

Summer adventure awaits GRB science teacher

By Taylor Harvey

While we've all heard of NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NOAA may be a little less familiar to the average American. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, "is an agency that enriches life through science," to quote their website. Recently, our own Mr. Ward has been given the opportunity to work with this group in a special program entitled Teacher at Sea.

Although it's relative that NASA may be better known, NOAA has been around since about 1807. Originally called the Survey of the Coast, NOAA works to educate and inform citizens about their environment. They are always adapting to accommodate the needs of their country and utilize cutting-edge research and technology to do their job.

Climate monitoring, severe storm warnings, daily weather forecasts, fishery management, supporting marine commerce, and coastal restoration are just a few of the activities in which this group is influential. NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation's economic, social, and environmental needs. They hope to aid in the formation of an informed society that uses a comprehensive understanding of the role of the oceans, coasts, and atmosphere in the global ecosystem to make the best social and economic decisions.

NOAA has several outstanding educational programs, but the Teacher at Sea program is very unique. This organization was founded in 1990 and so far, 500 teachers from around the U.S. have benefited from their experiences of learning and researching at sea. The goal of TAS is to aid teachers in learning about our oceans, understand maritime studies and work, and improve their environmental comprehension. They can then pass this freshly gained knowledge on to their students.

Mr. Ward stumbled across the Teacher at Sea program earlier this year when he was searching for programs to further his education and refine his role as an educator. He immediately became very interested and began the application process. To all you seniors who recently finished your college application process, a

long series of essays and recommendation letters probably sounds quite familiar. But on top of this, Mr. Ward had to meet several other requirements before being considered. These included: evidence of good health, physical adeptness, and endurance, the flexibility and ability to cope with the uncertain, the ability to transfer complicated information to students, a superior who is supportive of the program, English language fluency, computer literacy, and to be comfortable with travel. It was also recommended that any wishing to apply have a passport so that their program options would not be limited.

After this long process was complete, Mr. Ward awaited his letter of acceptance or denial to the program. In the last few weeks, Mr. Ward received the wonderful news. The TAS program only selects 25-30 teachers from around the U.S. to participate each year, and our own Earth Science teacher was one of the select, qualified few.

Now Mr. Ward is busy preparing for his adventure at sea. His trip will extend from August 26 to September 1 this summer aboard a ship called the Miller Freeman. He will begin his academic endeavor in Seattle, Washington, travel through the West Pacific and Bering Sea, and come to a halt in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Surrounded by only the crew and a team of scientists, Mr. Ward will conduct research and

learn from some of the brightest minds in our society. Each day he will be posting a journal on the NOAA website and e-mailing students and any who are interested to keep them up to date on his experiences.

Through his work with the TAS program Mr. Ward hopes to educate his students about NOAA and their work. He desires to make NOAA as common a household phrase as NASA and share his experiences and knowledge with those around him. Not many seem to recognize and respect just how amazing our own environment can be and hopefully Mr. Ward's adventure will help to shed some light on the fascinating conditions here on our own planet.

When asked to comment on his upcoming voyage, Mr. Ward said, "This journey will be such a great opportunity not only for me, but for my students and the community at large. The chance to learn about a more obscure branch of science and impart my knowledge to others will be so enriching and I'm looking forward to it very much."

It was clear that Mr. Ward was incredibly excited about this awesome adventure and all that it entails. We should be proud to have such a dedicated, academic educator at GRB and wish him luck on his quest for knowledge and understanding this summer.



Bodley Earth Science teacher Mr. Ward was one of a select few applicants picked to take part in a prestigious summer project, that will take him into the Bering Sea.

Opinion

Senioritis; don't let it happen to you!

By Travis Cowart

You seniors ready to move on to college may think you are all set. You have your acceptance letter, your financial aid is taken care of, and you may have even filled out some scholarships. But there is one more thing you need to finish before you head out to college, and it might be the most crucial. You need to finish your final quarter in high school.



Quite a few people have no problem with keeping their grades up during the last quarter of the senior year. Others, however, think it is okay to take the last moments of high school as a time where no work needs to be done. This is known as senioritis. Senioritis, believe it or not, causes more harm than help. Colleges pay more attention to the senior year when compared to the previous three. Many applications require you to list your senior classes, with course levels and credit hours listed along with it. This shows the admissions officers whether or not you are taking the year off.

Even if you are accepted into a college, senioritis could drastically increase the chance of losing your acceptance. Many acceptance letters say, "Your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance." This means that you must keep your grades up throughout your high school career in order to remain accepted in the college you want to go to. So if you plan on keeping your acceptance, get rid of the senioritis and keep working on your grades.

Senior year can be very useful. Senior year is your opportunity to strengthen your skills and broaden your experiences, in school and out, and to prepare for all of the challenges ahead. A successful senior year could possibly lead to a successful future as well.

Two main methods of optimizing your senior year experience are to take more challenging courses, and to remain active and involved with school activities. Challenging courses, such as physics and the available AP classes, not only look good on your high school transcript, but also give you the opportunity to take college credit hours at your school. It is a lot cheaper than taking the course in college, and it also shows that you really mean business when it comes to college.

Being active also has its perks when it comes to your senior year. Activities such as sports, volunteer work, and school clubs could help you stay focused and motivated for your senior year. Meaningful experiences like these will give you that extra boost in order to help you in the present, as well as the future.

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In other words, senioritis is something all students should avoid. Colleges are still looking at their future students, and if they see a slacking student, they will not hesitate to deny the admission given to you. Avoid senioritis by being active, and diligent, and you should challenge yourself just as you all have since freshman year. Those colleges have seen potential in each accepted student, so show them that they have made the right decision, and tell them that you will see those college advisors as a student in your chosen college.

Gulf oil disaster hammers the ecosystem

By Brandon Teetsel

As many people already know, drilling for oil is a dangerous and a necessary endeavor at this point in time. We raise eyesore oil rigs, taking away from the natural beauty of the environment. While we drill for that precious resource, which without, we wouldn't be able to survive without an alternate resource, the chance for an accident to occur is there. This would be devastating to the surrounding habitats, killing not only the animals, but destroying plant life as well.

The disaster in the Gulf not only hinders the oil, but various other agencies as well. The disaster threatens the entire multibillion-dollar Gulf States fishing industry, the second largest in the nation. From the natural environment to the man-made companies, everything is affected. The wildlife of the Gulf is dying, everything from the fish to the various birds who live in that ecosystem.

The brown pelican, which happens to be the state bird of Louisiana and was just removed off of the endangered species list, lives in the Gulf environment. It also just started its nesting season, but unfortunately, dead pelicans wash up on shore each day, along with sea turtles,



various fish, birds, and other marine life. Many environmentalists, along with your average Joe, are concerned about the oil platform disaster.

Although many people are concerned with what has happened in the Gulf, not many know what is going to resolve this problem. The original plan was to construct a massive metal tower to cap the leak, and then the oil gushing out could be siphoned off. Unfortunately, pipes were blocked by crystallized gas, which forced the metal tower to be removed from the seabed. Meanwhile, oil continues to gush out of the ocean floor at a rate of 4000 barrels a day or more.

As of right now, tar and oil are washing up on the shores of Alabama, but tests are being done to determine whether it is coming from the spill or not. They are also laying down clusters of oil-absorbing synthetic fibers, and storm fencing along the beaches. As of right now, no solution has been made to remedy this situation.

In short, the disaster in the Gulf is quite a problem, and destroying habitats and ecosystems in the Gulf. The first solution has failed, and now engineers are doing what they can to stall the devastation, while they try to find a permanent solution.



It's a sure sign that the school year is winding down when members of the G. Ray Bodley High School band are outside practicing in preparation for the upcoming Memorial Day celebration. Neighbors of GRB have been treated to early morning music this week as the band prepares for the big day. (Senecal photo)

Track teams invade Cortland

Today the Fulton boys and girls track teams will retain their road Raider status, going to compete in Cortland for their last league meet of the year. For the boys especially this meet will determine how they will fare the rest of the season. The boys are 5-1 (4-1 in league racing) and will most likely finish right behind Jamesville-Dewitt. The Red Rams beat Fulton early on in the season while they were missing several star athletes. The league meet next Tuesday could go down in Freedom League History as one of the closest ever.

Today, however, the boys will face two very beatable teams. Host Cortland poses little threat to the distance squad Fulton puts forth, and Fowler, who will also be in attendance, have several major flaws that the Raiders will look to expose. The girls, with their middle distance squad, will have a battle to the finish, and it will most likely come down to the last couple of races just like it did on Monday. The boys will take nothing less than two more wins to add to an already impressive record.

After today there will be a slight break for the girls while the boys keep right on racing. Saturday the boys will head up to Ogdensburg to defend their titles at the annual Van Dusen Invitational, one of the oldest and most prestigious races in the state. If all goes well, the league meet on Tuesday could play out in favor of the Raiders.

By Noah Carroll

CBA sweeps Raider diamond crews

Christian Brothers Academy combined to make it a tough day for Raider diamond forces on Tuesday as the Lady Brothers eeked out a 1-0 win in softball while the boys exploded for a 15-7 win on the baseball field. One day after tossing a one-hitter, Fulton's Jessica Palmitesso came back to fire a two hitter on the Brothers, but two hits proved to be enough in the big CBA victory.

Kaitlyn McIntyre's double helped fuel a second inning run that stood as the difference in the final tally. Fulton outhit CBA 5-2, but could not score

In baseball the Brothers literally doubled up on Fulton by smacking eight two-baggers on the day, including three from Bryant Moore and a pair off the bat of Dan Patane, who also joined Riley Dixon and Pat Wiese with three RBI efforts. Tyler Terramiggi and Max Fobes drove in two runs apiece for Fulton while Bobbie Bonnie, Josh Collins and Dave Anderson also had an RBI apiece for the Raiders.

Prom: fun night comes at a price

As many prom-goers know, prom is not just a \$5 school dance night. The costs of prom can be overwhelming at times, and feel like a fortune. Not only for girls, but the guys costs can get pretty hefty as well.

For girls, their junior year may be the most exciting one of high school. The dress, shoes, make-up, hair and date conversations are constantly popping up. However, all of these can be fairly costly. Dresses on average run between \$200-\$600, while hair and make-up can reach as high as \$70. Meanwhile, the cost of dinner can be anywhere from \$15-\$50.00, depending whether they're paying for a date's dinner as well. On average, a girl's prom night from GRB has cost \$500.

Guys, on the other hand are not spending \$250. on a prom dress. However instead, they do pay for their tux, limo, dinner, and prom tickets. The tuxes usually run around \$115. Limos roughly cost \$100, with a possible \$17 haircut if they feel like looking extra spiffy. Along with dinner ranking in at about \$20, and a \$35 prom ticket, the guys are roughly paying \$250 for prom.

So while this night may be costly for some, it's a night to enjoy and forget about all the past worries. Your prom only comes once in your life so forget about any drama, dance it up, enjoy the music, and have a great night with your friends and dates!

By Morgan Mirabito & Jessica Palmitesso

THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

Today: Track @ Cortland/Fowler (4:45); Tennis vs. Cortland (4:30);

Thurs. May 13: V softball, JV baseball vs. Homer (4:45); JV softball, V baseball @ Homer (4:45); Tennis @ Chittenango (4:30); Boys lax @ Whitesboro (5 p.m.); Girls lax vs. Whitesboro (V-5:00/JV-6:30).

Sat. May 15: Track @ VanDusen Invitational in Ogdensburg.

(due to weather conditions, spring sports schedules are subject to change)

Upcoming events:

May 10-12: Class of 2012 days at Mimi's Drive-in.

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

Sports

Lax-luster effort leads to 15-5 setback

By Eric Belair

The boys lacrosse team had another disappointing game last night as they traveled to East Syracuse-Minoa to take on the surging Spartans. The Spartans dominated Fulton and made the Raiders travel home with a 15-5 defeat at hand. ES-M has a 7-5 record, which is fourth in the league, while the Raiders dropped to 2-12 after this loss.

The opening face-off set the pace for the whole game. East Syracuse-Minoa won the face-off and came down and scored on their opening possession. The beginning of the first quarter was interesting because Fulton got on the board and made it a game with a 4-2 score, but then the Spartans just poured on the scoring and had a first quarter lead of 6-2. The second quarter was similar to the first as ES-M scored another six goals and held Fulton scoreless. This gave the Raiders a halftime deficit of 12-2.

The second half was exactly the same in the scoring column for each team. The third quarter was even at two goals apiece and the fourth

was one goal apiece. The second half was a big turnaround in scoring, and excitement.

On this night it was the seniors doing the scoring and the juniors dishing out the assists. Senior Jack Howard led the Raiders with three goals, which is a career high. Fellow seniors Cody Hogan and Bobby Earnshaw scored the other two goals for Fulton. Junior Brett Williams handed out two assists, along with fellow juniors Nate Parsons and Colin Shannon having one assist apiece. Senior Eric Belair had a very disappointing game with a dismal nine saves.

The Raiders did not come out to play. In some parts of the game, it was as if there was no one even out on the field playing for Fulton. This game was a letdown for the Raiders, who have been playing better as of late. Fulton will look to get back to normal as Cortland comes in to take on the Raiders on Thursday night at 5 pm for Fulton's senior night. Fulton will try to avenge an early season loss to the Purple Tigers in their home finale.

Stanley Cup update

Plenty of drama in NHL's second round

It seems as if the Stanley Cup playoffs are in favor of the underdogs as they continue to give the higher seed a run for their money. In first round play eighth seed Montreal upset the leagues best, Washington, in seven, while seventh seed regular season strugglers, Philly took down the fourth seed, backstopped with arguably the leagues best goalie record holding wise, Martin Brodeur and the New Jersey Devils.

Meanwhile in the second round of playoffs the underdogs are at it again, finding ways to stay alive. Philadelphia now takes on sixth seed Boston, who also took part in their own upset in the first round by knocking out the third seeded Buffalo Sabres. The series is in favor for Boston as of now 3-2, with game six tonight in Philadelphia. Boston took the early 3-0 series lead but the Flyers were not ready to give up a sweep as they have taken the last two meetings, including a 4-0 win in Boston on Monday night.

Although Philly lost their starting goalie in game five due to a knee injury, the return from injury of offensive big gun Simon Gagne made the difference in his first game back when he contributed two goals for the victory. On the other hand Boston's netminder Rask seems to be cooling down and has not been as hot also Boston's offensive stud David Krejci, out with a dislocated wrist. This may be a prime opportunity for the Flyers to strike and continue their upset streak.

The Montreal Canadiens are by far the most surprising story in the playoffs. While critics bashed them for regular season play, all were silenced as they upset the best team in the league in seven. Now the Canadiens take on the second best in the league in the defending champion Penguins, led by all-world standout Sidney Crosby. Keeping this series tight was Montreal's first goal; as putting any little doubt in the Penguins mind would create havoc for Pittsburgh and glory for the Canadiens, as it has done so far. On Monday night Montreal took advantage of a struggling Crosby by tying the series at 3-3, taking

their second opponent to game seven. The only thing left to do is to take game seven and bank in on the upset once again. *By Ryan Kesterke*

Clearer picture out west

While round two of the Stanley Cup Playoffs is still going on for most teams, two teams have finished early. The San Jose Sharks surprised everyone by taking out the Detroit Red Wings in just five games. In fact, the Sharks almost swept the Red Wings, going up three games to none. However, in the fourth game the Red Wings, or Johan Franzen, came to play, posting a 7-1 win. Franzen alone put in four goals. Unfortunately for Detroit, the Red Wings glory was short lived as they lost their fourth game in game five, a 2-1 loss. Therefore, the Red Wings, last season's Stanley Cup runners-up, will go home, as the San Jose Sharks continue onto Western Conference Finals.

While that series may be done, the Vancouver Canucks and the Chicago Blackhawks went head to head last night as the Blackhawks won game six 5-1 to take out Vancouver for good. While the Blackhawks had a slow start to the series, losing their first game 5-1, they rallied back to win the next three games, as their young all-stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane led the way.

However, Vancouver saw a little light as they beat Chicago at their home arena in game five, 4-1, but that was as close as they could get.

As a result, there will be a new sheriff in town in the Western Conference as the Sharks have never advanced to the Stanley Cup finals, and the Hawks haven't held Lord Stanley's Silver chalice since the early 1960's, long before the current crop of Blackhawks were even born. Look for some wide-open games in the western final, as both teams are capable of lighting it up on a regular basis. *By Zachary Froio*



School of Thought compiled by Patrick Olvecky & Crystal Kimball

What did you think of the SADD concert?



"I thought it was awful!"

Tyler Crandell



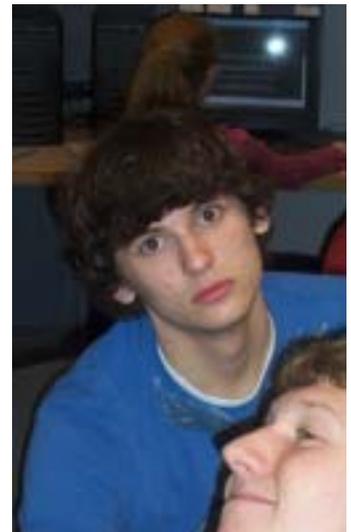
"It was wretched."

Nate Borden



"Good."

Sean Leonard



"It was awesome!"

Ryan Kesterke

Morning announcements for Wednesday, May 12

The freshman Avon fundraiser will be running from now until May 20th. Money and order forms can be turned in to Mrs. Hallatt by that date.

Seniors! Many local scholarships are coming due this week. Come down to the guidance office and pick one up.

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.

There will be a presentation in the auditorium on Thursday, May 13 during advisory entitled "your college search-what to consider" for all juniors thinking about college. Students need to report directly to the auditorium following bell two on Thursday.

Buy a photo club t-shirt for \$15. Order forms are in room 120. The next meeting of the club will be today after school.

Support the Class of 2012 tonight at their Mimi's. 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: Rain showers. High in the upper-40s.

Tonight: Steady clearing with a few clouds. Low in the mid-30s.

Tomorrow: Sun and clouds with a chance for a few scattered showers in the afternoon. High in the mid to upper-50s.

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