



Potter fans note their favorite movie in series

By Patty Morrison

With part one of the newest Harry Potter movie, *The Deathly Hallows*, now in theaters, the time has come to ask the ever-popular question: What was your favorite movie?

Many people base their favorite movie on what their favorite books are, however some separate the books from the films, because each have their own components. Others dislike the films, because of what they fail to use from the books, so they are seen in both a positive and negative light.

"The sixth movie was a waste," according to one senior. "Two and a half hours of nothing-ness. I thought that the movies got better up to the fifth one, and the sixth one... I want to say it was a joke, because the parts that stood out to me in the book were changed from the movie."

This is a common complaint, because some fans believe that the book itself was a "filler book" and they reflected on the movie as such. However, for every negative there is also a positive. Senior Clare Bawarski noted, "the

sixth one was good, because it had a lot of the emotions in it, and it's the build up to the seventh one. But I really liked the third and fifth ones too."

Many fans also like the special effects in the movies, because they have improved drastically from the first film's release in 2001. Now, when a person sits down to watch a game of the wizarding sport Quidditch, they can actually get into the game. In the first two movies, the Quidditch matches felt like you were watching NASCAR, 200 miles per hour, and now it has slowed down so that you know what's happening.

"I liked the second one because the scene in the Chamber of Secrets was epic," noted junior Amanda Tetro. That was due to special effects and Computer Graphed Imaging (CGI) that built the basilisk, a magical snake that kills when you look in its eyes, or are bitten by it. Another senior added "I liked the fifth one because I loved the fireworks that Fred and George Weasley did." That was also an effects comment, because many special techniques were used to create the odd fireworks that were

put on display for the school.

Characters also play a big factor in which of the movies is a person's favorite.

"I liked the Prisoner of Azkaban [the third movie] best," noted senior Matt Liberti. "Because Sirius Black is the man."

"The fifth movie was my favorite," another senior commented. "I loved the storyline, and I could really relate to Harry most in this one, I think. But, I really loved the fifth movie, because Sirius Black is my favorite character in the series, and he was in this movie and the third movie the most."

Others have never read the books before and have only seen the movies, so they base their favorites on what they have seen in the films.

"Out of the five I've seen, I think the fifth one is my favorite," said Katie Jones, a senior who has only watched the movies. "It just seemed like the best one."

So, no matter why you love the movies, and even if you haven't read the books, people are going to love them. Fans are also going to love them, and they will be classics for a long time to come.



Members of Mrs. Thompson's class pose in front of their Raider themed Christmas tree at the Pratt House in Fulton. Voting will take place on Nov. 28-29 for the yearly decorating competition, with the students hoping to place first for the third straight year. Pictured from left to right are, front-Krystal Howell, Melissa Sorar, A.J. Stefanowski and Cloreesa Dingman. Middle-Matthew Calkins, Erica Sorar, Arica Dingman, Karin Dingman, Jessica Sereno and Josh Broadwell. Back-Emily House, Michael Alder, Kenny Holbrook, Kevin Smith and Charles Polloc. Anyone is welcome to vote on the trees, currently on display at the Pratt House.

Opinion

Don't judge the book by the cover

At first glance the world is filled with empty faces. We only can describe strangers by their physical characteristics. We pass by the guy with the mohawk or the girl who always wears Hollister. In most cases these pre-determined judgments prevent people from filling these empty faces with personalities and experiences.



In the world there are a variety of cliques and stereotypes. We surround ourselves with people who dress, talk, and act like us. This is so prominent in high school that it almost seems that groups of friends are drones of one another. Having your own "friend group" is a good idea for any student; it's when this group isolates themselves from anyone unlike them that the halls become a scary place. You pass by the preppy, nerdy, gothic, emo or jock groups instead of passing by individuals whom you have had familiarities with. By closing yourself to anyone who is unlike you, you will be incapable of growing as a person and will forever be stuck in the high school version of yourself.

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Determining who you mingle with only by first glance will limit you from meeting billions of people in the world who have their own stories and lessons to tell and teach. Everyone has a story, the homeless guy on the corner or the prissy brat who bosses everyone around. You would be amazed at how much listening to what people have to say will change the way you think about life. If we judge people only by the way that they look, it will reach a point where no one is of any significance to our lives. We will have no philosophical thoughts ignited by others and we will die off as, "that person who only talked to four people."

It's a stereotype of high schools to stereotype individuals, such as the idea that teenagers assume someone who doesn't wear "nice" clothes

is a scum, or if you get good grades you are a nerd. This stereotype in itself can be broken because stereotypes are absolutely everywhere and used by absolutely everyone of any age. It's the human instinct to judge by sight, it's your choice to go past this judgment and learn for yourself the depths of an individual.

At first glance I'm a freckled-faced girl who gets good grades and stays out of trouble. From this very judgment many have decided they want to be my friend, or that they do not like me at all. Just with the use of their eyes, people have made up their own ideas of the person I am. People who I have never spoken to talk to others as if they know me better than I know myself. This juvenile trait is one that nearly everyone possesses. There is so much more to me than meets the eye and it pains me to know that I will not meet many of my fellow school mates merely because of the way that they see me.

Bizarre News of the Day

Every stand in front of the drink vending machine and have absolutely no idea what to buy? What if the vending machine could suggest something to you? Leave it to Japan to create such a thing.

The Japanese machines use 47-inch touch screen monitors with embedded sensors that help it determine the details of people who walk up to the machine. After identification, the machine will show images of the "recommended" drinks, which will also change according to time of day and temperature.

For example, a woman in her 20's would have a slightly sweeter beverage suggested for her to drink. The suggestions are reportedly based on extensive market research. Using the same logic, if you are a little overweight, the machine should obviously tell you to buy water and not a soda.

By Morgan Firenze

Quote of the day:

"Every day is a new day. It is better to be lucky. But I would rather be exact. Then, when luck comes, you are ready."
Santiago, the Old Man and the Sea

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At long last, *Deathly Hallows pt. 1* is here!



At the Movies
By Hunter Gorton

The long-awaited release of the newest Harry Potter movie highlights the big pre-Thanksgiving weekend at the movies. But while *The Deathly Hallows* may be getting most of the attention, there are other movies to watch if you don't feel like fighting the crowd.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 - The first movie of the two-film adaptation, Ron, Hermione and Harry search far and wide for pieces of Lord

Voldemort's soul that he extracted from his being and hid in obscure places. If the three are not able to locate every piece of Lord Voldemort and destroy them, then he will remain immortal. Despite the longtime friendship of the trio, a combination of romantic tensions, dark forces and long-held secrets threaten to sabotage the journey. *Harry Potter*

and *the Deathly Hallows* is a must see this weekend, this movie will not disappoint.

The Next Three Days - A powerful love film thriller, *The Next Three Days* is a story of a concerned man (Russell Crowe) who is willing to break his wife (Elizabeth Banks) out of prison to get her out of a murder conviction. This film is sure to be a thriller you won't forget.

Made in Dagenham - Set in the 1960s, *Made in Dagenham* is based on a true story about a group of women who join forces, stand up for what was right and while doing so, found their inner strength. Although not the swinging sixties, this film focuses on the English optimistic era which is heard all throughout the radios and on the television sets. While this era of new visions and hope cheers up England, a group of women are fed up with poor conditions at the city's Ford Motor Factory they all work at. As they try and explain their feelings to fellow co-workers they are laughed at humorously. The women are fired up by the reaction and will go to any measures possible to match any of their male opponents.

Sportsman's notebook:

Fish still biting despite arrival of fall

As the weather gets colder, many students of G Ray Bodley High School choose to stay indoors. While the days of swimming and recreational boating are at an end, there is still much to do on some of the nearby lakes and rivers. Anyone who has been fishing lately knows that some of the best sport fish are still biting despite the cold weather. Lake Neatawanta is perfect Bass territory, and Oneida Lake is prime fishing ground for Walleye.

Freshman Nick Summerville recently spent a weekend fishing for walleye off a pier on Oneida Lake. "You have to be patient," Nick says, "but the walleye are biting." Even at best, Walleye are difficult to catch, but they are biting regularly this autumn after a difficult summer for anglers.

Fishing is a hobby that is enjoyed by people of all ages, male and female. It is also one of the few hobbies that can be enjoyed year round, although ice fishing can be cold and makes for a long day. Fishing is also relatively safe, the only real danger being falling into the water. Anyone can enjoy fishing, even those who would rather not touch live bait, as artificial lures have been developed that work just as well, and sometimes better. The skill level required for fishing varies greatly; a person needs no experience for pan-fishing, yet when it comes to competitive sportfishing, experience is everything.

Anyone can enjoy fishing, whether it is at an afternoon picnic or a tournament. Fishing is one of most participated in outdoor sports. All over the world, people enjoy this ancient pastime. So, head out to a nearby lake and start fishing. Now is the perfect time of year to go fishing, it is not too hot or cold, and the fish are still biting. Fishing licenses are available at Wal-mart; single day licenses sell for \$5.

By Daniel Summerville

Fultonian Yearbook dates and deadlines

This week: Prom and baby pictures due
November: Order forms distributed
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The Teen Scene

Revenge of the Gleeks: the show is a hit!

By **Patty Morrison**

On Tuesday nights, it is common to have at least one of the TV's in your house tuned to Fox at 8 pm. The reason for that is simple, and has four letters: *Glee*.

In the last two years, the hit musical comedy series, *Glee*, has become a national phenomenon. With their musical comedy and true-to-life plotlines; the show was an instant success amongst thespians, and the followers of the show immediately dubbed themselves "Gleeks" which is a combination of the words "Glee" and "Geek."

The idea for *Glee* was first generated in August of 2005, when the writer, Ian Brennan, looked back upon his own experience in a high school show choir. The original script was completed in 2005, but he couldn't generate enough interest in the project for it to actually become something until several years later. It all came together when Mike Novick, a friend of Brennan's gave a T.V. producer, Ryan Murphy, a copy of the script.

Originally, *Glee* was supposed to be a film, but that idea was scrapped as soon as Murphy received the script. Once it was written as a show, it was sent to Fox, and it was picked up within fifteen hours of being received. Murphy wanted the show to be an escape, because "There's so much on the air right now about people with guns, or sci-fi, or lawyers running around. This is a different genre, there's nothing like it on the air at the networks and cable." And he wanted to make a show that related to both adults and teenagers, with the adults starring equally with the teenage leads of the show.

When asked why the show is so enjoyable, students of GRB responded with their admiration for the characters in the shows.

"The show focuses on the outcasts, and the unloved," stated junior Christine Proud. "It gives them a place to be loved. *Glee* makes my entire life, and it is what I look forward to on Tuesdays. And Finn is gorgeous."

When it comes to the music in the shows, it varies. Recently, for Halloween, they did a special, called the Rocky Horror *Glee* Show, where the cast dressed up as characters from the Rocky Horror Picture Show, and remade the songs, and had their own rendition of The Rocky Horror Show.

They have also done an episode featuring Lady Gaga's music, Brittany Spears' music, and they have also included many new songs from familiar artists to be featured in future episodes. These include "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry, "(I've Had) The Time of My Life"

a popular song in the 80's film *Dirty Dancing*, and "Every Rose Has its Thorn," by Poison.

Murphy, the producer is responsible for picking the music in every episode, and he was quoted as saying "I want there to be something for everybody in every episode. That's a tricky mix, but that's very important - the balancing of that." The selection of songs is also an important part of script development. "Each epi-

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sode has a theme at its core. After I write the script, I will choose songs that help to move the story along," Murphy stated.

Out of all of the favorable reviews, *Glee* only earns a 77 out of 100 among most critics, although it was deemed the eighth best television show of 2009 by Time Magazine. One

critic, Lisa Respers France, from CNN commented that: ordinarily *Glee*'s premise would have been "a recipe for disaster," but the show has "such quirky charm and bravado that it is impossible not to get swept up."

As for the musical aspect of the show, the cast of *Glee* had 25 singles charted on Billboard's Hot 100 list, making that the most singles ever charted by an artist since the

Beatles, who had 31 singles chart in 1964.

With their high ratings, don't look for the colorful cast of this show to go away any time soon, because the loveable characters and range of music will probably keep them on the air for a long time.

Stay healthy during holiday eating season

By **Ryann Crofoot**

It's almost Thanksgiving, with Christmas and New Years soon to follow. It's also the time of year most known for eating.

As a result, it is very important to stay healthy during the holidays, and the rest of the year as well to fend off sickness. Dieting is a well-known way to stay healthy, but many there are many wrong views on what healthy dieting entails.

One of the most common misconceptions is that fat is bad for you, no matter what kind. There are actually plenty of "good" fats out there that are essential for good health and fighting off diseases. These fats are found in natural foods such as nuts and fish. Eating small amounts of these foods at meals can help you feel fuller longer, helping you eat less.

Another common belief is that restricting calories is the best way for you to lose weight. Cutting back on calories does help, but you also need to be sure to exercise to gain muscle and help boost metabolism. People often believe drastic measures are needed to lose weight, such as eating very little food and exercising a lot.

But if you don't give your body the fuels it needs, you will very rarely end up with lasting results. Eating too little food can actually slow

your metabolism, and will produce the opposite results of what you are looking for. Try taking only 100-300 calories out of your diet, and exercising on a regular basis.

Another common myth is that as long as you are eating healthy foods, you can eat as much as you want. A calorie is a calorie, no matter what shape it takes. While some foods do have fewer calories, it's important to monitor the portion size. You have to limit your calorie intake, but you also need to find a balance to keep from feelings of hunger and deprivation.

Another falsehood is that eating late at night will make you gain weight. There are no "magic" hours; we associate late-night eating with gaining weight because we tend to eat more at night. We do this because we usually deprive our bodies of adequate calories the first half of the day.

It's good to start out your day with a good breakfast, and then eat every 3-4 hours. Keep lunch the same size as dinner, and you can probably avoid over-indulging at night.

It's coming to the time of year when people tend to focus more on eating, and less on what they're eating and how much. It's important to eat healthy to help yourself stay healthy. Eating healthy can help you feel better, and help you keep from feeling stressed, keeping you on top of your daily activities.

NBC's "Green Week" helps promote environment

By **Patty Morrison**

If some of the regularly viewed television shows in your house include The Office on NBC, Countdown with Keith Olbermann on MSNBC, Weather Center on The Weather Channel or any other show on an NBC network for that matter, then you have probably noticed something a little different as you watch this week.

NBC Universal, the parent company of these networks and many others such as CNBC, Bravo, and USA, has once again launched its "Green is Universal" week. This is a campaign to promote awareness and how to take action to care for our ailing environment.

The twice-yearly campaign kicked off on Sunday night, November 14 for another weeklong run. During this period, the logo or the "bug" on the screen for the respective network turns green for the entire week. Some of the NBC Universal networks, such as MSNBC for example, even insert a slogan in a loop of their logo such as "Green is Progress" to not only coincide with the campaign, but also to help encourage action on the part of the viewer to help better our environment. But it's not just the logos of these networks that promote being green throughout the week.

During 'Green is Universal' week, many special public service announcements air during daily programming and are available online. From Jason Ritter encouraging you to recycle to Jay Leno reporting on environmentally-friendly vehicles, many members of the NBC talent pool are featured in small spots to further advance the message and purpose of the week.

The news division at NBC is also making strides toward a cleaner future. From MSNBC's morning talk program Morning Joe discussing clean energy each morning to NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams featuring reports on the environment in general each evening, the networks of NBC Universal are certainly taking a worthwhile initiative in terms of becoming "green."

NBC Universal brought this weeklong call-to-action of sorts together officially in November 2007. "Throughout the week, NBC Universal presented over 150 hours of environmentally-themed content across multiple platforms," says the official NBC website. Since then, the original Green Week expanded into two separate weeks per year, one called "Earth Week" in the spring, and another called "Green

Week" in the fall, which we are currently experiencing now.

'Green is Universal' weeks at NBC Universal like this help present the political and scientific issue of climate change to viewers. With

the presence of this discussion and debate in the media, it is more important than ever for these outlets to take responsibility for promoting and distributing reliable, factual information about becoming "green."

Harry Potter's gravesite a tourist spot

This is no movie or book spoiler or anything of that sort. This actually has nothing to do with J.K. Rowling's character. The fact of the matter is that a real-life Harry Potter died in 1933. Potter was not a teenage wizard, nor did he attend Hogwarts. Actually, he was killed in 1939 in battle with an armed band in Palestine, not by Lord Voldemort.

Harry Potter was born in Birmingham, England and joined the British military in 1938. With the military rank of private, he was sent to Palestine later that year to serve his country. He met an early demise, not a year later, at the young age of 18. He was buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Ramle, a city in Israel. His gravestone records his age at death as 19 because he lied about his age to become eligible to join the military. His shared name has helped bring in tourists, presumably devout Harry Potter fans, to the city and the grave site.

Despite the lack of a connection between the buried soldier and J.K. Rowling's character, this grave has been able to draw many Potter fans to Ramle. A tour guide in the region, Ron Peled, described this. "It's the name that sells. His grave is helping draw tourists." He goes on to say that in 2005, inquiries were received about the gravestone. The cemetery and Harry Potter's resting place then became listed on the city's tourism website at the beginning of 2010. While thousands of tourists already make the trek to Ramle to see its ancient cave, buildings and archaeological sites, the soldier's grave can only benefit the city's appeal.

Potter aficionados can rest at ease knowing that their beloved character is not actually deceased. However, yesterday's midnight release of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows may reveal otherwise. They may also be glad that the real Harry Potter was noble and courageous. His desire to join the military and serve his country despite his age is testament to this. All in all it seems to be certain that the name Harry Potter is attractive, whether it be a city's tourism or millions of dollars in ticket sales.

By Tyler Crandell

Former CBA star features for USA soccer

The American national team squared off against South Africa on Wednesday in Cape Town. Vuvuzelas could be heard blaring during the game, bringing memories of the World Cup to the players. US head coach, Bob Bradley, took an 18 man roster of mostly younger players to get them exposure at the senior national level. While players had seen action at younger levels of international like U-17 and U-20, for some this was their first call up to the full national team. Despite playing against their African hosts, who boasted major support, the USA team came through with a 1-0 win from 17 year old, Juan Agudelo.

With the game being a stalemate at 0-0, Bob Bradley brought on one of his six substitutions off the match at the 60 minute mark as 17 year old, Juan Agudelo replaced Robbie Rogers up front as a striker, hoping to impress on his first international cap. Another debutant, Mikkel Diskerud was brought in after 78 minutes and would become the supplier for Agudelo. In the 85th minute Diskerud held up a loose ball in South Africa's penalty box until Agudelo made a streaking run. Diskerud then chipped the ball to Agudelo who only needed two touches to find the back of the net. The first touch settled the ball under his control and his second put the ball home over the rushing goalkeeper. These two earned some recognition with their fine contributions on their full international debut. They hope to be recalled to the team for more games and to continue to demonstrate their talents at the highest level.

A day of debuts also featured former CBA star, Gale Agbossoumonde's, first appearance for the men's national team. He saw the game to the end from the 85th minute. Overall, the young American side more than held their own against South Africa on their own turf. USA soccer is always looking to be a strong contender with other nations, however they have just not been at the same level in honesty. However a strong influx of talented youth hopes to guide the American team into the future with some great intentions.

By Tyler Crandell

School of Thought compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

How do you think the SU football team will do vs. UConn on Saturday?



"There's a chance they will win."
Ashlynn Palmitesso



"UConn will be sorry for showing up in the house of the Orange."
Mrs. Ryan



"They will lose a close game."
Matthew Liberti



"I hope they will win, but I think they will lose."
Erika Johnson

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Partly sunny. High in the low-40s.
Record high-75 (1991)
Avg. high-46

Tonight:



Partly cloudy. Low in the low-30s.
Record low-13 (1986)
Avg. low-31

Tomorrow:

Cloudy skies. High in the mid-40s, low in the mid-20s.
Record high-63 (1953)
Low-9 (1987)
Avg. high/low-45/30

Sunday:

Sun and clouds. High around 40, low in the upper-30s.
Record high/low-71 (1953); 11 (2008). Avg: 45/30

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