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Coming Attraction: University Center

New center opens in 2015, promises to be great for FSU students



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The construction of the University Center, due to be completed this coming January. Construction ran through the winter of 2013-14 without pause for the weather. The construction has been on schedule since it began.



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Rankin Student Center: Before and After

The above left photo is the current front atrium of the Rankin Student Center that leads into the bookstore. Schematic Design Graphics (right) from the new University Center project, showing the same location.

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

In January of 2015, the construction of the new campus

University Center will be complete.

The Rankin Center, the previous home for several RSO offices, Westview Café (now West-

side, relocated to Bond Circle), and the student lounge, was torn down last summer to make room for the upcoming University Center. By the looks of the plans,

it'll be twice the size.

Michael Hughes, vice president for the physical plant and one of many involved in the construction of the University

Center said only 80 percent of Rankin was going to be torn down, with the University center to be built on what remains of the old building.

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Off the Record: President David Eisler

Ferris State President opens up on university and personal topics



Richard Mead
Ferris State Torch

Torch- Looking back, what are the biggest accomplishments for the university this academic year?

Eisler- We have had a lot of success at Ferris. If you look at how Ferris has grown; in a decade we are a third larger. You look at our beautiful campus, our new facilities, the new student center coming in, the new degree programs, and I think there is a really positive feeling about our university and I think we have a lot of forward momentum. For me, my biggest accomplishment is when you are at commencement and you shake students hands as they walk across the stage and you see what students achieve, that is the biggest accomplishment of all.

Torch- What would you say Ferris' biggest accomplishments are in your 11 year tenure here?

Eisler- I think we've grown the university, we've constrained costs, we have created an environment where students can feel comfortable and they can feel at home, and where they can be successful. Success is what our university is about.

Torch- Looking forward, what are you most excited for next year?

Eisler- It's always exciting when it gets to be August and classes begin and students come back to the university. So, the first thing I get excited about is students coming back to school. I also look forward to so many events at the beginning of school like Founder's Day and the first football game, so I am very much looking forward to that.

Torch- Given your background in music, degrees both from University of Michigan and Yale in clarinet play, how did it come to you having a career in academic administration?

Eisler- I did begin as a musician and a faculty member, and there's a progression you go through when you have an administrative career. I didn't set out or intend to be an administrator and I certainly didn't set out to be a university president. When the opportunity was

available to come to Ferris, for me there was so much about this university that resonated with me. My wife and I both went to college in Michigan, so it really felt like coming home.

Torch- Do you feel as though your path would be different if you had not chosen to study music in college?

Eisler- I started studying clarinet when I was six, so I can't remember much of before I was a musician. Music was always a part of my life and things I learned from music like self-discipline, setting high standards, and working with others, those are all things that have helped me in my career.

Torch- What was your favorite music growing up? Now?

Eisler- Growing up I listened to a lot of classical music, as I am a classically trained musician. But my taste now is all over the map; I listen to all sorts of things now.

Torch- Looking at the huge campus event that is Ferris Fest, did you have your hand in creating the Ferris Fest event that it is now?

Eisler- I actually had nothing to do with that; it has always been our students. I think that is one of the qualities of Ferris that our students produce and manage this event. We engage our students in creating these things, and Ferris Fest is a great example of that.

Torch- Do you try to have an open and inviting image about yourself, as you hold events like "Pancakes with the President?"

Eisler- Well, I was a faculty member for a long time and one of the great joys of spending your entire life working at a university is you get to work with students. That's why we have a university, so I look for opportunities to engage with students. I love playing with the pep bands. I enjoy pancakes, they don't let me cook, but it's something I

can do in terms of greeting and talking with students. I really enjoy the opportunity to get to know them.

Torch- To a student who might not know you, what would be the first thing that you would want them to know about you as a president?

Eisler- I would hope they would see that I am interested in their opinion and that I'd want to listen to them. There's a lot that we can learn from our students.

Torch- What is your guilty pleasure food?

Eisler- I'm really dull that way (laughs), ice cream, I



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Ferris State University President David Eisler

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Many factors play a part in the decision making to live on or off-campus

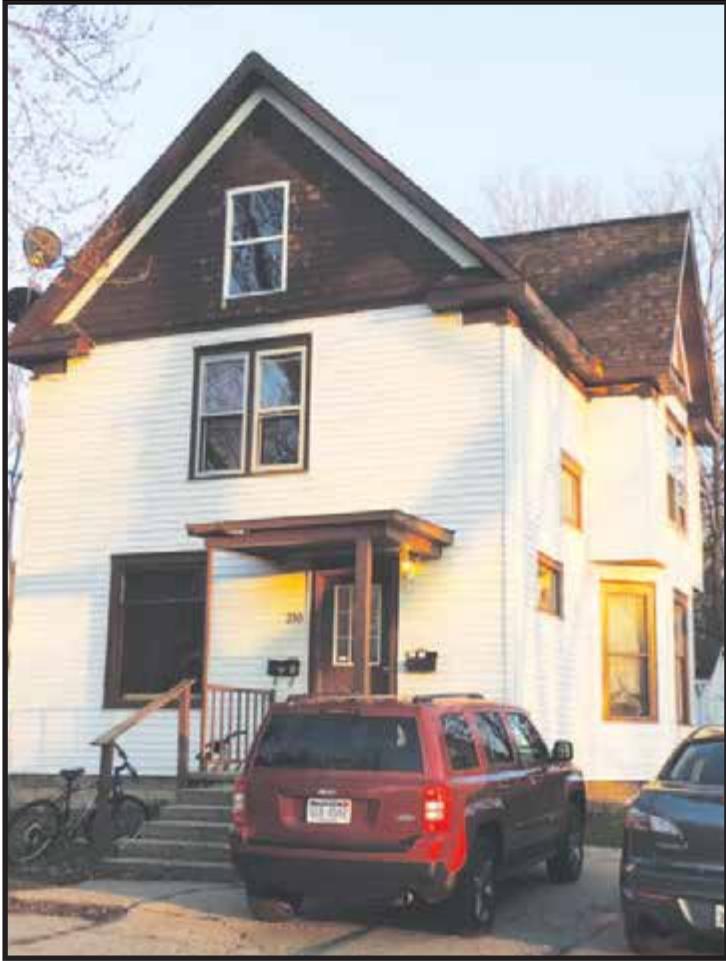


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An off-campus house owned by Chapman Housing, a popular renting service

Taylor Hooper
Ferris State Torch

Many students find themselves unsure whether or not to move off of campus.

Ferris junior criminal justice major Jessica Micakovic originally lived off-campus but decided to move on to campus her junior year.

"I think it's beneficial to live on campus because it's easier to meet new people, make friends, and know about upcoming

events on campus," Micakovic said.

A new policy for the 2014-15 year has been created to allow students more freedom to choose if they live on or off campus. Ferris students, including honors students, are now required to live in a University residence hall for two academic semesters unless the student reaches the age of 19 prior to September 1, 2014. The previous policy for the 2013-14 year required students to reach the age of 20 by April 1, 2014.

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"[Ferris] was one of the last schools in Michigan to have that two-year requirement," Director



Bryan Marquardt
Director of Housing and Residence Life

of Housing and Residence Life Bryan Marquardt said. "It's been about a four to five year plan and what we did was listen to the students wants and needs. We felt, like other universities, that the first year is very important and the second [year], we felt, students should have that option of where they chose to live."

Students have many different reasons why they decide to live on or off-campus.

"Many students find that off-campus options appeal to them in these regards; being watched less by staff members, less policy being enforced, cheap by-month rent payments, freedom to pay what you will for groceries, etc," Mentley said. "Many students find that on-campus options appeal to them in these regards; cost of room and board, having utilities and repairs all inclusive, are generally in the end cheaper on-campus than off, closer to classes, less parking, etc."

According to Peak Properties Property Manager Kevin Tucci, students often chose to live off campus because the finances are much less. However, Ferris Assistant Director of Residential Programs and Services Lisa Ortiz believes that the extra money

to live on campus comes with convenience and the "all-inclusive price has a comparable cost to living off-campus."

For the 2013-14 year, the cost for one year in a double room was \$9,070 including a required meal plan, according to Marquardt. After the first year, students will now be considered "voluntary

Mentley approximately 10,000 students are enrolled at the Big Rapids Campus with around 3,200 living in on-campus housing.

Ferris sophomore pre-med major Danielle Metts is an honors student that lived in the dorms this year. Metts was under the previous housing policy that required honors students to live in the dorms for two years.

"If I was able to get out of the dorms this year I absolutely would have," Metts said. "The dorm experience is great for one year but after that year I was ready to be in a larger place that was my own. The cost to live off-campus for one year is much cheaper than the cost to live on-campus for one year."

Tucci believes that as a freshman there are benefits to living in the dorms.

"Your freshman year it is very important to get to meet people, not have to worry about cooking food, [or] worrying about lodging," Tucci said. "Campus life gives you that."

While Tucci believes that the dorms may be beneficial for freshman, he said that along with finances, students have other reasons to move off-campus. There are less rules when living off-campus and students have the freedom to choose if they want to live alone or with multiple friends Tucci said.

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customers" that will provide incentives to students who live in residence halls, townhouses, campus apartments, and East and West Campus Suites.

The incentive for sophomores is \$508 off both a double or single room rate. The junior and senior incentive is a single room for the cost of a double room.

"The typical [off-campus] rent with everything included is \$450 [a month] where the dorms are much more," Tucci said.

According to Taggart and Pickell Hall Director Emma

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UNIVERSITY CENTER from Page 2

University Center set to open in early 2015

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sized and easily located meeting places, as well as a comfortable place for students to meet, relax, socialize and study.

The project reportedly has a budget of \$33.9 million. The University Center is scheduled to be complete by December 2014 and will reopen to the public in January 2015.

For more information about the construction of the University Center, updates on the project, or to view the design plan, visit ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/adminandfinance/physical/renovation/index.html.

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Hot Spots of Big Rapids

Where to eat around the campus area

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

To a newbie, Big Rapids may not seem like the most hopping place in the area. However, a little exploring will yield more

than a few hangouts for the college kid looking to have a good time away from that frat parties and typical college kid debauchery. Here are some major attractions and a handful of easy-overlooked holes in the wall every Ferris student should visit at least once.



Courtesy Photo

The Gate

More spacious than The Pub and Shooters, The Gate is the ideal place to spend a Friday night. For those not old enough to drink The Gate is also home to a large bowling alley where you can get a full game and shoe rental for \$5. The Gate is also the place to see student bands perform as well as the nicest atmosphere to spend a night with friends.

For those who are of age, The Gate has a great alcohol selection at a reasonable price. A night at The Gate will often promise a fun, but not too rambunctious night. It's also a great place to pregame before heading to house parties available in the area.



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Schuberg's

If you're looking for a classy bar, there's nowhere in town that compares to Schuberg's, located in the historic district of Big Rapids. Schuberg's has a great selection on tap but for those not old enough to drink they serve bar food that's actually good.

More than their alcohol selection, Schuberg's is known mainly for one thing: their burgers, including their signature Schuburger. When it comes to burgers, Schuberg's will hook you up with the best in town. Looking for more expert advice? Ask for the sweet potato fries. It doesn't matter that they charge extra.



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Nawal's

By far the most exotic food to be found in Big Rapids, Nawal's Mediterranean Eatery serves Mediterranean food, made by the lovely Nawal herself. If you're feeling adventurous, try a lamb gyro followed by one of the famous Nawal's cupcakes.

Nawal's is a bit on the pricey side so while you definitely get what you pay for, it's not the kind of place you visit every week. But with the service, atmosphere, and those cupcakes, you might just decide to let your wallet take the hit.



Photo By: Harrison Watt | Editor-in Chief

Ala Mode

This place is so small most people don't discover it until their sophomore year. Just across the Maple Street bridge is Ala Mode, made noticeable only by a large sign reading "Eat." And eat you will, probably a little too much as most people will tell you. There's no better breakfast in Big Rapids than one from Ala Mode.

What most people will tell you about Ala Mode is that it's small, and it is. It's maybe the size of one and a half dorm rooms so the space is tight and it's almost always packed. But if you can stand close corners nothing compares to a breakfast from Ala Mode.



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Gypsy Nickel

One of Big Rapids hidden delights, you'll miss out on a good time if you forgo a trip to the Gypsy Nickel. So, as is pretty much the case with all of the restaurants on this list, I'll get it out of the way: Oh my God, the food. So much variety. Eat here. Moving on, what's unique about the Gypsy Nickel is that it's a conscious hang out for Ferris students; it wants you to come in and stay awhile. Every Wednesday is karaoke night and several weeks throughout the semester they'll host a trivia competition. Really, Gypsy is beyond my praise, please seek it out, you'll have a good time.

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Where to eat on-campus

Ben Rettinhouse
News Editor

Ferris State University offers a wide variety of dining options for students living on campus. With two on campus dining facilities and a third opening in January along with the new University Center, students shouldn't find anything lacking when it comes to getting lunch on campus.

Both of the current on-campus dining facilities, The Rock Café and Westside Café, are buffet style eatery's that have a variety of different options every day of the week, three times a day. From a make-your-own sandwich line to fresh pizzas made hourly to a breakfast bar that goes until two in the afternoon, to the Mongolian Grill, the on-campus dining aims to please students with a broad array of options.

Unless a particular meal plan

is selected-bronze, silver, gold, or platinum-the default meal plan is silver, which comes with unlimited meals and no Bulldog Bucks, which can be used as currency at The Market or Starbucks. The bronze plan comes with 75 meal passes per semester and the gold and platinum meal plans come with unlimited meals and increasingly more Bulldog Bucks.

For students on even the most standard meal plan the on-campus dining facilities are a source of unlimited food-well, technically 10,000 meals a week. Both The Rock and Westside are open from 7 in the morning until midnight.

The most famous attraction of The Rock Café is the Mongolian "Mongo" Grill. A make-your-own dish style bar that allows you to create your own Mongolian dish is almost always flooded from the time it opens until it closes at mid-

night.

For those consciously counting calories, determined not to gain the "freshman 15", the dining services website provides a nutrition calculator and a list of what's going to be served that day for breakfast lunch and dinner. To find out all of the nutrition facts for any given meal plug in the meal option into the calculator and the calories, sodium and levels of what have you will appear for your convenience.

In the upcoming University Center will, reportedly be a food court comprised of several kiosks from different fast food chains. Although nothing has been confirmed the food court is what is reported on the University Center webpage.

For more information about dining services go to the dining services website at <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/dining/>.



Photo By: Harrison Watt | Editor-in Chief

The Rock Cafe, the biggest on campus dining facility, located in the south quad.



Photo By: Harrison Watt | Editor-in Chief

Westside Cafe, the newest dining facility on campus, located in Bond Circle

STUDENT HOUSING from Page 4

Ferris housing requirement changed for 2014

"As a student, the biggest trend I've seen is students wishing to move off of campus their second year," Metts said.

Mentley has seen a "boom of excitement" for students who can now move off campus but believes that with the upcoming

improvements and renovations to the dorms, many students will choose to stay on campus, regardless of the new policy.

According to Marquardt, there has not been a trend of students moving on or off campus. It has stayed at a flat rate for the

last few years.

"So many people leave the residence halls more mature, holistically developed, culturally competent, and aware individuals," Mentley said.

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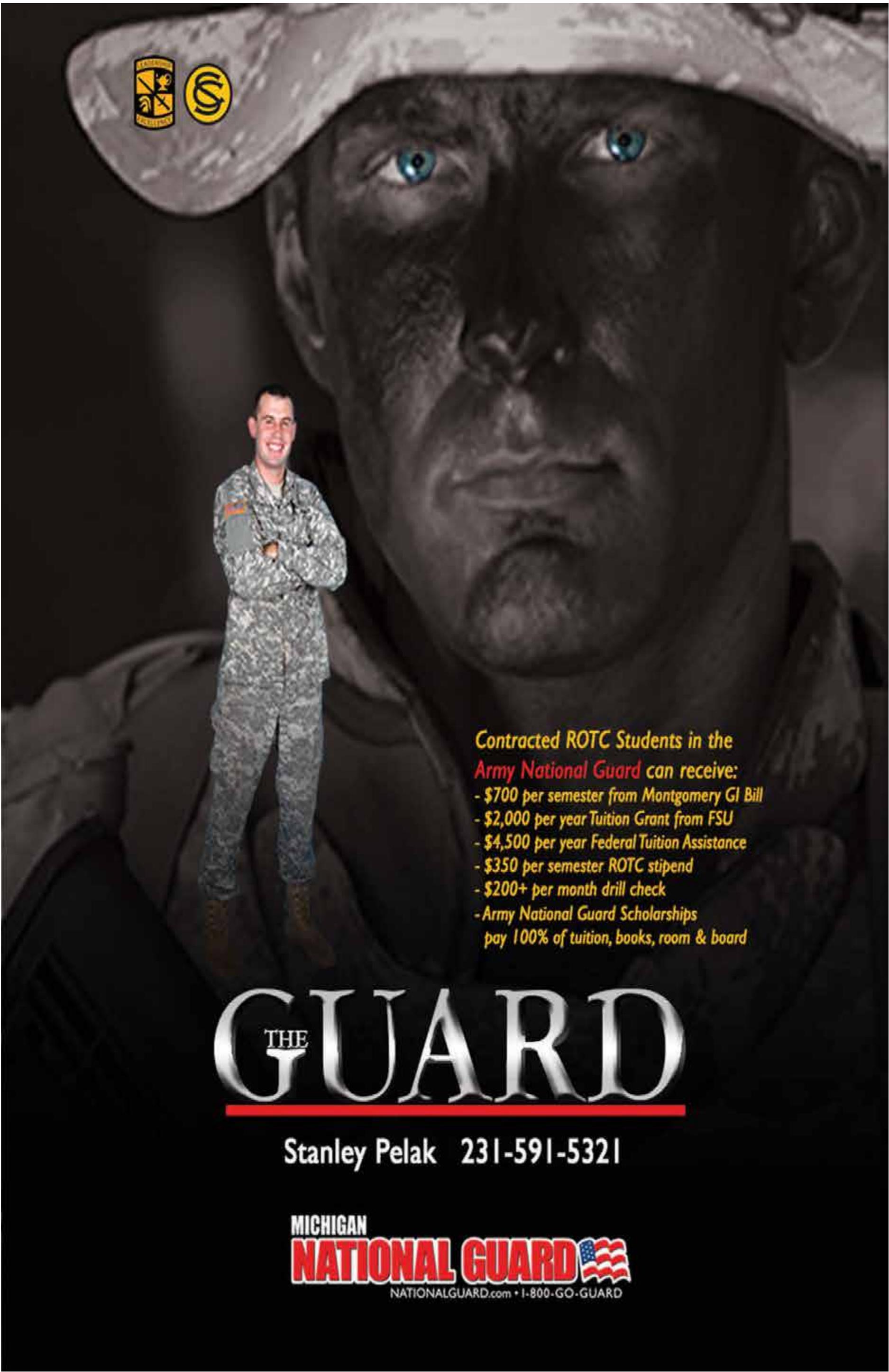
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Letter From The Editor

Welcome

Harrison Watt
 Editor-in-Chief

For those of you considering Ferris, welcome to campus.

As you walk around and look at this foreign concept that you may soon be calling your school, keep a few things in mind.

I learned this quickly in college, the people you went to high school with that ended up at Ferris alongside you, whether you liked them or not, will be overly polite to you whenever you see them.

You might be shocked, but it wears off pretty quickly.

The other scary reality about orientation is that the person that you're quickly becoming close to during your tour is someone that won't recognize or acknowledge your existence come September.

Once you've tackled that, you may get the opportunity to check out the Rock or one of the other campus

The Rock is wildly convenient most days, offering a wide variety of food choices, but its hours of operation tend to land students in trouble with the infamous freshmen fifteen. Eat with care, and fourth meal in moderation. You may get sick of eating at the same place every day, but it really could be a lot worse.

Now for the part everyone is apprehensive about: moving into a residence hall.

You may think having the party roommate is all fun and games, but when you have sociology paper due at 8 a.m. on a Friday morning, you'll quickly realize that the mess and the weekly "Thirsty Thursday" celebration is old hat. The good news is you can switch if you want.

It's ideal to have a quiet roommate. You can sleep when you want, study when you want, and generally enjoy true peace and quiet, which is rare at college.

The room is small, but at Ferris, you are blessed with your own bathroom.

Your suitemates may take awhile in there, but thank the lord you don't have to use dreaded community bathrooms.

Ferris did tell you to 'Imagine More,' but I promise you if you imagine more WiFi, you will be sorely underprepared.

Buy an Ethernet cord. You won't regret it.

After speaking with the staff at the Torch, I have discovered that the constant factor in "Why they love Ferris" is the people, so be at ease, nervous newcomers.

In college, you will make good and bad decisions and you will study long into the night.

Just don't blink; it'll be over before you know it.

OFF THE RECORD from Page 3
Eisler imparts one piece of advice to freshman

love ice cream and my wife would say, "Boy is that ever true."

Torch- What is the one thing most people don't know about you?

Eisler- I am a marathon runner. I have run two marathons this year so far, I ran in Orlando and I ran in Los Angeles and I'm going to run a half marathon in Minnesota. I run 30 to 40 miles a week.

It's kind of my thinking time and it's restful and relaxing for me.

Torch- If you were to give one piece of advice to an incoming freshman, what would it be?

Eisler- Get engaged. It's just that simple. Students will hear this over and over, but you just need to get out and make new friends and find out what the university has to offer. The people are

here to help students succeed and it's a great opportunity to find the people who really have the same interest that you do.

Torch- In your own words, what is Bulldog pride?

Eisler- I think Bulldog pride is this appreciation for the Ferris experience. It's this unbelievable commitment to our university and the difference it makes for students.

Did you know?

1) Dr. Eisler received his bachelor's and doctoral degrees in clarinet performance from University of Michigan, and his master's from ivy league school, Yale.

2) Eisler frequently plays his clarinet with the Ferris State pep band at various Bulldog sports events.

3) An avid marathon runner, Eisler runs approximately 30 to 40 miles a week.

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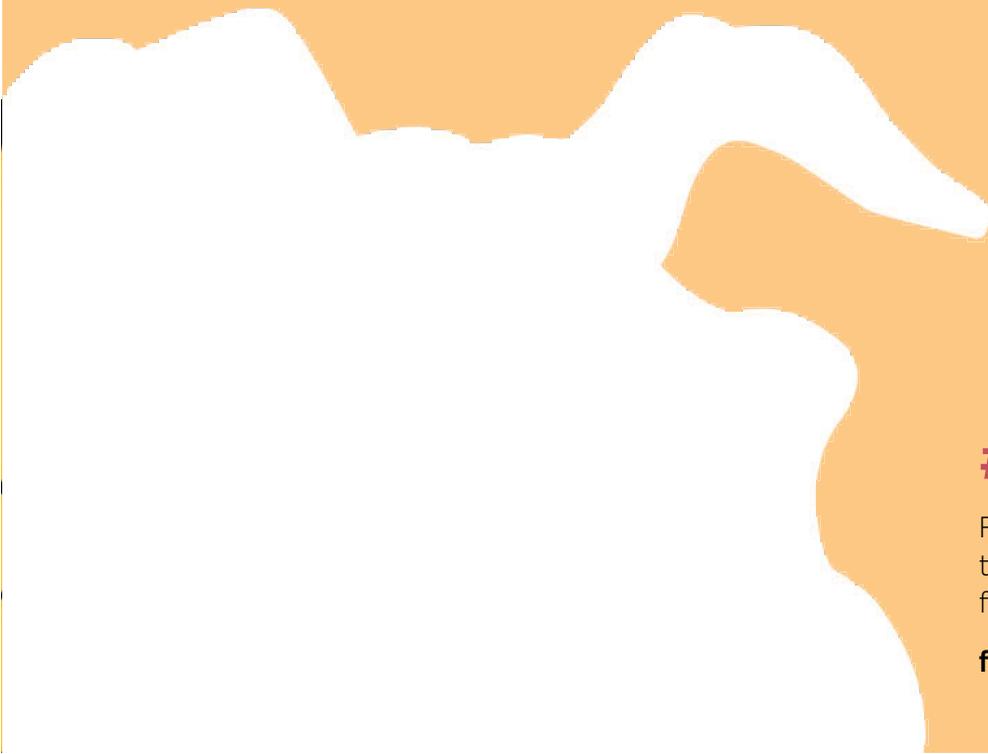
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LEGAL GUIDE



Playing it safe

Tips on how to drink and party safely



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Megan Smith
Ferris State Torch

We all know college students are among many people who like to go out with friends and drink alcohol, but safety is our own responsibility.

There are many ways to go out and drink safely with friends, but it all starts with just being the appropriate, legal age of twenty-one.

One of the main ways to pre-

vent drunken accidents is by having a designated driver, walking home, finding a ride home from a friend or calling a cab.



Thomas Rich
Junior, mechanical engineering technology

People who drink and drive

not only put themselves in danger, but they also put everyone else in the car and on the road around them in danger as well.

“I know some kids that have died from drinking and driving,” mechanical engineering technology major Thomas Rich, age 21, said. “Somebody’s life is way more important than alcohol.”

Another tip on how to drink safely is to make sure you never set your drink down at a party. You should always have your drink covered and never accept

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Tips from DPS with Officer Matt Decker

Staying safe on campus

Matt Decker



Matt Decker
Department of Public Safety Officer

2008 graduate of West Shore Community College police academy.

Former officer for Barryton, MI and most recently Reed City, MI.

Worked as school liaison officer for Reed City High School.

Certified firefighter for Reed City, MI since 2002.

Certified in Fire Fighter I, medical first response, and hazmat awareness.

Employed as a Ferris State DPS officer since 2013.

Richard Mead
Sports Editor

Walking around campus after dark:

“Best bet is to walk with a friend or someone that you trust. Don’t ever walk alone. We recommend that you stay in well-lit or well-populated areas. Be aware of your environment and pay attention to what’s going on around you.”

If you have to walk alone after dark:

“If you are going to your vehicle, carry your car keys in your hands. That way you have quicker access to your vehicle, or you can even use them as a weapon if you have to defend yourself.”

What can you carry as a personal protection devise?

“We really don’t like to see weapons on campus, still some women carry some sort of mace or OC spray on their key chains and that’s ok. But, our school is a weapon free zone. The best weapon would be your head.”

How do the emergency buttons around campus work?

“Always try to know where the emergency buttons are. When you hit the button it dials directly to 911, our Meceola Central Dispatch, you tell them what your emergency is and they relay it to us. By the time you push that button, in the matter of 15 to 30 seconds max, dispatch is

on the radio with us and letting us know where we need to go.”

Places around campus or Big Rapids to avoid completely:

“Big Rapids is generally a safe place to be. There are a lot of alleyways and back streets that are very dark.”

Tips on staying safe in the dorms:

“My best piece of advice is if you are in your dorm, keep your door locked and same with your windows. We have had some breaking and entering on campus where people have entered through the windows, so make sure your windows are always locked also.”

How many officers are there in Big Rapids at any given time?

“At any given time we have, at the very minimum, four police officers patrolling Big Rapids; but it’s usually between six and possibly eight officers. We are definitely out and visible, being proactive and we are only two or three minutes away from you at the max.”

One piece of advice to a student on being safe on campus:

“I know it’s Ferris and it’s the college life, but really focus on why you are here. You are here to get a good education and be a productive citizen in the community. So, you are really here for one reason, and that’s getting an education, so make that your priority.”

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17 Reports

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373 Reports

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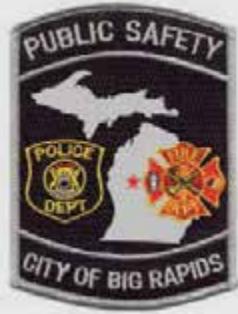
Illegal Weapons
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Vehicle Theft
4 Reports

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4 Reports



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A Ferris DPS officer stops cars from entering Finch Court where the suspect from the February 1 Ferris shooting, that happened at the Venlo apartments, was hiding. All four police agencies were on hand during the event.

Every police department in Big Rapids work to keep students safe

Nichole Boehnke
Ferris State Torch

Within Big Rapids, there are four police departments, all of whom work together to make the city and Ferris State, a safer place.

The four departments of Mecosta County include Ferris State Department of Public Safety (DPS), Big Rapids DPS, Mecosta County Sherriff's Office and the Michigan State Police. Response to calls are venue specific, with Ferris

DPS responding to on campus crimes and Mecosta County assisting in crimes located off campus and outside of Big Rapids.

Ferris D P S is the first to respond to all on campus



Bruce Borkovich
Director of Public Safety

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Blame it on the Adderall

Prescription drug use and the college student



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Richard Mead
Sports Editor

College finals weeks can be one of the most stressful times in a young adult's life, and some students turn to drugs, legal and illegal, to take the edge off.

Throughout the last week of school, students are pushed to their mental limits as they cram as much studying into one week as they can to prepare for final exams. To stay up during the grueling study nights, some students guzzle coffee by the pot and some resort to the ol' self-face slap. Other students, though, turn to drugs, prescribed or other, to combat the effects of exam week.

"I am prescribed to Adderall, and I do use them during exam week," sophomore graphic design student, Hayley Bunschoten, said. "It motivates me to get things done. It makes you focus on whatever you want to focus on whether it be schoolwork or video games."

Bunschoten has been prescribed Adderall for three years, and takes them regularly. After beginning to take the drug, which is prescribed to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy, Bunschoten saw her GPA rise from 3.3 in high school to 3.9 in college.

Adderall, just like any prescription drug, can be abused. The drug, which is classified as a schedule II narcotic, is notorious around college campuses as it is sold to non-prescribed students to help them stay awake and focused during study times. The illegal selling or buying of Adderall, or any other prescription drug, can land the person a fine of \$10,000 and up to seven years in prison.

"I think during exam week, if

people who are not prescribed to Adderall take it, it is not a huge deal," Bunschoten said. "From what I have seen, everyone has the same impact from it."

The use of Adderall and other similar drugs, such as Vyvanse and Concerta, carry many negative side effects that can be harmful for those who do not need it.

"I feel irritated all day, I'm mentally not hungry, my feet sweat, and it's really hard to fall asleep," sophomore graphic design student, Alex Johnson, who has been prescribed Adderall for two years, said. "The side effects aren't fun, but I know I need the Adderall to maintain good grades."

Apart from prescription medications, many students turn towards other illegal substances to either gain an edge or to take the edge off. Students have been known to partake in binge drinking and many students smoke marijuana to battle the immense stress they are under throughout exams.

Either way, the use of prescription drugs without the authorization of a doctor or the use of criminal substances overall is illegal. Abusing drugs to combat stress or to stay awake is dangerous and can become life threatening, so the best way to avoid the symptoms is to not use said substances at all.

"If the use of illegal drugs helps you perform better in school, you're cheating," said Emily Frew, a junior studying medical illustration at Kendall College of Art and Design. "Getting through anything in life with that kind of aid is a synthetic way of living. You can get through any degree of hardships without the use because you are strong and adaptive."

Park it perfect

Tips and tricks to avoid getting tickets on campus



Photo By: Harrison Watt | Editor-in-Chief

Justin Aiken
Ferris State Torch

For students at Ferris State University, one of the more frustrating things on campus may be parking, but that problem can be solved with one simple solution. Follow the rules.

Austin Wallace, a freshman in the nursing program at Ferris, had one piece of advice for everyone when it comes to parking.

"Don't park at McDonalds and expect to not get a ticket," Wallace said. "I racked up quite a few parking tickets from McDonalds early in my first semester before I knew about some of the other commuter lots on campus. All the lots have signs that tell you whether or not you can park there, so definitely pay attention to those."

Parking lots throughout campus have designated lot numbers, are color coordinated and also

tell you whether it is a commuter parking lot, residence hall parking lot, faculty and staff parking lot, or a visitor spot. Parking in a restricted area carries an initial \$20 fee and is increased to \$25 if the fee is not paid within five days.

Meter parking spots are also placed throughout campus and are available to all students, faculty, staff and visitors regardless of what lot they are located. You must pay a fee of 25 cents per half hour at the meter and most meters hold a maximum of two hours. Parking meters by Williams Auditorium, though, only allot thirty minutes.

Kyle Bergman, Ferris public relations junior advises students to get to class early to find a parking spot, as most commuter lots fill up fast.

"I always try to get to class a little bit early. The commuter lots at the business building fill up pretty fast some days," Bergman

said. "There have been days where I've drove circles around the business building commuter lot looking for a spot and some days when you pull in and find a spot right away. Either way, I just try to get there early so I make sure I find a spot."

In order to get a parking permit, you must show a valid driver's license and current state vehicle registrations. Fall, spring, and summer permits are available for \$100. Permits for motorcycles and mopeds are also available for \$35 for the fall, spring, and summer.

To pick up a parking permit you can visit the Ferris State Department of Public Safety. Parking permits can be purchased Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is also open seven days a week and 24 hours a day for any additional information about parking and temporary parking permits.

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Alcohol safety tips for college students

drinks from others unless you open it yourself.

"I accepted a drink from a guy one time at a party and soon blacked out right after," said an anonymous 23-year-old. "I



Ben Mackey
Bartender at The Gate

found out the next day that I had been drugged. Nothing terrible happened, I just do not remember anything else

from the night and awoke in my own bed not knowing how I got there."

Another great precaution to take is when going out to the bar, always make sure to pace yourself and have options for getting home.

"We offer free cab rides," bartender at The Gate, Ben Mackey, said. "We are responsible for everyone that comes in, so we have to make sure that they do not drive if they have been drinking. If someone is falling out of their bar stool or acting differently and cannot talk, then we of course have to stop serving them."

Most college students partake in binge drinking because of the peer pressure they are under and because they want to have fun. It can be a very dangerous pastime.

"I always make sure to drink in a safe environment," said Rich. "Try to pace yourself and figure out your limits."

While drinking there are many different behaviors that come out of people because alcohol affects everyone differently.

You need to be aware of all of the violent acts that people partake in while under the influence of alcohol.

If put into a situation of violence, make sure to call 911 to stop the problem from escalating and becoming potentially dangerous.

If there is anyone that is passed out on the ground and not breathing, promptly call 911 for an ambulance.

If students can take one piece of advice, it would be to make sure to party safely and with close friends, because you never know what people will do when they are intoxicated.

There are a lot of different ways to stay safe when drinking, but of course the best way to stay safe is to just not drink at all. A lot of dangerous and unexpected things can happen when under the influence of alcohol.

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There are four different police departments within Big Rapids

incidents. They employ 14 certified police officers and approximately 40 students as booth attendants, dispatchers, service officers, foot patrol, traffic control and special event security. Chief Bruce Borkovich is the Director of Public Safety at Ferris.

"We want to make Ferris and the community a safe place and solve the crime at hand. We don't focus on being territorial," Borkovich said. "We keep people safe by knowing our resources and emergency response partners and how we can best work together."

The last time the departments were all involved was in an investigation of the Venlo shooting early February. The original investigation was with the sheriff's department since the incident occurred off campus.

"When the suspect was discovered to be on campus, Ferris DPS stepped in and it was all one big police agency, even the state police gave help," Borkovich said. "No area is immune to crimes and being able to have a close relationship with neighboring departments and work great together is why crimes get solved fast in Mecosta County."

According to Big Rapids police Officer Jim Eddinger, although it doesn't occur often, all departments participate in mutual aid when necessary.

"If there was to be a house on fire with college students in it, we aren't going to wait around until we are specifically called to help," Eddinger said. "This also means that if two officers in the area are already tied up in an accident we don't hesitate to ask for

assistance from other departments when there is another emergency."

The Big Rapids Police Division, who employs 18 full-time officers, provides services to all of Big Rapids, except the campus of Ferris State University.

"I like to remind students who live off campus to be courteous to their neighbors. Residents should know that their neighbors also have lives and to be cognitive of that while enjoying their time at college," Eddinger said.

Ferris DPS said it acts also as a part of the education process. While students are getting their education, Ferris DPS wants them to learn how to make better decisions by asking if what they're doing in that moment could negatively affect their career.

"We don't want to put people in the position where they can no longer get licensed for their profession," Borkovich said. "We ask students to come here, have fun, be safe and enjoy Ferris by keeping in mind that we aren't your enemy, but here to keep you safe."

Each police department is focused on one thing and one thing only, keeping residents of Big Rapids, students or not, safe. All of the four departments work hand in hand when the problem presents itself, and always keeps public safety the main priority.

Located in West Commons, the Ferris DPS stays open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for student safety. To contact for emergencies is always dialing 911. Non-emergency contact is x5000 and the Campus Crime Hotline is x5900.



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INVOLVEMENT

“A great way to get involved with service is to find a service-based RSO.”
Nicole Conley
Senior, optometry
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DO WHAT YOU LOVE

Students can find an organization on campus that suits their interests

Hailey Klingel
Ferris State Torch

Being involved in a registered student organization (RSO) is an aspect of college life that many Ferris students experience.

A RSO is a group of Ferris students with a similar interest in an activity, subject or cause.

Ferris has over 200 RSO's, so finding one that sparks interest should be fairly easy.

Some unique RSOs with great involvement are Colleges Against Cancer, Bulldog Radio and the FSU Outdoor Club.

“Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) aims to raise awareness of cancer as well as celebrating those that have been diagnosed or have felt the impact of cancer,” CAC president and music industry management junior Travis Hodder said. “Overall, the one thing all members have in

common is passion in the fight against cancer.”

The main event CAC participates in is the annual Relay for Life, which raised around \$36,000 for the American Cancer Society in April.

“CAC is an excellent RSO to get involved with because it revolves around such a great cause,” Hodder said. “It's a great way to make friends while also getting involved on campus and accomplishing some very powerful things.”

Hodder is also the co-president of Bulldog Radio, along

with psychology freshman Jackie Charette.

“Our mission is to provide our listeners with a well-rounded array of music and information resource options,” Charette said, “as well as providing mobile DJ services for Ferris RSO's and faculty.”

Bulldog Radio welcomes students from all majors and the only requirement to join is a love for music.

By setting up equipment and hosting mobile events, Bulldog Radio plays music for students on campus and the Big Rapids community.

“Bulldog Radio brings people together with a common bond of loving music,” Charette said. “It exposes students of Ferris to a diverse selection of music and gives our members an opportunity to express themselves on air.”

Ferris Campus airs Bulldog Radio live on channel 21 and for Mecosta County it's found on channel 98. Bulldog Radio holds weekly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in FLITE 135.

Another RSO offered at Ferris is the FSU Outdoor Club for individuals with a passion for the great outdoors.

“The FSU Outdoor Club is a fun and exciting student led organization whose mission is to encourage and promote environmentally friendly participation in outdoor recreation,” FSU Outdoor Club president and pre-physical therapy sophomore Aaron Bieber said.

The Outdoor Club is an option to explore for adventurous students who enjoy hiking, camping, kayaking, skiing and a variety of other outdoor activities.

This organization also aims

to provide insight and awareness of the environment through community service projects and campus-community outreach programming, according to Bieber.

Each semester, the FSU Outdoor Club participates in the building and maintenance of various trails throughout the Manistee National Forest alongside the U.S. Forest Service.

“At the heart of our group is just a giant group of friends that like to do as many activities as they can, all while supporting the outdoors we love at the same time,” Bieber said.

Anyone wanting to get a sense of the great outdoors through the FSU Outdoor Club can contact Aaron at bievera@ferris.edu.

Those wishing to join CAC in the fall can email Hodder at hoddert@ferris.edu for meeting times and locations.



Travis Hodder
Junior, music industry management

Giving back

Volunteering is good for the resume and the heart



Photo By: Photo Service

Ferris State University student and Greek volunteers stay warm with the Big Rapids community participating in "Freezing for a Cause."

Hailey Klingel

Ferris State Torch

Students who desire contributing to a greater good, opportunities for new friendship, and building their resume can take advantage of the many service options Ferris offers.

The volunteering choices at Ferris range from doing yard work for residents of Big Rapids to 5k runs to RSO-specific service.

Volunteer manager and Optometry senior Nichole Conley recommends that students wishing to volunteer should



Amber Cumings
Senior, pre-optometry

join the Volunteer Center on OrgSync to stay up-to-date on current service postings.

Conley also advocates becoming a member of an RSO that requires volunteering to be done through their organization.

"Benefits to volunteering would definitely be meeting new people and having network opportunities," said Conley. Conley also added that students who volunteer at campus career fair are not only are they getting volunteer hours for doing so, but they also get to interact with the employers and could potentially get interviews or internships.

Even for students with hectic schedules, there are always volunteering opportunities.

"For busy students, I would

recommend Safe Ride--it runs during the weekends where they may have more time to volunteer," Conley said.

Circle K International, a service-based organization and RSO at Ferris, is an excellent group to join for students interested in jump-starting their volunteer activity.

"Our main purpose is to perform community service for the Big Rapids area and to raise money which can be put directly back into the community," said Amber Cumings, Circle K president and pre-optometry senior. "The motto that we often live by is 'live to serve, love to serve!'"

Members of Circle K are encouraged to complete at least 15 community service hours with the Haunted House the organization puts on.

Other events Circle K members participate in are the Toboggan Race, Relay for Life, the Big Event, and putting together Easter baskets for the Department of Human Services.

"Individually participating in things can be difficult, but it's possible," Cumings said. "A great

way to get involved with service is to find a service-based RSO."

Those wishing to join the Circle K can contact the



Nicole Conley
Senior, optometry

newly elected president, Andrew Zwerlein at zwerlea@ferris.edu.



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Students participate in helping clean up Big Rapids by volunteering for the Big Event. This event is held during spring semester.

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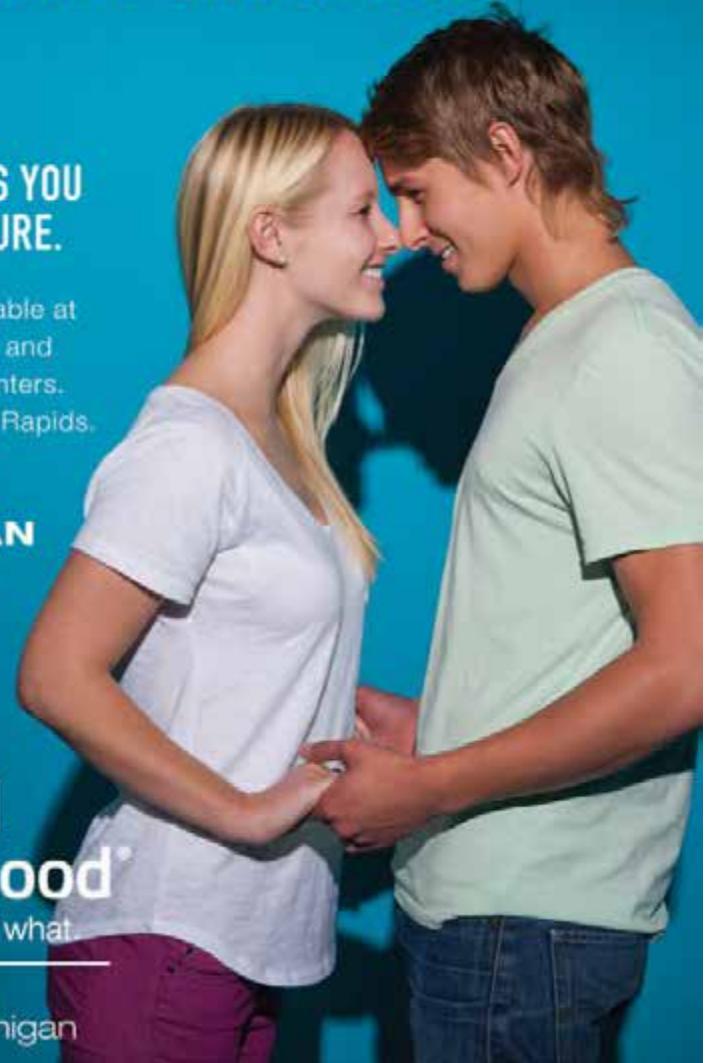
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GOING GREEK

New students can get involved by joining the Greek community

Sarah Force
Lifestyles Editor

Contrary to popular belief, there is more to Greek life on campus than parties.

Fraternities and sororities can provide a home away from home and long-lasting friendships. Joining a Greek organization exposes students to a large network of colleagues with similar interests, too.

Going Greek can also help freshmen transition successfully into college life and find internships and job opportunities, according to Interfraternity Adviser Mark Schuelke.

"Greek Life is ultimately about supporting your philanthropy, sisterhood and brotherhood, and networking," pre-pharmacy senior and member of Lambda Kappa Sigma Sara Kolc said.

According to Schuelke, Greek life exists to promote the shared interests and values of its members in leadership, scholarship and service.

"[Greek organizations] promote growth for our brothers and sisters as individuals and members of an organization through teamwork, accountability, collaboration and leadership," Schuelke said.

Ferris has 21 Greek organizations on campus representing three councils: Black Greek Council, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.

Joining a Greek organization can provide you with several opportunities to develop personally, according to Schuelke.

"Greek life for me has been an amazing experience," Ferris marketing junior and Pi Lambda Phi President AJ King said. "I have become more confident with myself, and I feel like I'm a student with a purpose."

Some of the opportunities include connections, leadership skills that can be applied to a future career, volunteering experience, coordinating events and activities on campus, networking with individuals with similar interests and future career contacts.

King said networking was a key benefit for him; he landed an internship through an alumnus in his fraternity.

"If you decide to join a Greek organization, besides providing a family away from home, it can help you develop and grow as an individual," Schuelke said.

In addition to professional development, networking perks, and serving the community, Greek organizations know how to have a good time on campus as well.

Greeks participate in social events such as Greek Week, homecoming, the BIG Event, mixers, retreats and formals.

Greek Week is a week-long event during the spring semester that has been a Ferris tradition for over 30 years.

Homecoming events include a lip sync competition, kickball tournament, and bonfire, comedian, parade and football game during Sept. 29 - Oct. 3.

Schuelke recommends anyone interested in joining the Greek community check out all the fraternities or sororities before they decide.

Freshmen can get involved with Greek life by exploring the different fraternities and sororities during the rush weeks at the beginning of the semester.

"My hometown is three hours away, but my sisters truly are my family and make me feel welcomed here," Kolc said. "I can't picture what my college experience would have been if I didn't go Greek."



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Alpha Sigma Tau and Phi Sigma Kappa celebrate being lip sync champs during Spring Greek week. Being part of the Greek community gives you the opportunity to participate in events such as these on campus.

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What's on Tap?

Events to look forward to for the fall semester

Sarah Force
Lifestyles Editor

Keep your eyes, your ears and your schedules open. Ferris has many events taking place in the fall that you won't want to miss.

If you are new to Ferris and Big Rapids, you won't want to pass up Bulldog Bonanza on Sept. 17.

Bulldog Bonanza is a great way for students to get acquainted with local businesses, Ferris service departments and more 200 registered student organizations (RSO).

Take a walk, meet some people and find something that interests you from 4-7 p.m. in the Wink

Arena.

A couple weeks later, homecoming kicks off on September 28 with a Bedsheet Banner Contest. There will be events every day of the week such as a lip sync competition, kickball tournament, bonfire and comedian.

"There's events for everyone, whether it be competitive events such as the kickball tournament and king and queen campaign or just fun, social events like the bonfire and comedian," comedian chair Josh Olszewski said. "It's great way to meet people who you wouldn't normally meet."

Saturday, Oct. 4 is the grand finale of the week. There will be

a parade at noon followed by a morning of tailgating and a chili-cook off in Lot 37.

Finally, the Ferris State Bulldog football team plays Findlay at 2 p.m. at Top Taggart Field.

The theme of this year's homecoming is Motown.

"The Motown theme gives us a chance to do some really cool things with events such as lip sync because the Motown Era is famous for the whole matching outfits and synchronized dancing," Olszewski said.

While exact dates are yet to be announced, the Music Industry Management Association (MIMA) will also be hosting its annual fall concert, Autumn aLive.

"Autumn aLive is going to be changing from what people are used to," MIMA president Sam Wohlfeil said. "Instead of a single concert, we are planning on having multiple concerts during the semester, making up more of a series."

MIMA plans to hold shows in October, November and December. Students can look forward to multiple genres and multiple artists.

"This will allow for great entertainment for the students throughout the course of the semester," Wohlfeil said.

While homecoming and Autumn aLive are a blast, don't forget to grab your suit and ties. Career Week is starting on

October 20.

Students can take advantage of events like keynote speakers, workshops and the Career and Internship fair thanks to the Ferris Center for Leadership, Activities and Career Services.

The Career and Internship fair brought in a variety of more than 170 employers during the spring semester for students to discover new opportunities, make connections with professionals in their field and possibly land an interview.

To find more events on campus, visit the University Calendar at calendar.ferris.edu

Fall 2014-15 Event Calendar

**Sorority
Recruitment**
September 12
5 p.m.-IRC 120

Bulldog Bananza
September 17
4:00 p.m.

**First Home
Football Game**
September 20
vs. Grand Valley St.
7:00 p.m.
Top Taggart Field

**Homecoming
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September 29-Oct. 3,
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Andy Huff ties the WCHA Semi-Final to send it to overtime in Grand Rapids' Van Andel Arena on March 21 against the Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves.

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Big Rapids may seem small, but this just makes each item on the short “must try” checklist worth experiencing. Other than one-time annual events such as “Turn Up the Good” and Ferris Fest, pickings can be slim. With that said, there are a few standards most students can agree on.

Tubing

As soon as it warms up a little, students hit the river. Not swimming or canoeing, but tubing. It keeps you cool and it keeps summer tedium at bay. The Sawmill Tube and Canoe Livery offers tube rental and transportation, but some people go so often they’ll have tubes to share. Tubing enthusiasts are many in Big Rapids. One such fan is dental hygiene freshman Meredith Brown.

“It’s fun because you relax and sit there with friends/family enjoying the weather and company and water while chit-chatting and eating/drinking and tanning,” Brown said.

Hockey

Although football reigns at many Division I schools, hockey reigns at Ferris. Hockey games are always an exciting event and they provide the most success for Ferris Athletics.

Information technology and security senior Connor Ivens is certainly a fan (and one of

many).

“Attending a hockey game here in Big Rapids is unlike anything else; the atmosphere that surrounds the Ferris State team is so incredible,” Ivens said. “Just being in the rink with them is enough to bring you to your feet. It’s more than just a game, it’s a lifestyle that can really encapsulate anyone.”

It will be a few months until they hit the ice again, but it’s worth marking your calendars now. Winter sneaks up on Big Rapids faster than any of us prefer.

Photo with Brutus

Who are the Bulldogs without Brutus? Brutus is a fixture of events, and not just the sports ones. Hockey games, Relay for Life, random events in the IRC; Brutus is always around to pump up students. Grabbing a photo with him is tradition.

Sometimes, it’s even more than that. Music industry management senior Becky Bernard took a snapshot with Brutus at a photo booth for fun. She ended up stumbling her way into a gift card just by donating some money to the local animal shelter.

“I took a picture for my boss not knowing it was for a contest or donating to the animal shelter. Then I realized it was for a good cause, and if I got the most likes I could win gift cards to local businesses in [Big Rapids],” Bernard said. “I ended up winning with over 280 likes.”



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Esteemed Ferris mascot, Brutus Ferris doing his best to blend in with the crowd at a graduation ceremony.



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Ferris students tube down the Muskegon River that runs along the East side of campus; a Ferris Tradition.

A quick escape

Day trips to get out of Big Rapids



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Big Rapids neighbor to the south, Grand Rapids, is just 50 minutes down highway 131 south, and supplies major entertainment needs for Western Michigan, from going to Whitecaps Baseball games and Griffins Hockey games, to their bars.

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Welcome to Big Rapids, your new least favorite home. The quaint country town has its distractions and its attractions, but out-of-towners, it can be a bit scant. There are two solutions: make your own fun or get the hell out of Dodge. This is for those who favor the latter.

Grand Rapids

Do you remember downtowns, those sprawls of specialty stores and one-off cafes? Big Rapids has one, and even has some cool things! But Grand Rapids has more: comic shops, record shops, music venues, multiple bars. Gather a gaggle of friends and spend a lazy Saturday down there. You might actually be able to find a movie you want to see, and on a great screen.

Big events are alive and well down there, too. There is baseball with the White Caps, hockey with the Griffins, big concerts at Van Andel Arena. In those hockey- and concertless lulls, find your fix down south.

Silver Lake Sand Dunes

The Silver Lake State Park offers 3,000 acres of forestry and Lake Michigan-abutting coastline, all ripe for a nature lover's enjoyment.

Activities abound: golf, fishing, paths and trails, bikes and boats. Big Rapids offers a number of these things, scenery and activities, but not on the scale available on Michigan's West Coast, and not with a body of

water broaching the level of Lake Michigan. Take the day off from cramped dorms, odious roommates, and homework to go bask on a beach.

Michigan Adventure

Like Cedar Point but don't have the money or the time? Hit up Michigan's Adventure for a day of "fun." Sure, most of the rides are for kids and the water park's always crowded but you can ride Shivering Timbers for a seventh time without it getting old, right?

Michigan's Adventure, located in the scenic heart of Muskegon is great place to go for a few hours on a Saturday. And of course, one cannot deny that kettle corn.

Soaring Eagle

That refund is burning a hole in your pocket, and you have a night to kill. Slots, blackjack, keno, poker - there are plenty of people here eager to take your money. Who knows, you may even win! The camaraderie that grows at a hot blackjack table is electric - walk away with an armful of chips and it makes for a fantastic night.

Sure, you'll probably lose and never experience that - but there's always a possibility. Gambling is all about the rush of the risk, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. So, if you feel like a rush or a thrill before some crushing agony, head on over to Mt. Pleasant. You can even ease your suffering by catching a movie at a movie theater with more than four screens.



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Living on your own

Five differences between high school and college

Sarah Force
Ferris State Torch

You finally did it. You've approached your first big milestone in life upon graduating high school. Chances are you're feeling excited, free and even a little scared or lost.

Regardless of your feelings, you're about to experience a major transition from high school to college this fall.

Believe it or not, adjusting to these changes may take some getting used to.

1. Freedom

In high school, you had little say in anything between your teachers and your parents. In college, it's a whole new ballgame.

"I don't have to answer to anyone but myself here," music industry management freshman Mariah Bouwkamp said.

Not only do you get to choose what you study in college, but you can also pick your classes and create a schedule catered to you.

You can take early classes and finish by 1 p.m. or you can choose not to wake up until 11 a.m. Some professors don't even have an attendance policy.

"All the newfound freedom can be a temptation to not be responsible and to slack off on schoolwork," plastics and polymer engineering technologies freshman Chris Buse said.

You can stay out as late as you want, go wherever you want and hang out with who you want. Your time is spent the way you want to spend it, but always remember why you're at college.

2. Responsibility

Of course, with freedom comes great responsibility.

You're probably used to your parents, teachers and other school officials constantly checking up on you to make sure you're getting things done and doing exactly what you're supposed to.

Well, now you are in charge of getting your work done. College professors won't worry about you.

Buse found the vast personal responsibility was the most difficult part of his transition.

"As a college student, no one reminds you to go to class and to do the homework," Buse said. "You have to be responsible enough to do it yourself."

It's your responsibility to fulfill the necessary requirements to passing your classes and getting your degree. You'll soon discover motivation and time management are your new best friends.

3. Living on Campus

Living in dorms is one of the most memorable experiences college will give you. What is a better recipe for disaster (I mean excitement!) than a bunch of 17 to 24-year-olds living in one building?

Dorm living is fun, crazy, crowded and will probably smell at some point in the year. Between your RA, roommate and hall-mates, you will likely make new friends and memories here.

Unfortunately, college doesn't grant you the luxury of all your

classes being in one nice, warm, sheltered building.

You may already know that Michigan has some strange, unpredictable weather. Ferris is also one of the snowiest universities in the state. Be prepared to brave the elements as you trek around campus. We don't see snow days.

4. Work Load

You may have breezed through high school, but if you're expecting to use the same strategies in college, I can promise you are in for a rude awakening.

High school is now child's play. In college, assigned reading doesn't mean you get a break from homework. You actually have to read the chapters (yes, more than one chapter, too!).

Professors don't care if you don't do the homework. If you don't keep up with the syllabus and professor's instructions, you'll be left in the dust. As a college student, you must hold yourself accountable for your success. Hold on to that syllabus like it's your iPhone.

"The most difficult part [of

my transition] was learning how to manage time myself and not have strict rules and guidelines from both high school and my parents," Bouwkamp said.

A three-credit class means three hours of studying that subject outside of class per week. Finals week is an entirely different horror story.

5. Parties

Time to put on your grown-up pants. Parties won't be just a few of your friends out in the woods with a 6-pack anymore.

College parties are definitely more large-scale and more frequent than the ones you went to in high school. In fact, it's more likely you won't know everyone there.

As you venture out for your first college party, be sure to utilize the buddy system.

"My advice [to freshmen] would be not to relate college to what you see in movies," Bouwkamp said. "College is how you make it and it can be fun if you do it right."

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6 things to learn about your roommate

If you're going to live with them, you'll have to learn how to deal with them

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Music industry management freshman Kari Bosen shared some important information regarding sleeping in the dorms.

"Finding out their study habits and preferences in the room are a pretty big thing," Bosen said. "Knowing if they can sleep with noise or not is crucial. Do they prefer the light on or off? Can they sleep with music or the TV on? What about with the window open?"

One day you may move off campus and have your own space, but until then, be mindful of that light switch.



Recreational activities

Your roommates are going to have many hobbies, some legal and some illegal. If you have to ask if you should be worried about your parents finding anything when they help you move in, it's better sooner than later.

Cleanliness

Dirty dishes everywhere. Keeping up on chores is one of the biggest challenges for a college student. Find out immediately whether your new roomie vacuums once a week or once a season. Keep yourself ahead of the grime before it piles up too quickly.



Night owl or octogenarian?

One of the biggest challenges about having roommates is the variance in time of day you're up and about. You don't want to be woken up by the sad attempts of your roommate's guitar.



Pets

We're talking about cat fur everywhere. Demand your roommate supply a bucket of lint rollers and the best Swiffer you can buy if Captain Fluffy McShedders is going to go H.A.M. on the couch.



Party animal or party pooper?

If there's going to be a banger every Thursday night, it'd be better to buy the noise cancelling headphones now than to spend even one sleepless night glaring at the walls.

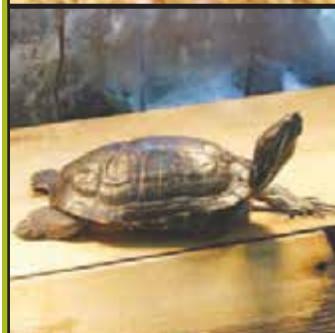
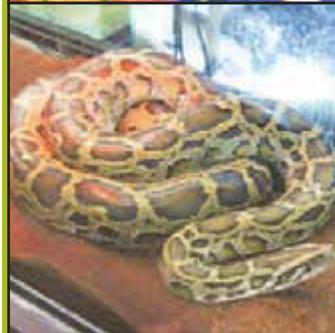
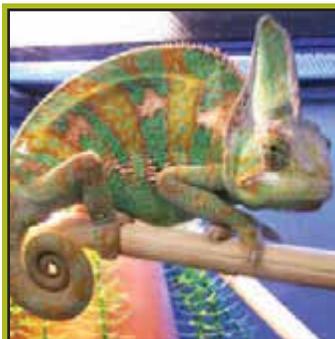
If you're the one throwing the parties, well, at least make sure they can't blame you for not warning them.

How often will there be socks on the door?

Whether your roomie is in a long-term relationship or they're more into hooking up, you want to know what you'll be walking in on (or what you'll be hearing). This will help you avoid any awkward situations when your roommate is getting it on.



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Party Savvy

Don't get caught in a bad spot

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College! That means wicked awesome parties, right? They'll be just like the movies, with the best music playing and the hottest kids dancing, each party better than the last. It'll be the time of your life, maybe, as long as you protect yourself. Don't just protect yourself from others, you'll have to watch out for yourself, too.

Don't do it alone

Parties are great for meeting people, but you always want a safety net. If everyone is lame, trashed or maybe smells a little funky, you need to have a corner to retreat to.

More people also means more info. Your friends can give you the low-down on who's who at the party and where the next, less lame party is.

Have a Designated Driver

Don't take chances. You know those public service announcements about how buzzed driving is drunk driving? It's no joke. Don't endanger yourself, and don't endanger others.

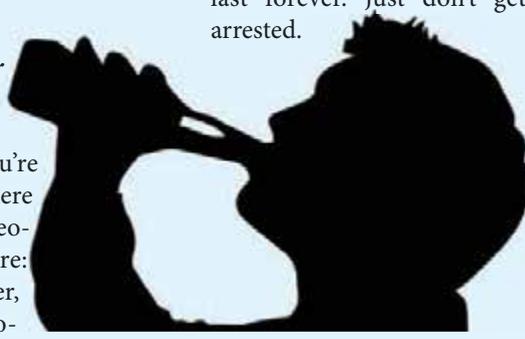
It's also important to remember a good designated driver is worthwhile. This way you can go to the party safely and can focus on having a good time when you arrive. Get a friend with a minivan to take you on to the next one.

Keep in touch

What's the point of a DD if you lose them? Keep your friends close and your phone closer (and fully charged, for that matter). If plans change, let a friend know. The last wake-up call you want is the police pounding on the door, called by a frantic roomie.

Know your drink

Be wary of what you're drinking. There are many people out there: some sinister, some igno-



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rant and some just down for a laugh. Know your limits and stick to them because you don't want to end up hidden behind sunglasses and wrapped around a toilet all morning.

Hydrate

Duh. Water will be your saving grace.

Respect the residence

It's not your place so don't smash it up. We all want to turn up, but hosts of parties don't want their stuff broken. Oddly, people seem less likely to rage repeatedly when they lose their security deposit.

Also, tip your hat to the host. It's pretty awesome of them to risk their place being trashed so you could work out those school-heightened hankerings. Respect them, for they are angels with great spaces for drinking.

Know what you're getting into

So you're going to a "party." Cool. A party could be ten friends drinking wine and watching a movie or it could be a massive drunken block party with DJs and dancing. Is it BYOB or is the jungle juice free flowing? Will your space be respected or will drunken bros be grinding on everyone in site? Find out what you're diving into and prepare yourself properly.

Talk

Feel free to chat. We're all there to escape the cramp of awkward social norms, eye contact aversion and keeping to cliques. Discover someone new, even if it's only for five minutes while you wait for the bathroom.

Have fun

Seriously. College doesn't last forever. Just don't get arrested.

Getting a leg up

Ferris provides a number of resources to help the aspiring student

Tyler Hanan
Opinions Editor

The culture shock of a college curriculum can strike like lightning - suddenly you've failed two quizzes and a test, with the homework's equations looming like some cruel, illegible joke.

For those seeking some assistance, whether it be to reach a 2.0 or a 4.0, Ferris offers a few options. Jane Pole, supervisor of the Academic Support Center (ASC), went into detail on how students can get some help - and when they should schedule that help.

"We are really super busy in the fall semester. We have a waiting list usually maybe three to four days out," Pole said. "You have to be proactive. Typically, you can't call the day you need help."

An appointment, which should be made a week ahead of time, nets one hour with a student tutor. Pole and the tutor's stress that students should come in ready to work, with everything they need help with already picked out and set aside.

The student tutors must meet the grade and screening requirements necessary for the position. This includes minimum course completion requirements, an interview, and staff recommen-

dations - which often carry the most weight.

Chemistry senior David Birdsall, who tutors chemistry, math, physics, and more, has seen the Center's business firsthand.

"It's a buzzing atmosphere - everyone's talking and learning and teaching," Birdsall said.

He also stressed how seriously the tutors take their job,

"The tutors that we have here, I can vouch for completely,"

Birdsall said. "We know our stuff, and if we don't, we don't putz around. We ask other people."



David Birdsall
Senior, chemistry

Michelle Dunn, a biology junior in the pre-veterinary track, started working at the Center in the fall of 2012. Dunn echoed Birdsall's warmth and dedication towards tutoring.

"I love helping people through the classes, especially the chemistry and biology classes. It's something that I have a passion for and that I understand, so I like being able to help peo-

ple understand," Dunn said. "It's really nice seeing a student you've been tutoring come back 'I did well on the test, thank you so much.'"

"It's been extremely rewarding. I've touched up on a lot of my old subjects - Gen Chem, Orgo [Organic Chemistry] - I've pretty much relearned Orgo two times over every week."

The ASC is located in the Arts & Science Commons next to FLITE, in room 1017. In addition to specific course help, the Center also offers help with all-around study skills: memory, note-taking, test-taking, time management, and more.

"We have study skills available, which is really nice for incoming freshmen, because it helps teach them right off the bat what's best for them," said Dunn. "So if you're not doing well in your classes, maybe it's not just that you're having trouble with the material. Maybe you don't know how to prepare for it."

Ferris also offers the Writing Center, which offers students similar help with writing. The Writing Center is located next door to the Academic Support Center in the Arts & Science Commons, creating a block of student academic support that students new and old can make use of.

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Concerts on Campus



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Ferris students enjoy annual Turn Up the Good electronic music festival held at the Gate. Djs such as MARCUTIO, TerniduP, Nortroniks, and DJ Basshead performed as students danced the night away.

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These next four years

College advice from someone who's been at it a while



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Welcome, young freshman, to the major leagues.

Here in college you will learn your own personal array of important things that will indeed expand your mind, including such popular hits as: homework matters, getting involved pays off and the knowledge that your parents were wrong sometimes. Actually, quite often.

But, while it is important to learn things for yourself, nobody ever died from a little sagely advice. Sometimes it's okay to avoid that embarrassing incident that, had someone simply warned you ahead of time, you would have side-stepped for the better. Not every lesson needs to be learned the hard way. And so, little freshman, the lessons you learn in this column from here on out are my gift to you.

First and foremost, know this. Your professors are not stupid. Those who teach often do so to better the lives of students through education, but they're human beings just like you and I, only with 20 to 50 years more life experience, which means they see through bullshit quicker. And also, in human tradition, most teachers are fickle. If you succeed

with flying colors, your teacher could become more than just a textbook with a speech function, they could become an ally and a friend. Should you fail, however, they will simply stop caring about you, and let you get what's coming to you. One simple piece of advice to keep you on your professors good side is to do more than just your homework. If possible, always go at least one step beyond. That's something I wish someone had told me before I got three years into college and accrued a handful of professors with less than stellar things to say about me.

Also important is to remember to make as many friends as possible. I won't be cliché and say that everyone you meet will have something of value to say - they won't. Some people you won't get along with, others are beneath you. I know it, you know it, lets not talk down to each other. However, getting tight with the people you do get along with is almost as important as doing well in your classes. Because, you see, some of those people will have skills that supplement yours and a quick Google search will tell you just how many success stories came from two bros doofing around in college.

And, perhaps most importantly, always be thinking about you. Because that's what the college experience is all about. It's four years of your life spent on your education that will play a large part in how you spend your future. Take time out of everyday to ask yourself "what do I want" and then go do that thing. There will be times you do things only because your friends talked you into it, which is fine, it's important to go outside of your interests sometimes but ultimately remember that you're what's most important. Be the pilot of your own life or something to that effect.

It's too soon in your college career to know if any of this advice was useful, but know this: like you, I was intimidated by the thought of going to college. I spent a lot of time up until I actually arrived worrying about the next four years of my life. Then I got here and found out that everybody else was in the same boat. For the past three years I've been practicing what I just preached and I'm a lot happier for it. God willing you do the same that my advice may help you as well. Semper fi, little freshman, you'll be just fine. Probably.

Modern love

Open your eyes to college dating



Georgia Thelen
Ferris State Torch

One of the certainties of college-apart from stress and a horrific amount of homework-is that, eventually, you will get laid.

Beginning with move-in day, there is nothing quite like the college life. There are attractive young people just like you wandering around campus looking to meet new people. Now that you've aced high school, you've got this in the bag.

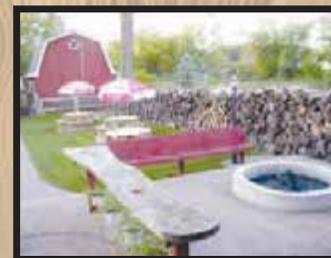
There are no more parents lurking around or checking up on you; you have unlimited freedom to hang out or go home with whoever you want. Meet a cutie at Shooters? #YOLO! Bring them back to your dorm room if you want, just make sure not to wake your roommate.

No matter what kinds of trouble you get yourself into, always remember, there will probably be a walk of shame. Those pumps that make your calf muscles bulge just the right

the night before are going to hurt in the worst way the morning after, so be sensible. Same goes for your outfit and your hair - just imagine the atrocities that can form after a long night.

The walk of shame can be both painful and helpful. The lessons learned from that one awkward encounter with the cute guy in biology that you have to stare at all week help in a way.

And finally, if you haven't heard of Tinder yet, jump on the bandwagon. This phone app will show you all the single hotties that are around, so you can have Ferris' singles at your fingertips. Just be careful who it is you're hooking up with - no one wants a creeper on their hands. Sometimes parents' advice about strangers is on-point.



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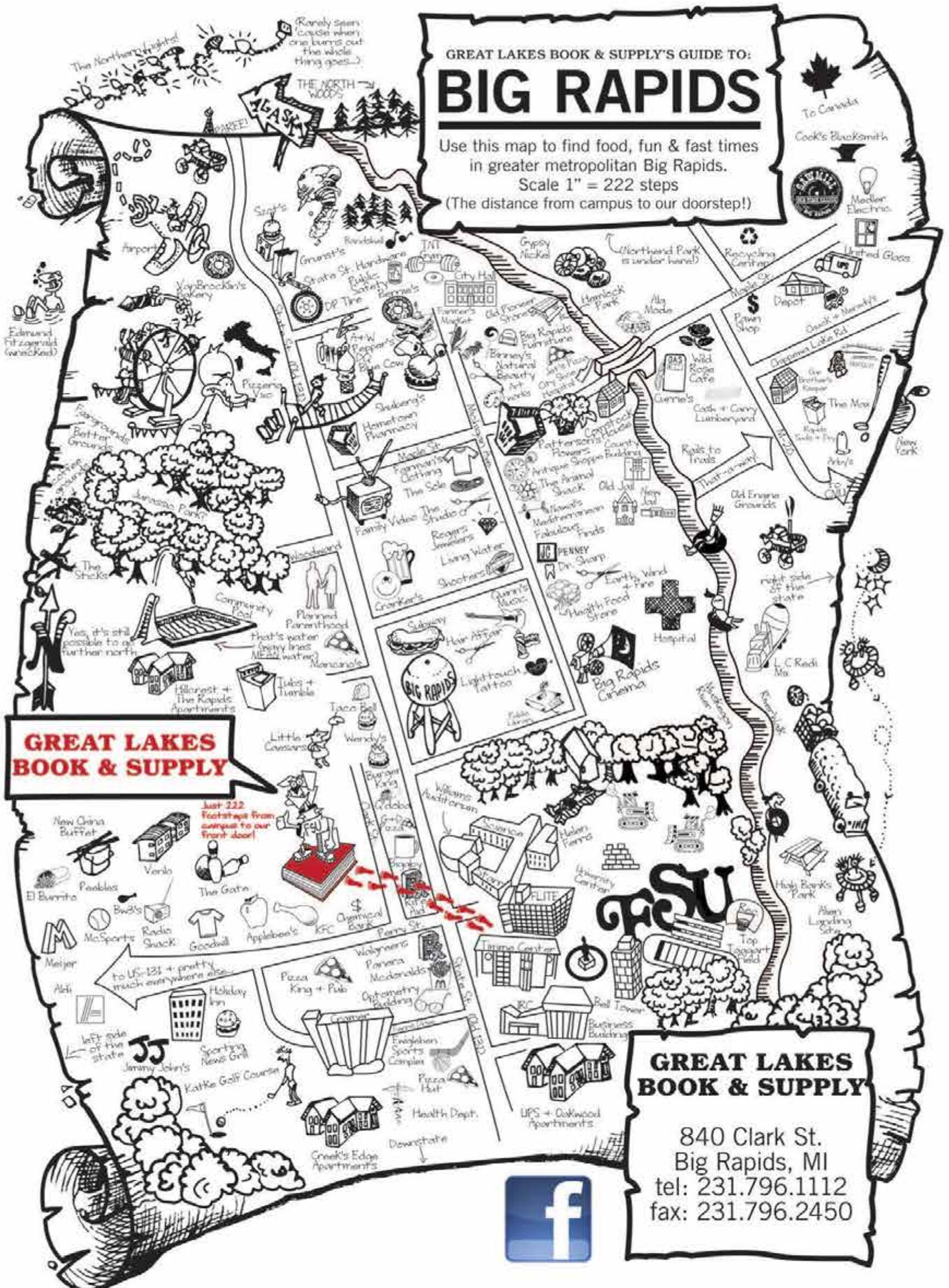
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