Lake Forest College’s Director of Health and Wellness Dr. Jennifer Fast has required all students to complete a sexual misconduct online training by Everfi, whose mission is to help students acknowledge critical life issues such as alcohol abuse and sexual assault prevention.

“It’s important for all students to make well-informed decisions about sex and relationships; and to feel confident in intervening in problematic situations related to these issues. One way that Lake Forest College is striving to provide an environment that is safe and healthy is by addressing sexual and relationship violence through educating the community about sexual misconduct and related resources that are available,” said Dr. Fast in a student-wide announcement and email.

“The Haven program ‘helps students to: explore what they value most, understand aspects of healthy relationships and gender socialization; define sexual assault and consent; know how student bystanders can intervene in problematic situations; and develop methods that students can continue to utilize when addressing sexual and relationship violence on campus,’’ according to Dr. Fast.

Students need to complete the training by December 15.

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ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Lake Forest College’s Archives and Special Collections, located in the basement of Donnelley and Lee Library, holds a treasure trove of information: inside, students can find materials about the history of the college dating back to 1857, Board of Trustees minutes, and school newspapers since their first publication.

“You have a chance to look at something that only a few people in the world have had a chance to look at,” said Anne Thomason, archivist for the College’s Archives and Special Collections, discussing how students can use the Collections both in and out of the classroom.

“I think it’s really important for students’ education to be exposed to different types of materials than what [they] are usually exposed to. Because most of our materials haven’t been digitized, it really challenges students to research in a different way. Going through paper is an extremely different challenge than if you’re looking for something online. It can train your mind in ways it is not being trained in otherwise,” said Thomason.

While some classrooms require projects to be completed using materials in Archives and Special Collections, many other students miss out on the opportunity to research in a challenging and invigorating way.

The materials within this area of the library are often rare and cannot be found in many places around the world. Therefore, students must use the Reading Room to access the materials, although some are stored online in the College’s Digital Commons.

“How much does it cost?” asked some students, after learning about the Archives section. The answer often surprises them: It’s free. Students can find a wide variety of information, from college treasures in library basement: the Archives

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The Career Advancement Center created the Forester Career Network, a database comprised of professionals willing to help Lake Forest College students and recent graduates understand and navigate their career path, in the fall of this year.

The professionals that make up the network include Forester alumni, parents, and friends of the College with a willingness to share their time and career expertise with students.

“They offer advice and insight on occupations and industries, share career experience and job search techniques, provide information about graduate programs, connect them with other professionals in their area of interest, and make referrals to a hiring manager,” said Alina Guarise, associate director of the Career Advancement Center.

“Students gain access to the network by attending a Forester Career Network 101 orientation or meeting with a career advisor. They then can view and contact professionals via their ForesterLink accounts,” said Guarise.

The orientations are offered once or twice a semester by the Career Advancement Center, and all students have a ForesterLink account that is connected to their Lake Forest College email.

The Network can be accessed by registered and approved students both on and off campus. Career advisors from the CAC help students construct their student profiles (which will be displayed on the Forester Career Network), discuss networking etiquette, and develop and maintain professional relationships —whether with the Network volunteers or other contacts students have found on their own. The CAC hopes that the Network will help to put a student’s mind at ease when it comes to internships, networking, and getting a job.

According to the CAC’s page on the College’s website, “whether you are a sophomore looking to make some early connections in your field, a junior searching for an internship, or a senior about to embark on the job hunt, the Forester Career Network has something for everyone.”

ForesterLink is another great resource available to students, also created by the Career Advancement Center. It is Lake Forest College’s online career portal and job board connecting students and alumni to opportunities.

Fellow students around campus were asked about their opinion of this mandatory online training.

“Two-thirds of the students thought it was “useless” and that “no one was going to confess,” regarding their actions to what they do intoxicated or not.”

The majority who pointed out that the online training was “pointless” were men.

Although many students have not completed the training yet, some think it’s a “pointless matter” to make all students complete, claiming that most people know when someone is too drunk to consent to sex.

The remaining one-third of students believe that the mandatory online training “helps spread awareness campus wide.”

These students who support the online training feel that it is educational and that it attempts to ensure a safe college environment for students to feel comfortable in.

Overall, most students have not completed the sexual misconduct online training.

Quite a few students who believe that the mandatory training is a “pointless matter” cited that “a lot of students have grown up learning about sexual misconduct since middle school.”

“This mandatory training is just another example of a repetitive lesson, where we are learning the same thing over and over again. It’s not wrong to grasp the same concept repeatedly; however, after five or more years of hearing the same sexual conduct policies, most students most likely know the difference between wrong and right,” said one student, who asked to remain anonymous.

“Sadly, not every single teenager in this world will understand that sexual harassment is bad. But by the time someone reaches the college atmosphere, he or she should know how to think on his or her own and have to deal with those consequences,” the same student said.

Lake Forest College students believe that no student should have to experience a traumatizing night, but many do not believe that sexual misconduct and assault will be deterred by the mandatory online training.

Those students who do not think the online course will be helpful indicated that they will ultimately complete the mandatory training because they do not want to pay the $40 fee for failure to complete the course—but they won’t gain or lose any knowledge from it, they said.
The results of the 2014 elections are in, and with these results come some unexpected and pivotal shifts in governmental power for the future. This epic and never-ending battle for control of Capitol Hill has quite a few recent turns, especially in terms of the some of the close gubernatorial elections, the control of the Senate, and the shift in party power, in general.

When it comes to gubernatorial elections, a few were expected to be tight races. Some unexpected victories in the gubernatorial sense include Democrat Tom Wolf defeating incumbent Gov. Corbett in Pennsylvania. Another crucial win was businesswoman and Republican Bruce Rauner defeating Illinois’ incumbent Gov. Pat Quinn, who became governor in 2009 after former Gov. Rod Blagojevich was impeached.

In terms of the political shift in the Senate, the Republicans now have majority control with 53 seats while the Democrats now have 44 seats, meaning there will no longer be a divided Congress when it comes to party control. One interesting senatorial race in Louisiana will require a face-off on December 6, since neither captured at least 50 percent of the votes. Another closely watched race pitted Democrat Sen. Jeanne Shaheen against Republican Scott Brown in New Hampshire.

For Illinois’ open seat in the Senate, it was filled by Democrat Dick Durbin, who won with 53 percent of the votes.

When it comes to the reaffirmed control of the house for the Republican party, Rep. Greg Walden, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, said, “We’re as back to a majority as any of us have seen in our lifetimes. It may be a 100-year majority.”

The large gain of control by the Republicans can be seen in the election results in Illinois, where Republicans Robert Dold, Mike Bost, and Rodney Davis all won their races. Some races that still must be determined due to a tie are in District 2 of Arizona between Democratic incumbent Ron Barber and Republican Martha McSally. Another tied race is in District 7 of California between Democratic incumbent Ami Bera and Republican Doug Ose. In total, the Republicans now hold 244 seats in the House, 10 more than previous 2012 election results.

When it comes to the new 114th United States Congress, which will begin its first session in January, new leadership positions also have been picked. On November 13, John Boehner was re-elected to a third term as Speaker of the House, Cathy McMorris was elected as House Conference Chair, and Steve Scalise was elected as House Majority Whip.

In elections for the Senate, Republicans backed Sen. Mitch McConnell as Senate Majority Leader and Sen. John Cornyn as the new Majority Whip. Democrats also voted to elect Sen. Harry Reid as the new Minority Leader, even though Sen. Nancy Pelosi said she intended on running for party leader.

But the main issue surrounding Congress during this session is actually passing legislation, especially legislation that may not sit well with President Barack Obama since they don’t have a veto-proof majority. On this topic, McConnell said he will “get the Senate back to normal,” and Obama said he is willing to work with the new Senate but he will not sign bills that fight Obamacare and he will still push for his policies.

President’s corner

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Being Student Government President has been an extremely rewarding experience. I am honored to have represented the student body to the faculty, staff, and administration for the past year. I have learned so much about our different organizations, the school, and the students.

As president, I have held multiple open forums for students to directly discuss concerns with the administration, increased the amount of study space on campus with the second floor of the library being open 24 hours a day, assisted in funding a new and revised campus shuttle, and will be completing a project for students to know their rights before the end of my term.

Being able to connect students to the administration in order to address concerns, such as a lack of quiet study space, and having the power to help resolve those concerns is an opportunity I am so grateful to have had. Having this position has tested my patience and my character, but I am a better leader and student because of it.

My advice to the next president would be to approach every situation with an open mind and to always look at a problem from multiple perspectives. Be the person to play devil’s advocate. It is really easy to get caught up in the politics of the position, but remember at all times that the president represents all students.

Obama’s new immigration plans

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On Thursday, November 20, President Obama addressed the current immigration situation in the United States.

The president shared his plans for the immigration executive orders he planned during this speech in a video on his presidential Facebook page.

“Everybody agrees that our immigration system is broken,” he said in the video.

“Unfortunately, Washington has allowed the problem to fester for too long. So what I’m going to be laying out is the things that I can do with my lawful authority as president to make the system work better even as I continue to work with Congress and encourage them to get a bipartisan, comprehensive bill that can solve the entire problem.”

Obama plans to provide pardons to 5 million immigrants on the verge of deportation so they can remain in the United States. This is something that is highly controversial and will force Congress to possibly makes changes in laws that deal with immigration.

Obama plans to meet and invite many Democratic leaders later this week at the white house for a dinner to create strategies and ideas to help implement his plan. Obama has excluded any Republican leaders or lawmakers from his dinner. Many Republican leaders like Michael Steel, who is John Boehner’s spokesman, are upset about this.

Steel stated, “If ‘Emperor Obama’ ignores the American people and announces an amnesty plan that he, himself, has said over and over again exceeds his constitutional authority, he will cement his legacy of lawlessness and ruin the chances for Congressional action on this issue and many others.”

The White House managed to get Univision to delay its live precast of the Latin Grammy Awards, with its audience of about 10 million viewers, for Obama’s speech at 8 p.m. Eastern time, although it won’t be aired by the four major broadcast networks again.

All this for an announcement that’s going to set off a political firestorm. The White House has said the executive actions are needed because Congress won’t act, while GOP leaders say the president is going beyond his authority and poisoning the well for any future immigration talks.

It will be interesting to hear the White House and President Obama’s executive action in detail and see if they will prevail with their plan.
SWAN’s Safe Sex Toy Party lures students for a night of fun and safe sex education

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The title of the November 14 party put on by the Students for Women’s Awareness Network (SWAN) may have been misleading, but the event was both entertaining and educationally engaging.

Rather than merely focusing on sexual pleasure aides, the event was both entertaining and educational, raising awareness about women’s issues on the Lake Forest College campus. Every year, SWAN hosts several events for the student body, including Love Your Body Day, the Vagina Monologues, “Not Just Girl Talk,” panels, and, of course, the Safe Sex Toy Party.

The Safe Sex Toy Party, one of the most popular SWAN events, was co-sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center. The discussion component of the event included panelists Kathy Salinger, from the Health and Wellness Center, and Sean Welsh, from Counseling Services, who answered students’ anonymous questions on a host of topics related to sexuality and sexual health.

From STI prevention to the conceptualization of virginity, the conversation was completely open.

Rachel Colarchik ’18 commented, “I felt totally comfortable asking whatever. There was no judgment, which made it easy to have a really informative and interesting discussion about important topics.”

In addition to raising awareness about healthy sexual practices, the Safe Sex Toy Party also raised funds for SWAN’s beneficiary, The Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center.

Located in Gurnee, Ill., the Zacharias Center is Lake County’s only rape crisis center and offers all of its services for free. To raise money for the Zacharias Center, SWAN raffled off sexy items such as vibrators, lingerie, and candles.

The proceeds from raffle tickets and donations totaled roughly $137, all of which is being donated to the Zacharias Center.

SWAN has several more events this year, which will be advertised in both the Student Center and on SWAN’s Facebook page.

For those interested in engaging more regularly with the issues discussed at the Safe Sex Toy Party, as well as other women’s issues, SWAN meets every Wednesday in the Pearson Rooms and is open to all.

Forester in the City brings back nostalgic retelling of classical Disney stories

Photo from SWAN’s Facebook

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Last Saturday, I saw the production, Wish Upon a Star at Theater Wit.

Located on Belmont, this theater calls itself a “smart art theater,” which produces, “humorous, challenging, and intelligent plays that speak with a vibrant and contemporary theatrical voice.”

I can admit to this play’s creativity, but question its level of intelligence. During the 90-minute parody production of classic Disney stories, the audience was able to engage with some grown-up, and oftentimes quite inappropriate, retellings of their favorite tales.

In particular, we met a gar-umphed Winnie the Pooh, received questionable advice from Mary Poppins, conversed with a bitter Snow White, witnessed a grown man’s obsession with Frozen, and discovered the not-so-happy lives following the princesses’ happily-ever-afters.

The performers succeeded in embodying each character in a crudely humorous, yet recognizable, way.

The play also included, in a true homage to classic Disney, several musical numbers. As illustrated by the renditions of “Colors of Your Skin” (a take on “Colors of the Wind”) and the Disney Villains’ Chicago “Cell Block Tango,” the actors possessed incredible vocal ranges and singing capabilities.

Overall, the show was entertaining to watch, but there are definitely improvements to be made.

However, the show is still new and in its experimental phase. This experimentalism was clear in the cast and staging: there were only four actors and one accompanist, and props were strewn around the stage.

The props, perhaps the largest distraction for the audience, consisted of small Disney-related objects, including mouse ears and Peter Pan’s hat, spread around the stage in order for quick succession from one act to another. Also indicative of the play’s novelty was the company’s encouragement of recording.

This production, unlike most, encouraged photography and videotaping, ostensibly to encourage cheap social media publicity. The groveling for publicity is certainly needed, since there were only a handful of people in the audience, leaving the majority of seats empty.

Despite all of my previous criticism, I do believe that this show could go from good to great. This show only runs until November 22. However, for those willing to take a chance on the supposed wit and humor of Theater Wit, the theater will also be producing David Sedaris’ Santaland Diaries, and a re-imaging of Titanic for the stage.
The circus is in town, and it is a bloodcurdling hit among horror fans across the nation

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American Horror Story: Freakshow, Ryan Murphy’s amalgam of deformed, digital penetration; mentally and socially disadvantaged clowns; group corpse dismemberment; and anachronistic, campy songs; just aired its sixth episode. And I’m still confused.

Prior to the show’s premiere, Murphy claimed that Freakshow would shine a light on “Freak” persecution and provide a larger moral message. However, aside from the show’s now ubiquitous slogans, “We’re all Freaks” and “Freaks are people, too,” I’ve failed to find a consistent moral message or social commentary throughout, or within, any of the episodes.

In fact, the phrases themselves are often problematically contradicted. There are several ways in which one can interpret Murphy’s attempts at morality throughout the show thus far.

If the point is to portray the “Freaks” in a positive light and “normal” people in a negative light, then Murphy lacks consistency.

Of creative media, which takes place in a socially unsettling era, without actively condemning said era. Would it be inherently offensive to set a romance in the American slavery era without actively working to condemn slavery and portray the injustices of that period? Maybe, but Murphy is not simply choosing a time period and a place in which to set his story. Rather, he is using the “Freak” aesthetic as a horror device.

This was evidenced most clearly in the abundance of promotional images solely featuring the “Freaks” and their oddities. While the show and the promotions do provide opportunities for actors who might not otherwise be cast in such mainstream productions (many of the “Freaks” do possess the physical appearances of the characters they portray), that does not provide Murphy with a get-out-of-false-morality-free card.

Overall, if I have somehow missed the point, and the show’s moral goal, as some have claimed, is simply to convey that “freaks” are people too, with the myriad of emotional and moral possibilities that come with that label, then, well yeah, but why does that merit a television show? Surely, the majority of adults who open a Guiness World Records book realize that the individuals within the pages are people, but that doesn’t change the visceral intrigue they feel when staring at those people’s images.

Ryan Murphy’s Freakshow is just that, a freakshow, perhaps with more damning effect than Guiness World Records or other modern displays of human Oddity, because Murphy is attempting to cloak his use of our visceral reactions to the different in a vague morality, rather than addressing said reactions honestly.

We’re all freaks

Big hero 6 is a big knockout among viewers of all ages

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Disney has done it again; from a Marvel mess that was shelved after less than a year in 1998, Big Hero 6 has been reinvented with faith, trust and a little pixie dust.

On Saturday, November 8, Ashley Ackerman ’16, Nicky Drechsel ’15, Hallie Mendoza ’17, and I went to the theater in giddy excitement to see this new Disney film. The movie takes place in San Fransokyo—a combination of San Francisco and Tokyo. The way that Disney Animation Studios brought these two, seemingly disparate, cities together was just breathtaking.

Disney created a utopia of technology and Japanese culture, with an American flare. Within this beautiful amalgamation of technology and cultures, the movie tells the story of Hiro Hamada, a robotics prodigy, who gets into more trouble than his family would like. When tragedy strikes, Hiro and his friends take fate into their own hands and use their brilliant minds to create a team of heroes to fight against a criminal who uses technology for personal gain.

Hiro also develops a friendship with Baymax, a personal healthcare assistant robot. During their journey towards heroism, the unlikely friends grow close and create technology that we can only imagine and only Disney can bring to life.

If you’re planning on seeing Big Hero 6, you’ll also love the Disney short, Feast. This story, told through the eyes of a pup and his food, brings warmth to your heart and prepares you for the epic movie it precedes.

This 2D/3D hybrid is the predecessor of the Best Animated Short Oscar winner, Paperman, and serves as the beginning of a new era for Disney. I recommend this movie and short to all Lake Forest College students, staff, and faculty. I also recommend sticking around at the end of the movie; it will be worth the wait. Make a date out of it, take your siblings/kids, or go by yourself—no judgment; it’s just that good.
TIME magazine wants ‘feminism’ banned, really?

A feminist, by definition, is someone who “advocates for social, political, legal, and economic rights for women equal to those of men.” It is the simple belief for gender equality in all aspects of life. Yet, somehow, it has been misinterpreted in our society as “man-hating.”

This term now comes with an intimidating and extreme context that makes many uncomfortable when they hear it. What appears to be the issue at hand is that so many people do not know its true meaning and the reason for its importance.

Well, it is the earth-shattering idea that a woman can receive the same amount of money as a man for doing the same job; that a woman can make her own decisions regarding her well-being, and that they will not be exploited for being a different gender.

TIME magazine released an online poll on November 12 requesting opinions on which words should be banned in the upcoming year. The list included words and phrases such as: “bae”, “literally”, “kale”, “I can’t even”, and to their mistake, “feminism.”

In the descriptions of the words, the writer does not specifically bash the idea of feminism, but rather questions the need for celebrities to endorse and verbalize their position on it. The problem with adding this term to a list filled with incredibly superficial words is that the meaning gets lost amidst the others.

Feminism represents a much bigger belief in the world—that women should be able to benefit from the same resources awarded to men. Thankfully, TIME’s poll received some serious backlash with its literal “choice of words” and apologized and amended edits original post.

At Lake Forest College, we take the same courses and learn the same curriculum in order to prepare us for the same careers. We truly are lucky that we are all awarded the same opportunities while gaining an education.

It proves that we are all the same and deserve the chance to coexist in the same manner without the effects of gender stereotypes. Listen to feminists when they talk because they will be able to explain the situations around us and educate you on that word that we have become so terrified of.

Reaching this level of equality benefits men as well as women. By allowing women the same equality as men it should also allow men to feel more comfortable expressing a more feminine side. There is nothing wrong with representing a strong independent woman but there is a difference between that and a woman who receives the exact same as a man when it comes to social, political, and economic standards. This is not just a fight for women, gentlemen this is yours as well. If it were the reality that men and women were paid, respected, and treated the same way this simply would not be an issue. When this does happen, maybe then you will stop hearing the word feminism.

Five tips for making the best of your winter break

Winter break is only three weeks away (thank the academic gods) and if you’re anything like me, knowing this is the only thing getting you through the rest of the semester.

While our campus has had many successful events happen this semester and students have excelled in their research and studies, the day when students and professors alike can sit on their couches and binge watch The West Wing with not a care in the world is what I know we’re all looking forward to.

But, and I warn you, while these long breaks can be restful and relaxing, it’s also easy to waste precious time by sitting around and coming up with excuses not to socialize with that friend you haven’t seen since high school. So here are some tips on making the best of your winter break by yours truly:

1. Visit a local Christmas tree lot and learn about the different kinds of trees and where they came from. Bonus points if you go home and teach your neighbor what you learned.
2. Grab lunch with that one person you’ve been meaning to talk to about a poem or idea that you’ve been inspired by. And wear an ugly Christmas sweater while you’re at it.
3. Invite your grandmother to sew Christmas scarves with you. Don’t know how to sew? Introduce her to YouTube and learn together.
4. Spend some of your time volunteering with organizations that genuinely need assistance. And wear an ugly Christmas sweater while you’re at it.
5. And finally, now that you’re away from the cafeteria, pretend you’re on Iron Chef and learn how to cook healthy meals for yourself and your family.

This list could go on and on, but you get the point. Winter break can be a fulfilling month if you let it, so I encourage you all to not think about school for a little bit and focus on spending quality time with your family and community.
Gorica Malesevic '17 was able to fulfill her dreams of an American collegiate education near the city of Chicago when she found Lake Forest College. The sophomore who hails from Gradiska, Bosnia has been thrilled with her experiences in a new country thus far and sharing it with a fellow international student and roommate Kristina Simeunovic '16 of Bijeljina, Bosnia. One particular experience Malesevic has relished thus far during her time in the U.S. is Thanksgiving.

“There really is no holiday quite like Thanksgiving [in Bosnia],” explained Malesevic. Malesevic added, “It’s fascinating that all people celebrate it together regardless of age and race and it links everyone together as Americans and as a whole nation in a time to give thanks.” Malesevic experienced Thanksgiving for the first time last year with Simeunovic by her side. However both missed out on Thanksgiving dinner. “[We] stayed on campus for Thanksgiving dinner, but [we] went out to lunch with a family friend. This year I am going to my cousin’s house in Elmhurst to celebrate Thanksgiving,” said Simeunovic. Simeunovic recalls her first Thanksgiving in America as a freshman and exclaimed, “[I love Black Friday shopping. That’s the best part of Thanksgiving break. A lot of good deals and it’s a unique experience.”

Despite the positive experiences they have had with Thanksgiving Malesevic and Simeunovic were quick to point out that Thanksgiving also reminds them how much they miss home. “[Most] people have dinner with their family [on Thanksgiving in America]. But as an international student I cannot go home and Thanksgiving reminds me that I cannot be with my family,” said Malesevic. Simeunovic chimed in and added, “I miss home because it reminds me of other celebrations I am missing with my family back home.”

Malesevic says that despite her longing for home she has grateful that she has many friends that remedy her homesickness. “I have made lots of great friends here in America. Lifelong friends. And I am glad I can see those friends who live in the area or don’t get to go home for Thanksgiving break. The international students are really one big family during Thanksgiving break and it’s our time to share this time of being in a whole new country and really think about our lives,” said Malesevic. Malesevic went on to state, “Being in America has changed my life. Thanksgiving has changed my life. This has been a time of change in my life and I am becoming an adult in a country I am still very new to. But I am thankful I am doing that in America.”

Did you know...

-In an effort to give the country an economic boost, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt attempted to move Thanksgiving from the last Thursday in November to the second to last. States like Texas did not oblige and celebrated two Thanksgivings a year, and Congress stepped in and made Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November as a compromise.

-The top five busiest airports during Thanksgiving travel are O’Hare International (Chicago), LA International (Los Angeles), Logan International (Boston), LaGuardia Airport (New York City), San Francisco International Airport (San Francisco).

-On the first Thanksgiving, the English and Native Americans did not engage in a meal with turkey, traditionally associated with American Thanksgiving. Instead they ate meat like swans, seals, and lobsters.

-Canada celebrates their Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October because harvesting ends earlier due to Canada’s geographical location being further north than the United States.

-Only male turkeys can make the gobble sound, and turkeys can actually blush when changing emotions.

-Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States of America.

-Turkeys are affectionate and protective animals according to Americans who raise them as pets.

-Thanksgiving is Arnold Schwarzenegger’s favorite holiday because as he put it, “It’s the only time that you see natural breasts,” in reference to Thanksgiving turkey http://cdn.history.com/sites/2/2014/01/Thanksgiving...
Congratulations Lake Forest College women's soccer team on your history making season.