

## Balancing job, school not an easy task

By Alicia Vann

Although a nearly eight-hour school day may seem like enough to wipe out the average high school student, some students have other responsibilities to attend to after the long school day is over. A majority of juniors, seniors, and even some sophomores have after-school and weekend jobs that take up their down time. But do the benefits of having a job as a high school student outweigh the costs?

Senior Jake Tallents is one student who is employed part-time. He works weekends as a janitor at Price Chopper. Jake has been holding his job at Price Chopper for two years now. He states, "It helps young adults to get a grasp on the value of money." He earns \$8.25 per hour as a janitor at Price Chopper. He continued by saying, "I believe having a job is a great experience. I think that every high school student should have one."

Senior Dakota McGraw is another student who is employed part-time. He works weekends and occasionally during the week as a crewmember at our local Arby's. He has been employed there since June 2009. "It teaches students responsibilities," according to Dakota, who earns \$7.65 per hour at Arby's. He did mention though that there is a downside to working during the school year. "You don't have as much time to yourself. I am a little behind on my homework." Time management is key when pursuing a job outside of school. He finished by saying that, "Working during the school year is a good experience."

Senior Katelyn Gilbert is another student worker who is employed part-time at Sweet Inspiration's. Katelyn is a customer service employee at Sweet's. Katelyn has worked at Sweet Inspiration's since June 2009, and earns \$7.25 per hour. She works a surprising six days a week. "I'd much rather work four days a week," says Katelyn, "but it's good for the pay." She continued by saying, "It is a good experience because it helps you socially prepare yourself for difficult situations."

She also mentioned the negatives about working during the academic year. "I'm so behind on homework," said Katelyn, "Do not get a job too soon, because it will begin to control your out-of-school life. Live a little first,

and don't grow up too fast."

Senior Alexis Semeraro has a different type of part-time job as she works as a lifeguard at the Granby Pool. She works one day a week, Fridays, from 5-7 at Granby's Open Swim and earns \$8 per hour. "Most of my work is during the summer," says Alexis, "I believe it is a good experience because you work with the public, begin to get an understanding of how work

works, and you get a better understanding of a boss's expectations. You also learn about paychecks and taxes from your paycheck stubs."

So for those who are employed or looking for a job, be plenty aware of what you're getting into. A job can be a rewarding experience or an overwhelming burden. The advice given by these few employees should be taken into stride. Happy working!

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**GRB Senior Jake Tallents**

## Senior trip, t-shirt deadlines approach

It has been a few months since the seniors were first informed of their class trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park. There are only a limited number of spots available, so anyone who plans on attending should turn in their money as soon as possible. The total cost of the trip is \$125, which is due by April 30. The option is available to make a down payment before then. There are absolutely no refunds because by making the payment a student is taking one of the 103 spots available that another student could have the opportunity to fill. As of Monday 48 spots had been filled, so there is still time to get your money in to Mr. Perry.

Along with the money, a permission slip and medical authorization are needed for the student to attend the trip. These papers can be found in the packet that is given out once the money or down payment has been received. Mr. Perry, Taylor Harvey, Juana Gonzalez, Amanda Wood, or Adam Wolford can answer any additional questions about the trip, which be held on June 5.

The senior t-shirts are also finally here. Each t-shirt costs \$10; the order form can be picked up from Senior Class Advisor Mr. Perry. The shirts are black, short sleeved, and each one will have a red and white screen-printed logo on the front and back. The front has sen10r citizens with a red arrow and the back has "respect your elders." The deadline for the order form is this Thursday, April 1.

With the deadlines quickly approaching it is important for seniors to get their money in if they plan on buying a shirt or taking part in the class trip. There is a possibility that the senior shirt due date will be extended because of the lack of knowledge about the order forms, however don't rely on this to happen. If possible, have everything in before the due date arrives.

*By Ben Davis*

## Orchestra concert tonight at Bodley

Today, March 31st, concludes "Music in our Schools" Month. G. Ray Bodley's Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, and Chamber Orchestra are busy putting the finishing touches on another wonderful performance. The show will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will open with the Symphonic Orchestra, performing a piece from the famous musical Les Miserables. Many band students, creating a full orchestra setting, will accompany the Symphonic Orchestra. The rich sound of the strings combined with band will be a fabulous way to bring "Music in our Schools" Month to a conclusion.

The Fulton Orchestra is one of the only high school performing orchestras in Oswego County, next to the Oswego High School Orchestra. Don't miss out on this magnificent display of musical talent! *By Alicia Vann*

## Opinion

# Move underway to honor former GRB Principal

By Taylor Harvey

Although few current Bodleyans knew Mrs. Jacalyn Vinciquerra Stewart,

she made a lasting impact on many during her time here at the high school. Now, more than five years after she lost a strenuous battle to breast cancer, some of the teachers who knew her best are working to have the auditorium named after this exceptional administrator.

Jacalyn Stewart began her career at G. Ray Bodley in 1990, following a successful stay in the Syracuse City School District. As an assistant principal, Mrs. Stewart was a personable, friendly administrator who worked hard to make a difference. Her support of AIDS awareness and acceptance of diversity had a major impact on those around her and even led to the creation of the colorful mural in the commons area.

Those who remember Mrs. Stewart cannot say enough good things about her. Her adamant dedication and commitment to the interests of the students set her apart from others. She never backed down from a student cause, even if it provided political difficulty for herself. Many of the staff that worked with Mrs. Stewart believe the school would be a better place if she were still here today.

As an assistant, interim, and head principal, Mrs. Stewart was always very supportive of the artistic and musical groups here at GRB. She took time out of her own life to support her talented students. A drama award is given each year to a senior member of Quirk's Players, but some think this is not enough recognition for such a wonderful administrator.

The idea of naming the auditorium after the late Mrs. Stewart first arose with the Class of 2005, but was forgotten as the class came and went. Now, however, the notion has been resurrected and technology teacher Mr. Hill, along with English teacher Ms. Vehrs, is working hard to create a lasting memorial to Mrs. Stewart. Several teachers who worked with the administrator are also behind this plan. Mr. Hill and Ms. Vehrs sent an email to all staff asking for their support and they are

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currently composing a letter to Superintendent of Schools Mr. Lynch to get the ball rolling. Eventually they hope to bring supportive teachers before the Board of Education with their proposal.

The strong emotions behind this plan are only part of the drive. "Naming the auditorium after Mrs. Stewart would be recognizing the loss of a great administrator in our district," stated Mr. Hill.

"I was a student when Mrs. Stewart was principal. She was a well liked principal and a positive presence in the building," said Ms. Vehrs of the late administrator. Since her passing, Ms. Vehrs has kept in touch with Mrs. Stewart's family and told RaiderNet Daily that this dedication would mean very much to her son, Glenn, and mother.

Other ideas have been brought up, such as constructing a fine arts

wall of fame in her honor, but many believe this is not enough to honor Mrs. Stewart.

After having only a short time at GRB and being so influential, one can only imagine the good she could have done during a longer stay. A uniquely dedicated and kind administrator such as Mrs. Stewart deserves the recognition the naming of the auditorium would award her.



An effort is currently underway to honor former G. Ray Bodley High School Principal Jacalyn "Jackie" Stewart by naming the high school auditorium in her honor. (*Fultonian Yearbook* photo)

## Language week April 5-9 at GRB

Foreign Language week is coming to G. Ray Bodley High School on Monday, April 5th! All during the week of April 5-9, students are invited to dress in the country colors during school. Monday starts off with International day, which allows students the chance to show off their family heritage. There will also be an optional assembly in the auditorium during advisory with a guest speaker, who is a Navy translator. He will explain the importance of foreign language in a career.

On Tuesday, it is Spanish Day, where students are encouraged to wear red in celebration! Wednesday is Latin Day, and it is acceptable for students to wear purple or dress in Togas for the event. Also, after school it will be International Cuisine Day in room 119 or in the cafeteria, so pay attention to the announcements to be sure!

German Day is on Thursday, and red and gold are the colors to wear. There will also be a "German Word of the Day," from which the winner will receive a small prize. And last, but not least, is French Day on Friday! The color to wear is blue, and there will be a Phrase of the Day, along with French trivia!

All in all it will be a week to celebrate everyone's own unique heritage, as well as the many languages other than English that are offered at GRB.

*By Sarese Gibson*

# Defending champion Raiders have holes to fill

With spring in full swing, all of Section Three is knocking on the Fulton track and field teams door, and they will answer! As last years reigning league champions the undefeated Raiders are looking for some big performances from a dwindling supply of seniors. After losing some big points with the graduation of Vinny Martinez, Mike Bonner, and Kyle Martin, some of the underclassmen will have to really step up and fill the shoes.

With senior John Strong leading the way in the sprints and jumps, he and senior Nick Millard will fare well against all the teams Fulton will face. Strong returns with the fastest 400meter hurdle time in class A, running a 58.1 last year. Millard will post some fast times this spring in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and both will team up with a yet undeclared 4x100m relay team that went undefeated last year in league meets. Although the team last year had some stellar performances, the group this year will be able to possibly rival those times.

The distance team was hit just as hard with the loss of three of the five runners. This year, Dylan Coppola and Noah Carroll will have their hands full with several of the biggest names in the nation. Coppola who had several strong performances last year, is looking to improve by leaps and bounds to compete well in league racing. Carroll, who was ranked in the top 100 in the nation at 1600 meters in indoor, sets out to win his third class "A" title of outdoor track. At points during the season, Carroll will race the best milers in the nation, starting with the nations number one, Alex Hatz of Fayetteville-Manlius, who ran the third best high school time of 4:05.5 in the mile just two weeks ago. This year Fulton will also have a team filled with newcomers to the sport such as freshmen Kyle Loftus, and Alan Cronk, and even an eighth grader in Matthew Nelson. Nelson has the potential to become one of the best Fulton has ever seen if he continues to improve at the rate he already is.

In the field events, Fulton will be looking for big efforts from junior Mat Shoults and freshman Tim Conners in the shot put and discus, while Strong and Millard join Dakota McGraw as the top Raider jumpers. Sophomore Dave Johnson showed promise in the pole vault last season and will be another key performer for Fulton.

Although they are not as strong as last year, boy's head coach Dave Wilson still expects the team to do quite well. Jamesville-Dewitt hasn't lost anyone, but other than the Rams, Fulton should be able to win the rest of their meets with the help of the top returnees. Their first meet will be a non-league match-up against Phoenix on April 6 which will be their first and only encounter before they face class A powerhouse J-D on April 13. Only time will tell, but this could be one of the brightest years year for Fulton track stars to shine. *By Noah Carroll*

## Cheerleading meeting set for April 7

Attention cheerleaders and anyone interested in becoming one! An information meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 in the G. Ray Bodley High School cafeteria. The 2:40 p.m. meeting will discuss tryouts and sign-ups for the fall football season, fundraising, and cheerleading camp in July.

All students are welcome. For further information contact Mrs. Rodriguez or Mrs. Howell at the Fulton Junior High School.



Distance runner Noah Carroll, top, and sprinter/jumper John Strong are two veterans performers who are being counted on this spring by the Raider track and field team. (Taylor Harvey photos)



**Auditions end today!**

## Opinion

# Butler vs. Michigan State could be a classic

By Eric Belair

As the NCAA Final Four rolls around this Saturday, it is time to take a deeper look at the match-ups between the teams. Just two weeks ago there were 65 teams looking to become national champions, now only four remaining standing: Butler, Duke, Michigan State and West Virginia. The first game we will look at will be Butler against Michigan State.

This is an interesting match-up as each team is a #5 seed; Butler is from that wild West Region, while Michigan State is from the Midwest Region. Each team has their strengths and weaknesses, but when everything comes down to it, it is about which team wants it more.

Some people may say that Butler should not be this far or Butler does not deserve to be in the Final Four. Well I have a news flash for all you boneheads out there who have said that: Butler deserves to be in the Final Four. The Bulldogs deserve it because they defeated the top two teams in their region, the #1 and #2 seed. In the regional semifinals Butler squared off against the #1 seed, the Syracuse Orange. This was a hard fought game as the Bulldogs pulled out to a decent lead then let Syracuse get right back into the game and even take the lead. But in the end Butler hung on for a 63-59 win. Next up was #2 Kansas State. The Wildcats were a heavy favorite over Butler, but once again the Bulldogs came out victorious against another top ranked opponent, with a similar score of 63-56.

There is a common factor between these two wins and all of Butler's other tournament wins thus far: opponents scoring. The Bulldogs are giving up an average of 56.5 points a game in the tournament; which is even more impressive considering their last two opponents. Butler plays an aggressive and up-in-your-face type of defense, and it's tenacious. Just ask the 'Cuse. They have not given up over 60 points yet in a game. Despite being a smaller and relatively unknown college, Butler's athleticism can match-up against anyone.

Butler does not rely on one aspect of their game to take them to victory. Matt Howard brings a big presence to the inside, unless he gets into foul trouble. Sophomore guards Shelvin Mack and Ronald Nored bring great dribble penetration to the table along with some outside shooting from beyond the arc. The Bulldogs best player is Gordon Hayward. He had a great performance against Kansas State as he led the Bulldogs with 22 points and 9 rebounds. Hayward has a nice all-around game: the jumper, the dribble and the pass. He is a very underrated player in college basketball. These are the four main players who can have the biggest impact for Butler to win.

Michigan State is a team that plays well in times like this, the NCAA Tournament. In crunch time the Spartans fight hard to come out victorious and stay alive to play another day. Michigan State was not given a legitimate chance to reach this point in the tournament when the bracket came out, but because of upsets and a team coming together in



a time of need, The Spartans are playing the Final Four for the sixth time in twelve years and second consecutive season.

Michigan State beat an upset-minded #9 Panthers team from Northern Iowa in the Sweet Sixteen, 59-52. The Elite Eight brought about a more diverse team with more intangibles and athleticism in the #6 Tennessee Volunteers. The Volunteers looked like they were going to beat Michigan State but since the Spartans fought to get this far, they were not heading home early. Michigan State's Durrell Summers hit a free throw with 1.8 seconds left to win the game, 70-69, and advance to the Final Four.

The Spartans were faced with a big challenge a few games ago in the second round against Maryland, when their top player, Kalin Lucas, went down with an injury. Lucas ruptured his Achilles tendon early in the game. Sophomore Korie Lucious has been faced with the task of filling Lucas' shoes; and thus far he has done a good job. But other players have stepped up in the absence. Durrell Summers has stepped up; as he averaged 10 points in the regular season but is averaging 20 ppg in the tournament. These are the things that teams need in a time like this. Senior swingman Raymar Morgan has played well but will need to have a solid game in the Final Four. Sophomore Draymond

Green might be Michigan State's best all around player. He comes off the bench but is very dangerous from anywhere on the floor, except shooting three-pointers. Green is capable of erupting for a double-double on any given night. Any one of these players has the ability to lead the Spartans in battle.

Many people feel as if these teams have done a 180 degree spin because neither Butler nor Michigan State were figured to reach this point. But now it is like neither of these teams can do anything wrong. Butler may have a bit of momentum on their side as they are riding a 24 game win streak, not to mention the biggest advantage of all; the Bulldogs are

pretty much playing a "home" game as they are playing only seven miles away from their real home. This gives Butler a slight advantage, but Michigan State is an experienced team in the NCAA Tournament and they are coached by one of college basketball's greats in Tom Izzo. This will be a great game, and making it even better is the fact that it is the Final Four with a trip to the national championship game on the line. *(Be sure to check here again tomorrow, when Eric will break down Saturday's other national semi-final game pitting Duke against Big-East Tournament champs West Virginia)*



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**School of Thought** compiled by Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

# What do you like most about Easter?



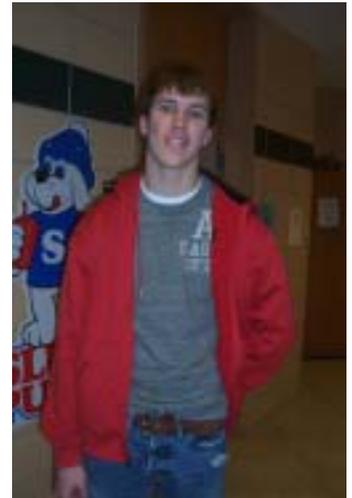
"Hanging out with family."  
**Michael Kimball**



"Hunting for eggs!"  
**Erica Clark**



"Candy."  
**Joe Viscome**



"Candy!!"  
**Tyler French**

## Morning announcements for Wednesday, March 31

A reminder to everyone who signed up that the Bodley's Got Talent auditions are scheduled for today.

Attention seniors! Order forms for senior shirts are now available in room 125. The shirts will cost \$10 and money is due by Thursday, so don't delay.

Senior guys, do you have what it takes to become Mr. GRB? All senior boys interested in competing for this coveted title need to attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, March 31 during seminar in room 125.

Please bring in dresses, shoes and bags for the Junior Prom dress sale, which will be held April 12th through 16th. The dress you wore once can make the prom memorable for someone else. See Ms. Crucitti or Ms. Vicat for more details.

The next meeting of the library club will take place on Wednesday, March 31st at 2:20 in the LMC.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between whole grain spaghetti with meat sauce, turkey hotdog on a bun, or smucker's PBJ.

## Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf

**Today:** Sun and clouds. High in the low-50s.

**Tonight:** Mainly clear. Low around 40.

**Tomorrow:** Sun and clouds. Considerably warmer with a high in the mid-60s.

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