



Unnecessary Farce a success for Players

By Christine Proud

Students, teachers and citizens alike enjoyed Quirk's Players production of Unnecessary Farce Friday and Saturday at G. Ray Bodley High School. The audience filled up nicely and a lot of laughs could be heard even though the fall play traditionally draws less of an audience than the musical will in the spring. There was still the same energy from the actors. Actors thrived of the crowd's laughs and they strived to be even funnier so that they could hear the ring of satisfaction from viewers. The two performances had everything a person

could ask for; a murderer, serious secrets, a romance, and some "suggestive" actions.

The directors were overall, very pleased with the performance. Following the curtain call for Saturday night's performance, the cast and crew took a moment to honor the directors, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Leascarbeau and Mr. Nami. They gave them bouquets of flowers and a card showing how much they appreciate the multitude of things that they do every day to help prepare for the show.

Saturday night also provided a moment to honor the seniors as it this was the last time the seniors would be working or acting in a

fall production. Those honored were Morgan Stafford, Gwen Gibson, Patty Morrison, Josh Strauss, Clare Bawarski, and Kylee Greenleaf. These seniors have made a huge impact on Quirks and will be missed next fall.

Coming up for Quirks, is the annual musical, which is still yet to be revealed until December at the latest. Quirk's Players will hold a meeting on Thursday to discuss the upcoming New York City trip that will be taken in March after the musical. All in all Quirks has "wowed" the audience again with their great technical crew, brilliant directors and fantastic actors.

Girls hope to regroup after heartbreaking loss

With the end of the senior's high school soccer career looming ever closer, the Fulton girls were ready for their game against Homer on Saturday, October 23. The seniors were pleasantly surprised when they walked down to the field and saw their names and pictures on the decorations, thanks to all of the underclassmen. The underclassmen had decorated the stadium and the team room, written fabulous speeches and made it a night to remember for the seniors.

Before the start of the game, seniors and parents were brought down to the field for the celebration. While each senior was announced and had pictures taken with their parents, the underclassmen read the speeches they had prepared. Each speech was filled with inside jokes, memories, and special thanks from the seniors to their parents, coaches and teammates. The speeches were well written, filled with love, and had the audience captivated. After the Raiders were recognized, Fulton also honored each Homer Trojan senior with a flower.

The Raiders were forced to make a quick change of mind from the senior presentations to the game. Because the first game against Homer was cancelled due to the weather, this was the first time the Raiders and Trojans met. Each team did not know what to expect from the other.

All seven seniors started the game. At forward was Elizabeth Mulcahey and Yasmin Martinez, at midfield was Megan Beckwith, while the defensive line was Morgan Cooper,

Kayla Hanczyk and Kirsten Francis in front of senior goaltender Stephanie Hotaling.

With the start of the game, it seemed as though the Raiders had a great chance of winning as the ball was kept in Homer's end of the field very often. However, the Raiders were unable to finish and at the end of the first half the score remained 0-0.

In the second half, Homer picked up their game just like Coach Beckwith had warned his team during the halftime speech. However, the senior defense played steady and did not let the Trojans score. At the very end of the half, Homer had a close try at goal but did not capitalize. The Raiders counterattacked with a through ball to Maddie Robillard who made a move around the goalie, but was stopped by another defender. The game was tied 0-0 and went into overtime.

Overtime in varsity girls soccer consists of two ten-minute halves that will be played out even if a team scores. The two teams came out hard and played evenly like they had for the other eighty minutes of the game. However at the ninety-ninth minute of the hundred minute game, Homer scored from a through ball. This goal was devastating for the Raiders with this being the senior's last game and from playing ninety-nine minutes of hard soccer. The goal was even more frustrating because it was questionable if the ball even went all the way over the line. The shot was fired at the bottom of the crossbar, dropped down and landed on the goal line and then preceded to bounce out. With

a minute to go, the Raiders had little chance of scoring to tie the game. Tears were shed and anger was in the air.

Although the Raiders suffered a loss, they are still in sectionals as the girls will be playing tonight at Indian River at 6:30.

The Raiders make their return to the Section 3 Tournament after narrowly missing out last season. Coach Beckwith's squad is playing its best soccer of the season, as evidenced by the strong showing against Homer as well as two recent wins over East Syracuse-Minoa and a similar 1-0 victory over Oswego.

Junior Kayla Distin leads the attack with six goals this season while Courtney Beckwith leads the team in overall scoring with three goals and four assists and Maddie Robillard has chipped in with three goals and two assists. Finding the back of the net has been a problem all season long, and for that reason the girls look to senior stopper Stephanie Hotaling, who has recorded 149 saves and a 82% save ratio.

Indian River, at 7-7-1, may provide plenty for Hotaling and company to deal with as the Warriors feature a three-pronged attack led by Kaitlyn Rajner's six goals and four assists with Erin Hesse (6-2) and Paige Fayette (5-0) combining to equal Fulton's entire offensive output of the season. Overall Indian River has scored 36 goals this season while giving up 21, with five of their seven losses coming to Watertown IHC and Watertown High School.

By Kayla Hanczyk & Kirsten Francis

Opinion

Never let your innocence disappear

By Kaitlyn Lauber

As adolescents, we are constantly growing and changing into who we want to be in the future. But as we grow, we start to forget our younger years. Our elementary school days were filled with playing cops and robbers until mom called us home for dinner; and at dinner, we ate fast so we could go back outside and play until the sun went down.



Remember way back when sock em' boppers and blo-pens were the toys that the cool kids got for Christmas? Where you rode your first bike around the neighborhood until you fell and scraped your knee? Our childhood schedule wasn't based upon what time you had to work, but rather on seeing how long mom would let you play outside.

As a child I remember sitting in the woods with my friends talking about how cool it would be to go into the third grade, because when you got there you learned to write in cursive and learn multiplication. Sometimes I wish that I could go back in time and talk to eight year-old me, about cherishing every minute of my life in the second grade. "I've heard that it's possible to grow up," says Meredith Grey, a character on the popular television show Grey's Anatomy, "I've just

about making a fort out of sheets or a tree house. Today, our communication has been reduced to texting your friend when you want to hang out, and back in elementary school, it was riding your bike down the street to your friend's house to see if they could come out and play. In ten years, we'll look back on today and think about how great these days are and how they were some of the best of our lives. Once we're released into the world and are set out on our own path, we'll remember the times when the hardest things in life were sharing crayons and think about how much we miss having nap time.

There is a big difference from elementary school to high school, and from high school and beyond. Hopefully you're older, more mature and grown up. However, the funny thing is, that we listened more attentively and respectfully back in elementary school than we do today. Who is to blame for the inattentiveness of today's generation? When did the transition occur, from looking up to Chuckie Finster and Tommy Pickles to Mike the "Situation" and a girl who gave herself the name "Snooki"?

The transition is gradual as you grow older, you start thinking about different things and you start to have different priorities. Sitting and playing in the sand box is no longer the most important thing we do after school. Most importantly: remember to never let your inner child die. Always explore

Bizarre news of the day

Best Western, a hotel chain based all over the country, recently revealed some of the strangest demands they have received from guests staying there. A few examples of said strange demands include a party of travellers who insisted on having a menu consisting entirely of blue food, and a pet lover who asked for a room with two twin beds so that her dogs could have their own bed.

Another customer, who was tasked to arrange a lawn mowing convention, asked about the possibility of mowing the lawn around one hotel, so that guests could test drive mowers on display.

"We always try to accommodate our guests' requirements (no matter how off the wall they may be," said Tim Wade, head of marketing at Best Western. The only time that a group was put on hold was because, being The Tall Person's Club of Great Britain, there were not enough seven-foot beds.

By Morgan Firenze

Quote of the day:

"If music is the fruit of love, play on."
William Shakespeare

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never met anyone who's actually done it. Without parents to defy, we break the rules we make for ourselves. We throw tantrums when things don't go our way, we whisper secrets with our best friends in the dark, we look for comfort where we can find it, and we hope - against all logic, against all experience."

Seniors of today are more concerned with getting out of the house, college and their futures, but ten years ago, these kids only thought

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2. Calypso - John Denver
3. I'm Sorry - John Denver
4. Lyin' Eyes - The Eagles
5. Ballroom Blitz - Sweet
6. Dance With Me - Orleans
7. Feelings - Morris Albert
8. Ain't No Way To Treat A Lady - Helen Reddy
9. They Just Cant Stop It - The Spinners

In 1995

1. Fantasy - Mariah Carey
2. Gangsta's Paradise - Coolio Featuring L.V
3. Runaway - Janet Jackson
4. Kiss From A Rose - Seal
5. You Are Not Alone - Michael Jackson
6. Only Wanna Be With You - Hootie & The Blowfish
7. Waterfalls - TLC
8. As I Lay Me Down - Sophie B. Hawkins
9. Brokenhearted - Brandy

Present

1. Just The Way You Are - Bruno Mars
2. Like A G6 - Far East Movement
3. Teenage Dream - Katy Perry
4. Just A Dream- Nelly
5. DJ Got Us Fallin' In Love - Nelly Feat. Pitbull
6. Dynamite - Taio Cruz
7. Love The Way You Lie - Eminem Feat. Rihanna
8. Only Girl (In The World) - Rihanna
9. I Like It - Enrique Iglesias

Meet the Reporters

Carson Metcalf, Junior

Carson joined the staff of *The Raider* to report stories that people want to read about. Outside of school, Carson reports the weather, designs web pages and he plays the piano.



One thing you don't know about Carson, is that he is a black belt in karate.

Compiled by Patty Morrison

Fulton plant named as supplier for NASCAR

Fulton has long been known as a city with racing on its mind due to the presence of the well-known Fulton Speedway. But starting next year Fulton will hold a prominent place in the biggest car racing circuit in the country.

The top name in professional racing, NASCAR, decided recently that they will be using Ethanol from Fulton's Ethonal Facility "Sunoco" in the upcoming racing season. Sunoco's Green E-15 ethanol fuel will be used for at least three national tours in 2011. The ethanol used for the gas will come in big part from Sunoco's plant in Fulton, which has now only been up and running for about four months.

Last Saturday's announcement puts Fulton's Sunoco in business with the largest racing organization worldwide. Just last year Sunoco bought the ethanol plant from "Northeast Biofuels" who slipped into bankruptcy. The ethanol-gas blend mixture for NASCAR is approximately 15 percent ethonal and 85 percent gasonline. The plan for the NASCAR industry is to use this certain fuel blend of ethanol working their way into using gasoline by the the season opener, the famed Daytona 500. Sourced facts from: http://centralny.ynn.com/content/top_stories/520825/ethanol-from-fulton-to-be-used-for-nascar **By Max Fobes**

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School of Thought compiled by Kayla Distin and Kirsten Francis

What are you being for Halloween



"A Roman."
Morgan Stafford



"A Masquerade Girl."
Kassy McCann



"I'm being Katy Perry."
Jeanette Bartlett



"I'll probably be a Domino"
Miss. Westerbeck

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy with a few rain showers. High in the low-70s.

Record high-78 (1963)
Avg. high-56

Tonight:



Cloudy with a shower or storm. Low in the mid-50s.

Record low-24 (1976)
Avg. low-37

Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy with a few showers. High in the mid-60s.

Record high-75 (1991)
Avg. high-55

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