

Visiting teams vandalize new GRB locker room

By Taylor Barrett

Chocolate pudding, peanut butter, and ink, these were just a few of the items used to vandalize the new girls locker room recently. On February 7, the Class A Sectional Wrestling Tournament was held at G. Ray Bodley High School.

When the tournament ended at 9:30 pm, the locker room was a complete mess. Peanut butter had been caked in the locks, chocolate pudding smeared down the lockers, ink splattered on the walls and floor in the bathroom, spit was on the windows, paint peeled off one of the doors, a sticky red substance on the floor which still remains a mystery, and finally rumors of chewing tobacco spit in a few of the lockers.

This is all that the custodians found and cleaned several times, but there are still remains. The ink will not come off the wall or floor and if one looks around they can still find peanut butter and hardened pudding that cannot be scraped off or the paint from the lock-

er what isn't theirs is aggravating. Since more than one school used the locker room that day, there is no telling who did it, so as of right now no one has been identified.

This brings to mind the question as to how they weren't caught before they left? The locker room should be checked before any

team can leave the school. Hopefully no team from another school will be allowed to use the locker rooms if they cannot show respect. Because new locker rooms and renovations like these don't happen very often, we need to keep the good parts maintained for everyone's enjoyment in the years to come.



ers will come with it.

Some girls even had to open their locker to soaking wet gym clothes. "I am disappointed in the high school athletes. I expected them to be more responsible when coming to another school and using a brand new locker room," GRB Physical Education teacher Ms. Rossi commented. As one student noted, "I am a little angry by what happened, even though my locker was thankfully untouched. I am very happy to have a nice new locker room to use. It is something in our school that I value much more because it is nice and I do not want it ruined."

The general consensus among the girls is one of anger. To have athletes from other schools

Fulton's brand new girl's locker room fell victim to vandalism by visiting teams during the recent Class A Wrestling Championships. Among the items used to deface the lockers were peanut butter and jelly, left photo, and black ink, above. (Taylor Barrett photos)

Experienced spikers charge into finals

They say that youth will be served, but on Wednesday night the veterans knocked it right back in their face as the Fulton girls volleyball team upended second seeded Homer by a 3-1 count. Showing that there truly is no substitute for experience, the defending Class A champion Raiders advanced to the Section 3 championship match for the fifth consecutive season by dethroning the Freedom League kingpin Trojans.

Reversing a regular season trend that had seen Homer pull out the close games en route to wins of 3-1 and 3-0, Fulton battled to a 25-22 first game win and then followed it up with a 25-21 triumph. Homer claimed game three by a 25-22 count, but rather than panic the girls responded with a 25-13 runaway to book their spot in Saturday's Class A final at Jamesville-Dewitt.

"I was very pleased with the way we played. We've been working really hard and it all came together," Fulton Coach Carolyn Richardson commented on what she termed as, "probably the best game we've played all year." She had prepared her team for the big match by reminding them that Homer, an untested playoff team, might be a little nervous. "We didn't back down," she concluded, as Fulton improved to 13-7 on the season while leaving Homer behind at 14-4.

Sabrina Sutton pounded out 11 kills and three aces to lead the way while Kayla Pawlewicz had four kills and four blocks to go with seven digs from Emmy Molascon. Karlee Osborn and Taylor Harvey added six and five kills respectively, while Lindsay Navagh had 26 assists.

Fulton will now face a familiar foe in Saturday's 7 p.m. Class A showdown as the Raiders will face Oneida for the third time in four seasons. "They have a tradition of good volleyball," Coach Richardson said of the Indians. "They didn't get where they are if they're not good."

Opinion

CNY spared as snow blasts mid-Atlantic states

By Brenna Merry

In Central New York we often times think that we are the ultimate "snow men." We have withstood many storms, power outages and runny noses. However, this winter we have not nearly gotten the worst of Jack Frost. We have indeed had our share of cold, but it's nothing to us New Yorkers who are used to far worse. For the first time, it seems CNY is catching a break. Only a state below us cities have been experiencing one of the worst storms in their history, which has now been entitled, "Snowmageddon."



In Washington D.C, Massachusetts and New York City, a furious storm has dropped around 55 inches of snow these past weeks! This massive amount of snow has reached extremely dangerous measures. It was said that this much snow weighed 23 pounds per square foot. That high amount of weight resting on roofs is threatening to the tenants' safety. Never the less, citizens are advised not to shovel off their roofs because it is a higher risk to go outside in these conditions than to have their roof collapse.

There was also worry for the elderly, whose houses have lost power. People's bodies can't withstand this cold without heat. Neighbors have been asked to check their surrounding citizens to make sure they are safe. This storm is very dangerous and has already caused the loss of life. One young girl got trapped in a snow tunnel she had dug and suffocated.

Besides the danger to humans, this storm has also caused danger to

the economy. People could not leave their house; which includes government officials. Without people arriving at jobs the economy is left in chaos. In fact, during a recent four day stretch, many businesses had to shut down. The only time people were leaving their homes was to obtain the necessities of life such as food and water. In order to get

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these items, many decided that walking was a far better alternative then trying to drive on the treacherous, snow covered roads. On their walk they could see that the plows were trying their best to clear the city streets of the snow so that life could begin again. Although they were trying their hardest, it seems as though the task was impossible. Once a street was plowed, moments later it was covered with snow once again.

This storm caused danger, chaos and cabin fever! People were stuck in their homes and were attempting to make the best of the matter by starting snowball fights and other recreational activities. Kids were searching for ways to enjoy their snow days. While the kids in CNY yearn for the words, 'Fulton City Schools: Cancelled' to scroll across the television screen, other kids have been aching for school to return to session.

Does high school prepare us for "the real world?"

By Kelly Ormsby

With the last round of students since the Advisory program has been put in place graduating this year, some seniors are wondering whether or not high school has prepared them for the real world.

That isn't to say that high school isn't real, of course, but that in high school, students are babied. A lot of teachers hound students to get their work in, on time or otherwise. This does not prepare students for the outside world. In a job, or career setting, you cannot tell your boss that you didn't have time to do something, or that you didn't understand it, that is simply unacceptable. So why in high school is this a legitimate excuse?

"In high school, you get all of these chances..." Mrs. Ryan, a math teacher, states while talking about being prepared for the real world. Our high school lets students get away with not doing their work on time, and waiting until the last possible minute to do all of the work for one particular quarter, and they are not penalized for this. So they get similar grades as those of us who do our work on time. Granted, there are times when everyone needs an extra day to get the work done, but for those students who never do anything in class, or sleep the school day away, it should not be acceptable, and is unfair to the students who are constantly striving for good grades.



There are those teachers who do help in preparing students for life after high school, however. Along with teaching their class curriculum, they also tend to teach some of the life lessons that are necessary to survive in the sometimes cruel world we call society. Mr. Lescarbeau is one of those "life's" greatest lessons" teachers. During one of his Drama and Theatre lessons, he mentioned "the real world is ready to punch you in the face when you get out there." That is to say that most people aren't ready to face life after high school. And life comes at you, fast and full swing.

This is not to say that teachers don't teach students, or that we don't learn anything in high school. However, there are many more ways that students could be better prepared for life after high school. We just need to find a happy medium.

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Dark-horse American icemen go for gold

By Zachary Froio & Ryan Kesterke

After four years of anticipation, the Winter Olympics are finally here, kicking off on Friday, February 12. However, the Olympic Hockey did not start until Tuesday, February 16, when six out of the nine teams competed. The first game started off well for the United States as they defeated Switzerland 3-1.

Switzerland has never won a gold medal in the Olympics and the last time the USA finished the Olympics with a gold medal was when they upset the top ranked Russian team in the 1980 Olympics. However the Swiss placed sixth in the last Winter Olympics in 2006, and with their coach, Ralph Krueger retiring after this year, it gives them an even bigger incentive to get a medal this year. In the last Olympics the USA took eighth and this year they only have two returning players from the 2006 squad. The two players are former Buffalo forward Chris Dury, who now plays for the New York Rangers, and defenseman Brian Rafalski, a former New Jersey Devil who now plays for the Detroit Red Wings.

Besides Team USA, two teams everyone will be sure to be keeping track of are powerhouses Team Canada and Team Russia, as both teams are stacked with some of the NHL's elite players. Alex Ovechkin for team Russia leads the NHL in nearly every category while team Canada has plenty of producers such as Sidney Crosby, who trails Ovechkin by three goals. However, probably one of the most overlooked teams is the Swedish Olympic team, who took first in the last Winter Olympics. Unlike the USA team that is very young and lacks experience in Olympic play, Team Sweden is a veteran team, with some of the NHL's top veteran defensemen. Experience will certainly be a major factor for Sweden as 13 of the 23 players are returning from the 2006 gold medal team. For the underdog teams like Team USA a medal will be a challenge, but with heart and determination anything can happen. One needs only to take a look at the 1980 Olympic "miracle on ice" when underdog team USA beat the Soviet powerhouses to go on and win gold.

No surprises in hockey openers

The first three games of the Winter Olympic Men's Hockey Tournament have come and gone and it is safe to say there were no surprises as the two favorites, Canada and Russia, both flew by their opponents, Norway and Latvia. Canada and Russia were not the only ones to come out on top though, as Team USA also flew right by Switzerland in the first game with a 3-1 victory.

The scoring in the first Olympic hockey game did not start until very late in the first period as Bobby Ryan put one past his Anaheim Ducks teammate and goalie, Jonas Hiller. After getting in a groove from the first period, Team USA put two more past the Swiss goalie in the second to go into the third with a 3-0 lead with USA goalie Ryan Miller of the Buffalo Sabres holding his own in net.

Ryan Miller finished the game with only 14 saves, where he was uncontested for all three periods. However, he did let one goal in that occurred on a Swiss power-play.

All and all team USA looked solid on offence as they dominated the Swiss zone, however defensively they did give up some easy turnovers and a few too many scoring chances. The Swiss had several odd man rushes that could potentially kill the USA when they face more skilled teams, like Canada or Russia that will be able to capitalize on those chances. As team USA becomes more familiar with one another with

more practice time the kinks will work themselves out and we will have a medal competing team on our hands.

Tragedy marks opening of 2010 games

With the start of the Olympics came tragedy, with the death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili. Anyone who witnessed the tragedy either on Blackcomb Mountain or on television will never forget this tragedy as Kumaritashvili was nearing the finish line of his sixth practice run and a day away from his Olympic debut when disaster struck.

Kumaritashvili lost control of his sled in turn 16, and was propelled through the air and slammed into an unpadded steel support beam at 90 miles per hour. After tragedy struck, the track was slightly modified to be somewhat safer. The exposed steel beams are now covered by a 12 foot high wooden wall and others were wrapped with padding. The final turn was also reshaped as workers shaved the thick ice to stop the racers from drifting too high onto the curved walls.

Not everyone was happy by the changes that were made, however. The track was the world's fastest track before the changes. Austria's Manuel Pfister said, "It's completely different. Yesterday, I was able to slide with the medal

ranks, today it's another race. It's difficult for me. Maybe it's now too easy." They also changed the start location, moving it further down the run where the ladies were starting. In honor of his fallen friend Kumaritashvili's teammate, Levan Gureshidze, did not race. No one will ever forget the tragedy at the start of these Olympics. The opening ceremony was dedicated to Nodar Kumaritashvili and the Georgian team received a standing ovation from the crowd.



Meet the reporters:

Danielle Smith, Senior

Danielle wants to inform students about the issues in our school by writing about them and she will also be helping with the year-book.

She likes to play hockey, lacrosse, and she likes to hang out with her friends and take pictures. One thing people might not know about Danielle is that she once played hockey.



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What do you think about our short winter break?



"I did not like it at all."
Darci Sorbello



"I'm outraged."
Sara Perkins



"It was too short."
Alek Depuy



"It stunk because it was way too short."
Dakota McGraw

GRB announcements for Thursday, February 18

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.

Photo Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 25th after school in room 118. Bring your pictures! Also a reminder, don't forget to be reporters, submit your school event shots to The Raider. See Mr. Senecal or Ms. Amerault for details.

"Where in the world is The Raider?"

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

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf

Today: Scattered snow showers accumulating a coating to an inch. High in the mid-30s.

Tonight: Scattered snow showers continue. Low in the mid-20s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy skies with a few snow showers. High in the low-30s.

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