

# Fulton FBLA members competing at state finals

The Future Business Leaders of America is a club that is just as prestigious as it sounds. The G. Ray Bodley F.B.L.A is a group of students taking a head start on the road to success and learning great things along the way.

The G. Ray Bodley chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America recently attended a regional competition in which they seized 10 first place, five second place and two third place honors. On May 6-8 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, they hope to secure more awards at the FBLA NYS Leadership Conference. They will be competing against thousands of others to capture these titles.

This year's theme for the competition is entitled "Setting the Stage For Tomorrow." FBLA member Kaitlyn Lauber made sure to add, "Be sure to mention our kick butt business display!" It was truly just that, as a lot of hard work was

put into the miniature stage that featured Fulton's FBLA members working together.

Having taken first place in the Job Interview category at the regional level, Kaitlyn Lauber will be competing in this area at the next step. In addition, first place winner Olivia Knierman will hope to gain another first in Computer Applications and David Johnson will be assisted by Alexa Compson to secure a first in the state level of Personal Finance after already gaining firsts at regionals.

Each member will be competing in three different categories. These include Management Decision Making, under the work of Alexa Compson, Drew Harmon and Zack Mizener along with Bank Financing Systems, which will be run by David Johnson and Zack Mizener. Olivia Kniermann, Kaitlyn Lauber and Zach Mizener will be in charge of the Business Ethics category while Drew Harmon

and Olivia Kniermann will be assigned to Desktop Publishing.

Hospitality Management is another category in the competition that will be in the hands of Alexa Compson and Drew Harmon, and the job interview portion is left up to Kaitlyn Lauber. Underclassman members Kari Holbrook and Lilia Kestrecke, are handling the Intro to Business, Intro to Business Communication and Intro to Technical Construction competitions.

FBLA Advisor Mrs. Felito said, "I'm very proud of our chapter and all they've accomplished this year. They've done wonderful things to make Bodley proud."

The FBLA is surely a club that is shaping students into the future success of our nation. They are learning key areas of business and the world and excelling in the process.

*By Brenna Merry*



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## Raider tennis hopes for break in the weather

An unbeatable foe has stood in the way of the Fulton boys tennis team: the weather. Conditions have forced the team to practice in the War Memorial instead of outside for the majority of the season. Players looked forward to their first match of the season on Monday, against ES-M, but were unable to play it due to rain.

There were no cuts made during try-outs which leaves the team with a 17-player roster. Seniors Scott Bullard and Tyler Crandell will be looking to lead by example as the team co-captains. There were three losses due to graduations and one due to Richard Reeschke's return to Germany, which opened up four starting positions.

While the boys have not been outside to practice much, they have still been assessed by Coach Goodnough and a starting line-up was established. As a fourth year senior, Tyler Gardner will be competing at first singles. Third year junior Eric Naioti will be looking to ace opponents at second singles. Sophomore Mitch Lalik and senior Doug Sherwood will be playing third and fourth singles respectively.

At first doubles, third and second year seniors Tyler Crandell and Mark Bailey will be seeking victory. Seniors Jon Bonning and Erik Bierbrauer will play second doubles, while

juniors Nate Deavers and Alex Bawarski will play third doubles. This line-up was to be used for the first match against ES-M, and is subject to change. The line-up can be altered by individuals playing "challenge matches" in order to get a better position on the "ladder."

Despite losing some good players, the ten-

nis team should have a good season ahead of them. Although the first match was cancelled, the boys were ready for it. With Homer at home on Wednesday, hopefully the weather will stay clear enough to get the match in and the season underway.

*By Tyler Crandell*



The boys tennis team hopes to overcome the weather this afternoon in order to start the 2011 season against Homer. Pictured from left to right are: sitting: Jeff Waldron, Carlos Feliciano, Doug Sherwood, Nathan Deavers and Eric Naioti. Kneeling: Tyler Crandell, Jon Bonning, Scott Bullard, Mark Bailey, Alex Bawarski and Mitch Lalik. Standing: Coach Goodnough, Brad Crofoot, Erik Bierbrauer, Neil Devendorf, Zach Mizener and Kyler Gardner. (photo courtesy *Fultonian Yearbook*)

## Opinion

# Enough with the nonsense already!

By Christine Proud

The amount of nonsense happening on an everyday basis at G. Ray Bodley High School has become annoying for students and staff. Many times students will leave school with headaches or start their day off with one. Staff members start to dread going to work in the morning. It's all because of people's maturity and attitudes.

Recently at GRB certain students have seemed to age backwards. The maturity level in these students appears to have declined since the beginning of the school year. Nonsense has erupted and horseplay has been seen more frequently. Violence also, has been a recent issue. It seems as though the snow melted and students think it is ok to act like buffoons or their anger has raised enough to cause issues in school. It is honestly time for these people to get a grip and grow up.

Drama will always be around. Someone will always grind your gears. But where is this drama created? More than often than not, a lot of this drama is created on social networking sites like Facebook. Or it is over text messages?

This is a confusing situation in itself.

Why become friends with someone you dont really like? It's a tad bit

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ridiculous. If you know that you have problems with someone, why text them? Drama is something that we all must deal with, but causing more for yourself won't help anything or anyone. And fighting is not an answer to any problem. Hitting someone doesn't do anything except make matters worse. Not only does it get people injured it causes much more damage. It can mentally damage some people. It also causes the jobs of teachers and administrators to become ten times harder, as having to always break up fights is not something they want to do with



their jobs.

Students as well dislike seeing peoples problems displayed in violence. Senior Patty Morrison has seen her fair share of fights and dislikes it all, saying, "I think it's dumb. It just makes everything for the good kids harder. I feel as though the sweeping system was put into place because of violence. It makes people late and then they get in trouble as well. It's just a pain." Many students feel as though fighting is just a hassle. If you are going to come to school then why fight someone? You come here to learn, not to throw punches. Try picking up a textbook instead of hitting someone. It'll save the energy of everyone else from your idiotic fighting.

Another issue that is being faced by Bodley is a lack of maturity. Students have been seen acting more raucously than previously in the school year. It seems that the volume level is that of an amusement park and the way we move is like three year olds at the park. Very often you see people riding each other down the hallway. This behavior is just uncalled for. It is rude, distracting and dangerous. If you want to be rambunctious, do it at home. Leave behaviors you know are inappropriate for school, at home. This includes piggy back riding, fake fighting, and screaming and yelling. If you wouldn't do something like this at home, then doing it at school is definitely out.

Everyone attending GRB is in their teenage years. We grow up and are taught rules. Growing up is something that should be happening in high school, however many students are appearing to descend in age. Fighting, swearing, and horseplay are simply something that is not to be done at school. Many students here will be heading out into the real world one day and no employer is going to accept it if you randomly punch another employee, or if you ride down your coworkers back down the hallway. It is simply unacceptable.

Leave your drama, fights and nonsense out of the school. Come into school and learn. Give it a try, it's not a bad thing. It will help you, unlike childish antics.

## Quote of the day:

**"God has given you one face, and you make yourself another."**

*-William Shakespeare*

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Opinion

# Texting is out of control

By Ryann Crofoot

We hear it from every teacher, and every year at the beginning of the school year: we are not supposed to text in school. And every year, a lot of students do it anyway. And it shouldn't be happening.

First off, it is unbelievably rude to the teachers, who have to spend much of their time at home working to prepare a lesson for students. And when those students completely disregard their hard work by texting during a class, it is disrespectful. Imagine you worked all night making this awesome project you had to present to the class, and then they completely ignore you and talk to someone not even in the room. It's just bad manners, not to mention that by ignoring what they are teaching by texting, you have a better chance of doing terrible in that class. Your brain can only absorb so much when you're not paying attention.

Second, it is distracting to the people around you, and possibly the person you're texting. The lights from your phone and the noises it makes when you are either texting or receiving a text can be very distracting to other people. When someone is taking a test, and someone



else's phone goes off, they lose their concentration. And the person you're texting may be trying to focus during class, but can't because you keep texting them. You shouldn't be texting anyway, but if you don't know for sure that the person you're texting is in a lunch or studyhall, leave them alone.

Also, it really shows on your schoolwork when you text nonstop. When writing an essay, texting language just should not be used. 2, ik, idk, and other texting short hands should be left out of all essays. It is bad grammar, makes it difficult for teachers to grade, and makes your grade on the essay low.

Finally, what is so darned important that it cannot wait until after school? If there is an emergency, or something your friend absolutely needs to know right now, it is understandable. But

it's not like they're going anywhere. You're both most likely in school until the day ends, so make your plans for the evening then.

Texting is a great way to get in touch with people, and a huge help in trying to work out the details of hanging out with friends. Texting isn't bad, it just shouldn't be happening in our schools and during classes.

# It's time to hit the books

Friday marks the end of the third marking period of the 2010-2011 school year at G Ray Bodley High School. This means that in a few short months, summer vacation will begin. Students will be heading to the beaches and having a good time. However, before summer vacation is here there are still ten weeks of school.

Most classes that students can take have some sort of final exam, be it a regents or a local test. With summer approaching, many students may start to slack off, waiting until the last minute until doing their work. With the warm weather coming, students will want to be outside as much as possible. This is completely understandable, but with finals approaching students must also find time to study.

Many high school classes have a lot of material in their curriculum. By June, it is impossible that students remember everything that they learned in September, at least not very well. Studying may be the last thing on a student's mind in April, but for some classes the big test comes very soon. The test for AP US History is June 6, which does not give students much time to relax.

Studying has been proven to help a student's grades, and it also makes them feel better about taking tests. Even if students take advantage of the spring weather, they should at least give studying a thought. There is no doubt that a few hours of studying is worth a good grade, and students should not put it off until the last minute.

*By Daniel Summerville*

## National College Fair: crowded, but good

Last weekend, the 2011 Syracuse National College Fair was held at the New York State Fairgrounds. Many students from G. Ray Bodley High School took advantage of the fair to get information on their potential colleges. There were hundreds of booths set up in the Horticulture Building, each representing a different college from around the country. Countless students from around the area visited the fairgrounds and got the opportunity to pick up valuable information on the colleges of their choice.

Though the college fair was a terrific way to get information, it was a bit confusing and extremely crowded. Students who attended were recommended to carry a printed bar code for the colleges to scan them into their system. The code was a good idea, but it required students to have gone on the internet and registered beforehand. Students who did not know about the bar code were forced to mail in their infor-

mation in order for the colleges to recognize them. Nearly an hour after the fair started on Sunday, there was barely any breathing room, as people continued to crowd into the building.

The College Fair was a perfect opportunity for students to get information on their potential colleges. Even colleges from out of state were represented at the fair, allowing students to ask important questions and decide whether or not they would be interested in going out of state. Overall, the College Fair was a great opportunity for college bound students, even if it was a bit crowded.

*By Daniel Summerville*

## Bizarre news of the day

A Chinese divorce court is being asked to rule on which selfish parent should get custody of their only child - after both of them refused to take him. The hearing in Beijing observed the mother say she does not have the "necessary skills" to bring up the four-year-old boy alone. The child's father said he would lose his job if he had to care for a child full time and the youngster would suffer financially. Judges are expected to settle the case with a bizarre auction - where the partners bid to pay off the other a lump sum to take the child off their hands forever.

The selfish parents have provoked fury in China, where critics say a whole generation of parents is too selfish to have children of their own. "These people behave worse than children themselves. They are not fit to keep pets, let alone children."

*By Morgan Firenze*

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## National Sports

## Fear not! Orange set to reload with top-notch recruits

By Max Fobes

Although they were looking for a big run in this year's NCAA tournament, the Syracuse orange fell short yet again. The second round loss to Marquette sealed the cap on this season and the 2010-2011 team members.

To make matters worse, rival Connecticut claimed the 2011 NCAA title on Monday night. But with that out of the way, Syracuse fans can start to dream ahead for the 2011-12 season.

The Orange will return nearly the entire team, but are losing a key player in 6-foot-9 big man down low, Big East defensive player of the year, double zero, Rick Jackson. Jackson, a senior, will graduate at the end of this school year leaving the Orange for good. The loss of such a powerful player stings a little, but with a strong recruiting class for next year, the Orange can hold their heads high.

Michael Carter-Williams is a 6-foot-5 high school guard at St. Andrew's School in Barrington, R.I. who has recently signed and committed to Orange Basketball. Carter-Williams captured the Skills Competition at the McDonald's All-America Game in Chicago, Ill., on Monday night. An athletic shooting guard, he is at the top of the roster for newcomers in the 2011-2012 season. Michael is a player who is always in attack mode. He finds different ways to score and can stroke it from behind the arc.

Not to mention he'll put the game away late with a great free throw percentage from the line. Michael Carter-Williams, or MCW for short, was a selection for the McDonald's All-American game with fellow recruit, center Rakeem Christmas. Beyond the fact of being selected, MCW went on to win the skills competition, a course designed to test a player's shooting, passing, dribbling and quickness up and down the court.

Rakeem Christmas is another key player the Orange will add to their arsenal for next year's team. Christmas a 6-foot-9 power forward and center played his high school basketball at Academy of New Church in Pennsylvania, where he averaged over eight rebounds and two blocks a game. Rakeem is a player who fits well into Jim Boehim's deadly 2-3 zone. He has big shoes to fill behind Jackson but if anybody could do it, it's this guy.

The third and final big timer on the list is Trevor Cooney, the 6-foot-4 guard will graduate this spring from Sanford High School in Delaware and soon be pulling that Orange jersey

over his head. Cooney a true scoring machine will add to the offensive game and give them a great look from three. Cooney's leadership and heads-up plays on the court resemble a young Jerry McNamara when he was a member of the Syracuse Orange. Cooney a great competitor and one of the best shooters in the nation will prove himself in the seasons to come. He had a great run into the playoffs

for his high school squad winning them back-to-back state titles.

The Orange, as always, will surely have a tough schedule at the tip of next year. Teams will compete and come to the Carrier Dome looking at a shot to take the Orange down, but it won't happen. Let's just say, Syracuse fans we have something to be excited about with these guys.

## Golf's greatest set to invade Augusta

One of the most prestigious golf tournaments in the world, the 75th annual Masters Championship, tees-off this Thursday, April 7, as some of the greatest golfers in the world come together at the Augusta National Golf Club and compete for the Green Jacket. This tournament will kick off the series of PGA tour events. This weekend should be quite exciting for golf fans.

Big names in golf such as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Lee Westwood and Ernie Ells will all be in contention for the jacket. Phil Mickelson was the 2010 Masters Champion and will be looking to repeat. Mickelson has recently had problems in his family with health issues striking his wife, mother, and son. People are wondering if he will be able to play and focus with such unfortunate matters. But don't let this throw you off; Mickelson could very well repeat this year with his poise and heavy heart. He is the number one golfer in the world and for good reason and is coming off a win over the weekend at a tournament in Houston. Don't expect him to back down.

Perhaps the biggest question of the weekend is, "Will Tiger be able to bounce back?" After all he has been through and all of the issues unrelated to golf have seemed to distract him as of late, he will be looking to redeem himself and reestablish himself as one of the top golfers in the world. Problems concerning Woods' personal life have distracted him from golf and actually made him sit out for a few months in order to get everything straightened out in his life. Although he has played relatively well in 2011 with one top ten finish and two top 25 finishes, in four events, this is not the Tiger people are used to seeing. He will have a lot to prove come the Masters and will certainly try and reinvent his image in the golf world. Tiger Woods is already an owner of a green jacket and will be looking to get another this year.

As with every year the talk of new young talent in the Masters may be a concern to some veterans. The 2010 rookie of the year Rickie Fowler, (age 22) who netted \$2.8 million last year will be looking to win his first major tournament. Europe, South Korea, and the U.S have many young golfers who will be looking to upset some of the unrespecting experts. This year's Masters should be quite exciting and also could be unpredictable with all of the talent in the world of golf today.

By Nick Mattice

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Fultonian Yearbook feature

**"Where in the world is The Raider?"**

# New track, new season for Raider squads

By Kayla Distin

Raiders take your marks....The G. Ray Bodley boys and girls varsity track and field teams are set to host their first scrimmage today, April 6. This is big news for the team, as Fulton has not been able to host an actual meet in about two years due to the condition of the track itself. The boys and girls teams have been preparing for the last few weeks in order to have a good showing at the meet on the new track. The Raiders will compete against the Hannibal Warriors, whose track they used last spring due to the construction of the track.

The boys varsity track and field team has big shoes to fill this year after graduating a number of key members from last year's squad. Runners such as 1600 meter record holder Noah Carroll, co-record holder of the 400m dash Sam Stevens, and holder of the 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay, 400m hurdles, and 400m dash records John Strong, who also placed seventh in states last year in the 400m hurdles, will surely be missed on the team this year. However, there are many returning performers who are ready and willing to step up and work for another successful season.

Seniors holding the key positions this year include middle distance runner Zach Howell, long jump fanatic Don Wilmot, and sprinter Jim Ireland. These seniors, along with pole vaulters Josh Drake and Craig Weaver, shot put throwers Nick Morse and Mat Shoults, and jumpers Nick Tallents and Joe Rusaw will lead the team by example this year by giving 100% effort into all of their work. Underclassmen such as Mark Aldasch, Pat Fink, Kyle Loftus and others are also diligently working to improve themselves and their teammates. Newcomers to the varsity team this year include juniors Casey and Dylan Holden and senior Lyndon Manford as well as many others. The boys team is looking forward to seeing each individual improve to the best of their ability and fill the holes left by last year's graduates. Depth and numbers are strengths for the team, led by returning seniors.

As for the girls' varsity track and field team, they are also seeking to improve their record this season through hard work. Hoping for an impressive start to their senior season in track are Morgan Cooper, Britney Lamie, and Katie Jones. Morgan Cooper had an incredibly impressive season last spring, gaining the 400m dash record as well as the record in the 800m dash, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay, and the Sprint Medley Relay. She has worked hard during preseason and looks to peak this year for an even more exciting season.

Britney Lamie has been working with the track and cross country teams throughout her high school career, and will compete in many

distance races, looking to further improve her personal times while leading the underclassmen distance runners. Katie Jones will train for triple and long jump and she will surely contribute to the teams meet points. Other returners to the team are juniors Anna McKay and Kayla Distin, along with sophomores Christina Pensabene, Hannah Geitner, Mary West, and Mary Morrison. Other underclassmen will definitely make a name for themselves in the upcoming season as the girls look to be competitive in the OHSL Freedom League as well as Sectionals, State Qualifiers, and States.

Come support these teams by watching the first track meet to be held on the new and improved track. Today after school marks the beginning of an important season for both the boys' and the girls' varsity Track teams.

## Homer rolls past Raiders in 16-2 final

It was another long day at the office for the Raider boys lacrosse team on Tuesday. The score at the half was 12-0 in favor of Homer, with the final score 16-2 for the visitors. Leading the Trojan charge was Conner Ferrito with four goals and two assists, followed by Hunter Osborne and Aaron Zimmerman with three goals apiece. Scoring for the Raiders was junior Joe Sutton, recording both goals in the contest, with an assist by senior Brett Williams. Sutton found the back of the net once apiece in the third and fourth quarters. Junior net minder Colin Blake recorded 6 saves on the evening.

It won't get any easier for the Raiders on Thursday, as next up is defending state champion Jamesville-Dewitt. J-D is currently undefeated, and looks to hold that mark. The face-off is scheduled for 5 o'clock in the afternoon in Fulton's stadium, and promises to be a tough contest for the Raiders.

By Colin Shannon

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Track vs. Hannibal (3:30); Tennis vs. Homer (4:30); Softball @ J-D (4:30).

**Thursday, April 7:** Boys Lax vs. J-D (JV-4:30/V-5 p.m.); V Baseball @ Oswego (4:30); JV Baseball vs. Oswego (4:30).

**Friday, April 8:** V Baseball vs. Fowler (4:30); Tennis vs. J-D (4 p.m.); Girls Lax vs. J-D (JV-5 p.m./V-6:30).

**Saturday, April 9:** JV girls lax vs. Carthage (9:30 a.m.).



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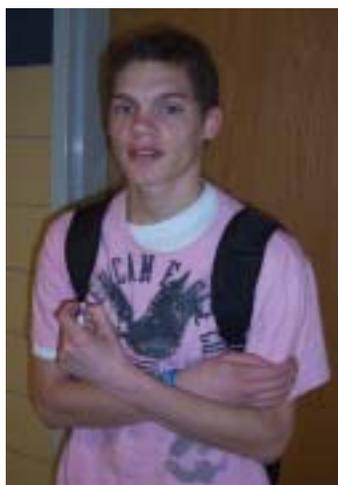


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# What is your favorite spring sport?



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"Baseball."

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# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mainly cloudy with a rain shower. High around 50.  
Record high: (no data).  
Avg. high: 52.

Tonight:



Partly cloudy. Low around 30.  
Record low: 17 (1982).  
Avg. low: 31.

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds. High in the mid-50s.  
Record high: 85 (1991).  
Avg. high: 52

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