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### **Ferris' Honors Program 'Variety Show' to aid Big Rapids Community Library**

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Honors Program will hold its initial "Variety Show" on Thursday, March 31, to raise funds for the Big Rapids Community Library.

The show begins at 7 p.m. in the Rankin Center Dome Room and features various acts showcasing the talents of members of the Honors Program. Acts will include singers, lip-sync performers, comedians and musicians. Donations are welcome at the door with all proceeds going to the Big Rapids Community Library.

The Honors Student Advisory Board came up with the idea to host a variety show as a fundraiser for an organization in need. The board later decided to raise funds for the Community Library because it is a place that promotes the enhancement of education, something that the Honors Program strives to do with its students.

Honors Program students Bret Muter, a senior environmental biology major and Kahla Smith, a senior elementary education student, are coordinating the event. Other students assisting in organizing this event include Ashley Grutter and Chay Jenkins.

Judges for the performances include Williams Auditorium Manager Mike Terry, Humanities Professor LeeAnn Westman, Honors Program Assistant Tammy Babcock, Honors Program Advisor John Cullen and a representative from the Big Rapids Community Library.

In addition to the scheduled acts, there will be opportunities for the audience to get involved in "on the spot" performances to win prizes. Gift cards of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to the first, second and third place acts, funded by the Honors Program.

Other prizes will be given to audience members and other participants throughout the event. Prize donors include Ferris Dining Services, Blockbuster, Family Video, Sam Goody and other local businesses.

More information about the show is available from Muter at 591-6457 (or [mute2@fsumail.ferris.edu](mailto:mute2@fsumail.ferris.edu)) or Smith at 591-6737 (or [kahlasmith012383@yahoo.com](mailto:kahlasmith012383@yahoo.com)).