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Ferris to host Thomas Crapper Lecture Series

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will present the inaugural Thomas Crapper Lecture Series on four dates in March and April to bring to light the looming problems of water usage and waste disposal.

The event is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences' Social Sciences Department and is named for Crapper (1836-1910), the British sanitary pioneer who became a manufacturer, supplier and installer of sanitary goods, plumbing and drainage.

Rita Jack of the Sierra Club will open the series on March 22 with a talk on "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations" at 7 p.m. in Room 102 of the Science Building.

The waterless urinal made by the Falcon Corporation will be discussed on March 29, along with a showing of the film "Crapshoot," which focuses on sludge, waste and waterless toilets. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. in Science Building-102.

David Dempsey, author and policy advisor to the Michigan Environmental Council, will speak on "Michigan Water World" on March 31 at 7 p.m. in Science-102. Prior to his talk, Dempsey will conduct a book signing of his "On the Brink: The Great Lakes in the 21st Century," from 4-5 p.m. at the Great Lakes Bookstore.

Former Grand Rapids mayor John Logie will lead a discussion on septic tanks to conclude the series on a Tuesday or Thursday evening in April. The exact date will be announced later.

Any person needing assistance to attend these events is asked to call Donald Roy at 591-2764.