

Congratulations on your admission to Ferris State University! Here are some tips, advice and information about the Ferris State Campus.

What to expect at college

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The first year of college is overwhelming, terrifying and fun all at the same time. Most students

entering their first year probably already have an idea of what they expect it to be like based off of all the clichés thrown at them leading up to college.

Some of the clichés are true,

and some not so much. Either way, here is a list of what to expect your freshman year at Ferris State, and how to make it through in one piece.

10 pieces of advice and reminders to help you through the clichés of being a college freshman.

1 You can choose to never get up early

Unless you're in a program that requires 8 a.m. classes (science-based majors), you might actually never have to wake up early. Most classes have multiple time options available, so it's entirely possible you'll have a schedule where your classes don't start until the middle of the day.

2 You will get made fun of for being a freshman

If you make friends with older people, expect them to playfully joke about your newbie status. Don't worry—they were probably picked on at some point too, and you'll have your opportunity to do so next year.

3 You will miss your moms cooking

The Rock seems awesome at first—and for a college dining hall it is—but after eating there three times a day every day, you will start to beg your mom to drive up and make you some real food.

4 Your first party will be both terrifying and exciting

If you never went out in high school, you probably have some expectations for what a college party will be like. Some parties might live up to the expectations, others won't. Walking into your first party will definitely be overwhelming, but they're a ton of fun and a great way to meet new people.

5 You will have plenty of opportunities to party

Whether it's going to Shooters, a frat house or just a friend's apartment, there is usually always something happening on the weekends.

6 You will meet your best friends

If you never truly found a best friend group in high school and always felt like an outsider, don't worry, there are plenty of people here just like you who want to be your friend! Every person I know at Ferris met their best friends here, myself included. With over 14,000 people to choose from, you'll find someone.

7 You'll have plenty of opportunities to get involved—take advantage of them

There is always something happening at Ferris, especially at the beginning of the year. Don't miss out! Go to every event possible and try out different RSOs. Getting involved truly will make your college experience 100 times better.

8 Coffee will be your new best friend

If you have always hated coffee, I recommend using those Bulldog Bucks at Starbucks or Seattle's Best to try a new coffee drink. Trust me, coffee will grow on you, and your future self will thank you.

9 You will be forced to play "ice breaker" games

Ah, the dreaded "get to know you" games. You will play them a lot your first semester. Even though they are generally painfully awkward, they'll be more bearable if you play along.

10 You'll experience a whirlwind of emotions

While your first year is exciting, not everything is easy. Even if you're enjoying your new life, you may feel homesick, depressed, and overwhelmed at the same time. There is nothing wrong with that—it gets better as you go along and learn how to do what's best for you.

Catching some Z's



Photo By: Dylan Peters | Photographer

Jack Herman, freshman in pre-nursing, takes a nap on a bench.

The best places to take a nap on campus

Jennifer Corrie

Ferris State Torch

It's a given that college students like to take naps more than preschoolers. So what are the best places to nap on campus?

1. FLITE Library

Public relations senior Caroline Cousineau says the quiet and sunny third floor of FLITE is her favorite place.

"It can look like you're studying up there, but actually you can take a nap," said Cousineau.

Dental hygiene sophomore Mary Zimmerman agreed that FLITE is great for naps.

"The reading room in FLITE, or the third floor," said Zimmerman for her favorite places to take a snooze.

2. Dorm rooms

For graduating criminal justice senior Jake Cote, his dorm room was the place to drift off.

"I've actually never taken a nap on campus anywhere be-

sides my dorm room," said Cote.

3. The University Center

"In the University Center, there's this hallway that leads to the First Lady's Attic and there's a couch back there," pre-occupational therapy junior Kara Niemetta said. "I always see people napping on it."

Caitlin Woolen, who is a senior studying early childhood education, also agreed that the University Center is the place to go.

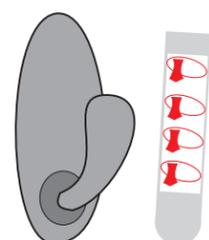
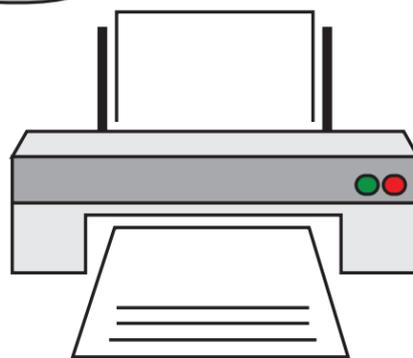
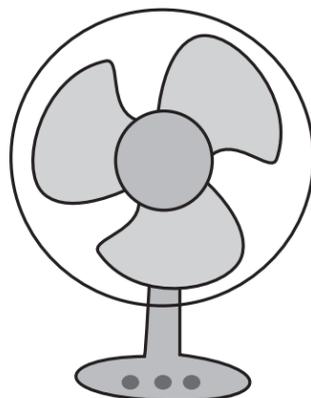
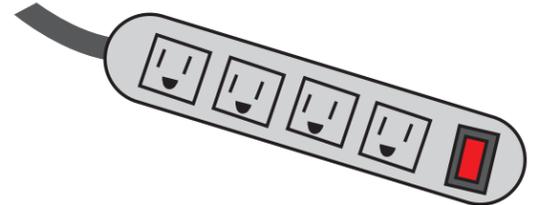
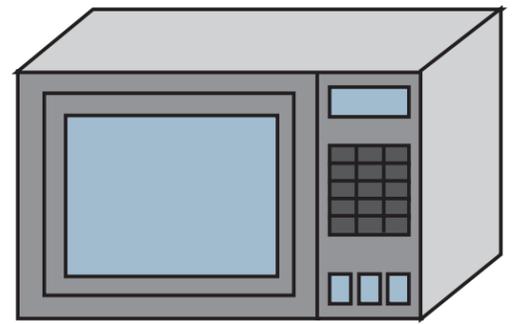
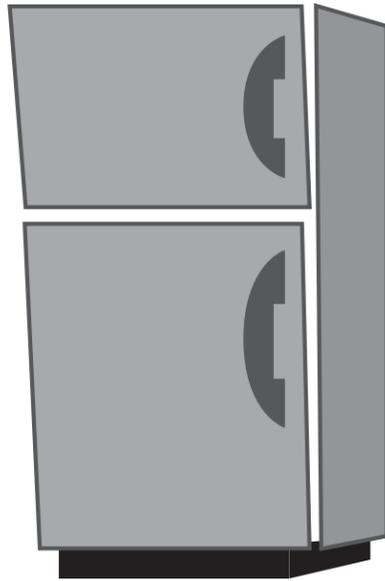
"My favorite place to nap is the UC in a comfy chair," said Woolen.

As for myself, I have to agree that the best place to nap on campus is the third floor of FLITE. It's quiet, cozy and sunny, and a great place to relax if you need to chill out.

So the next time you're looking for a good place to take a nap but don't have time to go back to your dorm, check out the University Center or the upper floors of FLITE library. They are both great places to catch up on much-needed sleep.

Top 10 Dorm Essentials

Things you need to have your freshman year



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Ferris terminology

Common Ferris phrases that you will want to know about

TOP TAGGART FIELD

Home field of the 2014 conference championship-winning Bulldog football team.

DAWG POUND

A section in Ewigleben Arena that houses the loudest and rowdiest fans (students)

THE MARKET

The campus convenience store to spend Bulldog Bucks on junk food or smoothies.

FERRIS FEST

An annual event featuring free concerts, giveaways and day drinking.

RSO

Clubs and social circles of Ferris State.

WING NIGHT

Every Thursday, the Quad Café blesses students with all-you-can eat chicken wings. That sacred occasion is known as Wing Night.

BRUTUS

Bulldog mascot of Ferris State University

VENLO

An off-campus living option

TOWNIE

A resident of Big Rapids that doesn't attend Ferris. They can often be seen in The Rock Café with their children.

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Academic Success

Five ways to help students with their classes

Jordan Lodge

Production Manager

With all of the new and exciting freedom that comes with going away to college, it can be difficult to buckle down and hit the ground running academically.

When seniors in high school think about going away to college there is a tendency to anxiously anticipate the new, free lifestyle rather than the foundational purpose for college.

In order to do well in college courses where the work is much more intensive and time-consuming than high school, you have to be disciplined.

Here are five ways to help ensure that you will do well in your classes while still enjoying the routine of being away from home and free to do whatever you please.

Motivation

This is key to being successful in class. It is so easy to come back from a long day of sitting through lecture, turn on your TV and binge watch Netflix for the rest of the afternoon despite piles of homework that you may have. Unlike high school you most likely won't have the same class every day. You may think that you have plenty of time to complete your course work, but trust me, you do not. Stay motivated by getting your work done as soon as it is assigned.

Organization

Staying organized and keeping track of all due dates can be difficult. Many of your professors will list all major due dates and exam dates in their syllabus. Write them down! Get a planner to help you remember when things are due and even when class may be canceled. Having the proper organization system that will work specifically for you will be vital to getting the grades that you want.

Communication

As a college student at a public university you will likely not have small classes. This is a disadvantage because it gives you less time with your teacher. At the end of the semester a professor is much more lenient on bumping up your grade if they can put a face to your name. Stop by their office hours and email them for any questions, concerns or classes that you may miss. Maintaining a good relationship with your professors will help you more than you know.

Dedication

Without your parents telling you what to do it can be hard to focus and force yourself to do things that you don't feel like doing. Missing class a few times will not hurt you. Skipping class excessively, especially during the same week however, can de-

stroy your grade in a class much quicker than you could imagine. Forcing yourself to go to every lecture, and getting your work done on time is essential to maintaining a high grade in your class. Remember to work first, then play. Getting it out of the way leaves you with less stress and more time to do other things.

Balance

Of course your classes are important, but getting out of your dorm, study room or the library is absolutely necessary. Studying for 12 hours straight may seem like it will help you get that A, but in reality it probably won't. Take study breaks. Go eat, hang out with friends or just get outside. Set aside time for studying, but also set aside time to make plans with friends or even just lay in bed and do nothing. Give yourself a schedule and stick to it!

College can be an easy or a hard transition. Not having to worry about your classes and your grades will help the process go more smoothly for you. The first year of college will be your hardest. We have all been there, so we know how it feels. Just push through and keep your confidence high even if you do poorly on a test or sleep through a class. Take a deep breath. The year will go by fast.

Hey bulldog

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In just a handful of weeks, a fresh stock of Bulldogs will burst back into Big Rapids for yet another fall semester of classes.

As a freshman standing amongst towering piles of still-to-be-unpacked boxes and suitcases bearing dorm room essentials, an overwhelming sense of freedom and independence can kick in.

For most young adults, going away to college is the first time they really get to experience living on their own.

Sure, the screen on the windows cannot be removed, and the plain, white bricks that make up the claustrophobic living space are reminiscent of a mental institution, but one should never allow such harsh realities to dampen their residence hall experience.

I lived through the transition of home life with my parents to life in a residence hall last year as a freshman, and picked up some tried and true techniques that make independent life flow a bit smoother.

There are numerous events throughout the year that offer free merchandise. Frisbees, shirts and food are just some of the free items that one can indulge in. It is extremely important to maintain all of these items, for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I lacked the foresight to bring any form of silverware, plates or cups to my dorm

room last year. Thankfully, the Frisbee with the Ferris State University logo emblazoned on it that I received during welcome weekend served as an excellent means by which to hold food.

No matter how many clothes one brings to school, they will inevitably be staring down an overflowing dirty laundry hamper and an empty wardrobe, with no initiative to tackle the chore of washing it all. This issue tends to be most prominent during finals week. In these dire instances, a hearty supply of free t-shirts acquired simply by attending events are a godsend.

While most freshman students living in residence halls already have a dining plan, free food is pretty much unanimously acclaimed as a great thing to take advantage of, and it can be found at many campus events.

Perhaps the most important dorm survival advice that I can offer is to actually leave one's room. There is an entire campus filled with unique individuals to encounter, and hiding away in a dorm all year is no way to experience all that college has to offer.

So when 2015's welcome weekend rolls around, get out of the dorm, head to some events and meet some other people, even if it's only to get a free Frisbee that can definitely double as a plate for the entire year.

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Know your RA

Reminding students to meet their RA



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RA's from Brophy/McNerney having fun hanging out.

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Well in case you missed it, in a few months your parents will be dropping you off at our doorstep, driving away and wishing you the best. You will probably want to chase after Mommy and Daddy, but here's a thought: what if you had someone who was there for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week and lives right down the hall from you? Well guess what, you do!

In every residence hall on every floor, students are assigned an RA. Sometimes two if the floor is large enough to warrant backup. A Resident Advisor is someone you will meet as soon as you get to your building.

My advice is to get to know them quickly. This is the person who will be right down the hall from you, who will enforce residence hall rules and is in charge of scheduling programs for you and your floormates to attend.

First things first, an RA is NOT your babysitter. They're a college student just like you, but they have been tasked with the additional responsibility of ensuring your safety and the others you will be living with for the year.

RA's are in charge of programs, working the front desk and they even have permission to let you in your room if you lock yourself out. Cool right? Right. These are the people who you can depend on to always be there.

Now I know being new to this whole college thing can

seem exciting and to be told you have rules to follow isn't a glamorous idea, but trust me, those rules you have to follow will keep you out of trouble. I went a whole year without a conduct problem, and believe me, it's easier than it seems.

My biggest piece of advice for you newbies in housing would be to respect your RA's and their authority. Whether it's not destroying their decorations that they worked hard to create, or just following the quiet hour rules. No RA enjoys having to discipline their residents, but when there's a problem, it is always addressed. There's simply no way around it.

In the event that you feel you can't go to your RA, you also now have a Hall Director. These are the people that the RA reports to and they have office hours in your hall as well. You can reach them through email or catch them in passing, but they're always there during the week.

You're in college now. You now have complete control over yourself and your responsibility. You no longer have someone there to wake you up for class, or do your laundry or make you eat dinner at a reasonable time.

Your success is up to you now, and housing is one of the first places it starts. Get to know your floor mates, suitemates, RA's and HD. Go to programs and join Hall Council. And if any of you happen to be placed on the 2nd floor of McNerney Hall, nice to meet you, I'm your RA. See you in the fall.

On vs Off



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East campus suites is a popular destination for students to live on campus, but have the apartment style living.



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Taggart Hall is one of the many centrally-located residence hall options for students.

The pros and cons of living on or off campus

Andrea Lenhart Ferris State Torch

Every college experience has its advantages and disadvantages, including living on and off campus.

Advantages for living on campus:

1. Everything is within walking distance and you will get exercise going everywhere.
2. You hear about on campus activities and actually attend them.
3. You'll be close to the library so more studying gets done (or at least has potential to get done).
4. You are constantly meeting fun people because of the traffic in and out of the residence halls.
5. You'll have unlimited passes to the Rock and the Quad Café.

"Living in the residence hall was a good experience," business administration sophomore Maria Winquest said. "That's how I met my best friend."

Disadvantages for living on campus:

1. Walking to class in the rain or frozen tundra is never pleasant.

2. There's not nearly enough room in the residence halls for two people.
3. Sometimes people in the dorms can be noisy.
4. You could be stuck with a bad roommate or suitemates.
5. You have to follow the hall rules (Quiet hours, attend meetings, no alcohol, etc.).

"During the winter, the walks to and from class seem unbearable because it's so cold," dental hygiene sophomore Lindsey Webster said.

Advantages for living off campus:

1. You'll probably have a kitchen, living room, laundry room and more than one bathroom.
2. There are no campus rules to follow.
3. You'll feel a grown-up feeling for having your own apartment.
4. You can live with your friends that you got to pick instead of a random roommate.
5. No quiet hours are enforced living in an apartment or house.

"College is what you put into

it," hospitality senior Danielle Murphy said. "You can't expect a huge college experience if you don't go out of your comfort zone and meet new people."

Disadvantage for living off campus:

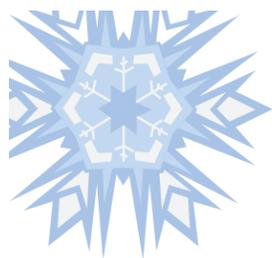
1. You have to pay rent and utilities and constantly feel broke.
2. Parking for class can be terrible; you'll probably have to leave 30 minutes before class starts.
3. The drive to class can also be terrible because of morning and afternoon traffic.
4. You might get crappy landlords that will ruin your excitement over having an apartment.
5. Buying groceries can get annoyingly expensive, especially if you need to buy healthy food.

"Living off campus means you have to fight for a parking spot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.," said Murphy. "It's like the Hunger Games."

There is never a wrong decision about living on or off campus. Both have their ups and downs, but it really is all about how you make it.

Home sweet arctic tundra

Student's opinions on Michigan weather



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Natives and visitors alike know that one of Michigan's quirks is its strange and ever-changing weather.

Justin Austin, political science sophomore originally from Big Lake, Texas doesn't mind the weather here so much, aside from the humidity.

"I actually like the winter to be honest," said Austin. "The humidity in summer kills me. I knew nothing about the weather here [before moving], since all I knew was hot weather. 110 degrees was a normal summer day. I didn't expect it to be this sporadic."

Although Austin likes the winter here, it does tend to affect everyone once in a while.

"I went into a ditch in January," said Austin. "That affected my day negatively. It was white-out conditions and guess who was out driving: this guy."

Janelle Flemming, a public relations junior, is here at Ferris from the Netherlands but is originally native to Aruba, a tropical Caribbean island. She wasn't expecting such a harsh winter when she arrived.

"I didn't expect the weather to be this cold, for such a long period of time," said Flemming. "I thought maybe winter would be over in March,

but it actually continued until April, so that kind of sucked."

Flemming said that Michigan weather isn't her cup of tea, especially winter.

"I definitely consider the weather to be a downside," said Flemming. "Now that the weather is nice, there are so many fun things to do outside, but in the winter everyone wants to stay inside and nobody really wants to go out and do anything. So I definitely think it's a downside."

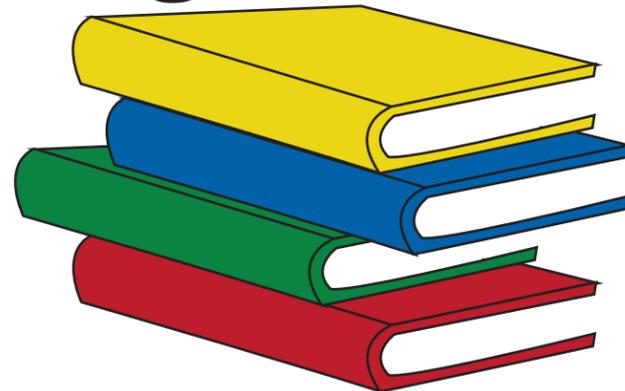
Flemming said the weather here even affected her social life for a while.

"I did have days where all my friends were like 'let's go out tonight, Janelle,' and I was like 'it's kind of too cold for me to go out right now,' so I would literally stay inside and not go out because of how cold it was," Flemming said. "But after a while, I was like you know, there's nothing I can do about it, so I might as well go out with my friends, even when it was still cold."

Although, even as miserable as some find Michigan weather, it still can offer some forms of amusement.

"I like to swim, so almost every night I went to the Rec Center to swim," said Flemming. "I would get out of the pool and walk home and my hair would be frozen, so that was really funny."

Bargain books



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I've witnessed too many of my friends spend unnecessary amounts of money at Ferris' bookstore to buy all their supplies and textbooks before each semester.

I was lucky that I had a brother a year older than me to inform me that most of the time, there are ways to get your textbooks for way cheaper than what the bookstore sells them for.

There are certain items that must be purchased or rented at the bookstore (course packs, specific books etc.), but I'd say that most of them can be found online. I've probably gone through 20 books in my college career, none of which I got from Ferris.

So, to help out anyone who doesn't know there are alternatives, I've compiled a list of less expensive methods to get your textbooks.

1. Rent from websites such as: chegg.com, valorebooks.com, bigwords.com, rentbooks.com, abebooks.com, half.com, nationalbookseller.com, amazon.com, or eBay.com

2. Buy the e-book or pdf version. Some online stores will give you this much cheaper option than buying a physical copy. Plus, you won't have to lug around a huge textbook to class.

3. Ask older people within your major if they've taken the class you're in and if so, can you buy their book from them? I've been on both ends of this method. I've gotten cheap books from older students and I've sold my books to younger students. I guarantee other students will not expect you to pay very much since they've been in your shoes before.

4. Post in Ferris' "Free & For Sale" Facebook group and ask if anyone has the book you are looking to buy. Same with the "Ferris State Honors Program" page if you are in Honors.

5. Share a book with someone in your class. This can be inconvenient unless you're close with that person, but you'll save money!



THINGS TO KNOW

Ferris State Torch

As a new Ferris State University student, here are some things that you should know about campus, important people from Ferris, planned events and clubs and activities that are available to you.

Four Bulldog squads bring home the hardware



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Ferris State football, volleyball, basketball and tennis all captured GLIAC Championships this past school year.

Ferris adds four GLIAC Championships in 2014-15

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Sports Editor

In the final minutes of a football game against Walsh University, Ferris State quarterback Jason Vander Laan fell over the goal line on a one-yard run. The touchdown was followed by an extra point and helped the Bulldogs beat the Cavaliers by a score of 46-42.

The touchdown was one of 50 touchdowns for Vander Laan, the GLIAC player of the year in 2014. The Ferris quarterback also won an even more prestigious award in the 2014 season. The Harlon Hill trophy, the Division II equivalent of the Heisman trophy was awarded to Vander Laan, making him the first Bulldog to ever receive the honor.

The quarterback didn't let being named the best player in Division II football get to his head.

"It was a great honor to receive the award but that's over and done with so I just have to look forward to next year and keep on improving in the areas of my game that can still use some help," said Vander Laan, the soon to be senior from Frankfort, Ill.

The victory against Walsh

completed an undefeated regular season for the Dawgs, a feat that has never been achieved by a Ferris State football team. The win would also result in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title. This marked their first GLIAC championship since 1999 and the first outright since 1996.

The football team wasn't the only team to win a GLIAC title for the Bulldogs. The volleyball team, basketball team, and men's tennis teams all brought home conference championships for the Dawgs. This was the first time the Bulldogs won four GLIAC championships since 1990, making it an incredibly successful year for Ferris State athletics.

The second GLIAC title was won during the fall season for the Bulldogs. The volleyball team not only won the regular season outright, but also came home with the GLIAC Tournament title in 2014. The team had



Caroline Heitzman
Volleyball

an impressive 24-6 record on the season, and an even more impressive conference record of 17-1. Their only conference loss occurred against Grand Valley State early in the season.

The Dawgs went undefeated at home in 2014. "I loved being undefeated at home, and being regular season GLIAC champions, but to win the GLIAC tournament after being knocked out the first round the past two years was special," said Caroline Heitzman, a soon to be senior from Newaygo, Mich.

The team fell to Grand Valley State in regionals of the NCAA tournament. The Dawgs have a bigger goal than just winning the GLIAC next year. "My expectations for next year are to do the best we can possibly do in every practice and in every game, and if a National Championship comes with that, then great," said Megan Vander Meer, a fifth year senior from Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Ferris State basketball team had quite the year as well. The Bulldogs turned around a disappointing 10-16 season in the 2013-2014 season. The team came back in full force this past season with a 23-9

record, and at one point won 16-straight games. The Dawgs beat Lake Superior State in the GLIAC championship game, giving them their first tournament championship since 1998. Jared Stolicker, a senior center from Middleville, Mich. recalls the feeling of winning the title. "It felt great to win the GLIAC. It felt like all of the hard work that we put in over the summer and in the preseason paid off." The Dawgs would go on to lose to Lake Superior State in the first round of the Division II NCAA tournament, putting an end to a great season under head coach Andy Bronkema, who was in just his second year at the head coaching position for Ferris State.

The final GLIAC title that the Dawgs brought home was the men's tennis team. With an undefeated 9-0 conference record in the spring season, the Bulldogs came away with vic-

tories against every GLIAC opponent, including a very highly regarded Northwood team. Northwood had won the past 20 GLIAC titles before the Bulldogs put an end to that streak, winning their first conference title since 1994. The Dawgs gave Northwood their first loss in 172 GLIAC matches.

The team was anchored by solid play throughout their lineup and finished the season at 18-7.

Although the team fell to Drury in the NCAA Division II Tournament regional round, the Dawgs realize what a feat it is for Ferris athletics to win four GLIAC titles in one year.

"I think it's great that we won four conference titles as a school. We have a great athletic program and great fans who pull us through when times get tough," said Tyler Bridges, a soon to be senior from Thousand Oaks, Calif.

For the first time in 25 years, the Dawgs have brought four conference titles to Big Rapids. In such an incredible year for Bulldog athletics, it is tough to imagine more championships, but why not bring home some more hardware next year?

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Jared Stolicker
Basketball

Photo of the Summer

Football Schedule

2015

Sep. 5 vs. TBA

**Sep. 12 vs.
Northwood,
7:00 p.m.**

**Sep. 19 at
Grand Valley
State, 7:00
p.m.**

**Sep. 26 vs.
Saginaw
Valley State
(Homecom-
ing), 2:00 p.m.**

**Oct. 3 at Find-
lay, 12:00
p.m.**

**Oct. 10 at Tif-
fin, 1:30 p.m.**

**Oct. 17 vs.
Ohio Domin-
ican, 12:00
p.m.**

**Oct. 24 vs.
Michigan
Tech, 12:00
p.m.**

**Oct. 31 at
Lake Erie, TBA**

**Nov. 7 at
Northern
Michigan,
1:00 p.m.**

**Nov. 14 vs.
Walsh, 12:00
p.m.**



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The Muskegon River is a popular place on campus to hang out and go tubing in the warmer months.

International life

Ferris international population skyrockets

Mari Ann Loucks
Ferris State Torch

The Office of International Education recently reported that there are now more than 500 international students at Ferris, a 300% increase from the fall of 2012.

Lisa vonReichbauer, the Assistant Director in the Office of International Education, said that the increase in the number of international students is due to a reorganization of the International Office that occurred five years ago.

"The office used to be divided on campus, but now we all work together and have brought the Intensive English program back," said vonReichbauer. "Bringing all of those pieces together set the stage for being able to increase our international student numbers. We made significant changes to our admissions processes and recruitment strategies."

Fayez AlSalem, a Ferris senior in the Computer Information Technology program from Saudi Arabia, said that he has learned a lot from his interaction with American students.

"After engaging with Ferris students, I learned more about American culture. For example, back home, professors do not really interact with the students but here, they do," said AlSalem. "I learned how friendly people are here, and they view everyone as equal."

VonReichbauer hopes that through the Office of International Education, students will seek

out opportunities for "experiential learning" by getting involved with International Office events.

"Last year we had the BEYOND: Diversity series, which was intended to combine experiential learning with general education courses. Next year, our theme will be BEYOND: Globalization, which we are very excited about," said Reichbauer. "We will also bring back the Minds Aflame event, which we started for the first time last year. The Minds Aflame event next year will include about a dozen speakers on topics related to globalization."

Throughout the year, the International Office will be hosting other events with faculty and RSO's on campus, such as the BEYOND: Globalization display and the International Festival of Cultures.

VonReichbauer says she hopes the students are learning from their interactions with international students and experience different cultures to prepare themselves for the global economy that they will encounter in the future.

"In Ferris' mission statement, they say they want to 'prepare students for a global economy and society,' but Big Rapids is not a very big community and many students do not get the opportunity to travel abroad. So we hope that students get that experience through interacting with our international students on campus and we want students to travel abroad," said vonReichbauer. "We want students to become curious and intrigued about other cultures."

The Office of International Education has a scholarship program called MyPLACE (My Program for Language and Culture Exchange) that allows students an opportunity to engage with international students.

"Domestic students can work on teams with our international students who are learning English. Through that teamwork, our international students can work on their English, and the domestic students have the opportunity to earn scholarships," said vonReichbauer.

"I used to help other students in the MyPLACE program and I saw how it helped international students learn from the domestic students and make friends with them," said AlSalem. "I also saw the domestic students learn about different cultures from the international students because they are engaging with each other and they spent so much time together."

The Office of International Education also coordinates Ferris' study abroad program. If students are interested in studying abroad, vonReichbauer encourages them to start planning early for how it will fit in their schedule.

"A lot of the life changing experiences happen when you are immersed in a culture and you spend at least 4 weeks, to a semester, or year in a culture. We want students to know about that," said vonReichbauer.

For more information on the BEYOND series, the MYPLACE program, or studying abroad, visit the Office of International Education.

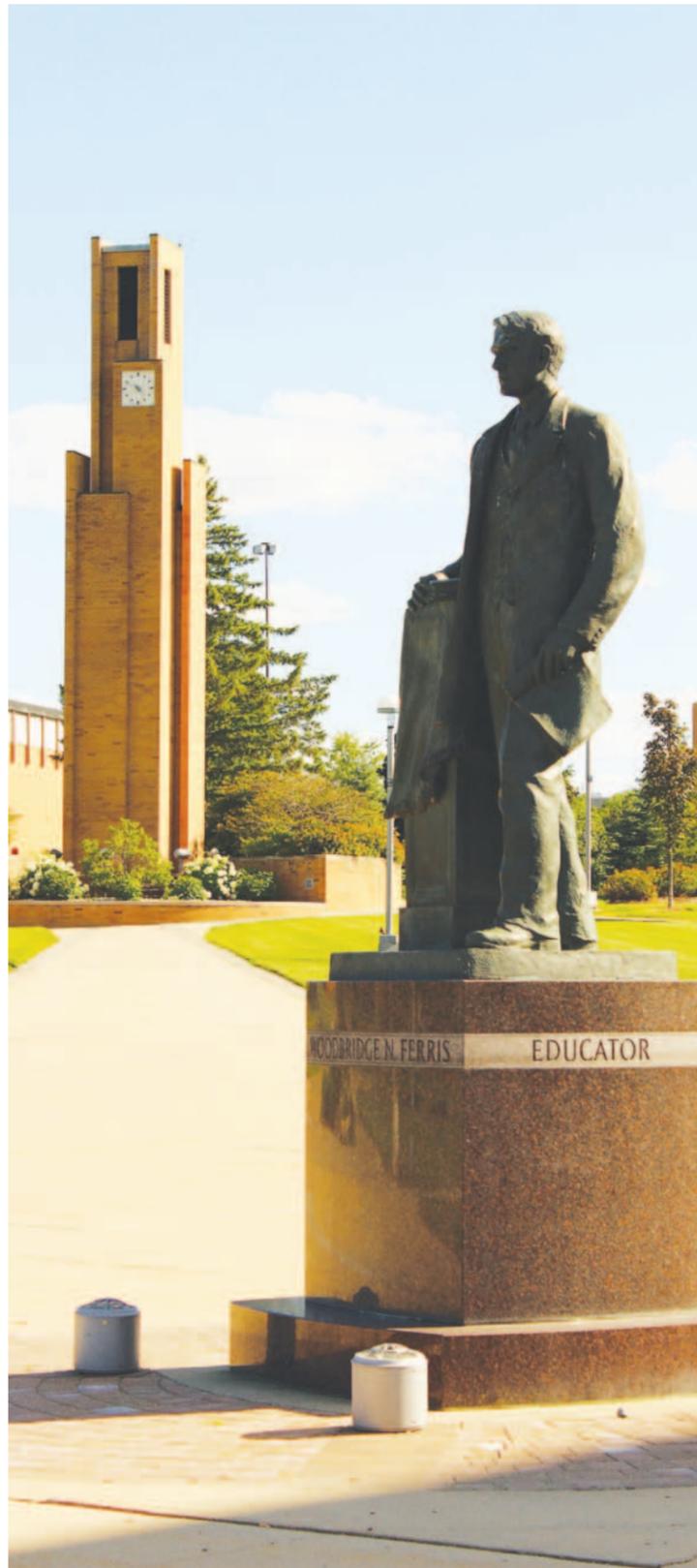


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Woodbridge N. Ferris believed that everyone should have access to an education, regardless of their ethnicity or background.

Famous Ferris alumni

Ferris States history of entertainers

Dylan Peters
Ferris State Torch

From famous bands to comedians and public speakers, Ferris has been a temporary home to many well-known acts. Here are some of the notable entertainers that have visited and left their mark.

In January of 2002, Nickelback came to Ferris and played at the Wink Arena. Considered to be one of the most commercially successful Canadian groups, their song "How You Remind Me" was listed as the best-selling rock song of the decade and the fourth best-selling of the decade.

In 2009 Ferris Fest, the Entertainment Unlimited sponsored annual student celebration, featured Anberlin, an

alternative rock band. Anberlin was founded by vocalist Stephen Christian, lead guitarist Joseph Milligan, bass guitarist Deon Rexroat and drummer Nathan Young. Over the course of 12 years, Anberlin released seven albums and has sold over a million albums.

Ferris Fest 2010 featured headliner Wiz Khalifa. The hip-hop giant had just begun to garner a large following.

Ferris Fest was headlined in 2011 by "Beautiful Girls" singer Sean Kingston. Kingston is a hip-hop artist from Jamaica who came to prominence on MySpace in 2007. He has released three albums and continues to tour the world today.

Ferris Fest of 2014 brought Karmin to campus. Starting on YouTube, pop duo Amy Heide- mann and Nick Noonan are

known for their unique covers of popular songs like Look at Me Now, Super Bass and Party Rock Anthem. Joining Karmin as headliner was Reel Big Fish, a ska punk band from California. Over the course of the band's 24 years, Reel Big Fish has released nine albums as an independent band.

In September of 2014, Herman Boone, one of the most well-known and respected football coaches in history, came to Ferris to speak about acceptance, equality and diversity. Boone, who was once a high school football coach, had a movie based on his years at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia released in 2000 and was portrayed by Denzel Washington.

In October of 2014, comedian and actor T.J. Miller head-

lined the Homecoming Comedy Show. Miller is well-known for his roles in Cloverfield, Transformers: Age of Extinction, and the HBO series Silicon Valley. Miller also voiced Fred in Big Hero 6. Miller also hosts the popular podcast "Cashing In With T.J. Miller" and in 2011, released his first stand up special "No Real Reason."

In November of 2014, Eric Alva, the first wounded soldier of the Iraq War and spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, came to speak about diversity and equal rights. Alva played a key role in getting the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy repealed and was awarded a Purple Heart during the war.

Ferris has also been the home of many notable alumni, such as Karen McDougal, who was Playboy's Playmate

of the Month for December of 1997 and Playmate of the Year in 1998. McDougal attended Ferris and majored in Elementary Education before pursuing a modeling career.

Television and film actor Shawn Christian, was a 1989 Ferris graduate. Christian is most well-known for his role as Mike in the soap opera "As the World Turns."

Pittsburgh Penguins left winger Chris Kunitz played for the Ferris State Bulldogs in 1999 and 2000. Kunitz has won two Stanley Cups with the Penguins and took home a gold medal with Canada in the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Other notable alumni include former Illinois governor George Ryan and Beach Boys guitarist Al Jardine.

Major Volunteer Opportunities

The Big Event:

This is the largest organized volunteer opportunity of the year, as groups across the entire university come together to give back to the local community through yard work and other odd jobs.

30-hour Famine:

Students fast for 30 consecutive hours to raise awareness for world hunger.

Peer Mentor Program:

The Honors Program pairs incoming freshmen with a mentor that helps them adjust to life on a college campus. New peer mentors are needed every year, but they must apply for the position.

Animal Rescue Coalition Shelter:

The local animal shelter is always in need of volunteers to help care for either dogs or cats. It provides a great opportunity for students to spend time with furry friends that they may not otherwise get to see on campus.

Relay for Life:

An annual event held in Wink Arena that helps to raise money for cancer research. All are encouraged to help out, or to donate to the cause.

Dom's departure



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Dom Hennig calls a game during the 2014-15 Bulldog Hockey season.

The voice of the Bulldogs moves on

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

The voice of Ferris State hockey is ending his time as broadcaster for the Bulldogs.

According to his website, Dominic Hennig has been the broadcast, communications and multimedia assistant director as well as the radio & television broadcaster for the Ferris State University NCAA Division I Hockey program.

The 23-year-old Macomb, Mich. native graduated from Ferris State in 2013 with a bachelors in public relations and a minor in sports communication. His graduation though is just one accomplishment on a list of many for Hennig.

Hennig began playing hockey when he was just three years old and has had a passion for the game ever since. He noticed through his times as a player that he wanted to make a career out of hockey, but wasn't sure if playing was his best bet.

"I realized that I had a better chance to make it to the National Hockey League in a different path than playing the game, so I chose broadcasting and I still wanted to stay around the game of hockey, so now here I am nine years after I finished playing hockey I'm still in the business," said Hennig.

In 2004, when Hennig was just 14-years-old he started broadcasting with the Santa Fe Roadrunners of the North American Hockey League (NAHL). Hennig then called a year for the Detroit Dragons of the All American Hockey League (AAHL) before beginning his job as a broadcaster for the Ferris State hockey team.

In 2009, at just 17 years of age, Hennig became the youngest Division I hockey broadcaster in the nation while attending his freshman year as a Bulldog. Hennig continued his time doing play-by-play broadcasting for the Bulldogs until his final season in 2014-2015.

His favorite memory as a broadcaster for the Bulldogs was covering the 2012 Division I National Championship game in Tampa, Fla.

This is not the only time Hennig made the national stage.

Last season, in the first round of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) the Bulldogs were in quite the battle with conference foe Bemidji State in the second game of a best of three series. The Bulldogs had won game one 4-1 but were entrenched in a triple overtime game on Bemidji's home ice.

With the score deadlocked at 2, Ferris defensemen Ryan Lowney took a shot from the blue line that was deflected in by forward Kyle Schempp six minutes and 40 seconds into the third overtime to end Ferris' longest game in school history.

With the win, the Bulldogs moved onto the WCHA Final Five at the Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul, the home of the NHL's Minnesota Wild. Yet the deflection was not initially seen by most in the arena.

After seeing the puck squeak past Bemidji goaltender Michael Blitzer, Hennig followed with one of the more memorable calls in Ferris history. After over 106 minutes of play, the Ferris broadcaster shouted, "He scores! Lowney! Lowney! Lowney! Xcel Center we've never been!"

The play completed the 13th longest NCAA hockey game ever and was featured on the ESPN SportsCenter Top 10 the next morning. Hennig's call was heard by millions of viewers worldwide as the Bulldogs made the number nine spot on the top 10.

Hennig, who looks up to NBC broadcaster Mike "Doc" Emrick wants to one day be a radio or television broadcaster in the NHL. He is taking his next step towards that goal having landed a job as the director of broadcasting and communication, as well as the radio play by play announcer for the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Flint Firebirds.

After completing his time at Ferris, Hennig had only thanks to give.

"I just want to thank Ferris State University, including the athletic department and the Big Rapids community for giving me the opportunity and supporting me from day one. I will always be a Bulldog."

Ferris' little known oddities

Devin Anderson
News Editor



FLITE Garden - Accessible from FLITE library's lower level, this garden hardly gets used. It's a great place to relax and read a book.

"Dimensional Learning"

- In 1996, sculptor Barron Naegel was among many artists commissioned by Ferris to launch a "renaissance" of art projects on campus. Naegel's "Dimensional Learning" resides in the Arts and Sciences courtyard. The three figures are meant to represent a union between different fields of study.



Elastomer Outdoor Classroom - The space in front of the National Elastomer Center is slightly hidden from Ferris' main campus, but could make a good common area during the warmer months.

Welded Bench

- Located outside of the Swan Technical Arts Building, this bench is a great place to enjoy a more secluded area of campus.



Nature Trails - Accessible near the South Campus practice fields, this trail leads to the Muskegon River. A large field and some unique landscape make this area worth exploring anytime of the year.

"Escape" - This abstract sculpture was crafted by artist R. Farrington Sharp in 1997 and now resides near the Fine Arts Center.



Quick on the draw

Ferris grad makes mark on comic scene

Keith Salowich

Editor in Chief

It seems that a humorous cartoon poking fun at modern society would produce little more than a chuckle, but award-winning cartoonist and Ferris alum John Vestevich has proved otherwise.

Vestevich, who is currently employed at Cultivate Studios and based in Chicago, spent years drawing editorial comics for the Ferris State Torch, won numerous national awards including the Charles Schultz Award that came with a check for \$10,000 and even sparked a fiery debate over the merits and drawbacks of Greek life.

"The editorials were like a segue into interpersonal stuff. With those I was portraying things that happened in people's everyday lives, interactions between people and just the absurdity of modern society, and people relate to that and react to it," Vestevich said.

Vestevich began drawing comics as a child, and

it is a passion that has stayed with him ever since.

"I've been drawing comics forever. I made up superheroes and everything, and when I was about ten, I even had this whole Avengers-style pantheon of heroes and villains," Vestevich said.

This evident drive to create inspired Vestevich to actively seek out opportunities to get his work in print, so he returned to the place his cartooning began: his parents' basement.

"My goal at that point was to draw up a comic, and I sent out maybe a dozen of them as proposals, and every single one of them was rejected," said Vestevich. "That was really hard at first, but looking back, it was really valuable, because I learned a lot. I learned to really take a critical look at my work, and now I can't even look at my really old stuff because it's just so bad."

Vestevich is a firm believer that failure provides great opportunity to grow.

"The only way you're going to get good at making comics is by making comics. You just have to

keep working at it and get the bad ones out," Vestevich said.

Yet Vestevich would have never started working at The Torch had he not chosen to go back to school for a second degree.

"I started a whole new degree at Ferris when I was 26. It was a tough decision, because a lot of people my age probably wouldn't want to go back to school for four years," Vestevich says. "In retrospect, it was totally worth it. I'm in a really good place now and I have a job that I love."

During those years, Vestevich lived the life of a college student for a second time, and documented it through comics.

"I was definitely hypercritical of college kids, and I think most of that has to do with how it was at Michigan State. I was partying all the time back then, and I was the guy that I was making fun of in all of the Torch comics. That's why it felt justified, because I had been there," Vestevich said.

Despite the fact that he produced over a hundred comics for the Torch, Vestevich can quickly point to his favorite.

"I think that my favorite one is drawn up like a Facebook profile, and it says something like, 'The girl you like is in a relationship with some idiot.' Then there were pictures of some beautiful girl with a big fat slob. It was a lot like the whole Homer and Marge Simpson scenario," Vestevich said.

Though that is not the only notable comic that Vestevich had published. During his time as the Torch's cartoonist, he created a comic depicting a sorority girl hugging a toilet, perceptibly suffering after a long night of bad decisions. This comic stirred up mass hysteria among the Greek community, as they saw it as a flagrant attack on their demographic.

"The Internet blew up, the server crashed and somebody told me that sorority recruitment was down the next term. That's something, and that happened. It wasn't necessarily my goal, but it proves that comics have power."

Based on the amount of backlash that this lone com-

ic instigated, it seems obvious that comics can hold some pretty significant influence over their audience. Yet the state of college cartooning is not as vibrant as it could be.

"I've been thinking about the power of comics, and why it might be kind of dead. I think that I won those awards because there just wasn't much competition," says Vestevich. "If it was as robust as it should be, I wouldn't have had a chance in hell."

Vestevich isn't just playing modest with this statement, as he's also trying to shine a light on a field in decline.

"A lot of cartooning is slanted towards an older audience, and people are just not interested, and I don't think they should be. I think it should die and be forced to evolve into something else," Vestevich said.

Though college cartoons in print are on the decline, Vestevich's body of work and accolades prove that the work is undoubtedly valued.



THINGS TO DO

Ferris State Torch

Letting students know what they can get involved in around campus. Build a social group!

Finding your home away from home

What to expect at sorority recruitment

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

The first few weeks of freshman year are scary and exciting all at the same time.

It's a fresh start. You can be whoever you want to be, and all the things you didn't do in high school, you can do in college.

I didn't have a close group of friends in high school, so I was nervous that it would be the same in college, but I took a step out of my comfort zone and I went to recruitment.

Recruitment is a three-day process where there will be a chance to meet the social sororities on campus.

There are some things you should know before recruitment.

These are the girls you will eat breakfast, lunch and dinner with. These are the girls that will make you laugh when you feel like crying. They will hold and cherish your secrets. They will help you study for the test you think will be impossible to pass. These are the girls that will make your college experience worthwhile.

"From the outside looking in, you can't understand it. From the inside looking out, you can't explain it." - Anonymous.

Recruitment will take place during September 11th-13th in the University Center. More details will come at the beginning of the semester.

1. You will be called a PNM.

This means Potential New Member.

2. Be 100 percent yourself.

If it works out, you'll get a bid (an official invitation to become a new member) from a sorority and you will get to spend your college experience with these girls. You want to be yourself right away so that you will know for sure if your true self will fit in.

3. You will hear 100 new words that you have never heard before and act like you know what they mean.

For example: Bid, rush, pledge, rho gamma, PNM, initiation, lavalier, legacy, etc.

4. You will feel overwhelmed with questions, chanting and singing.

Each room will probably ask the same questions because each room wants to get to know you. However, you also need to ask questions in each room to get to know the sorority. They will chant when you walk in and probably sing when you leave. Don't be weirded out by it—you'll grow to love it.

5. At the end of each day, you will be more confused than when you started.

You will find something you like about every room you walked in or will connect with a sister in each one. Ranking at the end of the day will be harder than when you ranked colleges.

6. There will be tears.

Happy tears, of course, from both the members and PNM's. The third and final day of recruitment is called "Pref" and every sorority will tell you what their sisterhood means to them and why they decided to join the sorority they did. On this night, you have been invited back to their room and they want you to be their new member.

7. You will find your home away from home.

Wherever you end up is where you are meant to be. The entire process will be worth it. When you run up to your new sisters at the end of the third day, it is the best feeling in the world. They already love you and want to get to know more about you!



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International symbol for the Panhellenic Council.

Fall Event Schedule

Bulldog Bonanza: Hosted in Wink Arena, this annual event helps to welcome incoming students by showcasing some of the university's RSO's and by giving away free giveaways.

Hockey Games: Boasted as the lone Division I varsity sport of Ferris State University, the Bull-

dogs will kick off the 2015-16 hockey schedule on Oct. 9.

Fall Musical: A stage production put on by the theatre department featuring the talented students of Ferris State.

Meijer Madness: This event coincides with welcome week-end and serves as a

golden opportunity to stock up on some free merchandise.

Homecoming Week: Throughout all of Homecoming week, various events, volunteer opportunities and entertainment acts are spread across campus, and are capped off by the Homecoming foot-

ball game against Saginaw Valley State.

Kramer Hall Haunted House: During the days leading up to Halloween, the ground floor of Kramer Hall transforms into a haunted house. Students handle both decorating the hall, and acting as monsters

to scare those who dare enter.

Country Bash: A free music festival hosted by MIMA featuring country artists.

Greek Life Rush Week: An opportunity for students to begin the process of joining a fraternity or sorority.

Getting involved with an RSO on campus

Registered Student Organizations offer opportunities for students

Mari Ann Loucks
Ferris State Torch

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), offer students the opportunity to get involved on campus in a variety of ways. There are RSOs for nearly every major or interest.

Anders Johnson is president of the American Marketing Association, a five-star RSO at Ferris. This semester, they attended AMA's international conference in New Orleans, where they won a Silver Chapter Award. Johnson says that AMA gives students of all ages an opportunity to gain real world experience that goes beyond what they receive in a classroom.

"Students should join AMA because members receive incredible value. By attending professional development events, they will learn more about the real world than they will in any of their classes," said Johnson. "Plus the connections from networking they make will further their careers."

Most student organizations, including AMA, are open to members of any major. According to Johnson, students from 15 different majors are currently members of Ferris AMA.

Taylor Varney, president of Crafters Anonymous, says that they are also open to a variety of majors. "We are open to anyone," said Varney. "We enjoy seeing all majors come together."

Crafters Anonymous makes crafts during meetings and donates any money they make through crafting to the community. Crafters Anonymous works closely with the Department of Human Services of Big Rapids and Reed City to host crafting parties.

"Crafters Anonymous allows students to take a break from being serious and have fun, but still give back the community. Students don't need any previous crafting experience to join Crafters," said Varney.

Regardless of what organiza-

tion students choose to be apart of, students are sure to experience a close connection in each.

College Republicans is a political RSO that teaches members to learn and exercise their constitutional rights, and works closely with other College Republican groups throughout Michigan. This semester, Ferris' College Republicans chapter attended the Conservative Political Action Conference, where Donald Trump was a featured speaker. Erin Moore, the group's recruitment coordinator and public relations director, said that all of the members hang out often.

"We are all friends and want to spend a lot of time together, whether we are on trips or just out to dinner," said Moore.

Johnson says the same about the American Marketing Association.

"We try to make every event as fun as possible," said Johnson. "There is a true family aspect."

Among the American Marketing Association, Crafters Anonymous and College Republicans, there are 217 other student organizations on campus to pursue your interests with.

Included on the list are a few unexpected RSOs, like the Grabbull Pokémon Club, which allows students to battle Pokémon cards, or other card games like Yu-Gi-Oh! Also on campus is Entertainment Unlimited, the campus programming board responsible for hosting events like Ferris Fest. There are many organizations on campus specific to each major, such as the Professional Golf Management Student Association or the Student Psychology Association.

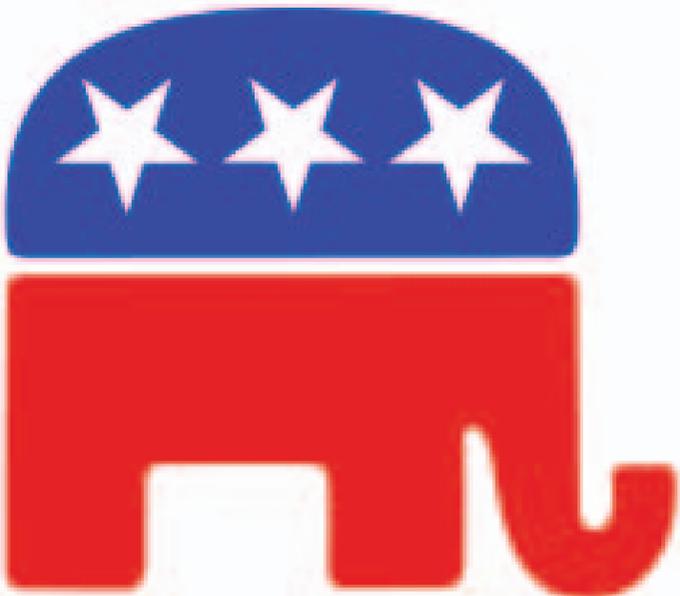
If there isn't an RSO that reflects your interests or ambitions, fear not. You can start your own RSO with just five Ferris students and a faculty advisor.

To search for an organization that is specific to your interest or major, go to the OrgSync tab in MyFSU.



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The American Marketing Association RSO at Ferris State celebrates after a fun year.



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The hub of culture and diversity



Jasmine Nettles
Ferris State Torch

One of the greatest perks of attending Ferris State University has to be how much Ferris does to promote diversity and inclusion among its students.

As a transfer student and an African American female entering a predominately white institution, I'll admit that I was nervous to see if I'd fit in. I was nervous to find out what my resources were, who I'd be able to turn to and who'd help me navigate my first year at a university.

Upon arriving, I instantly found a new home. The Office of Multicultural Student Services, located in FLITE 159, opens its doors to every single student on this campus, but its primary focus is helping to guide new and current minority students in their transition from high school to college.

Dr. Matt Chaney is the director and from my hometown of Flint, MI. Mr. Mike Wade is co-director and the advisor for my Leadership RSO T.O.W.E.R.S.; Teaching Others What Establishes Real Success. Danyelle Gregory is the coordinator of Pre-College Programs and runs the College Positive Volunteers. So if you have questions about programs like Gear Up and Upward Bound, she's your girl.

OMSS sponsors almost 200 events per school year for the entire campus. Their office is the hub of many organizations that were founded for minority students.

In the office, flags hang from the ceiling representing the Black Leaders Aspiring for



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President Eisler takes a photo with a group of students at an international cultural event.

Critical Knowledge, You Beautiful Black Woman, All of the Divine 9 fraternities and sororities and the African Student Union just to name a few.

In that office, you can find something to do. If you want to know what's going on with their office and others on campus "The Island" is where you need to be. It keeps updated fliers and schedules of upcoming events on campus. They also have up to date scholarship applications and intern-

ship information. All you have to do to access all of this helpful information is go inside.

OMSS has computers set up, couches to lounge on, a popcorn machine and a flat screen TV. This is where other students hang out and chill between classes, so you'll have several chances to meet new people.

The office even hosts occasional movie, discussion and game nights. If I still haven't convinced you that this office is the place to be, then

you'll just have to visit yourself.

Everything that the OMSS does is to benefit their students. Period. Whether you just want to take nap on the couch or need to vent about something, Mr. Wade, Mr. Chaney and Ms. Gregory are there.

I sincerely encourage each and every student unsure of what to get involved in or how to deal with being away from home to go introduce themselves to these people.

After meeting me just once,

Mr. Wade never forgot my name. Dr. Chaney calls me Flint-town and Ms. Gregory is always there for quick conversation. These individuals are here for YOU! They want to help you to succeed and all you have to do is go inside. When you do, because I'm sure you will, tell them Jass Nettles sent you.

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Fun on the weekends

The three best bars in Big Rapids for students

Andrea Lenhart
Ferris State Torch

There isn't a lot to do in Big Rapids except visit unique places, and, well, those unique places just happen to be bars.

There are three main bars that college students "take over" during the academic school year. At these bars there will be other Bulldogs relaxing the only way college students know how after a stressful week of classes.

The Gate, located at 706 Perry Ave., has a bowling alley on one side and a bar with a stage on the other.

On the side with the bowling alley, you can expect to see groups of people enjoying time bowling with friends or competitively in leagues.

"The Gate is more of a family-oriented place because of the bowling alley," said Lindsey Slocum, a senior in dental hygiene. "Not a lot of people go there unless they have big events or a band playing."

On the weekends, the bar side usually has a DJ or a band and the setting is more like a club.

"On Wednesday there is free pool after 6 p.m., and the cover for people under 21 is \$5 on the weekends," said Slocum.

Another place of interest in Big Rapids is the Gypsy Nickel, located 228 Baldwin St. It's more of a mature and older place. It's also more of a restaurant during the dinner hours and a classier bar at night.

"Even though it is a little far away, I would suggest going to the Gypsy on Wednesdays for karaoke night," political science senior Jamie Richardson said. "It's a great way to relax with friends after a long beginning of the week."

The place that nearly everybody goes to on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night is Star Shooters, also known as Shoots, located at 120 Michigan Ave.

"Most people will probably say don't go there because of the nasty bathrooms and other negative things, but it honestly is so much fun if you go with your close friends," business administration sophomore Maria Winqest said. "It really is worth the experience."

Shooters is a college bar with

good deals on drinks, good music and pool tables. There is a dance floor and a wrap-around bar in the middle of the building.

"Most people go around 11 p.m. or midnight because that's when it gets busy," said Slocum. "Fridays are really cool for girls because it's ladies night, so girls get cheaper drinks if you're 21 and if you are under 21, you get in for free. Otherwise it is a \$5 cover fee for minors."

Slocum said her favorite aspect of Shooters is F.A.C. (Friday After Class). F.A.C. is a time where you can go with your friends and just drink at the bar after classes.

Shooters is the place to go to for entertainment, dancing, drinking, laughing and a whole lot more. This is the Ferris experience that everyone will talk about.

"I have seen my fair share of MIP's being given out at Shooters, but if you're underage and don't drink in the bar, you will be fine," said Slocum. "It's worth it."

According to present Bulldogs, you're not a Bulldog if you haven't been to Shooters at least once.

Modern love

You jelly?

I've always been the jealous type. No matter how annoying it may seem to my significant



Jennifer Corrie
Ferris State Torch

snippet of a conversation on a radio talk show while driving home and flipping through chan-

other, or to the friends we might be hanging out with, and no matter how much I wish I could remove the jealous mentality, I've never been able to stop being the jealous type. It's caused plenty of arguments and uncomfortable situations, and for a while I almost believed in the story adults tell kids about the green monster of jealousy that can live inside you.

I only wish instead of being a grouch when the green monster strikes, I could bust out a rendition of the chorus of Chromeo's song "Jealous (I Ain't With It)," but it never plays out like that and even if it did, there would probably be no background music and it would just be wrong.

However, driving home from a long day at work on a Wednesday night, I realized something extremely important that I wish I had known ages ago.

When you're in a relationship with someone, feelings of jealousy when your significant other seems to be paying more attention to other people than you, or when they say something that could be taken as an advance towards someone else aren't usually because you don't trust the person. Jealousy can arise because you're unhappy with yourself and you're worried the person who you're in a relationship with might find someone better.

I heard this summarized

nels, looking for music to listen to, and hearing it hit me like a freight train.

The talk show host finished the thought by saying that if you're not happy with your complete self before getting into a relationship (even with the right person), you not only are still unhappy, but you end up making someone else miserable as well.

It makes so much sense to me now, and I can't believe I didn't realize it sooner. Sometimes your biggest flaw can be being caught up in petty flaws, which can lead to being a grouch to your friends, S.O., coworkers and all sorts of other bad things.

If you are so focused on how you have such coffee-stained teeth and blackheads on your face that just won't seem to go away, it can lead to even bigger mountains to climb in the long run in your relationships with everyone you hold close.

That was the key handed to me, so I can finally unlock my green monster and kick it out of the home it's had since I was fourteen.

Finding the golden key to happiness isn't just surrounding yourself with people you love, it's loving yourself as well and accepting that it's okay to have flaws. Everybody has them, whether they are visible to you or not, and realizing and accepting that they exist is vital if you want to kick jealousy to the curb.



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If adventure has a name, it must be Indiana Jones.

We all know who he is. We all know what he's accomplished. Even people who don't watch the movies recognize his name. Indiana Jones essentially made the adventure genre what it is today. And it all began with "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"Raiders" is about an archaeologist (Indiana Jones) who is hired by the American government to find the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis use it to become immortal.

It has adventure, romance, witty one-liners and everything else you would want in a movie. What makes Indiana Jones such a recog-



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nizable character is a combination of things, such as his iconic fedora, his sense of humor and his knowledge of ancient civilizations. Yet the one thing that defines the character is his fallibility; he makes mistakes. He gets hurt. He's not a superhero.

As the movies progress, we learn more about Jones, such as his insecurities (due to his dead mother and absent father, which leads to commitment issues with women in the future). When Jones was a child, his father became

obsessed with finding the Holy Grail. After his mother's death and his father's neglect, Jones misdirects his anger towards his mentor Professor Abner Ravenwood, who is the father of his love, Marion.

Indiana Jones isn't just a stereotypical adventurer; he's a human being with faults and insecurities. He's an ordinary guy that does extraordinary things, such as finding the Holy Grail and Ark of the Covenant.

I've learned a lot from Indiana Jones. I've learned that sometimes, you have to take a leap of faith. I've learned that "X" marks the spot. And I've learned to never leave your hat behind.



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Here are some new things that are going on or will be going on around campus and Big Rapids.

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Main campus master plan

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Students can expect a number of changes on campus over the summer and over the next few years as a part of the university's ongoing Master Plan. Many of these projects will affect the university's residence halls, most notably the demolition of Helen Ferris Hall this summer.

"A lot of our facilities and infrastructure are 50 or 60 years old," said Michael Hughes, Associate Vice President of Ferris' Physical Plant. "I tell people it's kind of like tires on your car. The car is still in good shape, but the tires wear out, so every so often you have to replace them—and every so often you have to replace the car. So as the buildings get older, we do what we call facility condition assessments where we have professionals come in [and] evaluate the building."

Named after the wife of Ferris founder Woodbridge Ferris in 1956, the building has served Ferris over 60 years. The university is finally ready to say goodbye to the building. Grass and sidewalks will take up the space where the hall once stood.



Photo By: Irma Collins | Photographer

Helen Ferris Hall is scheduled to be demolished this summer.

Some students are feeling nostalgic about parting with Helen Ferris, including Corey Nichols, a junior architecture and sustainability major who lived in the hall this past school year.

"Helen Ferris is the hall students strive to live in," Nichols said. "It's close to all classes, has a nice venue [north quad], and it's right next to food. ..."

Scheduled for renovations this summer is Cramer Hall, an 11-story suite-style residence hall built in 1969. In May, all

10 of the building's residential floors will be equipped with new moveable furniture and updated tile and paint jobs.

Up until now, the hall has had built-in closets and desks, making it difficult for students to rearrange their suites. Future residents will have more control over how their space is configured.

Some non-housing-related renovations this summer will occur in the Prakken Building, a classroom and administrative building that has served the uni-

versity since 1955. College of Business room 111 will also be renovated this summer. It currently serves as a classroom but will look more like an auditorium upon completion, fitted with a new projector and better audio.

Over the next several years, the university will see many more changes to its student housing accommodations. Next summer, the South and East Campus Apartments are scheduled to be demolished.

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New brewery in Big Rapids



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The Raven, is located in the space that used to be Pepper's Cafe.

Blue Cow's "The Raven" to take flight this fall

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The Blue Cow is opening a new brewery on North Michigan Avenue called Raven Brewing, which will be located next to the Blue Cow in the old Pepper's building. It is currently being renovated and is expected to open in the fall, featuring the Blue Cow's signature beers and a unique menu of BBQ'd food.

Originally called Big Rapids Brewing Company, the Blue Cow started brewing their own beer back in 2010 by Blue Cow chefs and owners Chuck and Connie Freiberg.

"We always asked ourselves in the kitchen, 'Why are we buying beer? Why don't we just make our own,'" said Connie Freiberg. "So we started making really good beer and people started coming in to buy our beer.

Ferris student Caleb Campbell, a sophomore in business administration, has become

one of the main brewers. Campbell started as a dishwasher at 16 and now, at age 19, he's the brain behind many of the Blue Cow's signature brews.

Freiberg said the idea behind opening a brewery was to satisfy her more casual customers.

"People would come in dressed casually and would take one look around at the décor and say, 'this isn't a brew pub,'" said Freiberg. "They were intimidated by the space and so I thought it would be really nice if one day, we could give the beer its own space."

When Pepper's went out of business in November of 2014, the Freibergs saw the opportunity to expand their brewing operation. The Blue Cow bought the building and immediately began renovating the space. The biggest renovation cost so far has been the beer system, which includes 18 taps.

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Shimadzu research center

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The fall semester will mark the grand opening of the Shimadzu Core Laboratory for Academic and Research Excellence, a new research laboratory in the Arts and Sciences Complex that will benefit students from a variety of programs.

The new research center is named for the Shimadzu Corporation, a Japanese-based international corporation whose corporate philosophy is based on "contributing to society through science and technology."

"With Shimadzu, we had an opportunity to submit a grant request that, of course, is relevant to what that organization specializes in," said Rick Kurtz, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "In Shimadzu's case, they make grant money available every year to basically make grant request packages for equipment."

After applying for this grant, Ferris State University was awarded \$500,000 worth of "cutting edge" scientific testing equipment for their new research center. The seven new pieces of equipment include various high-sensitivity

spectrophotometers, devices used to measure the amount of light absorbed by a medium at a given wavelength. Spectrophotometers are used in many different scientific fields, such as molecular biology, physics, chemistry and biochemistry.

"We did have what we saw as some of the appropriate lab equipment, because what our students have to know when graduating [requires having] a better familiarity with higher-level equipment," Kurtz said.

However, the university's existing resources were not enough to fill students' needs. Kurtz and administrators from several departments discussed what new resources would be mutually beneficial.

"The whole idea behind a core research lab is that it doesn't serve any one program. It doesn't serve any one department or even one college," said Kurtz.

Though the Shimadzu Research Center is intended to serve the entire campus, it will primarily benefit students in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Pharmacy. The Criminal Justice program has also expressed interest in utilizing the space for purposes of forensic science research.

The new laboratory will be beneficial to students who will one day be working in professional laboratory settings. The opportunity for them to become acquainted with this kind of scientific equipment while in college will give them an advantage once they are out in the workforce. Kurtz also hopes that the new research center will also serve as an attraction to prospective students going into scientific or medical fields.

The Shimadzu Research Center will be located on the ground floor of the Arts and Sciences Complex in what was once the Math and Science Center. According to Kurtz, the space has been very underutilized. He is glad the space will once again be used for its original intent as a research laboratory.

The construction of the Shimadzu Research Center should be completed in June and its grand opening will take place some time towards the beginning of the fall semester. Shimadzu representatives will be coming in to provide several hands-on training sessions for Ferris faculty.

For more information on Shimadzu Corporation, visit ssi.shimadzu.com.



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Ferris State will be renovating or demolishing its outdated housing

When the H and K East Campus buildings are gone, the plan is that parking for the Student Rec Center will be expanded.

Hughes estimates that all student housing will eventually be updated and located on the southeast corner and west side of campus, which would entail the removal of many of the university's residence halls, including Clark, Hallisy, Taggart and Vandercook Halls. Tentative plans are in place to build a new Virtual Learning Center in Vandercook's place.

"Other institutions are building traditional residence halls," Hughes said. "University of Michigan just opened a major project where they have

something like 15 or 20 students living in an apartment. I can't imagine that being popular on our campus. Things we know about our campus population is that our East Campus Suites and our West Campus Apartments sell out fast and first, so that model seems to be popular with our students."

Other construction projects on the Master Plan include an addition to Ewigleben Sports Complex, a repurposing of West Side Cafe, a partial closure of North Campus Drive and the demolition of Taggart Hall.

More information on Master Plan, can be found at ferris.edu/master-planning.



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The Blue Cow's new brewery is aiming to open in August

Freiberg estimates that the Blue Cow will spend \$200,000 in renovations.

Altogether, the Raven will have 91 seats and booths for people to dine in, 22 seats at the bar and two TV's. In addition to the 18 taps and BBQ menu, the Raven new pub will feature classic billiard tables, board games and live music on Fridays and Saturdays. According to Freiberg, the BBQ food and beer will be around the \$10 range to assure affordability for Ferris students.

The name "Raven Brewing" jumped out at Freiberg while looking through historical photographs of the building. Constructed in 1884, it used to be called the Raven Building.

"I'm going for a vibe that's more hip, more fun," said Freiberg. "My son teases me and tells me it's going to be a hipster hangout and I said, 'good, I'm totally down with that,' because we don't really have a good hipster hangout in town. It's a place for people who really care about beer and the quality of it."

The Brewery will be the only bar in Big Rapids that uses nitrogen driven taps. According to Freiberg, the tap hoses will run down to the basement coolers, which will make beer served at the perfect temperature.

"We're not going to be like Shooters," said Freiberg. "We're going to have a classic brew pub

atmosphere. We're adding Steampunk elements and colors, kind of an industrial modern atmosphere. This is a totally different experience."

