

# "New" English Regents makes early debut

For 59 students, January Regents week began early this year. The English 11 Regents was not only administered two weeks earlier than usual, but it was also taken in one day instead of two.

This new form includes four reading passages, much more than the previous version, all to be completed in a single sitting. The exam features the same number of multiple choice questions, though these are weighted more heavily than before. The added passages and change in grading mean that the students' scores are based more on reading comprehension than their writing skills.

When asked about her opinion regarding these modifications, English teacher Mrs. Barton said, "The new version is much harder because before you could find students points in their essays to make up for ones they might have lost elsewhere." Now, however, the grading procedure is much more black and white since the multiple choice questions bear more weight; it's either wrong or right, they either have the point or they do not. When asked if this more objective approach made scoring any easier or quicker, she replied that it did not.

The actual grading procedure took place at the high school on January 12, the day after

the tests were taken. The teachers who graded the exam did not receive the conversion charts, interestingly enough, until January 28, after some students had also taken the RCT exam. There is some good news for those who may be anxiously awaiting their results as Mrs. Barton also said that overall the student did very well. The seniors (who did not pass their English 11 Regents last year) and the handful of "guinea pig" juniors, who participated will have to wait a bit to know for sure. As for the rest of the Junior Class, they will have to wait until June to get a glimpse at the "new and improved" Regents. *By Danielle Gillette*



## RaiderNet Daily



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## Playoff battle is on for Raider hockey team

By Colin Shannon

With a week ago Monday, and Regents week consuming the days following, the Raider ice-men were involved in a few crucial tilts that brought them further up the standings as the teams split the games, with two wins and an equal amount of losses, giving hopes of a sectional birth. The Raider overall record improved to 5-9-1, with a league record of 3-7-1.

Friday, January 19 was a big night for the Raiders, as a late night trip to New Hartford proved to be even later than anticipated. Overtime was deemed necessary, but Fulton came out victorious, claiming a 4-3 win. Scoring for the Raiders was senior Steven Segouin, notching two, senior Jeff King, and junior Dylan Holden, both with one apiece. Assists were tallied from junior Travis Stoughtenger, recording two, as well as senior Robert Bonnie and sophomore Craig Fountain, getting one assist each. Standing tall between the pipes was senior Kevin Niver, who posted 40 saves, and a 93.0 save percentage.

Last Wednesday proved to be a tough contest as the Raiders travelled to Skaneateles, but fell victim to a 4-2 loss. Scoring for the ice-men were juniors Dylan Holden and Jason King, with assists from both of their brothers, twin Casey Holden, and senior Jeff King, with one apiece. Niver recorded 33 saves on the night, with an 89.2 save percentage on the evening.

The following night, the Raiders travelled to

Colgate University to take on Hamilton. Hamilton came out on top, defeating the Raiders by a score of 7-2. Scoring for Fulton were the Holden twins, notching a goal apiece, with assists from Stoughtenger and junior assistant captain Joe Sutton. Senior Kara Pafumi was the starter for the Raiders, and recorded 24 saves, and an 82.8 save percentage on the evening. Coming on in injury relief for Pafumi was freshman Anthony Semeraro, seeing the first ice time of his young varsity career. Semeraro preformed valiantly, recording 9 saves and only allowing one goal, recording a 90 save percentage on the evening.

Friday night proved to be a crucial win for the Raiders as the ice-men defeated Whitesboro by a score of 6-0. Scoring for the Raiders was dispersed evenly, as five different Raiders found the back of the net. Senior Bonnie, as well as juniors Sutton, Casey Holden, Stoughtenger, and assistant captain Steven DeLisle all scored goals. Assists were recorded for seniors Steven Haste and Segouin with one, juniors Sutton and C. Holden both with one, and Stoughtenger recording two assists on the evening. Niver posted the shutout and 34 saves on the night, and was a key part of the Fulton victory.

The next contest for the Raiders comes tonight as the ice-men travel to the Nedrow Ice Arena to combat the Brothers of CBA. In the previous contest, CBA defeated the Raiders by a score of 3-1, although the shots were very close. The faceoff is scheduled for 7:15, and

the Raiders could get a couple of key points to separate themselves from the competition for a Sectional bid. The Raiders are currently in the sixth spot in the league, the final position to qualify for Sectionals.

### Raiders fall in transition

It was another tough loss for the varsity boys basketball team last night as they fell to the Chittenango Bears 65-42. The story of the loss ultimately came down to one key factor, transition. The Bears out scored the Raiders 20-6 in the second quarter due to quick transition and poor communication on the defensive end.

Tyler French and Nate Hudson led the Raider cause with 12 and 11 points respectively. Unfortunately last night was the last sectional bid loss for the Raiders, and from now on they will not only be playing for pride, but hopefully to show the community of Fulton that a 1-11 record does not describe the talent of a very young varsity squad.

The Raiders will be on the road tomorrow to take on the three-time defending class A state champion Jamesville-Dewitt.

*By Hunter Gorton*

The girls volleyball team also started the week off on a sour note as the Raiders fell to Mexico in a three game sweep, 25-22, 25-16 and 25-19. Erika Johnson led the way with 9 kills and three blocks and Kali Kearns had 12 assists for the girls. Elizabeth Peters was a force for the Tigers with 19 kills and five blocks while Macy Teifke contributed 18 assists for the winners.

## Opinion

# Learning to ski part IV: sweet sixteen!

By Tyler Crandell

After a snow day due to Arctic temperatures, the true "Regents Week" began. So while most students were enjoying a nice week off, a few had to come in to take tests. I actually had to come in Tuesday morning to take the AP Economics mid-term.

After a few hours of testing and then heading home to relax for a bit, I had to return to school for another Ski/Snowboard Club trip.

Since I had tried some of the more challenging runs last trip, I was eagerly anticipating returning to the mountain to hit them again.

You don't really think about how long the bus ride is to Labrador Mountain, usually. The length of the trip became clear to me with this



snow, at least in comparison to the rest of the mountain. Then all of a sudden there is an extremely steep gradient, probably in excess of 70 degrees. That may well be a hyperbole, but nevertheless, this slope is steeper than anything I had travelled down before. Anyway, I was able to make my way down it, unscathed and ready for more.

I ended with seven runs being completed because this set me up as a launching pad to try to break 13 from the week before. I had reached this halfway point extremely early and had ample time to break my record. Anyway, I headed into the lodge and ate my "lunch." Once again, I'll give thanks to Mark Bailey, because I'm sure my stomach would have been killing me the rest of the night if I didn't end up eating any food. After eating I headed back out.

I did a bunch more runs coming down from the triple lift, splitting myself between Lower Muzzle, Minnippi Rapids, and the normal route. Eventually I was feeling extremely comfortable with the mountain and daringly was about to take on the black diamond. While standing near the edge where the mountain turns from flat to vertical, Ski-Club Advisor Mrs. Downing called out "Don't even think about it." This may have saved me from certain doom, as I turned and ended up making my way down via a different route.

I ended up with 16 runs in the bag by the end of the night. Once again I had a great night with zero falls. Overall skiing is continuing to be a ton of fun. With two more trips to go I need to make sure that I am well prepared for the coming excursions. As was mentioned to me, I believe that I may have the "ski bug."

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ride because I had forgotten headphones for my i-Pod. Usually the time passes right by when I'm listening to music. I tried to make do with what I had though. I tried holding the i-Pod up to my ear with the sound maxed out so that I could hear it, but it just wouldn't cut it. *Hemispheres*, by Rush, became drowned out with the noise of the movie playing. So, with *Despicable Me* consuming my attention I decided to watch that. It turned out to be a decent movie. Also, I've been reminded to mention the fact that I had forgotten to pack myself some "lunch" and that my fellow co-treasurer, Mark Bailey, had thrown a sandwich and chips together for me during my hour of need.

Once again I went from straight off the bus, to geared up, to getting equipment with no time wasted. With zero falls last trip I hoped to replicate my fine form. I headed over to Razorback, went with a solid three runs and then made my way over to the triple ski lift. I ended up making my way down from the top of the lift four times, giving Minnippi Rapids another try, as well as taking my first shot at Lower Muzzle. This run was pretty tricky. At first you're coasting along relatively flat

## Quote of the day:

"We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it, that's all." -

Andrew Clark (Emilio Estevez)

from the movie, *The Breakfast Club*

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# Technological advancements in dairy farming

By Daniel Summerville

Dairy farmers have been milking cows for centuries. In the past hundred years, milking methods have undergone a massive evolution. From hand milking into a bucket to state of the art automatic milking parlors, innovation in the dairy industry has improved the quality of milk and the effectiveness of milking.

A few weeks ago, my father purchased a new set of milking units called IQ units. These are state of the art milkers that not only speed up milking times, but also improve the quality of the milk. If the unit happens to be kicked off by the cow, the vacuum shuts off; making sure that no bedding or manure is sucked up into the milk. This keeps the milk purer and keeps the whole milking system clean.

Though some dairy farms now utilize fully automated milking parlors, many dairy farms still rely on humans to change the milking units. These new milking units not only improve the quality of milk, but also are much easier for people to use. Unlike some units, IQ units have a shutoff valve so that they can be taken off without closing the vacuum tube, making the time required to move the unit from one cow to the next considerably shorter.

The newer style milking units are somewhat expensive, but the higher prices are worth it. The units are more effective and can even raise

productivity. With purer milk, farmers may get more money for the pound. They are also more comfortable for the cows being milked, which makes everyone happier. New technologies make life easier for everyone, and dairy farmers are no exception.

## Bizarre News of the Day

A teenage girl was killed in a car crash after a slug or a snail caused a set of traffic lights to fail. The girl, 19, was driving home from work when she approached a single lane bridge controlled by lights that had malfunctioned just 20 minutes earlier. She drove her Ford onto the bridge and collided with an oncoming car.

The teenager, who had dreamed of becoming a chef, was pronounced dead at the scene. Senior police investigator Andy Stevens told an inquest into her death that he had carried out a detailed examination of the scene in Alvecote, near Tamworth, West Mids, and confirmed that the traffic light fault was caused by a trail left by a slug or a snail.

He said, "There are traffic lights at either end and there are white lines across the road. The reason for the fault was due to a slug or a snail. There was a trail across the circuit board and it had short-circuited it...it was one of those things, it's a tragedy." *By Morgan Firenze*

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## Meet the Reporters

**Patty Morrison,  
Senior**

Patty joined the staff of *The Raider*, because she wants to write articles and be a photographer. Outside of school, she is a member of 4-H, she owns two cows, she has an obsession with Harry Potter, and she is also a member of the Drama Club.

One thing that you don't know about Patty is that she writes stories and posts them online. One story had over 35,000 reads, and over 800 comments.

*Compiled by Patty Morrison*



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## The Teen Scene

## GRB announcements

Yearbook presale is currently underway. Reserve your copy of the 2011 *Fultonian* by stopping by room 102 before or after school.

A representative from Jostens will be at GRB to take Cap and Gown and announcement orders today. The representative will have a table in front of the auditorium during lunch bells.

It's Zumba time! Come join the French Club for Zumba classes every Monday, at 2:30 in the third gym. Cost is \$3 for students or \$5 for teachers or four for \$18.

Come get into shape and have some fun with the French Club.

What better way to beat the cold weather than with a Red Raider blanket? See Mr. Lacey for blankets and Red Raider bracelets.

Math Club singles competition will be held today after school in room 141. Team competition will be on Thursday in room 141.

Any students interested in travelling to Europe this summer, contact Mrs. Hallatt for more details.

Hey juniors! It's time to start planning the prom. Come join your representatives every Thursday in Mr. Lacey's room from 2:30 until 3.

Photo Club members are reminded to come to Ms. Amerault's room 120 to sign up for the Eastman House field trip in Rochester on February 25. Space is limited, so sign up soon! The next photo club meeting will be on Thursday, February 10th. Bring pictures.

February is sports physical month. Physicals for sports or working papers will be available free of charge on Thursdays by appointment only. Students are urged to visit the nurse during study hall, lunch or advisory to see if they need a yearly physical.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between chicken fingers, grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup, or smuckers PBJ.

## Drake: former DeGrassi star making big name in rap world

By Patty Morrison

"I'm more than just an option/hey, hey, hey/refuse to be forgotten."

With those words, Drake is making himself an easy name to remember. The Canadian-born actor and singer is taking the world by storm with his smooth voice and flowing lyrics. With his first studio album, *Thank Me Later*, debuting at number one on the Billboard 200 charts, and his second album *Take Care* set to drop in March or April 2011, this rapper is making a name for himself quickly in the music and entertainment industry.

Aubrey Drake Graham was born on October 24, 1986 in Toronto, Ontario. His father, Dennis, was a drummer who worked with Jerry Lee Lewis, an American singer and pianist in both the rock and roll and country music



Aubrey Drake Graham, best known as Drake, is a rising star in the world of rap. (photo from the internetjournal.com)

genres. His parents divorced when he was five, and he went to live with his mother, who raised him in the Jewish faith. He even had Bat Mitzvah at age thirteen. He began acting in high school, however, he did not graduate.

In 2001, he began acting on the teenaged soap-opera, *Degrassi*, starring as Jimmy Brooks. His character was an all-star athlete who got shot by a classmate, and became physically disabled. He appeared in 138 episodes of the show, and his role ended in 2009 when he graduated from Degrassi High.

And 2009 was also the year that his music career began to take off. He had his start in 2006, when he released his first mix-tape, *Room For Improvement*, which was released on his MySpace page, and in 2007 he released another mix-tape, *Comeback Season*, which was also available for download on his

MySpace page, and featured *Trey Songz*. He also became the first unsigned rapper to have a music video featured on BET as "the new joint of the day." The song, *Replacement Girl*, became his first single, and in 2009, he released his third mix-tape, *So Far Gone*, for free downloads on his blog site.

Because of the success of the mix tape (it received over 2000 downloads in the first two hours) and its first two singles, *Best I Ever Had* and *Successful*, it was released as an EP on iTunes. On the Billboard Hot 100 chart, *Best I Ever Had* debuted at number three.

On June 29, 2009, it was confirmed that Graham, now known as Drake, had signed onto a record label, Young Money Entertainment, and one month later, while on tour with other rap artists, Drake fell, and tore his ACL, which required surgery, and physical therapy to re-

new his ability to walk.

On June 15, 2009, his first studio album *Thank Me Later* was released, the record debuted at number one on the Billboard Charts, selling 447,000 copies in its first week in stores. Due to his first week sales, Drake had sold the most records for any hip-hop artists in one week. His first headlining tour started on September 20, 2010 in Miami, Florida, and ended in Las Vegas on November 6, 2010.

What's in the future for Drake? A new album is expected to drop in March or April 2011, and he is also expected to do a collaboration album with Lil Wayne. He will also resume his acting career in the video game *Gears of War 3*, where he will play a very prominent character, Jace Stratton. He is also set to be in a new movie, *Breakaway*, scheduled to be released in 2011.

School of Thought compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

# Will the groundhog see his shadow this year?



"If there are trees, no."

Jesse Ives



"In a field on a sunny day maybe."

Jason King



"Of course!"

Joe Cortese



"No."

Mrs. Haney

## Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with snow showers. Trace to 1" possible. High in the low-20s.  
Record high-59 (1989).  
Avg. high: 31

**Tonight:**



Snow, heavy at times, especially later on. Accumulations around 2-4". Low in the mid-teens.  
Record low: -11 (1962)  
Avg. low: 13

**Tomorrow:**



Periods of heavy snow. Total storm accumulations could reach up to 20". Low in the mid-teens. Winds could gust to near 30 MPH.  
Record high: 53 (1973).  
Avg. 31.

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