

It's showtime!

Quirk Players production of
"The Sound of Music"

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Pit orchestra ready for *The Sound of Music*

By Brandon Teetsel

As the preparation time for the spring musical comes to an end, all of the cast and crew are undoubtedly apprehensive. Many people are familiar with the main cast, and wishing them luck. But what about the Pit Orchestra, filled with many dedicated students and adults to help the musical be its best? Although several high school students are in the pit, the band and orchestra directors also join in, along with various adults from the community to fill in the empty spots.

Performing in the pit orchestra is quite intense, playing with many professionals who have been playing their instruments for a majority of their lives. These people have played in a vast amount of musicals, being familiar with many of the songs that they perform. The members of the pit have nowhere near the amount of rehearsals as the cast, so their responsibility is to become masters of the music on their own time. The pit sets the tone of the play, increasing drama and providing some catchy tunes to hum along with.

Without many rehearsals with the full cast and crew, many students are nervous, but the professionals are not. While the students in the play get to miss class and perform a preview for the different schools, the pit orchestra members stay in class, and the preview is only accompanied with the piano.

With the help of every member of the pit orchestra, the musical will surely be fantastic. The students of the pit orchestra include Brandon Teetsel and Ben Hendry on cello, Emmy Moloscon, Maddy Clark, and Lyndsey Ladd on viola, Sarah Allee on violin and trumpeter Jordan Spier as well as Jamie Buck on tuba, Nick Abelgore on trombone, Elizabeth Guernsey on flute, and Cassandra Gardener at clarinet.

The show will be spectacular once all of the



Maria (Claire Bawarski) strums her guitar while singing to the Von Trapp children in a scene from the Quirk's Players production of *The Sound of Music*, which kicked off last night at the G. Ray Bodley High School auditorium. The Players will be at it again tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 with an additional 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. Playing the Von Trapp children are (standing) Kerriann Knopp and Mitch Lalik as well as (seated, left to right) Katelyn Caza, Macean MacIntyre, Mackenzie Hayden, Victoria Eckhard and Elena Ruzekowicz. (Senecal photo)

kinks and jitters are out, and making it wonderful entertainment for all. Be sure to check out the musical at some point, whether it's to-

night or Saturday, come and fully enjoy not only the cast and crew, but also the pit orchestra.

Record-setting runner headed to state meet

So with winter almost over it is time to reminisce in the season of winter sports that has passed... NOT!. For one athlete, the winter season will continue on for several more weeks as senior Noah Carroll heads to Cornell for the New York State Indoor Track and Field Meet, and then to the Nike Indoor Nationals in Boston Massachusetts.

This past Monday Carroll finished second in the state qualifier 1600 meter run in a school record time of 4:24.23. Just two seconds be-

hind nationally ranked Alex Hatz of F-M, Carroll wrote his own return ticket to the state meet.

Carroll broke a long-standing school record set by Vance Dann. It was the first time a Fulton runner has been this close to the top of the state rankings in the 1600 in over 25 years. Carroll goes into the state meet ranked sixth in the seedings, which is one of the highest for a Fulton track athlete ever! Carroll knows it will

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Opinion

There's a new sheriff in this town

By Brenna Merry

This year G. Ray Bodley High School has been introduced to a new principal, Mr. Buchanan, along with new rules. It seems as though the school this year has been under constant change, other than just the physical additions.

Recently, new rules about tardiness have been introduced. Students can only be allowed three "tardies" every five weeks before they are put on phases. Although the idea of this program is to motivate students to arrive at school on time, many students do not agree with the new rules. Junior Bridget McKnight noted, "sometimes being late is out of my control. When I get stuck at every red light or behind a train or if my alarm didn't go off. I don't feel that I should be punished for the inevitable."

Even though the new policies have caused quite a commotion, they seem to be effective. Juniors are making sure they get to school on time due to the threat that too many tardies will result in an inability to go to prom.

Along with the new rules old rules are also starting to be more strictly enforced. Last week Principal Buchanan made an announcement over the loudspeaker to address this fact. He spoke of the need for students to shut off their phones when they enter the building as well as take off their headphones. Students have heard these rules many times before, but do not feel the need to abide by them. This is because different teachers have different levels of enforcement. Students know which teachers will allow them to text, which will give warnings and which will take their phone away.

Nonetheless, every teacher does not understand the student's incessant need to text. What students see as their lifeline, teachers see as a



disconnection from the world. Although I am a slave to my cell phone, at times even I wonder why it is that students can't keep their phones away for six hours in the day. Senior Julie Allen says, "When you're so used to having your phone to check the time or make plans for after school, you can't help but take your phone out of habit. As long as students aren't texting when they are being taught I don't see what the big deal is."

Texting is actually not the main problem with phones. The reason the rule is so crucial is because most phones now have cameras on them. There is a fear that students will take a picture of someone without that person's knowledge and use it against him or her. In taking student's

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phones away teachers are trying to protect them and their schoolmates. As of late, one can look around and see more and more teachers taking students phones away. The more lenient teachers say, "It's true that it is a rule and we should be enforcing it regardless of our opinions."

With the new principal, G. Ray Bodley is taking a whole new shape. There are new rules and new privileges for the well behaved students, like the VIP passes, that are making students behave in a more suitable way. The principal has introduced a better environment to be around as well as listening to the voice of the students in the principal's round table. Although many do not agree with the new policies, all can see that a change was for the better.

Light weekend for new movie releases

It's Friday and there are new movies playing at theaters near you! This weekend, Hollywood's biggest of the year due to the upcoming Academy Awards, there are only two movies coming to the theaters. These movies are Alice in Wonderland and Brooklyn's Finest.

Alice in Wonderland is based on the fairy tale, but now Alice is older and she returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure. Tim Burton's artistic abilities add strange twists into this movie. The film stars Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp and Anne Hathaway. The plot of this movie is that Alice returns to this magical world and re-

unites with her old friends. She then learns what her true destiny is, to end the Red Queen's reign of terror. Alice in Wonderland is going to be playing in 3-D in some cinemas.

Brooklyn's Finest is also a new movie coming to theaters this weekend. This movie stars Richard Gere, Don Cheadle, and Ethan Hawke and takes place in Brooklyn, New York. Three unconnected cops were dispatched

to the same local notorious housing project. Each of them are struggling with their own personal and professional dilemmas and while on the job and the housing project they will each collide with destiny.

After you support your fellow students in the production of The Sound of Music this weekend, head over to the cinemas to check out one of these movies. As always, check your local listings for movie times and locations.

Runner to compete (from page 1)

be a tough race, but he remains optimistic regarding the outcome of the race. "Last year was pretty much just a learning experience. The relay team I was put on was DQ'd because of a line infraction, but this year will be different. I'm hoping to finish on the podium with at least another school record." Obviously a confident Carroll goes into the state meet with high hopes, and a very good chance of achieving them.

Carroll will depart for Barton Hall at 11 a.m. Saturday morning. Plans for after states include a trip to Nike Indoors Nationals, where he hopes to put up a fight with the best in the nation. "This is what everything comes down to," Carroll said. "I will do everything I can to bring a little bit of glory back to the community." With that being said, it is time for Carroll to capitalize on his promise to Fulton.





Raider bowlers headed to state championship

The varsity boys bowling team will go gunning for the New York State title this weekend at Poughkeepsie as the Raiders take part in the state final for the second straight year. Fulton placed fifth in the state last year and will be looking to match or better that mark when the team competes against the best high school bowlers in New York State. Pictured from left to right are (first row) Alex Stanski, Derek Southworth and Dan Donaldson with Coach Mike Tryniski, Sean Amico, Dan Wahl and Jondn Tryniski in the second row. (Fultonian Yearbook photo)

The Situation charges to tournament glory

Bump! Set! Spike! That's what you heard Wednesday afternoon as the annual volleyball tournament was taking place. The gym was packed and full of excitement as many students and faculty members took part in this competition. There were ten teams consisting of students and staff.

Among the ten teams competing in this tournament was, "The Situation." This team put much work and effort into getting ready for the tournament, such as purchasing team t-shirts. The team shirts read: GTL - Always Look Fresh. This slogan and their team name came from the popular MTV hit show "Jersey Shore." This team consisted of seniors Max Ambuske, Justin Baldwin, Eric Belair, and Andrew Kush as well as faculty members Mr. Fadden and Mr. Lyons.

The Situation displayed total dominance in this tournament as they walked to a 9-0 record, defeating each team by an average of 10 points, while scoring an average of 21. The teams that gave The Situation their toughest competition were Team Diesel and Champions. Champions were made up of the two time defending Section III champion volleyball team, which included seniors Taylor Harvey, Lindsay Navagh,

Karlee Osborn and Sabrina Sutton, along with juniors Kristin Briggs and Kirsten Fransis. The ladies came out ready to win and show why they were the best team in the land, but The Situation had a change of plans for them. The guys were determined to beat the Champions and they did, with an 18-11 victory.

After this the only team left to conquer were the wrestlers, Team Diesel. Team Diesel consisted of varsity wrestlers and Coach Fasulo. Team Diesel started out the match playing tough and pulled within one point, but The Situation had their eyes on the prize, so they stepped up their game and came out victorious with a 19-12 win.

Upon completing their undefeated "season," The Situation was 9-0 and proclaimed as the champions of the volleyball world. The team was on cloud nine and they felt accomplished with their high performance on the day. While the varsity girls team finished second with an 8-1 mark, they were not eligible for prizes. As a result, Average Joes were runners-up, followed by Team Diesel and The Underdogs in third and fourth place respectively.

By Eric Belair

The Zany Zodiac

Lions and tigers and a brand new horoscope

Aries- With a brand new month, it's about time for a brand new outlook on life.

Taurus- Whether you feel like your life has meaning or not, the stars say it doesn't. Sorry.

Gemini- You have finally overcome the hardship in your life, however you have yet to overcome being a complete idiot. You idiot.

Cancer- Good horoscope today... you look NICE!

Leo- Don't make a little deal into a big deal. Because when you make a little deal into a big one, no one likes you. Keep it a small deal, OK? Big deals are bull, small deals are chill. Don't sweat the small stuff bro.

Virgo- Lions and tigers and a... Doberman Pinscher! LOOK OUT!

Libra- If at first you don't succeed, quit. Don't waste your time lollygagging around like a bunch of preschoolers.

Scorpio- Your parents can take away your phone, and take away your keys, but they can NOT take away your dreams.

Unless you're a 5'3", 97 pound one-armed white male who dreams of being in the NBA. Then they might be able to take those dreams away.

Sagittarius- Na na na na, na na na na, hey hey hey, goodbye. No, seriously, you're late for work.

Capricorn- You live life in the fast lane, meaning no stop signs, no red lights and there is no pulling over to take pictures.

Aquarius- Life is like a box of chocolates... you know the rest.

Pisces- It stinks to be you on Friday during Lent.

By Noah Carroll & Andrew Kush



School of Thought compiled by Kirstie Potter & Sarese Gibson

Which spring sports team will go the farthest?



"Softball."
Ms. Sobota



"Softball."
Courtney Falanga



"Girls track."
Ms. Scanlon



"Boys track."
Mrs. Wilmot

GRB announcements for Friday, March 5

All boys and girls interested in outdoor track are reminded that practice begins on Monday at 2:45 in the large group instruction room.

Varsity boys lacrosse practice will begin on Monday from 2:45 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot if weather permits. If not, it will be at the junior high at the same time. Be ready for either with full equipment.

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

Winter sports athletes are reminded that the Fulton Boosters winter sports awards are on Monday at 5:30 in the auditorium.

The auditorium will be alive with the Sound of Music this evening when the Quirk's Players production begins at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support your classmates. Tickets are just \$7 at the door.

Attention students who have been enrolled in any level Latin class in the past, even if not currently. You are eligible to participate in Atlas's 21st annual Latin Day at SU on May 17. If you want to be a part of the event, see Mr. Crisafulli ASAP for an information and permission packet.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Sun and clouds. High in the mid-30s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low around 20.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny. High near 40, low around 30.

Sunday: Cloudy skies. High in the upper-30s. Low around 30.

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