

Students get first-hand look at world of business

By Brenna Merry

High School is intended to prepare students to be successful in the real world. However, many argue the point that they will never use Trigonometry or AP US History in their everyday lives. Also, many don't plan on furthering their education and will leave school with a head full of information on math and science but no knowledge of how to make it in the business world. Mrs. Ferlito's Small Business Ownership class teaches these necessary and useful skills to students to ensure a safe entry to the world outside of the walls of G. Ray Bodley.

In the Small Business Ownership class the students work, run and manage the school's "Raider's Den." The Raider's Den supplies students with that needed boost of energy in the last two bells of the day when it seems the day will never end. With delicious treats at affordable prices, these snacks certainly make students minds and stomachs a little more satisfied. For those students who are at the school for clubs or sports until nearly 6 o'clock, food is on the top of their list.

The Raider's Den supplies these athletes and scholars with Gatorade and a snack that will hold them over until dinnertime. Not to mention, eating an appropriate amount is essential to your health. Many students don't eat lunch and a six-hour school day plus two-hour sport or club is far too long to not eat. All students thank the Raider's Den to quench their afternoon hunger.

However, many students only see the outer layer of the Raider's Den. They view it merely as a fun school activity where students sell food. Little do they know it is far more than that. The student's running the school store obtain a knowledge of truly owning a business. Taking nearly five weeks to open the store, the teenagers see how hard it truly is to get a business up and running.

Once the store was open they realize the need to take inventory as well as make appropriate prices for their items. It is discovered that if an item is priced too low they will not obtain enough profit, but if an item is placed too high it won't sell and again they won't make any profit.

These students learn to take into account



Marketing students and members of the Future Business Leaders of America gain first-hand experience in the tasks associated with running their own business at the school store, The Raider's Den. Here student Bethany Reynolds, left, makes a purchase from worker Carrie Baker. (Kirstie Potter photo)

demand and financing. After each week the students count the money earned and make sure that no items have been stolen. Not to mention, they learn the need of being a good server. Being friendly, counting back money and listening to what the customer's want are the necessities of the worker's of the Raider's Den. In fact, they are starting a suggestion box for customer's to put forth their ideas on what they want to see in the Den.

Senior Cody Whelsky says, "It's a good class that helps kids decide if they want to go into

the business field." Clearly, something that may seem so easy to an outsider is full of hard work and study.

The Small Business Ownership class shows students what work life is truly like behind the scenes. Without this class, many students would view the workforce as an easily attainable goal, "far easier than college." When in reality, each path is full of hard work and a good education. Mrs. Ferlito states, "It's my job to prepare kids for life in a fun and interesting way."

Senior class picture set for March 17

The school year is coming to an end and the last senior events are moving along with them..

The next thing to mark on the calendar for the Class of 2010 is the senior class picture. The picture will take place in the gymnasium next Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 a.m. Any seniors looking to order a panoramic portrait of the senior class can obtain an order form from one of the senior officers. The senior officers are Taylor Harvey, Adam Wolford, Juana Gonzalez, and Amanda Wood. Every senior should plan on attending even if they do not plan on buying a portrait.

Junior Class Fashion Show

7 p.m. tonight in the GRB auditorium

Opinion

Stress: don't let it get the best of you

By Brandon Teetsel

Many of us have stress in our lives, whether it is over-bearing, or just enough stress to keep us focused and on task. During certain times of the year, or when a certain event occurs in one's life, stress in our lives may escalate to an outrageous number, causing us to lose sleep or perform poorly in school. Often times we struggle with stress, and look to relieve it in some way. Many of us are always looking to relieve our stress, and there are multiple ways to do it.

One way to do it would be some sort of physical activity, but for each person it's different. Some people go for a jog or perhaps lift some weights. Others would rather go to the batting cages or punch a punching bag to relieve their stress. Whatever your favorite activity may be, it just might help relieve stress, unless your stress is caused by your sport, then hitting a few baseballs while worrying about the big baseball tournament coming up is probably not a good idea. Maybe you should try something new, like yoga, Pilates, or Zumba, the high-energy dance class. Each one of these activities will hopefully focus your body and mind, and in turn, relieve that stress upon you. Whatever activity you choose to do, hopefully it will clear your head and relieve some of the stress that you have.

Another way to relieve stress would be to just relax. For some, choos-



ing a good book and sitting at home reading would be the ideal activity to relax with. For others, perhaps painting a picture or building a new bookshelf is more of a relaxing day. If doing one of these relaxing activities doesn't help, perhaps you should sign yourself up for a day at the spa. Get a massage, or maybe sit in a sauna or hot tub to relax your body and mind and clear your head. If none of these solo activities are doing it for you, grab a few friends and go do a physical activity, such as paintball or boxing. If your friends are the ones causing you stress, punching them in the face or shooting a high velocity paintball at them just might do the trick.

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All in all, stress affects each one of us in our daily lives. Whether it be just enough to keep us on task, or is way too much and you're ready to pull your hair out, there's always a way to relieve it. From playing your favorite sport, to spending the day sleeping in, hopefully your stress levels will be reduced to a manageable amount.

Four new highly touted movies open this weekend



It's Friday and this weekend at the theaters there are four new movies! These movies include *Green Zone*, *Remember Me*, *She's Out of My League*, and *Our Family Wedding*. These movies have been promoted very well with their previews on the television.

Green Zone is an action/thriller movie about an officer who decided he is done following the rules. This officer discovers faulty and covert intelligence

that make him go rogue. He goes into an unstable region and hunts for weapons of mass destruction. This movie stars Matt Damon, Jason Isaacs, and Greg Kinnear.

Remember Me is a romantic drama that stars Twilight's own Robert Pattinson. Pattinson's co-star in this movie is Emilie de Ravin. Also starring in this movie are Pierce Brosnan and Chris Cooper. This movie is centered on two lovers who have had a bad past; Tyler whose parents split and his brother committed suicide, and Ally, who witnessed her mother's death. The circumstances that brought these two together will soon threaten to tear them apart. As Pattinson takes a break from *Twilight* to film this movie, I am sure it will be popular with all the Twilight's fans. Critics agree that *Remember Me* is a heart-warming love story.

She's Out of My League is a romantic comedy about a guy who

dates someone out of his league. The summary of this movie is that an average Joe meets a women who is a perfect ten. His lack of confidence and the bad influence of his friends and family begin to pick away at the relationship. The celebrities acting in this movie include Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve, and Mike Vogel. Critics say that *She's Out of My League* is a movie you must see!

Our Family Wedding is a comedy that stars Forest Whitaker and America Ferrera. The plot of this movie is that the weeks leading up to a couple's wedding are comical but also stressful. These weeks are stressful because their fathers can wreak a major amount of havoc on their big wedding day. The couple soon discovers the true meaning of love and the truth behind the phrase "when you marry someone, you marry their entire family."

This weekend at the movies is going to be a good one. There is going to be some action, comedy and romance on the big screen. As always check your local listings for movie times and locations because the movie may not be playing at certain locations.



**Auditions are March 30-31!
Get your ACT together!**

Big East tourney

Bye-bye means early exit for top seeded teams

By Eric Belair

And things just keep getting more exciting as the Big East Tournament rolls on. It has been upset after upset, and on Wednesday the only top seed to advance to the semifinals came on a buzzer beater by West Virginia. If not for that shot, it would be all lower seeds in the semis. Who would have known?

The Georgetown Hoyas continued their dominance as they handed the #1 seeded Syracuse Orange an early exit, beating the Orange 91-84 in a high scoring affair. This was the third meeting between these two teams this season, yet it was the Hoyas first win against Syracuse. The Orange took an early 11-4 lead with the hot shooting of Wes Johnson and Andy Rautins, but Georgetown kept it close and made it a three point game at half, 40-37. The second half surge by the Hoyas proved to be enough to take down the top seed. Georgetown had four players in double figures as Chris Wright led the way with 27 points, while Jason Clark and Greg Monroe each scored 17 points and Monroe grabbed 10 boards. Antonio Freeman contributed with 16 points for the Hoyas.

Syracuse was led by Big East Player of the Year Wes Johnson, who scored 24 points and had 7 rebounds. Scoop Jardine and Kris Joseph came off the bench and helped the Orange in the scoring as they dropped 19 points and 18 points respectively. This could be the best bench duo in the country, game in and game out Jardine and Joseph give Syracuse valuable playing time to contribute. Andy Rautins recorded 14 points in the contest but also dished out 11 assists. Even though Syracuse lost the game, the team has bigger worries as Arinze Onuaku went down with five minutes remaining. Onuaku went down off of a collision with Monroe and as he fell, he grabbed his knee in pain. After a few minutes of medical care, Onuaku walked to the locker room as he winced in great pain. He will be getting an MRI on his knee today.

This is not good news at all for the Orange as they are preparing to make a run in the NCAA Tournament. Even with this loss, Syracuse is still a strong candidate for a #1 seed in the big dance. Georgetown played a great game and now they will be playing Marquette in the semifinals.

It was a similar ending for the Golden Eagles as they squeaked out another tight win in Big East play. This time the victim was the Villanova Wildcats. Marquette pulled out an 80-76 upset win to advance to the semifinals and a date with Georgetown. It was tied at 30 apiece at half-time with both teams playing well. Marquette seemed to be playing better in the second half, however, as they appeared to have control but the pesky Wildcats would not go away. Their defensive pressure with their half court traps caused problems for the Golden Eagles and helped Villanova keep it close and within reach. But Marquette seemed to be too much.

The duo of Lazar Hayward and Darius Johnson-Odom was a great combo for Marquette and the Wildcats did not have an answer. Hay-

ward put up 20 points while Johnson-Odom scored a game high 24 points. Villanova received a solid bench performance from Corey Stokes as he recorded 22 points and 5 rebounds to lead the Wildcats. Their good backcourt of Scottie Reynolds and Corey Fisher combined for 26 points and Antonio Pena added 14. The Golden Eagles have learned how to come out victorious in close game, as they have done so many times thus far this season. This could be a great thing for them if they receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

And another upset in the third round occurred as #7 seeded Notre Dame handed the #2 seed Pittsburgh a ticket home. In the lowest scoring game thus far in the tournament, 50-45, and the poorest shooting, Notre Dame advanced. The first half was not that bad as Notre Dame had a 32-29 lead walking into the locker at half, but the second half was awful as there were only a combined 34 points scored. The difference maker in the game was that the Irish shot 54% while the Panthers shot a dismal 36% from the field. Even though Notre Dame managed to win, as a team they only grabbed 17 rebounds in the game. Overall this was not a good game for either team, but unfortunately someone

had to win. Notre Dame's Tory Jackson and Luke Harangody led the Irish as they each scored 12 points. Brad Wanamaker led Pittsburgh with 16 points and Jermaine Dixon recorded 10 points for the Panthers. This game was a drag, but the obviously the Irish ate their Lucky Charms to help them find a way to victory.

With a night full of upsets, a favorite finally won in the last game of the night. An unlikely shot propelled the West Virginia Mountaineers past Cincinnati in a 54-51 final score. With this win West Virginia become the only one of the conference's top four seeds to advance to the semifinals. The

game was close throughout the entire 40 minutes. At the end of the first half the Mountaineers had a three-point advantage, 26-23, and this margin would not change for the final but West Virginia could not pull away to get a comfortable win. Instead the Bearcats made the Mountaineers earn every point, as Cincinnati would not go away. Every time it seemed as if West Virginia was starting to gain a lead, the Bearcats would find a way to keep it close. With 42 seconds left Cincinnati's Lance Stephenson tied the game at 51 with a 3-pointer. West Virginia's next possession was embarrassing as they had a shot clock violation, but then the Bearcats lost the ball along the sideline with 3.1 seconds remaining on the clock. West Virginia's Da'Sean Butler caught the inbounds pass then shot a three-pointer and banked it in at the buzzer for the win. Butler finished with 15 points, while teammate Kevin Jones recorded 17 points and Devin Ebanks chipped in with 10 points. For Cincinnati, Stephenson led the way with 19 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. West Virginia advanced to the semifinals to play the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

With three of the top four seeds dropping their first game after the double bye, it looks as if things can only get better and more teams are helping the stock rise for an NCAA Tournament bid.

(Be sure to look for Eric's columns and coverage of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament over the next three weeks in RaiderNet Daily)



School of Thought compiled by Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

What is the hardest class you have ever taken?



"Philosophies of historical theory."
Mr. McCarten



"Anthropology."
Mr. Stevens



"Economics in College."
Mr. Bono



"Organic Chemistry or Kinesiology."
Mr. Halladay

GRB announcements for Friday, March 12

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.

Come one, come all to the junior class fashion show tonight in the GRB auditorium. Admission is \$3 and the fun starts at 7 'clock.

Don't forget there is also a dance tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5, be sure to bring your student ID.

A representative from Crouse School of Nursing will be in the guidance office today at 8:55 to meet with interested students. If you have a class at this time you must have permission from your teacher to attend.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Cloudy with a few rain showers. High in themid-50s.

Tonight: Scattered rain showers. Low around 40.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with rain. High around 50, low around 40.

Sunday: Rain showers. High near 50, low in the upper-30s.

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