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Four 3D printers are available in the "maker space," a lab located in the Swan Building that was designed for students to utilize and learn from the newly acquired equipment.

Making space

3D printing now easily accessible to students

Angela Graf
News Editor

In fall of 2015, Ferris took steps toward a whole new realm of innovative technology and made it something that any student has the right to use and learn with. That technology is 3D printing.

The product design engineering program was undergoing a change in location when the idea of a "maker space" was brought to the attention of Professor Bill Koepf. A maker space is just a place where people can use 3D printers to design and create things.

The first printer was attained in spring of 2015 through the product design engineering program.

According to Koepf, who led the effort in acquiring the printer, it was an immediate success and was soon solidly booked by students wishing to use it.

"We decided that what it really boiled down to was that somebody needed to take the first step," said Koepf of their decision to buy the printer. "Nobody else had done it before, and I don't know why. It should have been done a long time ago. So we decided that we were going to buy one, stick it in a room, and see what happens. So that's what we did."

There have been 3D printers on campus in the past but, according to Koepf, they have been kept "hush-hush" in order to limit access to just one or two instructors and programs. This was not the

structure that he was after, though.

"We wanted to get a spot where the students can come in and don't rely on us to use the equipment," Koepf said. "Learn it yourself and then you can come in and use it whenever you want to, regardless of background."

Having received such a positive response to the first printer, Koepf took the hint and went a step further, applying for the Exceptional Merit Grant through the Ferris Foundation with the intentions of buying three more machines. As he had hoped, the program was awarded \$7,500, exactly enough to purchase them at their price of \$2,500 apiece.

Students in programs such as product de

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"It gives me a better chance of finding a job. I get to be a part of an up and coming technology."

- Jacob Brussel
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Money's most improved public U.S. colleges with graduation rates

1. University of Georgia (83%)
2. San Diego State University (66%)
3. California State University-Long Beach (60%)
4. Ohio State University (83%)
5. University at Buffalo (72%)
6. University of Central Florida (67%)
7. Temple University (66%)
8. Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (63%)
9. Grand Valley State University (70%)
10. Georgia State University (53%)
11. Ferris State University (43%)
12. SUNY Oneonta (70%)
13. University of Minnesota-Morris (63%)
14. Virginia Commonwealth University (57%)

Most improved

Ferris listed among
"high-value" universities

Devin Anderson

Torch Reporter

An improving graduation rate has not gone unnoticed as Ferris is now ranked among the nation's top improving public colleges.

Money, a personal finance magazine published by *Time* magazine, recently ranked Ferris State University 11th out of the top 14 most rapidly improving high-value colleges. *Money* cites each of the colleges on the list as having raised graduation rates by at least 10 percent since 2003 and reduced racial achievement gaps.

Federal data from 2013 shows Ferris' graduation rate is 43 percent, acceptance rate is 76 percent and the net price of the average degree is \$100,500.

"The prestige of a 'Top-Ten' or Ivy League school isn't worth it compared to what you can learn at a public university like this," said chemistry and

pre-pharmacy junior David Nguyen.

Nguyen also said Ferris' small class sizes have been beneficial to him.

"At Ferris, you get classes, not seminars," Nguyen said. "Most of my professors know me by name. That makes you feel like you're known in the community and therefore put in the effort to succeed."

According to 2014 data from usnews.com's "College Compass," only 3.5 percent of classes offered at Ferris have more than 50 students enrolled.

"I came to Ferris because it's cheaper to go here than many other universities," said Ferris education junior David Zinkel. "At the end of it all, it's a degree with your name on it."

Grand Valley State University also made the list at No. 9 and is ranked at 473 on *Money's* list of best colleges. Ferris is ranked at 509 on *Money's* list of best colleges.

Money's full list of improving "high-value" universities can be found at time.com/money.



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3D printers become available for student use

sign engineering and manufacturing engineering technology have assignments that require them to use the equipment; however, other majors have gotten involved with the machines as well.

"What we are finding out is that different programs and faculty that have come down here and toured the facility are telling their students, 'Okay I'll give you 10 or 15 extra credit points if you go down and print something in the maker space,'" said Koepf.

The printing equipment isn't just useful to the students in their current programs though, it allows for hands on practice and application of skills that will be used and have been used on internships and in the working world.

"I have had dozens of students come to me and say, 'I saw one of those this summer at my internship,'" said Koepf. "They showed me it and they let me take a look, but I never got to use it.' So I tell them, 'Well come here, we have four, use them!'"

Manufacturing engineering technology junior Jacob Brussel is enthusiastic about what the experience working with the 3D printers can mean for his career.

"It's really becoming its own section of manufacturing, so it ties right into my degree," Brussel said. "It gives me a better chance of finding a job. I get to be a part of an up and coming technology."

Koepf isn't ready to stop here though. Already in the works are plans to purchase four more printers and aspirations of expanding into the rooms adjacent to the maker space.

He encourages anybody interested in the technology to pay a visit and learn more. The maker space is located in room 110 of the Swan Building.



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In addition to the printers, the maker space has a table holding a number of projects printed by students, including the T-Rex skull shown above.

Strict parking

DPS issues thousands of parking tickets

Devin Anderson
Torch Reporter

There's ample parking at Ferris State University, just not where students want it.

With more than 7,525 parking spaces on Ferris' main campus, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) guarantees that when you pay \$100 for an annual parking pass, you'll have a spot.

Yet thousands of students each semester decide to risk it and park on campus without permits or in the wrong parking lots. DPS has issued 7,660 parking citations since July 2015.

Ferris nuclear medicine junior Meredith Hague admits she didn't want to spend the money on a parking permit because she lives close to campus.

"Maybe there is enough parking but it's not conveniently located," Hague said. "People will come park in my driveway for class. One time I saw a random guy do it and I had to yell at him."

Hague said it's also not uncommon for students to leave their cars at nearby businesses while in class if there is no available meter parking.

"We have to enforce parking strictly," said DPS Director Bruce Borkovich. "No one enjoys it, but it has to be done so that when you buy a parking permit, it's our promise you'll have a place to park."

With the average ticket costing students between \$10 and \$20, DPS collects more than \$1 million in ticket revenue each year.

According to Student Government director of operations Chris Cipko, several students have approached Student Government about finding alternatives to Ferris' current parking system.

"A lot of students I talk to say they wish there was better parking," said Cipko, a senior in healthcare administration. "If I have a class in the morning, I can usually find a spot. But at lunch time, it can be a difficult task. Any campus you go to, there's going to be a parking issue."

Borkovich, who attended Michigan State University and taught at Central Michigan University before coming to Ferris, agrees parking can be difficult at any large institution.

"I don't know if I've been to a university where people don't complain about parking," he said.

According to Borkovich, most parking tickets are issued by student service officers employed by DPS. Ticket revenues are added to Ferris' general fund and then allocated to DPS's operating budget.

For more information on parking at Ferris or to pay a ticket online, visit ferris.edu/HTMLS/othersrv/campussafety.

Parking Citations

2012-2013	12,477
2013-2014	14,130
2014-2015	13,377

Through December 2015 7,660

Parking Spots

Resident students	2,506
Commuter	2,009
Faculty/Staff	1,370
Student apartment	743
Katke Golf Course	353
Handicap	209
Meter	207
Birkam Health Center	53
Racquet Facility	42
Customer Parking	9
Total	7,525

NEWS BRIEFS

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Plans for renovation

On Dec. 18, the day before fall commencement, the Ferris State Board of Trustees approved a number of construction projects on campus. These projects involve both residence life and the Swan Building. The first project has already begun, an expansion on the West Campus Apartments scheduled to open fall of 2016. In addition to that development, the Michigan House and Senate approved a bill furthering the authorization of the \$30 million Swan project. The project includes a 34,462 square foot addition and the repurposing of another 10,000 square feet to meet the demands of various engineering technology programs. However, final funding is still waiting for approval.

Change in the lineup

Dean of Student Life, Leroy Wright, will be leaving Ferris to serve as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at Appalachian State University. His parting is amicable and there will be a farewell reception held on Wednesday, Jan. 13 in the University Center room 202C. Temporarily taking over his duties as the interim Dean of Student Life, starting on Saturday, Jan. 16, is Nicholas Campau, the current Associate Dean of Student Life.

Information update

The Department of Public Safety, Office of the Dean of Student Life, Personal Counseling Center and the Office of Student Conduct worked together to update the information booklet given to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campus. The new books have been printed and are now being distributed as incidents occur.

Appreciating our mentors

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the SCHOLAR Peer Mentor Program will host a luncheon celebrating mentor appreciation month. Jasmine Hall, a neuro-science major, will be speaking at the event about how the mentors in her life have allowed her to overcome obstacles. The luncheon will be held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Guests must RSVP within 24 hours of the event by calling (231) 591-5976.

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Celebrating dreams

Ferris community honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at annual celebration

Liz Yost
Torch Reporter

Ferris State students and staff prepare to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the 2016 spring semester kicks off.

Every year, Ferris' Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) hosts a celebration in honor of the infamous civil rights activist, commonly known as the "MLK celebration."

"Much of the event is designed to symbolically celebrate Dr. King's life work," said Ferris OMSS assistant director Michael Wade. Wade has been the MLK celebration coordinator for the past eight years.

Two of the events, the freedom march and the student tribute, have occurred each year throughout the celebration's 30-year history. This year, the event will also offer multiple interactive excursions and empowering presentations.

Though the event is put on by the OMSS, many other groups helped sponsor and plan the celebration, such as the Ferris Volunteer Center, the Ferris Advocacy and Education of

Gender Identity and Sexuality, and the Ferris Student Michigan Education Association. While planning the event, each portion was coordinated not only for Ferris students and staff, but also for the city of Big Rapids to take part and celebrate Dr. King.

"The students are definitely at the root of what we do," said Wade, "But we try to plan events so that the community, which doesn't really have a celebration like this one, can come out and participate as well. We've even moved events such as the Freedom March to later in the day, so that those who are in class or at work during the day can experience it as well."

One highlight of this year's agenda includes guest speaker Tamika Mallory. Mallory is a nationally-recognized social justice leader and civil rights activist. Mallory was invited to the MLK celebration to educate the students about activism and to promote awareness of issues within student campus.

All events involved with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration are free, open to the public and span from Monday, Jan. 18 to Thursday, Jan. 21.



FSU File Photo

Students participate in the Freedom March at a previous celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Events Jan. 18 - Jan. 21, 2016

MLK-Community Volunteerism Open House (CLACS & OMSS)

Monday, Jan. 18, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

OMSS: MLK Freedom March

Monday, Jan. 18, 2016
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Begins: UC Rankin Lounge
Ends: UC Room 202

OMSS: MLK Tunnel of Oppression Exhibit

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Ward Hall

OMSS: MLK Student Tribute

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
UC 217

OMSS: MLK "Your Words Have Power"

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
UC 202 AB

OMSS: MLK Guest Speaker: Tamika Mallory

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
UC 202 C

How it all adds up

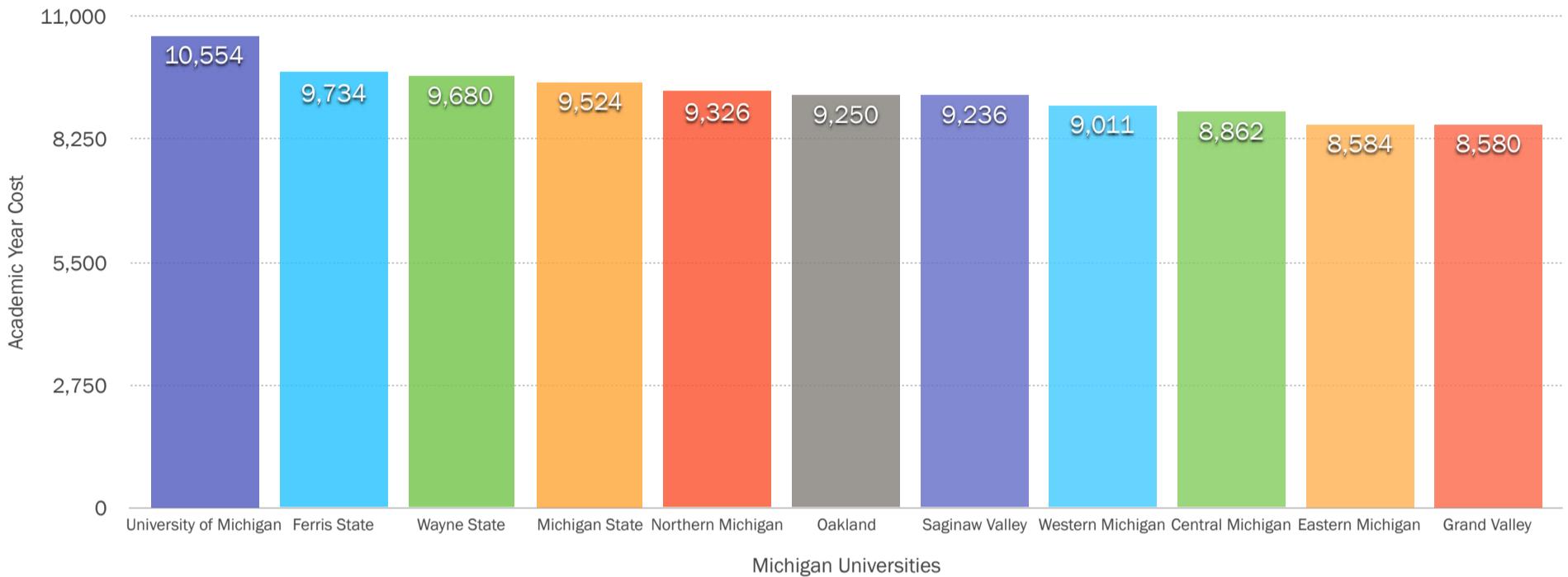
Comparison of average room and board at Michigan public universities

Angela Graf
News Editor

The information in this article was attained from the respective housing websites of the listed public Michigan universities. They are estimates based off of what

is considered the "average" cost of room and board while staying in a residence hall. All of the following figures include a "standard" meal plan for the individual university. They are listed in order from most expensive estimated cost of room and board to least expensive estimated cost of room and board.

Room and Board Costs at Michigan Universities



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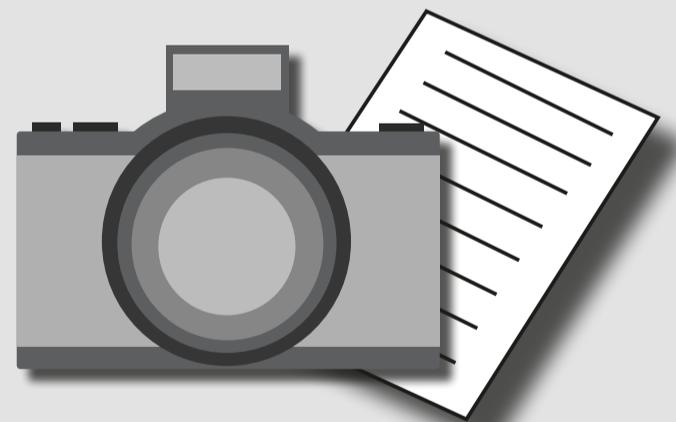


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"I placed my feet on the border of Syria as I listened to the echoes of bombs and machine guns."
- Travis Sacher
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CUE THE THEME MUSIC



The blockbuster that took America by storm (troopers)

Jen Corrie

Torch Reporter

After a very long hibernation, the force has finally awakened.

All puns aside, the long-anticipated new Star Wars film, "Episode 7: The Force Awakens," brought some serious business to movie theaters this winter, sending box office profits through the roof.

People across the nation flocked to theaters when the film arrived, including Ferris television and digital media production professor Glen Okonoski and his son Colin, who saw the film at an 8:30 p.m. showing on Thursday, Dec. 17 in Grand Rapids.

"Overall, the movie was outstanding and I really enjoyed it," Okonoski said. "It had a nice

mix of new characters as well as gratifying opportunities to see the original characters further their roles."

Okonoski also said that upon seeing classic beloved characters including Han Solo, Princess Leia, C-3PO and R2-D2, there were cheers in the audience.

"I'd say it exceeded my expectations," Okonoski said. "It was equally fun for me to see, as someone who saw the originals as a kid, as well as for my nine-year-old son to see, who hadn't seen all of the previous films."

Okonoski said "The Force Awakens" stands up well alongside Episodes 4-6 but he doesn't care too much for Episodes 1-3, which were the most recent films to date prior to Episode 7.

"The writing is bad and the acting is worse, [for Episodes 1-3] which is surprising given some of the talent that was in those films," said Okonoski. "For example, Samuel L. Jackson's character is lousy."

Ferris plastics engineering sophomore Kyle Brady also watched the film in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

"I thought the movie was great," Brady said. "It was a little different than previous movies and the plot was hard to grasp at first, but I believe Disney did a fantastic job at blending their ideas into the new movie while still keeping it original. It's almost like everything was different but nothing was different at all, if that makes sense."

"I think it lived up to expectations just because it's a Star Wars movie," Brady said. "Even if it was a bad movie, Star Wars fans still would've gone crazy over it. I'm excited for the next movie to come out and you can guarantee I'll be watching it in the theaters."



New resolutions

Ferris students share 2016 goals

Nick Vander Wulp

Torch Reporter

The new year is here, and for some, that means making new goals and fresh starts for the year.

Some Ferris students have made some resolutions to take advantage of the beginning of another year. Whether it relates to focusing more on their own well-being, refocusing on academic achievement, pushing for physical fitness or having more fun.

"Well, I failed a class last semester, so I hope to not fail another class! Okay, I got a D+, but it's considered a fail."

- Surveying engineering sophomore
Michelle Thebo

"I'm not usually one for New Year's resolutions but this year my resolution is to love myself more and to focus on myself. I've come to the realization that I'm still young and have a lot of life left before me. People always seem to be more worried about others and forget to think about themselves. 2016 is going to be the year I think about myself and what I want in life."

- History senior Megan Brown

"I really want to hike the North Country Trail this summer with my friends. It's a long stretch of trail that runs from up-state New York to North Dakota. The Outdoor Club actually works on sections of the trail within Michigan so a few of us have planned to hike the trail that we did work on this past year."

- Pre-dental junior Autumn Mirkle

"If I made a resolution it would be to continue to make it in nursing school. Also, maybe push an album or two out with my band as well."

- Nursing junior Nathan Babcock

"I possibly have high blood pressure so my resolution is to get in the best shape of my life. Usually I make one or two more later on, but that's my single big one for the year."

- Optometry junior Dylan Williams

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Torch staff member Travis Sacher feeds Israel Defense Forces soldier Yuval (Ovlov) Safran a gummy worm in Tel Aviv, Israel. Sacher spent 10 days with Safran in Israel over winter break.

My time with Ovlov in Israel



Travis Sacher
Torch Reporter

On Monday, Dec. 28, I flew to the middle of a war zone—the Independent Jewish State of Israel.

I was there on a special trip known as Birthright, which is a program that sends young Jewish adults to Israel on a free 10-day tour. While there, I experienced things that cannot be described in words. I stood with my hand on the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, I toured Yad Veshem, a holocaust museum, I knelt at the graves of Israeli soldiers who lost their lives in battle (including Michael Levin, an American Lone Soldier) and I placed my feet on the border of Syria as I listened to the echoes of bombs and machine guns. I could not hear the screams of innocent civilians and children.

On a happier note, my favorite part of my 10-day journey was my time spent with Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers who joined our group. On Sunday, Jan. 3, seven young Israeli citizens, none older than 21, walked into our hotel wearing IDF uniforms.

In Israel, all men must serve three years in the IDF and all women must serve two years. On very rare occasions is a citizen exempt from the IDF. To create fa-

miliarity for American high school students, we take the ACT and SAT to show our capabilities for college. Israeli high school students take two tests to show what position is best suited for them in the IDF.

On the trip, I spent the most time with Yuval Safran, a soldier in artillery and special forces. Yuval and I became very close in our time together and rooming together. At first I could not remember how to pronounce his name so I ended up calling him Ovlov, a nickname that stuck with him till the end of the trip.

Ovlov is 21 and from Jerusalem. He has been in the IDF since he was 18 and still has six more months to go until his term is completed. Ovlov and I have a lot in common, such as TV shows, movies, music, dislike of kosher food and most importantly, a sense of humor. We both enjoy an idiotic level of humor as well as American stereotypes. He told me that all stereotypes he knew of Americans are true except he never saw Americans always taking selfies. He was quickly proven wrong on that last one during our trip of 35 American college students. Ovlov enjoys the movie "Project X" and asked me if parties in America are actually like that. I told him that the movie is an exaggeration of a party, but that does not mean that Ferris State University doesn't do their



Photo by: Travis Sacher

The Western Wall (also known as The Kotel) in the Old City of Jerusalem.

best to re-create the movie each year on Ferris Fest.

On our last day together we exchanged gifts. He gave me a choice of two pins. I chose his base training pin. I wish I chose the other one. It was a pin to show he was in combat in 2014 in Operation Protective Edge, an Israeli military operation launched against Gaza ruled Hamas, which is a terrorist organization. I gave him the best representation of myself I had, my nametag, and he laughed but loved it. If you look closely at the picture of us above, you can see a small black pin on my shirt, and a nametag around his neck.

When we were forced to say goodbye, I cried. I cried because I know that I may never see him again, and because I know that I am returning to the daily struggle of college, but he is returning to his army base where he works about 16 hours a day. And at any given point he may be called into combat and give his life for the country he is defending.

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Getting fit

Blue Line Fitness Club brings together student exercisers

Hailey Klingel
Lifestyles Editor

A new club on campus is bringing together those who like to physically push themselves, both individually and as a team.

Blue Line Fitness Club is a Ferris registered student organization (RSO) as of Oct. 2015. Many criminal justice majors join to prepare for the academy, but the fitness club is open to anyone who wants to work out with a group.

"The purpose of this RSO is to promote a healthy lifestyle in many forms," Blue Line Fitness Club president and Ferris criminal justice junior Michael Leech said. "We wanted to form a group in order to get people into the gym and allow them to feel safe with a group of people with similar interests."

Leech said the name of the RSO is a criminal justice term referring to the line that separates the good from the evil. The name was chosen to represent the community that supports and protects the population.

Even though the RSO is only a few months old, Ferris criminal justice junior Kaitlyn LaClear said being a member has impacted her life for the better.

"I've been able to go to the gym and not wonder or question what I'll do because it's all structured for me to follow," LaClear said. "I also feel the need to push myself and challenge myself be-

cause everyone else in the group is working hard, which helps motivate me."

Ferris criminal justice sophomore Donovan Moore joined Blue Line Fitness Club not only to work out, but to help other students with their fitness journey.

"Working out has always been a great way to relieve stress and I want people to hopefully see what I see in working out and how healthy it is physically and mentally," Moore said. "I've been working out for a long time but the people there reminded me how to have fun with it and why I started doing it initially."

Leech says he hopes Blue Line Fitness Club will bring in more students this semester, start participating in community service as an RSO and have meetings where nutritionists talk about healthy eating.

"For now, we are mostly focused on increasing our numbers and seeing weekly improvements in each members," said Leech. "The more diverse this group becomes, the stronger this campus becomes."

Blue Line Fitness Club meets four days a week for about an hour. Students can become members by going to five sessions a month and maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Anyone interested in joining can contact Michael Leech at leechm@ferris.edu or search "Blue Line Fitness Club" on Facebook for more information.



Submitted photo

Blue Line Fitness Club members exercise together at the Rec four days a week. The RSO is open to all Ferris students who want the motivation of a group workout.

2016 SPRING INTRAMURAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

LEAGUES	DIVISION	SPORT	REGISTRATION	ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER	PLAY STARTS
	5 V 5 BASKETBALL	1/6 - 1/25	\$14.00	1/31	
4 V 4 FLAG FOOTBALL	1/6 - 1/25	\$14.00	1/31		
HOCKEY	1/6 - 1/20	\$130.00	1/24		
BROOMBALL	2/14 - 2/29	\$14.00	3/14		
4 V 4 VOLLEYBALL	2/21 - 3/17	\$14.00	3/28		
DODGEBALL	2/21 - 3/17	\$14.00	3/28		
SOCCER	2/21 - 3/17	\$14.00	3/28		

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	TEXAS HOLDEM	2/1 - 2/12	FREE	2/12	
BAGS	2/8 - 2/19	FREE	2/19		
WATER POLO	2/5 - 2/15	\$7.00	2/21		
BATTLESHIP	2/12 - 2/22	\$7.00	2/28		
STRONGEST BULLDOG	3/6 - 3/20	\$7.00	3/20		
SOFTBALL	4/1 - 4/11	\$7.00	4/17		
BUBBLE SOCCER	4/8 - 4/18	\$7.00	4/24		
FLAG FOOTBALL	4/8 - 4/18	\$7.00	4/25		
SOCCER	4/8 - 4/18	\$7.00	4/26		

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"It's such a special feeling to be able to play together."
- Drew Dorantes
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Brother Puckers



Photo by: Katie Tobak | Photographer

Brothers Drew and Tyler Dorantes of the Ferris hockey team showed signs of a sibling rivalry in the Crimson and Gold scrimmage this season when Tyler pinned his older brother against the boards.

BEAU JENSEN
Torch Reporter

The term "brotherhood" is thrown around quite a bit in the world of sports, but the meaning runs a bit deeper when it comes to Ferris State hockey.

The Bulldogs have had a surge of great play on the ice from younger talent in the first half of the season. Two of those young men are sophomore defenseman Tyler Dorantes and sophomore forward Andrew Dorantes. Tyler, 21, and Drew, 22, are brothers from Waterford, Mich. who came to Ferris State last year together as freshmen to begin their stint as Bulldog hockey players in the 2014-2015 season.

"Being able to play together is great, we get to share a lot of memories together. We always have so much fun being on the ice together," Tyler said. "It also makes it

easy on our parents because they get to come to just about every home game."

The two graduated from different high schools to accommodate their hockey a year apart. Drew graduated from Kearney High School in Nebraska in 2012 while Tyler graduated from Valley High School in Des Moines, IA in 2013. Tyler and Drew do not take the opportunity to play together here at Ferris for granted.

"It's such a special feeling to be able to play together," Drew said. "Over the years we have both been in different spots and haven't had the chance to watch each other, so to be able to not only see each other but play with each other is something that I'll treasure forever. When he makes a good play or scores, I get just as excited as if I was the one scoring, so it has been awesome."

The Bulldog bros are motivated to help get the Dawgs over the .500 hump and obtain some more wins.

"In the short run, we want to pull ahead of the other teams in our conference by sweeping the majority of our remaining weekends," Tyler said. "Long term, we want to get home ice for the playoffs, win the final five and get an NCAA Tournament bid."

Tyler stressed the fact that he wants to be able to stay consistent every day he laces up his skates and lock in on each day's task so that he can give his teammates an opportunity to get better. Drew has similar goals for himself and the team as he plans to focus on growing as a person and a player to be a guy his teammates can always depend on.

Tyler and Drew enjoy being able to fly the Ferris flag and play together, but there is no shortage of competitiveness between the brothers when it comes to other things.

"We're extremely competitive," Drew said. "Luckily we're different positions, but in one on one battles I al-

ways want to win against him. In the weight room is where we also get competitive. I may see him hang-cleaning more weight than me, so I'll throw on whatever weight he's doing and try it."

Head Coach Bob Daniels and his staff have an abundance of young talent on the roster who promise to help Bulldog hockey maintain a great reputation in all of college hockey. The Dorantes brothers are two of the guys who can help lead the team both now and down the line.

The Bulldogs are back in action this Friday, Jan. 15 after a long winter break to kick off the weekend series in Big Rapids against the Chargers of Alabama-Huntsville. The puck drops at 7:07 p.m. in Ewigleben Ice Arena.

More good news, the parents of the Dorantes brothers don't have to make the tough decision of choosing which kid's game to go to this weekend.

Vander Laan wins second Harlon Hill Trophy

Marshall Scheldt
Sports Editor

While everyone was taking a break from classes during the holidays, Ferris State quarterback Jason Vander Laan won his second consecutive Harlon Hill Trophy.

The award is given to the most outstanding player in Division II college football, and it was apparent that Vander Laan held that title.

Vander Laan was awarded the 30th annual Harlon Hill trophy, making him the fourth player to win the award more than once. The last player to win the award twice was Danny Woodhead, who attended Chadron State and now plays for the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League.

Vander Laan, a six-foot-four, 244 pound senior received 217 total points in the voting, 110 more points than second place finisher Ja'Quan Gardner of Humboldt State. Vander Laan, a Frankfort, Ill. native, received 51 first place votes, 26 second place votes, and 12 third place votes on Friday, Dec. 18, 2015.

In 12 games this season, Vander Laan ran for 1,542 yards and 24 touchdowns on the ground. He completed 210 of 320 pass attempts for 2,625 yards and 27 touchdowns, bringing his TD total to 51 on the season.

In his senior season, Vander Laan became the all-time leader



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics

Ferris quarterback Jason Vander Laan became just the fourth athlete to ever be awarded the Harlon Hill Trophy more than once following this past season. in rush yards at the quarterback position in any division of college football, making him arguably the best rushing quarterback to ever play college football.

Vander Laan lead the Bulldogs to a combined 37-9 record in his four years where he rushed for 5,983 yards and passed for 8,240 yards in his time at Ferris State. Vander Laan was honored at a luncheon on the campus of the University of North Alabama on Friday, Jan. 8.

Sports Shorts

Cody Burkhard
Torch Reporter

Men's basketball still rolling

Ferris men's basketball has continued their gritty play into the new year to lead the GLIAC in blocks, rebounds and opponent field goal percentage.

The Dawgs are third overall in the GLIAC North at 5-3 with senior center Jared Stolicker at the heart of this effort. He leads all GLIAC players in rebounds and blocks per game with 11.1 and 2.3 respectively on the season.

Stolicker has averaged a double-double in January posting 17 points and 12 boards per game while getting three blocks per game. He put forth his best effort of the new year so far in a four-point home win against Wayne State on Sunday, Jan. 3 with 22 points, 13 boards, and three blocks.

The Dawgs will have a weekend homestand coming up as they host GLIAC opponents Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan. Ferris will tip off at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 against Michigan Tech followed by Northern Michigan at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Ferris hockey splits at Mariucci Classic

Ferris hockey shook off a loss to No. 5 Harvard in the first round of the 25th annual Mariucci Classic and beat Connecticut 5-2 in consolation play. The Bulldogs have been an enigma all season as they continue to find themselves at .500. They lost their broom last season and apparently did not get one for Christmas.

The new year has brought more of the same as the Dawgs have yet to get a weekend sweep. However, they have not been swept. As a result they are No. 5 in the WCHA standings. "Five" seems to be the status quo for Ferris as they are No. 5 in multiple WCHA statistical categories including special team net, penalty kill percentage and scoring offense.

The Dawgs have outshot their opponents 717 to 688 but have been outscored 63 to 57. If Ferris can be more efficient converting more of those scoring opportunities, they could make a leap towards the top of the division.

Ferris hockey will host WCHA opponent Alabama-Huntsville this Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16 at 7:07 p.m.



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Senior libero Danielle Dowd was just one of four senior volleyball players to end their career following last season. The team will be looking to fill the shoes of four senior starters next season.

Moving on

Cody Burkhard

Torch Reporter

The end of a senior athlete's college career can often be the end of a story with more pages to be written. What happens when their career is over?

Four seniors were asked, "What's next?"

Ferris volleyball went 33-3 in the fall and lost in the Midwest Regional Finals to Rockhurst 3-2. Despite a premature ending of a championship hopeful year, the Bulldogs had the best season in Ferris history. This success was due in large part to senior hitters Alexis Huntley, Caroline Heitzman, Megan Vander Meer and senior libero Danielle Dowd.

Dowd is a nursing major currently enrolled in the Ferris State nursing program. She led the GLIAC in digs this year with 577 and helped her team win the GLIAC title.

Dowd said, "It's been really fun being an athlete at Ferris and getting to represent my university at these other universities. It's also really cool to hang out with these girls for four years. So, that's been a blessing having friends that will last long beyond college."

This semester is Dowd's last and will be the start of new life. She said, "I finish nursing school in August so I'm just continuing to enjoy the college life a little longer and then hopefully take the Boards and get a job somewhere."

Dowd's favorite moment of her senior year was winning against perennial champion Concordia St. Paul in the finals of the Colorado Premier Challenge.

Dowd's teammate, Megan Vander Meer is a technical and professional communication major and earned her second straight All-American nod this year. She plans to take her transcendent play overseas.

Vander Meer said, "I'm going to play volleyball overseas at least for as long as I can. My major is my backup plan if playing overseas doesn't work out. Volleyball is more of an option right now than my major but if volleyball doesn't work out then I [have] other options."

The end of her college career may be the start of her professional career as she is in talks with an agency to get on

the map overseas, especially Europe.

Like Dowd, Vander Meer was disappointed in the end of last season, but she was proud of her time at Ferris. She said, "I wouldn't want to go down with another team."

Volleyball was not the only Ferris team to have a great senior-led season. Ferris soccer allowed the fewest goals in school history en route to a school record finish of 14-5-1. Additionally, the Dawgs had a school record four-game shutout streak.

This season was fueled by a defense of mainly seniors including goalie Maddie Haustein and defenders Ashley Bradstreet, Lindsey Scott and Hunter Dolan.

Dolan was a two-way player who contributed her whole career. However, the conclusion was not what she had hoped for.

Dolan said, "We had a premature ending to the season but I couldn't have been more proud with all the records we set. It was just a great team."

Dolan graduated in the fall with a nursing degree with plans of moving to Grand Rapids looking for jobs. She currently has an interview lined up with Butterworth Spectrum.

On the offensive side of the ball, senior forward Nichole Boehnke led Ferris soccer with 19 points and 23 shots on goal.

Boehnke's sentiments towards last season were bittersweet as the close of her career left behind friendship. She said, "It's amazing how close we came. We're going to be friends for life. I'm going to miss them the most but we had a remarkable season."

Boehnke also graduated this past fall but with a degree in journalism and technical communication and a minor in advertising and marketing communication. She is moving to Grand Rapids with fellow teammates Dolan and Amanda Mathy where Boehnke will work in the promotional and marketing department at Cumulus Media.

There she will run social media pages and work with radio personalities, promoting their radio shows.

Some of the pages are still blank for these seniors but all have plans to add to the narrative. With their departures comes the beginning of a new chapter in the story of Ferris athletics.

The boys are back in town

Beau Jensen

Torch Reporter

It's finally time for Big Rapids to come out of hockey hibernation this weekend as the Bulldogs are home for the first time since the first week of December to take on Alabama-Huntsville.

The Dawgs played the Chargers four times last season and only lost the first matchup, taking a 3-1 record against Alabama-Huntsville for the 2014-2015 season. The Chargers are yet to really take off this season, as they currently hold a 5-15-2 overall record with a .273 winning percentage. No matter the record, the Dawgs are not looking to take Alabama-Huntsville lightly and know the importance of getting a good start coming off of the winter break according to senior forward Kenny Babinski.

"It is definitely very important to get the second half of the season started off on the right foot with wins. Especially to get conference wins," Babinski said. "We will need to outwork a very hard working Huntsville team if we want to win, and I know that we will be ready to compete"

Junior forward Kyle Schempp and junior forward Chad McDonald tallied three goals apiece in all of last year's run-ins with the Chargers, leading the scoring effort for the Dawgs.

Ferris State is hoping to grab a couple wins and keep the ball rolling through the month of

January to prevent a slump like the team saw last year. The Bulldogs were only able to grab two wins in last season's January play, but the surge of scoring from a number of different players on the team so far this year is reason enough to have confidence in the team.

Early on in the season, Head Coach Bob Daniels said that even though wins were elusive during the middle part of the season, he was extremely proud of the fact that his guys were able to get out of it and finish the season strong.

A total of six different Bulldogs were able to find the back of the net for goals over the course of two games last weekend during the 2016 Mariucci Classic. In that tournament, Ferris State lost in their opening game against Harvard 7-3. In the consolation game of the Mariucci Classic, the Dawgs took it to the Huskies of the University of Connecticut with a 5-2 victory to end the weekend.

"We have been getting scoring from first line players to fourth line players, and that is especially important as the season goes on," Babinski said. "Guys may be out of the lineup with injuries or getting worn down, and getting scoring from everyone is necessary."

As of now, the Bulldogs are healthy and ready to get back to playing in front of the Big Rapids crowd when the puck drops at 7:07 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15 in Ewigeleben Ice Arena.

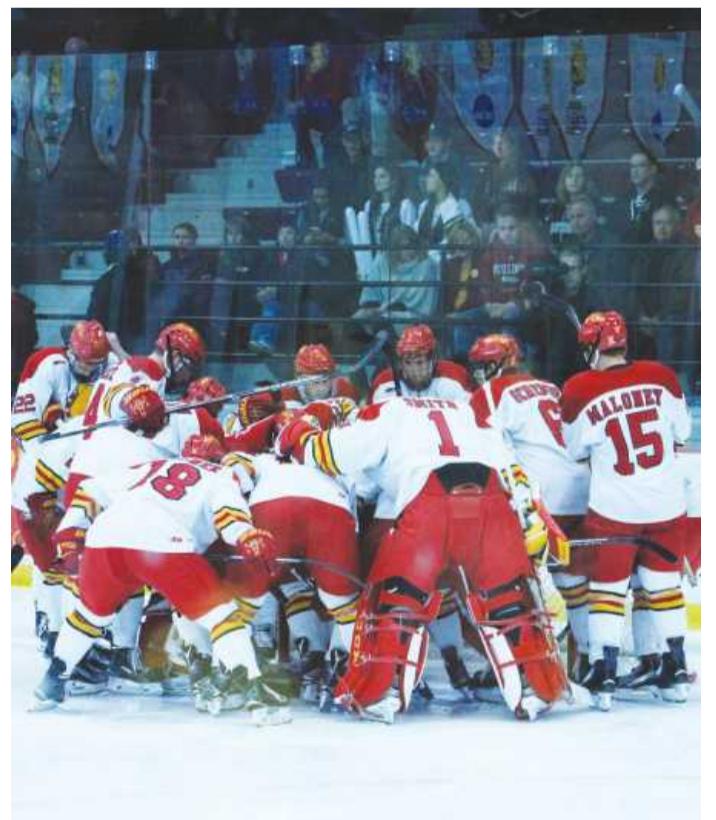


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The Bulldogs are playing their first home game since Dec. 5 this Friday, when they take on Alabama-Huntsville at 7:07 p.m.

Fighting a slump

Mark Hansen
Torch Reporter

The Ferris State women's basketball team has not had the season they envisioned at the start of the season.

The Bulldogs are sitting at an overall record of 3-11 and a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (GLIAC) record of 3-5. The Bulldogs just returned from a road trip to Ohio where they were unable to pull out a win, posting an 0-2 record.

The Bulldogs fought hard, taking an early lead, but Malone came back from a 20 point deficit to win on a buzzer beater 58-56.

Ferris had a tougher time with Walsh as they tried to fight back, but never quite caught traction and fell 41-58.

Some of Ferris State's troubles have been injury-related as the Bulldogs have had at times only eight people able to dress out of the 15 women on the team.

Sophomore forward Rachel McInerney said, "There's no question we have faced a lot of adversity this season, but I think it has only made us stronger. With the multiple injuries a lot of us were forced to step into major roles on the court. Although it was hard work and there was a lot of trial and error, I think because of it, our

team has learned to attack challenges in a relentless way," McInerney said.

The Bulldogs are under new leadership as this is Coach Kendra Faustin's first year with the team. Rachel talked about what Coach Faustin has implemented into the program and what she is working on with this Bulldog team.

"One of the biggest things we talk about is getting better every day. Whether it's on the court physically or off the court watching film or putting extra work in on our own, we've said since day one that it's a process and the important thing for us as a team is to just get better every single day in any aspect we can. We can be worried about records or other factors, all we need to focus on is improvement and sticking to our seven core values. She's always telling us that if we play 'our way' we will be successful, whether that shows on the scoreboard or not," McInerney said.

The Bulldogs aren't in terrible position to turn this season around, they just have to keep winning conference games and they are back in it. The Bulldogs will return to action Thursday, Jan. 14 against Michigan Tech and Saturday, Jan. 16 against Northern Michigan.



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Ferris' women's basketball team also faced a slump last season when they went 2-9 during an 11-game midseason stretch.



Top Dawg

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Marshall Schedlt
Sports Editor

The Ferris State women's basketball team has been struggling to find wins this year, but they have had at least one consistent positive: the play of sophomore forward Rachel McInerney.

The six-foot-one Saginaw, Mich. native averaged 3.3 points per game in her freshman season where she averaged just 12.8 minutes of playing time per game. Her role as a sophomore has increased significantly as she is averaging 30 minutes on the court per game so far this season.

In those 30 minutes, McInerney is averaging 13.4 points, 6.5 re-

bounds and 1.1 blocks per game this season.

In last week's 58-56 loss to Malone, McInerney posted a double-double, scoring 14 points, pulling down 10 rebounds and blocking three shots. She followed that performance up with an eight points, seven rebound outing in a 41-58 loss against Walsh last week.

McInerney will look to improve her numbers as well as the team's record in a couple home matchups this week.

Ferris plays Michigan Tech at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 and Northern Michigan at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16. Both games will be played in Wink Arena in Big Rapids.

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at 6:00pm

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at 1:00pm

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Staying active is essential to your mental health.

Back in the swing of things

We've all been doing this for years: stocking up on notebooks and pens, buying books last minute, having our parent's buy the annual bulk of groceries. It's in the air—school is back in session. As a student living off campus, there are a few signs that the semester has started. Meijer becomes a shit show. It's already ridiculously busy, but with the Ferris student population migrating back, it becomes a carnival. The University Center's parking lot goes from a barren space to a cozy corner riddled with cars. And it becomes infinitely more difficult to find a parking spot on campus, anywhere.

But mostly how I am reminded of the new semester is a matter of mental health. My anxiety soars through the roof. I feel like a socially deprived alien and can't remember how to interact with anyone. My neuroticism might flare up a bit too: it's harder to sleep, concentrate, and find calm in the day. And with winter here, depression rates skyrocket. According to National Health Services, this is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. Basically, our bodies need sunlight and when we aren't exposed to as much or aren't following up with supplemental Vitamin D, we become so unbalanced and out of sync with our bodies that our mental health is also affected.

That's why getting back into the swing of things is more than just a trip to Meijer. It's also about taking care of our mental health, and making sure our well-being is at the forefront of our priorities.

Here are some of my tips, from one anxiety-ridden student to another, on how



Lyndzi Sakowski
Torch Reporter

to take care of yourself this semester.

First, find some time with friends. Real friends, people that make you feel like sunshine and listen to you genuinely. Also, eat good food. Not just fries and ranch, but also make sure to taste the rainbow with colorful fruits and veggies. Drink some water! You'd be amazed the weird things that can happen when we're dehydrated. Find a hobby that makes you feel alive: art, poetry, singing, dancing, etc. Whatever it is that helps you express your creative self, do it. Everyday.

Another important one: exercise! Moving not only rids toxins from the body, it's a mood lifter. When you genuinely think that you look good, you start to feel good.

In my opinion, this one is crucial. Take some time for yourself every day to sit in quiet. Meditation, as some call it. This one is the most intimidating for some. But it doesn't require hours of sitting and complete detachment to be beneficial. Even taking five or 10 minutes a day to sit quietly, listening to your breath and reflecting on the day will prove as a calming activity for the most anxious.

School is up and started, winter is here, so make this your year. Study hard, eat your veggies and count your blessings. These are my tips for anyone struggling to fight the winter blues and the anxieties of a new semester.

Chat with the chief

Editor in Chief, Keith Salowich

Resolve

What is your New Years resolution for 2016?

Actually, let me pitch a better question. Have you given up on it yet?

If you're still committed to changing any aspect of your life in the New Year, then you are among just 64% of Americans who see their resolutions past the first two weeks of January, according to statistics-brain.com

It's not that change is impossible; it's just that people are oftentimes irreconcilably lazy. This isn't true

in all cases of course, but it helps explain why we as a species are so pathetic when it comes to sticking to our promises.

Sir Isaac Newton unintentionally summed up the inevitable failure of so many hopeful New Years resolutions when he said a body in motion tends to stay in motion, just as a body at rest tends to stay at rest.

If an individual has spent the greater part of his or her existence without exercising, that body will tend to stay at rest regardless of how many resolutions he or she

may proclaim.

Change is far more uncomfortable than stasis.

That's why chain smokers may purchase a fresh pack of smokes on January 3rd after resisting the urge for just 48 hours, or why there may be lines for the elliptical machines at the gym until numbers dwindle once again by the start of February.

Having an over-arching goal for the year is a great thing. We should never stop trying to improve ourselves. However, the reported failure rate of New Years resolutions is

absurd.

Perhaps people would be slightly more inclined to stick to their promises if they weren't just pledging to themselves, but rather a mass audience. That way, one is forced to feel accountable for making the change.

In the name of changing for the better, my 2016 New Years resolution is listed below.

In an effort to further distance myself from BuzzFeed, my resolution for this year is to never begin an article with a question. Here's hoping I can manage it.

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My 2015 favorite things



Kip Biby
Opinions Editor

2015 offered a cornucopia of fun issues to write about. From Donald Trump's wild comments to Hillary Clinton's felonies, politics were a hot topic. But I am taking a break from writing hard hitting opinions about Bernie Sanders favorite places to eat in Phoenix and taking a look at some of my favorite things about 2015.

Favorite food

My grandma makes some delicious meatballs from a recipe passed down from mafia guys (probably not true) for centuries. The meatballs get honorable mention, but my favorite food from the past year has been pizza from Pizzapapalis in Greektown, Detroit. Greektown is a shining star in a city that has become a lawless heap and Pizzapapalis is an unforgettable treasure. Right across the street is Pegasus Taverna, also very good.

Favorite movie

While I did enjoy the "Hateful Eight" very much, the most fun I had seeing a movie this year was watching "Mad Max: Fury Road." Outlandish characters, intense action scenes and an undying quest for freedom from a communist government, this movie has it all. George Miller, the film's director, resists special effects and uses stuntmen and stuntwomen in a futile effort to keep the old ways of movie making alive. Hats off to you.

Favorite local news story

Last semester, Mari Ann Loucks wrote a piece about the new Greek life alcohol policies. The policies are no fun, but the story was in depth, interesting and shed light on the ways the school is attempting to save the Greeks from them-

selves. Are they better off? Only time will tell, but I anticipate the answer being a firm, no.

Favorite song

No, Adele is not on this list because Adele is ungodly overrated. My favorite song from 2015 is actually a song from 1963 by jazz saxophonist, Cannonball Adderley called, "Autumn Leaves." I did not hear it until 2015 so I am putting in on my list. The song is a cover of a French song recorded in 1945. I encourage you jazz fans to look it up. Full of ups and downs, precisely played instruments and a whirlwind of moods that only Adderley can offer, this song is one for the ages.

Favorite bar

I want to say Shooters so bad; it is in a great location and a lot of people like it but I just can't. My favorite bar remains the Gypsy Nickel Lounge. Gypsy really does have everything you could want, good food, a huge selection of drinks and awesome specials for us more frugal bar goers. One day Shooters, one day you can be as great. I really do love FAC, though.

Favorite person

Okay fine, I'll talk a little bit about politics. Presidential hopeful, Rand Paul, is my favorite person of 2015. He's got all the criminal justice and drug reform ideas that the Bernie supporters like, he's got all the fiscally conservative ideas that Trump supporters like and he absolutely does not budge from his convictions. Money management-wise, you cannot get much better than Rand and I promise to all of the really socially liberal folks, he will not tell you who you can and can't marry, he will head up drug reform and he will fight like a ferocious dog to turn around the mass incarceration problem. Rand really is the best of both worlds.

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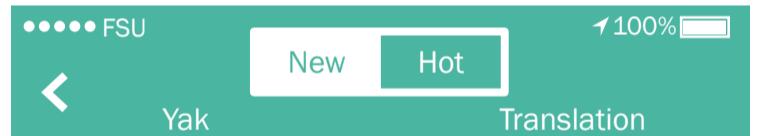
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Yik Yak is an app similar to Twitter in the way that you post text or pictures and people can "like" your Yak. It is different in that you do it anonymously and other users have the opportunity to vote your Yak down. I have found that when what you say is anonymous, people will say anything.

All of the popular or "hot" Yaks are miserable, unoriginal jokes taken from Facebook, Reddit or iFunny that people copy and paste. These Yaks are unfunny but harmless in nature. If taking a joke and making it work for you makes you feel good, go ahead. But the real Yik Yak awfulness is found in a wasteland section called "New." These are where all Yaks are born.



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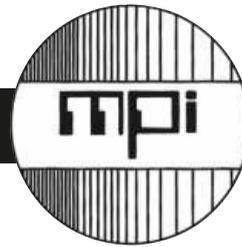
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Actually a very astute Yak, thank you.





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