



English teacher has wide range of interests

By Vanessa Langdon

English teacher Mrs. Barton has left the halls of G. Ray Bodley to be with her growing family, but in her place in room 221 is Mrs. Crisafulli, a Fulton native. Mrs. Crisafulli was raised right here in Fulton and still lives here now with her husband and dog, a Pomeranian Chiwawa, Mia.

Mrs. Crisafulli now is in the place of Mrs. Barton and teaching eleventh grade English classes here at GRB. There is lots learn about this new addition to the staff who is melding our minds 5 days a week.



Mrs. Crisafulli will be filling in for Mrs. Barton for the rest of this year. This is her second time teaching at GRB.

Mrs. Crisafulli is not new to teaching, as she has taught various grades in the North Syracuse Schools. She taught seventh, eighth and ninth grade English, as well as filling in for GRB's Mrs. Windsor last fall. On top of all of her middle and high school experience Mrs. Crisafulli is also a certified elementary school teacher and taught first, second and fourth grade classes in Rochester after completing college at SUNY Brockport and she has also taught third grade at Fairgrieve Elementary.

Mrs. Crisafulli always knew she wanted

to pursue English, as it is her passion. She completed her English Literature degree at SUNY Brockport and then decided she should teach as she had already completed

her elementary experience. And although Mrs. Crisafulli likes little kids and thinks they are fun, she enjoys teaching high school English, especially honors classes, which she finds both fun and different. She enjoys the conversations they are able to have.

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She is an avid listener of blues music noting her favorites as Buddy Guy and B.B. King. On top of Blues Mrs. Crisafulli loves classic music like the Doors, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, the Who, and Alice Cooper. Mrs. Crisafulli even knows how to play piano, as she took lessons in her childhood and continues to hit the ivories now, although she mentioned how it has been harder for her to find the time in between grading papers. She even was told by her piano teacher to pursue piano, but has never really done so with all the distractions in life, even though she does compose music herself.

On top of her musical exploits Mrs. Crisafulli loves to cook, especially Italian

food like tomato sauce. She also loves going to the movies although she admits her husband does not always enjoy their movie dates as she frequently points out literary

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elements present in the movie! A recent movie favorite for Mrs. Crisafulli was the second *Sherlock Holmes* movie.

Along with her love of music and movies, you cannot interview an English teacher without asking about their favorite book. Mrs. Crisafulli's favorite book is *The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison which she has read easily five or six times. On top of reading it multiple times she has written a number of essays about the novel and even debated writing another to try and get published, a goal she still hopes to realize one day.

An interesting fact about Mrs. Crisafulli is that she is now a public school teacher at a high school but one who did not attend public high school herself. Mrs. Crisafulli was homeschooled by her father along with her two brothers and sister, of which she is the oldest. She went to Fairgrieve Elementary for kindergarten to second grade and then to private school from third to fifth grades until finally going into homeschooling for the remainder of her school years. While Mrs. Crisafulli may not have attended a public high school herself, she is doing a wonderful job so far!

Moonlight Madness Saturday at YMCA

Are you looking for something fun to do since this chilly weather has arrived? How about an evening of balloon basketball, indoor volleyball, swimming, snacks and more?

This Saturday, January 14 at the Fulton YMCA you can enjoy all of these things for free. This will only be going on for one night from 6 pm to 9 pm and anyone ages 11 to 18 is welcome to attend. Don't forget to save the date today so you do not miss out on this fun adventure. For more information contact the Fulton YMCA at 598-9622.

Opinion

It's not that difficult to avoid being a slob

By Laura Perwitz

Chewing gum is one of the few things kids can enjoy in the classroom. As long as you don't make rude noises with it, show it or pop it during class, you're pretty much golden.

Naturally, when a piece of gum gets old we tend to throw it away and replace it. For some students, their version of throwing away their gum is to place it underneath the desks in classrooms. How disgusting can you seriously be?

When I walk into a classroom, I don't want to see a piece of gum just hanging from under my desk. The desks are school property, and you should be made to scrape the gum out from under all the



That's why we turn around and actually look to see if it made it in, or we stand there and make sure it makes it into the trash can. How do you think the teachers and custodians feel when they have to pick up after you because you decided to be a slob? Something tells me they are not impressed. Your parents might pick up for you at home, but here at school, it's time to learn something and pick up after your own messes. Just because you can be a slob at home, that doesn't mean you can be the same way inside the school. It's called common courtesy; learn it.

We can make this school a whole lot cleaner if kids would just do their part, and pick up what they have finished and whatever messes they have made. It's not fair to have the teachers and custodians pick up after you because you were lazy and didn't want to throw the item away. When you get your own house someday, it's more than likely going to look bad because you don't pick up anything. Seriously, be a grown up and throw your own things away. It literally takes two seconds out of your life and it takes a two foot walk to throw something away. I think you can manage. Let's all try to throw our own items out and have less aggravated staff, and maybe G. Ray Bodley High School will be a cleaner place for everyone.

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This doesn't just go for gum. It goes for candy wrappers, water bottles, paper, food and all sorts of other things. Can we seriously not make the two feet to the trash can to throwing something away? I mean seriously, this isn't your house and the teachers aren't your parents. This is a school, where we come to learn and get a good education. Some teachers aren't strict about letting kids eat during class, especially when they don't have a lunch during the school day. It bugs them when you leave food that has been stomped on left on the floor, candy wrappers RIGHT NEXT to the trash can, gum stuck under chairs and under the desks, and papers that have fallen out of your bag and you left untouched.

We, the students of G. Ray Bodley High School, are teenagers. We have the capability to get up off our butts during class, or after class, and throw away whatever we are finished with. Sometimes you go to throw it away and it doesn't always make the basket.

Corrections noted:

In Monday's article regarding Ashlynn Palmitesso's 1000 career points, the player receiving the assist on her milestone basket was incorrectly reported as Christina Pensabene. Cheyanne Brien passed the ball to Ashlynn Palmitesso for the breakaway basket that pushed her over 1000 points. We apologize for this mistake.

Also in last week's listing of the 100 win club for Fulton wrestling, Randy Cotton's last name was mistakenly spelled Cottom. Again we apologize for the mistake.

Quote of the day:

"Friendship doubles your joys, and divides your sorrows."

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Reflections

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Mountain Dew should be a great big DON'T

By Sierra Maher



There is a recent court battle between a man who claims he found a dead mouse in his can of Mountain Dew, which is made by PepsiCo. PepsiCo's brilliant defense: it is impossible for a mouse carcass to still be in the soda, it would have dissolved.

That statement has caused more harm than good. Bad product advertisement aside, the

real question is: If a mouse carcass is dissolved just sitting in the soda, what about the teeth of the person drinking the soda on a regular basis?

"After 30 days, the mouse would disintegrate (except possibly a portion of the tail) into a jellylike substance," said veterinarian Dr. Lawrence McGill. That is quite disturbing considering the fact that there are some people who drink this soda every day. If it can disintegrate a mouse in just a month, what is it doing to the bodies of those who consume it?

First off, Mountain Dew is said to be the worst soda for our body compared to the other sodas on the market. In a study led by dentist J. Anthony von Fraunhofer, his team soaked human molars in Mountain Dew for two weeks (which can be compared to about 13 years of regular soda consumption). During this short span, the molars' enamel lost more than 6 percent of its volume. When Coca Cola

Icemen claim first win, girls fall

The sweet taste of victory was all the sweeter for the Raider hockey team on Tuesday when Fulton finally broke into the scoring column in convincing fashion. Losers of 10 straight, Fulton finally put it all together in a big way to thrash New Hartford 11-2 on a night when 13 players made their way onto the scoresheet.

The Raiders struck three times in the opening period and then added five big goals in the second to take a commanding 8-2 lead into the second intermission in a free-wheeling affair that produced 81 shots on goal.

Kaiden Hotchkiss led the scoring parade with three goals while Dylan Holden counted five points on two goals and three assists. Bryce Kinght added a goal and two assists and Kris Grow struck twice for Fulton while Steven Delisle notched a goal and an assist and Jason King scored a singleton.

Matt Billion contributed to the romp with three assists and Travis Stoutenger had two helpers while Casey Holden, Craig Fountan, Colin Blake and Joe Cortese all picked up one assist each for Fulton. In goal, sophomore Brandon Ladd registered 37 saves to record his firstvarsity victory, limiting the Spartans to a pair of second period markers.

Fulton and Phoenix were fit to be tied through the first three quarters on Tuesday, but unfortunately for the Lady Raiders the Firebirds owned the edge in the crucial fourth stanza to snare a 48-43 win on Tuesday. The teams were tied 8-8 after one, 25-25 at the half and 32-32 after three before the 'Birds used a 16-11 fourth quarter surge to win. Ashlynn Palmitesso paced the Raiders with 29 points.

was used with the same experiment, only 1 percent of the enamel was lost. The excessive amount of tooth decay from this citrus soda has gained the term, "Mountain Dew Mouth" from dentists, and has become a serious problem.

If the company can admit that the side effects of Mountain Dew can dissolve a carcass, then why are people still drinking it? Lack of education of the product itself is a huge factor, or just not believing that soda could actually ruin your body.

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With the case becoming so popular, hopefully word will get out on the harmful effects of the soda, because they seem to be more severe than originally thought.

Meet the Reporters

Mark Aldasch, Senior

Mark joined the journalism class and staff of RaiderNet Daily to work as a sportswriter. His outside interests and hobbies include hanging out with friends and playing sports, as he is a member of both the football and wrestling teams.



This week in Raider Sports

Today: Swim vs. New Hartford (5 pm); Girls Bball @ Phoenix (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys Bball vs. Phoenix (JV-5:30/V-7).

Wed. Jan. 11: Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling @ Phoenix (6 pm).

Thurs. Jan. 12: Hockey vs. Auburn (6 pm); Boys Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).

Fri. Jan. 13: Indoor Track @ CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Girls Bball @ Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7 pm).

Sat. Jan. 14: Boys Bball @ C. Square (JV-noon/V-2 pm); Swim @ Multi-team meet A Mexico (TBA).



How far do you think the Broncos will go in this year's playoffs?



"Super Bowl Champs!"

Brandon Guernsey



"Tebow's a girl, they're gonna get ROCKED by the Pats."

Dan Kenyon



"Super Bowl Baby! Tebow, Super Bowl MVP."

Zach Dodge



"Patriots are going to beat them Saturday, close game!"

Mrs. Hawley

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.

43°

Average: 31°
Record: 57° (1950)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.

25°

Average: 16°
Record: -16° (2004)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy skies.

42°

Average: 31°
Record: 67° (1975)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com
Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.