



## Junior dances her way onto the silver screen

By Vanessa Langdon

Who hasn't dreamed of someday being in a movie?

For G. Ray Bodley High School junior Julia Fisch, that dream has become a reality. Julia, a dancer, musician and member of the National Honor Society, has been even busier than usual. The 16 year old student, who will be performing as part of the pit orchestra at this weekend's production of *Damn Yankees*, is in advanced classes here at GRB, and takes dance classes in Mattydale at Dance Centre North six times a week for 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours a night. Recently she has been given an amazing opportunity, a step in the direction of her final career goal of dancing as an extra in the movie *Adult World*, which was recently filmed in Syracuse featuring Emma Roberts, John Cusack Cloris Leachman, and John McCullum.

Julia was dancing outside the Paul Taylor 2 Dance Company's studio on Westcott Street in Syracuse across the street from where the movie was filming when she and the other dancers began warming up on the street in an attempt to get the attention of the film crew, and it worked. A producer came over and told the girls that they would need dancers for a scene they were filming, and they all agreed.

The scene Julia was in was called, Artist's Party, and it centers around Emma Roberts character feeling a bit depressed. As a result, her boyfriend takes her to a party to cheer her up. The scene was filmed on Sat-



Junior Julia Fisch, shown here performing at last spring's Bodley's Got Talent show, will be featured in next year's theatrical release, *Adult World*, which recently filmed in Syracuse. (RND file photo)

urday March 3 at an old abandoned warehouse, the Gear Factory, with no electricity, but that had been transformed into a floor full of modern and abstract art.

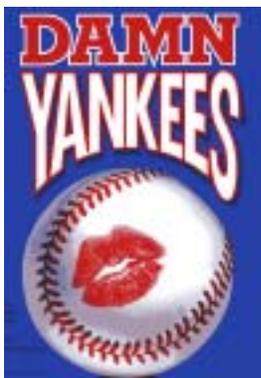
According to Julia, it was reminiscent of something seen in *The Twilight Zone*. The dancer portion of the scene, which included 10 dancers-eight girls and two boys, was a section of performance art involving the dancers breaking through the crowd at the

party and according to Julia was filmed about, "500 times. And then they wanted a different angle of the dancers because they loved us so much so they had a steady cam with a man in a 'Robot Suit,' because he had to be bolted into this suit with the camera hanging off of him, and he had to follow us and he was right next to me the entire time and I'm pretty sure I bumped into him a couple of times."

Filming was a long and arduous process for Julia, as her call was 3:30 pm and she did not leave until midnight, but she was not filming the entire time. Instead she had a lot of waiting and it was really cold. And during the dialogue everyone had to be completely silent, and could not look into the camera, which she noted was, "really hard for me." And they do really call cut, action, and rolling, just like you see in movies. Another surprising fact to Julia was that they were not dancing to live music during the party scene.

Even with the long hours and cold, Julia is hoping to do something like this again in the future. She can't wait to see her name in the credits, once the movie comes out next March. She has already gained some "fame" from this experience as a full color picture of her dancing was in the Sunday, March 4 edition of *The Syracuse Post Standard* as well as a video of the dance on Syracuse.com.

Julia loved the experience and looks forward to doing another as, "This [was] like the coolest thing I have done in my life!"



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## Opinion

# Quirk's Players: it's more than just a club

By Kara Yakel

This year Quirk's Players Drama Club is performing *Damn Yankees*, but unfortunately the group will be losing 20 seniors, many of whom have been in the group for more than two years. The seniors are beginning to realize, it is all coming to an end, but why did these students join Quirk's Players in the first place?

Longtime member Alex Bawarski explained that Quirk's Players was the first place he was accepted and respected for who he was. In elementary school and middle school Alex was often judged because he was quiet and different. He went on by saying, "That wasn't the case here. I developed some of my best friendships in this organization and I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested."



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Nate Hawthorne is another one of the many seniors in this year's musical. *Damn Yankees* is his fifth musical performance and eleventh show overall, including junior high. Nate says, "I first joined Quirk's Players to spend time with my sister, back when I was an eighth grader. It has been one of the best decisions of my life, as since then, over the past five years Quirk's has helped me grow into who I am today." From being a part of the Drama Club, Nate says that he has gained self-confidence and he is not afraid to talk in front of large crowds.

A very popular performer and someone who has helped with tech crew is now a senior here at G. Ray Bodley. Joe Medico has been a

part of eight shows, performing in seven. Joe commented that, "I'm not entirely sure of the exact reason that I joined Quirk's Players four years ago, other than it seemed like a lot of fun, but what I do know is that there are no true words that can describe exactly what Quirk's Players means to me, or any of its other members."

Over the past few years that Joe has been involved with Quirk's he has heard countless people say that this is like a family to them. To this he says, "And that's what it really is, a family. There are so many amazing people here, that are always there for you no matter what, who will always have your back, who will listen when you are sad or confused or going through a rough time, someone that will realize your individualism and love you for that."

From Joe's thoughts, it is pretty safe to say that a vast majority of his friends are fellow Quirk's Players. Through this program Joe has met many of his best friends that he hopes to remain close to in his life beyond GRB, and he has had fun times with these people that he will never be able to forget. Joe concluded by saying, "I can hardly wrap my head around the fact that I have already spent my four years here and will no longer be able to do it again."

On a personal note, I can relate to all of these seniors in Quirk's Players because I am one of them. In eighth grade I was a new student in the Fulton Junior High School, and my dad dragged me to audition for *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* He thought it was the best way to make friends, and surprisingly, I got a part in the show and I have been fortunate enough to do so in every show that I have auditioned for in the following years.

The people I have met while being involved in Quirk's Players have influenced me not to judge others and to be kind, but most importantly, I know that they are there for me no matter what. The people in Quirk's Players are like a part of my family, but really, how could they not be? Through all the hectic rehearsals and long nights, a family is created. If I went back in time, I would never change my decision of joining Quirk's Players because it has made me the person that I am today.

These seniors and the rest of the twelfth grade contingent will be performing our last show on Saturday, March 10 at the G. Ray Bodley High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children. Your support would be greatly appreciated by the graduating seniors, and the rest of the cast as well.



## Reflections

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## Opinion

## Going to the movies? Better bring your wallet

Gas prices are causing everything to rise, even movie tickets. Movies tickets have increased over the past five years. I saw a movie last weekend at Oswego 7 cinema and it was \$8.50 for an evening show. Not only was the ticket an expense, so was gas. Is it even worth going to the movies anymore?

Bring your wallet full of cash if you decide to spend an evening at the movie theater. Oswego 7 cinema has slightly increased their prices, but still remains cheaper than the Regal Great Northern Mall 10 and Regal Carousel Mall Stadium 17. Tickets are approximately \$10 for an evening show at each mall. However, matinees are always a

dollar or two cheaper. Fellow classmate Ross Maxam said, "I only go when it's a matinee because it is way cheaper. Then you have time to go to dinner after."

If you and your friend decide to go to the movies be prepared to use a twenty dollar bill. Also, if you want a snack, you might as well take out your life savings. Popcorn, nachos, candy, and drinks range from \$4 to \$10 per item. Tyler Terramiggi stated, "I buy popcorn, but it is way too expensive."

In my opinion it is outrageous to pay this much to watch one movie. If you are patient and can wait until you can rent the movie, you will save yourself some cash. At Fam-

ily Video, you can rent a movie for \$2.80! RND's movie man Alex Bawaraski commented that, "I will wait for the movie to come out if it is not a movie I look forward to seeing it."

The TV screen is obviously not as big, but you will gain the satisfaction of comfort. I despise sitting in those old, uncomfortable chairs and listening to constant chatter from the couple behind me. Also, I can get snacks from my kitchen for free. In my opinion, if it is a necessity to watch the movie right when it comes out then go to the matinee. But if you can wait definitely rent the movie from a video store! *By Ashlynn Palmitesso*

## Quirk's assembly well received by students

By Tony Torrese

The members of Quirk's Players put on a spectacular preview of the *Damn Yankees* show on Thursday for the students at G. Ray Bodley High School. Students were asked to walk down to the auditorium during their ninth bell classes to get an exclusive sneak peak of the play, and all in all the show went very efficiently and was surely only the tip of the iceberg for the full show that will be running on Friday and Saturday nights.

Before the "trailer" of the show began, Bodley's newest administrator, Principal Mrs. Parkhurst, took to the stage to remind students of the hard work and time that the members of Quirk's Players had put into the show. She repeated the importance of being respectful as well.

It must have sunk in to the minds of the students of G. Ray, as they were, for the most part, very respectful and responsible young adults. Out of the four years I have attended G. Ray Bodley, I have never personally seen the students as engaged in a show done by Quirk's Players, nor as respectful as I witnessed on Thursday. I personally believe it was a step in the right direction and I also

consider it is important to reward students for good deeds and behavior.

During previous years I have seen many different kinds of bad behavior among students during these shows. I have seen kids throw things, yell vulgar words, talk with no consideration to others; pretty much you name it, and I have witnessed it at one of

these plays. But the amount of respect I witnessed Thursday during the first floor admittance to the show, was unprecedented for at least as long as I have been here.

Good job and thank you Bodley, and if you get a chance, come see the full show this weekend. It will be well worth your time and money.



A great performance was met by a great and respectful audience response on Thursday when members of the Quirk's Players Drama Club presented a sampling of this weekend's production of *Damn Yankees*. The performers will be on stage tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 pm, with a bonus matinee on Saturday at 2 pm. (Nick Abelgore photo)

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## How did you enjoy the warm weather on Wednesday?



"Went outside and played soccer."



"Leisurely jog."

Mr. Brayton



"Played football on the street."

MaKayla O'neal



"Played some baseball inside and out."

Jake Crucitti

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Sun and clouds.  
Chance rain.

**41°**

Average: 40°  
Record: 78° (2000)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy

**23°**

Average: 23°  
Record: -4° (2007)

Tomorrow:

Partly cloudy.

**40°/27°**

Average: 41°/23°  
Rec. high/low: 67°  
(1977)/-1° (1995)

Sunday:

Partly cloudy.

**55°/35°**

Average: 41°/23°  
Record high/low: 67°  
(1977)/1° (1996)

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