



Leaky roof, ruined instruments greet orchestra

By Ryann Crofoot

December is a month known for surprises, but on Monday morning G. Ray Bodley High School string players showed up to a most unwelcome surprise; standing water on the floor and instruments, and water still dripping from the ceiling. To make matters worse, the annual Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday, which poses a huge problem for the orchestra students.

The flooding was caused by a leak in the roof, leaving the instruments to soak until GRB Orchestra teacher Miss Santy arrived at school on Monday morning. By tenth bell, the leak into the room still had not been stopped. As a result, some of the instruments are completely ruined. The instruments' insurance company sent a repair specialist to inspect the damage to determine what they will pay for.

After that, the school will have to talk to the construction company's insurance to see what they will cover. Beyond that, Miss Santy said that she wasn't sure what the orchestra would do to pay for the damage, which could run into the thousands of dollars when all is said and done.

Because orchestra instruments are made of wood, temperature and moisture affect them

greatly. If the temperature shifts, the sound of the instrument changes as well. In the case of water, even the differences between a humid day and a drier day can put an instrument out

of tune. The water makes the instrument expand, stretching out the strings and stressing the wood. Some of the instruments that were in the room when this occurred have even ex-



A leaky roof in the orchestra room caused major damage to a number of musical instruments over the weekend, including this cello that split apart due water dripping on it.

panded to the point where the wood has split apart. And with a concert coming up, the GRB Orchestras are in a bit of a bind. As a result they will be borrowing instruments from Oswego High School for Thursday's performance.

Even areas outside of the orchestra room were experiencing an indoor rain. A number of the surrounding hallways had trashcans set up to try to keep the excess water from spreading. This is not the first problem with the roof in this area, as trash cans catching dripping water were present during rainy spells in October and November. But this time around there was extensive damage as the weekend weather produced rain on top of all the snow from last week.

As one junior noted, "The construction is supposed to improve our school. The new entrance and the new wing look really good, but I'm not sure it was worth all the trouble it caused, and is still causing."



This is the scene in the cafeteria/senior lounge most days as students try to sign in, a time-consuming process according to columnist Brenna Merry has some problems and solutions regarding the new system. See her opinion article today on page 2. (James McKay photo)

Opinion

Senior “priviledge” is anything but

By Brenna Merry

Skipping class has been a problem in high school since the beginning of time. However, when 120 students are skipping the same class it can be put into question whether the kids are truly to blame. Cutting class is an action that is associated with problem students, yet over half of the students skipping are in AP classes, VIP students, and tutors. The “senior lounge” is floundering and the students know why.

Since this new system of a “lounge” began, students have had plenty of complaints. Statements such as, “I feel like I’m being punished for being an upperclassman” or, “I guess it’s time to head to the corralling,” are numerous among seniors. Students do have the option of leaving the mad house by signing out to go to a different classroom with a pre-signed pass. This all seems fine and dandy in theory; however with only four advisors carrying sign-in sheets



students, however, it should be seen that something needs to change.

Suggestions among students are that they should be able to give their advisor a permanent pass to where they will be every day. Then they will sign in at this location to show that they were indeed there. In the past months AP Calculus students have not been signing in at seminar, but instead have been signing in at Mrs. Ryan’s room. This way they have extra time to get help with their college level work. These students, however, are getting into trouble for trying to excel. It can be questioned why AP Bio students are rightfully placed in Mr. Gillard’s room during seminar for help but AP Calculus students get in trouble for this action.

Another suggestion is that more copies of sign-in sheets should be made available. This way, students don’t need to wait in a line or stam-pede one another, and the sign out process will be much less time consuming. It is also important that advisors arrive in the cafeteria on time, as students should not be punished for the teacher’s actions. If not, sign out sheets should be posted on the cafeteria wall or another location which students can easily access, then leave. One thing that is appreciated is the use of VIP passes to leave seminar, which is giving a distinct benefit to those who are doing well in school.

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for 254 students, it is nearly impossible to get out quickly.

Students trample over one another to get out of the cafeteria and make something productive out of the 19 minute bell. If this wasn’t time consuming enough, the fact that some of the advisors don’t show up until nearly ten minutes into the bell also diminishes the purpose of leaving at all. Since freshman year teachers have told us, “You have plenty of time to get from class to class,” but now they are the ones showing up late.

Seniors are sick of being punished for their upperclassman status and therefore have started nearly boycotting the system, resulting in 120 skips. Seminar advisors, along with the principal and assistant principals, have begun punishing the students for this action. They are right that it is unsafe for the school to not know the whereabouts of the

Due to the need to sign in to seminar, tutors are late to arrive in helping their students, students can’t get help on their work, and the senior student body is furious with the school system. Senior year is supposed to be about enjoying the last year of high school, gaining rights for one’s hard work, and preparing for college, not further driving the students to say things like “I can’t wait to get out of this place.”

Instead of punishing students, the faculty should be trying to solve this problem. When Assistant Principal Mr. Greene asked the senior seminar if they wished to keep this “privilege,” almost the entire cafeteria murmured under their breath, “No.”

Quote of the day:

“Everyone is lonely, we have to remember that life is to be lived one day at a time. You cannot worry about the past or future. Happiness is in the now.”

Claudia Gray

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In the News

NBA showdown in the Garden

Long the brunt of jokes around the NBA, the New York Knicks are playing their best basketball in years, winning their eighth straight game Monday night against Denver. Amare Stoudemire has averaged 33.0 points the last five games, and has scored over 30 points the last eight games, a franchise record. Another key part of the Knicks late success, is Raymond Felton, The past five games, Felton has averaged over 19 points, and over 10 assists.

Tonight the Knicks will gain a good measuring stick of their progress when they take on the first place Boston Celtics. Boston has won 10 straight games, and looks to be unstoppable. Although the Knicks are first at scoring averaging over 108 points a game, the Celtics are first for assists, and first for points allowed, yielding an average of 91 points a game. Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Shaquille O'Neal, have become quite the trio in Boston. This Wednesday will be a true test for both teams, as the Knicks look to prove themselves, and the Celtics look to keep their run of terror going.

By Don Wilmot

Bizarre News of the Day

Christmas is not only a fun holiday, but a bizarre one as well. Take Santa Claus, for example. Santa Claus became a part of the Christmas tradition around the Middle Ages. However, his part in Christmas was not popularized until after he was depicted as a jolly stout old man wearing a red and white suit in the 19th century. Celebrants all over the western world immediately adored this figure of Santa.

The character of Santa Claus is said to be inspired by Saint Nicholas of Myra, a bishop, who went around giving the poor children of his village gifts. Strangely enough, Saint Nicholas was a wonderful combination of the patron saint of children, pawnbrokers and thieves.

Another name for Santa, Kris Kringle, is a real person as well. He delivers Pizza for a living instead of working in a magical toyshop, and forgoes the reindeer and drives a 1984 Ford Tempo.

By Morgan Firenze

Seniors! Stay in touch with your class! Check out the new website for the senior class at <http://grbclass2011.blogspot.com/>

The Great Outdoors:

Small game hunting fills gap

The 2010 deer season is nearing its end. There are only a few more days for hunters to bag a deer. Though there are some hunters who have not been able to harvest a deer this season, the total deer harvest is up. This year, the hunting season has resulted in a 5% increase in the number of deer taken during the 2009 season. 40% of the total deer harvested in New York State during rifle season were taken on opening day, November 22nd.

This increase in the number of deer taken is good news for New York hunters. It means that despite the increase in the coyote population, deer are thriving. As long as enough deer survive the winter, next season promises to be even better for sportsmen. With a little bit of time and effort, the population can be raised even higher in the spring. Food plots not only keep deer from starving, but they can also provide larger racks for the trophy hunters. With the

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right amount of care, hunters can assure themselves a good season next year.

Remember, as deer season ends hunters should make sure that their firearms are properly cleaned and stored, an unclean barrel can ruin the gun if left for long enough, especially muzzleloaders. No one wants to find that they have to replace their gun because of carelessness. The longer you wait to clean the gun, the harder it is to clean, and a muzzleloader is hard enough to clean as soon as it is fired.

Though deer season is over, sportsmen still have plenty of opportunities to get outdoors, so get outside and have some fun.

By Daniel Summerville

Due to the half-day collaboration day on Thursday, RaiderNet Daily will not be published. Look for our next edition on Friday, December 17!

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NFL Picks



Brett Williams
Last week: 12-4
Overall: 104-48

Brett's pick of the week:
 Patriots over the Packers

New England has been doing fantastic this season, owning a record of 11-2 and looking to further it. Tom Brady is back to his pre-injury form, taking the Patriots to a whole new level of excellence while making everyone around him better. Deion Branch has played to his potential, making it seem like he never even left.

The emergence of Danny Woodhead has also helped out the run game for the Patriots. The Packers will have no shot against the Patriots, especially with Aaron Rodgers injured. New England will manhandle the Packers and bring home yet another victory.

- Brett's picks:
 San Diego
 Miami
 Dallas
 Houston
 Cleveland
 St. Louis
 Tampa Bay
 Arizona
 New Orleans
 Indianapolis
 Philadelphia
 Atlanta
 Pittsburgh
 Oakland
 New England
 Chicago



Max Fobes
Last week: 10-6
Overall: 94-58

Max's Pick: Miami over Buffalo

What we have here is a classic AFC East rivalry. The Bills look to have some life coming off a big win at home over the Browns, but we'll have to see if they have the strength to outplay the Dolphins in Miami this week.

Miami, on the other hand suffered a 13-10 loss to the Browns themselves in week 13, but then took on a powerful 9-2 New York Jets team only to pull out on top just last week. In a great game I do not see Buffalo standing a chance on the road to a strong Dolphin ball club, which will pull it out 17-10.

- Max says:
 San Diego
 Miami
 Dallas
 Houston
 Cleveland
 Kansas City
 Detroit
 Carolina
 New Orleans
 Indianapolis
 Philadelphia
 Atlanta
 Pittsburgh
 Denver
 New England
 Chicago



Mr. Senecal
Last week: 11-5
Overall: 93-59

Mr. S's pick of the week:
 Chargers over 49ers

Two unpredictable teams from the left coast line it up on Thursday night in a game you won't be able to see unless you have the NFL network. Which is a real shame considering that this is essentially a knockout game for both teams, as the Chargers and 49ers are currently one game off the pace in the AFC and NFC West respectively, and a loss will all but leave them out of the post-season running.

I know I proclaimed the Chargers as done for last week, but I should have looked at past history to know that Philip Rivers and company play their best football when the chips are down in December.

- Mr. S says:
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 Cleveland
 St. Louis
 Tampa Bay
 Carolina
 New Orleans
 Jacksonville
 Philadelphia
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 Atlanta
 Pittsburgh
 Oakland
 New England
 Chicago



Nick Mattice
Last week: 10-6
Overall: 92-64

Nick's Pick of the week:
 Chargers over 49ers

The San Diego Chargers are on a tear right now and looking to win the AFC West. The Bolts shut out the division leading Kansas City Chiefs last week 31-0. Philip Rivers is having an underrated season this year and is second in the NFL in passing yards. With the combination of Rivers and Tolbert in the backfield this offense can be very explosive and light up the scoreboard.

San Francisco isn't the team they were early on in the year. I think this will be an easy win for the Chargers.

- Nick Says:
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 Jacksonville
 Philadelphia
 Philadelphia
 Atlanta
 Pittsburgh
 Oakland
 Green Bay
 Minnesota



Don Wilmot
Last week: 10-6
Overall: 87-65

Don's pick of the week:
 Eagles over Giants

An old rivalry looks to be reheated this weekend as the Eagles and the Giants meet for the second time this season. The two sides always seem to play in close games, both of them are at 9-4, and tied for first in the East. The Eagles have won two straight, and Mike Vick is playing like a man possessed, while the Giants have won three straight, and have a dynamic duo in the backfield with Ahmad Bradshaw and Brandon Jacobs.

The last time these two powerhouse teams met, the Eagles won the game 27-17. Although this was an away game for the Giants and now they are at home, look for a similar outcome.

- Don says:
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 Kansas City
 Tampa Bay
 Carolina
 Baltimore
 Indianapolis
 Philadelphia
 Atlanta
 Pittsburgh
 Oakland
 New England
 Chicago

Raider sports

Spikers even record with five game thriller

They had to work overtime to do it, but the Fulton girls volleyball team finally prevailed on Tuesday night in a five game marathon against East Syracuse-Minoa. Evening their record at 1-1 on the season, the two-time defending champions also made amends for an opening night five game setback against Cortland.

Erika Johnson helped lead the way with 16 kills and two blocks while Kali Kearns dished out 28 assists. Also looming large in the Raider triumph with seven kills apiece were Kirsten

Early burst buries hoopsters

CBA was quick off the mark with a 27-14 first quarter advantage and Fulton could never recover on Tuesday as the Brothers ran to a 74-52 win at Fulton. CBA built a 44-26 half-time lead en route to an overall 2-0 start to leave Fulton behind at 0-2. The visitors enjoyed a hefty 32-13 field goal advantage on the night, paced by a game-high 18 point performance from Shakir Evans. Greg Thomson and Rob Cuomo chipped in with 14 and 11 for the winners.

Fulton's Tyler Terramiggi and Tyler French led the Raiders with nine points each. Hunter Gorton added eight for a Fulton side that will travel to Fowler next Tuesday day in their next encounter.

Wrestlers home tonight vs. Bears

Fulton will unveil the 2010-2011 edition of Red Raider wrestling to the home crowd tonight when the highly regarded matmen take on Chittenango. Fresh off a championship performance at the Waterloo Tournament over the weekend, the Raiders are 8-1 in dual meet competition as well.

Five different Raiders claimed championship honors at Waterloo to help Fulton score 213.5 points to lead the pack, Mitchell Woodworth prevailed at 96 pounds, as did Thomas Hill at 103. Also winning individual titles were 140-pounder Adam Wallace, David Hall at 152, and Zach Race in the 189 pound ring.

Third place efforts were recorded by Greg Jodway at 112 and Derek Harris at 130. Local rival Phoenix placed third in the tournament with 176 points, and like Fulton, the Firebirds were paced by five individual champions.

Action starts at 6 p.m. tonight with the JV match, followed by the varsity at 7 p.m.

Francis and Elyse Cianfarano. Francis added 13 digs and Cianfarano had six for the winners, who also picked up 17 digs and three aces from Kassie McCann.

The girls are back in action tonight at Fairgrieve Elementary in a non-league match against Solvay. JV action begins at 5:30 with the varsity to follow.

This week in Raider Sports

Tonight: Bowling vs. CBA @ Mattydale(3:30); Wrestling vs. Chittenango (6 p.m.); Girls basketball @ Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 p.m.); Swimming @ J-D/CBA (4:30); Volleyball vs. Solvay (5:30/7 p.m.)

Thursday: Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes @ Mattydale (3:30)

Friday: Girls basketball @ CBA (JV-6/V-7:30); Hockey @ Clinton (7:30); Volleyball vs. J-D (JV-4:30/V-6 p.m.); Frosh basketball vs. Westhill (5 p.m.)

Saturday: Girls basketball @ J-D (JV-noon/V-2 p.m.); Indoor track @ Constantino Memorial Meet @ Hamilton College (9 a.m.); Wrestling @ Montgomery Duals (TBA)

Last second goal lifts Raiders to tie

Displaying a definite flair for the dramatic, the Fulton varsity hockey team tied the Auburn Maroons last night in a tough, well-fought battle on the home sheet of ice, giving the Raiders a 2-0-1 record. The action was high-flying and intense from the start. In net for the Raiders was senior Kara Pafumi, fresh off of a big shutout against F-M. The first period proved to be uneventful, as the score ended 0-0.

The second period was beneficial to Fulton, as senior Jeff King hammered a goal past Auburn keeper Jeffrey Gardner, giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead. The buzzer rang with the same score, and the Raider icemen were playing quite well through the second period, but ended the frame with a penalty, resulting in an extra man opportunity for the Maroons to start the third.

Auburn capitalized on this opportunity, tying the game 32 seconds into the third period. The Maroons scored again, and Fulton's chances were rapidly diminishing. With seconds winding down and the goalie pulled for an extra attacker, junior Travis Stoughtenger skated the puck from deep in Fulton's defensive end from coast to coast and ripped a shot that hit the goalie's pads, creating a savory rebound lying out front. Junior Dylan Holden snuck the puck past the Auburn goalie and tied the game with six seconds to play in regulation. Overtime was needed, and both teams took great defensive stands, and the game finished tied. Pafumi recorded an impressive 49 saves on the night, boasting an incredible 96.1 save percentage.

The next match for the icemen comes this Friday night as the team travels to Clinton for a 7:30 faceoff. The game promises to be a good one and the Raiders look to improve their season to 3-0-1.

By Colin Shannon

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"Making snow angels."
Dan McGuinness



"Building snowmen & sledding."
Carrie Baker



"I like to run."
Lory Perez



"Making Snowmen."
Catherine Makley

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with snow showers; heaviest activity south of Syracuse. High in the low-20s.

Record high-62 (1975)
Avg. high-36

Tonight:



Cloudy with snow showers. Low around 20.

Record low: 4 (2005)
Avg. low-21

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with snow showers. High in the mid-20s.

Record high-55 (1971)
Avg. high-36

*GRB junior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com
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