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Editor-in-Chief Nick Moran  
The Lanthorn  
Grand Valley State University  
0051 Kirkhof Center

Dear Editor Moran and Lanthorn Staff,

Grand Valley State University is fully committed to the editorial independence of The Lanthorn and I want to comment on a recent matter that may have called that commitment into question.

It is my understanding that an employee of the Intercollegiate Athletics Department discussed the Morris Berger story with the Lanthorn Sports Editor, a conversation that led to the editing, and later the restoration, of the original story. In its action to restore, The Lanthorn demonstrated the highest ethical and professional standards.

I commend Editor Moran and the Lanthorn staff for their diligence in covering what has become a complex and visible story.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Philomena V. Mantella'.

Philomena V. Mantella  
President

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