



Pit orchestra helps make each musical special

By Nick Abelgore

This year's school musical production is fast approaching. Quirk's Players are working hard to put on a great show and are almost finished with their last minute preparations.

But what is a musical without music?

The stars on stage need something to accompany them as they sing and perform. On that note, the pit orchestra has just started rehearsing this past week for the upcoming play. Directed by Mr. Nami, this ensemble consists of members from around the community as well as student musicians from G. Ray Bodley High School. There is a lot of music to learn for the show, but everybody is eager put on a great performance.

Members recognized from G. Ray Bodley include seniors Nick Abelgore on trombone, George Snyder on cello, Lindsey Ladd on viola, and Sara Jay on violin. The other students are Julia Fisch on violin and Anthony Semeraro on bass.

This year's orchestra also features a guest student from Oswego High School. Emilie Benigno will be the principle violin player for this ensemble. She recently received a scholarship for placing first in the Oswego County Scholarship Auditions held earlier this year. It is good to have such a fine musician interested in playing in these kinds of extracurricular things, especially outside of her own school district.

Other familiar players from the commu-

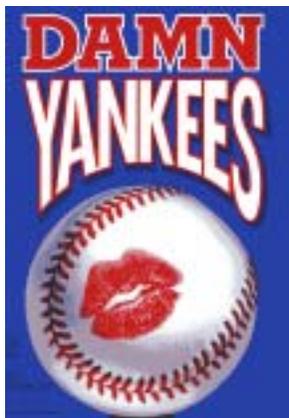
nity who will be in the pit include current GRB Orchestra instructor Ms. Santy, Mrs. Farden, Mrs. Evans, community band director Carol Fox, and many others.

The annual musical put on by Quirk's Players is always a blast. This year's *Damn Yankees* performances are certain to leave audiences impressed and entertained thoroughly. The actors on stage will surely put

on a great performance. Adding the symphonic sounds of the pit orchestra will only add to the overall effect of the play. Music is a powerful way to convey emotion and expressions. The numbers from this musical will move the audience. Quirk's Players are ready to give to the community an amazing show that they will not be forgetting anytime soon.



It's not a musical without the music, and with that in mind this weekend's performances of *Damn Yankees* will be in good hands with a collection of talented students and outside musicians. The musicians have been here all week long preparing for Thursday's debut from Quirk's Players Drama Club. GRB musicians taking part in the 21-piece pit orchestra are (left to right) George Snyder-cello, Lyndsey Ladd-viola, Sara Jay-violin, Julia Fisch-violin and Nick Abelgore-trombone. Also participating but not pictured is bassist Anthony Semeraro. (Senecal photo)



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Read to succeed? Some students don't buy it

By Kara Yakel

In elementary school students are taught to read short books, but once many students enter high school, it seems like the reading comes to a stop and the intelligence level decreases.

Why is this?

Is it because high schoolers are too busy with their life? Are students too caught up in technology? Is it laziness? Or is it the simple fact that many high school students find reading to be boring or nerdy?

Here at G. Ray Bodley High School we have a beautiful library with various books to choose from. If there is a topic for a book that a student is looking for, the library most definitely has it. The librarian and aids take a lot of time out of the day to organize every



English teachers Mr. Heindorf and Mrs. Pawlewicz often see a “deer in a headlight face” when students are questioned about the reading they were assigned to do for homework. Mr. Heindorf stated that, “Students are unaware that if you are not reading now, what are you going to do in college, if you actually go? In college there is much more reading compared to what you are assigned to do in high school.”

A student in Mrs. Pawlewicz class stated, “I’ll read for about 10 minutes and I will want to fall asleep...I have only read about a sentence in the book we are currently reading in class.” What is this? Why? If you read for 10 minutes every day, before you know it the book will be over and you will have better critical thinking. One of Mrs. Pawlewicz’ strategies to help engage the student into the book is for them to put themselves in the shoes of the main character and ask themselves, “what would you do?,” or to question what the author has written. Mrs. Pawlewicz stated that, “If you are not reading when you are assigned to, you are really cheating yourself. Reading takes thinking and without it, you are not developing critical thinking strategies.”

Social Studies teacher Mr. Patnode does not teach any sort of English class, but he has found that the end result of choosing not to read is that some of his students cannot understand some of the criteria in his class. One of his students reads at a fourth grade level, but has to take a test at a tenth grade level for the class. Mr. Patnode has three books located under his desk, one of which is written at a sixth grade level. This is not just any sixth grade reading level book, it is all based on what Mr. Patnode teaches.

While interviewing these teachers, it became clear that a lot of staff members stress about this topic. There is not enough time to write about all the troubles this topic has caused. Mr. Patnode brought up a very interesting question, “are we forcing kids to read?” Are teachers forcing the students, or is it the obvious fact that students are too busy with their video games, cell phones, and computers to even think about reading for a homework assignment?

This is just scratching the surface of a massive problem here and G. Ray Bodley, and many other school districts. *The Raider* is sent out almost every week and people usually pick them up around Fridays, but are students actually reading them? Are students reading *RaiderNet Daily*? While telling a student the article that is going to be written, he was completely unaware what *RaiderNet Daily* actually is. So who is actually reading this?

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GRB English teacher Mr. Heindorf

book to make looking for a book much easier. Not only is the library useful for just reading any book, many teachers require students to write a research paper, and to write a research paper you need more than just websites and databases, you also need book references. Do you want to be the one student in your class who wonders...do we have a library?...where is it anyways?...how do I find books?

Many English teachers require students to read for homework, but many do not fulfill that assignment. It becomes quite obvious when the student is handed a “pop quiz” or asked to “discuss the novel” in class because the expression on their face says it all. En-



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The Great Outdoors It's open season on "nuisance" critters

By Daniel Summerville

In New York, autumn is often considered hunting season. Autumn is when deer season is held, and when the most hunters are out in the woods at the same time. However, while deer season may be the most popular season, it is not the only hunting season throughout the year. May is spring turkey season, and most small game seasons last nearly all winter. But even with all the different seasons, there are periods of the year where there are no hunting seasons open.

Just because there are no open seasons, that does not mean that hunters cannot go hunting. There are some species that are unprotected in New York, and can be hunted at any time of year. Among these species are red squirrels, woodchucks, and pigeons. These species can provide great sport for hunter, even outside of normal hunting seasons.

Red squirrels are good practice for other rodents, such as grey or fox squirrels. By knocking off a few red squirrels before deer sea-



son, hunters can attempt to keep themselves hidden this upcoming deer season. Red squirrels are notorious for alerting the whole woods to the presence of a hunter. Hunting red squirrels can provide hours of fun, and it is not overly difficult work either. The little rodents will gladly sit on a branch and chirp at anything that enters their realm, all that hunters need to do is to get the bead on them and pull the trigger.

Though woodchucks are not yet out of their winter hibernation, now is the perfect time to start thinking about hunting them. These wily creatures are easiest to hunt the first few days that they emerge from their holes in the spring, before they are harassed by coyotes or other hunters. Once the woodchucks realize that they are being hunted, they will retreat into their holes at the slightest sign of predators. In the spring they are not hard to hunt, but as the summer goes on, they can get quite difficult to hunt.

Pigeons, like red squirrels, are active year round. It is often easiest to hunt these birds while they are on the ground, foraging about in a field or barnyard. Pigeons are also some of the easiest of all creatures to be cleaned. A deer may take an hour or so, and a brace of squirrels can take a while too, but pigeons can be field dressed and cleaned in less than a minute. Cleaning is often the least enjoyable part of hunting, and if it only takes a few minutes to do so, hunters are more likely to take time and hunt.

By hunting these unprotected animals, hunters are not only keeping in practice, but also helping out the environment. They are unprotected for a reason, and most of these animals are very destructive. If hunters play it right, there are hunting opportunities year round, not just during hunting seasons.

Meet the Reporters

Hannah

Dunsmoor, Senior

Hannah's role in journalism is to take pictures of sporting events and other GRB happenings as well as write articles about a variety of topics. She plays varsity lacrosse and has been playing the piano for 10 years.



She also likes being outside and traveling, and she "rocks" at video games. Something people might not know about her is that Hannah has seen the body of a Pope in the Vatican in Italy.

Quote of the day:

"Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice."

Wayne Dyer

Bizarre News of the Day:

A world-famous little fellow

A 72-year-old Nepalese man has become the world's shortest man as well as the shortest person ever recorded.

Guinness World Records official Craig Glenday and a doctor measured Chandra Bahadur Dangi to confirm his height of 54.6 cm (21.5 inches). Mr. Glenday presented Dangi with two certificates for being the world's shortest living man and the world's shortest person recorded in Guinness' 57-year history.

Dangi lives in Rhimkholi, a remote village about 250 miles west of Katmandu, with his youngest brother and his family. His five brothers are all average height. Doctors have found that Dangi has no immediate health problems. His family does not know when he stopped growing.

He takes the shortest man record from Junrey Balawing of the Philippines, who is 60 cm (23.5 inches) tall. *By Morgan Firenze*

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Sectional title fueled by Bodley icemen

The Fulton Youth Hockey Association was made proud this past weekend, as they witnessed the Midget eighteen and under team win sectionals and advance to the state championships being held in two weeks. Excitement was present from all around the rink at Salmon River as the team defeated Valley 4-1 in the final game.

The team, consisting of a large majority of the Fulton varsity team, put up a strong

offensive and defensive performances led by seniors Casey Holden, Dylan Holden, Travis Stoughtenger, Jason King and Steven DeLisle, GRB graduate Steven Seguin and also phenomenal goalie Keegan Murphy and defenseman Conner Fradette from Central Square.

The final game was very rough, as in any game against the Valley team as there were crushing hits all over the ice as the line of

Holden, Holden, and Trey Sheldon produced four goals for the Raiders going into the third period. The Fulton team held on, only giving Valley one goal and winning the sectional title with their heads held high. The teams won 7-2 against Salmon River, a forfeit win against Cicero-North Syracuse and successfully tied Geneva. Spectators are encouraged to come watch the teams perform at states in two weeks at Valley. *By Dylan Holden*

Friday tornado outbreak kills 39

By Carson Metcalf

All the right ingredients managed to come together last Friday for a powerful and devastating tornado outbreak, one that made even the best of the best at The Weather Channel look at the system's aftermath in awe.

Severe thunderstorms began firing early in the morning on Friday across the southern and southeastern parts of the country. These storms soon began spawning tornadoes, and by the time night had fallen, immense damage had been done.

There were 872 preliminary total reports of severe weather according to the National Weather Service, which included 128 reports of tornadoes. Jesse Ferrell of AccuWeather also reports that about 150,000 lightning strikes hit the ground during the outbreak. By about 11:00 Friday night, 272 tornado warnings had been issued, and they continued into the day on Saturday.

In the days since the outbreak, the death toll has climbed to 39 according to the Associated Press, with the most being in the state of Kentucky. The number of actual confirmed tornado touchdowns is 45 as of Monday afternoon, including at least one rated an EF4. This number could certainly climb higher, however, as more storm surveys are completed.

In terms of the climatological aspect of the outbreak, the three-year average for tornadoes in the month of March according to the Storm Prediction Center is 74. If the outbreak we saw on just the second day of March this year is any indication of what to expect for the remainder of the severe weather season, it is best to keep an eye to the sky, no matter where you are.



A school bus is lodged in a home where it came to rest after being tossed by Friday's tornado in Henryville, Indiana. Dozens of people were killed as severe weather and tornadoes ripped through the South and Midwest Friday. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images)

Lack of snow didn't hamper GRB Ski Club

For members of the G. Ray Bodley Ski Club, the season has sadly come to an end. After a rough start with two weather cancellations in a row, the skiing season was extended, which resulted in a late end. Even though the conditions this year were below satisfactory, the students still enjoyed themselves and quenched their need for ski.

Once again this year there were no notable injuries, and everyone was able to partake in the downhill adventures. There were a lot of returning skiers, as well as a handful of new ones. Ski club is always looking for new people to participate, so do not hesitate to join in on the fun next year!

As a first year skier, I can personally say that it was one of my favorite clubs to participate in. The laughs with friends on the ski lift, the food and jokes in the lodge, and of course the thrill of traveling down a mountain at top speeds made it an experience to remember. When asked about her experience skiing this year, senior Maddy Clark said, "La Nina really ruined it for me, but it was still good to get out on the slopes and hang with friends." Also, it is always fun to see the teachers out of their natural habitat, enjoying the winter weather. For those of you who seek an adrenaline rush, there is even a terrain park to perform tricks and hit jumps. If you would like any more information pertaining to the Ski Club, refer to Mrs. Honeywell in room 119 or Mrs. Downing in room 116.

By Hannah Dunsmoor

Do you plan on seeing Damn Yankees this weekend?



"Yes, I do. Senior Night!"

Carson Metcalf



"Umm, most likely."

Michaela Best



"Yes, I like supporting my school."

Patrick Sullivan



"Absolutely!"

Casey Fraser

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy and unseasonably warm.

58°

Average: 40°
Record: 64° (1973)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy.

42°

Average: 22°
Record: -1° (1989)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with rain.

59°

Average: 40°
Record: 71° (2000)

GRB senior Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com
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