



Junior Prom was truly an "Enchanted Evening"

By Christine Proud

Last Saturday morning many G. Ray Bodley High School juniors woke up and felt the excitement for the night to come. The Prom had finally arrived and it was time to start getting ready for the wonderful night. Many were ready to dance until dawn and have the night of their lives.

The Class of 2012 was going to do prom the right way, and they ended up with a night of fun. The prom was held at Bayshore Grove, and many juniors thought that it was a decent location. It was sophisticated and seemed to fit the "Enchanted Evening" theme that the night was based on. Many students also thought Bayshore was a great place to hold prom. "The place was gorgeous," stated junior Natasha Luis. Some noted that the dance floor could be much bigger, but overall it was nice.

The food that was served at prom also had students buzzing with excitement. A variety of fruits and snack items were served alongside a chocolate fondue fountain. Two chocolate buffets were at Bayshore placed behind the dance floor and to the side of the majority of the seated area. It was the perfect item to go and grab after dancing. "The fountain was

so nice! I love chocolate!" said junior Ryann Crofoot.

Music played until 11 o'clock and then the anticipation could be felt throughout the room as the Prom king, queen and the rest of court would be announced. All together a total of eight students were chosen for prom court. Among them were the king and queen. The male representatives for the court were Steven DeLisle, Alex Bawarski, Nathan Deavers, and Jesse Ives. The female representatives for the court were Ashlynn Palmitesso, Erika Johnson, Jeanette Bartlett, and Hannah Dunsmore.

The class of 2012's prom king and queen ended up being Alex Bawarski and Erika Johnson. The students shared the king and queen dance to "I'll Be" By Edwin McCain. Later in the night the prom song of 2012 was another sentimental piece for prom goers. The prom song for the Class of 2012 was "Forever Young" by Alphaville. The song speaks of staying young and never growing old and holding onto the memories. Students left at midnight for the end of an enchanted evening.

Class advisor Mr. Lacey was pleased with the prom in general, saying that, "It went very well. The students seemed to have a good time and we had no major problems at prom. I'd love to be able to help them do it again." Many

students will have favorable memories looking back of the prom of 2011.



Alex Bawarski, left, and Erika Johnson were selected as the king and queen of the recent junior prom. (Gage Mayer photo)

Dinner dance tickets are currently on sale

Attention seniors! Senior dinner dance tickets are currently in Mr. Perry's room, room 125. The cost is \$35 per ticket and guest forms are available in the main office. Tickets will be on sale until Friday, June 3.

Pictures for the senior day slide show are currently being collected in room 125. Anyone with pictures should bring them in and there is no limit on submissions. All pictures will be promptly returned.



Bayshore Grove in Oswego was the sight of a magical evening of fun and dancing for members of the GRB Class of 2012 at last Saturday's Junior Prom, "Enchanted Evening." (Gage Mayer photo)

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Opinion

Senioritis, like pollen is in the air again

By Brenna Merry

Senioritis; is it a fact or fiction? Seniors are discovering that this well-known phrase is of great consequence to their last years in high school. Although they may have thought they were suffering from the sickness before it is now taking over every aspect of their school lives.

Truth be told, now that AP tests are over and all the grades and class ranks are taken into account it is very hard to get up and go to school every morning. Senior and Salutatorian Kali Kearns says, "I have gotten out of school early or gone in late at least three times a week this month. When you know you won't miss anything by being absent it's impossible to get out of bed."

The highest ranked students in the class find it is time to relax and enjoy the fact that they have worked so hard the past three years. Over my high school career I dreaded missing class; I would go to school with a fever and no sleep just to make sure I did not miss math notes. Now that I can miss class and not get behind, I take every chance I can get.



The mothers of these students find it a little harder to sign the late passes and early excuses because it is true that school is like our job. However, most parents understand the thrills and joys of senior year. However, my advice to the Class of 2012 is to take electives of substance. If you take joke electives it won't just lead to an easy senior year, but also massive boredom!

Although events such as Sunshine For Seniors, Senior Trip, Senior Day and Senior Dinner Dance all are meant to increase the desire to come to school and allow the class to enjoy their time in the halls, seniors are still nearly on summer vacation. It is not something that can be prevented and no one is safe from the disease, not even our valedictorian Elyse Cianfarano who says, "This year I have gotten much closer to my class. It's officially that time to stop worrying and enjoy the only senior year we'll get in G. Ray Bodley together!"

Senioritis is often characterized by laziness and poor character. At this point in the year I believe it is the realization that there are more important things in life than grades. There are times to stress and there are times to enjoy life and rejoice in each others company. There are only sixteen class days left in high school for the Class of 2011. Many of them feel these days are better spent enjoying their time together without the thoughts of report cards on the brain, for the first and last time.

Uniqueness of prom made it magical

By Kayla Distin

As the junior class recovers from the excitement of prom, there are endless conversations in hallways and classes about the dresses, limos, pictures, and other events involved with the night. As a first-time prom participant, my prom night was certainly not one to be forgotten. Looking back, there is practically nothing that I would have wanted to change.

In my opinion, the fact that this years prom was my first one was a large reason why I enjoyed myself so much. Had I attended the dance during freshman or sophomore year, I probably would have had a good time. However, by the time I reached junior year the magic and excitement that was involved in the entire night would not have had the same effect. Many parts of the prom were new to me, such as getting my hair done for the first time and riding in my first limo. This is not to discourage underclassmen from attending prom with an older significant other, however, I believe that prom as a whole would not have been any-



where near as special had I attended multiple proms beforehand.

If I were to give advice to future prom participants I would encourage them to bring as little stress and drama to the prom as possible. During the months leading up to prom, it is easy to get caught up in the pressure of creating a perfect prom. For girls, dress shopping is a major hassle because you want to make sure you have picked the perfect one. However, once you are on the dance floor with your friends you are sure to have just as much fun in one dress as the next.

Plan your prom night with weather in mind, but know that even in the rain you can have just as much of a wonderful night as the perfect spring evening. If you get too caught up on having the perfect prom, it is likely that the night will not live up to your expectations. Prepare to have a fantastic time, but also prepare to roll with any changes that prom night throws your way.

Looking back, prom was an experience that I am sure to remember for the rest of my life. Although the rain ruined certain picture opportunities, it was simply not enough to ruin any part of the prom. I believe I can speak for at least a majority of the junior class when I say that Prom 2011 was a memorable and successful event.

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In the News

Granby Center VFD hosting "Mudfest" Saturday

Most people have driven an ATV before, but how many have ever taken part in a Mudfest? On Saturday, May 21, the Granby Center Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the ATV Mudfest Mania. For the past few weeks, volunteers have been working hard to transform the field behind the firehouse into a suitable arena, and on Saturday, their hard work will pay off.

Competitors will be participating in many challenges including sled pulls, drags, obstacle courses, and a mud bog. Registration for the events starts at 9 am. It will cost \$20 to enter for each event. The public is welcome to come out and watch the events too. General admission is \$5, and children under 12 get in for free. The events are scheduled to start at 11 a.m., behind the fire department.

The Fire Department is located at 1400 County Route 8, in Granby Center. Everyone is encouraged to come and have some fun, but bring

some old clothes; it isn't called a Mudfest for nothing. For more information about the events and how to get there, visit www.Granbyfire.com.

By Daniel Summerville

Bizarre news of the day

A pupil who was banned for wearing his hair in a West African "cornrows" style has taken his fight to the High Court, claiming his school is racist. The schoolboy, 13, was refused entry to St. Gregory's Catholic Science College in Kenton, Harrow, North London, because of his hairstyle, it was claimed.

The teenager, who can only be known as "G" for legal reasons, suffered a "major blow to his self-esteem" after being told he was excluded on his first day of class. The popular style of braiding along the scalp is prohibited for boys under the school's strict uniform and hair policy.

School officials argued the hairstyles could be used by pupils as "badges" of gang membership. Girls at the school, identified by the government as one of the best performing in the country, are allowed to wear cornrows.

The schoolboy, who is of African-Caribbean origin, and his mother asked Mr. Justice Collins to overturn the school's decision, taken in September 2009, which forced him to attend another school. The teenager, still wearing the cornrows he has worn since infancy, attended court with his mother.

Outside court, G's mother said her son had been made to feel he had done something wrong by the school "purely because of his hairstyle. He was left feeling rejected and humiliated on his first day at secondary school," she said. It is unclear who is footing the bill for the law firm representing the family, which is known for fighting test cases on legal aid.

The case continues.

By Morgan Firenze

Applications being taken for county-wide leadership group

Applications for Leadership Oswego County Youth (LOCY) are available at the Guidance Office. LOCY is open to any student of G. Ray Bodley High School who is entering their sophomore year who has shown leadership potential (but is not already an established leader among their peers) and a desire to learn.

LOCY is a very rewarding program where youth can foster skills that will enable them to make a difference in both their school and community. LOCY is also a great opportunity for members to learn about other future leadership opportunities.

Wondering what type of commitment you can expect if you choose to apply? Leadership sessions are held once a month, and at various locations around Oswego County. Those interested in participating can see Miss Stubbman for more information and an application. Any completed applications must be returned by Thursday, May 26, 2011 to the Guidance Office. Miss Stubbman will also be speaking to possible applicants about the opportunity Friday during the Freshman VIP Pass celebration.

By Danielle Gillett

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

Quote of the day:

"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

~Lily Tomlin as "Edith Ann"

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Raider Sports

Track looks to regroup at VanDusen meet

The league meet that took place Thursday May 19, was one that the Raider track and field members would like to forget. On the track, Justin Armour was beaten by J-Dís Ira Griffen, and Fowlers Jamal Reed. In the 200, Armour placed first in his heat, but fifth overall. In the 110 hurdles, Connor Aldasch placed seventh overall, running a 20.1, and in the 400 hurdles ran a 72.

Meanwhile older brother Mark Aldasch was busy in the pentathlon, an event he has the school record for with 2700 points, Mark placed fourth, scoring 2500 points. In the 400, Zach Howell got his first chance to run against Mexico's Amos Webb, and Howell found out quickly why Webb is ranked first in the section. Webb clocked in at 51 seconds, while Howell came in at 53. In the 4x100, there was finally a spark of life, when Armour took a 30 meter lead for the Raiders, before handing it off, and watching his lead fall apart, as J-D, Fowler, Homer, ES-M, Cortland and Chittenango flew by Connor Aldasch, putting the Raiders in last. Third leg Jim Ireland chipped into the lead, before handing to Don Wilmot, who was able to run down Fowler, for a sixth place finish.

In the 4x400, the Raiders were feeling confident, until the race started, as Casey Holden ran a season low of 58, as did Ireland, Wilmot ran a 57, and Howell ran a 53, giving the Raiders a fifth place finish.

In the field, the Raiders were not close to any of their numbers for the season, except for thrower Mat Shoults, who threw the shot 38-foot-9, placing sixth, and the discus 100-foot-9 to place fourth. In the high jump no Raider made the first height, and the long jump gave the Raiders a sixth place finish by Howell with a jump of 18-foot-3. In the triple jump, Rizzo placed sixth with a 35-foot-5 jump, and Wilmot placed third with a 37-foot-2 jump.

The Raiders now look to travel to the Van Dusen Invitational in Ogdensburg, one of the oldest meets in New York State, where in the past the team has had a ton of success and look to pick themselves up after having an off night at leagues. With no Armour, the Raiders have to scratch the 4x100 team, which will be saving it all for the 4x400, which will include the team of Casey Holden, Jim Ireland, Don Wilmot, and Zach Howell.

The 4x800 team that will have Kyle Loftus, Craig Weaver, Nick Tallents, and eighth grader Bailey Lutz running will also look for a top six finish. Joe Rusaw will be running in the 100, taking over for Armour, and in the 200 either Wilmot or Ireland, or Rusaw and Ireland will be taking the honors.

Howell and Wilmot will look to place in the long jump, and Holden and Tallents in the high jump. The triple jump will feature just Wilmot, who will also look for a top six finish. Mat Shoults and Nick Morse look to place in the discus, and the shot put, and score the Raiders points from the field, something they struggle with at the Dusen.

Of all the 20 teams that attend the Van Dusen, the Raiders have only faced Indian River this year, and destroyed them on the track, but had close competition against them in the field. The Van Dusen is the only invitational Fulton has won in recent memory, which was two years ago, and the seniors who were sophomores at

Senior night win carries girls into playoffs

There was indeed a happy ending to the story for the Fulton lacrosse team on Thursday when the Raider girls outlasted Manlius-Pebble Hill 9-8 on senior night. In a game delayed by inclement weather, the girls rode the hot goaltending of Kara Pafumi all the way into the upcoming Section 3 playoffs when the senior stopper turned away 15 shots on an evening when M-PH owned a dominating 23-12 advantage in shots on goal.

Erica Knaub and Kate Rothrock scored two goals with two assists apiece and Alanah McClellan added two goals for the Raiders, who finished the regular season at 7-9. Seniors Kirsten Francis and Kayla Hanczyk notched solo markers along with Jordan Rizzo to offset a three goal, one assist performance from M-PH's Scarlet Jaworski.

the time would love another chance to win the invite. Ireland talked about the feeling after winning the invite, "It was amazing, not only winning an invitational, but one as big as the Dusen, Only three of us took part in the meet that year, Me (Ireland) Mat Shoults, and Donnie (Wilmot), and we definitely would like to win it again." Zach Howell, who is a second year track runner stated, "Last year our 4x400 team was able to win, and I believe that we can do it again this year, and earn some medals!" The Raiders leave at 7 am, for the four hour bus ride, hoping for a performance like the one they gave in 2009 when they came home with the championship trophy.



Senior goaltender Kara Pafumi, shown making a save against Chittenango last season, backstopped a 9-8 Raider win on Thursday to help the girls qualify for the Section 3 Tournament. (RND file photo by Taylor Harvey)

Jack Sparrow rides again in Pirates 4

Johnny Depp is back, and so is Woody Allen in the list of new movies coming out this weekend, just prior to the traditional Memorial Day blitz that signifies the start of the summer movie season.

Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides-An exciting new thriller becomes an addition to the Pirates of the Caribbean collection as it hits the big screen this weekend. Starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, this film should not disappoint. Centered on a quest for the mysterious fountain of youth, Jack Sparrow and Barbossa encounter Blackbeard and his daughter who are also in search of this precious gift. Experience this journey as it proves to be the most exciting campaign yet and will surely deliver. (Action, Ad-



venture, Fantasy)

Midnight in Paris - Owen Wilson, Marion Cotillard, Rachel McAdams, Kathy Bates, and Carla Bruni star in Woody Allen's romantic comedy about a family on a business trip in the City of Love. As a young couple and engaged to be married they experience a profound transformation during their stay in Paris. Well an idealistic man with a romanticized perspective of the city finds that there's plenty of truth to that old saying about the grass being greener on the other side. (Comedy)

School of Thought compiled by Andrew Pitcher

What change would you like to see in place for next year?



"The Lunches."

"Straighten up unjust rules."

"Consistency with people following the rules."

"The Teachers."

Amber Wright

Kevin White

Ross Maxim

Dilan Cooper

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Clouds with some sun and a shower or storm. High around 70. Record high: 90 (1962). Avg. high: 70.

Tonight:



Partly cloudy. Low in the mid-50s. Record low: 32 (2002). Avg. low: 47.

Tomorrow:

Sun and clouds. High in the mid-70s, low in the low-50s. Record high/low: 96/36 (1977/1967). Avg: 70/48.

Sunday:

Mainly cloudy with a shower or storm. High in the upper-70s, low in the upper-50s. Record high/low: 88/35 (1975/1990). Avg: 71/48.

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