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## FEAR ROADSTER



On March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16th the Fordson FEAR Roadster was displayed at the 61st Detroit Autorama, at Cobo Hall. The Roadster took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Altered T-Roadster Pick-up class. The car was built completely by Fordson High School students.



Additionally the students built a modified peddle car that was auctioned off on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we take pride when our Tractor students and staff are recognized for their spectacular accomplishments.



### Staff Prevails Over Students in 57-55 Basketball Victory

**EVENT RAISES NEARLY \$1800 FOR CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN**



On Thursday, March 27th at 7:00 pm the Fordson gymnasium was alive with action as the senior basketball players from the boys and girls teams took on the more experienced Fordson staff in the annual hoop charity event. More than 300 spectators gathered together to watch an exciting basketball game that raised more than \$1800 for the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

The game was a seesaw battle to the very end. With just 6 seconds remaining and the score deadlocked at 55, Mr. Abazeed hit a bucket deep in the corner to vault the Staff to a 57-55 victory. Senior Abbas Kanaan had 25 points to lead the students while Heather Bazzi hit a crucial 3 pointer late in the second half to keep the game close. The halftime score was 32-28 in favor of the staff before the students mounted a comeback that eventually fell short. Mr. Delgiudice stated, “this was a great event that benefited many young lives. We were able to gather as a family and put the needs of others before ourselves and we had a tremendous amount of fun in the process.”



Fordson students and staff take time out to pose for a picture before the students vs staff annual basketball game. The game was a thriller that went down to the wire. The staff outlasted the students by a score of 57-55. In the end, everybody won. The event raised nearly \$1800 dollars for the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Editorial

Untitled  
by Lujine Nasralla

Editorial

*She stood at the tip of the cliff, her hair billowing behind her like a long black cape. She breathed in deeply, astonished at how detached her thoughts were from her situation. Forcing herself back to reality, she slowly turned her head and glanced over her shoulder. They stood there glaring at her with a unanimous scathing look. She simply looked back into their cold eyes. On the edge of the group, someone stood reluctantly, a wistful shine in those deep blue eyes. As her eyes met his, she gave him a resigned smile then turned her attention back to the group. There was a lack of dissent in their misogynistic views of the world. To them, she was a disdainful servant, a marginalized temptation. She turned her back to them once again and took one more breath. Then she leaped.*

Feminism is defined as “the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes” by Webster. The definition is pretty straight-forward which raises the question: why does “feminism” have such a negative connotation? Is it because it is a label? Or because this particular label implies “extremities?” It is possible to do without the label and still believe in the equality of all human beings. Believing that all humans are created equal is not labeled with a certain theory. And that is where the misconception of feminism cultivates; labeling this belief justifies it as a theory, something that induces doubt such as the Big Bang theory or the theory of evolution.

The belief that women are inferior is not archaic- it is cultural and regional. America has evolved greatly in terms of the woman’s role. In history, she was a mother-woman: a housewife who lived for the care of her husband, her children, and the house. As the country bloomed and men went to war, women found themselves working out in the field- literally and figuratively. This set off a chain of events leading to women realizing themselves in every aspect. And ultimately, that is what some conservatives feared the most: change of what they had the most control over- women. The Civil Rights Movement did not only give colored minorities the power to speak out; it gave women the courage to rip off the constraining corset of society’s expectations.

# SPORTS

## Strong Finish Gives Boys Basketball Team Hope For the Future

By: Amal Choucair

Believe the hype! Our Boys Basketball team became proud district champions as they knocked off Edsel Ford in the first round of the districts. In addition to that, they took care of Lincoln Park and Crestwood to claim the title. The team had a spectacular run ending their season on a high note. The boys had a clean sweep of three teams in their division beating Edsel Ford, Dearborn, and Belleville two times each throughout the season. The tractors ended the year with an overall record of 16-8, well above .500 and good enough for 2nd place in the WWAC. This year's team was senior heavy so coach Oss sees many underclassmen taking charge in the upcoming season. We congratulate our district champs on a successful season. Go Tractors!



## Girls Softball Shows Early Promise

By: Amal Choucair

The girls' softball team is ready to take the field this season as they return with a new attitude looking to make this year special. This year's team consists of six seniors who will lead by example and experience. Coach Kerr's message to the team is to have the right attitude and be fully dedicated to the sport. The girls put in time and effort daily to ready themselves for the upcoming season and look forward to competing at a high level. The girls are confident in their abilities and are excited to show it once the season gets underway. They will have an early test as they take on Dearborn high in a double header game on Monday April 8th. The girls compete in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (WWAC) and are looking forward to yet another successful season. Good luck to the girls this spring season!



Amal Choucair and Sikne Mansour are expected to lead the Girls Softball Team this spring.

## Spring Offers High Expectations for Baseball Team

By Amal Choucair

Although the weather hasn't warmed up yet that won't stop the baseball team from taking the field this season. First year head coach Mr. Proctor has set high expectations for his team and knows they will be solid as they have many returning players including their ace David Dakroub who is back for his final season on the mound. This years team has quite a bit of youth and they are looking to build for years to come. The boys do have seven seniors however, who will use their experience to lead the team. The tractors have been moved to a new division in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (WWAC) and are excited to face different teams this year. Good luck to the baseball team throughout the season! The season gets under way the week after spring break.

Coach Proctor gears up for the 2013 Baseball Season. The Tractors compete in the WWAC.







NHS BLOOD DRIVE

By: Reem Amine

On Thursday March 14, in their typical benevolent style, The National Honor Society (NHS) held their customary blood drive. Although they didn't reach their initial goal of 56 pints, NHS drew in a satisfactory 32 pints, enough to save 96 lives. What was even more impressive was the cascade of students who showed up with the intention to donate blood. Although left slightly dizzy and with a pint less of blood, many students left with a gratifying feeling brought upon by helping others. When asked about the event, NHS sponsor Ms. Wright said, "It was a nice, steady event overall, but many students were low in iron so we couldn't use their blood." Despite the lack of iron, there was an abundance of good intention, making this NHS blood drive a great event and helping many people in need.

Fordson's Mrs. Zriek Receives Key Club Advisor of the Year

The 62nd Annual Michigan District Key Club Convention took place in Kalamazoo on March 8th -10th. The theme was "celebrating real world superheroes and service as your superpower." Key Club members, adult advisors and invited guests attended for a weekend of service, workshops, as well as a presentation of awards. Our students made blankets, dresses, dolls, packaged rice, and attended lectures to improve their board positions. Students shone throughout the convention week-end.

During the award ceremony, Fordson High School received recognition and took with them the following awards:

- UNICEF award
- Early Bird award
- 1st place- Secretary award for monthly minutes- Haneen Ali
- 1st place- District project
- 1st place- Single service
- 1st place- Club video
- 1st place- Canned food
- 2nd place- Pop tabs (Thank you Mrs. Crabill for your help and support)
- 2nd place- Kiwanis family relations
- 2nd place- Year in Review Scrapbook
- 2nd place- Project Eliminate
- 3rd place- Club poster



Mrs. Zriek received the Dave Steger Faculty Advisor of the year award. This was a tremendous accomplishment and we should be extremely proud of Mrs. Zriek for representing Fordson in such a distinguished way.

Also, Ali Elreichuni received the Allen Hoxie District Matching Scholarship.

This truly was a weekend to remember for our Key Club members. Our students represented Fordson with pride. Districts from all over Michigan congratulated the Fordson students for their leadership, remarkable amount of community service, and for their compassion for others.

When you see the Fordson Key Club members, please congratulate them for their successful accomplishments.



# Student Spotlight: Mariam Tolba

By: Reem Amine

On this student spotlight I interviewed Mariam Tolba; a close friend of mine who I felt was a part of Fordson’s obscured entity. Through this student spotlight I had hoped to shed light on one of Fordson’s students, who I believe contributes such an essence to the school not brought upon by anyone else. Furthermore, I present to you, in the best way that I can, Mariam Tolba.



**What is one thing you are very proud of?**  
Winning the NCWIT Aspiration award for computer science.”

**If you could interview one person dead or alive who would it be and why?**  
“Franklin D Roosevelt. I would like to ask him about the second bill of rights he had proposed. It would have helped shape our economy.”

**Who is your favorite teacher from your years in high school?**  
“Mr. Sion. When it came to teaching he always got straight to the point while inspiring his students at the same time. Plus, he was very funny.”

**What is one thing you see in your future?**  
“Money and a successful career. Oh, and umm happiness.”

**Do you regret any choices you’ve made regarding school?**  
“DCMST, because there are so many classes at Fordson that help you find out what you want out of life, like photography and sculpture. DCMST kept me from doing that. DCMST is not a bad school but it’s really not for everyone.”

**What is one thing you would like to tell your fellow students?**  
“Stop cheating, seriously it’s not worth it to take away from character and add it to your grade.”

While it is certainly impossible to capture a person in their entirety through an interview, I felt it necessary to capture a piece of this student and share it with the rest of the school. Thank you Mariam for sharing your thoughts with the Tower.

## Is Glass the Solution for Fordson?

By: [Hussein Kain](#)

**What is Glass?**  
Google Glass is an augmented reality delivered by a simple pair of glasses no heavier or bulkier than your average prescription glasses.

**How did it start?**  
The Glass project was started "about three years ago" by an engineer named Babak Parviz as part of Google’s X Lab initiative, the lab also responsible for — amongst other things — self-driving cars and neural networks. Unlike those epic, sci-fi R&D projects at Google, Glass is getting real, much sooner than anyone expected.

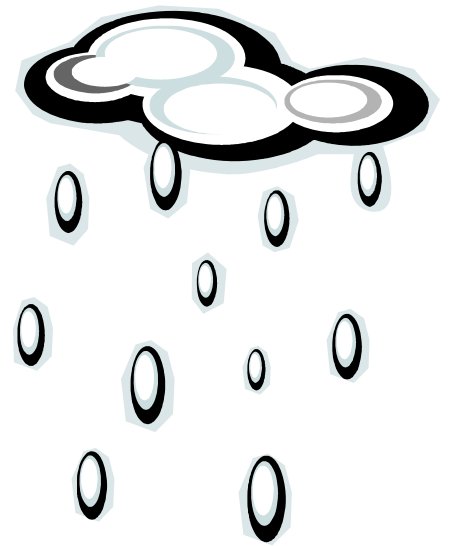
**Why would you ever use “Glass”?**  
I, like most other students reading this, go to FHS and while walking in the hall on a daily basis, I noticed that 8/10 people are on their phones. No social interaction with the world around them, none what so ever, and that’s pretty sad. Google is trying to change that with project “Glass.” Instead of having to look down when using your phone, why not put the content right in front of your face without having to move a muscle making you completely capable of noticing what is going on around you.

Some people think this whole project is mediocre, but I on the other hand can’t wait until it’s released into the general public, and here are some reasons why:

- I can eat my bagel, drink my tea, and stay socially connected all at once
- Don’t have to pull out my phone just to reply to a text saying “Yeah”
- Search topics instantaneously
- Capture a moment just by saying (Glass, take a picture)

Keep in mind; I’m not saying that Glass is necessary; it’s just one of those things that will make your life easier. It’s like Siri or Google. Now, do we need it? No. But it makes our lives easier and that’s the beauty of technology now a days.

**Conclusion**  
Google Glass is a little bit ahead of its time. I don’t think the world is ready for an augmented reality. But that won’t stop me and many others from getting them; I want a taste of the future. Just think about the possibilities that this project brings with it. They are set to be released before the end of 2013... Don’t forget to grab yours...



### Rain Keeps On Coming On By Alex Zapien

Each and every droplet of water  
from the  
heavens keeps on coming on each  
and every day  
at least once a day, somewhere.

They come without fail to pound  
continuously at the Earth,  
as though it was trying to cleanse  
something.

As he walks through the never end-  
ing stream of water pelts,  
each drop getting heavier and heav-  
ier, he begins to notice something.

Even though the unwanted amount  
of rain rears its ugly face in the  
dimmiest of hours; he's grown quite  
fond of it.