



Senior section of *Fultonian* in jeopardy

By Carson Metcalf

Quick action in the fundraising department is necessary immediately if members of the G. Ray Bodley High School Class of 2012 would like to see the senior section in this year's *Fultonian Yearbook*. Senior polls, baby pictures and extended prom coverage are all part of the senior section, but they may not be included in the 2012 *Fultonian* unless the class is able to come up with the desired funds soon.

"Most people don't realize that the senior class pays the yearbook for this section," according to *Fultonian* Adviser Mr. Senecal. "This wasn't something I started, it was in place long before I took over as adviser." Even though people might complain about the perceived high cost of the yearbook, Mr. Senecal says that the club really doesn't make a huge profit on yearbook sales. "In a given year we're fortunate to just cover the cost of the yearbook. They aren't cheap to make," he said.

Last year Mr. Senecal had to deal with the bad news that the Class of 2011 had no money left at the end of the year, and therefore, "renege[d] on their PROMISE to pay for the senior section. If people remember, originally it was announced that there would not be an extended senior section because we were informed that the class could not afford it. Their officers came to me and promised that they would do the proper fundraising to pay for it. I took them at their word and was left holding the bag at the end," Mr. Senecal commented.

"After that it was decided that we need a better system of insuring that we are paid, because the yearbook companies aren't going to lower their bill by \$3,500 just because the seniors didn't make good on their promise."

As a result, the new policy asks for half of the money in the fall, with the rest coming at the end of the year. This way the *Fultonian* won't come away empty-handed and scrambling to pay the yearbook bill, as was the

case last year. "Thankfully I switched to Herff-Jones last year, which was a big savings over our previous company," Senecal stated. "If this had happened the year before, I don't know how we would have paid our bill."

"We thought everything was set for this year until I spoke with senior adviser Mrs. Windsor," he commented. "She informed me that as of right now, the Class of 2012 is a long way away from having \$1,750 as a down payment on their section. I know that the immediate reaction will be to blame the yearbook or to blame me for this, but what the seniors really need to do is to look at themselves. How active have the individual students been in raising money for their

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class? Everyone just expects a great prom and dinner dance and baby pictures and the like, as though they were entitled to it just for being seniors. But the truth of the matter is that you have to pay for things in life, and you do this by working toward a goal, in this case by helping out when the class has a fundraiser."

The seniors are currently selling t-shirts and have planned a Gertrude Hawk candy sale prior to the holidays. Hopefully they will be able to raise enough money to continue the tradition of the extended senior section. "Believe me, I don't want to see those pages pulled either, we count on the money when we plan our budget for the year. But the bottom line is that this is a commitment that needs to be met, or that's exactly what will happen," he concluded.

As for the 2012 *Fultonian*, Mr. Senecal believes that they are off to a good start, al-

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Mr. Senecal was excited to note that there will be a "sale" on this year's *Fultonian*, with a \$10 price drop until December 23, 2011. Anyone who orders and pays for their year-

book will be able to purchase it for \$50. After December 23 the regular price of \$60 will be in effect. Senior personalization is also still available for \$5 extra.

"We're hoping that by lowering the price, it will enable more students to purchase a book. It will also help us in knowing how many to order," Mr. Senecal stated. Unlike other years there will not be as many books for purchase in June, so he is urging everyone to order in advance.

He also wanted to tell everyone that the individual pictures for underclassmen would return, as he promised last year. "Our decision to use advisory group photos was based on our deadlines," he concluded. "This year we have it worked out, so hopefully everyone will be happy."

The *Fultonian* meets on Tuesdays after school in room 102 for interested students.

Opinion

Who wears short shorts? No one should be

By Madeline Clark

The dress code, or lack thereof around G. Ray Bodley High School is getting a little too relaxed. It has gotten to the point where a trip down the hallway feels a bit like waiting in a line for a night club.

Just a degree above sixty and the daisies [dukes] are in full bloom! When things get a little toasty, maybe eighty degrees, it's like a complete spaghetti-strap dinner at good old GRB. Our school is walking a fine line between trashy and weather-ready, and it seems as though we are leaning toward the scandalous.

So why is there a dress code anyways? According to the School District's Code of Conduct, "The intent of the dress code is to foster an environment that is safe and conducive to teaching and student learning. It is also intended to provide guidance to help develop appropriate habits to prepare students for their role in the work place and society." Apparently that means no "extremely brief garments, pajamas and see through garments" because they are distracting, and who is to say they aren't? I don't know about the next person, but seeing someone's undergarments due to a case of the droops is not exactly stimulating for the frontal lobe.

So what exactly defines a "brief garment?" The Code of Conduct goes on to define this as including, "tube tops, tank tops, shirts that cannot be tucked in or reveal midriff, short shorts, short skirts, short dresses, bathing suits, halter tops, spaghetti straps and revealing necklines (front and/or back)." As for the case of the droopy drawers that I mentioned earlier, The Code of Conduct assures me that I shall not fear them because all students must make sure, "that underwear is completely covered at all times with and not visible through outer clothing."

So why are so many innocent eye sockets becoming victim to, as my father put it, "A fashion sense that would make Snooki blush... if we could see Snooki blush?" Perhaps most teenagers believe it will make them stand out or that it is fashionable; but this is not the case. This is Central New York, not Hollister, California, and I believe our school deserves a better representation than pants that are two sizes too big.

Not only does a lack of dress code affect learning, but it also af-



fects the administration! When interviewing the School Nurse, Mrs. Blount, she revealed that she had, "covered two people today." If everybody dressed like a Victoria's Secret angel, the nurse's office would be backed up, and students with real medical issues would

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need to take a step aside in the name of decency. Mrs. Blount explained that her job is to, "get students back to class as quickly as possible." This means she doesn't have time to deal with obscene outer wear. To combat possibly inappropriate garments, Mrs. Blount suggests that students can come up with simple solutions like, "tying a hoodie" around your waist to hide revealing hems. The problem with wearing inappropriate clothing, "is that students wear things that make them look the way they want to look, but they can't [in school]."

So please, the next time you want to wear a mini-skirt to G. Ray Bodley and hassle the administration, use this rule of thumb: Would I wear this to my Nana's Bible study? Seriously though, consider this, because if she would not approve of it, then chances are the Code of Conduct would not either. The lesson is simply this, save your summer wardrobe for vacations to Miami, not Chemistry.

Follow these guidelines and we can all make G. Ray Bodley a better, less obscene and more socially acceptable place to learn.

Big wins in golf, cross country

Playing some of their best golf of the season, the Raiders closed their 2011 campaign with a solid 205-209 victory over Tully on Wednesday. The team won four of its final five matches to finish at 4-12 while dropping Tully to 6-8. Jake Seymour (38), Alex Bateman (40), C.J. Barberea (41) and Connor Goss (43) led Fulton.

The boys country team rode a one, two, three performance from Dylan Holden (18:24), Kyle Loftus (18:26) and Bailey Lutz (18:39) to victories of 21-39 and 20-37 over Chittenango and Cortland respectively. Johna Lamie (24:45) and Jenna Hudson (25:27) paced the girls, who fell 28-29 and 16-46 to the Tigers and Bears.

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Opinion

Jersey Shore: offensive or all in good fun?

By Madeline Clark & Morgan Firenze

For some, the television program *Jersey Shore* freezes the marinara sauce that flows through their veins. For others it sets their capicollo souls a-blaze. So what is all the fuss all about? Why does this MTV smash hit, about nine young adults from New Jersey living under the same roof, strike a chord with so many but leave a sour taste in others' mouths? We did some investigative work to find out once and for all.

Producer Sally Ann Salsano's primetime T.V. show centers around an infamous gang of, "guidos" and "guidettes," a term that would have been declared derogatory a few decades ago. The cast goes on small adventures to bars and dance clubs, picking up different men and women to take home with them. There are fights, and break up-make ups, and new friends and enemies being made, with not a lot of "reality" to the situations.

But it seems that it is accepted by people of all ethnic backgrounds, including some Italian-Americans. Still, there are those who are taken aback by the rather stereotypical actions of these New Jersey bar-scene adults. So how do the Italian American students at G. Ray Bodley feel about these nine roustabout "Italians?" We asked five Italian students how they received the show.

According to Ashlynn Palmitesso, Jersey Shore is "completely offensive" and quite honestly, "embarrassing to America." She was also sure to include that she, "never" watches the show. When asked what she would do to modify the show to be more socially sensitive, she responded that she would "put more intelligent people" on the show. Out of curiosity, we inquired as to how she felt her grandparents would respond to the show, she stated that they would most

likely find it "completely repulsive."

On the other side of the spectrum, Alaina Campoleita, stated that she watches *Jersey Shore* "every week" and on the contrary, she does not find it offensive. Alaina claimed that in order to make it more sensitive, she would "probably show [the cast] less when they are intoxicated." She also stated that she "doesn't think they are really doing anything to offend Italians." In fact, she enjoys the show because "it is funny."

Morgan Galletta seems to be a bit neutral

were not. She said that, "it's not really a definite answer."

Finally we asked our fellow reporter, Anthony Torrese, how he felt. Tony claimed that he watches *Jersey Shore*, "once or twice a year; not very often. My Grandparents are sort of insulted by it," he continued. If he could change the show, Tony says that he would, "not tie in the show in to Italians, they are Italian wannabes, not true born Italians."

Tony brought up a valid point, as not all

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when it comes to her feelings concerning the show. When asked, she said that she only watched the show, "every so often" and she does not find it offensive. She went on to say, "I don't think [the show] is, but I can understand why Italians would be [offended]." When questioned if individuals should be offended, she said, "kind of, but not really. There's pros and cons to both, it depends on who you are talking to."

But how would the chosen students' grandparents, individuals who could be more in touch with their heritage, view *Jersey Shore*? We asked all of our participants this same question and found Donna D'Orazio's answer interesting. Donna stated, "They think it's a dumb show, and it's pointless." She went on to say that, "They think it makes all Italian people look stupid." To make it a more socially sensitive program, she said that it should have, "less fighting, less drinking, more reality." Donna felt that "some of the actions" were offensive, while "others"

members of *Jersey Shore* are Italian. Cast member Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is actually Chilean-American, adopted by Italian-American parents. Tony stated that *Jersey Shore* was "only a show and most kids like it, so no."

So perhaps *Jersey Shore* is not as offensive to Italian-American teenagers as one may think. Perhaps older generations may think otherwise, because of their proximity to their roots. If there is anything that we have learned, it is that the Italian-American Culture is changing, for better or for worse, and that it really depends on how you view it. With shows like *Jersey Shore*, *The Real Housewives of New Jersey*, *Cake Boss* or even the cleverly titled *Jerseylicious*, being Italian is becoming something of a fashion trend. So whether you love how Italian-Americans are being portrayed or not, one thing is for sure; spray tans and Ed Hardy are definitely making waves on the air.

GRB Spirit Week!

October 3-7

Thursday: Neon Day

Bonfire: 6:30-8 pm near the lake

Powderpuff football game after school



Friday: Red Raider Pride Day!

Pep Assembly during school

Parade-5 pm (meet outside GRB auditorium)

Football vs. New Hartford (6:30 pm)

Dance-8 to 11 pm \$



More questions than answers for powderpuff

The girls have signed up, and have ordered their shirts. They paid their dollar, but when is the game? That is the mindset of every junior and senior girl who has signed up for the powder puff football game taking place sometime Thursday after school. But exactly when and where the game will take place, no one seems to know.

Mr. Meeks, the new Special Education teacher who has played and even coached football previously was kind enough to agree to coach the juniors in the game. But he does not know an exact time for the game. The same is true for senior class advisor for Mrs. Windsor who only knew that the game would be after school today. But where after school, and does after school even mean starting at 3 or 3:30? Where are the girls supposed to meet, is the turf even going to be available, and who has all the answers?

After realizing that no one appeared to know any specifics about the powder puff game the to the main office was consulted, because someone must have had to fill out forms at one point with specifics, or so one would think.

But the response from the main office was just as much of a non-response. Their answer was to check the homecoming schedule (which has no mention of the powder puff football game at all) and to ask the girls, either juniors or seniors, in charge.

According to junior Tiffany Trovato the game will be played, "after school." When pressed for a more specific time she said "3, or maybe like right after school at 2:30 on the turf." No one seems to know an exact time but they all seem to agree that the game will be played on the turf.

This leads to yet another problem revolving around the powderpuff football game. The game is said to be taking place after school on the turf, along with the girls varsity soccer practice taking place after school on the turf, and boys football practice again after school on the turf. The turf will be a VERY busy place Thursday after school.

Coach Beckwith, the coach of the varsity girls soccer team was unavailable for comment about their practice on the turf Thursday after school, but the girls on the team seemed to think that it would be cancelled. Junior Hannah Geitner predicted that, "if we win tonight's game (Wednesday night) we should have the day off," or if the practice would not be cancelled that they would just go to the powder puff game anyways. The girls also said that maybe their practice would be moved to turtle back field to make room for the powderpuff

game. So maybe the issue of the girls needing the field can be a non-issue, but Mr. Beckwith was not in school to be asked.

But then there is the football practice. The football team, according to Coach Rothrock, will be using the field for practice after school.

That makes the count three events for the same place at the same time. In the meantime it's a well-kept secret as to if and when this event will be taking place, as literally no one has stepped forward to say what the status on the powderpuff game is. *By Vanessa Langdon*

Sad state of affairs for Class of 2012

Recently at a class meeting the seniors were confronted with a tough blow: the senior class account only has \$108. Some may be saying "who cares," but to all of the seniors this should be a big deal. Seniors should also be wondering what they can do to help.

At lunch or in Mrs. Windsor's room there are senior t-shirts on sale. The t-shirts cost \$10 dollars, which will give the senior class well over \$1000 if all the shirts are sold. The class needs the money, so seniors are asked to please come together as a class and buy the shirts. Each senior can do their part to help the class. If anyone cannot afford a shirt or is not a senior an alternative would be to buy Raider wristbands from the senior class.

Attending the meetings is another great start to a great class. The meetings are held every Monday in Mrs. Windsor's room. Fundraising ideas are a big topic for the class this year and any input helps. There is much to do regarding costs for the senior class from booking senior dinner dance, buying the senior section in the yearbook, and getting strong support to make this last year here at GRB great.

Something everyone can be doing to help is participating in the class. There will be voting for Mr. Legs and Miss Lips during lunch bells. The cost is \$2, but each voter gets a complimentary bracelet with their vote. All seniors should try to find the time to come vote in lunch or in Mrs. Windsor's room.

According to senior class president Jeanette Bartlett, "I feel I need to step up and really let you (seniors) know up front that if you do not do your part in the class then there can be no complaints when we don't have a customized yearbook, nice senior dinner dance or even a senior trip. I cannot do my best for the class if I have nothing to work with, so please seniors support our class, buy a t-shirt, wristband or give other helpful ideas as soon as possible."

Academics are the real focus

School has been in session for about a month now at G Ray Bodley High School, and with Spirit Week going on students are finally settled into a new school year. As Spirit Week continues, students will be getting excited for homecoming and may set aside their homework for the time being and take part in all the celebrations. Unfortunately, Spirit Week also falls upon week five of the first marking period. In the next few days, the five week period will end and progress reports will be mailed home soon after. Students who are caught up in the chaos of Spirit Week need to make sure to get their work in on time, or their five week reports will be less than desirable.

While Spirit Week may be fun, students need to keep in mind that academics should come first. No one wants to get a bad grade because they slacked off for a week. The theme days such as twin day and spirit day are fun to participate in, but students who do need to make sure they are putting the same amount of effort into their school work as they are dying their hair and painting their faces. Spirit Week ends in a few days, there are still thirty five weeks in the academic year. Spirit Week is important to many people, but it should not be regarded with more importance than homework.

Students should periodically check MyGradeBook.com for their grades. By checking grades before reports are sent home, students can make sure that they do something in order to bring their grades up to par. The week before the quarter ends always seems to involve countless students struggling to turn in all of their late work and blaming their teachers for their bad grade. If students check mygradebook on a regular basis the end of the quarter may not be so hectic and stressful.

High school students should be mature enough to be able to balance their work and recreation. It is great that everyone participates in Spirit week, but it is not worth sacrificing your grades. Participants should be sure that they are getting their homework in as well as getting dressed up, grades are more important than winning the most spirited award.

By Daniel Summerville

School of Thought *Compiled by Mark Aldasch & Tyler Terramiggi*

How do you think the varsity football team will do this Friday against New Hartford?



"I guarantee a WIN Friday!"
Nick "Woody" Woodworth



"They're gonna win by a hundred."
Kate Rothrock



"Close game, maybe overtime. Win by three."
Mrs. Hawley



"Fourth quarter comeback BABY! 32-25."
Colin Blake

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly sunny.

63°

Average: 64°
Record: 85° (2007)

Tonight:



Clear skies.

32°

Average: 44°
Record: 23° (1984)

Tomorrow:



Mostly sunny.

68°

Average: 63°
Record: 87° (1963)

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