

Principal's Roundtable yields many suggestions

By Adam Wolford

The first Monday of the month meant that it was time for the committee known as the Principal's Roundtable to meet again on May 3 to discuss issues that they saw in the school. The meeting was started with a recap of the last meeting. G. Ray Bodley High School Principal Mr. Buchanan explained that there are many new changes in the lunchroom including the introduction of strawberry milk. However, one student explained that the blue trays in the cafeteria were taken away. Mr. Buchanan said he will look into the rationale behind the disappearance of the blue trays.

Then he left the floor open for anyone who saw any issues in the school. One girl explained that the bathrooms were a major issue for her. "They are dirty and have stuff all over the floor," explained the student, "and the stalls don't lock." Mr. Buchanan explained that the doors wouldn't lock until the bathrooms are remodeled. He also explained that the janitors check the bathrooms between bells, however they can't catch everything and if a student sees an issue, they need to report it. The student suggested cutting hall monitors and adding bathroom monitors to check for smokers and vandalizers. Mr. Buchanan explained "[we must have] the best use of the resources available to us...one person in each bathroom? I can't staff that."

The next issue brought to light was the dirtiness of the lunchroom. Principal Buchanan explained that, "it's all about accepting personal responsibility." If you drop something, pick it up. This can set an example for the people around you to clean up their messes. Mr. Buchanan recognized the direct correlation between the garbage on the ground and the amount of garbage left behind after each bell. "If you want a clean building," the principal explained, "we have to do what's in our power to make that happen."

Next someone mentioned the issue of the missing clocks. Mr. Buchanan explained that the clocks are part of the building project, which is about a month behind. He also sent an open invitation to seniors, "come and check out your alma mater [once you leave] as we move forward." Finally the meeting was con-

cluded by Mr. Buchanan honoring the championship OCAY league team and also the efforts of the SADD club's Gone4ever exhibit, which is currently on display in the large-group instruction room.

Despite the fact that the school year is almost over and many people are coming down with summer fever, the students who are part

of the principal's roundtable are surely not done with the school year. What they say and do this year could affect what happens next year or even further down the road when they are seniors. Without a doubt the principal's roundtable is a great platform for students to come and talk like an adult, and make a change in the school.



A sure sign that summer is coming is the sight of cars lined up to watch the movies at the Midway Drive-In Theater. (Sarah Allee photo)

You know it's almost summer when...

Besides the obviously improved weather outside, people can also tell that summer is on its way with the opening of the Midway Drive-In Theatre in Minetto and The Big Dipper ice cream parlor in Volney.

Last Friday, April 30, marked the opening of both businesses along with the end of April and the beginning of May. Although many were unsure of when The Big Dipper was going to open, there was still a good-sized crowd around the building on opening day. The drive-in began its season with the showing of Avatar and Tooth Fairy from April 30-May 2.

Starting this Friday, May 7 and playing until May 9, will be the first triple feature of the year with Alice in Wonderland, The Last Song, and When in Rome. Alice in Wonderland will be shown in 2-D only as current 3-D digital technology does not permit projection onto a drive-in theatre screen. Gates open at 7 pm and admission is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 7-11, and children under 6 are admitted free of charge. Alice in Wonderland is scheduled to begin at 8:35 pm each night. The Last Song is scheduled to begin at 10:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and 12:00am on Sunday. Last but certainly not least; When in Rome is scheduled to begin at 12:15am on Friday and Saturday and 10:30 pm on Sunday.

You know that summer is upon us when they're checking out the movies at the Midway Drive-in.

By Alexia Semeraro

Opinion

Unique history makes Stanley Cup the best

By Ryan Kesterke

Every professional sport has their “trophy,” the championship trophy that teams play for all season long. It is what makes the game worth playing.

But while football has the Vince Lombardi trophy and baseball the World Series trophy, there are none that can match hockey’s Stanley Cup. What makes the Stanley Cup different from all other championship title trophies are the history and traditions engraved on Lord Stanley’s mug itself, as well as the sheer magnificence of this impressive trophy.



The old tell tale of the beginning of the “cup” starts with a Canadian hockey team in Montreal. It has been said that when Lord Stanley donated the “cup” it was awarded to the top team of that year’s hockey season, which happened to be Montreal. After a long night of celebrating with champagne one of the players was said to have drop kicked the Cup (which was a lot lighter back then) off of a bridge and into a small stream because the players had not taken the trophy seriously.

The cup was then found and recovered by the team’s coach. The players names were then engraved on the trophy, which has been a continuing tradition ever since. The Stanley Cups unique shape and tradition of keeping the



same trophy every year, unlike other sports that remake the trophy every year, also make it special.

The Stanley Cup has been the same trophy every year, but only the size changes as each team that wins the trophy has the names of the players and coaches engraved on the trophy. The unique Cup shaped top has made the drinking of champagne out of the trophy an iconic celebration amongst the NHL champions, and when summer rolls around each player on the championship team has the privilege of owning the cup for a day and may do whatever he wishes with the cup... except kick it over a bridge. Local fans may well recall the Cup’s visit to Oswego four years ago when native son Eric Cole brought it home to celebrate Carolina’s Stanley Cup championship.

Because of the cups priceless originality and all the history it contains, it is the most guarded trophy in all of sports. This is what the NHL Playoffs are about and this is why every player gives it all is to hold the Cup up and spend one fantastic day in offseason celebrating before heading back out on the ice in October to defend Lord Stanley’s trophy.

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Save your words of wit for an essay

By Alicia Vann

“Together 4-Ever!” “Call me!” “Insert any profanity here...” These are only some of the many derogatory messages that can be found written in the female bathroom stalls. Honestly, there are many other ways to express how you truly feel. That’s something that I personally do not want to be reading about while I do my business.

For one, the messages are causing issues for the custodians. It is not cheap putting a new coat of paint on a door in order to cover up a three-word phrase. The janitors already spend a vast majority of their time cleaning up messes in bathrooms that could have been easily prevented, like paper towels or toilet paper on the



ground. There are easier ways to express your emotions, like an old-fashion conversation. Even a good old-fashioned written sentiment could suffice. But vandalizing a public place isn’t really the best way to go about it.

Two, writing a message can cause more drama than the message was making on it’s own. For example, a message saying a girl is pregnant, promiscuous, or unruly can initially start a slew of rumors that could cause more trouble than needed. It’s like the golden rule, “Do onto others as you would like done onto you.” If you would not like things written about you, why would you write things about them?

Lastly, most girls do not want to read about drama on stalls. Don’t get me wrong; some of the thoughts on the disposal boxes can be quite amusing. But honestly, the messages are not needed, are unnecessary, and just become a hassle after awhile for not only students, but janitors and other employees as well. In short, stop the vandalism. Save your words of wit for an English essay.

Upcoming events:

May 3-5: Class of 2012 days at Mimi’s Drive-in.

May 3-10: Gone4Ever display, sponsored by SADD. Exhibit open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. @ GRB.

Friday, May 14: Junior Prom at DoubleTree Hotel, 7 p.m.

GRB Photo Club Contest

Theme: **SPRING**

submit your entries to Mlle Amerault

contest deadline is Friday,

May 7



The girls lacrosse team faced off against Chittanooga on Monday, and we've got the pictures to prove it. Midfielder Caitlin LaVoie controls the ball, top left, while attacker Emily Rothrock looks for a shot on the Chittanooga net, top right. Raider defenders Bridget McKnight, left, and Hannah Dunsmoor have their Bear covered in the middle photo, while Alyssa Fruce looks to race past two opponents in the bottom photo. (Taylor Harvey photos)

THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

Today: Softball vs. Cortland (4:30); Baseball @ Cortland (4:45); Track @ Homer/ES-M (4:30); Tennis @ Mexico (4:30).

Thurs. May 6: Boys lax @ New Hartford (5 p.m.); Girls lax @ Mexico (V-4:30/JV-6:00).

Fri. May 7: Tennis @ ES-M (4:30);

Sat. May 8: Softball @ Phoenix Tourney (TBA); Baseball @ Corcoran (11 a.m.); Girls lax @ Manlius-Pebble Hill (V-noon).

Mon. May 10: Girls lax vs. J-D (V-4:30/JV-6 p.m.).

Tues. May 11: V baseball & softball vs. CBA (4:30); JV baseball & softball @ CBA (4:30); Tennis @ Fowler (4:45); Boys lax @ ES-M (4:30/v-5 p.m.);

Raider Sports

School of Thought compiled by Kaitlin Sivers & Erica Lamb

What is your favorite movie?



"Ice Age the first one."
Colin Shannon

"Grease."
Sabrina Sutton

"Ice Age the first one."
Mrs. Kemper

"Star Wars."
Mr. Mainville

Morning announcements for Wednesday, May 5

Attention seniors! The final due date for all cedar point money as well as paperwork is Friday, May 14th. The total cost for the trip is \$125, which includes entry to the park and unlimited soda. Seats are limited, so hurry and grab one today.

Senior shirts are in. Please pick them up in Mr. Perry's room.

Senior dinner dance tickets will be going on sale soon.

Physicals for sports and working papers will be held on Thursday as well as Tuesday May 25th and Thursday May 27th. Students will be called from class. Please check in the nurse's office to see if you need a physical.

Buy a photo club t-shirt for \$15. Order forms are in room 120. The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday, May 12 after school. Don't forget that the deadline for the spring photo contest is next Friday, May 7.

Support the Class of 2012 tonight or May tenth through twelfth at their Mimi's Nights. All you have to do is give an official Mimi's Night ticket to the cashier when you pay. Tickets are available in advisory or from Mrs. Windsor. Come enjoy a meal at Mimi's Drive-in while supporting the sophomore class.

Meteorology and you by Carson Metcalf

Today: Mainly sunny. High in the mid-70s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a scattered shower or storm. Low near 50.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with a scattered rain shower. High in the mid-60s.

GRB sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com ...Look for his weather forecasts on RaiderNet Daily.

