

# Deadlines approaching fast for Class of 2011 trip

Last week it was announced and publicized that the senior trip is on and finalized for May 20th! At this news the class was unanimously glad that everything has been cleared up and that they get their trip to Cedar Point. However, now the ball is rolling fast!

This week the \$155 payment is being taken and the first 100 to pay are ensured their seat on the bus and place in the hotel and park. Money can be given to Mrs. Ingersol in the Main Office! Permission slips need to be turned in next week and they will be located in the main office or in Mrs. Hallatt's room starting on Wednesday for seniors to pick up.

Attached to the permission slip is a hotel slip

for students to write down the name of the people they wish to room with. It is mandatory that each room contains four students, so those people who only select two or three names down, will be paired up with someone else.

Also, there will be no co-ed rooms so if students try to make one they will be changed in order to make each room of the same gender. If anyone has questions on this issue or for some reason cannot find the slips, they should contact class Officer Sara Nelson.

The senior class is hard at work getting all the class events to run smoothly. This is not only true for the Senior Trip, but also Senior

Dinner Dance and Senior Day. Senior Dinner Dance tickets will be on sale shortly, so students are urged to make sure to listen to the announcements and to read *The Raider*! Also, Senior Day is in the works so if anyone has any ideas they should submit them at the Class of 2011 blog or contact class president, Katelyn Holbrook.

The senior events are made to congratulate the class on four years of hard work and making it this far. It is a celebration of the Class of 2011, so seniors are urged to give their input to help make it the celebration everyone has always wanted.

By Brenna Merry



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## GRB orchestra gains bronze rating from NYSSMA

By Ryann Crofoot

On Thursday, April 28, the Symphonic and Concert Orchestras at G Ray Bodley teamed up early in the day to play for judges for NYSSMA Majors. The two orchestras missed bells two through five to warm up and play for a retired band teacher and a retired string teacher who acted as their judges. And when all was said and done they walked away with a bronze plaque.

Although a bronze is exceptional, it does not mean that the orchestra came in third place, as NYSSMA Majors isn't really a competition. Performers are given awards based on how well they did. An Honorary Mention is the lowest award, short of not getting one. Then bronze, silver, and gold. The highest award is Gold with Distinction, meaning the performing group did a nearly perfect job.

The judges record themselves talking about

### Prom ticket deadline

Time is running out to purchase tickets for the 2011 Junior Prom, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at Bayshore in Oswego. Tickets may be purchased from Class Advisor Mr. Lacey for \$35 per ticket.

Juniors are also reminded that voting for the prom king and queen is taking place this Friday, May 6.

the improvements the performers could make, and give the recordings to the groups when they receive their award. The biggest thing the GRB Orchestras heard was that their intonation could be better, especially when they get to a part that has a higher pitch.

Their bowing was also off. The whole orchestra should have their bows all going the same way, but during some parts of their songs, they just didn't line up. The bowing has a little bit to do with how the sound comes out, and sometimes helps the player prepare for any long notes coming up, which is why it is an

### Big inning costly

They were looking for revenge but got more of the same instead on Monday when the big inning again proved decisive against the Fulton varsity softball team. As was the case on Saturday in losses to Mexico and Pulaski, one tough frame was more than enough to prove the difference as the Tigers scored seven times in the third to claim a 7-1 victory.

Upping their count to 6-5 overall and 2-4 in league play, Mexico picked up a two run double from Markie Rose Mannise as part of a seven hit attack for the winners. Fulton replied with an RBI single from Lauren Snyder in the bottom of the third, but that was all the scoring the team could manage despite collecting six hits on the afternoon. The girls are slated to take on Fowler at Burnett Park field today at 4:30, weather permitting.

important part of the pieces.

The orchestras were nervous going into it, and a little skeptical about how they were going to do. But they pulled it off, earned a bronze award, and know what to work on for the next time. The orchestras are working hard to improve on these things for their upcoming concert, the one that will be honoring our senior string players on Wednesday, June 1.

### This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** V Baseball @ CBA (4:30); JV Baseball vs. CBA (4:30); Girls Lax vs. Chittenango (5 p.m./6:30); Softball @ Fowler (Burnett Park 4:30); Boys Lax @ J-D (4:30/7 p.m.).

**Wednesday, May 4:** Tennis vs. Chittenango (4 p.m.); Track vs. Homer & J-D (5 p.m.); Softball vs. J-D (4:45).

**Thursday, May 5:** Boys Lax vs. New Hartford (5 p.m.).

**Friday, May 6:** V Baseball vs. Bishop Ludden (4:30); Softball @ Chittenango (4:30); Girls JV lax @ Homer (5 p.m.); Tennis @ Mexico (4:45); JV Baseball vs. Pulaski (4:30); Girls Track @ ES-M Invitational(4:30).

**Saturday, May 7:** Boys Track @ South Jefferson Invitational (2 p.m.).

## Opinion

# bin Laden's death a day for U.S. history books

By Brenna Merry

So often on shows like Saturday Night Live we see our nation mocking our President and other politicians and there are pages upon pages of jokes about past historical events and figures. This kind of humor is indeed funny, however one may wonder what kind of image it gives to our country.

Yet on Sunday, May 1, an event occurred which it is unlikely comedians will poke fun at, and, briefly, everyone became proud to be an American and of our President.

September 11, 1991 marked a day in history where our nation joined arms in vengeance, to fight back for our country and all of those in it. Over the past nine years this feeling of nationalism has dwindled into



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merely an intense hatred for war. We have seen our friends, relatives and neighbors get shipped off to fight a war that is seemingly at a standstill. We have lost those we love, watched our community hurt, and many have questioned whether vengeance was worth war.

This questioning spirit was stalled for many when terrorist leader Osama bin Laden was pronounced dead. It was announced Sunday night that after years of hiding our navy finally discovered him at a custom-built hideout not far from a Pakistani military academy. Osama bin Laden to American is the face of terrorism, the man who took so many of our citizens lives in the 9/11 attack and caused so many U.S. Citizens to lose their lives fighting for their country. It is safe to say that Americans were even more proud of their soldiers and felt a sense of justice that they have long been searching for.

As the news was announced across the world, student Facebook newsfeeds were clogged with posts containing pride, freedom and strength for our nation. However, not a moment of happiness and con-

gratulations to our soldiers had passed before the American inquisitive spirit began to kick in. How did they miraculously know where he was hiding? Why didn't he run at the site of helicopters? Why was he shipped off to sea, and where are the pictures for proof?

These questions prove our country's unwillingness to look up to and believe in our leader. Instead of basking in the joy and relief, citizens jump to conclusions. In other countries this sort of attitude toward a leader would not be tolerated, so why should it be here? One may think it may because our media so negatively discusses politics. When a celebrity notorious for saying "You're Fired" is considered as a viable candidate for the highest office in the land, one may wonder exactly where we are headed.

I am merely a high school senior, so who am I to know if everything in the news is pronounced true? However, as an American citizen I chose to believe the word of my President and to rejoice in the triumphs of our nation. May 1, 2011 is a day that will undoubtedly go down in history as a victory for our nation, and I would hate for that to be stripped from our soldiers who fight so hard.

Although this in no way, shape, or form means an end to the war, it definitely brings hope to the citizens waiting for a day when their family and friends can be safe at home again. Even though Americans may joke about politics and contain extremely inquisitive minds, there is no doubt that our nation is proud to say they are part of it.

## Bizarre news of the day

Maine lawmakers recently approved legalizing switchblades for people with one arm, moving close to becoming the first state to make such an exception to laws that ban use of the spring-action knives. Backers of the measure say legalizing switchblades would eliminate a need for one-armed people to be forced to open folding knives with their teeth in emergencies.

The bill to allow amputees and other one-armed people to carry the quick-opening knives cleared Maine's Senate. Until now, Maine banned the use of switchblades by anyone, which is also true for most other states. In most states, carrying a switchblade is illegal in most circumstances, though owning the knives may be allowed in some states.

Federal law allows their use by a person with one arm only on federal property if the blade is shorter than three inches. The Maine bill also requires that the knives have a blade that is three inches or shorter. Governor Paul LePage is expected to sign the measure into law in the next couple of days, said spokeswoman Adrienne Bennett.

*By Morgan Firenze*

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Opinion

# Finish the deal: don't slack off now!

By Andrew Pitcher



It's almost the end of the school year and it's time to begin getting things up to pace. Lockers should slowly become empty and overdue library books should be returned. But most importantly, the people who believe it's ok to be lazy the last few weeks of the school year need to wake up. The last few weeks of school tend to be the most difficult of all, with tests and Regents alongside final projects. And for upperclassmen the SAT exams are even along for the ride.

It is starting to already show in many students who are getting relaxed and feeling as though they have already done their years worth of work and feel like they can quit early. Personally I know that this belief is entirely wrong, having been one of those kids myself in the past. Students should work twice as hard during the end of the school year, studying for exams and doing any extra credit work possible to boost any lower grades.

Along with preparing for the end of the school year, I believe kids should be shown what the upcoming school year will consist of and what changes should be expected. Who knows, the level of immaturity may even change with the incoming freshman class for next year. A few weeks ago next year's freshmen were being shown around the high school, just as was I before my entry into ninth grade. What I saw in the eighth graders surprised me, as maturity was radiating off one of the groups to the point where I mistook them for high school students upon first eye contact.

I believe that next years freshmen will be quite mature, so maybe the need for end of the year readjustment won't be needed. I tend to see the

slacking in upperclassmen more often than in freshman and sophomores. By the time I graduate maybe the high school won't even need its three expectations, but that won't happen, unless immaturity can be eradicated.

Sitting in the library last Thursday a woman confronted me with two questions; whether I knew the three school-wide expectations, and if I had ever received honor roll. Not too deep in thought, I answered back quickly with the three well known and poorly adhered to rules, "Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe." Sadly, to some students they seem to be, "Be Rude, Be Obnoxious and Be Destructive." I think this problem would be solved if some kids could be reminded about a word known as "Rules."

The upperclassmen in our school need to be reminded that your incidences of immaturity follow you beyond the classroom and even after graduation. Referrals, low grades and just the small things can be seen by prospective colleges, and this is extremely important when your applying for Harvard or another top college. If I'm the dean of a college who is reviewing your portfolio, I'm probably not going to consider you if I see that you had numerous accounts of misbehavior or problems with handing in homework. I won't want an imbecile enrolled at my college to leave it in ruins.

So starting to mature before you graduate, including turning in homework on time, studying, not getting in trouble with administration, and just plain not being the one student who teachers have to keep talking to in class not only helps to make it easier the entire school year, but at the end of the year as well, when it's most important that you can leave with a good sense of accomplishment and a good reputation.

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- \* band trip
  - \* sports candids
  - \*Tug for Tim photos
- Deadline: Tuesday, May 3

Quote of the day:

"If only we'd stop trying to be happy we could have a pretty good time."

~Edith Wharton

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**School of Thought** compiled by *Patty Morrison*

# *What was your first reaction to the news of Osama bin Laden's death?*



"Honestly, my first reaction was, 'Stop texting me. It's 11 pm.'"

**Mrs. Ryan**



"I really don't think it's true. We made a bigger deal out of catching Hussein."

**Nick Muckey**



"I rolled over and went back to sleep."

**Mr. DiRoma**



"I still question it."

**Angie Lewchanin**

# **Meteorology and you**

*By Carson Metcalf*



**Today:**



Rain showers. High near 60.  
Record high: 88 (2001).  
Avg. high: 64.

**Tonight:**



Rain showers. Low in the mid-40s.  
Record low: 28 (1966).  
Avg. low: 41.

**Tomorrow:**



Rain showers. High around 50.  
Record high: 88 (2001).  
Avg. high: 64.

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