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Youth 4 Youth meets today, seeks new members

Just as two heads are better than one, the combination of two clubs has resulted in a better opportunity for the students at G. Ray Bodley High School. Youth 4 Youth is a group organization that was formerly two groups known as Safer Actions for Education (SAFE) and Act 4 Youth. At the start of the 2012-13 school year the two groups merged to form Y4Y because their concepts were very similar.

According to their advisor, Cheryl Perkins, "The biggest benefit of Youth 4 Youth is that students learn information that they can use themselves, or share with their friends to make healthier choices."

She noted that the group has bigger benefits than most students would think. As Y4Y, their goal is to teach the students of GRB how to practice abstinence and safe sex. Twice a year, these students enter the health classrooms to inform their peers on sexual education. They also host events in a safe environment to keep teens off of the

streets.

Meetings for Y4Y start today after school at 2:30 in Room 122. All students are wel-

come, as the group is looking to recruit as many members as possible.

By Alec Thomas



Members of Youth 4 Youth were on hand at the start of the school year, recruiting new members for their organization. Sitting (left to right) are Shelby Gleason, Cheyenne Valesquez and Hannah Scott. Standing are Sam Ingersoll, Courtney DeLong, Alyssa Robinson and Kayla Munger.

Honor Society names new advisor

With the coming of a new school year, the National Honor Society introduces a new advisor. In addition to being the department chair of the Social Studies and English departments, Mr. Nate Fasulo has taken on the role of advisor of NHS.

When asked what made him want to become the leader of Honor Society he responded, "I enjoy working with intelligent, ambitious students who have a desire to give back to the community." Fasulo said that his plan for NHS this year is "to hold regular meetings, to induct new members that qualify, and to service the community and the school."

The meetings this year for NHS will be about once a month and more if needed with the first meeting set to take place on Tuesday, October 1.

By Caitlin Chrisman & Erin Hayden

What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

Softball meeting today in room 112 (Mr. Stadtmiller); **Youth for Youth** meeting today in room 122.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets on Wednesday in room 102.

Ski & Snowboard Club meeting on Thursday, Nov. 26 in room 124.

National Honor Society meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in room 217.

Looking to **travel to Europe next summer**? See Mrs. Hallatt in room 117 for information about a trip to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London. The trip is open to anyone from the community as well as surrounding school districts.

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Opinion

September 11: have we forgotten already?

By Amanda Rice



Former Libyan dictator Muammar al-Gaddafi once said that, “Nations whose nationalism is destroyed are subject to ruin.” In the past, the world glorified nationalism. In fact, it was one of the causes for World War II.

Nationalism, when displayed appropriately, plays a key role in society. A society is connected through its love and pride in its country. Our country, the United States of America, is especially connected every September 11th. Twelve years ago, on September 11, 2001, the U.S. was blind-sided and attacked. Within these darkest moments, people stood together and faced the tragedy as a whole. This is why we pay our respects, and bond together each and every September.

Respect is a concept that is demanded by our peers, teachers, and parents every single day. So, why do we choose to ignore that demand? Surely, it was an accident that the students and staff of G. Ray Bodley High School were not given the opportunity to pay their respects on 9/11. A moment of silence was not set aside in our

busy schedules to honor those who had died, or survived the attacks of that day. Public places all over the country honored this grievous day through a moment of silence and recognition of the tragedy. Instead, our school chose to not partake in honoring those who had fallen. We had made a promise to never forget, but have we already forgotten?

Many of the students felt that we did not engage with the rest of our society due to our lack of respect on 9/11. There is a simple explanation for this: our school did not properly display nationalism on the day that we swore, as a whole, to never forget. And by forgetting, we are ruining.

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The thrill has returned, but only momentarily

By Alexis Lastra



So school is back in session, and has been for a few weeks, and this is about the time when the monotony sets in. The first few days are great...no real work, you get to catch up with your friends, and you can joke about how you spent your summer watching Netflix.

But before you know it, it just becomes regular old school again. Each day is the same as the other, with the same people, same places, and same problems.

At times like this, I wish I was a freshman. Then, at least everything would be new. High school is unexplored territory for them with questions like “we can have our phones out? We aren’t told where to sit at lunch? Wait, we don’t have to tuck our shirts in?”

I’ve said before that it is like after the wall fell in Berlin, and East Germans were then moving from tight scrutiny on what they could wear, where they could go, and what they could eat, to a looser and more flexible environment. But for upperclassmen, it quickly becomes cold and empty, like my stomach for example. You’re being handed a syllabus for each class every year and signing it, without actually reading it. You lazily attempt any assignments or games your new teachers bust out in an attempt to learn your name. You go through the unit on lab safety repeating itself every year, and by the way, you’re not supposed to drink iodine.

The light at the end of the tunnel for some are the football games, and for others the dress-up events. I can safely say, for most, it’s homecoming. Then, we have soccer games, talent shows, really anything to break the monotony. For many September is a month long sleepwalk until the madness of the coming school year truly sets in.

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Reflections

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Where are they now?

From Fulton to France: GRB grad Christopher Dean

By Tevin Simard

Editors note: Earlier in September, reporter Tevin Simard came up with the idea of finding out what successful G. Ray Bodley graduates have done with their lives and where their experiences have taken them. This article is one of several he hopes to write this school year. In this edition, Christopher Dean, from the class of 2000, talks about his experience as a former GRB student, life after college, and where he is now.

From the streets of Fulton to the famed “City of Light,” the past 13 years have been a unique and amazing ride for Class of 2000 graduate Christopher Dean.

The now 31-year-old American has lived in Paris for 13 years, ever since he began his new life at the American University of Paris. When asked how those around him reacted when he told them he would be attending the University, he said, “though reactions were mixed, I had a positive response overall. At the time, practically everyone knew I was leaving to study in Paris. My closest friends were surprised; surprised at the choice so far away, the craziness of the idea really.”

“Most professors were absolutely ecstatic at the idea; proud to see me go. My family reacted with both pride and fear. The idea of sending one’s child off to university is quite the event in itself, but sending him or her out of the country just makes it that much more difficult.”

Mr. Dean also explained that factors in his life influenced him to study abroad, rather than staying close to home to attend college. In only the sixth grade he, “began learning French through private tutoring lessons. I had started off learning French with a ‘why not’ attitude. From there, it was all downhill, really. French became my passion, my focus. In addition, the support I had at the time, particularly from the language professors at GRB, was phenomenal.”

“During my junior year, (GRB French teacher) Mme. Honeywell mentioned that one of her senior students had done a summer exchange through Rotary International and enjoyed the experience. The idea went immediately to my head and before I knew it, I too was signed up to do a three week exchange with a family in the north of France

before my senior year. It is often said that throughout life, only a few have truly ‘life changing experiences,’ that trip was mine.”

Consequently, in the fall of his senior year, Dean found the American University of Paris’ website and, “immediately knew what I had to do. By the end September 1999, I sent my application in for admission, and was accepted in late October. Needless to say, I did not even consider looking at another school. All I knew is that I needed to get out, I needed to experience something new and different, and Paris was the answer.



Class of 2000 graduate Christopher Dean headed across the ocean to the American University of Paris and never looked back, still residing in “the City of Lights.”

When school ended in June 2000, I left with my 18 years behind me and jetted off to Paris mid-August. I have not looked back since.” The mere fact that the then Fultonian was able to use the Internet in 1999 was a feat in its own right.

When asked him whether or not there was a particular teacher who made his time at G.R.B. feel meaningful, he was thoughtful. The former high school cheerleader said, “With regards to particular teachers that made my time at GRB feel meaningful, I could list nearly every one of them, as they each had their own impact. But if I had to choose the most influential it would be: (language teachers) Frau Carmen Ruggio, Mme Honeywell, Mme Brunson, Frau Child Dauphin, Mrs. Carrie Trepasso-Halladay, and former principal Jackie Stewart.”

The online correspondence soon revealed another facet of his life regarding whether he planned on living in Paris after college graduation or whether everything simply, “fell into place” that way, as people say. Admitting that, no, he did not plan on making his life anew in “The City of Light,” he ex-

plained that he needed to obtain an internship in order to complete his college degree. For Dean, “it just seemed more natural for me to stay, particularly in the sense that I completed a triple BS in French Studies, Applied International Finance, and International Economics. Completing an internship at a company in a large metropolitan city all while utilising my language skills seemed to be the perfect solution.”

Besides improving his French-speaking skills, much has changed for Dean since leaving Central New York 13 years ago, especially his perspective about the world at large. Regarding this topic, he said, “Has it ever! I was privileged enough to attend a school with over 99 different nationalities represented. I remember my first day of orientation in Paris, [and] one of the first people with whom I spoke was from Zimbabwe. The thought of it! There is so much more outside of Oswego and Onondaga counties.”

One message Dean would like G.R.B. seniors to know, as well as those who come after them is, “Even if you do not have the opportunity to study abroad for an extended period of time, please try to do at least a semester! Living and studying abroad does so many things to you, it is impossible to describe. What I can say is that what it does do can only be beneficial, for yourself and for your future!”

One memory that the alumnus will never forget is, “when I was called to cross the stage at graduation to receive my diploma, the speaker announced, ‘The American University of Paris’ and the reaction from the crowd was amazing.” Although the Raider alum was more than 3,000 miles and six hours away, one could sense the feeling of happiness he had thinking back to that moment.

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Raider Sports

Lucky 13th for Raider booters in 4-1 triumph

Friday the 13th proved to be a day of good fortune for the varsity boys soccer team when the Raiders entered the victory column for the first time by drilling East Syracuse-Minoa 4-1.

The boys came out firing off the start, where they scored three goals before ES-M was able to get one past goal keeper RJ Borrow. ES-M's first and only goal came just before the end of the first half. Carson Vono sealed the win with his fourth goal of the game that came 10 minutes into the second half, and then the defense did the rest.

The win ended an 0-3 start for the Raiders that included tough 1-0 and 2-1 losses against powerful sides from CBA and Fowler along with a 4-1 setback against Westhill. Playing in the intense heat and humidity of a 90-plus degree day, the team battled returning state semi-finalist Fowler into overtime before a late goal decided the game for the visiting Falcons. Less than 24 hours later they took on Westhill on an even hotter afternoon, and predictably, ran out of legs in a 4-1 loss.

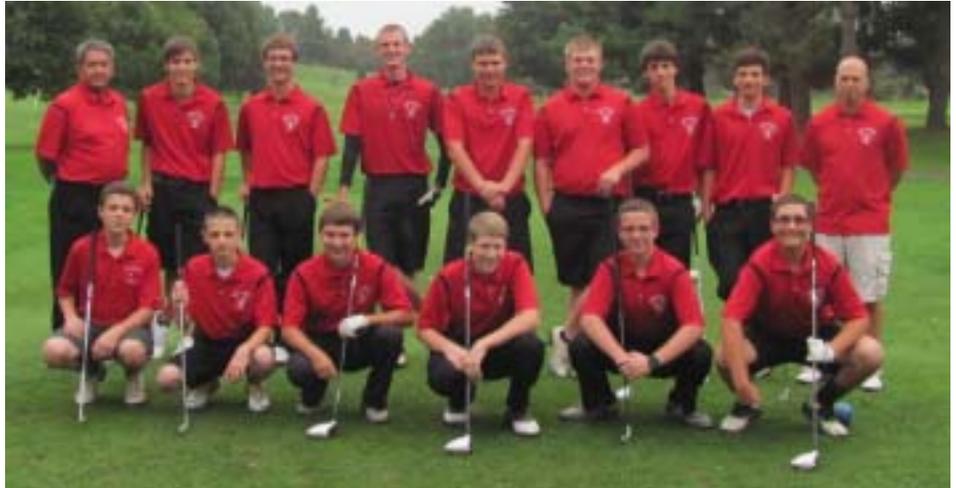
The turnaround came against a familiar foe in a 4-1 win over the Spartans. Carson Vono erupted to score all four goals, including two off passes from Paul Reynoso and one on a set from Derek Prosser. Borrow finished with eight saves for the Raiders as they broke a three game losing streak against the Spartans.

Coach Nate Murray commented that, "I

hope to be back in sectionals, right now, but we got a long way to go." Coach Murray's main concerns about the boys are team chemistry and the lack of attacking ability.

The boys next game is against the 2-4 Homer Trojans today on their turf, a game that Coach Murray thinks is a must win.

By Jeff Waldron & Jason Mattice



The Raider golfers are off to their best start in several seasons. Pictured are (kneeling) Nick Abbott, Nate Shatrau, Hunter Hubel, Nick McIntyre, Brandon Webb and Bayley Raponi. Standing are Coach Ascenzi, Dan Shatrau, Jake Seymour, Jake Strauss, Matt Kitts, Connor Goss, Nolan Johnson, Cam Clark and Coach Mainville.

Raiders run well at invitational

On Saturday morning, the boys and girls cross country teams traveled to Jamesville Beach for the Chittenango Invitational. It is a ride the Raiders will know well as it was the first out of four races at this course.

The girls had the first race of the morning and showed improvement from their first race as they took 11th place out of 16 teams. Leading the way for the Raiders in a field of over 175 runners was Junior Amanda Rice, who finished in 65th place. Following Rice was Marissa LiVoti (77th), Victoria Eckhard (92nd), Johnna Lamie (96th), and Jenna Hudson (107th).

On the boys side, the Raider runners finished in sixth out of 14 teams. The field was even bigger for the boys race, containing 222 runners. With a strong ninth place finish, Bailey Lutz helped Fulton get off to a strong start as he charged through the 3.1 mile course in 17:31. Behind him was Jimmy Martin (21st), Jacob Belcher (51st), Jacob Bailey (52nd), and Danny Phillips (108th).

Both teams are improving a lot and are ready for their next race as the Raiders faced the Mexico Tigers at home on Wednesday for senior night.

Girls Tennis Off To Rough Start

The Lady Raider tennis team is off to a tough start, winning just once in their first five matches. The girls lost to Mexico twice, while also falling to Jamesville-Dewitt, Christian Brothers Academy, and Cortland. Things are not as bad as they might appear from the surface, however, because if not for two 4-3 losses, the Lady Raiders would be 3-3.

Their most recent match was against Mexico for the second time this season, and unlike the initial 4-3 setback, the Tigers came out roaring to take a 6-1 decision. Maddie Coulon and Angeline Kimbrell claimed the lone Raider point in fourth doubles as they won in two sets, 6-4 and 7-5. In a hard fought battle in third doubles Sophie Giovanetti and Maureen McCann lost in three sets, falling 6-1 before rebounding for a 6-2 victory in a match finally decided in a tough 14-12 tie-breaker.

The Lady Raiders faced Jamesville-Dewitt for the second time this season on Wednesday, looking for revenge as they hope to get their second win of the season. Check tomorrow's edition of *RaiderNet Daily* for the results.

By Jimmy Martin

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys soccer @ Homer (JV-5/V-7 pm); Vball @ J-E (JV-4:30/V-6 pm).

Friday, Sept. 20: Girls soccer @ Chittenango (JV-4:30/V-5 pm); V Football @ J-D (6 pm); V Tennis vs. Cortland (4:30); JV tennis @ Cortland (4:30).

Saturday, Sept. 21: Girls soccer vs. CBA (JV-noon/V-2 pm); Boys soccer vs. CBA (noon); JV football vs. J-D (9 am); JV vball @ Marcellus Tourney (9 am); X-C @ B'ville Invitational (9 am).



School of Thought compiled by Alexis Lastra and Tevin Simard

What is the biggest change for you this school year?



"It's a lot less stressful because I don't care as much."

Cheyenne Laun



"I'm happier...it's my last year of high school"

Carson Vono



"The warning bells are so weird this year. I have more study halls, so I have more time to get stuff done."

Sophie Giovanetti



"My height; I'm taller this year."

Adam Baldwin

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly sunny. High 72.
Record high: 89 (1955).
Avg. high: 71.

Tonight:



Mostly clear. Low 55.
Record low: 37 (2008).
Avg. low: 51.

Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy. High 82.
Record high: 88 (2002).
Avg. high: 71.

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