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December 4 & 5, 2004

Candle causes campus apartment fire

BIG RAPIDS -Ferris State University students Ebinum and Enuoma Okpue, brother and sister foreign exchange students from Nigeria were startled after realizing a fire began in their campus apartment Friday afternoon.

According to FSU Department of Public Safety Director Martin Bledsoe, the fire started when a candle ignited several nearby articles of clothing.

Enumoa said she accidentally placed some clothes near the candle, and when she went to take a shower, she began to smell smoke. Her brother, Ebinum, called for help.

“It was simply an accident,” Bledsoe said. “This also is a good reminder to be more careful with candles, especially during the holiday seasons. Fires caused by candles are very common around the holidays.”

Bledsoe said fellow officer Tom Adams extinguished the flames using a fire extinguisher, and the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety - Fire Division was contacted to monitor the apartment.

Neither occupants were injured, but the small blaze did cause approximately \$5,000 in damages, Bledsoe said.

Stated on its Web site, a candle is one of several items Ferris State has the right to confiscate if it can potentially cause “a threat to health and safety and/or has contributed unnecessarily to an environmental disturbance.”

However, Bledsoe was not sure if candles are completely prohibited from residence halls or campus apartments.

Kalamazoo Gazette

December 5, 2004

20-week training challenges recruits

Adam Hansen considers himself one of the lucky ones.

Just two months after graduating from Ferris State University with a degree in criminal justice, the 23-year-old Kalamazoo resident took the next step to realizing his lifelong dream of becoming a Michigan state trooper.

In July, Hansen was one of 110 recruits to enter the 120th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School. Thursday, he and two other local residents were among the 89 to graduate from the 20-week program.

It had been almost four years since the last class had gone through the Michigan State Police Training Academy.

The academy hasn't been funded since 2000 because of state budget problems.

"I just happened to graduate and (the school) happened to open back up," Hansen said. "It just kind of fell into place."

Thursday's graduation was a celebration for the recruits and for their new colleagues within the state police who are welcoming the new infusion of officers after a long drought.

The state police ranks have sunk to their lowest in 30 years. Not including the new graduates, there are only 1,006 troopers serving at 63 posts throughout the state, compared to 1,330 six years ago.

With a high number of retirements in recent years, the Michigan State Police have seen their employee numbers drop even as the state's population and the agency's workload have increased, said Sgt. Kevin McGaffigan, an instructor at the training academy who has served as commander at three prior recruit schools.

"There are not enough officers to do the job right," McGaffigan said.

"And it's sad. It's sad when our posts aren't open 24 hours. That's just what it's come to."

The Michigan State Police is a full-service police agency that differs from some state police departments whose troopers serve only in the capacity of highway patrol. The agency's responsibilities include criminal investigations, highway patrol, traffic safety, intelligence, homeland security, a K-9 unit, underwater recovery and emergency support teams, among others.

“There’s such a shortage across the state that even a couple at a post will make a difference,” said Sgt. Mike Krumm, commander of this year’s school.

“This group is definitely welcome.”

Long days

For the 20 weeks of the academy, the recruits’ days often spanned 17 hours -- from 5 a.m., when they were awakened by reveille, to 10 p.m., when they were serenaded by taps on a loudspeaker in their dorm rooms.

Twenty-one recruits dropped out of the program, an average attrition rate for the state police academy. Some couldn’t make the grade, others got injured. Many couldn’t hack it physically, Krumm said.

Recruits received about 70 hours of self-defense training, plus more than 100 hours in firearms training, 40 hours on incident-report writing and 48 hours in emergency-response training, he said.

Krumm said the recruits also were schooled heavily on legal issues and went through “a whole bunch” of scenarios in which they were confronted with staged, life-threatening incidents, including suicidal people, fleeing suspects and traffic stops with armed suspects.

While attending the training academy, the recruits were paid \$8.96 per hour. After six months in the field, that salary will rise to \$17.05 per hour or \$35,600 a year, according to state officials.

The training has “definitely been hard,” Hansen said one night in the sixth-floor dormitory room he shared with a fellow recruit. That night Hansen leaned back in a desk chair, tired from a day of studying and training.

Nine women were among the 89 recruits who made it through the program, including Annette Poehlman, 41, of Richland, and Kellie Robbins, 33, of Portage.

Poehlman, a mother of two and a former state trooper who wanted to re-enter the force, was the oldest in the class. Robbins, a mother of three and the only black female in the class, also had prior police experience as a sergeant with the Benton Harbor Police Department.

“I have to do well, and I want to,” Poehlman said. “I raised my kids, and now I think I’m ready to go back to full-time work.”

Hansen, Poehlman and Robbins all said the hardest part of the training was the time they spent away from their families.

“It was hard on both of us,” Robbins said of her and her family. “It was hard on me emotionally and mentally.”

A cyclical problem

The current shortage of troopers is nothing new.

In the 1970’s, Michigan experienced the same problem. As a solution, four recruit schools were held in 1978 to put more troopers on the road, state police spokeswoman Shanon Akans said.

By 2003, those troopers were all eligible for retirement, compounding the current shortage. Almost 200 troopers have retired since 1999.

From 2003 to 2004, the number of at-post troopers dropped from 1,144 to 1,006. That’s the lowest number of officers serving since 1970 when there were 1,033, Akans said. The force currently has 1,873 sworn officers, which includes command staff and detectives.

A 2000 study that used population and crime statistics calculated the agency should have 1,320 troopers to be at full strength. With the recruits who graduated Thursday, the number stands well short of that at 1,095, Akans said.

It’s not known when the state police will hold another school for recruits, but the earliest would be 2006.

Still, Greg Byrd, spokesman for the state budget office, said Gov. Jennifer Granholm recognizes the need for more troopers, which is why she supported training new recruits this year.

Like other state agencies, the state police have been hit hard by the state’s budget crisis. Its funding dwindled from \$300 million in 2001 to \$244.3 million for 2005.

Krumm said the new graduates will help ease the department’s workload, although the full effect may not be felt until a year from now, once they conclude their field training and probationary period.

A group of 34 new troopers, including Hansen, will be stationed in southeastern Michigan. Hansen is headed to the Monroe post.

Southwest Michigan will receive 10 new recruits, including two each at the Paw Paw and Battle Creek posts. Poehlman is going to Battle Creek, while Robbins is being assigned to Paw Paw.

“It’s so rewarding seeing these guys from day one to see how they evolve,” said Trooper Jim Volant, a defensive-tactics instructor at the recruit school. “It’s like they stand 2 inches taller.”

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December 7, 2004

Ferris alumnus leads renovation of tech studio

BIG RAPIDS - A Ferris State University alumnus has gone the extra mile to provide learning opportunities for students and a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Swan 205 will highlight this work.

John Wheeler, chief executive officer of Rockford Construction Company and the Rockford Development Group of Belmont, recently led a campaign to renovate an architecture technology studio in the College of Technology's Swan Building.

Diane Nagelkirk, chair and associate professor of the Ferris Architectural Technology and Facility Management Department, and Mel Kantor, former chair and veteran professor, sought to create a real-world architecture studio that would simulate an office environment and provide the optimal learning experience for students. Their goal was a unified application of 22 work stations with privacy screens, small group areas and a cohesive lecture and presentation area. This was to be encompassed by a fluid, functional and architectural space.

During the 2003-04 academic year, Nagelkirk and Kantor, a longtime friend and former instructor of Wheeler's, took their \$35,000 development proposal to the construction executive to discuss fundraising opportunities. It proved to be a project near and dear to the heart of Wheeler, who graduated from the program in 1976 and serves on Ferris' Architectural Technology Advisory Board.

Wheeler volunteered to spearhead the renovation, working with seven other companies to complete the project. Five of the firms donated all or part of their services. Wheeler covered 100 percent of all the costs not donated.

Those firms assisting were Columbo's Carpets, Inc.; Custer Office Environments; Detail Painting; Feyen-Zylstra; Handorn, Inc.; United Commercial Services and Via Design, Inc. Rockford Construction served as project manager for the renovation and, in fact, put \$10,000 more into the remodeling than Ferris' original plans.

The result has been a striking transformation of Swan 205 from a space that did not match program goals for a learning environment into a dynamic studio serving second-year architectural technology and third- and fourth-year facility management students. The space primarily accommodates studio courses with a mixed lecture and studio configuration. The studio includes work stations, a designated presentation area with a state-of-the-art projection system and cabinet space for storage, resource library materials and miscellaneous office equipment.

Wheeler, who has hired several Ferris graduates for his firms, also sponsors a scholarship for architecture students continuing into FSU's Construction Management program. He and his wife, Chris, were the major donors for the Wheeler Pavilion built in 2001 at Top

Taggart Field. The three-story building houses a presidential suite and various facilities for football and track and field game-day operations.

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December 7, 2004

Ferris crackdown on fan behavior making 'strides'

BIG RAPIDS - For years, opponents of Ferris State have long feared trips to play hockey in the cozy and loud Ewigleben Ice Arena.

The student section in the 30-year-old facility has created an intimidating atmosphere that has given the Bulldog hockey team an edge for a number of years. Fans, which comprise the Dawg Pound, come dressed in Ferris State hockey jerseys, in crimson and gold face paint, red and gold wigs and with no shortage of pro-Bulldog hockey spirit. Season tickets, and student section passes in general, start out plentiful, but typically have been snapped up in rapid fashion in recent seasons.

"Since we instituted the Dawg Pound, this has become one of the toughest places to play in all of college hockey," said Ferris State Athletics Director Tom Kirinovic about the student section in the hockey team's 2004-05 media guide. "You see quotes about it from people all over the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, especially the goaltenders. They just hate coming here because the crowd is always riding them. It's just outstanding to see the way our students support this hockey program."

Over the years, however, the atmosphere at Ferris State and other arenas around college hockey has raised bright red flags. Officials, like Kirinovic, have been working hard to find ways to balance the enthusiasm of the fans with the ability to maintain a family-friendly atmosphere for community members who also love college hockey.

Profane language and vulgar behavior, also of major concern at the University of Michigan's Yost Ice Arena and Western Michigan University's Lawson Ice Arena, have become targets of college hockey officials nationwide during the last two seasons. Back in 2002, during the NCAA Tournament, U.S. College Hockey Online and the Michigan Daily reported the University of Michigan was fined \$10,000 for the conduct of its fans. Officials at many college hockey venues around the nation are seeking to clean up the vulgar and abusive language.

Michigan hockey coach Red Berenson has written letters to the student section fans and addressed them over the public address system at Yost Ice Arena.

Western Michigan and head coach Jim Culhane have done likewise.

"I think it will go away," Berenson was quoted in U-M's student newspaper, the Michigan Daily. "I think the message is there, and I think there's a lot more people obviously that are offended by it."

"Let's face it - the kids here are having fun, and they're trying to support the team. But they know they're not going to get away with it. We're not going to tolerate it."

Earlier this season, Ferris State coach Bob Daniels addressed the fans prior to a regular-season contest in the Ewigleben Ice Arena - a place numerous opposing players over the years have cited as one of the toughest CCHA buildings for visitors to compete.

Also, at the beginning of the 2004-05 campaign, Kirinovic issued a stern reminder to fans that vulgar and profane behavior will not be tolerated as it had been in past years.

“Your tremendous support of Bulldog hockey is great for the program and appreciated by everyone associated with it,” he said in the letter. “However, if you attended last year’s games (2003-04), you know that we crossed the line in fan support having vulgarity and profanity take priority over class and sportsmanship. This will not be allowed to continue in the new season.”

“You are important to our program but so are the families and children that also look forward to attending the game. As a result, anyone that insists on using profanity and vulgarity will be removed from the arena and forfeit their ticket privileges. If you do this as a season ticket holder, this means you will forfeit your tickets, with no refund, for the remainder of the season.”

Kirinovic, and assistant athletics director Brian Kegler, have worked with members of the student section over the last two years to find a happy medium.

“I think we have made some strides in terms of the student behavior, but it also is a little bit hard to judge right now because our hockey team isn’t doing quite as well on the ice,” Kirinovic said. “The fans tend to get into the game more when the team is winning and the behavior is a little different, but as the team continues to improve and make strides, we hope our fans will continue the good behavior and support our team, but do it in a classy manner.”

As Kirinovic mentioned, in the letter to the students, the athletics department wants to create an atmosphere that is family-friendly, but still intimidating.

“We want our fans to focus on supporting the team and we think they can do that and still have a strong home atmosphere by becoming a little more creative with their chants,” he said. “If our students can come up with some more creative chants, that all of the fans can get into, then our home advantage will be even better.”

Ferris State, which defeated Western Michigan at home Saturday night before a crowd of 1,702, is away from the Ewigleben Ice Arena until Jan. 14 and 15 when it hosts Nebraska-Omaha.

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Gens' Kinnie on pace to shatter rookie goal-scoring record

No rookie in the history of the United Hockey League has cracked the magic 50-goal barrier.

Mike Kinnie of the Flint Generals is trying to change that.

Kinnie has been one of the biggest surprises in the United Hockey League this season, scoring 15 times in the Generals' first 22 games to sit tied for third in the league in goals.

The hot start has Kinnie on pace to score 54 goals, which would shatter the league record of 42 set by Thunder Bay's Forbes MacPherson in 1996-97.

MacPherson was voted Rookie of the Year, one of the few honors that have escaped the grasp of a General in the club's first 12 seasons.

Kinnie has established himself not as one of the best rookie scorers in the UHL, but one of the most dangerous snipers period. He's tied for seventh in the scoring race with 27 points, is second with eight power-play goals and is tied for ninth with a .242 shooting percentage.

Kinnie doesn't look all that imposing at first glance, but when he gets the puck in the offensive zone, he has a real nose for finding the back of the net. He has four multi-goal games and owns the Generals' only hat trick this season.

And to think this is a guy who might not have even been playing in Flint had Ferris State University found a little scholarship money for him last season.

Kinnie made the team at Ferris as a walk-on and scored 15 goals in 42 games as a sophomore. But he became unhappy when he didn't get any financial aid after the big season and was going to hang it up after his junior season last year.

Instead, he decided to give pro hockey a shot in Flint, where the Generals feel like they've hit the lottery.

Ferris, by the way, is 5-10-1 after losing its first seven games. Hmm. Sounds like the Bulldogs could use a guy with numbers like Kinnie, doesn't it?

STILL WAITING: Folks around the UHL are still eagerly awaiting the UHL's decision on the fate of Danbury Trashers owner Jim Galante, who was arrested last week after allegedly punching linesman Jim Harper after a victory over the visiting Kalamazoo Wings.

According to the Danbury News-Times, Harper said he wanted to press charges after telling police Galante threw a punch over the shoulder of another official and struck him in the mouth. Galante was in the visitor's penalty box at the time of the incident.

Commissioner Richard Brosal said he hoped to issue a ruling Monday, but nothing was announced. My guess is Galante gets a fine and will be restricted to certain parts of Danbury Ice Arena since UHL officials have said the incident isn't as bad as had been reported.

Maybe not, but the owner has no business being in the penalty box where such a confrontation could obviously happen - especially with emotions high after the fight-filled game.

The UHL needs to send a message and support its official by coming down hard on Galante. The publicity over this incident is exactly what the UHL doesn't need, but too often receives.

IN GENERAL: Flint's Bobby Reynolds has an assist in seven straight games and is one shy of 500 for his career. ... Motor City defenseman Kyle Kos has the league's worst plus-minus rating at minus-21 in 22 games. ... The Generals are still No. 1 in penalty minutes at 39.5 per game. Danbury, which visits Perani Arena Friday, is second at 36.8.

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December 9, 2004

Ferris emeritus establishes endowment

BIG RAPIDS - Emeritus faculty member Joan Nelson, long a champion for women's athletics at Ferris State University, has established an endowment to support Joan Nelson Scholarships for Bulldog women student-athletes.

The Nelson scholarships will be awarded to a member of one of the eight Ferris women's intercollegiate athletic teams, including basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field or volleyball. Candidates must have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average and shall have demonstrated leadership skills through their participation in athletics or other university student activity programs.

Nelson taught physical education at Ferris from 1962 until her retirement in 1990. A graduate of Michigan State University, she is a member of the university's Founder's Club and the Ferris Emeriti Association. She received an Athletics Special Service Award from the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee during the 2003 induction banquet.

"To who much is given, much is expected," said Nelson. "I truly enjoyed my time at Ferris. Being recognized by the university and the Hall of Fame with a Special Service Award was an unexpected honor for me. I'm happy to be able to help our student-athletes to achieve their educational goals."

The Big Rapids resident has been an avid supporter of Bulldog women's athletics since the program began in the early 1970's and is a contributor of both moral and financial support. Nelson resides in Charlevoix during the summer months.

For more information or to make a gift to the Joan Nelson Scholarship Endowment Fund, people may contact Debra Jacks, director of planning and giving, at (231) 591-3817 or <jacksd@ferris.edu>.

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December 10, 2004

Ferris students, MMCAA staff to assist residents with taxes

BIG RAPIDS - A new opportunity for Ferris State University students to participate in service-learning will directly benefit local residents.

The initiative from Ferris' College of Business has developed into a unique partnership between the university and Mid Michigan Community Action Agency (MMCAA) to assist community residents with their tax preparation for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Students from the FSU Honors Program specializing in accounting or a related field and MMCAA trained staff will help area low-income residents in completing their tax information.

Students taking part in the program's training session included Steve Friedman, Kurt Kramer and Nick Maeder. More information about the program, which begins in January, is available from Gary Gilbert at the MMCAA in Clare at (989) 386-3805.

The special service-learning initiative is one of a variety of activities planned by Ferris that will expand university involvement with area residents and organizations as part of the American Democracy Project.

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December 10, 2004

Holiday candles can be dangerous

A recent incident at Ferris State University brings to mind how easily the joyous spirit of the Christmas season can turn tragic.

Two foreign students at the university escaped injury when a burning candle in their apartment ignited nearby clothing that spread and caused considerable damage.

The students survived to tell others how easily a simple candle can lead to tragic consequences.

Others have not.

Last year there were 265 candle-related fires reported in Michigan, resulting in six deaths, 31 injuries, and more than \$6 million in property loss, according to the Office of the State Fire Marshall.

And, while those figures are not broken down by date, we suspect a large share of them occurred during the holiday season.

“More and more holiday decorations feature candles and lights - lending a beautiful touch to ceremonies and events,” said State Fire Marshal Andy Neumann. “However, consumers should remember that lighted candles that are left unattended could bring tragedy...”

Among a long list of safety tips offered by Neumann for the holiday season are several involving the use of candles.

- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.
- Always use non-flammable holders.
- Keep candles away from drafts and vents and do not place candles where they can be knocked down or blown over.
- Do not place candles on tablecloths when the edges of the tablecloths hang over the edge of the table and can be pulled by children.
- Extinguish taper or pillar candles when they get within 2 inches of their holders.
- Don't burn candles for more than four hours at a time.
- Always use containers that have been made for candle usage and keep matches, wick trimmings and foreign objects out of the candle wax.

The use of candles adds a great touch to the holiday seasons, but without the proper precautions they can turn a Merry Christmas season into one of sorrow.

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December 11 & 12, 2004

Governor appoints Eisler to serve in Lansing

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University President David Eisler will soon be a familiar face in Lansing, serving both the Council for Labor and Economic Growth and Midwestern Higher Education Commission.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm made the announcements this week.

“I’m honored to be appointed by the governor to the Council for Labor and Economic Growth (CLEG),” Eisler said. “This is an important issue for our state and it will create unique opportunities for our students.”

The business-led council replaces the current Michigan Workforce Investment Board and focuses on developing preparation strategies for 21st-century workers.

“This talented body will help us challenge the status quo on how best to develop and invest effectively in Michigan’s 21st-century workforce,” Granholm said in a press release.

The council’s 73 members include key leaders from business, labor, community colleges, universities, community-based organizations, local workforce boards, the K-12 educational community and government. Building on the success of current workforce development plans, council members will be responsible for recommending strategies that encourage and stimulate innovative responses to Michigan’s workforce challenges, according to officials in Lansing.

Added David Hollister, director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, “This council brings invaluable expertise to the table and will work very closely with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Board of Directors and the Governor’s Council of Economic Advisors to help us more effectively reshape Michigan’s workforce and meet Michigan’s human capital needs.”

Also appointed to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission (MHEC), Eisler will again succeed former Ferris President William Sederburg, who has resigned from the commission.

The commission is the largest, interstate higher education body whose purpose is to provide better college and university opportunities and services for Midwest residents, officials said.

“The Michigan Higher Education Commission is an important, multi-state, cooperative effort that provides opportunities for Ferris State University and other higher education,” Eisler said. “I am excited and pleased to be a part of the commission.”

Eisler will serve the remainder of Sederburg’s term, through March 8, 2005, and is reappointed to serve a full term expiring March 8, 2009, on the MHEC.

The Grand Rapids Press

December 12, 2004

Names & Faces in Business

Personnel changes

Todd Johnson was named SMG Inc.'s director of event services for DeVos Place.

Tara Julien was named membership director at the Southeast branch of YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids.

Nancy Pochron joined Universal Forest Products Inc.'s a technical support person in information services.

Thomas Grant joined Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. as a senior project engineer in its Holland office.

Aleksandra A. Miziolek, a member of the corporate finance practice group at Dykema Gossett PLLC, was elected to the firm's executive board.

Law, Weathers & Richardson P.C. re-elected: John P. Schneider, president; John M. Huff, vice president; William R. Hineline, secretary; and Jeff VanWinkle, treasurer. Schneider, Huff and Ingrid A. Jensen continues to serve as executive committee members.

Susan Starkey was promoted to assistant director of marketing communications at Ferris State University.

Groups and organizations

Richard Kay, a trial attorney at Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP, was named Michigan chairman of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Patrick Mears, a partner with Barnes & Thornburg LLP, was appointed vice chairman of Real Estate Financing-Real Property Group 1 of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the American Bar Association.

The German American

Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Michigan Chapter elected: Horst Busse, of H.M. Busse & Associates, president; Bruce Thelen, of Dickinson Wright PLLC, chairman; Rita Wasserman, of Allied Metal Corp., vice chairwoman; Martina Schlagwein, of the Michigan Economic Corp., vice president of programs; Jeanne Broad, of General Motors Corp., vice president of nominations; Logan Robinson, of Delphi Automotive Corp., vice president of nominations; William Kelly, of Ford Motor Co., secretary; and Walter Wegmeuller, of Comerica Bank, treasurer.

Awards and achievements Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP have 32 attorneys from the Michigan firm in The Best Lawyers in American 2005-06.

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December 13, 2004

Congratulations go out to:

- Mecosta County Treasurer Shirley Johnson who will step down at the end of this month after 25 years working in the Treasurer's Office, 16 as treasurer.

In this day and age, 25 years of employment in the same location is unlikely and highly improbable. But, for Shirley, the job has provided her with the opportunity to meet a lot of people and make a lot of friends.

Thursday, friends and co-workers will gather from 1-4 p.m. in the upstairs of the County Building to honor Shirley's years of service.

We, too, hope she enjoys her retirement.

- Ferris State University and Mid Michigan Community Action Agency (MMCAA). The two organizations have joined forces to develop a new initiative through Ferris' College of Business to provide students with the opportunity to participate in service learning that will benefit local residents.

Simply put, honors students specializing in accounting or a related field will work hand-in-hand with trained members of the action agency to help low-income residents with tax preparations for Earned Income Tax Credits.

The new program, one of several activities planned to expand university involvement in the community, will get under way in January.

- Bob Daniels, head hockey coach at FSU. His team's 6-2 victory over Western Michigan University on Saturday, Dec. 4, was a milestone in his illustrious career. The win was his 200th since taking over the reins of the Division I program just before the beginning of the 1992-93 seasons.

Daniels, who was Division I National Hockey Coach of the Year in 2003, passes on credit for the 200 wins to assistant coaches and players past and present.

And, we know he isn't going to pause in pursuit of even more

So we'll simply offer a quiet thank you from those of us who have watched the Ferris program mature from club hockey into a team that continually competes with the best in the nation.

The Detroit news

December 15, 2004

People in the News

Brighton: Bryan M. Turnbull of Brighton has been appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to serve on the Criminal Justice Information System Policy Council. Turnbull is executive director of security at the Detroit Medical Center. The board is responsible for creating rules and policies followed by agencies using the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

Howell: Three Livingston County residents have been selected to serve on the state Council for Labor and Economic Growth formed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. The 73-member council replaces the Michigan Workforce Investment Board and will work to develop strategies to improve workers' job skills. The county representatives on the council are: **Janet Joseph** of Howell, co-owner of Dunnage Engineering; **Francis Lopez** of Pinckney, chairman of AZTEC Manufacturing; and **Alan Low** of Brighton, president of Dynalectric - Michigan.

Brighton Township: Bud Prine, 63, the newly elected Brighton township supervisor, has been selected township liaison for the wellhead protection committee and the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments. Prine also will be a member of the Livingston Community Water Authority and the township ordinance committee.

Pinckney: Mike Keeney, a local builder, has been hired as interim zoning administrator by the Pinckney Village Council. Keeney will be paid \$10,000 annually. His position will come up for review in April.

Brighton Township: Cathy Doughty, 60, a Brighton Township Trustee, has been appointed as liaison to the Brighton Lakes Committee. The lakes committee functions to maintain the quality of lakes in the township. Doughty also was appointed as liaison for the Southeastern Livingston County Recreation Authority and the Livingston Community Water Authority.

Putnam Township: Resident **Patrick Wehrman**, 23, has graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in Lansing. Wehrman earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University and was an intern with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department in 2003.

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December 15, 2004

Ferris State University receives equipment from hospital

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University's College of Allied Health Sciences recently received an ultrasound unit for its Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program from Mecosta County General Hospital (MCGH).

The HDI Ultrasound Imager, which was provided to the university at an educational rate, includes a thermal printer and two transducers. The equipment will enable students to conduct both abdominal and cardiac ultrasound studies, according to Michelle Weemaes, DMS program coordinator.

"Obtaining this equipment from MCGH allows us to maintain a state-of-the-art, equipped lab so that instruction delivered stays abreast of industry standards," said Jacqueline Hooper, dean of Allied Health Sciences.

"This optimally prepares students for internship, the registry exam and entry-level employment."

The Ferris DMS program is a unique offering. Students spend the first year on campus and receive a combination of lecture and hands-on experiences. Lab instruction is delivered on modern equipment. Through the combination of lab and lecture instruction, students acquire essential knowledge and skill competencies prior to going out to internships.

At the completion of the first year, students have accrued substantial scanning experience, officials said. As a result, they are very prepared for the second year of instruction, which consists of a three-semester internship in a health care facility.

Detroit Free Press

December 17, 2004

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP: Weis picks assistant, report says

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis has named University of Virginia defensive coordinator Al Golden to fill the same role with the Irish, the Boston Globe reported Thursday.

Golden, 35, was a major recruiter for Joe Paterno at Penn State and has improved Virginia's defense in each of the past four seasons.

The Globe reported that Weis is considering as offensive coordinator former Ole Miss coach David Cutcliffe, fired by the Rebels this season. The paper reported official announcements on any hirings are delayed pending the filling out of job applications and drug tests.

Mississippi's new coach is Ed Orgeron, the Southern Cal assistant head coach and defensive line coach. Orgeron, a 43-year-old Louisiana native, was USC's recruiting coordinator for four years.

Cutcliffe was fired after a difficult season in which he struggled to replace quarterback Eli Manning and refused to make major staff changes after going 4-7. Cutcliffe was 44-29 in six seasons at Ole Miss, 2523 in the SEC and just a season removed from going 10-3.

Pittsburgh: Former Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt decided not to seek the coaching job at the school where he played and once was an assistant coach. Wannstedt, who resigned as the Dolphins' coach after a 1-8 start, was thought to be the front-runner to succeed Walt Harris, who took the Stanford job.

Little All-America: Senior offensive linemen Joe Berger of Michigan Tech and Todd Herremans of Saginaw Valley State made the Associated Press Little All-America first team, as did Grand Valley State senior defensive lineman Keyonta Marshall, Ferris State junior linebacker Kevin Myers and Northwood senior defensive back Martell Foster. Myers made the team, which recognizes players from NCAA Divisions 11 and 11 and the NAIA, for the second straight year.

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Furnishings: Upholstery Clinic Takes Kendall Students to the Factory

Furnishings According to Paula Fogarty, president of Kindel Furniture Co., upholstery is a difficult design challenge. The designer starts with the hard lines of a wood frame, and then builds with soft materials: cotton, springs, foam and fabric. Dimensions change from those predicted on the drawing board.

“As far as the interior design end of it, a lot of designers, even pros, will specify a fabric for a chair that is really inappropriate. We discover these things on our end when we receive the fabric,” Fogarty said. “This can’t be taught in a classroom setting. You have to get out to a factory setting to see how your drawing changes as it becomes a real object.”

That’s exactly what a group of advanced furniture design students from Kendall College of Art and Design did last spring. An Upholstery Clinic, hosted by Kendall and Kindel Furniture Co., took students from the drawing board to the assembly line and the final finished product. The clinic took place on location at Kindel’s Garden Street factory in Grand Rapids.

“We have employed many Kendall grads in our design department over the years,” Fogarty said. “The college is such a wonderful design resource, the best in the country. I think it’s important that the students get some real work experience.”

In addition to Fogarty Jack Lewis of Jack Lewis Design (formerly of La-Z-Boy Chair Co.), Bruce Sienkowski of 2Bstudio, and Kendall faculty members Max Shangle and Bruce Mulder presented various topics to the students. “The opportunity to tour and see product being made is always a benefit,” Shangle said. “It puts context to in-class discussion and the work that is performed. We have several students interested in being upholstery designers as a profession. This gives them an opportunity to see it in the real world.”

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The True and Tragic Story' of the Edmund Fitzgerald

“Does anyone know where the love of God goes when the waves turn the minutes to hours? The searchers all say they'd have made Whitefish Bay if they'd put fifteen more miles behind 'er. They might have split up or they might have capsized; they may have broken deep and took water. And all that remains is the faces and the names of the wives and the sons and the daughters.”

The Wreck of The Edmund Fitzgerald by Gordon Lightfoot and Moose Music, Ltd.

Cass City- the sinking in 1975 of the SS. Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior has been a matter of curiosity and speculation since it happened.

A new book about the great ship has been written by Andrew Kantar who was a guest speaker at the Rawson Memorial Library Saturday. He wrote the young adult book, “29 Missing: The True and Tragic Story of the Disappearance of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald.”

“Our author program with Andrew Kantar was great.” said library director Kate Van Auken. “It was a real nice way to round out Teen Read Week. We had about 45 people and a least half was young adults.”

“Andy spoke about his book ‘29 Missing’ and then talked about writing nonfiction.”

Kantar's book recounts the story about the sinking of the freighter in the icy waters of Lake Superior in 1975, and describes subsequent expeditions to the wreck site to uncover clues to its mysterious disappearance.

According to the book's synopsis: “In 1958 the SS Edmund Fitzgerald entered the Great Lakes and was the biggest ship to sail fresh water. In 1975, while crossing Lake Superior in a snowstorm, she dropped from sight. Although the ship was located at the bottom, no bodies were recovered.”

The ship sank on Nov. 10, 1975. All 29 crew members died. At the time, it was the worst shipping disaster on the Great Lakes in 11 years.

At the time a storm was brewing, but it appeared it would be a “typical November storm” when the Fitzgerald sailed on Nov. 9, 1975, with about 26,000 tons of ore bound for Detroit. As the storm raged, the winds picked up to about 43 knots with waves 12-16 feet high.

There has been a lot of speculation to what caused the ship to sink, and Kantar's book explores some of them.

Kantar's 50-page paperback includes illustrations and maps. It was published in June, 1998, by the Michigan State University Press.

"There were many questions, mostly from the young adults," said Van Auken.

"He has written another non-fiction book about the Carl D. Bradley shipwreck. He read from his manuscript when he was here. This was very exciting especially for our adult book-club members."

The new book is scheduled to go to print next fall. "I feel so fortunate that he has such a desire to reach young adults with his writing. Andy has found a great balance between elementary non-fiction which are heavy with pictures, and adult non-fiction, which can be so heavy with details that sometimes it feels like you're reading a textbook," Van Auken said.

"It is difficult to find good non-fiction books out there that cater to boys as well as girls."

Kantar is a professor at Ferris State University where he teaches adolescent literature and technical writing.

"Next semester he will be on sabbatical so he can finish the book on the Bradley, and work on other non-fiction books for YA's (Young Adults)," said Van Auken.

"Michigan State University Press is his publisher and they also see the need for YA non-fiction, so he will be working with them to develop more titles."

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Downtown linear campus is part of FSU's GR vision

GRAND RAPIDS - All of the great cities have downtown university campuses. There is no reason why Grand Rapids should be left out, according to Ken Neumann of Neumann Smith and Associates. He wants Ferris State University-Grand Rapids to create a three-block long urban campus in downtown Grand Rapids.

The university hired Southfield-based Neumann Smith and Associates to create a new vision for FSU-Grand Rapids. Neuman outlined his firm's recommendations Nov. 15.

Big Rapids-based Ferris has had a presence in downtown Grand Rapids since 1979; in 1996 it merged with Kendall College of Art & Design. The university currently leases space in Grand Rapids Community College's Applied Technology Center, where most courses are offered. Ferris will acquire the Grand Rapids Art Museum building once the new museum opens in 2006. As more housing is developed in the Commerce Building, the university will also have the option to buy that building. All of those Ferris facilities could form a linear campus on Division Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids, according to Neumann.

Neumann advised the university to continue to lease the GRCC building for its Continuing Professional and Technological Studies programs, renovate the sixth floor of the Kendall building, and complete purchase of the Grand Rapids Art Museum for future classrooms, studios and campus amenities. Neumann also recommended that FSU continue to increase the number of housing units in the Commerce Building and work to solve parking shortages.

This fall 16 units of two-, three- and four-bedroom furnished apartments became available to Ferris students in the Commerce Building in a development managed by Rockford Construction. The university plans to offer more housing in that building in the future and once 50 percent of it is developed; FSU will have the option to purchase the structure.

Grand Rapids city officials would play an important role in creating Neumann's urban campus. He would like to see Pearl Street closed to traffic between Ionia and Division avenues to create a "people place" at the heart of the campus. The outdoor plaza would link Ferris buildings and add to the vitality of downtown Grand Rapids, he said.

Although the Grand Rapids Art Museum is in relatively good shape, major renovations need to take place for the 82,000-square-foot facility. Neumann said the exterior facades are in excellent repair although the roof and skylight need extensive work. The report envisions offices and workshops in the basement; galleries, bookstore, library and art center on the first floor; offices, classrooms and auditoriums on the second and third floors and art studios on the fourth floor.

FSU President Dr. David Eisler said the university would consider all recommendations from Neumann Smith & Associates. He added that three pieces of the plan are a certainty - finishing the sixth floor of the Kendall building, operating out of the Grand Rapids Art Museum once it's available and the continued expansion in the Commerce Building.