for driving without headlights. Driver was found to have suspended license and was lodged in county jail.

### More Marijuana in Taggart

January 8 at 7:24 pm, officers assisted in Taggart hall regarding marijuana complaint. One subject was ticketed and three others were removed from campus.

### Intoxicated driver

January 10 at 2:46am, officers stopped a vehicle on State for driving without headlights. Driver was found to be intoxicated and was lodged in county jail.

### Another intoxicated driver

January 7 at 4:30am, officers responded to a road run-off south of Madison. Driver was found to be intoxicated and lodged in the county jail for drunk driving.

### Yet another intoxicated driver

December 27 at 1:58am, officers stopped a vehicle on Pere Marquette for erratic driving. Subject was found to be intoxicated and was lodged in the county jail



### Marijuana in Taggart

January 12 at 12:02 am, officers assisted staff in Taggart hall with a marijuana complaint. One subject ticketed for possession.

### Two-car collision

January 8 at 7:30 pm, officers had report of two car accident on Family Drive.

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# Mishler moves new position

*Staff member named new Associate Vice President for External Relations*

**Jennifer Corrie**  
Ferris State Torch

Jeremy Mishler, a long-time staff member of Ferris in University Advancement and Marketing has been named Associate Vice President for External Relations.

Before taking his new position, Mishler served as the Director of Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the Alumni Association. Recently, Alumni Relations and the Alumni Association have been combined with the marketing and communications functions to form a more concentrated version of what it was before.

"Marketing, Communications, Alumni Relations, website content and development, social media, and media relations are the primary areas I will be responsible for," said Mishler on his new position. "I'm really honored by the opportunity. I'm looking forward to doing my best to help lead a very experienced and great team of people who are all certainly recognized specialists in their field, and looking forward to doing my best

to really help enhance their work and help to shepherd all of the new initiatives that are going to continue to build the brand of Ferris State University as everybody sees it."

Mishler has been in University Advancement and Marketing for 16 years.

He started working in the alumni office part time while working on master's degree in the criminal justice field, which was what brought him to Ferris State as a student.

"The criminal justice program is what drew me here," said Mishler. "I really wanted to go to the best criminal justice program in our state, and that was Ferris."

While at Ferris as a student, mentors encouraged him to go into a couple of other areas where he had transferable skills.

"I got involved," Mishler said, "in a relatively new student organization at the time called the Student Alumni Gold Club, and that's where I got my exposure to the Alumni Relations office. I became an involved student in an RSO that's part of our Alumni Association."

From working part time in the Alumni Office in his student days, Mishler has moved up through UA&M positions and now serves his new position as Associate Vice President for External Relations, and also remains the Executive Director of the Alumni Association.

"I think my time at Ferris, including being a student and now a professional who's had a number of different opportunities at the university along the way, was life-changing for me," said Mishler. "Not only did I get a fantastic foundation in education from one of our leading programs, but the faculty and staff who mentored me along the way prepared me to be ready to step into different opportunities where I could use my skills to both grow professionally and serve the institution that served me so well."



**Jeremy Mishler**  
VP of External Relations

## Photo of the Week

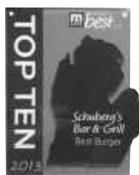


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## UNIVERSITY CENTER from Page 1

**University Center set for grand reopening event on January 16 and early January 17 from 9pm-2am.**

store with two levels of merchandise: the main level including lots of spirit gear, snacks, supplies and accessories, with the main textbook area down

a staircase on the ground floor.

On the second floor, one can find the new Quad Café. It contains lots of new dining options, including the same all-you-care-

to-eat Marche style dining. The eight stations to choose from include the Riverside Grill, Brickworks Pizza, Pastabilities, the Breakfast Skillet, World Fusion, Sweet Obsessions, Helen's Garden and the Dawghouse Deli.

The Quad Café also includes an Ala Carte portion where you can dine in or take out with five options, including the Bulldog Pizzeria, the Grill Pit, Freshens, Su Casa Mexican Grill and Jump Asian Express.

Also on the second floor is an information desk, event spaces, the catering office, an art gallery, the Founder's Room, another smaller atrium.

The official grand opening of the University Center will be on Friday, January 16 at 9 p.m. lasting until 2 a.m., according to the University Calendar, which will include free food, giveaways and activities for attendees.

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A portion of a display of racist artifacts that are showcased in the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia in the FLITE basement.

**MLK from Page 2**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. week**  
**full of events including discussions.**

bring these additional instances of oppression that we might not think about back to the forefront," said Kate Van Ness, hall director liaison for the Harmony Project. "When we're celebrating someone who fought for his entire life and died for what he believed in, we should be honoring that by continuing the fight. I think [we need to be] aware of our history and especially the stuff that we like to forget, like the internment of Japanese and Asian Americans during World War II, the horrible things that have happened to Native Americans, what is happening today to the LGBT population and to men and women of every color and creed and nationality. The only way we can get ourselves to a better society where we truly think of each other as equals is to start that now. For me—maybe it's that I wear rose-colored glasses so often—I want to see a better world happen someday and why not have it start today?"

Van Ness and the many student volunteers have been working diligently on this year's Tunnel of Oppression since September.

"We always bring something new," said Brandon Jamison, a

senior Social Work major who has participated in the Tunnel of Oppression for the last two years. "We try to talk about different topics. We have full control over whatever we want to put out. I think the great thing about that is [that] we can put out everything uncut. Anything that we find that is very important—whether or not we feel like it may be really, really sad or make you happy—but if it happened and it's very important, it needs to be shown. I feel like it's important for [students] to see that this is stuff that has happened or that is going on still now."

Other events over the course of the week include the Feed-a-Family Food Drive, this year's MLK service project; "Ferguson, What Would MLK Do?," an open discussion on solutions to current social justice issues; "Culture Shock," a five-star event featuring "racial hypnosis;" a charity basketball event and the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Faculty/Staff In-Service. A full schedule of MLK Celebration activities can be found online at <http://www.ferris.edu/mlk>.

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“We want to show that one man had a dream and we are all unified by his legacy.”  
**Ronny Latimore**  
 Ferris State University  
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# Tunnel of Oppression



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A section of the display case in the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia in FLITE that showcases Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights movement.

## Ferris student organizes MLK exhibit to showcase progress for equality

**Hailey Klingel**  
 Ferris State Torch

One Ferris student is working hard to bring Ferris the Tunnel of Oppression exhibit to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“MLK Day should be a time that we learn more about what pushed Dr. King to become a national symbol for civil rights,” said Kate Van Ness, Hall Director of Hallisy

& Vandercook. “The movement produced massive social reforms for many, many people in the U.S. and I think we’ve forgotten some parts of history.”

The Tunnel of Oppression is an interactive exhibit that reminds students of the oppression, privilege, and power characterized by the Civil Rights Movement.

Van Ness is the primary contact for the Housing and Residence Life Harmony Project.

The Tunnel of Oppression is one of the impactful events hosted by the Harmony Project, which also put on the He. She. Us. exhibit on gender last year.

“The workload for each Harmony event tends to be quite heavy,” said Van Ness. “We spend the first few weeks of each year planning what topics we want to bring to the campus’ attention, then we plan when and where we want to do the exhibits, then we

start researching various topics that fit under the umbrella topic.”

The Harmony Project constructs “flash museums” in which they hang up paper walls and put up information and other visuals in existing study lounges, basements, or other areas.

“My mission with the Tunnel is to show that there is a long history of oppressing people in this country and that the echoes of history are affecting

our present,” said Van Ness.

The Harmony Project committee also aims to highlight that things are better for some groups, yet some are worse for others. The exhibit will also address some of the on-going equality struggles and issues that make the news today.

“The people involved with Harmony Project chose topics that are important to them to learn more about and to talk

# Ringing in the New Year

Ferris students discuss what they plan to accomplish in 2015



Photo Courtesy of mctcampus.com

A group of women practice yoga at the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield, Michigan on Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

**Kelsey George**  
Ferris State Torch

With every New Year comes a plethora of people who vow that this will finally be the year they finish what they tried to start in 2011.

While the non-resolutioners get sick and tired of their treadmills being taken up at the gym for the first two weeks of the year, many people have the mindset of bettering themselves for the upcoming months.

"I don't have 'resolutions'

per say, but I always try to set goals for myself to accomplish over the year," Communications sophomore Lindsey Hogan said. "I think resolutions are a great thing. There's nothing wrong with someone trying to change for the better."

While it's true that one can only hear the phrase "New year, new me!" so many times before wanting to bash their head into a wall, some people don't mind all the enthusiasm.

"I know the whole 'new year, new me' concept is a little overused, but the ones saying

it are already a step ahead of the person judging them for it," Hogan said. "I think the New Year can be a fresh start for everyone if they allow it to be."

For some, the fresh start of 365 days can serve as motivation to go out and be productive.

"I'm not a huge believer in 'New Year, new me' but I'm sick of the jokes," freshman Raquel Pekarek said. "If somebody has the motivation to go through with it, then we shouldn't put them down. If people want to better themselves, let them do so."

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freshman Devin Vargo's perspective on resolutions is more commitment-focused.

"I feel resolutions are suitable for those who will truly stick to them," Vargo said. "If one doesn't have a successful past for resolutions, I'd recommend just setting small goals rather than tackling a large task and failing. It's better for their self esteem, as well as friends who dislike hearing sob stories."

New Years is about more than just setting goals for the upcoming year. Whether your forte is staying in with a glass of wine

and a good book or heading out to a wild party, there's no wrong way to celebrate the past 12 months and welcome the next.

"On New Year's Eve, my girlfriend and I went to a friend's house," Vargo said. "We ate, played too many board games, and watched the countdown on TV. I'd say it was an enjoyable way to welcome 2015."

Regardless if you choose to participate in the resolution phenomenon or not, the New Year is a time to reflect back on the past year and prepare for the next adventure.

## Tunnel of Oppression highlights equality issues

about to the campus," said Van Ness. "The things we all chose to address are all deeply personal to us, so I hope that people remember that we do exhibits because the issues are passions for us."

Van Ness' goal with the Tunnel of Oppression is to for students to recognize the progress that's been made toward equality, and the progress that still needs to be made.

"I hope the attendees leave wanting to do more or learn more about what we present to them," she said.

The Tunnel of Oppression will take place Monday, Jan. 19 through Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Ward Hall basement.

Attendees will have the chance to discuss their impressions from the Tunnel of Oppression at the Tunnel Talkback discussion on Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 5 to 6 p.m.

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# We have a dream

## Students gear up for MLK Day celebrations

**Hailey Klingel**

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Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that “What are you doing for others?” was “life’s most persistent and urgent question,” according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

On Monday, Jan. 19, students, staff, and the community will come together to give back, create unity, and ultimately create answers to his question.

“It’s important to remember what he did every day, it goes beyond the day we don’t have class and the week of celebrations,” Sports Communications junior Breia Harris said. “Oh, it’s a day off of class, I’m not going to do anything’—that’s the attitude some people have, unfortunately.”

Ten different eye-opening events will be held at Ferris over the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A full list of the events is available at [www.ferris.edu/mlk](http://www.ferris.edu/mlk).

“The mission of these events is to bring unity to the campus,” TDMP senior Ronny Latimore said. “There has been a lot going on here in Big Rapids and out in the world. We want to show that one man had a dream and we are all unified by his legacy. Some of the events bring racial awareness and will hopefully minimize stereotypes and possibly open up our minds to others.”

Elementary Education senior Chelsey Carpenter said that she is “really excited” for Culture Shock, on Monday Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in Williams Auditorium. The event is aimed at exposing cultural misconceptions through “Racial Hypnosis.”

“It will be interesting to see a different spin on [hypnosis] focusing on different cultures,” Carpenter said.

Faculty, staff, and students will also have the opportunity to

compete in a Charity Basketball Event on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. in Wink Arena. The cost of admission is one canned good, and proceeds will benefit the Big Rapids community.

MLK Day reminds Intramural and Club Sports Coordinator Fernando Labra of the importance of giving back through community service.

“For me, it means to remember what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. accomplished and reflect on what I can do to continue building upon those accomplishments,” said Labra.

A MLK Student Tribute & Unity Ball will take place in the brand new University Center on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. Students will be able to showcase MLK-inspired presentations at the Tribute.

Carpenter plans to participate for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

“It’s always a good opportunity to be creative and honor such a legendary man,” Carpenter said.

After the Student Tribute will be a semi-formal Unity Ball from 8 to 11 p.m. that will include live music, light refreshments, and a variety of displays that showcase “unity” from Ferris students.

Harris is expecting a big turnout for the Tribute & Unity Ball.

“It’s not just about Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Harris said. “Organizations can show how they feel about unity, inclusion, and diversity—it’s perfect for students to get involved.”

Labra highly encourages students to attend at least an event or two “OMSS and the MLK committee have some great events planned that will be both enlightening and entertaining,” Labra said. “I hope to see many students at the events.”

For more information on MLK Day at Ferris, search “MLK Celebration at Ferris State Univ.”



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A portion of a display in the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia in the basement of FLITE.

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# Modern love

## Time for a game change



**Sarah Force**  
Lifestyles Editor

I'm sure a lot of you are approaching the New Year as a new chance at finding love. Whether you're looking for something serious, casual, or maybe just a hook up buddy, there are certain ways to find what you're looking for.

Have you ever heard the saying that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results? Well, what better time than now to develop some new tactics to up your game?

You might want to consider where you're searching. Where do you spend most of your time?

After a long day or work or school, where do you like to hang out at your leisure? Hate to break it to you, but you're probably not going to find the love of your life at the bar. If you do, well, you might have some issues later in the relationship.

Keep in mind what you're looking for in someone and where that kind of person might be. Try some new things, hit up some new places because you never know who you might bump into!

The idea here is to look in places you haven't looked

before. Change your perspective and strategy.

Don't be so quick to throw people in the friend zone. Just because you always imagined yourself with a tall, blonde babe doesn't mean your short, brunette friend isn't the one for you. So what if you think a super buff, Italian guy is "your type"? Don't automatically disqualify your thing, geeky best friend. He is just as capable of being your knight in shining armor than the meathead you're stalking on Facebook. Stop yourself from being at all judgmental or shallow. Get to know people.

The most important thing about "looking for love" is not to look too hard. When you're trying out new places or hobbies, don't do it solely because you're hoping to bump into your soulmate.

Do it for fun. Do it for the experiences. The idea is to let it find you by placing yourself in different situations. I can tell you from experience that someone special always walks into your life when you least expect it.

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# SPORTS

“We still have the same goals as we did in the beginning of the season. We’re confident in the team that we have.”

**Simon Denis**  
Ferris State University  
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Bulldogs off to blazing start

## *Hoops squad Nationally ranked*



Photo By: Michael A. Corn | Photographer

The return of forward James Chappell, has kickstarted the bulldogs to a twelve game winning streak and victories over Division I schools, like Bowling Green State. Chappell throws down a dunk here against Lewis (Ill.) earlier this year.

**Justin Aiken**  
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State men's basketball team continues to stay hot, as the nationally ranked no. 25 Bulldogs boast a 12-2 record overall, while holding the lead at the top of the GLIAC standings at 8-0 in conference play.

The Bulldog's record early on

is quite the turnaround from last year's season, in which the Dawgs finished the season at just 10-16 with a 9-13 in the GLIAC. The quick turnover for the Dawgs may come as a surprise to some, as the roster is very similar to that of the 2013-14 campaign.

According to Josh Fleming, a junior wing player for the Bulldog's, the success comes

from good leadership and excellent team chemistry.

“Everybody put in a lot of work over the summer,” said Fleming. “Drew Lehman, you couldn't get him out of the gym. His shooting and the way he's been playing is really showing that. He's always working out and he's a great leader. He's on everybody and he's encourag-

ing everybody, elevating everyone's game to the next level.”

Lehman, a senior guard, is leading the team in points per game at 17.9 per contest and is adding three assists per game to that. The senior captain is also shooting an outstanding 45.8 percent from beyond the arc. Fleming has been huge for the Bulldog's in

their early season success as the junior is adding 11.4 points per game of his own, to go along with 5.7 rebounds per contest.

“Everybody's having fun, everyone is really excited to get into practice and we just love being around each other,” said Fleming. “The chemistry is great, everything is just going great right now. Just trying to keep

HOCKEY

# High Stakes

## The Bulldogs Meet the Mavericks on Home Ice

Keith Salowich  
Ferris State Torch

After a pair of stops in the far north to play a series at both Alaska and Alaska-Anchorage, the Bulldogs are finally set to play before their home crowd against the rival Minnesota State Mavericks after a long stretch on the road.

The Dawgs had their struggles with Minnesota State last season, and it gets no easier this year. The Mavericks come in as the nation's no. 1 team. Ferris went 0-3 last season against Minnesota State in games that saw full-out brawling and the WCHA title game.

Such a prolonged dead period in Ewingleben Arena has students and players feeling restless. However, this weekend, the seats will be dusted off and the Dawgs will take home ice for the first time in over a month.

"Anytime you get to play at home in front of our home

crowd is exciting. We only have three home series' this second half of the year so we have to take advantage of it. That as well as the rivalry that's been created with Minnesota State makes this one a big series. It's one that we will have to go through if we want a shot at the WCHA Title," said junior defenseman Simon Denis.

It is no secret that the Bulldogs have faced some difficulty finding the back of the net this season. Ferris State has failed to score at least three goals in 13 games this year, which has resulted in coming up on the losing side of several close, winnable games. Still, these shortcomings have done little to dampen the Bulldogs' dreams of a WCHA Title.

"We still have the same goals as we did in the beginning of the season. We're confident in the team that we have and we still have the ability to reach those goals. It's not time to panic by any means," Denis said.

Meanwhile, the Mavericks



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Senior forward, Dom Panetta, handles the puck out of his defensive zone, earlier this season. Panetta has missed the last four games due to injury, and his status remains unknown.

have been nothing short of dominant on the offensive side, scoring fewer than 3 goals only four times thus far, and their 16-4-1 overall record is testament to their offensive success.

Minnesota State's defense is also talented, yet they've relented goals in all but three of their games this season.

For the first time ever, the Mavericks are the nation's top

team. The WCHA itself has been tough, as three teams are in the top 11 in the national rankings. Ferris started the season ranked but fell quickly from their high spot.

"Not to mention we also play back-to-back weekends against Bowling Green right after, both of which are great teams having great years so we know it's going to be a battle, but it's one

that we're looking forward to," Denis said. "We're focusing on the games one at a time and it all starts on Friday. Momentum at this point in the year is crucial and it's definitely something that we are looking to get."

The puck will drop in Ewingleben at 7:07 p.m. this Friday to begin the four-game gauntlet against Minnesota State.



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5v5 Soccer	\$14 per player	Mar. 17	Mar. 22
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4v4 Volleyball	\$14 per player	Mar. 17	Mar. 22

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FERRIS SPORTS

# All I'm Saying....



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Men's Basketball head coach Andy Bronkema expresses himself on the sideline during a Ferris State Victory.

This week I heard a quote from the head coach of the Ferris State men's basketball team, Andy Bronkema, that really had me thinking about the year the student athletes at this university have had. "It's a good time to be a Bulldog," said Bronkema. Sure, it's easy for him to say that as he has his squad off to a terrific start early on in the year, with a 12-2 overall record that includes an impressive 8-0 mark in GLIAC play. But he's right, it really is a great time to be a Bulldog, maybe better than it has ever been. The men's basketball team isn't the only team finding success in these winter months, as the women's basketball team has posted a 7-4 record early on, with a 5-3



**Justin Aiken**  
Ferris State Torch

record in GLIAC competition. Now let's rewind a bit back to the fall, where both the Ferris State football team and volleyball teams took home GLIAC Championships, with the volleyball squad gathering both a regular season and tournament championship. Junior outside hitter Megan Vander Meer became the 15th All-America selection in program history for the Dawg's volleyball team, as she led the team in kills with 316 and included 255 digs and 47 blocks. Of course, we can't forget about the Ferris State football team, which marked its first 11-0 record

in school history and earned a first round bye in the Division II NCAA Playoff. The Bulldog's had the best football season in school history, and were lead by junior quarterback Jason Vander Laan. Vander Laan racked up the off season accolades, as he took home All-America honors, as well as the Harlon Hill trophy, as he was recognized as the best player in Division II football. The Bulldog's signal caller became the first student athlete in the program's history to snag the coveted trophy. Vander Laan passed for 2,381 yards and 30 touchdowns this season, as he lead the country in passing efficiency at 177.8 in the 11 regular season games. He also ranked as the nation's top rushing quarterback and at college football levels rushing for an astounding 1,466 yards and 20 touchdowns.

All I'm saying is, when you put everything in perspective and really sit down to look at the numbers, records, and success of the student athletes here at Ferris State, they truly speak for themselves. With classes starting back up and the students getting back to campus to enjoy our brand new, University Center in the heart of campus, I think we can all agree with Ferris State head basketball coach Andy Bronkema. It's a good time to be a Bulldog.

TRACK AND FIELD

## Track and Field to start season with new coach

*The Bulldogs set to travel to Grand Valley State on Friday*

**Marshall Scheldt**  
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State men and women's Track & Field team will travel to Grand Valley State on Friday to begin their season.

The team is going through some big changes, especially with the addition of a new interim head coach Jared Kelsh.

Kelsh will be replacing fellow alumni Steve Picucci, who was the Bulldog's head coach for six years. Picucci landed a head coaching job at Division I Moorhead State in Kentucky.

Kelsh was a four-year letter winner for the Bulldogs in both track and cross-country from 2004-08 where he currently holds the school's second fastest time ever in the outdoor 1,500 meters according to the Ferris State website.

He followed his time as a college athlete by becoming the Bulldog's assistant coach under Steve Picucci from 2008 to 2012 before working as a personal trainer and becoming an assistant coach at Division I University of Buffalo in New York.

When asked how he felt coming back to coach his alma mater, Kelsh said, "Being here as a head coach is quite an honor. I am familiar with Larry [Levine, assistant coach] and he has helped make the transition a lot easier."

Coach Kelsh said that coming off the cross-country season the team took 7-10 days of down time and says it's going to be important to get back into the routine of practice and class while still staying "race ready."

Kelsh admits that it has been tough to train with the

weather being so poor, but he believes that consistently getting his athletes to get runs in is the biggest thing in preparation for the season.

First year sprinter Josh Duggan is excited for the season to begin, "the team has trained long and hard, it's going to be a great year for us," said Duggan.

Duggan is one of many freshman and sophomores on the young Ferris State squad. Although the team is young, Kelsh said, "They have done a really good job of coming together, especially with a change of coaching."

While the majority of the squad remains young, the team is returning two all-American seniors in Samantha Johnson and Breeann Ovokaitys to help lead the team with their experience and abilities.

In a rebuilding year for the Bulldogs, they hope to still



**Jared Kelsh**  
Track & Field Head Coach

combine in the GLIAC and Coach Kelsh said he would like to finish the season in the top half of the conference and to get as many athletes as possible to qualify for Nationals at the end of the season.

The team will travel to Allendale on Friday for their indoor meet at Grand Valley State.

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# Sports

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-in-Chief

### Hockey rebounds from four game skid amidst injuries

The Bulldogs were roughed up in the Great Lakes Invitational at Joe Louis Arena on Dec. 28-29, and that slide followed them to Alaska.

2-1 and 6-0 losses to the NCAA-sanctioned Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks pushed the Dawgs below .500 on the season.

Fighting through a long road trip to both Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska, the Bulldogs finally snapped the skid on their last stop.

4-1 and 3-2 victories over the Alaska Anchorage Seawolves ended the four game skid as Ferris returned home.

Senior forward Justin Buzzeo scored three goals in the series at Anchorage, and helped carry a team with just 18 healthy bodies, a roster minimum, not including the goaltenders.

Out of necessity due to injuries to junior forward Kenny Babinski, junior defenseman Zach Dorer, and freshman forward Zack Szajner, junior defenseman Simon Denis played three straight games at forward and scored a goal during that stretch.

Head coach Bob Daniels did confirm that Denis staying at forward was a possibility due to the injury pile up and the production Denis has provided on the top offensive line.

### VanderLaan brings home Harlon Hill Trophy

Annually, the Harlon Hill trophy is awarded to Division II's top football player as voted on by Sports Information Directors around the country.

This year, that player is a Bulldog. Junior quarterback Jason VanderLaan helped lead the Dawgs to an 11-0 regular season record, a GLIAC regular season title, and the NCAA playoffs. VanderLaan is the first winner of the Harlon Hill, which is Division II's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy, in Ferris history.

VanderLaan is the seventh junior in the history of the award to receive the honor, and was a candidate for the second straight season.

VanderLaan is the only active quarterback in any division of college football with 50 career passing and 50 career rushing touchdowns.

The junior posted 30 passing touchdowns and 20 rushing touchdowns during the 2014 season, while rushing for a team best 1,466 yards and passing for a career high 2,381 yards.

### Stolicker shines as role grows in his third season.

Ferris State men's basketball center Jared Stolicker has taken off in his third season as the team's starting center.

Most recently, Stolicker was named as GLIAC Player of the Week after matching the school record for blocked shots with seven against Walsh University on January 10. He also led the team with 21 points in that game.

He had six blocked shots in the previous game. Stolicker's built in advantage is his 6-10 frame. Though on the lean side, Stolicker's timing has led to leading the team in rebounds as well as blocks.

Ferris next heads on an Upper Peninsula trip to Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan on January 15-17.

# Top Dawg



Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

Junior guard/forward, Katie Mavis, directs the offense.

**Keith Salowich**  
Ferris State Torch

It's been a very happy holiday season for the Ferris State women's basketball team, as they've won four of their last six games. The Bulldogs boast an impressive 4-1 record at home or on a neutral court, and this home court advantage has helped catapult them to a 7-4 season record.

The latest series of home games found the Dawgs topping Malone 55-47, but losing to Walsh 82-79. A major contributor to both of these games was from

junior guard Katie Mavis. Mavis has earned herself considerable playing time all season, but has been working her way into the starting lineup as of late, and is taking full advantage of the minutes.

In the win against Malone, Mavis scored a team high 13 points, grabbed 3 rebounds, and dealt 4 assists, but that was hardly her biggest contribution. She put on a clinic in pickpocketing by swiping 7 steals on the way to a conference win.

In the following game, Mavis led the team in points scored yet again

when she netted 15 and was also credited with 6 assists in the close loss to Walsh.

With pivotal road trips to conference competitors Michigan Tech on Jan. 15 followed by a game at Northern Michigan just two days later standing between the Bulldogs and their next homestand, the team will be hoping for another big performance from Mavis to help continue their winning ways.



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## Basketball team nationally ranked, off to 12 game winning streak and rising fast.

that going as long as possible." Head coach Andy Bronkema is pleased with the Bulldog's early success, but still says that there is always improvements that this team can make to become more successful as the season progresses. "We're wide open to change, to

take us to the next level. We refuse to believe that this is as good as it's going to get," said Bronkema. "We're in search of any little thing that can make us better." "It's a good time to be a Bulldog and we're fired up and we're going to try to keep this thing going," said Bronkema.

The Bulldogs will hit the road for their next two contests, as they face Michigan Tech on Jan. 15 with tip off slated for 7:30 p.m. The Dawgs will also match-up against Northern Michigan that weekend on Jan. 17 starting at 3:00 p.m.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

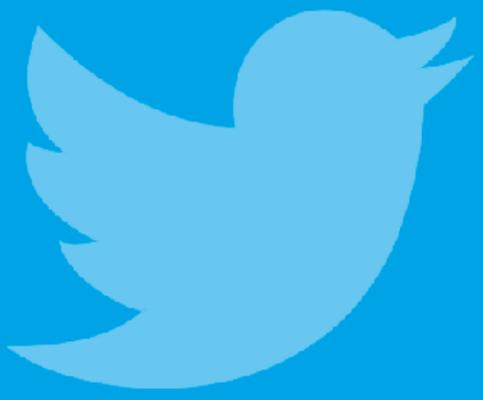
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Although being anal can be annoying to others, that doesn't mean you shouldn't be anal.

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### Letter From The Editor

## Not a loss

**Harrison Watt**  
Editor-in-Chief

I hate losing more than I love winning. Plenty of coaches use that line in sports. For me, it's life. Losing doesn't fly. Failure doesn't fly. Mediocrity does not fly.

A few weeks ago, I found a new perspective on losing. Losing isn't always just losing. Stuart Scott, an ESPN analyst, passed away over the holiday break. On a day the Lions lost a playoff game to "The Dallas Cowboys," (Looking at you, Dean Blandino) it was easy to overlook the things in life that truly mattered. It was easy to be blinded by the rage of losing.

Stuart Scott was one of the things that truly mattered. By all accounts, he was a genuinely good Samaritan.

Scott battled cancer three times. A lot of times when that battle or any battle with extended illness ends in death, people will say, "This person lost their battle to cancer after..." But Scott was different.

"When you die, that does not mean you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and the manner in which you live," Scott said at the ESPY's.

Stuart Scott lost his life, not his battle. For the first time in life I'm realizing that losing can be subjective. The only thing I ever used to learn from losing is that I hated it. Most of the time I knew what I did wrong that led me to defeat.

We're all going to die. But in some respect, we're not all going to lose.

"Winning," has a number of connotations. Charlie Sheen's version of "Winning," may not be THE formula. It's different for everyone.

You may not have known about Stuart Scott, but his speech is riveting, honest and heartfelt. Like Jim Valvano, Stuart Scott's ESPN speech was moving beyond the norms of an award acceptance speech. It's worth the trip to Youtube.

School can be discouraging at times, but Scott's lessons are directly applicable to it.

When it gets tough, and it undoubtedly will this semester, you don't "Lose," in the classroom when you fail. You win by how you work, why you work, and the manner in which you work.

# NEW YEAR, NEW ME

Why new years resolutions are nothing but a fad



Graphic by Jordan Lodge



**Sarah Force**  
Lifestyles Editor

Another year down the drain. 'Tis the season for high hopes, new goals and making promises to yourself that you're bound not to keep.

Let's face it, we all do it. We approach the restart of the calendar year as a clean slate, hoping to try yet again to be the person we want to be.

Every single New Year's, we tell ourselves that this will be the year! Quit smoking, quit drinking, lose weight, pay off debts or get a promotion. Yet when December rolls around, things just so happen to be the same as last year.

There are several reasons as to why New Year's resolutions are redundant and nothing more than a fad.

First and foremost, everyone decides that come January 1<sup>st</sup>, we go cold turkey on our old ways. This one magical day will mark the beginning of a complete 180 degree transformation.

We have already set ourselves up to fail with these unrealistic expectations. Change takes time. Baby steps, people.

Maybe instead of putting things off until the New Year's, we should approach every single day as a clean slate.

Here's an even more wild thought: you don't have to change anything at all. If the going is good and you're content with it, then why give in to the pressure to make some dramatic change?

Just because it's a new year, doesn't mean you have to start drinking green stuff and running a mile every day.

However, if you honestly want to start drinking that green stuff and running every day, then make the commitment tomorrow, not January 1.

Not to be unbelievably cliché, but every single day that you wake up is another chance to make your life the way you want it to be. It's another chance to do what makes you happy and to be the person you want to be.

So don't take those days for granted because they're limited, and if you do make changes, don't do it out of peer pressure. Do it for you.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score."**

-Bill Copeland



# In favor of New Year's Resolutions

## *Resolve to take things a little less seriously*



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People enjoy the News Years Eve Ball Drop and fireworks in New York City.

As someone who is already in top shape, is utterly successful and wealthy and has never given in to temptation of alcohol or cigarettes, I have never had the need to make a New Year's resolution, as it is impossible for me to improve myself (I jest, of course). However, the fact that I like who I am doesn't mean I think the concept of making resolutions is a bad one.

New Year's resolutions are the very definition of "good in theory, kind of a mess in practice." All too typically people make huge, romantic but ultimately unfulfilled promises and get upset when their unrealistic expecta-

tions never quite work out or, as happens often, are abandoned by the night of January 2.

The most popular resolutions are the promises we make to ourselves that in the coming year we will be "better." "Finally," we say, this will be the year in which we lose 50 pounds, quit smoking, call our parents, and scale Mount Everest all at the same time, all while we finally start writing our first novel. Unfortunately, these are resolutions that are most commonly broken. Ever wonder why the gym is packed in January but empty by February?

The problem is not with those making the resolutions, but with



the resolutions they try to commit to. They simply take on too much. The secret to keeping to your resolutions is to scale them back to something more realistic. A good guide would be cut your original resolution in half, for example: if you want to lose 50 pounds, shoot instead for 25. Most of the time only doing half of what you intended is still a major accomplishment.

If that doesn't do it for you, make your resolutions more

hedonistic. Instead of resolving to stress less, resolve to binge watch whatever's popular on Netflix right now. I mean, after all, a small accomplishment is still an accomplishment, right?

Another problem with the overall good concept of making a New Year's resolution is that often times they're taken way too seriously. I mean, really, beyond an arbitrary tradition, what sets a New Year's resolution any different from making a resolution at any other point of the year? That's right, absolutely nothing, thus being the reason that most people think the tradition is useless. So hon-

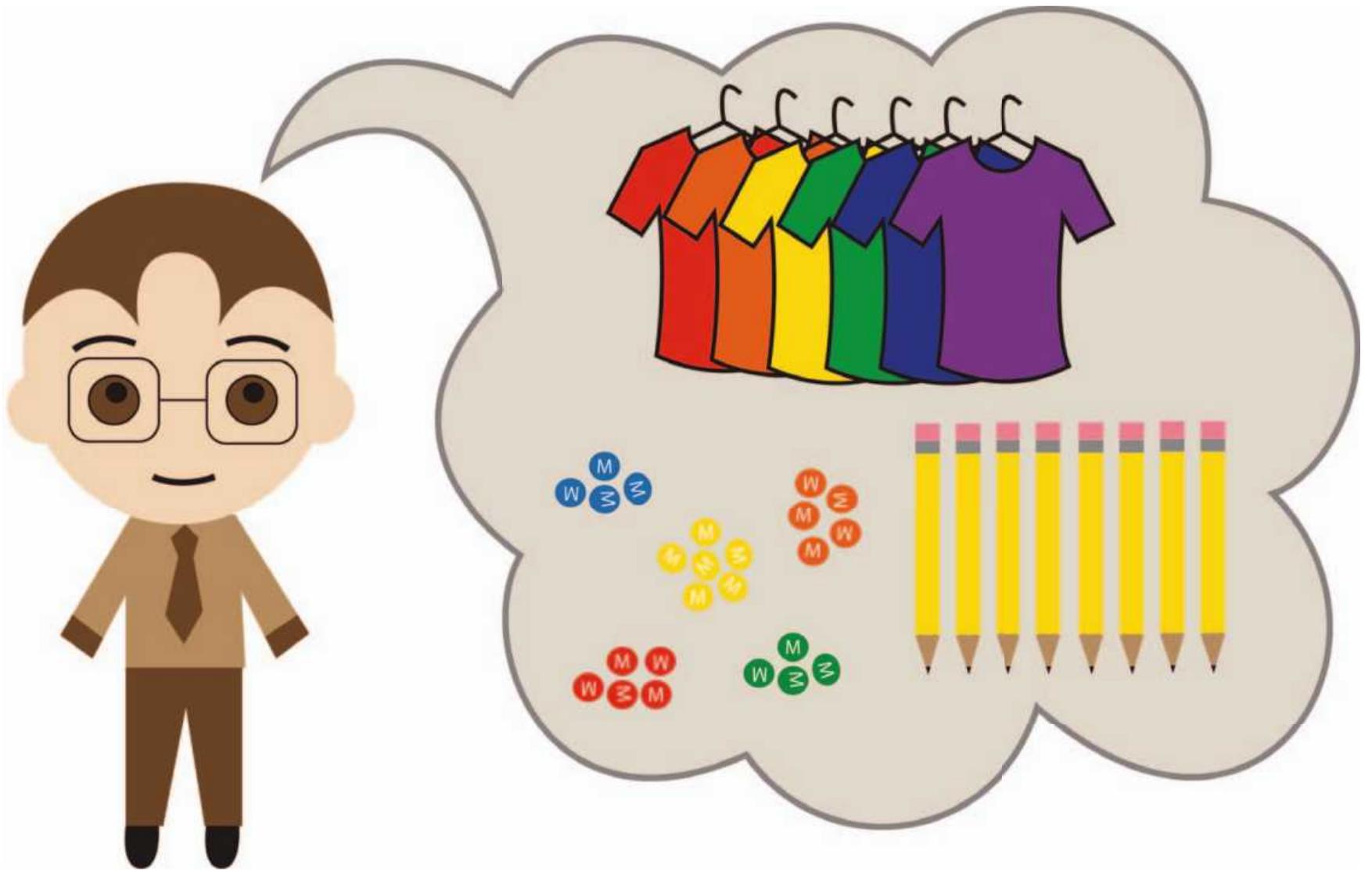
estly, why not make it something trivial? You can lose weight or quite smoking any old time, but how often can you sit down and finally put yourself to finishing the latest "Call of Duty?" Exactly, the time is now, people.

New Year's resolutions, despite being a good idea, often cause more stress than they are due, mostly because they're a largely meaningless tradition and as such I believe we should take them much less seriously. After all, the coming year will be full of the things we should do, so why not take the opportunity to resolve to do some of the things we want to do?

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# Everybody's anal

*It can be an annoyance, but should it be?*



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You may not believe it, but everybody's anal about something. People can be anal about everything from fruit snacks to their furniture.

I know what you're thinking. "Haha, anal is such a funny word! Look at this funny article, this guy wrote about anal." I'm not talking about THAT anal. Get your mind out of the gutter. I'm talking about anal retentiveness.

The term derives from Freudian psychoanalysis. Anal retentiveness is used to describe a person who pays such attention to detail that the obsession

becomes an annoyance to others.

From what I understand, to be an anal person is to basically be a perfectionist.

I have a friend that's anal about their furniture. What I mean is that all of their furniture has to have the same design (if one piece of furniture has a simple flower design on it, then every other piece of furniture has to have the same design). Otherwise, they don't want it in their house. It gets on my nerves, but I understand how they feel because I know where they're coming from.



My girlfriend is anal about a lot of things, for example fruit snacks. Whenever we have fruit snacks, she sets aside one of every color and if she doesn't have one of every color in one pack, she opens another one. To be honest, that's a good way to eat snacks.

I'm anal about the movie props I put together. My friends think my "attention to detail" is my most annoying trait and I'm con-

stantly belittled for it. Honestly, I don't see a problem with my tendencies and I'm happy with my projects and how they come out.

Although I'm happy with my approach, I admit it can get exhausting. When putting together costumes from movies, I will spend an extra \$30 on a shirt so my costume will look "spot on." Being anal with props and costumes can get pretty expensive, but my Indiana Jones costume looks amazing and it feels amazing when I'm wearing it.

Although an extreme attention to detail can be annoying

to others, that doesn't mean you shouldn't be that way. I mean, if it's exhausting to you and causes you nothing but trouble, then maybe you should look into changing it.

But when you think you're nit-picking, you need to ask yourself, "Am I happy with myself?" If the answer is yes, then you're okay. Because being happy with yourself is what truly matters. Others' opinions don't matter as long as you're happy.

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