



## Players tackle controversial subject

By Vanessa Langdon

The Quirk's Players Drama Club will open the curtain tonight for their first show of the season, *The Laramie Project*. Unlike the fall farces that have come to be a standard for their fall production, the show represents a venture into much deeper subject matter; hate crimes.

*The Laramie Project* retells the story of the horrific beating and eventual murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998. The play is unique in how it tells the story, as it does not just retell the story through a single perspective but follows the Tectonic Theater Project as they ventured to the town and interviewed citizens, recording their reactions and how the event impacted their lives.

The story picks up after the beating and follows friends of Matthew as they hear of the news, various religious leaders in the community, Matthew's doctors and the police officer, as well as the man who found his brutally beaten body tied to a fence. The play includes the trials of the two men accused of the beating and ends with a poignant monologue by Matthew Shepard's father to the man who had to decide whether to grant life to or hand down the death penalty.

Director Mr. Briggs first heard of the show when he went to see G. Ray Bodley teachers Mr. Lescarbeau and Mr. Nami when they were acting in a Syracuse production a few years ago. He explained that he felt this was the right time because, "it is an important topic, and with this new Dignity for all Students Act it really afforded us an opportunity to share this story." According to Briggs the school district has been very supportive of the production and thus far they have not received any backlash.

They publicized the show as PG-13 and for mature audiences because of the controversial nature of the topic and some language that is used, along with graphic descriptions.

He urges community members to come see the show, but was very cautious when explaining why they should attend, "It's a moving story with a very serious message. More and more we hear of incidents of bullying and hate and discrimination in the news. If we can learn something from this story it can certainly help community's everywhere."

The production is definitely a change for the group. Along with the different tone and seriousness of the topic there is the added difficulty of a much larger than normal cast size for *The Laramie Project*. "It's a very serious topic and it's a very large cast," Mr. Briggs noted.

Overall, the cast has had quite an experience with the show. Work started on the pro-

duction over the summer and this past week the hardworking thespians have practically lived in the auditorium, rehearsing until 11 pm every night, "It's really been a fun production to do. I think that cast has enjoyed this experience and they have handled this in a mature manner and people have learned from this production," Mr. Briggs concluded.

The entire community could gain from going to see this show that the cast have poured their heart and soul into because as senior Mikaela Houck expressed, "This show is not pro-gay, it is anti-hate."

*The Laramie Project* runs for just two performances, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12.



Maranda Mattiaccio, Lacey Rusaw and Jeremy Horlowski (left to right) act out a scene during rehearsals for *The Laramie Project*. The Quirk's Players Drama Club will tackle this dramatic and controversial show this weekend with performance at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday in the GRB auditorium. (Vanessa Langdon photo)

Opinion

# Time flies: will you soar along with it?

By Kylie Clifford

Class of 2016 take notice; the first five weeks of your high school ca-

reer have already come and gone.

It went fast, didn't it?

These first five weeks are just a prime example of how quickly high school will go by, and how much more difficult it is. Did your grades meet your previous standards? If you realized that your grades aren't as high as you would like then maybe you should take that as a sign that high school is the real deal.

It may sound like a cliché, but before you know it, it will be your senior year and you will be thinking about how fast it went and wishing you did things differently.

It doesn't have to be that way.

Now is your chance to be who you want to be. Forget about everything that happened in junior high and set your goals for the future. Take charge of your grades and gain control on what you will be known for in high school. There is no need to follow the crowd in high school, because after graduation day you will all be heading in different directions.

You don't want to be thinking to yourself, "man I should have taken freshman year seriously," and realizing that you didn't accomplish everything you would have liked to in high school. Don't let anything or anyone hold you back. There is only one person

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who can make your life what you want it to be, and that is you.

G. Ray Bodley High School may be harder than any of the other schooling you have had, but you will learn so much more if you just apply yourself. Passing won't be difficult if you take the time to do the work and if needed, ask for extra help. High school is just the start of bigger and better things. But the place to start this road to

success is in the class room.

This is the time to "wake up and smell the coffee," as the old saying goes.

Four years seem like a life time, but there is really no time to waste. Take these four years of high school as a stepping stone in your life. Forget the past and live for the future.

## Senate blood drive today in LGI

The Red Cross blood mobile will roll into Bodley's LGI today for a blood drive sponsored by the GRB Student Senate held from 8 am until 1 pm.

To donate you must be 16 years of ages and meet the weight requirement for your height. If you have gotten a tattoo in the past year you may not donate. It is helpful to know what your blood type is. Make sure to bring your Red Cross Card or a Photo ID! Be hydrated, make sure you have a good iron count, eat healthy foods before your donation time, let the person know of any medication you are taking, bring a friend, but most important, RELAX.

When you donate blood in the month of October, you will receive a coupon for a free Doritos Locos Taco, with the purchase of a large soft drink. More than 44,000 blood donations are needed every day. Just one pint of blood will help to save the lives of three people.

Only about 38 percent of the population is able to donate blood, so find out if you can contribute to that percentage and help someone in need. The process is only on average an hour long, so take that short time to help someone in the future live longer.

It not only helps save another person's life, it will also make you feel good! Donate blood and help save a life! *By Summer Reed*

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## Opinions are mixed about upcoming election

By Damien Noel

With Election Day on the horizon; students, teachers, and everyone else in the school is trying to determine who to vote for, or whether to vote at all. Students younger than 18 obviously cannot vote, but many of them still have an opinion on the matter.

Freshman Casey DePuy commented that, "If I could vote I would choose Obama because he doesn't want to take money from the less wealthy." Some people aren't really supporting one candidate in particular, but are against one of them. When asked who he would vote for if he could, senior Erik Ingelston replied, "Not Obama."

Many teachers are following the debates and are supporting one of the two candidates as well. "I'm supporting Obama because I like his policies on women's issues, educa-

tion and public programs," History teacher Mr. McCarten stated. Some of the teachers follow the debates very closely; Mr. Bono discussed the debate that took place on the night of October 16 to his Economics class.

As was the case with some of the students, some teachers are also set against one candidate. "I'm definitely not voting for Rom-

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ney," one teacher commented. Others are worried about students futures when it comes to who they are voting for. "I feel that voting for Mitt Romney will ensure that high school students today will have jobs in the future," said Mrs. Lazarek.

Throughout the country many people are still undecided about the election. Many teachers who were asked about who they were voting for or supporting also did not know yet. "Just put me down as undecided," Technology teacher Mr. Wasacz replied when asked who he was voting for.

Many students also have no idea who they would vote for because they don't really pay attention to the debates or the election in general. But one thing is for certain, a fair number of staff and students will be heading to the polls on November 6, casting their votes.

## A senior lounge at GRB? It's being discussed

By Vanessa Langdon

Seemingly as long as there have been seniors, there has been an ongoing call for a senior lounge. This year, the Class of 2013 has a faculty member in their corner.

Senior Class Advisor Mrs. Hallatt has long been a proponent of the idea of developing a senior lounge. She views it as an incentive that the students who have survived their four years of high school deserve.

Mrs. Hallatt has seen the success of a senior lounge in other nearby schools. Manlius Pebble Hill High School has employed a senior lounge for the past few years. Their lounge features a foosball table, a TV, and multiple couches.

Mrs. Hallatt clarifies that her idea would still be monitored and not a free for all. "Students would still need a pass," but would be able to go during any free bell. This proposal is still in the planning stages, but if enough interest is shown, some initiative could be taken.

Mrs. Hallatt was very vocal in noting that she is not just suggesting this and pushing off the work onto someone else's shoulder, saying, "I would be willing to open my room

up during my free bells" for the place to hold the lounge. But she urges that there must be an open unused room somewhere in the school. A possible solution to the space issue is cutting the big study hall, room 131, in half to create a space, room 132, which could facilitate a convenient space for seniors to congregate.

In addition to providing a place for the seniors to go, it would be beneficial to all students, alleviating the numbers of kids who go to teacher's rooms during their respective study halls. This would create less distraction and harbor a more productive learning environment.

The seniors who work hard deserve this little encouragement to continue to work diligently as their high school careers come to a close. This lounge would also facilitate a transition for the seniors as they start to learn more responsibility and they start to be held accountable for their actions.

The idea for the senior lounge is not yet concrete but hopefully if the seniors express interest and are vocal about their desire to have this it can happen and by the end of the year they can be reaping the benefits relaxing, listening to music, and chatting quietly

with friends in an environment where they can bond as a class.

Seniors Tiffany Tovato and Christina Pensabene weighed in with their opinion about an impending senior lounge. Trovato said, "It should be where you go when you do not have any work to do! If you are on academic probation you should stay in study hall!" She elaborated that she personally has a lot of study halls, so she would frequent it, and if she could have anything in there she would have "couches and a space heater."

Fellow senior Christina Pensabene has food on her mind for a senior lounge, "I would want food and comfy chairs!" The obsession with food is spreading as Trovato was elated with the idea of a microwave! Christina Pensabene explained that the lounge should be open during guided study hall and lunch bells and while not silent, "quiet-ish, where you can go if you are on high honor roll or honor roll."

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst spoke to the Bodley Student Senate about the possibility and said she, "is not opposed to it at all." But she did elaborate that supervision would be the main roadblock, but one that could potentially be alleviated!

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## Raider Sports

# Final day drama for Raider girls soccer

By Dan Henkle

The long wait is over.

The Fulton girls' soccer team ended a 10 year championship drought on the final day of the regular season when the Raiders downed Mexico 1-0 while Jamesville-Dewitt thumped CBA 3-1. Claiming regular season honors for the first time since 2002, Fulton finished with a 10-4-2 overall and an 8-3-1 mark in the OHSL Freedom American Division.

As a result the girls gained the #5 seed in this weeks Section 3 tournament, hoping to duplicate the efforts of Fulton's last title winning side that went all the way to the sectional title. Fulton will face Indian River, who finished with the fourth seed and an identical 10-4-2 record in an opening round match on Friday.

Goalie Allyson Bricker finished with an impressive 82 saves, only allowing 8 goals all year including the shutout win over Mexico. Lena Pawlewicz's goal from Courtney Beckwith in the first half was all the scoring the Raiders would need to claim the outright league title. As for the team's outstanding defensive record, Coach

Beckwith said that, it's a function of both good defense and really good goalkeeping.

Fulton will be looking for a great performance from Jocelyn Ravesi (7-5-12) and Courtney Beckwith (6-4-10), who have combined to score 13 goals this year. Fulton also needs strong performances from Amelia Coakley, who has 3 goals and 1 assist, Christina Pensabene who has 3 goals and Hannah Geitner with 1 goal and 3 assists. Fulton will be facing a Red hot Indian River team that is 4-0-1 in their last five games and 7-1-2 in

their last 10 starts.

Indian River will ride the foot of their run-away goal leader Caitlin Pacilio with 8 goals. The Raiders will also need to concentrate on Cassandra Kiechle, their leading scorer with two goals and 10 assists. Erin Barnes has four goals and two assists for the Warriors, who have also picked up two goal efforts from seven different players. Indian River goaltender Lakeisha Barnes stands in the way of Fulton's attack after compiling a save percentage of 82 this season.

## Spikers romp to senior night victory

The Fulton girls volleyball team celebrated in style on Tuesday night by sending the seniors off with a very convincing 3-0 sweep of the Homer Trojans. Seniors Sara Campolieta, Kate Rothrock, Emily Lamb, Tiffany Trovato, Britney Mitsiell and Julia Spier were all honored before the game. After losing the first time around to Homer 3-1, Fulton wanted to come out and prove that they can play with all the top competition.

The Lady Raiders defeated Homer 25-19, 25-23, 25-19 to continue their four game winning streak and improve to 10-4 on the season and take over first place in the league with one game left to go. Fulton received contributions from the seniors as Brittany Mitsiell and Tiffany Trovato combined for 13 digs in the sweep. Senior Sara Campolieta made her presence known as she registered 9 kills in the match, with many of them coming from Kate Rothrock's 19 assists. The Raiders headed to Jamesville-Dewitt Thursday to take on the Red Rams in their final tune up before the post-season begins.

By Casey Ware



The Raider girls ended a long championship drought last week when they claimed regular season honors in the \*\*\*\* Division, The girls travel to Indian River today for the opening round of the Section 3 Tournament. Pictured from left to right are: kneeling-Kara Bricker, Hannah Geitner, Callie Beckwith, Christine Hotaling, Julia Lee. Middle-Lena Pawlewicz, Amanda Shatrau, Courtney Beckwith, Ally Bricker, Amelia Coakley, Jocelyn Ravesi, Sarah Halstead, Lilia Kesterke. Back-Katelyn Caza, Christina Pensabene, Mary Morrison, Kyna Sanchez, Libby Reitz, Karli Bricker, Nikki King, Madison Robillard, Meriah Dishaw.