



FBLA claims awards at recent State Conference

By Kara Yakel

The G. Ray Bodley High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America made its presence felt at last week's New York State Leadership Conference. On Friday, April 20 the FBLA members came back to school with numerous awards. It was said that this year's members had been working much harder than the previous years, and it showed in the way that they did a fantastic job.

A number of students were in the top 10 places for their competitions. Taylor Rose competed in Word Processing 1 and came home with a second place plaque. Ashley Waring and Julia Fisch also came home with a team win of second place in Management Decision Making. Chapter Display was tackled by Kari Holbrook and Lilia Kesterke, who came home with a third place finish. Following them in fifth place was Amanda Abraham in Basic Decision Making, and Julia Fisch in Business Procedures.

Kassy McCann claimed sixth place in Desk Top Publishing, and also participated in a team with Cassie Orr and Amanda Abraham in Business Ethics that finished in sixth place. Taylor Rose also participated in Intro. to Business Communication and was awarded sixth place. The seventh place award in Job Interview was awarded to Ashley Waring and Lindsey Larkin placed eighth in Word Processing 2.

David Johnson came home with Gold in the President's Passport of Prestige. FBLA Advisors Mrs. Ferlito and Mrs. House are extremely proud of David for the hard work and dedication he has committed toward FBLA and the State Leadership Conference.

The first and second place winners not only receive a plaque or trophy, they also get the chance to go to this year's national competition, which will take place in San Antonio, Texas. These students must make the decision regarding this trip by Friday. Unfortunately, Nationals isn't far from graduation, as it is June 29 through July 2. Kassy

McCann and David Johnson are eligible to go to Nationals for Banking and Financial Systems along with Taylor Rose, who was chosen for Word Processing 1. Ashley Waring and Julia Fisch were chosen for the Management Decision Making, and Fisch also qualified for Business Procedures.

Nationals are a very expensive trip for these students, so fundraising is a must! Just to

register it is \$94 and the hotel is \$170! That is all without airfare and meals. Should they decide to compete, FBLA will likely be helping these students with fundraisers. Mrs. Ferlito has mentioned a car wash or maybe even another chicken barbeque. Keep up to date to help these students go to Nationals, they have truly worked hard and it is paying off.



Fulton's Future Business Leaders of America chapter made a strong showing at last week's New York State Leadership Conference, bringing home several awards while qualifying five members for the national competition in Texas. Pictured from left to right are: front, co-advisors Mrs. Ferlito and Mrs. House. Middle-Kari Holbrook, Lilia Kesterke, Amanda Abraham, Taylor Rose and Kassy McCann. Back-James Benthin, Lindsey Larkin, Zach Mizener, David Johnson and Julia Fisch.

Secretary of State Clinton visits SU

On Monday, April 23 Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made a visit to Syracuse University where she answered students' questions in an engagement entitled, "America and the World" for 45 minutes and enjoyed some Syracuse delicacies like Dinosaur BBQ.

Secretary of State Clinton traveled to speak at Syracuse University to fulfill a promise she had made almost a year prior to one of her top deputies, James Steinberg, before he stepped down to take a position as

Dean of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

This was far from her first trip to Central New York, as she was a New York State Senator for eight years before running for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 2008, against now President Barack Obama. She and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, have even have vacationed on Skaneateles Lake and visited the New York State Fair on several occasions.

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Opinion

Book explores recent “i-disorder” phenomena

By Vanessa Langdon

Cell phones are a constant issue in the halls of G. Ray Bodley High School, even with the off and away policy, but maybe some students cannot stop themselves from sneaking a quick peek at their phones.

This topic is discussed in Larry D. Rosen’s new book titled, *iDisorder: Understanding Our Obsession with Technology and Overcoming Its Hold on Us*. Rosen is a licensed psychologist who co-wrote this book along with fellow psychologists Nancy A. Cheever and L. Mark Carrier.

The three studied 30,000 children, teens, college students, parents, business managers, secretaries, school teachers, and university administrators in the United States and in 23 other countries in their research. They applied their findings to this book, as well as Rosen’s four other books, all of which center around his expertise in technology and its effects on the brain of those young and old.

Rosen has found that technology can feed narcissism, OCD, and



it to remain technologically advanced, but not lose their ability to connect in normal human ways.

Rosen understands that technology is useful and he himself uses an iPhone and a tablet, but he preaches moderation, as with any addiction. I myself plan on reading Rosen’s book to learn how to stop from further becoming attached to my iPhone, while at the same time not losing out on connecting with friends who may live far away. I do not want to be the girl who cannot hold a conversation in person, I feel like that would not help in the job department. Check out the book and give yourself 15 minute technology breaks and then work your way up to an hour and onward from there. You know if we all work on our “Disorder” it might even cut back on write-ups because our phones could REALLY be off and away for the day!

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social phobias. This fact should not seem surprising, as people can be seen constantly posting to Facebook about me, me, me and checking their phone every five minutes, and no longer being able to hold a face to face conversation because of constant texting. Rosen writes the book to aid people in figuring out if they have an iDisorder, and once they decide the severity of their situation, how to combat

Bizarre news of the day: Nothing to declare

A man was arrested after he stripped naked in a one man protest against airport security checks. John E. Brennan, 50, said he was fed up with being harassed by security at Portland International Airport, Oregon.

As a result, he took off all of his clothes and stood naked before other passengers, including children, reports KVAL.com. Two screening lanes were closed as a result. Some passengers covered their eyes, as well as their children’s, while others laughed and took photos.

TSA screeners asked Mr. Brennan, who was due to fly to San Jose, California, to put his clothes back on, but he refused. He was arrested and taken to jail. He faces charges of disorderly conduct and indecent exposure.

Mr. Brennan’s father, also John Brennan, told KATU News, “This is quite a shock. He hasn’t been under any stress that I know of. He works for a computer company in California. He does something with the internet, which is just kind of mystical to me. This is quite a surprise.”

By Morgan Firenze



Reflections

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The Great Outdoors

Feral swine loom as potential NYS problem

By Daniel Summerville

For many years, New York has had a relatively small number of varmints compared to the rest of the United States. A varmint is defined as any animal that is regarded as a pest or nuisance. New York's varmints include coyotes, woodchucks, squirrels, and raccoons.

Recently, a new species has been included in this group of pests. This species has the potential to do more damage than any of the other varmints in New York, and its numbers are rapidly increasing.

The feral hog is not native to New York, and once it gains a foothold it could change the entire ecosystem. Most people have heard about the trouble they have been causing in southern states such as



grown wild boar has very few enemies in New York; the only way that they can be stopped is for hunters to take action.

Anyone with a small game license can take wild boar at any time and in any number. Hunters should harvest as many pigs as they can, as the rewards of a pig free New York are worth the trouble. The DEC's goal is to eradicate feral swine, and hunters are the best way to do it. Hogs should be shot on sight, even if hunters do not plan on eating or otherwise using the swine. There is only one way to get rid of these pests, and it has fallen upon hunters to do it.

Heartwarming tale has local ties, happy ending

A touching story evolved right here in the city of Fulton after a rare toy became dysfunctional. Last week, the taillight of Alex Familo's Road Rippers Police Rush and Rescue Car went out. Alex's frustration led to him tearing the car apart until it was irreparable.

Alex, an autistic and loving boy, became heartbroken when he realized his favorite toy was broken. This police car was more than just a toy to Alex, it helped him adapt to transition. We all have something in life that brings us to a comfort zone and for Alex, it is his toy car.

"He isn't just a boy who wants a replacement for his car...he can't function right now because of his car being gone," Familo said. The Familo family initially contacted friends, family and even the toy manufacturer, but that wasn't enough to find this rare toy. Desperately, they posted an emotional video online displaying Alex's coping mechanism and contacted Newschannel 9.

Friday night, Newschannel 9 played a clip of this touching story on television. "Seconds after the news clip from last night ended, my cell phone started ringing," Theresa Familo said. Her phone was receiving calls from all over the world. However, there were two generous individuals in Central New York who healed the heart of this autistic boy.

Luca Schug and Jimmy Murphy donated their toy car from their own collection. "I can relate to what he's going through. They don't understand," said Murphy with tears in his eyes. "I knew that it would make him happy to get a car he really needs." Alex now has his own collection of four toy police cars.

It is in our conscience to help others in a time of need and that is exactly what people from all over the world just displayed. This is truly a heartwarming story that brings people together.

By Ashlynn Palmitesso

"The DEC's goal is to eradicate feral swine, and hunters are the best way to do it. Hogs should be shot on sight,"

Texas and Florida, but not many people realize that the pigs have been working their way north and are now in some areas of southern New York.

They show no signs of stopping their northward expansion.

A feral hog population can triple in one year. In a few years, Oswego County could potentially have feral swine roaming through its woods, and that promises to be a very bad thing.

Wild pigs are extremely destructive. They destroy crops with ease; a small group of them could easily do considerable damage to a sizable field in only a few weeks. Not only do they pose a problem to farmers, they have also been known to kill and eat young fawns and turkey eggs, lowering the population for hunters.

Their sizable tusks are even a safety hazard to humans; they will actively attack a person or a pet, and can do serious harm. A full

Quote of the day:

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Weekend movie offerings feature variety

At the Movies

By Alex Bawarski

Action, adventure, and romance highlight this weekend's list of new movie offerings.

Safe: One of the movies arriving in theatres this Friday is the action-packed, thriller, *Safe*. This film features an underrated cage-fighter, who constantly losses his matches.

After losing an important dispute, the Russian Mafia uses him as an example by killing his family and ruining his life. Whilst he

is in exile, Luke Wright discovers a 12-year old, math prodigy, named Mei. She is being tracked by the same lowlifes who killed Wright's family, so he vows to protect her at all costs. Jason Statham stars as Luke Wright, the exiled cage-fighter and the protagonist of the movie, and Catherine Chan will star in the role of Mei. If you like action films, or one of the best action movie actions, Jason Statham, then you should consider viewing *Safe* this weekend.

The Raven: Joining *Safe* in theatres is *The Raven*. This thrilling

movie is based around the poems and other writings of Edgar Allan Poe. When Poe's literature starts to become famous, he soon realizes that there is a murderer who is ending people's lives based on his works. The writer teams up with a young detective from Baltimore to try to get inside the mind of the killer, especially after the love of Poe's life is targeted. John Cusack stars as the famous writer, Edgar Allan Poe, while Alice Eve and Luke Evans star as Poe's love and the detective, respectively. Everyone who is interested in thrilling movies, especially ones with a mysterious feel, is recommended to check out *The Raven* this weekend.

The Five-Year Engagement: Also hitting the theatres is *The Five-Year Engagement*. This rated-R comedy is produced by the famous Judd Apatow, who produced comedy masterpieces such as *The 40-Year Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up*. This film follows the life of an engaged couple as they try to get married, but also shows all of the troubles they face. Jason Segel stars as Tom Solomon, the groom, and Emily Blunt is Violet Barnes, the bride. Segel is famous for his roles in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* and *How I Met Your Mother*, and Blunt is known for her role in *The Devil Wears Prada*. If you like to watch romantic-comedies, then you should take a few hours out of your weekend to view this film.

Mrs. Clinton speaks to overflow crowd at SU

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This speaking engagement at Hendricks Chapel, which featured overflow viewing via camera, could not be hindered by a rainy day as the line ran all around campus as students in rain boots and umbrellas waited an hour for their chance to hear Mrs. Clinton speak. The engagement centered on Steinberg asking Clinton various questions from some of the 100 that he received from students.

Mrs. Clinton discussed U.S. taxation, spending, and climate change. She urged policy makers to make their decisions based on evidence, mathematics, and science to achieve realistic decisions. She took aim at an unnamed group whom she said, 'do great damage to our political system when [they] act like ideology in the

American political process is more important than facts.' Many journalists have speculated that the unnamed group was the Republican Party.

Whether there was any opposite party bashing going on is speculation, what was happening was that former New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton was making a connection with New York State college students who had numerous questions for her and left feeling better educated in current affairs and more aquatinted with her perspective on American affairs. Hopefully she has made an impact on some students in attendance and they will follow in her foot steps to further involve women in politics and improve on society as a whole.



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Call him what you want, he still hasn't learned

By Ashlynn Palmitesso

On Sunday night, in full view of a national TV audience, Los Angeles Laker Metta World Peace, formerly known as Ron Artest, was ejected from the game against Oklahoma for viciously striking James Harden in the head. The scene took place during a dunk celebration. His celebration included swinging his arms in the air and a blow to



James Harden's head with his elbow.

Metta claimed it was an accident in a postgame statement. After watching this act of aggression in slow motion, he clearly knew that James was there because they made contact before the elbow. Even if they didn't make contact, the movement of the elbow is not considered as a celebration dance. Besides, the emotion on his face displays the amplitude of the blow.

Oklahoma City's top reserve now has a severe concussion. Even Kobe Bryant and his other teammates did not defend this inexcusable action. "It's an unfortunate situation," Bryant said. "James, from what I hear, is OK. As far as Metta goes, he has to focus on himself, and however many games they give him, they give him. He just has to be prepared, and when he comes back, just step right in and be ready to go."

The NBA quickly responded to the incident by suspending Metta for seven games, six of which will occur in the upcoming post season. This suspension is the third career ban of at least seven games for Metta and another addition to his record collection of 364 game suspensions. He was previously suspended for 86 games in 2004 for jumping into the stands to fight fans. The ironically named World Peace will miss the season finale tonight against Sacramento.



After his suspension, there is a good possibility the Lakers could play the Thunder in the second round of the playoffs. If the Lakers end their playoff early, Metta will have to carry over his suspension into the next season. In addition to his game suspension, his salary was reduced by \$348,000.

Wednesday night, Metta opened up to the media for the first time since the incident on Sunday night. His first comment was, "Kevin had no chance. Bumped him out of the way, went up, dunked and at that point, I was just way too emotional. It seemed like anger but it was a lot of passion involved. But it was erratic. It was erratic fire, it was erratic passion. It was way too much."

Professional basketball players are accustomed to dunking and even if it was his third of the game, there was no need for excess celebration. Also, how can passion be misinterpreted as anger?

Metta's next statement is hypocritical to his postgame account that this incident was accidental. "It definitely wasn't meant to hit him how I hit him. That's the best way I could describe those sequence of plays and the erratic passion." He clearly admitted that he had some intention of hitting him. He can deny his actions and lie to the media, but the video clearly shows this incident was intentional.

Metta has repeatedly shown acts of aggression throughout his basketball career, but has he learned from those mistakes? Suspensions are clearly not enough to prevent him from repeating these mistakes.

Many basketball fans agree that his suspension should be life-time. He is a grown man and there are no excuses for his actions. Metta is representing himself and the concept of World Peace in a terrible manner. Last year he changed his name from Ron Artest to Metta World Peace to promote peace for his daughter. He rehabilitated to earn this name, but after Sunday's incident, he should be ashamed to wear that name on his jersey. It will take time for his name to be healed in the hearts of fans.

Big night ahead for SU's Chandler Jones

By Nathan Deavers

It is every young man's dream who has ever snapped up a chinstrap

to become a star in the National Football League and many young men's dreams will come to life this weekend. The NFL Draft runs from tonight to Saturday April 28, making for a busy weekend for football organizations and the men who are expecting to get drafted, who will be sitting around the television or Radio City Music Hall in New York City with their phones on hand.

One of the players who will be patiently waiting is defensive lineman out of Syracuse, Chandler Jones. He will have to wait his turn being picked after the top position players and stars such as quarterbacks Andrew Luck out of Stanford, RG3 (Robert Griffin III) out of Baylor. He is the number eleven prospect according to Scouts Inc. He had 147 tackles, 27 tackles for loss, and 10 sacks in 32 games at Syracuse in three years.

Syracuse used to be a top team in the league and could compete, but as of late they have not been up to par. The Orange has produced the likes of Ernie Davis, Jim Brown, Donovan McNabb, Dwight Freeney, and Marvin Harrison. There have been other players drafted out of Syracuse, but these are just some of the bigger names who have had good careers in the National Football League. Chandler Jones is one of the top players to come out of SU in a while, being projected to be picked early on Thursday night.

Jones, out of Endicott, New York will be one of many young men hoping for that phone call from a team executive, as he looks to join his brother Arthur, currently playing for the Baltimore Ravens. He is one of the top ranked at his position and excites many teams looking for defensive line help. Syracuse football may be struggling of late but producing young stars like Chandler will help maybe bring more talent to the 'Cuse and help this team get back to form of past years.

Raider Sports

Tennis streaks to fifth straight victory

After being rained out on two straight days, the Fulton boys were ready to come out swinging.

And that's exactly what they did on Wednesday in recording a strong 5-2 win at Chittenango, that kept the tennis hot streak going all the way up to a 5-0 record. A complete sweep of the singles positions fueled the charge for Fulton.

Once again, junior sensation Mitch Lalik had a dominant performance at first singles, outscoring Chittenango's Josh Carpenter 6-0, 6-1. Eric Naioti brought his personal record up to 5-0 with a strong win against Joshua Bennington at second singles, 6-3, 6-0. Nathan Deavers pumped out another third singles win, defeating Michael DeHart, 6-2, 6-2. Completing the singles sweep was Dan Wahl, taking home a 6-1, 6-0, fourth singles win against Chittenango's Brian O'Connor.

The powerful first doubles team of Alex Bawarski and Joe Medico experienced their first loss of the season, playing an entirely defensive match against Tanner Makowski and Conor Delaney, 3-6, 4-6.

However, the second doubles team of Zach Mizener and Brian Garrett had the most impressive win of the night. After being down 2-5 in the first set, Fulton came back to win the set 6-7 in a tie-breaker. They dominated the second set 6-2, and won four straight games to come back and beat Gregory Rohrer and Adam Moon 6-4 in the deciding third set. Brad Crofoot and Nathan Hawthorne lost their third doubles match against Austin Nojaim and David Gonzalez 0-6, 4-6.

The Raiders will be looking to continue their dominance next week as they have four matches with contests on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the soonest being an away match at Cortland, where they will be seeking their sixth straight win. The next home match will be held on Wednesday against Mexico. The team will also take on ES-M for the first time on Tuesday and Jamesville-DeWitt for the first time on Friday. These look to be the hardest matches of the season for the Raiders, who have already charged past their three win total of the 2011 campaign. *By Alex J. Bawarski*

Lax teams seek revenge for one goal setbacks

Revenge will be a major factor, as the Raider lacrosse teams are in the same boat tonight when they both face the East Syracuse-Minoa Spartans, with the girls hosting and the boys traveling.

Both teams lost to the Spartans in the early parts of the year, both by one goal. The boys team could not manage to win the final faceoff to regain possession, while the girls could not convert on a last ditch effort.

The girls will be looking to advance to 8-2 overall in arguably their biggest rivalry game of the year. With their sectional berth all locked up, they are now looking to gain a top seed to gain home field advantage in the tournament.

This is one of the most talented Raider girls lacrosse teams in recent memory, and if the focus is there along with execution and leadership, playoff glory may be in their near future.

The boys are on the other end of the spectrum as they are trying to gain all the wins they can in hopes of qualifying for the annual playoff tournament. The first step is qualifying, while the second will be getting a high enough seed to avoid J-D and Carthage in the first round, two teams expected to earn the top two seeds.

The boys team is enjoying one of its most successful seasons in a very long time. The Raiders sit at 4-5 and 3-2 in the league, a great

feat since the last team to win four games overall for Fulton was the 2007-08 squad. This team already has four wins with seven games to go. Many players goal as a team is to go 8-8 and be .500 for the first time in recent memory.

The girls are scheduled for a 6:30 p.m. draw and hope to gain some revenge while the boys have a late game at 7 p.m.

By Ross Maxam



Seth DeLisle scoops up a loose ball with teammate Joe Sutton there in support during a recent boys lacrosse game against Jamesville-Dewitt. The Raiders, currently 4-5 on the season, anticipate another fight to the finish this afternoon when they invade East Syracuse-Minoa, seeking to avenge a one goal setback earlier this season. (Hannah Dunsmoor photo)

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys Lax @ ES-M (JV-4:30/V-6:30); Girls Lax vs. ES-M (5/6:30).

Fri. April 27: Baseball vs. Cortland (4:30); Softball @ Cortland (4:30); Tennis @ ES-M (4:30).

Sat. April 28: Boys Lax vs. Corcoran (JV-noon/V-2 pm); Girls Track @ Marcellus with Skaneateles (10:30 am).



School of Thought compiled by Nick Abelgore, Nate Dean and Tony Torrese

What is one goal you would like to achieve by the end of this year?



"Get over an 80 GPA."

Teagan Davis



"To pitch a no-hitter in softball."

Cheyenne Laun



"To get my diploma."

Ticia Hayden



"To get all A's in school."

Alyssa Robinson

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Increasing clouds with rain.

58°

Average: 62°
Record: 87° (1990)

Tonight:



Rain showers.

36°

Average: 40°
Record: 26° (1972)

Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy.

50°

Average: 62°
Record: 91° (2009)

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