



Crowded stage hinders drama efforts

By Patty Morrison

With the recent construction that has been undertaken in the halls of G. Ray Bodley High School, many areas of the school have been affected. Students have had to re-route their patterns from class to class, teachers have been shifted into different classrooms, and the hallways have been blocked and compacted into a single lane of traffic.

The new band room, however, has been a problem for both the GRB Music Department, and Quirk's Players, the Drama Club. Things that have no place to be stored in the room have found their home in the GRB Auditorium because construction on the band room has not been completed. Meanwhile the cast of *Unnecessary Farce* is hard at work trying to put together a show with what limited time they have.

Having no stage is making it excessively difficult for the cast to block, or prepare scenes, and it is making it difficult for the crew to start the needed set production.

"I think it is ridiculous," Christine Proud, a junior, who has a lead role in the play stated. "And in two months, we have to fit fifty people on that stage for our musical. The stuff will probably still be there."

Which also brings around the issue of whether or not the stage will be ready for the band, chorus and orchestra Christmas concerts that are just around the corner. In addition next Tuesday the Merry Go Round Players are coming to the school for their annual performance.

As recently as Thursday some of the items on the stage have been moved to the back of the stage, and on the sides of the stage. However the fact that the Quirks Player's have not been able to use the stage until now puts a huge strain on the cast, crew and directors.

"It certainly has put a high degree of stress on the fall show, which takes place in a week and a half," noted Mr. Lescarbeau, an English teacher and assistant director for the fall production. "And we are just now beginning to utilize the stage. It puts a time crunch on us, to put on a quality show, which is our goal. This is not a storage facility, this is a performing facility."

If the things were only on the stage for a few months, it would not have presented a problem, but when it cuts into what little time Quirk's has, the quality of the show is questioned.

Because Quirk Players have had such a short amount of time to build the complicated set needed, the cast will only have the full set for possibly two days before the show. That makes

things difficult, because the show is so fast paced and there are many entries and exits from the stage that need to be timed out perfectly.

Others have a more positive outlook. "I don't care, as long as the stuff is cleared out in time," stated junior Nate Hawthorn, a cast member of *Unnecessary Farce*. "And we don't really have a set yet, so there's no worries."



The edges of the GRB stage have taken on the look of a storeroom, which has made life difficult for both the Music Department and the Quirk's Players Drama Club. (Patty Morrison photo)

Summer trip to Europe being offered

Global Studies teacher Mrs. Hallat is already making plans for her summer, and she is inviting people to join her. Her plan is to go abroad July 5-13 to Rome, Tuscany, and the Riviera for nine days.

Some key things students will see on tour are the Coliseum, Monaco, St. Peter's Basilica, Florence Duomo, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Her goal is to just create a memorable experience for people who are interested.

A \$95 Enrollment fee is due by November 21st, and the lump cost is just under \$3,000. There are payment plans or lump sum options for anyone who wishes to go. Students need to know that this is not a school event, it is being headed up by Mrs. Hallat and Education First Tours. For more information on the trip and payment plans, see Mrs. Hallat in room 132.

Opinion

Dance Team takes part in Cancer walk

By Kayla Hanczyk

As many people may know, October is Breast Cancer awareness month and many people are supporting it. On Sunday, October 3 there was a Breast Cancer walk in Syracuse, and close to 6,000 people were there despite the cold weather that morning.

Clinton Square was filled with pink, there was music playing and people dancing all around. There were people giving out water for all the walkers and tents set up all over selling pink shirts, boas, Hawaiian leis, and much more.

I thought that everything going on was absolutely amazing how everyone that was there wanted to support one cause. People were there as early at 7 in the morning for the 10 am event. At 10 everyone started on the three mile walk with people cheering along the entire way. There were people of all ages; men, women, and children and even dogs there with pink shirts on.

It was mind blowing how many people were walking down the streets of Syracuse. I went with the G. Ray Bodley Dance Team and we thought that it was a lot of fun, and for a great cause. There were many people there in groups that had made t-shirts that supported the cause or a specific person.

Everything that was going on was for such a good cause and at the end of the walk there was a total of \$400,000 raised that day. This is an annual walk and anyone can make a team and go. The Dance Team has made this an annual event as it is a great place to be and always a lot of fun. There are also many other things that go on like this to support many other causes, so get involved and go to an event.



The G. Ray Bodley High School Dance Team recently took place in the Breast Cancer Walk in Syracuse. Pictured from left to right are Coach Percival, Bridget McKnight, Liz Mulcahey, Anya Mayer and assistant coaches Justine LeVeae and Magda Giorgiadis. (Kayla Hanczyk photo)

Bizarre news of the day

A Chinese man who lost both of his arms to a childhood injury and plays the piano with his toes won the Chinese version of America's Got Talent.

Mr. Liu, a 23 year-old Beijing native, had to have both arms amputated after he was electrocuted while playing hide-and-seek as a child. At 18, he decided that he wanted a career in music, and used his feet to play the piano. Mr. Liu also uses his feet for normal everyday activities, such as using the computer, brushing his teeth, getting dressed, and eating.

Mr. Liu won China's Got Talent, a show on their local TV channel, Dragon TV, by playing a version of James Blunt's hit love song, "You're Beautiful" to a packed stadium in Shanghai. His performance has helped to draw attention to the hopes and challenges of disabled Chinese.

"Music has become a habit for me," says Liu, "It's just like breathing air."

By Morgan Firenze

Quote of the day:

"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You, too? Thought I was the only one.'"

- C. S. Lewis

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Three new movies arrive this weekend



As the temperature continues to drop and more people are looking for indoor activities this time of year, a great activity for the weekend would be to catch a movie. The movie theater is flooded with new comedies, action films and much more. These new movies include *Jackass 3D*, *Conviction*, and *Red*.

Jackass 3D - maybe one of the most anticipated comedies of the year, *Jackass 3D* is sure to be a

must see. With many familiar actors and celebrities the Jackass crew are at it again with a technology that is a whole new level of in your

face!

Conviction - An inspirational true story, *Conviction* is a tale of a sister (Betty Anne Waters) who commits her life to try and free her brother Kenny, who she believes was wrongly committed for murder and sentenced to life in 1983. Betty puts herself through high school, college and then law school an overall 18-year journey to try and free her brother. *Conviction* is a passionate story of a loving sister who just will not quit until her beloved brother is free.

Red - An explosive action-comedy starring big name actors including Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman and Helen Mirren, *Red* features ex-CIA members who know too much and now are on the CIA's assassination list. They must use their skill, experience and teamwork to stay one step ahead of their pursuers. This action-comedy is a must see for the thrill lover.

Macedon's corn maze is worth the trip

Fall has many different activities that it offers; carving pumpkins, picking apples, hunting, and corn mazes. One of the best corn mazes around is only a short drive down the thruway. Long Acre Farms, located in Macedon, NY, has been home to a corn maze each year since 1998. Each year, the farm grows a different themed maze for tourists to explore. This year, that theme is "Lucky Thirteen." The corn maze has nearly two miles of trails to get lost in. The maze has different colored tape along the paths to tell you where you are, and flags so that you cannot get lost. There is even a snack vendor in the maze so you can buy chips, if you can find it. The average time it takes to get out of the maze is anywhere from one to three hours.

Of course, the maze is not the only attraction at Long Acre Farms. "The Back Forty" is an area on the property that offers many activities. There are numerous basketball hoops, a climbing wall, and a "Jumping Pillow." Besides the corn maze, the jumping pillow is perhaps the main attraction. It is a massive multicolored inflatable pillow that is specifically made to bounce on. It can get a bit chaotic with so many people on it at once, but it is really quite fun. There is also a set of three giant slingshots that launch tennis balls at a pumpkin suspended in a net. What starts out as a game of "hit the pumpkin" may quickly turn into "hit your buddies" as they get the balls from the top of the hill. There is also a hayride, and a "cow train" for the younger visitors.

Long Acre Farms offers many activities for people of all ages. The cost to get in is free, but to use the corn maze and "The Back Forty" it is \$10 a person. For those who have an extra five dollars, there is a corn

cannon, which shoots ears of corn at a large target. If you hit the target, you win a pumpkin. Hot dogs and hamburgers are served at the farm, along with Kettle Korn and ice cream. Long Acre Farms is located on Eddy Road in Macedon. For more information, and instructions on how to get there, go to www.longacrefarms.com.

By Daniel Summerville



An aerial view of this year's corn maze at Long Acre Farms in Macedon, New York.

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NFL Picks

**Brett Williams**

Last Week: 9-5

Overall: 14-8

Brett's Pick:

Saints @ Buccaneers

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are off to an inconceivable 3-1 start to the 2010 season. This defense is among the top in the National Football League. Quarterback Josh Freeman has taken control of this offense and allows them to succeed on both sides of the ball. The Saints are off to a relatively slow start this season, losing to the Atlanta Falcons and the Arizona Cardinals. This game will show who the top contender in the NFC South will be. Drew Brees will look to lead the attack for this offense but will be forced to face one of the best secondaries in the NFL. Home field advantage may be the difference in this one, as the Saints will head to Tampa Bay on Sunday. I think Tampa Bay will win a close, low scoring game that will come down to the final seconds.

Brett Says:

Chicago
Green Bay
Houston
Pittsburgh
San Diego
New York G
Baltimore
Atlanta
Tampa Bay
New York J
Oakland
Dallas
Indianapolis
Tennessee

**Don Wilmot**

Last week: 9-5

Overall: 13-9

Don's Pick:

Colts @ Redskins

This game should certainly be one that is remembered. The two teams have many similarities as both are at 3-2, both have just over 1,000 passing yards, and both have veteran, play-making quarterbacks. Peyton Manning, the 13 year quarterback for the Colts, is one of the leagues most feared quarterbacks, and will look to connect with Reggie Wayne and Austin Collie who have over 900 yards between them.

Donovan McNabb, who spent 11 years with the Eagles, is in his first with Washington, and looking good. McNabb can run the ball if he needs to, and also has two big play making receivers, Santana Moss, with over 400 receiving yards, and Chris Cooley, with over 300. This game will come down to the wire, and the team that makes the most big plays will take it.

Don says:

Chicago
Miami
Kansas City
Pittsburgh
San Diego
N.Y Giants
Baltimore
Atlanta
New Orleans
N.Y Jets
Oakland
Dallas
Washington
Tennessee

**Max Fobes**

Last Week: 9-5

Overall: 13-9

Max's Pick:

Ravens @ Patriots

When I see this match up, "The Ravens at the Pats," what stands out is the great New England attack against the powerful Baltimore defense. New England stands second in the AFC East and is on its own two game win streak. Coming off a bye week it will be tough to predict whether that will give them an edge or given them time to cool off. Another thing to take a promising look at is quarterback Tom Brady's effectiveness against the NFL's second best pass defense in the Ravens. Baltimore, on the other hand, stands atop the AFC north and has won their last three show-downs against Denver, Cleveland and on the road in Pittsburgh. Although the Patriots have proven themselves the last few weeks, Baltimore is the better team coming into week six. On the road the Baltimore Ravens will prevail.

Max says:

Chicago
Green Bay
Houston
Pittsburgh
San Diego
NY Giants
Baltimore
Philadelphia
New Orleans
NY Jets
San Francisco
Minnesota
Washington
Tennessee

**Nick Mattice**

Last Week: 8-6

Overall: 11-11

Nick's Pick:

Dolphins @ Packers

Green Bay will have the home field advantage against Miami on Sunday. The Packers are coming off a heartbreaking overtime loss to the Redskins and will be looking to redeem themselves against the Dolphins. Aaron Rodgers will be a game-time decision, which could be a major impact on the game. Back-up quarterback Matt Flynn could possibly be forced to make the start and will need to be ready come Sunday. Running back Brandon Jackson could potentially see more carries regardless as Miami's run defense, which allows 118 yards per game and gives up just over 180 passing yards. Green Bay's secondary should be enough to stop the impressive Chad Henne. If the Packers are able to stop Henne and the wildcat of the Dolphins, they should be able to win this game easily.

Nick says:

Chicago
Green Bay
Houston
Pittsburgh
St. Louis
Detroit
Baltimore
Atlanta
Tampa Bay
New York J
San Francisco
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Jacksonville

**Mr. Senecal**

Last Week: 7-7

Overall: 11-11

Mr. S's Pick:

Kansas City @ Houston

Continuing with my knack for picking a game that most people could care less about, this looms as a put up or shut up game for both teams. Chiefs fans may be excited about a 3-1 start, but unfortunately the three teams that KC has beaten have a combined 3-12 record.

Houston is 3-2 with quality wins over the Colts and Redskins, but oddly enough have fallen to the Cowboys and Giants. The Texans have given up a lot of yards through the air this season and not much on the ground, which will play well this weekend when Kansas City brings a run-oriented offense into Houston. Once upon a time these two cities were AFL rivals. Now they're two teams hoping to stay afloat in their respective divisions.

Mr. S says:

Bears over Seahawks
Dolphins over Packers
Texans over Chiefs
Steelers over Browns
Chargers over Rams
Giants over Lions
Ravens over Patriots
Falcons over Eagles
Bucs over Saints
Jets over Broncos
Raiders over 49ers
Vikings over Cowboys
Colts over Redskins
Jags over Titans

Pride on the line in regular season finale

By Nick Mattice & Brett Williams

Their playoff dreams were shattered in the wake of a second half barrage at Jamesville-Dewitt last week. But that doesn't mean the Raiders have nothing to play for tonight in their regular season finale at Cortland.

As their season is coming to a halt, the Raiders will be focusing on pride as they travel to SUNY Cortland to face the Purple Tigers tonight. "Even though we are out of playoffs, we will still practice and coach like it's the Super Bowl," stated Coach Halladay. Everything will be left on the gridiron tonight for the seniors, as it is their last league football game ever. Although it was a tough year for the Raiders, the seniors will leave this season,

Raider booters show support

On Wednesday the varsity boys soccer team went with a different routine for practice. Rather than spending two hours of foot-skills, drills and conditioning, the boys spent part of their day watching the modified boys' game. The Junior High School team squared up against Jamesville-Dewitt on our "Turtleback" field and started the game as the varsity practice was under way.

The team filed into two lines and made their way over to the hill to watch the young players. While the older boys were there, J-D was awarded a penalty kick after a Fulton player committed a foul in the 18-yard box. The J-D striker tried to tuck a shot into the far left side of the goal, but Fulton's keeper made the diving save to his right hand side. The Varsity team watched a half hour of the game before it was time to leave practice. After they had left, the game ended up being tied at the final whistle, the teams locked at 0-0. Unfortunately the varsity support could not inspire the boys to a victory.

Under Coach Wilson, the Fulton soccer program has been a main focus. From the highest level to the lowest level, Wilson has tried to promote a sense of pride in the program rather than the individual teams. Every year that Wilson has been in charge of the varsity team, he has had the boys watch parts of different modified games. His goal is for the young teams to see that they have the support of the varsity team and that all the age levels will be able to come together as one whole program, not separate units.

By Tyler Crandell

knowing they put their all into the season. The seniors didn't just play the season to make it to playoffs, but to also teach the underclassmen what to expect, and how to play their position. "We are a learning tool, and the younger guys will discover how to be leaders and further the Raider pride that circulates this town," stated senior tailback Don Watson.

The Purple Tigers look to further their season, and head into playoffs as the first seed in Class A American. Devin Darrow, the Tiger's quarterback, is one of Cortland's main threats, completing 40 of 63 passes for 543 yards. Also helping the Tigers in their quest for a 5-0 Class

A American season is Qwuhail Barlow, who has received the ball 16 times for 395 yards, averaging 24.7 yards per catch. The Tigers will look to use their aerial attack and ground game-offense to win yet another game.

Fulton also looks to use their weapons in senior tailback Don Watson, southpaw quarterback Brett Williams, linebacker/tight-end Don Wilmot, and receiver/defensive back Max Fobes. Other seniors hoping to leave on a high note are linemen Mat Shoults, Sean Stevens, Curtis Vant, and Zach Race, who are joined by junior Colin Blake as they look to overpower Cortland's line.

**"Even though we are out of playoffs, we will still practice and coach like it's the Super Bowl,"
Fulton co-Coach Halladay**

Tough loss for Raider soccer

Fulton boy's soccer traveled to CBA last night to play the Brothers on their Senior Night. The atmosphere was cold and rainy, but the elements were nowhere near as severe as previous contests. The Raiders had a strong first half, but failed to play the full contest, falling to Christian Brothers Academy by a score of 5-3.

The Raiders came out strong, as junior Ross Maxam tucked a ball behind Brother keeper David Anderson. The lead did not last for long however, as the Brothers soon retaliated with a poke of their own by Ryan Pond, assisted by Jack Johnston, that found the back corner behind junior keeper Tyler French. Fulton entered the locker room on an emotional high, as junior striker Joe Sutton tickled the twine on ball played by senior Corey Crook late in the first half. Raider pride was flowing early, but soon dissipated as the Brothers left the locker room ready to play.

The Raiders had a sub-par half as CBA made phenomenal plays and put the ball away several times in the second frame. Jack Johnston catalyzed the Brother's offense, as he had two goals and an assist in the second half, giving the senior two and two on the night. Kris Triana found the back of the net on a long range free kick as he tucked the ball just inside the right post. The score to date was 4-2, but the Brothers kept pushing. Ryan Pond found the back of the net with a header that resulted from an unsettled situation. This was the final goal of the contest for the Brothers, and it turned out to be all they needed.

Too little too late came for Fulton, as senior captain Zach Howell picked the ball out of a scramble and sent it home with under two minutes left. This was the only blemish on second half keeper Ivan Hanson's record, as he stoned the Raiders' efforts. Fulton's Tyler French posted 15 saves on the night, and the Brother goaltenders recorded a total of 10 saves in the effort. The loss gives Fulton a 7-6-1 record, with two games remaining in the short season while CBA improved to *-*.

The next game for the Raiders is on Tuesday as the boys from Fowler travel into town. This is the Raiders' Senior Night, as twelve young men will represent Fulton in various ways come next fall. Support is greatly needed as the boys take on Fowler, a team they tied earlier this year. The game will be a good one to attend, as the Raiders will try to make one final push to improve their record to get a bid for a home game in the upcoming sectional tournament.

CBA spoiled the day for the girls soccer team in a 5-0 romp on Thursday while Westhill splashed past Fulton 79-57 in swimming. Alyssa Hartley finished second in both the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke while Fulton won the 200 free relay with Hannah Jones, Marissa Laun, Alexa Sugar-Compson and Janelle Tallents. Sugar-Compson and Tallents combined with Sara Nelson and Lacey Reich to win the 400 free relay.

By Colin Shannon

School of Thought compiled by Hunter Gorton

What is your favorite thing about Fall?



"The leaves."
Mark Bailey



"The leaves and the changing of the leaves."
Jerrica Dishaw



"The leaves changing color."
Kyle Loftus



"The cool mornings."
Liz Hein

Morning announcements for Friday, October 15

Ski and Snowboard Club members are reminded that the first payment of \$100 is due today.

Submit your entry in the Photo Club's first competition of the year. The theme is animals and there are two categories: Silly, and serious. One entry per category please. Bring a printed photo, 5 by 7 or larger to Ms. Amerault in room 120 by November 12.

The next meeting of the Photo Club will be held on Thursday, October 21 after school in room 120. Bring vacation shots!

Attention juniors and sophomores who have registered for the PSAT: the exam will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the high school gym. Eat a good breakfast and bring two #2 pencils.

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, October 21 for all students interested in participating in the Battle of the Books. Students should meet in the library promptly at 2:20. See Mrs. Scalfaro for more information.

Wrestling signups are currently underway in Mr. Fasulo's room 217.

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf

Today: Cloudy with a few rain showers. High in the low-50s.

Tonight: Mainly cloudy with a shower. Low around 40.

Tomorrow: Sunny skies. High around 50, low near 40.

Sunday: Partly sunny with a shower. High in the mid-50s, low around 40.

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