



## One month and counting for Yanks

By Nathan Deavers

The Quirks Players Drama Club members are at it again with their next performance coming on March 8-10 as they will be performing *Damn Yankees*. In preparation for the big weekend, the students have been practicing since the beginning of January.

There will be many students from GRB performing in this show and many junior high boys as well. This show will be the last for a large portion of the cast because they will be leaving as seniors.

Many people might not think that the musical is as important as sports or other activities, but the seniors in the spring show have senior nights just like sports teams do. Many of the people who play sports know how important senior night is to them, being their last "hurrah," and it is just as important to these students in Quirks.

This year's show, *Damn Yankees*, is a musical about a man, Joe Boyd, who sells his soul to the devil, Mr. Applegate, to make himself into a great slugger or power hitter. He wanted to become a slugger to help his love, the Washington Senators, beat those Damn Yankees!

Mr. Applegate turns Joe Boyd into Joe Hardy and he becomes one of the best players in the league, helping carry the Senators with a shot to win the pennant. The only problem about this plan is that if Joe Hardy or Boyd wants to be turned back into his normal self by the 24th, then his soul will belong to Mr. Applegate. The problem arises due to the fact that the season really ends on the 25th.

This is a very fun show and will be very entertaining, even to watch in practice. The students in Quirks Players are practicing very hard and some have rehearsal every day. So mark down March 8, 9 or 10 on your calendars to come support these kids, teachers, advisors, seniors, and everyone who will be putting in a lot of time and effort in producing this show for everyone in the community.



Mark Parry, left, and Alex Bawarski hoist Alexis Pawlewicz into the air during a recent dance rehearsal for *Damn Yankees*. Also pictured from left to right are Stephen Heywood, Joe Medico, Logan Carvey (back), Jeremy Herlowski, and Mitch Lalik. (Vanessa Langdon photo)

### ***Players plan dinner, bowling fundraisers***

Ever since the Quirk's Players found out that their budget had been cut, the group of students, with the help of the directors, have taken action to raise money to ensure that the show would go on. Like a family, the club has worked together to reach their goal.

With that in mind, the Players have a few more tricks up their sleeve. Over February break, the group will be sponsoring another spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 at the Fulton Polish Home in an attempt to raise money. They did this a few months back, and it was a huge success as they sold over 400 dinners. The evening was full of laughter, dancing, and of course the best spaghetti anyone could ask for. Canale's Restaurant was generous enough to donate sauce to the cause, which helped greatly. Chef Geno even made an appearance, getting pictures done and having a great time with the people in attendance. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and children.

Another fundraiser coming up has something to do with a sport everyone enjoys at least once in their life; bowling. Quirk's Players will be holding a bowling fundraiser at Lakeview Lanes on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 3-10 pm. Preorder tickets are \$10 by signing up during lunch bells, or through a member of the group. The cost at the event is \$12 at the door which includes bowling, shoes, food and beverages.

Drama Club is trying to make the best of a bad situation, trying to raise money for the spring musical, *Damn Yankees*, on March 8-9-10. Director Tom Briggs is thankful for the support the community has shown for previous Quirk's Players events, and hopes for a continuation of that great support.

*By Laura Perwitz*

## Opinion

# Taking too many things to the extreme

By Laura Perwitz

Everyone in the school has their own special talent. Some kids have a natural ability to play sports or sing, or maybe they have a talent in a subject in school. Some students have a natural ability at art or some other interesting thing that no one else can do.

We are all equally different.

A lot of kids feel that they don't have a talent and then take things to the extreme to get that talent. There really isn't any need to.

People are most competitive when it comes to singing and sports. Some people can sing really well and some people can't. Just like some people can play certain sport(s) well and some people maybe aren't go good at it.

Of course you can make the attempt and try your best at whatever



everyone else. Although it might be true in some situations, you have no right to say it.

Wishing ill upon someone has also happened. It isn't right to say you hope someone breaks their hand, loses their voice during a big performance or maybe get an illness so bad that they can't play in a game. You know you are so much better than that.

There is also no reason why you should get cocky about something. The cockier you get, the more you are prone to mess up. And when you do mess up, everyone will laugh at you because of the way you acted around them. You decided to walk around acting all high and mighty like you owned the place, and you ended up making a fool of yourself. It's time to realize that you aren't better than anyone else and you never will be.

Taking things to the extreme gets no one anywhere. You either end up being rude and obnoxious about everything, or you mess up because of the way you acted about it. Think about how you would feel if someone said that they were better than you at something. You would more than likely be pretty mad about it. Think before you act or say anything about someone or to them. It could be the biggest mistake of your life.

**“There is also no reason why you should get cocky about something. The cockier you get, the more you are prone to mess up.”**

you decide to do, but don't get mad when you fail. You have to work at whatever it is you want. It's great to have that natural ability to sing like a lot of people have, but it's bad when you're trying to hear yourself sing and you have people around you trying to overpower each other to see who can be louder and most heard. To be honest, it sounds dreadful.

At sports working hard to succeed is the key. Some people have that talent at sports and don't have to try as hard. People like me have to try hard to do something. It's okay to have to try every once in a while. You don't necessarily have to try and show that you are the best at something. Trying and working hard proves that you are the best and that you care.

Talking behind a person's back is a common occurrence when it comes to being competitive. You can't sit there and say that you sing better, draw better or play better than someone else. That makes you look very conceited and also makes you look really bad to ev-

## Bizarre News of the Month:

### Traffic lights for the color-blind

Japan is road testing new traffic lights that can be seen by people who are color-blind as well as drivers with perfect vision.

The signals have been developed by Taro Ochiai, a professor at Kyushu Sangyo University, with the first set of traffic lights installed in the southern city of Fukuoka. A second month-long test is to be started in Tokyo before the end of February. Drivers with color-blindness quickly reported that the LED signals were more difficult for them to discern based only on brightness as the visual indicator.

Drivers with perfect vision will hardly notice the pink X that is set within the red signal, particularly from a distance, but red-green color-blind drivers are able to easily distinguish the contrasting blue X against a background that they perceive as being yellow. Research shows that the mark is clear even from a distance.

*By Morgan Firenze*



## Reflections

-THE- Salon & More

**Welcomes GRB grad Natasha Humbert!**

Specializing in highlighting, Brazilian blowouts, retexturizing, extensions, cuts & styling

608 South 4th Street-Fulton Call for an appointment today! 592-4415

*Proud 20 Year sponsor of GRB Journalism*

## The Great Outdoors

# Will mild winter takes its toll on nature?

By Daniel Summerville

It is not very often that grass can be seen in Central New York in mid-February. So far, this winter has only had a few days where it actually seems like a real winter. We may be in the heart of winter, but it seems much more like spring. There is not much to complain about, a milder winter is hard to come by. However, the mild weather may have its own drawbacks.

We may not have any snow now, but there is still a chance that the weeks to come could punish us for the nice weather we have been having. In some areas, there are already plants that are starting to sprout up out of the ground. Some people are starting to worry what will happen if the plants get a good start only to be hammered by a few feet of snow a week or two after they sprout. For the most part, there are not very many plants that grow in Central New York that cannot stand up to a heavy snow, even if they are just getting established.

On a normal year, it is usually around early April that Fulton residents start seeing the snow geese start flying overhead. This year is a different story. Last week, a few small flocks flew by just to the southwest of Lake Neatahwanta. No one knows why the geese are moving so early, but many people believe that the warmer weather is to blame. For the first time in years, hunters in the Fulton area might get a chance to shoot at some snow geese before March and April. The season is open, and if the snow geese are already moving, hunters may have more of a chance to bag a few.

Last year, we had snow on the ground for a long time even after winter ended. In many areas, the deer were having their fawns later



in the year than normal because of this. Normally most fawns have left their mother by hunting season, but last year it was not uncommon to see one or two little fawns, still with their mother, even into November. Last year's late fawning was because of the harsh win-

**“There is no doubt that this winter has been a strange one. Already there are some things that are starting to become messed up by the mild weather.”**

ter, so this year we may have the exact opposite, which is not very good either. If does start having fawns during these warm spells that have been happening, they will not be old enough to survive if it snows in any amount. Deer are meant to have their fawns after the snow has gone and when it is relatively warm. Any strange weather patterns could pose a threat to the young deer.

There is no doubt that this winter has been a strange one. Already there are some things that are starting to become messed up by the mild weather. However, people should not worry too much about the changes that are bound to occur in nature due to the mild weather. This has happened before, perhaps not quite as mild as this, but it has happened before. The geese and deer may be uncomfortable for a while if the winter takes a turn for the worse, but most will survive. Every plant and animal that is native to Central New York can stand some strange weather, otherwise it would have become extinct here long ago. This winter may be mild, but it is not anything that Mother Nature cannot handle.

## Class of 2012 looks to deliver sweet treats

It is almost Valentines Day! The senior class has sent out information regarding a lovely Valentine fundraiser. If you have not heard about this fundraiser yet make sure to ask your homeroom teacher soon.

The Chocolate boxes will only be available to order until Friday, February 10. This is an amazing opportunity to show yours friends that you care and the cost is only \$2.

Do something nice for those you care about. Send your friends a delicious box of chocolates



along with a note to their homeroom on Valentine's Day this year.

### Quote of the day:

“Side by side or miles apart, dear friends are always close to the heart.”

**RaiderNet**

Daily

Check us out on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/GRBJournalism](http://www.facebook.com/GRBJournalism)



## At the Movies

# Sci-fi, romance and action hit the big screen

One of the most popular movies of all time is back, and reportedly better than ever. *Star Wars* hits the big screen with 3-D enhancement this weekend as one of three offerings for all you movie buffs.

*Star Wars: Episode 1 The Phantom Menace* 3D: One of the movies being released on Friday, February 10 is the 3-D version of *The Phantom Menace*. After a period of peace on the planet of Naboo, the Sith decided it is time to unveil the Sith Lord's new apprentice, Darth Maul, along with their Droid Army. Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn and his apprentice, Obi-Wan Kenobi, must face off against this new enemy in order to protect the balance of the Force. After going down by many as the best movie series in history, the six films by Lucas Arts are being remastered and brought back to the big screen with thrilling 3-D visuals. Starring in this science fiction masterpiece are Liam Neeson as the Jedi Master, Qui-Gon Jinn, Ewan McGregor as his padawan (Jedi apprentice), Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Ray Park as the sinister, Darth Maul. This classic piece of movie history can be enjoyable for anyone who watches it, and I personally recommend it.



## Star Wars 3-D equals 3 times the excitement

By Alex Bawarski

It's almost here *Star Wars* fanatics! That's right, *Star Wars: Episode 1 The Phantom Menace* in 3-D is arriving in the theatres tomorrow. It is one thing to see these award-winning films on your own televisions, but to be able to go and see them at the theatre in 3-D is a completely different experience.

I personally am not a fan of 3-D movies because they cost more and give you barely any actually 3-D footage, but I do recommend going to see this gift to the cinema world. *Star Wars* has been bringing joy to families since it came to the theatre back in 1977 and the intensity of the fans has not died. Many dedicated fans will go and see this science-fiction masterpiece when it debuts this weekend.

*Star Wars: Episode 1 The Phantom Menace* is a science-fiction action movie that is the beginning of the 6 part trilogy. In *The Phantom Menace*, the Jedi Master, Qui-Gon Jinn, and his Jedi padawan, Obi-Wan, must face the Sith Lord's apprentice, Darth Maul, to protect the balance of the Force throughout Naboo. It acts as a base to set up the premise for how the next five movies play out.

I asked several *Star Wars* fans around the school what their take



*The Vow*: Another film that is coming out just in time for Valentine's Day is *The Vow*. *The Vow* is a romance film based around the marriage of a new couple, Paige and Leo. After getting into a car accident, Paige ends up in a coma, and awakens with a severe case of memory loss. Although she has no memory of her new husband, and situations with her parents and her ex-fiance become both complicated and confusing, Leo is determined to win back the heart of his wife. The couple of Paige and Leo will be played by Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum respectively. Sam Neill and Jessica Lange will portray Paige's parents and Scott Speedman is Paige's ex-fiance. If you are looking for the movie to go out and watch with your special someone this Valentine's Day, this is the movie for you.

*Safe House*: Friday, February 10 will also be featuring the new action-thriller movie *Safe House*. After escaping capture for almost 10 years, Tobin Frost, one of the most dangerous men the CIA has ever known, goes back onto the scene in the United States. Accompanying him is Matt Weston, a rookie agent who aspires to become a full-fledged operative. After blowing up Frost's safe house, these two allies must get past their differences in views and lifestyles to find out who wanted these guys dead. Starring in this film are Denzel Washington (Tobin Frost) and Ryan Reynolds (Matt Weston). If you want to watch an action movie that looks to be promising or if you want to see Washington or Reynolds in their latest roles, consider going out to see this one.

on the movies going to 3-D is and they all seemed pretty optimistic about the experience. Senior Gage Mayer commented that, "It's gonna be AWESOME!!! I can't wait for the others." Another senior *Star Wars* fanatic, Brandon Clark said, "not only is it another great experience to see *Star Wars* on the big screen, it also offers *Star Wars* fans a brand new way to experience the movies."

Along with Gage and Brandon, senior Neil Devendorf's opinion was that, "It is both fantastic and magnificent, and it's a testament to how great the *Star Wars* franchise really is." G. Ray Bodley Sci-Fi/Fantasy teacher and *Star Wars* enthusiast, Mr. Senecal was not quite as quick to jump on the 3-D bandwagon, however, saying, "I'll reserve judgment until I get a chance to see it. If it's done right, that would be great. I paid the extra money to watch the final *Harry Potter* movie in 3-D and was disappointed with the lack of the 3-D effect, so I've got my fingers crossed that *Star Wars* makes better use of the technology."

Personally I think that the movie should be a good experience for both long-time *Star Wars* fans and anyone who has never watched the trilogy. It is never too late to have a taste of what is, in my opinion, the best set of movies in existence. If you are sitting home alone this weekend, and just need something to do, do yourself a favor and go see *Star Wars: Episode 1 The Phantom Menace* in 3-D. If you go and for some reason, it turns out you don't like it, feel free to complain to me for recommending it to you. I know you won't be sorry.

School of Thought compiled by Ashlynn Palmitesso and Ross Maxam

## Did you watch the Super Bowl for the game or the commercials?



"Neither."  
Carson Metcalf



"The game!"  
Matt Holden



"What commercials?"  
Mr. N. Fasulo



"Commercials. the M&M one was the best!"  
Courtney Carr

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.  
Chance snow.

**37°**

Average: 33°  
Record: 55° (2001)

Tonight:



Mainly clear.

**23°**

Average: 17°  
Record: -12° (1951)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy.  
Chance snow.

**38°**

Average: 33°  
Record: 56° (2001)

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