



Junior Prom: four months and counting!

By Christine Proud

The class of 2012 has been working hard to raise funds for their prom and senior activities for next year. The junior class this year is trying to make the best prom, and to make next year as fun and affordable as possible. Recently the class has been doing numerous fundraisers to accomplish these tasks.

The first fundraiser that the class had this year was selling Red Raider bracelets. The bracelets are still being sold and can be found in class advisor, Mr. Lacey's room. The class has also had two other fundraisers. In late November and early December the class had a blanket sale. The blankets brought in about a gross profit of \$3,000 for the class. There are still about 40 extra blankets left and are on sale for \$27.

The Juniors also recently held the class ring sale. The sale was beneficial and many juniors purchased their class ring and supported their class. The sale made about \$1,000 dollars. The dance that was recently held brought in around \$500, which is one of the biggest profits that was made from a dance in a long time.

The class is still looking for more ways to fundraise. If anyone in the class has any ideas, come to one of the weekly meetings on Thursdays in room 114 at 2:30, lasting until 3p.m. Or contact one of the class officers, Jeanette Bartlett- President, David Johnson- Vice President, Treasurer Alex Bawarski, or secretary Bernice Bartlett.

The event of the year for juniors is also in the planning stages, and it is coming up faster than anyone can imagine. This year's Junior Prom is set for Saturday, May 14, which is only about four months away. The junior class officers are hoping that more people will start to attend meetings to plan decorations, price of tickets, and the food that will be served. The prom will be held at Bayshore in Oswego. Normally prom tickets in the past run for about \$30. The goal for the Class of 2011 is to get the ticket price lower than \$30 so more people will be able to attend.

Many juniors have made statements that they hope the prom will not be terrible, but most of

these students have done nothing to become involved. By becoming an active student in the class, you can change the things you want and then have the right to complain that things will be different. Interested juniors should speak

with Mr. Lacey or the class advisor or the class officers that YOU elected. The activities planned for this year and next year will hopefully be some of the best memories from high school and they will be, if they help out their class!

Icemen end drought with scoring flurry

Redemption came for the icemen on Saturday afternoon, as the Raiders routed the Baldwinsville Bees by a score of 6-2. The win was much needed to improve the record to 3-5-1 overall and broke a six-game winless streak. The non-league victory came two days after number one Cazenovia defeated the Raiders Thursday night, so the morale needed improvement.

Fulton had a solid showing throughout the contest, scoring two goals in each period, while allowing a goal apiece in the first and second periods. Standing in net for the Raiders was senior Kevin Niver. The action came fast and furious for the duration of the contest, with the scoring being led by junior Dylan Holden, who posted a hat trick and finished the game with three goals. Brother Casey Holden also recorded three points, but in the form of a goal and two assists. Junior Travis Stoughtenger also was a major contributor, as he finished the game with two assists in the contest. Joe Sutton and Matt Billion rounded out the scoring, as Billion found the net for his first career varsity goal. The King brothers, junior Jason and senior Jeff, recorded an assist apiece in the game. Niver stood tall and recorded 24 saves in the contest, for a 92.3 save percentage.

The Raiders have two home games this week, with a barn burner tomorrow night as longtime rival Oswego Buccaneers enter the Fulton Ice Arena for a 5:30 puck dropping. The rivalry is a strong one that has roots indescribable on paper, and the Raider icemen hope to improve their record to 4-5-1. Be sure to show support for the hottest game of the year and help to motivate the Raiders to destroy the Bucs.

By Colin Shannon

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Frosh Bball vs. Bishop Grimes (4:30); Vball @ Homer (5:30/7 p.m.).

Tuesday, Jan. 11: Girls Bball @ Chittenango (5:30/7 p.m.); Boys Bball vs. Chittenango (5:30/7 p.m.); Hockey vs. Oswego (5:30).

Wednesday, Jan. 12: Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball @ Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Wrestling vs. Homer (6 p.m.); Swim vs. Mexico (5 p.m.).

Thursday, Jan. 13: Girls Bball @ CBA (5:30/7 p.m.); Boys Bball @ Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Bowling vs. Chittenango @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball vs. Solvay (5:30/7 p.m.).

Friday, Jan. 14: Girls Bball vs. Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Hockey vs. Skaneateles (5:30); Wrestling @ Bradshaw Tourney (Canandaigua).

Saturday, Dec. 15: Varsity Vball @ Marcellus Tourney (9 a.m.); Swim @ OHSL Meet (Mexico-TBA).

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Opinion

Communicating with parents is time well spent

By Jennifer Woodruff

I had a really nice talk with my mother a few nights ago, so much in fact that we reminisced about the way people in our family used to be. Our conversation encompassed each aspect of both of our lives so far. We were talking about everything under the moon it seemed, until we decided upon the topic of those whom you don't want to associate yourself with if you somehow come into money or fame. Nothing can compare to the types of discussions my mother and I have, mainly due to the spontaneity of each subject. When I talk to her it's as though I can completely immerse myself in the whole experience, as if there can be no end to our reflective foray.

The start of each banter leads to a more delightful escapade for me, and I enjoy everything that she tells me. Her first paranormal encounter, my grandmother's many husbands, an assortment of hope filled desires, family issues, and the intelligence, which derives from childhood experiences. As the wacky subjects kept arising, I was constantly losing myself in the jubilation of that night, and especially within the



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serenity of the night, when there are no limitations to what can be said or what can happen. It is very restorative for one's mind, and even for an instant it is as though time will forever stand still.

There are so many articles about how to even start a conversation with one's parent about the more awkward things i.e. sex, drugs, and where your future is heading. It's quite sad to think that those are the only things teens (and people in general) must at some point in time talk about with their parents. The thought of not wanting to spend time with your own parents is very appalling to me. I mean as kids, we grow up wanting to become just like our parents. Then as we merge into our teen years, all we want is to be left alone.

Well, let me tell you this, when you get out of your teen years, you

are going to greatly regret not truly bonding with the people who have taken care of you for your entire life. I am not saying that there are times when I don't want to talk with my parents for any reason whatsoever, but when I share moments, like the one I had with my mother, with either one of my parents, I feel so much better about myself. Surely no one wants to be alone all the time, so why wouldn't they try to find a time where they can just let everything go?

Bizarre News of the Day

Almost every material you can think of requires less money and energy to recycle than to produce new; glass, plastic, most metals...even paper.

So why don't more people recycle?

Because they're lazy.

So the obvious solution is to require them to do it. Now here comes the sticky part. If you are going to criminalize failure to recycle, how does someone execute the law? Introducing smart recycling bins. They are part of a new recycling strategy being introduced in Cleveland this year.

The way it works is that new trash and recycling carts will be embedded with radio frequency identification chips and bar codes. The chips will allow city workers to monitor how often residents roll cans to the curb for collection. If a chip show trash cans contain more than 10 percent recyclable material, it could lead to a \$100 fine.

So basically, the people of Cleveland can expect garbage cops. Of course, citizens could just side-step the issue by wheeling an empty recycling bin to the end of the drive once a week, but the question is, is it right for your local government to bug your garbage cans?

By Morgan Firenze

Quote of the day:

"I think prime numbers are like life. They are very logical but you could never work out the rules, even if you spent all your time thinking about them."

Christopher Boone

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Opinion

Skiing: a little bit tougher than it looks

By Tyler Crandell

Last Tuesday night marked the first trip of the Ski/Snowboard Club season. This year students will be heading up to Labrador Mountain every Tuesday night for the following five weeks. Club advisors Mrs. Downing and Mrs. Honeywell have done a great job organizing the trips and it looks like it will be a great year.

While I had never skied or snowboarded before, I wanted to give the Ski Club a try because I have always thought that skiing and snowboarding looked pretty fun. Since it would be my last year in high school and I would be able to go up with a group, it seemed like a great opportunity to learn to ski. However my preconceived notions that skiing might be easy were pretty much shattered as I found it to be a lot more difficult than I had anticipated.

Students boarded the Coach Bus at around 2:45 to leave for the mountain. This gave them enough time to gather what they were taking up



tain who had brought their things in a trash bag. Next time I will be sure to pack my things in something more appropriate.

After we disembarked from the bus we entered the lodge. Because I had never been there I didn't really know what to do. However the club advisors gave us directions on where we would be renting our equipment from and what we would be doing. So after I changed into appropriate snow attire, I headed downstairs and proceeded to rent a pair of boots and skis.

As a beginner to skiing who had never skied before I opted to take a lesson from the Labrador ski instructors, rather than just going up and trying to ski down the mountain by myself. It seemed pretty basic and I seemed to be getting the hang of everything. I questioned whether I needed the lesson or whether I would have been fine on my own. After boarding the ski-lift, which takes a lot longer to rise to the summit than I had thought I realized just how overconfident I was in my own ability. My first trip down the mountain saw me falling over a few times, speeding down rather uncontrolled and needing some one-on-one guidance from the instructor. While I received some one-on-one instruction, others in the group, many being kids who looked a few years younger than me, seemed to be doing fine on their own. I eventually made it down the slope and concluded that skiing was a lot harder than I thought it would be. For me at least.

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after school ended. For some this included goggles, skis, snowboards and other equipment. For me this included a black trash bag filled with gloves, a hat, snow pants, heavy socks and some thick long sleeve shirts. Apparently I had forgotten about the existence of duffel bags when I was packing what I needed the Monday night before. I went out to my car in the Senior Parking lot, got my trash bag full of "gear," and came back and boarded the bus.

I am fairly certain that I was the only person in the lodge at the moun-

Because the lesson had taken a fair amount of time I only ended up skiing down the mountain one more time. This second time I went up along with the club advisors, who gave me some helpful tips that I seemed to pick up on. While you might think that the instructors would be better at teaching newcomers to ski, it might just be the fact that teachers know how to teach well. So comparatively I was helped a lot more by the club advisor's advice. I found myself doing a lot better than I had the first time, but I still ended up falling twice. Overall I believe that I'll be able to figure this whole skiing thing out and by the end of the six weeks at Labrador I'll be cruising down the mountain and wishing that it wasn't over.

I would say the first Ski Club trip of the season was a successful one. Ski Club members will be looking forward to the next five Tuesdays to have some great fun after school. For my first trip ever skiing I will say that it is a fun activity, and if you've never given it a shot and you're telling yourself it must be easy, you should probably give it a try and see whether or not you are right or wrong.

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School of Thought compiled by Nick Mattice & Brett Williams

How much snow do you think we will get this winter?



"Ten feet."

Matt Liberti



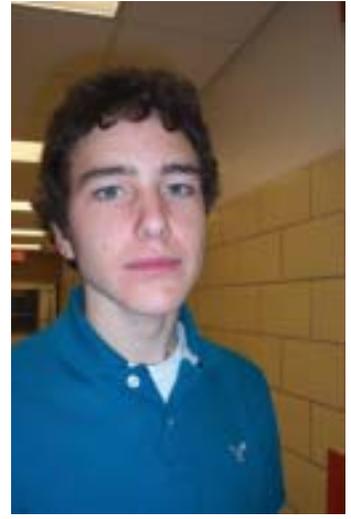
"A lot! Probably ten feet."

Liz Mulcahey



"Between 80 and 90 inches."

Josh Strauss



"177 inches."

Noah Sorbello

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. High in the mid-20s.
Record high-57 (1950)
Avg. high: 32

Tonight:



Partly cloudy. Low in the mid-teens.
Record low: -16 (2004)
Avg. low: 14

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds. High in the upper-20s. Record high-67 (1975). Avg. high: 32

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