

Assembly notes message of DWI's huge impact

By Kara Yakel

Sirens blared and lights flashed on Tuesday morning when the G. Ray Bodley High School driveway became the scene of a horrific accident. Thankfully it wasn't real, but it could have been. Such was the message of the Mock DWI drill as juniors and seniors were excused for a sobering reminder of what one poor choice can mean in the grand scheme of things.

It was a shocking reminder of the consequences of drinking and driving, made all the more real by the participation of well-known GRB students.

Two cars were in this scene with nine people involved who were just getting done with their prom. Ashlynn Palmitesso was driving Alex Bawarski, Dylan Holden, Christine Proud, and Ryann Crofoot while intoxicated.

Neil Devendorf was launched onto the road from the passenger side of the other car. Kara Yakel was the driver, with Amanda Tetro and Nathan Deavers aboard. Neil was killed from the impact and Kara called for the police to come and help.

Ashlynn Palmitesso was taken by the police to be questioned about the accident and to see if she was intoxicated. While this was happening, Dylan, Christine, Alex and Ryann were being removed from the car by the "Jaws of Life."

In the other vehicle, the ambulance took Kara away in a stretcher while Amanda and Nathan were able to walk away from the scene.

After this was done, all of the students involved rushed to take all of the makeup off and put on clothes for the funeral, while Ashlynn was on stage in an orange jumpsuit being questioned and put into jail. Two speakers came to talk about past family members or arriving at a scene where a young drunk driver killed a family of people.

During the funeral Christine Proud talked

about how Neil was an extremely kind man and everyone loved him. Students walked up to the casket to see themselves in a mirror. Many students were confused by this, but it was because someday, it could be you.

Many students took this seriously, while others thought it was funny. It isn't funny because some day it could be your best

friend dying or being put in jail from this same scenario.

Unfortunately this was not shown before prom, but it is still important for after Senior Dinner Dance when students are actually driving, and for all those graduation parties during the summer. Make the smart choice, don't drink and drive.



Junior and senior students were given a realistic and grim reminder of the consequences of drinking and driving during a Mock DWI demonstration on Tuesday morning at the high school. Senior Neil Devendorf, above, was pronounced "dead" following the crash scene as an EMT pulls the sheet over his lifeless body. Senior Nate Deavers, right, steps out the car bloodied from the crash impact while Kara Yakel attempts to phone for help from inside the vehicle. Sponsored by the school's SADD Club and coordinated by Officer Burlingham, the assembly hopes to deter students from making poor choices during the prom and dinner dance season and beyond. (Vanessa Langdon photos)



Opinion

DWI and consequences are no laughing matter

By Laura Perwitz

On Tuesday the juniors and seniors in G. Ray Bodley had an assembly on DWI and driving drunk. The first assembly was outside in front of the school where we saw victims of a car crash and the procedure the police and the EMTs take to get them out. The second was held inside the auditorium where we witnessed a trial and a funeral.

All of this was supposed to be serious, but it turned out to be something that some students did not take seriously.

When we were outside, some people kept laughing at all the acting and saying that it was cheesy and that they weren't learning anything. It wouldn't be funny to you if you were the one put in that situation. Some little moments may have been funny if someone made a mistake, but overall this is a serious thing. Loved ones are killed in these kinds of crashes. Would you want to be the vic-



tim of a drunk driver crashing into you? A lot of people have friends and relatives who aren't here any more because of these irresponsible people. Students could have shown a little more respect during the outside portion.

The inside portion of the assembly proved just how immature some people can be. If it wasn't enough that people were laughing at what was going on outside, some were laughing at what was going on inside. We had a guest speaker come in and share her real life story with us about how she lost her husband, the victim of a drunk driver. People had the nerve to laugh and make jokes about the presentation.

How dare you!

If we haven't already proven how immature we are, we certainly proved it on Tuesday! You're not going to think it's so funny when, God forbid, you or someone close to you suffers because someone made a horrible decision.

Given the seriousness of the message, we could have been a little more mature on Tuesday. We're upperclassmen who expect to be treated like adults. For that to happen we need to start acting like it!

Pretend accident shows realities of DWI

By Dylan Holden

On Tuesday I experienced a near death experience, well kind of. I was in the passenger seat of the mock DWI crash and experienced the sheer power of the "JAWS OF LIFE" first hand.

The crash was just as realistic as any other. As I lay there in the car I heard the revving of a machine almost like that of a chain saw.

The next thing I knew the car I was in was being torn apart around me. At that point a scene set up to become an act became real. The glass was thrown everywhere around the car and people were screaming. As I could taste the theatrical blood, I realized the reality of this event is that when something happens and panic sets in, you need to be able to trust not only the people you are with, but also the paramedics,



firefighters, and policemen.

Accidents happen every day and we need to learn how to cherish every moment. On the other hand the actions we choose put us at risk for a change that could affect the rest of your life. In the mock accident I had become paralyzed, and for that reason I was confined to a wheel chair for the funeral services.

Living with that and not being able to move my legs would change my lifestyle forever. I would no longer be able to participate in sports and everyday activities.

For Neil Devendorf, who played the victim, however, the loss of his life would devastate not only his family's life, but the school community as a whole. If I have learned anything from this experience it is to always trust your gut and know when something isn't right. In my case if I had never let Ashlynn drive drunk, she would not have been arrested, and no one would have gotten hurt. Learn from this, DON'T drink and drive.



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What should I be writing about for journalism?

By Maddie Olon

As the year winds down and the weather gets warmer, my thoughts become non-existent. The amount of energy I put into trying to think of a story doesn't pay off, because I can never actually think of anything to write about.

Today, I have been thinking all day and in every class about what to write for journalism, and all I could come up with is how bad people smell and I don't think some people would appreciate me writing about that.

So, I am stuck writing a story about writing a story. I thought I could write a story about school lunches, but since I don't even have a lunch bell, I wouldn't really have motivation.

I could write about the nice weather and what people are doing when they get out of school and it's in the 70's outside. I know one thing, I work all the time and barely get to enjoy the nice weather, which I bet a lot of high school students can relate to unless they have a job that is outside. Oh that would be amazing to have a job outside instead of being stuck inside all day! Over the weekend I worked more than sixteen hours and it was all inside. It was depressing.

Thinking about writing stories and my rambling, wouldn't it be cool to work as a construction worker or janitor over the summer! I have always wanted to be a flag girl who flags the traffic through in a construction area. Think of the nice tan I would get over the summer and I wouldn't be cooped up in a store all summer. I bet a lot of high school students would love that! We should start a program that opens itself up to summer jobs for high school students, where we learn different trades, but have fun at the same time.

On a different note, I cannot wait to go to college and enjoy this summer. I bet a lot of seniors are thinking about college, which makes you want to get out of here right away and causes senioritis!



I believe that senioritis is college's fault, not the student or high school, because all you can think of is getting away from home and living all on your own and going dorm shopping. College is going to be great! Except it is going to be a lot of work; oh well it's going to be worth it when you get to be left alone and make your own decisions.

Other than college, the summer is going to be a blast. Going to the beach and hanging out all summer, other than working. But the amount of freedom we get to encounter in the fall is going to be great and we get to learn to live on our own and be our own person. We get to take everything we were taught the last eighteen years and bring it with us to the real world.

So, now that I've rambled about college and summer and how I want a better job, I should probably go think of something to write for journalism.

School Budget, propositions gain approval in Tuesday vote

The 2012-12 Fulton City School District budget has passed.

Fultonians went to the polls on Tuesday to cast their vote on the Board-approved \$62.39 million budget. This is a marginal increase in spending for the next school year, amounting to about a \$2.15 million increase from the current year's budget. The estimated tax levy increase on members of the community due to the budget is 1.9%.

Also voted upon and approved by Fulton voters were three propositions.

The first of the propositions involved transportation. Voters approved the purchase of a new wheelchair-accessible school bus and two vans.

The next involved giving permission to the District to create a Capital Reserve Fund, "which would allow the accumulation of funds from certain legally defined sources to be used towards the cost of future renovations and upgrades of district facilities."

The third and final proposition involved giving the green light to more funding for the Fulton Public Library. Voters said yes to granting the library \$170,000 in operating expenses.

The other big element of the vote was electing two members to the Board of Education. Current Vice President, Rosemary Occhino, won reelection. Dan Pawlewicz was also elected to the Board. Both Occhino and Pawlewicz defeated current Board President, Robbin Griffin.

Once the people let their metaphorical voices be heard in the voting booth, many filled out an exit poll on their way out that contained a few questions regarding the quality of education and extra-curricular activities in Fulton. We hope to bring you these results soon in *RaiderNet Daily*.
By Carson Metcalf

Quote of the day:

"To ridicule philosophy, that is to be a real philosopher."

Blaise Pascal

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Raider Sports

Senior night surge carries girls to big victory

By Ross Maxam

The seniors on the varsity girls lacrosse team were honored last night before a game that showed why the Raiders are ranked in the top twenty five in the state. A 15-3 win translated into a 12-3 overall record going into their final game. One more win today will secure the first lacrosse league title in school history.

The festivities were held at the beginning of the game, with each junior presenting a speech to a senior. The game started a little slowly for the home side due to the fact. After battling to a 3-3 draw for a large part of the first half, the Raiders put their foot on the gas and finished the game on a 12-0 run to send the Warriors upset bid into the ground.

With the loss they fall to 2-13 on the season.

There was no shortage of goals for the Raiders when they went on their run. The game was highlighted by the performances of Amelia Coakley, Erica Knaub, and Kate Rothrock once again. The three underclassmen combined for thirteen points with Coakley tallying four goals, Knaub adding six points on three goals, three assists, and Rothrock recording three points on two goals and one helper.

Seniors Jordan Rizzo and Erika Johnson both reached the back of the net on their night with Rizzo doing it twice and Johnson once. Rizzo also added an assist. Sophomores Julia Ludington and Casey Shannon helped the Raider cause by scoring as well. Ludington scored two and Shannon added

one. Senior goalkeeper Torrie Whelsky stopped eight shots in her final official home game.

But this will certainly not be the senior's final home game. With their regular season résumé intact, the team is looking at a potential first round home game. Home field advantage always helps, especially if they play a team that will have a long drive.

The girls travel to Cortland tonight to try and shut down the tear that Maggie Brown, senior midfielder, is ending the season on. She has amassed 67 goals on the year and will be a major factor as the Tigers look to end Fulton's regular season on a sour note.

Fulton Spring Duals set for Saturday

The annual Fulton Spring Duals wrestling tournament will be held this weekend, on the usual third Saturday of May. The Duals will be hosted at the usual site as well, the Fulton War Memorial. The tournament has been a huge success for the past few years, boasting hundreds of participants and an incredibly successful weekend of good quality action.

In recent years the Spring Duals has had powerhouses such as Phoenix, Pal-Mac and Team Apex as well as Fulton square off against each other. It is arguably the most competitive dual meet tournament in the state during the spring time. This year's turn-out is expected to be just as successful.

The wrestling will begin at 9 am and will consist of a pool format. There will be two pools of four teams each, with a crossover match to determine the place holding teams, which will total for five matches per team. This year's turnout will be a good premonition of things to come as only freshman through juniors may participate, thus showing the upcoming talent. No seniors are allowed to participate in the tournament. As always there will be plenty of good rivalry matches and there will surely be both individual as well as team showdowns.

So if you don't have anything going on Saturday and you're in the mood for some good entertainment, head on down to the Fulton War Memorial and support your hometown Raider wrestling team.

By Tony Torrese

This week in Raider Sports

Today: 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).



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The Fulton Boys Lacrosse Program will be hosting a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 20 from 11:30 to 4 pm (or until dinners are sold out) at the Pole Barn at the Polish Home in Fulton. Cost per ticket is \$8.00. Presale ticket holders are asked to pick up their dinners between 11:30 am and 1 pm.

Trick shot king gets NFL pro shot

YouTube sensation, Alex Tanney who is known as “trick shot quarterback” is taking his skills to the NFL. Tanney, who became popular through his incredible accuracy by being able to throw a football into moving vehicles or hitting the field goal post from fifty yards away on his knee, is now trying to make a professional roster.

Alex Tanney had a phenomenal college career at Division III Monmouth College, where he played five seasons with a completion percentage of 69 percent while only throwing 30 interceptions for the Fighting Scots. He holds numerous NCAA records such as, 157 touchdown passes and 14,249 career passing yards.

His flashy video has reached an incredible 2.5 million views in a short time span of fifteen months. “Stan Lee’s Superhumans” of the History Channel took notice of his astonishing passing skills and put him to work as he appeared on an episode. Viewers still question his true ability because everyone knows video can be easily edited. Tanney responded to those viewers, “We didn’t expect it to blow up the way it did, it was just me and my buddies fooling around after working out.” It might have been edited to put scenes together, but his skills were definitely not edited.

Tanney turned down an offer from a rookie mini-camp with the Pittsburgh Steelers because the Buffalo Bills showed interest in him before the NFL draft. After his first day of team workouts, Buffalo Bills head coach Chan Gailey commented on his performance, saying, “He did some good things. First day for any quarterback is hard. ... I like his quick throwing motion. He seems to have a strong arm. He seemed to pick up things fairly well.”

Making the Bills roster will not be easy for the Monmouth grad as Buffalo already have returning starter Ryan Fitzpatrick, along with Tyler Thigpen and newly signed Vince Young. This uphill battle will be a test for Tanney, but if Fred Jackson, Division III running back currently on the Bills roster can do it, so can Alex.

By Ashlynn Palmitesso

Softball charges into playoffs

The ladies from Fulton took on the ladies from Cortland in a softball showdown on Tuesday. The Lady Raiders dominated in this matchup, winning 10-1 and outhit the opponent 15 hits to 2.

Senior Lindsey Larkin pitched a gem, only giving up two hits with one earned run, and 13 strikeouts. To go along with her pitching, she went 2-4 with a triple, two runs, and a walk.

Sophomore Keisha Pierce added to the hit total with three of her own and had three runs batted in. Also having three hits was Ciarra Chapman, who added an RBI and two runs to her stats. Falecia Coleman and Mikayla Guernsey both had two RBIs and combined for three hits.

Ashly Smart, Maureen McCann, Kassidy Kearns, and Ashley Cummins rounded out the team with four hits, two RBIs, two walks, and four runs between them.

The softball team from Fulton put on a display of hitting at G. Ray Bodley on May 14 and improved their record to 8 wins and 9 losses on the year. They also clinched their spot in sectionals, where they hope to keep their season rolling, continuing their winning ways.

Their next game will be today against East Syracuse Minoa. A game against Mexico will end their week on Friday and will also round out their season prior to the upcoming Section 3 tournament.

By Nathan Deavers

Senior banquet forms are due

Attention senior athletes! The Fulton Athletic Booster Club senior athletic awards dinner reservations are due this week. Any students and parents who are planning on attending need to respond to the Booster Club representatives. This information was included in the letters that were sent home. For more information, contact Mr. Rothrock.

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Raider Sports

What did you think of the Mock DWI?



"It was an eye opener."
Ashley Hamm



"Even though there were quite a few rude people, I think everyone got the message."
Nick Britton



"I thought it was inspiring to not drink and drive."
Lory Perez



"I'm gonna have to come up with 20 grand to get Ashlynn out of jail."
Tyler Terramiggi

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with showers and storms.

72°

Average: 69°
Record: 90° (1962)

Tonight:



Clearing skies.

45°

Average: 46°
Record: 34° (1983)

Tomorrow:



Mostly sunny.

65°

Average: 69°
Record: 91° (1977)

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Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.