

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

March 25, 2009

Academic Affairs

- The College of Engineering Technology, Big Rapids Schools and Cascade Engineering submitted a \$2,234,283.24 grant through the Michigan Public Service Commission. The proposal seeks to increase energy efficiency and reduce the use of fossil fuels in using wind turbines, publicly visible metering, solar photovoltaic panels, and solar water heaters. The Principal Investigator is Tom Crandell. Tom Hollen, Ron McKean, and Dan Sovinski are Co-PI's.

Allied Health Sciences

- The Radiography program received full accreditation from the Joint Review committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JCERT) for a period of 5 years.
- Marietta Bell-Scriber, Professor of Nursing and Arlene Morton, Assistant Professor of Nursing have an article entitled "Clinical Instruction: Train the Trainer" published in *Nurse Educator*; has an article accepted for publication in "Giving through Teaching: How Nurse Educators are Changing the World" published by the National League for Nursing; and had an article entitled "Warming the Nursing Education Climate for Traditional-age Learners who are Male" published in *Nursing Education Perspectives*.
- The student organizations for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Health Care Systems, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Medical Sonography are all eligible for 5-Star standing.
- In the Recent Relay for Life event, the CAHS had over 70 students and 12 faculty participating. The CAHS groups raised \$2500 for the event.

Arts and Sciences

- The latest issue of the online literary journal *The Cortland Review* (www.cortlandreview.com) includes Phillip Sterling's poem "Grace" in both print and audio version.
- Teresa Scollon is one of three winners of a poetry chapbook competition. The announcement can be viewed at: www.michwriters.org.
- Gary Rodabaugh received a Foundation grant to outfit his new class Ecological Assessment (BIOL 346) which was a great success last Fall.
- Gary Miller was given the Outstanding Professor Award from the Honors Program for the Fall of '08.
- James Scott was given the Professor Award from the Honors Program for the Spring 2009
- Roger Mitchell published his first peer-reviewed paper: Mitchell RE (2009) The Inheritance of Juvenile Recurrence in Rosa Species Hybrids. *Floriculture and Ornamental Biotechnology* 3 (Special Issue 1) [in press]. He has also published several other newsletter items that relate to his research.
- Chris Westerkamp published the following paper: S.E. Gordon, J.A. Lake, C.M. Westerkamp, and D.M. Thomson, Does AMP-activated Protein Kinase Negatively Mediate Aged Fast-twitch Skeletal Muscle Mass?, *Exercise and Sport Sciences Reviews* 36 (4): 179-186, 2008.
- Paul Klatt published the following paper: Klatt, Paul H., Bridget J.M. Stutchbury, and Melissa Evans. 2008. Incubation feeding by male Scarlet Tanagers: a mate removal experiment. *Journal of Field Ornithology* 79(1):1-10.

- Beth Zimmer published the following papers Fong AY, Corcoran AE, Zimmer MB, Andrade DV, Milsom WK. 2008. Respiratory rhythm of brain stem-spinal cord preparations: effects of maturation, age, mass, and oxygenation. *Respiration Physiology and Neurobiology*, In press.
- Zimmer MB, Nantwi KD, Goshgarian HG. 2008. Effect of spinal cord injury on the neural regulation of respiratory function. *Experimental Neurology*. 209: 399-406.

Professional organizations:

- Robert Friar was appointed to the Board of Directors for Section G (Biological Sciences) for AAAS. Robert Friar became the Treasurer of the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Student research

- James Hoerter published a paper with several (now past) Ferris student: The Effect of UVA Fluence Rate on Indicators of Oxidative Stress in Human Dermal Fibroblasts. Hoerter, James D., Christopher S. Ward*, Kyle D. Bale*, Admasu N. Gizachew*, Rachele Graham*, Jaclyn Reynolds*, Melanie E. Ward*, Chesca Choi*, Jean-Leonard Kagabo*, Michael Sauer*, Tara Kuipers*, Timothy Hotchkiss*, Nate Banner*, Renee A. Chellson*, Theresa Ohaeri*, Langston Gant, Leah Vanderhill. *International Journal of Biological Sciences* 4:63-70.2008.

Community service:

- Arlene Westhoven has become President of the Michigan Loon Preservation Association.
- Cindy Fitzwilliams Heck involved her BIOL 116 students in riparian clean-ups in Big Rapids (Hemlock Park, Mitchell Creek from State Street to the Muskegon River, Ferris Flats, and Northend Park to the Pere Marquette Bridge). (Sp 2008, Fall 2008, Sp 2009)

Presentations:

- Robert Friar presented "Sex and College Student" lectures to about 1,200 students in FSUS-IOO this Fall Semester and about 300 students this Spring Semester. He also presents 10 to 15 special talks to Residence Hall, student organizations, and other groups on campus each year.

Engineering Technology

- The welding engineering technology students donated close to 750 food items to Project Starburst.
- Amela Mujkic, printing management student will be the first student to represent the United States in Offset Printing at this year's global World Skills competition in Sept.

Optometry

- Avesh Raghunandan, OD, PhD, Michigan College of Optometry faculty member, recently was awarded \$5,124.00 by the Senate Faculty Research Committee for his proposal, "A Parametric Study of the Binocular Capture Effect."

Administration and Finance

- Jake Visser won the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, a very prestigious honor as it combines academics AND athletics.
- Total criminal offenses are down 8.6% in 2008. This reflects a rise of 22.2% in property crimes and a drop of 25.8% in crimes against persons, which a 67% drop in criminal sexual assaults.

CPTS

- Digital Animation students created an animation for a 12-person simulator for Summit Marine and MasterCraft Boats. The simulator was operating at the boat show in Grand Rapids in February.

Diversity Office

- David Pilgrim delivered a campus-wide lecture at Kalamazoo Valley Community College on March 27, as part of their sixth annual Diversity Conference.
- David appeared on *Maranda: Where You Live* television program to discuss his role as Chief Diversity Officer and to promote his talk at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids. See, <http://www.marandatv.com/2009/02120/david-pilgrim-lecture/>
- The First Lady's Attic inventory is growing and student traffic has increased.

Kendall College of Art & Design

- Two Kendall students won awards in this year's Society of Illustrators' national competition: Becca Green won a \$5,000 award (one of two top award winners) and Liisa Rush had a work selected for inclusion in the Society's annual publication.

Student Affairs

- The Internship Initiative Advisory Group that Angie Roman has been serving on announced that www.InternInMichigan.com is up and running. Students and employers can register for a free profile and then are able to search and post Internship opportunities.
- University Recreation - The first annual on-campus Relay for Life sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer and the American Cancer Society was held in the Student Recreation Center on Friday, March 20.

University Advancement and Marketing

- Marketing and Communications is creating the first-ever Michigan College of Optometry alumni newsletter.
- A revised and expanded Web site for the TIP Scholar Program has been created by Web Services.
- UA&M also won four awards in the 24th Annual Admissions Advertising/Marketing Awards Competition, including a Bronze Award for the *From the Ferris Family to Yours* parent/student newsletter.
- The personal meetings for the internal campaign in the Michigan College of Optometry are nearly completed with only follow-up being required to get 100% participation.