



Sadness and joy at final chorus concert of year

By Ryann Crofoot

The G. Ray Bodley High School auditorium was packed last Thursday night for the final chorus concert of the year. Tears and hugs were passed around at the chorus concert as the Women's and Concert Choirs not only said their good-byes to their seniors, but also to retiring music teacher Mrs. Walrath. Many of the students in the choirs had her during their junior high years, and are sad to see her go.

The Women's Choir was up first, singing songs about the weather and life. Tears started flowing as Mrs. Walrath announced that one of the songs was one she was dedicating to her students. And when a number of the girls stepped forward to give her their gifts of chocolate, signed posters, and a poem describing Mrs. Walrath made out of their song lyrics, they just could not stop.

Then the Concert Choir was up. One of their songs, *I carry your heart*, the poem by e.e. cummings, was dedicated to the seniors as a song for the younger students to say good-bye to their seniors. After that, the Concert Choir surprised Mrs. Walrath by performing a song in her honor, only this time, they added some choreography to it. A number of students from the Concert Choir, along with help from Chorus teacher Mr. Nami, put together a dance to the song *One*, a song about an extraordinary woman that the students dedicated to Mrs. Walrath.

Then, the two Choirs worked together to send Mrs. Walrath out on a happy note. Together, they sang a song from the show, *The Whiz*, a modernized version of *The Wizard of Oz*. The song, *Everybody Rejoice*, is about moving on and feeling the freedom of a brand new day and being able to express people's happiness through music, a song relating to Mrs. Walrath's retirement.

Although it was a bitter-sweet concert, the members of both Women's Choir and Concert Choir ended the year on a fun and happy note, sending their seniors, and Mrs. Walrath, off with cheerfulness.



Retiring chorus teacher Mrs. Walrath (holding flowers) was honored at last Thursday's Chorus Concert, her final one as director of the G. Ray Bodley Chorus. (Christine Proud photo)



GRB student Michelle Gorea is all smiles as she receives her 2011 Fultonian Yearbook from James McKay, right. Looking on is Brittany Mitsiell. The yearbook went on sale on Monday at the high school. There are still copies left for purchase for \$65. (Kayla Hanczyk photo)

Opinion

It's 19 days and counting for this reporter

By Patty Morrison

I have been staring at this blank page on my computer screen for a few minutes, waiting for an idea to come to me for an opinion article, and I am realizing, that I have nothing to say.

This is really rare for me, because I always have something to say to people. I mean, really, I do. Ask any of my friends, I am never quiet.

It probably has something to do with the fact that I am graduating in less than three weeks, and that I am just so tired of everything that has to do with being in school. The work, the finals, everything. I am so ready to move on with my life, that I cannot even begin to describe to you how hard the next week and a half are going to be for me to get through.

I am itching to graduate. If graduation was in the next three seconds, I wouldn't be satisfied, because I want high school to be done. I'm not going to miss it at all. Sure, there will be a few people I might miss, and I know that I'll miss some teachers and Drama Club, but everything else, I am indifferent to leaving. I've been "stuck" here for the past four years of my life, I need new people, and a new home base. I just can't wait to get out of this place.

People say that it's not that bad here, but for me, a senior who is ready to get out, who has watched all of her friends graduate ahead of her, and is leaving all of her other friends behind because they are juniors, I just cannot wait to get out of here. This past month has been a struggle for me, because I slacked off a little, and some of my grades aren't where they should be. But every senior's grades have slipped up a little, and we all have the same feelings when it comes to leaving. We're all ready to leave, some are nervous of course, but most of them are ready to move on.

I've already made my opinion on leaving pretty clear, I think. But I don't understand why I feel like this. I think it has something to do with the fact that I am just so tired of the people at this school. I'm sick of people stopping in the middle of the hallways when I'm trying to get to class. I'm tired of all the public displays of affection that I see on a daily basis. I'm tired of having a locker that only opens when you don't hit it, and I have my bag on the floor (I swear to God it has feelings). I'm tired of seeing the same faces every day, and talking about the same drama, and the same things all of the time.

I just need something different. Something new.



I am going to miss some of my teachers though. Some of them, I can't even see in the hallways without smiling because they are connected to some of my favorite memories. And there are a few of my friends who are going to a different college than I am, and I'm going to miss them a lot, because I won't be able to see or talk to them as much. And there are a couple of friends in particular who haven't graduated yet who I am going to miss more than they will ever know. I'm going to hate not seeing them in my classes, and talking to them, and being able to spend a lot of time with them.

And then there is Drama Club. I can't even say how much I will miss that. It's my family. But every family has kids graduate, and the kids

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get on just fine, but I am just going to miss it so much, because I always had that place to go when I wasn't feeling right, and I always had someone to go to because of that club. When I went to Oswego State to watch their performance of *Grease*, the cast didn't give me that family vibe like you get when you watch a Quirk's Player's performance.

Bizarre News of the Day:

An elderly Brazilian man shot in the face escaped death when his dentures deflected a bullet headed for his brain.

A hospital official says that 81-year-old Zacarias Pacheco de Moraes was shot on Thursday while working in a bar he owns in the small western city of Alta Floresta.

Jose Marcos da Silva was quoted by Globo TV's G1 website as saying that the bullet probably would have pierced Moraes' brain if it hadn't first hit his dentures before lodging in his throat. The official said the bullet will not be removed immediately because surgery would be too risky.

Silva said the patient was in stable condition but in danger of losing part of his eyesight because of the bullet's trajectory. He did not elaborate.

By Morgan Firenze

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USA hopes to rebound in Gold Cup opener

By Tyler Crandell

Saturday wasn't the greatest day for the United States men's national team as they were ousted by a superior Spain side when they took the field at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts in an international friendly.

While the USA team was forced to play much of the game without regular starters due to some injuries, Spain decreased their firepower by starting with some normal bench players anyway. However the game still ended up turning into a lopsided scoreline with Spain coming out on top after an emphatic 4-0 victory.

Fans were surely eager to see the Americans put up a good fight against the reigning world champions. For the first 28 minutes the USA kept the match deadlocked without goals. Santiago Cazorla struck home to end the calmness before the storm. Alvaro Negredo quickly scored after that and Cazorla left his mark again soon after. A flurry of three goals in 13 minutes left USA in shock at halftime and desperately in need of a team talk.

The Americans didn't really fare any better in the second half though. They were unable to bring any goals back and actually let one in by Fernando Torres, who had come on as a substitute. Senior soccer player Mark Bailey, said of the US performance, "They looked like they were out of their league playing against

Spain. If they had the usual starters they might have done better, but Spain is just too good at the moment."

As a warm up for the Gold Cup which kicks off tonight, the USA will look to rid themselves of whatever was plaguing them when they put

up essentially no resistance to Spain. Bob Bradley's men will take the field against Canada in their first match of the tournament at 8 p.m. Spain will look to continue its dominance at the top of FIFA's rankings with its next friendly coming against Venezuela.



All eyes were glued on the 2011 Fultonian Yearbook on Monday, including C.J. Barbera, left, and Amanda Abraham. There are still copies of this year's book available during advisory in room 225 or before and after school and during bells 1 and 10 in room 102. The cost is \$65 and checks may be made out to Fultonian Yearbook. (Kayla Hanczyk photo)

Quote of the day:

"The family is a haven in a heartless world."

~Attributed to Christopher Lasch

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What was your favorite part of this years 2011 Fultonian Yearbook?



"The Homecoming Pictures."
Mark Bailey



"It was all about the seniors."
Kristin Briggs



"The sports pages."
Austin Brown



"I did not like it at all."
Brooke Phelps

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds with a chance for a storm. High in the mid-80s. Record high: 94 (1999). Avg. high: 75.

Tonight:



Partly cloudy. Low in the low-60s. Record low: 41 (2007). Avg. low: 52.

Tomorrow:



Mostly sunny. High around 90. Record high: 94 (2005). Avg. high: 75.

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