

# Despite sparse turnout divas truly dazzling

The weather outside was frightening, but that could not stop the G. Ray Bodley High School Dance Team from burning up the stage on Friday, April 19.

The show gives the girls a chance to display their true dance skills outside of their time limited performances at half-time during basketball games and, newly added this year, wrestling matches.

The show, Dazzling Divas, featured all styles of dance-tap, ballet, lyrical, jazz, and hip-hop. The show opened with a group number and then transitioned into a duet featuring senior Lilia Kesterke and her sister, GRB alum Lauren Kesterke, who was also a member of the dance team during her ten-

ure at the school. A funny high point to the show was Kyla Freeman's performance with a very special guest, GRB junior Troy Richardson. Troy's dancing may not have been at the level of the Dance Team performers, but he gave it his all.

The show featured solos, duets, trios, and group numbers featuring current dance team members Lilia Kesterke, Katelyn Billings, ShaLeigha Jackson, Quinn Webb, Kyla Freeman, Kari Holbrook, Kendyl Lutz, Taylor Smithers, and Bryanna Tanner.

In addition to the current squad former members also took part in the show with GRB alums Alexa Compson, Jordan Perry, Samantha Shortsleeve, and Jennica Vehrs as

well as the two coaches Magda Georgiadis and Justine LeVea. The show was also a farewell to three hardworking seniors the team will sorely miss in Lilia Kesterke, Katelyn Billings, and ShaLeigha Jackson.

The show may not have had the stellar attendance anticipated, but those who showed up were very responsive and cheered the hardworking dancers on. It also serves a higher purpose as well as profits from the performance go toward the teams Relay for Life team as well as supplying necessary costumes for the upcoming year's dancers.

*By Vanessa Langdon*

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# Bodley's Got Talent nets big money for charities

**By Vanessa Langdon**

The auditorium was packed with 414 people in anticipation of an 18 act piece of wonder, and they did not leave disappointed. The acts, comprised of 100 percent G. Ray Bodley High School students, proved that there are plenty of shining stars walking the halls on a daily basis.

The Bodley's Got Talent show is a long standing tradition sponsored by the HOPE Club as their annual fundraiser. The event has evolved over the years starting as a Gong Show where all of the proceeds were donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to the current format.

The benefactors of this year's show were three very deserving charities; one local, Habitat for Humanity Oswego County Chapter; one national, Make-A-Wish; and one international, Hope for Ariang. The total profits were \$1,462, which will be evenly split between the three.

The acts all did a fantastic job, which created a troublesome spot for the judges Mrs. Lazarek, Mrs. Reese, and Mr. Kent, who had the tough job of deciding who deserved the limited awards. The awards also evolved a bit this past year with the addition of the "Gave It Their All" award, which was



**Bodley's Got Talent provided great entertainment while raising money for three worthwhile charities. And when the final ballots had been cast the winners were: front-Neil Burke and Justin Purtell. Back-Julia Fisch, Angela Paul, Ashley Grey, Alex LaRock, Erica Perwitz and Shakeemah Hordge. (Mrs. Cronk photo)**

awarded to the individual(s) who displayed their passion and dedication by leaving it all out on the stage. Awards from previous years such as the Audience Favorite and Most Unique Act were again awarded, along

with the traditional first, second, and third place prizes.

Shakeemah Hordge and Erica Perwitz secured the "Gave It Their All" award with

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## Opinion

## Student undeterred by threat of war

By Todd Oakes

Many United States citizens are worried about a full blown nuclear war with North Korea. So how does this affect a student's decision to join the military after they graduate? "After high school I plan on going into the United States Marine Corps," senior Austin Mills commented. "It is a guaranteed paycheck and it has good benefits for the family. It is also something I've wanted to do since I was young. I plan on being a sniper in force recon."

Math teacher Mr. Lacey, who was a member of the Naval Reserve, commented that, "The reason I joined the military was 9/11."

But when all was said and done he noted that, "Being a part of the reserves wasn't what I expected it to be at all. I thought I would be put on a ship and sent across the seas, but that wasn't the case at all. The military is like any other job, once you're in it, it kind of loses its luster."

Like Mr. Lacey, Austin Mills is not deterred by the prospect of seeing active duty in a potential war situation, in his case against North Korea. "We already have men stationed at the border between North and South Korea and I hope to find myself there soon," he commented. "I don't think they will launch any nuclear war heads because we have men there who would not hesitate to

take action against the North Koreans. Of course the missiles that they launch couldn't reach the United States directly but they could hit a base in Okinawa, Japan. The big factor in my opinion is the fact that Kim Jong Un could truly be insane,"

"As far as Korea is concerned I'm not worried about it honestly, as a United States citizen or as a military citizen," he went on to say. "I don't necessarily think they shouldn't be allowed to test things that would protect their country. I mean if we were in the United States and someone tell us we aren't allowed to prepare ourselves for war, I mean their leader is sort of a whack job I suppose."

## Should he stay or go? Jury is out on MCW

By Dan Henkle

Much to the chagrin of Syracuse University basketball fans, guard Michael Carter Williams is the latest Syracuse underclassmen to forgo the college game and head to the National Basketball Association early. Carter-Williams became the eighth SU player since 2008 and ninth since 2003 to declare early for the NBA Draft, joining Paul Harris, Carmelo Anthony, Eric Devendorf, Fab Melo, Johnny Flynn, Wesley Johnson, Donte Green and Dion Waiters on the list of Orangemen who decided to head for the pros early. MCW played two seasons at Syracuse, seeing limited time as a freshman before bursting onto the scene this year as a leader on an SU squad that made it all the way to the NCAA Final Four.

Williams averaged 12 points per game with 5 boards and 7 assists per putting. He scored his career high 24 points in an upset

in the NCAA tournament over Indiana and a career high 16 assists against Monmouth. He really improved over the transition from freshman to sophomore after watching from the sidelines for most of play his freshman year because Syracuse had a lot of depth at guard with Dion Waiters, Brandon Triche, and Scoop Jardine.

So how will Williams fare in the world's toughest league? If past history holds true, the jury is still out. Dion Waiters was the first player taken in the top 5 to never start a game in college in 20 years, and went number 4 to the Cleveland Cavaliers. He currently averages 14.5 points a game. When he was drafted so early some fans booed it and the NBA draft experts were shocked, but the Cavs fell in love with him after he worked out at the draft workouts.

Johnny Flynn was one of the best point guards that Syracuse has seen in a while, breaking Carmelo Anthony's record for most

points scored in a freshman debut with 28 points. He left following his sophomore year and was drafted sixth overall by the Minnesota Timberwolves. After undergoing surgery during the summer of 2010, he was traded to the Houston Rockets during the 2011 draft before again being traded, this time to Portland. In October of 2012 he signed with Detroit Pistons, but 21 days later they released him. On November 5, 2012 Flynn signed with the Melbourne Tigers.

Paul Harris, named 2006-07 Big East pre-season rookie of the year and a member of the Big East all-rookie team, scored a career high 29 points and grabbed a career high 22 boards, but was not drafted after leaving school early. The NBA's Utah Jazz and Timberwolves invited him to their training camp, but he was not offered a spot. He then played for the Maine Red Claw, Talk en text Trovang Texters and the Iowa Energy.

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## Countdown to the Junior Prom is in full swing

The Junior Prom is coming very quickly, with loads of anticipation for the junior class unfolding as they have just about a week left until the big night. The Prom this year at the American Foundry in Oswego, which is said to be a promising night, just like the juniors were hoping for. Saturday, May 4 brings this year's junior class *Under the Stars* as they walk into the Foundry looking incredible. Many of the junior class are getting very excited and have put plenty of time and money into this one special night.

Junior Nattalie Castellano said, "I'm wicked excited! I really can't wait to wear my dress and have my hair and make-up done. I've spent about 500 dollars so far, but

still have some more spending left to do before the big night." Many of the young ladies have put a lot of money into looking spectacular on this eventful night. Anna Mortimer, another excited junior stated, "I am looking forward to dancing in my overly expensive dress. I've spent more than I'd like to admit, but about 700 dollars."

For girls still looking for a prom bargain, the Sweet Boutique is still selling dresses for \$25. Contact Mrs. Fiordimalva in room 229 for more information. All proceeds benefit a local charity.

The countdown has begun. Juniors the night you have been preparing for will be here in a blink of an eye. May 4th at the

American Foundry will be a night the juniors will never forget. *By Kylie Clifford*

## History against MCW in NBA (from page 2)

Donte Green started all 35 games as a freshman and was named to the Big East all-rookie team before leaving SU early. He was drafted by the Memphis Grizzlies with the 28th pick in the 2008 draft. Later traded to the Houston Rockets and then traded to the Sacramento Kings in 2009 he became the first Kings player ever sent to the Developmental-League where he played for the Reno Bighorns. This year he signed with Athletics de San German in Puerto Rico.

Eric Devendorf was also named to the Big East all-rookie team and led the Orange in scoring as a junior prior to an ACL injury. Off-court issues led him to declare for the NBA early as he declared for the 2009 draft, forgoing his final year of eligibility, but he was not drafted. In the D-League he played for the Reno Bighorns before taking his game abroad where he had stints with the Waikato Pistons, Wellington Saints, Melbourne Tigers and Torku Selcuk Universites. In 2013 he signed with BC Dnipro-Azot.

As a freshman at Iowa State, Wesley Johnson was named to the Big 12 all-Rookie team and earned honorable mention freshman All-America honors after averaging 12.3 points and 7.9 rebounds, starting 30 of 31 games. He then transferred to Syracuse in the 2008-09 year where he had to sit out a year because of the rules for transfers. In 2009 he had a great year winning the MVP of the 2K Coaches Classic and the Big East Player of the Year. He was also named Consensus NCAA All-America first team. He declared for the draft and was taken fourth overall by the Timberwolves. He was traded two years later to the Suns and was part of the NBA All Rookie second team.

Fab Melo had high expectations, but left after two seasons at Syracuse University. He was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year in his sophomore season but was announced ineligible for the 2012 NCAA Tournament after seeding because of academic reasons. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics in the 2012 draft with the 22nd pick.

Carmelo Anthony, perhaps the best known Syracuse player of the past decade, stayed in school for one year, but it was enough to lead the Orange to their only NCAA title in 2003. The "can't miss" label has proven to be correct as he led the NBA in scoring this year for the New York Knicks and also enjoyed a solid career in Denver.

In retrospect, however, he has been the exception to the rule as most of the players who left early have toiled in obscurity. There is little doubt that Michael Carter-Williams will be drafted by the National Basketball Association. Whether or not he makes an impact at the pro level remains to be seen.

## Talent show

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their acapella rendition of "Daddy's Little Girl" by Frankie J. The freshman duo are sure to become regulars on the BGT stage. Most Unique went to sophomore Alex LaRock with her rendition of the famous "Cup Song" from the movie *Pitch Perfect*. Audience Favorite went to BGT regular Neal Burke, with his energized and dynamic performance of "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" from *The Lion King*.

Third place went to Irish dancing phenoms juniors Angela Paul and Ashley Grey. Ashley who is homeschooled, was a surprise stand out showing that talented individuals are hiding out everywhere! Second place went to Justin Purtell another student who is not a newbie to the Bodley's Got Talent stage. His original composition and guitar performance of "Realization" was a showstopper! And coming in with first place for the second year in a row was senior dancer extraordinaire Julia Fisch as she became the first ever two-time winner of the annual competition.

Julia went out with a bang for her last chance to grace the stage starting her dance, which she again choreographed herself, in the traditional ballet style. She then went offstage and returned sans tutu for a more hip-hop-esque dance. Her dance skills will surely be missed in BGT shows in the future!

The HOPE Club's event raised the most money in the history of BGT with many commenting that the talent showcased was second to none! The group would like to thank the community businesses who graciously donated the prizes that were awarded to the talented winners; The Blue Moon Grill, B&T, Wendy's, Lakeview Lanes, Subway, Mary Kay, Pizza Hut, Thunder Island, Mimi's Drive In, and Mama Gina's!

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# Hard-hitting Raiders best Oswego, Mexico

By Dan Henkle

The Lady Raider softball team went on the offensive in their last two games, piling on the hits to score 38 times against local rivals Oswego and Mexico. Rallying from an early 7-3 deficit Fulton really erupted in the fourth inning by scoring 14 runs. By the time the dust had settled, the girls had amassed 23 runs in four innings as everyone scored at least once and eight Lady Raiders hit the ball and got on base.

Keisha Peirce led the charge from the plate, hitting for the cycle with a homerun, triple, double and a single while crossing the plate three times and adding 9 RBI.

Hannah Jones also fueled the barrage with four hits in as many at bats with a pair of doubles to drive in two runs and scoring twice herself. Cheyenne Laun did everything as she pitched for five innings and gave herself some cushion by going four for six from the batter's box, driving in one run and scoring four times. Ashley Cummins came in to relieve Cheyenne and pitched for two innings, giving up just two earned runs. Oswego had two girls go perfect from the batter's box as both Victoria Race and Marguerite Dillon collected four hits apiece for the Buccaneers.

The hot bats continued against Mexico on Tuesday as the Raiders raced to an early 6-0 lead before rallying to win 12-7 in extra innings. Fulton came out swinging in the

eighth inning, scoring five runs and shutting Mexico down in the bottom half of the inning. Cheyenne Laun went five for five in to lead the team to victory with a double, two steals and two runs. Mikayla Guernsey also had an impressive performance with

## **Big win, tough loss for Lady laxers**

Sweet, sweet, sweet revenge is what the Raiders were saying after handing the Oswego Buccaneers their eighth loss of the season and avenging last year's heartbreaking 13-7 Section 3 Class B championship loss. For Fulton, the ladies scored their fourth win of the season.

Fourth year senior Erica Knaub scored four goals against the rival Bucs, doing her part to ensure a Raider victory. Freshman goalkeeper Kaylin Pafumi stepped up in the second half and finished with five saves in the afternoon game.

Trailing 5-4 after the first half of play, Coach White's squad seemed to be experiencing De Ja Vu all over again. But the experienced Fulton ladies did not hang their heads down and a second half surge was enough to get vengeance on the rival Lady Bucs by winning the 10-9 nailbiter.

Sophomore Michaela Whiteman scored two goals and junior Amelia Coakley added another two goals. Senior Kate Rothrock scored one goal and joined the century club with her 100th career goal.

On a sunny Tuesday afternoon the Lady

laxers traveled to Mexico to face the Lady Tigers. But what seemed to be a locked up win turned into a nightmare for Fulton. Going into halftime the Raiders were up 6-4 and seemed to be in control of the game. With seven minutes left to play, Fulton was up 10-5 and seemed to be in cruise control toward their fifth win on the season. But the old sporting adage to play until that final whistle came through and the ladies paid the ultimate price as a six-goal turnaround in the final seven minutes proved to be the difference for these two rivals as Mexico rallied for 11-10 victory.

Senior Kate Rothrock scored four goals and added three assists in the losing effort. Fellow senior Alise Tallents added two goals and freshman goalkeeper Kaylin Pafumi recorded six saves for the ladies.

The ladies played last night against the New Hartford Spartans and on Saturday they head to Auburn to take on the Maroons at noon at the Auburn complex. **By Casey Ware**

**Tough week for tennis**

The boys tennis team endured back to back heartbreakers last week, losing by identical 4-3 scores to East Syracuse-Minoa and Oswego. The ES-M match saw Fulton sweep the doubles events with Jacob Strauss and Logan Carvey winning 7-6 and 6-3 while Joel Monaghan and Zach Perry rolled 6-4 and 6-3 and Stephen Heywood and Benjamin McKay also prevailed.

The single matches were a completely different story however as ES-M claimed all four singles matches, including a hard-fought three set final.

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## Track & field teams run past Oswego

After a crushing defeat in the dual meet against Mexico and Homer, the Fulton Red Raiders went to Oswego with their heads held high and pumped up for the action against Bucs. Both the boys and girls came out on top as the boys won 74-62 while the girls raced to a 98-43 victory.

Baily Lutz ruled the distance events by winning the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter events while also taking part in the victorious 4x800 relay. Mike Holcomb added first place points in the pole vault, triple jump, and 4x400 relay, while Nick Reitz won shot put and Jim Martin took part in the winning 4x800 and 4x400 relays.

The girls took first place honors in 14 of 16 events, paced by Callie Beckwith wins in the 4x800 and 4x400 relays as well as the 1500 meters and triple jump. Fellow ninth grader Amber DeStevens won the 100 meter hurdles and also took part in the winning 400 meter relay.

Also aiding the cause with first place showings were seniors Courtney Beckwith in the pole vault, Laura Perwitz at shot put, Hannah Geitner at 400 meter hurdles, Kim Goutermout in the high jump and Mary West, who won the 3000 meter run. Junior Erica Pawlewicz won the 200 meters, and took part in the winning 400 meter relay while junior Makenzi Loomis claimed the long jump and Kara Bricker was part of the 4x800 and 4x400 relays.

Both teams will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to Hannibal for a 10 am start.

**By Mike Ledger**