

# Chorus bids seniors farewell this Thursday

As the year comes to an end, G. Ray Bodley is wishing the seniors off with many proper farewells. On Thursday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m., the chorus is making sure it's eldest singers will forever remember their years of song in Fulton New York.

Although this years senior class is more than excited to move on toward the next chapter of their lives, they are starting to realize that part of them might miss their high school days. This feeling is not one that they expected, since it

seems that high school is most primarily years of wishing that it was all over. But now that the experience has reached an end, many are starting to appreciate the past.

This Thursday is bound to be one of tears and song for the Concert Choir as Mr. Nami wishes off his many senior chorus members. Since this is the last concert of the year many awards will be given out to the Concert Choir as well as performances from both Mr. Nami's choir and Mrs. Walrath's choir. The tenth grade

members of the women's choir are looking forward to their last concert before they move up to the Concert choir.

"May you always have a song," are the last words that will be sung by the seniors in chorus and it is hoped that these words will forever ring in the hearts of those moving on towards college. The public is invited to attend the concert, and there is no admission charge.

By Brenna Merry



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## Teen Writer's Workshop at GRB a success

The Library Media Center at G. Ray Bodley High School was the site Wednesday May 26 for the first meeting of the Teen Writers' Workshop. Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Scalfaro, introduced attendees to resources that will help the teens find inspiration, hone their writing skills, track down contests and conferences, and publish their work.

The highlight of the workshop was when she and freshman, Vanessa Langdon, lead the participants through two exercises designed to spark their creativity. With the help of inspirational photographs, the writers crafted descriptive paragraphs by first identifying the colors they saw, then using strong adjectives, nouns, verbs, and adverbs to complete each sentence.

Langdon then introduced her classmates to the "Idea Box." This box can be made out of any type of material, and can contain anything the writer finds inspirational. In their box, these young writers discovered a rubber duck, a button, a safety pin, a Matchbox fire truck, and a cough drop, among other things. Participants then did a free writing activity based on the object they chose.

Senior Erica DiVergilio found the workshop, "Very informative, very laidback, and very open and friendly." She came to the workshop with some ideas she had already been working on and left with "the inspiration to further develop those ideas." Krista Vann, a freshman, enjoyed listening to others share what they had written. "I liked hearing my classmates' wording, writing, and creativeness."

One of Langdon's goals for the year was to become a better public speaker. She feels pre-

senting what she learned at an earlier writers' conference helped her in working on this goal. The conference she spoke of was the Writer's Jubilee, which took place on May 1 in Morrisville. She and Mrs. Scalfaro were both in attendance, and had been looking forward to sharing the techniques they learned ever since. Their goal for next year is to turn Wednesday's Teen Writers' Workshop into a

Writers' Group, where writing and sharing are a group effort. Vann likes "the idea of having a writer's group," and Langdon is, "looking forward to more writing time, instead of time where I'm forced to write" for a class.

Look for more information on the Writers' Group in the fall. *(article and photo submitted by Library-Media Specialist Mrs. Scalfaro)*



Bodley freshman Vanessa Langdon, middle, goes over a writing exercise with fellow students Lille Cooper, left, and Maranda Mattiaccio, right, during the recent Teen Writer's Workshop at the high school. The event was a big success and the plan is to expand into a regular writer's group when school commences again in September. (Mrs. Scalfaro photo)

## Opinion

# You were a 90's kid if you remember...

By Brandon Teetsel

For all of the students, faculty and staff at G. Ray Bodley High School, maybe you, your siblings, or your children had specific toys that have now gone out of style. Maybe you remember your favorite cartoon or game you used to play. This article is to you kids who grew up in the 90's, specifically the seniors, who are starting out into the real world very soon...

\* Waking up early Saturday morning to watch your favorite cartoons, such as *Rugrats*, *Rocko's Modern Life*, *Doug*, *Hey Arnold*, the *Pokemon* series, *The Powerpuff Girls*, or perhaps *Rocket Power*.

\* Your hero was one of the *Power Rangers*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, or perhaps *Captain Planet*. You desperately wanted to be a part of their group and help save the world from peril.

\* You always wanted to be on Nickelodeon, playing *Double Dare*, *Legends of the Hidden Temple*, or *Figure It Out*. When you got enough things wrong, or you were kicked off the show, you were covered with the infamous "Slime."

\* Perhaps you liked the shows that were a bunch of skits condensed into one half hour segment. Such as *All That* or *The Amanda Show*.

\* Educational TV was fun, when *Ms. Frizzle* and the *Magic School*



*Bus* went on another adventure. Whether it was when they went into someone's body, or perhaps when they learned about smells and how they work.

\* Maybe you enjoyed watching *Arthur*, and learning about different life lessons with his peers. How everyone is different in their own way, or learning how to admit to something you did.

\* *Wishbone* was another childhood favorite, only instead of life lessons or science, it was all about history. Changing complex historical events to adapt to a cute Jack Russell Terrier, getting into all sorts of trouble.

In short, for those seniors getting ready to go out into the college

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world, or those adults who have children and are sad to see them growing up, check out some of these childhood favorites on YouTube or Hulu.



The 2010 *Fultonian Yearbook* doesn't go on sale until this Friday, but the 2011 edition is already in the works as senior portraits began on Tuesday and conclude today for next year's seniors. Here junior Latoya Bartlett, poses for photographer Paul Seifert from School Pictures of Rochester. Retakes and makeup pictures will take place on Wednesday, August 18 at the high school for students who miss out today. (Ryan Kesterke photo)

## Upcoming events:

**Today:** Class of 2011 Senior Portraits in the auditorium.

**Friday, June 4:** Yearbook sale and distribution in the auditorium. There will be some yearbooks available for purchase for \$65 on a first come, first served basis.

**Saturday, June 5:** Senior trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park.

**Monday, June 7:** GRB academic awards ceremony, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 10:** Bodley Bash after school

**Friday, June 11:** Last day of classes! Senior Dinner Dance at Bridie Manor in Oswego.

***The Yearbooks are coming! Friday, June 4 @ GRB, \$65***

# Student conductors highlight tonight's concert

Looking for something to do tonight? Then come to the G. Ray Bodley High School auditorium to see the orchestra perform their last concert of the year. The Symphonic Orchestra will be playing five pieces for the audience, including music from the well-known musical, Phantom of the Opera, conducted by senior Alicia Vann.

Phantom of the Opera will include members of GRB's band to complete the full orchestra. Shawn Yanock, another senior, will be conducting a piece, as well, that he arranged himself from the classic video game, Zelda. Final Countdown, by the famous band Europe, will be conducted by senior Amanda Copps. There will also be a song highlighting the nine se-

niors of the orchestra while they play special instruments.

The Concert Orchestra will combine with the Symphonic Orchestra to play a piece together, and will also be performing a medley of classic Beatles' songs. Come join the orchestras at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium for the very last concert of the year! *By Sarah Allee*

## Disappointing end to girls softball season

By Alicia Vann

The Lady Raiders softball season sadly came to an abrupt end on Thursday night, as the Raiders fell to the Chittenango Bears, 2-1. The Raiders went into the game with a 2-0 record against the Chittenango Bears, having beaten them 7-1 both home and away as recently as the previous Saturday. However, as sports traditions go, it is always the hardest to beat a team the third time around.

The Raiders went into the game with high hopes. Kaleigh Koegel, the Bears' pitcher, was coming to the mound once again and the Lady Raiders have proved time and time again to be strong hitters off the all-star pitcher.

Unfortunately, the Raiders bats were not sparking as before, as the team only recorded four hits, one from sophomore Ashlynn Palmitesso, and three of which came from senior Alicia Vann. Multiple innings started with Vann being stranded at either second or third base.

The Raiders one run was scored in the second inning as senior Heather Reed was walked when she came to bat. Reed's risky base running helped her to steal second, third, and finally home to score the only run for the Raiders.

The Bears came up the next inning with their eyes on the prize, and it only took three hits to bring around their two runs. The Raiders were left behind for the rest of the five-inning stretch.

Defensively, senior Jessica Palmitesso pitched a strong final performance from the mound, tallying 11 strikeouts to close her record-setting career with 1,015. The Bears' Koegel, however, also performed well from the mound, recording 12 strikeouts on her way to the win.

A strong team is dismantling this year as Fulton bids farewell to five seniors in second baseman Heather Reed, pitcher Jessica Palmitesso, catcher Alicia Vann, center fielder Meghan McCann, and shortstop Jackie LoCastro. However, all of these players look to continue their education, and some, their sports careers, at the college level.

Reed will be attending Onondaga Commu-



Senior Alicia Vann accounted for three of Fulton's four base hits, but sadly for the Raiders found herself stranded at second and third base on each occasion as Chittenango upended Fulton 2-1 in the opening round of the playoffs. (Ben Davis photo)

nity College in the fall where she will be pursuing soccer at the college level. LoCastro will be moving on to Tompkins-Cortland Community College next year where she hopes to continue playing softball next year. SUNY Brockport will be accepting Palmitesso in the fall. She will continue as a pitcher for Brockport's Golden Eagles next year. Vann will attend St. John Fisher College in the fall. Vann is also looking to continue her softball or basketball career with the St. John Fisher Cardi-

nals. McCann will be attending Cayuga Community College in the fall. She will be looking to transfer to a four-year school after her two years at CCC.

Although this season has come to a conclusion, Coach Harry Meeker could not be any prouder of the effort given by the ladies this season. The girls finished their season 14-7, a strong record for a deserving team. The Fulton varsity softball team should be proud of everything they have accomplished this season.

**Tomorrow in RaiderNet Daily**

- \* Deflecting the high cost of college
- \* A sneak peak at the 2010 Fultonian Yearbook
- \* School of Thought

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## GRB photo Contest winners: student division



Spring is in the air, and that was the theme for the G. Ray Bodley High School's Photo Club contest, which recently announced the winning entries.

Honored with first place for her photo of a young horse relaxing was Erica Lamb, while Rebecca Brown's butterfly photo claimed second place.

Finishing in third with the picture of a happy little girl was Kaitlyn Lauber, while honorable mention was given to Emma Buffet for her flower picture and Courtney Fitzgerald for the clover picture.

Check here tomorrow for the results of the faculty division. (photos courtesy of Mlle Amerault)



### School of Thought compiled by Max Ambuske & Ryan Kesterke

## Who is going to win the NBA Finals?



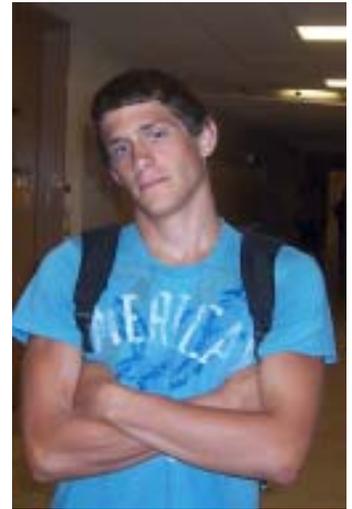
"The Lakers, because they're the best!"  
Brian Allen



"Celtics because their defense is impenetrable."  
Mr. Lyons



"Lakers, the Celtics should be in an over 50 seniors league."  
Mr. Fadden



"The Celtics because I love their colors."  
Brett Corbett

### GRB announcements for Wednesday, June 2

The Yearbooks are here! Sale and distribution of the 2010 Fultonian will take place this Friday during all lunch bells in the auditorium. There are still some books to purchase for \$65 on a first-come, first-served basis.

A reminder to juniors that senior portraits for the 2011 yearbook are taking place today in the auditorium. Ask your advisor for a schedule, or check the schedules posted near the cafeteria and office.

Registration for varsity golf is now taking place. Please see Mr. Ascenzi in the guidance office to sign up.

All boys interested in trying out for JV and varsity basketball next season, sign-ups will continue until the end of the week in room 214.

There will be a sign-up meeting for all girls interested in playing JV or varsity tennis in the fall this Thursday after school in room 108. See Coach Goodnough with any questions.

There will be a meeting for members of Quirk's Players on Monday, June 7th at 2:30 pm in the chorus room (Rm. #106). Please join us for information about upcoming activities as well as auditions for the fall play. New members are welcome.

The last date for physicals for fall sports and working papers is next Tuesday, June 8. If you need a physical, please schedule one at the nurse's office as soon as possible.

### Meteorology and you by Carson Metcalf

**Today:** Cloudy with a scattered afternoon shower or thunderstorm. High in the low-80s.

**Tonight:** Scattered showers and storms. Low around 60.

**Tomorrow:** Scattered showers and storms. High in the upper-70s.

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