



The future is now for GRB seniors

By Brenna Merry

Even though the school year has just begun, seniors thoughts are already prioritized on next September. Although they are taking time to enjoy their final year of high school, the fun is always hindered by the fact that time is flying by and college decisions need to be made.

Since the beginning of time students are asked time and time again, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Now, they find that they are the ones asking themselves this question. Which college to go to and which career path to choose are two of the biggest decisions a person will ever have to make. This reality is taking a toll on the senior class, many of whom do not even know where to begin.

The first step, that should have been taken during junior year at the latest, is to start thinking. Narrowing down colleges by what size you're interested in, what major you may be looking toward, how far away you want to be from home, or what sports and activities you are searching for will truly help in the decision-making process.

Once you've narrowed down your desires, start researching possibilities. Go to your guidance counselor to research your options, pay attention to the mail you get, as well as use the most available resource, the computer. These resources are extremely useful not only in the college process, but also in applying for scholarships.

At the time that you have found colleges you feel you are interested in, make appointments for visits and interviews. English teacher Mr. Lescarbeau told his Public Speaking class, "I got into every college I applied to and I'm convinced it's because I made the time to meet with someone from each. It would be stupid to go to a college you have never seen."

Visiting prospective colleges is the only way a student can continue to narrow down which one they wish to attend. Soon enough it will be time to submit college applications, most of which should be submitted before Christmas vacation. The quicker you get this done, the less stressful the experience will be and the more organized the process will become. Early decision admissions, for those who are sure which college they would like to attend,

are submitted in mid-November.

Along with taking all these steps, make sure you have taken your ACT and SAT's. Sign up online or ask your guidance counselor. These scores are a major influence on the decision of colleges as to whether or not to accept a student.

Seniors are reaching the home stretch and instead of getting "senioritis" it's time to get focused. These next few months are important in deciding where you will end up in life. Soon enough, even if you aren't certain what you will grow up "to be," you will at least know the direction you are headed.

September Weather Breaks Records

After starting off warm, the month of September quickly saw temperatures fall back to more seasonable levels for the most part after a summer filled with extreme heat here in Central New York. Weather-wise, September did have it's own extremes, however. Above-average high temperatures were recorded for roughly one-third of the days in the month, including one day that caused a 40-year-old record to be shattered. Rainfall was plentiful for the month as well, although just one day, Thursday, September 30, helped to send us over the edge into above-average territory.

As September began, and we all started thinking about heading back to school to start a new year, not-so-distant memories of the hot and humid summer months were once again a reality for just a few more days. The first three days of the month saw highs in the low-90s, within just a few degrees each of breaking records that were set back in 1953.

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department. Even though it felt considerably cooler compared to the summer we had just endured, 11 out of the 30 days in the month still saw above-average high temperatures. To put that into perspective, average highs for the month of September range from 66 to 76 degrees; the first day of the month starts with an average high of 76 degrees, then that level decreases day by day until the last of the month which has an average high of 66 degrees. We did manage once this September to break a long-standing high temperature record. On September 24, a high temperature of 90 degrees was recorded, which broke the 88-degree record for the day, set back in 1970. This past September proved to be hot at times for sure, but definitely was not as sweltering as the previous few months in our area.

As far as precipitation for September 2010 is concerned, right up until the last day you probably thought that rainfall for the month was below average. If you did come to this conclusion, then you were correct. Until, that is, the massive remnants associated with Tropical Storm Nicole arrived just as we were getting ready to say goodbye to the month of September. These remnants were enough to break two historical records for rainfall in the month. On September 30, 2.66 inches of rain were recorded, crushing the record for the day of 0.82 inches set back in 1972. On top of that, the day will also go down in history as being the wettest September day to date recorded here in Central New York, breaking the 9-year-old record of 2.59 inches.

Looking ahead, October is already turning out to be an extremely cold and wet month. We'll see how this pattern plays out in terms of breaking records and offsetting the averages as we progress through the remainder of the month.

By Carson Metcalf

Opinion

Crowded Hallways Causing Trouble

By Dan Summerville

Nearly every morning the hallways of G. Ray Bodley High School are crammed with groups of students, making navigation nearly impossible. Small groups of students, ranging from three to eight or more people, clog the halls. This morning social time has become a slight problem for those who need to get to their class. The groups leave only narrow paths between them, forcing students to travel single file.

Some groups even block off the halls, making it even harder to get through. This would not be much of a problem if there were not people moving in both directions. These groups, causing slow movement



throughout the school, disrupt the normal flow of students and staff.

Not only do these groups cause congestion, but also very few will move if they are asked. Junior Andrew Pitcher commented, "If you choose to stand in the hall, at least stand out of the way. Be more considerate of other people, not all of them want to get stuck in the halls." If students heeded this advice, morning travels would be much easier and less stressful for everyone.

Along with being an inconvenience, this could cause problems in a potential emergency. With so many students in the halls, evacuation would be slow and unorganized. It would not take much to solve this problem, just a little bit of consideration from those who take part in these groups. With cooperation, the mornings in GRB's hallways would flow much easier.

American Made? I think not

By Andrew Pitcher

It used to be easy to find items that were American made. But these days you may have to look long and hard for an item bearing this tag.

Everything on store shelves seems to be from China or a nearby area in American stores, and even well known brands aren't made here. This is all because of the bottom line. It is cheaper to have goods made halfway across the world because of the low wages people are paid. Along with costing Americans jobs, the poor quality and recalls on many Chinese made products have also been a problem.

China is the third largest exporter of food to the United States. Problems have arisen from this as well, as the FDA tests less than 1% of all food exports to the U.S due to a lack of staffing.

An excerpt from the Washington Post noted this problem in the fish industry, where, local remedies take the place of scientific cures. "Iodine bottles, vitamin packets, and Chinese herbal concoctions that he claims substitute for antibiotics. Zhu's fish farm, in a village on the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, sends about 2.5 million catfish fillets each year to United States through an importer in Virginia. Zhu's fish sometimes get sick. Then he brings out the drugs.

China is the leading exporter of catfish, eel, and tilapia to the United States and the second biggest shrimp supplier. It should therefore come



as no surprise that China is also the world's leading exporter of toxic seafood. Seafood should be tested more thoroughly for illegal and banned drugs and antibiotics, most of which can be harmful, if not fatal to humans.

Cheap consumer goods are another main concern when it comes to Chinese imports. Well-known American toy manufacturer Mattel has most of its work done in Shanghai, China, and the end result has not been positive. Lead paint was found to have been used in toy construction to lower manufacturing costs. Toys painted with high levels of lead sell for a third of the price of non-lead painted toys. Why do producers knowingly make things containing lead or similar byproducts of it, when such materials are obviously harmful to consumers, not to mention the children that will be playing with the bought goods? I wouldn't mind paying a little extra for American made products, not to mention the fact it's not going to harm me.

Quote of the day:

'My theory is that if you look confident you can pull off anything - even if you have no clue what you're doing.'

Jessica Alba

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Need a job? Try these sure-fire tips

By Kaitlyn Lauber

We all know that the economy isn't exactly favorable these days, but students want to make money, right? Teens now more than ever are on the hunt for a job.

Here are a few simple tips on becoming an employed teen.

1) When applying for a part-time job, set yourself apart from the other applicants.

-This can sometimes be hard when no rÈsumÈ is required with the application. When an employer asks for your prior job experience and extra circular activities, they want to know how involved you are and if you'll stick with the job or not.

2) After you apply go in or call.

- Many managers are very overwhelmed and don't have the time to call you back after you apply. If you are still interested a few days after applying, call and ask to speak to a manager. If the manager doesn't call back in a few days, don't worry; they didn't forget about you, they may have just been to busy.

- When calling, don't ask if you got the job, but rather simply ask about the status of your application.

3) Have someone who works there help you.

- If you know someone who works there, ask them if they'd be willing to put in a good word for you. If a person the manager knows recommends you, it looks better than your second cousin's fiancÈe would

.4) Don't limit yourself.

- It looks better to a business if you have good availability. Not being available after school on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and every third Tuesday of the month doesn't look as good who might just need a day off here and then.

Photography contest underway

Keeping up with tradition, the G Ray Bodley Photography club is host it's annual fall photography contest this month. The subject matter is animals, but serious and humorous pictures will be judged separately.

"How are you supposed to compare a picture of a dog with peanut butter on its nose and a horse leaping into the air dramatically?" said club advisor Mlle Amerault.

One submission per category is allowed for each person, and teachers are welcome to participate. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in both categories.

Submission deadline and judging will be in November. Get out there, take some pictures and have your creativity recognized.

In the Interview

1) Make a good impression.

- Dress nicely, not just casual. Wear clothes nice enough to show that you are serious about getting the job.

- Speak smoothly and clearly, even though you may be nervous. (And if you are nervous, don't worry! The interviewer is just trying to gauge your ability to perform your job.

- Use good eye contact and be confident!

Even if you don't get the job, don't give up! Keep looking and you will find something.

Writers group to meet Oct. 13

Are you a G. Ray Bodley High School student interested in writing? If so, join the Teen Writers Group!

The Teen Writers Group, or TWG for short, is a non-judgmental gathering of peers who all share a common love of writing. The group gets together once a month in the library after school until 4 p.m. Librarian Mrs. Scalfaro and student Vanessa Langdon formed the group last year as an outlet for teen writers who want to improve their craft and possibly get published.

The group does different writing exercises and has free writing time. Writers are also encouraged to share what they are currently writing, or anything they would like to receive constructive feedback on.

The first meeting will be after school on Wednesday, October 13. Interested students can sign up with either Mrs. Scalfaro in the library or Vanessa Langdon any time during the day. They both look forward to working with you and growing together as writers!

Upcoming College Visits

Today: SUNY Potsdam (8:45 a.m.); Utica College (10 a.m.); Crouse Hospital (10:30 a.m.); SUNY New Paltz (11:15 a.m.)

Friday, Oct. 8: Elmira College (8:45 a.m.); SUNY Cortland (noon)

Tuesday, Oct. 12: North Country CC (8:45 a.m.); SUNY Upstate Medical Univ.-physical therapist interest only (10 a.m.); Alfred University (1 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 21: Onondaga CC (11 a.m.)

Monday, Oct. 25: SUNY ESF (12:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 27: SUNY Oneonta (10 a.m.)

Monday, Nov. 1: SUNY Oswego (8:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Finger Lakes CC (11:15 a.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 4: SUNY Canton (11 a.m.)

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School of Thought compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

How do you think the Fulton football team will do this Friday?



"I think they will win...barely."
Darci Sorbello



"Fulton will win by seven."
Nick Woodworth



"I hope they will win."
Kirsten Francis



"They will lose in a close game."
Mrs. Clayton

Morning announcements for Thursday, October 7

A representative from SUNY Potsdam will be in the guidance office today at 8:45, Utica College at 10, Crouse Hospital at 10:30, and a representative from Medaille College will be here at one to meet with interested students.

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

Physicals for sports and working papers will be done on today by appointment only in the nurse's office. Please be on time.

Students interested in the song-writing contest may submit entries in room 207 until November first.

Anyone interested in the Ski and Snowboard Club who did not attend Monday's meeting, please contact Mrs. Honeywell in room 119 or Mrs. Downing in room 116 or 212 to get your contract and payment schedule. First payment of \$100 is due by October 15.

The Raider's Den is now open ninth and tenth bell and also after school until 2:50. Located between Mrs. Ferlito's and Mrs. Houses' rooms on the first floor, come on in and try a slush puppy today.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Partly cloudy with a rain shower. High in the mid-60s.

Tonight: Mainly clear. Low in the low-40s.

Tomorrow: Sun and clouds. High in the upper-60s.

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