



## Worthy Cause Needs Supporters

By Kayla Distin

On the morning of Monday, October 18th, the Youth Advisory Council was hard at work at the BOCES center. YAC is a body of students from several school districts within Oswego County. Students from G. Ray Bodley High School were represented along with students from A-P-W, Mexico, Phoenix, Oswego, and Sandy Creek. The students collaborated together to decide which community service projects they will take on this year. Many ideas were shared and discussed, and a decision for the first activity was made.

Youth Services Director Oscar Vergara made an appearance at the conference to promote his organization, Project Smiles. He told members that he originally came to America as a foreign exchange student visiting from Columbia. As an adult, Oscar became an American citizen, but remained in close contact with his home nation. While visiting Columbia with his daughter, he was distraught to discover that the children in Columbian orphanages and group homes received less than a dollar for Christmas each year.

As a result of his experiences, Oscar founded Project Smiles, which puts together "little boxes with lots of love" containing essentials as well as extras like toys and candies to send to these deprived children. Even though most of these children came from abusive families and rough neighborhoods, Oscar explained that they were always appreciative and grateful to receive items as simple as a toothbrush.

After hearing Oscar's inspirational story, the members of YAC were excited and enthusiastic to take the project on. The delegates from GRB promised 15 shoeboxes for young girls, containing essentials as well as used clothing, and toys. Ideas such as flip-flops, bracelets, art supplies, and warm-weather clothes were suggested, as well as make-up, deodorant, and small CD players or radios. Any donations would be greatly appreciated by the members of YAC, Oscar, and especially the young girls of Columbia.

If any student is willing to contribute to this great cause, they are asked to bring in items from home to their advisory teachers. The shoeboxes will be collected after school on October 29 and brought to Oscar on November 2 at the next YAC meeting. If you have any questions feel free to ask GRB's members of the council, Hannah Dunsmoor, Danielle Gillette, Kayla Distin, James Marsh, Will Sawtell, and David Johnson. This is a great opportunity to help those in need, and students are definitely encouraged to participate.

### Meet the Cast of *Unnecessary Farce*

#### Morgan Stafford

Morgan takes the stage this fall playing the new young accountant Karen Brown. Morgan is a member of the 2011 class at GRB. Morgan has been involved with Quirks players' since she was in sixth grade when she played the role of Annie in *Annie*.

Other theater credits include *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Don't Tell Mother* and *The Sound of Music*. Outside of acting Morgan keeps busy by being a member of the GRB dance team and Recycling team. Morgan also participates in Envirothon and is a member of the Spanish club.

A secret about Miss. Karen Brown is that she can be very professional. Sometimes. To see Morgan as Karen Brown come to *Unnecessary Farce*, October 22 and 23 at 7:30 pm in the GRB auditorium.



#### Zach Mizener

Zach is a member of the 2012 class at

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### LAST CHANCE!

Student ID/Yearbook

picture retakes

Friday, Oct. 22

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

in the auditorium

2 days until Quirk Players production of "Unnecessary Farce" Fri. & Sat. Oct. 22-23, 7:30



## Opinion

# Dismissal behavior is getting out of hand

By Daniel Summerville

Five minutes before the end of each day, students at G Ray Bodley High School begin to crowd at the doors of their classrooms. As soon as the last bell rings, students flood out of the school, heading to their busses to go home.

The students who live on the west side of the river get straight onto the busses, while those who live on the east side form groups along the sidewalk. The short time that it takes for the busses from the junior high to reach the high school is a time for students to socialize and talk about their days. For the most part, the groups of students just talk, but there are groups who do much more.

The chaos of dismissal gives some students enough cover to smoke a quick cigarette on the sidewalk without being caught. Lately, the students who choose to smoke on the school grounds have been getting more and more sure of themselves. Little has been done to show them that smoking will not be tolerated on school property. Now, in the place of the odd smoker there are groups of students who pass around ciga-



rettes in plain sight. Recently, students have started passing around more than just cigarettes. The other students can clearly see them, but because they face away from the school those who have the power to do something about it cannot see.

Most students do not appreciate having to breathe in the carcinogenic fumes whenever they would like to get on their bus. If there were

**“In the place of the odd smoker there are groups of students who pass around cigarettes in plain sight”.**

just a few teachers or administrators patrolling the sidewalk, this problem might be solved. It would discourage students from smoking around the school. At the very least it would drive the students who choose to smoke off school ground so that non-smokers do not have to put up with the acrid stench. If the offending students were caught, it would make dismissal better for everyone.

## Got good grades? Do you get to keep them?

By Carson Metcalf

The mail has come. It is just past the end of the marking period. You furiously tear open the envelope containing your progress report in hopes of being able to show off that grade over 100 you worked hard to earn.

But instead, you open it, and to your dismay, find that the outstanding grade was only recorded on the report as a 100. You might think there is a mistake because MyGradeBook is still showing the grade to be over 100, but there is actually no mistake according to School District policy. Whether teachers realize it or not, when they award grades over 100 to students who are not in Advanced Placement courses that can earn grades over 100 due to a weighted grading system, they are not following the clearly stated and recently revised Grading Systems policy.

With the end of the five-week mid-marking period occurring just



days ago and the first progress reports of the year sent out over the weekend, it is likely that some students have grades over 100 in certain classes to begin the year. However, some may think that what shows up on that progress report may not be accurate, but rest assured, it follows district policy. For example, if you have an average of 105 in your history class, the average may show up as 105 on MyGradeBook, but on your progress report, a 100 will be recorded. One would think this represents a major flaw as one program used to report grades can record grades over 100, and the other cannot. While that is true, only grades from 1 to 100 have had the ability to be recorded on five-week reports and report cards for some time.

Because of this, the following question has come about. How is this fair? In my opinion, it is not. In many cases you have students, like myself, doing extra work to achieve these extraordinary grades, and we are not getting the credit we deserve on the record. Students with grades over 100 essentially have points taken away for doing extra credit whereas students with grades below 100 and doing extra credit gain

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In the News

**Bizarre news of the day**

Director of California Skateparks, Joe Ciaglia, designed the world's largest working skateboard. It is an exact replica of a normal skateboard, but it is 12 times longer, wider, and taller. The record-breaking board is so big, that it had to have racing tires from cars attached, and for transport it has to be driven around on the back of a flat bed truck.

The construction of the skateboard cost around \$20,000 and it weighs 3220 pounds. Three workers spent a month building the skateboard out of steel, wood, and grip tape in California. The finished product was an astonishing 36' in length, 3' 7" tall, and 8' wide. The board can hold 40-plus skaters.

"The board is about fun," said Ciaglia. "It was fun to build, it is fun to ride and it is fun to see everyone's reaction to it." The Guinness Book of World Records confirmed Ciaglia's masterpiece as being the

world's largest skateboard. Ciaglia's board beat the 2004 record, which was only 10' long.

*By Morgan Firenze*



The world's largest skateboard in action. Try storing this one in your school locker.

**Making the grade** (from page two)

points - to then end up with the same 100 average grade. This is a serious problem that the School District, specifically the Policy Committee that I sit on, took on beginning in the 2008-2009 school year. With the help of then-GRB Principal Mr. Egan, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Lynch, and Director of Instruction and Assessment Mrs. Conners, and most recently the Policy Committee itself, the Grading Systems policy has been edited and rewritten. So, you would think the problem is solved. But it is not. Grades over 100 continue to be awarded to students in both individual grades, as well as averages, mainly because this policy continues to stand without enforcement.

The fundamental question at the heart of this issue is, simply, how do we make the policy fair for everyone as it stands right now? To enforce the policy, teachers would need to fairly ensure that all grades be recorded on a scale from 1 to 100, as it states is appropriate in the District Policy. One option that I presume is unpopular across the board, but I believe would permanently solve this issue, is to abolish all extra credit. That way grades would be guaranteed to stay under the "brick wall" limit of 100. Another option would be for teachers to provide points as usual for extra credit assignments to students with grades below 100, and for students who complete extra credit assignments that send their grades over 100, teachers could provide some sort of incentive, such as raising other grades with leftover points; essentially to keep a "bank" of sorts.

In the end, this is fundamentally another case where students on the above-average end of the spectrum do not get treated fairly in my view. However, the problem of grades over 100 can be solved effectively, but to do this, the Grading Systems policy needs to be successfully enforced.

**Meet the Cast** (from page one)

GRB. *Unnecessary Farce* will be Zach's third performance with Quirks players. Zach has been in *Once Upon a Mattress* and *The Sound Of Music*.

Zach portrays the role of Todd, a Scottish man. Outside of school Zach enjoys playing X-box, rollerblading and, hanging out with friends.

One secret about Zach's character Todd is that he can be a bit hard to understand sometimes. To view Zach as Todd, come watch *Unnecessary Farce*, October 22 and 23 at 7:30 pm in the GRB auditorium.



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The varsity boys soccer team honored 12 senior performers on Wednesday night at their final home game of the regular season. Pictured left to right are: front row-Zach Howell, Brandon Sherman, Corey Crook, Nate Parsons and Mark Henning. Back row-Tyler Crandell, Scott Bullard, Mark Bailey, Colin Shannon, Nick Tallents, Jacob Sereno and Craig Weaver. It proved to be a happy night all-around as the Raiders battled past Fowler 2-1. (Dave Bullard photo)

## Tigers squash Raider rally

In a final score of 48-20, the Cortland Purple Tigers charged into the second half by scoring 26 points after the intermission to put away the Raiders in the last regular season game this year. Despite yielding 22 points in the opening quarter, the Raiders rallied to make it 22-20 at halftime and were holding the lines strong until early in the third quarter where Cortland ended Fulton's first half 20 point comeback,

Quarterback Brett Williams clicked the offense into gear, rushing for 100-plus yards and putting three across the goal-line to account for all of the Fulton scoring. Senior running back Donny Watson kept the chains moving with help from a charged O-line which was dominating the line of scrimmage. With split-back Max Fobes and Tyler Terramiggi getting their touches on the football, the offense seemed to be rolling. Fighting back from a 22-0 deficit early the Raiders could not fight all the way out of the hole as Cortland came firing back.

With rain pouring down atop the turf and temperatures dropping, both teams had to make major in-game adjustments. Fulton's infamous option game was cut down to a minimum at the cost of less fumbles while Cortland lost the ability of their passing game to flourish on such a big night as the Tigers were held without a completion.

But unfortunately for Fulton, the Tigers came roaring out during the second half by throwing three early scores on the board to put Fulton away. The Cortland run game was kept alive by Alex Stacey, as he punched in a 24 yard run to begin the third quarter as part of a 184 yard performance. Defensively Cortland's Justin Tabel ran a 35 yard fumble back for six to put the Raiders away late in the game.

With one game left the Raiders look to keep pride high in the cross-over match scheduled for this Friday night. The Raiders will travel to Carthage to play a familiar October foe in their final game of the season. Look for our *RaiderNet Daily* preview of Friday's game, as well as a look at the entire Class A playoff picture, in this Friday's edition. *By Max Fobes*

### This day in history:

## Volvo PV-series finished its run in 1965

On this day 45 years ago at 3 p.m., the final Volvo PV-series rolled off the line marking the end of a car made famous by its ability to undergo various road conditions and its unbeaten durability among other automobiles of the decade. The Volvo Sport PV-554's design hadn't been changed except for a few cosmetic details since production had begun in the past two decades. The old fashioned looking but zippy car sported 60 mph in 13 seconds capability, and 27 miles per gallon highway. PV series had been in production as PV444 since 1947 and then as the 544. Every car they rolled off the manufacturing line sold.

Volvo Company had been founded in Gothenburg, Sweden in 1927 quickly winning a reputation for creating fast and sturdy cars. After World War II the company unveiled the PV444 between 1947 and 1958, selling more than 200,000 cars. With the unveiling of the PV-544 in August 1958, two seemingly identical cars, except for the poor ability of space the car was hunchbacked and dowdy. A major difference was the PV-544 difference in windshields with the 544 having single pane and the 444 having divided. Also the 544 had a larger rear window and easier side flip out windows. Neither model ever had four doors, or even an interior clock.

In a 1965 a duo known as the Kenyan Brothers, won one of the toughest road races known to exist at the time, a 3,000-mile trek through the East African Safari. The brothers entered their 1964 PV-544 in old-fashioned but unbeaten style. Their car survived every falling boulder, mud puddle, and every herd of buffalo thrown in their way by Mother Nature, winning the road rally.

Today a sporty black PV-554 with red trim can be seen, waiting for its passengers in the Volvo museum in Gothenburg, Sweden. *By Andrew Pitcher*

**School of Thought** compiled by **Brett Williams and Nick Mattice**

*What is your favorite TV show?*



"Sports Center."  
**Jason Mattice**



"Jersey Shore."  
**Joe Weller**



"Rocket Power."  
**Danielle Gillete**



"Law and Order."  
**Maggie Ryan**

**Morning announcements for  
Wednesday, October 20**

Retake and missed picture day is this Friday, from 9 to 2 in the auditorium. If you are having a retake, please bring your original pictures with you. If you missed out in September, please get your picture taken on Friday for ID and yearbook purposes.

Attention juniors! This Thursday and Friday you can order class rings during all lunch bells. Don't forget, class ring orders this Thursday and Friday during lunch bells.

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.

There will be a SAFE meeting this Thursday after school in room 140.

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

Signups for JV and varsity volleyball begin this week in the girls phys. Ed. Office. See Coach Richardson or Mrs. Rossi to sign up.

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 after school in room 120. Bring vacation shots!

*Meteorology and you*  
by **Carson Metcalf**

**Today:** Partly sunny. High near 60.

**Tonight:** Cloudy with a few showers. Low in the mid-40s.

**Tomorrow:** Mainly cloudy with a few showers. High in the low-50s.

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