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University Center grand opening

Students and staff celebrate end of two year long project



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Ferris State University's new 34 million dollar University Center was a happening place Friday night as it celebrated its grand opening with a huge party for Ferris students including free food, giveaways, and plenty of fun activities.

"Our office was a big part of the event because we do all the activities on campus," said Teresa Fogel, Student Activities Specialist in the Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services (CLACS) Office. "There have been a lot of offices working together on it, but Nick Smith, our new Student Activities Coordinator, is the one that contracted everything we've got here: the DJ, the iExperia upstairs... We work with all of the student organizations. This event was sponsored by the VP's office, the Division of Student Affairs, the President's office—there were all kinds of people that were involved in this."

In order to keep the event entertaining for students, all kinds of activities were planned. To familiarize students with the building, the CLACS office hosted a scavenger hunt for students to get hole-punches from various "stations" around the building to win a T-shirt featuring the University Center. Other activities included karaoke, wax hand molding, build-your-own-street sign, photo booths, Grocery Bag Bingo, free food and iExperia College Invasion, a rave-like event featuring acrobatics, dancing, and glowsticks.

"[The grand opening] was a good place to just go in the winter, since there aren't many events during the winter," said Ari LeBouef, sophomore early childhood education major.

"It's quite festive and there are a lot of people and everyone seems to enjoy it." LeBouef's favorite activity was the wax hand molding, in which

1. Students enjoy artwork on display during the Uni-Cen's grand opening party 2. Students take part in a rave during the grand opening party 3. Students get their picture taken with Brutus 4. Homecoming royalty Jazmine Goode and Evan Pazkowski perform karaoke 5. Student enjoys her balloon animal

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Student Government membership soars up

Pres. Kalinowski credits 'inclusivity, opportunity and unity'

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

This academic year, Student government has nearly doubled its membership. Student Government currently has representatives serving 29 external entities on campus and in the Big Rapids community.



Andrew Kalinowski
Senior, PGM/Accounting

Since the fall 2014 semester, Student Government has added representation in 9 external entities including the Campus Community Task Force, Beyond Diversity Committee and the Student Leadership and Activities Advisory Council.

"We're the central entity for all students, organizations and colleges across campus," says Andrew Kalinowski, Student Government President.

Kalinowski, a Stevensville native double-majoring in professional golf management and accounting, is currently serving his second term as Student Government President. Kalinowski explains the direction of his administration this year.

"Our focus is known as 'IOU' Inclusivity, opportunity and unity," says Kalinowski. "This year, we've been focusing on increasing student representation; making sure we have more students in Student Government representing the student body."

Kalinowski added, "That way

we have more of a network to process information across the student body and to provide more collaboration opportunities."

Student Government Vice President Wayne Bersano explains that a requirement of Student Government membership is to represent and report on at least one organization.

"[Representatives] will go to meetings and share their input and ideas," says Bersano, a sophomore in hotel and restaurant management from Pinconning. "They'll come back to Student Government and share a report on what was discussed and what changes may be happening."

Bersano added that another objective of Student Government this year has been to develop a relationship with Big Rapids City Hall.

Representatives from City Hall have been periodically attending Student Government meetings and vice versa.



Wayne Bersano
Sophomore, hotel management

As for Student Government's relationship with University administrators, Kalinowski feels that he is heard when he voices a concern. He shared, for example, how administrators approached Student Government directly when designing the new University Center. Student Government gave input on food choices in the cafeteria as well as their ideas for a commuter student lounge.



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Student Government President, Andrew Kalinowski, represents the student body at the University Center grand opening, on January 16.

Kalinowski and Bersano both stressed that students should try to get involved, whether it be through attending meetings or joining.

"Student Government is such a useful tool for people to develop leadership skills," says Bersano. "It's like a big family. You'll have so many opportunities to meet and network with different people across campus that are well educated and informed."

"If a student wants to see something get done, they can come to Student Government and get in contact with a representative and make that change happen," says Kalinowski. "Giving us input allows us to fix that problem."

In addition to Kalinowski and Bersano, the Student Government executive board also includes Dylan Carpenter, Parliamentarian; Chauntel Wooten, Director of Internal

Assessment; Corey Saladin, Director of Public Relations; Haley Lomba, Director of Operations; Benjamin Brackett, Treasurer; Carman Plank, Director of Finance; and Danielle Murphy, Administrative Assistant.

Student Government's goal is to grow from 40 to 60 members by semester's end. Meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the University Center room 202.

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Students and staff chime in with thoughts about the newly opened University Center.

students could make wax models of their hands in the position of their choice. LeBouef wanted hers to be shaped like a heart, but the molding did not turn out.

Another creative activity was a balloon artist station. Pedro Rossi, sophomore game design and digital animation student, commissioned a balloon hat shaped like one of the aliens from Toy Story. "I'm having a blast!" he said, proudly

wearing his new headpiece.

Some students gravitated toward more "practical" activities, such as the Grocery Bag Bingo.

"[My favorite was] definitely Bingo," said Mary Renne, junior accounting major. "They are giving away free groceries there if you get a Bingo and everything, so we played that for a while. It was super fun."

Renne did not win anything, but her friends scored a Bingo

and received a bag of groceries.

"I'm really enjoying [the event]," said Renne. "I like it. We should have something like this every week. It's really, really fun."

The staff for the grand opening included many student volunteers working as greeters and guides. Andrew Klarecki, a sophomore plastics engineering major, was one of these volunteers.

"These are just regular students who chose to get together and volunteer for this event," he said. "I chose to volunteer because I thought it would be a very cool opportunity to be a part of welcoming in this new building to the Ferris State University campus. I am pleasantly surprised about how much fun this is volunteering."

Each floor featured a table from Ferris Catering as well as a popcorn machine and an ice

cream sundae bar. The Quad Café, the University Center's new dining facility, was also a featured attraction. The left side, an all you can eat -style dining hall similar to



Andrew Klarecki
Sophomore, plastics engineering

The Rock Café, was open for business as usual, while the right side, a food court-style area serving à la carte items

offered free samples from each of its 5 venues. "We've probably seen most students over the last few days since we've been open," Lori Helmer, director of Dining Services,

said before the event, "but we're hoping to introduce the variety of offerings that we have here in the University Center from dining service enterprises to all students on campus so that they can really get a good 'flavor,' so to speak, of what we have to offer and get acclimated to the entire University Center space—and have fun! We're gonna have fun."

"I like how the University Center is set up," commented LeBouef. "It's very spacious. It's a good place to come and sit and just relax with people and do homework. There are a lot of seating places."

To learn more about the new University Center, visit their webpage at <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/studentaffairs/RC/index.html>.

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Enrollment on an increase

Enrollment at the university has been tallied for the spring 2015 semester, and according to those numbers, both students enrolled and credit hours being taken have ascended.

The total student headcount has risen 1.2 percent since spring 2014. Much of this growth is coming from students who are dual-enrolled, or students who are simultaneously taking high school and college classes.

Festival of the Arts

The 2015 Festival of the Arts is almost here, with the opening reception to take place in the University Center on Friday, Jan. 30.

This year's festival offers will feature an event about the resort town of Idlewild, an Introductory Welding for Artists Workshop with Dave Murray, a Valentine's Evening Concert by the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, and a performance of "The Complete Works of Williams Shakespeare (Abridged)," among many more events.

For a complete schedule of events, pick up a pamphlet from around the local businesses downtown or go to www.brfota.org/pdf/calendar.pdf.

Converting first floor of Cramer

This spring semester the first floor of Cramer Hall will be renovated to fit the offices of Housing and Residence Life so that they can relocate from Helen Ferris Hall before the end of the school year.

Additions to West Campus

The university received authorization from the Board of Trustees this past December for pre-construction services to design up to four additional buildings to become part of the West Campus Apartments. These will be added to Finch Court and will be located on the north side of this court near the West Campus Community Center. The current plan is to start this construction in 2015 and have them ready for students to occupy in August of next year.

Peer-mentor awareness month

To help promote National Mentor Awareness Month, Ferris' SCHOLAR Peer Mentor Program will be hosting a series of events. The program helps first-year students by pairing them with a volunteer older student mentor.

On January 22 and 24, mentors will be honored during half time of the men's and women's basketball games. On, January 23, mentors will have their home state or country listed on the Peer Mentor Program webpage, to celebrate "Mentors Around the World. January 29 will be the Scholar Program Mentor Appreciation Reception, and on January 31, mentors and their mentees will participate in the "Mentor Bulldog Challenge." This challenge will include finding all of the bulldog statues around the downtown area, taking a photo with it and then posting it to the Scholar Peer Mentor Program at Ferris State University Facebook page.

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Trespasser on campus

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

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Marijuana in McNearny

Jan. 15 at 7:10 p.m., officers assisted staff at McNearny hall with marijuana complaint. Hall staff handled incident.

Motorist assisted on Maple

Jan. 15 at 11:05 p.m., officers assisted a motorist assist on Maple near Ives. Subject ran out of gas.

Disorderly subject in Uni-Cen

Jan 15 at 11:40 p.m., officers assisted the manager at the University Center regarding a disorderly subject in the food court. Subject left the building prior to officers' arrival.

Smoke alarm in Swan

Jan. 15 at 3:30 p.m., officers assisted fire department with a smoke alarm in the Swan Building. No damage was found or reported.

Stolen necklace

Jan. 14 at 3:25 p.m., report of a necklace stolen from a locker in the women's locker room of the student recreational center.

Stolen parking permit

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Jan. 15 at 10:10 a.m., report of a staff parking permit stolen from a vehicle in Lot 71.

Trespasser in Merrill

Jan. 14 at 8 p.m., officers assisted staff in Merrill hall on a trespassing complaint. Suspect was identified and removed from building.

Marijuana in Lot 13

Jan. 14 at 8:30 p.m., officers contacted two subjects in Lot 13 who were then ticketed for possession of marijuana. Subjects were referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

One-car accident

Jan. 8 at 5:15 p.m., report of a one-car rollover on Sports drive near Family drive. Driver lost control and rolled over into a ditch. Driver was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions.



Drunk driver arrested

Jan. 15 at 1:10 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle towing another vehicle on Maple street near Warren. Vehicle being towed was recently involved in a one-car crash on 14 Mile road east of Northland drive. Driver of the car being towed was arrested for drunk driving.

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People gather for a silent march in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, to honor those who died during three days of attacks in France.

Terrorism strikes in Paris

Devin Anderson
Ferris State Torch

Igniting a chaotic timeline of events, two masked gunmen stormed into the offices of the Paris satirical weekly newspaper Charlie Hebdo, killing 12 people; the paper's editor, several cartoonists and two policemen among them. The shooting went

down as one of the deadliest attacks on postwar France. Reports indicate that these Islamic terrorists were targeting specific Charlie Hebdo employees for having published crude depictions of the Prophet Muhammad. The gunmen fled the scene in a black Citroen vehicle, opening fire on French law enforcement who blocked their way.

Ferris professor of French Daniel Noren conducts study abroad tours to France and has been there over a dozen times, having lived in Southern France in 1983. Noren contends that the underlying tension of the Charlie Hebdo shooting comes from conflict between France and Algeria. He's noticed a large anti-arab sentiment in

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New route for shuttle service

Dial-a-Ride provides public transportation on campus



Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

If you're stuck without a ride around the campus area, have no fear, because the Dial-a-Ride shuttle bus would be happy to give you a lift around its brand new route.

"Right now we have a year and a half contract that will go until next May of 2016, and we'll see how it works out," said Dawn Fuller, manager at Dial-a-Ride.

The Dial-A-Ride shuttle service was brought into the Ferris community while the University Center was being renovated.

"Last year Ferris contacted us, wanting to do a route," said Fuller. "That definitely was our foot in the door. Last year we had over 75,000 students ride on the route alone. This year, in this past fall, we've probably

had about 24 or 25,000 students ride, and with this last week just with the new route are numbers are still over one hundred a day."

The service will be paid for by the University, so rides will be free.

"It's free to anybody that would like to ride," said Fuller. "You don't have to be a student, you could be a senior citizen who wants to go for a joyride."

The shuttle runs Monday through Friday. Monday through Thursday it runs from 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Fridays, the shuttle will be available from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. It does a continuous loop around the campus area, with nine stops.

"It will be a deviated route," said Fuller. "Basically, let's say if somebody wanted to go to the Birkam Health Center and they're really sick and can't get there,

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Dial-a-ride returns to campus after short hiatus with new "deviated" route.

we can deviate off our route. We can get them to the Birkam Health Center, and then jump right back into our loop again."

Fuller said that the deviated route will be for areas that are close to campus, and the regular loop takes about twenty minutes to complete. The nine marked stops for the shuttle will include commuter lot 28 behind McDonald's, the Allied Health parking lot, the West Campus Community Center, behind the ice area,

lot 4, The Rock Café, the Student Rec Center, the north side of the University Center, and then the Arts and Sciences Commons.

Another extremely noteworthy and helpful feature of this service is that anyone can also see exactly where the shuttle is at any time in its route by visiting www.bigrapids.doublemap.com/map, a tracking site for the bus. The app for Doublemap is also available on the App Store on Google Play, so one could check

on their smartphone to see if the shuttle is close to them and know when to head to the nearest stop.

"We are here to provide public transportation," said Fuller on the shuttle service. "We wanted to see how many students would actually use it, and try to encourage them to use public transportation, not only here but in their lifestyles afterwards."

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Where will the bus take you?

The "Dial-a-Ride" shuttle has nine planned stops on it's route. These include (in the following order):

- Lot 28/McDonald's
- Allied Health parking lot
- West Campus Community Center
- Ewingleben Sports Complex (back entrance)
- Lot 4 (Miller/Travis Hall)

- The Rock Cafe
- Student Recreational Center
- University Center (north entrance)
- Arts and Sciences Commons

Additional information

Apart from these nine scheduled stops, the shuttle will also make stops based on where riders need to go.

The shuttle can be tracked en route to any stop by using the Doublemap app.

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Attack on satirical newspaper leaves France shocked.

France that has existed since Algeria gained their independence from France in 1962.

"After independence, a lot of Algerians wanted to move to France because life was better there," says Noren. "But as they moved to France, a lot of them got marginalized. They are Islamic and the French are traditionally Catholic, so there are two very different cultures and traditions."

As for Charlie Hebdo's content and how it caused a shooting, Noren sort of understands.

"In my opinion, they have taken the freedom of press too far. They've made some downright obscene cartoons," says Noren. "They're pushing the envelope. But to kill over it? No, that's totally wrong."

Following a meticulous three-day manhunt, police located the gunmen at a print shop about 20 miles from Paris. After a long standoff, police shot down both gunmen, Islamic militant brothers Cherif and Said Kouachi.

Meanwhile, back in Paris, a third gunman now known to be working with the Kouachi brothers, Amédy Coulibaly had overrun a kosher supermarket, holding 15 people hostage. The day prior, Coulibaly had shot and killed a policewoman.

Moments after the siege of the Kouachi brothers, police

forces took back control of the supermarket, shooting dead Coulibaly. 4 of Coulibaly's 15 hostages were found dead.

In defense of free speech, rallies and gatherings have sprung up in metropolitan areas across France. Post-modern protesters were seen waving "I am Charlie" signs.

The controversial cartoons associated with the Charlie Hebdo shooting seem to have sparked a free speech debate across the world, with Pope Francis suggesting, "You cannot provoke. You cannot insult the faith of others."

Noren, however, sees both sides of the argument.

"The fundamentals of the French Revolution are, you can say what you want to say," says Noren. "You can tell the King to go jump in a lake and that's okay, which is what Voltaire essentially accomplished in his 'Lettres Philosophiques.' The average French person does not trust any kind of organized and state-sanctioned religion."



Daniel Noren
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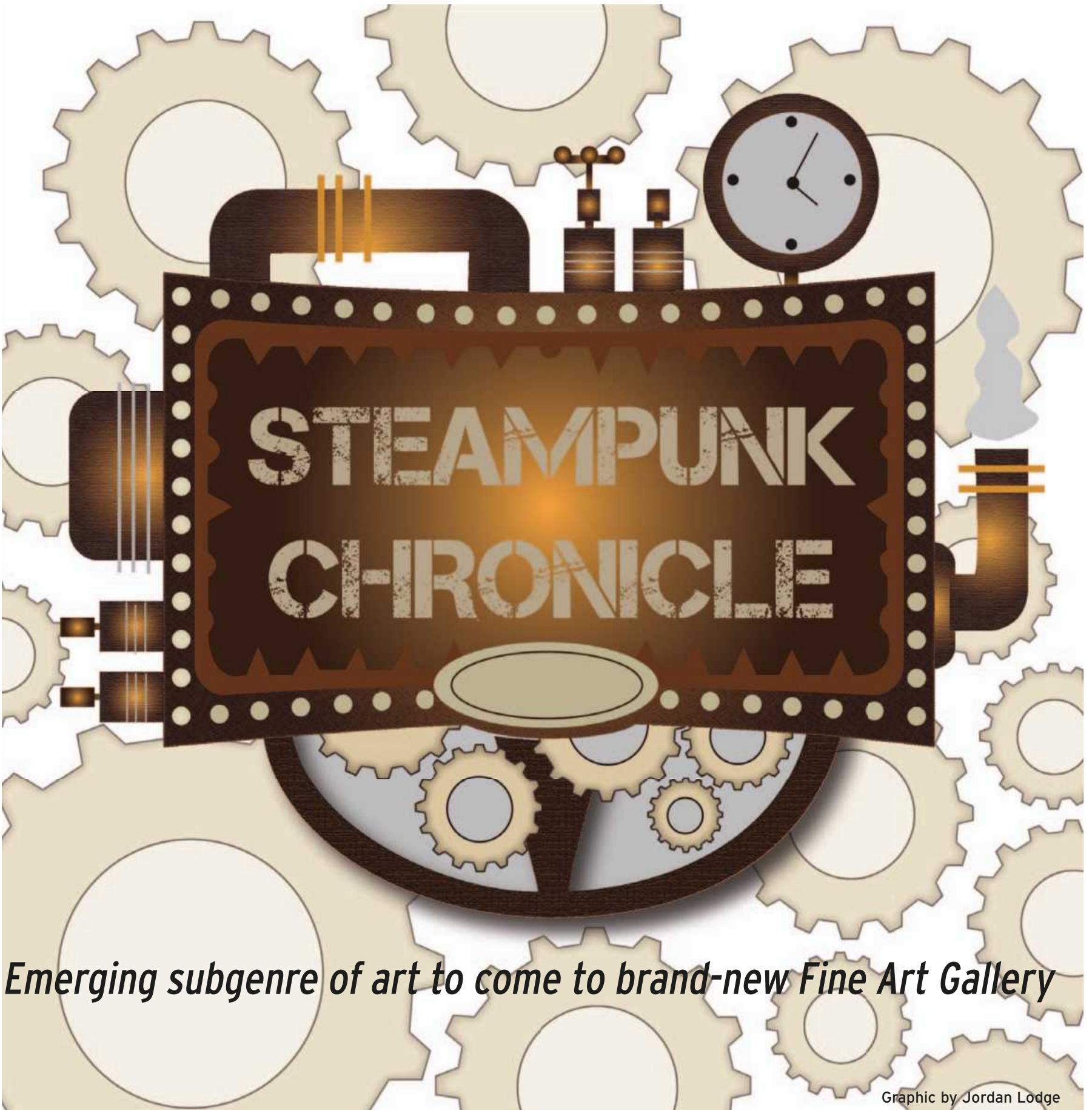


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“I like being around such strong minded young women and putting together events for us and the campus”

Jazmine Goode
Senior, Criminal Justice
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Emerging subgenre of art to come to brand-new Fine Art Gallery

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Hailey Klingel

Ferris State Torch

Ferris is about to get Steampunk'd.

Steampunk is a subgenre of science fiction and fantasy literature and art inspired both by the Victorian period and the 19th century Wild West. It encompasses a variety of elements including mechanical, futurism, and steam-powered machinery.

“Disperse Elements: A Steampunk Revolution” is coming to the University Center’s Fine Art Gallery on Jan. 30.

Work by national and international artists David Trautrimas, Joshua Kinsey, Myke Amend, and Erik Deary will be on display. The exhibit will also fea-

ture projects from Ferris students and Kendall College of Art and Design students.

A handful of FSU Architecture Students were asked to “Steampunk” select Ferris and Big Rapids buildings to prepare for the exhibit.

“After researching the design principles behind Steampunk, the students are now working on re-imagining their built elements in the Steampunk mode,” Assistant Professor of Architecture and Facility Management Chris Cospers said.

Cospers’ students were randomly assigned to buildings on campus or in Big Rapids, including the University Center, the Nesbit Building, and the Baldwin Street Bridge.

“The project offers a wide range of creativity, but at the same time Steampunk is a developed aesthetic, with certain rules and limitations,” Cospers said.

All 14 of Cospers’ students in his ARCH 290: Architectural Design and Principles class were assigned to the Steampunk projects, but only a few will actually make it into the exhibit.

Architecture sophomore Kyle Mckeown hopes to be one of those students.

“There’s a little bit of a competitive aspect,” Mckeown said. “I’m really looking forward to it. Steampunk does seem very interesting. It’s not what we’re really used to because we have to reinvent the building into a whole new era. This is the

first project I’ve had to do pertaining to this kind of thing.”

Ferris Professor Luke Hedman’s Product Design students will be creating sketches of Steampunk influenced objects.

Since Steampunk features relatively unpolished elements, his students’ sketches won’t look out of place at the exhibit.

“It’s a reminder that in the past, engineering was considered beautiful,”

Hedman said. “People who were developing these things wanted their devices to be aesthetically pleasing, and now it’s just sort of reemerging under this term.”

The reception for the grand opening of the “Disparate Elements: A Steampunk Revolution” exhibit will be held on Jan. 30 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. in the University Center, room 205.

“Steampunk SK8 Decks” created by KCAD Grapic Design and “Myths & Legends; Woodbridge N. Ferris in an Alternative Universe” written by FSU students will also be at the exhibit.

A Steampunk Fashion Event on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. will feature clothing pieces from Kendall students in UCB-202A.



Luke Hedman
Adjunct Professor

Money Talks

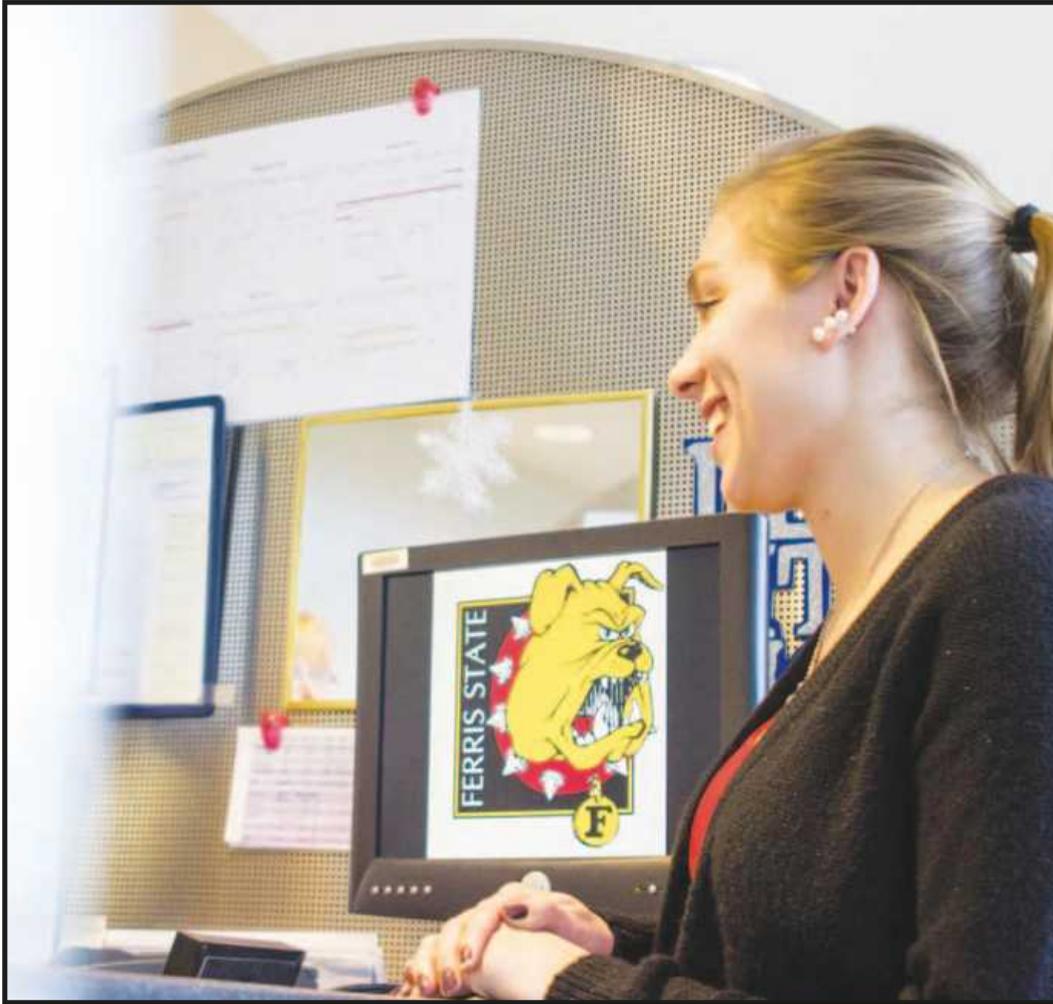


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Hailey Lenon, a sophomore in Pre-Nursing, gets some information about Financial Aid at the Timme Center.

Students get real about money management in college

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Between rent payments, books, and too many 3 a.m. Taco Bell runs, nothing makes your bank account drop quite like college does.

"I've always been very money conscious, not wanting to spend a lot, and I think I got that from my parents," English Education sophomore Shaelyn Domansky said. "But coming to school has definitely made me even more stressed when it comes to money, especially now at the beginning of the semester when you have to buy all your books and stuff."

Like we all do, Domansky wishes she had started saving earlier than she did.

"I wish I wouldn't have spent my money on stupid stuff growing up because I definitely could have used it for more useful things now," she said. "That's something I'm definitely going to tell my future kids for sure."

Luckily, some parents don't want to see their kids stress and offer support, as is the case for Pre-Pharmacy junior Lauren Kelly.

"I was actually more frugal in high school than in college," said Kelly. "When my parents would offer to buy me something I would say no, and buy it myself. I just felt guilty spending their hard earned money."

Since coming to college, though, Kelly realized

that there's nothing wrong with accepting a little help.

"Now when they offer to pay my rent or for my books, I let them do it," said Kelly. "It makes them happy to know that I don't have to worry about money. They want me to worry about my studies so that I can have a good job and be able to financially support my own family someday."

Hospitality junior Leland Arkwright is just the opposite: he wants to pay for school on his own, without his parents' assistance.

"I just figured it was my decision to come here, not theirs," said Arkwright. "I didn't want to put a big burden on them to feel obligated to help me, so I just decided I would do it myself. I feel like it helps me for the future, like with budgeting."

To keep his finances in check, Arkwright sticks to a

budget most of the time, but even the most financially savvy students occasionally get sucked into the temptations of quick and delicious food.

"Last semester my friends and I did this thing called Fast Food Friday," Arkwright said. "So every Friday we'd go and get Taco Bell and that added up. And I also would stop in the middle of the week a few times so I guess fast food is a pretty big waste of money."

For students who want to improve their money management skills, Accounting Professor Teresa Cook said that becoming aware of spending habits is the most important thing. The first step, she said, is something we can all relate to: stop being afraid to look at your bank statement.

"It's kind of like students think, 'Well if I don't look at

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Modern love The boys are alright

In a society that's so quick to judge, it's easy to always place the blame on someone besides yourself.

Log on to Twitter for just five minutes and I'll bet my left arm that you'll see dozens of tweets about how guys always screw girls over. All men are evil and have hearts of ice similar to that of Hitler. Right?

Wrong. The truth is, not all guys are bad. While some of them are just looking for the average 'hit it and quit it,' there's also a plethora of good guys out there who genuinely are capable of caring for another person.

The sad reality is that many of these guys get friend-zoned and rejected by girls who are chasing the mysteriously sexy bad boys who are only going to treat them like an object. It isn't fair to the guys who want to treat you right when you're complaining to them about how "all men are pigs, they're all the same." Oh, shut up. We all know damn well that isn't true.

The cycle goes as follows: Guy meets girl. Girl leads guy on. Guy gets his hopes up, and girl chooses the bad boy. Guy gets his feelings and ego torn down, and therefore falls under the impression that in order to get girls, you have to be an asshole.

Now I would like to take a moment to applaud the men who have been hurt by a girl and, instead of turning bit-



ter and cold, get out there and try again. There is a special place in the afterlife for you guys filled with unlimited beer and pizza, Red Wings season tickets and Kate Upton.

I would also like to take a moment to send out a public service announcement to the ladies reading this. Guess what, ladies, if you're constantly finding heartbreak and failed relationships, maybe it's a sign to give some other guys a chance. Stop chasing the guys who don't care about you and broaden your horizons a bit.

Did you ever stop to think that maybe we also make our fair share of mistakes? Guys get cheated on by their girlfriends, too. They get lied to, betrayed, and hurt just as much as we do. Of course no one ever talks about this, because it's easier to blame the sexist, degrading, man-scum of the world.

I find it sad that guys always have to take the bad reputation. Coming from a girl who is treated like a princess in her current relationship, I can promise you that it is more than possible to go out and find a good guy. If I did it, so can you.

My advice all you good guys out there: keep doing you. Even if girls don't see and appreciate how kind and caring some of you are, I do, and the right one will too.

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Kelsey George
Ferris State Torch

You Beautiful Black Woman (YBBW) aims to help ease the stress and tension of feeling alone on campus with their multicultural organization.

College can be a frightening experience, especially when you don't know what kind of people and personalities you're going to



Chelsea Carpenter
Senior, elementary Ed

encounter and spend the next 2 to 4 years with . Finding groups that make you feel welcome can be a daunting task, and YBBW aspires to make the process easier.

"YBBW is a resource for all women on campus, particularly minorities. We aim to help fill in roles that the university might not offer," YBBW President and Elementary Education senior Chelsea Carpenter said.

You Beautiful Black Woman is one of the largest social organizations on campus and is also connected to chapters at other colleges and universities.

"We consider ourselves to be a close-knit sisterhood," Carpenter said. "While we do like to have fun and joke around, we also handle matters of business so be prepared to really get involved."

YBBW is participating in the Freedom March on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day, which is a walk starting at the University Center and ending at the Williams Auditorium for a 5-star presentation.

There will be an event dedicated to showing respect for Dr. King including skits, poems, and songs on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

"I've been going to YBBW events since my freshman year, and I decided I wanted to be a part of the group and get involved," Integrated Studies senior Abrina Hudson said. "Joining [YBBW] has proven to be a great experience so far. I definitely have to do some time management between homework and YBBW events, but I love the organi-

zation and what it brings to our campus."

The organization is also hosting a fashion show on April 18 in the multi-

purpose room in the University Center featuring the theme "The Evolution of Fashion."

"I joined YBBW because I noticed that they did a lot of great networking on campus, both educational and social. I wanted to be a part of that," Criminal Justice senior Jazmine Goode said. "I like being around



Jazmine Goode
Senior, criminal justice



Submitted Photo

The ladies of You Beautiful Black Woman, pose for a photo after their World AIDS Day speaker, last semester.

such strong minded young women and putting together events for us and the campus."

You Beautiful Black Woman has a history of putting on important events for the university that have evolved into

a tradition for the group.

"YBBW is essential because as a group we create events that the students look forward to, and gives them a chance to relax while having some fun," Goode said.

The organization is hosting a

meet and greet event on Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. You Beautiful Black Woman is housed by the Office of Multicultural Student Services at Ferris and meets weekly at Flite.

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Accounting professor advises students on money management skills

it, then it's not as scary," Cook said. "But I think it's more scary to not know what's going on."

Something even more frightening than seeing the hit your checking account has taken after a night out: writing it all down. However, Cook said documenting spending habits is another necessary step in budgeting.

"Until you actually write it down and look at it, it doesn't really hit home," Cook said. "Then start looking at, 'okay, what things would I like to do? Can I afford that?' It's a hard question, it really is: 'Can I afford that? Do I need it versus do I want it?' You just have to cut back to bare bones sometimes. You've got to take a look at what you've already been doing before you can fix it."

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303 Hemlock	4	1	\$555	\$505	Plus Free Laundry, rec room, big, next to park
310 Ives	4+	2	\$440	\$390	Plus Tenants pay utilities, Free Laundry, Huge beds, garage
314 #1 S. State	4	1.5	\$545	\$495	Loft double livingroom
319 #1 N. Warren	4+	3	\$555	\$505	Plus Free Laundry, rec room, big, next to park
409 S. Michigan	4+	2	\$555	\$505	Plus Free Laundry, with grotto room, party basement
503 #1 S. Michigan	4	2	\$555	\$505	Plus Free Laundry, great porch, sweet layout of rooms
504 S. Michigan	4+	1.5	\$565	\$515	Plus Free Laundry, heated garage, porch, party basement
507 S. Michigan	4	3	\$555	\$505	Plus Free Laundry, fireplace, a true college house
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520 S. Warren	10	5	\$550	N/A	Plus Free Laundry, 4 living rooms, Lease is August 1 to June 1
504 S. Michigan	4+	1.5	\$550	N/A	Plus Free Laundry, heated garage, porch, party basement, 8/1-6/1
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Simon Denis

Ferris Hockey junior forward/defenseman
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HOCKEY



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Ferris hockey starting goaltender CJ Motte's career as a Bulldog is winding down, but his career in hockey may be far from over as NHL Scouts flock to Ewingleben Ice Arena to see him play every week.

2014-15 CJ Motte's Senior season

Save Percentage
.927

Goals Allowed
Average
2.02

Total Saves
639

Minutes Played
1,485:16.

Career Shutouts
13*

*Motte is the
NCAA active
leader in career
shutouts.

Spotlight: CJ Motte

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

In the loneliest place on any ice rink, Ferris hockey's senior and captain has carved out a legendary career in college hockey since the 2011-12 season when he came on as a back-up to All-American Taylor Nelson.

CJ Motte has stood in between the pipes for the Bulldogs since his freshman season in 2011-12 in which he appeared in 12 contests. In that first season, he held a record of 5-5-2 with a 1.98 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage. His sophomore season inked a 15-15 record with a 2.19 goals against average and a .923 save percentage.

The senior captain's best season in the Bulldog uniform came last season, in which Motte was named a Top 10 Hobey Baker Award National Finalist, an award which is given to the top player in collegiate hockey. More of his accolades for the 2013-14 season included being named the WCHA Preseason Player of the Year, Ferris State Athletics

Dean Davenport "Bulldog of the Year" award winner, a five time WCHA Player of the Week, and being chosen the National College Hockey Player of the month of December. Motte posted a 28-9-3 record during his junior campaign, with a .928 save percentage, a 2.17 goals against average and five shutouts.

Dave Cencer, the Bulldog's strength and conditioning coach and video coordinator, is in his ninth year as a member of the Ferris State staff and works heavily with Motte in game film sessions and workouts. Cencer says Motte's talent has always been there, but the way he has improved as a leader has been crucial to the success during his career

"He's come a long way, he's a very talented goalie just in terms of natural talent. Right away when he was playing junior hockey and when he started here you could recognize the fact that he had exceptional talent," said Cencer. "A big part of his leadership is just the way he plays, day in and day out. He comes

prepared and he comes to play, and he brings that same work ethic into the weight room when we do off ice workouts and the same onto the ice with is preparation for games. With CJ it's not necessarily one of those things where he has to stand up and be a cheerleader, he's our captain and he's our leader based on leading by example. He approaches the game very business-like and very seriously and that reflects in his play and with his progress in the last four years here."

So far during his senior season, Motte has a record of 11-13-1 with the Dawgs, with an impressive 2.02 goals against average, a .927 save percentage, and four shutouts.

Cencer noted that he believes that Motte has the talent to be extremely successful at the next level in playing professional hockey, but also believes it is something that isn't really crossing the goaltender's mind at the moment.

"The good thing about CJ is that he's such a team first kind of guy. His biggest thing right now

is having success right now with his teammates here at Ferris," said Cencer. "Certainly he does have the ability, last summer he went to an NHL prospect development camp with Montreal and that was a great experience for him to be able to go up there and see some of that competition. At the end of the day, I know he's worried about right now, but there is interest out there. Throughout the course of this year, I would think that probably all 30 NHL teams will be here to look at him. He's definitely a goaltender that I think could have a great pro career and especially with the work ethic he has and the attitude that he brings, I could see him setting himself up for success down the line with just his personality tributes."

Taylor Nelson, a former All-American goaltender for the Bulldog's, played with Motte as a senior and has come back as a volunteer assistant coach where he has been working closely with Motte.

"He's a very cerebral guy, thinks the game well, thinks the

position well and that's what makes him such a good goalie. It's not just about him, it's about everyone that's around him. He just thinks the game really well," Nelson said. "The fact that I played with CJ for a year here, you know how the kid plays and it's nice to be able to work with him and just talk the position. We'll sit down and watch all of CJ's touches from the previous night, and if we sit down and see some tendencies, we'll talk and let him know and let him know what those other tendencies are from the other team in the offensive zone and things that he can do with his fore checking, because he does play the puck so well."

Motte and the Bulldog's will look to get revenge in their next weekend series on Jan. 30-31, as they will travel to play the number one team in the nation once again in Minnesota State. The Dawg's dropped the weekend series last weekend to the Mavericks and will look to pick up two more wins in the WCHA standings. Puck drop is slated for 8:07 p.m. both nights.

MENS BASKETBALL

Flying high

Chappell Playing Well After a Lost Season



Photo Courtesy of Photo Services

Junior forward James Chappell brings offensive strength to a Bulldog team filled with energizers. Chappell is known for his thunderous dunks.

Keith Salowich
Sports Editor

Countless things in life don't occur without complication, and redshirt junior forward James Chappell has overcome plenty of complications while working tirelessly to suit up for the Ferris State Bulldogs.

Despite wowing Head Coach Andy Bronkema through his play in high school, Chappell was finding it difficult to qualify academically to play for Bronkema's Bulldogs, so he was forced to find a new venue to continue his basketball career.

"Coach Bronkema was one of my top recruiters in high school. He seemed really into me as a player, so I took interest in Ferris," Chappell said. "I took the ACT a few times and couldn't quite qualify for D-2 ball, so I was forced to go another route. Community college was the next best step for me, so I went there to play ball, but Coach Bronkema even stuck with me through that."

Eventually, Chappell was able to overcome his academic barriers and make the jump to division-2 basketball, and was ready to take on the challenge of adjusting to a higher level of play. "In my eyes, basketball is

basketball. What I did was kept playing my game and doing the things that I like to do," said Chappell. "There were some things that I had to get better at like weightlifting, becoming more coachable, and just simple areas of my game, but Coach Bronkema, Coach Lake, and my team have helped me through it all."

Just when it seemed like Chappell had finally reached his destination, fate tested him once again.

"Well last year in practice I tore my hamstring. I tried to go on it for about three games, but then decided that it would be best to let it heal before I get back on the court. Kara the trainer took good care of me with rehab by helping me take the proper steps

to gain the strength back in my thigh and get back on the court. Though for a while it seemed like rehab was never going to end."

After the lengthy rehabbing process kept him out of much of last season, Chappell was left with feelings of both motivation and appreciation, and besides all of that, he was anxious to get back to playing basketball.

"It feels good to finally be in this position academically and physically. The injury set me back, but it couldn't keep me from progressing, and I'm thanking the man upstairs for it all."

A healthy Chappell's presence on the court has helped the Bulldogs to build a 14-2 overall record, a #19 spot in the nation-

wide rankings according to the NABC Coaches Poll, and a spot on top of the GLIAC shared by Saginaw Valley State who, like the Bulldogs, boasts a perfect 10-0 conference record.

"I think as players we knew what we were capable of doing, so we've just been trying to play to the best of our ability. We have been doing so and the outcome has been great so far."

Chappell and the rest of the Bulldogs have been tearing through the competition while showing no signs of slowing down as they look to add to their 14-game winning streak. Their next opportunity to do so will be tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. when they take on Northwood in Wink Arena.

GLIAC North Division Standings

Ferris State	10-0
Saginaw Valley	10-0
Lake Superior State	8-2
Michigan Tech	7-3
Northwood	6-4
Hillsdale	6-4
Grand Valley State	5-5
Northern Michigan	4-6

*Conference Records Only

James Chappell by the numbers

- 13.0 points per game
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HOCKEY

Crunch Time



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The number one team in the nation was able to sweep Ferris State in Big Rapids, and Ferris will have to see them again when they travel to Mankato next weekend to take on Minnesota State.

Ferris Hockey Has Tough Opponents Ahead

Marshall Scheldt
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State hockey team is in the midst of the toughest stretch of their schedule this year.

The Bulldogs had trouble getting the offense going once again this past weekend. Ferris played No. 1 Minnesota State at home in the Ewigleben Ice Arena. The Bulldogs fell 2-1 last Friday against the

Mavericks in a game where the Bulldog attack started off slow.

After a couple Minnesota State goals, one coming in the first one in the second period, assistant captain Kyle Schempp got on the board to cut the lead to one. Schempp used some fancy stick-work as he made his way through the Maverick defense but the single goal was not enough and Minnesota State left the arena with a win. The win did not come with-

out stress for the Mavericks though as Ferris State almost slammed one home in the final seconds of the game to force it into overtime. The Bulldogs were outshot in the game 28-25.

With the offense struggling, the team has used some minor tweaks and changes to help remedy the woes and try put more points on the board.

Junior defenseman Simon Denis said, "Some defensemen, including myself, have been up on the front end as of late and [we're] just doing whatever we can to help contribute to the offense."

The Bulldogs also fell to the Mavericks on Saturday night, but in completely different fashion,

the only constant being a goal from Kyle Schempp. This time Schempp scored early though, just 2:44 into the game. The Bulldogs also had a goal called off about 5 minutes later in the game.

Both teams went scoreless until the third period when Minnesota State scored 3 goals in a ten minute span. The Bulldogs lost the game 3-1.

This weekend, the Bulldogs have some much needed time off, but will follow it up with two more tough games against No. 1 Minnesota State. This time the Bulldogs will be traveling to Mankato, Minn. to play at the Mavericks' barn on Jan 30 and 31.

Ferris will also travel to Ohio

to take on the Bowling Green State University Falcons the following weekend. After the two games in Ohio, the Bulldogs will play two more games against the Falcons back in Big Rapids on Feb. 13th and 14th. The Falcons are the number three team in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), one spot ahead the Bulldogs who are tied with Northern Michigan for the fourth spot.

The Bulldogs don't seem to be letting the importance of the games get to them. "As a team goes, preparation doesn't change, we are working just as hard as any other weekend to make sure we are ready to go, and the key right now is taking it one game at a time," said Denis.

When asked what the team was focusing on most, Denis said, "The coaches are just really driving home the work ethic that we need to have in order to compete with these teams. We can't afford to let up at any points in the game because the teams we are playing will make us pay for them."

The Bulldogs are currently sitting on an 11-13-1 record, but hope to change that for the better in two weeks against Minnesota State.

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Bulldogs Tied at the Top

In their most recent victory at Northern Michigan, who they defeated 61-58, the Bulldogs men's basketball team extended their consecutive win total to 14.

Ferris State leads the GLIAC in overall record with 14 wins to just 2 losses. Despite the Bulldogs' dominant performances on the hardwood this season, they do not stand alone at the top, as Saginaw Valley State is challenging for the conference title with an unbeaten 10-0 conference record, identical to Ferris State's.

The Dawgs will have a chance to continue their winning streak at home and pull ahead of SVSU in the coming weeks, beginning tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. against Northwood. The Bulldogs will also be hosting Lake Superior State, who will be visiting on Jan. 24, followed by a showdown with Hillsdale on Jan. 29.

Women's basketball upcoming home stand

The women's basketball team endured a trip to the frozen Upper Peninsula, during which they lost the first game 65-50 to Michigan Tech, followed by 52-67 at Northern Michigan. Now they will return home for a series of three games to be played in Big Rapids.

Trying to battle their way up from sixth place in the GLIAC's North Division, the Bulldogs will be looking to further improve their even 5-5 conference record and jump up the standings. This home series offers a grand chance to do so.

The Dawgs will first tip off against Northwood tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. They'll then take on Lake Superior State on Jan. 24 and Hillsdale on Jan. 26. Both Northwood and Hillsdale hold the edge in divisional standings over Ferris, so a pair of victories for the Bulldogs could make a major change in their place in the North Division.

Track & Field is Off to the Races

Although there are several inches of snow covering the track surrounding Ferris' own Top Taggart Field, the track and field season is underway. The men and women of the Ferris State track & field teams headed to Allendale to take part in the Mike Lints Laker Open hosted indoors by GLIAC rival Grand Valley State on Jan. 16.

There were only a select few Bulldogs chosen to represent their teams, among them being senior Breeann Ovokaitys who took 1st overall in the 5,000 meter with a time of 17:38.52. Also performing for the women's squad was senior Ashley Hamilton who took 9th in the 800 meter. Meanwhile, sophomore Logan Hammer and freshman Ben Lentz both finished 12th in their respective races.

The teams' next stop will be at the Aquinas College Invitational in Grand Rapids on Jan. 23. The squad's final score was on the heels of a 333 first day score and a 335 spot on the second day.

Ferris was led by Elizabeth Bauernfeind who posted a 78 and 75 on the two day event, respectively.

Ferris State will next travel to Allendale, Mi to face off against Grand Valley State on Sept. 27th.

Top Dawg



Photo Courtesy of FSU Photo Services

Junior, Josh Fleming, led the bulldogs to another victory, averaging 12.5 points per game. Fleming also brings power at the rim and on the glass, as he is one of the best rebounders on the team.

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

The Ferris State men's basketball team picked up two more wins in GLIAC play this past weekend and extended their win streak to 14 games. The Dawgs were led by junior Josh Fleming, who takes home this week's honors of Top Dawg.

The six-foot-five, 215 pound wing from Carol Stream, Ill. came up huge for the Bulldogs this weekend in their northern peninsula

sweep over Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan. Fleming averaged 12.5 points per game in the two contests, along with 8.5 rebounds, one assist, and one steal per game. Fleming's double-double against Northern Michigan, 15 points and 11 rebounds, was a team high in both categories and helped the Dawgs edge out a 61-58 victory.

Through 16 games, Fleming has started each one and is averaging 11.6 points per game to go along with 6.1 rebounds and 2 assists

per contest. Fleming's season high stands at 23 points, which was huge for the Bulldog's during their 82-68 beat down of Division I foe Bowling Green State back on Dec. 21. The junior wing also added 13 rebounds in that contest.

Fleming hails from Glenbard North High School in Chicago, where he earned All-State honors in his senior season after averaging 18 points, five rebounds, 2.6 assists, 2.1 blocks, and 1.3 steals per game.

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Legacy of Dr. King

Why Martin Luther King Day is more than a day off



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Letter From The Editor

Friends

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My friends tell me the truth, whether it's brutal, fantastic, or otherwise. For that, I love them.

As a former swim coach once told me, I can be "a bit of a space cadet." I often have my head in the clouds, and miss the warnings that consequences are coming.

The other night, I called one of my friends for some advice. He was brutally honest with me, to the point where I needed the night to recover from his comments. He essentially let me know I was rushing, being a fool and that I needed to come down from cloud nine.

He's going to read this and say something along the lines of "Damn straight I did."

I used to have friends that told me the sun shined out every orifice of my body. Years of that led me to a place where I was unhappy and alone. Sometimes it's nice to hear positive feedback from your friends.

Whether it feels good or not, honest feedback is more valuable. Surround yourself with those people, because they'll help you improve as an adult.

All of my friends are that way now, or at least the ones I count as friends. Despite a bevy of personal struggles over the last year, I feel improved. Most of that can be attributed to them.

At one time or another, everyone needs to hear the words "Get your head out of your ass." I may have heard different variations of that statement upwards of 100 times over the last few months.

Not enough people tell the straight truth anymore. Some of it has to do with the fact that our generation's collective skin appears to be thinner. We're in an age where a sports coach yelling at their athlete can warrant a firing. It's pathetic.

I had teammates and coaches that yelled at me often, and while it's not always the most pleasant thing in the world, my skin is thick enough to realize that their yelling just means they care.

I knew not to become worried when I was getting chewed out. I became worried when the coach began to ignore me.

Hear what you need to hear, even if it sucks to hear it. You'll never be more thankful for real friends.

As Martin Luther King Day approaches, many students are gearing up for an exciting day of events held on campus to honor the late King's work for the civil rights movement.

Many students I know are only excited for this day because it means they have a day off of school/work. Martin Luther King Day can be so much more than a day off. It's a day to remember the struggles of the past. Martin Luther King Jr. and his work during the Civil Rights Movement is still relevant today.

I don't and maybe never will know what it's like to be a part of an oppressed group of people. To be honest, it doesn't feel right that I'm writing this article.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a pastor, humanitarian, activist and considered by many to be the leader of the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He was one of the organizers of the March on Washington and was a charismatic speaker, well known for his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. King Jr.'s goal was to live up to the nation's true



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meaning of its creed, which was that everyone was created equal. When King Jr. was assassinated in 1968, many supporters of King Jr. around the United States participated in riots (known as the Holy Week Uprising) that left some buildings in ruins.

People have compared the Ferguson situation to the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. When Michael Brown was murdered, many people in Ferguson began to protest by marching through the streets with their hands raised in the air chanting "Hands Up, Don't Shoot," as Brown had his hands in the air when killed by Officer Darren Wilson.

Since the deaths of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, people around the United States have been protesting vigilante killings and police brutality, which has gotten increased attention from the media. It's unfortunate that no matter what

we do, we keep coming back to this moment that leaves a lot of innocent people dead.

My favorite Martin Luther King Jr. quote is, "We've learned to fly the air like birds, we've learned to swim the seas like fish, and yet we haven't learned to walk the Earth as brothers and sisters." It's a quote that's still relevant, as people in the world today still live in prejudice and oppression.

I see examples of it here. Even if it isn't quite as blatant, it's there.

It's important for not just students, but everyone to recognize that oppression, prejudice and racism still exist in this world. And it will probably exist for a long time to come, if not forever. What we can do, as human beings, is to recognize that these problems still exist?

No matter what people say, I believe history repeats itself. In order to change history and to truly carry out Martin Luther King Jr.'s wish, we need to come together and work towards a future that isn't ruled by oppression.

Debunking myths about introverts



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It is a common stereotype that introverts feel attacked when extroverts cross through their "bubble." It's also a misconception.

We're not rare, magical unicorn-beings who never speak

In the past year or so, I've seen a lot of articles floating around on the interwebz explaining introversion vs. extroversion. Most of these posts are very polarizing and chock-full of stereotypes: introverts are "passive" or "antisocial," while extroverts are "loud-mouthed party animals."

In general, people who are more extroverted gain "energy" from interacting with others and feel "drained" after prolonged solitude, while introverts need to "recharge" alone after prolonged socializing. Even that's an over-simplification, since people don't have batteries and everyone requires some amount of both alone-time and social interaction in order to function as healthy human beings. The reality is that introversion and extraversion aren't dichotomous;

they're a spectrum and most people rate closer to the middle. Such people may choose to describe themselves as ambiverts.

I can't speak for extraverts, but as an introvert, the amount of misinformation spread about us is a bit irritating, so allow me to share commonly held beliefs about introverts and offer my input.

Myth No. 1: "Introverts are Afraid of Social Interaction." I found a really terrible article while browsing through Tumblr a while back called "How to Overcome Social-Awkwardness." The article used the terms "introversion," "social anxiety" and "socially awkward" interchangeably. These terms are not synonymous. There are plenty of introverts who are shy or suffer from social anxiety. I'm one of



them, though being a reporter who has to interview strangers for my job has (I think) made me a little better at hiding it. There are also plenty of introverts who love being around people and are very outgoing. But, at the end of the day, they're still introverts, because they need to go be by themselves for a while after being around other people for too long. As for Social Anxiety Disorder and "social awkwardness," those things are not limited to a certain type of person.

Myth No. 2: "Introverts Can't Make Good Public Speakers or Performers." My grandmother thinks I can't possibly be an

introvert because I'm involved in music and theatre, despite the fact that I'm practically a hermit. It may sound like a daunting prospect especially for introverts to perform in front of a crowd of people—and for many it is!—but when you become more comfortable with it, each audience starts to feel like a single entity rather than a group of hundreds of individuals. Only when there are friends or family in the audience does it feel like individual people are watching you. Performing also requires adopting a persona that is different from your usual self and practice makes for a more confident delivery.

Myth No. 3: "Introverts are Rare Speshul Snowflakes." With so many articles about "How to take care of your introvert" (we're also not pets that need

to be "taken care of," thanks) and books on surviving as an introvert in an extroverts' world, it's easy to get the impression that introverts are really rare and everyone else around us is an extrovert. Actually, according to Myers Briggs statistics from 2014 (<http://www.statisticbrain.com/myers-briggs-statistics/>), 50.7% of people are introverts. It's important to recognize that most Myers Briggs assessments have no middle ground between any of the traits measured, so some of the people polled may only have a marginal preference for introversion over extroversion, but the point is that introversion isn't a rare trait that somehow separates us from the majority of the population.

DiCaprio and the Oscar

Why my dearest friend deserves his reward



Photo from MCTcampus

I love many things on this planet, but there's one thing, scratch that, there is one man, one who I love and adore the most and that's Leonardo DiCaprio.

Few may know him as the greatest actor on Earth. Others might say he is a phenomenal individual with a good heart. Personally, I think he is just a man who deserves a damn Oscar. Leo (as his closest friends call him, such as I) has starred in twenty-five plus films and has garnished 53 awards and 127 nominations according to IMDB and what he has personally told me. Amongst all these wins, he has been nominated for an Oscar four times for acting and once for producing. I look at this and wonder, why? Why hasn't my good friend and brother-in-arms Leonardo



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Guest Writer

DiCaprio won an Oscar? By the time he wins one, it'll be posthumous or an "honorary achievement" award, which as we all know is a fat smelly load of dung.

The answer as to why he hasn't won an Oscar is simple; someone is out to get him. Maybe not someone, but something similar to a conglomerate of sorts, hell bent on destroying this glorious example of a man. This foreign entity probably has agents placed throughout the Academy, waiting in the dark to cast their votes to actors such as Matthew McConaughey-hey-hey, Brad "God" Pitt and other obvious inferior actors. When the voting has con-

cluded and the members of the Academy rub their greasy fingers together, they lean back in their \$1,000 recliners with scotch in hand. No remorse, no guilt. Nothing. To help end this plague of hatred I've composed a list of 10 reasons why Leo deserves this coveted award.

Blood Diamond, What's Eating Gilbert Grape, Django Unchained, Revolutionary Road, The Wolf of Wall Street, The Departed, The Aviator, Shutter Island, Inception and The Basketball Diaries
Do you agree with me now? DiCaprites assemble!

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Faces of Ferris



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"Coming from Ecuador, what has been your most fulfilling experience?"

"The journey to Ferris State University was life changing, literally. I arrived to Big Rapids with two suitcases full of my personal belongings and gifts intended for the great people I knew I would meet. My family was not two or four hours away, my family was one or two semesters away. Living by myself did not only make me an independent person, but helped me build connections and relationships with people for life. I already had gifts in my suitcases to give out for the amazing people I knew I would meet. I certainly did make some amazing friends and mentors whose stories have inspired me."




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