

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

October 22, 2008

Academic Affairs

- The College of Education and Human Services is hosting an annual Principals' Forum where area principals discuss ways in which the program would be improved. Last year's forum was so successful that Wayne and Oakland are starting to host annual principals' forums.
- **Gloria Lukasa-Barnett** encouraged and transported five Ferris students using King-Chavez-Parks funds to Mt. Pleasant to take the Michigan Test of Teacher Competency. This trip was her second with teacher education students representing underrepresented populations. She also organized an online learning community for those students and other education students who need special assistance.
- From the Athletics Web site, <http://www.ferris.edu/sports/Ferris-Sports-Update/homepage.htm>, under "Streaming Media" see archived versions of FSU Sports Update aired Wednesday evenings at 11:00 PM after their newscast on Fox 33 live.
- **Rick VanSant** (Education) recently has been significantly involved in the dialogue led by the U.S. Africa Higher Education Initiative leading up to the issuing of an RFP for partnerships between U.S. and Africa Institutions of Higher Education. Rick will be seeking collaboration in writing for a \$50,000 Development Grant as part of the \$1,000,000 initiative.
- An Optometry gathering in Lansing featured a tribute to Dr. Walt Betts and the announcement of the new optometry building project.

Administration and Finance

- HR has completed the development of the faculty market adjustment for FY09.
- The ice arena is hosting Fall League High School Hockey Tournaments for Big Rapids, Alpena, Rockford, Traverse City, Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie, Gaylord, Cadillac, East Kentwood, Rockford and Cheboygan. These teams purchase tickets to the Bulldog hockey games held over these weekends.
- Campus Police is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Parking compliance is up, parking tickets down and complaints about parking almost no factor this Fall. This continues our trend of the past several years following our intense effort to turn a huge problem around!
- The University's emergency preparedness efforts and presentations are being praised locally.

Diversity Office

- There were several diverse events held at the University this fall.
- The TIP Scholars Coordinator candidate interviews have been completed and the position should be filled soon.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- The official signing of the agreement with the Clerical Technical Association will take place on Thursday, November 6. The new agreement is effective from 2008 through 2013.

Kendall College of Art and Design

- The administrative office move has been completed.
- The Michigan Artist competition will be held in Grand Rapids; Kendall is sponsoring dinner and a tour of the facilities to teachers who will likely recommend KCAD to their students.

Student Affairs

- The Fall 2008 Job Fair hosted 124 employers with 59 student volunteers and over 147 volunteer hours generated. The first annual pre-employment reception was a big success, drawing 107 students and over 40 employers to network. The Career Services Facebook page has generated over 400 friends to the office in the past month.
- University Recreation hosted their 21st annual Homecoming 5K run through Hemlock Park. Participants included alumni, community members, students, faculty and staff.
- The University Committee on Discipline training is complete for 45 committee members.

University Advancement and Marketing

- University Advancement & Marketing received a Bronze Award in the Pride of CASE V Awards "Best Event on a Shoestring" for their "The Stanley Cup Comes to Ferris" entry. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education is an international association of education advancement officers, who include alumni administrators, fund raisers, public relations managers, publications editors and government relations officers. Our region five includes members from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- The Ferris Web staff has worked with Television and Digital Media Production to offer full-length online replays of "Ferris Sports Update." An archive is being kept and presently there are 3 shows that can be viewed in streaming online video.
- Homecoming 2008 was a great success! The student events throughout the week were well attended and brought out a new level of spirited competition. Phil Vassar provided a memorable evening for our students, alumni and community members, as well as providing an excellent learning experience for our MIMA students. Alumni returning to campus found numerous activities of interest. A highlight was the mix of students, alumni, faculty, staff and emeriti at the Alumni Welcome Tent. Winding through the entire week of Homecoming was the amazing havoc created by our lovable Bulldog Mascot. His appearances were generously provided by the members of the Student Alumni Gold Club, Athletics and Alumni Relations.
- News Services welcomed Matt Roush from WWJ Newsradio 950 out of Detroit to campus Oct. 7 for his annual Fall Tech Tour. Visiting and talking with faculty from several departments within the College of Technology, and the College of Professional and Technological Studies, Roush featured the uniqueness of Ferris' engineering technology degrees, the Plastics and Rubber programs, Printing Management, Information Security and Intelligence, and Digital Animation and Game Design. He also learned about the University's participation as a founding member of the Green Mechanical Council. To read his story, visit <http://www.wwj.com/Tech-Tour-Day-Eight-Ferris-State-Has-Top-Notch-Te/3098181>.
- Total planned gifts solicited to date pending closing are 12 totaling \$1,230,000. Also 5 gifts totaling \$655,000 completed (pending paperwork) and 3 estates in progress totaling \$440,000.
- Four Distinguished Constructors were inducted into the Michigan Construction Hall of Fame.
- Ferris Athletics welcomes six new members to the Athletic Hall of Fame.