



Jazz concert set for March 17

On Thursday, March 17 the G. Ray Bodley High School Jazz Ensembles will perform a concert in conjunction with the Javon Jackson Band. Javon will be giving a clinic to the students from 12:30-2:15 pm the afternoon of March 17 before the concert.

The clinic is open to the public. At 7:30 pm the two Jazz Ensembles from G. Ray Bodley High School will perform and then in the second half of the concert the Javon Jackson Band will take the stage to perform some of his original jazz works.

Javon Jackson came into international prominence as a member of Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. As a member of Blakey's Jazz Messengers, Javon toured and made many recordings with the legendary drummer. In addition to Blakey, Jackson has toured and recorded with Elvin Jones, Freddie Hubbard, Betty Carter, Cedar Walton, Ron Carter, Donald Byrd, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Richard Davis, Bobby Hutcherson, Curtis Fuller and Stanley Turrentine. As a recording artist, Jackson has appeared on over 125 recordings. Additionally, he has developed a formidable career as a leader, recording and touring throughout the world. Javon's current musical group, The Javon Jackson Band, incorporates many styles including jazz, funk, R&B and rock.

His latest recording, *Once Upon a Melody*, finds Javon returning to acoustic jazz after a series of popular jazz-funk recordings. In addition to two originals, Javon includes tunes by the legendary Sonny Rollins and Wayne Shorter. In addition, Jackson covers music from the songbook of artist Corinne Bailey Rae. Joining him on *Once Upon a Melody* are Eric Reed on piano, Corcoran Holt on bass and drummer Billy Drummond.

As an addition to the current tour schedule, the Javon Jackson Band will be joined by special guest Les McCann, the iconic soul jazz pianist, vocalist and composer. Known as one of the godfathers of soul jazz, Les is recognized as a founding force for the genre known as funky jazz established in the mid 1960's. This collaboration of the young along side the legend is not to be missed. Also look for Javon as a special guest with Cedar Walton.



GRB Guidance Counselor Ms. Stubbman dishes out breakfast pizza to VIP members of the freshman class during a recent celebration at the high school. Sponsored by the Bodley Pride Committee, the VIP program rewards students for passing grades, attendance, and good behavior. (Christine Proud photo)

March is the time to bear down on work

With winter break over, students at G. Ray Bodley High School are once again in school. With one of the longest vacation free stretches ahead, March is sure to be a long month. With only one more day off during the month, students will have little time for leisure.

Students in honors and AP courses especially may start to notice an increase in the work load. There are only fifteen weeks of school left, and it is almost time to start reviewing for finals and Regents. With less than four months left in the school year, exams are quickly approaching, and with a week off in April, there is even less time to prepare. Students must make sure that they are keeping up with their work, because if someone falls behind, it will be harder to catch up as the end of the school year approaches. Procrastination leads to poor quality work, and no one wants to have to turn in work late.

With so few days off, there is little doubt that the work will start to pile up. Teachers do not give students so much work that it is impossible to do, it may just take time. If a project is assigned on a Monday and is due the week after, students should attempt to get it done during the week, leaving the weekend open for fun and games. Not only will this method keep a student's schedule open, but it will also keep morale up. Procrastination leads to headaches and hours of unnecessary work. Students have to keep up with their work if they want to succeed. In school you can try again, but in the real world you may just be fired. *By Daniel Summerville*

Opinion

The Great Outdoors:

Spring is coming, and that means turkey season

By Daniel Summerville

Over the past few days, the weather has been getting warmer, and the snow is beginning to melt. Whether or not the snow will continue melting is yet to be seen, but there is no doubt that spring will eventually come. For hunters, spring cannot come soon enough.

Not only does spring bring warmer weather, which makes it easier for hunters to get into the woods, but it brings one of the most popular seasons, spring turkey. Besides deer, turkeys are the most hunted animal in New York State. The season starts in May, which might seem like a long time from now, but it is not. Once the snow melts, hunters will start to sight in their guns and bows for the spring hunt. Turkey season is the last main hunting season until deer and waterfowl seasons in the fall.

In the spring, the turkeys lay their eggs, which forces hunters to be careful of what birds they shoot. Hunters can only take bearded turkeys legally, leaving the hens to incubate the eggs. The turkeys are smart birds, and learn very fast, hunters stand the best chance of bagging a bird on the first weekend of the season.

Bizarre News of the Day

Japan is to stage the world's first ever robot marathon. The four contestants in the race recently opened their training session to the media in the western Japanese city of Osaka.

Three diminutive two-legged androids, the tallest one only 16 inches high, and one unit on wheels, dashed around an indoor track for a practice run in front of the cameras. The race kicks off on Feb. 24 and the robots will have to run around the 328 foot course 422 times to complete a full 26 mile marathon. It will take them about four days to finish.

"Stretch to prevent injuries and aim to run the whole marathon," exhorted a robot named Robovie-PC, urging his fellows on. The robots will be allowed battery changes and repairs if needed, but they will have to get up on their own if they fall over.

According to Japanese broadcaster TBS, all four robots were built by either Osaka Institute of Technology or a venture company called Vstone which specializes in robots.



It may still be a few months until opening day, but any good turkey hunter knows that it is never too early to start practicing calls and monitoring a nearby flock. Careful preparation before can lead to a successful season when May finally arrives.

Meet the Reporters

Andrew Pitcher, Junior

Andrew joined the staff of *RaiderNet* to write about events going on in the school.

Outside of school, he likes to play acoustic guitar, and write songs. He also likes classic cars, football and lacrosse.

One thing you don't know about Andrew is that he hates reading the newspaper, but likes to write articles for them.



Compiled by Patty Morrison

Quote of the day:

"Unfortunately, we live in a society where they tell us we have to look a certain way- so we're all under pressure to live up to unrealistic expectations."

Mr. Feeny, Boy Meets World.

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Learning to ski: the final chapter

By Tyler Crandell

It's been a long time. The reason is that the last Friday we had school was the last available day to get my article in. As it turns out, I was not feeling very well and came in late, past the point of submitting my article. Anyway, here it is.

The second trip of our double week came on Thursday, February 17 and was greeted with much anticipation by the whole Ski/Snowboard Club. With it being the last trip I wanted to toss a run down a black diamond in for good measure. The only problem was that I hadn't been feeling that great since Tuesday, and wasn't even sure if I should go to school or not. But I wanted to get my money's worth out of Ski Club and to be there for the final ride to the mountain.

The bus ride was pretty much a regular one. I had my i-Pod on and all was well. The only trouble was that I had a pretty runny nose the whole time and no tissues. Overall I had a lunch and all my gear and I was



ready for a black diamond. It was also extremely warm out, which would make for an interesting time.

I had to fill out another equipment registration form when I got there, but that wasn't anything to worry about. I put my on what I wanted to, (it was warm so I dressed pretty light.) Some people actually didn't even wear a jacket or coat. I didn't have any problem with boots fitting this time, which was pretty cool. I ended up going down Razorback twice, and then heading over to the triple lift area.

After a few runs over there I headed into the lodge to eat some food. I was building up the anticipation for a black diamond run. But after watching how steep Jacopie was over and over again I decided on an alternate run. Taking a left straight out of the ski lift set you up for Cut Throat, which was another black diamond that usually had a slalom course set up on it. I ended up going down it numerous times over the night. It got pretty steep at times, but that just meant that I put my head down and let gravity do its magic. I really got some nice speed and I'm glad that I finally was able to hit a black diamond run.

I did quite a few runs that night without falling once again, which was also great. I almost fell once though. Going down Minipi Rapids I just about lost it and ended up spinning around and facing the mountain and going down backwards while I was leaned over with my hands on the ground. I couldn't really sort myself out for a while, and it took a little longer to get spun back around and heading down the mountain the right way. But I was able to do so without actually hitting the ground, so I will not count that as a fall. Therefore my run from trip number two to the very end stayed alive.

Overall I had a great last trip on the mountain and a great first season skiing. I wanted to make sure I got in a black diamond run during the season even if I had to fall down and roll down the hill. But I finally was able to do it, and for me that was a triumph. Coming from not even being able to ski down the easiest run to screaming down Cut Throat also leaves me with some pride. All in all, Ski Club was a great experience.

Also, if by any chance you read all of these Ski Club articles then I thank you. If not, then go back and look through all the RaiderNet Daily's over the past eight weeks. Or not. You decide.

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School of Thought compiled by Don Wilmot & Max Fobes

What is your opinion on the student-led conferences?



"Well, my teachers making me do it during school."
Jason King



"They are stupid."
Emily Kush



"Honestly, I think they're awesome."
Mr. Heindorf



"They really have no point."
Bryan Benton

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with a snow shower. High in the mid-30s, falling back through the 20s. Record high: 69 (1991). Avg. high: 38.

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy. Low in the mid-single digits. Record low: -15 (1980). Avg. low: 19

Tomorrow:



Mostly sunny. High in the mid-20s. Record high: 63 (2002). Avg. high: 38

GRB junior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.