

G. Ray Bodley High School, Fulton, NY

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Big month ahead for Bodley musicians

Music lovers take note: the G. Ray Bodley High School Music Department will be sponsoring a pair of concerts in the coming days. This Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. the GRB Jazz Ensemble featuring the Central New York Jazz Ensemble will be performing in the Bodley Auditorium. The Central New York Jazz Orchestra (CNYJO), a seventeen-piece big band and the performance arm of the CNYJAF, was created in 1996 in cooperative with the Cultural Resources Council of CNY. Initial funding from the CNY Community Foundation launched the inaugural season to critical acclaim.

Since the beginning, CNYJAF continued to grow rapidly, and is now the primary source of jazz programming for the Central New York region. It now serves a total public audience of 80,000 each year, trains over 4,000 students annually and presents students in performance to an annual audience of over 40,000.

The first half of the concert will feature the GRB Jazz Ensemble performing the great Jazz standards Come Fly with Me, Caravan, the swing hit Jump Jive and Wail and the rock tune Panic Button. The CNY Jazz Orchestra will join them for A Matter of Time and My Romance. The concert is free to the public.

The following Wednesday, March 25 the Boston Brass will join the GRB Concert Band and Wind Ensemble in another 7:30 p.m. concert in the GRB Auditorium

For nearly 25 years, Boston Brass has set out to establish a one-of-a-kind musical experience. From exciting classical arrangements, to burning jazz standards, the best of the original brass quintet repertoire, Boston Brass treats audiences to a unique brand of entertainment, which captivates all ages. The ensemble's lively repartee, touched with humor and personality, attempts to bridge the ocean of classical formality to delight audiences in an evening of great music and boisterous fun. The philosophy of Boston Brass is to provide audiences with a wide selection of musical styles in unique arrangements, provided in a friendly and fun atmosphere.

Through over 100 performances each year, the members of Boston Brass play to audiences at concerts, educational venues and jazz festivals. In addition to solo performances, Boston

Brass regularly performs with orchestras, ands, organ, jazz bands and a variety of other ensembles. They have performed in 49 states and 21 countries and have conducted master classes around the world including sessions and residences at the Eastman School of Music, Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, Peabody Conservatory of Music, University of North Texas, Royal Academy of Music in London, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory at the National University of Singapore and Mahidol University in Bangkok.

Boston Brass helped raise over \$100,000 for VH1's Save the Music program, giving musical instruments to schools in need. They have been featured educators and performers at the Mid West Band and Orchestra Clinic, World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, Music Educators National Conference events, American Bandmaster Association Conference, The American Band College

and at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention. Since 2006, Boston Brass has served as Artist/Educational Ambassadors for Jupiter Band Instruments.

The first half of the concert will feature the Concert Band, performing Beyond the Higher Skies, Fanfare for the Third Planet, The Star of Dreams, Midnight Escape, and Fiera Winds. The Wind Ensemble will perform In Flight, Andalusia, Amazing Grace, and The White Eagle. Boston Brass will join the Wind Ensemble for the finale, a Cinematic Fantasy. This concert is free to the public.

Boston Brass will be holding a clinic with the students of the GRB band programs at 8:15 am on March 25th.

On April 1, at 7:30 p.m. the Brass Bash comes to Bodley with the GRB Brass Ensemble, North Syracuse Brass Ensemble, Syracuse University Brass Ensemble, Central

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Freshman Marissa Cobb performs an experiment with liquid nitrogen that actually freezes bubbles while **MOST volunteer Betty Jones** looks on. Students from Mr. Frawley's technology classes visited the Museum of Science and Technology last Thursday for a field trip that included part of the travelling science lesson exhibit. (Katelyn Stevens photo)

It's high school: the time has come to grow up

By Nick Millard

Since my freshman year, I have learned a lot, made new friends, and made a lot of memories. There has been, however, an on-going issue throughout G Ray Bodley High School since I started here four years ago: the absolute lack of responsibility, respect, and just a pure understanding of how to be an adult have just overwhelmed this school, which has so many good qualities.



Let's begin with vandalism. As every student is probably well aware of, the bathroom situation is just getting out of hand. I have talked to many boys, girls, and teachers about the situation, and there was one common response, the bathrooms are just getting destroyed. I know personally, I learned how to use the restroom properly when I was a solid three years old; it was one of those basic life skills that really come in handy when you grow up, and I am absolutely positive that everybody in this building has gone through the same rigorous training as myself.

If that is the case, how come at least once a week when I have to use the restroom, I run into an array of problems to reach my goal? It is either a urinal is overflowing, or chewing tobacco remnants are settling at the bottom of every single toilet. Even worse though, are when some people go into the stall, and manage to do everything they can to make nobody else want to go into it... ever.

Even girls are experiencing the same issues. Nobody wants to go into the restroom to smell the heavy stench of smoke. I won't go into great depth, but it has gotten as bad as to where I found a toilet paper roll lit on fire inside the dispenser. I mean seriously when is enough, enough? Does this need to go as far as to having somebody monitoring just the bathrooms? Senior Ben Davis shared his thoughts on the issue, saying, "I never go to the bathrooms at the school, they are always beat up, and they always smell like smoke." Despite popular belief, it is not the

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custodian's job to clean up after some undisciplined kids trash. I mean honestly everybody wants to be treated like an adult, but who deserves that right? Show some maturity, Fulton.

The next thing is respect, tough concept, right? I mean we have only been practicing it since what... first grade? I look back on the past year, and I can remember key instances over the years, in which I have been embarrassed of my peers. Assemblies have been a key instance where Fultonian's have had a tough time controlling their personalities. Every year, the Merry-go-round Playhouse comes to G Ray Bodley to share their skits with students, however constant chattering and rudeness brought one of the actresses to the point where she had to verbally

state her frustration to the school. At the end of the show, when each actor/ actress introduced themselves, the students continued to talk amongst themselves, and the frustrated actress snapped "You guys have talked the whole show, it's our turn."

The disrespect continued earlier this month when the students of Fulton put on their annual school play, The Sound of Music. I know personally, I enjoy watching my friends and peers acting and showing off their months of hard work and dedication. However, other students do not feel the same way. The constant chattering and laughing is not only disrespectful to those up on the stage, but also to the people who actually want to watch it. Senior Eric Belair said, "It is embarrassing for our school. When you have guests, you should be respectful, it is rude to disrespect these actors/ actresses who put so much effort into their work." It is not just assemblies; it is the kids who talk back to teachers and adults, when in all honesty the kids are almost always wrong. It is the group of 10-20 kids who take up the whole width of the hallway in their morning rituals. Show some respect, Fulton.

It is not every kid; in fact it is only the 5-10% who ruin it for everybody. I know I love representing Fulton in sports, but the name is being tainted. A lot of students have openly stated their frustration with new school rules this year, but the rules are placed in rightful fashion. I personally love not having to walk by the mob of people smoking in the old junior parking lot before school. Basically, the point is that if you want to be treated like an adult, you need to earn it. In a year, or two, or however many years it takes for you all to graduate, nobody is going to deal with the immaturities and disrespect. You learned it in grade school, and it may be the most important lesson you will learn from kindergarten through graduation of college. Nobody's laughing anymore, it is time to grow up, Fulton.

Senioritis: fight the urge to quit

By Alicia Vann

Third quarter is setting in, and the college acceptance letters are rolling. Normally this is when senioritis sets in for most seniors. Once a senior is accepted, the work ethic tends to decrease. They feel like, oh, I've been accepted, why do I have to try now?

Well, like many seniors, I have received college acceptance letters. I've told myself since day one of senior year that I would not be one of the students to fall into this trend. But wouldn't you know, I'm sitting here in journalism with nothing to write about.

Now don't get me wrong, I do not hate journalism. I love the class, and I love being able to write about anything and everything. I'm using this article as my self-motivation to get me through the end of the year. I want to write articles and make a difference before I leave. I do not want to leave here knowing that things aren't changing for the better.

A positive outlook at the end of your senior year is the best way to go. Don't think that just giving up after the third quarter is the best route to take. In the long run, all of your schooling will help you out in college.

Take advantage of every day you have here. After graduation, you may not see many of these people until your 10-year high school reunion. Use the resources here to your advantage. Make the most of each day here. You don't want to leave here with any sort of regret.

Senioritis is for squares. Leave it at the door.



NCAA's Midwest region will be a dandy

By Eric Belair

And March has arrived, let the madness begin. The 2010 NCAA Tournament is about to get underway. The brackets are out, so let the excitement start. For the next few days I will be previewing each region of the tournament, which will include discussion about the #1 seeds, teams to keep an eye on, a sleeper that could make some noise, players to watch and intriguing match-ups.

Today we start in the Midwest Region, where the #1 overall seed, Kansas Jayhawks, will travel the Great Plains as they try to make their way to Indianapolis. The Jayhawks posted a 32-2 record as the Big XII conference regular season and tournament champions. Kansas has a



tough road to the Final Four as Ohio State, Georgetown, Maryland and Michigan State are the next sequential seeds in the Midwest. Kansas could have a potential match-up with either Maryland or Michigan State in the third round, and then things will only get tougher for the Jayhawks.

There are a variety of teams, but the team to keep your eye on are the Georgetown Hoyas. The Hoyas are a #3 seed. Yes, I could be saying this because I am a fan, but Georgetown is a team to watch because they have the potential to upset the #2 seed, Ohio State and even Kansas. Keep an eye on the Hoyas.

After getting off to a fast start, then having a mid-season slump, the Michigan State Spartans were given a #5 seed after finishing the season 24-8. The Spartans are my sleeper team. Michigan State could have a second round date with #4 Maryland, and then could meet up with the Jayhawks. Michigan State is capable of beating any team in this region.

The Midwest region is filled with some excellent and well-known talent. Kansas has a great team with great depth, but the top players on their squad are guard Sherron Collins and center Cole Aldrich. Collins brings great leadership to the table at the point guard position, while Aldrich contributes with his length and height. With this tandem and the rest of the Jayhawks, Kansas will not be tested until the Sweet Sixteen. Junior Evan Turner from Ohio State is one of the best and most complete players in the country. This season Turner is averaging 19.9 ppg, 9.1 rpg and 5.9 apg. This Buckeye is shooting at a high 53.4% from the field. His stats are great and he is a great player. Watch Turner do some damage to opposing teams.

The Hoyas have a dominant big man in sophomore Greg Monroe. Monroe is a consistent player who is not flashy and does not put up outstanding numbers. But he is consistent as he does his work for Georgetown as he averages 16.1 ppg and 9.5 rpg. The Hoyas legacy of big men continues with Monroe. Maryland earned a #4 seed in great thanks to Greivis Vasquez. Vasquez is the Terrapins leader, as he shows up for big games. The senior guard averages 19.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg and 6.3 apg. He is one of the ACC's top players. Kalin Lucas of Michigan

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Brass Bash at GRB on April 1

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Square Brass Quintet and Five Cents Sharp, the Ithaca Brass Quintet in the GRB Auditorium

The Syracuse University Brass Ensemble is composed of thirty eight members of the Syracuse University faculty and staff, the S.U.N.Y. Upstate Medical University faculty and staff and accomplished musicians from surrounding communities. The ensemble is a year round organization which presents approximately sixteen performances yearly including recitals on the Syracuse University Campus and several performances in the surrounding communities. The repertoire of the ensemble includes music from all major musical periods.

Five Cents Sharp includes Fulton graduate Chris Tolbert.

The GRB Brass Ensemble is hosting this years Brass Bash. They will be performing an arrangement of La Fiesta, The Pink Panther and Sonata No. 2 by Johann Pezel. This concert is free to the public.

The Zany Zodiac

Spring is in the air...in six more days

Aries-There's a million ways to get it, however you always chose the way that makes the least sense.

Taurus-A little lie can go a long way, a big lie can end someone's life, and a medium lie can get you through life.

Gemini-Time heals all things, except for that fungus on your tongue, better get that checked out

Cancer-Life is either a daring adventure or nothing, or it's a little bit of both or neither, it could be a boring ride on a crappy rollercoaster.

Leo- Ok this one pertains to a certain Syracuse player with the name Scoop Jardine. PASS THE BALL! Seriously, shape up before the tournament!

Virgo-Fortune favors the brave.



Libra-Quit stressing over the little things in life

Scorpio- OMG IT'S SPRING.... In six more days. Keep your clothes on.

Sagittarius- Hey all you Cuse' fans! If this had come out a day earlier we could have told you to not get your hopes up.

Capricorn-Don't be a self-centered, inconsiderate jerk. So don't be yourself.

Aquarius- This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius the age of Aquarius...it had to be done. At least it's going to be a good day for you.

Pisces- Give this a try, two ice cubes, eight ounces of water, one glass, and one chill pill. Honestly, you gotta relax!

By Noah Carroll and Andrew Kush

School of Thought compiled by Max Ambuske & Zach Froio***Do you think SU's loss will affect them in the NCAA tourney?***

"Their seed is definately going to drop and an injury will affect them."

Colin Shannon



"No, as long as Onoaku is alright SU should be fine and still stay #1."

Mr. LaMacchia



"Yes, because I don't like SU."

Dominic LeBron



"I think it will help with their week off as long as Onoaku is ok."

Mr. Lyons

NCAA Midwest Region

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State is a great performer. He missed a few mid-season games due to injury but he is back healthy. Lucas' speed and athleticism makes him tough to cover and his ability to connect on almost any shot make this Spartan the leader of his team.

Obviously some of the good match-ups will come in later rounds as the higher seeds can face each other. But the most intriguing first round match-up is between the #7 seeded Oklahoma State Cowboys and #10 seeded Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Each team has 22 wins on the season. The Cowboys biggest win came against the Kansas Jayhawks, who were #1 in the country at the time. But Georgia Tech is heating up as they made it all the way to the ACC conference title game. This could be a good first round match-up. A great potential second round game would be #4 Maryland against #5 Michigan State. The battle between Vasquez and Lucas will make the game more interesting.

The Midwest Region is full of good teams with great players. The games will be fun to watch and upsets will happen to make things interesting, as they always do. You never know what will happen in March.



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

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Chance of a shower. High in the mid-40s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low around 30.

Tomorrow: Mainly sunny skies. High in the mid-50s.

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