

Exciting changes ahead for yearbook

The Fultonian Yearbook is undergoing some major changes; all after 2013 editor Vanessa Langdon attended a Yearbook intensive camp in Gettysburg Pennsylvania.

Vanessa packed up her things this summer and headed off to the five day overnight camp on the historic Gettysburg College campus. The experience, admitted the editor was, "eye opening and intimidating, but definitely time well spent; it made me realize what I have left to do, but now I have more direction and a plan!"

The camp was a five day intensive study on yearbook related activities such as photography, layout, editing, editorial leadership, and journalism run by the school's

yearbook company, Herff Jones.

Vanessa attended this camp by herself and proceeded to take notebooks full of notes. "I just tried to write everything down so I could remember every minute detail to share it with the staff back here at school, and the camp was in mid-July, so I had a lot of summer time to forget all my good ideas!" And she had no shortage of ideas, saying, "I remember waking up at two in morning and having an idea for a story or something different we could add design wise, and the majority of those are still possibilities."

One of the major changes that Vanessa was inspired to begin was a theme, "something to unify and show consistency, design-

wise, throughout the book." The theme for this year's book and a novel beginning for the Fultonian is, "How We Come Together." The theme for the book is intended to show that while our school community is made up of unique individuals, we still come together to make our school a fantastic place!

The yearbook staff plans on incorporating more student personalities throughout the book, utilizing candid shots and quotes as well as surveys about such things as popular culture topics like favorite musical groups and social networking sites.

The staff wants to make the yearbook a place where people feel comfortable giving

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October means spirit week at GRB

By Vanessa Langdon

October will start with a bang as it is homecoming time again! It's a week full of fun where one can see students bustling around talking about what they will wear for spirit week, girls donning their red lipstick for Ms. Lips, and guys baring their legs in hopes of getting the coveted title of Mr. Legs, all in the spirit of the Fulton Red Raider!

Spirit week is set to kick off next week, October 1 to the 5, and the theme days this year are Decade Day on Monday, Team Day on Tuesday, Neon Day on Wednesday, and Character Day Thursday, all culminating to Fulton Pride Day on Friday! So this weekend is crunch time, start planning those award winning ensembles so you can be the lucky boy or girl from your grade to win most spirited during Friday's pep rally!

Before the headlining varsity football game on Friday the traditional powder-puff football game makes a comeback on Monday October 1 at 6:30 pm after a sad reprieve last year. The game will be an exciting, possibly humorous, event as the Senior Girls take on the Junior Girls in an epic battle of the ages! Admission is \$1.

The senior team will be coached by senior

varsity football players Jake Crucitti, Jordan Baldwin, and Cody Dick. In addition to football players taking the lead as coaches the underclassmen football players will be featured as cheerleaders, they will finally see just how hard those girls work!

So trudge down to the turf and see the girls

under the lights to see who will reign supreme- the seniors who lost their chance last year to win as the underdog, or the juniors who want to have a chance at a two year title!

In addition to the fun happening at school

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A relay race between faculty and students was part of last year's pep rally. This year's event will feature a tug of war competition. (file photo)

Opinion

Bullying can sometimes lead to depression

By Jessica Grant

How many students do you pass in the halls who have blank, unfriendly faces, regardless of whether you know them or not?

Have you heard rumors about them at all? For all you know, some of these people are living with depression, and sadly, most people do not know how to deal with it?

Walking the halls of G. Ray Bodley there has been some talk about how kids need an attitude change, and how people are always leaving to go home crying. The question is, why is that?

Sometimes there are rude things being said, and no one seems to care. One student went through his first year of high school as normal as could be. People soon talked about him while he was in the room, and he became upset, quiet and self-conscious that something was wrong about him. His next year of high school it really hit him, and soon he started to skip because he was afraid people would harass him more. He became sadder and started to push people out of his life. As a junior he finally felt he had developed depression, so his mother kept calling him out just to get away from the negativity.

"I didn't even bother going to school this year. I found a security guard training session up in Syracuse, and soon I'll have my license, so being in school isn't all that great," he said proudly.

Another student had a similar story, noting that being in school had depressed her. "Ninth grade was ok, I just started to figure out who I was, by dressing differently and hanging out with different crowds but it wasn't a blast," she commented.

"Now tenth grade is when I fell apart..." she paused for a long moment, not saying anything. "It was the year I was harassed for being pregnant." It started to become emotional for her at this point, and her pain was evident.

"The girl who did all the harassment thought she was higher than me or something, she'd call me out in the hall, calling me nasty names, but I still wouldn't do anything but go home or run out of classes bawling my eyes out," she recalled. "Is this what being fun is all about? Harassing people? Well my sister started to become angry at this time and she would get into this girls face screaming and everything, then tell the higher up people in the school that my sister jumped her!" The emotions were just welling up all together at this point.

"In the end I became so emotional I miscarried, 'cause my body couldn't handle the stress of being depressed. There isn't a moment I don't think of the child I could have had and raised, and I also calculated its birthday and I always go to a quiet place around that time to just think of what could have been."

"What upset me the most was how teachers were right in the hallway watching and they did nothing about the whole thing. They

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would watch and just walk away after. That's when I lost trust in the whole school system and started to do things myself. I missed a whole month of school 'cause I was afraid of the harassment, but I did end up passing a lot of classes I should have failed."

Now is it right that teachers just watched, or that this girl had to miss school because of the harassment? And is it right that the young boy became depressed because his body didn't know how to react to the stress?

The answer to these questions is obvious, and these students were deprived of their education and they still live with the pain every day. One takes medication and the other doesn't get to see her child. If people would only step back and think about what they would have to go through if this happened to them, perhaps it would come to an end.

Bullying isn't a funny subject. It hurts, KILLS and impacts us all. Perhaps we should all just remember the old saying that, if you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything, and the golden sound of silence would make everyone feel welcome at GRB and beyond.



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Bodley says farewell to former principal

By Kylie Clifford

Farewell to Mr. Buchanan
G. Ray Bodley High School recently said goodbye to former principal and most recently vice Principal Mr. Buchanan, who left on Friday, September 21. Before he departed, The Raider sat down to ask him a few questions.

As of this week, Mr. Buchanan will continue on as a principal at Clifton-Fine Central School in Cranberry Lake, NY, a school that is pre k-12th grade. He has mixed emotions about his decision to leave, but he has enjoyed his time here at G. Ray Bodley.

Mr. Buchanan stated that that he belongs in a situation where he can know every student fully and be able to know each student by name, and here at G. Ray Bodley there are too many students to do so. "I will miss the way the student body here at GRB ac-

cepts everyone and how there are no cliques," he commented. From his time spent here Mr. Buchanan is pleased with the experience and very proud of the teamwork,



academic focus and increase in graduation rate the past three years plus have produced.

Mr. Buchanan believes that his time here was successful and wants everyone to grow up to become a productive citizen in society. "Mr. Buchanan got the junior class off to a great start my freshman year and he will be missed," said junior Mikayla Guernsey. She is one of the many students who will miss Mr. Buchanan.

Senior Michael DeMauro said, "It is a shame you have to leave and you will be missed greatly." Mr. Buchanan's farewell and goodbye message to everyone at G. Ray Bodley is, "Remember the best thing you can do in the morning is get up and go to a job you love."

While he was not sure of his schedule at C-F, he did mention that if time permits, he would like to return to Fulton in June to watch the Class of 2013 graduate.

Plenty to do during spirit week

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as everyone anticipates the last home football game of the season there will also be a bonfire from 6 to 8 pm on Wednesday, October 3, a fun and FREE event with a DJ and refreshments. Everyone is invited to get into the team spirit and join the fun down by the lake on Corporal Barrett Drive!

Thursday will be highlighted by the annual hall decorating contest after school, while Friday's festivities begin early in the day, as soon as the swarm of red and green enter the halls of G. Ray Bodley! The pep rally will again be outside at the complex, weather permitting. The event will kick-off just before 1 with the Concert Choir leading the school in our Alma Mater and National Anthem, led by director Mr. Nami.

Then the wait will finally be over as the homecoming court is revealed and Bodley crowns the homecoming king and queen of the class 2013! A new and exciting addition to the pep rally schedule will be a student vs. teacher tug of war featuring the class officers and winners of the most spirited against some brave teacher volunteers.

The proud Fulton Red Raider varsity football team will take to the field at 6:30 on Friday as they battle against the Oswego Buccaneers! Students are encouraged to come out and support the team. Join the sea of red and green for the march to the field

from the War Memorial.

Immediately following the game the homecoming dance will take place in the GRB gymnasium from 8 to 11 for a cost of \$3! All in all it will be a week filled with fun and Red Raider spirit. Students are encouraged to have their cameras handy as the *Fultonian* Yearbook will be looking for some prize-winning shots throughout the week.

Let's get it started!

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suggestions and input, but be aware that yearbooking is hard work. And the staff, while growing and anticipating record participation this year, is small and can only do so much. They stress that if you want something done, volunteer to do it. Meetings are every Tuesday in room 102, and if you talk to advisor Mr. Senecal or Editor Vanessa Langdon you may just find out that they will be in the journalism room most days after school working on one thing or another and would welcome a fresh face!

Even if you don't feel like you can dedicate yourself to weekly meetings and such a commitment, you can still be a vital part of the yearbook just by logging onto www.hjshare.com and sharing your school related photos with the yearbook. The photo may just end up on a spread or even on the collage inspired cover!

So get out your laptop, run to the computer, or open up the internet on your smart phone and begin uploading your photos onto the site using our school code, which is now *fultonian*, no longer a bunch of numbers that may get the best of the dyslexic tendencies in all of us.

Students are also encouraged to like the *Fultonian* Yearbook page on Facebook for updates and information about the 2013 *Fultonian*.

Cross-country stays unbeaten, tennis wins

By Dan Henkle

The Raider cross country teams are off and running with identical 2-0 records following contrasting wins over Mexico on Tuesday. The girls ran roughshod over the Tigers, winning 15-49, while the boys outlegged their Mexico rivals 27-29 in a fight to the finish.

Fulton claimed the top eight places en route to their big win over Mexico. Mary West led the way with a 22:26 performance, followed by Victoria Eckard and Amanda Rice. For the boys, Kyle Loftus and Bailey Lutz ran one, two in times of 17:34 and 17:39 while Mitch Lalik placed third, crossing the line in 18:09.

Tennis claims first win

After two close calls, the Raider girls tennis team finally experienced the sweet taste of success on Tuesday, easing past East Syracuse-Minoa 4-3. The hard-fought win came on the heels of a pair of 4-3 setbacks against Cortland and Homer.

A strong showing in the doubles pairings paved the road to victory as Fulton claimed three of the four available points. The first doubles match featured Anna Guernsey and Cassidy Kearns defeating ES-Mís Jeanine Koehler and Caitlin Underwood in a three set battle, 6-1, 2-6 and 6-4. The third doubles match was between Fulton's Sophia Giovannetti and Maureen McCann, defeat-

ing ES-M's Ashley Downey and Kim Donato. ES-M took the first set 6-4 then Fulton came back and won the last two 6-2 and 6-0. The last doubles match was key for both teams as Fulton sent out Krista Vann and Audrey Proto and ES-M sent out Y Lam and Linh Nam. Fulton worked hard and pulled out the victory 6-2 and 6-3.

Savannah Bray aided the Fulton cause with a win at second singles to help Fulton enter the win column for the first time.

The victory came on the heels of two tough 4-3 losses. Against Homer Anna Guernsey and Cassidy Kearns picked up the first match victory over Sarah McNamara and Rachel Murray 6-2 and 6-2. The team of Julia Ludington and Casey Shannon beat Christine Han and Katie Mercer 6-4 and 6-3 while

the third doubles match featured a victory from Sophia Giovannetti and Maureen McCann as they beat Lydia Brown and Shannon Spencer 0-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The match between Cortland and Fulton featured another tough loss for the Raiders. Anna Guernsey and Cassidy Kearns beat Cortlandís Delaney Marshall and Jennifer Wang 6-1 and 6-0. The third doubles match featured Fulton's Sophia Giovannetti and Maureen McCann defeating Marissa DeFranco and Morgan Plunkett 6-1, with Cortland picking up the victory in the second game 6-3 and Fulton bouncing back and picking up the last game 6-4. Audrey Proto and Krista Vann defeated Caitlin Little and Maura West 6-4, 6-0.

Raider booters charge past Tigers

It was a Tuesday night sweep for Fulton soccer as both the boys and girls teams ran past the Mexico Tigers in shutout style.

The boys won by a score of 6-0 to record their second win of the season. Junior Jeremy Langdon led the way by registering two goals, with fellow juniors Carlos Feliciano and Paul Reynoso scoring a goal each. Finishing out the scoring sheet was Hector Marrequin with one goal.

Juniors Jeff Waldron and Carson Vono each dished two assists, and freshman Austin Wilde added another assist. Sophomore goal keeper R.J Borrow recorded five saves to earn his second shutout on the season and give him 58 saves on the year. The boys took on the Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams on Thursday in Fulton, seeking revenge as they lost to J-D earlier in the season.

The girls traveled to Mexico Tuesday night and came out victorious in a defensive battle by a score of 2-0. Fulton got help from their seniors with second half goals from Maddie Robillard, and Jocelyn Ravesi. Coach Beckwith was pleased with the win saying, "Mexico had an extremely tough defense." He went on to say that, "we played a great second half. We moved the ball well and got through their defense."

The girls improved to 4-1 on the season heading into Thursday contest at Jamesville-Dewitt in a rematch of their only loss of the season

By Casey Ware

Raiders look to rebound at ES-M

After a disappointing performance in last Friday's game, Fulton (2-2) football looks to rebound against the Spartans of East Syracuse-Minoa(2-2) tonight in a game that will have playoff implications.

The contest will feature a star matchup at running back as Fulton junior Mark Pollock and ES-M senior Jeff McDuffie will run against a pair of tough defenses. Pollock is second in class A in rushing with 513 yards and McDuffie is fourth with 471 yards. Fulton seeks a chance for redemption after the first two road games ended in disappointment, and last year's disappointing game at Spartan field.

Kickoff is set for 6:30 pm Friday night at Spartan Field.

By Casey Ware

The Raider's Den is back on Monday!

Starting Monday, October 1 the school store, the Raider's Den, will be open to anyone with free time eighth and ninth bell. Students need to come down with a pass to grab a snack and even support your school pride. This year there will be a limited selection of school apparel on sale, as well as lanyards and water bottles.

The school store will offer the usual favorites such as Pop Tarts, Capri sun, Arnold Palmer drinks, cookies, candy, Gatorade and much more! So head down to the Raider's Den on Monday because it will be up and running!

By Kylie Clifford

Raider Sports



The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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



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