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## **Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration News**

May 24, 2004

### **Ferris State University dedicates HVACR building. John R. Hall.**

BIG RAPIDS, Mich.--It's official. The Granger Center for Construction and HVACR, the teaching center at Ferris State University (FSU), was officially dedicated on May 7 in a ceremony witnessed by over 300 visitors.

The building, which opened for FSU students and teachers in the fall of last year, is a 45,000-square foot addition to the former Construction Tech-Center, giving the Construction Technology Management and HVACR departments 75,000 square feet of new or renovated space for their respective programs.

The building features a number of mechanical systems--including geothermal heating and cooling--that are open to view, making the entire building a learning facility. Students can trace systems from beginning to end.

Four rooms that contain study carrels and student offices also double as "environmental test chambers" that can be heated and cooled by students looking to get hands-on experience with different systems.

The dedication is the culmination of a concept that began as far back as 1989, when former FSU HVACR Department Chair Dick Shaw began working on the project. Mike Feutz, the current department chair, began working on the building project in 1999 when FSU approached the Michigan state government for funding.

"This day is putting things in focus for me," said Feutz at the dedication. "The industry people are showing their appreciation for what we have done."

Feutz said the original request for funding was unsuccessful because the building plans were a "stand-alone" project. When the HVACR department partnered with the construction department and included use of the existing building, the project moved to the top of the list, said Feutz.

At the dedication ceremony, Feutz praised the entire HVACR community for its work in bringing the project to its fruition.

"The industry really helped the process by contacting the politicians," he said.

Now that the state-of-the-art building is fully functional, Feutz would like to open its doors to other visitors.

"We need to be interactive and get young people interested," he said. "We also need to get high school instructors up here so they can sell the school to their students. And we also need to get our message out to the non-HVACR community. Recruiting has to be an industry-wide effort. Ferris State can't do it all."

FSU President David Eisler, who emceed the event, said, "I believe this is the finest facility of its kind in the world."

Other speakers included Alton and Janice Granger, whose lead gift helped make the new \$18 million facility a reality. Granger's company, Granger Construction, built the facility and several members of his family are FSU alumni or current students.

"Jan and I are very supportive of education," said Granger. "We love this place. We've had the privilege to 12 years. Also, the industry has been very good to us, and what better way to repay an industry than to help educate its future leaders?"

The Granger's son, Gary, also spoke prior to the ribbon cutting.

"What I appreciate about the Ferris HVACR program is that it is a go-to-work type of school," he said.

Eisler read a letter from U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. "Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the dedication ceremony for the Granger Center," Stabenow wrote. "It's been a pleasure working with you to support your vision for a comprehensive learning center. I'm glad I had the opportunity to tour the facility last fall so I could see firsthand what an excellent addition it is to the university. This state-of-the-art facility will provide new and exciting opportunities for current and incoming students."

## **Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration News**

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### **There is an industry jewel in big rapids, Michigan.**

About 200 miles west of Detroit, in the college town of Big Rapids, Mich., stands the newest jewel of the HVACR trade. I am talking about the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR at Ferris State University (FSU).

The 75,000-square-foot building is an engineering marvel. The best way to describe it is to think of the model of the human body that many of you assembled as a kid (or maybe have assembled with your own children). I'm referring to the model that reveals all of the internal organs and bones, which can be viewed through the transparent skin and accessed by removing a piece in the lower abdomen area.

The model is a great teaching tool, and by examining it one can see how the internal body parts interact with each other and how the entire infrastructure is supported and protected by the hundreds of bones in the human body. It is both fun and educational.

So too is the Granger Center.

The building is one giant learning tool. All of the mechanical systems are exposed and color-coded. Students can trace the origins of each system and see how they interact with other building systems--from air handlers to ductwork to vents. Students also have access to four rooms (otherwise known as "environmental test chambers") where they can control the heating and cooling through a variety of different systems.

The laboratories are state of the art. Computers are set up at each workstation so students can test building controls and equipment from the comfort of their own ergonomically designed chair. Even distance-learning students can access the programs via the Internet and run simulated tests.

While learning via the Internet is convenient and works for many people, and reading about the many amenities of the Granger Center can give one a taste of a world class learning institution, nothing can be a substitute for visiting the building and talking with students and instructors.

I have made the trek to Big Rapids many times in my role as a member of the college's HVACR Advisory Committee, a position I inherited from the former publisher of The News, Mike Miller. I remember the meetings in the old construction technology center and I remember watching the new Granger Center from the conception and planning stages through the construction and now to the completed project. Of course, many things have changed--and they have been all for the better.

For those of you who have visited the campus and the HVACR school prior to its new look, you are in for a big surprise. The building is not only a great learning center, it is a great representative of the importance of the HVACR trade. It should have quite an impact on young people who may be interested in a career in HVACR.

But the only way to feel the power and allure of this facility is to visit it in person. Mike Feutz, HVACR department chair, gets it.

He knows that in order to get young people excited about the trade, he has to get them up to the Granger Center. He knows that young people need to touch and feel the equipment, see its functionality and its importance to the lives of building occupants, and learn from the many students and teachers in the building how rewarding a career in HVACR can be.

Feutz has arranged for busloads of high school students to visit the facility. In fact, there are times he probably imagines himself as more of a tour guide than a teacher. But that's OK with him--anything to bring in young people and get them excited.

As Feutz puts it, it is not only important to get the young people involved, it is equally important to get parents, teachers, and counselors involved. With a little reentering, the mentors could have shown that an HVACR career is viable and full of opportunity with a solid foundation built through this learning facility.

When I looked at the learning opportunity available young people today, I envision medical students working as interns in hospital emergency rooms and law students working as law clerks as they prepare for their careers. They have the opportunity to receive the job training in real-life situations. Hopefully, they will get glimpse of how different parts of the system interact--a real-life experience analogous to the see-through model.

Any HVACR contractor or educator will tell you that an HVACR system is like a living thing. It is more than just metal and moving parts.

And that is the sense that students get when studying the multicolored systems in the Granger Center. As they are study working systems, the learning process actually becomes fun.

Seeing the crowd of over 300 people at the building dedication earlier this month was a testament to the importance of the building to Ferris State and the community. It is also a testament to the Granger family, headed by Alton and Janice Granger.

The building not only bears the family name, but it is a symbo the pride and professionalism of the Granger Construction Co. which built the facility. Several of the Granger children and grandchildren are alumni or are currently enrolled at Ferris State University.

I think Chuck Matrosic, the interim dean of the Ferris State College of Technology, had the best description of the Grange Center.

He beamed, "It has the greatest 'wow factor' of any building of its kind in the country." The industry must attract bright young people in order to thrive in the future. The Granger Center and the staff members who walk its halls provide the excitement to do just that.



## **Pioneer**

Thursday, June 17, 2004

### **Ferris hits record summer enrollment**

BIG RAPIDS - Summer enrollment at Ferris State University has hit an all time high of 4,607 students.

Total summer enrollment is up 566 students over last summer with increases at all statewide locations, including the main campus in Big Rapids, the College of Professional and Technological Studies and Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, and through the University Center for Extended Learning and its network of satellite campuses and sites.

"We are absolutely thrilled with our summer numbers," said Dan Burcham, vice president for student affairs. "This is the highest our summer enrollment has ever been.

"This also is the highest summer-to summer enrollment increase we've experienced in history."

Burcham said the university's special offer for a free private room for the summer session generated interest among students enrolled during the winter semester who opted to continue their education during the summer. It also resulted in quite a few new students enrolling, he said.

"Our offer for a free private room, coupled with the flexibility of taking summer courses during four, six, eight and 12-week sessions created quite a buzz among students," Burcham said.

## **Pioneer**

Friday, June 19, 2004

### **Schlump to join Ferris basketball coaching staff**

BIG RAPIDS - Dave Schlump's resignation as head varsity basketball coach at Cedar Springs weighed heavily on his mind for nearly two months.

On May 3, however, Schlump stepped down as the Red Hawks coach after 14 seasons, a record of 225-109, five district championships and one league title - the first for Cedar Springs since 1977.

The 44-year-old brings nearly two decades of basketball coaching experience to the Ferris State men's basketball staff of head coach Bill Sall and top assistant Cory Anderson.

"The decision for me to step down as coach at Cedar Springs was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make in my professional career," said Schlump, who plans to be heavily involved in the day-to-day operations of the Bulldog basketball program.

"That was one of the reasons I took so long to make it ... I wanted to take my time and discuss it over with my family to make sure it was the right decision."

Schlump is confident the decision was the correct one.

At Ferris, Schlump will reunite with a host of familiar people including a pair of his former players at Cedar Springs in 6-foot-8 center Adam Veltkamp, who took a redshirt year last winter, and 6-foot-3 all-state guard Tyler Wolfe, who signed after the season with Ferris.

"It's funny how it works out," said Schlump, who led Cedar to a record of 22-1 overall last season. "Some people have tried to make a big deal out of it, but it really is just a coincidence both of those kids are at Ferris and now I'm going to be coming in.

"With Tyler, it was a decision that really was up in the air for a long time before he actually committed to Ferris and signed."

Since Schlump will be done with most of his daily principal duties Bulldog basketball games.

"I've known Billy and Cory for a long time and I'm just hoping I can come in and bring more experience to the coaching staff since this is something I've been doing for almost 20 years," said Schlump, who has long coveted a chance to work with Sall and Anderson. "Hopefully I will be able to come in and bring a fresh perspective and do whatever I can to help in continuing to develop the program and the players in it."



In some ways, taking his basketball experience to the college level will be a lot like a dream come true for Schlump.

"This is something that I have been wanting to explore for a long time and I'm glad we were able to get it done," he said.

## **Times Herald**

June 19, 2004

### **SC4 partnership brings new degree to Port Huron**

A new bachelor's degree available at St. Clair County Community College through a partnership with Ferris State University is designed with people such as Trelleborg Automotives employees in mind.

"We try to promote from within," said Kim Zander, human resources manager with Trelleborg, a rubber molding company in Sandusky. "Our employees, a lot of them, start right out of high school and get enmeshed in the factory. Something like this will open it up for our employees to (be promoted):"

The degree, a bachelor's degree in industrial technology and management, will be offered at the Port Huron College beginning in the fall. The program is offered through an agreement signed Friday with Ferris in Big Rapids. Ferris will grant the degrees.

"Because of the kinds of industries we have in the area, we think it lends itself very well for another point on the career ladder," college Provost Gus Demas said. The degree's requirements include either an associate degree in one of several manufacturing fields or 64 transferable credits in general education or technical or business subjects.

People who earn the degree will be qualified for administrative jobs or advanced technical jobs.

A group of 25 students will start in the fall, taking two classes most semesters. They'll finish in summer 2007.

Ferris usually offers classes in its partnership programs at night and on weekends, but university officials said they would work around the schedules of students who sign up for the program.

Instructors at the Industrial Technology Academy of St. Clair County, run by the county Intermediate School District for high school students, are designing classes to match offerings at the college, Principal Fred Stanley said. He said the option of getting a bachelor's degree locally in manufacturing-type fields will be attractive to his students.

## **Pioneer**

Monday, June 21, 2004

### **Highlights in Ferris history**

What will I write for the 21st which is the first day of summer - maybe I should go back into the 40's and think about those days gone by - like when Ferris was Ferris Institute, and in about 1947 when the first enrollment came to over one thousand and a celebration took place; or at least everyone was happy about that.

I know the home owners who rented rooms to students were happy about that as were the restaurant owners, I suppose.

Some time ago I mentioned in my column that I thought a building should be named after Roy Newton as he was one fine teacher and taught at Ferris for 42 years.

I received some letters about that remark agreeing with it and pointing out that money talks and baloney walks. Fact is those who donated "big bucks" to the school got their names on buildings and dorms and so on, but for hard work and dedication to the school ... no! no!

That did not qualify you for a remembrance of that kind. I still think, at least a walkway or a road way or something should be named after Roy Newton who was one of the best. I received a letter from Roy Newton's daughter in law, Linda Newton (wife of David) after that column in which she stated "Thought you might enjoy Roy Newton's information typed by him in September 1965. The original is yellowed and taped together but his copy is yours."

I would like to share that page of type written information with you in Pioneer Land, read on.

Woodbridge Nathan Ferris in downtown location (over present Penney Store, later moved to top floor of present Citizens State Bank). Two teachers, Mr. & Mrs. Ferris, and 15 students.

1893- Pharmacy instruction begun with one student.

1895 - School moved to its present general location.

1900 - "First-year College Department" was organized.

1926 - Largest enrollment in "College Preparatory" department.

1928 - Mr. Ferris died in Washington, D. C. on March 23, while serving as U. S. Senator. Garrit Masselink became president for 1928 - 1929.

1929 - Mr. Masselink died on April 20. Cornerstone laid for new Alumni Building. A. A. Worcester president 1929 -1930.

1930 - Wells D. White became president for 1930 -1931.

1931- Ferris Institute was reorganized as a non-profit educational institution, operated by a Board of Trustees who served without pay. School operated under this plan until July 1, 1950. (Prior to 1931 it had been a private proprietary school, but had been operating on a non-profit basis for several years.)

1932 - Dr. Ernest E. Brown was president 1932 -1935. During his administration the first B. S. degrees were granted, in Commerce and Pharmacy

1935 - Dr. E. M. Clark acting president for 1935 -1936.

1936- Dr. M. S. Clark was president 1936-1946. Centralized library was set up. An era of financial difficulties and very low enrollment - fewer than 50 students in 1943.

1946 - Byron J. Brophy was president 1946 - 1952. Trade and Industry Division established. Big influx of veterans of World War II under the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

1949 - Act 114, Michigan Public Acts of 1949, passed both houses of the State Legislature, was signed by Governor G. Mennen Williams on May 17, 1949. This act made Ferris a state college, with an effective date of July 1, 1950.

1950 - On Feb. 21 fire destroyed the Main Building and the Pharmacy Building including the entire college library. New Board of Control, appointed by Governor Williams, began making plans for new buildings in March. Ferris officially became a state college on July 1, 1950.

1952 - Dr. K. G. Merrill, longtime vice-president, was named acting president on Feb. 2, 1952.

1952 - Victor E Spathelf became tenth president in September 1952. There followed a period of very rapid growth of plant, campus size, staff, and student body.

1958 - Ferris celebrated its 75th anniversary, and had an enrollment of about 4,000 students.

1963 - Fall enrollment was 4,785. Name changed to Ferris State College on July 1, 1963.

1964 - Fall enrollment was 5,250 (3,954 men, 1,296 women.)

Hello! This is as far as the typewritten page by Mr. Roy Newton goes so all of us, will have to use our memories to put together the happenings of the last 40 years. This included rapid expansion of buildings and land, walkways dorms and so on but NONE named after one of the best teachers MR. ROY NEWTON.

## **Pioneer**

Thursday, June 24, 2004

### **FSU, West Shore finalize new educational partnership**

SCOTTVILLE - West Shore Community College President Charles Dillon welcomed Ferris State University President David Eisler to the WSCC campus to sign an elementary education articulation agreement on Wednesday.

WSCC and FSU have formed a new partnership to expand the base of locally delivered education course work in the west-central Michigan area. The result of many months of collaborative planning is the launch of a bachelor's degree in elementary education on the WSCC campus beginning the fall semester 2004.

Through the partnership, all courses required for completing the bachelor of science in elementary education will be available on the WSCC campus. Some courses will be taught using the online classroom technologies either in part or for the entire course. The program integrates the courses needed to receive teaching certification in the state of Michigan while providing an opportunity for degreed individuals who also wish to pursue a teaching career.

"We continue to pursue articulation agreements with colleges and universities that spell out exactly what courses students should take at West Shore to enable them to make smooth transitions to senior colleges and universities." said Dillon. "I want to particularly recognize the efforts of associate professor Sean Henne who has helped negotiate this agreement. This is another example of the important relationship we have with Ferris that helps our students achieve their educational goals."

## **Pioneer**

Weekend, June 26&27, 2004

### **Donation to WISE**

In February, Ferris State University held a benefit performance of the "Vagina Monologues" and the proceeds were to be donated to Women's Information Service, Inc. (WISE.) A check for more than \$5,000 was presented to WISE Executive Director Pam Forbes (front, center) by Cindy Greenwood, FSU student activities coordinator (front, right) and FSU Student Involvement Coordinator Cindy Horn (front, left) on June 18 as WISE board members (back, from left) Anja Wing, Tom Hogenson and Capt. Mike McKee watched.

## Pioneer

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

### **Ferris athletics director expects a lot from athletes**

Ferris State Athletics Director Tom Kirinovic has a high set of expectations for his athletes in and out of competition. Kirinovic, who has served as athletics director at Ferris since 1999, shares the concerns of NCAA officials with respect to ensuring ideal conduct by college athletes. Stories of athletes at all levels running afoul of the law have tarnished otherwise positive images of athletics. Increasingly in recent years, the NCAA has encouraged member institutions to establish codes of conduct for athletes to follow as a guideline for how to represent Ferris State and the community.

"The purpose behind us coming up with this code of conduct is because we have high expectations for our student-athletes and want to make sure all our student-athletes understand those expectations," said Kirinovic of the two-page code all Ferris athletes must sign. "This code of conduct puts it all out in front of the kids.

"This is something we put together with input from our coaches and from our Student Athlete Advisory Committee to make sure we covered all issues that are important."

Among notable points in the code of conduct are:

- Always conduct yourself in a manner that will have a positive reflection on yourself, your team and Ferris State;
- Students must achieve a satisfactory progress and maintain a minimum grade point average either by passing 24 hours over the last two semesters or average 12 hours per term for each of the previous terms attended;
- Illegal drugs, including anabolic steroids; performance-enhancing drugs; and other substances banned by the NCAA, are prohibited;
- Random drug testing utilized by the NCAA and suspicion-based testing by Ferris State will be enlisted to ensure a drug-free environment;
- The inappropriate or illegal use of alcohol will not be tolerated. Each team and head coach will have their own team rules in this regard. Repeated alcohol issues also will trigger the athletic department drug on the campus and be courteous and well-mannered when representing your team or university.
- Student-athletes are expected to: Always display good sportsmanship, be a positive role model for young people, display a high level of ethics, integrity, fairness and respect for diversity be a leader on your team.
- Promptness and attendance at practices, classes, meetings and other team functions are expected unless excused;

"These young men and young women represent our university and it's very important that responsibility is taken seriously."

"This code lets our student athletes know what kinds of behavior will not be tolerated," Kirinovic said. "It sickens me when I look out there on television and in the newspapers

and I see student-athletes who are getting in trouble with the law and are not being dealt with in an appropriate manner (by their coaches and athletic depart policy).

The code further states: If (a student-athlete) is charged with violating public law, the Student Community Standards: Their Rights and Responsibilities or the Student Athlete Code of Conduct, he or she will be suspended from team activities pending resolution of charges, unless and until, an exemption is granted by the athletic director.

The FSU Athletics Department wants a high standard of conduct and each coach seeks as much during the recruiting process, according to Kirinovic.

"We want Ferris State University to be represented by our student-athletes in a manner that will make us all proud," he said.



## Pioneer

Friday, July 16, 2004

### **Ferris coach has enjoyed emergence of local prep hockey**

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State head coach Bob Daniels smiled when questioned about the local flavor his program's roster will boast this winter.

Daniels has forward Nick Scheible, a former prep star at Big Rapids who will be a junior this season; goaltender Tom Mueller of Cadillac, who is set to enter his junior campaign; and recently signed hotshot freshman, Derek MacIntyre of Stanwood to give the Bulldogs a local recruiting trilogy. Entering his 13th season behind the bench at Ferris, Daniels has had the opportunity to watch local programs from mites to high schools develop into a fertile ground for talented hockey athletes to learn and hone skills.

"You really see some of the area programs becoming better and better and in the future there will be some more good players coming out of those same areas," said Daniels, whose team finished 15-20-3. "Derek is from Stanwood and he might well be the first kid from Stanwood to make it to this level of college hockey, but there are some other talented kids coming up behind him from the Big Rapids and Stanwood areas with a lot of potential."

Scheible, a two-time all state hockey player at Big Rapids, competed in 25 games last year for the Bulldogs and compiled four goals and two assists for six points to go along with 22 shots. Scheible tallied a goal and three assists in 16 games. Ironically, his goal came in East Lansing at the expense of Michigan State the team he had always admired as he grew up in Big Rapids. The Bulldogs beat the Spartans 5-3 at Munn Ice Arena on Dec. 7, 2002.

"Everybody growing up in Michigan roots for one or the other - Michigan or Michigan State," Scheible said after that game. "I grew up rooting for Michigan State, but that was then and this is now. I'm playing college hockey for Ferris State University and I'm 100 percent happy with the decision that I made to come to Ferris.

"It was sort of surreal for me. Growing up in Big Rapids you always saw Michigan State as this big national power that was always playing for national championships," he added. "It was such an awesome feeling for me to not only get my first goal, but to get it in a game against Michigan State."

Mueller was an all-state honorable mention player for Cadillac (2000-01) and three time All-Big North Conference choice for the Vikings.

The 6-foot-2 Mueller joined the Bulldogs after transferring from Division III Minnesota Crookston where he played in three games for the Golden Eagles MacIntyre, also 6-foot-2 recently was drafted in the eighth round by the San Jose Sharks of the National Hockey League with the 234th overall pick.

"It's very good for our program when we can bring in local kids like these three who are capable of playing at this level," Daniels said. "It's really going to be nice to look at our roster and be able to say we have a kid from Big Rapids, a kid from Stanwood and a kid from Cadillac.

"I think it's going to be good for those programs as well for kids to see that if they work hard they can play college hockey."

The Bulldogs are scheduled to open their season Oct. 8 at home against Colgate in the first of a two-game series in the Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids at 7:35 p.m.

## MiBiz

Monday, July 12, 2004

### **Animation degree captures the eye of major business**

GRAND RAPIDS - A cutting edge degree program from Ferris State University Grand Rapids is reaping rewards in an unexpected area.

The program, Digital Animation and Game Design is a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program for anyone seeking a career in animation, design, simulation or programming. It is the only course of its kind in Michigan and one of only a handful available nationwide.

FSU-Grand Rapids Vice Chancellor and Academic Dean Donald Green Ed.D. told MiBiz a Digital Animation degree can open doors in the motion picture and video game world, but it might open the doors wider in the manufacturing industry.

"When we put this together everybody was enamored by the animation and video piece, but we're finding the big application for this program will be industrial simulation," said Green.

He explained that a number of major corporations are contacting FSU-Grand Rapids to create simulations for their products. It makes sense, said Green, since some concepts are hard to describe without a visual tool.

Students have finished several business projects. One, created for a tank producer, simulated how an automated loading system would work in the field. Another was a consumer market project for General Motors' Hummer vehicle.

"Companies have approached us about creating simulations so that they can give potential customers the feel of using their product," Green said.

The university is working with Stiles Machinery Inc. on simulations for its woodworking machinery.

"We're at the beginning stages of how we can take CNC language, download it to digital animation software and find easier ways to show simulations of what that CNC language can do," Green told *MiBiz*.

One advantage an animated simulation holds for Stiles is that it eliminates any language barrier that could arise from selling its equipment on the global marketplace. "If you need to communicate an idea, what better way to do it than animation," said Green.

Some local larger manufacturers are calling on FSU-Grand Rapids students to produce simulations that can be used internally. For example, one company asked for a simulation of a kaizen event that created real-time images of how the rearranging of a manufacturing cell could be accomplished.

"With the animation, you can bring in a forklift and have bodies working in the environment. It makes a world of difference, because you can see how these things interact instead of just imagining it," said Green.

Students also are taking a pragmatic view of their work, added Green. One student who is in optometry created an animation piece depicting proper eye care. Another, who is a pharmacist, developed a simulation outlining the pros and cons of taking a particular medication.

The digital animation and game design program has been so popular, the university is looking for additional faculty.

"The strength we're going to want there is game design theory and interactive game programming," Green said.

The digital animation degree is part of FSU-Grand Rapids' College of Professional and Technological Studies, which calls the Grand Rapids Community College Applied Technology Center its home.