



Yearbook offers sweet deal for early orders

The final product won't be available for another seven months, but the time is here to save some money on the 2012 Fultonian Yearbook. From now until December 23 buyers will be able to save \$10 off the price of this year's Fultonian, which will be the 85th edition of the annual book that captures the essence of the school year at G. Ray Bodley High School.

Everyone who orders early will receive the reduced price of \$50, with the normal price of \$60 going back into effect for preorders received after December 23, 2011. "we're hoping to sell more yearbooks, while helping people save money," adviser Mr. Senecal commented. "This will also give us a good indication of how many books to order."

There are three ways to purchase a 2012 Fultonian; online, by phone, or directly through Mr. Senecal. To order online, sim-

ply go to www.YearbookOrderCenter.com and use school order number 13715. Unlike last year there is no surcharge for ordering online via credit card.

For phone orders the number to call is 1-866-287-3096. Again the school order number is 13715.

Parents should have received a post card in the mail from Herff-Jones with ordering information, but in some cases the cards were returned due to incorrect addresses. To help combat that problem, students will be receiving a yearbook order form in their report cards, which are due to be mailed out this week.

To order from Mr. Senecal students simply need to bring in their order form and payment to him directly. He is available in room 102 before and after school. They may also submit orders through homeroom by plac-

ing them in an envelope marked to Mr. Senecal. He will return all receipts through homeroom teachers.

As for the Fultonian itself, the staff is hard at work as the first deadline approaches at the end of November. The cover was recently completed and students are also completing fall sports, baby pictures, homecoming and the prom pages. As a result the deadline has passed for prom and baby photos and senior portraits, as well as parent ads. Senior poll and directory forms will be handed out in the near future and are due by Friday, December 9.

"We had a tremendous response to the parent ads," Mr. Senecal noted. "We sold the most in my eight years as yearbook adviser."

Students and their families are again encouraged to submit photos for consideration for this year's book. They may do this online by going to: www.hjeshare.com and using school code 3049668. While the yearbook cannot guarantee that every submitted picture will be used, every submission will be given serious consideration.

"We can always use sports pictures and candid," Mr. Senecal stated. "The more we have to choose from, the better the end product, which is always our goal."

"I really hope people take advantage of the preorder deal," he went on to say. "I realize that times are hard money-wise, and this is our way of trying to help out in that regard. Hopefully the reduced price will mean that more students have this great keepsake of their high school years as something they can look back on for years to come."

He also wanted to stress that there would not be a lot of extra yearbooks for sale at the end of the year, encouraging everyone to preorder. "Our goal is to sell every yearbook," he concluded. "The preorder figures will be the major determining factor as to how many we order."

For students who did not purchase a book in 2011, there are still a few extra copies remaining which are being sold at the greatly reduced price of \$20 through Mr. Senecal.

GRB announcements for Wednesday, Nov. 16

A representative from SUNY ESF will be here today at 11 in the guidance office. If you have a class at this time you must have permission to attend.

All this week during lunch bells the HOPE Club will be selling feathers for 50 cents each or three for a dollar to determine GRB's Biggest Turkey. Vote for Mr. Rothrock, Mr. Murray, Mr. Galek or Mr. McCarten, and help the Central New York Food Pantries in the process.

Attention Quirk's Players-Orders for the pizza fundraiser are due today. Please return all orders and money to either Mr. Nami, Mr. Lesarbeau or Mr. Briggs. Pizzas pick up will be on Sunday, November 20th from 5-6 pm at the First United Methodist Church (across from the Fulton Junior High School). Please help support the spring musical with this fundraiser.

If you are 16 years of age or older, come help save the lives of not only one but three people by participating in the Student Senate sponsored blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the L.G.I. on Tuesday, November 22nd. So sign up as-soon-as possible if you are interested with Mr. Thurlow in room 100.

Join the American Red Cross in helping hospital patients in our area, and experience what it feels like to give the Gift of Life.

The SADD Club and the American Cancer Society are celebrating the 36th Great American Smokeout on Thursday, November 17th by encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By doing so, smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life; one that can lead to reducing cancer risk.

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the US, yet more than 46 million Americans still smoke. However, more than half of these smokers have attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year.

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Opinion

Debunking the myths of college admissions

By Vanessa Langdon

Getting into a good college is what most seniors are frantically worrying about right now as application deadlines come rolling around. But what is the truth about what it takes to get into that dream school, and what should the seniors and juniors who will be doing all of this next year really be focusing on? A helpful article from *The Washington Post* zeroed right in on the matter.



According to the article there are seven major college admission myths that the seniors here at G. Ray Bodley could benefit from knowing. The first is about having that dream school and if it is a good idea to “put your eggs all in one basket.” The reality is that with the number of colleges in the country there are bound to be numerous schools that you would be comfortable in, so it is important to look at all of your options. Why apply to only one or two

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schools when you can instead apply to five. That one dream school will still be there, even if you apply to more schools.

The second is about the sticker shock involved with looking at colleges. But thankfully this is a welcome myth as the majority of students at colleges do not pay the sticker price thanks to scholarships, and financial aid. A tool that all seniors, as well as juniors as beginning their college search should use is the financial calculator that is now federally mandated on all college websites to help in deciding which college may be the best choice for you financially.

The third college admission myth is a disheartening one: despite the numerous personalized letters and e-mails, college admission offices generally do not think you are all that special, they do those

types of things for many prospective students. But that does not mean we can't advantage of it!

The fourth college admissions myth deals with extracurriculars. Is it better to cloud your college applications with a long list of extracurriculars, or instead to have a handful which you have played a major part in and possibly held leadership roles? The correct answer is the latter. When filling out those applications, look at the list and decide if all those clubs you claim to be in are ones where you have really been an active member. As a word to the underclassman, keep a list of all extracurricular activities you are involved in every year throughout your high school career and try to limit yourself to a few key things that you can really be a part of instead of 10 clubs where you end up not even making it to the meetings.

The fifth college admissions myth deals with a dilemma faced by many students throughout their high school career, to go for that tougher class with the chance of getting a lower grade or to take the easier road that surely leads to an A+. Colleges want you to challenge yourself, and when looking at grades they take into account what class it is. A 91 in an advanced placement class will ultimately look better than a 100 in a regular curriculum or non-regents class. So don't be afraid of having your GPA drop a little if it means you are challenging yourself with a harder class that is a useful tradeoff.

The sixth college admissions myth revolves around the dreaded admissions essay. The myth is that the essay does not matter because everything boils down to grades. In reality, this is completely inaccurate. The essay is a very important part of the college application and should be taken seriously. An essay filled with typos is reason enough for a prospective school to toss an application into the trash.

The seventh and final college application myth is about recommendation letters. The myth pertains to recommendations from famous people or people who hold some weight with the prospective school. When getting recommendation letters don't get them from someone who you think will impress the college, but instead get them from someone who really knows you as a person and can attest to your academic and social abilities.

Hopefully clearing up these myths can put to rest any issues you were having in completing those last applications. Now you can finish those up with ease and get ready to go off to college thanks to your superb application!

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Opinion

The Great Outdoors Rifle season is here, so is the need for safety

By Daniel Summerville

For the past month, bow hunters in the southern zone of New York have been in the woods searching for their trophy deer. Many hunters have seen deer, but they have been too far away to shoot at.

On Saturday that problem will come to an end. Hunters rejoice, the regular season opens in the southern zone!

Hunters will be replacing their bows with rifles and shotguns. Their effective ranges will increase from under fifty yards to well over one hundred. The deer that have been hanging around in front of tree stands just outside of bow range will not know what hit them. Any deer walking within about one hundred yards of any stand is no longer safe. On Saturday, hunters are sure to start filling their tags much faster than before. Because they can shoot over twice the distance than with a bow, hunters will have many more chances to successfully bag a deer. However, the longer range of guns also requires hunters to be even safer than they were with their bows.

There is no doubt that an arrow will kill a person with ease, but it will not travel anywhere near as far as a bullet. Hunters need to be aware of what is beyond their target, even if a bullet strikes a deer it may travel for many more yards. Hunters need to make sure that there are no houses or other hunters in the direction that they shoot. Even the smallest deer rifle is more than capable of killing a hu-



man. It is not hard to practice hunting safety; statistically hunting has fewer injuries than almost any other sport. However, due to the nature of the activity the few injuries that occur tend to be severe.

Opening day of regular season usually has more hunters in the woods than any other day of the year. With more hunters in the woods safety is even more important than normal. Hunters need to be sure that they do not trespass and that they wear blaze orange at least while walking to and from their stands.

It is illegal to trespass whether the land is posted or not, but just because it is posted does not mean that people will not trespass; seeing a large buck is enough to tempt most hunters. If everyone is alert and aware of their surroundings, there is no reason that Saturday cannot be the most productive hunting day of the year.

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Visits an important part of college process

Junior and senior year is filled with thoughts of college, and for seniors the application deadlines are approaching. With all the pressures of trying to find the best college, it can become overwhelming. It's easier to keep in mind the important things that you want in a college experience, and then work from there. Such as academics and campus life.

It is in your best interests and highly recommended to take a tour of the colleges you have in mind. Seeing a campus can sway your opinion on the college drastically. Even though it's said that the decision should be solely on academics, campus life is a very important factor on where you go. Going on a tour will give you a feel of the environment and it is important you feel comfortable because you are going to be there for the next couple of years.

Just going and seeing the college can give you a feel of it. Maybe the campus is dirty, has too many parties, small dorms with too many people, or just an overall bad feeling to it. There is no way you could know this just by looking at pictures on the internet. It could make for some bad years ahead if the college you end up going to is not the learning environment fit for you.

Take a chance and visit the college during an open house, or schedule a visit yourself. You can get dates on open houses on the college website, or you can ask your guidance counselor for a list of open houses near here. Though most have already had their fall open house, there is still time to go to the college for a visit.

Planning on going on a family trip? Check and see if there are any colleges on the way that you may want to take a detour to and look at. The more you see the more informed you will be of your options, and the better your decision can be in the end.

By Sierra Maher

Quote of the day:

“It’s not whether you get knocked down; it’s whether you get up.”
Vince Lombardi

Bizarre News of the Day:

Watch out Superman

A new comic book, based on the turbulent life of jail-bound actress Lindsay Lohan, has been released in the US. Entitled *Infamous: Lindsay Lohan*. The 32-page book details the starlet's history from her rise to fame to her troubles with the law.

“The basic story to the book is it starts out with a brief history of her when she was younger and her parent's troubles,” says Thor Parker, of Midtown Comics. “Then it sort of just takes dates and fills you in on everything that happened with all of her legal problems. With, you know, all the rehab, the DUIs and her court dates and things like that.”

He went on to say that it, “just gives you little snippets of facts about where she's been in the past couple years with that sort of stuff.”

Lohan is the second person to be featured in Bluewater Productions' 'Infamous' series after a comic book on Charlie Sheen earlier this year.

By Morgan Firenze

Song for the Mood

Rush scores a winner with Lessons from 2112 LP

By Nick Abelgore

This special edition feature presents reviews of music recommended by Nick to associate indescribable feelings as well as to appeal to the general music interest.

Artist: Rush

Song: Lessons

Album: 2112 (1976)

Genre: Progressive Rock/Hard Rock

Info: "Lessons" is a song off of Rush's fourth studio album, 2112. This song was written solely by Rush founder and guitarist Alex Lifeson. Geddy Lee sings and plays the bass, as well as keyboard when songs require it. Neil Peart is the drummer and lyricist, except in this case.

Lyrics:

*Sweet memories flashing very quickly by
Reminding me, giving me a reason why
I know that my goal is more than a thought
I'll be there when I teach what I've been taught*

*You know we've told you before
But you didn't hear us then
So you still question why
You didn't listen again*

*Sweet memories, I never thought it would
be like this
Reminding me just how close I came to missing
I know that this is the way for me to go
You'll be there when you know what I know*

Interpretation:

I first heard this song on the radio about a year ago. Hearing it only added to my newfound appreciation for the band Rush. I love the fade-in acoustic riff in the beginning. The song is a great example of what good classic rock sounds like. It is upbeat in tempo, yet reflective.

Geddy Lee's use of his upper range in his vocals emphasizes his desperation to get his message across. Also, like any Rush song, Geddy's bass riffs are complex and interesting, helping to give his music a different feel as opposed to what a more simple bass

line would sound like.

As for how *Lessons* sounds, it is definitely appealing to my musical taste, as well as for



those into classic rock and any kind of hard rock for that matter.

The actual lyrics are just as motivating as the song itself. Personally, I take a lot of meaning out of this song. To me, it implies the many lessons one can learn throughout life and what it takes to learn through and to achieve your goals.

The first line in the song, referring to the "sweet memories," is saying that remembering things in your past can help to serve as a motivation, a reason to keep on going and not to give up. Whether it is a former mistake or something good that gives you satisfaction in recalling upon, these may be good ways to refuel your confidence and resolve levels to continue moving ahead.

Knowing that your "goal is more than a thought" means that you are aware that it is possible to get to where you are going and that it is not just an inactive dream to be experienced in your mind. It just takes time, patience, and determination to achieve anything in life.

The last line of the first verse, which the preceding sentence explained, leads into the meaning of the chorus as a whole. It takes

up the perspective of somebody reprimanding another for something that they already had told them. People all the time are seen quitting and giving up on things that are "too difficult" for them. Then they end up asking why things are the way they are.

The chorus tells its listeners that the lessons about succeeding in life have already been given, but the receiving end chose to ignore that and therefore fell into the familiar trap of inquiring frustration. The second and last verse of the song once again brings up how "sweet memories" can relight the fire in any individual looking to overcome an obstacle or a feat. These recollections remind you of what you need to do and what you truly want your outcome to be.

In reality, all one really has to do is follow their heart. If you really want to get somewhere in life, one will know what it is going to take and what the steps to get there require. If it is what your heart truly desires, you should be willing to go all out, no matter what.

The last verse closes off by an experienced individual telling another that once all knowledge and lessons learned and mistakes made, you will find yourself on an advanced level of success.

In short, nothing is life is easy. People just have to be willing to learn and put themselves through every necessary strain to get places if they want something. Hopefully, listening to this song and reflecting over the message will inspire others to push through to the top and be the best they can be in life.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbgbLfDIVUQ> to listen to this song

GRB announcements for Wednesday, Nov. 16

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The Class of 2015 will once again be selling pizza slices Thursday after school in the language wing. Just \$1.50 for a slice of pizza and 50 cents for a bottle of water. Make sure you bring a little extra money!

Attention ski & snowboard members: pictures for lift passes are Monday after school from 2 to 3 in room 119. If you are unable to attend, you need to submit a school photo now to Mrs. Honeywell or Mrs. Downing.

The Class of 2015's magazine sale is now underway. They are selling subscription renewals or new subscriptions. Magazine subscriptions make great holiday gifts! They are the gift that keeps on giving! Freshmen, orders are due December 5th. And don't forget that for every three subscriptions you sell, you earn cash!

Around what time do you go to bed?



"Whenever my eyes close!"
Kyle Parker



"I never go to bed."
Mariah Whipple



"Like 11 o' clock."
Johnelle Dishaw



"I go to bed around 10:30 usually."
Breanne Jackowski

Meteorology and you

By *Carson Metcalf*



Today:



Sun and clouds.
Chance shower.

55°

Average: 48°
Record: 71° (1990)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

35°

Average: 33°
Record: 14° (1996)

Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy.
Lake snow late.

44°

Average: 48°
Record: 73° (1956)

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Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.*