

Sports Boosters honor winter teams, athletes

By Eric Belair

There were many awards given out on Monday night at the annual Winter Sports Awards Ceremony. The Booster Club presents the high school athletic teams with awards for all three sports season. It was a great presentation that the Booster Club put on for the athletes and their families.

All winter athletes were recognized as they walked across the stage as their respective coaches acknowledged them. Certain individuals from each team were awarded with most valuable player, achievement and coaches award trophies, which were provided by the



Technology teacher Mr. Frawley received a prestigious award on Tuesday night when he was awarded the Golden Apple by the Syracuse Post-Standard. The award is given annually to an educator who makes innovative and effective use of newspapers as instructional resources. Mr. Frawley, who will be retiring in June after 33 years at GRB, was joined at the awards by Volney elementary student Althea Henderson, who placed in the grades 6-8 essay competition. (Senecal photo)

Fulton Sports Booster Club.

By team, the awards were presented as follows:

Cheerleading: The ladies had a great season. Erica Clark earned the Spirit Award, while Kala Peets was given the Achievement Award and Morgan Diefenbacher received the MVP Award.

Girls Indoor Track: three ladies lauded for a hard fought season. The Coaches Award was given to Kerri Knoop, while Brittany Lamie received the Achievement Award. Morgan Cooper earned the MVP Award.

Boys Indoor Track: There were three individual awards handed out, Dakota McGraw received the Coaches Award. The Achievement Award was given to Sam Stevens, while Noah Carroll earned the MVP Award for his exceptional abilities.

Boys Swimming: Two gentlemen were awarded with the team's Achievement Award; Scott Bullard and Steven Hanczyk. Ben Davis received the MVP Award for his many years of hard work.

Girls Bowling: The ladies had an excellent season between the lanes. Stephanie Elen earned the team's Achievement Award, while Harley Wylie received the MVP Award for her talent.

Boys Bowling: Following another exceptional season, the team received a Team Award, instead of an individual because of their great team success.

Boys Hockey: With the conclusion of their season, Ryan Kesterke received the Achievement Award; while Trevor Littler was given the team's MVP Award.

Cheerleading: The ladies had a great season. Erica Clark earned the Spirit Award, while Kala Peets was given the Achievement Award and Morgan Diefenbacher received the MVP Award.

Wrestling: Upon another successful season, the whole team was awarded with a Team Award.

Girls Basketball: Two ladies earned awards for having good seasons. Sammi Stowell was awarded with the team's Achievement Award, while the MVP Award was given to Alicia Vann.

Boys Basketball: As the season came to an

end, three gentlemen were awarded. Andrew Kush was given the Coaches Award and the Achievement was earned by Jeff Crofoot. Max Ambus received the team's MVP Award.

Girls Volleyball: With another victorious season under their belt, two individual ladies were awarded for their accomplishments. Sabrina Sutton received the team's Achievement Award and the MVP Award was given to Taylor Harvey.

This was a great ceremony for all who attended. The Fulton Booster Club did a wonderful job putting on the awards presentation. Fulton athletics had an excellent winter season, and with all of the seasons concluding we look back on some of the great moments that we were left with:

The girls bowling team had another tremendous season, but senior Harley Wylie may have had the best one. The six-year varsity player finished as Fulton's all-time girls bowling average leader.

Along with the girls, the boys bowling team finished great with an excellent season. The boys won sectionals and made it back to the state tournament, where they finished in eighth place.

Once again the wrestlers came out of this season on top. The squad prevailed as the Class A Tournament champions, then went on to claim another Section III Division I team championship while also turning in two individual section champions, Dillon Ingham and Zach Race.

Another Section III championship team was our own girls volleyball team. The ladies have won impressive back-to-back section titles. On an individual note, runner Noah Carroll continued his reign of dominance. Carroll had another great year as he ran to more records and even qualified for the state championships and the national finals this weekend in Boston after doing the same in cross-country in the fall. This is an impressive season.

The Fulton Community should be proud of their scholar athletes as the winter sports teams had great seasons that were full of highlights. Congratulations to everyone on their success and in hope that it continues in the future.

Why'd they want to pick on poor little Pluto?

By Brandon Teetsel

Many of us know of all of the “nine” planets, (for those who don't there are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto). Recently, on August 24, 2006, the International Astronomical Union (IAU), defined the word “planet” as something that orbits around the sun, has sufficient mass to assume hydrostatic equilibrium (a nearly round shape), and has “cleared the neighborhood,” which means it has become gravitationally dominant, and there are no other bodies of comparable size other than its own satellites or those otherwise under its gravitational influence.

A large body, which meets the other criteria, but has not cleared the neighborhood, is classified as a dwarf planet. The dwarf planets include Pluto, which shares its orbital neighborhood with the objects in the Kuiper belt, such as the plutinos. The dwarf planet category includes Eris and Ceres, along with Pluto.

Pluto is the largest known dwarf planet (after Eris), and is the tenth largest object observed directly orbiting the Sun. As many of us were growing up, we attempted to learn the planets, including Pluto. I'm sure most of us have learned some sort of acronym, that was probably along the lines of: “My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nasty Pancakes,” or some variation of this, to help remember the first letter of each planet. But now the youth of our generation must learn a different acronym, minus Pluto.

The discovery of Pluto happened on February 18, 1930, by taking pictures and searching for movement among them. A lesser quality



photograph taken on January 21 helped confirm the discovery. The discovery news was telegraphed to the Harvard College Observatory on March 13, 1930, almost 80 years ago. The discovery was international news, and over 1000 name suggestions were sent into the Lowell Observatory, who had the right to name the new object.

The name “Pluto” was sent in by an 11-year-old girl named Venetia Burney, from Oxford, England. She was interested in mythology and astronomy, and decided that the Roman God of the Underworld would be an appropriate name for a planet so cold and dark. The name was officially announced on March 24, 1930, after it was debated through various other names, such as Zeus, Minerva, Cronus, and Lowell.

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I believe that Pluto should still be a planet, making that the edge of our solar system, opposed to Neptune, but unfortunately the IAU disagrees. Not only was Pluto named after the God of the Underworld, but it also has an orbital period of 248 Earth years, and its single day is equivalent to 6.39 Earth days. Although it is not considered a planet any more, in-depth investigation is still under way, but is extremely difficult until 2015, when the New Horizons spacecraft is expected to arrive there.

Children's future depends on parent's present

By Julie Allen

Many people believe that no matter what you do in front of your children they will be their own person. This, however, is not quite the case, as many children will walk down the path they saw their parents take. From drinking, drugs, and abuse to love, care, and affection, kids either follow the lead of their parents or do the exact opposite, at all ages.

Kids who have drug dependent or alcoholic parents tend to take the parental role for younger siblings. On the teen health website someone told this story, “I am 12 years old and my name is Anthony. One night I was in bed when I heard the front door slam. I covered my head with my pillow so I didn't have to listen to the sound of my parents arguing. I knew that my mom had been drinking again. I automatically started worrying about getting to school on time and realized I would probably have to help get my little sister ready too.”

At just 12 years old this child is worrying about far more than he should. Instead of being concerned about getting his homework done, he's worrying about how he will find himself and his sibling a ride to school the next morning. What people tend not to realize is that their



kids do what they are taught is acceptable. This kid chose to take the road less traveled and make decisions he knew his parents were incapable of making for him, something rare in this type of situation. Most kids will go along with their parents and get drunk or high too.

On the same website a girl named Taylor said, “My mom smokes pot every day, she doesn't have a job and we live on welfare. I don't really see what's wrong with this and when she offers I smoke with her. My friends say I should be more worried about my freshman year, but they just don't know how cool it is to be able to do drugs with your mom.”

This girl at roughly 13 to 14 years old thinks it's cool to do drugs

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with her mother. Obviously there is a problem with this, but what is she honestly supposed to think? If you grow up in a household where things

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Big East Tournament opens with a bang!

By Eric Belair

The Big East Tournament kicked-off yesterday and so far things have not gone to plan. But wait, things never do in March, especially in college basketball. Many crazy upsets happen, along with dramatic finishes and it has already started.

The conference tournament opener was between a #9 seed, South Florida, and a #16 seed, DePaul. Even though DePaul had only one win in Big East play this season, South Florida did not walk to an easy victory. South Florida pulled out a 58-49 win. The Bulls were up 30-15 at halftime, but DePaul came back in the second half to make things interesting as they outscored USF by six points in the second half. USF is surging as they came out with their fourth straight victory. Dominique Jones was the difference maker as he led South Florida with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Next, the Bulls get matched up with Georgetown and the Hoyas should not take them lightly. Georgetown will be looking to avenge a very disappointing loss at South Florida from earlier in the season.

Upset! Upset! Upset! Well kind of, a #13 seed over a #12 seed. But in terms of recent overall tradition, it was a surprise when The Red Storm from St. John's handed Connecticut an early exit from the Big East tournament. St. John's ended the Huskies NCAA Tournament hopes as they ran away from Connecticut 73-51. The Huskies season is over as they were defeated in style by St. John's.

The Red Storm played a consistent game, scoring 35 points and 38 points in the two halves, respectively. Connecticut came out flat and could not buy a shot, which showed a reflection on their season as a whole. It was a roller coaster ride for the Huskies and now it is over, barring an appearance in the NIT. With this win, St. John's has a date with Marquette.

A game for the ages was played last evening between the (#15) Providence Friars and the (#10) Seton Hall Pirates. This game would have been an exciting one to watch, if you have ESPNU, and if you enjoy watching offense as Seton Hall held off the upset-minded Friars to grab a 109-106 victory. This game included no overtimes, just 40 minutes of good old basketball, with a lot of scoring.

Seton Hall had a good size lead as they headed into the locker room

at halftime, 55-39. It was impressive that the Pirates put up 55 points in the first half, but if you watched the second half it really was not that impressive because there were a total of 121 points scored in the second half alone. Seton Hall was consistent as they scored 54 points, but Providence put on an offense clinic as the Friars scored 67 points in the second half.

With 13:30 left to play in the game, the Pirates had a comfortable 76-47 lead over the Friars. But this lead became shaky when Providence recorded 59 points in the remaining time and managed to put themselves in a position to win. Providence cut the deficit to three points after burying a jumper with 7.5 seconds left, then Seton Hall proceeded to miss two free throws and Providence had a chance to tie after coming back from an incredible deficit, but the shot fell

short.

Each team had five players reaching double figures in scoring. Providence was led by a bench player, Jamine Peterson with 38 points and the Pirates were led by Herb Pope with 27 points. Seton Hall had come out on top of Providence by a narrow three points in this instant classic.

Even though it was a late game, the #11 seed Cincinnati and the #14 seed Rutgers, made it was nothing short of a great finish. After earning all rookie of the year in the Big East earlier in the day, the Bearcats Lance Stephenson capped off the night by hitting the game winning free throw with 1.8 seconds left to lift Cincinnati over the Scarlet Knights 69-68. It was a close game the whole way through; Rutgers had a one point advantage at the half with a 32-31. The Bearcats outfought the Scarlet Knights for the conclusion of the second half to come out with a tight one point victory. Stephenson led Cincinnati with 13 points and he also grabbed down 9 rebounds, they had three starters in double figures. Rutgers was led by sophomore Mike Rosario as he recorded a game high 26 points. This game had a dramatic finish and it sets up a second round match-up between the Bearcats and the Louisville Cardinals.

The first round of the Big East Tournament had a little bit of everything, a blowout, an amazing comeback, a dramatic finish and an instant classic. It was everything that you want it to be, so now we hope that it only gets better.

Children often mimic their parent's behavior, habits

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like this are accepted with open arms, why would you think it is wrong to do? Chances are you probably wouldn't, meaning you could grow up to have a drug or alcohol problem as well.

Another story listed on the site was probably the worst of all. A girl so young someone else had to write this for her was quoted as saying, "My daddy hits my mommy all the time, one time she even had to go to the hospital and had a cast on her arm. When my daddy moved out my mommy was a lot happier, but sometimes she makes me really mad. The other day she made me mad and I hit her, but when I told my daddy about it he was mad at me. I thought he wouldn't care or maybe be happy." Now how does this father expect his daughter to react in a heated situation? These people showed this child for years and at a very young age that abuse was okay in a loving relationship.

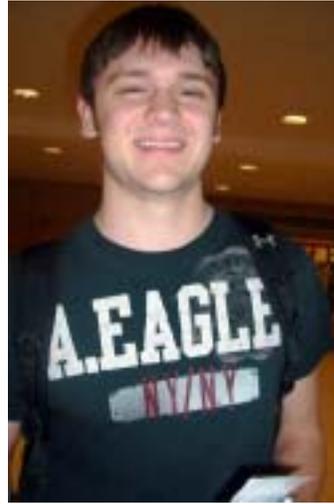
What these parents fail to understand is that now their daughter thinks it is okay to harm the people you love or allow them to harm you. She will probably grow up and marry a very abusive husband, have children, and one of two things will happen. Either her children will be like Anthony and take the high road, learning from their parents how not to treat people. Or they will be like Taylor, taking the path most kids are led down, and participate in the same disturbing violence they see so often.

What people really need to understand is that even at a young age your children are watching and listening to everything you do. Don't think that just because they don't see it or hear it once in a while that they don't know what's going on. If you want to be a good parent or role model, ask yourselves this, do you want your kids to treat theirs the way you treat them?



School of Thought compiled by Alicia Vann

What's a sign of spring to you?



"Birds."
Mr. Fadden

"Flowers. "
Lisa Munger

"Sunshine."
Dakota McGraw

"Rain."
Joey Weller

**GRB announcements for
Wednesday, March 10**

The parking lot next to the tennis courts needs to be clear of cars by 2:45 for lacrosse practice.

Come on down to the Raider's Den for nachos, candy, drinks, Raider clothes and more. Did you know that you can pre-order cookies for any occasion? See Mrs. Ferlito in room 110. The Den is open bells nine and ten and after school.

The next meeting of the photo club will be today after school in room 118. Be there and bring pictures. Take pictures for The Raider and become a published photographer!

The Library Club will meet today after school at 2:20 in the LMC. All members are encouraged to attend to discuss the coffeehouse night and other activities.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between super salad with turkey and cheese, meatball sub, or smucker's PBJ.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Sunny skies. High around 50.

Tonight: Cloudy skies. Low in the upper-30s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy skies. High near 50.

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