

Senior spearheads Lego drive to help others

G. Ray Bodley senior Cody Richardson is working in partnership with Catholic Youth Organization to provide a safe and creative environment for community youth. Cody is experimenting with a two week long Lego drive in the high school starting after spring break, Monday April 8 to Friday April 19. The Legos will be collected in a central location to be determined at a later date.

This is an experiment because it is starting a drop-in center, the first of its kind here in Fulton. The plans are extensive and have a tight time schedule. The drive at the high school will be the first phase of the process, then begins the overhaul of the space to be used to house the drop-in Lego room. The entire venture is expected to be complete in just four short weeks!

Cody has thoroughly thought out the layout of the room from the Lego themed fur-

niture to the "Lego Laws" painted on the wall. These "Laws" include: The Lego Room is a privilege; Legos Never Leave the room; all Legos are for all kids; and no throwing Legos. The room will be complete with books, furniture, chalkboards, and mats.

The room will be organized so that there are activities and projects to provide structure for the kids. All projects will be photographed and kept in a photo album for the kids to admire, because as it states in the Laws, the Legos cannot leave the room. The Legos, while fun, will also teach the children valuable skills such as teamwork, math, engineering, and problem solving skills; all skills necessary to be a productive member of society.

Cody plans on taking this project one step further upon successfully completing the Lego Room. He hopes to compile the results

and send them to the Lego Company in the hopes that similar programs can be set up elsewhere. And who knows, maybe the company will be so impressed that they will donate some of their product to a good cause!

So during your spring break head up to the attic, into the long forgotten playroom, or into your younger brothers toy chest and collect those Legos to donate to a worthy cause.

As Cody said, "giving kids the opportunity to learn and play with Legos." The school community here at GRB, as well as the Fulton community at large, has the ability to change lives and give children an escape, somewhere they can use their imagination and forget their worries. Donations of Legos will also be accepted at the CYO directly at their First Street location.

By Vanessa Langdon

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The Raider's Den is back in business

By Mike Ledger

Hungry Bodleyans rejoice, the Raider's Den School Store is once again open for business. Serving up tasty treats and drinks during bells 8 and 9, the members of the Small Business class are at it again as they learn about running a business first hand while also benefitting the school as a whole.

According to Mrs. House, "nothing is new," in terms of products, "but we have new staff, eighth and ninth bell small ownership class is running it. Kirby Labeef and Tommy Hill run eighth bell."

The delay in opening for the semester came about because, "we close at the end of every semester for inventory and so that the new class can start it back up."

In order to work in the school store after school, students must have already taken and/or been in the small business class already. Students who work in the school store after school must be available from 2:25-2:45. At the present time, there are no students available to work, so the Raider's Den

has only been running during eighth and ninth bells. The most popular items sold at the store are Pop Tarts, Arnold Palmer teas,

Big Burst, Easy Mac, and Ramen Noodles. The Raider's Den gets on average of about



Student Kevin Smith makes a purchase from Michaela Whiteman at the Raider's Den School store with Carlos Feliciano in the background. The store is up and running again during bells 8 and 9, serving up tasty treats and snacks. (Mike Ledger photo)

Opinion

Seniors: where will the future take you?

By Kylie Clifford

Only three months until graduation, and boy did it fly by? Graduation is just a milestone in your path to life, now comes the biggest decisions you will have to make. Many fellow seniors have been getting acceptance letters back from their select few colleges, but now is time to decide.

How will you make your decision? Pick the college that is the best fit for you; do not pick a college just because your boyfriend or girlfriend is going there because chances are you will meet a lot of new people in college, depending on where you go. Take a trip to a few colleges to get a feel for them and view the surroundings. If it is not what you were hoping for then keep your options open.

When looking for your college choice look for details such as your financial situation, rooming, food plans, what classes you plan on taking and if that specific college has a good program that would fit your needs. Many colleges have great athletic programs, so look into that by contacting college coaches and seeing any available scholarship you might be eligible for.

To those who think college is just not for them, what are your plans? This is your future we are talking about. For those of you who plan on leaving high school and going into the work force, don't think that a minimum wage job will give you a living for the rest of your life because it won't. These kids of jobs are good starter jobs for kids in high school and college, but not a job that will pay the bills. So you must make the decision now on how much money you would like to make and how you will get there without college.

Or are you a man or woman who is decid-

ing to put your life on the line to defend your country? How did you make the decision of going into the forces and is it truly what you will be happy with?

It is not too late to decide about your fu-

ture, but time is winding down and you want to make those challenging decisions that will affect you for the rest of your life. Do some research and think hard about what you plan on doing after high school.

Bullying is wrong on every level

Bullying in schools is a worldwide problem that can have negative consequences for the general school climate and for the right of students to learn in a safe environment without fear. Bullying can also have negative life-long consequences—both for students who bully and for their victims. Victims often fear

academically and socially.

What are parents and teachers doing about their children being bullied? Parents are often unaware of the bullying problem and talk about it with their children only to a limited extent. Student surveys reveal that a low percentage of students seem to believe that

"Students who are victims of bullying are typically anxious, insecure, cautious and suffer from low self-esteem, rarely defending themselves or retaliating when confronted by bullies."

school and consider school to be an unsafe and unhappy place. No student should feel unsafe coming into a school setting.

Why do we have bullying in our school? Children who engage in bullying behaviors seem to have a need to feel powerful and in control. They appear to derive satisfaction from inflicting injury and suffering on others, seem to have little empathy for their victims, and often defend their actions by saying that their victims provoked them in some way.

How do the victims feel? Students who are victims of bullying are typically anxious, insecure, cautious and suffer from low self-esteem, rarely defending themselves or retaliating when confronted by bullies. Bullying is a serious problem that can dramatically affect the ability of students' progress

adults will help. Students feel that adult intervention is infrequent and ineffective, and that telling adults will only bring more harassment from bullies. Students report that teachers seldom or never talk to their classes about bullying. School personnel may view bullying as a harmless rite of passage that is best ignored unless verbal and psychological intimidation crosses the line into physical assault or theft.

Alright people, we are in high school. It is time to grow up and show everyone else respect. If we all just worry about ourselves instead of others then there won't be any bullying or fights. Bullying is a serious and uncalled for matter, so let's get it out of our school. If you are causing and harm to any other students then serious precautions can be made.

By Kylie Clifford

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In the News

Spring break: it's here at last!

By Adam Briggs

Tomorrow, or Good Friday, which is the last Friday before Easter, marks the first day of spring break. Other than Memorial Day weekend this is actually the last full week off for G. Ray Bodley High School students to relax and have fun.

Also Easter has its part in spring break this year. For some it may mean going to church on Sunday morning or even waking up to an Easter egg hunt that your parents have set up. But along with celebrating Easter there are other things to do on Spring Break. The weather is supposed to be getting nicer and nicer by the day, so that's really good news for all the spring sport teams as they try to bring home wins for Fulton.

Among those Red Raider athletes who will be staying around for practices and games are senior lacrosse player Steve Hancyck and junior softball catcher Maureen McCann. Steve said, "I'll have lacrosse practice every day from 8-10, then I'm probably going to go home eat and then probably take naps. Also I'll hang out with some people too." Maureen McCann also has sporting events

going as she stated, "I have softball practices and a game home against Jamesville-Dewitt on Tuesday. Some time during the break my family and I are planning on going out to find a kitten."

For the students and teachers who have outside jobs, this spring break it is going to be hard for them to make time to have fun. Besides fixing and rebuilding cars in his body shop, Vocational Education teacher Mr. Sievers is also an assistant coach on the varsity baseball team. "I'm excited to finally help the pitchers and especially the team be successful this year with Coach Harvey," he commented.

For others, the week off will be a chance to get out of Fulton, including many members of the GRB Band, who will be competing in Orlando, Florida during the break. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina is another popular destination for Bodeyans.

People have a lot of things on their plate for spring break. Going on vacations, hanging out with friends and many other sorts of things are what people have planned. Hopefully everyone has a fun and safe break!

Class requires service hours

With the end of the third marking period coming up fast, students enrolled in Participation in Government, or P.I.G., should be looking to finish up community service hours. A minimum of ten community service hours must be completed in order to successfully complete this course. Also, students must complete a presentation featuring the volunteer work. All community service activities must be pre-approved in writing. This is necessary to avoid the possibility that the activity may not meet the criteria.

Community service activities must be for a non-profit organization. Examples include but are not limited to: hospital volunteer, tutor, Boy Scouts, Meals on Wheels, community clean up, GRB Global Literacy Program and others.

Mrs. Williams, one of the art teachers, also allows students to complete community

service in her room. Students can do things like recycle clay; cutting solid clay into small chunks or smashing old projects, clean tools, organize cabinets, and throw out old glazes/paints. Students also make examples for student work. "There's enough work to do for 10 people," commented Mrs. Williams. So if students are looking for places to work and fulfill their requirement without having to leave the school, that would be a good place to start.

By Damien Noel

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School store

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50 customers a day and takes in anywhere between \$25-\$50 a day.

One issue that has come up in the past, according to Mrs. Ferlito, is that, "we always hear that people are not so much stealing money, but eating without paying for it, and it's a privilege to work in the school store and sometimes people take advantage of that privilege so we have to take steps to ensure that doesn't happen."

"Kids can't work in there alone," she stated. "There's always somebody else who rings up a person so they don't ring themselves up and get into the register when they are buying something." By taking these types of safeguards, she is trying to, "make sure that doesn't happen anymore."

Something new that is going on in the school store is guessing how many jelly beans there are in the jar. The student with the closest guess to the actual number of jelly beans in the jar will win the jar of jelly beans.

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Lousy weather a fact of life for spring teams

By Casey Ware

Spring sports are here and the teams are out and practicing hard preparing for the season ahead. The sun is shining and it's sixty, seventy degrees out...at least that's what the spring sports teams would like to hear and see.

Mother Nature has taken her toll on the Raider spring teams once again, and is looking like it may cause some delays in the scheduling. Boy's Lacrosse was supposed to have a game on Monday night, and because of snow on the turf it was rescheduled for a different time. Baseball has already cancelled pre-season scrimmages and the regular season is scheduled to begin on April 2, but the big question is, will Mother Nature strike again?

The weather is starting to get under the skin of the coaches as well as the athletes. "Obviously, baseball is played outside, so it is frustrating not being able to at least get on the turf which is a much bigger area than the gym," Raider Baseball Coach Kip Harvey stated.. "That being said, we can't control the weather, all we can do is control our work ethic inside and stay focused on what we need to get accomplished before we play any games. It certainly doesn't help

to complain about something out of our control."

"I think the key is to stress the positives," he added when asked how the weather is affecting his team.

The one plus in all this is that the teams have more time to practice and become even more prepared for the long season. Varsity

boys lacrosse is expected to kick their season off next Wednesday, while girls lacrosse started their season Tuesday against Christian Brothers Academy. But in the meantime there is still no word on when baseball, softball, and tennis will kick off. So until then, all they can say is "snow snow go away, come again a December day."



The girls softball team, shown here practicing in the student parking lot, is one of the many Raider sports squads that has been forced to become creative due to some less than favorable weather conditions.

Little school making big NCAA noise

It's sweet sixteen time again and your usual powerhouses are dominating. Indiana, Syracuse, Florida, Duke, and Florida Gulf Coastal?

The little team out of Fort Myers, Florida is making some noise this tournament season and its being well heard across the nation. After upsetting the mighty Otto Porter led Georgetown Hoyas and dismantling the San Diego St. Aztecs, this 15th seed has proven it's keep in the tournament. But a lot of people ask, who is Florida Gulf Coastal and where did they come from?

Coming out of the Atlantic Sun Conference, Florida Gulf Coastal finished their season 24-10 and winning the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament to get their bid in the tourney. Some featured games this year included beating ACC champ Miami and playing a tough nasty game against powerhouse Duke. Sherwood Brown has put himself on the map as a well-known player with 24 points against Georgetown and 17 against San Diego State.

"It's the little teams like this that make the tournament exciting. They come out of nowhere and make a huge impact," senior Bobby Guernsey said of the Eagles.

Catch the Eagles in action Friday night when they play the heavily favored Florida Gators at 10 o'clock on TBS. Can they continue their magical run? Stay tuned! Also watch Syracuse play number one Indiana tonight at 9:45 p.m. as they continue their run toward Atlanta and the NCAA Final Four.

By Casey Ware

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