

Gone4Ever exhibit is a sobering experience

By Amanda Wood

“Friends don’t let friends drive drunk.”

That is a statement that we hear so often when the consequences of drinking and driving are brought to our attention. This statement has special meaning right now for the students at G. Ray Bodley High School, as the Junior Prom is next week. In order to emphasize that being sober instead of drunk is safer for everyone, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), is hosting the Gone 4Ever Exhibit. All this week, from 7:30 am to 9 pm, this display will be open to the public.

For those who don’t know, the Gone 4Ever exhibit is an emotional display of the lives and tragic deaths of five teenagers in Central New York who were killed by drunk drivers in the past six years. Kaitlin Kozlowski, Brittany Bowers, Kimberly Dix, Janay Davis, and Matthew Angelillo were all victims of such tragic decision-making.

As students walk through it, they are immediately hit with the reality of what occurred on those tragic nights. Not only do students see numerous pictures and the personal belongings of the late students, but they also get to read exactly what happened the night each of them died. To make the experience that much more emotional, newsreels are played from all three of the incidents. The part of the exhibit that struck this reporter the most was one of the mothers, who talks about how after the accident, she had to go to the county morgue to identify her daughter.

As Kaitlin Kozlowski’s brother, Justin, put it in a quote on the exhibit, “It’s an ache in your stomach that never goes away...I can’t breathe, eat, sleep...it’s just a feeling that never goes away.”

Many students and teachers have gone through the display already this week, and there were many reactions from all. From some who were so overcome with sadness they were speechless, to so many others who were shocked at the tragedy that unfolded before them. Madame Honeywell said, “I didn’t realize they were all local kids. That surprised me. It was tragic. I hope students will look at this and realize what’s at stake.” Sophomore Dylan Holden said it was depressing.

Junior Danielle Cobb stated after she saw the exhibit, “It’s a moving exhibit. There was a lot of meaning behind it.” Another student, Alex Bawarski, said, “I thought it was very meaningful. I think that everyone should come and check out the exhibit. No one really thinks about this kind of thing until it actually happens.”

Several other students and staff had opinions about the display as well. Ms. Behan said, “Seeing the exhibit made me relive all the horrible stories once again. After seeing this, here’s to hoping that students realize that these were all preventable deaths.” Colin Shannon, “found the exhibit to be very powerful and moving.” He felt as though he had gotten to know the late students personally. James Marsh had similar sentiments.

SADD Advisor Mr. Crisafulli, a driving force behind bringing the exhibit to GRB, commented that, “The exhibit moved me deeply, even more than I thought it would. It reminded me how real is the loss of my former student and friend, Shamous Heagerty. Then I thought of the loss shared by his family, friends, and Fulton. Why do we humans do such things? We need to think twice before such actions.”

What those who are left behind deal with after something like this happens was well stated by a quote on the exhibit by Mark Angelillo, Matt’s father. “The grief is really unimaginable, and the heartache and sorrow are over-

whelming at times.” The Gone 4Ever Exhibit has really been able to get several points across to students as prom quickly approaches. For instance, if you decide that drinking and driving is an okay combination, you could devastate your family, your friends, and the relatives of those you injure or kill after the fact. Why would you take that kind of a chance on such precious commodities in our lives? Think before you drink.

But permanently affecting others’ lives would just be the beginning of your problems. You could cripple your future opportunities in college admissions, financial aid, employment, insurance, and loan and credit applications. But that list would go on and on. Think before you drink.

This exhibit also showed the criminal consequences dealt to those who were found to be at fault for the five teens’ deaths. Think twice before sporting a fake I.D. It could result in a class D felony. A DWI charge could get you time in state prison, major fines, and the loss of your drivers’ license. You are practically guaranteed time in state prison if you get charged with vehicular manslaughter. Do I have to say it? Think before you drink.

So, don’t miss an opportunity to walk through this no-less-than-powerful Gone 4Ever exhibit. With the display hitting so close to home, it will certainly make you think before you drink. Be safe fellow Bodleyans.



GRB student Scott Bullard examines the Gone4Ever exhibit, currently on display at the high school on Monday. (Max Ambuske photo)

Opinion

Simple idea has become a phenomenon

By Sarese Gibson

PostSecret. It's the phenomena that started as a simple project back in 2005 by Frank Warren. It started out as a simple idea that Warren had-for anonymous people to decorate postcards that each held a secret about themselves. It could be any secret-it just had to be one that had never been spoken aloud to anybody else before.



It was a major success. Within two years, Warren had received over 2,500 postcards from all over the world. Each card was filled with many stories, including those of fear, loss, love and humor. Since then, the PostSecret online community had extended into books. There are five books available, the most current one being Confessions on Life, Death, & God, which was released on October 6, 2009.

After reading so many depressing postcards, each containing a cry for help, Warren joined forces with 1-800-suicide in April of 2008. 1-800-suicide is a peer run crisis hotline that is available on college campuses. Since then, PostSecret has become popular worldwide. Places such as Germany, France and the UK all have their own "PostSecret" books. Some of the cards from PostSecret are featured in The All-American Rejects music video for Dirty Little Secrets!

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Warren also travels to many colleges to give inspirational speeches to college students. On Thursday, April 29 Frank Warren came to SUNY Oswego to speak. I went along with my best friend, eager to hear the story behind the postcards. Almost a year ago I had read my first PostSecret books, and had been enchanted by the hilarious stories, and dismayed by the terrible truths that were scrawled onto the backs of these postcards that people had mailed out. So when I found out that PostSecret would be in Oswego, I jumped at the chance to hear the man who created PostSecret speak.

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in one hand. He greeted everyone politely, and took a seat in front of us. For the next hour, he explained that PostSecret started out as a thought, and turned into something much more than that. He told us about how when he explained the idea of PostSecret to his parents, his mother quite verbally interjected (he even played a message from his answering machine that his mother had left on his phone after the release of his newest book-she was not happy!)

On the overhead, Warren showed several postcards that had not been allowed to be published in his books; some for copyright reasons, some for personal reasons.

The most touching part of the night was, however, not when he told us about the cards. It was when they set up three microphones around the center, and he offered people in the crowd to chance to step forward and face their fears and try to tell their secrets to everyone. People stood up slowly, approaching the microphones one by one and spilling silly little secrets across the room. Soon, more and more people began to stand up and leave the deepest parts of their souls open to the judgment of everybody in the room, and they were not judged. It was truly the most touching moment I had ever been privileged to take a part of.

Warren has a strong message to tell. Sometimes people may need an outlet for something, and be unable to actually tell another person. If you feel that writing something down on the back of a post card and shipping it off to a perfect stranger will help you, then do it. PostSecret is completely anonymous, and anyone who has something they need to say can say it.

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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

Palitesso fans 18 as Raiders rally to win

The Lady Softball Players bettered their league record last night, beating the Cortland Tigers at home 5-1. The Lady Raiders are currently 6-3 in league play.

The Tigers came out with the lead after the first inning. Senior Jessica Palmitesso missed some close pitches on the mound, walking the leadoff batter in the first. After fielding errors on Fulton's part, the runner stole second and third base. She later scored off of a single hit later in the lineup.

The Raiders were not going to go down that easily. The game was held at 1-0 for the next three innings until the Lady Raiders finally cracked open the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth inning. Sophomore Lindsey Larkin started off the inning with a leadoff double. Jackie LoCastro followed up with a single on a fielder's choice play. Jessica Palmitesso had a single the next time up off of a bobble by the shortstop. With the bases loaded, senior Heather Reed rocked the box with another hit to the shortstop. The shortstop quickly gunned it home, but was too late as Larkin crossed the plate, marking the Raiders first run and still leaving the bases loaded.

Junior Stephanie Hotaling kept the rally alive as she hit the ball to the outfield. Unfortunately the ball was caught, but all the runners advanced one base, making the score 2-1. With runners on second and third, senior Meghan McCann stepped up to the batters box. McCann ripped one to right field, bringing home the two runners and recording a triple. Liz Mulcahey came up to the plate next. Mulcahey got ahold of a high pitch and knocked it to center field, tallying a single and an RBI with the hit. The Raiders finished the game with eight hits in what was truly a team effort.

Palmitesso proved to be a force to be reckoned with on the mound. Despite the shaky first inning, she finished the game with an astounding career high 18 strikeouts. The 18 strikeouts are believed to be a school record for a seven inning contest.

The Lady Raiders will still be selling the pink "strike-out cancer" shirts for those that are interested. The shirts are \$10 and the money can be brought to a varsity or JV softball member. All the proceeds will go to the "coaches vs. cancer" fund.

The Raiders were rained out on Tuesday, but the game will reconvene on Friday in Chittenango. The Lady Raiders will also be participating in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament this weekend in Phoenix.

By Alicia Vann

It could have happened, but it didn't

On Tuesday night the Fulton lacrosse team performed the shock of the century in the high school lacrosse world. The No. 3 state ranked Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams came marching into town with a bit of overconfidence after a 17-1 beat down earlier in the season. The Raiders played the game of their lives as they came out and just completely dominated the Red Rams for an amazing 17-3 win.

The Raiders came out of the gates ready to play and had a stunning 1-0 first quarter lead. Yes a 1-0 score at the end of the first quarter. The team was playing great and things were going well. The second quarter was the games turning point as Fulton ripped off twelve goals and only allowed one goal. It seemed as if the scoring just never stopped. The quarters are twelve minutes long, so it was a pace of a goal a minute. This gave the Raiders a halftime score of 13-1.

The second half was not as exciting as the first half as there were only a total of six goals scored. Fulton continued to outscore Jamesville-Dewitt into the third quarter as they tallied three goals and shut out the Red Rams. The fourth was the Raiders only quarter where they were outscored by Jamesville-Dewitt. The Red Rams scored two goals to Fulton's one goal.

This would have been an unbelievable occurrence if Fulton really did beat the Red Rams, but they did not. This whole article was flip-flopped; Jamesville-Dewitt beat the Raiders 17-3. Even with the lopsided score, Fulton gave a good effort and did not give up. If it was not for the very disappointing second quarter, it was a 5-2 game.

A trio of Raiders got into the scoring column, including seniors Bobby Earnshaw and Jack Howard, followed by sophomore Steven DeLisle. Each player had one goal. Junior Brett Williams assisted on all three goals, giving him three assists on the day. Standing strong between the pipes was senior goaltender Eric Belair who turned in a career day with 24 saves in the game.

Fulton heads back on the road after a four game home stretch. The Raiders will travel to new Hartford to take on the 3-9 Spartans. In an earlier match-up this season, Fulton lost 9-8 after leading for most of the game. This game of revenge faces off at 5 pm.

By Eric Belair



Senior hurler Jessica Palmitesso notched a career high 18 strikeouts in a seven inning game on Wednesday to help lead the Raiders to victory. The 18 K's are believed to be a new school record. (Taylor Harvey photos)

THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

Today: 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.);

Wed. May 12: 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).

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

**Raider
Sports**

School of Thought compiled by Raquel Vescio & Lindsay Navagh

What was your impression of Gone Forever?



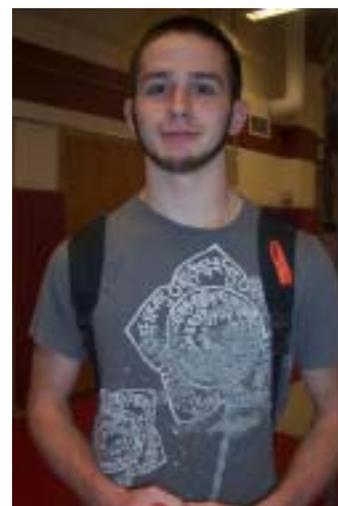
"It is a terrible tragedy. Drunk driving is terrible."
Josh Drake



"I am speechless."
Josh Collins



"Why would someone drive drunk and endanger their lives."
Dominic Lebron



"I am glad I do not drink."
Chris Gibbs

Morning announcements for Thursday, May 6

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 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: A morning shower or thunderstorm, otherwise becoming mainly sunny.

Tonight: Mainly clear. Low around 40.

Tomorrow: Sun and clouds. 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.

