

Massive ensemble will play key role in musical

By Travis Cowart

Performing plays requires a great deal of dedication and effort in order to make nearly any show a success. However, most of the members of an ensemble aren't as noticed as they should be. In the upcoming G. Ray Bodley High School production of *The Sound Of Music*, the ensemble has been putting forth a large amount of effort with the intention of making this play one worth seeing. They work just as much as the rest of the cast and crew, so it is about time they receive the credit they deserve.

The ensemble is a much more important asset to any play than one might think, especially when it comes to our very own G. Ray Bodley students. They have been perfecting some small, but crucial roles. In *The Sound of Music*, the ensemble will take part in roles like nuns, soldiers, or party guests. These extra characters add life to the scene, and make it so that one may get a full perspective of what is going on within the performance. Without them, the production would never feel complete.

Not only does the ensemble create life other than the main characters, but also the students in the G. Ray Bodley ensemble bring about an amazing choir. Like the lead roles, the ensemble gets the chance to perform beautiful songs in critical parts of the play, such as *Confitemini Domino*. Hearing songs like these really bring out the best in the ensemble, especially when they get the chance to shine. Our G. Ray Bodley music teacher, Mr. Nami quotes "The women's ensemble are doing difficult songs in four part harmony, but they are doing an excellent job".

The ensemble for this production is a large one indeed. Taking part in this important group are Chelsea Avery, Bernice Bartlett, Shanendowa Beckwith, Lacey Benac and Alaina Campolietta, along with Katelyn Caza, Ryann Crofoot, Bella DeGelorm, Jenna Doherty, Morgan Galleta and Katelyn Gilbert. Other ensemble members include Markus Harter, Ticia Hayden, Stephen Heywood, Sara Jay, Kyle King and Danni Kline along with Rob Lagowski, Dallaslyn Lamb, Vanessa Langdon, Angelina Lewchanin, Sarah Mathew and Gage Mayer.

This big group also features Shane McCarthy, Zach Mizener, Patty Morrison, Kelly Ormsby, Kasey Parkhurst and Alexis Pawlewicz along with Laura Perwitz, Sarah Perwitz, Mysteria Pike, Christine Proud, Tori Reitz and Taylor Sanchez. Rounding out the ensemble are Alyssa Scruton, Christina Teetsel, Amanda Tetro, Tiffany Trovato, Amanda Trombly, Alicia Vann, Krista Vann, Mark Wettering, Krysta Woodcock and Kara Yakel.

The Quirk's Players production of *The Sound Of Music* is shaping up to be one of the best musicals yet, but only if everyone, including the ensemble, performs with as much effort as they have been putting in. The ensemble is a huge part of this play, and without them this production wouldn't be at its full potential. So let's thank the ensemble for their hard work, and encourage what they have been doing in order to make this play the best one yet.

Runners turn in big effort at Class A final

Throwing out the philosophy of saving the best for last, last Tuesday the boy's Indoor Track and Field team recorded one of the best performances in school history finishing in 4th place with Fowler. With one Section 3 champion, and a slew of other top six finishes, Fulton really capitalized on their strengths this year. The only teams to beat Fulton were reigning champions Jamesville Dewitt, New Hartford, and Nottingham.

For this year it was the distance guys that got the team the extra few points they needed to crack the top five. Taking second place, the 4x800 relay team of Dylan Coppola, Jimmy Ireland, Kyle Loftus, and Noah Carroll dug deep to pass New Hartford in the final meters, only losing to the two time 4x800 champions Jamesville Dewitt. Prior to anchoring the 4x800, senior Noah Carroll captured his first Section 3-title in the 1600, finishing a full ten seconds ahead of the second place finisher with a time of 4:35.66. "It was a sweet race!" Carroll said. "I went in knowing that anything could happen, but when I found out we weren't racing schools like CNS and F-M, I just took it easy, and just tried to qualify for state quals." Obviously excited, the next two meets will be decide whether or not Carroll goes back to states to represent the Raiders.

The distance guys were not the only ones to post some fast times. Senior Sam Stevens took fifth place in the 300m dash with a time of 37.86. His time is not only the fastest one this school has seen in years, but also only .6 seconds off of the school record. "I can't even believe it! I knew I was going pretty fast, but not that fast. Wohh this is so cool!" an elated Stevens said before he took off to celebrate with some friends at the field house. With those top performances, the fourth place 4x400 team of Mark Henning, Craig Weaver, Philip Fields, and Jim Ireland, and senior Dylan Coppola's fifth place finish in the 1000m, clinched the top five finish for the Raiders.

Today Fulton heads back to Manley Field House to compete in the league meet. This will be the very last tune up for all the Fulton runners and jumpers. Look for some strong performances from Stevens, Coppola, and Carroll, who all have promising futures in the sport of running. Tonight will just be another chance for the underdogs of Fulton to flex their running might in the Freedom League, perhaps finishing even better than they did at sectionals.

Semi-formal dance this Friday

The senior class will be hosting a semi-formal dance, this Friday, February 19th. A semi-formal means no jeans, no t-shirts, and no hoodies. Proper attire includes dresses, skirts, dress slacks or pants, and nice shirts. Ties are optional, of course.

The dance will be held in the high school gymnasium from 7 to 10 pm. Presale tickets will be sold in room 125 for 5 dollars each. The cost at the door is \$6. **By Kelly Ormsby**

Opinion

Valentine's Day is vastly overrated

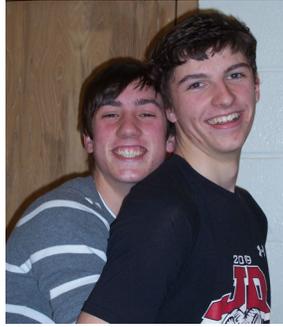
By Andrew Kush & Noah Carroll

Love is still in the air, even though Valentines Day is over. I hope all of you love birds out there celebrated the feelings you share for one another. However, for all those single folks out there, your Sunday was probably a day filled with lying in bed, pondering why you are not pretty like the other girls, or have the swagger and style of a modern day prince charming. Don't cry little angels, you are all beautiful in your own special little way.

For Valentines Day this year, there were plenty of activities you could have done that would have helped you forget you are a lonely little shell of a person. For example, you could have seen a movie like "The Wolfman," or "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief," but you probably should have stayed away from movies like "Valentines Day," and "Dear John" because they might have reminded you that while you were enjoying your scrumptious popcorn, that every seat in your row was empty, while every other row was filled with couples making out passionately.

You should have tried getting some exercise or maybe have gone shopping for a new wardrobe, after all those two aspects of your life were probably two contributing factors to why you spent the entire evening alone. It's just too bad you could not have gone shopping for a new personality. Just kidding, you are perfect.

Be thankful you were single on Valentines Day; you were free and did not have to waste money buying someone a bunch of nonsensical



items. I'm sure you'll find that special someone. We hope.

Now for the couples out there, you can bet your bottom dollar that your evening could have been even better. Next year spice up your lives on Valentines Day by breaking up! Nothing says "I love you" like a day spent away from each other. If that sounds too extreme, then try

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a romantic candle lit dinner for two. But guys, make sure you spend a bunch of money on your gals, if you do not, they will not be able to see that you love them, obviously. Remember, money can't buy happiness, but what it can buy is a dozen roses, a heart-shaped box of chocolate, and a giant 24-karat Diamond necklace, and that can get you pretty far.

To be honest, Valentines Day is overrated. From this day forward we declare that every day shall be a day spent celebrating love for one another, the couples should not have a day reserved for them just because a \$4.99 Hallmark card says so. So in conclusion, be happy with who you are and remember like our good friend Jackie Moon once said, "E.L.E., Everybody Love Everybody!" But that's just our opinion.

Technology: where would we be without it?

By Brandon Teetsel

Years ago, life was much simpler, not only from a technological standpoint, but an overall view as well. A couple of the revolutionary inventions were the TV and the computer, both of which many of us cannot go without for a whole day. Currently, our generation has it all, including cell phones at an early age, big screen TVs, high-speed computers, and iPods. Many of us would not be able to function without today's technology for a few days, let alone a lifetime.

Many of us were perfectly content playing with Legos or playing outside with our friends when we were younger. Now many children stay indoors to play Xbox or play games on the computer to pass the time. It's not just children who do this; many of us are guilty of doing these things when we find ourselves bored. The television was invented in 1929, and has evolved drastically to giant 52-inch plasma screens. The computer was once the size of a room, performing simple computing and calculating tasks when it was first invented. Now the computer has become a staple in every day life, including the typing of this article, and many of you are probably reading this on a computer as well. Many people seek the TV and computer to entertain them daily.

When the first cell phones came out, few people had them, and those who did had them mainly for emergency contacts, just in case their car



broke down, or some other emergency. Currently, almost everyone has a cell phone. Whether they are young or old, they most likely have a cell phone. While the cell phone is undoubtedly useful, too many lives revolve around them. Many children have cell phones, and couldn't live without texting their friends whenever they have spare time. It's a tad ridiculous to see a third grader walking with his or her nose in a phone, texting away. Texting is a very useful way to confirm plans, or to relay a homework assignment to friends. Texting non-stop, specifically in school, not only makes for a distracting learning environment for the texter, but also for their classmates.

A final technological advancement that many of us could not go without are iPods and MP3 players. Starting with records and record players, evolving to 8-track tapes, and to cassette and eventually to CD players. Many of us have adapters for our cars, along with specific software on our computers so we can listen to our iPods with ease. The first few generations of iPods were mainly for listening to music, but have recently evolved into handheld computers. While they are fun to listen to while exercising or driving in your car, the iPod is a household name, and has invaded all of us, making an efficient distraction from almost anything.

In short, technology today has escalated to an outrageous, though quite helpful, level. Technology entertains, assists, and changes our lives in many ways. Whether it is watching the news on the TV to catch up on world affairs, or surfing the web and listening to music to pass the time, technology has evolved immensely and will continue to grow and grow, eventually controlling everyone and everything.

Spikers face Homer tonight in Class A semi-final

Third time is the charm or three strikes and you're out? That is the question to be answered tonight at Jamesville-Dewitt High School when the Fulton volleyball team faces a familiar opponent with an even more familiar goal at hand.

For the third time this season the Raiders take on Freedom Division champion Homer, this time in an 8 p.m. start on a neutral floor. And if the defending champions are to make their way to the Class A title game for the fifth straight year, they'll have to reverse a trend that saw them fall twice to Trojans by scores of 3-1 at Homer and 3-0 in Fulton on February 5.

But if last Thursday's marathon win at Carthage is an indication of what lies ahead, the Raider girls are up for the challenge. Despite trailing 1-0 and 2-1, Coach Caroline Richardson's spikers dug in when they needed it the most to belt the home-standing Comets 25-14 and then 25-21 in the deciding fifth game. Lindsay Navagh's 36 assists and two aces helped fuel the Fulton rise to 12-7 along with 14 kills and two aces from Sabrina Sutton and three aces from Kirsten Francis. Taylor Harvey and Karlee Osborn added 10 kills apiece to establish tonight's match-up against the #2 seeded Trojans, who cruised into the semi-final with a 3-0 win over Chittenango fueled by Taryn Heath's 33 assists and 14 kills from Rachel Perry.

At stake tonight is a berth in the Class A final against either #4 seed Oneida (11-4) or #8 seed Cortland (10-8), who will square off tonight in Chittenango in the other sectional semi-final.

Hoopsters bow in finale

It was a familiar end to a frustrating season for the boys basketball team last Thursday when an unmanned Fulton side fell 65-61 to Solvay. Trailing 26-21 at the half, the Raiders doubled their count in the third quarter with a 22 point outburst to grab the lead by two points at 43-41. But the Bearcats came through to spoil senior night at GRB with a 24 point eruption of their own which proved to be just enough to carry the visitors to victory.

Seniors Max Ambuske and Jeff Crofoot led the way in their final Fulton appearances as

Ambuske poured in 21 points and Crofoot finished with 18. Tyler Terramigi added nine for

the Raiders, who were without injured senior point guard Andrew Kush.

Girls fall in playoff opener

By Eric Belair

Fulton was given a short life in the sectional tournament as they were bounced by the eighth seeded new Hartford Spartans in the first round, 65-37. The ninth seeded Lady Raiders entered sectionals with an 8-10 record but their early exit ended the season at 8-11. On the bright side, this gave the hoopsters three consecutive seasons of going to the playoffs.

The game was just like the trip to New Hartford for the Lady Raiders, long and painful. The Spartans were too much for Fulton to handle. New Hartford's dominant size and precious shooting were enough to give them an easy 28 point victory. Their ten 3-pointers helped lift them to the second round of sectionals.

The Lady Raiders were not ready on the opening tip as New Hartford exploded to an early 19-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was different for Fulton as they outscored the Spartans 13-11, bringing the Lady Raiders to a 30-15 halftime deficit.

The second half was a struggle for Fulton as they were outscored by 13 points. New

Hartford's press throughout the game caused the Lady Raiders to have 24 turnovers. Another mishap for Fulton was that senior guard Alicia Vann fouled out in the third quarter. She finished with 6 points in the game. It was just not Fulton's night on the court as not much went right for the Fulton squad, as they were also without sophomore leading scorer Ashlynn Palmitesso.

Leading the Lady Raiders in scoring was junior Sammi Stowell with 13 points. Seniors Jessica Palmitesso, Raquel Vescio and Mikayla Kemp scored 8, 5 and 3 points respectively in their final Fulton appearances. Vescio and Kemp connected on one 3-pointer apiece, while Palmitesso recorded two triples. Sophomore Anna McKay rounded out the scoring with 2 points.

It was a tough night for Fulton on both ends as they struggled to score and could not stop the Spartans from putting the ball in the hoop. The Lady Raiders managed to have a good season. They will say goodbye to their four seniors, but the future of Lady hoops looks bright.

Wrestlers battle to D-I crown

The Frontier League may have fooled Fulton once this season, but it wasn't going to happen a second time. Leaving no margin for error on Saturday the Raider wrestling team claimed top honors in Division I at the Utica War Memorial to maintain their dominance on the Section 3 mats. Denied the dual meet crown in an upset loss to South Jefferson last month, Fulton battled past a spirited upset charge from Frontier League foes Indian River to claim a 175 to 171.5 victory. Vernon-Verona-Sherill placed third at 118 with Baldwinsville edging past Mexico 108-107 to round out the top five places.

Two Fulton wrestlers joined the rarified air of Section 3 champions in the storied history of the program as D.J. Ingham charged to victory at 215 and Zach Race stood supreme at 189. Ingham blitzed to a 12-1 major decision over John Denslow of Central Square. He also counted an 11-0 major decision over Solvay's Conor Cosgrove during a dominating afternoon on the mats that saw him outscore his three opponents 32-3. Ingham will be joined in the state championships by teammate Race, who bested Corcoran's Karvin Cox 8-2 in the finals after scoring a crucial 8-5 decision over Indian River's Derrek Dalton in the 189 pound semi-final. Race also registered a pin against Ariel Anoceto of Cicero-North Syracuse in 1:08 during his charge to the title.

Fulton's Adam Wallace and Marcus Earl earned runner-up status at 125 and 145 respectively as Wallace came up just short against defending champion Anthony Finocchiaro of Baldwinsville while Earl lost a tough 6-5 decision against #1 seed Derek Eason of Liverpool. Third place victories from David Hall (140), Jake Tallents (152) and Antonio LeBron (160) also helped carry the Raiders to the overall team title while Nick Woodworth (145), Greg Jodway (105) and Michael Connors (171) placed fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Ingham and Race will now look to become Fulton's first state champion since Mike Kitts in 1996 when they travel to Albany's Times-Union Center on February 26-27 for the New York State High School Wrestling Championships.

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Sports**

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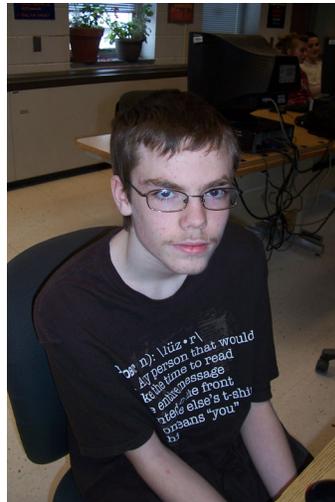
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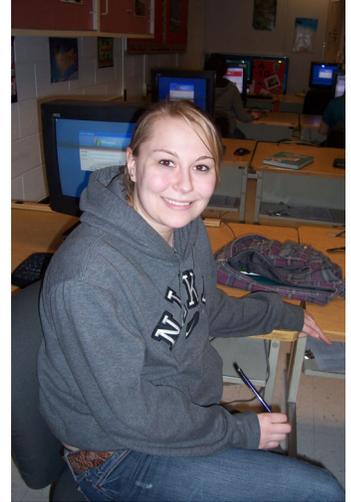
"Bobsledding."
Dimitri LeBron



"Downhill skiing and ice skating."
Mrs. Ferlito



"Snowboarding."
Trevor Whidimen



"Snowboarding."
Crystal LaValley

GRB announcements for Wednesday, February 17

All language students are invited to attend the French Club Mardi Gras party on February 18th. See your language teacher to buy a one dollar ticket to attend the party.

Anyone wishing to order daffodils to benefit the American Cancer Society, please see Mrs. Honeywell by February 24th.

"Where in the world is The Raider?"

please give photos to Mr. Senecal by Tuesday, Feb. 23

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Cloudy with snow showers. High in the mid-30s.

Tonight: Light snow. Low in the mid-20s.

Tomorrow: Scattered snow showers. High in the mid-30s.

GRB sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com ...Look for his weather forecasts on RaiderNet Daily.

