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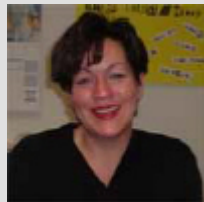
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#### 1. Fall is Here



October is a beautiful month in Virginia with maple trees turning red at the tips while the inner leaves stay green. Skies above Sweet Briar College are a stunning, clear blue and temperatures are ideal. Can you tell this is my favorite month of the year?

For October I'm presenting bad behavior at Forbes magazine; a summary of the lacrosse player rape allegations at Duke University and how this case reflects on social culture at Duke; and a report from the 16th International AIDS Conference which concludes that the pandemic will never be defeated until the status of women worldwide is equal to that of men. Check out the links below and share any interesting stories you hear with me. My email is:

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#### 2. Forbes Offends Women Readers

On August 22nd Forbes magazine ran an opinion piece by Michael Noer that began this way:

Guys: a word of advice. Marry pretty women or ugly ones. Short ones or tall ones. Blondes or brunettes. Just, whatever you do, don't marry a woman with a career.

Lynn Harris of Gawker and Opinionistas' Melissa Lafsky instantly jumped on the misogynistic tone of the article with opinion pieces of their own.

**Eat the Press** of the **Huffington Post** summarized the original article, and the reactions to it around the web. Take a look at the link below.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/gqekj>

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### 3. Big Men on Campus

In the September 4th issue of the New Yorker, Peter J. Boyer wrote a comprehensive article about the alleged rape incident that involved lacrosse players at Duke University. Boyer used this event to examine the culture of the Duke University campus. Is it hostile to women? You decide by reading the article linked below.

Link: [http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/articles/060904fa\\_fact](http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/articles/060904fa_fact)

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### 4. 16th International AIDS Conference

The 16th International AIDS Conference closed on August 15th in Toronto. U.N. Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa Stephen Lewis said in closing remarks that the pandemic will never be defeated until the status of women, worldwide, is equal to that of men.

"Gender inequality is driving the pandemic, and we will never subdue the gruesome force of AIDS until the rights of women become paramount in the struggle," Lewis said. "Violence and the virus go together."

Click below and learn why Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said, "HIV/AIDS is progressively taking on the face of a woman. It's absolutely essential that we address the special concerns of women and allow them to protect themselves."

Link: [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily\\_reports/rep\\_index.cfm?DR\\_ID=39321](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=39321)

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### 5. October Site of the Month

**BlogHer** - is building a guide to women bloggers. In 20+ popular topics, you'll find lists of blogs by women and constantly updated guides to what's hot.

BlogHer is a nonpartisan, global network. The BlogHer Network was created as an opportunity for all kinds of women bloggers to gain greater exposure, education and community.

You can expect to see women of all political stripes blogging on the BlogHer Network. In order to track what's hot in Politics & News, they consciously chose to have an editor covering American political bloggers on the left as well as on the right.

BlogHer isn't just for Americans. They have begun to work with international editors. With their leadership, they draw your attention to what's hot in blogging by women around the world.

Link: <http://blogher.org/>

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