

Ferris' new Greek life



Photo by: Melissa Klinger

Sorority sisters from Alpha Sigma Tau

Greek life coordinator instills change in fraternities and sororities

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Ferris State Torch

The stereotypes surrounding Greek life are often shown in movies and television shows, but as the Greek Life Coordinator, Matthew Jones hopes to change the view of Greek life.

Matthew Jones was hired by Ferris State University in January to advise the Panhellenic Council and the Professional Fraternity Council.

“My position is intended to see the big picture of our community and develop programming,” Jones said. “There is much more that goes into the position, such as working one-on-one with our students to help them develop their leadership abilities and foster intentional change within their organization and our FSU community.”

According to Angela Roman, director of the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS), some Greek organizations were in need of guidance.

“Matthew’s position involves getting all the greeks to live up to their values,” Roman said. “Some were doing a great job and some didn’t know their values. He’s helping them understand the rules.”

CLACS enforced eight viola-

tions of university rules during the 2014-15 academic year, including an investigation for hazing. Roman handles cases of misconduct herself.

“If it has to do with hazing or alcohol, we typically put the organization on interim suspension, then I’ll start investigating,” she said.

This can involve reviewing police reports or interviewing members of the organization being investigated. An RSO or Greek organization can be suspended for years due to a violation.

RSOs and Greeks can be found in violation for a variety of different reasons, including failure to pay dues, a trademark violation or hosting an event with alcohol without pre approval.

According to Jones, one of the biggest improvements to Greek life will be a three-hour program on new member education, informing new recruits about the Greek life community and its expectations.

“I’m hoping to improve the perception of Greek life and what it means to be a member of this community,” Jones said. “There will be an effort to engage with the Ferris community and Big Rapids community to help others understand the Greek life experience and

why these organizations exist.”

“The inherent understanding of Greek life is tainted and it creates more work for our students to dispel the stereotypes and misconceptions of a Greek community,” Jones said. “Joining a Greek organization is a great way to set yourself up for success. Being a member is a great way to develop yourself holistically, and become part of a large network of brothers and sisters.”

Melissa Klinger, president of the Panhellenic Council, said she already sees the improvements within Greek life at Ferris.

“I think Greek life has changed since Matthew Jones has come to Ferris,” said Klinger. “He has made it easier for us to do our positions on e-board and he has helped girls grow as leaders, not just in Panhellenic but on campus as well”

Klinger, a finance and insurance major, is making it one of her goals to put on a big philanthropy event with the many different sororities at Ferris. She is also eager to change the perception of Greek life.

“Greek life is not what you see in the movies,” Klinger

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Hazing violation



Contract violation



Unregistered event with alcohol



Failure to register a high risk event



Trademark violation



Failure to comply violation



Events with alcohol violation



National suspension for financial reasons



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NEWS

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Getting to know the new Student Government President



Submitted Photo

Meet Wayne Bersano, President of Student Government

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News Editor

Wayne Bersano is a senior in resort and hospitality management from Pinconning. He was elected after a year as vice president under Andrew Kalinowski. He campaigned while studying in Germany last semester.

Torch: Was it a challenge to campaign for president from across the world?

Bersano: It was stressful to say the least. I was constantly online emailing people and contacting professors. I had to be sort of a guide because I was away. As far as the campaigning, Chauntel [Wooten, Bersano's campaign manager and Student Government vice president] put in tons of hours spreading the word. I have so much trust and respect for her.

Torch: Your campaign focused on collaboration, leadership and diversity. How would you like to see those things manifest

now that you're president?

Bersano: In the big picture, all of them are intertwined. I want to see more diversity on campus through collaboration. I want people to aspire to be good leaders and get involved. Whether it be with international student organizations, religious groups or special interests groups, those groups coming together makes a better environment. I really feel ignorance is where hate comes from. When you break down those barriers, you realize we're all just human. That's what I want to see happen on this campus.

Torch: What did you learn while studying abroad in Germany?

Bersano: I was constantly surrounded by foreigners. I met people from Syria, Dubai, Egypt, China, Columbia, the list goes on. Being in an environment where you're constantly surrounded by such diversity, you get to learn so much about culture. I don't

think the International Office and study abroad program are utilized enough.

Torch: How can Student Government be a resource to students?

Bersano: To an individual student, if you join Student Government, you get to represent the students and make decisions that impact students. When people come to us for advice, like the university did when they were making the UC, we get to have a say. For RSOs, they can always come to us for collaboration. That's a big thing, we try to collaborate on all of our events to get more people in on a project and boost excitement about it.

Torch: Do you have any advice for incoming freshman?

Bersano: Get involved on campus very quickly, but make sure you don't overwhelm yourself. A new location and new friends leaves you a lot to balance. Don't forget your studies but make sure you have a good first year.

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New vision brings end to Helen Ferris Hall



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Kip Biby
News Editor

The Ferris campus has been no stranger in the last few years to large construction and demolition projects.

This summer has been no exception, as Helen Ferris Hall has been torn down. Students coming back to campus for the first time since May will notice a change in walking paths and a new view of campus. Built in 1956, Helen Ferris

was the oldest suite style residence hall on campus until it's demolition after May eighth commencement last spring.

Deconstruction began as scheduled, immediately after

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Greek life undergoes big change

said. "It's not only community-based, but it helps the nation because of the philanthropy events that each chapter puts on. Money raised from those events goes to many different organizations and nonprofits."

Cameron Shoemaker, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, president of the Interfraternity Council, president of the Order of Omega and a

senior in the criminal justice program says he has seen big changes in Greek life as well.

"Since [Jones] has come to Ferris there has been a dramatic improvement in leadership skills in the Greek community leaders, as well encouraging all of the Greek organization members to develop leadership skills," Shoemaker said. "He helps

individuals in the Greek organizations recognize the skills they are obtaining. It's not just us fraternity members doing something for the community, but we are also gaining useful skills during these activities that we can use for life."

Shoemaker says people often forget the Greek community focuses on giving back and it also offers many opportuni-

ties for membership growth.

"Greek life offers members a skill set members can obtain," Shoemaker said. "Though there is a negative light being cast on Greek organizations from media, if you commit to a Greek organization, it is unlike any other experience. I've learned to be accountable, from my grades to making moral choices. I've learned social skills that I can apply in interviews and I've developed

relationships with the faculty at Ferris. I've had so many opportunities at Ferris just from being involved in Greek life."

"Joining a Greek organization is a great way to set yourself up for success," said Jones. "Being a member is a great way to develop yourself holistically and become part of a large network of brothers and sisters."

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COREC	SOCCER	8/28 - 9/16	\$14.00	9/20
OPEN	HOCKEY	8/28 - 9/16	\$130.00	9/20
RES. HALL	6 V 6 VOLLEYBALL	10/18 - 11/4	\$14.00	11/8
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DIVISION	EVENT	REGISTRATION	ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER	PLAY STARTS
MEN	SAND VOLLEYBALL	9/11 - 9/17	\$7.00	9/18
WOMEN	CORNHOLE	9/14 - 9/24	FREE	9/25
COREC	BATTLESHIP	9/19 - 9/24	\$7.00	9/27
OPEN	DODGEBALL	9/30 - 10/7	\$7.00	10/9
RES. HALL	TEXAS HOLD'EM	10/2 - 10/9	FREE	10/10
FRAT./SOR.	STRONGEST BULLDOG	10/5 - 10/10	\$7.00	10/11
	BOWLING	10/19 - 10/26	\$7.00	10/27
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	WATER POLO	10/27 - 11/5	\$7.00	11/8

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TORCH NEWS BRIEFS

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Silent Disco

Entertainment Unlimited, Student Government and the Music Industry Management Association are teaming up to host a silent disco from 9 to 11 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, in the north quad. Multiple DJ's will perform on the stage in front of the University Center while attendees listen through wireless headphones.

New MyFSU directory

Ferris' Information Technology Services (ITS) department launched a completely redesigned MyFSU portal in May. Its most prominent new feature is a directory of student, faculty and office information. While the directory is still not fully functional, it contains student phone numbers and faculty office locations, emails and phone numbers.

Dial A Ride service renewed

Ferris has partnered with Dial A Ride for the 2015-16 academic year for rides around campus at no cost to students. Beginning on Monday Aug. 31, the shuttle service will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

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Have classes at Ferris' Grand Rapids campus or looking for a day trip? Ferris has renewed its contract with The Rapid shuttle service for another year. Designed to provide students easy transportation to and from Ferris' Grand Rapids campus, the 'Ferris State Express' makes four stops in Big Rapids every weekday. Bus cards are available for daily travelers and a one-way trip is available for \$8 cash. For more information on Ferris' partnership with The Rapid, visit ferris.edu/htmls/current/shuttlebus.

MyFSU gets a facelift

What students think of the new MyFSU

Kip Biby
Ferris State Torch

In March, Vicky Deur, Applications Project Manager, in charge of MyFSU, told the Torch that the new system will better serve incoming students and faculty, while making it easier to navigate for current students. With the rollout of the new system in the rearview mirror, the Torch set out to learn what the people who arguably use it the most, the students, thought of the changes.

"It took some getting used to but it's legit." Victoria Sanchez, a senior in the health-care systems administration program said. "There are some things I don't like but it's not that big of a deal."

Rachel Seitz, a junior, studying medical lab science said, "I hate it. It takes you to a weird-ass page, I want them to bring it back to the way it was."

Rico Tucci, a junior in automotive engineering told us,

"It's not that bad, you just have to travel through more hoops to get where you are going. I like the old one better."

Junior and student employee at the Timme Center, Ericka Martin said, "At first, I thought that the new MyFSU was really confusing and I did not like it at all since I was so use to the old one, but after working with it for a while now and learning the ropes of everything, it's not as bad as I thought it was. But I did love the way the old MyFSU looked and how conveniently it was set up."

Recently Susan Cherry, IT Service Manager and Vicky Deurs, application project manager said while this went live in June, over the next nine months more items will be added to the site, such as classified ads. IT department plans on setting up times for focus groups in the fall to find out more from students what they like and identify some opportunities for improvement.

DNR seeks grant to pave portion of White Pine Trail



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Xavier Locke and Austin Benzing ride the White Pine Trail north of Big Rapids



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The White Pine Trail's bridge over the Muskegon River in Big Rapids



Courtesy photo/Friends of the White Pine Trail

The White Pine Trail being paved near the Fifth Third Ballpark in Comstock Park

Devin Anderson

News Editor

Plans are now in motion to fully pave Michigan's longest rail trail.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently applied for a \$4 million grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation to pave an 11.8-mile stretch of the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail from Leroy to Reed City.

"We will know soon if we are successful with the grant application and, if lucky, should be able to put the project out for bid in late 2016," said Paul Yauk, of the DNR's Parks and Recreation Division. "We will apply for additional funds to complete the other 30 miles of the trail in following years."

Referred to by many as the "I-75 of rail trails," the White Pine Trail is a 92-mile trail stretching from Cadillac to Comstock Park. Formerly a part of Michigan's rail system, the trail is now used primarily by cyclists and snowmobilers. Nearly 40 miles of trail is unpaved, including a section of trail from Sand Lake north to Big Rapids.

Xavier Locke, an energy systems senior, enjoys the trail most during the fall.

"I ride my bike to the disc golf course at least once a week," Locke said. "It's very scenic. It's awesome during the fall because there are so many colors."

Big Rapids City Manager Steve Sobers bikes north on the paved portion of the White Pine Trail frequently and said the city has always encouraged the DNR to improve the unpaved portion of the trail.

"The trail is a pretty important tourist attraction and community attraction," Sobers said.

The DNR announced plans to put crushed limestone on all 40 miles of unpaved trail in June. Dozens of trail users and several state legislators challenged the DNR, saying limestone would be an expensive temporary measure and that asphalt, while more costly, would be better.

"The purpose of improving the trail is to open the trail up to more users," said Dave Heyboer, chairman of the Friends of the White Pine Trail. "Limestone would keep the vast majority of potential users off the trail."

"We're optimistic we'll see major progress in the next few years," he added.

The White Pine Trail is located next to the old train depot on the east side of Big Rapids.



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Students will miss the demolished hall

the May 8th commencement. Michael Hughes, associate vice president for Physical Plant, who served as the project manager of the demolition said, "The idea was part of the original quad design concept to open this area and allow the college of Arts & Science to be the north anchor of the campus quad."

"I am happy it is all leveled out and I am excited for the quicker walk to the Uni-

versity Center," said Meredith Hague, a junior studying nuclear medicine and a former resident of Helen Ferris.

While some students like Hague are excited for the changes, former resident of Helen Ferris, Benjamin Tuttle, is sad to see it go. "I am upset they are tearing it down," Tuttle said, "I made a lot of good memories there and some great friends." Tuttle also noted that Helen Ferris was the

perfect location to live on campus, as it was close to his classes and the University Center.

The area was partially opened for pedestrians in mid-August, but is scheduled to be completely open in time for the Fall semester. At this time, there are no plans for a construction project on the site, as it is intended to remain a green space.



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“Academic success is far more fulfilling when you have some fun once in a while.”
Bradley Isler
See below for story



Submitted Photo

Cole Heule with his tennis students on Mackinac Island.

A taste of the real world

Students spend summer in future careers

Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

Internships are arguably the best way to decide if a student's chosen field of study is the right fit.

They provide a temporary glimpse into a career path, and many Ferris students take advantage of internship opportunities each summer.

Casey Aumaugher, a junior in music industry management, is currently on her summer internship.

“I am a promotions intern at the Big Rapids Radio Network, which is the company that airs Big Country 100.9 and Y-102.3,” Aumaugher said. “It’s a summer/fall type deal that I’m going to be done with in January.”

Since starting her internship, Aumaugher said her experience has been great.

“I’ve been learning so much about how the world of radio works and I’m also getting a lot more involved in the community,” Aumaugher said. “Also, I learned how important networking is in the music industry. Dan Cronk, my advisor, has always stressed how important it is to get your name out there, but I never fully realized how important it was until I had a point in my life to actually experience it.”

Cole Heule, a professional tennis management senior, had an internship this summer as

director of tennis at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

“It’s been a valuable experience for me as director and it’s unlike any other position I’ve had before,” Huele said. “I learned overall that it is difficult to be in charge. One has to assume so many responsibilities that it is often difficult to juggle them all and attempt to prioritize them. I’ve had to do a lot of that over the summer, but it’s been still essential for my growth as a future professional.”

Anna Mayer, a hospitality management junior, interned this summer at the Home-

stead Resort in Glen Arbor. “Keep smiling, even if the people you serve aren’t smiling or happy, a smile can go a long way.”

For any students who need to complete an internship and haven’t yet, all three interns gave a piece of advice.

“Just keep your mind open when deciding on an internship,” Aumaugher said. “I never thought I would stay in Big Rapids for mine, but I’m really glad that I did.”

“Pick an internship where you will learn the most even if you’d rather do something else,” Mayer said. “I’m glad I picked this front desk internship over any other posi-

“Keep smiling, even if the people you serve aren’t smiling or happy, a smile can go a long way.”

—Anna Mayer

stead Resort in Glen Arbor.

“It’s been pretty good, challenging at times,” Mayer said. “It’s a really busy resort with only one front desk for four hotels and 150 condos and all the service is from one front desk. I’ve learned a lot about people and how they react under certain situations, and I’ve also learned a lot about working under managers with different managing styles.”

Mayer said she’s also learned it’s worth it to keep pushing through daily work struggles.

“Your work won’t go unnoticed,” Mayer said. “Also to just

tions at a different resort because I’ve learned so much about every department and all resort operations.”

“Find a brand new experience that excites you and pursue every opportunity within that experience,” Huele said. “The more you can branch out of your comfort zone, learn new things and see things in different perspectives, the more you can gain and truly learn from your internship. Make it count!”



Courtesy of Anna Mayer

Mayer at her summer internship at The Homestead Resort in Glen Arbor, MI.

School success

Faculty and students share key advice to thriving at Ferris

Hailey Klingel
Lifestyles Editor

Whether you’re an incoming freshman or have been in college for a while, a little advice can go a long way. To help Ferris students get back into (or start) college life, a few Ferris professors and students shared what they’ve discovered about creating a successful Ferris experience—both academically and socially. “Live by the motto, ‘Work hard, play hard,’” biology professor Bradley Isler said. “Relaxation is far more fun when you know your classes are going well. At the same time, academic success is far more fulfilling when you have some fun once in a while.”

Nuclear medicine senior Lynzie Wagoner encourages finding a group of friends who

have similar academic goals. “When things get tough they are the people who encourage you to keep working hard,” Wagoner said. “You all work together, complain about difficult assignments, but in the end, you can all pull together and survive until the next crazy hard exam or assignment.”

Even though students may not feel like adults, composition professor John Cullen says to remember that that’s how professors view us.

“In college, you will be treated as an adult who has made decisions, not as a child who needs to be given grace periods and extra understanding,” Cullen said. “Your college teacher will help you out, but unlike the best high school teachers, he or she is not a

Don't let your closet drain your wallet



Photo By: | Hailey Klingel

First Lady's Attic will reopen for the 2015 Fall Semester

Free clothes from First Lady's Attic

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

Between RSOs, internships and class presentations, Ferris students occasionally need an outfit that goes beyond leggings or sweatpants. Thanks to First Lady's Attic, worrying about how to look professional without breaking the bank is something students will not have to stress about.

Patsy Eisler, President David Eisler's wife, made her dream of helping students dress professional for school-related events come true in 2009 when First Lady's Attic opened.

"The purpose of First Lady's Attic is so that Ferris students can have the opportunity to have professional clothing for internships, interviews and class presentations," said Tiffany Shack, a business data analytics junior who works at the First Lady's Attic.

The clothing at the store is free for students. Dona-

tions come from the Big Rapids community and Ferris students. Students are allowed to keep one outfit per semester of their choosing.

"I went to First Lady's Attic with certain pieces of clothing in mind," hospitality senior Kasey Perry said. "They showed me where to look for everything I needed for my conference with my RSO, which is National Society of Minorities in Hospitality. I chose to go there because I didn't have extra money and I heard it was a good place to go for business clothes."

Perry needed to purchase a black blazer to match a black mid-knee pencil skirt and a navy blue blazer skirt to match a navy blue blazer. According to Perry, every day of her conference she needed to be dressed in business attire. With her new findings at First Lady's Attic, she was able to mix and match her new blazer and skirt for multiple outfits.

"This is something that not a lot of students take advantage of, probably because they don't know about it," Shack said. "Sometimes our clothes are just not what students are looking for, but it's all donated and you can't be picky about free clothes."

Some students, can't afford to be too picky, which is why First Lady's Attic is on campus.

The store is set up with clothing racks ordered by different sizes. Accessories such as purses and shoes are displayed on the walls, and the store is very organized and clean.

First Lady's Attic can be found in room 134 in the University Center. Hours vary from day to day. Donations are always accepted and can be dropped off at the store, the Timme Center or Pete's Dry Cleaning, which is located at 115 Hemlock Street.

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SUCCESS from page 8

Successful students take responsibility

cheerleader or your mother.”

Will Gasper, who retired last week after teaching at Ferris for 15 years, encourages students to seek out help when they need it.

“Often students believe that they are the only ones who are struggling in these areas, but it’s actually more common than most students think,” Gasper said. “Not dealing with anxiety and depression often leads to a downward spiral where students fall behind and do poorly in their classes, so getting help as soon as possible can really make a difference.”

Brooke Moore, who has been teaching at Ferris since 2006, also said that asking for

help is essential to success.

“I always tell students, ‘Don’t wait to ask for help until the situation is critical,’” Moore said. “Students need to know that those who are successful ask for help. Many students ask for help too late. If students get out in front of the problem, we as instructors are often better able to assist.”

And instructors do want to assist, according to Isler.

“When a student is motivated enough to come talk to a professor, that is a sign to the professor that the student actually cares about the class, no matter their performance in the course,” Isler said.

It’s challenging to have

good class attendance, but from a professor’s standpoint, Isler said it’s a large indicator of academic success.

“Come to class,” Isler said. “Would you buy a new laptop computer and immediately throw it in the garbage? I doubt it. That is essentially what you are doing if you pay for a course then quit attending.”

Optometry senior Kevin Leahy recommends not just going to class, but making sure to put in the necessary extra work to grasp concepts.

“In college courses, more often than not, the course is largely based off of tests and labs, with no homework to prepare for the tests at all,” Leahy

said. “It seemed sweet at first but it didn’t take long for me to realize that you need to, in a way, assign yourself homework and guidelines to really learn the material and do well in class. Most of the time just going to a lecture isn’t enough.”

And, when you are in class, get off your phone and participate. Professors notice when students are scrolling through Twitter the whole hour, and they don’t appreciate it.

“I am old, so I want them to turn off their darn cellphones and at least pretend to be interested in class,” Cullen said. “It would be a real learning experience if some of these people came in for help and

I kept stopping to check my phone or send a text while they were struggling with finding a topic or learning how to avoid dangling modifiers.”

Isler also stressed that being an open-minded student is key to growth and knowledge.

“Grumpy students that say things like, ‘I don’t know why I have to learn this, this course has nothing to do with my degree’ for an entire semester are not too fun to have in class,” Isler said. “Opening your mind to new areas and understanding how courses are interrelated is in important part of college.”

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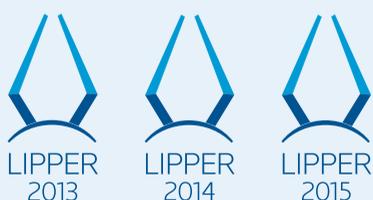
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University of El Salvador vs Ferris



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Group of social work students who traveled to El Salvador for a study abroad trip.

This summer, I was part of a group of social work students who traveled to El Salvador for a study away trip through Ferris. El Salvador is a Spanish-speaking country in Central America. The population is about six million, whereas Michigan has a population of about ten million. El Salvador is comparable in size to New Jersey.

We spent the majority of our time in El Salvador visiting social service agencies and learning about the differences between the United States' programs and El Salvador's. To learn through real experiences, students in our group were either sent to a senior center for homeless elders, a home for victims of sex trafficking, the University of El Salvador (UES), or a hunger relief and food sovereignty program.

Two classmates and I were placed at the University of El Salvador. During my trip, I noticed many differ-



Devin Hodgson
Guest Writer

ences and similarities between Ferris and the UES.

Like Ferris, the University of El Salvador is a public university. However, UES is the only public university in the country, while Ferris is one of 15 public universities just in Michigan. And UES has an enrollment of 54,000, whereas Ferris' enrollment is about 14,000.

The social life of UES students is similar to that of Ferris students. While visiting a home of one of the students, we got into a conversation about the social aspect of universities in the U.S. and universities in El Salvador. We discovered that, for the most part, they are extremely similar. We were able to have conversations about parties, friends, extracurricular activities, and schoolwork.

The tuition rates are extremely different at the UES. According to the students we met, if you graduated high school in El Salvador it costs about five dollars a month to attend. That is only about \$45 for the year. In contrast, Ferris' tuition is almost \$11,000 per year, which doesn't include room and board costs.

The students asked about the price of university and the cost of rent in the U.S. They were disappointed when they heard how much more expensive U.S. college is, as many of them have dreams of attending school in the U.S. someday for the American school experience. However, many of the students we spoke with were not interested in being employed in the States, but wanted to return to El Salvador after they got their graduate degree.

The cost of housing and the living situations at the UES
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Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

On one weekend per year, an endless fleet of U-Haul trucks and jam-packed minivans descend upon Big Rapids as parents say a tearful goodbye and students begin college.

This turbulent time is known as welcome weekend, and it's a great time to not only look forward to the next year of classes and experiences, but also to reflect on one's own life.

For example, one might question why they opted to bring a 72" TV to move into a dorm room that can hardly ac-

commodate one human body. Or perhaps they could reflect on why they've accumulated approximately five billion hand towels, yet the thought of bringing even one pencil with a viable eraser to college didn't cross their mind.

An individual is also likely to reflect upon his or her social choices. Maybe they'll make more friends with pickup trucks for next year's move in, for example.

Of course, moving into student housing on a college campus is about more than just reflecting on

questionable life choices. It's also about moving on.

For many people, leaving home for college is the first extended period of time that they spend outside of their guardian's household.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but laundry does not wash and fold itself automatically. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches also don't fall from the sky with the crusts cut off.

These are services parents provide that students may have taken for granted all of their lives, and are now

being forced to live without. Yet shockingly, there is a way that these luxuries can still be taken advantage of while in college!

It's called doing it for oneself, and it's something that everyone must do at some point.

Sure, new students may be accustomed to safety scissors, but it's time to move on to the real deal.

Moving into student housing is like a rite of passage. After all, what better way to usher in adulthood than by sleeping on a twin-sized bunk bed?

Moving in and moving on

UNIVERSITY from page 12
University life in El Salvador is the same yet different

are completely different than Ferris' housing. We visited a home where 17 students lived. The house had three bedrooms: one for males, two for the females, and two bathrooms. All of the students were from the same village, Santa Marta. These students did not have to pay rent because they do community service in their hometown every weekend.

It was unreal to see how little they paid for school and housing. On the other hand, there is no such thing as a two-bedroom apartment that only two people live in, like where I live in Big Rapids.

When we first arrived on the campus we met with two students who spoke English. Then we went to a class with the students on economics. The class was all in Spanish, but they played a video that was in English with Spanish subtitles. Another interesting part about the UES is that students talked throughout the class, interrupting the teacher. The teacher just continued talking and no one seemed to be annoyed by the interrupting students, other than the students from Ferris.

An intermediate (or level two) foreign language class at the UES was different than what a level two foreign language class would be like at Ferris, which I learned from participating in an intermediate English class at the UES. A student told us beforehand that these students would not speak English very well, as it was only their second year taking English. We were amazed to find out that these students spoke English extremely well, almost fluently. They spoke slowly and with heavy accents, but it was easily understandable.

The professor had the three of us speak with groups of students and help work on their English pronunciation. Basically, they just asked us questions that we answered. I was extremely impressed to be able to have complete conversations with students in a second-year English class. After the class ended, we learned that all of the students were studying English as their major.

My time with the students from the University of El Salvador opened my eyes to how a university in another country can be so similar yet so different than Ferris. If you are interested in learning more about El Salvador and human and environmental rights, our partner, Sister Cities, will be presenting on Wednesday, Oct. 7th from 6 to 8 p.m., location

Learning to function as an adult

A guide to embracing creativity while growing up

Lyndzi Sakowski
 Ferris State Torch

Everyone reaches that special day. The day where the balloons drop, confetti scatters the floor and the sign reads, "you've made it to adulthood!"

Not really, but a lot of student's feel there's a more dreary transition to adulthood. There's less time to relax, you're working more hours and bills pile up. Some of these wholeheartedly rule, some of them restrict us.

If there's one thing I've confronted multiple times while at college, it's the internal struggle of balancing our passions and what society deems as mature. But we can easily do both, luckily. Not pursuing our true

dreams is too common. People stow away their dreams of art or finishing a novel or dancing for a slice of the American Dream. Does, "I would do it if it made

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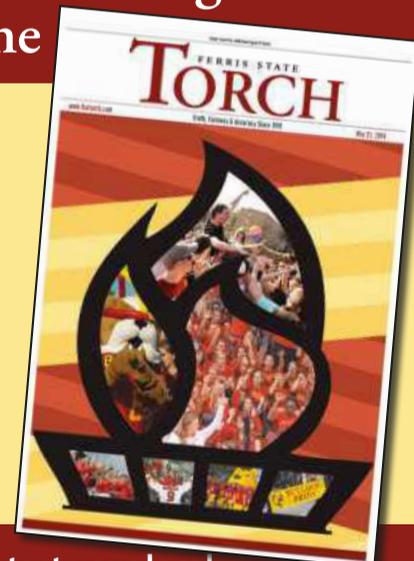
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Don't compromise things you are passionate about

more money," sound familiar? But here's the catch: we can still do what we love while pursuing more fiscally stable careers. This is important because it is too easy to lose your soul to 9-5 America.

As a senior, the pressure is on to conform and abandon my most surreal passions for a white picket fence and a minivan. It doesn't have to be this way, though.

Everyone has passions. Art, writing and music are just a few examples. If you're shy about making your whole life about your passion, then just squeeze in some time to embrace it. Spend a few hours painting with friends, go to a poetry night or anything that brings you true bliss.

The point is this: our dreams matter. What makes your heart flutter will always bring a light into your life, just don't let it go out. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho describes it wonderfully: "Remember that wherever your heart is, there you will find your treasure."



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Students entering adulthood must take time off from studying and to enjoy their passions.

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“He’s coming from Division I and obviously knows how to win.”
Megan Hiler
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The boys are back



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Ferris St. football prepares for the season to come with two-a-day practices in sweltering heat throughout fall camp.

Marshall Scheldt Sports Editor

The Ferris State football team is prepared to do big things in the 2015 season.

The Bulldogs are coming off a phenomenal season last year that included an undefeated regular season, a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship, and a Harlon Hill Trophy winner in quarterback Jason Vander Laan.

Vander Laan, who won the Division II version of the Heisman Trophy last year scored 50 combined touchdowns through the air and on the ground last season for the Bulldogs. Although Vander Laan is a key component to the Bulldogs’ success, he isn’t the only big name returning for Ferris this year.

The team will be returning over 50 players from last season’s roster including wide receivers Shakur Sanders, Jamel Lockett, Antonio Agurs and running back Ja-haan Brown. On the defensive

side of the ball, linebackers KC Zenner and Anthony Dargangelo will be returning, as well as defensive end Justin Zimmer, among others.

“It is nice to have a lot of returning veterans back which make practices go smoother. We all have a great mindset and won’t give anything but our best effort each day. Bringing back this many guys really cuts down on any wasted time going over plays and formations and lets us get right into the action of practice. It also helps the young guys when we have so many upper classmen that know their assignments and can help teach the younger guys,” Vander Laan said.

Ferris is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation according to the D2Football.com preseason polls. With such a high ranking comes high expectations, but the Bulldogs aren’t concerning themselves with preseason polls.

“We don’t really look much into the preseason polls because they don’t

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Football Schedule

Northwood – Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m.

@ Grand Valley State – Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Saginaw Valley State – Sept. 26, 2:00 p.m.

@ Findlay – Oct. 3, 12:00 p.m.

@ Tiffin – Oct. 10, 1:30 p.m.

Ohio Dominican – Oct. 17, 12:00 p.m.

Michigan Tech – Oct. 24, 12:00 p.m.

@ Lake Erie – Oct. 31, 1:00 p.m.

@ Northern Michigan – Nov. 7, 1:00 p.m.

Walsh – Nov. 14, 12:00 p.m.



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No. 2 ranked Ferris St. is looking to top the GLIAC once again

mean anything. We are just focused on getting better every day and playing our best each Saturday," said sophomore linebacker KC Zenner.

Sophomore wide receiver Shakur Sanders isn't caught up in the hype either.

"Hype is just hype. As a unit we are only focusing on our first game against Northwood. We take it day by day and week by week. Every week there is a new opponent and we are just preparing for the battle in front of us," Sanders said.

As far as goals go, the Bulldogs are setting the bar as high as possible going into the season.

"Our first goal is winning our first game against Northwood on September 12. Beyond that

we have high aspirations of making a deep playoff run and have made it clear we want to go onto a National Championship," said Vander Laan.

Vander Laan isn't the only one who wants to bring home a National Championship trophy to Big Rapids.

"It's a legitimate goal to win the Division 2 National Championship," said Sanders, "it's hard beating men who see the same vision."

The Dawgs will kick-off their first game of the season on Sept. 12 against the Northwood University Timberwolves at 7 p.m. at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids. Ferris beat the Timberwolves 27-7 last season when Vander Laan ran for a touchdown and threw for three more.

Coach King's diamond



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The Bulldog softball team has been through three coaching changes in three years.

Ferris softball welcomes new head coach

Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State softball team has a new head coach for the third time in as many years.

West Michigan native Wally King will take the helm as the Bulldogs head coach for the 2015-2016 season. King was named head coach of Ferris State earlier this year on July 31. He brings decades of softball experience to the Bulldogs, who struggled their way to a 16-36 season last year.

Most recently, King was the national director of coach and player development with Diamond Sports Training in Grand Rapids. King has tried his hand as a volunteer assistant coach with NCAA-I Furman University.

King was also the former associate head coach of the Division I Syracuse softball team where he spent his time from 2008-2013. During his coaching at Syracuse, King led the Orange to four 30 win seasons and also two Big East championships in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, King and the Orange tacked on a 45-13 record, the best record ever for a Syracuse softball team. Yet through all of this success, he still wished to return to West Michigan.

"From the moment I stepped on campus I knew this was a good fit for me," King says, "I have been on the road for a long time—too long—and the chance to be home with my family was a key factor in my decision to pursue this opportunity."

Ferris players hope to have King stay for a while and create a sense of consistency within the coaching staff.

"This is my third coach in three years. If we can get a coach to come in and stay it will be very beneficial to our team," junior pitcher Megan Hiler said.

Hiler says that she thinks that King's experience in the softball world will help their team improve significantly.

"I am pretty excited," Hiler says. "He's coming from Division I and obviously knows how to win."

The regular season doesn't start until February for the Bulldogs, but that doesn't mean that they aren't preparing for the season to come. This fall the team will be playing in a tournament against teams like Indiana University, Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW) and Taylor University.

According to Hiler, the team's goals are to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title and win the GLIAC tournament.

"With all the talent that we have it is possible. I honestly think we have a great chance at winning the GLIAC if we can all work together to reach that common goal. All of the girls want to succeed," said Hiler.

The talent is definitely there for the Bulldogs, who are returning 12 letter winners this season. Among the returning players are sophomore catcher/utility player Emily Reed and outfielder/pitcher Sam Bates who batted .323 and .291 respectively last season. Junior infielder Sarah Johnson will also be returning this year after playing all 52 games last season and batting .308. Junior pitcher Stacy Thompson is also a big returner for the Bulldogs, who held a team best 3.74 ERA in 22 games.

"Practices will be very detailed with an emphasis on the fundamental way we want things done," King says. "From a conditioning standpoint our focus will be on explosive movements. We don't do very little distance work, but instead work on becoming explosive athletes who can cover short amounts of ground quickly."

The Bulldogs will be looking to grow under King this offseason, and bring a new sense of stability and success that the softball team has been missing in recent years.

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Q&A with the coach

Chatting with Red Wings' Jeff Blashill

Keith Salowich
Editor in Chief

Ferris State alum Jeff Blashill, who started his coaching career right here at his alma mater, was recently named the Head Coach of the Detroit Red Wings.

Blashill served as the team's goaltender from 1994-98, and played a coaching role for Ferris St. for three seasons afterward.

Despite the fact that Blashill's coaching career since then has seen him bouncing around the country in several roles at varying levels of competition, he still boasts a strong sense of Bulldog pride.

Question: Given the Wings' playoff streak, are you feeling any additional pressure to make it to the postseason in your first year?

Answer: "First of all we take everything year by year. The significance of the playoffs for me is that in order to compete for the Stanley Cup you have to get to the playoffs. Our focus will be on the day-to-day work that we'll have to put in to ultimately become a contender for the Stanley Cup."

Q: Your coaching career has seen a lot of stops around the

state and beyond. Do you still find time to keep up with Ferris hockey?

A: "Absolutely. I keep very close tabs on Ferris and Ferris hockey. I'm very good friends with the coaching staff. It's the longevity of Bob Daniels' career here and the job that he's done that's been a really prideful thing for we alums, so I'm checking in with him all the time."

Q: Having coached at Ferris for a time, did you pick up any of your coaching techniques from Ferris' staff?

A: "Bob and Drew Famulak were the two people that I coached with when I started here. Certainly the foundation that I have as a coach was built here at Ferris and it had a huge impact on my profession."

Q: Why do you find it important to maintain those connections and keep tabs on the team and what does that mean for the program?

A: "It's awesome. There are the guys that I've coached and played with that I'm still in contact with, then there are the guys that I've never been on the team with, but we have a relationship just because we're all Bulldogs. It's just a great group of truly special people."

Setting up for success

Volleyball hopes to improve upon last years successful run

Cody Burkhard
Ferris State Torch

The spirits are high for this upcoming season as the Ferris State volleyball team opens up ranked 18th in the nation.

Chemistry and team unity shouldn't be a problem for the Bulldogs as they return 11 players including Academic All-American libero Danielle Dowd.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs lost former GLIAC freshman of the year Courtney Rehm this offseason. Assistant coach Christina Jung had nothing but praise to offer the departing Rehm and other seniors from last year's squad.

"She is an outstanding player and a great leader on and off the court. Losing her and Claire Grawburg is definitely a big loss to our team, but we have a lot of girls returning so we should be fine," Jung said.

The leadership of Rehm

and Grawburg on the court certainly aided in their success last year, but FSU returns three senior hitters in Alexis Huntley, Megan Vander Meer, and Caroline Heitzman.

The three seniors were major contributors in an effort that landed the Bulldogs at 10th in blocks per set nationally last year. Leading the team in this category was Heitzman with 77 blocks on the year and 0.83 per set.

Last year, the Lady Bulldogs put up an impressive perfect home record as well as an almost perfect 17-1 conference record. Their only blemish came at the hands of rival Grand Valley State University early in the season. After beating the Lakers to win the GLIAC tournament, Ferris State lost to them again in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

"It was definitely hard to swallow. It's always tough to lose to Grand Valley. We're



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Megan Vander Meer setting up to serve in the 2014 season.

just looking to take it match by match this year and hopefully things go in our favor. We want to make it back to the nationals like we did in 2013," Vander Meer said.

Their first opportunity at Grand Valley is at home on September 29th, but there are too many games before that to focus on revenge now.

"We have many more tough, competitive teams just in conference so we're looking to bring it every week. Everyone presents a new challenge and we need to be prepared to take that on," Jung said.

Ferris State opens up the season against the California University of Pennsylvania Vulcans at the Ferris State Invita-

tional. The Bulldogs won both of their games in the Invitational in 2013. The Vulcans posted a 30-9 record last season and made it to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Bulldogs will take on the Vulcans in Big Rapids at 12:30 p.m. and will play Missouri Western State at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4th.

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Sports Shorts

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Ferris St. football named #2 in the nation

After a season of success for the Ferris St. football team, the Dawgs have been named the No. 2 team in the country and the conference favorite heading into the season in the preseason polls.

The Dawgs rolled over the competition on their way to an undefeated regular season and a GLIAC Championship last year. This regular season romp was enough to garner regional and national attention; earning the Dawgs the top seed in the GLIAC polls and a spot just behind No. 1 Minnesota St. Mankato in the national polls.

Head Coach Tony Annese and the rest of the Bulldogs will open the season at home against Northwood on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. This matchup will be the first of two consecutive night games to start the Bulldogs' 2015 season.

Volleyball team primed to repeat as champs

The GLIAC preseason polls are in, and Ferris St. volleyball has balled its way to the top of the list, claiming the top seed in the conference going into the season.

The Ferris St. volleyball team finished off the 2014 season with not only the best record in the GLIAC, but also won the GLIAC Tournament to top the conference outright. Thanks to last season's success, the Bulldogs were picked as most likely to claim the GLIAC Championship once again in 2015.

The Bulldogs will open the season at home on Sept. 4 as part of the Ferris St. Invitational, where they will host California (Pa.), Mo. Western St., McKendree and Metro St. The Dawgs' first match of the two-day invitational will be against California (Pa.) at 12:30 p.m.

Soccer squad adds seven fresh faces

The Ferris St. soccer team finished last season with a 6-10-2 record, which is a mark that they'll be looking to improve upon with the help of seven additional freshmen athletes stacking the deck.

The end of last season saw the conclusion of three Bulldogs' collegiate careers, all of which were midfielders. Head Coach Andy McCasslin will hope to fill the holes in the roster with his fresh crop of recruits.

The team has already begun fall camp, and will kick off their season on Sept. 4 at Truman. Fans can catch the Bulldogs at home for the first time on Sept. 9 when Ind. Wesleyan comes to town.

Top Dawg



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Redshirt senior Jake Lampman prepares for the 2015 season after missing most of the Dawgs' undefeated 2014 campaign due to injury.

Keith Salowich
Editor in Chief

Redshirt senior Jake Lampman may have missed the final nine games of last season with an injury, but he has now made a full recovery, and is poised to be a featured weapon in the Bulldogs' high-flying offense this year.

Lampman was forced to watch much of the Bulldogs' undefeated season from the

sidelines, but he still managed to rake in 14 catches for 214 yards and score 5 touchdowns before suffering an injury.

The 6-foot 205 lb. wide receiver from East Lansing, MI also accounted for a significant part of the offense in years prior. In 2013, he caught 5 touchdown passes, while rushing for 4 more. The dual-threat standout also collected 674 all-purpose yards on offense.

With Lampman back at full strength and the Dawgs re-

turning several other notable starters this year, there's no reason to suspect anything but a high-scoring offense, and perhaps even another run into the postseason.

Lampman will make his return to the starting rotation under the lights as the Dawgs open their season at home against Northwood University. Kickoff at Top Taggart Field is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Select September Home Athletic Events

- Sept. 4
Volleyball hosts Ferris St. Invitational
- Sept. 5
Cross Country hosts Ray Helsing Bulldog Invitational
- Sept. 9
Soccer hosts Indiana Wesleyan, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 12
Football hosts Northwood, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 13
Women's tennis hosts Saginaw Valley State
- Sept. 18
Volleyball hosts Saginaw Valley State, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 20
Soccer hosts Walsh, 12 p.m.
- Sept. 25
Volleyball hosts Walsh, 7 p.m.
- Men's tennis hosts Bulldog Invitational
- Sept. 26
Football hosts Saginaw Valley State, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 29
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