

Despite scheduling problems, fashion show still on

By Brenna Merry

This year has been full of hard work for the junior class in an attempt to organize a fantastic prom. However, despite all of the work that is being put forth, the junior class cannot seem to catch a break. This is especially true with the upcoming annual fashion show on March 12th.

First, the fashion show needed to be rescheduled due to a double booking. This put the class under a lot of stress, but they recovered and got the fashion show back in action and moved it from late February to Friday, March 12. Dresses have been bought, fitted and all clothes have been picked up. The students are prepar-

ing to rehearse on Thursday from five to seven to make sure the event is at it's best. Things seemed bright until it was realized that all of this effort could be wasted due to a lack of attendance.

Usually the fashion show is an event that has a decent attendance rate and the juniors were excited to gain a profit toward the prom and entertain a large crowd. This optimism was crushed when it was discovered that there is a dance scheduled the same time and day as the show!

Class president Katelyn Holbrook stated, "Student's aren't going to want to pay five dollars for the dance to miss the first hour and pay another three dollars for the fashion show."

It is clear that there is much concern and dismay at this news.

There is no doubt that school dances are a fun experience for all, however, the fashion show is a once a year event and it would be devastating if everyone missed it. The junior class encourages all to come and see their schoolmates in a fun show from seven to eight and then attend the dance until ten.

The junior class needs your support and has been planning for months to make this show one to remember, but it can't be remembered if no one attends. Teachers, students, friends, family, all are welcome to come and see what promises to be a memorable show.



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Mock Trial team battles to one point victory

By Kelly Ormsby

This time it was for real, and the G. Ray Bodley High School Mock Trial made it count. For the second time in the past few weeks GRB faced highly regarded Sandy Creek in the area competition, and unlike their scrimmage last month, the scores really counted this time around. And when it was over the Bodley side lived to battle for another day by pulling off a big upset over a Sandy Creek side that has Mock Trial as a class during the school day, rather than just a club.

It was a tough battle between Fulton and Sandy Creek, especially since Fulton had some members unable to make it, and others had to take over their positions. It began with opening statements from the prosecution, and the defense. Sophomore Ryann Crofoot opened up for Fulton. The prosecution takes the floor first, and called their first witness of "Fran Ashcott." Krysta Woodcock did the cross-examination, and had a tough time pulling the answers out of the witness who did not want to give up her position on the matter. The next prosecution witness was "Pat Nolan." Ryann Crofoot put up a tough battle in her cross of this witness. The final prosecution witness was "Sheridan Holmes," as an expert, making the cross even harder on Kelly Ormsby.

Then the defensive side took the floor. First witness to be called was Lacey Buskey play-



It was a happy Wednesday for members of the GRB Mock Trial team as they edged past highly regarded Sandy Creek in the second competition of the season. Pictured from left to right are (front row) Kelly Ormsby, Lacey Buskey and Krysta Woodcock. Back row-Advisers Mrs. Hallatt and Mr. Cuny, Steve McDougall, Christine Proud, Ryann Crofoot and an unidentified Sandy Creek team member.

ing the role of "Mickey Penman." Mickey was qualified as an expert witness by Krysta Woodcock, while Sandy Creek tried to tear her down. The second witness was Christine Proud as "Ryan Williams." Ryann Crofoot questioned her and her friendship with Shawn Miller, while the prosecution tried to ruin her credibility. The last witness to go on the stand was

"Shawn Miller" himself, played by Steven McDougall. Kelly Ormsby was the lawyer in charge of questioning him, while Sandy Creek came out blazing.

The closing statements were made, with Krysta Woodcock making the closing argument for the defense. Then the judge took his

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Opinion

Black and White: still an issue after all these years

By Courtney Falanga

A recent ABC News report suggests that even in these times, a time where we as a nation are way past the Black discrimination period, we still have issues with black and white. The report states how Wal-Mart is selling their Black Barbie's at half the price as compared to their White ones. Some sites have made fun of this, but others are making a racket. The reason as to why the Black Barbie's are half the price of Wal-Mart's White ones is because lack of sales of the Black Barbie's.



Just two weeks ago, was my cousin's sixth birthday but I had kind of forgotten about it until the day of her party. So I made a quick stop at Wal-Mart before the birthday party to pick her out a cute gift. As I was strolling through the toy aisles I saw a Barbie after Barbie, a Barbie for every occasion. But I also noticed that throughout the two, three, four isles devoted to Barbies, Wal-Mart had only a little section within all of that space committed for the dolls with color. They were the exact same Barbies that came with the exact same accessories; the only difference was the darker skin tones. They were set aside, and there were fewer of the Barbies with color to them. And according to ABC News, half the cost as well.

I never ended up settling on a Barbie for my cousin, I wound up getting a play make-up set, but when I came across the ABC article on Wednesday morning, it rang a bell. So now I am wondering as to why

the Black Barbie is so much less expensive than the White Barbie. Wal-Mart says it is due to a lack of sales.

According to ABC News, "Whatever Ballerina Thesesa's lagging sales may say about society," retail analyst Lori Wachs said, Walmart may ultimately regret their pricing choice. The discount giant, which reported a quarterly profit of \$4.7 billion last month, could have absorbed whatever loss it might have suffered had it kept Ballerina Theresa's price the same as that of Ballerina Barbie. "I fully respect retailers rights to mark things down as they see fit, but I also think they need to look at the bigger picture," Wachs said. "I think there are certain things

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companies have to be sensitive about and clearly this was one of them."

Different people will have different views on this subject. And the blame could be faulted on society, Wal-Mart, of Mattel, the company that creates Barbie. But no matter what I think as a society we should guarantee equality to every person and Barbie alike.

Cincy provides biggest surprise of Big East Tourney

By Eric Belair

The second day of the Big East Tournament went according to schedule, with only one upset. With expanding the tournament to all sixteen-conference teams, there was only one top eight team that is not in the quarterfinals as an eleven seed managed to finagle their way into the quarterfinals.

Georgetown faced off against South Florida in the day's opener and dismantled the Bulls in a 69-49 final. Georgetown big man, Greg Monroe helped lead the Hoyas past the Bulls as he scored 16 points with 8 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures were guards Jason Clark and Chris Wright with 16 and 15 points respectively. These two players connected on 6-8 from behind the 3-point arc. Georgetown's hot shooting, especially from deep, lifted them over USF. This trio helped the Hoyas to their 20-point advantage and a date with the #1 seeded Syracuse Orange. For South Florida, it was once again Dominique Jones leading the stat book. Jones scored a game high 21 points. USF's season has come to an end.

Whenever Marquette is playing a Big East opponent, the game comes right down to the end. In the Golden Eagles nineteen-conference games, they have had twelve of them decided by three points or less. Marquette has won six of the last seven of those contests; the lasted was against St. John's in a 57-55 victory. The #5 seeded Golden Eagles held off the upset minded Red Storm. Marquette had a comfortable ten-point cushion at the half, 27-17 but St. John was not ready to fold as they fought hard to comeback but their attempt fell short. The Red Storm outscored the Golden Eagles by eight in the second half. It came down to free throws at the end but St. John's could not hit a shot after this. Lazar Hayward was the game leader in points and rebounds with 20 and 9

respectively. The Red Storm had a balanced scoring attack as two players had 12 points and one had 10. Marquette advances on to play the #4 seed, the Villanova Wildcats, in today's quarterfinals.

After an instant classic last night with an unbelievable 109 points, the Seton Hall Pirates did not follow up with a similar performance. Seton faced off against Notre Dame in a battle of bubble teams for a chance to make the NCAA Tournament. The Irish settled down and contained the high-powered Pirate offense for a 68-56 victory. Notre Dame had a seven-point lead at halftime and they continued that on in the second half as the Irish outscored Seton Hall by five. Notre Dame was excited about the win but they were more excited to see the return of their All-American Luke Harangody. Harangody came off the bench and provided a valuable 24 minutes. During his playing time, the All-American managed to record game highs in points and rebounds with 20 points and 10 boards. This was great for the Irish as they continued to build on their chance to go dancing later this month. Notre Dame's next test will be the #2 seeded Pittsburgh Panthers.

Cincinnati is the odd man left in the Big East as they are the only upset minded team to make it to day three. The #11 seeded Bearcats upset the #6 seed, Louisville Cardinals 69-66. It was a tight game that went back and forth all night. The Cardinals were up 41-32 at halftime, but the Bearcats were determined to come back and not go home. Cincinnati outscored Louisville by 12 points in the second half to pull out the three-point victory. There were a lot of lead changes but Cincinnati got the most important one, which came at the buzzer. Cincinnati's Deonta Vaughn hit two free throws with 5.9 seconds left in the game to give the Bearcats a more comfortable lead. Then Vaughn made a steal

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Former Raiders making their mark in college

By Eric Belair

Many students participate in athletics while attending high school, but only a select handful get to continue as a collegiate athlete. There have been a number of students from G. Ray Bodley High School who have pursued their athletic career at the next level. Two of the more recent students are Kristen Kush and Kayla Trail. Each of these ladies excelled on the basketball court in Fulton and now they display their skills at the college level.

Fulton graduate and 2007 G. Ray Bodley High School valedictorian Kristen Kush is pursuing her future at William Smith College. She is playing basketball for the Herons where she is representing her hometown very well. Kush just concluded her sophomore season and she earned All-Liberty League honorable mention. Kristen emerged as her teams top player and one of the top players in the league.

In this past season Kush surfaced and became a force in the paint for William Smith. At the forward position, Kristen started 23 of the 24 games that she played in, and was among team leaders in many categories, such as scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and steals. With her 6-foot frame, Kush led the Herons in scoring with 13.1 points a contest, which also ranked eighth in the conference. Another category that Kristen led the team in was field goal percentage, connecting on 45.5% of her shots, ranking fifth in the league. She was also among league leaders in rebounding, with 5.6 rpg (14th in league) and steals with 1.46 spg (15th in league).

Kush produced 10 plus points in 20 games this season, including a career high 27 points against Clarkson. Another honor that Kristen earned during the season was Liberty League forward of the week, for the week of February 15. During this week she put up spectacular numbers, while averaging 19.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.7 steals in three games.

The Herons were beset with injuries and illness all season, so they did well with what they had. Kush helped the William and Smith team finish with an 8-16 record. The statistics that Kristen put up were great for a sophomore and she will look to build on these for more success in the future.

Kayla Trail is a 2009 graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School. Trail is a freshman at Onondaga Community College, where she also plays for the undefeated Lazers. The Lazers have posted a perfect 33-0 record while winning by an average of 28 points per game as they put up 78 points a contest.

Mock Trial scores big win

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time adding up the points to determine the winner. Before telling everyone the winner, he gave both teams a few tips. He said that the biggest problem was that the prosecution team did not have anything marked as evidence, and they tried to use it in the case. When he finally announced the winner, he said it was a one-point difference. Fulton sat on-edge thinking that it had lost the case, since Sandy Creek is regarded as one of the best in our region. The judge declared Fulton the winner making their record 2-0.

The only way to stay in the competition is to keep winning. If a team loses twice, they are out of the competition. When it comes to the final competition that takes place at the Supreme Court in Albany, the winners of that case win \$250 per student. While there is still a long way to go before that can happen, Fulton continues to make waves in only their second year as a club.

Trail contributes to this point margin as she scores an average of 5.7 points per game. Kayla's 6-foot 2-inch frame make her a monster on the boards and a force to be noticed on defense. Her 6.4 rebounds a game ranks second on the team. But Trail is most noticed by opposing teams when she puts her tall and lengthy frame in the middle of the paint to alter a team's shot selection. Kayla has 120 blocked shots thus far this season, averaging 4 a game. Trail is feared by opposing teams and they try to avoid her, but sometimes they have to live with rejection.

Another familiar face that Fulton fans may recognize from the Lazers is Jenna Rossi from Phoenix. Jenna is the daughter of Fulton and Hannibal physical education teachers Kathy and Pete Rossi. Jenna is a top player at OCC as she ranks among the leaders in a number of categories, such as points. Rossi ranks second on the team in scoring as she averages 14.9 points per game. Jenna has always been known as a scorer, even dating back to her days in the orange and black of the Firebirds of Phoenix, but recently she surpassed the 1,000 point mark as a Lazer. This is a historical mark for a basketball player and it makes it even more impressive as it took Rossi less than two years to surpass this mark.

Onondaga Community College has an exciting week coming up as the NJCAA Division III Championship Tournament opens up today in Rochester, Minnesota. The Lazers are a clear favorite to win the national championship in their second straight trip to the finals, but you never know because crazier things have happened in college basketball.

These ladies have had fantastic seasons and have represented their hometowns in a wonderful fashion.

Big East tourney

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at the buzzer so Louisville did not have a chance to even tie the game with one last shot. The games difference maker was that Cincinnati rebounded the Cardinals 54-33, including an impressive 28-9 advantage on the offensive end. Second chance points are huge for a team. After Cincinnati's two exciting games, they will play the #3 seeded Mountaineers from West Virginia, who are arguably the hottest team right now.

The tournament is going very well right now and the games are turning out great. Each team is representing their respective schools with great pride. Now that the quarterfinals have started things should become even more interesting. Look for the games to become even closer and more dramatic.

GRB based band at Lost Horizon

Local band, A Brand New Day, is playing their first show ever at The Lost Horizon!

The band is composed of G. Ray Bodley High School students KJ McCann, Zak Phillips, and James Davies. A Brand New Day will be opening up for newly founded metal artists, Titanium Black, and local southern rock band, Brand New Sin. A Brand New Day will be playing their set list of hard and alternative rock, which includes such songs as Equinox.

Come out this Friday, March 12, and show some support for these musicians in their debut. Tickets will be \$12 at the door for the 7 p.m. performance, and it is an 18 and over show.

School of Thought compiled by Erica Lamb & Taylor Barrett

How do you think SU will do in their first Big East Tournament game?



"I think they'll make it."
Alex Bateman



"GOOD!"
Justin Baldwin & Tim Jacobs



"Not too good."
Nikki King



"They're going to win it all."
Ms. Wojdyla

GRB announcements for Thursday, March 11

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.

All juniors who are participating in the Junior Class Fashion Show take note: rehearsal will be held today at 5 o'clock in the auditorium

Come to the Junior Class fashion show this Friday at 7 o'clock in the GRB auditorium.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between sloppy joe on a bun or homemade pizza.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Cloudy skies with a rain shower possible. High in the mid-50s.

Tonight: Cloudy with a few rain showers. Low in the mid-40s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with scattered rain showers in the afternoon. High near 50.

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