

Low enrollment threatens journalism's future

By Vanessa Langdon

Journalism is an elective class that has been offered at G. Ray Bodley High School for a very long time under the knowledgeable guide of Mr. Senecal. Unfortunately because of curricular issues the Journalism class was on the chopping block earlier this year when most of the senior elective courses were dropped.

Thankfully the class was saved, but it had to undergo some changes in format to remain available here at GRB. Those changes have led to a lack of interest that may well mean the end of *RaiderNet Daily* and even *The Raider* student newspaper.

The class has gone from two half year sessions (Journalism A and Journalism B) to one full year course. But the class is still one that counts for a student's senior English credit. Previously a student could take a half year of Journalism and then a half year of another English elective to attain the mandatory one credit of twelfth grade English. Now students can get the one credit requirement from one year of Journalism class instead of the regular twelfth grade English class that is not always a great fit for every student.

Journalism is a once a day class for just one bell (40 minutes) where students work as a team to write for *RaiderNet Daily*, the school's daily online newspaper at oswegocountytoday.com, which is the only daily high school newspaper in all of Central New York. Student work also appears in *The Raider*, GRB's weekly newspaper, and some of the planning and work for the *Fultonian* Yearbook is also included in the class in terms of learning layout and design.

Journalism is a fun class that lets the students express themselves and their interests, while at the same time learning about how a paper works, learning responsibly when it comes to deadlines, and improving writing skills.

In the Journalism class students write about virtually anything including school events, club news, the media, their favorite televi-

sion shows, school sports, professional sports, the weather, bizarre news, and various opinion columns. In the past three years *RaiderNet Daily* has published more than 400 times, a streak that is certain to come to an end if more students do not sign up for Journalism class.

people, as when the course was changed to a full year class it did not automatically save it. The full year option is proving to be more difficult for people to fit into their schedules, and there was confusion regarding the electives, so at this time there are not enough students signed up for the class and the

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Current sophomores who are interested in Journalism or working on the paper may also take the Journalism class as an elective, for elective credit in their junior year. Members of the Class of 2013 can meet their twelfth grade English credit requirement by taking Journalism.

Either way the Journalism class needs

school is at risk of losing all of the things the Journalism students do and the amazing opportunity for those students who are a part of it.

If you do not want to see the school lose such an amazing asset, see your guidance counselor and sign up for Journalism, where your voice as a student can be heard!

Confusion arises over dinner dance

This year's senior dinner dance, scheduled for Friday, May 8, will feature a seating chart. Contrary to rumors currently circulating throughout the school, those in charge of organizing the dance will not be picking the seats. Instead it is up to each student attending the senior dinner dance to decide who they want to sit near.

After the tables and seating plans at the River Vista are arranged, students will be able to tell 2012 Class President Jeanette Bartlett where they would like to sit. The tables and number of seats at each table will not be known until there is a head count. The head count will be known after the deadline for the sale of the Senior Dinner Dance tickets today, Friday, May 11.

The seating chart will help stop any confusion upon arrival. Last year many students were unhappy with where they had to sit. This year choosing seats ahead of time will allow students who paid \$50 dollars to go to have a good and comfortable time.

When everyone shows up to the dance there will be name tags on the table where the students attending chose to sit. The reference in a previous article stating that there will be assigned seats was simply letting students know that they need to think about who they want to sit with at the dance. Even though it is unknown how many seats will be at each table, this is just to get things started.

Students attending the dance need to take the time to think about who they would like to sit with or near. Anyone who still is unhappy with this idea should let Jeanette Bartlett know via Facebook.

If enough people disagree with organizing a seating chart chosen by them, where everyone will sit to help stop confusion and allow everyone to be near their friends, then the seating chart will be taken out and people will have to hope to show up early enough to claim a seat near their friends.

Opinion

Sometimes silence is the best solution

By Laura Perwitz

It isn't hard to see around G. Ray Bodley High School that some students have a problem with other individuals.

Whether it is something they said or something they did, some students have something against another student in the school. Even though you may be having these problems, it isn't okay to go around and say something horrible and mean about them.

Like the old saying goes, "If you have nothing nice to say about someone else, just don't say anything at all."

Talking to someone who is a friend of the person you are talking about is not a good idea. They can easily tell the person what you are saying about them, and then it will cause more problems. Another occurrence is bashing someone's boyfriend or girlfriend. Why



with someone else.

Talking behind someone's back is also wrong. Even though it is wrong, a lot of people still do it and I know for a fact that everyone has done it at least once in their lives. The little message you tell someone about someone else can easily be relayed to that person. You might want to really consider thinking before spouting off about someone, especially if they are really good friends with that person.

Make the wise choice and just keep your mouth shut. No one else cares about your little problems with someone else and I highly doubt anyone wants to hear about it. Just do us all a favor and just don't talk at all.

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can't you let them be happy without bashing one of them? You may think something bad about someone's boyfriend/girlfriend, but keep it to yourself. You don't need to go and ruin a perfectly good relationship because you have a little issue. If you have that big of an issue with someone, tell them to their face and not through other people. Other people don't care about your petty little problems

Quote of the day:

"Fortunately analysis is not the only way to resolve inner conflicts. Life itself still remains a very effective therapist."

Karen Horney

Bizarre news of the day:

Photos a bit too convincing

A concept artist triggered a murder hunt when photographs she'd taken of herself posing as a corpse were sent to the police. Sigrid Fleckseder and partner Christian Thomas had taken the realistic snaps showing her apparently dead on a river bank with ripped clothing as part of a project titled 'The Four Seasons of Death.'

But when they handed the thumb drive to a local electronics store in Vienna, Austria, the horrified staff sent them to their head office in Germany, who immediately called in Interpol detectives.

One grim image shows the apparently lifeless woman's 'body' face down in the grass with her skirt lifted at the back and her top torn up to reveal her bra. "They were very convincing. They fooled several police forces," said one police source.

Sigrid only realized there was an international inquiry into her 'murder' when police turned up at her home, given as the return address for the photographs.

"I don't know who was more surprised - me at them being there, or them at finding me still alive," she said. "I never thought they might be there about the photos, because we'd shot them more than a month ago and they hadn't really been exhibited."

By Morgan Firenze



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By Madeline Clark (this comic is drawn on reused paper!)



Mother's Day this Sunday

As everyone should remember, Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May, and it is a day where we celebrate motherhood and the influence of mothers in society. Many of the different dates of Mother's Day around the world can be traced back to ancient traditions. As Mother's Day was adopted by other countries other than the United States, the day was given different meanings due to differences in religion. Some countries who already had their own Mother's Day adopted the tradition of giving physical gifts to mothers such as carnations and/or cards.

The idea of the American Mother's Day was started by Julie Ward Howe when she issued the first Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870. The current Mother's Day that we have all come to know was created by Anna Jarvis in Grafton, West Virginia in 1908; it is now considered a "Hallmark Holiday" due to the number of cards that are given out to commemorate the day.

It is one of the biggest days for the sales of flowers and greeting cards, the biggest day for long distance phone calls, and one of the biggest days for going to church. *By Michaela Best*



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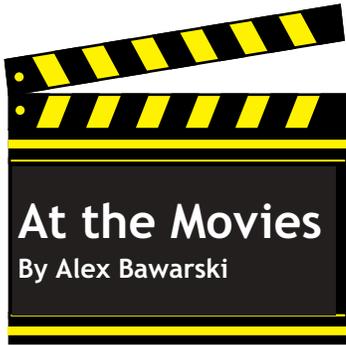
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Depp, Burton reunite on *Dark Shadows* remake



At the Movies

By Alex Bawarski

For the second time in as many weeks, Hollywood is avoiding competition. Last week *The Avengers* was released uncontested, and the results were outstanding as people flocked to the movies in hordes.

This week, *Dark Shadows* is the only major movie release, as Director Tim Burton shows his take on the classic TV show.

Dark Shadows: Hitting the theatres today is the long-awaited

remake of the cult television favorite, *Dark Shadows*. This horror-comedy film is based off the 1966 soap opera of the same title.

Of course, director Tim Burton threw in his own special ideas to change the movie around a little bit, including casting Johnny Depp as the lead role. *Dark Shadows* is the story of a young man who was cursed and turned into a vampire and left chained inside of a coffin. When he is rediscovered 200 years later, he seeks to reclaim his family name, but the witch who cursed him has other ideas.

Johnny Depp will star as Barnabas Collins, the vampire and protagonist, while Eva Green and Michelle Pfeiffer will portray Angelique Bouchard, the heartbroken witch who seeks revenge on Barnabas, and Elizabeth Collins Stoddard, Barnabas' cousin who is now the head of his family estate.

If you are a fan of this type of film or you get enjoyment out of the talented pair of Tim Burton and Johnny Depp, this could be a good picture for you to view this weekend.

Surprise Mom with a Mother's Day cheesecake

Mothers Day is just around the corner. Sunday, May 13, all mothers will be appreciated, and spoiled by children, grandchildren, husbands, boyfriends, and other mothers all day long! Do you want a way to really wow your mom? Try making her this recipe, it's a sure way to earn some brownie points and put a smile on her face.

Strawberry Cheesecake: Everyone has a sweet tooth, so why not spoil mom this Sunday with a sweet treat that is sure to be enjoyed!

Ingredients

1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen sweetened strawberries, thawed
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 3 eggs
 1 tablespoon water

Directions

Combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter. Press onto the bottom of an ungreased 9-in. spring form pan. Refrigerate for 30

minutes.

In a blender or food processor, combine strawberries and cornstarch; cover and process until smooth. Pour into a saucepan; bring to a boil. Boil and stir for 2 minutes.

Set aside 1/3 cup strawberry sauce; cool. Cover and refrigerate remaining sauce for serving.

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in milk. Add lemon juice; mix well. Add eggs, beat on low just until combined. Pour half of the cream cheese mixture over crust. Drop half of the reserved strawberry mixture by 1/2 teaspoonfuls onto cream cheese layer.

Carefully spoon the remaining cream cheese mixture over sauce. Drop the remaining strawberry sauce by 1/2 teaspoonful on top.

With a knife, cut through the top layer only to swirl strawberry sauce. Bake at 300 degrees F for 45-50 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes.

Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight. Remove side of pan. Thin chilled strawberry sauce with water if desired; serve with cheesecake. Store in the refrigerator.

By Natasha Luis



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US growing disenchanted with war effort

By Ashlynn Palmitesso

The fierce warriors of our country are still standing strong in the war against Afghanistan, but in America, the support for the war is at an all time low. Each year the percentage of those who favor the war declines. In spring of 2010, 46 percent favored the war, and in 2011 the percentage dropped to 36 percent. According to 2012 Ap-Gfk poll, only 27 percent of Americans believe that the war should continue while the remaining 63 percent oppose the war. About half of the opposing voters believe the war is doing more harm than good and it is morally wrong.

This new percentage is almost on par with the 1971 Harris poll for the Vietnam War. A record high of 66 percent of Americans strongly opposed the Vietnam War in 1971. During this time, the fighting force was drastically reduced and completely removed two years later. President Obama has a plan enacted to remove all troops from Afghanistan in 2014.

Chris Solomon, an independent from Fuquay-Varina, N.C., is a respondent who does not support the war. Chris understands the rationale behind the war, to defeat al-Quida but he believes the military has reached its limits. They can no longer help the Afghans nor make America safer. He finished the interview with, "What are we really doing there? Who are we helping?"

Approximately half of the two dominated political parties believe the presence of the U.S forces are helping. Among the independent parties, 43 percent say troops are counteracting the efforts of transforming Afghanistan into a stable democracy and the remaining 32 percent foresee the opposite.

Last week, President Obama made a surprise visit to Afghanistan. He finalized a ten-year security pact with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and celebrated with the troops on their one year anniversary of bin Ladden's death.

President Obama also acknowledged the drastic increase in frustration. "I recognize that many Americans are tired of war," he said then. "I will not keep Americans in harm's way a single day longer than is absolutely required for our national security. But we must finish the job we started in Af-

ghanistan and end this war responsibly."

The discussion of the war has been a main topic in this year's presidential campaign. The capture of bin Ladden could help President Obama's chances, but the plummeting support for the war could plummet his own chances. He has failed to break the Taliban-

Are gas prices influencing student habits?

By Kara M. Yakel

For the past three years, students and staff have noticed the outrageous increase in the gasoline prices.

But is it affecting the way they live?

Have people here at G. Ray Bodley cut down on the amount of gas they have been using?

In January of 2011, the gas price was \$3.09 and now in May 2012, we are looking at about \$4 per gallon. Aren't people sick of the price increasing and paying for it? Maybe people should be taking the initiative to cut down on the amount of time driving, and try to help the cost decrease.

For some people it is mandatory to drive a long distance to work, but have they ever thought of just working in their home town or finding another way to reduce the amount of driving? Asking someone to car pool to work or to another place would be the easiest step to take. If you are living in the city, there are most likely places they could ride a bicycle or even walk to instead of driving to.

G. Ray Bodley High School provides students who drive to school with the ability to park on school grounds with no cost, but does every student really need to drive to school? For me, I play sports and stay after for classes, so driving to school makes things easier. If a parent were to pick me up and bring me home, it would really be the same amount of gas as if I drove myself.

Other students drive because they are either in the same boat I am, or they just want to because they hate getting up early or riding the bus. If you really think about it, there is probably someone who lives close to you who could just bring you to school instead of you both driving every day.

Gas prices are clearly not going to go back down to \$3 like they were when I started

led insurgency to implement serious peace negotiations with the Afghan government. In response to the growing opposition, within the next year Americans are expected to see a shift away from front line combat and a drastic reduction in the size of the troops.

driving, so do something about it! Try to reduce the amount of driving you do on a regular basis. If you are driving to school every day and then going home before a game or practice when your house is about ten minutes away, why not just bring everything to school instead of wasting all of that gas?

Students here at G. Ray Bodley are beginning to realize that, driving isn't cheap! Senior Hannah Dunsmoor stated that, "The gas prices increasing is really bad, but driving to school helps me go on my own schedule." When she was asked if she has cut down on the amount of driving she does, Hannah stated, "I try as hard as I can not to drive home after school and come back for practice. I try to just stay at the school to conserve the amount of gas. Gas prices have an inelastic curve."

Jeanette Bartlett, the 2012 class President, lives within walking distance from the school and stated, "I don't mind walking and my job isn't far from my house, so I just walk there if my mom or someone can't bring me conveniently." Jeanette also stated that, "I would rather take a bus then pay \$20 for my car to sit in the student parking lot every day."

If you are involved in sports, driving to school makes things much easier. And if someone on your team lives close by, carpooling would be the best idea instead of both driving to school every day. With the amount of cars in the senior parking lot, there could definitely be a decrease in that if students began carpooling and being smart about how much gas they use.

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Sports

State-ranked girls roll past Chittenango

The Lady Raider lacrosse team put their new #25 state ranking to the test yesterday when they hosted the Chittenango Bears in a league contest that was important for the teams seeding. The Raiders pulled out a 14-5 win and flexed their muscles in doing so.

The newly acquired state ranking is the first time in school history that a Raider lacrosse team has been state ranked and may well be Fulton's first state ranking in a spring sport as well.. Although they just cracked the top 25, if they keep racking up wins, their ranking will increase game by game.

Tough loss for Raider boys lax

It was the one that got away for the Raider boys lacrosse team. Needing a win over the Chittenango Bears last night to propel them into the playoffs, the squad fell short. The 14-8 setback send the men from Fulton to 6-8 overall and 4-6 in league play while the Bears rose to 5-9 on the season. Face-offs and off ball play by the Bears doomed the Raiders from the start as they were man-handled in transition situations.

Leading point producer was senior Ross Maxam, who assisted on four Raider goals and scored on one of his own, good for a five point performance. Sophomore Matt Nelson scored both his first and second career goals on the same night when he finished with two goals. Joe Sutton, Seth DeLisle, Carson Vono, Nick Metcalf, and defender Brandon Lockwood all scored once apiece. DeLisle also recorded an assist on the night.

The loss means the team still has its work cut out for them when they play Whitesboro on Monday in a game with playoff implications. If the Raiders win, they are in the tournament. Whitesboro currently sits at 2-12 and lost earlier in the year 12-6 to the squad from Fulton. This proves to be no indication of how the game will turn out, however, since Fulton defeated Chittenango by a large margin earlier in the year as well before stumbling last night.

Two more games remain and it is crunch time for the 2012 team, who are looking to become the first Raider boys lacrosse team to win seven games in over a decade.

By Ross Maxam

Junior Erica Knaub continued her impressive 2012 campaign by totaling six points on five goals and one assist, good to lead all scorers in the game. Amelia Coakley recorded a hat trick while Jordan Rizzo and Julia Ludington both reached the back of the net twice.

Scoring once were Alise Tallents and Alanah McClellan, and Kate Rothrock assisted on three Raider goals. Senior goalkeeper Torrie Whelsky stopped 9 shots on the evening. The win sends the Raiders to

12-3 overall and 11-2 in league play.

The game was never close with the Raiders taking a 10-3 lead at the half and never looking back. Only two games remain on the schedule and they face teams they have already defeated. With that being the case, it is hard not to look forward at the playoffs and past the remaining regular season games. But Head Coach Drew White and assistant Andy Karpinko will surely have the girls ready to run the table and prepare for the sectional tournament. *By Ross Maxam*

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Tennis vs. C. Square (4 pm); Girls JV Lax @ Clinton (5:30); Baseball @ Corcoran (4:30); Girls Track Fulton Invitational (4:30); JV Softball @ West Genesee (4:30).

Mon. May 14: V Baseball @ Bishop Ludden (4:30); JV Baseball vs. Ludden (4:30); Softball vs. C.Square (4:30); Boys Lax @ Whitesboro (JV-5/V-7 pm).

Tues. May 15: Girls Lax vs. Whitesboro (JV-5/V-6:30); Softball @ Cortland (4:30).

Wed. June 16: Girls Lax @ Cortland (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys V Lax vs. Cortland (7 pm); Baseball vs. ES-M (4:45); Softball @ ES-M (4:30); Tennis @ J-D (4:30).

Thurs. May 17: Boys JV Lax vs. Cortland (5 pm); Track League Meet in Fulton (4 pm); Tennis @ ES-M (4:30).

Fri. May 18: Softball @ Mexico (4 pm); V Baseball @ Oswego (4:45); JV Baseball vs. Oswego (4:30).

Sat. May 19: Boys Track @ VanDusen Invitational in Ogdensburg (11 am).



Pettite set for Sunday return

Come this Sunday, Andy Pettitte will not be a retired Yankee any more. After a one year retirement break, Petite will step onto the mound Sunday against the Seattle Mariners. Pettitte finished the 2010 season with an 11-3 record and 3.28 ERA.

This will be the 532nd time he has stepped onto the mound in his career. Andy is ready for this contest, "I'm excited, so excited to just get back in uniform and get back with the guys and just hang with them on the bench and stuff like that. It's time now."

Pitching Coach Larry Rothschild and his evaluators gave Manager Joe Girardi the green light to use Pettitte for Sundays contest. Pettite is replacing someone's spot in the rotation, but the pitching staff believes that the bullpen would be better off with Pettite pitching on Sunday. "We feel that

he's physically ready," Girardi said. "He feels he's physically ready."

With Michael Pineda out for the year with serious shoulder surgery and Freddy Garcia's recent performances having demoted him to the bullpen, Pettite will most likely fill the spot of Freddy Garcia's replacement, David Phelps.

Pettite has been throwing at his home in Houston and will be training in New York for his debut. Inconsistency and injuries are taking a toll on the Yankees bullpen. Pettite's appearance might create a sense of urgency to the other pitchers. The Yankees are looking forward to his element of stability.

His experience includes five world titles and a record 19 postseason wins, so it will surely help the Yankees playoff push, even if it's not in a performance sense.

By Ashlynn Palmitessa

School of Thought compiled by Laura Perwits and Kara Yakel

What are you doing for your mother on Mothers Day?



"I always get her Fuchsia and take her out to lunch."

Mrs. Sabota



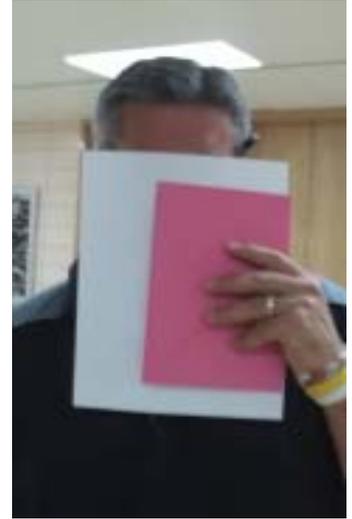
"Getting my mom a pandora bracelet."

Meriah Dishaw



"Making my mom breakfast!"

Mallory Clark



"Brunch or dinner and a gift card to Regal Cinema."

Mr. Halladay

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Partly cloudy.
Chance late shower.

66°

Average: 67°
Record: 89° (1953)

Tonight:



Mostly clear.

43°

Average: 45°
Record: 30° (1966)

Tomorrow:

Sun and clouds.

73°/52°

Average: 68°/45°
Rec. high/low: 84°
(1993)/30° (1963)

Sunday:

Partly cloudy.

71°/39°

Average: 68°/45°
Record high/low: 86°
(2004)/30° (2005)

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